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## FOREWORD

The New American Standard Bible has been produced with the conviction that the words of Scripture as originally penned in the Hebrew and Greek were inspired by God. Since they are the eternal Word of God, the Holy Scriptures speak with fresh power to each generation, to give wisdom that leads to salvation, that men may serve God to the glory of Christ.

The Editorial Board had a two-fold purpose in making this translation: to adhere as closely as possible to the original languages of the Holy Scriptures, and to make the translation in a fluent and readable style according to current English usage. (This translation follows the principles used in the American Standard Version 1901 known as the Rock of Biblical Honesty.)

IMPORTANT

THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION

SHOULD BE READ

## SCRIPTURAL PROMISE

“The grass withers, the flower fades, but the Word of our God shall stand forever.” Isaiah 40:8

## THE FOURFOLD AIM

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1. These publications shall be true to the original Hebrew and Greek.
2. They shall be grammatically correct.
3. They shall be understandable to the masses.
4. They shall give the Lord Jesus Christ His proper place, the place which the Word gives Him; no work will ever be personalized.

## **PREFACE TO THE NEW AMERICAN STANDARD BIBLE**

### **A. D. 1963**

The producers of this translation were imbued with the conviction that interest in the American Standard Version 1901 should be renewed and increased. They have labored with prayerful seriousness to this end. This great responsibility was assumed only after the need was thoroughly established in the minds of many. That which is forever settled in heaven (Psa. 119:89) must ever be available on earth. Such availability is contingent upon (1) clarity of language in its current understanding and (2) the most appealing form of presentation contemporary facilities afford.

All that exists has a cause from which it springs, and this important undertaking was born of no light impulses. It was inspired and encouraged by wholesome and meaningful reasons. The chief inducement, of course, was the recognized value of the version of 1901 which deserves and demands perpetuation. The following observations are advanced as justifiable encouragement:

1. The American Standard Version of 1901 has been in a very real sense the standard for many translations.
2. It is a monumental product of applied scholarship, assiduous labor and thorough procedure.
3. It has enjoyed universal endorsement as a trustworthy translation of the original text.
4. The British and American organizations were governed by rules of procedure which assured accuracy in the completed work.
5. The American Standard Version, itself a revision of the 1881-1885 edition, is the product of international collaboration, invaluable for perspective, accuracy and finesse.
6. Unlike many modern translations of the Scriptures, the American Standard Version 1901 retains its acceptability for pulpit reading and for personal memorization.

Perhaps the most weighty impetus for this undertaking can be attributed to a disturbing awareness that the American Standard Version of 1901 was fast disappearing from the scene. As a generation "which knew not Joseph" was born, even so a generation unacquainted with this great and important work has come into being. Recognizing a responsibility to posterity, THE LOCKMAN FOUNDATION felt an urgency to rescue this noble



achievement from an inevitable demise, to preserve it as a heritage for coming generations, and to do so in such a form as the demands of passing time dictate.

THE FOUNDATION, a corporation not for profit in the State of California, took the initiative in the work of revision, engaging consultants to lay the groundwork for text arrangement, textual revision, linguistic accuracy and editorial finalizing.

1. **TEXT ARRANGEMENT:** This initial step was taken with caution and concern. Page construction registers the first impression when attention is given to a volume. But appearance is not the only consideration in designing a format of the printed page; utility is a major factor! Whatever tends to make the reading easier and more enjoyable is the desirable design. To develop this format it was found best to place cross references and marginal notes in a column alongside the text. References are noted by letters and marginal notes by numerals. (See explanation of format.)
2. **TEXTUAL REVISION:** Words are the vehicle of thought, and most languages, especially the English, have a flexibility which economic and cultural progress utilizes. Passing time with myriads of inventions and innovations automatically renders obsolete and inexpressive words that once were in acceptable usage. The ever-present danger of stripping divine Truth of its dignity and original intent was prominently before the minds of the producers at all times. An editorial board composed of linguists, Greek and Hebrew scholars and pastors undertook the responsibilities of translation.

### PRINCIPLES OF REVISION

**Greek Text:** In revising the ASV, consideration was given to the latest available manuscripts with a view to determining the best Greek text. In most instances the 23rd edition of the Nestle Greek New Testament was followed.

**Modern English Usage:** The attempt has been made to render the grammar and terminology of the ASV in contemporary English. When it was felt that the word-for-word literalness of the ASV was unacceptable to the modern reader, a change was made in the direction of a more current English idiom. In the instances where this has been done, the more literal rendering has been indicated in the margin.

**Marginal Readings:** In addition to the more literal renderings, the marginal notations have been made to include alternate translations, readings of variant manuscripts and explanatory equivalents of the text. Only such notations have been used as have been felt justified in assisting the reader's comprehension of the terms used by the original author.

It is enthusiastically anticipated that the general public will be grateful to learn of the availability and value of the New American Standard Bible. It is released with strong confidence that those who seek a knowledge of the Scriptures will find herein a source of genuine satisfaction for a clear and accurate rendering of divinely-revealed truth.

**Hebrew Text:** In the present translation the latest edition of Rudolph Kittel's *BIBLIA HEBRAICA* has been employed together with the most recent light from lexicography, cognate languages, and the Dead Sea Scrolls.

**Hebrew Tenses:** Consecution of tenses in Hebrew remains a puzzling factor in translation. The translators have been guided by the requirements of a literal translation, the sequence of tenses, and the immediate and broad contexts.

### **Greek Tenses:**

1. A careful distinction has been made in the treatment of the Greek aorist tense (usually translated as the English past, "He did") and the Greek imperfect tense (rendered either as English past progressive, "He was doing"; or, if inceptive, as "He *began* to do" or He started to do"); or else if customary past, as "He used to do." "Began" is italicized if it renders an imperfect tense, in order to distinguish it from the Greek verb for "begin."

2. On the other hand, not all aorists have been rendered as English pasts ("He did"), for some of them are clearly to be rendered as English perfects ("He has done"), or even as past perfects ("He had done"), judging from the context in which they occur. Such aorists have been rendered as perfects or past perfects in this version.

3. As for the distinction between aorist and present imperatives, the Board has usually rendered these imperatives in the customary manner, rather than attempting any such fine distinction as, "Begin to do!" (for the aorist imperative), or "Continually do!" (for the present imperative).

4. As for sequence of tenses, the Board took care to follow English rules rather than Greek in translating Greek presents, inperfects and aorists. Thus, where English says, "We knew that he was doing," Greek puts it, "We knew that he does"; similarly, "We knew that he had done," is the Greek, "We knew that he did." Likewise, the English, "When he had come, they met him," is represented in Greek by: "When he came, they met him." In all cases a consistent transfer has been made from the Greek tense in the subordinate clause to the appropriate tense in English.

5. In the rendering of negative questions introduced by the particle **mē** (which always expects the answer, "No") the wording has been altered from a mere, "Will he not do this?" to a more accurate, "He will not do this, will he?"

The Proper Name for God: To professing Christians, whether of conservative or liberal persuasion, the name of God is most significant and understandably so. It is inconceivable to think of spiritual matters without a proper designation for the Supreme Deity. Thus the most common name for deity is God, a translation of the original Elohim. The normal word for Master is Lord, a rendering of Adonai. There is yet another name which is particularly assigned to God as His special or proper name, that is, the four letters YHWH. See Exodus 3 and Isaiah 42:8. This name has not been pronounced by the Jews because of reverence for the great sacredness of the divine name. Therefore, it was consistently pronounced and translated LORD. The only exception to this translation of YHWH is when it occurs in immediate proximity to the word Lord, that is, Adonai. In that case it is regularly translated God in order to avoid confusion.

It is known that for many years YHWH has been transliterated as Yahweh. No complete certainty attaches to this pronunciation. However, it is felt by many who are in touch with the laity of our churches that this name conveys no religious or spiritual overtones. It is strange, uncommon, and without sufficient religious and devotional background. No amount of scholarly debate can overcome this deficiency. Hence, it was decided to avoid the use of this name in the translation proper.

Editorial Board  
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## EXPLANATION OF GENERAL FORMAT

**MARGINAL NOTES AND CROSS REFERENCES** are placed in a column on the outer edge of the page and listed under verse numbers to which they refer. Superior numbers refer to literal renderings, alternate translations, or explanations. Superior letters refer to cross references. Cross references in italics are parallel passages.

**PARAGRAPHS** are designated by bold face numbers or letters.

**QUOTATION MARKS** are used in the text in accordance with modern English usage.

**PUNCTUATION CHANGES** have been made in order to conform with modern practice.

“**THOU, THY AND THEE**” are changed to “you” except in the language of prayer when addressing Deity.

**PERSONAL PRONOUNS** are capitalized when pertaining to Deity.

**ITALICS** are used in the text to indicate words which are not found in the original Hebrew or Greek but implied by it. Italics are used in the marginal notes to signify alternate readings for the text.

**SMALL CAPS** in the New Testament are used in the text to indicate Old Testament quotes.

**ASTERISK**—In regard to the use in Greek of the historical present, the Board recognized that in some contexts the present tense seems more unexpected and unjustified to the English reader than a past tense would have been. But Greek authors frequently used the present tense for the sake of heightened vividness, thereby transporting their readers in imagination to the actual scene at the time of occurrence. However, the Board felt that it would be wise to change these historical presents into English past tenses. Therefore verbs marked with an asterisk (\*) represent historical presents in the Greek which have been translated with an English past tense in order to conform to modern usage.

**ABBREVIATIONS:** The Old Testament margins use the following abbreviations: DSS—Dead Sea Scrolls. Gk.—Septuagint (LXX) text. Hcb.—Hebrew text, usually Masoretic. M.T.—Masoretic text.

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# GENESIS

## The Creation.

<sup>1</sup>IN the beginning <sup>b</sup>God <sup>c</sup>created the heavens and the earth.

2 And the earth was <sup>1a</sup>formless and void, and <sup>b</sup>darkness was over the <sup>2</sup>surface of the deep; and <sup>c</sup>the Spirit of God <sup>d</sup>was <sup>3</sup>moving over the <sup>2</sup>surface of the waters.

3 Then <sup>a</sup>God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light.

4 And God saw that the light was <sup>a</sup>good; and God <sup>b</sup>separated the light from the darkness.

5 And <sup>a</sup>God called the light day, and the darkness He called night. And <sup>b</sup>there was evening and there was morning, one day.

6 Then God said, "Let there be an <sup>1a</sup>expanse in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters."

7 And God made the <sup>1</sup>expanse, and separated <sup>a</sup>the waters which were below the <sup>1</sup>expanse from the waters <sup>b</sup>which were above the <sup>1</sup>expanse; and it was so.

8 And God called the <sup>1</sup>expanse heaven. And there was evening and there was morning, a second day.

9 Then God said, "<sup>a</sup>Let the waters below the heavens be gathered into one place, and let <sup>b</sup>the dry land appear"; and it was so.

10 And God called the dry land earth, and the <sup>a</sup>gathering of the waters He called seas; and God saw that it was good.

11 Then God said, "Let the earth sprout <sup>1a</sup>vegetation, <sup>2</sup>plants yielding seed, and fruit trees bearing fruit after <sup>3</sup>their kind, <sup>4</sup>with seed in them, on the earth"; and it was so.

12 And the earth brought forth <sup>1</sup>vegetation, <sup>2</sup>plants yielding seed after <sup>3</sup>their kind, and trees bearing fruit, <sup>4</sup>with seed in them, after <sup>3</sup>their kind; and God saw that it was good.

13 And there was evening and there was morning, a third day.

14 Then God said, "Let there be <sup>1a</sup>lights in the <sup>2b</sup>expanse of the heavens to separate the day from the night, and let them be for <sup>c</sup>signs, and for <sup>d</sup>seasons, and for days and years;

15 and let them be for <sup>1</sup>lights in the <sup>2</sup>expanse of the heavens to give light on the earth"; and it was so.

16 And God made the two <sup>1</sup>great lights, the <sup>a</sup>greater <sup>2</sup>light <sup>3</sup>to govern the day, and the lesser <sup>2</sup>light <sup>3</sup>to govern the night; *He made* <sup>b</sup>the stars also.

17 <sup>a</sup>And God placed them in the <sup>1</sup>expanse of the heavens to give light on the earth,

18 and <sup>1</sup>to govern the day and the night, and to separate the light from the darkness; and God saw that it was good.

19 And there was evening and there was morning, a fourth day.

20 Then God said, "Let the waters <sup>1</sup>teem with swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth <sup>2</sup>in the open <sup>3</sup>expanse of the heavens."

21 And God created <sup>a</sup>the great sea monsters, and every living creature that moves, with which the waters swarmed after

1 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 102:25; Is. 40:21; John 1:1, 2 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 89:11; 90:2; Acts 17:24 <sup>c</sup>Is. 42:5; 45:18

2 <sup>1</sup>Or, a waste and emptiness <sup>2</sup>Lit., face of <sup>3</sup>Or, hovering <sup>a</sup>Jer. 4:23 <sup>b</sup>Job 38:9 <sup>c</sup>Ps. 104:30 <sup>d</sup>Deut. 32:11; Is. 31:5

3 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 33:6, 9; 2 Cor. 4:6

4 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 145:9, 10 <sup>b</sup>Is. 45:7

5 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 74:16 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 65:8

6 <sup>1</sup>Or, firmament <sup>a</sup>Is. 40:22

7 <sup>1</sup>Or, firmament <sup>a</sup>Job 38:8-11 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 148:4

8 <sup>1</sup>Or, firmament

9 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 104:6-9; Jer. 5:22; 2 Pet. 3:5 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 24:1, 2; 95:5

10 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 33:7; 95:5; 146:6

11 <sup>1</sup>Or, grass <sup>2</sup>Or, herbs <sup>3</sup>Lit., its <sup>4</sup>Lit., in which is its seed <sup>a</sup>Ps. 65:9-13; 104:14

12 <sup>1</sup>Or, grass <sup>2</sup>Or, herbs <sup>3</sup>Lit., its <sup>4</sup>Lit., in which is its seed

14 <sup>1</sup>Or, luminaries, light-bearers <sup>2</sup>Or, firmament <sup>a</sup>Ps. 74:16; 136:7 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 19:1; 150:1 <sup>c</sup>Jer. 10:2 <sup>d</sup>Ps. 104:19

15 <sup>1</sup>Or, luminaries, light-bearers <sup>2</sup>Or, firmament

16 <sup>1</sup>Or, luminaries, light-bearers <sup>2</sup>Or, luminary, light-bearer <sup>3</sup>Lit., for the dominion of <sup>a</sup>Ps. 136:8, 9 <sup>b</sup>Job 38:7; Ps. 8:3; Is. 40:26

17 <sup>1</sup>Or, firmament <sup>a</sup>Jer. 33:20, 25

18 <sup>1</sup>Lit., for the dominion of

20 <sup>1</sup>Or, swarm <sup>2</sup>Lit., on the face of <sup>3</sup>Or, firmament

21 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 104:25-28

24 <sup>1</sup>Lit., its  
<sup>a</sup>Gen. 2:19

25 <sup>1</sup>Lit., its  
<sup>a</sup>Gen. 7:21, 22; Jer. 27:5

26 <sup>1</sup>Lit., heavens  
<sup>a</sup>Gen. 3:22; 11:7 <sup>b</sup>Gen. 5:1;  
9:6 <sup>c</sup>Ps. 8:6-8

27 <sup>1</sup>1 Cor. 11:7 <sup>b</sup>Matt.  
19:4, Mark 10:6

28 <sup>1</sup>Lit., heavens <sup>2</sup>Or,  
*creeps*  
<sup>a</sup>Gen. 9:1, 7; Ps. 127:3, 5

29 <sup>1</sup>Lit., face of <sup>2</sup>Lit., in  
which is the fruit of a tree  
yielding seed  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 104:14; 136:25

30 <sup>1</sup>Lit., heavens <sup>2</sup>Or,  
*creeps* <sup>3</sup>Lit., in which is a  
living soul  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 145:15

31 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 104:24, 28; 119:68

1 <sup>a</sup>Deut. 4:19; 17:3

2 <sup>a</sup>Ex. 20:8-11 <sup>b</sup>Heb. 4:4

3 <sup>1</sup>Lit., to make

4 <sup>1</sup>Lit., These are the  
generations  
<sup>a</sup>Job 38:4-11 <sup>b</sup>Gen. 1:3-31

5 <sup>1</sup>Lit., work, serve  
<sup>a</sup>Gen. 1:11 <sup>b</sup>Jer. 10:12, 13

6 <sup>1</sup>Or, flow <sup>2</sup>Lit., face of

7 <sup>1</sup>Lit., soul  
<sup>a</sup>Gen. 3:19 <sup>b</sup>1 Cor. 15:45

their kind, and every winged bird after its kind; and God saw that it was good.

22 And God blessed them, saying, "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth."

23 And there was evening and there was morning, a fifth day.

24 <sup>a</sup>Then God said, "Let the earth bring forth living creatures after <sup>1</sup>their kind: cattle and creeping things and beasts of the earth after <sup>1</sup>their kind"; and it was so.

25 And God made the <sup>a</sup>beasts of the earth after <sup>1</sup>their kind, and the cattle after <sup>1</sup>their kind, and every thing that creeps on the ground after its kind; and God saw that it was good.

26 Then God said, "Let <sup>a</sup>Us make <sup>b</sup>man in Our image, according to Our likeness; and let them <sup>c</sup>rule over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the <sup>1</sup>sky and over the cattle and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth."

27 And God created man <sup>a</sup>in His own image, in the image of God He created him; <sup>b</sup>male and female He created them.

28 And God blessed them; and God said to them, "<sup>a</sup>Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth, and subdue it; and rule over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the <sup>1</sup>sky, and over every living thing that <sup>2</sup>moves on the earth."

29 Then God said, "Behold, <sup>a</sup>I have given you every plant yielding seed that is on the <sup>1</sup>surface of all the earth, and every tree <sup>2</sup>which has fruit yielding seed; it shall be food for you;

30 and <sup>a</sup>to every beast of the earth and to every bird of the <sup>1</sup>sky and to every thing that <sup>2</sup>moves on the earth <sup>3</sup>which has life, I have given every green plant for food"; and it was so.

31 And God saw all that He had made, and behold, it was very <sup>a</sup>good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

## CHAPTER 2

**T**HUS the heavens and the earth were completed, and all <sup>a</sup>their hosts.

2 And by <sup>a</sup>the seventh day God completed His work which He had done; and <sup>b</sup>He rested on the seventh day from all His work which He had done.

3 Then God blessed the seventh day and sanctified it, because in it He rested from all His work which God had created <sup>1</sup>and made.

4 <sup>1a</sup>This is the account of the heavens and the earth when they were created, in <sup>b</sup>the day that the LORD God made earth and heaven.

5 <sup>a</sup>Now no shrub of the field was yet in the earth, and no plant of the field had yet sprouted, <sup>b</sup>for the LORD God had not sent rain upon the earth; and there was no man to <sup>1</sup>cultivate the ground.

6 But a <sup>1</sup>mist used to rise from the earth and water the whole <sup>2</sup>surface of the ground.

7 <sup>a</sup>Then the LORD God formed man of dust from the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and <sup>b</sup>man became a living <sup>1</sup>being.

8 And the LORD God planted a <sup>a</sup>garden toward the east, in Eden; and there He placed the man whom He had formed.

8 <sup>a</sup>Gen. 13:10; Is. 51:3; Ezek. 28:13

9 <sup>a</sup>And out of the ground the LORD God caused to grow every tree that is pleasing to the sight and good for food; <sup>b</sup>the tree of life also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

9 <sup>a</sup>Ezek. 47:12 <sup>b</sup>Gen. 3:22 Rev. 2:7; 22:2, 14

10 Now a river <sup>1</sup>flowed out of Eden to water the garden; and from there it divided and became four <sup>2</sup>rivers.

10 <sup>1</sup>Lit., was going out <sup>2</sup>Lit., heads

11 The name of the first is Pishon; it <sup>1</sup>flows around the whole land of Havilah, where there is gold.

11 <sup>1</sup>Lit., surrounds

12 And the gold of that land is good; the bdellium and the onyx stone are there.

13 And the name of the second river is Gihon; it <sup>1</sup>flows around the whole land of Cush.

13 <sup>1</sup>Lit., is the one surrounding

14 And the name of the third river is <sup>1a</sup>Tigris; it <sup>2</sup>flows east of Assyria. And the fourth <sup>b</sup>river is the <sup>3</sup>Euphrates.

14 <sup>1</sup>Heb., Hiddekel <sup>2</sup>Lit., is the one going <sup>3</sup>Heb., Perath <sup>a</sup>Dan. 10:4 <sup>b</sup>Gen. 15:18

15 Then the LORD God took the man and put him into the garden of Eden to cultivate it and keep it.

16 And the LORD God <sup>a</sup>commanded the man, saying, "From any tree of the garden you may eat freely;

16 <sup>a</sup>Gen. 3:2, 3

17 but from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not <sup>1</sup>eat, for in the day that you eat from it <sup>a</sup>you shall surely die."

17 <sup>1</sup>Lit., eat from it <sup>a</sup>Deut. 30:15, 19, 20; Rom. 6:23; 1 Tim. 5:6; James 1:15

18 Then the LORD God said, "It is not good for the man to be alone; <sup>a</sup>I will make him a helper <sup>1</sup>suitable for him."

19 And <sup>a</sup>out of the ground the LORD God formed every beast of the field and every bird of the <sup>1</sup>sky, and brought *them* <sup>b</sup>to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called a living creature, that was its name.

18 <sup>1</sup>Lit., corresponding to <sup>a</sup>1 Cor. 11:9

20 And the man gave names to all the cattle, and to the birds of the <sup>1</sup>sky, and to every beast of the field, but for <sup>2</sup>Adam there was not found <sup>a</sup>a helper <sup>3</sup>suitable for him.

19 <sup>1</sup>Lit., heavens <sup>a</sup>Gen. 1:24 <sup>b</sup>Gen. 1:26

21 So the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; then He took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh at that place.

20 <sup>1</sup>Lit., heavens <sup>2</sup>Or, man <sup>3</sup>Lit., corresponding to <sup>a</sup>Gen. 2:18

22 And the LORD God <sup>1</sup>fashioned into a woman <sup>a</sup>the rib which He had taken from the man, and brought her to the man.

22 <sup>1</sup>Lit., built <sup>a</sup>1 Cor. 11:8, 9

23 And the man said,

"<sup>a</sup>This is now bone of my bones,

And flesh of my flesh;

<sup>1</sup>She shall be called <sup>2</sup>Woman,

Because <sup>1</sup>she was taken out of <sup>3</sup>Man."

23 <sup>1</sup>Lit., This one <sup>2</sup>Heb., Ishah <sup>3</sup>Heb., Ish <sup>a</sup>Eph. 5:28, 29

24 <sup>a</sup>For this cause a man shall leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave to his wife; and they shall become one flesh.

24 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 19:5; Mark 10:7, 8; 1 Cor. 6:16; Eph. 5:31

25 <sup>a</sup>And the man and his wife were both naked and were not ashamed.

25 <sup>a</sup>Gen. 3:7, 10, 11

### CHAPTER 3

**N**OW <sup>a</sup>the serpent was more crafty than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said to the woman, "Indeed, has God said, 'You shall not eat from <sup>1</sup>any tree of the garden'?"

1 <sup>1</sup>Or, every <sup>2</sup>2 Cor. 11:3; Rev. 12:9; 20:2

2 \*Gen. 2:16, 17

4 \*John 8:44

5 \*Is. 14:14; Ezek. 28:2, 12-17

6 \*1 Tim. 2:14; James 1:14, 15; 1 John 2:16

7 \*Or, *girdles*  
\*Is. 47:3; Lam. 1:8

8 \*Lit., *wind, breeze*  
\*Gen. 18:33; Lev. 26:12; Deut. 23:14 \*Hos. 10:8; Rev. 6:15-17

9 \*Gen. 4:9; 18:9

10 \*Ex. 20:18, 19; Deut. 5:25

12 \*Job 31:33; Prov. 28:13

13 \*2 Cor. 11:3; 1 Tim. 2:14

14 \*Deut. 28:15-20 \*Is. 65:25; Mic. 7:17

15 \*Or, *crush*  
\*Rom. 16:20

16 \*Lit., *and your pregnancy, conception*  
\*1 Tim. 2:15 \*1 Cor. 14:34

17 \*Or, *sorrow*  
\*Gen. 5:29; Rom. 8:20-22 \*Job 5:7; 14:1

2 And the woman said to the serpent, “<sup>a</sup>From the fruit of the trees of the garden we may eat;

3 but from the fruit of the tree which is in the middle of the garden, God has said, ‘You shall not eat from it or touch it, lest you die.’”

4 <sup>a</sup>And the serpent said to the woman, “You surely shall not die!

5 “For God knows that in the day you eat from it your eyes will be opened, and <sup>a</sup>you will be like God, knowing good and evil.”

6 <sup>a</sup>When the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was desirable to make *one* wise, she took from its fruit and ate; and she gave also to her husband with her, and he ate.

7 Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they <sup>a</sup>knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves <sup>1</sup>loin coverings.

8 And they heard the sound of <sup>a</sup>the LORD God walking in the garden in the <sup>1</sup>cool of the day, <sup>b</sup>and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden.

9 Then the LORD God called to the man, and said to him, “<sup>a</sup>Where are you?”

10 And he said, “<sup>a</sup>I heard the sound of Thee in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; so I hid myself.”

11 And He said, “Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?”

12 <sup>a</sup>And the man said, “The woman whom Thou gavest to *be* with me, she gave me from the tree, and I ate.”

13 Then the LORD God said to the woman, “What is this you have done?” And the woman said, “<sup>a</sup>The serpent deceived me, and I ate.”

14 And the LORD God said to the serpent,  
“<sup>a</sup>Because you have done this,  
Cursed are you more than all cattle,  
And more than every beast of the field;  
On your belly shall you go,  
And <sup>b</sup>dust shall you eat  
All the days of your life;

15 And I will put enmity  
Between you and the woman,  
And between your seed and her seed;  
<sup>a</sup>He shall <sup>1</sup>bruise you on the head,  
And you shall bruise him on the heel.”

16 To the woman He said,  
“I will greatly multiply  
Your pain <sup>1</sup>in childbirth,  
<sup>a</sup>In pain you shall bring forth children;  
Yet your desire shall be for your husband,  
And <sup>b</sup>he shall rule over you.”

17 Then to Adam He said, “Because you have listened to the voice of your wife, and have eaten from the tree about which I commanded you, saying, ‘You shall not eat from it’;

<sup>a</sup>Cursed is the ground because of you;

<sup>b</sup>In <sup>1</sup>toil you shall eat of it

All the days of your life.

18 "Both thorns and thistles it shall grow for you;  
And you shall eat the <sup>1</sup>plants of the field;  
19 By the sweat of your face  
You shall eat bread,  
Till you <sup>a</sup>return to the ground,  
Because <sup>b</sup>from it you were taken;  
For you are dust,  
And to dust you shall return."  
20 Now the man called his wife's name <sup>1a</sup>Eve, because she  
was the mother of all *the* living.  
21 And the LORD God made garments of skin for Adam  
and his wife, and clothed them.  
22 Then the LORD God said, "Behold, the man has become  
like one of <sup>a</sup>Us, knowing good and evil; and now, lest he stretch  
out his hand, and take also from <sup>b</sup>the tree of life, and eat, and  
live forever"—  
23 therefore the LORD God sent him out from the garden  
of Eden, to cultivate the ground from which he was taken.  
24 So <sup>a</sup>He drove the man out; and at the east of the garden  
of Eden He stationed the <sup>b</sup>cherubim, and the flaming sword  
which turned every direction, to guard the way to <sup>c</sup>the tree of  
life.

CHAPTER 4

NOW the man <sup>1</sup>had relations with his wife Eve, and she  
conceived and gave birth to <sup>2</sup>Cain, and she said, "I have gotten  
a <sup>3</sup>manchild with *the help* of the LORD."

2 And again, she gave birth to his brother Abel. And <sup>a</sup>Abel  
was <sup>ba</sup> keeper of flocks, but Cain was a tiller of the ground.

3 So it came about <sup>1</sup>in the course of time that Cain  
brought an offering to the LORD of the fruit of the ground.

4 And <sup>a</sup>Abel, on his part also brought of the firstlings of  
his flock and of their fat portions. And <sup>b</sup>the LORD had regard for  
Abel and for his offering;

5 but <sup>a</sup>for Cain and for his offering He had no regard. So  
<sup>b</sup>Cain became very angry and his countenance fell.

6 Then the LORD said to Cain, "<sup>a</sup>Why are you angry? And  
why has your countenance fallen?"

7 "<sup>a</sup>If you do well, <sup>1</sup>will not your *countenance* be lifted up?  
<sup>b</sup>And if you do not do well, sin is crouching at the door; and its  
desire is for you, <sup>c</sup>but you must master it."

8 And Cain <sup>1</sup>told Abel his brother. And it came about  
when they were in the field, that Cain rose up against Abel his  
brother and <sup>a</sup>killed him.

9 Then the LORD said to Cain, "<sup>a</sup>Where is Abel your  
brother?" And he said, "I do not know. Am I my brother's  
keeper?"

10 And He said, "What have you done? <sup>a</sup>The voice of your  
brother's blood is crying to Me from the ground.

11 "And now <sup>a</sup>you are cursed from the ground, which has  
opened its mouth to receive your brother's blood from your  
hand.

18 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *plant*

19 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 90:3; 104:29;  
Eccles. 12:7 <sup>b</sup>Gen. 2:7

20 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *Living or Life*  
<sup>2</sup>Cor. 11:3; 1 Tim. 2:13

22 <sup>a</sup>Gen. 1:26 <sup>b</sup>Gen. 2:9

24 <sup>a</sup>Ezek. 31:11 <sup>b</sup>Ex.  
25:18-22; Ezek. 10:1-20  
<sup>c</sup>Gen. 2:9

1 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *knew* <sup>2</sup>i.e.,  
Gotten one <sup>3</sup>Or, *man, the*  
*LORD*

2 <sup>a</sup>Luke 11:50, 51 <sup>b</sup>Gen.  
46:32; 47:3

3 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *at the end of*  
*days*

4 <sup>a</sup>Heb. 11:4 <sup>b</sup>1 Sam.  
15:22

5 <sup>a</sup>Num. 16:15; 1 Sam.  
16:7 <sup>b</sup>Is 3:9; Jude 11

6 <sup>a</sup>Jonah 4:4

7 <sup>1</sup>Or, *surely you will be*  
*accepted*  
<sup>a</sup>Jer. 3:12; Mic. 7:18 <sup>b</sup>Num.  
32:23 <sup>c</sup>Job 11:14, 15; Rom.  
6:12, 16

8 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *said to*  
<sup>a</sup>Matt. 23:35; 1 John 3:12

9 <sup>a</sup>Gen. 3:9

10 <sup>a</sup>Num. 35:33; Deut.  
21:1-9; Heb. 12:24; Rev.  
6:9, 10

11 <sup>a</sup>Gen. 3:14

12 <sup>a</sup>Deut. 28:15-24; Joel 1:10-20 <sup>b</sup>Lev. 26:17, 36

14 <sup>a</sup>Gen. 3:24; Jer. 52:3 <sup>b</sup>Deut. 28:64-67 <sup>c</sup>Num. 35:19

15 <sup>1</sup>Or, *set a mark on* <sup>a</sup>Rom. 2:4 <sup>b</sup>Gen. 4:24

16 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *dwelt* <sup>2</sup>i.e., Wandering

17 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *knew*

18 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *begot*

19 <sup>a</sup>Gen. 2:24

23 <sup>1</sup>Or, *kill* <sup>a</sup>Ex. 20:13; Lev. 19:18; Deut. 32:35; Ps. 94:1

24 <sup>a</sup>Gen. 4:15

25 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *knew* <sup>2</sup>Heb., *Sheth* <sup>3</sup>Heb., *shath* <sup>4</sup>Lit., *seed* <sup>a</sup>Gen. 5:3 <sup>b</sup>Gen. 4:8

26 <sup>1</sup>Or, *by* <sup>a</sup>Luke 3:38 <sup>b</sup>Gen. 12:8; 26:25

1 <sup>a</sup>Gen. 1:27

2 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *Adam* <sup>a</sup>Mark 10:6 <sup>b</sup>Cen. 1:28

12 <sup>a</sup>“When you cultivate the ground, it shall no longer yield its strength to you; <sup>b</sup>you shall be a vagrant and a wanderer on the earth.”

13 And Cain said to the LORD, “My punishment is too great to bear!

14 “Behold, Thou hast <sup>a</sup>driven me this day from the face of the ground; and from Thy face I shall be hidden, and <sup>b</sup>I shall be a vagrant and a wanderer on the earth, and it will come about that <sup>c</sup>whoever finds me will kill me.”

15 <sup>a</sup>So the LORD said to him, “Therefore whoever kills Cain, vengeance will be taken on him <sup>b</sup>sevenfold.” And the LORD <sup>1</sup>appointed a sign for Cain, lest anyone finding him should slay him.

16 Then Cain went out from the presence of the LORD, and <sup>1</sup>settled in the land of <sup>2</sup>Nod, east of Eden.

17 And Cain <sup>1</sup>had relations with his wife and she conceived, and gave birth to Enoch; and he built a city, and called the name of the city Enoch, after the name of his son.

18 Now to Enoch was born Irad; and Irad <sup>1</sup>became the father of Mehujael; and Mehujael <sup>1</sup>became the father of Methushael; and Methushael <sup>1</sup>became the father of Lamech.

19 And Lamech took to himself <sup>a</sup>two wives: the name of the one was Adah, and the name of the other, Zillah.

20 And Adah gave birth to Jabal; he was the father of those who dwell in tents and *have* livestock.

21 And his brother's name was Jubal; he was the father of all those who play the lyre and pipe.

22 As for Zillah, she also gave birth to Tubal-cain, the forger of all implements of bronze and iron; and the sister of Tubal-cain was Naamah.

23 And Lamech said to his wives,

“Adah and Zillah,

Listen to my voice,

You wives of Lamech,

Give heed to my speech,

<sup>a</sup>For I <sup>1</sup>have killed a man for wounding me;

And a boy for striking me;

24 If Cain is avenged <sup>a</sup>sevenfold,

Then Lamech seventy-sevenfold.”

25 And <sup>a</sup>Adam <sup>1</sup>had relations with his wife again; and she gave birth to a son, and named him <sup>2</sup>Seth, for, *she said*, “God <sup>3</sup>has appointed me another <sup>4</sup>offspring in place of Abel; <sup>b</sup>for Cain killed him.”

26 And to Seth, to him also <sup>a</sup>a son was born; and he called his name Enosh. Then *men* began <sup>b</sup>to call <sup>1</sup>upon the name of the LORD.

## CHAPTER 5

**T**HIS is the book of the generations of Adam. In the day when God created man, He made him <sup>a</sup>in the likeness of God.

2 He created them <sup>a</sup>male and female, and He <sup>b</sup>blessed them and named them <sup>1</sup>Man in the day when they were created.

**3** When Adam had lived one hundred and thirty years, he became the father of a son in his own likeness, according to his image, and named him Seth.

**4** Then the days of Adam after he became the father of Seth were eight hundred years, and he had *other* sons and daughters.

**5** So all the days that Adam lived were nine hundred and thirty years, and he died.

**6** And Seth lived one hundred and five years, and became the father of Enosh.

**7** Then Seth lived eight hundred and seven years after he became the father of Enosh, and he had *other* sons and daughters.

**8** So all the days of Seth were nine hundred and twelve years, and he died.

**9** And Enosh lived ninety years, and became the father of Kenan.

**10** Then Enosh lived eight hundred and fifteen years after he became the father of Kenan, and he had *other* sons and daughters.

**11** So all the days of Enosh were nine hundred and five years, and he died.

**12** And Kenan lived seventy years, and became the father of Mahalalel.

**13** Then Kenan lived eight hundred and forty years after he became the father of Mahalalel, and he had *other* sons and daughters.

**14** So all the days of Kenan were nine hundred and ten years, and he died.

**15** And Mahalalel lived sixty-five years, and became the father of Jared.

**16** Then Mahalalel lived eight hundred and thirty years after he became the father of Jared, and he had *other* sons and daughters.

**17** So all the days of Mahalalel were eight hundred and ninety-five years, and he died.

**18** And Jared lived one hundred and sixty-two years, and became the father of Enoch.

**19** Then Jared lived eight hundred years after he became the father of Enoch, and he had *other* sons and daughters.

**20** So all the days of Jared were nine hundred and sixty-two years, and he died.

**21** And Enoch lived sixty-five years, and became the father of Methuselah.

**22** Then Enoch walked with God three hundred years after he became the father of Methuselah, and he had *other* sons and daughters.

**23** So all the days of Enoch were three hundred and sixty-five years.

**24** And Enoch walked with God; and he was not, for God took him.

**25** And Methuselah lived one hundred and eighty-seven years, and became the father of Lamech.

**26** Then Methuselah lived seven hundred and eighty-two years after he became the father of Lamech, and he had *other* sons and daughters.

<sup>3</sup> <sup>1</sup>Lit., *begot*, and so throughout the chap.

<sup>22</sup> <sup>2</sup>Gen. 6:9; 17:1; 24:40; 48:15

<sup>24</sup> <sup>2</sup>Kin. 2:10; Ps. 49:15; 73:24; Heb. 11:5

29 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *comfort us in*  
<sup>a</sup>Gen. 3:17-19

32 <sup>a</sup>Gen. 7:6

2 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *good*

3 <sup>1</sup>Or, *rule in, some ancient versions read, abide in* <sup>2</sup>Or, *in his going astray he is flesh* <sup>3</sup>Or, *therefore*  
<sup>a</sup>1 Pet. 3:20

4 <sup>a</sup>Num. 13:33

5 <sup>a</sup>Gen. 8:21; Ps. 14:1-3

6 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *to*  
<sup>a</sup>Jer. 18:7-10

7 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *heavens*  
<sup>a</sup>Deut. 28:63; 29:20 <sup>b</sup>Amos 7:3, 6

8 <sup>a</sup>Ex. 33:17

9 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *complete, perfect; or, having integrity*  
<sup>2</sup>Lit., *generations*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 37:39 <sup>b</sup>Gen. 17:1; Deut. 18:13; Job 1:1 <sup>c</sup>Gen. 5:24

10 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *begot*

11 <sup>a</sup>Deut. 31:29; Judg. 2:19  
<sup>b</sup>Ezek. 8:17

12 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 14:1-3

13 <sup>a</sup>Is. 34:1-4; Ezek. 7:2, 3

14 <sup>1</sup>Or, *pitch*

27 So all the days of Methuselah were nine hundred and sixty-nine years, and he died.

28 And Lamech lived one hundred and eighty-two years, and became the father of a son.

29 Now he called his name Noah, saying, "This one shall <sup>1</sup>give us rest from our work and from the toil of our hands *arising from* <sup>a</sup>the ground which the LORD has cursed."

30 Then Lamech lived five hundred and ninety-five years after he became the father of Noah, and he had *other* sons and daughters.

31 So all the days of Lamech were seven hundred and seventy-seven years, and he died.

32 And Noah was <sup>a</sup>five hundred years old, and Noah became the father of Shem, Ham, and Japheth.

CHAPTER 6

**N**OW it came about, when men began to multiply on the face of the land, and daughters were born to them,

2 that the sons of God saw that the daughters of men were <sup>1</sup>beautiful; and they took wives for themselves, whomever they chose.

3 Then the LORD said, "<sup>a</sup>My Spirit shall not <sup>1</sup>strive with man forever, <sup>2</sup>because he also is flesh; <sup>3</sup>nevertheless his days shall be one hundred and twenty years."

4 The <sup>a</sup>Nephilim were on the earth in those days, and also afterward, when the sons of God came in to the daughters of men, and they bore *children* to them. Those were the mighty men who *were* of old, men of renown.

5 Then the LORD saw that the wickedness of man was great on the earth, and that <sup>a</sup>every intent of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually.

6 And <sup>a</sup>the LORD was sorry that He had made man on the earth, and He was grieved <sup>1</sup>in His heart.

7 And the LORD said, "<sup>a</sup>I will blot out man whom I have created from the face of the land, from man to animals to creeping things and to birds of the <sup>1</sup>sky; for <sup>b</sup>I am sorry that I have made them."

8 But Noah <sup>a</sup>found favor in the eyes of the LORD.

9 These are *the records of the generations of Noah*. Noah was a <sup>a</sup>righteous man, <sup>1</sup>blameless in his <sup>2</sup>time; Noah <sup>a</sup>walked with God.

10 And Noah <sup>1</sup>became the father of three sons: Shem, Ham, and Japheth.

11 Now the earth was <sup>a</sup>corrupt in the sight of God, and the earth was <sup>b</sup>filled with violence.

12 And God looked on the earth, and behold, it was corrupt; for <sup>a</sup>all flesh had corrupted their way upon the earth.

13 Then God said to Noah, "<sup>a</sup>The end of all flesh has come before Me; for the earth is filled with violence because of them; and behold, I am about to destroy them with the earth.

14 "Make for yourself an ark of gopher wood; you shall make the ark with rooms, and shall <sup>1</sup>cover it inside and out with pitch.



15 "And this is how you shall make it: the length of the ark three hundred <sup>1</sup>cubits, its breadth fifty <sup>1</sup>cubits, and its height thirty <sup>1</sup>cubits.

16 "You shall make a <sup>1</sup>window for the ark, and finish it to a cubit from <sup>2</sup>the top; and set the door of the ark in the side of it; you shall make it with lower, second, and third decks.

17 "And behold, I, even I am bringing the flood of water upon the earth, to destroy all flesh in which is the breath of life, from under heaven; everything that is on the earth shall perish.

18 "But I will establish <sup>a</sup>My covenant with you; and <sup>b</sup>you shall enter the ark—you and your sons and your wife, and your sons' wives with you.

19 "<sup>a</sup>And of every living thing of all flesh, you shall bring two of every *kind* into the ark, to keep *them* alive with you; they shall be male and female.

20 "<sup>a</sup>Of the birds after their kind, and of the animals after their kind, of every creeping thing of the ground after its kind, two of every *kind* shall come to you to keep *them* alive.

21 "And as for you, take for yourself some of all food which is edible, and gather *it* to yourself; and it shall be for food for you and for them."

22 <sup>a</sup>Thus Noah did; according to all that God had commanded him, so he did.

CHAPTER 7

**T**HEN the LORD said to Noah, "Enter the ark, you and all your household; for you *alone* I have seen *to be* <sup>a</sup>righteous before Me in this <sup>1</sup>time.

2 "You shall take <sup>1</sup>with you of every <sup>a</sup>clean animal <sup>2</sup>by sevens, a male and his female; and of the animals that are not clean two, a male and his female;

3 also of the birds of the <sup>1</sup>sky, <sup>2</sup>by sevens, male and female, to keep <sup>3</sup>offspring alive on the face of all the earth.

4 "For after <sup>a</sup>seven more days, I will send rain on the earth <sup>b</sup>for forty days and forty nights; and I will blot out from the face of the land <sup>c</sup>every living thing that I have made."

5 <sup>a</sup>And Noah did according to all that the LORD had commanded him.

6 Now Noah was <sup>a</sup>six hundred years old when the flood of water <sup>1</sup>came upon the earth.

7 Then <sup>a</sup>Noah and his sons and his wife and his sons' wives with him entered the ark because of the water of the flood.

8 <sup>a</sup>Of clean animals and animals that are not clean and birds and everything that creeps on the ground,

9 there went into the ark to Noah <sup>1</sup>by twos, male and female, as God had commanded Noah.

10 And it came about after <sup>a</sup>the seven days, that the water of the flood <sup>1</sup>came upon the earth.

11 In the <sup>a</sup>six hundredth year of Noah's life, in the second month, on the seventeenth day of the month, on the same day all <sup>b</sup>the fountains of the great deep burst open, and the <sup>1</sup>flood-gates of the sky were opened.

15 <sup>1</sup>i.e., one cubit equals approx. 18 inches

16 <sup>1</sup>Or, roof <sup>2</sup>Lit., above

18 <sup>a</sup>Gen. 9:9-16; 17:7  
<sup>b</sup>Gen. 7:7

19 <sup>a</sup>Gen. 7:2, 14, 15

20 <sup>a</sup>Gen. 7:3

22 <sup>a</sup>Gen. 7:5

<sup>1</sup> Lit., generation  
<sup>a</sup>Gen. 6:9

<sup>2</sup> Lit., to <sup>2</sup>Lit., seven seven  
<sup>a</sup>Lev. 11:1-31; Deut. 14:3-20

<sup>3</sup> Lit., heavens <sup>2</sup>Lit., seven seven <sup>3</sup>Lit., seed

<sup>4</sup> Gen. 7:10 <sup>b</sup>Gen. 7:12, 17  
<sup>c</sup>Gen. 6:7, 13

<sup>5</sup> Gen. 6:22

<sup>6</sup> Lit., was  
<sup>a</sup>Gen. 5:32

<sup>7</sup> Gen. 7:13; Gen. 6:18

<sup>8</sup> Gen 7:2, 3; Gen. 6:19, 20

<sup>9</sup> Lit., two two

<sup>10</sup> Lit., were  
<sup>a</sup>Gen. 7:4

<sup>11</sup> Or, windows of the heavens  
<sup>a</sup>Gen. 7:6 <sup>b</sup>Gen. 8:2

12 <sup>1</sup>Lit., was  
<sup>a</sup>Gen. 7:4, 17

13 <sup>a</sup>Gen. 7:7; 6:18

14 <sup>1</sup>Lit., its <sup>2</sup>Lit., every  
bird, every wing

15 <sup>a</sup>Gen. 7:9; 6:19

17 <sup>1</sup>Lit., was  
<sup>a</sup>Gen. 7:4

18 <sup>1</sup>Lit., went <sup>2</sup>Lit., face

19 <sup>1</sup>Lit., which were  
under all the heavens

20 <sup>1</sup>I.e., one cubit equals  
18 inches  
<sup>a</sup>Gen. 8:4

21 <sup>1</sup>Or, crept  
<sup>a</sup>Gen. 7:4; 6:7, 13, 17

23 <sup>1</sup>Lit., all existence  
<sup>2</sup>Lit., heavens  
<sup>a</sup>Matt. 24:38, 39; Luke  
17:26, 27; 1 Pet. 3:20; 2 Pet.  
2:5

24 <sup>a</sup>Gen. 8:3

1 <sup>a</sup>Job 12:15; Ps. 29:10;  
Is. 44:27; Nah. 1:4

2 <sup>1</sup>Or, windows of the  
heavens <sup>2</sup>Lit., heavens  
<sup>a</sup>Gen. 7:11 <sup>b</sup>Gen. 7:4, 12

3 <sup>a</sup>Gen. 7:24

4 <sup>a</sup>Gen. 7:20

7 <sup>1</sup>Lit., went out, going  
and returning <sup>2</sup>Lit., from  
upon

12 And <sup>a</sup>the rain <sup>1</sup>fell upon the earth for forty days and forty nights.

13 On the very same day <sup>a</sup>Noah and Shem and Ham and Japheth, the sons of Noah, and Noah's wife and the three wives of his sons with them, entered the ark,

14 they and every beast after its kind, and all the cattle after <sup>1</sup>their kind, and every creeping thing that creeps on the earth after its kind, and every bird after its kind, <sup>2</sup>all sorts of birds.

15 So they went into the ark to Noah, <sup>a</sup>by twos of all flesh in which was the breath of life.

16 And those that entered, male and female of all flesh, entered as God had commanded him; and the LORD closed it behind him.

17 Then the flood <sup>1</sup>came upon the earth for <sup>a</sup>forty days; and the water increased and lifted up the ark, so that it rose above the earth.

18 And the water prevailed and increased greatly upon the earth; and the ark <sup>1</sup>floated on the <sup>2</sup>surface of the water.

19 And the water prevailed more and more upon the earth, so that all the high mountains <sup>1</sup>everywhere under the heavens were covered.

20 The water prevailed fifteen <sup>1</sup>cubits higher, <sup>a</sup>and the mountains were covered.

21 <sup>a</sup>And all flesh that <sup>1</sup>moved on the earth perished, birds and cattle and beasts and every swarming thing that swarms upon the earth, and all mankind;

22 of all that was on the dry land, all in whose nostrils was the breath of the spirit of life, died.

23 Thus He blotted out <sup>1</sup>every living thing that was upon the face of the land, from man to animals to creeping things and to birds of the <sup>2</sup>sky, and they were blotted out from the earth; and only <sup>a</sup>Noah was left, together with those that were with him in the ark.

24 <sup>a</sup>And the water prevailed upon the earth one hundred and fifty days.

CHAPTER 8

**B**UT God remembered Noah and all the beasts and all the cattle that were with him in the ark; and <sup>a</sup>God caused a wind to pass over the earth, and the water subsided.

2 Also <sup>a</sup>the fountains of the deep and the <sup>1</sup>floodgates of the <sup>2</sup>sky were closed, and <sup>b</sup>the rain from the <sup>2</sup>sky was restrained;

3 and the water receded steadily from the earth, and at the end <sup>a</sup>of one hundred and fifty days the water decreased.

4 And in the seventh month, on the seventeenth day of the month, <sup>a</sup>the ark rested upon the mountains of Ararat.

5 And the water decreased steadily until the tenth month; in the tenth month, on the first day of the month, the tops of the mountains became visible.

6 Then it came about at the end of forty days, that Noah opened the window of the ark which he had made;

7 and he sent out a raven, and it <sup>1</sup>flew here and there until the water was dried up <sup>2</sup>from the earth.

8 Then he sent out a dove from him, to see if the water was abated from the face of the land;

9 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *face*

9 but the dove found no resting place for the sole of her foot, so she returned to him into the ark; for the water was on the <sup>1</sup>surface of all the earth. Then he put out his hand and took her, and brought her into the ark to himself.

11 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *time of evening*  
<sup>2</sup>Lit., *mouth*

10 So he waited yet another seven days; and again he sent out the dove from the ark.

11 And the dove came to him toward <sup>1</sup>evening; and behold, in her <sup>2</sup>beak was a freshly picked olive leaf. So Noah knew that the water was abated from the earth.

12 <sup>2</sup>Jer. 48:28

12 Then he waited yet another seven days, and sent out <sup>3</sup>the dove; but she did not return to him again.

13 Now it came about in the <sup>4</sup>six hundred and first year, in the first *month*, on the first of the month, the water was dried up <sup>1</sup>from the earth. Then Noah removed the covering of the ark, and looked, and behold, the <sup>2</sup>surface of the ground was dried up.

13 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *from upon* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *face*  
<sup>3</sup>Gen. 7:6

14 And in the second month, on the twenty-seventh day of the month, the earth was dry.

17 <sup>1</sup>Or, *swarm*  
<sup>2</sup>Gen. 1:22, 28

15 Then God spoke to Noah, saying,

16 "Go out of the ark, you and your wife and your sons and your sons' wives with you.

17 "Bring out with you every living thing of all flesh that is with you, birds and animals and every creeping thing that creeps on the earth, that they may <sup>1</sup>breed abundantly on the earth, and be fruitful and multiply on the earth."

19 <sup>1</sup>Or, *according to their kind*

18 So Noah went out, and his sons and his wife and his sons' wives with him.

19 Every beast, every creeping thing, and every bird, everything that moves on the earth, went out <sup>1</sup>by their families from the ark.

20 <sup>2</sup>Gen. 12:7, 8; 13:18; 22:9 <sup>3</sup>Gen. 7:2 <sup>4</sup>Gen. 22:2; Ex. 10:25

20 Then Noah built <sup>2</sup>an altar to the LORD, and took of every <sup>3</sup>clean animal and of every clean bird and offered <sup>4</sup>burnt offerings on the altar.

21 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *to His heart* <sup>2</sup>Or, *inclination* <sup>3</sup>Lit., *smite*  
<sup>4</sup>Ex. 29:18, 25 <sup>5</sup>Gen. 6:7, 13  
<sup>6</sup>Gen. 6:5 <sup>7</sup>Gen. 9:11--

21 And the LORD <sup>2</sup>smelled the soothing aroma; and the LORD said <sup>1</sup>to Himself, "I will never again <sup>3</sup>curse the ground on account of man, for <sup>4</sup>the <sup>2</sup>intent of man's heart is evil from his youth; <sup>5</sup>and I will never again <sup>3</sup>destroy every living thing, as I have done.

22 <sup>2</sup>Ps. 74:17; Jer. 33:20, 25

22 "While the earth remains,  
Seedtime and harvest,  
And cold and heat,  
And <sup>2</sup>summer and winter,  
And day and night  
Shall not cease."

1 <sup>2</sup>Gen. 9:7; 1:28

CHAPTER 9

AND God blessed Noah and his sons and said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth.

2 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *heavens*

2 "And the fear of you and the terror of you shall be on every beast of the earth and on every bird of the <sup>1</sup>sky; with

3 <sup>a</sup>Gen. 1:29

4 <sup>a</sup>Lev. 17:10-16; Deut. 12:16, 23

5 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *your blood of your lives* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *from the hand of* <sup>a</sup>Ex. 20:13; 21:12 <sup>b</sup>Ex. 21:28, 29

6 <sup>a</sup>Num. 35:33

7 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *swarm in the earth* <sup>a</sup>Gen. 9:1

9 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *seed* <sup>a</sup>Gen. 6:18

11 <sup>a</sup>Gen. 8:21 <sup>b</sup>Is. 54:9

12 <sup>1</sup>Or, *everlasting generations* <sup>a</sup>Gen. 9:13, 17; 17:11

13 <sup>a</sup>Ezek. 1:28

15 <sup>a</sup>Deut. 7:9 <sup>b</sup>Gen. 9:11

18 <sup>a</sup>Gen. 9:25-27

19 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *scattered* <sup>a</sup>Gen. 9:1, 7; 10:32

20 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *to be a farmer*

22 <sup>a</sup>Hab. 2:15

23 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *backward*

everything that creeps on the ground, and all the fish of the sea, into your hand they are given.

3 "Every moving thing that is alive shall be food for you; I give all to you, <sup>a</sup>as I gave the green plant.

4 "Only you shall not eat flesh with its life, *that is*, <sup>a</sup>its blood.

5 "And surely I will require <sup>1a</sup>your lifeblood; <sup>2b</sup>from every beast I will require it. And <sup>2</sup>from every man, <sup>2</sup>from every man's brother I will require the life of man.

6 "Whoever sheds man's blood,  
By man his blood shall be shed,  
For in the image of God  
He made man.

7 "And as for you, <sup>a</sup>be fruitful and multiply;  
<sup>1</sup>Populate the earth abundantly and multiply in it."

8 Then God spoke to Noah and to his sons with him, saying,

9 "Now behold, <sup>a</sup>I Myself do establish My covenant with you, and with your <sup>1</sup>descendants after you;

10 and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the cattle, and every beast of the earth with you; of all that comes out of the ark, even every beast of the earth.

11 "And I establish My covenant with you; and all flesh shall <sup>a</sup>never again be cut off by the water of the flood, <sup>b</sup>neither shall there again be a flood to destroy the earth."

12 And God said, "This is <sup>a</sup>the sign of the covenant which I am making between Me and you and every living creature that is with you, for <sup>1</sup>all successive generations;

13 I set My <sup>a</sup>bow in the cloud, and it shall be for a sign of a covenant between Me and the earth.

14 "And it shall come about, when I bring a cloud over the earth, that the bow shall be seen in the cloud,

15 and <sup>a</sup>I will remember My covenant, which is between Me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and <sup>b</sup>never again shall the water become a flood to destroy all flesh.

16 "When the bow is in the cloud, then I will look upon it, to remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth."

17 And God said to Noah, "This is the sign of the covenant which I have established between Me and all flesh that is on the earth."

18 Now the sons of Noah who came out of the ark were Shem and Ham and Japheth; and <sup>a</sup>Ham was the father of Canaan.

19 These three *were* the sons of Noah; and <sup>a</sup>from these the whole earth was <sup>1</sup>populated.

20 Then Noah began <sup>1</sup>farming and planted a vineyard.

21 And he drank of the wine and became drunk, and uncovered himself inside his tent.

22 And <sup>a</sup>Ham, the father of Canaan, saw the nakedness of his father, and told his two brothers outside.

23 But Shem and Japheth took a garment and laid it upon both their shoulders and walked backward and covered the nakedness of their father; and their faces were <sup>1</sup>turned away, so that they did not see their father's nakedness.

24 When Noah awoke from his wine, he knew what his youngest son had done to him.

25 So he said,  
 "aCursed be Canaan;  
 1A servant of servants  
 He shall be to his brothers."

26 He also said,  
 "aBlessed be the LORD,  
 The God of Shem;  
 And let Canaan be 1his servant.

27 "aMay God enlarge Japheth,  
 And let him dwell in the tents of Shem;  
 And let Canaan be 1his servant."

28 And Noah lived three hundred and fifty years after the flood.

29 So all the days of Noah were nine hundred and fifty years, and he died.

CHAPTER 10

NOW these are *the records of the generations* of Shem, Ham, and Japheth, the sons of Noah; and sons were born to them after the flood.

2 aThe sons of Japheth were bGomer and Magog and cMadai and dJavan and Tubal and eMeshech and Tiras.

3 And the sons of Gomer were aAshkenaz and bRiphath and cTogarmah.

4 And the sons of Javan were Elishah and aTarshish, Kittim and bDodanim.

5 From these the coastlands of the nations 1were separated into their lands, every one according to his language, according to their families, into their nations.

6 aAnd the sons of Ham were Cush and Mizraim and Put and Canaan.

7 And the sons of Cush were aSeba and Havilah and Sabtah and bRaamah and Sabteca; and the sons of Raamah were bSheba and cDedan.

8 Now Cush 1became the father of Nimrod; he 2became a mighty one on the earth.

9 He was a mighty hunter before the LORD; therefore it is said, "Like Nimrod a mighty hunter before the LORD."

10 And the beginning of his kingdom was 1aBabel and Erech and Accad and Calneh, in the land of bShinar.

11 From that land he went forth ainto Assyria, and built Nineveh and Rehoboth-Ir and Calah,

12 and Resen between Nineveh and Calah; that is the great city.

13 And Mizraim 1became the father of aLudim and Anamim and Lehabim and Naphtuhim

14 and Pathrusim and Casluhim (from which came the Philistines) and Caphtorim.

15 And Canaan 1became the father of aSidon, his first-born, and bHeth

25 1*e.*, The lowest of servants  
 aDeut. 27:16

26 1*Or, their*  
 aGen. 14:20; 24:27

27 1*Or, their*  
 aGen. 10:2-5; Is. 66:19

2 1Chr. 1:5-7 bEzek. 38:2, 6 c2 Kin. 17:6 dIs. 66:19 eEzek. 38:2

3 aJer. 51:27 b1 Chr. 1:6  
 Diphath, cEzek. 27:14

4 aEzek. 27:12, 25  
 b1 Chr. 1:7, Rodanim

5 1*Or, separated themselves*

6 a1 Chr. 1:8-10

7 aIs. 43:3 bEzek. 27:22  
 cEzek. 27:15, 20

8 1*Lat., begot* 2*Lat., began to be*

10 1*Or, Babylon*  
 aGen. 11:9 bGen. 11:2; 14:1

11 aMic. 5:6

13 1*Lat., begot*  
 aJer. 46:9

15 1*Lat., begot*  
 a1 Chr. 1:13; Jer. 47:4  
 bGen. 23:3

16 <sup>a</sup>Gen. 15:19-21

19 <sup>1</sup>Lit., was  
<sup>a</sup>Gen. 14:2, 3

21 <sup>1</sup>Or, the brother of  
Japheth the elder

22 <sup>a1</sup> Chr. 1:17 <sup>b</sup>Gen.  
14:1, 9 <sup>c2</sup> Kin. 15:29 <sup>d</sup>Gen.  
11:10 <sup>e</sup>Is. 66:19

23 <sup>a</sup>Job 1:1; Jer. 25:20

24 <sup>1</sup>Lit., begot  
<sup>a</sup>Luke 3:35

25 <sup>1</sup>i.e., Division

26 <sup>1</sup>Lit., begot

28 <sup>1</sup>In 1 Chr. 1:22, *Ebal*

30 <sup>1</sup>Lit., dwelling <sup>2</sup>Lit.,  
was

32 <sup>a</sup>Gen. 9:19

<sup>1</sup> <sup>1</sup>Lit., was one lip <sup>2</sup>Or,  
few; or, one set of words

<sup>2</sup> <sup>1</sup>Lit., dwelt  
<sup>a</sup>Gen. 10:10; 14:1

<sup>3</sup> <sup>a</sup>Gen. 14:10

<sup>4</sup> <sup>a</sup>Deut. 1:28; 9:1; Ps.  
107:26 <sup>b</sup>Gen. 6:4; 2 Sam.  
8:13 <sup>c</sup>Deut. 4:27

<sup>5</sup> <sup>a</sup>Gen. 18:21; Ex. 3:8;  
19:11, 18, 20

16 and <sup>a</sup>the Jebusite and the Amorite and the Girgashite  
17 and the Hivite and the Arkite and the Sinite  
18 and the Arvadite and the Zemarite and the Hamathite;  
and afterward the families of the Canaanite were spread  
abroad.

19 And the territory of the Canaanite <sup>1</sup>extended from  
Sidon as you go toward Gerar, as far as Gaza; as you go toward  
<sup>a</sup>Sodom and Gomorrah and Admah and Zeboiim, as far as  
Lasha.

20 These are the sons of Ham, according to their families,  
according to their languages, by their lands, by their nations.

21 And also to Shem, the father of all the children of Eber,  
and the <sup>1</sup>older brother of Japheth, children were born.

22 <sup>a</sup>The sons of Shem were <sup>b</sup>Elam and <sup>c</sup>Asshur and <sup>d</sup>Ar-  
pachshad and <sup>e</sup>Lud and Aram.

23 And the sons of Aram were <sup>a</sup>Uz and Hul and Gether and  
Mash.

24 And Arpachshad <sup>1</sup>became the father of <sup>a</sup>Shelah; and  
Shelah <sup>1</sup>became the father of Eber.

25 And two sons were born to Eber; the name of the one  
was <sup>1</sup>Peleg, for in his days the earth was divided; and his  
brother's name was Joktan.

26 And Joktan <sup>1</sup>became the father of Almodad and She-  
leph and Hazarmaveth and Jerah

27 and Hadoram and Uzal and Diklah

28 and <sup>1</sup>Obal and Abimael and Sheba

29 and Ophir and Havilah and Jobab; all these were the  
sons of Joktan.

30 Now their <sup>1</sup>settlement <sup>2</sup>extended from Mesha as you go  
toward Sephar, the hill country of the east.

31 These are the sons of Shem, according to their families,  
according to their languages, by their lands, according to their  
nations.

32 These are the families of the sons of Noah, according  
to their genealogies, by their nations; and <sup>a</sup>out of these the  
nations were separated on the earth after the flood.

CHAPTER 11

**N**OW the whole earth <sup>1</sup>used the same language and <sup>2</sup>the same  
words.

2 And it came about as they journeyed east, that they  
found a plain in the land <sup>a</sup>of Shinar and <sup>1</sup>settled there.

3 And they said to one another, "Come, let us make bricks  
and burn *them* thoroughly." And they used brick for stone, and  
they used <sup>a</sup>tar for mortar.

4 And they said, "Come, let us build for ourselves a city,  
and a tower whose top <sup>a</sup>will reach into heaven, and let us make  
for ourselves <sup>b</sup>a name; lest we <sup>c</sup>be scattered abroad over the face  
of the whole earth."

5 <sup>a</sup>And the LORD came down to see the city and the tower  
which the sons of men had built.

6 And the LORD said, "Behold, they are one people, and

they all have <sup>1a</sup>the same language. And this is what they began to do, and now nothing which they purpose to do will be <sup>2</sup>impossible for them.

7 "Come, <sup>a</sup>let Us go down and there <sup>b</sup>confuse their <sup>1</sup>language, that they may not understand one another's <sup>1</sup>speech."

8 So the LORD <sup>a</sup>scattered them abroad from there over the face of the whole earth; and they stopped building the city.

9 Therefore its name was called <sup>1a</sup>Babel, because there the LORD confused the <sup>2</sup>language of the whole earth; and from thence the LORD scattered them abroad over the face of the whole earth.

10 <sup>a</sup>These are *the records of* the generations of Shem. Shem was one hundred years old, and <sup>1</sup>became the father of Arpachshad two years after the flood;

11 and Shem lived five hundred years after he became the father of Arpachshad, and he had *other* sons and daughters.

12 And Arpachshad lived thirty-five years, and became the father of Shelah;

13 and Arpachshad lived four hundred and three years after he became the father of Shelah, and he had *other* sons and daughters.

14 And Shelah lived thirty years, and became the father of Eber;

15 and Shelah lived four hundred and three years after he became the father of Eber, and he had *other* sons and daughters.

16 And Eber lived thirty-four years, and became the father of Peleg;

17 and Eber lived four hundred and thirty years after he became the father of Peleg, and he had *other* sons and daughters.

18 And Peleg lived thirty years, and became the father of Reu;

19 and Peleg lived two hundred and nine years after he became the father of Reu, and he had *other* sons and daughters.

20 And Reu lived thirty-two years, and became the father of Serug;

21 and Reu lived two hundred and seven years after he became the father of Serug, and he had *other* sons and daughters.

22 And Serug lived thirty years, and became the father of Nahor;

23 and Serug lived two hundred years after he became the father of Nahor, and he had *other* sons and daughters.

24 And Nahor lived twenty-nine years, and became the father of <sup>a</sup>Terah;

25 and Nahor lived one hundred and nineteen years after he became the father of Terah, and he had *other* sons and daughters.

26 And Terah lived seventy years, and became the father of Abram, Nahor and Haran.

27 Now these are *the records of* the generations of Terah. Terah became the father of Abram, Nahor and Haran; and <sup>a</sup>Haran became the father of Lot.

6 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *one lip* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *withheld from*  
<sup>a</sup>Gen. 11:1

7 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *lip*  
<sup>a</sup>Gen. 1:26 <sup>b</sup>Ex. 4:11; Is. 33:19

8 <sup>a</sup>Gen. 11:4

9 <sup>1</sup>Or, *Babylon*; cf. Heb., *balal, confuse* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *lip*  
<sup>a</sup>Gen. 10:10

10 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *begot*, and so throughout the chap.  
<sup>a</sup>Gen. 10:22-25

24 <sup>a</sup>Josh. 24:2

27 <sup>a</sup>Gen. 11:31; 12:4

28 <sup>1</sup>Or, *during the lifetime of*  
<sup>a</sup>Gen. 11:31

29 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *and the father of*  
<sup>a</sup>Gen. 24:10 <sup>b</sup>Gen. 20:12  
<sup>c</sup>Gen. 22:20, 23; 24:15

30 <sup>a</sup>Gen. 16:1

31 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *with them* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *dwelt*  
<sup>a</sup>Gen. 15:7; Neh. 9:7

1 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *Go for yourself*  
<sup>a</sup>Acts 7:3; Heb. 11:8

2 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *be a blessing*  
<sup>a</sup>Gen. 17:4, 5; 18:18 <sup>b</sup>Gen. 22:17  
<sup>c</sup>Zech. 8:13

3 <sup>1</sup>Or, *reviles* <sup>2</sup>Or, *bind under a curse*  
<sup>a</sup>Gen. 27:29 <sup>b</sup>Acts 3:25;  
 Gal. 3:8

4 <sup>a</sup>Gen. 11:27, 31

5 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *souls* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *went forth to go to*  
<sup>a</sup>Gen. 13:6 <sup>b</sup>Gen. 14:14;  
 Lev. 22:11 <sup>c</sup>Gen. 11:31

6 <sup>1</sup>Or, *terebinth*  
<sup>a</sup>Gen. 35:4; Deut. 11:30

7 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *seed*  
<sup>a</sup>Gen. 17:1; 18:1 <sup>b</sup>Gen. 13:15; 15:18; Gal. 3:16  
<sup>c</sup>Gen. 13:18; 22:9

8 <sup>a</sup>Josh. 8:9, 12 <sup>b</sup>Gen. 4:26; 21:33

9 <sup>1</sup>i.e., *South country*  
<sup>a</sup>Gen. 13:1, 3; 20:1; 24:62

11 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *drew near to enter* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *woman of beautiful appearance*  
<sup>a</sup>Gen. 26:7; 29:17

28 And Haran died <sup>1</sup>in the presence of his father Terah in the land of his birth, in <sup>a</sup>Ur of the Chaldeans.

29 And Abram and <sup>a</sup>Nahor took wives for themselves. The name of Abram's wife was <sup>b</sup>Sarai; and the name of Nahor's wife was <sup>c</sup>Milcah, the daughter of Haran, the father of Milcah <sup>1</sup>and Iscah.

30 And <sup>a</sup>Sarai was barren; she had no child.

31 And Terah took Abram his son, and Lot the son of Haran, his grandson, and Sarai his daughter-in-law, his son Abram's wife; and they went out <sup>1</sup>together from <sup>a</sup>Ur of the Chaldeans in order to enter the land of Canaan; and they went as far as Haran, and <sup>2</sup>settled there.

32 And the days of Terah were two hundred and five years; and Terah died in Haran.

CHAPTER 12

Now <sup>a</sup>the LORD said to Abram,  
 "Go forth from your country,  
 And from your relatives

And from your father's house,  
 To the land which I will show you;

2 And <sup>a</sup>I will make you a great nation,  
 And <sup>b</sup>I will bless you,  
 And make your name great;  
 And so <sup>1</sup>you shall be a blessing;

3 And <sup>a</sup>I will bless those who bless you,  
 And the one who <sup>1</sup>curses you I will <sup>2</sup>curse.

<sup>b</sup>And in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."

4 So Abram went forth as the LORD had spoken to him; and <sup>a</sup>Lot went with him. Now Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran.

5 And Abram took Sarai his wife and Lot his nephew, and all their <sup>a</sup>possessions which they had accumulated, and <sup>b</sup>the <sup>1</sup>persons which they had acquired in Haran, and they <sup>2</sup>set out for the land of Canaan; <sup>c</sup>thus they came to the land of Canaan.

6 And Abram passed through the land as far as the site <sup>a</sup>of Shechem, to the <sup>1</sup>oak of Moreh. Now the Canaanite *was* then in the land.

7 And the LORD <sup>a</sup>appeared to Abram and said, "To your <sup>1</sup>descendants I will give this land." So he built <sup>a</sup>an altar there to the LORD who had appeared to him.

8 Then he proceeded from there to the mountain on the east of Bethel, and pitched his tent, with <sup>a</sup>Bethel on the west and Ai on the east; and there he built an altar to the LORD and <sup>b</sup>called upon the name of the LORD.

9 And Abram journeyed on, continuing toward <sup>a</sup>the <sup>1</sup>Negev.

10 Now there was a famine in the land; so Abram went down to Egypt to sojourn there, for the famine was severe in the land.

11 And it came about when he <sup>1</sup>came near to Egypt, that he said to Sarai his wife, "See now, I know that you are a <sup>2</sup>beautiful woman;



12 <sup>a</sup>and it will come about when the Egyptians see you, that they will say, 'This is his wife'; and they will kill me, but they will let you live.

13 "Please say that you are <sup>a</sup>my sister so that it may go well with me because of you, and that <sup>b</sup>I may live on account of you."

14 And it came about when Abram came into Egypt, the Egyptians <sup>1</sup>saw that the woman was very beautiful.

15 And Pharaoh's officials saw her and praised her to Pharaoh; and <sup>a</sup>the woman was taken into Pharaoh's house.

16 Therefore <sup>a</sup>he treated Abram well for her sake; and <sup>1</sup>gave him sheep and oxen and donkeys and male and female servants and female donkeys and camels.

17 But the LORD <sup>a</sup>struck Pharaoh and his house with great plagues because of Sarai, Abram's wife.

18 Then Pharaoh called Abram and said, "<sup>a</sup>What is this you have done to me? Why did you not tell me that she was your wife?"

19 "Why did you say, 'She is my sister,' so that I took her for my wife? Now then, <sup>1</sup>here is your wife, take her and go."

20 And Pharaoh commanded *his* men concerning him; and they <sup>1</sup>escorted him away, with his wife and all that belonged to him.

**CHAPTER 13**

**SO** Abram went up from Egypt to <sup>a</sup>the <sup>1</sup>Negev, he and his wife and all that belonged to him; and Lot with him.

2 Now Abram was very rich in livestock, in silver and in gold.

3 And he went <sup>1</sup>on his journeys from the <sup>2</sup>Negev as far as Bethel, to the place where his tent had been at the beginning, <sup>a</sup>between Bethel and Ai,

4 to the place of the altar, which he had made there formerly; and there Abram called on the name of the LORD.

5 Now <sup>a</sup>Lot, who went with Abram, also had flocks and herds and tents.

6 And <sup>a</sup>the land could not <sup>1</sup>sustain them <sup>2</sup>while dwelling together; <sup>b</sup>for their possessions were so great that they were not able <sup>b</sup>to remain together.

7 <sup>a</sup>And there was strife between the herdsmen of Abram's livestock and the herdsmen of Lot's livestock. Now <sup>b</sup>the Canaanite and the Perizzite were dwelling then in the land.

8 <sup>a</sup>Then Abram said to Lot, "Please let there be no strife between you and me, nor between my herdsmen and your herdsmen, for we are brothers.

9 "Is not the whole land before you? Please separate from me: if *to* the left, then I will go to the right; or if *to* the right, then I will go to the left."

10 And Lot lifted up his eyes and saw all the <sup>1a</sup>valley of the Jordan, that it was well watered everywhere—*this was* before the LORD destroyed Sodom and Gomorrah—like <sup>b</sup>the garden of the LORD, <sup>c</sup>like the land of Egypt as you go to <sup>d</sup>Zoar.

11 So Lot chose for himself all the <sup>1</sup>valley of the Jordan; and Lot journeyed eastward. Thus they separated from each other.

12 <sup>a</sup>Gen. 20:11

13 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *my soul*  
<sup>a</sup>Gen. 20:2, 5, 12 <sup>b</sup>Jer. 38:17, 20

14 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *saw the woman that she was*

15 <sup>a</sup>Gen. 20:2

16 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *he had*  
<sup>a</sup>Gen. 20:14 <sup>b</sup>Gen. 13:2

17 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 105:14

18 <sup>a</sup>Gen. 20:9, 10

19 <sup>1</sup>Or, *behold*

20 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *sent*

1 <sup>1</sup>I.e., South country  
<sup>a</sup>Gen. 12:9

3 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *by his stages*  
<sup>2</sup>I.e., South country  
<sup>a</sup>Gen. 12:8

5 <sup>a</sup>Gen. 12:5

6 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *bear* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *to dwell*  
<sup>a</sup>Gen. 36:7 <sup>b</sup>Gen. 13:2, 12:5, 16

7 <sup>a</sup>Gen. 26:20 <sup>b</sup>Gen. 12:6; 15:19-21

8 <sup>a</sup>Prov. 15:18; 20:3

10 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *circle*  
<sup>a</sup>Gen. 19:17-29; Deut. 34:3  
<sup>b</sup>Gen. 2:8 <sup>c</sup>Gen. 47:6 <sup>d</sup>Gen. 14:8; Deut. 34:3

11 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *circle*

12 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *dwelt* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *circle*  
<sup>a</sup>Gen. 14:2; 19:24, 25

13 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *wicked and sinners exceedingly*  
<sup>a</sup>Gen. 39:9, Num. 32:23; 2 Pet. 2:7, 8

14 <sup>a</sup>Deut. 3:27; 34:1-4

15 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *seed*  
<sup>a</sup>Gen. 12:7 <sup>b</sup>Gen. 13:17; 15:7, 8; 17:8

16 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *seed*  
<sup>a</sup>Gen. 16:10; 28:14; Num. 23:10

17 <sup>a</sup>Num. 13:17-24 <sup>b</sup>Gen. 13:15

18 <sup>1</sup>Or, *terebinth*  
<sup>a</sup>Gen. 14:13 <sup>b</sup>Gen. 8:20; 12:7, 8

1 <sup>1</sup>Or, *nations*  
<sup>a</sup>Gen. 10:10; 11:2 <sup>b</sup>Gen. 10:22; Dan. 8:2

2 <sup>a</sup>Gen. 10:19 <sup>b</sup>Deut. 29:23 <sup>c</sup>Gen. 13:10

3 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *joined together*  
<sup>a</sup>Gen. 14:8, 10 <sup>b</sup>Deut. 3:17; Josh 3:16

5 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *smote* <sup>2</sup>Or, *the plain of Kiriathaim*  
<sup>a</sup>Deut. 3:11, 13 <sup>b</sup>Deut. 1:4; Josh. 9:10 <sup>c</sup>Num. 32:37

6 <sup>a</sup>Gen. 36:20; Deut. 2:12, 22 <sup>b</sup>Gen. 21:21; Num. 10:12

7 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *smote*  
<sup>a</sup>Num. 13:26 <sup>b2</sup> Chr. 20:2

8 <sup>a</sup>Gen. 14:3

9 <sup>1</sup>Or, *nations*

10 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *there*  
<sup>a</sup>Gen. 14:17, 21, 22

12 <sup>a</sup>Gen. 11:27 <sup>b</sup>Gen. 13:12

12 Abram <sup>1</sup>settled in the land of Canaan, while Lot <sup>1</sup>settled in <sup>a</sup>the cities of the <sup>2</sup>valley, and moved his tents as far as Sodom.

13 Now the men of Sodom were wicked <sup>1</sup>exceedingly and <sup>a</sup>sinners against the LORD.

14 And the LORD said to Abram, after Lot had separated from him, "Now lift up your eyes and look from the place where you are, northward and southward and eastward and westward;

15 <sup>a</sup>for all the land which you see, <sup>b</sup>I will give it to you and to your <sup>1</sup>descendants forever.

16 "And I will make your <sup>1</sup>descendants <sup>a</sup>as the dust of the earth; so that if anyone can number the dust of the earth, then your <sup>1</sup>descendants can also be numbered.

17 "Arise, <sup>a</sup>walk about the land through its length and breadth; for <sup>b</sup>I will give it to you."

18 Then Abram moved his tent and came and dwelt by the <sup>1</sup>oaks of <sup>a</sup>Mamre, which are in Hebron, and there he built <sup>a</sup>an altar to the LORD.

CHAPTER 14

AND it came about in the days of Amraphel king of <sup>a</sup>Shinar, Arioch king of Ellasar, Chedorlaomer king of <sup>b</sup>Elam, and Tidal king of <sup>1</sup>Goiim,

2 *that they made war with Bera king of Sodom, and with Birsha king of Gomorrah, Shinab king of <sup>a</sup>Admah, and Shem-eber king of <sup>b</sup>Zeboiim, and the king of Bela (that is, <sup>c</sup>Zoar).*

3 All these <sup>1</sup>came as allies to <sup>a</sup>the valley of Siddim (that is, <sup>b</sup>the Salt Sea).

4 Twelve years they had served Chedorlaomer, but the thirteenth year they rebelled.

5 And in the fourteenth year Chedorlaomer and the kings that were with him, came and <sup>1</sup>defeated the <sup>a</sup>Rephaim in <sup>b</sup>Ashteroth-karnaim and the Zuzim in Ham and the Emim in <sup>2c</sup>Shaveh-kiriathaim,

6 and the <sup>a</sup>Horites in their Mount Seir, as far as <sup>b</sup>El-paran, which is by the wilderness.

7 Then they turned back and came to En-mishpat (that is, <sup>a</sup>Kadesh), and <sup>1</sup>conquered all the country of the Amalekites, and also the Amorites, who lived in <sup>b</sup>Hazazon-tamar.

8 And the king of Sodom and the king of Gomorrah and the king of Admah and the king of Zeboiim and the king of Bela (that is, Zoar) came out; and they arrayed for battle against them in <sup>a</sup>the valley of Siddim,

9 against Chedorlaomer king of Elam and Tidal king of <sup>1</sup>Goiim and Amraphel king of Shinar and Arioch king of Ellasar—four kings against five.

10 Now the valley of Siddim was full of tar pits; and <sup>a</sup>the kings of Sodom and Gomorrah fled, and they fell <sup>1</sup>into them. But those who survived fled to the hill country.

11 Then they took all the goods of Sodom and Gomorrah and all their food supply, and departed.

12 And they also took Lot, <sup>a</sup>Abram's nephew, and his possessions and departed, <sup>b</sup>for he was living in Sodom.

13 Then <sup>1</sup>a fugitive came and told Abram the <sup>2</sup>Hebrew. Now he was <sup>2</sup>living by the <sup>3</sup>oaks of <sup>b</sup>Mamre the Amorite, brother of Eshcol and brother of Aner, and these were <sup>c</sup>allies with Abram.

14 And when Abram heard that <sup>a</sup>his <sup>1</sup>relative had been taken captive, he <sup>2</sup>led out his trained men, <sup>b</sup>born in his house, three hundred and eighteen, and went in pursuit as far as <sup>c</sup>Dan.

15 And <sup>a</sup>he divided <sup>1</sup>his forces against them by night, he and his servants, and <sup>2</sup>defeated them, and pursued them as far as Hobah, which is <sup>3</sup>north of <sup>b</sup>Damascus.

16 And he brought back all the goods, and also brought back <sup>a</sup>his <sup>1</sup>relative Lot with his possessions, and also the women, and the people.

17 Then after his return from the <sup>1</sup>defeat of Chedorlaomer and the kings who were with him, <sup>a</sup>the king of Sodom went out to meet him at the valley of Shaveh (that is, <sup>b</sup>the King's Valley).

18 And <sup>a</sup>Melchizedek king of Salem brought out <sup>b</sup>bread and wine; now he was a <sup>c</sup>priest of <sup>1</sup>God Most High.

19 And he blessed him and said,  
"Blessed be Abram of <sup>1</sup>God Most High,  
<sup>2</sup>a Possessor of heaven and earth;

20 And blessed be <sup>1</sup>God Most High,  
Who has delivered your enemies into your hand."

<sup>a</sup>And he gave him a tenth of all.

21 And the king of Sodom said to Abram, "Give the <sup>1</sup>people to me and take the goods for yourself."

22 And Abram said to the king of Sodom, "I have <sup>1</sup>sworn to the LORD <sup>2</sup>a God Most High, <sup>3</sup>possessor of heaven and earth,

23 that <sup>a</sup>I will not take a thread or a sandal thong or anything that is yours, lest you should say, 'I have made Abram rich.'

24 "I will take nothing except what the young men have eaten, and the share of the men who went with me, <sup>a</sup>Aner, Eshcol, and Mamre; let them take their share."

CHAPTER 15

**A**FTER these things <sup>a</sup>the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, saying,

<sup>b</sup>"Do not fear, Abram,  
I am <sup>a</sup>a shield to you;  
<sup>1</sup>Your <sup>d</sup>reward shall be very great."

2 And Abram said, "O Lord <sup>1</sup>God, what wilt Thou give me, since I <sup>2</sup>am childless, and the <sup>3</sup>heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?"

3 And Abram said, "Since Thou hast given no <sup>2</sup>offspring to me, <sup>3</sup>one <sup>a</sup>born in my house is my heir."

4 Then behold, the word of the LORD came to him, saying, "This man will not be your heir; <sup>a</sup>but one who shall come forth from your own <sup>1</sup>body, he shall be your heir."

5 And He took him outside and said, "Now look toward the heavens, and <sup>a</sup>count the stars, if you are able to count them." And He said to him, "<sup>b</sup>So shall your <sup>1</sup>descendants be."

6 <sup>a</sup>Then he believed in the LORD; and He reckoned it to him as righteousness.

13 <sup>1</sup>Lit., the <sup>2</sup>Lit., abiding  
<sup>3</sup>Or, terebinths <sup>4</sup>Lit.,  
possessors of the covenant  
<sup>a</sup>Gen. 40:15; Ex. 3:18 <sup>b</sup>Gen.  
13:18 <sup>c</sup>Gen. 21:27, 32

14 <sup>1</sup>Lit., brother <sup>2</sup>Or,  
mustered  
<sup>a</sup>Gen. 14:12 <sup>b</sup>Gen. 12:5;  
Eccles. 2:7 <sup>c</sup>1 Kin. 15:20

15 <sup>1</sup>Lit., himself <sup>2</sup>Lit.,  
smote <sup>3</sup>Lit., on the left  
<sup>a</sup>Judg. 7:16 <sup>b</sup>Gen. 15:2

16 <sup>1</sup>Lit., brother  
<sup>a</sup>Gen. 14:12, 14

17 <sup>1</sup>Lit., smiting  
<sup>a</sup>Gen. 14:10 <sup>b</sup>2 Sam. 18:18

18 <sup>1</sup>Heb., El Elyon  
<sup>a</sup>Heb. 7:1 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 104:15 <sup>c</sup>Ps.  
110:4; Heb. 5:6, 10

19 <sup>1</sup>Heb., El Elyon <sup>2</sup>Or,  
Creator  
<sup>a</sup>Gen. 14:22

20 <sup>1</sup>Heb., El Elyon  
<sup>a</sup>Heb. 7:4

21 <sup>1</sup>Lit., soul

22 <sup>1</sup>Lit., lifted up my  
hand <sup>2</sup>Heb. El Elyon <sup>3</sup>Or,  
Creator  
<sup>a</sup>Gen. 14:19

23 <sup>a</sup>2 Kin. 5:16

24 <sup>1</sup>Lit., not to me except  
<sup>a</sup>Gen. 14:13

1 <sup>1</sup>Or, your very great  
reward  
<sup>a</sup>Gen. 15:4; 1 Sam. 15:10  
<sup>b</sup>Gen. 21:17; 26:24 <sup>c</sup>Deut.  
33:29 <sup>d</sup>Num. 18:20

2 <sup>1</sup>YHWH, usually  
rendered LORD <sup>2</sup>Lit., go  
<sup>3</sup>Lit., son of acquisition

3 <sup>1</sup>Lit., Behold <sup>2</sup>Lit.,  
seed <sup>3</sup>Lit., and behold, a  
son of  
<sup>a</sup>Gen. 14:14

4 <sup>1</sup>Lit., inward parts  
<sup>a</sup>Gal. 4:28

5 <sup>1</sup>Lit., seed  
<sup>a</sup>Gen. 22:17; 26:4; Deut.  
1:10 <sup>b</sup>Ex. 32:13; Rom. 4:18

6 <sup>a</sup>Rom. 4:3; Gal. 3:6;  
James 2:23

7 <sup>1</sup>Or, *inherit*  
<sup>a</sup>Gen. 11:31 <sup>b</sup>Gen. 13:15,17

8 <sup>1</sup>YHWH, usually rendered LORD <sup>2</sup>Or, *inherit*  
<sup>a</sup>Luke 1:18

9 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *Take*

10 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *took* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *in the midst*  
<sup>a</sup>Gen. 15:17 <sup>b</sup>Lev. 1:17

12 <sup>1</sup>Or, *a terror of great darkness*  
<sup>a</sup>Gen. 2:21; 28:11; Job 33:15

13 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *seed* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *and shall serve them; and they shall afflict them*  
<sup>a</sup>Acts 7:6, 17 <sup>b</sup>Deut. 5:15  
<sup>c</sup>Gal. 3:17; Ex. 12:40

14 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *great*  
<sup>a</sup>Ex. 12:32-38

15 <sup>a</sup>Gen. 25:8; 47:30

16 <sup>a</sup>Gen. 15:13 <sup>b</sup>Lev. 18:24-28

17 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 34:18, 19

18 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *seed*  
<sup>a</sup>Ex. 23:31; Num. 34:1-15; Deut. 1:7, 8

19 <sup>a</sup>Ex. 3:17; 23:28; Josh 21:43; 24:11

1 <sup>a</sup>Gen. 11:30 <sup>b</sup>Gen. 12:16

2 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *be built from her*  
<sup>a</sup>Gen. 30:3, 4, 9, 10

3 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *dwell*  
<sup>a</sup>Gen. 12:4

5 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *bosom* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *eyes*  
<sup>3</sup>Lit., *me and you*  
<sup>a</sup>Jer. 51:35 <sup>b</sup>Gen. 31:53

7 And He said to him, "I am the LORD who brought you out of <sup>a</sup>Ur of the Chaldeans, to <sup>b</sup>give you this land to <sup>1</sup>possess it."

8 And he said, "O Lord <sup>1</sup>God, <sup>a</sup>how may I know that I shall <sup>2</sup>possess it?"

9 So He said to him, "<sup>1</sup>Bring Me a three year old heifer, and a three year old female goat, and a three year old ram, and a turtledove, and a young pigeon."

10 Then he <sup>1</sup>brought all these to Him and <sup>a</sup>cut them <sup>2</sup>in two, and laid each half opposite the other; but he did not cut <sup>b</sup>the birds.

11 And the birds of prey came down upon the carcasses, and Abram drove them away.

12 Now when the sun was going down, <sup>a</sup>a deep sleep fell upon Abram; and behold, <sup>1</sup>terror *and* great darkness fell upon him.

13 And God said to Abram, "Know for certain that <sup>a</sup>your <sup>1</sup>descendants will be strangers in a land that is not theirs, <sup>2</sup>where <sup>b</sup>they will be enslaved and oppressed <sup>c</sup>four hundred years.

14 "But I will also judge the nation whom they will serve; and afterward they will come out <sup>a</sup>with <sup>1</sup>many possessions.

15 "And as for you, <sup>a</sup>you shall go to your fathers in peace; you shall be buried at a good old age.

16 "Then in <sup>a</sup>the fourth generation they shall return here, for <sup>b</sup>the iniquity of the Amorite is not yet complete."

17 And it came about when the sun had set, that it was very dark, and behold, *there appeared* a smoking oven and a flaming torch which <sup>a</sup>passed between these pieces.

18 On that day the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying,

"To your <sup>1</sup>descendants I have given this land, From <sup>a</sup>the river of Egypt as far as the great river, the river Euphrates:

19 <sup>a</sup>the Kenite and the Kenizzite and the Kadmonite

20 and the Hittite and the Perizzite and the Rephaim

21 and the Amorite and the Canaanite and the Gergashite and the Jebusite."

CHAPTER 16

**N**OW <sup>a</sup>Sarai, Abram's wife had borne him no *children*, and she had <sup>b</sup>an Egyptian maid whose name was Hagar.

2 So Sarai said to Abram, "Now behold, the LORD has prevented me from bearing *children*. <sup>a</sup>Please go in to my maid; perhaps I shall <sup>1</sup>obtain children through her." And Abram listened to the voice of Sarai.

3 And after Abram had <sup>1</sup>lived <sup>a</sup>ten years in the land of Canaan, Abram's wife Sarai took Hagar the Egyptian, her maid, and gave her to her husband Abram as his wife.

4 And he went in to Hagar, and she conceived; and when she saw that she had conceived, her mistress was despised in her sight.

5 And Sarai said to Abram, "<sup>a</sup>May the wrong done me be upon you. I gave my maid into your <sup>1</sup>arms; but when she saw that she had conceived, I was despised in her <sup>2</sup>sight. <sup>b</sup>May the LORD judge between <sup>3</sup>you and me."

6 But Abram said to Sarai, "Behold, <sup>a</sup>your maid is in your <sup>1</sup>power; do to her what is good in your <sup>2</sup>sight." So Sarai treated her harshly, and she fled from her presence.

7 Now <sup>a</sup>the angel of the LORD found her by a spring of water in the wilderness, by the spring on the way to <sup>b</sup>Shur.

8 And he said, "Hagar, Sarai's maid, <sup>a</sup>where have you come from and where are you going?" And she said, "I am fleeing from the presence of my mistress Sarai."

9 Then the angel of the LORD said to her, "Return to your mistress, and submit yourself <sup>1</sup>to her authority."

10 Moreover, the angel of the LORD said to her, "<sup>a</sup>I will greatly multiply your <sup>1</sup>descendants so that <sup>2</sup>they shall be too many to count."

11 The angel of the LORD said to her further,  
"Behold, you are with child,  
And you shall bear a son;  
And you shall call his name <sup>1</sup>Ishmael,  
Because <sup>a</sup>the LORD <sup>2</sup>has given heed to your affliction.

12 "And he will be a <sup>a</sup>wild donkey of a man,  
His hand *will be* against everyone,  
And everyone's hand *will be* against him;  
And he will <sup>1</sup>live <sup>2b</sup>to the east of all his brothers."

13 Then she called the name of the LORD who spoke to her, "<sup>1a</sup>Thou art <sup>2a</sup> a God who sees"; for she said, "Have I even <sup>1</sup>remained alive here after seeing Him?"

14 Therefore the well was called <sup>1</sup>Beer-lahai-roi; behold, it is between <sup>a</sup>Kadesh and Bered.

15 So Hagar bore Abram a son; and Abram called the name of his son, whom Hagar bore, Ishmael.

16 And Abram was <sup>a</sup>eighty-six years old when Hagar bore Ishmael to <sup>1</sup>him.

CHAPTER 17

NOW when Abram was ninety-nine years old, <sup>a</sup>the LORD appeared to Abram and said to him,

"I am <sup>1</sup>God <sup>b</sup>Almighty;  
Walk before Me, and be <sup>2c</sup>blameless.

2 "And I will <sup>1</sup>establish My <sup>a</sup>covenant between Me and you,  
And I will <sup>b</sup>multiply you exceedingly."

3 And Abram <sup>a</sup>fell on his face, and God talked with him, saying,

4 "As for Me, behold, My covenant is with you,  
And you shall be the father of a <sup>a</sup>multitude of nations.

5 "No longer shall your name be called <sup>1</sup>Abram,  
But <sup>a</sup>your name shall be <sup>2</sup>Abraham;  
For <sup>b</sup>I will make you the father of a multitude of nations.

6 "And I will make you exceedingly fruitful, and I will make nations of you, and <sup>a</sup>kings shall come forth from you.

7 "And I will establish My covenant between Me and you and your <sup>1</sup>descendants after you throughout their generations for an <sup>a</sup>everlasting covenant, <sup>b</sup>to be God to you and <sup>c</sup>to your <sup>1</sup>descendants after you.

6 <sup>1</sup>Lit. *hand* <sup>2</sup>Lit. *eyes*  
<sup>a</sup>Gen. 16:9

7 <sup>a</sup>Gen. 21:17, 18; 22:11, 15; 31:11 <sup>b</sup>Gen. 20:1

8 <sup>a</sup>Gen. 3:9; 1 Kin. 19:9, 13

9 <sup>1</sup>Lit. *under her hands*

10 <sup>1</sup>Lit. *seed* <sup>2</sup>Or, *it shall not be counted for multitude*  
<sup>a</sup>Gen. 17:20

11 <sup>1</sup>I.e. *Cod hears* <sup>2</sup>Lit. *has heard*  
<sup>a</sup>Ex. 3:7, 9

12 <sup>1</sup>Lit. *dwell* <sup>2</sup>Lit. *before the face of*; or, *in defiance of*  
<sup>1</sup>Job 24:5; 39:5-8 <sup>b</sup>Gen. 25:18

13 <sup>1</sup>Or, *Thou, God, dost see me* <sup>2</sup>Heb. *Eloai* <sup>3</sup>Lit. *seen here after the one who saw me*  
<sup>a</sup>Gen. 32:30

14 <sup>1</sup>I.e. *The well of the living one who sees me*  
<sup>a</sup>Gen. 14:7

16 <sup>1</sup>Lit. *Abram*  
<sup>a</sup>Gen. 16:3; 12:4

1 <sup>1</sup>Heb. *El Shaddai*  
<sup>2</sup>Lit. *complete, perfect*; or, *having integrity*  
<sup>a</sup>Gen. 12:7; 18:1 <sup>b</sup>Gen. 28:3; 35:11 <sup>c</sup>Gen. 6:9; Deut. 18:13

2 <sup>1</sup>Lit. *give*  
<sup>a</sup>Gen. 15:18 <sup>b</sup>Gen. 13:16; 15:5

3 <sup>a</sup>Gen. 17:17; 18:2

4 <sup>a</sup>Gen. 35:11; 48:19

5 <sup>1</sup>I.e. *Exalted father*  
<sup>2</sup>I.e. *father of a multitude*  
<sup>a</sup>Neh. 9:7 <sup>b</sup>Rom. 4:17

6 <sup>a</sup>Gen. 17:16; 35:11

7 <sup>1</sup>Lit. *seed*  
<sup>a</sup>Gen. 17:13, 19; Ps. 105:9, 10 <sup>b</sup>Lev. 11:45; 26:12, 45  
<sup>c</sup>Gal. 3:16

8 <sup>1</sup>Lit., seed  
<sup>a</sup>Gen. 12:7; 13:15, 17

9 <sup>1</sup>Lit., seed  
<sup>a</sup>Ex. 19:5

10 <sup>1</sup>Lit., seed  
<sup>a</sup>John 7:22; Acts 7:8

11 <sup>a</sup>Ex. 12:48; Deut. 10:16

12 <sup>1</sup>Lit., seed  
<sup>a</sup>Lev. 12:3

13 <sup>a</sup>Ex. 12:44

15 <sup>1</sup>i.e., Princess

16 <sup>1</sup>Lit., be  
<sup>a</sup>Gen. 18:10 <sup>b</sup>Gen. 17:6;  
 36:31

17 <sup>a</sup>Gen. 17:3

19 <sup>1</sup>i.e., He laughs <sup>2</sup>Lit.,  
 seed  
<sup>a</sup>Gen. 17:16; 21:2 <sup>b</sup>Gen.  
 26:2-5

20 <sup>1</sup>Lit., beget twelve  
 princes  
<sup>a</sup>Gen. 16:10 <sup>b</sup>Gen. 25:16

21 <sup>a</sup>Gen. 17:19; 18:10, 14

22 <sup>a</sup>Gen. 18:33; 35:13

23 <sup>a</sup>Gen. 14:14

24 <sup>a</sup>Rom. 4:11

25 <sup>a</sup>Gen. 16:16

Abraham (Abram) and the Covenant of Circumcision.

8 "And <sup>a</sup>I will give to you and to your <sup>1</sup>descendants after you, the land of your sojournings, all the land of Canaan, for an everlasting possession; and I will be their God."

9 God said further to Abraham, "Now as for you, <sup>a</sup>you shall keep My covenant, you and your <sup>1</sup>descendants after you throughout their generations.

10 "<sup>a</sup>This is My covenant, which you shall keep, between Me and you and your <sup>1</sup>descendants after you: every male among you shall be circumcised.

11 "And <sup>a</sup>you shall be circumcised in the flesh of your foreskin; and it shall be the sign of the covenant between Me and you.

12 "And every male among you who is <sup>a</sup>eight days old shall be circumcised throughout your generations, a *servant* who is born in the house or who is bought with money from any foreigner, who is not of your <sup>1</sup>descendants.

13 "A *servant* who is born in your house or <sup>a</sup>who is bought with your money shall surely be circumcised; thus shall My covenant be in your flesh for an everlasting covenant.

14 "But an uncircumcised male who is not circumcised in the flesh of his foreskin, that person shall be cut off from his people; he has broken My covenant."

15 Then God said to Abraham, "As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her name Sarai, but <sup>1</sup>Sarah *shall be* her name.

16 "And I will bless her, and indeed I will give you <sup>a</sup>a son by her. Then I will bless her, and she shall be *a mother of nations*; <sup>b</sup>kins of peoples shall <sup>1</sup>come from her."

17 Then Abraham <sup>a</sup>fell on his face and laughed, and said in his heart, "Will a child be born to a man one hundred years old? And will Sarah, who is ninety years old, bear *a child*?"

18 And Abraham said to God, "Oh that Ishmael might live before Thee!"

19 But God said, "No, but Sarah your wife shall bear you <sup>a</sup>a son, and you shall call his name <sup>1</sup>Isaac; and <sup>b</sup>I will establish My covenant with him for an everlasting covenant for his <sup>2</sup>descendants after him.

20 "And as for Ishmael, I have heard you; behold, I will bless him, and <sup>a</sup>will make him fruitful, and will multiply him exceedingly. <sup>b</sup>He shall <sup>1</sup>become the father of twelve princes, and I will make him a great nation.

21 "But My covenant I will establish with <sup>a</sup>Isaac, whom Sarah will bear to you at this season next year."

22 And when He finished talking with him, <sup>a</sup>God went up from Abraham.

23 Then Abraham took Ishmael his son, and all *the servants* who were <sup>a</sup>born in his house and all who were bought with his money, every male among the men of Abraham's household, and circumcised the flesh of their foreskin in the very same day, as God had said to him.

24 Now Abraham was ninety-nine years old when <sup>a</sup>he was circumcised in the flesh of his foreskin.

25 And <sup>a</sup>Ishmael his son was thirteen years old when he was circumcised in the flesh of his foreskin.

26 In the very same day Abraham was circumcised, and Ishmael his son.

27 And all the men of his household, who were born in the house or bought with money from a foreigner, were circumcised with him.

CHAPTER 18

**N**OW <sup>a</sup>the LORD appeared to him by the <sup>1b</sup>oaks of Mamre, while he was sitting at the tent door in the heat of the day.

2 And when he lifted up his eyes and looked, behold, three <sup>a</sup>men were standing opposite him; and when he saw *them*, he ran from the tent door to meet them, and bowed himself to the earth,

3 and said, "My lord, if now I have found favor in <sup>2</sup>your sight, please do not <sup>3</sup>pass <sup>2</sup>your servant by.

4 "Please let a little water be brought and <sup>a</sup>wash your feet, and <sup>1</sup>rest yourselves under the tree;

5 and <sup>a</sup>I will <sup>1</sup>bring a piece of bread, that you may <sup>2</sup>refresh yourselves; after that you may go on, since you have <sup>3</sup>visited your servant." And they said, "So do, as you have said."

6 So Abraham hurried into the tent to Sarah, and said, "Quickly, prepare three <sup>2</sup>measures of fine flour, knead it, and make bread cakes."

7 Abraham also ran to the herd, and took a tender and <sup>1</sup>choice calf, and gave *it* to the servant; and he hurried to prepare it.

8 And he took curds and milk and the calf which he had prepared, and placed *it* before them; and he was standing by them under the tree <sup>1a</sup>as they ate.

9 Then they said to him, "Where is Sarah your wife?" And he said, "Behold, in the tent."

10 And he said, "<sup>a</sup>I will surely return to you <sup>1a</sup>at this time next year; and behold, Sarah your wife shall have a son." And Sarah was listening at the tent door, which was behind him.

11 Now <sup>a</sup>Abraham and Sarah were old, advanced in age; Sarah was past <sup>1</sup>childbearing.

12 And Sarah laughed <sup>1</sup>to herself, saying, "After I have become old, shall I have pleasure, my <sup>a</sup>lord being old also?"

13 And the LORD said to Abraham, "Why did Sarah laugh, saying, 'Shall I indeed <sup>1</sup>bear a *child*, when I am so old?'"

14 "Is anything too <sup>1</sup>difficult for the LORD? At the <sup>b</sup>appointed time I will return to you, <sup>2a</sup>at this time next year, and Sarah shall have a son."

15 Sarah denied it however, saying, "I did not laugh"; for she was afraid. And He said, "No, but you did laugh."

16 Then <sup>a</sup>the men rose up from there, and looked down toward Sodom; and Abraham was walking with them to send them off.

17 And <sup>a</sup>the LORD said, "Shall I hide from Abraham what <sup>b</sup>I am about to do,

18 since Abraham will surely become a great and <sup>1</sup>mighty nation, and in him <sup>a</sup>all the nations of the earth will be blessed?"

19 "For I have <sup>1a</sup>chosen him, in order that he may command his children and his household after him <sup>b</sup>to keep the way of the LORD by doing righteousness and justice; in order that the LORD may bring upon Abraham <sup>c</sup>what He has spoken about him."

1 <sup>1</sup>Or, *terebinth*  
<sup>a</sup>Gen. 12:7; 17:1 <sup>b</sup>Gen. 13:18; 14:13

2 <sup>a</sup>Gen. 18:16, 22; 32:24; Josh. 5:13; Judg. 13:6-11

3 <sup>1</sup>Or, O Lord <sup>2</sup>Or, *Thy*  
<sup>3</sup>Lit., *pass away from your servant*

4 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *support*  
<sup>a</sup>Gen. 19:2; 24:32; 43:24

5 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *take* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *sustain your heart* <sup>3</sup>Lit., *come to*  
<sup>a</sup>Judg. 6:18, 19; 13:15, 16

6 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *Hasten three measures* <sup>2</sup>Heb., *seah*; i.e., one *seah* equals approximately eleven quarts

7 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *good*

8 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *and*

10 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *when the time revives*  
<sup>a</sup>Rom. 9:9

11 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *the manner of women*  
<sup>a</sup>Gen. 17:17

12 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *within*  
<sup>a</sup>1 Pet. 3:6

13 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *surely bear*

14 <sup>1</sup>Or, *wonderful* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *when the time revives*  
<sup>a</sup>Jer. 32:17, 27 <sup>b</sup>Gen. 18:10; 17:21

16 <sup>a</sup>Gen. 18:2, 22; 19:1

17 <sup>a</sup>Gen. 18:22, 26, 33  
<sup>b</sup>Gen. 18:21; 19:24

18 <sup>1</sup>Or, *populous*  
<sup>a</sup>Gal. 3:8

19 <sup>1</sup>Or, *known*  
<sup>a</sup>Neh. 9:7; Amos 3:2 <sup>b</sup>Gen. 17:9 <sup>c</sup>Gen. 12:2, 3

20 \*Gen. 19:13; Ezek. 16:49, 50

21 \*Gen. 11:5; Ex. 3:8

22 \*Gen. 18:16; 19:1  
bGen. 18:17

23 \*Ex. 23:7

24 <sup>1</sup>Or, forgive

25 <sup>1</sup>Lit., after this manner  
<sup>2</sup>Lit., do justice  
\*Deut. 1:16, 17 <sup>b</sup>Deut. 32:4

26 <sup>1</sup>Or, forgive

27 <sup>1</sup>Lit., undertaken  
\*Gen. 3:19; Job 30:19; 42:6

30 \*Ex. 32:22

31 <sup>1</sup>Lit., undertaken

33 \*Gen. 17:22; 35:13

<sup>1</sup> <sup>1</sup>Lit., bowed himself  
\*Gen. 18:22 <sup>b</sup>Gen. 18:2-5

3 \*Gen. 18:6-8

<sup>4</sup> <sup>1</sup>Or, without exception; Lit., from every end  
\*Gen. 13:13; 18:20

20 And the LORD said, "aThe outcry of Sodom and Gomorrah is indeed great, and their sin is exceedingly grave.

21 "aI will go down now, and see if they have done entirely according to its outcry, which has come to Me; and if not, I will know."

22 Then the <sup>a</sup>men turned away from there and went toward Sodom, while Abraham was still standing before <sup>b</sup>the LORD.

23 And Abraham came near and said, "aWilt Thou indeed sweep away the righteous with the wicked?

24 "Suppose there are fifty righteous within the city; wilt Thou indeed sweep it away and not <sup>1</sup>spare the place for the sake of the fifty righteous who are in it?

25 "Far be it from Thee to do <sup>1</sup>such a thing, to slay the righteous with the wicked, so that <sup>a</sup>the righteous and the wicked are treated alike. Far be it from Thee! Shall not <sup>b</sup>the Judge of all the earth <sup>2</sup>deal justly?"

26 So the LORD said, "If I find in Sodom fifty righteous within the city, then I will <sup>1</sup>spare the whole place on their account."

27 And Abraham answered and said, "Now behold, I have <sup>1</sup>ventured to speak to the Lord, <sup>a</sup>although I am but dust and ashes.

28 "Suppose the fifty righteous are lacking five, wilt Thou destroy the whole city because of five?" And He said, "I will not destroy it if I find forty-five there."

29 And he spoke to Him yet again and said, "Suppose forty are found there?" And He said, "I will not do it on account of the forty."

30 Then he said, "aOh may the Lord not be angry, and I shall speak; suppose thirty are found there?" And He said, "I will not do it if I find thirty there."

31 And he said, "Now behold, I have <sup>1</sup>ventured to speak to the Lord; suppose twenty are found there?" And He said, "I will not destroy it on account of the twenty."

32 Then he said, "Oh may the Lord not be angry, and I shall speak only this once; suppose ten are found there?" And He said, "I will not destroy it on account of the ten."

33 And as soon as He had finished speaking to Abraham <sup>a</sup>the LORD departed; and Abraham returned to his place.

## CHAPTER 19

Now the <sup>a</sup>two angels came to Sodom in the evening as Lot was sitting in the gate of Sodom. When <sup>b</sup>Lot saw them, he rose to meet them and <sup>1</sup>bowed down with his face to the ground.

2 And he said, "Now behold, my lords, please turn aside into your servant's house, and spend the night, and wash your feet; then you may rise early and go on your way." They said however, "No, but we shall spend the night in the square."

3 Yet he urged them strongly, so they turned aside to him and entered his house; <sup>a</sup>and he prepared a feast for them, and baked unleavened bread, and they ate.

4 Before they lay down, <sup>a</sup>the men of the city, the men of Sodom, surrounded the house, both young and old, all the people <sup>1</sup>from every quarter;



5 and they called to Lot and said to him, "Where are the men who came to you tonight? Bring them out to us that we may have relations with them."

6 But Lot went out to them at the doorway, and shut the door behind him,

7 and said, "Please, my brothers, do not act wickedly.

8 "Now behold, I have two daughters who have not had relations with man; please let me bring them out to you, and do to them whatever you like; only do nothing to these men, inasmuch as they have come under the shelter of my roof."

9 But they said, "Stand aside." Furthermore, they said, "This one came in as an alien, and already he is acting like a judge; now we will treat you worse than them." So they pressed hard against Lot and came near to break the door.

10 But the men reached out their hands and brought Lot into the house with them, and shut the door.

11 And they struck the men who were at the doorway of the house with blindness, both small and great, so that they wearied themselves trying to find the doorway.

12 Then the men said to Lot, "Whom else have you here? A son-in-law, and your sons, and your daughters, and whomever you have in the city, bring them out of the place;

13 for we are about to destroy this place, because their outcry has become so great before the LORD that the LORD has sent us to destroy it."

14 And Lot went out and spoke to his sons-in-law, who were to marry his daughters, and said, "Up, get out of this place, for the LORD will destroy the city." But he appeared to his sons-in-law to be jesting.

15 And when morning dawned, the angels urged Lot, saying, "Up, take your wife and your two daughters, who are here, lest you be swept away in the punishment of the city."

16 But he hesitated. So the men seized his hand and the hand of his wife and the hands of his daughters, for the compassion of the LORD was upon him; and they brought him out, and put him outside the city.

17 And it came about when they had brought them outside, that one said, "Escape for your life! Do not look behind you, and do not stay anywhere in the valley; escape to the mountains, lest you be swept away."

18 But Lot said to them, "Oh no, my lords!

19 "Now behold, your servant has found favor in your sight, and you have magnified your lovingkindness, which you have shown me by saving my life; but I cannot escape to the mountains, lest the disaster overtake me and I die;

20 now behold, this town is near enough to flee to, and it is small. Please, let me escape there (is it not small?) that my life may be saved."

21 And he said to him, "Behold, I grant you this request also, not to overthrow the town of which you have spoken.

22 "Hurry, escape there, for I cannot do anything until you arrive there." Therefore the name of the town was called Zoar.

23 The sun had risen over the earth when Lot came to Zoar.

5 <sup>1</sup>I.e., have intercourse  
<sup>2</sup>Jdg. 19:22; Lev. 18:22

8 <sup>1</sup>I.e., had intercourse  
<sup>2</sup>Lit., as is good in your sight  
<sup>3</sup>Lit., shadow  
<sup>4</sup>Jdg. 19:24

9 <sup>1</sup>Lit., to sojourn  
<sup>2</sup>Lit., the man, against Lot  
<sup>3</sup>Ex. 2:14

10 <sup>1</sup>Lit., hand  
<sup>2</sup>Lit., to  
<sup>3</sup>Gen. 19:1

11 <sup>1</sup>Lit., smote  
<sup>2</sup>Deut. 28:28, 29; Acts 13:11

13 <sup>2</sup>Gen. 18:20  
<sup>3</sup>Lev. 26:30-33; Deut. 4:26; 28:45

14 <sup>1</sup>Or, had married; Lit., were taking  
<sup>2</sup>Lit., like one who was jesting  
<sup>3</sup>Jer. 43:1, 2

15 <sup>1</sup>Or, iniquity

16 <sup>1</sup>Lit., hand  
<sup>2</sup>Lit., in  
<sup>3</sup>Deut. 5:15; 6:21; 7:8

17 <sup>1</sup>Lit., he  
<sup>2</sup>Lit., in, all the circle  
<sup>3</sup>Lit., mountain  
<sup>4</sup>Jer. 48:6  
<sup>5</sup>Gen. 19:26  
<sup>6</sup>Gen. 13:10  
<sup>7</sup>Gen. 14:10

19 <sup>1</sup>Lit., mountain

20 <sup>1</sup>Lit., and my soul will live

21 <sup>1</sup>Lit., thing

22 <sup>1</sup>I.e., Small

24 <sup>a</sup>Luke 17:29; Jude 7

25 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *circle*  
<sup>a</sup>Deut. 29:23; Is. 13:10;  
 Lam. 4:6; 2 Pet. 2:6

26 <sup>a</sup>Gen. 19:17; Luke 17:32

27 <sup>a</sup>Gen. 18:22

28 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *circle* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *kiln*  
<sup>a</sup>Rev. 9:2

29 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *circle*  
<sup>a</sup>Deut. 7:8; 9:5, 27 <sup>b</sup>2 Pet. 2:7

30 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *dwelt* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *mountain* <sup>3</sup>Lit., *dwelt*

31 <sup>1</sup>Or, *in the land*

32 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *seed from our father*

34 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *seed from our father*

37 <sup>a</sup>Deut. 2:9

38 <sup>1</sup>Heb., *Bene-Ammon*  
<sup>a</sup>Deut. 2:19

1 <sup>1</sup>i.e., *South country*  
<sup>2</sup>Lit., *dwelt*  
<sup>a</sup>Gen. 18:1 <sup>b</sup>Gen. 12:9  
<sup>c</sup>Gen. 26:1, 6

2 <sup>a</sup>Gen. 20:12; 12:13  
<sup>b</sup>Gen. 12:15

3 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *married to a husband*  
<sup>a</sup>Gen. 12:17, 18

4 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *righteous*

5 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *palms*  
<sup>a</sup>Gen. 20:13 <sup>b</sup>1 Kin. 9:4; Ps. 7:8; 26:6

24 Then the LORD <sup>a</sup>rained on Sodom and Gomorrah brimstone and fire from the LORD out of heaven,

25 and <sup>a</sup>He overthrew those cities, and all the <sup>1</sup>valley, and all the inhabitants of the cities, and what grew on the ground.

26 But his wife, from behind him, <sup>a</sup>looked back; and she became a pillar of salt.

27 Now Abraham arose early in the morning *and went to* <sup>a</sup>the place where he had stood before the LORD;

28 and he looked down toward Sodom and Gomorrah, and toward all the land of the <sup>1</sup>valley, and he saw, and behold, <sup>a</sup>the smoke of the land ascended like the smoke of a <sup>2</sup>furnace.

29 Thus it came about, when God destroyed the cities of the <sup>1</sup>valley, that <sup>a</sup>God remembered Abraham, and <sup>b</sup>sent Lot out of the midst of the overthrow, when He overthrew the cities in which Lot lived.

30 And Lot went up from Zoar, and <sup>1</sup>stayed in the <sup>2</sup>mountains, and his two daughters with him; for he was afraid to <sup>3</sup>stay in Zoar; and he <sup>1</sup>stayed in a cave, and he had his two daughters.

31 Then the first-born said to the younger, "Our father is old, and there is not a man <sup>1</sup>on earth to come in to us after the manner of the earth.

32 "Come, let us make our father drink wine, and let us lie with him, that we may preserve <sup>1</sup>our family through our father."

33 So they made their father drink wine that night, and the first-born went in and lay with her father; and he did not know when she lay down or when she arose.

34 And it came about on the morrow, that the first-born said to the younger, "Behold, I lay last night with my father; let us make him drink wine tonight also; then you go in and lie with him, that we may preserve <sup>1</sup>our family through our father."

35 So they made their father drink wine that night also, and the younger arose and lay with him; and he did not know when she lay down or when she arose.

36 Thus both the daughters of Lot were with child by their father.

37 And the first-born bore a son, and called his name <sup>a</sup>Moab; he is the father of the Moabites to this day.

38 And as for the younger, she also bore a son, and called his name Ben-ammi; he is the father of the <sup>1</sup>sons of <sup>a</sup>Ammon to this day.

CHAPTER 20

Now Abraham journeyed from <sup>a</sup>there toward the land of <sup>b</sup>the <sup>1</sup>Negev, and <sup>2</sup>settled between Kadesh and Shur; then he sojourned in <sup>c</sup>Gerar.

2 And Abraham said of Sarah his wife, "<sup>a</sup>She is my sister." So <sup>b</sup>Abimelech king of Gerar sent and took Sarah.

3 <sup>a</sup>But God came to Abimelech in a dream of the night, and said to him, "Behold, you are a dead man because of the woman whom you have taken, for she is <sup>1</sup>married."

4 Now Abimelech had not come near her; and he said, "Lord, wilt Thou slay a nation, even *though* <sup>1</sup>blameless?"

5 "Did he not himself say to me, 'She is my sister'? And she <sup>a</sup>herself said, 'He is my brother.' In <sup>b</sup>the integrity of my heart and the innocence of my <sup>1</sup>hands I have done this."

6 Then God said to him in the dream, "Yes, I know that in the integrity of your heart you have done this, and I also <sup>1</sup>kept you from sinning against Me; therefore I did not let you touch her.

6 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *restrained*

7 "Now therefore restore the man's wife, for <sup>a</sup>he is a prophet, and he will pray for you, and you will live. But if you do not restore *her*, know that you shall surely die, you and all who are yours."

7 <sup>a</sup>1 Sam. 7:5; Job 42:8

8 So Abimelech arose early in the morning and called all his servants and told all these things in their hearing; and the men were greatly frightened.

9 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *what* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *deeds*  
<sup>a</sup>Gen. 12:18

9 <sup>a</sup>Then Abimelech called Abraham and said to him, "What have you done to us? And <sup>1</sup>how have I sinned against you, that you have brought on me and on my kingdom a great sin? You have done to me <sup>2</sup>things that ought not to be done."

10 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *seen*

10 And Abimelech said to Abraham, "What have you <sup>1</sup>encountered, that you have done this thing?"

11 <sup>a</sup>Gen. 12:12; 26:7

11 And Abraham said, "Because I thought, surely there is no fear of God in this place; and <sup>a</sup>they will kill me because of my wife.

13 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *your* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *at every place where*  
<sup>a</sup>Gen. 20:5

12 "Besides, she actually is my sister, the daughter of my father, but not the daughter of my mother, and she became my wife;

14 <sup>a</sup>Gen. 12:16

13 and it came about, when God caused me to wander from my father's house, that I said to her, 'This is <sup>1</sup>the kindness which you will show to me: <sup>2</sup>everywhere we go, <sup>a</sup>say of me, 'He is my brother.''"

15 <sup>1</sup>Lit.,  *dwell*  <sup>2</sup>Lit.,  *it is good in your sight*   
<sup>a</sup>Gen. 34:10

14 <sup>a</sup>Abimelech then took sheep and oxen and male and female servants, and gave them to Abraham, and restored his wife Sarah to him.

16 <sup>1</sup>Lit.,  *for you a covering of the eyes*

15 And Abimelech said, "Behold, my land is before you; <sup>1</sup>settle wherever <sup>2</sup>you please."

17 <sup>a</sup>Num. 12:13; 21:7

16 And to Sarah he said, "Behold, I have given your brother a thousand pieces of silver; behold, it is <sup>1</sup>your vindication before all who are with you, and before all men you are cleared."

18 <sup>a</sup>Gen. 12:17

17 And <sup>a</sup>Abraham prayed to God; and God healed Abimelech and his wife and his maids, so that they bore *children*.

1 <sup>1</sup>Lit.,  *spoken*   
<sup>a</sup>Gen. 17:16, 21; 18:10, 14

18 <sup>a</sup>For the LORD had closed fast all the wombs of the household of Abimelech because of Sarah, Abraham's wife.

2 <sup>a</sup>Gal. 4:22; Heb. 11:11  
<sup>b</sup>Gen. 17:21; 18:10, 14

CHAPTER 21

<sup>a</sup>**T**HEN the LORD took note of Sarah as He had said, and the LORD did for Sarah as He had <sup>1</sup>promised.

3 <sup>a</sup>Gen. 17:19, 21

2 <sup>a</sup>So Sarah conceived and bore a son to Abraham in his old age, at <sup>b</sup>the appointed time of which God had spoken to him.

4 <sup>a</sup>Gen. 17:12; Acts 7:8

3 And Abraham called the name of his son who was born to him, whom Sarah bore to him, <sup>a</sup>Isaac.

5 <sup>a</sup>Gen. 17:17

4 Then Abraham circumcised his son Isaac when he was <sup>a</sup>eight days old, as God had commanded him.

5 Now Abraham was <sup>a</sup>one hundred years old when his son Isaac was born to him.

6 <sup>1</sup>Lit., for  
\*Gen. 18:13; Is. 54:1

7 \*Gen. 18:13

9 <sup>1</sup>Or, playing  
\*Gen. 16:15

10 <sup>1</sup>Lit., with Isaac  
\*Gal. 4:30

11 <sup>1</sup>Lit., was very grievous  
in Abraham's sight  
\*Gen. 17:18

12 <sup>1</sup>Lit., Do not let it be  
grievous in your sight <sup>2</sup>Lit.,  
your seed will be called  
\*Rom. 9:7; Heb. 11:18

13 <sup>1</sup>Lit., seed  
\*Gen. 21:18; 16:10; 25:12-18

14 <sup>1</sup>I.e., a skin used as a  
bottle

15 <sup>1</sup>Lit., cast

16 <sup>1</sup>Lit., look upon the  
death of the child  
\*Jer. 6:26; Amos 8:10

17 \*Ex. 3:7; Deut. 26:7;  
Ps. 6:8 \*Gen. 26:24

18 <sup>1</sup>Lit., your  
\*Gen. 21:13; 16:10; 25:12

19 <sup>1</sup>Note vs. 14  
\*Gen. 16:7, 14

20 <sup>1</sup>Lit., dwelt  
\*Gen. 28:15; 39:2, 3, 21

21 <sup>1</sup>Lit., dwelt  
\*Gen. 25:18

22 \*Gen. 20:14; 26:26  
\*Gen. 26:28

25 <sup>1</sup>Lit., reproved  
\*Gen. 26:15, 18, 20-22

26 <sup>1</sup>Lit., except

27 \*Gen. 26:31

6 And Sarah said, "God has made <sup>a</sup>laughter for me; everyone who hears will laugh <sup>1</sup>with me."

7 And she said, "<sup>a</sup>Who would have said to Abraham that Sarah would nurse children? Yet I have borne him a son in his old age."

8 And the child grew and was weaned, and Abraham made a great feast on the day that Isaac was weaned.

9 Now Sarah saw <sup>a</sup>the son of Hagar the Egyptian, whom she had borne to Abraham, <sup>1</sup>mocking.

10 Therefore she said to Abraham, "<sup>a</sup>Drive out this maid and her son, for the son of this maid shall not be an heir with my son <sup>1</sup>Isaac."

11 <sup>1</sup>And the matter <sup>1</sup>distressed Abraham greatly because of his son.

12 But God said to Abraham, "<sup>1</sup>Do not be distressed because of the lad and your maid; whatever Sarah tells you, listen to her, for <sup>a</sup>through Isaac <sup>2</sup>your descendants shall be named.

13 "And of <sup>a</sup>the son of the maid I will make a nation also, because he is your <sup>1</sup>descendant."

14 So Abraham rose early in the morning, and took bread and a <sup>1</sup>skin of water, and gave them to Hagar, putting them on her shoulder, and gave her the boy, and sent her away. And she departed, and wandered about in the wilderness of Beersheba.

15 And the water in the skin was used up, and she <sup>1</sup>left the boy under one of the bushes.

16 Then she went and sat down opposite him, about a bowshot away, for she said, "Do not let me <sup>1</sup>see the boy die." And she sat opposite him, and <sup>a</sup>lifted up her voice and wept.

17 And God <sup>a</sup>heard the lad crying; and the angel of God called to Hagar from heaven, and said to her, "What is the matter with you, Hagar? <sup>b</sup>Do not fear, for God has heard the voice of the lad where he is.

18 "Arise, lift up the lad, and hold him by <sup>1</sup>the hand; <sup>a</sup>for I will make a great nation of him."

19 Then God opened her eyes and she saw <sup>a</sup>a well of water; and she went and filled the <sup>1</sup>skin with water, and gave the lad a drink.

20 And <sup>a</sup>God was with the lad, and he grew; and he <sup>1</sup>lived in the wilderness, and became an archer.

21 And <sup>a</sup>he <sup>1</sup>lived in the wilderness of Paran; and his mother took a wife for him from the land of Egypt.

22 Now it came about at that time, that <sup>a</sup>Abimelech and Phicol, the commander of his army, spoke to Abraham, saying, "<sup>b</sup>God is with you in all that you do;

23 now therefore swear to me here by God that you will not deal falsely with me, or with my offspring, or with my posterity; but according to the kindness that I have shown to you, you shall show to me, and to the land in which you have sojourned."

24 And Abraham said, "I swear it."

25 But Abraham <sup>1</sup>complained to Abimelech because of the well of water which the servants of Abimelech <sup>a</sup>had seized.

26 And Abimelech said, "I do not know who has done this thing; neither did you tell me, nor did I hear of it <sup>1</sup>until today."

27 And Abraham took sheep and oxen, and gave them to Abimelech; and <sup>a</sup>the two of them made a covenant.

28 Then Abraham set seven ewe lambs of the flock by themselves.

29 And Abimelech said to Abraham, "What do these seven ewe lambs mean, which you have set by yourselves?"

30 And he said, "You shall take these seven ewe lambs from my hand in order that it may be a witness to me, that I dug this well."

31 Therefore he called that place <sup>a</sup>Beersheba; because there the two of them took an oath.

32 So they made a covenant at Beersheba; and Abimelech and Phicol, the commander of his army, arose and returned to the land of the Philistines.

33 And *Abraham* planted a tamarisk tree at Beersheba, and there <sup>a</sup>he called on the name of the LORD, the <sup>b</sup>Everlasting God.

34 And Abraham sojourned <sup>a</sup>in the land of the Philistines for many days.

CHAPTER 22

**N**OW it came about after these things, that <sup>a</sup>God tested Abraham, and said to him, "<sup>b</sup>Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am."

2 And He said, "Take now <sup>a</sup>your son, your only son, whom you love, Isaac, and go to the land of <sup>b</sup>Moriah; and offer him there as a <sup>c</sup>burnt offering on one of the mountains of which I will tell you."

3 So Abraham rose early in the morning and saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him and Isaac his son; and he split wood for the burnt offering, and arose and went to the place of which God had told him.

4 On the third day Abraham raised his eyes and saw the place from a distance.

5 And Abraham said to his young men, "Stay here with the donkey, and I and the lad will go yonder; and we will worship and return to you."

6 And Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and <sup>a</sup>laid it on Isaac his son, and he took in his hand the fire and the knife. So the two of them walked on together.

7 And Isaac spoke to Abraham his father and said, "My father!" And he said, "Here I am, my son." And he said, "Behold, the fire and the wood, but where is the <sup>a</sup>lamb for the burnt offering?"

8 And Abraham said, "God will <sup>1</sup>provide for Himself the lamb for the burnt offering, my son." So the two of them walked on together.

9 Then they came to <sup>a</sup>the place of which God had told him; and Abraham built <sup>b</sup>the altar there, and arranged the wood, and bound his son Isaac, and <sup>c</sup>laid him on the altar on top of the wood.

10 And Abraham stretched out his hand, and took the knife to slay his son.

11 But <sup>a</sup>the angel of the LORD called to him from heaven, and said, "Abraham, Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am."

12 And he said, "Do not stretch out your hand against the lad, and do nothing to him; for now I know that you <sup>1</sup>fear God, since you have not withheld <sup>a</sup>your son, your only son, from Me."

31 <sup>a</sup>Gen. 21:14; 26:33

33 <sup>a</sup>Gen. 12:8 <sup>b</sup>Ex. 15:18; Deut. 32:40; Ps. 90:2; Is. 40:28; Jer. 10:10

34 <sup>a</sup>Gen. 22:19

1 <sup>a</sup>Deut. 8:2, 16 <sup>b</sup>Gen. 22:11

2 <sup>a</sup>Gen. 22:12, 16; John 3:16; 1 John 4:9 <sup>b</sup>2 Chr. 3:1 <sup>c</sup>Gen. 8:20

6 <sup>a</sup>John 19:17

7 <sup>a</sup>Ex. 29:38-42; John 1:29, 36; Rev. 13:8

8 <sup>1</sup>Lit., see

9 <sup>a</sup>Gen. 22:2 <sup>b</sup>Gen. 12:7, 8; 13:18 <sup>c</sup>Heb. 11:17-19

11 <sup>a</sup>Gen. 16:7-11; 21:17, 18

12 <sup>1</sup>Or, reverence; lit., a fearer of God <sup>a</sup>Gen. 22:2, 16

14 <sup>1</sup>Heb., YHWH-jireh  
<sup>2</sup>Lit., be seen  
<sup>a</sup>Gen. 22:8

16 <sup>a</sup>Heb. 6:13, 14

17 <sup>1</sup>Or, descendants <sup>2</sup>Lit., his  
<sup>a</sup>Gen. 15:5; 26:4 <sup>b</sup>Gen. 32:12 <sup>c</sup>Gen. 24:60

18 <sup>1</sup>Or, descendants <sup>2</sup>Or, bless themselves  
<sup>a</sup>Gal. 3:8, 16; Acts 3:25  
<sup>b</sup>Gen. 18:19

19 <sup>a</sup>Gen. 22:5

20 <sup>1</sup>Lit., she also  
<sup>a</sup>Gen. 11:29

23 <sup>1</sup>Lit., begot  
<sup>a</sup>Gen. 24:15

24 <sup>1</sup>Lit., she also

1 <sup>1</sup>Lit., the life of Sarah was

2 <sup>1</sup>Or, proceeded  
<sup>a</sup>Josh. 14:15; 15:13; 21:11

3 <sup>a</sup>Gen. 10:15; 15:20

4 <sup>1</sup>Lit., possession of a grave  
<sup>a</sup>Lev. 25:23; 1 Chr. 29:15; Ps. 39:12; Heb. 11:9, 13

6 <sup>1</sup>Lit., prince of God  
<sup>a</sup>Gen. 14:14; 20:7

8 <sup>1</sup>Lit., soul  
<sup>a</sup>Gen. 25:9

13 Then Abraham raised his eyes and looked, and behold, behind *him* a ram caught in the thicket by his horns; and Abraham went and took the ram, and offered him up for a burnt offering in the place of his son.

14 And Abraham called the name of that place <sup>1</sup>The LORD Will Provide, as it is said to this day, "In the mount of the LORD <sup>a</sup>it will <sup>2</sup>be provided."

15 Then the angel of the LORD called to Abraham a second time from heaven,

16 and said, "<sup>a</sup>By Myself I have sworn," declares the LORD, "because you have done this thing, and have not withheld your son, your only son,

17 indeed I will greatly bless you, and I will greatly multiply your <sup>1</sup>seed as the <sup>a</sup>stars of the heavens, and as <sup>b</sup>the sand which is on the seashore; and <sup>c</sup>your <sup>1</sup>seed shall possess the gate of <sup>2</sup>their enemies.

18 "And <sup>a</sup>in your <sup>1</sup>seed all the nations of the earth shall <sup>2</sup>be blessed, because you have <sup>b</sup>obeyed My voice."

19 <sup>a</sup>So Abraham returned to his young men, and they arose and went together to Beersheba; and Abraham lived at Beersheba.

20 Now it came about after these things, that it was told Abraham, saying, "Behold, <sup>a</sup>Milchah <sup>1</sup>also has borne children to your brother Nahor:

21 Uz his first-born and Buz his brother and Kemuel the father of Aram

22 and Chesed and Hazo and Pildash and Jidlaph and Bethuel."

23 And Bethuel <sup>1</sup>became the father of <sup>a</sup>Rebekah: these eight Milchah bore to Nahor, Abraham's brother.

24 And his concubine, whose name was Reumah, <sup>1</sup>also bore Tebah and Gaham and Tahash and Maacah.

CHAPTER 23

**N**OW <sup>1</sup>Sarah lived one hundred and twenty-seven years; *these were* the years of the life of Sarah.

2 And Sarah died in <sup>a</sup>Kiriath-arba (that is, Hebron) in the land of Canaan; and Abraham <sup>1</sup>went in to mourn for Sarah and to weep for her.

3 Then Abraham rose from before his dead, and spoke to the <sup>a</sup>sons of Heth, saying,

4 "I am <sup>a</sup>a stranger and a sojourner among you; give me a <sup>1</sup>burial site among you, that I may bury my dead out of my sight."

5 And the sons of Heth answered Abraham, saying to him,

6 "Hear us, my lord, you are a <sup>1a</sup>mighty prince among us; bury your dead in the choicest of our graves; none of us will refuse you his grave for burying your dead."

7 So Abraham rose and bowed to the people of the land, the sons of Heth.

8 And he spoke with them, saying, "If it is your <sup>1</sup>wish for *me* to bury my dead out of my sight, hear me, and approach <sup>a</sup>Ephron the son of Zohar for me,

9 that he may give me the cave of Machpelah which he owns, which is at the end of his field; for the full price let him give it to me in <sup>1</sup>your presence for a <sup>2</sup>burial site."

9 <sup>1</sup>Lit., in the midst of you <sup>2</sup>Lit., possession of a burial place

10 Now Ephron was sitting among the sons of Heth; and Ephron the Hittite answered Abraham in the hearing of the sons of Heth; *even* <sup>2</sup>of all who went in at the gate of his city, saying,

10 \*Gen. 23:18; 34:20, 24; Ruth 4:1, 11

11 "No, my lord, hear me; I give you the field, and I give you the cave that is in it. In the presence of the sons of my people I give it to you; bury your dead."

15 \*Ex. 30:13

12 And Abraham bowed before the people of the land.

13 And he spoke to Ephron in the hearing of the people of the land, saying, "If you will only please listen to me; I will give the price of the field, accept *it* from me, that I may bury my dead there."

16 <sup>1</sup>Lit., ears <sup>2</sup>Lit., current according to the merchant  
<sup>2</sup>Sam. 14:26; Jer. 32:9; Zech. 11:12

14 Then Ephron answered Abraham, saying to him,

15 "My lord, listen to me; a piece of land worth four hundred <sup>3</sup>shekels of silver, what is that between me and you? So bury your dead."

17 <sup>1</sup>Lit., in all its border around <sup>2</sup>Or, were ratified  
<sup>2</sup>Gen. 25:9; 49:29, 30; 50:13

16 And Abraham listened to Ephron; and Abraham <sup>2</sup>weighed out for Ephron the silver which he had named in the <sup>1</sup>hearing of the sons of Heth, four hundred shekels of silver, <sup>2</sup>commercial standard.

18 \*Gen. 23:10

17 So <sup>3</sup>Ephron's field, which was in Machpelah, which faced Mamre, the field and cave which was in it, and all the trees which were in the field, that were <sup>1</sup>within all the confines of its border, <sup>2</sup>were deeded over

18 to Abraham for a possession <sup>2</sup>in the presence of the sons of Heth, before all who went in at the gate of his city.

20 <sup>1</sup>Or, were ratified <sup>2</sup>Lit., possession of a burial place

19 And after this, Abraham buried Sarah his wife in the cave of the field at Machpelah facing Mamre (that is, Hebron) in the land of Canaan.

20 So the field, and the cave that is in it, <sup>1</sup>were deeded over to Abraham for a <sup>2</sup>burial site by the sons of Heth.

1 \*Gen. 24:35; 12:2

CHAPTER 24

2 \*Gen. 47:29

**N**OW Abraham was old, advanced in age; and the LORD had <sup>2</sup>blessed Abraham in every way.

2 And Abraham said to his servant, the oldest of his household, who had charge of all that he owned, "<sup>2</sup>Please place your hand under my thigh,

3 \*Gen. 14:19, 22 <sup>2</sup>Gen. 10:18, 19; 26:34, 35; 28:1, 2, 8

3 and I will make you swear by the LORD, <sup>2</sup>the God of heaven and the God of earth, that you shall not take a wife for my son from the daughters of <sup>2</sup>the Canaanites, among whom I live,

4 \*Gen. 12:1; Heb. 11:15

4 but you shall go to <sup>2</sup>my country and to my relatives, and take a wife for my son Isaac."

6 \*Gen. 24:8

5 And the servant said to him, "Suppose the woman will not be willing to follow me to this land; should I take your son back to the land from where you came?"

6 Then Abraham said to him, "<sup>2</sup>Beware lest you take my son back there!

7 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *seed*  
<sup>a</sup>Gen. 24:3 <sup>b</sup>Gen. 12:7;  
 13:15; 15:18 <sup>c</sup>Gen. 16:7;  
 21:17; 22:11; Ex. 23:20, 23

8 <sup>a</sup>Gen. 24:6

9 <sup>a</sup>Gen. 24:2

10 <sup>1</sup>Heb., *Aram-naharaim*,  
*Aram of the two rivers*  
<sup>a</sup>Gen. 24:22, 53 <sup>b</sup>Gen.  
 11:31, 32

11 <sup>a</sup>Gen. 24:42 <sup>b1</sup> Sam.  
 9:11

12 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *cause to occur*  
*for me*  
<sup>a</sup>Gen. 24:27, 42, 48 <sup>b</sup>Gen.  
 27:20

13 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *fountain of*  
*water*  
<sup>a</sup>Gen. 24:43

14 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *she will say*

15 <sup>a</sup>Gen. 24:45 <sup>b</sup>Gen.  
 22:20, 23

16 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *known*  
<sup>a</sup>Gen. 12:11; 29:17

18 <sup>a</sup>Gen. 24:14, 46

19 <sup>a</sup>Gen. 24:14

21 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *keeping silent*  
<sup>a</sup>Gen. 24:12-14, 27, 52

22 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *hands*  
<sup>a</sup>Gen. 24:47

24 <sup>a</sup>Gen. 24:15

26 <sup>a</sup>Gen. 24:48, 52

7 <sup>a</sup>"The LORD, the God of heaven, who took me from my father's house and from the land of my birth, and who spoke to me, and who swore to me, saying, <sup>b</sup>"To your <sup>1</sup>descendants I will give this land', He will send <sup>c</sup>"His angel before you, and you will take a wife for my son from there.

8 "But if the woman is not willing to follow you, then you will be free from this my oath; <sup>a</sup>only do not take my son back there."

9 So the servant <sup>a</sup>placed his hand under the thigh of Abraham his master, and swore to him concerning this matter.

10 Then the servant took ten camels from the camels of his master, and set out with a variety of <sup>a</sup>good things of his master's in his hand; and he arose, and went to <sup>1</sup>Mesopotamia, to <sup>b</sup>the city of Nahor.

11 And he made the camels kneel down outside the city by <sup>a</sup>the well of water at evening time, <sup>b</sup>the time when women go out to draw water.

12 And he said, <sup>a</sup>"O LORD, the God of my master Abraham, <sup>b</sup>please <sup>c</sup>grant me success today, and show lovingkindness to my master Abraham.

13 "Behold, <sup>a1</sup> I am standing by the <sup>1</sup>spring, and the daughters of the men of the city are coming out to draw water;

14 now may it be that the girl to whom I say, 'Please let down your jar so that I may drink,' and <sup>1</sup>who answers, 'Drink, and I will water your camels also';—*may she be the one* whom Thou hast appointed for Thy servant Isaac; and by this I shall know that Thou hast shown lovingkindness to my master."

15 And it came about <sup>a</sup>before he had finished speaking, that behold, <sup>b</sup>Rebekah who was born to Bethuel the son of Milcah, the wife of Abraham's brother Nahor, came out with her jar on her shoulder.

16 And the girl was <sup>a</sup>very beautiful, a virgin, and no man had <sup>1</sup>had relations with her; and she went down to the spring and filled her jar, and came up.

17 Then the servant ran to meet her, and said, "Please let me drink a little water from your jar."

18 And <sup>a</sup>she said, "Drink, my lord"; and she quickly lowered her jar to her hand, and gave him a drink.

19 Now when she had finished giving him a drink, <sup>a</sup>she said, "I will draw also for your camels until they have finished drinking."

20 So she quickly emptied her jar into the trough, and ran back to the well to draw, and she drew for all his camels.

21 <sup>a</sup>Meanwhile, the man was gazing at her <sup>1</sup>in silence, to know whether the LORD had made his journey successful or not.

22 Then it came about, when the camels had finished drinking, that the man took a <sup>a</sup>gold ring weighing a half-shekel and two bracelets for her <sup>1</sup>wrists weighing ten shekels in gold,

23 and said, "Whose daughter are you? Please tell me, is there room for us to lodge in your father's house?"

24 And she said to him, <sup>a</sup>"I am the daughter of Bethuel, the son of Milcah, whom she bore to Nahor."

25 Again she said to him, <sup>a</sup>"We have plenty of both straw and feed, and room to lodge in."

26 Then the man <sup>a</sup>bowed low and worshiped the LORD.



27 And he said, "aBlessed be the LORD, the God of my master Abraham, who has not forsaken His lovingkindness and His truth toward my master; as for me, bthe LORD has guided me in the way to the house of my master's brothers."

27 \*Gen. 24:12, 42, 48  
bGen. 24:21

28 Then athe girl ran and told her mother's household about these things.

28 \*Gen. 29:12

29 Now Rebekah had a brother whose name was aLaban; and Laban ran outside to the man at the spring.

29 \*Gen. 29:13

30 And it came about that when he saw the ring, and the bracelets on his sister's lwrists, and when he heard the words of Rebekah his sister, saying, "2This is what the man said to me," he went to the man; and behold, he was standing by the camels at the spring.

30 1Lit., hands 2Lit., Thus the man

31 And he said, "aCome in, blessed of the LORD! Why do you stand outside since bI have prepared the house, and a place for the camels?"

31 \*Gen. 29:14 bGen. 18:3-5; 19:2, 3

32 So the man entered the house. Then lLaban unloaded the camels, and he gave straw and feed to the camels, and water to wash his feet and the feet of the men who were with him.

32 1Lit., he

33 But when food was set before him to eat, he said, "I will not eat until I have told my business." And he said, "Speak on."

34 \*Gen. 24:2

34 So he said, "I am aAbraham's servant.

35 "And athe LORD has greatly blessed my master, so that he has become lrich; and He has given him bflocks and herds, and silver and gold, and servants and maids, and camels and donkeys.

35 1Lit., great  
\*Gen. 24:1 bGen. 13:2

36 "aNow Sarah my master's wife bore a son to my master l'in her old age; b'and he has given him all that he has.

36 1Lit., after she was old  
\*Gen. 21:1-7 bGen. 25:5

37 "aAnd my master made me swear, saying, 'You shall not take a wife for my son from the daughters of the Canaanites, in whose land I llive;

37 1Lit., dwell  
\*Gen. 24:2-4

38 but you shall go to my father's house, and to my relatives, and take a wife for my son.'

39 "aAnd I said to my master, 'Suppose the woman does not follow me.'

39 \*Gen. 24:5

40 "And he said to me, 'aThe LORD, before whom I have walked, will send His angel with you to make your journey successful, and you will take a wife for my son from my relatives, and from my father's house;

40 \*Gen. 24:7

41 athen you will be free from my oath, when you come to my relatives; and if they do not give her to you, you will be free from my oath.'

41 \*Gen. 24:8

42 "So aI came today to the spring, and said, 'O LORD, the God of my master Abraham, if now Thou wilt make my journey on which I go successful;

42 \*Gen. 24:11, 12

43 abehold, I am standing by the l'spring, and may it be that the maiden who comes out to draw, and to whom I say, "bPlease let me drink a little water from your jar";

43 1Lit., fountain of water  
\*Gen. 24:13 bGen. 24:14

44 and she will say to me, "You drink, and I will draw for your camels also"; let her be the woman whom the LORD has appointed for my master's son.'

45 \*1 Sam. 1:13 bGen. 24:15 \*Gen. 24:17

45 "Before I had finished aspeaking in my heart, behold, bRebekah came out with her jar on her shoulder, and went down to the spring and drew; and cl said to her, 'Please let me drink.'

46 \*Gen. 24:18

47 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *hands*  
\*Gen. 24:23, 24

48 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *brother*  
\*Gen. 24:26, 52 <sup>b</sup>Gen. 24:27

49 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *show lovingkindness and truth*  
\*Gen. 47:29; Josh. 2:14

50 \*Gen. 31:24, 29

52 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *to*  
\*Gen. 24:26, 48

53 \*Gen. 24:10, 22

54 \*Gen. 24:56; 30:25

55 \*Judg. 19:4

57 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *ask her mouth*

59 \*Gen. 35:8

60 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *seed*  
\*Gen. 17:16 <sup>b</sup>Gen. 22:17

62 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *was dwelling*  
<sup>2</sup>I.e., South country  
\*Gen. 16:14; 25:11 <sup>b</sup>Gen. 20:1

63 <sup>1</sup>Or, *stroll*, Meaning uncertain.  
\*Ps. 119:15, 27, 48; 143:5; 145:5 <sup>b</sup>Gen. 18:2

65 <sup>1</sup>Or, *shawl*

46 "And she quickly lowered her jar from her *shoulder*, and said, "Drink, and I will water your camels also"; so I drank, and she watered the camels also.

47 "Then I asked her, and said, 'Whose daughter are you?' And she said, 'The daughter of Bethuel, Nahor's son, whom Milcah bore to him'; and I put the ring on her nose, and the bracelets on her <sup>1</sup>wrists.

48 "And <sup>a</sup>I bowed low and worshiped the LORD, and blessed the LORD, the God of my master Abraham, <sup>b</sup>who had guided me in the right way to take the daughter of my master's <sup>1</sup>kinsman for his son.

49 "So now if you are going to <sup>a</sup>deal kindly and truly with my master, tell me; and if not, let me know, that I may turn to the right hand or the left."

50 Then Laban and Bethuel answered and said, "The matter comes from the LORD; <sup>a</sup>so we cannot speak to you bad or good.

51 "Behold, Rebekah is before you, take *her* and go, and let her be the wife of your master's son, as the LORD has spoken."

52 And it came about when Abraham's servant heard their words, that he <sup>a</sup>bowed himself to the ground <sup>1</sup>before the LORD.

53 And the servant brought out <sup>a</sup>articles of silver and articles of gold, and garments, and gave them to Rebekah; he also gave precious things to her brother and to her mother.

54 Then he and the men who were with him ate and drank and spent the night. When they arose in the morning, he said, "<sup>a</sup>Send me away to my master."

55 But her brother and her mother said, "<sup>a</sup>Let the girl stay with us *a few days*, say ten; afterward she may go."

56 And he said to them, "Do not delay me, since the LORD has prospered my way. Send me away that I may go to my master."

57 And they said, "We will call the girl and <sup>1</sup>consult her wishes."

58 Then they called Rebekah and said to her, "Will you go with this man?" And she said, "I will go."

59 Thus they sent away their sister Rebekah and <sup>a</sup>her nurse with Abraham's servant and his men.

60 And they blessed Rebekah and said to her,

"May you, our sister,  
<sup>a</sup>Become thousands of ten thousands,  
And may <sup>b</sup>your <sup>1</sup>descendants possess  
The gate of those who hate them."

61 Then Rebekah arose with her maids, and they mounted the camels and followed the man. So the servant took Rebekah and departed.

62 Now Isaac had come from going to <sup>a</sup>Beer-lahai-roi; for he <sup>1</sup>was living in <sup>2</sup>the Negev.

63 And Isaac went out <sup>a</sup>to <sup>1</sup>meditate in the field toward evening; and <sup>b</sup>he lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, camels were coming.

64 And Rebekah lifted up her eyes, and when she saw Isaac she dismounted from the camel.

65 And she said to the servant, "Who is that man walking in the field to meet us?" And the servant said, "He is my master." Then she took her <sup>1</sup>veil and covered herself.

**Isaac Marries Rebekah.  
Abraham Dies. Ishmael's Descendants.**

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66 And the servant told Isaac all the things that he had done.

67 Then Isaac brought her into his mother Sarah's tent, and he took Rebekah, and she became his wife; and <sup>a</sup>he loved her; thus Isaac was comforted after <sup>b</sup>his mother's death.

CHAPTER 25

**N**OW Abraham took another wife, <sup>1</sup>whose name was Keturah.

2 And <sup>a</sup>she bore to him Zimran and Jokshan and Medan and Midian and Ishbak and Shuah.

3 And Jokshan <sup>1</sup>became the father of Sheba and Dedan. And the sons of Dedan were Asshurim and Letushim and Leummim.

4 And the sons of Midian *were* Ephah and Epher and Hanoch and Abida and Eldaah. All these *were* the sons of Keturah.

5 <sup>a</sup>Now Abraham gave all that he had to Isaac;

6 but to the sons of <sup>1</sup>his concubines, Abraham gave gifts while he was still living, and sent them away from his son Isaac eastward, to the land of the east.

7 And these are <sup>1</sup>all the years of Abraham's life that he lived, <sup>a</sup>one hundred and seventy-five years.

8 And Abraham breathed his last and died <sup>a</sup>in a <sup>1</sup>ripe old age, an old man and satisfied with *life*; and he was <sup>b</sup>gathered to his people.

9 Then his sons Isaac and Ishmael buried him in <sup>a</sup>the cave of Machpelah, in the field of Ephron the son of Zohar the Hittite, facing Mamre,

10 the field which Abraham purchased from the sons of Heth; there Abraham was buried with Sarah his wife.

11 And it came about after the death of Abraham, that <sup>a</sup>God blessed his son Isaac; and Isaac <sup>1</sup>lived by <sup>b</sup>Beer-lahai-roi.

12 Now these are *the records of the generations of* <sup>a</sup>Ishmael, Abraham's son, whom Hagar the Egyptian, Sarah's maid, bore to Abraham;

13 and these are the names of <sup>a</sup>the sons of Ishmael, by their names, <sup>1</sup>in the order of their birth: Nebaioth, the first-born of Ishmael, and Kedar and Abdeel and Mibsam

14 and Mishma and Dumah and Massa,

15 Hadad and Tema, Jetur, Naphish and Kedemah.

16 These are the sons of Ishmael and these are their names, by their villages, and by their camps; <sup>a</sup>twelve princes according to their <sup>1</sup>tribes.

17 And these are the years of the life of Ishmael, <sup>a</sup>one hundred and thirty-seven years; and he breathed his last and died, and was <sup>b</sup>gathered to his people.

18 And they <sup>1</sup>settled from Havilah to <sup>a</sup>Shur which is <sup>2</sup>east of Egypt <sup>3</sup>as one goes toward Assyria; <sup>b</sup>he <sup>4</sup>settled in defiance of all his <sup>5</sup>relatives.

19 Now these are *the records of the generations of Isaac*, Abraham's son: Abraham <sup>1</sup>became the father of Isaac;

20 and Isaac was forty years old when he took <sup>a</sup>Rebekah, the daughter of Bethuel the <sup>1</sup>Syrian of Paddan-aram, the sister of Laban the <sup>1</sup>Syrian, to be his wife.

67 <sup>a</sup>Gen. 29:18 <sup>b</sup>Gen. 23:1, 2; 25:20

1 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *and her name*

2 <sup>1</sup>Chr. 1:32, 33

3 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *begot*

5 <sup>a</sup>Gen. 24:35, 36

6 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *concubines which belonged to Abraham*

7 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *the days of*  
<sup>a</sup>Gen. 12:4

8 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *good*  
<sup>a</sup>Gen. 15:15 <sup>b</sup>Gen. 25:17; 35:29; 49:29, 33

9 <sup>a</sup>Gen. 23:17, 18

11 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *dwelt*  
<sup>a</sup>Gen. 12:2, 3; 22:17; 26:3  
<sup>b</sup>Gen. 24:62

12 <sup>a</sup>Gen. 16:15

13 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *in regard to their generations*  
<sup>a</sup>1 Chr. 1:29-31

16 <sup>1</sup>Or, *peoples*.  
<sup>a</sup>Gen. 17:20

17 <sup>a</sup>Gen. 16:16 <sup>b</sup>Gen. 25:8

18 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *dwelt* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *before* <sup>3</sup>Lit., *as you go*  
<sup>4</sup>Lit., *fell over against* <sup>5</sup>Lit., *brothers*  
<sup>a</sup>Gen. 20:1 <sup>b</sup>Gen. 16:12

19 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *begot*

20 <sup>1</sup>Heb., *Aramean*  
<sup>a</sup>Gen. 24:15, 29

21 <sup>1</sup>Lit., was entreated of him  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 127:3; 1 Sam. 1:17

23 <sup>a</sup>Gen. 17:4-6, 16; Num. 20:14; Deut. 2:4, 8 <sup>b</sup>Gen. 27:29 <sup>c</sup>Gen. 27:40; Mal. 1:2, 3; Rom. 9:12

26 <sup>1</sup>i.e., One who takes by the heel or suppliants  
<sup>a</sup>Hos. 12:3 <sup>b</sup>Gen. 25:20

27 <sup>1</sup>Lit., complete <sup>2</sup>Lit., dwelling

28 <sup>1</sup>Lit., game was in his mouth

29 <sup>1</sup>Lit., weary  
<sup>a2</sup> Kin. 4:38

30 <sup>1</sup>Lit., the red, this red  
<sup>2</sup>Lit., weary <sup>3</sup>Or, Red

31 <sup>1</sup>Lit., Today  
<sup>a</sup>Deut. 21:16, 17; 1 Chr. 5:1, 2

33 <sup>1</sup>Lit., Today  
<sup>a</sup>Heb. 12:16

<sup>1</sup> <sup>a</sup>Gen. 12:10  
<sup>b</sup>Gen. 20:1,2

<sup>2</sup> <sup>1</sup>Lit., dwell  
<sup>a</sup>Gen. 12:7; 17:1; 18:1  
<sup>b</sup>Gen. 12:1

<sup>3</sup> <sup>1</sup>Lit., seed  
<sup>a</sup>Gen. 26:24; 28:15; 31:3  
<sup>b</sup>Gen. 12:7; 13:15; 15:18  
<sup>c</sup>Gen. 22:16-18

<sup>4</sup> <sup>1</sup>Lit., seed <sup>2</sup>Or, bless themselves  
<sup>a</sup>Gen. 15:5; 22:17; Ex. 32:13  
<sup>b</sup>Gen. 22:18; Gal. 3:8

<sup>5</sup> <sup>1</sup>Lit., hearkened to My voice

<sup>6</sup> <sup>1</sup>Lit., dwell

21 And Isaac prayed to the LORD on behalf of his wife, because she was barren; and <sup>a</sup>the LORD <sup>1</sup>answered him and Rebekah his wife conceived.

22 But the children struggled together within her; and she said, "If it is so, why then am I *this way*?" So she went to inquire of the LORD.

23 And the LORD said to her,  
    <sup>a</sup>"Two nations are in your womb;  
    <sup>b</sup>And two peoples shall be separated from your body;  
    And one people shall be stronger than the other;  
    And <sup>c</sup>the older shall serve the younger."

24 When her days to be delivered were fulfilled, behold, there were twins in her womb.

25 Now the first came forth red, all over like a hairy garment; and they named him Esau.

26 And afterward his brother came forth with <sup>a</sup>his hand holding on to Esau's heel, so his name was called <sup>1</sup>Jacob; and Isaac was <sup>b</sup>sixty years old when she gave birth to them.

27 When the boys grew up, Esau became a skillful hunter, a man of the field; but Jacob was a <sup>1</sup>peaceful man, <sup>2</sup>living in tents.

28 Now Isaac loved Esau, because <sup>1</sup>he had a taste for game; but Rebekah loved Jacob.

29 And when Jacob had cooked <sup>a</sup>stew, Esau came in from the field and he was <sup>1</sup>famished;

30 And Esau said to Jacob, "Please let me have a swallow of <sup>1</sup>that red stuff there, for I am <sup>2</sup>famished." Therefore his name was called <sup>3</sup>Edom.

31 But Jacob said, "First sell me your <sup>a</sup>birthright."

32 And Esau said, "Behold, I am about to die; so of what use then is the birthright to me?"

33 And Jacob said, "First swear to me"; so he swore to him, and <sup>a</sup>sold his birthright to Jacob.

34 Then Jacob gave Esau bread and lentil stew; and he ate and drank, and rose and went on his way. Thus Esau despised his birthright.

CHAPTER 26

**N**OW there was <sup>a</sup>a famine in the land, besides the previous famine that had occurred in the days of Abraham. So Isaac went to Gerar, to <sup>b</sup>Abimelech king of the Philistines.

2 And the LORD <sup>a</sup>appeared to him and said, "Do not go down to Egypt; <sup>1</sup>stay in the land of which I shall tell you.

3 "Sojourn in this land and <sup>a</sup>I will be with you and bless you, for <sup>b</sup>to you and to your <sup>1</sup>descendants I will give all these lands, and I will establish <sup>c</sup>the oath which I swore to your father Abraham.

4 "And <sup>a</sup>I will multiply your <sup>1</sup>descendants as the stars of heaven, and will give your <sup>1</sup>descendants all these lands; and <sup>b</sup>by your <sup>1</sup>descendants all the nations of the earth <sup>2</sup>shall be blessed;

5 because Abraham <sup>1</sup>obeyed Me and kept My charge, My commandments, My statutes and My laws."

6 So Isaac <sup>1</sup>lived in Gerar.

7 When the men of the place asked about his wife, he

said, "She is my sister," for he was afraid to say, "my wife," *thinking*, "the men of the place might kill me on account of Rebekah, for she is beautiful."

8 And it came about, when he had been there a long time, that Abimelech king of the Philistines looked out through a window, and saw, and behold, Isaac was caressing his wife Rebekah.

9 Then Abimelech called Isaac and said, "Behold, certainly she is your wife! How then did you say, 'She is my sister'?" And Isaac said to him, "Because I said, 'Lest I die on account of her.'"

10 And Abimelech said, "What is this you have done to us? One of the people might easily have lain with your wife, and you would have brought guilt upon us."

11 So Abimelech charged all the people, saying, "He who touches this man or his wife shall surely be put to death."

12 Now Isaac sowed in that land, and reaped in the same year a hundredfold. And the LORD blessed him,

13 and the man became rich, and continued to grow richer until he became very wealthy;

14 for he had possessions of flocks and herds and a great household, so that the Philistines envied him.

15 Now all the wells which his father's servants had dug in the days of Abraham his father, the Philistines stopped up by filling them with earth.

16 Then Abimelech said to Isaac, "Go away from us, for you are too powerful for us."

17 And Isaac departed from there and camped in the valley of Gerar, and settled there.

18 Then Isaac dug again the wells of water which had been dug in the days of his father Abraham, for the Philistines had stopped them up after the death of Abraham; and he gave them the same names which his father had given them.

19 But when Isaac's servants dug in the valley and found there a well of flowing water,

20 the herdsmen of Gerar quarreled with the herdsmen of Isaac, saying, "The water is ours!" So he named the well Esek, because they contended with him.

21 Then they dug another well, and they quarreled over it too, so he named it Sitnah.

22 And he moved away from there and dug another well, and they did not quarrel over it; so he named it Rehoboth, for he said, "At last the LORD has made room for us, and we shall be fruitful in the land."

23 Then he went up from there to Beersheba.

24 And the LORD appeared to him the same night and said, "I am the God of your father Abraham; Do not fear, for I am with you.

I will bless you, and multiply your descendants, For the sake of My servant Abraham."

25 So he built an altar there, and called upon the name of the LORD, and pitched his tent there; and there Isaac's servants dug a well.

26 Then Abimelech came to him from Gerar with his adviser Ahuzzath, and Phicol the commander of his army.

7 <sup>1</sup>Lit. *lest ... place*  
\*Gen. 12:13; 20:2, 12 \*Gen. 12:11; 29:17

10 \*Gen. 20:9

12 <sup>1</sup>Lit. *found*  
\*Gen. 26:3

13 <sup>1</sup>Lit. *great*

14 <sup>1</sup>Lit. *and possessions of herds*  
\*Gen. 24:35; 25:5

15 <sup>1</sup>Lit. *and filled them*  
\*Gen. 21:25; 30

16 <sup>1</sup>Lit. *much mightier than we*

17 <sup>1</sup>Lit. *dwelt*

18 <sup>1</sup>Lit. *they had dug*  
<sup>2</sup>Lit. *called their names as the names* <sup>3</sup>Lit. *called*

19 <sup>1</sup>Lit. *living*

20 <sup>1</sup>e. *Contention*

21 <sup>1</sup>e. *Enmity*

22 <sup>1</sup>e. *broad places* <sup>2</sup>Lit. *Truly now* <sup>3</sup>Or. *broad*  
\*Ps. 4:1; Is. 54:2

23 \*Gen. 22:19

24 <sup>1</sup>Lit. *seed*  
\*Gen. 26:2 \*Gen. 17:7; 8:24:12; Ex. 3:6 \*Gen. 26:3; 22:17

25 \*Gen. 12:7, 8; 13:4

26 <sup>1</sup>Lit. *and his confidential friend*  
\*Gen. 21:22

28 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *us and you*  
<sup>a</sup>Gen. 21:22, 23

29 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *and just as we*

31 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *swore one to another*  
<sup>a</sup>Gen. 21:31

33 <sup>a</sup>Gen. 21:31

34 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *took as wife*  
<sup>a</sup>Gen. 28:8; 36:2

35 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *were a bitterness of spirit to*  
<sup>a</sup>Gen. 27:46

<sup>1</sup> <sup>a</sup>Gen. 48:10; 1 Sam. 3:2  
<sup>b</sup>Gen. 25:25, 33, 34

<sup>2</sup> <sup>1</sup>Lit., *he*  
<sup>a</sup>Gen. 47:29

<sup>3</sup> <sup>a</sup>Gen. 25:28

<sup>4</sup> <sup>a</sup>Gen. 27:19, 25, 31

<sup>6</sup> <sup>a</sup>Gen. 25:28

<sup>8</sup> <sup>1</sup>Lit., *my voice* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *according to what*  
<sup>a</sup>Gen. 27:13, 43

<sup>9</sup> <sup>1</sup>Lit., *take* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *kids of goats*

<sup>11</sup> <sup>1</sup>Lit., *said to*  
<sup>a</sup>Gen. 25:25

<sup>12</sup> <sup>1</sup>Lit., *mock*  
<sup>a</sup>Gen. 27:21, 22

27 And Isaac said to them, "Why have you come to me, since you hate me, and have sent me away from you?"

28 And they said, "We see plainly <sup>a</sup>that the LORD has been with you; so we said, 'Let there now be an oath between us, *even* between <sup>1</sup>you and us, and let us make a covenant with you,

29 that you will do us no harm, just as we have not touched you <sup>1</sup>and have done to you nothing but good, and have sent you away in peace. You are now the blessed of the LORD.' "

30 Then he made them a feast, and they ate and drank.

31 And in the morning they arose early and <sup>1a</sup>exchanged oaths; then Isaac sent them away and they departed from him in peace.

32 Now it came about on the same day, that Isaac's servants came in and told him about the well which they had dug, and said to him, "We have found water."

33 So he called it <sup>a</sup>Shibah; therefore the name of the city is Beersheba to this day.

34 And when Esau was forty years old <sup>a</sup>he <sup>1</sup>married Judith the daughter of Beeri the Hittite, and Basemath the daughter of Elon the Hittite;

35 and <sup>a</sup>they <sup>1</sup>brought grief to Isaac and Rebekah.

#### CHAPTER 27

**N**OW it came about, when Isaac was old, and <sup>a</sup>his eyes were too dim to see, that he called his <sup>b</sup>older son Esau and said to him, "My son." And he said to him, "Here I am."

2 <sup>a</sup>And <sup>1</sup>Isaac said, "Behold now, I am old *and* I do not know the day of my death.

3 "Now then, please take your gear, your quiver and your bow, and go out to the field and <sup>a</sup>hunt game for me;

4 and prepare a savory dish for me such as I love, and bring it to me that I may eat, so that <sup>a</sup>my soul may bless you before I die."

5 And Rebekah was listening while Isaac spoke to his son Esau. So when Esau went to the field to hunt for game to bring *home*,

6 <sup>a</sup>Rebekah said to her son Jacob, "Behold, I heard your father speak to your brother Esau, saying,

7 'Bring me *some* game and prepare a savory dish for me, that I may eat, and bless you in the presence of the LORD before my death.'

8 "Now therefore, my son, <sup>a</sup>listen to <sup>1</sup>me <sup>2a</sup>as I command you.

9 "Go now to the flock and <sup>1</sup>bring me two choice <sup>2</sup>kids from there, that I may prepare them *as* a savory dish for your father, such as he loves.

10 "Then you shall bring *it* to your father, that he may eat, so that he may bless you before his death."

11 And Jacob <sup>1</sup>answered his mother Rebekah, "Behold, Esau my brother is a <sup>a</sup>hairy man and I am a smooth man.

12 "<sup>a</sup>Perhaps my father will feel me, then I shall be as a <sup>1</sup>deceiver in his sight; and I shall bring upon myself a curse and not a blessing."

13 But his mother said to him, "Your curse be on me, my son; only obey my voice, and go, get *them* for me."

13 \*Gen. 27:8

14 So he went and got *them*, and brought *them* to his mother; and his mother made savory food such as his father loved.

15 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *desirable*; or, *choice*  
\*Gen. 27:27

15 Then Rebekah took the <sup>1</sup>best garments of Esau her elder son, which were with her in the house, and put them on Jacob her younger son.

16 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *kids of the goats*

16 And she put the skins of the <sup>1</sup>kids on his hands and on the smooth part of his neck.

17 She also gave the savory food and the bread, which she had made, <sup>1</sup>to her son Jacob.

18 Then he came to his father and said, "My father." And he said, "Here I am. Who are you, my son?"

17 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *into the hand of*

19 And Jacob said to his father, "I am Esau your first-born; I have done as you told me. <sup>a</sup>Get up, please, sit and eat of my game, that <sup>b</sup>you may bless me."

19 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *your soul*  
\*Gen. 27:31 \*Gen. 27:4

20 And Isaac said to his son, "How is it that you have it so quickly, my son?" And he said, "<sup>a</sup>Because the LORD your God caused it to happen to me."

20 \*Gen. 24:12

21 Then Isaac said to Jacob, "Please come close, that <sup>a</sup>I may feel you, my son, whether you are really my son Esau or not."

21 \*Gen. 27:12

22 So Jacob came close to Isaac his father, and he felt him and said, "The voice is the voice of Jacob, but the hands are the hands of Esau."

23 And he did not recognize him, because his hands were <sup>a</sup>hairy like his brother Esau's hands; so he blessed him.

23 \*Gen. 27:16

24 And he said, "Are you really my son Esau?" And he said, "I am."

25 So he said, "Bring it to me, and I will eat of my son's game, that <sup>a</sup>I may bless you." And he brought it to him, and he ate; he also brought him wine and he drank.

25 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *my soul*  
\*Gen. 27:4

26 Then his father Isaac said to him, "Please come close and kiss me, my son."

27 \*Heb. 11:20 \*Song of Sol. 4:11 \*Ps. 65:10

27 So he came close and kissed him; and when he smelled the smell of his garments, he <sup>a</sup>blessed him and said,

"See, <sup>b</sup>the smell of my son

Is like the smell of a field <sup>c</sup>which the LORD has blessed;

28 Now may <sup>a</sup>God give you of the dew of heaven,  
And of the fatness of the earth,

28 \*Gen. 27:39; Deut. 33:13, 28; Prov. 3:20; Zech. 8:12

And an abundance of grain and new wine;

29 <sup>a</sup>May peoples serve you,  
And nations bow down to you;

<sup>b</sup>Be master of your brothers,

<sup>c</sup>And may your mother's sons bow down to you.

<sup>d</sup>Cursed be those who curse you,

And blessed be those who bless you."

29 \*Gen. 25:23; Is. 45:14; 49:7, 23; 60:12, 14 \*Gen. 27:37; 9:26, 27 \*Gen. 37:7, 10 \*Gen. 12:3; Num. 24:9

30 Now it came about, as soon as Isaac had finished blessing Jacob, and Jacob had hardly gone out from the presence of Isaac his father, that Esau his brother came in from his hunting.

31 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *your soul*  
\*Gen. 27:19 \*Gen. 27:4

31 Then he also made savory food, and brought it to his father; and he said to his father, "<sup>a</sup>Let my father arise, and eat of his son's game, that <sup>b</sup>you may bless me."

32 <sup>a</sup>Gen. 27:18 <sup>b</sup>Gen. 25:33, 34

33 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *trembled with a very great trembling*  
<sup>a</sup>Gen. 27:35 <sup>b</sup>Gen. 25:23

34 <sup>a</sup>Heb. 12:17

35 <sup>a</sup>Gen. 27:19

36 <sup>1</sup>Or, *Was he then named Jacob that he has...*  
<sup>a</sup>Gen. 25:26, 32-34

37 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *brothers* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *for*  
<sup>a</sup>Gen. 27:28, 29

38 <sup>a</sup>Heb. 12:17

39 <sup>1</sup>Or, *of* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *fatness*  
<sup>a</sup>Heb. 11:20 <sup>b</sup>Gen. 27:28;  
Deut. 33:13, 28

40 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *tear off*  
<sup>a</sup>Gen. 27:29 <sup>b2</sup> Kin. 8:20-22

41 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *in his heart*  
<sup>a</sup>Gen. 32:3-11

43 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *flee for yourself*  
<sup>a</sup>Gen. 27:8, 13 <sup>b</sup>Gen. 24:29

44 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *turns away*  
<sup>a</sup>Gen. 31:41

45 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *turns away from you*  
<sup>a</sup>Gen. 27:12, 19, 35

46 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *my life*  
<sup>a</sup>Gen. 26:34, 35

1 <sup>a</sup>Gen. 24:3, 4

32 And Isaac his father said to him, <sup>a</sup>“Who are you?” And he said, “I am your son, <sup>b</sup>your first-born, Esau.”

33 Then Isaac <sup>1</sup>trembled violently, and said, <sup>a</sup>“Who was he then that hunted game and brought it to me, so that I ate of all of it before you came, and blessed him? <sup>b</sup>Yes, and he shall be blessed.”

34 When Esau heard the words of his father, <sup>a</sup>he cried out with an exceedingly great and bitter cry, and said to his father, “Bless me, *even* me also, O my father!”

35 And he said, <sup>a</sup>“Your brother came deceitfully, and has taken away your blessing.”

36 Then he said, <sup>1</sup>“Is he not rightly named <sup>a</sup>Jacob, for he has supplanted me these two times? He took away my birth-right, and behold, now he has taken away my blessing.” And he said, “Have you not reserved a blessing for me?”

37 But Isaac answered and said to Esau, “Behold, I have made him <sup>a</sup>your master, and all his <sup>1</sup>relatives I have given to him <sup>2</sup>as servants; and with grain and new wine I have sustained him. Now as for you then, what can I do, my son?”

38 And Esau said to his father, “Do you have only one blessing, my father? Bless me, *even* me also, O my father.” So Esau lifted his voice and <sup>a</sup>wept.

39 Then Isaac his father answered and <sup>a</sup>said to him, “Behold, <sup>1b</sup>away from the <sup>2</sup>fertility of the earth shall be your dwelling,

And <sup>1</sup>away from the dew of heaven from above.

40 “And by your sword you shall live,  
And your brother <sup>a</sup>you shall serve;  
But it shall come about <sup>b</sup>when you become restless,  
That you shall <sup>1</sup>break his yoke from your neck.”

41 So Esau <sup>a</sup>bore a grudge against Jacob because of the blessing with which his father had blessed him; and Esau said <sup>1</sup>to himself, “The days of mourning for my father are near; then I will kill my brother Jacob.”

42 Now when the words of her elder son Esau were reported to Rebekah, she sent and called her younger son Jacob, and said to him, “Behold your brother Esau is consoling himself concerning you, *by planning* to kill you.

43 “Now therefore, my son, <sup>a</sup>obey my voice, and arise, <sup>1</sup>flee to Haran, to my brother <sup>b</sup>Laban!

44 “And stay with him <sup>a</sup>a few days, until your brother’s fury <sup>1</sup>subsides,

45 until your brother’s anger <sup>1</sup>against you subsides, and he forgets <sup>a</sup>what you did to him. Then I shall send and get you from there. Why should I be bereaved of you both in one day?”

46 And Rebekah said to Isaac, “I am tired of <sup>1</sup>living because of <sup>a</sup>the daughters of Heth; if Jacob takes a wife from the daughters of Heth, like these, from the daughters of the land, what good will my life be to me?”

CHAPTER 28

SO Isaac called Jacob and blessed him and charged him, and said to him, <sup>a</sup>“You shall not take a wife from the daughters of Canaan.



2 "Arise, go to Paddan-aram, to the house of <sup>a</sup>Bethuel your mother's father; and from there take to yourself a wife from the daughters of Laban your mother's brother.

3 "And may <sup>1a</sup>God Almighty <sup>b</sup>bless you and <sup>c</sup>make you fruitful and <sup>d</sup>multiply you, that you may become a <sup>e</sup>company of peoples.

4 "May He also give you the blessing of Abraham, to you and to your <sup>1</sup>descendants with you; that you may <sup>a</sup>possess the land of your sojournings, which God gave to Abraham."

5 Then <sup>a</sup>Isaac sent Jacob away, and he went to Paddan-aram to Laban, son of Bethuel the <sup>1</sup>Syrian, the brother of Rebekah, the mother of Jacob and Esau.

6 Now Esau saw that Isaac had blessed Jacob and sent him away to Paddan-aram, to take to himself a wife from there, *and that* when he blessed him he charged him, saying, "<sup>a</sup>You shall not take a wife from the daughters of Canaan,"

7 and that Jacob had obeyed his father and his mother and had gone to Paddan-aram.

8 So Esau saw that <sup>a</sup>the daughters of Canaan displeased <sup>1</sup>his father Isaac;

9 and Esau went to Ishmael, and <sup>1</sup>married, <sup>a</sup>besides the wives that he had, Mahalath the daughter of Ishmael, Abraham's son, the sister of Nebaioth.

10 Then Jacob departed from <sup>a</sup>Beersheba and went toward <sup>b</sup>Haran.

11 And he <sup>1</sup>came to <sup>2a</sup> a certain place and spent the night there, because the sun had set; and he took one of the stones of the place and put it <sup>3</sup>under his head, and lay down in that place.

12 And <sup>a</sup>he had a dream, and behold, a ladder was set on the earth with its top reaching to heaven; and behold, <sup>b</sup>the angels of God were ascending and descending on it.

13 And behold, <sup>a</sup>the LORD stood <sup>1</sup>above it and said, "I am the LORD, <sup>b</sup>the God of your father Abraham and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie, I will give it <sup>c</sup>to you and to <sup>d</sup>your <sup>2</sup>descendants.

14 "Your <sup>1</sup>descendants shall also be like <sup>a</sup>the dust of the earth, and you shall <sup>2</sup>spread out <sup>b</sup>to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south; and <sup>c</sup>in you and in your <sup>1</sup>descendants shall all the families of the earth be blessed.

15 "And behold, <sup>a</sup>I am with you, and <sup>b</sup>will keep you wherever you go, and <sup>c</sup>will bring you back to this land; for <sup>d</sup>I will not leave you until I have done what I have <sup>1</sup>promised you."

16 Then Jacob <sup>a</sup>awoke from his sleep and said, "<sup>b</sup>Surely the LORD is in this place, and I did not know it."

17 And he was afraid and said, "<sup>a</sup>How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven."

18 So Jacob rose early in the morning, and took <sup>a</sup>the stone that he had put <sup>1</sup>under his head and set it up as a pillar, and poured oil on its top.

19 And he called the name of that place <sup>1</sup>Bethel; however, <sup>2</sup>previously the name of the city had been <sup>a</sup>Luz.

20 Then Jacob <sup>a</sup>made a vow, saying, "<sup>b</sup>If God will be with me and will keep me on this journey that I <sup>1</sup>take, and will give me <sup>2</sup>food to eat and garments to wear,

2 <sup>a</sup>Gen. 25:20

3 <sup>1</sup>Heb., *El Shaddai*  
<sup>a</sup>Gen. 17:1; 35:11; 48:3  
<sup>b</sup>Gen. 22:17 <sup>c</sup>Gen. 17:6, 20  
<sup>d</sup>Gen. 17:3; 26:4, 24 <sup>e</sup>Gen. 35:11; 48:4

4 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *seed*  
<sup>a</sup>Gen. 15:7, 8

5 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *Aramean*  
<sup>a</sup>Gen. 27:43

6 <sup>a</sup>Gen. 28:1

8 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *in the eyes of his*  
<sup>a</sup>Gen. 26:34, 35; 27:46

9 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *took for his wife*  
<sup>a</sup>Gen. 26:34; 36:2

10 <sup>a</sup>Gen. 26:23 <sup>b</sup>Gen. 12:4, 5; 27:43

11 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *lighted on* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *the place* <sup>3</sup>Lit., *at his head-place*  
<sup>a</sup>Gen. 28:19

12 <sup>a</sup>Num. 12:6 <sup>b</sup>John 1:51

13 <sup>1</sup>Or, *beside him* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *seed*  
<sup>a</sup>Amos 7:7; Gen. 35:1  
<sup>b</sup>Gen. 26:3, 24 <sup>c</sup>Gen. 13:15, 17; 26:3 <sup>d</sup>Gen. 12:7; 15:18

14 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *seed* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *break through*  
<sup>a</sup>Gen. 13:16; 22:17 <sup>b</sup>Gen. 13:14, 15 <sup>c</sup>Gen. 12:3; 18:18; 22:18; 26:4

15 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *spoken to*  
<sup>a</sup>Gen. 26:3 <sup>b</sup>Num. 6:24; Ps. 121:7, 8 <sup>c</sup>Gen. 48:21; Deut. 30:3 <sup>d</sup>Deut. 7:9; 31:6, 8

16 <sup>a</sup>1 Kin. 3:15; Jer. 31:26  
<sup>b</sup>Ps. 139:7-12

17 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 68:35

18 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *at his head-place*  
<sup>a</sup>Gen. 28:11; 35:14

19 <sup>1</sup>I.e., *the house of God*  
<sup>2</sup>Lit., *at the first*  
<sup>a</sup>Gen. 35:6; 48:3

20 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *go* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *bread*  
<sup>a</sup>Gen. 31:13 <sup>b</sup>Gen. 28:15

21 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *peace*

22 <sup>a</sup>Gen. 35:7 <sup>b</sup>Deut. 14:22

1 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *lifted up his feet*  
<sup>a</sup>Judg. 6:3, 33

2 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *behold*  
<sup>a</sup>Gen. 24:10, 11; Ex. 2:15, 16

4 <sup>a</sup>Gen. 28:10

5 <sup>a</sup>Gen. 24:24, 29

6 <sup>a</sup>Ex. 2:16

12 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *brother*  
<sup>a</sup>Gen. 28:5 <sup>b</sup>Gen. 24:28

13 <sup>1</sup>Gen. 24:29-31 <sup>b</sup>Gen. 33:4

14 <sup>a</sup>Judg. 9:2

15 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *brother*  
<sup>a</sup>Gen. 31:41

17 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *beautiful of appearance*  
<sup>a</sup>Gen. 12:11, 14; 26:7

21 and I return to my father's house in <sup>1</sup>safety, then the LORD will be my God.

22 "And this stone, which I have set up as a pillar, <sup>a</sup>will be God's house; and <sup>b</sup>of all that Thou dost give me I will surely give a tenth to Thee."

CHAPTER 29

**T**HEN Jacob <sup>1</sup>went on his journey, and came to the land of <sup>a</sup>the sons of the east.

2 And he looked, and <sup>1</sup>saw <sup>a</sup>a well in the field, and behold, three flocks of sheep were lying there beside it, for from that well they watered the flocks. Now the stone on the mouth of the well was large.

3 When all the flocks were gathered there, they would then roll the stone from the mouth of the well, and water the sheep, and put the stone back in its place on the mouth of the well.

4 And Jacob said to them, "My brothers, where are you from?" And they said, "We are from <sup>a</sup>Haran."

5 And he said to them, "Do you know Laban the <sup>a</sup>son of Nahor?" And they said, "We know *him*."

6 And he said to them, "Is it well with him?" And they said, "It is well, and behold, <sup>a</sup>Rachel his daughter is coming with the sheep."

7 And he said, "Behold, it is still high day; it is not time for the livestock to be gathered. Water the sheep, and go, pasture them."

8 But they said, "We cannot, until all the flocks are gathered, and they roll the stone from the mouth of the well; then we water the sheep."

9 While he was still speaking with them, Rachel came with her father's sheep, for she was a shepherdess.

10 And it came about, when Jacob saw Rachel the daughter of Laban his mother's brother, and the sheep of Laban his mother's brother, that Jacob went up, and rolled the stone from the mouth of the well, and watered the flock of Laban his mother's brother.

11 Then Jacob kissed Rachel, and lifted his voice and wept.

12 And Jacob told Rachel that he was a <sup>1a</sup>relative of her father and that he was Rebekah's son, and <sup>b</sup>she ran and told her father.

13 So it came about, when <sup>a</sup>Laban heard the news of Jacob his sister's son, that he ran to meet him, and <sup>b</sup>embraced him and kissed him, and brought him to his house. Then he related to Laban all these things.

14 And Laban said to him, "Surely you are <sup>a</sup>my bone and my flesh." And he stayed with him a month.

15 Then Laban said to Jacob, "Because you are my <sup>1</sup>relative, should you therefore serve me for nothing? Tell me, what shall <sup>a</sup>your wages be?"

16 Now Laban had two daughters; the name of the older was Leah, and the name of the younger was Rachel.

17 And Leah's eyes were weak, but Rachel was <sup>a</sup>beautiful of form and <sup>1</sup>face.

18 Now Jacob <sup>a</sup>loved Rachel, so he said, "bI will serve you seven years for your younger daughter Rachel."

18 <sup>a</sup>Gen. 24:67 <sup>b</sup>Hos. 12:12

19 And Laban said, "It is better that I give her to you than that I should give her to another man; stay with me."

21 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *days*

20 So Jacob served seven years for Rachel and they seemed to him but a few days because of his love for her.

21 Then Jacob said to Laban, "Give *me* my wife, for my <sup>1</sup>time is completed, that I may go in to her."

25 <sup>a</sup>Gen. 12:18; 20:9; 26:10 <sup>b1</sup> Sam. 28:12

22 And Laban gathered all the men of the place, and made a feast.

23 Now it came about in the evening that he took his daughter Leah, and brought her to him; and *Jacob* went in to her.

26 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *done thus in*  
<sup>2</sup>Lit., *give*

24 Laban also gave his maid Zilpah to his daughter Leah as a maid.

25 So it came about in the morning that, behold, it was Leah! And he said to Laban, "aWhat is this you have done to me? Was it not for Rachel that I served with you? Why then have you <sup>b</sup>deceived me?"

27 <sup>a</sup>Judg. 14:12 <sup>b</sup>Gen. 31:41

26 But Laban said, "It is not <sup>1</sup>the practice in our place, to <sup>2</sup>marry off the younger before the first-born.

27 "aComplete the bridal week of this one, and we will give you the other also for the service which <sup>b</sup>you shall serve with me for another seven years."

30 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *him*  
<sup>a</sup>Gen. 29:17, 18

28 And Jacob did so and completed her week, and he gave him his daughter Rachel as his wife.

29 Laban also gave his maid Bilhah to his daughter Rachel as her maid.

31 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *hated*

30 So *Jacob* went in to Rachel also, and indeed <sup>a</sup>he loved Rachel more than Leah, and he served with <sup>1</sup>Laban for another seven years.

32 <sup>1</sup>e., *See, a son* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *looked upon*  
<sup>a</sup>Gen. 16:11; 31:42

31 Now the LORD saw that Leah was <sup>1</sup>unloved, and He opened her womb, but Rachel was barren.

32 And Leah conceived and bore a son and named him <sup>1</sup>Reuben, for she said, "Because the LORD has <sup>2a</sup>seen my affliction; surely now my husband will love me."

33 <sup>1</sup>Heb., *shama*, related to Simeon <sup>2</sup>Lit., *hated*  
<sup>a</sup>Deut. 21:15

33 Then she conceived again and bore a son and said, "aBecause the LORD has <sup>1</sup>heard that I am <sup>2</sup>unloved, He has therefore given me this son also." So she named him Simeon.

34 <sup>1</sup>Heb., *lavah*; related to Levi  
<sup>a</sup>Gen. 49:5

34 And she conceived again and bore a son and said, "Now this time my husband will become <sup>1</sup>attached to me, because I have borne him three sons." Therefore he was named <sup>a</sup>Levi.

35 <sup>1</sup>From Heb., *Jadah*, related to Judah <sup>2</sup>Heb., *Jehudah*  
<sup>a</sup>Gen. 49:8; Matt. 1:2

35 And she conceived again and bore a son and said, "This time I will <sup>1a</sup>praise the LORD." Therefore she named him <sup>2</sup>Judah. Then she stopped bearing.

1 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *Rachel*  
<sup>a1</sup> Sam. 1:5, 6

CHAPTER 30

Now when Rachel saw that she bore Jacob no children, <sup>1</sup>she became jealous of her sister; and she said to Jacob, "aGive me children, or else I die."

2 <sup>a</sup>Gen. 20:18; 29:31

2 Then Jacob's anger burned against Rachel, and he said, "Am I in the place of God, who has <sup>a</sup>withheld from you the fruit of the womb?"

3 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *from her I too may be built*  
<sup>a</sup>Gen. 16:2

4 <sup>a</sup>Gen. 16:3, 4

6 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *judged* <sup>2</sup>I.e., He judged

8 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *wrestlings of God*  
<sup>2</sup>From Heb., *niphtal*, related to Naphtali

11 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *"With fortune!"*  
 Some versions read, *Fortune has come* <sup>2</sup>I.e., Fortune

13 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *"With my happiness!"* <sup>2</sup>I.e., Happy

14 <sup>a</sup>Song of Sol. 7:13

18 <sup>1</sup>Heb., *sachar*, related to Issachar

20 <sup>1</sup>Heb., *zabal*, related to Zebulun. Some translate *will honor*

22 <sup>a</sup>1 Sam. 1:19, 20

24 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *add to me*; Heb., *Joseph*  
<sup>a</sup>Gen. 35:17

25 <sup>a</sup>Gen. 24:54, 56

26 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *served*  
<sup>a</sup>Gen. 29:18, 27; Hos. 12:12

3 And she said, "Here is my maid Bilhah, go in to her, that she may bear on my knees, that through her I too may have children."

4 So she gave him her maid Bilhah as a wife, and Jacob went in to her.

5 And Bilhah conceived and bore a son.

6 Then Rachel said, "God has vindicated me, and has indeed heard my voice and has given me a son." Therefore she named him Dan.

7 And Rachel's maid Bilhah conceived again and bore Jacob a second son.

8 So Rachel said, "With mighty wrestlings I have wrestled with my sister, and I have indeed prevailed." And she named him Naphtali.

9 When Leah saw that she had stopped bearing, she took her maid Zilpah and gave her to Jacob as a wife.

10 And Leah's maid Zilpah bore Jacob a son.

11 Then Leah said, "How fortunate!" So she named him Gad.

12 And Leah's maid Zilpah bore Jacob a second son.

13 Then Leah said, "Happy am I! For women will call me happy." So she named him Asher.

14 Now in the days of wheat harvest Reuben went and found mandrakes in the field, and brought them to his mother Leah. Then Rachel said to Leah, "Please give me some of your son's mandrakes."

15 But she said to her, "Is it a small matter for you to take my husband? And would you take my son's mandrakes also?" So Rachel said, "Therefore he may lie with you tonight in return for your son's mandrakes."

16 When Jacob came in from the field in the evening, then Leah went out to meet him and said, "You must come in to me, for I have surely hired you with my son's mandrakes." So he lay with her that night.

17 And God gave heed to Leah, and she conceived and bore Jacob a fifth son.

18 Then Leah said, "God has given me my wages, because I gave my maid to my husband." So she named him Issachar.

19 And Leah conceived again and bore a sixth son to Jacob.

20 Then Leah said, "God has endowed me with a good gift; now my husband will dwell with me, because I have borne him six sons." So she named him Zebulun.

21 And afterward she bore a daughter and named her Dinah.

22 Then God remembered Rachel, and God gave heed to her and opened her womb.

23 So she conceived and bore a son and said, "God has taken away my reproach."

24 And she named him Joseph, saying, "May the LORD give me another son."

25 Now it came about when Rachel had borne Joseph, that Jacob said to Laban, "Send me away, that I may go to my own place and to my own country.

26 "Give me my wives and my children for whom I have served you, and let me depart; for you yourself know my service which I have rendered you."

27 But Laban said to him, "If now <sup>1</sup>it pleases you, *stay with me*; I have divined <sup>a</sup>that the LORD has blessed me on your account."

28 And he <sup>1</sup>continued, "<sup>a</sup>Name me your wages, and I will give it."

29 But he said to him, "You yourself know how I have served you and how your cattle have <sup>1</sup>fared with me.

30 "For you had little before <sup>1</sup>I came, and it has <sup>2</sup>increased to a multitude; and the LORD has blessed you <sup>3</sup>wherever I turned. But now, when shall I provide for my own household also?"

31 So he said, "What shall I give you?" And Jacob said, "You shall not give me anything. If you will do this *one* thing for me, I will again pasture *and* keep your flock:

32 let me pass through your entire flock today, removing from there every <sup>a</sup>speckled and spotted sheep, and every black one among the lambs, and the spotted and speckled among the goats; and *such* shall be my wages.

33 "So my <sup>1</sup>honesty will answer for me later, when you come concerning my <sup>2</sup>wages. Every one that is not speckled and spotted among the goats and black among the lambs, *if found* with me, will be considered stolen."

34 And Laban said, "<sup>1</sup>Good, let it be according to your word."

35 So he removed on that day the striped and spotted male goats and all the speckled and spotted female goats, every one with white in it, and all the black ones among the sheep, and gave them into the <sup>1</sup>care of his sons.

36 And he put *a distance* of three days' journey between himself and Jacob, and Jacob fed the rest of Laban's flocks.

37 Then Jacob <sup>1</sup>took fresh rods of poplar and almond and plane trees, and peeled white stripes in them, exposing the white which was <sup>2</sup>in the rods.

38 And he set the rods which he had peeled in front of the flocks in the gutters, *even* in the watering troughs, where the flocks came to drink; and they <sup>1</sup>mated when they came to drink.

39 So the flocks <sup>1</sup>mated by the rods, and the flocks brought forth striped, speckled, and spotted.

40 And Jacob separated the lambs, and <sup>1</sup>made the flocks face toward the striped and all the black in the flock of Laban; and he put his own herds apart, and did not put them with Laban's flock.

41 Moreover, it came about whenever the <sup>1</sup>stronger of the flock <sup>2</sup>were mating, that Jacob would place the rods in the sight of the flock in the gutters, so that they might <sup>3</sup>mate by the rods;

42 but when the flock was feeble, he did not put *them* in; so the feebler were Laban's and the <sup>1</sup>stronger Jacob's.

43 So <sup>a</sup>the man <sup>1</sup>became exceedingly prosperous, and had large flocks and female and male servants and camels and donkeys.

27 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *I have found favor in your eyes*  
<sup>a</sup>Gen. 39:5

28 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *said*  
<sup>a</sup>Gen. 29:15; 31:7, 41

29 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *been*

30 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *me* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *broken forth* <sup>3</sup>Lit., *at my foot*

32 <sup>a</sup>Gen. 31:8

33 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *righteousness*  
<sup>2</sup>Lit., *wages which are before you*

34 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *Behold, would that it might be*

35 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *hand*

37 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *took to himself*  
<sup>2</sup>Lit., *on*

38 <sup>1</sup>Or., *conceived*

39 <sup>1</sup>Or., *conceived*

40 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *set the faces of*

41 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *bound ones; i.e., firm and compact* <sup>2</sup>Or., *conceived* <sup>3</sup>Or., *conceive*

42 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *bound ones; i.e., firm and compact*

43 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *broke forth*  
<sup>a</sup>Gen. 12:16; 13:2; 24:35; 26:13, 14

1 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *he* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *glory*

CHAPTER 31

NOW <sup>1</sup>Jacob heard the words of Laban's sons, saying, "Jacob has taken away all that was our father's, and from what belonged to our father he has made all this <sup>2</sup>wealth."

2 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *face*

3 <sup>a</sup>Gen. 28:15

5 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *face*  
<sup>a</sup>Gen. 31:29, 42, 53; 28:13, 15

7 <sup>a</sup>Gen. 29:25 <sup>b</sup>Gen. 31:41 <sup>c</sup>Gen. 31:29

10 <sup>1</sup>Or, *conceiving* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *leaping upon the flock*

11 <sup>a</sup>Gen. 31:13; 16:7-11; 22:11, 15

12 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *leaping upon the flock*

13 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *go out from*  
<sup>a</sup>Gen. 28:13 <sup>b</sup>Gen. 28:18, 20 <sup>c</sup>Gen. 28:15

15 <sup>1</sup>I.e., *enjoyed the benefit of* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *our money*  
<sup>a</sup>Gen. 29:20, 23, 27

18 <sup>a</sup>Gen. 35:27-29

19 <sup>1</sup>Heb., *teraphim*  
<sup>a</sup>Gen. 31:30, 34; Judg. 17:5; 1 Sam. 19:13; Hos. 3:4

20 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *stole the heart of Laban the Aramean*

21 <sup>a</sup>Gen. 37:25

23 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *brothers*

2 And Jacob saw the <sup>1</sup>attitude of Laban, and behold, it was not *friendly* toward him as formerly.

3 Then the LORD said to Jacob, "Return to the land of your fathers and to your relatives, and <sup>a</sup>I will be with you."

4 So Jacob sent and called Rachel and Leah to his flock in the field,

5 and said to them, "I see your father's <sup>1</sup>attitude, that it is not *friendly* toward me as formerly, but <sup>a</sup>the God of my father has been with me.

6 "And you know that I have served your father with all my strength.

7 "Yet your father has <sup>a</sup>cheated me and <sup>b</sup>changed my wages ten times; however, <sup>c</sup>God did not allow him to hurt me.

8 "If he spoke thus, 'The speckled shall be your wages,' then all the flock brought forth speckled; and if he spoke thus, 'The striped shall be your wages,' then all the flock brought forth striped.

9 "Thus God has taken away your father's livestock and given *them* to me.

10 "And it came about at the time when the flock were <sup>1</sup>mating that I lifted up my eyes and saw in a dream, and behold, the male goats which were <sup>2</sup>mating *were* striped, speckled and mottled.

11 "Then <sup>a</sup>the angel of God said to me in the dream, 'Jacob,' and I said, 'Here I am.'

12 "And he said, 'Lift up, now, your eyes and see *that* all the male goats which are <sup>1</sup>mating are striped, speckled, and mottled; for I have seen all that Laban has been doing to you.

13 'I am <sup>a</sup>the God of Bethel, where you <sup>b</sup>anointed a pillar, where you made a vow to Me; now arise, <sup>1</sup>leave this land, and <sup>c</sup>return to the land of your birth.'"

14 And Rachel and Leah answered and said to him, "Do we still have any portion or inheritance in our father's house?

15 "Are we not reckoned by him as foreigners? For <sup>a</sup>he has sold us, and has also <sup>1</sup>entirely consumed <sup>2</sup>our purchase price.

16 "Surely all the wealth which God has taken away from our father belongs to us and our children; now then, do whatever God has said to you."

17 Then Jacob arose and put his children and his wives upon camels;

18 and he drove away all his livestock and all his property which he had gathered, his acquired livestock which he had gathered in Paddan-aram, <sup>a</sup>to go to the land of Canaan to his father Isaac.

19 When Laban had gone to shear his flock, then Rachel stole the <sup>1b</sup>household idols that were her father's.

20 And Jacob <sup>1</sup>deceived Laban the Syrian, by not telling him that he was fleeing.

21 So he fled with all that he had; and he arose and crossed the *Euphrates* River, and set his face toward the hill country of <sup>a</sup>Gilead.

22 When it was told Laban on the third day that Jacob had fled,

23 then he took his <sup>1</sup>kinsmen with him, and pursued him *a distance of seven days' journey*; and he overtook him in the hill country of Gilead.

24 And <sup>a</sup>God came to Laban the <sup>1</sup>Syrian in a <sup>b</sup>dream of the night, and said to him, “<sup>2c</sup>Be careful that you do not speak to Jacob either good or bad.”

25 And Laban caught up with Jacob. Now Jacob had pitched his tent in the hill country, and Laban with his <sup>1</sup>kinsmen camped in the hill country of Gilead.

26 Then Laban said to Jacob, “What have you done <sup>1b</sup>by deceiving me and carrying away my daughters like captives of the sword?

27 “Why did you flee secretly and <sup>1</sup>deceive me, and did not tell me, so that I might have sent you away with joy and with songs, with <sup>a</sup>timbrel and with <sup>b</sup>lyre;

28 and did not allow me <sup>a</sup>to kiss my sons and my daughters? Now you have done foolishly.

29 “It is in <sup>1</sup>my power to do you harm, but <sup>a</sup>the God of your father spoke to me last night, saying, ‘<sup>2b</sup>Be careful not to speak either good or bad to Jacob.’

30 “And now you have indeed gone away because you longed greatly for your father’s house; *but* why did you steal <sup>a</sup>my gods?”

31 Then Jacob answered and said to Laban, “Because I was afraid, for I said, ‘Lest you would take your daughters from me by force.’

32 “<sup>a</sup>The one with whom you find your gods shall not live; in the presence of our <sup>1</sup>kinsmen <sup>2</sup>point out what is yours <sup>3</sup>among my belongings and take *it* for yourself.” For Jacob did not know that Rachel had stolen them.

33 So Laban went into Jacob’s tent, and into Leah’s tent, and into the tent of the two maids, but he did not find *them*. Then he went out of Leah’s tent and entered Rachel’s tent.

34 Now Rachel had taken the <sup>1</sup>household idols and put them in the camel’s saddle, and she sat on them. And Laban felt through all the tent, but did not find *them*.

35 And she said to her father, “Let not my lord be angry that I cannot rise before you, for the manner of women is upon me.” So he searched, but did not find the <sup>1</sup>household idols.

36 Then Jacob became angry and contended with Laban; and Jacob answered and said to Laban, “What is my transgression? What is my sin, that you have hotly pursued me?

37 “Though you have felt through all my goods, what have you found of all your household goods? Set *it* here before my <sup>1</sup>kinsmen and your <sup>1</sup>kinsmen, that they may decide between us two.

38 “These twenty years I *have been* with you; your ewes and your female goats have not miscarried, nor have I eaten the rams of your flocks.

39 “That which was torn of *beasts* I did not bring to you; I bore the loss of it myself. You required it of my hand *whether* stolen by day or stolen by night.

40 “*Thus* I was: by day the <sup>1</sup>heat consumed me, and the frost by night, and my sleep fled from my eyes.

41 “These twenty years I have been in your house; <sup>a</sup>I served you fourteen years for your two daughters, and six years for your flock, and you <sup>b</sup>changed my wages ten times.

24 <sup>1</sup>Lit., Aramean <sup>2</sup>Lit., Take heed to yourself <sup>a</sup>Gen. 31:29 <sup>b</sup>Gen. 31:11; 20:3, 6 <sup>c</sup>Gen. 31:7, 29

25 <sup>1</sup>Lit., brothers

26 <sup>1</sup>Lit., and have stolen my heart

27 <sup>1</sup>Lit., steal me <sup>a</sup>Ex. 15:20 <sup>b</sup>Gen. 4:21

28 <sup>a</sup>Gen. 31:55

29 <sup>1</sup>Lit., the power of my hand <sup>2</sup>Lit., Take heed to yourself <sup>a</sup>Gen. 31:5, 42, 53 <sup>b</sup>Gen. 31:24

30 <sup>a</sup>Gen. 31:19

32 <sup>1</sup>Lit., brothers <sup>2</sup>Lit., recognize <sup>3</sup>Lit., with me <sup>a</sup>Gen. 44:9

34 <sup>1</sup>Heb., teraphim

35 <sup>1</sup>Heb., teraphim

37 <sup>1</sup>Lit., brothers

40 <sup>1</sup>Or, drought

41 <sup>a</sup>Gen. 29:27, 30 <sup>b</sup>Gen. 31:7

42 <sup>a</sup>Gen. 31:5, 29, 53  
<sup>b</sup>Gen. 29:32 <sup>c</sup>Gen. 31:24, 29

43 <sup>a</sup>Gen. 31:1

44 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *I and you* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *me and you*  
<sup>a</sup>Gen. 21:27, 32

45 <sup>a</sup>Gen. 28:18; Josh. 24:26, 27

46 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *brothers*

47 <sup>1</sup>i.e., *The heap of witness, in Aramaic* <sup>2</sup>i.e., *The heap of witness, in Hebrew*  
<sup>a</sup>Josh. 22:34

48 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *me and you*

49 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *The Mizpah, i.e., The watchtower* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *me and you* <sup>3</sup>Lit., *hidden*  
<sup>a</sup>Judg. 11:29

50 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *me and you*  
<sup>a</sup>Jer. 29:23; 42:5

51 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *me and you*

53 <sup>a</sup>Gen. 28:13 <sup>b</sup>Gen. 31:42

54 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *brothers* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *eat bread* <sup>3</sup>Lit., *bread*  
<sup>a</sup>Ex. 18:12

55 <sup>1</sup>Chap. 32:1 in Hebrew  
<sup>a</sup>Gen. 31:28, 43

1 <sup>a2</sup> Kin. 6:16, 17; Ps. 34:7

2 <sup>1</sup>Or, *company* <sup>2</sup>i.e., *Two Camps, or, Two Companies*  
<sup>a</sup>Josh. 21:38; 2 Sam. 2:8

3 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *field*  
<sup>a</sup>Gen. 32:7, 11; Gen. 27:41, 42 <sup>b</sup>Gen. 14:6 <sup>c</sup>Gen. 25:30; 36:8, 9

4 <sup>a</sup>Gen. 31:41

5 <sup>a</sup>Gen. 30:43

42 "If <sup>a</sup>the God of my father, the God of Abraham, and the fear of Isaac, had not been for me, surely now you would have sent me away empty-handed. <sup>b</sup>God has seen my affliction and the toil of my hands, so He <sup>c</sup>rendered judgment last night."

43 Then Laban answered and said to Jacob, "The daughters are my daughters, and the children are my children, and <sup>a</sup>the flocks are my flocks, and all that you see is mine. But what can I do this day to these my daughters or to their children whom they have borne?"

44 "So now come, let us <sup>a</sup>make a covenant, <sup>1</sup>you and I, and let it be a witness between <sup>2</sup>you and me."

45 Then Jacob took <sup>a</sup>a stone and set it up *as* a pillar.

46 And Jacob said to his <sup>1</sup>kinsmen, "Gather stones." So they took stones and made a heap, and they ate there by the heap.

47 Now Laban <sup>a</sup>called it <sup>1</sup>Jegar-sahadutha, but Jacob called it <sup>2</sup>Galeed.

48 And Laban said, "This heap is a witness between <sup>1</sup>you and me this day." Therefore it was named Galeed;

49 and <sup>1a</sup>Mizpah, for he said, "May the LORD watch between <sup>2</sup>you and me when we are <sup>3</sup>absent one from the other.

50 "If you mistreat my daughters, or if you take wives besides my daughters, *although* no man is with us, see, <sup>a</sup>God is witness between <sup>1</sup>you and me."

51 And Laban said to Jacob, "Behold this heap and behold the pillar which I have set between <sup>1</sup>you and me.

52 "This heap is a witness, and the pillar is a witness, that I will not pass by this heap to you for harm, and you will not pass by this heap and this pillar to me, for harm.

53 "<sup>a</sup>The God of Abraham and the God of Nahor, the God of their father, judge between us." So Jacob swore by <sup>b</sup>the fear of his father Isaac.

54 <sup>a</sup>Then Jacob offered a sacrifice on the mountain, and called his <sup>1</sup>kinsmen to <sup>2</sup>the meal; and they ate <sup>3</sup>the meal and spent the night on the mountain.

55 <sup>1</sup>And early in the morning Laban arose, and <sup>a</sup>kissed his sons and his daughters and blessed them. Then Laban departed and returned to his place.

CHAPTER 32

**N**OW as Jacob went on his way, <sup>a</sup>the angels of God met him.

2 And Jacob said when he saw them, "This is God's <sup>1</sup>camp." So he named that place <sup>2a</sup>Mahanaim.

3 Then Jacob <sup>a</sup>sent messengers before him to his brother Esau in the land of <sup>b</sup>Seir, the <sup>1</sup>country of <sup>c</sup>Edom.

4 He also commanded them saying, "Thus you shall say to my lord Esau: 'Thus says your servant Jacob, "I have sojourned with Laban, and <sup>a</sup>stayed until now;

5 and <sup>a</sup>I have oxen and donkeys *and* flocks and male and female servants; and I have sent to tell my lord, that I may find favor in your sight.' "

6 And the messengers returned to Jacob, saying, "We



came to your brother Esau, and furthermore he is coming to meet you, and four hundred men are with him."

7 Then Jacob was <sup>a</sup>greatly afraid and distressed; and he divided the people who were with him, and the flocks and the herds and the camels, into two companies;

8 for he said, "If Esau comes to the one company and <sup>1</sup>attacks it, then the company which is left will escape."

9 And Jacob said, "O <sup>a</sup>God of my father Abraham and God of my father Isaac, O LORD, who didst say to me, <sup>b</sup>"Return to your country and to your relatives, and I will <sup>1</sup>prosper you,"

10 <sup>1</sup>I am unworthy <sup>a</sup>of all the lovingkindness and of all the <sup>4</sup>faithfulness which Thou hast shown to Thy servant; for with my staff *only* I crossed this Jordan, and now I have become two companies.

11 "Deliver me, I pray, <sup>a</sup>from the hand of my brother, from the hand of Esau; for I fear him, lest he come and <sup>1</sup>attack me, the mothers with the children.

12 "For Thou didst say, <sup>a</sup>"I will surely <sup>1</sup>prosper you, and <sup>b</sup>make your <sup>2</sup>descendants as the sand of the sea, which cannot be numbered for multitude."

13 So he spent the night there. Then he <sup>1</sup>selected from what <sup>2</sup>he had with him a present for his brother Esau:

14 two hundred female goats and twenty male goats, two hundred ewes and twenty rams,

15 thirty milking camels and their colts, forty cows and ten bulls, twenty female donkeys and ten male donkeys.

16 And he delivered *them* into the hand of his servants, every drove by itself, and said to his servants, "Pass on before me, and put a space between droves."

17 And he commanded the <sup>1</sup>one in front, saying, "When my brother Esau meets you and asks you, saying, 'To whom do you belong, and where are you going, and to whom do these *animals* in front of you belong?'"

18 then you shall say, '*These* belong to your servant Jacob; it is a present sent to my lord Esau. And behold, he also is behind us.'"

19 Then he commanded also the second and the third, and all those who followed the droves, saying, "After this manner you shall speak to Esau when you find him;

20 and you shall say, 'Behold, your servant Jacob also is behind us.' " For he said, "I will appease him with the present that goes before me. Then afterward I will see his face; perhaps he will accept me."

21 So the present passed on before him, while he himself spent that night in the camp.

22 Now he arose that same night and took his two wives and his two maids and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the <sup>a</sup>Jabbok.

23 And he took them and sent them across the stream. And he sent across whatever he had.

24 Then Jacob was left alone, and a man <sup>a</sup>wrestled with him until daybreak.

25 And when he saw that he had not prevailed against him, he touched the socket of his thigh; so the socket of Jacob's thigh was dislocated while he wrestled with him.

7 <sup>a</sup>Gen. 32:11

8 <sup>1</sup>Lit. smites

9 <sup>1</sup>Lit. do good with you  
<sup>a</sup>Gen. 31:42 <sup>b</sup>Gen. 28:15;  
31:13

10 <sup>1</sup>Lit. I am less than all  
<sup>2</sup>Or, truth  
<sup>a</sup>Gen. 24:27

11 <sup>1</sup>Lit. smite  
<sup>a</sup>Gen. 27:41, 42; 33:4

12 <sup>1</sup>Lit. do good with  
<sup>2</sup>Lit. seed  
<sup>a</sup>Gen. 28:14 <sup>b</sup>Gen. 22:17

13 <sup>1</sup>Lit. took <sup>2</sup>Lit. had  
come to his hand

17 <sup>1</sup>Lit. first

22 <sup>a</sup>Deut. 3:16; Josh. 12:2

24 <sup>a</sup>Hos. 12:3, 4

28 <sup>1</sup>I.e., He who strives with God, or, God strives  
<sup>a</sup>Gen. 35:10; 1 Kin. 18:31

29 <sup>a</sup>Judg. 13:17, 18

30 <sup>1</sup>I.e., The face of God  
<sup>2</sup>Lit., soul  
<sup>a</sup>Gen. 16:13; Ex. 33:20;  
 Num. 12:8; Judg. 6:22;  
 13:22

31 <sup>a</sup>Judg. 8:8

1 <sup>1</sup>Or, to  
<sup>a</sup>Gen. 32:6

2 <sup>1</sup>Lit., first <sup>2</sup>Lit., behind

4 <sup>a</sup>Gen. 45:14, 15

5 <sup>1</sup>Or, "What relation are these to you?"  
<sup>a</sup>Gen. 48:9

6 <sup>1</sup>Lit., they and

8 <sup>a</sup>Gen. 32:14-16

9 <sup>a</sup>Gen. 27:39, 40

10 <sup>1</sup>Lit., for therefore I have seen your face like seeing God's face

11 <sup>1</sup>Lit., blessing <sup>2</sup>Lit., all  
<sup>a</sup>Gen. 30:43

12 <sup>1</sup>Lit., he

13 <sup>1</sup>Lit., upon me

26 Then he said, "Let me go, for the dawn is breaking." But he said, "I will not let you go unless you bless me."

27 So he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob."

28 And <sup>a</sup>he said, "Your name shall no longer be Jacob, but <sup>1</sup>Israel; for you have striven with God and with men and have prevailed."

29 Then <sup>a</sup>Jacob asked him and said, "Please tell me your name." But he said, "Why is it that you ask my name?" And he blessed him there.

30 So Jacob named the place <sup>1</sup>Peniel, for *he said*, "<sup>a</sup>I have seen God face to face, yet my <sup>2</sup>life has been preserved."

31 Now the sun rose upon him just as he crossed over <sup>a</sup>Penuel, and he was limping on his thigh.

32 Therefore, to this day the sons of Israel do not eat the sinew of the hip which is on the socket of the thigh, because he touched the socket of Jacob's thigh in the sinew of the hip.

CHAPTER 33

**T**HEN Jacob lifted his eyes and looked, and behold, <sup>a</sup>Esau was coming, and four hundred men with him. So he divided the children <sup>1</sup>among Leah and Rachel and the two maids.

2 And he put the maids and their children <sup>1</sup>in front, and Leah and her children <sup>2</sup>next, and Rachel and Joseph <sup>2</sup>last.

3 But he himself passed on ahead of them and bowed down to the ground seven times, until he came near to his brother.

4 Then Esau ran to meet him and embraced him, and <sup>a</sup>fell on his neck and kissed him, and they wept.

5 And he lifted his eyes and saw the women and the children, and said, "<sup>1</sup>Who are these with you?" So he said, "<sup>a</sup>The children whom God has graciously given your servant."

6 Then the maids came near <sup>1</sup>with their children, and they bowed down.

7 And Leah likewise came near with her children, and they bowed down; and afterward Joseph came near with Rachel, and they bowed down.

8 And he said, "What do you mean by <sup>a</sup>all this company which I have met?" And he said, "To find favor in the sight of my lord."

9 But Esau said, "<sup>a</sup>I have plenty, my brother; let what you have be your own."

10 And Jacob said, "No, please, if now I have found favor in your sight, then take my present from my hand, <sup>1</sup>for I see your face as one sees the face of God, and you have received me favorably.

11 "Please take my <sup>1</sup>gift which has been brought to you, <sup>a</sup>because God has dealt graciously with me, and because I have <sup>2</sup>plenty." Thus he urged him and he took *it*.

12 Then <sup>1</sup>Esau said, "Let us take our journey and go, and I will go before you."

13 But he said to him, "My lord knows that the children are frail and that the flocks and herds which are nursing are <sup>1</sup>a care to me. And if they are driven hard one day, all the flocks will die.

14 "Please let my lord pass on before his servant; and I will proceed at my leisure, according to the pace of the cattle that are before me and according to the pace of the children, until I come to my lord at <sup>a</sup>Seir."

15 And Esau said, "Please let me leave with you some of the people who are with me." But he said, "What need is there? Let me find favor in the sight of my lord."

16 So Esau returned that day on his way to Seir.

17 And Jacob journeyed to <sup>1a</sup>Succoth; and built for himself a house, and made booths for his livestock, therefore the place is named Succoth.

18 Now Jacob came safely to the city of <sup>a</sup>Shechem, which is in the land of Canaan, when he came from <sup>b</sup>Paddan-aram, and camped before the city.

19 And <sup>a</sup>he bought the piece of land where he had pitched his tent from the hand of the sons of Hamor, Shechem's father, for one hundred <sup>1</sup>pieces of money.

20 Then he erected there an altar, and called it <sup>1</sup>El-Elohe-Israel.

CHAPTER 34

NOW <sup>a</sup>Dinah the daughter of Leah, whom she had borne to Jacob, went out to <sup>1</sup>visit the daughters of the land.

2 And when Shechem the son of Hamor <sup>a</sup>the Hivite, the prince of the land, saw her, he took her and lay with her <sup>1b</sup>by force.

3 And <sup>1</sup>he was deeply attracted to Dinah the daughter of Jacob, and he loved the girl and <sup>2</sup>spoke tenderly to her.

4 So Shechem spoke to his father Hamor, saying, "Get me this young girl for a wife."

5 Now Jacob heard that he had defiled Dinah his daughter; but his sons were with his livestock in the field, so Jacob kept silent until they came in.

6 Then Hamor the father of Shechem went out to Jacob to speak with him.

7 Now the sons of Jacob came in from the field when they heard it; and the men were grieved, and they were very angry because he had done a <sup>1a</sup>disgraceful thing in Israel <sup>2b</sup>by lying with Jacob's daughter, for such a thing ought not to be done.

8 But Hamor spoke with them, saying, "The soul of my son Shechem longs for your daughter; please give her to him <sup>1</sup>in marriage.

9 "And intermarry with us; give your daughters to us, and take our daughters for yourselves.

10 "Thus you shall <sup>1</sup>live with us, and <sup>a</sup>the land shall be *open* before you; <sup>1</sup>live and trade in it, and acquire property in it."

11 Shechem also said to her father and to her brothers, "If I find favor in your sight, then I will give whatever you say to me.

12 "Ask me ever so much bridal payment and gift, and I will give according as you say to me; but give me the girl <sup>1</sup>in marriage."

13 But Jacob's sons answered Shechem and his father Hamor, with deceit, and spoke to them, because he had defiled Dinah their sister.

14 <sup>a</sup>Gen. 32:3

15 <sup>1</sup>Lit., "Why this?"

17 <sup>1</sup>I.e., Booths  
<sup>a</sup>Judg. 8:5, 14; Ps. 60:6

18 <sup>a</sup>Gen. 12:6; Josh. 24:1;  
Judg. 9:1 <sup>b</sup>Gen. 25:20; 28:2

19 <sup>1</sup>Heb., *qesitah*  
<sup>a</sup>Josh. 24:32; John 4:5

20 <sup>1</sup>I.e., God, the God of Israel

1 <sup>1</sup>Lit., see  
<sup>a</sup>Gen. 30:21

2 <sup>1</sup>Lit., and humbled her  
<sup>a</sup>Gen. 34:30

3 <sup>1</sup>Lit., his soul clung  
<sup>2</sup>Lit., spoke to the heart of the girl

7 <sup>1</sup>Lit., senseless <sup>2</sup>Lit., to lie  
<sup>a</sup>Deut. 22:21; Judg. 20:6;  
<sup>2</sup>Sam. 13:12

8 <sup>1</sup>Lit., for a wife

10 <sup>1</sup>Lit., dwell  
<sup>a</sup>Gen. 13:9; 20:15

12 <sup>1</sup>Lit., for a wife

14 \*Gen. 17:14

16 <sup>1</sup>Lit., dwell

18 <sup>1</sup>Lit., good

21 <sup>1</sup>Lit., peaceful <sup>2</sup>Lit., dwell <sup>3</sup>Lit., wide of hands before them <sup>4</sup>Lit., to us for wives

22 <sup>1</sup>Lit., dwell

23 <sup>1</sup>Lit., dwell

24 \*Gen. 23:10

25 \*Gen. 49:5-7

30 <sup>1</sup>Lit., I, few in number <sup>2</sup>Lit., smite  
<sup>3</sup>Ex. 5:21; 2 Sam. 10:6  
<sup>4</sup>Gen. 34:2; Gen. 13:7  
<sup>5</sup>Gen. 46:26, 27; 1 Chr. 16:19

31 <sup>1</sup>Or, make

<sup>1</sup> <sup>1</sup>Lit., dwell <sup>2</sup>Lit., from the face of  
<sup>3</sup>Gen. 28:19 <sup>4</sup>Gen. 28:13

14 And they said to them, "We cannot do this thing, to give our sister to <sup>a</sup>one who is uncircumcised, for that would be a disgrace to us.

15 "Only on this *condition* will we consent to you: if you will become like us, in that every male of you be circumcised,

16 then we will give our daughters to you, and we will take your daughters for ourselves, and we will <sup>1</sup>live with you and become one people.

17 "But if you will not listen to us to be circumcised, then we will take our daughter and go."

18 Now their words seemed <sup>1</sup>reasonable to Hamor and Shechem, Hamor's son.

19 And the young man did not delay to do the thing, because he was delighted with Jacob's daughter. Now he was more respected than all the household of his father.

20 So Hamor and his son Shechem came to the gate of their city, and spoke to the men of their city, saying,

21 "These men are <sup>1</sup>friendly with us; therefore let them <sup>2</sup>live in the land and trade in it, for behold, the land is <sup>3</sup>large enough for them. Let us take their daughters <sup>4</sup>in marriage, and give our daughters to them.

22 "Only on this *condition* will the men consent to us to <sup>1</sup>live with us, to become one people: that every male among us be circumcised as they are circumcised.

23 "Will not their livestock and their property and all their animals be ours? Only let us consent to them, and they will <sup>1</sup>live with us."

24 And <sup>a</sup>all who went out of the gate of his city listened to Hamor and to his son Shechem, and every male was circumcised, all who went out of the gate of his city.

25 Now it came about on the third day, when they were in pain, that two of Jacob's sons, <sup>a</sup>Simeon and Levi, Dinah's brothers, each took his sword and came upon the city unawares, and killed every male.

26 And they killed Hamor and his son Shechem with the edge of the sword, and took Dinah from Shechem's house, and went forth.

27 Jacob's sons came upon the slain and looted the city, because they had defiled their sister.

28 They took their flocks and their herds and their donkeys, and that which was in the city and that which was in the field;

29 and they captured and looted all their wealth and all their little ones and their wives, even all that *was* in the houses.

30 Then Jacob said to Simeon and Levi, "You have brought trouble on me, <sup>a</sup>by making me odious among the inhabitants of the land, among <sup>b</sup>the Canaanites and the Perizzites; and <sup>c</sup>my men being few in number, they will gather together against me and <sup>2</sup>attack me and I shall be destroyed, I and my household."

31 But they said, "Should he <sup>1</sup>treat our sister as a harlot?"

CHAPTER 35

THEN God said to Jacob, "Arise, go up to <sup>a</sup>Bethel, and <sup>1</sup>live there; and make an altar there to <sup>b</sup>God, who appeared to you when you fled <sup>2</sup>from your brother Esau."

2 So Jacob said to his household and to all who were with him, "Put away <sup>a</sup>the foreign gods which are among you, and <sup>b</sup>purify yourselves, and change your garments;

3 and let us arise and go up to Bethel; and I will make <sup>a</sup>an altar there to God, who answered me in the day of my distress, and <sup>b</sup>has been with me <sup>1</sup>wherever I have gone."

4 So they gave to Jacob all the foreign gods which <sup>1</sup>they had, and the rings which were in their ears; and Jacob hid them under the <sup>2</sup>oak which was near Shechem.

5 As they journeyed, there was <sup>1a</sup>a great terror upon the cities which were around them, and they did not pursue the sons of Jacob.

6 So Jacob came to <sup>a</sup>Luz (that is, Bethel), which is in the land of Canaan, he and all the people who were with him.

7 And <sup>a</sup>he built an altar there, and called the place <sup>1</sup>El-bethel, because there God had revealed Himself to him, when he fled <sup>2</sup>from his brother.

8 Now <sup>a</sup>Deborah, Rebekah's nurse, died, and she was buried below Bethel under the oak; it was named <sup>1</sup>Allon-bacuth.

9 Then God appeared to Jacob again when he came from Paddan-aram, and He <sup>a</sup>blessed him.

10 And <sup>a</sup>God said to him,  
 "Your name is Jacob;  
<sup>1</sup>You shall no longer be called Jacob,  
 But Israel shall be your name."

Thus He called <sup>2</sup>him Israel.

11 God also said to him,  
 "I am <sup>1a</sup>God Almighty;  
<sup>b</sup>Be fruitful and multiply;  
 A nation and a <sup>c</sup>company of nations shall <sup>2</sup>come from you,  
 And <sup>d</sup>kings shall <sup>2</sup>come forth from <sup>3</sup>you.

12 "And <sup>a</sup>the land which I gave to Abraham and Isaac, I will give it to you,  
 And I will give the land to your <sup>1</sup>descendants after you."

13 Then <sup>a</sup>God went up from him in the place where He had spoken with him.

14 And Jacob set up <sup>a</sup>a pillar in the place where He had spoken with him, a pillar of stone, and he poured out a <sup>1</sup>libation on it; he also poured oil on it.

15 So Jacob named the place where God had spoken with him, <sup>1</sup>Bethel.

16 Then they journeyed from Bethel; and when there was still some distance to go to <sup>a</sup>Ephrath, Rachel began to give birth and she <sup>1</sup>suffered severe labor.

17 And it came about when she was in severe labor that the midwife said to her, "Do not fear, for now <sup>a</sup>you have *another* son."

18 And it came about as her soul was departing (for she died), that she named him <sup>1</sup>Ben-oni; but his father called him <sup>2</sup>Benjamin.

19 So <sup>a</sup>Rachel died and was buried on the way to Ephrath (that is, Bethlehem).

2 <sup>a</sup>Gen. 31:19, 30 <sup>b</sup>Ex. 19:10, 14

3 <sup>1</sup>Lit., in the way which <sup>a</sup>Gen. 28:20-22 <sup>b</sup>Gen. 28:15

4 <sup>1</sup>Lit., in their hand <sup>2</sup>Or, terebinth

5 <sup>1</sup>Or, a terror of God <sup>a</sup>Ex. 15:16; Deut. 2:25

6 <sup>a</sup>Gen. 28:19; 48:3

7 <sup>1</sup>I.e., the God of Bethel <sup>2</sup>Lit., from the face of <sup>a</sup>Gen. 35:3

8 <sup>1</sup>I.e., Oak of weeping <sup>a</sup>Or. 24:59

9 <sup>a</sup>Gen. 32:29

10 <sup>1</sup>Lit., Your name <sup>2</sup>Lit., his name <sup>a</sup>Gen. 32:28

11 <sup>1</sup>Heb., El Shaddai <sup>2</sup>Or, come into being <sup>3</sup>Lit., your loins <sup>a</sup>Gen. 17:1; 28:3 <sup>b</sup>Gen. 9:1, 7 <sup>c</sup>Gen. 48:4 <sup>d</sup>Gen. 17:6, 16; 36:31

12 <sup>1</sup>Lit., seed <sup>a</sup>Gen. 13:15; 26:3; 28:13

13 <sup>a</sup>Gen. 17:22; 18:33

14 <sup>1</sup>Or, drink offering <sup>a</sup>Gen. 28:18, 19; 31:45

15 <sup>1</sup>I.e., the house of God

16 <sup>1</sup>Lit., had difficulty in her giving birth <sup>a</sup>Gen. 35:19; Ruth 4:11; Mic. 5:2

17 <sup>a</sup>Gen. 30:24

18 <sup>1</sup>I.e., the son of my sorrow <sup>2</sup>I.e., the son of the right hand

19 <sup>a</sup>Gen. 48:7

20 <sup>a</sup>1 Sam. 10:2

21 <sup>1</sup>Heb., *Migdal-eder*  
<sup>2</sup>Or, *flock*

22 <sup>a</sup>Gen. 49:4; 1 Chr. 5:1

23 <sup>a</sup>Gen. 29:31-35; 30:18-20

24 <sup>a</sup>Gen. 30:22-24; 35:18

25 <sup>a</sup>Gen. 30:5-8

26 <sup>a</sup>Gen. 30:10-13

27 <sup>a</sup>Gen. 18:1; 23:19

28 <sup>a</sup>Gen. 25:26

29 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *and satisfied with days*  
<sup>a</sup>Gen. 25:8 <sup>b</sup>Gen. 15:15

1 <sup>a</sup>Gen. 25:30

2 <sup>a</sup>Gen. 26:34; 28:9  
<sup>b</sup>Gen. 36:24

6 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *the souls of his house*  
<sup>a</sup>Gen. 12:5

7 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *dwell*  
<sup>a</sup>Gen. 13:6

8 <sup>a</sup>Gen. 32:3 <sup>b</sup>Gen. 36:1, 19

9 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *Edom*

11 <sup>1</sup>In 1 Chr. 1:36, *Zephi*

20 And Jacob set up a pillar over her grave; that is the <sup>a</sup>pillar of Rachel's grave to this day.

21 Then Israel journeyed on and pitched his tent beyond the <sup>1</sup>tower of <sup>2</sup>Eder.

22 And it came about while Israel was dwelling in that land, that <sup>a</sup>Reuben went and lay with Bilhah his father's concubine; and Israel heard of it.

Now there were twelve sons of Jacob—

23 <sup>a</sup>the sons of Leah: Reuben, Jacob's first-born, then Simeon and Levi and Judah and Issachar and Zebulun;

24 <sup>a</sup>the sons of Rachel: Joseph and Benjamin;

25 and <sup>a</sup>the sons of Bilhah, Rachel's maid: Dan and Naphtali;

26 and <sup>a</sup>the sons of Zilpah, Leah's maid: Gad and Asher. These are the sons of Jacob who were born to him in Paddan-aram.

27 And Jacob came to his father Isaac at <sup>a</sup>Mamre of Kiriath-arba (that is, Hebron), where Abraham and Isaac had sojourned.

28 Now the days of Isaac were <sup>a</sup>one hundred and eighty years.

29 And Isaac breathed his last and died, and was <sup>a</sup>gathered to his people, an <sup>b</sup>old man <sup>1</sup>of ripe age; and his sons Esau and Jacob buried him.

CHAPTER 36

Now these are *the records of* the generations of <sup>a</sup>Esau (that is, Edom).

2 Esau took <sup>a</sup>his wives from the daughters of Canaan: Adah the daughter of Elon the Hittite, and Oholibamah the daughter of Anah, the <sup>b</sup>granddaughter of Zibeon the Hivite;

3 also Basemath, Ishmael's daughter, the sister of Nebaioth.

4 And Adah bore Eliphaz to Esau, and Basemath bore Reuel,

5 and Oholibamah bore Jeush and Jalam and Korah. These are the sons of Esau who were born to him in the land of Canaan.

6 <sup>a</sup>Then Esau took his wives and his sons and his daughters and all <sup>1</sup>his household, and his livestock and all his cattle and all his goods which he had acquired in the land of Canaan, and went to *another* land away from his brother Jacob.

7 <sup>a</sup>For their property had become too great for them to <sup>1</sup>live together, and the land where they sojourned could not sustain them because of their livestock.

8 So Esau lived in the hill country of <sup>a</sup>Seir; Esau is <sup>b</sup>Edom.

9 These then are *the records of* the generations of Esau the father of <sup>1</sup>the Edomites in the hill country of Seir.

10 These are the names of Esau's sons: Eliphaz the son of Esau's wife Adah, Reuel the son of Esau's wife Basemath.

11 And the sons of Eliphaz were Teman, Omar, <sup>1</sup>Zepho and Gatam and Kenaz.

12 And Timna was a concubine of Esau's son Eliphaz and

she bore Amalek to Eliphaz. These are the sons of Esau's wife Adah.

13 And these are the sons of Reuel: Nahath and Zerah, Shammah and Mizzah. These were the sons of Esau's wife Basemath.

14 And these were the sons of Esau's wife Oholibamah, the daughter of Anah, the <sup>1</sup>daughter of Zibeon: <sup>2</sup>she bore to Esau, Jeush and Jalam and Korah.

15 These are the chiefs of the sons of Esau. The sons of Eliphaz, the first-born of Esau, are chief Teman, chief Omar, chief Zepho, chief Kenaz,

16 chief Korah, chief Gatam, chief Amalek. These are the chiefs <sup>1</sup>descended from Eliphaz in the land of Edom; these are the sons of Adah.

17 And these are the sons of Reuel, Esau's son: chief Naliath, chief Zerah, chief Shammah, chief Mizzah. These are the chiefs <sup>1</sup>descended from Reuel in the land of Edom; these are the sons of Esau's wife Basemath.

18 And these are the sons of Esau's wife Oholibamah: chief Jeush, chief Jalam, chief Korah. These are the chiefs <sup>1</sup>descended from Esau's wife Oholibamah, the daughter of Anah.

19 These are the sons of Esau (that is, Edom), and these are their chiefs.

20 These are the sons of Seir <sup>a</sup>the Horite, the inhabitants of the land: Lotan and Shobal and Zibeon and Anah,

21 and Dishon and Ezer and Dishan. These are the chiefs <sup>1</sup>descended from the Horites, the sons of Seir in the land of Edom.

22 And the sons of Lotan were Hori and <sup>1</sup>Hemam; and Lotan's sister was Timna.

23 And these are the sons of Shobal: <sup>1</sup>Alvan and Manahath and Ebal, <sup>2</sup>Shepho and Onam.

24 And these are the sons of Zibeon: Aiah and Anah—he is the Anah who found the hot springs in the wilderness when he was pasturing the donkeys of his father Zibeon.

25 And these are the children of Anah: Dishon, and Oholibamah, the daughter of Anah.

26 And these are the sons of <sup>1</sup>Dishon: <sup>2</sup>Hemdan and Eshban and Ithran and Cheran.

27 These are the sons of Ezer: Bilhan and Zaavan and <sup>1</sup>Akan.

28 These are the sons of Dishan: Uz and Aran.

29 These are the chiefs <sup>1</sup>descended from the Horites: chief Lotan, chief Shobal, chief Zibeon, chief Anah,

30 chief Dishon, chief Ezer, chief Dishan. These are the chiefs <sup>1</sup>descended from the Horites, according to their *various* chiefs in the land of Seir.

31 Now these are the kings who reigned in the land of Edom before any <sup>a</sup>king reigned over the sons of Israel.

32 <sup>1</sup>Bela the son of Beor reigned in Edom, and the name of his city was Dinhabah.

33 Then Bela died, and Jobab the son of Zerah of Bozrah became king in his place.

34 Then Jobab died, and Husham of the land of the Temanites became king in his place.

14 <sup>1</sup>Gr., son <sup>2</sup>Lit., and she

16 <sup>1</sup>Lit., of Eliphaz

17 <sup>1</sup>Lit., of Reuel

18 <sup>1</sup>Lit., of Oholibamah, Esau's wife

20 <sup>a</sup>Gen. 14:6; Deut. 2:12; 22; 1 Chr. 1:38-42

21 <sup>1</sup>Lit., of the Horites

22 <sup>1</sup>In 1 Chr. 1:39, *Homam*

23 <sup>1</sup>In 1 Chr. 1:40, *Alian*  
<sup>2</sup>In 1 Chr. 1:40, *Shephi*

26 <sup>1</sup>Heb., *Dishan*, but cf. 1 Chr. 1:41 <sup>2</sup>In 1 Chr. 1:41, *Hamran*

27 <sup>1</sup>In 1 Chr. 1:42, *Jaakan*

29 <sup>1</sup>Lit., of the Horites

30 <sup>1</sup>Lit., of the Horites

31 <sup>a</sup>Gen. 17:6, 16; 35:11; 1 Chr. 1:43

32 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *And Bela*

35 <sup>1</sup>Or, smote

39 <sup>1</sup>In 1 Chr. 1:50, Hadad  
<sup>2</sup>In 1 Chr. 1:50, Pai

40 <sup>1</sup>Lit., of Esau <sup>2</sup>In  
1 Chr. 1:51, Aliah

43 <sup>1</sup>Heb., Edom

<sup>1</sup> Lit., of his father's  
sojournings  
<sup>a</sup>Gen. 17:8; 28:4

<sup>2</sup> Gen. 41:46 <sup>b</sup>Gen.  
35:25, 26

<sup>3</sup> Or, full-length robe  
<sup>a</sup>Gen. 44:20 <sup>b</sup>Gen. 37:23,  
32

<sup>4</sup> Lit., in peace

<sup>5</sup> Lit., dreamed  
<sup>a</sup>Gen. 28:12; 31:10, 11, 24

<sup>6</sup> Lit., dreamed

<sup>7</sup> Gen. 42:6, 9; 43:26;  
44:14

<sup>8</sup> Gen. 49:26; Deut.  
33:16

<sup>9</sup> Lit., dreamed

35 Then Husham died, and Hadad the son of Bedad, who <sup>1</sup>defeated Midian in the field of Moab, became king in his place; and the name of his city was Avith.

36 Then Hadad died, and Samlah of Masrekah became king in his place.

37 Then Samlah died, and Shaul of Rehoboth on the *Euphrates* River became king in his place.

38 Then Shaul died, and Baal-hanan the son of Achbor became king in his place.

39 Then Baal-hanan the son of Achbor died, and <sup>1</sup>Hadar became king in his place; and the name of his city was <sup>2</sup>Pau; and his wife's name was Mehetabel, the daughter of Matred, daughter of Me-zahab.

40 Now these are the names of the chiefs <sup>1</sup>descended from Esau, according to their families *and* their localities, by their names: chief Timna, chief <sup>2</sup>Alvah, chief Jetheth,

41 chief Oholibamah, chief Elah, chief Pinon,

42 chief Kenaz, chief Teman, chief Mibzar,

43 chief Magdiel, chief Iram. These are the chiefs of Edom (that is, Esau, the father of the <sup>1</sup>Edomites), according to their habitations in the land of their possession.

## CHAPTER 37

**N**OW Jacob lived in <sup>a</sup>the land <sup>1</sup>where his father had so-journed, in the land of Canaan.

2 These are *the records* of the generations of Jacob.

Joseph, when <sup>a</sup>seventeen years of age, was pasturing the flock with his brothers while he was *still* a youth, along with <sup>b</sup>the sons of Bilhah and the sons of Zilpah, his father's wives. And Joseph brought back a bad report about them to their father.

3 Now Israel loved Joseph more than all his sons, because he was <sup>a</sup>the son of his old age; and he made him a <sup>1b</sup>varicolored tunic.

4 And his brothers saw that their father loved him more than all his brothers; and so they hated him and could not speak to him <sup>1</sup>on friendly terms.

5 Then Joseph <sup>1a</sup>had a dream, and when he told it to his brothers, they hated him even more.

6 And he said to them, "Please listen to this dream which I have <sup>1</sup>had;

7 for behold, we were binding sheaves in the field, and lo, my sheaf rose up and also stood erect; and behold, your sheaves gattered around and <sup>a</sup>bowed down to my sheaf."

8 Then his brothers said to him, "Are you actually going to reign over us? Or are you really going to rule over us?" So they hated him even more for his dreams and for his words.

9 Now he <sup>1</sup>had still another dream, and related it to his brothers, and said, "Lo, I have <sup>1</sup>had still another dream; and behold, the sun and the moon and eleven stars were bowing down to me."

10 And he related *it* to his father and to his brothers; and his father rebuked him and said to him, "What is this dream



that you have <sup>1</sup>had? Shall I and your mother and <sup>a</sup>your brothers actually come to bow ourselves down before you to the ground?"

11 And <sup>a</sup>his brothers were jealous of him, but his father kept the saying *in mind*.

12 Then his brothers went to pasture their father's flock in Shechem.

13 And Israel said to Joseph, "Are not your brothers pasturing *the flock* in <sup>a</sup>Shechem? Come, and I will send you to them." And he said to him, "I will go."

14 Then he said to him, "Go now and see about the welfare of your brothers and the welfare of the flock; and bring word back to me." <sup>a</sup>So he sent him from the valley of Hebron, and he came to Shechem.

15 And a man found him, and behold, he was wandering in the field; and the man asked him, "What are you looking for?"

16 And he said, "I am looking for my brothers; please tell me where they are pasturing *the flock*."

17 Then the man said, "They have moved from here; for I heard *them* say, 'Let us go to <sup>a</sup>Dothan.'" So Joseph went after his brothers and found them at Dothan.

18 <sup>1</sup>When they saw him from a distance and before he came close to them, they plotted against him to put him to death.

19 And they said to one another, "Here comes this dreamer!

20 "Now then, come and let us kill him and throw him into one of the pits; and <sup>a</sup>we will say, 'A wild beast devoured him.' Then let us see what will become of his dreams!"

21 But <sup>a</sup>Reuben heard *this* and rescued him out of their hands and said, "Let us not <sup>1</sup>take his life."

22 Reuben further said to them, "Shed no blood. Throw him into this pit that is in the wilderness, but do not lay hands on him"—that he might rescue him out of their hands, to restore him to his father.

23 So it came about, when Joseph <sup>1</sup>reached his brothers, that they stripped Joseph of his <sup>2</sup>tunic, the varicolored tunic that was on him;

24 and they took him and threw him into the pit. Now the pit was empty, without any water in it.

25 Then they sat down to eat <sup>1a</sup> meal. And as they raised their eyes and looked, behold, a caravan of <sup>a</sup>Ishmaelites was coming from Gilead, with their camels bearing <sup>2b</sup> aromatic gum and <sup>3c</sup> balm and <sup>4</sup> myrrh, <sup>5</sup> on their way to bring *them* down to Egypt.

26 And Judah said to his brothers, "What profit is it for us to kill our brother and <sup>a</sup>cover up his blood?

27 "Come and let us sell him to the Ishmaelites and not lay our hands on him; for he is our brother, our *own* flesh." And his brothers listened to *him*.

28 Then some <sup>a</sup>Midianite traders passed by, so they pulled *him* up and lifted Joseph out of the pit, and <sup>b</sup> sold <sup>1</sup> him to the Ishmaelites for twenty *shekels* of silver. Thus <sup>c</sup> they brought Joseph into Egypt.

10 <sup>1</sup>Lit. *dreamed*  
<sup>a</sup>Gen. 27:29

11 <sup>a</sup>Acts 7:9

13 <sup>1</sup>Lit. "Behold me."  
<sup>a</sup>Gen. 33:18-20

14 <sup>a</sup>Gen. 35:27

15 <sup>1</sup>Lit. *saying*,  
"What . . . ?"

17 <sup>a</sup>2 Kin. 6:13

18 <sup>1</sup>Or, *And*

19 <sup>1</sup>Lit. *Behold, this master of dreams comes*

20 <sup>a</sup>Gen. 37:32

21 <sup>1</sup>Lit. *smite his soul*  
<sup>a</sup>Gen. 42:22

23 <sup>1</sup>Lit. *came to* <sup>2</sup>Or,  
*full-length robe*

25 <sup>1</sup>Lit. *bread* <sup>2</sup>Or,  
*ladanum spice* <sup>3</sup>Or, *mastic*  
<sup>4</sup>Or, *resinous bark* <sup>5</sup>Lit.,  
*going*  
<sup>a</sup>Gen. 37:28; 16:12; 39:1  
<sup>b</sup>Gen. 43:11 <sup>c</sup>Jer. 8:22;  
46:11

26 <sup>a</sup>Gen. 37:20

27 <sup>a</sup>Gen. 42:21

28 <sup>1</sup>Lit. *Joseph*  
<sup>a</sup>Gen. 37:25; Judg. 6:1;  
8:22, 24 <sup>b</sup>Gen. 45:4; Acts  
7:9 <sup>c</sup>Gen. 39:1

29 <sup>a</sup>Gen. 37:34; 44:13

30 <sup>a</sup>Gen. 42:13, 36

31 <sup>a</sup>Gen. 37:3, 23

32 <sup>1</sup>Or, recognize

33 <sup>1</sup>Or, recognized  
<sup>a</sup>Gen. 37:20

34 <sup>a</sup>Gen. 37:29

35 <sup>a</sup>Gen. 37:33; 25:8;  
35:29; 42:38; 44:29, 31

36 <sup>1</sup>Lit., Medanites  
<sup>a</sup>Gen. 39:1

<sup>1</sup> Lit., went down <sup>2</sup> Lit.,  
turned aside to  
<sup>a</sup> Josh. 15:35; 1 Sam. 22:1

<sup>3</sup> Gen. 46:12; Num.  
26:19

<sup>5</sup> Lit., when

<sup>7</sup> <sup>1</sup> Chr. 2:3

<sup>8</sup> Lit., seed  
<sup>a</sup> Deut. 25:5, 6; Matt. 22:24

<sup>9</sup> Lit., seed <sup>2</sup> Lit., spilled  
on the ground

<sup>11</sup> Lit., said <sup>2</sup> Lit., Lest  
he also die  
<sup>a</sup> Ruth 1:12, 13

<sup>12</sup> Lit., the days became  
many and <sup>2</sup> Lit., Judah was  
comforted, he  
<sup>a</sup> Josh. 15:10, 57

29 Now Reuben returned to the pit, and behold, Joseph was not in the pit; so he <sup>a</sup>tore his garments.

30 And he returned to his brothers and said, “<sup>a</sup>The boy is not *there*; as for me, where am I to go?”

31 So <sup>a</sup>they took Joseph’s tunic, and slaughtered a male goat, and dipped the tunic in the blood;

32 and they sent the varicolored tunic and brought it to their father and said, “We found this; please <sup>1</sup>examine it to see whether it is your son’s tunic or not.”

33 Then he <sup>1</sup>examined it and said, “It is my son’s tunic. <sup>a</sup>A wild beast has devoured him; Joseph has surely been torn to pieces!”

34 So Jacob <sup>a</sup>tore his clothes, and put sackcloth on his loins, and mourned for his son many days.

35 Then all his sons and all his daughters arose to comfort him, but he refused to be comforted. And he said, “Surely I will go down to <sup>a</sup>Sheol in mourning for my son.” So his father wept for him.

36 Meanwhile, the <sup>1</sup>Midianites <sup>a</sup>sold him in Egypt to Potiphar, Pharaoh’s officer, the captain of the bodyguard.

CHAPTER 38

AND it came about at that time, that Judah <sup>1</sup>departed from his brothers, and <sup>2</sup>visited a certain <sup>a</sup>Adullamite, whose name was Hirah.

2 And Judah saw there a daughter of a certain Canaanite whose name was Shua; and he took her and went in to her.

3 So she conceived and bore a son and he named him <sup>a</sup>Er.

4 Then she conceived again and bore a son and named him Onan.

5 And she bore still another son and named him Shelah; and it was at Chezib <sup>1</sup>that she bore him.

6 Now Judah took a wife for Er his first-born, and her name was Tamar.

7 But <sup>a</sup>Er, Judah’s first-born, was evil in the sight of the LORD, so the LORD took his life.

8 Then Judah said to Onan, “<sup>a</sup>Go in to your brother’s wife, and perform your duty as a brother-in-law to her, and raise up <sup>1</sup>offspring for your brother.”

9 And Onan knew that the <sup>1</sup>offspring would not be his; so it came about that when he went in to his brother’s wife, he <sup>2</sup>wasted his seed on the ground, in order not to give <sup>1</sup>offspring to his brother.

10 But what he did was displeasing in the sight of the LORD; so He took his life also.

11 Then Judah said to his daughter-in-law Tamar, “<sup>a</sup>Remain a widow in your father’s house until my son Shelah grows up”; for he <sup>1</sup>thought, “<sup>2</sup>I am afraid that he too may die like his brothers.” So Tamar went and lived in her father’s house.

12 Now <sup>1</sup>after a considerable time Shua’s daughter, the wife of Judah, died; and when <sup>2</sup>the time of mourning was ended, Judah went up to his sheepshearers at <sup>a</sup>Timnah, he and his friend Hirah the Adullamite.

13 And it was told to Tamar, "Behold, your father-in-law is going up to Timnah to shear his sheep."

14 So she removed her widow's garments and covered herself with a veil, and wrapped herself, and sat in the gateway of Enaim, which is on the road to Timnah; for she saw that Shelah had grown up, and she had not been given to him as a wife.

15 When Judah saw her, he thought she was a harlot, for she had covered her face.

16 So he turned aside to her by the road, and said, "Here now, let me come in to you"; for he did not know that she was his daughter-in-law. And she said, "What will you give me, that you may come in to me?"

17 He said, therefore, "I will send you a kid from the flock." She said, moreover, "Will you give a pledge until you send it?"

18 And he said, "What pledge shall I give you?" And she said, "Your seal and your cord, and your staff that is in your hand." So he gave them to her, and went in to her, and she conceived by him.

19 Then she arose and departed, and removed her veil and put on her widow's garments.

20 When Judah sent the kid by his friend the Adullamite, to receive the pledge from the woman's hand, he did not find her.

21 And he asked the men of her place, saying, "Where is the temple prostitute who was by the road at Enaim?" But they said, "There has been no temple prostitute here."

22 So he returned to Judah, and said, "I did not find her; and furthermore, the men of the place said, 'There has been no temple prostitute here.'"

23 Then Judah said, "Let her keep them, lest we become a laughingstock. After all, I sent this kid, but you did not find her."

24 Now it was about three months later that Judah was informed, "Your daughter-in-law Tamar has played the harlot, and behold, she is also with child by harlotry." Then Judah said, "Bring her out and let her be burned!"

25 It was while she was being brought out that she sent to her father-in-law, saying, "I am with child by the man to whom these things belong." And she said, "Please examine and see, whose signet ring and cords and staff are these?"

26 And Judah recognized them, and said, "She is more righteous than I, inasmuch as I did not give her to my son Shelah." And he did not have relations with her again.

27 And it came about at the time she was giving birth, that behold, there were twins in her womb.

28 Moreover, it took place while she was giving birth, one put out a hand, and the midwife took and tied a scarlet thread on his hand, saying, "This one came out first."

29 But it came about as he drew back his hand, that behold, his brother came out. Then she said, "What a breach you have made for yourself!" So he was named Perez.

30 And afterward his brother came out who had the scarlet thread on his hand; and he was named Zerah.

13 <sup>1</sup>Lit., saying, Behold

14 <sup>1</sup>Lit., removed from herself <sup>2</sup>Or, shawl  
<sup>a</sup>Gen. 24:65 <sup>b</sup>Josh. 15:34

16 <sup>1</sup>Or, Come, now...

17 <sup>1</sup>Lit., kid of goats

18 <sup>a</sup>Gen. 41:42

19 <sup>1</sup>Lit., removed from herself <sup>2</sup>Or, shawl

20 <sup>1</sup>Lit., kid of goats by the hand of

23 <sup>1</sup>Lit., take for herself  
<sup>2</sup>Lit., Behold

24 <sup>1</sup>Lit., saying, Your  
<sup>a</sup>Lev. 21:9

26 <sup>1</sup>Lit., know her yet again

27 <sup>a</sup>Gen. 25:24-26

29 <sup>1</sup>I.e., A breach  
<sup>a</sup>Gen. 46:12; Ruth 4:12

30 <sup>1</sup>I.e., A dawning or brightness  
<sup>a</sup>1 Chr. 2:5

<sup>1</sup> <sup>1</sup>Lit., *from the hand of*  
<sup>2</sup>Gen. 37:25, 28, 36; Ps.  
 105:17

<sup>2</sup> <sup>1</sup>Or, *prosperous*  
<sup>2</sup>Gen. 39:3, 21, 23

<sup>3</sup> <sup>3</sup>Gen. 21:22; 26:28 <sup>b</sup>Ps.  
 1:3

<sup>4</sup> <sup>1</sup>Or, *ministered to him*  
<sup>2</sup>Lit., *hand*  
<sup>2</sup>Gen. 39:8, 22

<sup>5</sup> <sup>2</sup>Gen. 30:27 <sup>b</sup>Deut.  
 28:3, 4, 11

<sup>6</sup> <sup>1</sup>Lit., *hand* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *know*  
<sup>3</sup>Lit., *bread* <sup>4</sup>Or, *used to*  
*eat*  
<sup>2</sup>Gen. 29:17

<sup>7</sup> <sup>1</sup>Lit., *lifted up her eyes*  
*at*  
<sup>2</sup>Prov. 7:15-20

<sup>8</sup> <sup>1</sup>Lit., *does not know*  
*what is in the house* <sup>2</sup>Lit.,  
*hand*  
<sup>2</sup>Prov. 6:23, 24

<sup>9</sup> <sup>1</sup>Or, *He is not greater*  
<sup>2</sup>Gen. 41:40 <sup>b</sup>Gen. 42:18;  
 2 Sam. 12:13

<sup>11</sup> <sup>1</sup>Lit., *about this day*

<sup>13</sup> <sup>1</sup>Lit., *And it came*  
*about when*

<sup>14</sup> <sup>1</sup>Lit., *Hebrew man*  
<sup>2</sup>Lit., *called with a great*  
*voice.*

<sup>15</sup> <sup>1</sup>Lit., *called out*

<sup>16</sup> <sup>1</sup>Lit., *let . . . lie beside*

<sup>17</sup> <sup>1</sup>Lit., *according to*  
<sup>2</sup>Lit., *saying, "The*

<sup>18</sup> <sup>1</sup>Lit., *called out*

Now Joseph had been taken down to Egypt; and Potiphar, an Egyptian officer of Pharaoh, the captain of the bodyguard, bought him <sup>1</sup>from the <sup>a</sup>Ishmaelites, who had taken him down there.

<sup>2</sup> And <sup>a</sup>the LORD was with Joseph, so he became a <sup>1</sup>successful man. And he was in the house of his master the Egyptian.

<sup>3</sup> Now his master <sup>a</sup>saw that the LORD was with him and how the LORD <sup>b</sup>caused all that he did to prosper in his hand.

<sup>4</sup> So Joseph found favor in his sight, and <sup>1</sup>became his personal servant; and he made him overseer over his house, and <sup>a</sup>all that he owned he put in his <sup>2</sup>charge.

<sup>5</sup> And it came about that from the time he made him overseer in his house, and over all that he owned, the LORD <sup>a</sup>blessed the Egyptian's house on account of Joseph; thus <sup>b</sup>the LORD's blessing was upon all that he owned, in the house and in the field.

<sup>6</sup> So he left everything he owned in Joseph's <sup>1</sup>charge; and with him *around* he did not <sup>2</sup>concern himself with anything except the <sup>3</sup>food which he <sup>4</sup>ate. Now Joseph was <sup>a</sup>handsome in form and appearance.

<sup>7</sup> And it came about after these events <sup>a</sup>that his master's wife <sup>1</sup>looked with desire at Joseph, and she said, "Lie with me."

<sup>8</sup> But <sup>a</sup>he refused and said to his master's wife, "Behold, with me *around*, my master <sup>1</sup>does not concern himself with anything in the house, and he has put all that he owns in my <sup>2</sup>charge.

<sup>9</sup> <sup>1a</sup> "There is no one greater in this house than I, and he has withheld nothing from me except you, because you are his wife. How then could I do this great evil, and <sup>b</sup>sin against God?"

<sup>10</sup> And it came about as she spoke to Joseph day after day, that he did not listen to her to *lie* beside her, or be with her.

<sup>11</sup> Now it happened <sup>1</sup>one day that he went into the house to do his work, and none of the men of the household was there inside.

<sup>12</sup> And she caught him by his garment, saying, "Lie with me!" And he left his garment in her hand and fled, and went outside.

<sup>13</sup> <sup>1</sup>When she saw that he had left his garment in her hand, and had fled outside,

<sup>14</sup> she called to the men of her household, and said to them, "See, he has brought in a <sup>1</sup>Hebrew to us to make sport of us; he came in to me to lie with me, and I <sup>2</sup>screamed.

<sup>15</sup> "And it came about when he heard that I raised my voice and <sup>1</sup>screamed, that he left his garment beside me and fled, and went outside."

<sup>16</sup> So she <sup>1</sup>left his garment beside her until his master came home.

<sup>17</sup> Then she spoke to him <sup>1</sup>with these words, "<sup>2</sup>The Hebrew slave, whom you brought to us, came in to me to make sport of me;

<sup>18</sup> and it happened as I raised my voice and <sup>1</sup>screamed, that he left his garment beside me and fled outside."

19 Now it came about when his master heard the words of his wife, which she spoke to him, saying, "This is what your slave did to me," that his anger burned.

20 So Joseph's master took him and put him into the jail, the place where the king's prisoners were confined; and he was there in the jail.

21 But the LORD was with Joseph and extended kindness to him, and gave him favor in the sight of the chief jailer.

22 And the chief jailer committed to Joseph's charge all the prisoners who were in the jail; so that whatever was done there, he was responsible for it.

23 The chief jailer did not supervise anything under Joseph's charge because the LORD was with him; and whatever he did, the LORD made to prosper.

## CHAPTER 40

THEN it came about after these things the cupbearer and the baker of the king of Egypt offended their lord, the king of Egypt.

2 And Pharaoh was furious with his two officials, the chief cupbearer and the chief baker.

3 So he put them in confinement in the house of the captain of the bodyguard, in the jail, the same place where Joseph was imprisoned.

4 And the captain of the bodyguard put Joseph in charge of them, and he took care of them; and they were in confinement for some time.

5 Then the cupbearer and the baker of the king of Egypt, who were confined in jail, they both had a dream the same night, each man with his own dream and each dream with its own interpretation.

6 When Joseph came to them in the morning and observed them, behold, they were dejected.

7 And he asked Pharaoh's officials who were with him in confinement in his master's house, "Why are your faces so sad today?"

8 Then they said to him, "We have had a dream and there is no one to interpret it." Then Joseph said to them, "Do not interpretations belong to God? Tell it to me, please."

9 So the chief cupbearer told his dream to Joseph, and said to him, "In my dream, behold, there was a vine in front of me;

10 and on the vine were three branches. And as it was budding, its blossoms came out, and its clusters produced ripe grapes.

11 "Now Pharaoh's cup was in my hand; so I took the grapes and squeezed them into Pharaoh's cup, and I put the cup into Pharaoh's hand."

12 Then Joseph said to him, "This is the interpretation of it: the three branches are three days;

13 within three more days Pharaoh will lift up your head and restore you to your office; and you will put Pharaoh's cup into his hand according to your former custom when you were his cupbearer.

19 <sup>1</sup>Lit., According to these things your slave

20 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 105:18

21 <sup>a</sup>Gen. 39:2; Ps. 105:19; Acts 7:9

22 <sup>1</sup>Lit., hand <sup>2</sup>Lit., the door  
<sup>a</sup>Gen. 39:4

23 <sup>1</sup>Lit., his hand  
<sup>a</sup>Gen. 39:3, 8 <sup>b</sup>Gen. 39:2  
<sup>c</sup>Gen. 39:3

1 <sup>a</sup>Gen. 40:11, 13

3 <sup>a</sup>Gen. 39:1, 20

4 <sup>1</sup>Lit., ministered to  
<sup>2</sup>Lit., days

6 <sup>1</sup>Or, And <sup>2</sup>Lit., and behold

7 <sup>1</sup>Lit., saying, Why  
<sup>a</sup>Neh. 2:2

8 <sup>1</sup>Lit., dreamed  
<sup>a</sup>Gen. 41:15 <sup>b</sup>Gen. 41:16;  
Dan. 2:27, 28

9 <sup>1</sup>Lit., and behold

11 <sup>1</sup>Lit., palm

13 <sup>1</sup>Or possibly, forgive you  
<sup>2</sup>Lit., place

14 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *remember me with yourself* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *and mention*

15 <sup>1</sup>Or, *pit*  
<sup>a</sup>Gen. 37:26-28

17 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *food for Pharaoh made by a baker*

20 <sup>a2</sup> Kin. 25:27; Jer. 52:31

21 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *wine-pouring*  
<sup>2</sup>Lit., *palm*  
<sup>a</sup>Gen. 40:13

22 <sup>a</sup>Gen. 40:19

2 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *fat of flesh*  
<sup>a</sup>Job 8:11; Is. 19:6, 7

3 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *lean of flesh*

4 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *lean of flesh*

8 <sup>1</sup>Or, *sooth-sayer priests*  
<sup>2</sup>Lit., *dream*  
<sup>a</sup>Dan. 2:1, 3 <sup>b</sup>Ex. 7:11, 22  
<sup>c</sup>Dan. 2:27; 4:7

9 <sup>1</sup>Or, *sins*  
<sup>a</sup>Gen. 40:23

14 "Only <sup>1</sup>keep me in mind when it goes well with you, and please do me a kindness <sup>2</sup>by mentioning me to Pharaoh, and get me out of this house.

15 "For <sup>a</sup>I was in fact kidnapped from the land of the Hebrews, and even here I have done nothing that they should have put me into the <sup>1</sup>dungeon."

16 When the chief baker saw that he had interpreted favorably, he said to Joseph, "I also *saw* in my dream, and behold, *there were* three baskets of white bread on my head;

17 and in the top basket *there were* some of all <sup>1</sup>sorts of baked food for Pharaoh, and the birds were eating them out of the basket on my head."

18 Then Joseph answered and said, "This is its interpretation: the three baskets are three days;

19 within three more days Pharaoh will lift up your head from you and will hang you on a tree; and the birds will eat your flesh off you."

20 Thus it came about on the third day, *which was* Pharaoh's birthday, that he made a feast for all his servants; <sup>a</sup>and he lifted up the head of the chief cupbearer and the head of the chief baker among his servants.

21 And he restored the chief cupbearer to his <sup>1</sup>office, and <sup>a</sup>he put the cup into Pharaoh's <sup>2</sup>hand;

22 but <sup>a</sup>he hanged the chief baker, just as Joseph had interpreted to them.

23 Yet the chief cupbearer did not remember Joseph, but forgot him.

CHAPTER 41

**N**OW it happened at the end of two full years that Pharaoh had a dream, and behold, he was standing by the Nile.

2 And lo, from the Nile there came up seven cows, sleek and <sup>1</sup>fat; and they grazed in the <sup>a</sup>marsh grass.

3 Then behold, seven other cows came up after them from the Nile, ugly and <sup>1</sup>gaunt, and they stood by the *other* cows on the bank of the Nile.

4 And the ugly and <sup>1</sup>gaunt cows ate up the seven sleek and fat cows. Then Pharaoh awoke.

5 And he fell asleep and dreamed a second time; and behold, seven ears of grain came up on a single stalk, plump and good.

6 Then behold, seven ears, thin and scorched by the east wind, sprouted up after them.

7 And the thin ears swallowed up the seven plump and full ears. Then Pharaoh awoke, and behold, *it was* a dream.

8 Now it came about in the morning that <sup>a</sup>his spirit was troubled, so he sent and called for all the <sup>1b</sup>magicians of Egypt, and all its wise men. And Pharaoh told them his <sup>2</sup>dreams, but <sup>c</sup>there was no one who could interpret them to Pharaoh.

9 Then the chief cupbearer spoke to Pharaoh, saying, "I would make mention today of <sup>a</sup>my own <sup>1</sup>offenses.

10 "Pharaoh was furious with his servants, and he put me in confinement in the house of the captain of the bodyguard, *both* me and the chief baker.

11 "And we had a dream on <sup>1</sup>the same night, <sup>2</sup>he and I; each of us dreamed according to the interpretation of his *own* dream.

12 "Now a Hebrew youth *was* with us there, a servant of the captain of the bodyguard, and we related *them* to him, and he interpreted our dreams for us. To each one he interpreted according to his *own* dream.

13 "And it came about that just <sup>a</sup>as he interpreted for us, so it happened; he restored me in my <sup>1</sup>office, but he hanged him."

14 <sup>a</sup>Then Pharaoh sent and called for Joseph, and they <sup>b</sup>hurriedly brought him out of the dungeon; and when he had shaved himself and changed his clothes, he came to Pharaoh.

15 And Pharaoh said to Joseph, "I have had a dream, <sup>a</sup>but no one can interpret it; and I have heard <sup>1</sup>it said about you, that <sup>2</sup>when you hear a dream you can interpret it."

16 Joseph then answered Pharaoh, saying, "<sup>1a</sup>It is not in me; <sup>b</sup>God will <sup>2</sup>give Pharaoh a favorable answer."

17 So Pharaoh spoke to Joseph, "In my dream, behold, I was standing on the bank of the Nile;

18 and behold, seven cows, <sup>1</sup>fat and sleek came up out of the Nile; and they grazed in the marsh grass.

19 "And lo, seven other cows came up after them, poor and very ugly and <sup>1</sup>gaunt, such as I had never seen for <sup>2</sup>ugliness in all the land of Egypt;

20 and the lean and <sup>1</sup>ugly cows ate up the first seven fat cows.

21 "Yet when they had <sup>1</sup>devoured them, it could not be <sup>2</sup>detected that they had <sup>1</sup>devoured them; <sup>3</sup>for they were just as ugly as <sup>4</sup>before. Then I awoke.

22 "I saw also in my dream, and behold, seven ears, full and good, came up on a single stalk;

23 and lo, seven ears, withered, thin, *and* scorched by the east wind, sprouted up after them;

24 and the thin ears swallowed the seven good ears. Then I told it to the <sup>1</sup>magicians, but there was no one who could explain it to me."

25 Now Joseph said to Pharaoh, "Pharaoh's <sup>1</sup>dreams are one *and the same*; <sup>a</sup>God has told to Pharaoh what He is about to do.

26 "The seven good cows are seven years; and the seven good ears are seven years; the <sup>1</sup>dreams are one *and the same*.

27 "And the seven lean and ugly cows that came up after them are seven years, and the seven thin ears scorched by the east wind <sup>a</sup>shall be seven years of famine.

28 "<sup>1</sup>It is as I have spoken to Pharaoh: <sup>a</sup>God has shown to Pharaoh what He is about to do.

29 "Behold, <sup>a</sup>seven years of great abundance are coming in all the land of Egypt;

30 and after them <sup>a</sup>seven years of famine will <sup>1</sup>come, and all the abundance will be forgotten in the land of Egypt; and the famine will <sup>2</sup>ravage the land.

11 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *one night* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *I and he*

13 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *place*  
<sup>a</sup>Gen. 40:21, 22

14 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 105:20 <sup>b</sup>Dan. 2:25

15 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *about you, saying* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *you hear a dream to interpret it*  
<sup>a</sup>Gen. 41:8

16 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *Apart from me*  
<sup>2</sup>Lit., *answer the peace of Pharaoh*  
<sup>a</sup>Dan. 2:30; Zech. 4:6; Acts 3:12; 2 Cor. 3:5 <sup>b</sup>Gen. 41:25, 28, 32; Gen. 40:8

18 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *fat of flesh*

19 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *lean of flesh*  
<sup>2</sup>Lit., *badness*

20 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *bad*

21 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *entered their inward parts* <sup>2</sup>Or, *known*  
<sup>3</sup>Lit., *and* <sup>4</sup>Lit., *in the beginning*

24 <sup>1</sup>Or, *sooth-sayer priests*

25 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *dream is*  
<sup>a</sup>Gen. 41:28, 32

26 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *dream is*

27 <sup>a</sup>2 Kin. 8:1

28 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *That is the thing which I spoke*  
<sup>a</sup>Gen. 41:25, 32

29 <sup>a</sup>Gen. 41:47

30 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *arise* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *destroy*  
<sup>a</sup>Gen. 41:54, 56; Gen. 47:13

32 \*Gen. 41:25, 28

33 \*Gen. 41:39

34 <sup>1</sup>Lit., over

35 \*Gen. 41:48

37 <sup>1</sup>Lit., word <sup>2</sup>Lit., in the sight of

38 \*Dan. 4:8, 9, 18; 5:11, 14

39 \*Gen. 41:33

40 <sup>1</sup>Lit., mouth <sup>2</sup>Lit., kiss  
\*Ps. 105:21, 22; Acts 7:10

41 \*Gen. 42:6

42 \*Esther 3:10 <sup>b</sup>Dan. 5:7, 16, 29

43 <sup>1</sup>Lit., the second ..., which was his  
<sup>2</sup>Text: Abreck; "Attention"

44 <sup>1</sup>Lit., you no one  
\*Ps. 105:22

45 <sup>1</sup>Probably Egyptian for "God speaks; he lives" <sup>2</sup>Or, Heliopolis  
<sup>3</sup>Jer. 43:13; Ezek. 30:17

46 <sup>1</sup>Or, entered the service of  
<sup>2</sup>Gen. 37:2

47 <sup>1</sup>Lit., by handfuls

49 <sup>1</sup>Lit., very much <sup>2</sup>Lit., numbering <sup>3</sup>Or, without number

50 <sup>1</sup>Or, Heliopolis

51 <sup>1</sup>I.e., Making to forget

31 "So the abundance will be unknown in the land because of that subsequent famine; for it *will be* very severe.

32 "Now as for the repeating of the dream to Pharaoh twice, *it means* that the matter is determined by God, and God will quickly bring it about.

33 "And now let Pharaoh look for a man <sup>a</sup>discerning and wise, and set him over the land of Egypt.

34 "Let Pharaoh take action to appoint overseers <sup>1</sup>in charge of the land, and let him exact a fifth of the *produce* of the land of Egypt in the seven years of abundance.

35 "Then <sup>a</sup>let them gather all the food of these good years that are coming, and store up the grain for food in the cities under Pharaoh's authority, and let them guard it.

36 "And let the food become as a reserve for the land for the seven years of famine which will occur in the land of Egypt, so that the land may not perish during the famine."

37 Now the <sup>1</sup>proposal seemed good <sup>2</sup>to Pharaoh and <sup>2</sup>to all his servants.

38 Then Pharaoh said to his servants, "Can we find a man like this, <sup>a</sup>in whom is a divine spirit?"

39 So Pharaoh said to Joseph, "Since God has informed you of all this, <sup>a</sup>there is no one so discerning and wise as you are.

40 "You shall be over my house, and according to your <sup>1</sup>command all my people shall <sup>2</sup>do homage; only in the throne I will be greater than you."

41 And Pharaoh said to Joseph, "See I have set you <sup>a</sup>over all the land of Egypt."

42 Then Pharaoh <sup>a</sup>took off his signet ring from his hand, and put it on Joseph's hand, and clothed him in garments of fine linen, and <sup>b</sup>put the gold necklace around his neck.

43 And he had him ride in <sup>1</sup>his second chariot; and they proclaimed before him, "Bow the knee!" And he set him over all the land of Egypt.

44 Moreover, Pharaoh said to Joseph, "Though I am Pharaoh, yet <sup>a</sup>without <sup>1</sup>your permission no one shall raise his hand or foot in all the land of Egypt."

45 Then Pharaoh named Joseph <sup>1</sup>Zaphenath-paneah; and he gave him Asenath, the daughter of Potiphera priest of <sup>2a</sup>On, as his wife. And Joseph went forth over the land of Egypt.

46 Now Joseph was <sup>a</sup>thirty years old when he <sup>1</sup>stood before Pharaoh, king of Egypt. And Joseph went out from the presence of Pharaoh, and went through all the land of Egypt.

47 And during the seven years of plenty the land brought forth <sup>1</sup>abundantly.

48 So he gathered all the food of *these* seven years which occurred in the land of Egypt, and placed the food in the cities; he placed in every city the food from its own surrounding fields.

49 Thus Joseph stored up grain <sup>1</sup>in great abundance like the sand of the sea, until he stopped <sup>2</sup>measuring it, for it was <sup>3</sup>beyond measure.

50 Now before the year of famine came, two sons were born to Joseph, whom Asenath, the daughter of Potiphera priest of <sup>1</sup>On, bore to him.

51 And Joseph named the first-born <sup>1</sup>Manasseh, "For," *he*



said, "God has made me forget all my trouble and all my father's household."

52 And he named the second <sup>1</sup>Ephraim, "For," *he said*, "God has made me fruitful in the land of my affliction."

53 When the seven years of plenty which had been in the land of Egypt came to an end,

54 and <sup>2</sup>the seven years of famine began to come, just as Joseph had said, then there was famine in all the lands; but in all the land of Egypt there was bread.

55 So when all the land of Egypt was famished, the people cried out to Pharaoh for bread; and Pharaoh said to all the Egyptians, "Go to Joseph; whatever he says to you, you shall do."

56 When the famine was *spread* over all the face of the earth, then Joseph opened all <sup>1</sup>the storehouses, and sold to the Egyptians; and the famine was severe in the land of Egypt.

57 And *the people* of all the earth came to Egypt to buy grain from Joseph, because the famine was severe in all the earth.

52 <sup>1</sup>I.e., Fruitfulness  
\*Gen. 17:6; 28:3; 49:22

54 \*Gen. 41:30; Ps. 105:16; Acts 7:11

56 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *that which was in them*

1 \*Acts 7:12

2 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *from there*  
\*Gen. 43:8

4 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *Lest harm*  
\*Gen. 35:24

5 \*Gen. 41:57; Acts 7:11

6 \*Gen. 41:41, 55 <sup>b</sup>Gen. 37:8-10; 41:43

7 \*Gen. 42:30

8 \*Gen. 37:2; 41:46, 53

9 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *had dreamed*  
<sup>2</sup>Lit., *nakedness of the land*  
\*Gen. 37:6-9

10 \*Gen. 37:8

11 \*Gen. 42:16, 19, 31, 34

12 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *nakedness of the land*

13 \*Gen. 43:7 <sup>b</sup>Gen. 42:32; 37:30; 44:20

## CHAPTER 42

NOW <sup>a</sup>Jacob saw that there was grain in Egypt, and Jacob said to his sons, "Why are you staring at one another?"

2 And he said, "Behold, I have heard that there is grain in Egypt; go down there and buy *some* for us <sup>1</sup>from that place, <sup>2</sup>so that we may live and not die."

3 Then ten brothers of Joseph went down to buy grain from Egypt.

4 But Jacob did not send Joseph's brother <sup>a</sup>Benjamin with his brothers, for he said, "I am afraid that harm may befall him."

5 So the sons of Israel came to buy *grain* among those who were coming, <sup>a</sup>for the famine was in the land of Canaan *also*.

6 Now <sup>a</sup>Joseph was the ruler over the land; he was the one who sold to all the people of the land. And Joseph's brothers came and <sup>b</sup>bowed down to him with *their* faces to the ground.

7 When Joseph saw his brothers he recognized them, but he disguised himself to them and <sup>a</sup>spoke to them harshly. And he said to them, "Where have you come from?" And they said, "From the land of Canaan, to buy food."

8 But Joseph had recognized his brothers, although <sup>a</sup>they did not recognize him.

9 And Joseph <sup>a</sup>remembered the dreams which he <sup>1</sup>had about them, and said to them, "You are spies; you have come to look at the <sup>2</sup>undefended parts of our land."

10 Then they said to him, "No, <sup>a</sup>my lord, but your servants have come to buy food.

11 "We are all sons of one man; we are <sup>a</sup>honest men, your servants are not spies."

12 Yet he said to them, "No, but you have come to look at the <sup>1</sup>undefended parts of our land!"

13 But they said, "Your servants are twelve brothers *in all*, the sons of one man in the land of Canaan; and behold, the youngest is with <sup>a</sup>our father today, and <sup>b</sup>one is no more."

14 <sup>1</sup>Lit., to you, saying

16 \*Gen. 42:11

17 \*Gen. 40:4, 7

18 \*Gen. 39:9

19 <sup>1</sup>Lit., the house of your prison

20 \*Gen. 42:34

21 \*Gen. 37:26-28; 45:3

22 <sup>1</sup>Lit., you saying <sup>2</sup>Lit., And behold, his blood also is required  
\*Gen. 37:22 <sup>b</sup>Gen. 9:5-6

24 \*Gen. 43:30; 45:14, 15  
<sup>b</sup>Gen. 43:14, 23

25 \*Gen. 44:1

28 <sup>1</sup>Lit., went out <sup>2</sup>Lit., trembled  
\*Gen. 43:23

31 \*Gen. 42:11

14 And Joseph said to them, "It is as I said <sup>1</sup>to you, you are spies;

15 by this you will be tested: by the life of Pharaoh, you shall not go from this place unless your youngest brother comes here!

16 "Send one of you that he may get your brother, while you remain confined, that your words may be tested, whether there is <sup>a</sup>truth in you. But if not, by the life of Pharaoh, surely you are spies."

17 So he put them all together in <sup>a</sup>prison for three days.

18 Now Joseph said to them on the third day, "Do this and live, for <sup>a</sup>I fear God:

19 if you are honest men, let one of your brothers be confined in <sup>1</sup>your prison; but as for *the rest of you, go, carry grain for the famine of your households,*

20 and <sup>a</sup>bring your youngest brother to me, so your words may be verified, and you will not die." And they did so.

21 Then they said to one another, "<sup>a</sup>Truly we are guilty concerning our brother, because we saw the distress of his soul when he pleaded with us, yet we would not listen; therefore this distress has come upon us."

22 And Reuben answered them, saying, "<sup>a</sup>Did I not tell <sup>1</sup>you, 'Do not sin against the boy'; and you would not listen? <sup>2b</sup>Now comes the reckoning for his blood."

23 They did not know, however, that Joseph understood, for there was an interpreter between them.

24 And he turned away from them and <sup>a</sup>wept. But when he returned to them and spoke to them, he <sup>b</sup>took Simeon from them and bound him before their eyes.

25 <sup>a</sup>Then Joseph gave orders to fill their bags with grain and to restore every man's money in his sack, and to give them provisions for the journey. And thus it was done for them.

26 So they loaded their donkeys with their grain, and departed from there.

27 And as one of *them* opened his sack to give his donkey fodder at the lodging place, he saw his money; and behold, it was in the mouth of his sack.

28 Then he said to his brothers, "My money has been returned, and behold, it is even in my sack." And their hearts <sup>1</sup>sank, and they *turned* <sup>2</sup>trembling to one another, saying, "<sup>a</sup>What is this that God has done to us?"

29 When they came to their father Jacob in the land of Canaan, they told him all that had happened to them, saying,

30 "The man, the lord of the land, spoke harshly with us, and took us for spies of the country.

31 "But we said to him, 'We are <sup>a</sup>honest men; we are not spies.

32 'We are twelve brothers, sons of our father; one is no more, and the youngest is with our father today in the land of Canaan.'

33 "And the man, the lord of the land, said to us, 'By this I shall know that you are honest men: leave one of your brothers with me and take *grain* for the famine of your households, and go.

34 'But bring your youngest brother to me that I may know that you are not spies, but <sup>1</sup>honest men. I will give your brother to you, and you may trade in the land.'

35 Now it came about as they were emptying their sacks, that behold, <sup>a</sup>every man's bundle of money was in his sack; and when they and their father saw their bundles of money, they were dismayed.

36 And their father Jacob said to them, "You have deceived me of my children: Joseph is no more, and Simeon is no more, and you would take Benjamin; all these things are against me."

37 Then Reuben spoke to his father, saying, "You may put my two sons to death if I do not bring him *back* to you; put him in my <sup>1</sup>care, and I will return him to you."

38 But <sup>1</sup>Jacob said, "My son shall not go down with you; for his brother is dead, and he alone is left. If harm should befall him on the journey <sup>2</sup>you are taking, then you will <sup>a</sup>bring my gray hair down to Sheol in sorrow."

CHAPTER 43

<sup>a</sup>NOW the famine was severe in the land.

2 So it came about when they had finished eating the grain which they had brought from Egypt, that their father said to them, "Go back, buy us a little food."

3 Judah spoke to him, however, saying, "<sup>a</sup>The man solemnly warned <sup>1</sup>us, 'You shall not see my face unless your brother is with you.'

4 "If you send our brother with us, we will go down and buy you food.

5 "But if you do not send *him*, we will not go down; for the man said to us, 'You shall not see my face unless your brother is with you.'"

6 Then Israel said, "Why did you treat me so badly <sup>1</sup>by telling the man whether you still had *another* brother?"

7 But they said, "The man questioned particularly about us and our relatives, saying, '<sup>a</sup>Is your father still alive? Have you *another* brother?' So we <sup>1</sup>answered his questions. Could we possibly know that he would say, 'Bring your brother down?'"

8 And Judah said to his father Israel, "Send the lad with me, and we will arise and go, <sup>a</sup>that we may live and not die, we as well as you and our little ones.

9 "<sup>a</sup>I myself will be surety for him; <sup>1</sup>you may hold me responsible for him. If I do not bring him *back* to you and set him before you, then <sup>2</sup>let me bear the blame before you forever.

10 "For if we had not delayed, surely by now we could have returned twice."

11 Then their father Israel said to them, "If *it must be so*, then do this: take some of the best products of the land in your <sup>1</sup>bags, and carry down to the man <sup>a</sup>as a present, a little <sup>2b</sup>balm and a little honey, <sup>3</sup>aromatic gum and <sup>4</sup>myrrh, pistachio nuts and almonds.

12 "And take double *the* money in your hand, and take back

34 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *you are honest*

35 <sup>a</sup>Gen. 43:12, 15

37 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *hand*

38 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *he* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *on which you are going*  
<sup>a</sup>Gen. 37:35; 44:29, 31

1 <sup>a</sup>Gen. 41:56, 57

3 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *us, saying*  
<sup>a</sup>Gen. 43:5; Gen. 44:23

6 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *to tell*

7 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *told him according to these words*  
<sup>a</sup>Gen. 43:27; 42:13

8 <sup>a</sup>Gen. 42:2

9 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *from my hand you may require him* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *I shall have sinned before you all the days*  
<sup>a</sup>Gen. 42:37

11 <sup>1</sup>Or, *vessels* <sup>2</sup>Or, *mastic* <sup>3</sup>Or, *ladanum spice*  
<sup>4</sup>Or, *resinous bark*  
<sup>a</sup>Gen. 43:25, 26 <sup>b</sup>Gen. 37:25

12 \*Gen. 43:21, 22

14 <sup>1</sup>Heb., *El Shaddai*  
\*Gen. 17:1; 28:3; 35:11 <sup>b</sup>Ps.  
106:46 <sup>c</sup>Gen. 42:24 <sup>d</sup>Gen.  
42:36

15 \*Gen. 43:11

17 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *the man brought*

18 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *roll himself upon*  
*us*

21 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *its weight*  
<sup>a</sup>Gen. 42:35 <sup>b</sup>Gen. 43:12,  
15

23 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *Peace be to you*  
<sup>2</sup>Lit., *your money had*  
*come to me*  
<sup>a</sup>Gen. 42:28 <sup>b</sup>Gen. 42:24

24 \*Gen. 18:4; 19:2; 24:32

25 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *until* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *bread*  
<sup>a</sup>Gen. 43:11, 15

26 \*Gen. 37:7, 10

27 \*Gen. 43:7; 45:3

28 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *and prostrated*  
*themselves*  
<sup>a</sup>Gen. 37:7, 10

29 \*Gen. 42:13 <sup>b</sup>Num.  
6:25; Ps. 67:1

30 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *his compassion*  
*grew warm*  
<sup>a</sup>Gen. 42:24; 45:2, 14, 15;  
46:29

31 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *"Set on bread."*  
<sup>a</sup>Gen. 45:1

in your hand <sup>a</sup>the money that was returned in the mouth of your sacks; perhaps it was a mistake.

13 "Take your brother also, and arise, return to the man;

14 and may <sup>1a</sup>God Almighty <sup>b</sup>grant you compassion in the sight of the man, that he may release to you <sup>c</sup>your other brother and Benjamin. And as for me, <sup>d</sup>if I am bereaved of my children, I am bereaved."

15 So the men took <sup>a</sup>this present, and they took double *the* money in their hand, and Benjamin; then they arose and went down to Egypt and stood before Joseph.

16 When Joseph saw Benjamin with them, he said to his house steward, "Bring the men into the house, and slay *an animal* and make ready; for the men are to dine with me at noon."

17 So the man did as Joseph said, and <sup>1</sup>brought the men to Joseph's house.

18 Now the men were afraid, because they were brought to Joseph's house; and they said, "*It is* because of the money that was returned in our sacks the first time that we are being brought in, that he may <sup>1</sup>seek occasion against us and fall upon us, and take us for slaves with our donkeys."

19 So they came near to Joseph's house steward, and spoke to him at the entrance of the house,

20 and said, "Oh, my lord, we indeed came down the first time to buy food,

21 and it came about when we came to the lodging place, that we opened our sacks, and behold, <sup>a</sup>each man's money was in the mouth of his sack, our money in <sup>1</sup>full. So <sup>b</sup>we have brought it back in our hand.

22 "We have also brought down other money in our hand to buy food; we do not know who put our money in our sacks."

23 And he said, "<sup>1</sup>Be at ease, do not be afraid. <sup>a</sup>Your God and the God of your father has given you treasure in your sacks; <sup>2</sup>I had your money." Then <sup>b</sup>he brought Simeon out to them;

24 Then the man brought the men into Joseph's house and <sup>a</sup>gave them water, and they washed their feet; and he gave their donkeys fodder.

25 So they prepared <sup>a</sup>the present <sup>1</sup>for Joseph's coming at noon; for they had heard that they were to eat <sup>2a</sup>a meal there.

26 When Joseph came home, they brought into the house to him the present which was in their hand and <sup>a</sup>bowed to the ground before him.

27 Then he asked them about their welfare, and said, "<sup>a</sup>Is your old father well, of whom you spoke? Is he still alive?"

28 And they said, "Your servant our father is well; he is still alive." <sup>a</sup>And they bowed down <sup>1</sup>in homage.

29 As he lifted his eyes and saw his brother Benjamin, his mother's son, he said, "Is this <sup>a</sup>your youngest brother, of whom you spoke to me?" And he said, "<sup>b</sup>May God be gracious to you, my son."

30 And Joseph hurried *out* for <sup>1</sup>he was deeply stirred over his brother, and he sought *a place* to weep; and he entered his chamber and <sup>a</sup>wept there.

31 Then he washed his face, and came out; and he <sup>a</sup>controlled himself and said, "<sup>1</sup>Serve the meal."

32 So they served him by himself, and them by themselves, and the Egyptians, who ate with him, by themselves; because the Egyptians could not eat bread with the Hebrews, for that is <sup>1a</sup>loathsome to the Egyptians.

33 Now they <sup>1</sup>were seated before him, <sup>a</sup>the first-born according to his birthright and the youngest according to his youth, and the men looked at one another in astonishment.

34 And he took portions to them from <sup>1</sup>his own table; <sup>a</sup>but Benjamin's portion was five times as much as any of theirs. So they feasted and drank freely with him.

## CHAPTER 44

<sup>a</sup>THEN he commanded his house steward, saying, "Fill the men's sacks with food, as much as they can carry, and put each man's money in the mouth of his sack.

2 "And put my cup, the silver cup, in the mouth of the sack of the youngest, and his money for the grain." And he did <sup>1a</sup>as Joseph had told *him*.

3 <sup>1</sup>As soon as it was light, the men were sent away, they with their donkeys.

4 They had *just* gone out of <sup>a</sup>the city, *and* were not far off, when Joseph said to his house steward, "Up, follow the men; and when you overtake them, say to them, 'Why have you repaid evil for good?"

5 'Is not this the one from which my lord drinks, and which he indeed uses for <sup>a</sup>divination? You have done wrong in doing this.'"

6 So he overtook them and spoke these words to them.

7 And they said to him, "Why does my lord speak such words as these? Far be it from your servants to do such a thing.

8 "Behold, <sup>a</sup>the money which we found in the mouth of our sacks we have brought back to you from the land of Canaan. How then could we steal silver or gold from your lord's house?"

9 "<sup>a</sup>With whomever of your servants it is found, let him die, and we also will be my lord's <sup>b</sup>slaves."

10 So he said, "Now let it also be according to your words; he with whom it is found shall be my slave, and *the rest of you shall be innocent.*"

11 Then they hurried, each man lowered his sack to the ground, and each man opened his sack.

12 And he searched, beginning with the oldest and ending with the youngest, and <sup>a</sup>the cup was found in Benjamin's sack.

13 Then they <sup>a</sup>tore their clothes, and when each man loaded his donkey, they returned to <sup>b</sup>the city.

14 When Judah and his brothers came to Joseph's house, he was still there, and <sup>a</sup>they fell to the ground before him.

15 And Joseph said to them, "What is this deed that you have done? Do you not know that such a man as I can indeed practice <sup>a</sup>divination?"

16 So Judah said, "What can we say to my lord? What can we speak? And how can we justify ourselves? God has found out the iniquity of your servants; behold, we are my lord's <sup>a</sup>slaves, both we and the one in whose <sup>1</sup>possession the cup has been found."

32 <sup>1</sup>Lit. *an abomination*  
<sup>a</sup>Gen. 46:34

33 <sup>1</sup>Lit. *sat*  
<sup>a</sup>Gen. 42:7

34 <sup>1</sup>Lit. *his face*  
<sup>a</sup>Gen. 35:24

1 <sup>a</sup>Gen. 42:25

2 <sup>1</sup>Or. *according to the word*

3 <sup>1</sup>Lit. *The morning was light*

4 <sup>a</sup>Gen. 44:13

5 <sup>a</sup>Gen. 44:15; 30:27;  
Lev. 19:26; Deut. 18:10-14

8 <sup>a</sup>Gen. 43:21

9 <sup>a</sup>Gen. 31:32 <sup>b</sup>Gen. 44:16

12 <sup>a</sup>Gen. 44:2

13 <sup>a</sup>Gen. 37:29, 34 <sup>b</sup>Gen. 44:4

14 <sup>a</sup>Gen. 37:7, 10

15 <sup>a</sup>Gen. 44:5

16 <sup>1</sup>Lit. *hand*  
<sup>a</sup>Gen. 44:9

17 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *hand*

18 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *let not your anger burn against*  
<sup>a</sup>Gen. 37:7, 8; 41:40-44

19 <sup>a</sup>Gen. 43:7

20 <sup>a</sup>Gen. 44:30; 43:8  
<sup>b</sup>Gen. 37:33; 42:13, 38

23 <sup>a</sup>Gen. 43:3

28 <sup>a</sup>Gen. 37:31-35

29 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *my face* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *evil*  
<sup>a</sup>Gen. 44:31; 42:38

30 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *his soul is bound with his soul*  
<sup>a</sup>1 Sam 18:1

31 <sup>a</sup>Gen. 44:29

32 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *and I shall have sinned for all the days before my father*  
<sup>a</sup>Gen. 43:9

34 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *find*

<sup>1</sup>Lit., *stood*  
<sup>a</sup>Acts 7:13

<sup>2</sup>Lit., *gave forth his voice in weeping*  
<sup>a</sup>Gen. 45:14, 15; 46:29

<sup>3</sup>Gen. 43:27 <sup>b</sup>Gen. 37:20-28; 42:21, 22

17 But he said, "Far be it from me to do this. The man in whose possession the cup has been found, he shall be my slave; but as for you, go up in peace to your father."

18 Then Judah approached him, and said, "Oh my lord, may your servant please speak a word in my lord's ears, and I do not be angry with your servant; for you are equal to Pharaoh.

19 "My lord asked his servants, saying, 'Have you a father or a brother?'

20 "And we said to my lord, 'We have an old father and a little child of his old age. Now his brother is dead, so he alone is left of his mother, and his father loves him.'

21 "Then you said to your servants, 'Bring him down to me, that I may set my eyes on him.'

22 "But we said to my lord, 'The lad cannot leave his father, for if he should leave his father, his father would die.'

23 "You said to your servants, however, 'Unless your youngest brother comes down with you, you shall not see my face again.'

24 "Thus it came about when we went up to your servant my father, we told him the words of my lord.

25 "And our father said, 'Go back, buy us a little food.'

26 "But we said, 'We cannot go down. If our youngest brother is with us, then we will go down; for we cannot see the man's face unless our youngest brother is with us.'

27 "And your servant my father said to us, 'You know that my wife bore me two sons;

28 and the one went out from me, and I said, "Surely he is torn in pieces," and I have not seen him since.

29 'And if you take this one also from me, and harm befalls him, you will bring my gray hair down to Sheol in sorrow.'

30 "Now, therefore, when I come to your servant my father, and the lad is not with us, since his life is bound up in the lad's life,

31 it will come about when he sees that the lad is not with us, that he will die. Thus your servants will bring the gray hair of your servant our father down to Sheol in sorrow.

32 "For your servant became surety for the lad to my father, saying, 'If I do not bring him back to you, then let me bear the blame before my father forever.'

33 "Now, therefore, please let your servant remain instead of the lad a slave to my lord, and let the lad go up with his brothers.

34 "For how shall I go up to my father if the lad is not with me, lest I see the evil that would overtake my father?"

## CHAPTER 45

THEN Joseph could not control himself before all those who stood by him, and he cried, "Have everyone go out from me." So there was no man with him when Joseph made himself known to his brothers.

2 And he wept so loudly that the Egyptians heard it, and the household of Pharaoh heard of it.

3 Then Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph! Is my father still alive?" But his brothers could not answer him, for they were dismayed at his presence.

4 Then Joseph said to his brothers, "Please come <sup>1</sup>closer to me." And they came <sup>1</sup>closer. And he said, "I am your brother Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt.

5 "And now do not be grieved or angry <sup>1</sup>with yourselves, because <sup>2</sup>you sold me here; for <sup>3</sup>God sent me before you to preserve life.

6 "For the famine *has been* in the land <sup>4</sup>these two years, and there are still five years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvesting.

7 "And <sup>5</sup>God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant in the earth, and to keep you alive by a great <sup>1</sup>deliverance.

8 "Now, therefore, it was not you who sent me here, but God; and He has made me a father to Pharaoh and lord of all his household and ruler over all the land of Egypt.

9 "Hurry and go up to my father, and <sup>2</sup>say to him, 'Thus says your son Joseph, "God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay.

10 "And you shall <sup>1</sup>live in the land of <sup>2</sup>Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children's children and your flocks and your herds and all that you have.

11 "There I will also <sup>3</sup>provide for you, for there are still five years of famine to *come*, lest you and your household and all that you have be impoverished.'"

12 "And behold, your eyes see, and the eyes of my brother Benjamin *see*, that it is my mouth which is speaking to you.

13 "Now you must tell my father of all my splendor in Egypt, and all that you have seen; and you must hurry and <sup>4</sup>bring my father down here."

14 Then he fell on his brother Benjamin's neck and <sup>2</sup>wept; and Benjamin wept on his neck.

15 And he kissed all his brothers and wept on them, and afterward his brothers talked with him.

16 Now when <sup>2</sup>the <sup>1</sup>news was heard in Pharaoh's house <sup>2</sup>that Joseph's brothers had come, it <sup>3</sup>pleased Pharaoh and his servants.

17 Then Pharaoh said to Joseph, "Say to your brothers, 'Do this: load your beasts and <sup>1</sup>go to the land of Canaan,

18 and take your father and your households and come to me, and <sup>1</sup>I will give you the <sup>1</sup>best of the land of Egypt and you shall eat the fat of the land.'

19 "Now you are ordered, 'Do this: <sup>1</sup>take <sup>2</sup>wagons from the land of Egypt for your little ones and for your wives, and bring your father and come.

20 'And do not <sup>1</sup>concern yourselves with your goods, for the <sup>2</sup>best of all the land of Egypt is yours.'"

21 Then the sons of Israel did so; and Joseph gave them <sup>2</sup>wagons according to the <sup>1</sup>command of Pharaoh, and gave them provisions for the journey.

22 To <sup>1</sup>each of them he gave <sup>2</sup>changes of garments, but to Benjamin he gave three hundred *pieces* of silver and <sup>2</sup>five changes of garments.

23 And to his father he sent <sup>1</sup>as follows: ten donkeys loaded with the <sup>2</sup>best things of Egypt, and ten female donkeys loaded with grain and bread and sustenance for his father <sup>3</sup>on the journey.

4 <sup>1</sup>Lit., near5 <sup>1</sup>Lit., in your eyes  
<sup>4</sup>Gen. 37:28; 44:20 <sup>6</sup>Gen. 45:7, 8; 50:206 <sup>4</sup>Gen. 37:2; 41:46, 537 <sup>1</sup>Lit., escaped  
company  
<sup>4</sup>Gen. 45:59 <sup>2</sup>Acts 7:1410 <sup>1</sup>Lit., dwell  
<sup>4</sup>Gen. 46:28, 3411 <sup>2</sup>Gen. 47:1213 <sup>2</sup>Acts 7:1414 <sup>4</sup>Gen. 45:216 <sup>1</sup>Lit., voice <sup>2</sup>Lit., saying, "Joseph's brothers have come." <sup>3</sup>Lit., was good in the eyes of  
<sup>2</sup>Acts 7:1317 <sup>1</sup>Lit., come, go18 <sup>1</sup>Lit., good  
<sup>4</sup>Gen. 27:2819 <sup>1</sup>Lit., take for yourselves  
<sup>4</sup>Gen. 45:21, 27; 46:5; Num. 7:3-820 <sup>1</sup>Lit., let your eye look with regret upon your vessels <sup>2</sup>Lit., good21 <sup>1</sup>Lit., mouth  
<sup>4</sup>Gen. 45:1922 <sup>1</sup>Lit., all of them he gave each man  
<sup>2</sup>2 Kin. 5:5 <sup>6</sup>Gen. 43:3423 <sup>1</sup>Lit., like this <sup>2</sup>Lit., good <sup>3</sup>Lit., for

24 <sup>1</sup>Lit., they departed; and he said <sup>2</sup>Lit., be agitated

26 <sup>1</sup>Lit., his heart grew numb  
<sup>a</sup>Gen. 37:31-35

27 <sup>a</sup>Gen. 45:19

1 <sup>a</sup>Gen. 28:10 <sup>b</sup>Gen. 26:24; 28:13

2 <sup>1</sup>Lit., in the visions  
<sup>a</sup>Num. 12:6; Job 33:14, 15  
<sup>b</sup>Gen. 22:11; 31:11

3 <sup>a</sup>Gen. 17:1; 28:13

4 <sup>1</sup>Lit., put his hand on  
<sup>a</sup>Gen. 28:15 <sup>b</sup>Gen. 50:24;  
Ex. 3:8 <sup>c</sup>Gen. 50:1

5 <sup>a</sup>Gen. 45:21

6 <sup>1</sup>Lit., seed  
<sup>a</sup>Acts 7:15

7 <sup>1</sup>Lit., seed

8 <sup>a</sup>Num. 26:5; 1 Chr. 2:1 ff.

10 <sup>1</sup>Num. 26:12; In 1 Chr. 4:24, Nemuel <sup>2</sup>In 1 Chr. 4:24, Jarib <sup>3</sup>In Num. 26:13; and 1 Chr. 4:24, Zerah

11 <sup>1</sup>In 1 Chr. 6:16,  
Gershon

13 <sup>1</sup>In Num. 26:23,  
Puvah; in 1 Chr. 7:1, Puah;  
<sup>2</sup>Num. 26:24; In 1 Chr. 7:1,  
Jashub

15 <sup>1</sup>Lit., all the souls of

16 <sup>1</sup>In Num. 26:15,  
Zephon <sup>2</sup>In Num. 26:16,  
Ozni <sup>3</sup>In Num. 26:17, Arod

24 So he sent his brothers away, and <sup>1</sup>as they departed, he said to them, "Do not <sup>2</sup>quarrel on the journey."

25 Then they went up from Egypt, and came to the land of Canaan to their father Jacob.

26 And they told him, saying, "Joseph is still alive, and indeed he is ruler over all the land of Egypt." But <sup>1</sup>he was stunned, for <sup>a</sup>he did not believe them.

27 When they told him all the words of Joseph that he had spoken to them, and when he saw the <sup>a</sup>wagons that Joseph had sent to carry him, the spirit of their father Jacob revived.

28 Then Israel said, "It is enough; my son Joseph is still alive. I will go and see him before I die."

CHAPTER 46

SO Israel set out with all that he had, and came to <sup>a</sup>Beersheba, and offered sacrifices to the <sup>b</sup>God of his father Isaac.

2 And <sup>a</sup>God spoke to Israel <sup>1</sup>in visions of the night and said, "<sup>b</sup>Jacob, Jacob." And he said, "Here I am."

3 And He said, "<sup>a</sup>I am God, the God of your father; do not be afraid to go down to Egypt, for I will make you a great nation there.

4 "<sup>a</sup>I will go down with you to Egypt, and <sup>b</sup>I will also surely bring you up again; and <sup>c</sup>Joseph will close your eyes."

5 Then Jacob arose from Beersheba; and the sons of Israel carried their father Jacob and their little ones and their wives, in the <sup>a</sup>wagons which Pharaoh had sent to carry him.

6 And they took their livestock and their property, which they had acquired in the land of Canaan, and <sup>a</sup>came to Egypt, Jacob and all his <sup>1</sup>descendants with him:

7 his sons and his grandsons with him, his daughters and his granddaughters, and all his <sup>1</sup>descendants he brought with him to Egypt.

8 Now these are the <sup>a</sup>names of the sons of Israel, Jacob and his sons, who went to Egypt: Reuben, Jacob's first-born.

9 And the sons of Reuben: Hanoch and Pallu and Hezron and Carmi.

10 And the sons of Simeon: <sup>1</sup>Jemuel and Jamin and Ohad and <sup>2</sup>Jachin and <sup>3</sup>Zohar and Shaul the son of a Canaanite woman.

11 And the sons of Levi: <sup>1</sup>Gershon, Kohath, and Merari.

12 And the sons of Judah: Er and Onan and Shelah and Perez and Zerah (but Er and Onan died in the land of Canaan). And the sons of Perez were Hezron and Hamul.

13 And the sons of Issachar: Tola and <sup>1</sup>Puvvah and <sup>2</sup>Iob and Shimron.

14 And the sons of Zebulun: Sered and Elon and Jahleel.

15 These are the sons of Leah, whom she bore to Jacob in Paddan-aram, with his daughter Dinah; <sup>1</sup>all his sons and his daughters *numbered* thirty-three.

16 And the sons of Gad: <sup>1</sup>Ziphion and Haggi, Shuni and <sup>2</sup>Ezbon, Eri and <sup>3</sup>Arodi and Areli.

17 And the sons of Asher: Imnah and Ishvah and Ishvi and Beriah and their sister Serah. And the sons of Beriah: Heber and Malchiel.



18 These are the sons of Zilpah, whom Laban gave to his daughter Leah; and she bore to Jacob these sixteen persons.

19 The sons of Jacob's wife Rachel: Joseph and Benjamin.

20 Now to Joseph in the land of Egypt were born Manasseh and Ephraim, whom Asenath, the daughter of Potiphera, priest of On, bore to him.

21 And the sons of Benjamin: Bela and Becher and Ashbel, Gera and Naaman, <sup>1</sup>Ehi and Rosh, <sup>2</sup>Muppm and <sup>3</sup>Huppm and Ard.

22 These are the sons of Rachel, who were born to Jacob; *there were* fourteen persons in all.

23 And the sons of Dan: <sup>1</sup>Hushim.

24 And the sons of Naphtali: <sup>1</sup>Jahzeel and Guni and Jezer and <sup>2</sup>Shillem.

25 These are the sons of Bilhah, whom Laban gave to his daughter Rachel, and she bore these to Jacob; *there were* seven persons in all.

26 All the persons belonging to Jacob, who came to Egypt, <sup>1</sup>his direct descendants, not including the wives of Jacob's sons, *were* sixty-six persons in all,

27 and the sons of Joseph, who were born to him in Egypt were <sup>1</sup>two; <sup>2</sup>all the persons of the house of Jacob, who came to Egypt, *were* seventy.

28 Now he sent Judah before him to Joseph, to point out *the way* before him to <sup>2</sup>Goshen; and they came into the land of Goshen.

29 And Joseph <sup>1</sup>prepared his chariot and went up to Goshen to meet his father Israel; as soon as he appeared <sup>2</sup>before him, he fell on his neck and <sup>3</sup>wept on his neck a long time.

30 Then Israel said to Joseph, "Now let me die, since I have seen your face, that you are still alive."

31 And Joseph said to his brothers and to his father's household, "<sup>2</sup>I will go up and tell Pharaoh, and will say to him, 'My brothers and my father's household, who *were* in the land of Canaan, have come to me;

32 and the men are shepherds, for they have been <sup>1</sup>keepers of livestock; and they have brought their flocks and their herds and all that they have.'

33 "And it shall come about when Pharaoh calls you and says, 'What is your occupation?'

34 that you shall say, 'Your servants have been <sup>1</sup>keepers of livestock from our youth even until now, both we <sup>2</sup>and our fathers,' that you may <sup>3</sup>live in the land of <sup>2</sup>Goshen; for every shepherd is <sup>3</sup>loathsome to the Egyptians."

CHAPTER 47

**T**HEN Joseph went in and told Pharaoh, and said, "My father and my brothers and their flocks and their herds and all that they have, have come out of the land of Canaan; and behold, they are in the land of Goshen."

2 And he took five men from among his brothers, and presented them to Pharaoh.

3 Then Pharaoh said to his brothers, "What is your

21 <sup>1</sup>In Num. 26:38, *Ahram* <sup>2</sup>In Num. 26:39, *Shephupham*; 1 Chr. 7:12, *Shuppm* <sup>3</sup>In Num. 26:39, *Hupham*

23 <sup>1</sup>In Num. 26:42, *Shuham*

24 <sup>1</sup>In 1 Chr. 7:13, *Jahziel* <sup>2</sup>In 1 Chr. 7:13, *Shallum*

26 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *who came out of his loins*

27 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *two souls* <sup>2</sup>Ex. 1:5; Deut. 10:22; Acts 7:14

28 <sup>2</sup>Gen. 45:10

29 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *tied, harnessed* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *to* <sup>3</sup>Gen. 45:14, 15

31 <sup>2</sup>Gen. 47:1

32 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *men*.

34 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *men* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *dwell* <sup>3</sup>Lit., *an abomination* <sup>4</sup>Gen. 13:7, 8; 26:20; 37:2 <sup>5</sup>Gen. 45:10, 18; 47:6, 11; Ex. 3:22

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3 <sup>a</sup>Gen. 46:34

4 <sup>1</sup>Lit., dwell

5 <sup>1</sup>Lit., Joseph, saying

6 <sup>1</sup>Lit., before you <sup>2</sup>Lit., cause them to dwell <sup>3</sup>Lit., dwell <sup>4</sup>Lit., appoint them rulers  
<sup>a</sup>Gen. 47:11; 45:10, 18 <sup>b</sup>Ex. 18:21, 25

7 <sup>1</sup>Lit., set him before  
<sup>a</sup>Gen. 47:10; 2 Sam. 14:22;  
1 Kin. 8:66

8 <sup>1</sup>Lit., are the days of the years of your life

9 <sup>1</sup>Lit., days of the years  
<sup>2</sup>Lit., thirty years <sup>3</sup>Lit., evil  
<sup>4</sup>Lit., reached <sup>5</sup>Lit., of the life of my fathers  
<sup>a</sup>Gen. 25:7; 35:28

10 <sup>1</sup>Lit., Pharaoh's  
<sup>a</sup>Gen. 47:7

11 <sup>1</sup>Lit., caused to dwell  
<sup>a</sup>Gen. 47:6, 27

12 <sup>1</sup>Or, bread  
<sup>a</sup>Gen. 45:11

13 <sup>1</sup>Or, bread

15 <sup>1</sup>Lit., saying <sup>2</sup>Or, bread  
<sup>3</sup>Lit., ceases

16 <sup>1</sup>Lit., ceases

17 <sup>1</sup>Or, bread <sup>2</sup>Lit., livestock of the flocks and livestock of the herds <sup>3</sup>Lit., led them as a shepherd  
<sup>4</sup>Lit., in that year

18 <sup>1</sup>Lit., second <sup>2</sup>Lit., livestock of the cattle <sup>3</sup>Lit., in the presence of

19 <sup>1</sup>Or, bread

20 <sup>1</sup>Lit., Egypt, every man

occupation?" So they said to Pharaoh, "Your servants are <sup>a</sup>shepherds, both we and our fathers."

4 And they said to Pharaoh, "We have come to sojourn in the land, for there is no pasture for your servants' flocks, for the famine is severe in the land of Canaan. Now, therefore, please let your servants <sup>1</sup>live in the land of Goshen."

5 Then Pharaoh said to <sup>1</sup>Joseph, "Your father and your brothers have come to you.

6 "The land of Egypt is <sup>1</sup>at your disposal; <sup>2</sup>settle your father and your brothers in <sup>a</sup>the best of the land, let them <sup>3</sup>live in the land of Goshen; and if you know any <sup>b</sup>capable men among them, then <sup>4</sup>put them in charge of my livestock."

7 Then Joseph brought his father Jacob and <sup>1</sup>presented him to Pharaoh; and Jacob <sup>a</sup>blessed Pharaoh.

8 And Pharaoh said to Jacob, "How many <sup>1</sup>years have you lived?"

9 So Jacob said to Pharaoh, "The <sup>1</sup>years of my sojourning are one hundred and <sup>2</sup>thirty; few and <sup>3</sup>unpleasant have been the <sup>1</sup>years of my life, nor have <sup>a</sup>they <sup>4</sup>attained the <sup>1</sup>years <sup>5</sup>that my fathers lived during the days of their sojourning."

10 And Jacob <sup>a</sup>blessed Pharaoh, and went out from <sup>1</sup>his presence.

11 So Joseph <sup>1</sup>settled his father and his brothers, and gave them a possession in the land of Egypt, in <sup>a</sup>the best of the land, in the land of Rameses, as Pharaoh had ordered.

12 And Joseph provided his father and his brothers and all his father's household with <sup>1</sup>food, according to their <sup>a</sup>little ones.

13 Now there was no <sup>1</sup>food in all the land, because the famine was very severe, so that the land of Egypt and the land of Canaan languished because of the famine.

14 And Joseph gathered all the money that was found in the land of Egypt and in the land of Canaan for the grain which they bought, and Joseph brought the money into Pharaoh's house.

15 And when the money was all spent in the land of Egypt and in the land of Canaan, all the Egyptians came to Joseph <sup>1</sup>and said, "Give us <sup>2</sup>food, for why should we die in your presence? For *our* money <sup>3</sup>is gone."

16 Then Joseph said, "Give up your livestock, and I will give you *food* for your livestock, since *your* money <sup>1</sup>is gone."

17 So they brought their livestock to Joseph, and Joseph gave them <sup>1</sup>food in exchange for the horses and the <sup>2</sup>flocks and the herds and the donkeys; and he <sup>3</sup>fed them with <sup>1</sup>food in exchange for all their livestock <sup>4</sup>that year.

18 And when that year was ended, they came to him the <sup>1</sup>next year and said to him, "We will not hide from my lord that our money is all spent, and the <sup>2</sup>cattle are my lord's. There is nothing left <sup>3</sup>for my lord except our bodies and our lands.

19 "Why should we die before your eyes, both we and our land? Buy us and our land for <sup>1</sup>food, and we and our land will be slaves to Pharaoh. So give us seed, that we may live and not die, and that the land may not be desolate."

20 So Joseph bought all the land of Egypt for Pharaoh, for <sup>1</sup>every Egyptian sold his field, because the famine was severe upon them. Thus the land became Pharaoh's.

21 And as for the people, he removed them to the cities from one end of Egypt's border to the other.

22 Only the land of the priests he did not buy, for the priests had an allotment from Pharaoh, and they <sup>1</sup>lived off the allotment which Pharaoh gave them. Therefore, they did not sell their land.

23 Then Joseph said to the people, "Behold, I have today bought you and your land for Pharaoh; now, *here* is seed for you, and you may sow the land.

24 "And <sup>1</sup>at the harvest you shall give a <sup>a</sup>fifth to Pharaoh, and four-fifths shall be your own for seed of the field and for your food and for those of your households and as food for your little ones."

25 So they said, "You have saved our lives! Let us find favor in the sight of my lord, and we will be Pharaoh's slaves."

26 And Joseph made it a statute concerning the land of Egypt *valid* to this day, that Pharaoh should have the fifth; only the land of the priests <sup>1</sup>did not become Pharaoh's.

27 Now Israel <sup>1</sup>lived in the land of Egypt, in <sup>2</sup>Goshen, and they acquired <sup>a</sup>property in it and <sup>b</sup>were fruitful and became very numerous.

28 And Jacob lived in the land of Egypt <sup>a</sup>seventeen years; so the <sup>1</sup>length of Jacob's life was one hundred and forty-seven years.

29 When <sup>1</sup>the time for Israel to die drew near, he called his son Joseph and said to him, "Please, if I have found favor in your sight, <sup>a</sup>place now your hand under my thigh and <sup>b</sup>deal with me in kindness and <sup>2</sup>faithfulness. Please do not bury me in Egypt,

30 but when I lie down <sup>a</sup>with my fathers, you shall carry me out of Egypt and bury me in <sup>b</sup>their burial place." And he said, "I will do as you have said."

31 And he said, "<sup>a</sup>Swear to me." So he swore to him. Then Israel bowed *in worship* at the head of the bed.

CHAPTER 48

**N**OW it came about after these things that <sup>1</sup>Joseph was told, "Behold, your father is sick." So he took his two sons <sup>a</sup>Manasseh and Ephraim with him.

2 When <sup>1</sup>it was told to Jacob, "Behold, your son Joseph has come to you," Israel <sup>2</sup>collected his strength and sat <sup>3</sup>up in the bed.

3 Then Jacob said to Joseph, "<sup>1</sup>aGod Almighty appeared to me at <sup>b</sup>Luz in the land of Canaan and blessed me,

4 and He said to me, 'Behold, I will make you fruitful and numerous, and I will make you a company of peoples, and will give this land to your <sup>1</sup>descendants after you for an everlasting possession.'

5 "And now your two sons, who were born to you in the land of Egypt before I came to you in Egypt, are mine; <sup>a</sup>Ephraim and Manasseh shall be mine, as <sup>b</sup>Reuben and Simeon are.

22 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *ate their allotment*

24 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *it shall come about . . . that you shall*  
<sup>a</sup>Gen. 41:34

26 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *alone did*

27 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *dwelt* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *in the land of Goshen*  
<sup>a</sup>Gen. 47:11 <sup>b</sup>Gen. 35:11; Ex. 1:7

28 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *the days of Jacob, the years of his life*  
<sup>a</sup>Gen. 47:9

29 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *the days of Israel to die drew near* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *truth*  
<sup>a</sup>Gen. 24:2 <sup>b</sup>Gen. 24:49

30 <sup>a</sup>Gen. 15:15; Deut. 31:16 <sup>b</sup>Gen. 23:17-20; 49:29-32

31 <sup>a</sup>Gen. 21:23, 24; 24:3, 31:53; 50:25

1 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *one said to Joseph*  
<sup>a</sup>Gen. 41:51, 52

2 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *one told Jacob and said* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *strengthened himself* <sup>3</sup>Lit., *upon the bed*

3 <sup>1</sup>Heb., *El Shaddai*  
<sup>a</sup>Gen. 35:9-12 <sup>b</sup>Gen. 28:19; 35:6

4 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *seed*

5 <sup>a</sup>Gen. 48:1 <sup>b</sup>1 Chr. 5:1, 2

6 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *you have begotten* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *name*

7 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *upon me*  
<sup>a</sup>Gen. 33:18 <sup>b</sup>Gen. 35:19, 20

8 <sup>a</sup>Gen. 48:10

9 <sup>a</sup>Gen. 33:5

10 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *he*  
<sup>a</sup>Gen. 27:1

11 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *meditated,*  
*judged* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *seed*

12 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *made them come out*  
<sup>a</sup>Gen. 42:6

14 <sup>1</sup>Or, *consciously directing* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *when*  
<sup>a</sup>Gen. 41:51, 52

15 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *from the continuance of me*  
<sup>a</sup>Gen. 17:1 <sup>b</sup>Gen. 49:24

16 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *be called* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *name*  
<sup>a</sup>Gen. 22:11, 15-18; 28:13-15; 31:11 <sup>b</sup>Gen. 28:14; 46:3

19 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *seed* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *fullness*  
<sup>a</sup>Gen. 28:14; 46:3

21 <sup>a</sup>Gen. 26:3 <sup>b</sup>Gen. 28:15; 46:4; 50:24

22 <sup>1</sup>Or, *ridge;* lit., *shoulder;* Heb., *Shechem*  
<sup>a</sup>Josh. 24:32; John 4:5

6 "But your offspring that <sup>1</sup>have been born after them shall be yours; they shall be called by the <sup>2</sup>names of their brothers in their inheritance.

7 "Now as for me, when I came from <sup>a</sup>Paddan, <sup>b</sup>Rachel died, <sup>1</sup>to my sorrow, in the land of Canaan on the journey, when there was still some distance to go to Ephrath; and I buried her there on the way to Ephrath (that is, Bethlehem)."

8 When Israel <sup>a</sup>saw Joseph's sons, he said, "Who are these?"

9 And Joseph said to his father, "<sup>a</sup>They are my sons, whom God has given me here." So he said, "Bring them to me, please, that I may bless them."

10 Now <sup>a</sup>the eyes of Israel were so dim from age *that* he could not see. Then <sup>1</sup>Joseph brought them close to him, and he kissed them and embraced them.

11 And Israel said to Joseph, "I never <sup>1</sup>expected to see your face, and behold, God has let me see your <sup>2</sup>children as well."

12 Then Joseph <sup>1</sup>took them from his knees, and bowed with <sup>a</sup>his face to the ground.

13 And Joseph took them both, Ephraim with his right hand toward Israel's left, and Manasseh with his left hand toward Israel's right, and brought them close to him.

14 But Israel stretched out his right hand and laid it on the head of Ephraim, who was the younger, and his left hand on Manasseh's head, <sup>1</sup>crossing his hands, <sup>2</sup>although <sup>a</sup>Manasseh was the first-born.

15 And he blessed Joseph, and said,

"<sup>a</sup>The God before whom my fathers Abraham and Isaac walked,

<sup>b</sup>The God who has been my shepherd <sup>1</sup>all my life to this day,

16 <sup>a</sup>The angel who has redeemed me from all evil, Bless the lads;

And may my name <sup>1</sup>live on in them,

And the <sup>2</sup>names of my fathers Abraham and Isaac; And <sup>b</sup>may they grow into a multitude in the midst of the earth."

17 When Joseph saw that his father laid his right hand on Ephraim's head, it displeased him; and he grasped his father's hand to remove it from Ephraim's head to Manasseh's head.

18 And Joseph said to his father, "Not so, my father, for this one is the first-born. Place your right hand on his head."

19 But his father refused and said, "I know, my son, I know; he also shall become a people and he also shall be great. However, his younger brother shall be greater than he, and <sup>a</sup>his <sup>1</sup>descendants shall become a <sup>2</sup>multitude of nations."

20 And he blessed them that day, saying,

"By you Israel shall pronounce blessing, saying,

'May God make you like Ephraim and Manasseh!'"

Thus he put Ephraim before Manasseh.

21 Then Israel said to Joseph, "Behold, I am about to die, but <sup>a</sup>God will be with you, and <sup>b</sup>bring you back to the land of your fathers.

22 "And I give you one <sup>1</sup>portion more than your brothers, <sup>a</sup>which I took from the hand of the Amorite with my sword and my bow."

CHAPTER 49

THEN Jacob summoned his sons and said, "Assemble yourselves that I may tell you what shall befall you <sup>a</sup>in the <sup>1</sup>days to come.

- 2 "Gather together and hear, O sons of Jacob;  
And listen to Israel your father.
- 3 "Reuben, you are my first-born;  
My might and <sup>a</sup>the beginning of my strength,  
<sup>1</sup>Preeminent in dignity and <sup>1</sup>preeminent in power.
- 4 "<sup>1</sup>Uncontrolled as water, you shall not have preeminence,  
<sup>a</sup>Because you went up to your father's bed;  
Then you defiled it—he went up to my couch.
- 5 "<sup>a</sup>Simeon and Levi are brothers;  
Their swords are implements of violence.
- 6 "<sup>a</sup>Let my soul not enter into their council;  
Let not my glory be united with their assembly;  
Because in their anger they slew <sup>1</sup>men,  
And in their self-will they lamed <sup>2</sup>oxen.
- 7 "Cursed be their anger, for it is fierce;  
And their wrath, for it is cruel.  
<sup>a</sup>I will <sup>1</sup>disperse them in Jacob,  
And scatter them in Israel.
- 8 "Judah, your brothers shall praise you;  
Your hand shall be on the neck of your enemies;  
<sup>a</sup>Your father's sons shall bow down to you.
- 9 "Judah is a <sup>a</sup>lion's whelp;  
From the prey, my son, you have gone up.  
He <sup>1</sup>couches, he lies down as a lion,  
And as a <sup>2</sup>lion, who <sup>3</sup>dares rouse him up?
- 10 "<sup>a</sup>The scepter shall not depart from Judah,  
Nor the ruler's staff from between his feet,  
<sup>1</sup>Until Shiloh comes,  
And <sup>b</sup>to him *shall be* the obedience of the peoples.
- 11 "<sup>1a</sup>He ties *his* foal to the vine,  
And his donkey's colt to the choice vine;  
<sup>b</sup>He washes his garments in wine,  
And his robes in the blood of grapes.
- 12 "His eyes are <sup>1</sup>dull from wine,  
And his teeth <sup>2</sup>white from milk.
- 13 "<sup>a</sup>Zebulun shall dwell at the seashore;  
And he *shall be* <sup>1a</sup>a haven for ships,  
And his flank *shall be* toward Sidon.
- 14 "Issachar is <sup>1a</sup>a strong donkey,  
<sup>a</sup>Lying down between the <sup>2</sup>sheepfolds.
- 15 "When he saw that a resting place was good  
And that the land was pleasant,  
He bowed his shoulder to bear *burdens*,  
And became a slave at forced labor.

<sup>1</sup> <sup>1</sup>Lit., *end of the days*  
<sup>a</sup>Num. 24:14

<sup>3</sup> <sup>1</sup>Lit., *preeminence*  
<sup>a</sup>Deut. 21:17; Ps. 78:51;  
105:36

<sup>4</sup> <sup>1</sup>Or, *Boiling over; lit., recklessness*  
<sup>a</sup>Gen. 35:22; Deut. 27:20

<sup>5</sup> <sup>a</sup>Gen. 34:25-30

<sup>6</sup> <sup>1</sup>Lit., *a man* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *an ox*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 64:2

<sup>7</sup> <sup>1</sup>Lit., *divide*  
<sup>a</sup>Josh. 19:1, 9; 21:1-42

<sup>8</sup> <sup>a</sup>Gen. 27:29; 1 Chr. 5:2

<sup>9</sup> <sup>1</sup>Lit., *bows down* <sup>2</sup>Or, *lioness* <sup>3</sup>Lit., *shall*  
<sup>a</sup>Ezek. 19:5-7; Mic. 5:8

<sup>10</sup> <sup>1</sup>Or, *Until he comes to Shiloh, or Until he comes to whom it belongs*  
<sup>a</sup>Num. 24:17; Ps. 60:7;  
108:8 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 2:6-9; 72:8-11

<sup>11</sup> <sup>1</sup>Lit., *Binding of*  
<sup>a</sup>Deut. 8:7, 8; 2 Kin. 18:32  
<sup>b</sup>Is. 63:2

<sup>12</sup> <sup>1</sup>Or, *darker than* <sup>2</sup>Or, *whiter than*

<sup>13</sup> <sup>1</sup>Lit., *for a shore of ships*  
<sup>a</sup>Deut. 33:18, 19

<sup>14</sup> <sup>1</sup>Lit., *a donkey of bone*  
<sup>2</sup>Or, *saddlebags*  
<sup>a</sup>Judg. 5:16; Ps. 68:13

16 \*Deut. 33:22; Judg. 18:26, 27 <sup>b</sup>Gen. 30:6

18 \*Ex. 15:2; Ps. 25:5; 40:1-3; 119:166, 174; Is. 25:9; Mic. 7:7

19 <sup>1</sup>Lit., a raiding band  
<sup>2</sup>Lit., heel  
\*Deut. 33:20

20 <sup>1</sup>Lit., From <sup>2</sup>Or, bread  
<sup>3</sup>Lit., fat  
\*Deut. 33:24, 25 <sup>b</sup>Gen. 30:13

21 \*Deut. 33:23

22 <sup>1</sup>Lit., son <sup>2</sup>Lit., daughters  
\*Deut. 33:13-17

24 <sup>1</sup>I.e., in an unyielding position <sup>2</sup>Lit., the arms of his hands  
\*Ps. 18:34; 73:23; Is. 41:10  
<sup>b</sup>Ps. 132:2, 5; Is. 1:24; 49:26  
<sup>c</sup>Ps. 23:1; 80:1 <sup>d</sup>Ps. 118:22; Is. 28:16; 1 Pet. 2:6-8

25 <sup>1</sup>Or, with <sup>2</sup>Heb., Shaddai  
\*Gen. 28:13; 32:9 <sup>b</sup>Gen. 28:3; 48:3 <sup>c</sup>Gen. 27:28

26 <sup>1</sup>Lit., limit or desire  
\*Deut. 33:15, 16

27 <sup>1</sup>Lit., a wolf that tears

28 <sup>1</sup>Lit., and <sup>2</sup>Lit., according to his blessing

29 \*Gen. 25:8 <sup>b</sup>Gen. 23:16-20

30 <sup>1</sup>Lit., possession of a burial place

31 \*Gen. 25:9 <sup>b</sup>Gen. 23:19  
\*Gen. 35:29

16 "aDan shall <sup>b</sup>judge his people,  
As one of the tribes of Israel.

17 "Dan shall be a serpent in the way,  
A horned snake in the path,  
That bites the horse's heels,  
So that his rider falls backward.

18 "aFor Thy salvation I wait, O LORD.

19 "aAs for Gad, <sup>1</sup>raiders shall raid him,  
But he shall raid *at* their <sup>2</sup>heels.

20 "1aAs for <sup>b</sup>Asher, his <sup>2</sup>food shall be <sup>3</sup>rich,  
And he shall yield royal dainties.

21 "aNaphtali is a doe let loose,  
He gives beautiful words.

22 "aJoseph is a fruitful <sup>1</sup>bough,  
A fruitful <sup>1</sup>bough by a spring;  
Its <sup>2</sup>branches run over a wall.

23 "The archers bitterly attacked him,  
And shot *at him* and harassed him;

24 But his bow remained <sup>1</sup>firm,

And <sup>2</sup>his arms were agile,

From the hands of the <sup>b</sup>Mighty One of Jacob  
(From there is <sup>c</sup>the Shepherd, <sup>d</sup>the Stone of Israel),

25 From <sup>a</sup>the God of your father who helps you,  
And <sup>1b</sup>by the <sup>2</sup>Almighty who blesses you  
<sup>c</sup>With blessings of heaven above,  
Blessings of the deep that lies beneath,  
Blessings of the breasts and of the womb.

26 "The blessings of your father  
Have surpassed the blessings of my ancestors  
Up to the <sup>1</sup>utmost bound of <sup>a</sup>the everlasting hills;  
May they be on the head of Joseph,  
And on the crown of the head of the one distinguished among his brothers.

27 "Benjamin is a <sup>1</sup>ravenous wolf;  
In the morning he devours the prey,  
And in the evening he divides the spoil."

28 All these are the twelve tribes of Israel, and this is what their father said to them <sup>1</sup>when he blessed them. He blessed them, every one <sup>2</sup>with the blessing appropriate to him.

29 Then he charged them and said to them, "I am about to be <sup>a</sup>gathered to my people; bury me with my fathers in the cave that is in <sup>b</sup>the field of Ephron the Hittite,

30 in the cave that is in the field of Machpelah, which is before Mamre, in the land of Canaan, which Abraham bought along with the field from Ephron the Hittite for a <sup>1</sup>burial site.

31 "There they buried <sup>a</sup>Abraham and his wife <sup>b</sup>Sarah, there they buried <sup>c</sup>Isaac and his wife Rebekah, and there I buried Leah—

32 the field and the cave that is in it, purchased from the sons of Heth."

33 When Jacob finished charging his sons, he drew his feet

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into the bed and <sup>a</sup>breathed his last, and was <sup>b</sup>gathered to his people.

33 \*Gen. 25:8; Acts 7:15  
bGen. 49:29

CHAPTER 50

**T**HEN Joseph fell on his father's face, and wept over him and kissed him.

2 \*Gen. 50:26

2 And Joseph commanded his servants the physicians to embalm his father. So the physicians <sup>a</sup>embalmed Israel.

3 Now forty days were <sup>1</sup>required for <sup>2</sup>it, for <sup>3</sup>such is the period required for embalming. And the Egyptians <sup>a</sup>wept for him seventy days.

3 <sup>1</sup>Lit., fulfilled <sup>2</sup>Or, him  
<sup>3</sup>Lit., so are fulfilled the days of embalming  
\*Gen. 50:10; Num. 20:29; Deut. 34:8

4 And when the days of <sup>1</sup>mourning for him were past, Joseph spoke to the household of Pharaoh, saying, "If now I have found favor in your sight, please speak <sup>2</sup>to Pharaoh, saying,

5 <sup>a</sup>"My father made me swear, saying, "Behold, I am about to die; in my grave which I dug for myself in the land of Canaan, there you shall bury me." Now therefore, please let me go up and bury my father; then I will return."

4 <sup>1</sup>Lit., weeping <sup>2</sup>Lit., in the ears of

6 And Pharaoh said, "Go up and bury your father, as he made you swear."

5 \*Gen. 47:29-31

7 So Joseph went up to bury his father, and with him went up all the servants of Pharaoh, the elders of his household and all the elders of the land of Egypt,

8 and all the household of Joseph and his brothers and his father's household; they left only their little ones and their flocks and their herds in the land of Goshen.

10 <sup>1</sup>Heb., Goren ha-Atad  
<sup>2</sup>Lit., heavy <sup>3</sup>Lit., made a mourning for seven days

9 There also went up with him both chariots and horsemen; and it was a very great company.

10 When they came to the <sup>1</sup>threshing floor of Atad, which is beyond the Jordan, they lamented there with a very great and <sup>2</sup>sorrowful lamentation; and he <sup>3</sup>observed seven days mourning for his father.

11 <sup>1</sup>Heb., Goren ha-Atad  
<sup>2</sup>Lit., heavy <sup>3</sup>Heb., ebel  
<sup>4</sup>i.e., the meadow (or mourning) of Egypt

11 Now when the inhabitants of the land, the Canaanites, saw the mourning at <sup>1</sup>the threshing floor of Atad, they said, "This is a <sup>2</sup>grievous <sup>3</sup>mourning for the Egyptians." Therefore it was named <sup>4</sup>Abel-mizraim, which is beyond the Jordan.

12 And thus his sons did for him as he had charged them;

13 <sup>1</sup>Lit., possession of a burial place  
\*Gen. 23:16-20

13 for his sons carried him to the land of Canaan, and buried him in <sup>a</sup>the cave of the field of Machpelah before Mamre, which Abraham had bought along with the field for a <sup>1</sup>burial site from Ephron the Hittite.

14 And after he had buried his father, Joseph returned to Egypt, he and his brothers, and all who had gone up with him to bury his father.

15 \*Gen. 37:28; 42:21, 22

15 When Joseph's brothers saw that their father was dead, they said, "<sup>a</sup>What if Joseph should bear a grudge against us and pay us back in full for all the wrong which we did to him!"

16 So they <sup>1</sup>sent a <sup>2</sup>message to Joseph, saying, "Your father charged before he died, saying,

16 <sup>1</sup>Lit., commanded

17 "Thus you shall say to Joseph, "Please forgive, I beg you, the transgression of your brothers and their sin, for they did you wrong." And now, please forgive the transgression of the servants of the God of your father." And Joseph wept when they spoke to him.

18 \*Gen. 37:8-10; 41:43

20 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *as it is this day*  
\*Gen. 37:26, 27; 45:5, 7

21 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *to their heart*  
\*Gen. 45:11; 47:12

23 \*Gen. 30:3

24 <sup>1</sup>Or, *visit* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *swore*  
\*Gen. 48:21; Heb. 11:22  
<sup>b</sup>Gen. 13:15, 17; 15:7, 8  
<sup>c</sup>Gen. 26:3 <sup>d</sup>Gen. 28:13;  
35:12

25 <sup>1</sup>Or, *visit*  
\*Ex. 13:19; Josh. 24:32;  
Heb. 11:22

26 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *they embalmed him*  
\*Gen. 50:2

18 Then his brothers also came and <sup>a</sup>fell down before him and said, "Behold, we are your servants."

19 But Joseph said to them, "Do not be afraid, for am I in God's place?"

20 "And as for you, <sup>a</sup>you meant evil against me, *but* God meant it for good in order to bring about <sup>1</sup>this present result, to preserve many people alive.

21 "So therefore, do not be afraid; <sup>a</sup>I will provide for you and your little ones." So he comforted them and spoke <sup>1</sup>kindly to them.

22 Now Joseph stayed in Egypt, he and his father's household, and Joseph lived one hundred and ten years.

23 And Joseph saw the third generation of Ephraim's sons; also the sons of Machir, the son of Manasseh, were born <sup>a</sup>on Joseph's knees.

24 And Joseph said to his brothers, "I am about to die, but <sup>a</sup>God will surely <sup>1</sup>take care of you, and bring you up from this land to the land which He <sup>2</sup>promised on oath to <sup>b</sup>Abraham, to <sup>c</sup>Isaac and <sup>d</sup>to Jacob."

25 Then Joseph made the sons of Israel swear, saying, "God will surely <sup>1</sup>take care of you, and <sup>a</sup>you shall carry my bones up from here."

26 So Joseph died at the age of one hundred and ten years; and <sup>1</sup>he was <sup>a</sup>embalmed and placed in a coffin in Egypt.

## EXODUS

### Israel's Expansion in Egypt. Hard Bondage.

1 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *and*  
\*Gen. 46:8-27

5 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *souls* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *as to souls*  
\*Gen. 46:26, 27; Deut. 10:22

6 \*Gen. 50:26

7 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *swarmed* <sup>2</sup>Or, *numerous*  
\*Gen. 12:2; 28:3; 35:11;  
46:3; 47:27; 48:4; Acts 7:17

8 \*Acts 7:18, 19

9 <sup>1</sup>Or, *too many and too mighty for us*  
\*Ps. 105:24, 25

10 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *it came about when war befalls that* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *go up from*

11 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *their burdens*  
\*Ex. 3:7; 5:6 <sup>b1</sup> Kin. 9:19;  
2 Chr. 8:4

**N**OW these are the <sup>a</sup>names of the sons of Israel who came to Egypt with Jacob; they came each one <sup>1</sup>with his household:

2 Reuben, Simeon, Levi and Judah;

3 Issachar, Zebulun and Benjamin;

4 Dan and Naphtali, Gad and Asher.

5 And all the <sup>1</sup>persons who came from the loins of Jacob were <sup>a</sup>seventy <sup>2</sup>in number, but Joseph was *already* in Egypt.

6 And <sup>a</sup>Joseph died, and all his brothers and all that generation.

7 But the sons of Israel <sup>a</sup>were fruitful and <sup>1</sup>increased greatly, and multiplied, and became exceedingly <sup>2</sup>mighty, so that the land was filled with them.

8 Now a new <sup>a</sup>king arose over Egypt, who did not know Joseph.

9 And <sup>a</sup>he said to his people, "Behold, the people of the sons of Israel are <sup>1</sup>more and mightier than we.

10 "Come, let us deal wisely with them, lest they multiply and <sup>1</sup>in the event of war, they also join themselves to those who hate us, and fight against us, and <sup>2</sup>depart from the land."

11 So they appointed <sup>a</sup>taskmasters over them to afflict them with <sup>1</sup>hard labor. And they built for Pharaoh <sup>b</sup>storage cities, Pithom and Raamses.



12 But the more they afflicted them, <sup>a</sup>the more they multiplied and the more they <sup>1</sup>spread out, so that they were in dread of the sons of Israel.

13 And the Egyptians compelled the sons of Israel <sup>a</sup>to labor rigorously;

14 and they made their lives bitter with hard labor in mortar and bricks and at *all kinds* of labor in the field, all their labors which they rigorously <sup>1</sup>imposed on them.

15 Then the king of Egypt spoke to the Hebrew midwives, one of whom <sup>1</sup>was named Shiphrah, and the other <sup>1</sup>was named P<sup>1</sup>nah;

16 and he said, "When you are helping the Hebrew women to give birth and see *them* upon the birthstool, <sup>a</sup>if it is a son, then you shall put him to death; but if it is a daughter, then she shall live."

17 But the midwives <sup>1a</sup>feared God, and did not do as the king of Egypt had <sup>2</sup>commanded them, but let the boys live.

18 So the king of Egypt called for the midwives, and said to them, "Why have you done this thing, and let the boys live?"

19 And the midwives said to Pharaoh, "Because the Hebrew women are not as the Egyptian women; for they are vigorous, and they give birth before the midwife <sup>1</sup>can get to them."

20 So God was good to the midwives, and <sup>a</sup>the people multiplied, and became very <sup>1</sup>mighty.

21 And it came about because the midwives <sup>1a</sup>feared God, that He <sup>2</sup>established <sup>3</sup>households for them.

22 Then Pharaoh commanded all his people, saying, "<sup>a</sup>Every son who is born <sup>1</sup>you are to cast into <sup>b</sup>the Nile, and every daughter you are to keep alive."

CHAPTER 2

**N**OW a man from <sup>a</sup>the house of Levi went and <sup>1</sup>married a daughter of Levi.

2 And the woman conceived and bore a son; and when she saw <sup>1</sup>that he was <sup>2a</sup>beautiful, she hid him for three months.

3 But when she could hide him no longer, she got him a <sup>1a</sup>wicker <sup>2</sup>basket and covered it over with tar and pitch. Then she put the child into it, and set it among the <sup>b</sup>reeds by the bank of the Nile.

4 And <sup>a</sup>his sister stood at a distance to <sup>1</sup>find out what would <sup>2</sup>happen to him.

5 Then the daughter of Pharaoh came down <sup>a</sup>to bathe at the Nile, with her maidens walking alongside the Nile; and she saw the <sup>1</sup>basket among the reeds and sent her maid, and she brought it *to her*.

6 When she opened it, she <sup>1</sup>saw the child, and behold, *the* <sup>2</sup>boy was crying. And she had pity on him and said, "This is one of the Hebrews' children."

7 Then his sister said to Pharaoh's daughter, "Shall I go and call <sup>1a</sup>a nurse for you from the Hebrew women, that she may nurse the child for you?"

12 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *broke forth*  
<sup>a</sup>Ex. 1:7

13 <sup>a</sup>Gen. 15:13; Deut. 4:20

14 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *worked through them*

15 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *the name was*

16 <sup>a</sup>Acts 7:19

17 <sup>1</sup>Or, *revered* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *spoken to*  
<sup>a</sup>Ex. 1:21

19 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *comes to*

20 <sup>1</sup>Or, *numerous*  
<sup>a</sup>Ex. 1:12; Is. 3:10

21 <sup>1</sup>Or, *revered* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *made* <sup>3</sup>Or, *families*  
<sup>a</sup>Ex. 1:17

22 <sup>1</sup>Some versions insert, *to the Hebrews*  
<sup>a</sup>Acts 7:19 <sup>b</sup>Gen. 41:1

1 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *took*  
<sup>a</sup>Ex. 6:16, 18, 20

2 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *him that* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *good*  
<sup>a</sup>Acts 7:20; Heb. 11:23

3 <sup>1</sup>i.e., of papyrus reeds  
<sup>2</sup>Or, *chest*  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 18:2 <sup>b</sup>Is. 19:6

4 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *know* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *be done*  
<sup>a</sup>Ex. 15:20; Num. 26:59

5 <sup>1</sup>Or, *chest*  
<sup>a</sup>Ex. 7:15, 8:20

6 <sup>1</sup>Heb., *saw it, the child*  
<sup>2</sup>Or, *lad*

7 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *a woman giving suck*

10 <sup>1</sup>Heb., *Mosheh*, from *mashah* <sup>2</sup>Heb., *mashah*  
<sup>a</sup>Acts 7:21

11 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *burdens*  
<sup>a</sup>Acts 7:23; Heb. 11:24-26  
<sup>b</sup>Ex. 1:11; 5:4, 5; 6:6, 7

12 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *turned*  
<sup>a</sup>Acts 7:24, 25

13 <sup>1</sup>Or, *quarreling* <sup>2</sup>Or,  
*the guilty one*  
<sup>a</sup>Acts 7:26-28

14 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *man, a prince*  
<sup>2</sup>Lit., *saying in your heart*  
<sup>a</sup>Gen. 19:9; Acts 7:27, 28

15 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *dwelt*  
<sup>a</sup>Acts 7:29 <sup>b</sup>Gen. 24:11;  
 29:2

16 <sup>a</sup>Ex. 3:1; 18:12 <sup>b</sup>Gen.  
 24:13, 19

17 <sup>a</sup>Gen. 29:3, 10

18 <sup>a</sup>Ex. 3:1; Num. 10:29

20 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *that he may eat*  
*bread*

21 <sup>a</sup>Acts 7:29 <sup>b</sup>Ex. 4:25;  
 18:2

22 <sup>1</sup>Cf. Heb. *ger sham*, a  
*stranger there* <sup>2</sup>Heb. *ger*  
<sup>a</sup>Ex. 4:20; 18:3, 4 <sup>b</sup>Gen.  
 23:4; Heb. 11:13, 14

23 <sup>a</sup>Acts 7:30 <sup>b</sup>Ex. 6:5, 9  
<sup>c</sup>Ex. 3:7, 9; Deut. 26:7;  
 James 5:4

24 <sup>a</sup>Gen. 22:16-18; 26:2-5;  
 28:13-15; Ps. 105:8, 42

25 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *knew them*

<sup>1</sup>Or, *rear part*  
<sup>a</sup>Ex. 2:18; 4:18; 18:12;  
 Num. 10:29 <sup>b</sup>Ex. 3:12; 17:6;  
 33:6 <sup>c</sup>Ex. 4:27; 18:5; 24:13

8 And Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Go *ahead*." So the girl went and called the child's mother.

9 Then Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Take this child away and nurse him for me and I shall give you your wages." So the woman took the child and nursed him.

10 And the child grew, and she brought him to Pharaoh's daughter, and <sup>a</sup>he became her son. And she named him <sup>1</sup>Moses, and said, "Because I <sup>2</sup>drew him out of the water."

11 Now it came about in those days, <sup>a</sup>when Moses had grown up, that he went out to his brethren and looked on their <sup>1</sup>hard labors; and <sup>c</sup>he saw an Egyptian beating a Hebrew, one of his brethren.

12 So he <sup>1</sup>looked this way and that, and when he saw there was no one *around*, he <sup>a</sup>struck down the Egyptian and hid him in the sand.

13 And he went out <sup>a</sup>the next day, and behold, two Hebrews were <sup>1</sup>fighting with each other; and he said to the <sup>2</sup>offender, "Why are you striking your companion?"

14 But he said, "<sup>a</sup>Who made you a <sup>1</sup>prince or a judge over us? Are you <sup>2</sup>intending to kill me, as you killed the Egyptian?" Then Moses was afraid, and said, "Surely the matter has become known."

15 When Pharaoh heard of this matter, he tried to kill Moses. But <sup>a</sup>Moses fled from the presence of Pharaoh and <sup>1</sup>settled in the land of Midian; and he sat down <sup>b</sup>by a well.

16 Now <sup>a</sup>the priest of Midian had seven daughters; and <sup>b</sup>they came to draw water, and filled the troughs to water their father's flock.

17 Then the shepherds came and drove them away, but <sup>a</sup>Moses stood up and helped them, and watered their flock.

18 When they came to <sup>a</sup>Reuel their father, he said, "Why have you come *back* so soon today?"

19 So they said, "An Egyptian delivered us from the hand of the shepherds; and what is more, he even drew the water for us and watered the flock."

20 And he said to his daughters, "Where is he then? Why is it that you have left the man behind? Invite him <sup>1</sup>to have something to eat."

21 <sup>a</sup>And Moses was willing to dwell with the man, and he gave his daughter <sup>b</sup>Zipporah to Moses.

22 Then she gave birth to <sup>a</sup>a son, and he named him <sup>1</sup>Gershom, for he said, "I have been <sup>b</sup>a <sup>2</sup>sojourner in a foreign land."

23 Now it came about in *the course of* <sup>a</sup>those many days that the king of Egypt died. And the sons of Israel <sup>b</sup>sighed because of the bondage, and they cried out; and <sup>c</sup>their cry for help because of *their* bondage rose up to God.

24 So God heard their groaning; and God remembered <sup>a</sup>His covenant with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.

25 And God saw the sons of Israel, and God <sup>1</sup>took notice of *them*.

## CHAPTER 3

**N**OW Moses was pasturing the flock of <sup>a</sup>Jethro his father-in-law, the priest of Midian; and he led the flock to the <sup>1</sup>west side of the wilderness, and came to <sup>b</sup>Horeb, the <sup>c</sup>mountain of God.

2 And <sup>a</sup>the angel of the LORD appeared to him in a blazing fire from the midst of <sup>1a</sup> <sup>b</sup>bush; and he looked, and behold, the bush was burning with fire, yet the bush was not consumed.

3 So Moses said, "<sup>1a</sup> I must turn aside now, and see this <sup>2</sup>marvelous sight, why the bush is not burned up."

4 When the LORD saw that he turned aside to look, <sup>a</sup>God called to him from the midst of the bush, and said, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am."

5 Then He said, "Do not come near here; <sup>a</sup>remove your sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground."

6 He said also, "<sup>a</sup>I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." <sup>b</sup>Then Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.

7 And the LORD said, "I have surely <sup>a</sup>seen the affliction of My people who are in Egypt, and have given heed to their cry because of their taskmasters, for I am aware of their sufferings.

8 "So I have come down <sup>a</sup>to deliver them from the <sup>1</sup>power of the Egyptians, and to bring them up from that land to a good and spacious land, to a land <sup>b</sup>flowing with milk and honey, to the place of <sup>c</sup>the Canaanite and the Hittite and the Amorite and the Perizzite and the Hivite and the Jebusite.

9 "And now, behold, <sup>a</sup>the cry of the sons of Israel has come to Me; furthermore, I have seen the oppression with which the Egyptians are oppressing them.

10 "Therefore, come now, and I will send you to Pharaoh, <sup>a</sup>so that you may bring My people, the sons of Israel, out of Egypt."

11 But Moses said to God, "<sup>a</sup>Who am I, that I should go to Pharaoh, and that I should bring the sons of Israel out of Egypt?"

12 And He said, "Certainly <sup>a</sup>I will be with you, and this shall be the sign to you that it is I who have sent you: <sup>b</sup>when you have brought the people out of Egypt, <sup>c</sup>you shall <sup>1</sup>worship God at this mountain."

13 Then Moses said to God, "Behold, I am going to the sons of Israel, and I shall say to them, 'The God of your fathers has sent me to you.' Now they may say to me, 'What is His name?' What shall I say to them?"

14 And God said to Moses, "<sup>1a</sup> I AM WHO I AM"; and He said, "Thus you shall say to the sons of Israel, 'I AM has sent me to you.'"

15 And God, furthermore, said to Moses, "Thus you shall say to the sons of Israel, '<sup>a</sup>The LORD, the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you.' This is My name forever, and this is My <sup>b</sup>memorial-name <sup>1</sup>to all generations.

16 "Go and gather the elders of Israel together, and say to them, '<sup>a</sup>The LORD, the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, has appeared to me, saying, 'I am indeed concerned about you and what has been done to you in Egypt.

17 "So <sup>a</sup>I said, I will bring you up out of the affliction of Egypt to the land of <sup>b</sup>the Canaanite and the Hittite and the Amorite and the Perizzite and the Hivite and the Jebusite, to a land <sup>c</sup>flowing with milk and honey.'"

2 <sup>1</sup>Lit. *the*  
<sup>a</sup>Ex. 3:4-11; 16; Gen. 22:11, 15  
<sup>b</sup>Deut. 33:16; Mark 12:26; Luke 20:37; Acts 7:30

3 <sup>1</sup>Lit. *Let me turn*  
<sup>2</sup>Lit. *great*  
<sup>a</sup>Acts 7:31

4 <sup>a</sup>Ex. 4:5

5 <sup>a</sup>Josh. 5:15; Acts 7:33

6 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 22:31, 32; Mark 12:26; Luke 20:37  
<sup>b</sup>Acts 7:32

7 <sup>a</sup>Ex. 2:25; Neh. 9:9; Is. 63:9; Acts 7:34

8 <sup>1</sup>Lit. *hand*  
<sup>a</sup>Gen. 15:13-16; 46:4; 50:24, 25  
<sup>b</sup>Ex. 3:17; 13:5 Jer. 11:5  
<sup>c</sup>Gen. 15:19-21; Josh. 24:11

9 <sup>a</sup>Ex. 2:23

10 <sup>a</sup>Gen. 15:13; Ex. 12:40, 41; Acts 7:6, 7

11 <sup>a</sup>Ex. 4:10; 6:12

12 <sup>1</sup>Or, *serve*  
<sup>a</sup>Ex. 4:12, 15; 33:14-16; Gen. 31:3; Josh. 1:5  
<sup>b</sup>Ex. 19:1  
<sup>c</sup>Ex. 19:2, 3; Acts 7:7

14 <sup>1</sup>Related to the name of God, YHWH, rendered LORD, which is derived from the verb HAYAH, to be  
<sup>a</sup>Ex. 6:3; John 8:58; Heb. 13:8; Rev. 1:8; 4:8

15 <sup>1</sup>Lit. *to generation of generation*  
<sup>a</sup>Ex. 3:6, 13  
<sup>b</sup>Ps. 30:4; 97:12; 102:12; 135:13; Hos. 12:5

16 <sup>1</sup>Lit. *Visiting I have visited*  
<sup>a</sup>Ex. 3:2

17 <sup>a</sup>Gen. 15:13-21; 46:4; 50:24, 25  
<sup>b</sup>Josh. 24:11  
<sup>c</sup>Ex. 3:8

18 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *hear your voice*  
<sup>a</sup>Ex. 4:31 <sup>b</sup>Ex. 5:1 <sup>c</sup>Ex. 5:3;  
 8:27

19 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *by a strong hand*  
<sup>a</sup>Ex. 5:2 <sup>b</sup>Ex. 6:1

20 <sup>a</sup>Ex. 6:1; 7:4, 5; 9:15;  
 13:3, 9, 14 <sup>b</sup>Ex. 15:11;  
 Deut. 6:22; Neh. 9:10 <sup>c</sup>Ex.  
 11:1; 12:31-33

21 <sup>a</sup>Ex. 11:3; 12:36

22 <sup>a</sup>Ex. 11:2; 12:35

1 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *to my voice*  
<sup>a</sup>Ex. 3:18; 6:30 <sup>b</sup>Ex. 3:15,  
 16

2 <sup>a</sup>Ex. 4:17, 20

3 <sup>a</sup>Ex. 7:10-12

4 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *palm*

6 <sup>a</sup>Num. 12:10; 2 Kin.  
 5:27

7 <sup>a</sup>Num. 12:13-15; Deut.  
 32:39; 2 Kin. 5:14; Matt.  
 8:3; Luke 17:12-14

8 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *listen to* <sup>2</sup>Lit.,  
*voice*

9 <sup>a</sup>Ex. 7:19, 20

10 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *a man of words*  
<sup>2</sup>Lit., *yesterday* <sup>3</sup>Lit., *heavy*  
<sup>a</sup>Ex. 4:1; 3:11; 6:12; Jer. 1:6

11 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 94:9; 146:8; Matt.  
 11:5; Luke 1:20, 64

## "I Will Stretch out My Hand." Moses Given Powers.

18 "And <sup>a</sup>they will <sup>1</sup>pay heed to what you say; and <sup>b</sup>you with the elders of Israel will come to the king of Egypt, and you will say to him, "The LORD, the God of the Hebrews, has met with us. So now, please, let us go a 'three days' journey into the wilderness, that we may sacrifice to the LORD our God."

19 "But I know that the king of Egypt <sup>a</sup>will not permit you to go, <sup>b</sup>except <sup>1</sup>under compulsion.

20 "So I will stretch out <sup>a</sup>My hand, and strike Egypt with all My <sup>b</sup>miracles which I shall do in the midst of it; and <sup>c</sup>after that he will let you go.

21 "And I will grant this people <sup>a</sup>favor in the sight of the Egyptians; and it shall be that when you go, you will not go empty-handed.

22 "But every woman <sup>a</sup>shall ask of her neighbor and the woman who lives in her house, articles of silver and articles of gold, and clothing; and you will put them on your sons and daughters. Thus you will plunder the Egyptians."

### CHAPTER 4

THEN Moses answered and said, "What if they will not believe me, or <sup>a</sup>listen <sup>1</sup>to what I say? For they may say, <sup>b</sup>"The LORD has not appeared to you."

2 And the LORD said to him, "What is that in your hand?" And he said, <sup>a</sup>"A staff."

3 Then He said, "Throw it on the ground." So he threw it on the ground, and <sup>a</sup>it became a serpent; and Moses fled from it.

4 But the LORD said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand and grasp *it* by its tail"—so he stretched out his hand and caught it, and it became a staff in his <sup>1</sup>hand—

5 "that they may believe that the LORD, the God of their fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has appeared to you."

6 And the LORD furthermore said to him, "Now put your hand into your bosom." So he put his hand into his bosom, and when he took it out, behold, his hand was <sup>a</sup>leprous like snow.

7 Then He said, "Put your hand into your bosom again." So he put his hand into his bosom again; and when he took it out of his bosom, behold, <sup>a</sup>it was restored like *the rest of his flesh*.

8 "And it shall come about that if they will not believe you or <sup>1</sup>heed the <sup>2</sup>witness of the first sign, they may believe the <sup>2</sup>witness of the last sign.

9 "But it shall be that if they will not believe even these two signs or heed what you say, then you shall take some water from the Nile and pour it on the dry ground; and the water which you take from the Nile <sup>a</sup>will become blood on the dry ground."

10 Then Moses said to the LORD, "Please, Lord, <sup>a</sup>I have never been <sup>1</sup>eloquent, neither <sup>2</sup>recently nor in time past, nor since Thou hast spoken to Thy servant; for I am <sup>3</sup>slow of speech and <sup>3</sup>slow of tongue."

11 And the LORD said to him, "Who has made man's mouth? Or <sup>a</sup>who makes *him* dumb or deaf, or seeing or blind? Is it not I, the LORD?"

12 "Now then go, and <sup>a</sup>I, even I, will be with your mouth, and <sup>b</sup>teach you what you are to say."

13 But he said, "Please, Lord, now <sup>1</sup>send the message by whomever Thou wilt."

14 Then the anger of the LORD burned against Moses, and He said, "Is there not your brother Aaron the Levite? I know that he speaks <sup>1</sup>fluently. And moreover, behold, <sup>a</sup>he is coming out to meet you; when he sees you, he will be glad in his heart.

15 "And you are to speak to him and <sup>a</sup>put the words in his mouth; and I, even I, will be with your mouth and his mouth, and I will teach you what you are to do.

16 "Moreover, <sup>a</sup>he shall speak for you to the people; and it shall come about that he shall be as a mouth for you, and you shall be as God to him.

17 "And you shall take in your hand <sup>a</sup>this staff, <sup>b</sup>with which you shall perform the signs."

18 Then Moses departed and returned to <sup>1</sup>Jethro <sup>a</sup>his father-in-law, and said to him, "Please, let me go, that I may return to my brethren who are in Egypt, and see if they are still alive." And Jethro said to Moses, "Go in peace."

19 Now the LORD said to Moses in Midian, "Go <sup>1</sup>back to Egypt, for <sup>a</sup>all the men who were seeking your life are dead."

20 So Moses took his wife and his <sup>a</sup>sons and mounted them on a donkey, and he returned to the land of Egypt. Moses also took the <sup>b</sup>staff of God in his hand.

21 And the LORD said to Moses, "When you go <sup>1</sup>back to Egypt see that you perform before Pharaoh all <sup>a</sup>the wonders which I have put in your <sup>2</sup>power; but <sup>b</sup>I will harden his heart so that he will not let the people go.

22 "Then you shall say to Pharaoh, 'Thus says the LORD, <sup>a</sup>Israel is My son, My first-born.

23 "So I said to you, <sup>a</sup>Let My son go, that he may serve Me'; but you have refused to let him go. Behold, <sup>b</sup>I will kill your son, your first-born.'"

24 Now it came about at the lodging-place on the way that the LORD met him and <sup>a</sup>sought to put him to death.

25 Then Zipporah took <sup>a</sup>a flint and cut off her son's foreskin and <sup>1</sup>threw it at Moses' feet, and she said, "You are indeed a bridegroom of blood to me."

26 So He let him alone. At that time she said, "You are a bridegroom of blood"—<sup>a</sup>because of the circumcision.

27 <sup>a</sup>Now the LORD said to Aaron, "Go to meet Moses in the wilderness." So he went and met him at the mountain of God, and he kissed him.

28 And Moses told Aaron all the words of the LORD with which He had sent him, and all the signs that He had commanded him to do.

29 Then Moses and Aaron went and <sup>a</sup>assembled all the elders of the sons of Israel;

30 and <sup>a</sup>Aaron spoke all the words which the LORD had spoken to Moses. He then performed the <sup>b</sup>signs in the sight of the people.

31 So <sup>a</sup>the people believed; and when they heard that the LORD <sup>1</sup>was concerned about the sons of Israel and that He had seen their affliction, then <sup>b</sup>they bowed low and worshiped.

12 <sup>a</sup>Ex. 4:15, 16; Deut. 18:18; Is. 50:4; Jer. 1:9  
<sup>b</sup>Matt. 10:19, 20; Mark 13:11; Luke 12:11, 12; 21:14, 15

13 <sup>1</sup>Lit., send by the hand which Thou sendest

14 <sup>1</sup>Lit., speaking he speaks  
<sup>a</sup>Ex. 4:27

15 <sup>a</sup>Ex. 4:12, 30; Num. 23:5, 12, 16; Is. 51:16; 59:21; Jer. 1:9

16 <sup>a</sup>Ex. 7:1, 2

17 <sup>a</sup>Ex. 4:2, 20; 17:9 <sup>b</sup>Ex. 7:9-20; 14:16

18 <sup>1</sup>Heb., Jether  
<sup>a</sup>Ex. 2:21; 3:1

19 <sup>1</sup>Lit., return  
<sup>a</sup>Ex. 2:15, 23

20 <sup>a</sup>Ex. 18:3, 4; Acts 7:29  
<sup>b</sup>Ex. 4:17; 17:9; Num. 20:8

21 <sup>1</sup>Lit., to return <sup>2</sup>Lit., hand  
<sup>a</sup>Ex. 11:9, 10 <sup>b</sup>Ex. 7:3, 13; 9:12; 9:35; 10:1, 20, 27; 14:4, 8; Deut. 2:30; John 12:40; Rom. 9:18

22 <sup>a</sup>Is. 63:16; 64:8; Jer. 31:9; Hos. 11:1

23 <sup>a</sup>Ex. 5:1; 6:11; 7:16  
<sup>b</sup>Ex. 12:29

24 <sup>a</sup>Num. 22:22

25 <sup>1</sup>Lit., made it touch at his feet  
<sup>a</sup>Gen. 17:14; Josh. 5:2, 3

26 <sup>1</sup>Lit., with reference to

27 <sup>a</sup>Ex. 4:14

29 <sup>a</sup>Ex. 3:16

30 <sup>a</sup>Ex. 4:15, 16 <sup>b</sup>Ex. 4:1-9

31 <sup>1</sup>Lit., had visited  
<sup>a</sup>Ex. 3:18 <sup>b</sup>Ex. 12:27

1 \*Ex. 3:18 <sup>b</sup>Ex. 4:23

2 \*Job 21:15 <sup>b</sup>Ex. 3:19

3 \*Ex. 3:18

4 <sup>1</sup>Lit., loose <sup>2</sup>Lit., works  
<sup>3</sup>Lit., burdens  
\*Ex. 1:11; 2:11; 6:5-7

5 \*Ex. 1:7, 9

6 \*Ex. 5:10, 13, 14; 1:11;  
3:7 <sup>b</sup>Ex. 5:10, 14, 15, 19

8 <sup>1</sup>Lit., saying, 'Let  
\*Ex. 5:17

10 \*Ex. 5:6

13 <sup>1</sup>Lit., works <sup>2</sup>Lit., the  
matter of a day in its day  
<sup>3</sup>Lit., there was

14 <sup>1</sup>Lit., saying  
\*Ex. 5:6 <sup>b</sup>Is. 10:24

17 \*Ex. 5:8

19 <sup>1</sup>Lit., saying <sup>2</sup>Lit., from  
your bricks the matter of a  
day in its day

**AND** afterward Moses and Aaron came and said to Pharaoh, <sup>a</sup>“Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, <sup>b</sup>“Let My people go that they may celebrate a feast to Me in the wilderness.””

2 But Pharaoh said, <sup>a</sup>“Who is the LORD that I should obey His voice to let Israel go? I do not know the LORD, and besides, <sup>b</sup>I will not let Israel go.”

3 Then they said, <sup>a</sup>“The God of the Hebrews has met with us. Please, let us go a three days’ journey into the wilderness that we may sacrifice to the LORD our God, lest He fall upon us with pestilence or with the sword.”

4 But the king of Egypt said to them, “Moses and Aaron, why do you <sup>1</sup>draw the people away from their <sup>2</sup>work? Get *back* to your <sup>3</sup>labors!”

5 Again Pharaoh said, “Look, <sup>a</sup>the people of the land are now many, and you would have them cease from their labors!”

6 So the same day Pharaoh commanded <sup>a</sup>the taskmasters over the people and their <sup>b</sup>foremen, saying,

7 “You are no longer to give the people straw to make brick as previously; let them go and gather straw for themselves.

8 “But the quota of bricks which they were making previously, you shall impose on them; you are not to reduce any of it. Because they are <sup>a</sup>lazy, therefore they cry out, <sup>1</sup>‘Let us go and sacrifice to our God.’

9 “Let the labor be heavier on the men, and let them work at it that they may pay no attention to false words.”

10 So <sup>a</sup>the taskmasters of the people and their foremen went out and spoke to the people, saying, “Thus says Pharaoh, ‘I am not going to give you *any* straw.

11 ‘You go *and* get straw for yourselves wherever you can find *it*; but none of your labor will be reduced.’”

12 So the people scattered through all the land of Egypt to gather stubble for straw.

13 And the taskmasters pressed them, saying, “Complete your <sup>1</sup>work quota, <sup>2</sup>your daily amount, just as when <sup>3</sup>you had straw.”

14 Moreover, <sup>a</sup>the foremen of the sons of Israel, whom Pharaoh’s taskmasters had set over them, <sup>b</sup>were beaten <sup>1</sup>and were asked, “Why have you not completed your required amount either yesterday or today in making brick as previously?”

15 Then the foremen of the sons of Israel came and cried out to Pharaoh, saying, “Why do you deal this way with your servants?

16 “There is no straw given to your servants, yet they keep saying to us, ‘Make bricks!’ And behold, your servants are being beaten; but it is the fault of your *own* people.”

17 But he said, “You are <sup>a</sup>lazy, *very* lazy; therefore you say, ‘Let us go *and* sacrifice to the LORD.’

18 “So go now *and* work; for you shall be given no straw, yet you must deliver the quota of bricks.”

19 And the foremen of the sons of Israel saw that they were in trouble <sup>1</sup>because they were told, “You must not reduce <sup>2</sup>your daily amount of bricks.”

20 When they left Pharaoh's presence, they met Moses and Aaron as they were <sup>1</sup>waiting for them.

21 And <sup>a</sup>they said to them, "<sup>b</sup>May the LORD look upon you and judge you, for you have <sup>c</sup>made <sup>1</sup>us odious in Pharaoh's sight and in the sight of his servants, to put a sword in their hand to kill us."

22 Then Moses returned to the LORD and said, "<sup>a</sup>O LORD, why hast Thou brought harm to this people? Why didst Thou ever send me?"

23 "Ever since I came to Pharaoh to speak in Thy name, he has done harm to this people; <sup>a</sup>and Thou hast not delivered Thy people at all."

CHAPTER 6

**T**HEN the LORD said to Moses, "Now you shall see what I will do to Pharaoh; for <sup>1a</sup>under compulsion he shall let them go, and <sup>1</sup>under compulsion he shall drive them out of his land."

2 God spoke further to Moses and said to him, "I am <sup>a</sup>the LORD;

3 and I appeared to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, as <sup>1</sup>God Almighty, <sup>a</sup>but by My name, <sup>2</sup>LORD, I did not make Myself known to them.

4 "And I also established <sup>a</sup>My covenant with them, to give them the land of Canaan, the <sup>1</sup>land in which they sojourned.

5 "And furthermore I have <sup>a</sup>heard the groaning of the sons of Israel, because the Egyptians are holding them in bondage; and I have remembered My covenant.

6 "Say, therefore, to the sons of Israel, <sup>a</sup>I am the LORD, and <sup>b</sup>I will bring you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians, and I will deliver you from their bondage. I will also redeem you with <sup>c</sup>an outstretched arm and with great judgments.

7 "Then I will take you <sup>1a</sup>for My people, and I will be <sup>2</sup>your God; and <sup>b</sup>you shall know that I am the LORD your God, who brought you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians.

8 "And I will bring you to the land which <sup>a</sup>I <sup>1</sup>swore to give to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, and <sup>b</sup>I will give it to you for a possession; <sup>c</sup>I am the LORD."

9 So Moses spoke thus to the sons of Israel, but they did not listen to Moses on <sup>a</sup>account of <sup>their</sup> <sup>1</sup>despondency and cruel bondage.

10 Now the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,

11 "<sup>a</sup>Go, <sup>1</sup>tell Pharaoh king of Egypt <sup>2</sup>to let the sons of Israel go out of his land."

12 But Moses spoke before the LORD, saying, "Behold, the sons of Israel have not listened to me; <sup>a</sup>how then will Pharaoh listen to me, for I am <sup>1</sup>unskilled in speech?"

13 Then the LORD spoke to Moses and to Aaron, and gave them a charge to the sons of Israel and to Pharaoh king of Egypt, to bring the sons of Israel out of the land of Egypt.

14 These are the heads of their fathers' households. <sup>a</sup>The sons of Reuben, Israel's first-born: Hanoch and Pallu, Hezron and Carmi; these are the families of Reuben.

15 And the sons of Simeon: Jemuel and Jamin and Ohad

20 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *standing to meet*

21 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *our savor to stink*  
<sup>a</sup>Ex. 14:11; 15:24; 16:2  
<sup>b</sup>Gen. 16:5; 31:53 <sup>c</sup>Gen. 34:30; 1 Sam. 27:12

22 <sup>a</sup>Num. 11:11; Jer. 4:10

23 <sup>a</sup>Ex. 3:8

1 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *by a strong hand*  
<sup>a</sup>Ex. 3:19, 20; 7:4, 5; 12:31, 33, 39; 13:3

2 <sup>a</sup>Ex. 3:14, 15

3 <sup>1</sup>Heb., *El Shaddai*  
<sup>2</sup>YHWH, usually rendered LORD  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 52:6; Jer. 16:21; Ezek. 37:6, 13; Ps. 68:4; 83:18

4 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *land of their sojournings in which . . .*  
<sup>a</sup>Gen. 12:7; 15:18; 26:3, 4; 28:4, 13

5 <sup>a</sup>Ex. 2:24

6 <sup>a</sup>Ex. 13:3, 14; 20:2; Deut. 6:12 <sup>b</sup>Ex. 12:51; 16:6; 18:1 <sup>c</sup>Deut. 4:34; 5:15; 26:8

7 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *to Me for a people* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *to you for a God*  
<sup>a</sup>Deut. 4:20 <sup>b</sup>Ex. 16:12; Is. 41:20; 49:23, 26; 60:16

8 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *lifted up My hand*  
<sup>a</sup>Gen. 15:18; Num. 14:30; Neh. 9:15; Ezek. 20:5, 6  
<sup>b</sup>Josh. 24:13; Ps. 136:21, 22  
<sup>c</sup>Ex. 6:6

9 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *shortness of spirit*  
<sup>a</sup>Ex. 2:23

11 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *speak to* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *that he let*  
<sup>a</sup>Ex. 4:22, 23

12 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *uncircumcised of lips*  
<sup>a</sup>Ex. 6:30; 4:1, 10

14 <sup>a</sup>Gen. 46:9; Num. 26:5-11

16 <sup>1</sup>Lit., years  
<sup>a</sup>Gen. 46:11; Num. 3:17;  
 1 Chr. 6:1

17 <sup>a</sup>Num. 3:18-20; 1 Chr.  
 6:17

18 <sup>1</sup>Lit., years  
<sup>a</sup>Num. 3:19

20 <sup>1</sup>Lit., took to him to  
 wife <sup>2</sup>Lit., years  
<sup>a</sup>Ex. 2:1, 2; Num. 26:59

21 <sup>a</sup>Num. 16:1; 1 Chr.  
 6:37, 38

22 <sup>1</sup>In Num. 3:30,  
 Elizaphan  
<sup>a</sup>Lev. 10:4; Num. 3:30

23 <sup>1</sup>Lit., took to him to  
 wife  
<sup>a</sup>Ruth 4:19, 20; 1 Chr. 2:10  
<sup>b</sup>Num. 1:7; 2:3 <sup>c</sup>Lev. 10:1;  
 Num. 3:2

24 <sup>1</sup>In 1 Chr. 6:23 and  
 9:19, Ebiasaph  
<sup>a</sup>1 Chr. 6:22, 23, 37

25 <sup>1</sup>Lit., took to him to  
 wife  
<sup>a</sup>Josh. 24:33 <sup>b</sup>Num. 25:7,  
 11; Ps. 106:30

26 <sup>a</sup>Ex. 6:13

27 <sup>1</sup>Lit., to bring out  
<sup>a</sup>Ex. 5:1

29 <sup>a</sup>Ex. 6:2, 6, 8 <sup>b</sup>Ex. 6:11;  
 7:2

30 <sup>1</sup>Lit., uncircumcised of  
 lips  
<sup>a</sup>Ex. 4:10; 6:12

1 <sup>a</sup>Ex. 4:16

2 <sup>a</sup>Ex. 4:15

3 <sup>a</sup>Ex. 4:21

4 <sup>a</sup>Ex. 3:19, 20; 11:9 <sup>b</sup>Ex.  
 12:51; 13:3, 9 <sup>c</sup>Ex. 6:6

5 <sup>a</sup>Ex. 7:17; 8:19; 10:7

and Jachin and Zohar and Shaul the son of a Canaanite woman; these are the families of Simeon.

16 And these are the names of <sup>a</sup>the sons of Levi according to their generations: Gershon and Kohath and Merari; and the <sup>1</sup>length of Levi's life was one hundred and thirty-seven years.

17 <sup>a</sup>The sons of Gershon: Libni and Shimei, according to their families.

18 And <sup>a</sup>the sons of Kohath: Amram and Izhar and Hebron and Uzziel; and the <sup>1</sup>length of Kohath's life was one hundred and thirty-three years.

19 And the sons of Merari: Mahli and Mushi. These are the families of the Levites according to their generations.

20 And <sup>a</sup>Amram <sup>1</sup>married his father's sister Jochebed, and she bore him Aaron and Moses; and the <sup>2</sup>length of Amram's life was one hundred and thirty-seven years.

21 And <sup>a</sup>the sons of Izhar: Korah and Nepheg and Zichri.  
 22 <sup>a</sup>And the sons of Uzziel: Mishael and <sup>1</sup>Elzaphan and Sithri.

23 And Aaron <sup>1</sup>married Elisheba, the daughter of <sup>a</sup>Amminadab, the sister of <sup>b</sup>Nahshon, and she bore him <sup>c</sup>Nadab and Abihu, Eleazar and Ithamar.

24 And the <sup>a</sup>sons of Korah: Assir and Elkanah and <sup>1</sup>Abiasaph; these are the families of the Korahites.

25 And Aaron's son <sup>a</sup>Eleazar <sup>1</sup>married one of the daughters of Putiel, and she bore him <sup>b</sup>Phinehas. These are the heads of the fathers' households of the Levites according to their families.

26 It was *the same* Aaron and Moses to whom the LORD said, "<sup>a</sup>Bring out the sons of Israel from the land of Egypt according to their hosts."

27 They were the ones <sup>a</sup>who spoke to Pharaoh king of Egypt <sup>1</sup>about bringing out the sons of Israel from Egypt; it was *the same* Moses and Aaron.

28 Now it came about on the day when the LORD spoke to Moses in the land of Egypt,

29 that the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, "<sup>a</sup>I am the LORD; <sup>b</sup>speak to Pharaoh king of Egypt all that I speak to you."

30 But Moses said before the LORD, "Behold, I am <sup>1</sup>unskilled in speech; how then will Pharaoh listen to me?"

## CHAPTER 7

**T**HEN the LORD said to Moses, "<sup>a</sup>See, I make you *as* God to Pharaoh, and your brother Aaron shall be your prophet.

2 "You shall speak all that I command you, and your brother Aaron shall speak to Pharaoh that he let the sons of Israel go out of his land.

3 "But <sup>a</sup>I will harden Pharaoh's heart that I may multiply My signs and My wonders in the land of Egypt.

4 "When <sup>a</sup>Pharaoh will not listen to you, then I will lay My hand on Egypt, and <sup>b</sup>bring out My hosts, My people the sons of Israel, from the land of Egypt by <sup>c</sup>great judgments.

5 "And <sup>a</sup>the Egyptians shall know that I am the LORD, when I stretch out My hand on Egypt and bring out the sons of Israel from their midst."



6 So Moses and Aaron did *it*; <sup>a</sup>as the LORD commanded them, thus they did.

7 And Moses was <sup>a</sup>eighty years old and Aaron <sup>l</sup>eighty-three, when they spoke to Pharaoh.

8 Now the LORD spoke to Moses and Aaron, saying,

9 "When Pharaoh speaks to you, saying, '<sup>l</sup>Work a miracle,' then you shall say to Aaron, 'Take your staff and throw it down before Pharaoh, *that* it may become a serpent.'"

10 So Moses and Aaron came to Pharaoh, and thus they did just as the LORD had commanded; and Aaron threw his staff down before Pharaoh and <sup>l</sup>his servants, and it <sup>a</sup>became a serpent.

11 Then Pharaoh also called for *the* wise men and *the* sorcerers, and they also, the <sup>l</sup>magicians of Egypt, <sup>b</sup>did <sup>2</sup>the same with their secret arts.

12 For each one threw down his staff and they turned into serpents. But Aaron's staff swallowed up their staffs.

13 Yet Pharaoh's heart was <sup>l</sup>hardened, and <sup>a</sup>he did not listen to them, as the LORD had said.

14 Then the LORD said to Moses, "Pharaoh's heart is <sup>l</sup>stubborn; he refuses to let the people go.

15 "Go to Pharaoh in the morning <sup>l</sup>as <sup>a</sup>he is going out to the water, and station yourself to meet him on the bank of the Nile; and you shall take in your hand <sup>b</sup>the staff that was turned into a serpent.

16 "<sup>a</sup>And you will say to him, 'The LORD, the God of the Hebrews, sent me to you, saying, '<sup>b</sup>Let My people go, that they may serve Me in the wilderness. But behold, you have not listened until now.'"

17 "Thus says the LORD, "<sup>a</sup>By this you shall know that I am the LORD: behold, I will strike <sup>l</sup>the water that is in the Nile with the staff that is in my hand, and <sup>b</sup>it shall be turned to blood.

18 "And <sup>a</sup>the fish that are in the Nile will die, and the Nile will <sup>b</sup>become foul; and the Egyptians will <sup>2b</sup>find difficulty in drinking water from the Nile.'"

19 Then the LORD said to Moses, "Say to Aaron, 'Take your staff and <sup>a</sup>stretch out your hand over the waters of Egypt, over their rivers, over their <sup>l</sup>streams, and over their pools, and over all their reservoirs of water, that they may become blood; and there shall be blood throughout all the land of Egypt, both in *vessels* of wood and in *vessels* of stone.'"

20 So Moses and Aaron did even as the LORD had commanded. And he lifted up <sup>l</sup>the staff and struck the water that was in the Nile, in the sight of Pharaoh and in the sight of his servants, and <sup>a</sup>all the water that was in the Nile was turned to blood.

21 And the fish that were in the Nile died, and the Nile <sup>l</sup>became foul, so that the Egyptians could not drink water from the Nile. And the blood was through all the land of Egypt.

22 <sup>a</sup>But the <sup>l</sup>magicians of Egypt did <sup>2</sup>the same with their secret arts; and Pharaoh's heart was <sup>3</sup>hardened, and he did not listen to them, as the LORD had said.

23 Then Pharaoh turned and went into his house <sup>l</sup>with no concern even for this.

6 <sup>a</sup>Gen. 6:22; 7:5; Ex. 7:2

7 <sup>l</sup>Lit., 83 years old  
<sup>d</sup>Deut. 34:7; Acts 7:23, 30

9 <sup>l</sup>Lit., Show a wonder for yourselves  
<sup>l</sup>Is. 7:11; John 2:18

10 <sup>l</sup>Lit., before his  
<sup>d</sup>Ex. 4:3; 7:9

11 <sup>l</sup>Or, soothsayer priests  
<sup>2</sup>Lit., thus  
<sup>a</sup>Gen. 41:8 <sup>b</sup>Ex. 7:22; 8:7, 18; 2 Tim. 3:9

13 <sup>l</sup>Lit., strong  
<sup>d</sup>Ex. 7:4; 8:15

14 <sup>l</sup>Or, hard; lit., heavy

15 <sup>l</sup>Lit., behold  
<sup>d</sup>Ex. 2:5; 8:20 <sup>b</sup>Ex. 4:2, 3; 7:10

16 <sup>a</sup>Ex. 3:13, 18; 4:22; 5:1  
<sup>b</sup>Ex. 4:23; 5:1, 3

17 <sup>l</sup>Lit., upon the waters  
<sup>d</sup>Ex. 5:2; 7:5; 10:2 <sup>b</sup>Ex. 4:9; 7:20; Rev. 11:6; 16:4-6

18 <sup>l</sup>Le., have a bad smell  
<sup>2</sup>Or, be weary of  
<sup>d</sup>Ex. 7:21 <sup>b</sup>Ex. 7:21, 24

19 <sup>l</sup>Or, canals  
<sup>d</sup>Ex. 8:5, 6, 16; 9:22; 10:12, 21; 14:21, 26

20 <sup>l</sup>Lit., with the staff  
<sup>d</sup>Ps. 78:44; 105:29

21 <sup>l</sup>Le., had a bad smell

22 <sup>l</sup>Or, soothsayer priests  
<sup>2</sup>Lit., thus <sup>3</sup>Lit., strong  
<sup>d</sup>Ex. 7:11; 8:7

23 <sup>l</sup>Lit., and he did not set his heart even to this

25 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *were fulfilled*

<sup>1</sup>Chap. 7:26 in Heb.  
<sup>a</sup>Ex. 3:18; 4:23; 5:1, 3

<sup>5</sup>Chap. 8:1 in Heb.  
<sup>2</sup>Or, *canals*  
<sup>a</sup>Ex. 7:19

<sup>6</sup> <sup>1</sup>Lit., *frog*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 78:45; 105:30

<sup>7</sup> <sup>1</sup>Or, *soothsayer priests*  
<sup>2</sup>Lit., *thus* <sup>3</sup>Lit., *and made*  
<sup>a</sup>Ex. 7:11, 22

<sup>8</sup> <sup>a</sup>Ex. 8:25; 9:27; 10:16  
<sup>b</sup>Ex. 8:28 <sup>c</sup>Ex. 8:15, 29

<sup>9</sup> <sup>1</sup>Lit., *Glory over me*  
<sup>2</sup>Lit., *cut off*

<sup>10</sup> <sup>a</sup>Ex. 9:14; Deut. 4:35,  
39; 33:26; Ps. 86:8; Is. 46:9;  
Jer. 10:6, 7

<sup>11</sup> <sup>a</sup>Ex. 8:13

<sup>12</sup> <sup>1</sup>Lit., *placed*  
<sup>a</sup>Ex. 8:30; 9:33; 10:18

<sup>14</sup> <sup>1</sup>I.e., *had a bad smell*

<sup>15</sup> <sup>1</sup>Lit., *made heavy*  
<sup>a</sup>Ex. 7:4

<sup>16</sup> <sup>1</sup>Or, *lice*

<sup>17</sup> <sup>1</sup>Or, *lice*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 105:31

24 So all the Egyptians dug around the Nile for water to drink, for they could not drink of the water of the Nile.  
25 And seven days <sup>1</sup>passed after the LORD had struck the Nile.

## CHAPTER 8

<sup>1</sup> THEN the LORD said to Moses, "Go to Pharaoh and say to him, 'Thus says the LORD, "aLet My people go, that they may serve Me.

2 "But if you refuse to let *them* go, behold, I will smite your whole territory with frogs.

3 "And the Nile will swarm with frogs, which will come up and go into your house and into your bedroom and on your bed, and into the houses of your servants and on your people, and into your ovens and into your kneading bowls.

4 "So the frogs will come up on you and your people and all your servants." "

5 <sup>1</sup>Then the LORD said to Moses, "Say to Aaron, "aStretch out your hand with your staff over the rivers, over the <sup>2</sup>streams and over the pools, and make frogs come up on the land of Egypt.' "

6 So Aaron stretched out his hand over the waters of Egypt, and the <sup>1a</sup>frogs came up and covered the land of Egypt.

7 <sup>a</sup>And the <sup>1</sup>magicians did <sup>2</sup>the same with their secret arts, <sup>3</sup>making frogs come up on the land of Egypt.

8 Then Pharaoh <sup>a</sup>called for Moses and Aaron and said, "bEntreat the LORD that He remove the frogs from me and from my people; and <sup>c</sup>I will let the people go, that they may sacrifice to the LORD."

9 And Moses said to Pharaoh, "1The honor is yours to tell me: when shall I entreat for you and your servants and your people, that the frogs be <sup>2</sup>destroyed from you and your houses, *that they may be left only in the Nile?*"

10 Then he said, "Tomorrow." So he said, "May it be according to your word, that you may know that there is <sup>a</sup>no one like the LORD our God.

11 "And the <sup>a</sup>frogs will depart from you and your houses and your servants and your people; they will be left only in the Nile."

12 Then Moses and Aaron went out from Pharaoh, and <sup>a</sup>Moses cried to the LORD concerning the frogs which He had <sup>1</sup>inflicted upon Pharaoh.

13 And the LORD did according to the word of Moses, and the frogs died out of the houses, the courts, and the fields.

14 So they piled them in heaps, and the land <sup>1</sup>became foul.

15 But when Pharaoh saw that there was relief, he <sup>1</sup>hardened his heart and <sup>a</sup>did not listen to them, as the LORD had said.

16 Then the LORD said to Moses, "Say to Aaron, 'Stretch out your staff and strike the dust of the earth, that it may become <sup>1</sup>gnats through all the land of Egypt.' "

17 And they did so; and Aaron stretched out his hand with his staff, and struck the dust of the earth, and there were <sup>1</sup>gnats on man and beast. All the dust of the earth became <sup>1a</sup>gnats through all the land of Egypt.

18 And the <sup>1</sup>magicians tried with their secret arts to bring forth <sup>2</sup>gnats, but <sup>a</sup>they could not; so there were <sup>2</sup>gnats on man and beast.

19 Then the <sup>1</sup>magicians said to Pharaoh, “<sup>a</sup>This is the finger of God.” But Pharaoh’s heart was <sup>2</sup>hardened, and he did not listen to them, as the LORD had said.

20 Now the LORD said to Moses, “<sup>a</sup>Rise early in the morning and present yourself before Pharaoh, <sup>1</sup>as <sup>b</sup>he comes out to the water, and say to him, ‘Thus says the LORD, “<sup>c</sup>Let My people go, that they may serve Me.

21 “For if you will not let My people go, behold, I will send swarms of insects on you and on your servants and on your people and into your houses; and the houses of the Egyptians shall be full of swarms of insects, and also the ground on which they  *dwell*.

22 “<sup>a</sup>But on that day I will set apart the land of Goshen, where My people are <sup>1</sup>living, so that no swarms of insects will be there, in order that you may know that <sup>2</sup>bl, the LORD, am in the midst of the land.

23 “And I will <sup>1</sup>put a division between My people and your people. Tomorrow this sign shall occur.”

24 Then the LORD did so. And there came <sup>1</sup>great swarms of insects into the house of Pharaoh and the houses of his servants and the land was <sup>a</sup>laid waste because of the swarms of insects in all the land of Egypt.

25 And Pharaoh <sup>a</sup>called for Moses and Aaron and said, “<sup>b</sup>Go, sacrifice to your God within the land.”

26 But Moses said, “It is not right to do so, for we shall sacrifice to the LORD our God <sup>1</sup>what is an abomination to the Egyptians. If we sacrifice <sup>1</sup>what is an abomination to the Egyptians before their eyes, will they not then stone us?

27 “We must go a <sup>a</sup>three days’ journey into the wilderness and sacrifice to the LORD our God as He <sup>1</sup>commands us.”

28 And Pharaoh said, “<sup>a</sup>I will let you go, that you may sacrifice to the LORD your God in the wilderness; only you shall not go very far away. <sup>b</sup>Make supplication for me.”

29 Then Moses said, “Behold, I am going out from you, and I shall make supplication to the LORD that the swarms of insects may depart from Pharaoh, from his servants, and from his people tomorrow; only do not let Pharaoh <sup>a</sup>deal deceitfully again in not letting the people go to sacrifice to the LORD.”

30 So Moses went out from Pharaoh and made supplication to the LORD.

31 And the LORD did <sup>1</sup>as Moses asked, and removed the swarms of insects from Pharaoh, from his servants and from his people; not one remained.

32 But Pharaoh <sup>1</sup>hardened his heart this time also, and <sup>a</sup>he did not let the people go.

18 <sup>1</sup>Or, soothsayer priests  
<sup>2</sup>Or, lice  
<sup>a</sup>Ex. 8:7; 7:11, 12; 9:11

19 <sup>1</sup>Or, soothsayer priests  
<sup>2</sup>Lit., strong  
<sup>a</sup>Ex. 7:5; 10:7

20 <sup>1</sup>Lit., behold  
<sup>a</sup>Ex. 9:13 <sup>b</sup>Ex. 2:5; 7:15  
<sup>c</sup>Ex. 3:18; 4:23; 5:1, 3

22 <sup>1</sup>Lit., standing <sup>2</sup>Or, I am the LORD in the midst of the earth  
<sup>a</sup>Ex. 9:4, 6, 24; 10:23; 11:7  
<sup>b</sup>Ex. 9:29; 19:5; 20:11

23 <sup>1</sup>Lit., set a ransom

24 <sup>1</sup>Lit., heavy  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 78:45; 105:31

25 <sup>a</sup>Ex. 8:8; 9:27; 10:16  
<sup>b</sup>Ex. 9:28; 10:8, 24; 12:31

26 <sup>1</sup>Lit., the abomination of Egypt

27 <sup>1</sup>Lit., says to us  
<sup>a</sup>Ex. 3:18; 5:3

28 <sup>a</sup>Ex. 8:8, 15, 29, 32  
<sup>b</sup>Ex. 8:8

29 <sup>a</sup>Ex. 8:8, 15

31 <sup>1</sup>Lit., according to the word of Moses

32 <sup>1</sup>Lit., made heavy  
<sup>a</sup>Ex. 4:21; 8:8, 15

1 <sup>a</sup>Ex. 4:23; 8:1

CHAPTER 9

THEN the LORD said to Moses, “Go to Pharaoh and speak to him, ‘Thus says the LORD, the God of the Hebrews, “<sup>a</sup>Let My people go, that they may serve Me.

2 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *still hold*

3 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *will be*

4 <sup>a</sup>Ex. 8:22 <sup>b</sup>Ex. 9:6

6 <sup>a</sup>Ex. 9:19, 20, 25 <sup>b</sup>Ex. 9:4

7 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *heavy*  
<sup>a</sup>Ex. 7:14; 8:32

9 <sup>a</sup>Rev. 16:2

11 <sup>1</sup>Or, *soothsayer priests*  
<sup>2</sup>Lit., *and on all*  
<sup>a</sup>Ex. 8:18

12 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *made strong*  
<sup>a</sup>Ex. 4:21

13 <sup>a</sup>Ex. 8:20 <sup>b</sup>Ex. 4:23

14 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *to your heart*  
<sup>a</sup>Ex. 8:10

16 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *stand*  
<sup>a</sup>Rom. 9:17

17 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *so as not to let*

18 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *cause to rain*  
<sup>2</sup>Lit., *and until now*  
<sup>a</sup>Ex. 9:23, 24

19 <sup>a</sup>Ex. 9:6 <sup>b</sup>Ex. 9:25

20 <sup>1</sup>Or, *reversed*  
<sup>a</sup>Prov. 13:13

2 "For if you refuse to let *them* go, and <sup>1</sup>continue to hold them,

3 behold, the hand of the LORD <sup>1</sup>will come *with* a very severe pestilence on your livestock which are in the field, on the horses, on the donkeys, on the camels, on the herds, and on the flocks.

4 "But the LORD will make a distinction between the livestock of Israel and the livestock of Egypt, so that <sup>b</sup>nothing will die of all that belongs to the sons of Israel." "

5 And the LORD set a definite time, saying, "Tomorrow the LORD will do this thing in the land."

6 So the LORD did this thing on the morrow, and <sup>a</sup>all the livestock of Egypt died; <sup>b</sup>but of the livestock of the sons of Israel, not one died.

7 And Pharaoh sent, and behold, there was not even one of the livestock of Israel dead. But the heart of Pharaoh was <sup>1</sup>hardened, and he did not let the people go.

8 Then the LORD said to Moses and Aaron, "Take for yourselves handfuls of soot from a kiln, and let Moses throw it toward the sky in the sight of Pharaoh.

9 "And it will become fine dust over all the land of Egypt, and will become boils breaking out with <sup>a</sup>sores on man and beast through all the land of Egypt."

10 So they took soot from a kiln, and stood before Pharaoh; and Moses threw it toward the sky, and it became boils breaking out with sores on man and beast.

11 <sup>a</sup>And the magicians could not stand before Moses because of the boils, for the boils were on the <sup>1</sup>magicians <sup>2</sup>as well as on all the Egyptians.

12 And <sup>a</sup>the LORD <sup>1</sup>hardened Pharaoh's heart, and he did not listen to them, just as the LORD had spoken to Moses.

13 Then the LORD said to Moses, "<sup>a</sup>Rise up early in the morning and stand before Pharaoh and say to him, 'Thus says the LORD, the God of the Hebrews, "<sup>b</sup>Let My people go, that they may serve Me.

14 "For this time I will send all My plagues <sup>1</sup>on you and your servants and your people, so that you may know that there is <sup>a</sup>no one like Me in all the earth.

15 "For *if by now* I had put forth My hand and struck you and your people with pestilence, you would then have been cut off from the earth.

16 "But, indeed, <sup>a</sup>for this cause I have allowed you to <sup>1</sup>remain, in order to show you My power, and in order to proclaim My name through all the earth.

17 "Still you exalt yourself against My people <sup>1</sup>by not letting them go.

18 "Behold, about this time tomorrow, <sup>a</sup>I will <sup>1</sup>send a very heavy hail, such as has not been *seen* in Egypt from the day it was founded <sup>2</sup>until now.

19 "Now therefore send, bring <sup>a</sup>your livestock and whatever you have in the field to safety. <sup>b</sup>Every man and beast that is found in the field and is not brought home, when the hail comes down on them, will die." "

20 <sup>a</sup>The one among the servants of Pharaoh who <sup>1</sup>feared the word of the LORD made his servants and his livestock flee into the houses;

21 but he who <sup>1</sup>paid no regard to the word of the LORD <sup>2</sup>left his servants and his livestock in the field.

22 Now the LORD said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand toward the sky, that <sup>1a</sup>hail may fall on all the land of Egypt, on man and on beast and on every plant of the field, throughout the land of Egypt."

23 And Moses stretched out his staff toward the sky, and the LORD <sup>1</sup>sent <sup>2</sup>thunder and hail, and fire ran down to the earth. And <sup>a</sup>the LORD rained hail on the land of Egypt.

24 So there was hail, and fire <sup>1</sup>flashing continually in the midst of the hail, very severe, such as had not been in all the land of Egypt since it became a nation.

25 And <sup>a</sup>the hail struck all that was in the field through all the land of Egypt, both man and beast; the hail also struck every plant of the field and shattered every tree of the field.

26 <sup>a</sup>Only in the land of Goshen, where the sons of Israel were, there was no hail.

27 Then Pharaoh <sup>1a</sup>sent for Moses and Aaron, and said to them, "I have sinned this time; the LORD is the righteous one, and I and my people are the wicked ones.

28 <sup>a</sup>"Make supplication to the LORD, for there has been enough of God's <sup>1</sup>thunder and hail; and <sup>b</sup>I will let you go, and you shall stay no longer."

29 And Moses said to him, "As soon as I go out of the city, I will spread out my <sup>1</sup>hands to the LORD; the <sup>2</sup>thunder will cease, and there will be hail no longer, that you may know that <sup>a</sup>the earth is the LORD's.

30 <sup>a</sup>"But as for you and your servants, I know that you do not yet <sup>1</sup>fear <sup>2</sup>the LORD God."

31 (Now the flax and the barley were <sup>1</sup>ruined, for the barley was in the ear and the flax was in bud.

32 But the wheat and the spelt were not <sup>1</sup>ruined, for they ripen late.)

33 So Moses went out of the city from Pharaoh, and spread out his <sup>1</sup>hands to the LORD; and the <sup>2</sup>thunder and the hail ceased, and rain <sup>3</sup>no longer poured on the earth.

34 But when Pharaoh saw that the rain and the hail and the <sup>1</sup>thunder had ceased, he sinned again and <sup>2</sup>hardened his heart, he and his servants.

35 And Pharaoh's heart was <sup>1</sup>hardened, and he did not let the sons of Israel go, just as the <sup>a</sup>LORD had spoken through Moses.

CHAPTER 10

**T**HEN the LORD said to Moses, "Go to Pharaoh, for <sup>a</sup>I have <sup>1</sup>hardened his heart and the heart of his servants, that I may <sup>2</sup>perform these signs of Mine <sup>3</sup>among them,

2 and <sup>a</sup>that you may tell in the <sup>1</sup>hearing of your son, and of your grandson, how I made a mockery of the Egyptians, and how I <sup>2</sup>performed My signs among them; <sup>b</sup>that you may know that I am the LORD."

3 And Moses and Aaron went to Pharaoh and said to him, "Thus says the LORD, the God of the Hebrews, 'How long will

21 <sup>1</sup>Lit., did not set his heart to <sup>2</sup>Lit., then left

22 <sup>1</sup>Lit., there may be hail  
<sup>a</sup>Rev. 16:21

23 <sup>1</sup>Lit., gave <sup>2</sup>Lit., sounds  
<sup>a</sup>Gen. 19:24; Josh. 10:11; Is. 30:30; Ezek. 38:22; Rev. 8:7

24 <sup>1</sup>Lit., taking hold of itself

25 <sup>a</sup>Ex. 9:19; Ps. 78:47, 48; 105:32

26 <sup>a</sup>Ex. 8:22

27 <sup>1</sup>Lit., sent and called  
<sup>a</sup>Ex. 8:8 <sup>b</sup>Ex. 10:16, 17; 2 Chr. 12:6; Ps. 129:4

28 <sup>1</sup>Lit., sounds  
<sup>a</sup>Ex. 8:8 <sup>b</sup>Ex. 8:25; 10:8, 24

29 <sup>1</sup>Lit., palms <sup>2</sup>Lit., sounds  
<sup>a</sup>Ex. 8:22; 19:5; 20:11; Ps. 24:1

30 <sup>1</sup>Or, reverence <sup>2</sup>Lit., before the Lord  
<sup>a</sup>Ex. 8:29

31 <sup>1</sup>Lit., smitten

32 <sup>1</sup>Lit., smitten

33 <sup>1</sup>Lit., palms <sup>2</sup>Lit., sounds <sup>3</sup>Lit., was not poured

34 <sup>1</sup>Lit., sounds <sup>2</sup>Lit., made heavy

35 <sup>1</sup>Lit., strong  
<sup>a</sup>Ex. 4:21

1 <sup>1</sup>Lit., made heavy <sup>2</sup>Lit., put <sup>3</sup>Lit., in his midst  
<sup>a</sup>Ex. 4:21; 7:13

2 <sup>1</sup>Lit., ears <sup>2</sup>Lit., put  
<sup>a</sup>Ex. 12:26, 27; 13:8, 14, 15; Deut. 4:9; Ps. 44:1 <sup>b</sup>Ex. 7:5, 17

3 \*Ex. 4:23

6 <sup>1</sup>Lit., were

7 <sup>1</sup>Lit., know  
\*Ex. 7:5; 8:19; 12:33

8 <sup>1</sup>Lit., Who and who  
are  
\*Ex. 8:8 bEx. 8:25

9 <sup>1</sup>Lit., have a feast  
\*Ex. 12:37, 38 bEx. 5:1;  
10:26

10 <sup>1</sup>Lit., when I <sup>2</sup>Lit.,  
before your face

11 <sup>1</sup>Lit., you desire it  
\*Ex. 10:28

13 <sup>1</sup>Lit., carried  
\*Ps. 78:46; 105:34

14 <sup>1</sup>Lit., heavy <sup>2</sup>Lit.,  
locusts like them before  
them <sup>3</sup>Lit., after them  
<sup>4</sup>Joel 1:4, 7; 2:1-11

15 \*Ex. 10:5

16 \*Ex. 8:8 bEx. 9:27

17 \*Ex. 8:8, 28

you refuse to humble yourself before Me? <sup>a</sup>Let My people go, that they may serve Me.

4 'For if you refuse to let My people go, behold, tomorrow I will bring locusts into your territory.

5 'And they shall cover the surface of the land, so that no one shall be able to see the land. They shall also eat the rest of what has escaped—what is left to you from the hail—and they shall eat every tree which sprouts for you out of the field.

6 'Then your houses shall be filled, and the houses of all your servants and the houses of all the Egyptians, *something* which neither your fathers nor your grandfathers have seen, from the day that they <sup>1</sup>came upon the earth until this day.''' And he turned and went out from Pharaoh.

7 And <sup>a</sup>Pharaoh's servants said to him, "How long will this man be a snare to us? Let the men go, that they may serve the LORD their God. Do you not <sup>1</sup>realize that Egypt is destroyed?"

8 So Moses and Aaron <sup>a</sup>were brought back to Pharaoh, and he said to them, "<sup>b</sup>Go, serve the LORD your God! <sup>1</sup>Who are the ones that are going?"

9 And Moses said, "<sup>a</sup>We shall go with our young and our old; with our sons and our daughters, <sup>b</sup>with our flocks and our herds we will go, for we <sup>1</sup>must hold a feast to the LORD."

10 Then he said to them, "Thus may the LORD be with you, <sup>1</sup>if ever I let you and your little ones go! Take heed, for evil is <sup>2</sup>in your mind.

11 "Not so! Go now, the men *among you*, and serve the LORD, for <sup>1</sup>that is what you desire." So <sup>a</sup>they were driven out from Pharaoh's presence.

12 Then the LORD said to Moses, "<sup>a</sup>Stretch out your hand over the land of Egypt for the locusts, that they may come up on the land of Egypt, and eat every plant of the land, *even* all that the hail has left."

13 So Moses stretched out his staff over the land of Egypt, and the LORD directed an east wind on the land all that day and all that night; and when it was morning, the east wind <sup>1</sup>brought the <sup>a</sup>locusts.

14 And <sup>a</sup>the locusts came up over all the land of Egypt and settled in all the territory of Egypt; *they were* very <sup>1</sup>numerous. There had never been so *many* <sup>2</sup>locusts, nor would there be so *many* <sup>3</sup>again.

15 For they covered the surface of the whole land, so that the land was darkened; and they <sup>a</sup>ate every plant of the land and all the fruit of the trees that the hail had left. Thus nothing green was left on tree or plant of the field through all the land of Egypt.

16 Then Pharaoh hurriedly <sup>a</sup>called for Moses and Aaron, and he said, "<sup>b</sup>I have sinned against the LORD your God and against you.

17 "Now therefore, please forgive my sin only this once, and <sup>a</sup>make supplication to the LORD your God, that He would only remove this death from me."

18 And he went out from Pharaoh and made supplication to the LORD.

19 So the LORD shifted *the wind* to a very strong west wind

which took up the locusts and drove them into the <sup>1</sup>Red Sea; not one locust was left in all the territory of Egypt.

20 But <sup>a</sup>the LORD <sup>1</sup>hardened Pharaoh's heart, and he did not let the sons of Israel go.

21 Then the LORD said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand toward the sky, that there may be darkness over the land of Egypt, even a darkness <sup>a</sup>which may be felt."

22 So Moses stretched out his hand toward the sky, and there was <sup>a</sup>thick darkness in all the land of Egypt for three days.

23 They did not see one another, nor did anyone rise from his place for three days, <sup>a</sup>but all the sons of Israel had light in their dwellings.

24 Then Pharaoh <sup>a</sup>called to Moses, and said, "Go, serve the LORD; only let your flocks and your herds be detained. Even your little ones may go with you."

25 But Moses said, "You must also <sup>1</sup>let us have sacrifices and burnt offerings, that we may <sup>2</sup>sacrifice *them* to the LORD our God.

26 <sup>a</sup>"Therefore, our livestock, too, will go with us; not a hoof will be left behind, for we shall take some of them to serve the LORD our God. And until we arrive there, we ourselves do not know with what we shall serve the LORD."

27 But <sup>a</sup>the LORD <sup>1</sup>hardened Pharaoh's heart, and he was not willing to let them go.

28 Then Pharaoh said to him, <sup>a</sup>"Get away from me! <sup>1</sup>Beware, do not see my face again, for in the day you see my face you shall die!"

29 And Moses said, "You are right; <sup>a</sup>I shall never see your face again!"

CHAPTER 11

**N**OW the LORD said to Moses, "One more plague I will bring on Pharaoh and on Egypt; <sup>a</sup>after that he will let you go from here. When he lets you go, he will surely drive you out from here completely.

2 <sup>a</sup>"Speak now in the <sup>1</sup>hearing of the people that <sup>a</sup>each man ask from his neighbor and each woman from her neighbor for articles of silver and articles of gold."

3 <sup>a</sup>And the LORD gave the people favor in the sight of the Egyptians. <sup>b</sup>Furthermore, the man Moses *himself* was <sup>1</sup>greatly esteemed in the land of Egypt, *both* in the sight of Pharaoh's servants and in the sight of the people.

4 And Moses said, "Thus says the LORD, 'About <sup>a</sup>midnight I am going out into the midst of Egypt,

5 and <sup>a</sup>all the first-born in the land of Egypt shall die, from the first-born of the Pharaoh who sits on his throne, even to the first-born of the slave girl who is behind the millstones; all the first-born of the cattle as well.

6 <sup>a</sup>Moreover, there shall be <sup>a</sup>a great cry in all the land of Egypt, such as there has not been *before* and such as shall never be again.

7 <sup>a</sup>But against any of the sons of Israel a dog shall not *even* <sup>1</sup>bark, whether against man or beast, that you may <sup>2</sup>understand

19 <sup>1</sup>Lit. *Sea of Reeds*

20 <sup>1</sup>Lit. *made strong*  
<sup>a</sup>Ex. 4:21; 11:10

21 <sup>a</sup>Deut. 28:29

22 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 105:28

23 <sup>a</sup>Ex. 8:22

24 <sup>a</sup>Ex. 8:8, 25

25 <sup>1</sup>Lit. *give into our hand*  
<sup>2</sup>Lit. *make*

26 <sup>a</sup>Ex. 10:9

27 <sup>1</sup>Lit. *made strong*  
<sup>a</sup>Ex. 10:20

28 <sup>1</sup>Lit. *Take heed to yourself*  
<sup>a</sup>Ex. 10:11

29 <sup>a</sup>Ex. 11:8; Heb. 11:27

1 <sup>a</sup>Ex. 12:31, 33, 39

2 <sup>1</sup>Lit. *ears*  
<sup>a</sup>Ex. 3:22; 12:35, 36

3 <sup>1</sup>Lit. *very great*  
<sup>a</sup>Ex. 3:21; 12:36 <sup>b</sup>Deut. 34:10-12

4 <sup>a</sup>Ex. 12:29

5 <sup>a</sup>Ex. 12:12, 29; Ps. 73:51; 105:36; 135:8; 136:10

6 <sup>a</sup>Ex. 12:30

7 <sup>1</sup>Lit. *sharpen his tongue*  
<sup>2</sup>Lit. *know*  
<sup>a</sup>Ex. 8:22

8 <sup>1</sup>Lit., to <sup>2</sup>Lit., are at your feet  
<sup>a</sup>Ex. 12:31-33 <sup>b</sup>Heb. 11:27

9 <sup>a</sup>Ex. 7:4

10 <sup>1</sup>Lit., made strong  
<sup>a</sup>Ex. 4:21; 10:20, 27

1 <sup>1</sup>Lit., Egypt, saying

2 <sup>a</sup>Ex. 13:4; 23:15; 34:18; Deut. 16:1

3 <sup>1</sup>Or, kid <sup>2</sup>Lit., the

4 <sup>1</sup>Or, kid <sup>2</sup>Or, amount  
<sup>3</sup>Lit., each man's eating  
<sup>4</sup>Lit., compute for

5 <sup>1</sup>Or, kid  
<sup>a</sup>Lev. 22:18-20

6 <sup>1</sup>Lit., it shall be to you for a guarding <sup>2</sup>Lit., between the two evenings  
<sup>a</sup>Ex. 12:14, 17; Lev. 23:5; Num. 9:1-3, 11 <sup>b</sup>Deut. 16:4, 6

7 <sup>1</sup>Lit., upon  
<sup>a</sup>Ex. 12:22

8 <sup>1</sup>Lit., in addition to  
<sup>a</sup>Ex. 34:25; Num. 9:12  
<sup>b</sup>Deut. 16:7 <sup>c</sup>Deut. 16:3, 4  
<sup>d</sup>Num. 9:11

9 <sup>a</sup>Ex. 12:8 <sup>b</sup>Ex. 29:13, 17, 22

10 <sup>a</sup>Ex. 16:19; 23:18; 34:25

11 <sup>a</sup>Ex. 12:13, 21, 27, 43

12 <sup>a</sup>Num. 33:4

13 <sup>1</sup>Lit., are <sup>2</sup>Lit., for destruction

how the LORD makes a distinction between Egypt and Israel.'

8 "And <sup>a</sup>all these your servants will come down to me and bow themselves <sup>b</sup>before me, saying, 'Go out, you and all the people who <sup>2</sup>follow you,' and after that I will go out." <sup>b</sup>And he went out from Pharaoh in hot anger.

9 Then the LORD said to Moses, "<sup>a</sup>Pharaoh will not listen to you, so that My wonders will be multiplied in the land of Egypt."

10 And <sup>a</sup>Moses and Aaron performed all these wonders before Pharaoh; yet the LORD <sup>1</sup>hardened Pharaoh's heart, and he did not let the sons of Israel go out of his land.

## CHAPTER 12

**N**OW the LORD said to Moses and Aaron in the land of <sup>1</sup>Egypt,

2 "<sup>a</sup>This month shall be the beginning of months for you; it is to be the first month of the year to you.

3 "Speak to all the congregation of Israel, saying, 'On the tenth of this month they are each one to take a <sup>1</sup>lamb for themselves, according to their fathers' households, a <sup>1</sup>lamb for <sup>2</sup>each household.

4 'Now if the household is too small for a <sup>1</sup>lamb, then he and his neighbor nearest to his house are to take one according to the <sup>2</sup>number of persons *in them*; according to <sup>3</sup>what each man should eat, you are to <sup>4</sup>divide the lamb.

5 'Your <sup>1</sup>lamb shall be <sup>a</sup>an unblemished male a year old; you may take it from the sheep or from the goats.

6 'And <sup>1</sup>you shall keep it until the <sup>a</sup>fourteenth day of the same month, then the whole assembly of the congregation of Israel is to kill it <sup>2</sup>at twilight.

7 <sup>a</sup>Moreover, they shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and on the lintel <sup>1</sup>of the houses in which they eat it.

8 'And they shall eat the flesh <sup>a</sup>that *same* night, <sup>b</sup>broasted with fire, and they shall eat it with <sup>c</sup>unleavened bread <sup>1</sup>dand bitter herbs.

9 'Do not eat any of it raw or boiled at all with water, but rather <sup>a</sup>roasted with fire, *both* its head and its legs along with <sup>b</sup>its entrails.

10 <sup>a</sup>And you shall not leave any of it over until morning, but whatever is left of it until morning, you shall burn with fire.

11 'Now you shall eat it in this manner: *with* your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and you shall eat it in haste—it is <sup>a</sup>the LORD's Passover.

12 'For I will go through the land of Egypt on that night, and will strike down all the first-born in the land of Egypt, both man and beast; and <sup>a</sup>against all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments—I am the LORD.

13 'And the blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you <sup>1</sup>live; and when I see the blood I will pass over you, and no plague will befall you <sup>2</sup>to destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt.



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The Passover.**

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14 'Now <sup>a</sup>this day will be <sup>ba</sup> memorial to you, and you shall celebrate it *as* a feast to the LORD; throughout your generations you are to celebrate it *as* <sup>a</sup> permanent ordinance.

15 <sup>a</sup>Seven days you shall eat unleavened bread, but on the first day you shall <sup>l</sup>remove leaven from your houses; for whoever eats anything leavened from the first day until the seventh day, <sup>b</sup>that <sup>2</sup>person shall be cut off from Israel.

16 'And <sup>a</sup>on the first day you shall have a holy assembly, and *another* holy assembly on the seventh day; no work at all shall be done on them, except what must be eaten <sup>l</sup>by every person, that alone may be <sup>2</sup>prepared by you.

17 'You shall also observe the *Feast of Unleavened Bread*, for on this <sup>a</sup>very day I brought your hosts out of the land of Egypt; therefore you shall observe this day throughout your generations *as* <sup>ba</sup> permanent ordinance.

18 <sup>a</sup>In the first *month*, on the fourteenth day of the month at evening, you shall eat unleavened bread, until the twenty-first day of the month at evening.

19 <sup>a</sup>Seven days there shall be no leaven found in your houses; for whoever eats what is leavened, that <sup>l</sup>person shall be cut off from the congregation of Israel, whether *he is* an alien or a native of the land.

20 'You shall not eat anything leavened; in all your dwellings you shall eat unleavened bread.' "

21 Then <sup>a</sup>Moses called for all the elders of Israel, and said to them, "Go and take for yourselves <sup>2</sup>lambs according to your families, and slay <sup>b</sup>the Passover *lamb*.

22 <sup>a</sup>And you shall take a bunch of hyssop and dip it in the blood which is in the basin, and <sup>l</sup>apply some of the blood that is in the basin to the lintel and the two doorposts; and none of you shall go outside the door of his house until morning.

23 "For <sup>a</sup>the LORD will pass through to smite the Egyptians; and when He sees the blood on the lintel and on the two doorposts, the LORD will pass over the door and will not allow the destroyer to come in to your houses to smite you.

24 "And <sup>a</sup>you shall observe this event as an ordinance for you and your children forever.

25 "And it will come about when you enter the land which the LORD will give you, as He has <sup>l</sup>promised, that you shall observe this <sup>2</sup>rite.

26 <sup>a</sup>And it will come about when your children will say to you, 'What does this rite mean to you?'

27 that you shall say, 'It is a Passover sacrifice to <sup>a</sup>the LORD <sup>l</sup>who passed over the houses of the sons of Israel in Egypt when He smote the Egyptians, but <sup>2</sup>spared our homes.' " <sup>b</sup>And the people bowed low and worshiped.

28 Then the sons of Israel went and did so; just as the LORD had commanded Moses and Aaron, so they did.

29 Now it came about at <sup>a</sup>midnight that the LORD struck all <sup>b</sup>the first-born in the land of Egypt, from the first-born of Pharaoh who sat on his throne to the first-born of the captive who was in the dungeon, and all the first-born of <sup>c</sup>cattle.

30 And Pharaoh arose in the night, he and all his servants and all the Egyptians; and there was <sup>a</sup>a great cry in Egypt, for there was no home where there was not someone dead.

14 <sup>1</sup>Or, eternal  
<sup>a</sup>Ex. 12:6 <sup>b</sup>Ex. 13:9 <sup>c</sup>Ex. 12:17, 24; 13:10

15 <sup>1</sup>Lit., cause to cease  
<sup>2</sup>Lit., soul  
<sup>a</sup>Ex. 23:15; 34:18; Deut. 16:3 <sup>b</sup>Ex. 12:19

16 <sup>1</sup>Lit., pertaining to  
<sup>2</sup>Lit., done  
<sup>a</sup>Lev. 23:7, 8

17 <sup>1</sup>Or, eternal  
<sup>a</sup>Ex. 12:41 <sup>b</sup>Ex. 12:14; 13:3, 10

18 <sup>a</sup>Ex. 12:2; Lev. 23:5-8; Num. 28:16-25

19 <sup>1</sup>Lit., soul  
<sup>a</sup>Ex. 12:15

21 <sup>1</sup>Lit., Draw out <sup>2</sup>Lit., sheep  
<sup>a</sup>Heb. 11:28 <sup>b</sup>Ex. 12:11

22 <sup>1</sup>Lit., cause to touch  
<sup>a</sup>Ex. 12:7

23 <sup>a</sup>Ex. 12:12, 13; 11:4

24 <sup>a</sup>Ex. 12:14, 17; 13:5, 10

25 <sup>1</sup>Lit., spoken <sup>2</sup>Lit., service

26 <sup>1</sup>Lit., What is this service to you?  
<sup>a</sup>Ex. 10:2; 13:14, 15; Josh. 4:6

27 <sup>1</sup>Lit., because He <sup>2</sup>Lit., delivered  
<sup>a</sup>Ex. 12:11 <sup>b</sup>Ex. 4:31

29 <sup>a</sup>Ex. 11:4, 5 <sup>b</sup>Ex. 4:23; Ps. 78:51; 105:36 <sup>c</sup>Ex. 9:6

30 <sup>a</sup>Ex. 11:6

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31 <sup>1</sup>Or, *serve*  
<sup>a</sup>Ex. 8:8 <sup>b</sup>Ex. 8:25

32 <sup>a</sup>Ex. 10:9, 26

33 <sup>a</sup>Ex. 12:39; 10:7; 11:1;  
Ps. 105:38

34 <sup>a</sup>Ex. 12:39

35 <sup>a</sup>Ex. 3:21, 22; 11:2, 3;  
Ps. 105:37

36 <sup>a</sup>Ex. 3:22

37 <sup>a</sup>Num. 33:3, 4 <sup>b</sup>Ex.  
38:26; Num. 1:46; 2:32;  
11:21; 26:51

38 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *and*  
<sup>a</sup>Num. 11:4 <sup>b</sup>Ex. 17:3;  
Num. 20:19; 32:1; Deut.  
3:19

39 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *made*  
<sup>a</sup>Ex. 12:31-33; 11:1

40 <sup>1</sup>Or, *of the sons of*  
*Israel who dwell*  
<sup>a</sup>Gen. 15:13, 16; Acts 7:6;  
Gal. 3:17

41 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *that it happened*  
*on this very day*  
<sup>a</sup>Ex. 12:17 <sup>b</sup>Ex. 3:8, 10; 6:6

42 <sup>1</sup>Or, *of vigil* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *to*  
*the sons*  
<sup>a</sup>Ex. 13:10; 34:18; Deut.  
16:1

43 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *son of a stranger*  
<sup>a</sup>Ex. 12:11 <sup>b</sup>Ex. 12:48

44 <sup>a</sup>Gen. 17:12, 13; Lev.  
22:11

46 <sup>a</sup>Num. 9:12; John  
19:33, 36

47 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *do*  
<sup>a</sup>Num. 9:13, 14

48 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *sojourner* <sup>2</sup>Lit.,  
*does* <sup>3</sup>Lit., *do*

49 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *One law* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *be*  
<sup>3</sup>Lit., *sojourner*  
<sup>a</sup>Lev. 24:22; Num. 15:15,  
16, 29

51 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *according to*  
<sup>a</sup>Ex. 12:41

31 Then <sup>a</sup>he called for Moses and Aaron at night and said, "Rise up, <sup>b</sup>get out from among my people, both you and the sons of Israel; and go, <sup>1</sup>worship the LORD, as you have said.

32 "Take <sup>a</sup>both your flocks and your herds, as you have said, and go, and bless me also."

33 And <sup>a</sup>the Egyptians urged the people, to send them out of the land in haste, for they said, "We shall all be dead."

34 So the people took <sup>a</sup>their dough before it was leavened, with their kneading bowls bound up in the clothes on their shoulders.

35 <sup>a</sup>Now the sons of Israel had done according to the word of Moses, for they had requested from the Egyptians articles of silver and articles of gold, and clothing;

36 and the LORD had given the people favor in the sight of the Egyptians, so that they let them have their request. Thus they <sup>a</sup>plundered the Egyptians.

37 Now the sons of Israel journeyed from <sup>a</sup>Rameses to Succoth, about <sup>b</sup>six hundred thousand men on foot, aside from children.

38 And a <sup>a</sup>mixed multitude also went up with them, <sup>1</sup>along with flocks and herds, a <sup>b</sup>very large number of livestock.

39 And they baked the dough which they had brought out of Egypt into cakes of unleavened bread. For it had not become leavened, since they were <sup>a</sup>driven out of Egypt and could not delay, nor had they <sup>1</sup>prepared any provisions for themselves.

40 Now the time <sup>1</sup>that the sons of Israel lived in Egypt was <sup>a</sup>four hundred and thirty years.

41 And it came about at the end of four hundred and thirty years, <sup>1</sup>to <sup>a</sup>the very day, that <sup>b</sup>all the hosts of the LORD went out from the land of Egypt.

42 <sup>a</sup>It is a night <sup>1</sup>to be observed for the LORD for having brought them out from the land of Egypt; this night is for the LORD, <sup>1</sup>to be observed <sup>2</sup>by all the sons of Israel throughout their generations.

43 And the LORD said to Moses and Aaron, "This is the ordinance of <sup>a</sup>the Passover: no <sup>1</sup>foreigner is to eat of it;

44 but every man's <sup>a</sup>slave purchased with money, after you have circumcised him, then he may eat of it.

45 "A sojourner or a hired servant shall not eat of it.

46 "It is to be eaten in a single house; you are not to bring forth any of the flesh outside of the house, <sup>a</sup>nor are you to break any bone of it.

47 <sup>a</sup>"All the congregation of Israel are to <sup>1</sup>celebrate this.

48 "But if a <sup>1</sup>stranger sojourns with you, and <sup>2</sup>celebrates the Passover to the LORD, let all his males be circumcised, and then let him come near to <sup>3</sup>celebrate it; and he shall be like a native of the land. But no uncircumcised person may eat of it.

49 "The same law shall <sup>2</sup>apply to the native as to the <sup>3</sup>stranger who sojourns among you."

50 Then all the sons of Israel did so; they did just as the LORD had commanded Moses and Aaron.

51 And it came about on that same day that <sup>a</sup>the LORD brought the sons of Israel out of the land of Egypt <sup>1</sup>by their hosts.

CHAPTER 13

THEN the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,  
 2 "Sanctify to Me every first-born, the first <sup>1</sup>offspring of every womb among the sons of Israel, both of man and beast; it belongs to Me."  
 3 And Moses said to the people, "Remember this day in which you went out from Egypt, from the house of <sup>1</sup>slavery; for <sup>a</sup>by <sup>2a</sup>a powerful hand the LORD brought you out from this place. <sup>b</sup>And nothing leavened shall be eaten.  
 4 "On this day in the <sup>a</sup>month of Abib, you are about to go forth.  
 5 "And it shall be when the LORD <sup>a</sup>brings you to the land of the Canaanite, the Hittite, the Amorite, the Hivite and the Jebusite, which He swore to your fathers to give you, a land flowing with milk and honey, <sup>b</sup>that you shall <sup>1</sup>observe this rite in this month.  
 6 "For <sup>a</sup>seven days you shall eat unleavened bread, and on the seventh day there shall be a feast to the LORD.  
 7 "Unleavened bread shall be eaten throughout the seven days; and nothing leavened shall be seen <sup>1</sup>among you, nor shall any leaven be seen <sup>1</sup>among you in all your borders.  
 8 "And you shall tell your son on that day, saying, 'It is because of what the LORD did for me when I came out of Egypt.'  
 9 "And <sup>a</sup>it shall <sup>1</sup>serve as a sign to you on your hand, and as a reminder <sup>2</sup>on your forehead, that the law of the LORD may be in your mouth; for with <sup>ba</sup>a powerful hand the LORD brought you out of Egypt.  
 10 "Therefore, you shall <sup>a</sup>keep this ordinance at its appointed time from <sup>1</sup>year to year.  
 11 "Now it shall come about when <sup>a</sup>the LORD brings you to the land of the Canaanite, as He swore to you and to your fathers, and gives it to you,  
 12 that <sup>a</sup>you shall <sup>1</sup>devote to the LORD the first <sup>2</sup>offspring of every womb, and <sup>3</sup>the first offspring of every beast that you own; the males belong to the LORD.  
 13 "But <sup>a</sup>every first <sup>1</sup>offspring of a donkey you shall redeem with a lamb, but if you do not redeem it, then you shall break its neck; and every first-born of man among your sons you shall redeem.  
 14 "And it shall be when your son asks you in time to come, saying, 'What is this?' then you shall say to him, <sup>b</sup>With a <sup>1</sup>powerful hand the LORD brought us out of Egypt, from the house of <sup>2</sup>slavery.  
 15 'And it came about, when Pharaoh was stubborn about letting us go, that the LORD killed every first-born in the land of Egypt, both the first-born of man and the first-born of beast. Therefore, I sacrifice to the LORD the males, the first <sup>1</sup>offspring of every womb, but every first-born of my sons I redeem.'  
 16 "So <sup>a</sup>it shall <sup>1</sup>serve as a sign on your hand, and as <sup>2</sup>phylacteries <sup>3</sup>on your forehead, for with a <sup>4</sup>powerful hand the LORD brought us out of Egypt."  
 17 Now it came about when Pharaoh had let the people go, that God did not lead them by the way of the land of the

2 <sup>1</sup>Lit., opening  
 \*Ex. 13:12, 13, 15; 22:29;  
 Luke 2:23

3 <sup>1</sup>Lit., slaves <sup>2</sup>Lit., strength of hand  
 \*Ex. 3:20; 6:1 \*Ex. 12:19

4 \*Ex. 12:22

5 <sup>1</sup>Lit., serve this service  
 \*Ex. 3:8, 17; Josh. 24:11  
 \*Ex. 12:25

6 \*Ex. 12:15-20

7 <sup>1</sup>Lit., to

8 \*Ex. 13:14; 10:2

9 <sup>1</sup>Lit., be for <sup>2</sup>Lit., between your eyes  
 \*Ex. 13:16; 12:14; Deut. 6:8; 11:18 \*Ex. 13:3

10 <sup>1</sup>Lit., days to days  
 \*Ex. 13:5; 12:24, 25

11 \*Ex. 13:5

12 <sup>1</sup>Lit., cause to pass over <sup>2</sup>Lit., opening <sup>3</sup>Lit., every issue the offspring of a beast  
 \*Ex. 13:1, 2

13 <sup>1</sup>Lit., opening  
 \*Ex. 34:20

14 <sup>1</sup>Lit., strength of hand <sup>2</sup>Lit., slaves  
 \*Ex. 13:8; 10:2; 12:26, 27; Deut. 6:20 \*Ex. 13:3, 9

15 <sup>1</sup>Lit., opening

16 <sup>1</sup>Lit., be for <sup>2</sup>Or, frontlet-bands <sup>3</sup>Lit., between your eyes <sup>4</sup>Lit., strength of hand  
 \*Ex. 13:9

Exodus 13, 14

17 <sup>a</sup>Ex. 14:11, 12; Num. 14:1-4; Deut. 17:16

18 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *Sea of Reeds*  
<sup>a</sup>Josh. 1:14; 4:12, 13

19 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *visit*  
<sup>a</sup>Gen. 50:24, 25; Josh. 24:32; Acts 7:15, 16

20 <sup>a</sup>Ex. 12:37; Num. 33:6

21 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *go*  
<sup>a</sup>Ex. 14:19, 24; 33:9, 10; Ps. 78:14; 99:7; 105:39; 1 Cor. 10:1

22 <sup>1</sup>Or, *the pillar of cloud by day and the pillar of fire by night did not depart*

2 <sup>a</sup>Num. 33:7

4 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *make strong*  
<sup>a</sup>Ex. 14:17; 4:21 <sup>b</sup>Ex. 14:17, 23 <sup>c</sup>Ex. 7:5; 14:25

5 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *the heart of Pharaoh . . . was changed*

8 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *made strong*  
<sup>2</sup>Lit., *with a high hand*  
<sup>a</sup>Ex. 14:4 <sup>b</sup>Num. 33:3; Acts 13:17

9 <sup>a</sup>Ex. 14:2

10 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *lifted up their eyes*  
<sup>a</sup>Neh. 9:9

11 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *so as to bring*  
<sup>a</sup>Ex. 5:21; 15:24; 16:2; Ps. 106:7, 8

Philistines, even though it was near; for God said, “<sup>a</sup>Lest the people change their minds when they see war, and they return to Egypt.”

18 Hence God led the people around by the way of the wilderness to the <sup>1</sup>Red Sea; and the sons of Israel went up <sup>a</sup>in martial array from the land of Egypt.

19 And Moses took <sup>a</sup>the bones of Joseph with him, for he had made the sons of Israel solemnly swear, saying, “God shall surely <sup>1</sup>take care of you; and you shall carry my bones from here with you.”

20 Then they set out from <sup>a</sup>Succoth and camped in Etham on the edge of the wilderness.

21 And <sup>a</sup>the LORD was going before them in a pillar of cloud by day to lead them on the way, and in a pillar of fire by night to give them light, that they might <sup>1</sup>travel by day and by night.

22 <sup>1</sup>He did not take away the pillar of cloud by day, nor the pillar of fire by night, from before the people.

CHAPTER 14

**N**OW the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,

2 “Tell the sons of Israel to turn back and camp before <sup>a</sup>Pi-hahiroth, between Migdol and the sea; you shall camp in front of Baal-zephon, opposite it, by the sea.

3 “For Pharaoh will say of the sons of Israel, ‘They are wandering aimlessly in the land; the wilderness has shut them in.’

4 “Thus <sup>a</sup>I will <sup>1</sup>harden Pharaoh’s heart, and <sup>b</sup>he will chase after them; and I will be honored through Pharaoh and all his army, and <sup>c</sup>the Egyptians will know that I am the LORD.” And they did so.

5 When the king of Egypt was told that the people had fled, <sup>1</sup>Pharaoh and his servants had a change of heart toward the people, and they said, “What is this we have done, that we have let Israel go from serving us?”

6 So he made his chariot ready and took his people with him;

7 and he took six hundred select chariots, and all the *other* chariots of Egypt with officers over all of them.

8 And <sup>a</sup>the LORD <sup>1</sup>hardened the heart of Pharaoh, king of Egypt, and he chased after the sons of Israel as the sons of Israel were going out <sup>2b</sup>boldly.

9 Then the Egyptians chased after them *with* all the horses *and* chariots of Pharaoh, his horsemen and his army, and they overtook them camping by the sea, <sup>a</sup>beside Pi-hahiroth, in front of Baal-zephon.

10 And as Pharaoh drew near, the sons of Israel <sup>1</sup>looked, and behold, the Egyptians were marching after them, and they became very frightened; <sup>a</sup>so the sons of Israel cried out to the LORD.

11 Then <sup>a</sup>they said to Moses, “Is it because there were no graves in Egypt that you have taken us away to die in the wilderness? Why have you dealt with us in this way, <sup>1</sup>bringing us out of Egypt?”

12 "Is this not the word that we spoke to you in Egypt, saying, 'Leave us alone that we may serve the Egyptians?' For it would have been better for us to serve the Egyptians than to die in the wilderness."

13 But Moses said to the people, "Do not fear! Stand by and see the salvation of the LORD which He will accomplish for you today; for the Egyptians whom you have seen today, you will never see them again forever.

14 "The LORD will fight for you while you keep silent."

15 Then the LORD said to Moses, "Why are you crying out to me? Tell the sons of Israel to go forward.

16 "And as for you, lift up your staff and stretch out your hand over the sea and divide it, and the sons of Israel shall go through the midst of the sea on dry land.

17 "And as for Me, behold, I will harden the hearts of the Egyptians so that they will go in after them; and I will be honored through Pharaoh and all his army, through his chariots and his horsemen.

18 "Then the Egyptians will know that I am the LORD, when I am honored through Pharaoh, through his chariots and his horsemen."

19 And the angel of God, who had been going before the camp of Israel, moved and went behind them; and the pillar of cloud moved from before them and stood behind them.

20 So it came between the camp of Egypt and the camp of Israel; and there was the cloud along with the darkness, yet it gave light at night. Thus the one did not come near the other all night.

21 Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea; and the LORD swept the sea back by a strong east wind all night, and turned the sea into dry land, so the waters were divided.

22 And the sons of Israel went through the midst of the sea on the dry land, and the waters were like a wall to them on their right hand and on their left.

23 Then the Egyptians took up the pursuit, and all Pharaoh's horses, his chariots and his horsemen went in after them into the midst of the sea.

24 And it came about at the morning watch, that the LORD looked down on the army of the Egyptians through the pillar of fire and cloud and brought the army of the Egyptians into confusion.

25 And He caused their chariot wheels to swerve, and He made them drive with difficulty; so the Egyptians said, "Let us flee from Israel, for the LORD is fighting for them against the Egyptians."

26 Then the LORD said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand over the sea so that the waters may come back over the Egyptians, over their chariots and their horsemen."

27 So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and the sea returned to its normal state at daybreak, while the Egyptians were fleeing right into it; then the LORD overthrew the Egyptians in the midst of the sea.

28 And the waters returned and covered the chariots and the horsemen, even Pharaoh's entire army that had gone into the sea after them; not even one of them remained.

12 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *Cease from us*

13 <sup>1</sup>Or, *Take your stand*  
<sup>a</sup>Ex. 20:20; Gen. 15:1; 46:3  
<sup>b</sup>Ex. 14:30; 15:2

14 <sup>a</sup>Ex. 15:3; Deut. 1:30;  
 3:22 <sup>b</sup>Is. 30:15

16 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *enter the*  
<sup>a</sup>Ex. 4:17; 20:17:5, 6; Num.  
 20:8, 9, 11; Is. 10:26

17 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *make strong*  
<sup>a</sup>Ex. 14:4

18 <sup>a</sup>Ex. 14:25

19 <sup>a</sup>Ex. 13:21, 22

20 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *and the darkness*

21 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *caused to go*  
<sup>a</sup>Ex. 14:16; 7:19 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 106:9;  
 136:13, 14 <sup>c</sup>Ps. 78:13; 114:3,  
 5; Is. 63:12, 13

22 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *entered the*  
<sup>a</sup>Josh. 3:17; 4:22; Neh. 9:11;  
 Heb. 11:29 <sup>b</sup>Ex. 14:29; 15:8

23 <sup>a</sup>Ex. 14:4, 17

24 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *camp* <sup>2</sup>Or, *in*  
<sup>a</sup>Ex. 13:21

25 <sup>1</sup>Or, *removed* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *me*  
<sup>a</sup>Ex. 14:4, 18

26 <sup>a</sup>Ex. 14:16

27 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *to meet it* <sup>2</sup>Lit.,  
*shook off*  
<sup>a</sup>Ex. 15:1, 7

28 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *in respect to*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 78:53; 106:11

29 \*Ex. 14:22; Ps. 66:6; Is. 11:15

30 \*Ex. 14:13; Ps. 106:8, 10, 21, 22; Is. 63:8, 11

31 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *hand* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *done*  
<sup>3</sup>Or, *revered*  
\*Ps. 106:12

<sup>1</sup> Lit., *and said, saying*  
<sup>2</sup>Or, "*Let me sing* <sup>3</sup>Or,  
*triumphed gloriously*  
\*Ps. 106:12; Rev. 15:3 <sup>b</sup>Is.  
12:5; 42:10-12 <sup>c</sup>Jer. 51:21

<sup>2</sup> Heb., YAH  
\*Is. 12:2 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 48:14 <sup>c</sup>Ex. 3:6,  
15, 16

<sup>3</sup> YHWH, usually  
rendered LORD  
\*Ex. 14:14 <sup>b</sup>Ex. 3:15; 6:2, 7,  
8; Ps. 24:8

<sup>4</sup> Lit., *sunk* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *Sea of*  
*Reeds*  
\*Ex. 14:6, 7, 17, 28

5 \*Ex. 14:10; Neh. 9:11

6 \*Ex. 3:20; 6:1 <sup>b</sup>Ps.  
118:15, 16

7 <sup>1</sup>Or, *exaltation*  
\*Ex. 14:27 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 78:49, 50

8 \*Ex. 14:22, 29 <sup>b</sup>Ps.  
78:13

9 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *soul* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *be*  
*filled with them* <sup>3</sup>Or,  
*dispossess, bring to ruin*  
\*Ex. 14:5, 8, 9

10 <sup>1</sup>Or, *majestic*  
\*Ex. 14:27, 28 <sup>b</sup>Ex. 15:5

11 \*Ex. 8:10; 9:14; Deut.  
3:24; Ps. 71:19; Mic. 7:18  
<sup>b</sup>Is. 6:3; Rev. 4:8 <sup>c</sup>Ps. 22:23  
<sup>d</sup>Ps. 72:18; 136:4

12 \*Ex. 15:6

13 \*Neh. 9:12; Ps. 77:20  
<sup>b</sup>Ex. 15:16; Ps. 77:15 <sup>c</sup>Ex.  
15:17; Ps. 78:54

29 But the sons of Israel walked on <sup>a</sup>dry land through the midst of the sea, and the waters *were like* a wall to them on their right hand and on their left.

30 <sup>a</sup>Thus the LORD saved Israel that day from the hand of the Egyptians, and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the sea-shore.

31 And when Israel saw the great <sup>1</sup>power which the LORD had <sup>2</sup>used against the Egyptians, the people <sup>3</sup>feared the LORD, and <sup>a</sup>they believed in the LORD and in His servant Moses.

## CHAPTER 15

<sup>a</sup> THEN Moses and the sons of Israel sang this song to the LORD, <sup>1</sup>and said,

<sup>2</sup>bI will sing to the LORD, for He <sup>3</sup>is highly exalted;  
<sup>c</sup>The horse and its rider He has hurled into the sea.

2 <sup>1a</sup>The LORD is my strength and song,  
And He has become my salvation;  
<sup>b</sup>This is my God, and I will praise Him;  
<sup>c</sup>My father's God, and I will extol Him.

3 <sup>a</sup>The LORD is a warrior;  
<sup>1b</sup>The LORD is His name.

4 <sup>a</sup>Pharaoh's chariots and his army He has cast into the sea;  
And the choicest of his officers are <sup>1</sup>drowned in the  
<sup>2</sup>Red Sea.

5 <sup>a</sup>The deeps cover them;  
<sup>a</sup>They went down into the depths like a stone.

6 <sup>a</sup>Thy right hand, O LORD, is majestic in power,  
<sup>b</sup>Thy right hand, O LORD, shatters the enemy.

7 <sup>a</sup>And in the greatness of Thine <sup>1</sup>excellence Thou <sup>a</sup>dost  
overthrow those who rise up against Thee;  
<sup>b</sup>Thou dost send forth Thy burning anger, *and* it  
consumes them as chaff.

8 <sup>a</sup>And at the blast of Thy nostrils the waters were piled  
up,  
<sup>b</sup>The flowing waters stood up like a heap;  
The deeps were congealed in the heart of the sea.

9 <sup>a</sup>The enemy said, 'I will pursue, I will overtake, I will  
divide the spoil;  
My <sup>1</sup>desire shall be <sup>2</sup>gratified against them;  
I will draw out my sword, my hand shall <sup>3</sup>destroy  
them.'

10 <sup>a</sup>Thou didst blow with Thy wind, the sea covered  
them;  
<sup>b</sup>They sank like lead in the <sup>1</sup>mighty waters.

11 <sup>a</sup>Who is like Thee among the gods, O LORD?  
Who is like Thee, <sup>b</sup>majestic in holiness,  
<sup>c</sup>Awesome in praises, <sup>d</sup>working wonders?

12 <sup>a</sup>Thou didst stretch out Thy right hand,  
The earth swallowed them.

13 <sup>a</sup>In Thy lovingkindness Thou hast <sup>a</sup>led the people  
whom Thou hast <sup>b</sup>redeemed;  
In Thy strength Thou hast guided *them* <sup>c</sup>to Thy holy  
habitation.

- 14 <sup>a</sup>The peoples have heard, they tremble;  
Anguish has gripped the inhabitants of Philistia.
- 15 <sup>a</sup>Then the <sup>a</sup>chiefs of Edom were dismayed;  
<sup>b</sup>The leaders of Moab, trembling grips them;  
<sup>c</sup>All the inhabitants of Canaan have melted away.
- 16 <sup>a</sup>Terror and dread fall upon them;  
<sup>b</sup>By the greatness of Thine arm they are motionless  
as stone;  
Until Thy people pass over, O LORD,  
Until the people pass over whom Thou hast purchased.
- 17 <sup>a</sup>Thou wilt bring them and <sup>b</sup>plant them in <sup>c</sup>the mountain of Thine inheritance,  
<sup>d</sup>The place, O LORD, which Thou hast made for Thy dwelling,  
<sup>e</sup>The sanctuary, O LORD, which Thy hands have established.
- 18 <sup>a</sup>The LORD shall reign forever and ever.”
- 19 <sup>a</sup>For the horses of Pharaoh with his chariots and his horsemen went into the sea, and the LORD brought back the waters of the sea on them; but the sons of Israel walked on <sup>b</sup>dry land through the midst of the sea.
- 20 And <sup>a</sup>Miriam the prophetess, Aaron's sister, took the <sup>b</sup>timbrel in her hand, and all the women went out after her with timbrels and with <sup>1c</sup>dancing.
- 21 And Miriam answered them,  
“Sing to the LORD, for He <sup>1is</sup> highly exalted;  
The horse and his rider He has hurled into the sea.”
- 22 <sup>a</sup>Then Moses <sup>1led</sup> Israel from the <sup>2</sup>Red Sea, and they went out into <sup>b</sup>the wilderness of <sup>c</sup>Shur; and they went three days in the wilderness and found no water.
- 23 And when they came to <sup>a</sup>Marah, they could not drink the waters <sup>1of</sup> Marah, for they were <sup>2</sup>bitter; therefore it was named <sup>3</sup>Marah.
- 24 So the people <sup>a</sup>grumbled at Moses, saying, “What shall we drink?”
- 25 Then he <sup>a</sup>cried out to the LORD, and the LORD showed him <sup>ba</sup> tree; and he threw *it* into the waters, and the waters became sweet. There He made for them a statute and regulation, and there He <sup>c</sup>tested them.
- 26 And He said, “<sup>a</sup>If you will give earnest heed to the voice of the LORD your God, and do what is right in His sight, and give ear <sup>bto</sup> His commandments, and keep all His statutes, <sup>c</sup>I will put none of the diseases on you which I have put on the Egyptians; for I, <sup>d</sup>the LORD, am your healer.”
- 27 Then they came to <sup>a</sup>Elim where there *were* twelve springs of water and seventy date palms, and they camped there beside the waters.

CHAPTER 16

THEN they set out from Elim, and all the congregation of the sons of Israel came to the wilderness of <sup>a</sup>Sin, which is between Elim and Sinai, on <sup>b</sup>the fifteenth day of the second month after their departure from the land of Egypt.

14 <sup>a</sup>Deut. 2:25; Hab. 3:7

15 <sup>a</sup>Gen. 36:15 <sup>b</sup>Num. 22:3, 4; Ps. 114:5, 7 <sup>c</sup>Josh. 2:9, 11, 24

16 <sup>a</sup>Ex. 23:27 <sup>b</sup>Ex. 15:5, 6 <sup>c</sup>Ex. 15:13; Ps. 74:2

17 <sup>a</sup>Ex. 23:20; 32:34 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 44:2; 80:8, 15 <sup>c</sup>Ps. 2:6; 78:54, 68 <sup>d</sup>Ps. 68:16; 76:2; 132:13, 14 <sup>e</sup>Ps. 78:69

18 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 10:16; 29:10

19 <sup>a</sup>Ex. 14:23, 28 <sup>b</sup>Ex. 14:22, 29

20 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *dances*  
<sup>a</sup>Ex. 2:4; 6:20; Num. 26:59  
<sup>b</sup>Ps. 81:2; 149:3 <sup>c</sup>Ps. 30:11; 150:4

21 <sup>1</sup>Or, *has triumphed gloriously*  
<sup>a</sup>Ex. 15:1

22 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *caused Israel to journey* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *Sea of Reeds*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 77:20; 78:52, 53 <sup>b</sup>Num. 33:8 <sup>c</sup>Gen. 16:7; 20:1

23 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *from* <sup>2</sup>Heb., *Marim* <sup>1</sup>i.e., *Bitterness*  
<sup>a</sup>Num. 33:8

24 <sup>a</sup>Ex. 14:11; Ps. 106:13

25 <sup>a</sup>Ex. 14:10 <sup>b</sup>Ezek. 47:7, 8 <sup>c</sup>Ex. 16:4

26 <sup>a</sup>Ex. 19:5, 6 <sup>b</sup>Ex. 20:2-17 <sup>c</sup>Deut. 7:15; 28:58, 60 <sup>d</sup>Deut. 32:39; Ps. 103:3

27 <sup>a</sup>Num. 33:9

1 <sup>a</sup>Num. 33:10, 11 <sup>b</sup>Ex. 12:6, 51; 19:1

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2 <sup>a</sup>Ex. 14:11; 1 Cor. 10:10

3 <sup>1</sup>Or, *flesh*  
<sup>a</sup>Ex. 17:3; Num. 14:2, 3;  
20:3 <sup>b</sup>Num. 11:4, 5

4 <sup>1</sup>Or, *law*  
<sup>a</sup>John 6:31; Neh. 9:15; Ps. 78:23-25; 105:40; 1 Cor. 10:3 <sup>b</sup>Ex. 15:25; Deut. 8:2, 16

5 <sup>a</sup>Ex. 16:22

6 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *and you*

7 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *and you*  
<sup>a</sup>Ex. 16:12 <sup>b</sup>Num. 14:27;  
17:5 <sup>c</sup>Num. 16:11

8 <sup>1</sup>Or, *flesh*

9 <sup>a</sup>Num. 16:16

10 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *turned*  
<sup>a</sup>Ex. 16:7; Num. 16:19

12 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *Between the two evenings* <sup>2</sup>Or, *flesh*

13 <sup>a</sup>Num. 11:31; Ps. 78:27-29; 105:40

14 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *had gone up*  
<sup>2</sup>Lit., *face of*  
<sup>a</sup>Num. 11:7-9 <sup>b</sup>Ex. 16:31

15 <sup>1</sup>Heb., *Man hu*, cf. vs. 31  
<sup>a</sup>Ex. 16:4

16 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *the thing which*  
<sup>2</sup>Lit., *according to his eating* <sup>3</sup>Lit., *an omer for a head*

18 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *according to his eating*  
<sup>a</sup>2 Cor. 8:15

2 And the whole congregation of the sons of Israel <sup>a</sup>grumbled against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness.

3 And the sons of Israel said to them, "<sup>a</sup>Would that we had died by the LORD's hand in the land of Egypt, <sup>b</sup>when we sat by the pots of <sup>1</sup>meat, when we ate bread to the full; for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger."

4 Then the LORD said to Moses, "Behold, <sup>a</sup>I will rain bread from heaven for you; and the people shall go out and gather a day's portion every day, that I may <sup>b</sup>test them, whether or not they will walk in My <sup>1</sup>instruction.

5 "And it will come about <sup>a</sup>on the sixth day, when they prepare what they bring in, it will be twice as much as they gather daily."

6 So Moses and Aaron said to all the sons of Israel, "At evening <sup>1</sup>you will know that the LORD has brought you out of the land of Egypt;

7 and in the morning <sup>1</sup>you will see <sup>a</sup>the glory of the LORD, for <sup>b</sup>He hears your grumbings against the LORD; and <sup>c</sup>what are we, that you grumble against us?"

8 And Moses said, "*This will happen* when the LORD gives you <sup>1</sup>meat to eat in the evening, and bread to the full in the morning; for the LORD hears your grumbings which you grumble against Him. And what are we? Your grumbings are not against us but against the LORD."

9 Then Moses said to Aaron, "Say to all the congregation of the sons of Israel, <sup>a</sup>Come near before the LORD, for He has heard your grumbings."

10 And it came about as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the sons of Israel, that they <sup>1</sup>looked toward the wilderness, and behold, <sup>a</sup>the glory of the LORD appeared in the cloud.

11 And the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,

12 "I have heard the grumbings of the sons of Israel; speak to them, saying, <sup>1</sup>At twilight you shall eat <sup>2</sup>meat, and in the morning you shall be filled with bread; and you shall know that I am the LORD your God."

13 So it came about at evening that <sup>a</sup>the quails came up and covered the camp, and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp.

14 <sup>a</sup>When the layer of dew <sup>1</sup>evaporated, behold, on the <sup>2</sup>surface of the wilderness <sup>b</sup>there was a fine flake-like thing, fine as the hoarfrost on the ground.

15 The sons of Israel saw *it*, they said to one another, "<sup>1</sup>What is it?" For they did not know what it was. And Moses said to them, "<sup>a</sup>It is the bread which the LORD has given you to eat.

16 "This is <sup>1</sup>what the LORD has commanded, 'Gather of it every man <sup>2</sup>as much as he should eat; you shall take <sup>3</sup>an omer apiece according to the number of persons each of you has in his tent.'"

17 And the sons of Israel did so, and *some* gathered much and *some* little.

18 When they measured it with an omer, <sup>a</sup>he who had gathered much had no excess, and he who had gathered little had no lack; every man gathered <sup>1</sup>as much as he should eat.



19 And Moses said to them, "Let no man leave any of it until morning."

20 But they did not listen to Moses, and some left part of it until morning, and it bred worms and became foul; and Moses was angry with them.

21 And they gathered it morning by morning, every man as much as he should eat; but when the sun grew hot, it would melt.

22 Now it came about on the sixth day they gathered twice as much bread, two omers for each one. When all the leaders of the congregation came and told Moses,

23 then he said to them, "This is what the LORD meant: Tomorrow is a sabbath observance, a holy sabbath to the LORD. Bake what you will bake and boil what you will boil, and all that is left over put aside to be kept until morning."

24 So they put it aside until morning, as Moses had ordered, and it did not become foul, nor was there any worm in it.

25 And Moses said, "Eat it today, for today is a sabbath to the LORD; today you will not find it in the field.

26 "Six days you shall gather it, but on the seventh day, the sabbath, there will be none."

27 And it came about on the seventh day that some of the people went out to gather, but they found none.

28 Then the LORD said to Moses, "How long do you refuse to keep My commandments and My instructions?"

29 "See, the LORD has given you the sabbath, therefore He gives you bread for two days on the sixth day. Remain every man in his place; let no man go out of his place on the seventh day."

30 So the people rested on the seventh day.

31 And the house of Israel named it manna, and it was like coriander seed, white; and its taste was like wafers with honey.

32 Then Moses said, "This is what the LORD has commanded, 'Let an omerful of it be kept throughout your generations, that they may see the bread that I fed you in the wilderness, when I brought you out of the land of Egypt.'"

33 And Moses said to Aaron, "Take a jar and put an omerful of manna in it, and place it before the LORD, to be kept throughout your generations."

34 As the LORD commanded Moses, so Aaron placed it before the Testimony, to be kept.

35 And the sons of Israel ate the manna forty years, until they came to an inhabited land; they ate the manna until they came to the border of the land of Canaan.

36 (Now an omer is a tenth of an ephah.)

CHAPTER 17

THEN all the congregation of the sons of Israel journeyed by stages from the wilderness of Sin, according to the command of the LORD, and camped at Rephidim, and there was no water for the people to drink.

19 <sup>a</sup>Ex. 16:23; 12:10; 23:18

21 <sup>1</sup>Lit., according to his eating

22 <sup>a</sup>Ex. 16:5 <sup>b</sup>Ex. 34:31

23 <sup>1</sup>Lit., spoke <sup>2</sup>Lit., lay up for you  
<sup>a</sup>Ex. 20:8; 23:12; Neh. 9:13, 14 <sup>b</sup>Ex. 16:19

24 <sup>1</sup>Lit., laid it up  
<sup>a</sup>Ex. 16:20

26 <sup>1</sup>Lit., none on it

28 <sup>1</sup>Or, laws  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 78:10

29 <sup>1</sup>Lit., for the LORD

31 <sup>1</sup>Heb., man, cf. v. 15  
<sup>a</sup>Num. 11:7-9; Deut. 8:3, 16  
<sup>b</sup>Ex. 16:14

32 <sup>1</sup>Lit., the thing which

33 <sup>a</sup>Heb. 9:4; Rev. 2:17

34 <sup>a</sup>Ex. 25:16; 27:21

35 <sup>a</sup>Josh. 5:12; Neh. 9:20, 21

<sup>1</sup> Lit., their journeyings  
<sup>2</sup> Lit., mouth  
<sup>a</sup> Ex. 16:1 <sup>b</sup> Ex. 19:2; Num. 33:14

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2 \*Ex. 14:11; Num. 20:2, 3, 13 \*Ex. 16:8

3 <sup>1</sup>Lit., the people <sup>2</sup>Lit., me <sup>3</sup>Lit., my \*Ex. 16:3 \*Ex. 12:38

4 \*Num. 14:10; 1 Sam. 30:6

5 \*Ex. 3:16, 18 \*Ex. 7:20

6 \*Ex. 3:1 \*Deut. 8:15; Neh. 9:15; Ps. 78:15; 105:41; 1 Cor. 10:4

7 <sup>1</sup>i.e., Test <sup>2</sup>i.e., Quarrel \*Deut. 6:16; 9:22; Ps. 95:8 \*Num. 20:13, 24; 27:14; Ps. 81:7 \*Num. 14:22; Deut. 33:8

8 \*Num. 24:20; Deut. 25:17-19 \*Ex. 17:1

9 \*Ex. 24:13 \*Ex. 4:20

10 <sup>1</sup>Lit., said to <sup>2</sup>Lit., to fight \*Ex. 24:14; 31:2

11 <sup>1</sup>Lit., rest

12 \*Is. 35:3

13 <sup>1</sup>Lit., weakened

14 <sup>1</sup>Lit., the book <sup>2</sup>Lit., place it in the ears of <sup>3</sup>Or, for \*Ex. 24:4; 34:27; Num. 33:2 \*Deut. 25:19

15 \*Ex. 24:4 \*Gen. 22:14

16 <sup>1</sup>Or, Because a hand is against the throne of the LORD; lit, a hand upon the throne of YAH \*Gen. 22:16

1 \*Ex. 2:16, 18; 3:1

2 \*Ex. 2:21; 4:25

3 <sup>1</sup>Lit., the name of the one was <sup>2</sup>Heb., ger \*Ex. 2:22; 4:20; Acts 7:29 \*Ex. 2:22

4 <sup>1</sup>Lit., the name of the other was <sup>2</sup>Heb., El-ezer; i.e., My God is help \*Gen. 49:25

2 Therefore the people <sup>a</sup>quarreled with Moses and said, "Give us water that we may drink." And Moses said to them, "<sup>b</sup>Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the LORD?"

3 But the people thirsted there for water; and <sup>1</sup>they grumbled against Moses and said, "<sup>a</sup>Why, now, have you brought us up from Egypt, to kill <sup>2</sup>us and <sup>3</sup>our children and <sup>3b</sup>our livestock with thirst?"

4 So Moses cried out to the LORD, saying, "What shall I do to this people? A <sup>a</sup>little more and they will stone me."

5 Then the LORD said to Moses, "Pass before the people and take with you some of <sup>a</sup>the elders of Israel; and take in your hand your staff with which <sup>b</sup>you struck the Nile, and go.

6 "Behold, I will stand before you there on the rock at <sup>a</sup>Horeb; and <sup>b</sup>you shall strike the rock, and water will come out of it, that the people may drink." And Moses did so in the sight of the elders of Israel.

7 And he named the place <sup>1a</sup>Massah and <sup>2b</sup>Meribah because of the quarrel of the sons of Israel, and because they <sup>c</sup>tested the LORD, saying, "Is the LORD among us, or not?"

8 Then <sup>a</sup>Amalek came and fought against Israel at <sup>b</sup>Rephidim.

9 So Moses said to <sup>a</sup>Joshua, "Choose men for us, and go out, fight against Amalek. Tomorrow I will station myself on the top of the hill with <sup>b</sup>the staff of God in my hand."

10 And Joshua did as Moses <sup>1</sup>told him, <sup>2</sup>and fought against Amalek; and Moses, Aaron, and <sup>a</sup>Hur went up to the top of the hill.

11 So it came about when Moses held his hand up, that Israel prevailed, and when he let his hand <sup>1</sup>down, Amalek prevailed.

12 But Moses' hands were heavy. Then they took a stone and put it under him, and he sat on it; and Aaron and Hur <sup>a</sup>supported his hands, one on one side and one on the other. Thus his hands were steady until the sun set.

13 So Joshua <sup>1</sup>overwhelmed Amalek and his people with the edge of the sword.

14 Then the LORD said to Moses, "<sup>a</sup>Write this in <sup>1a</sup>a book as a memorial, and <sup>2</sup>recite it to Joshua, <sup>3</sup>that <sup>b</sup>I will utterly blot out the memory of Amalek from under heaven."

15 And Moses built an <sup>a</sup>altar, and named it <sup>b</sup>The LORD is My Banner;

16 and he said, "<sup>1a</sup>The LORD has sworn; the LORD will have war against Amalek from generation to generation."

CHAPTER 18

**N**OW <sup>a</sup>Jethro, the priest of Midian, Moses' father-in-law, heard of all that God had done for Moses and for Israel His people, how the LORD had brought Israel out of Egypt.

2 And Jethro, Moses' father-in-law, took Moses' wife <sup>a</sup>Zipporah, after he had sent her away,

3 and her <sup>a</sup>two sons, of whom <sup>1</sup>one was named Gershom, for he said, "I have been <sup>ba</sup> <sup>2</sup>sojourner in a foreign land."

4 And <sup>1</sup>the other was named <sup>2</sup>Eliezer, for *he said*, "<sup>a</sup>The God of my father was my help, and delivered me from the sword of Pharaoh."

5 Then Jethro, Moses' father-in-law, came with his sons and his wife to Moses <sup>1</sup>in the wilderness where he was camped, at <sup>2</sup>the mount of God.

6 And he <sup>1</sup>sent word to Moses, "I, your father-in-law Jethro, am coming to you with your wife and her two sons with her."

7 Then Moses went out to meet his father-in-law, and <sup>a</sup>he bowed down and <sup>b</sup>kissed him; and they asked <sup>c</sup>each other of their welfare, and went into the tent.

8 And Moses told his father-in-law all that the LORD had done to Pharaoh and to the Egyptians <sup>a</sup>for Israel's sake, all the <sup>b</sup>hardship that had befallen them on the journey, and *how* <sup>c</sup>the LORD had delivered them.

9 And Jethro rejoiced over all <sup>a</sup>the goodness which the LORD had done to Israel, <sup>1</sup>in delivering <sup>2</sup>them from the hand of the Egyptians.

10 So Jethro said, "<sup>a</sup>Blessed be the LORD who delivered you from the hand of the Egyptians and from the hand of Pharaoh, and who delivered the people from under the hand of the Egyptians.

11 "Now I know that <sup>a</sup>the LORD is greater than all the gods; <sup>1</sup>indeed, it was proven when they dealt proudly against <sup>2</sup>the people."

12 <sup>a</sup>Then Jethro, Moses' father-in-law, took a burnt offering and sacrifices for God, and Aaron came with all the elders of Israel to eat <sup>1</sup>a meal with Moses' father-in-law before God.

13 And it came about the next day that Moses sat to judge the people, and the people stood about Moses from the morning until the evening.

14 Now when Moses' father-in-law saw all that he was doing for the people, he said, "What is this thing that you are doing for the people? Why do you alone sit *as judge* and all the people stand about you from morning until evening?"

15 And Moses said to his father-in-law, "Because the people come to me <sup>a</sup>to inquire of God.

16 "When they have a <sup>1</sup>dispute, it comes to me, and I judge between a man and his neighbor, and make known the statutes of God and His laws."

17 And Moses' father-in-law said to him, "The thing that you are doing is not good.

18 <sup>a</sup>You will surely wear out, both yourself and <sup>1</sup>these people who are with you, for the <sup>2</sup>task is too heavy for you; you cannot do it alone.

19 "Now listen to <sup>1</sup>me: I shall give you counsel, and God be with you. <sup>2</sup>You be the people's representative before God, and you bring the <sup>3</sup>disputes to God,

20 <sup>a</sup>then <sup>b</sup>teach them the statutes and the laws, and make known to them the way in which they are to walk, and the work they are to do.

21 "Furthermore, you shall <sup>1</sup>select out of all the people <sup>a</sup>able men who fear God, men of truth, those who hate dishonest gain; and you shall place *these* over them, *as* leaders of thousands, <sup>2</sup>of hundreds, <sup>2</sup>of fifties and <sup>2</sup>of tens.

22 "And let them judge the people at all times; and let it be

5 <sup>1</sup>Lit., unto  
\*Ex. 3:1, 12; 4:27; 24:13

6 <sup>1</sup>Lit., said

7 \*Gen. 43:26, 28 \*Ex. 4:27 \*Gen. 43:27

8 \*Ex. 4:23; 7:4, 5 \*Num. 20:14; Neh. 9:32 \*Ex. 15:6, 16

9 <sup>1</sup>Lit., in that He had delivered <sup>2</sup>Lit., him  
\*Is. 63:7-14

10 \*1 Kin. 8:56; Ps. 68:19, 20

11 <sup>1</sup>Lit., indeed, in the thing in which they <sup>2</sup>Lit., them  
\*Ex. 12:12; 15:11

12 <sup>1</sup>Lit., bread  
\*Ex. 24:5; Gen. 31:54

15 \*Num. 9:6, 8; 27:5; Deut. 17:8-13

16 <sup>1</sup>Lit., matter

18 <sup>1</sup>Lit., this <sup>2</sup>Lit., matter  
\*Num. 11:14, 17; Deut. 1:12

19 <sup>1</sup>Lit., my voice <sup>2</sup>Lit., You be for the people in front of God <sup>3</sup>Lit., matters

20 \*Deut. 1:18

21 <sup>1</sup>Lit., see <sup>2</sup>Lit., leaders of  
\*Ex. 18:25; Deut. 1:13, 15; Ps. 15:1-5

22 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *matter*  
<sup>a</sup>Deut. 1:17, 18

23 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *stand* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *this*  
<sup>3</sup>Lit., *his*

24 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *to the voice of*

25 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *leaders of*  
<sup>a</sup>Ex. 18:21

26 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *matter*  
<sup>a</sup>Ex. 18:22

27 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *sent off his*  
*father-in-law*  
<sup>a</sup>Num. 10:29, 30

1 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *on this day*  
<sup>a</sup>Ex. 12:6, 51; 16:1 <sup>b</sup>Deut.  
1:6; 4:10, 15; 5:2

2 <sup>a</sup>Ex. 17:1; Num. 33:15  
<sup>b</sup>Ex. 18:5

4 <sup>a</sup>Deut. 32:11

5 <sup>1</sup>Or, *special treasure*  
<sup>a</sup>Ex. 15:26 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 78:10  
<sup>c</sup>Deut. 7:6; 14:2 <sup>d</sup>Ex. 9:29

6 <sup>a</sup>1 Pet. 2:5, 9; Rev. 1:6;  
5:10 <sup>b</sup>Deut. 14:21; 26:19

7 <sup>a</sup>Ex. 4:29, 30

8 <sup>a</sup>Ex. 4:31; 24:3, 7;  
Deut. 5:27

9 <sup>a</sup>Ex. 19:16; 24:15, 16;  
Ps. 99:7

10 <sup>a</sup>Gen. 35:2; Num. 8:7;  
19:19; Rev. 22:14

11 <sup>a</sup>Ex. 19:16

12 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *Take heed to*  
*yourselves*

<sup>a</sup>that every major <sup>1</sup>dispute they will bring to you, but every minor <sup>1</sup>dispute they themselves will judge. So it will be easier for you, and they will bear *the burden* with you.

23 "If you do this thing and God so commands you, then you will be able to <sup>1</sup>endure, and all <sup>2</sup>these people also will go to <sup>3</sup>their place in peace."

24 So Moses listened <sup>1</sup>to his father-in-law, and did all that he had said.

25 And Moses chose <sup>a</sup>able men out of all Israel, and made them heads over the people, leaders of thousands, <sup>1</sup>of hundreds, <sup>1</sup>of fifties and <sup>1</sup>of tens.

26 And they judged the people at all times; <sup>a</sup>the difficult <sup>1</sup>dispute they would bring to Moses, but every minor <sup>1</sup>dispute they themselves would judge.

27 Then Moses <sup>1</sup>abade his father-in-law farewell, and he went his way into his own land.

CHAPTER 19

<sup>a</sup>IN the third month after the sons of Israel had gone out of the land of Egypt, <sup>1</sup>on that very day they came into the wilderness of <sup>b</sup>Sinai.

2 When they set out from <sup>a</sup>Rephidim, they came to the wilderness of Sinai, and camped in the wilderness; and there Israel camped in front of <sup>b</sup>the mountain.

3 And Moses went up to God, and the LORD called to him from the mountain, saying, "Thus you shall say to the house of Jacob and tell the sons of Israel:

4 'You yourselves have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and how I bore you on <sup>a</sup>eagles' wings, and brought you to Myself.

5 'Now then, <sup>a</sup>if you will indeed obey My voice and <sup>b</sup>keep My covenant, then you shall be <sup>c</sup>My <sup>1</sup>own possession among all the peoples, for <sup>d</sup>all the earth is Mine;

6 and you shall be to Me <sup>a</sup>a kingdom of priests and <sup>ba</sup>a holy nation.' These are the words that you shall speak to the sons of Israel."

7 <sup>a</sup>So Moses came and called the elders of the people, and set before them all these words which the LORD had commanded him.

8 <sup>a</sup>And all the people answered together and said, "All that the LORD has spoken we will do!" And Moses brought back the words of the people to the LORD.

9 And the LORD said to Moses, "Behold, I shall come to you in <sup>a</sup>a thick cloud, in order that the people may hear when I speak with you, and may also believe in you forever." Then Moses told the words of the people to the LORD.

10 The LORD also said to Moses, "Go to the people and consecrate them today and tomorrow, and let them <sup>a</sup>wash their garments;

11 and let them be ready for the third day, for on <sup>a</sup>the third day the LORD will come down on Mount Sinai in the sight of all the people.

12 "And you shall set bounds for the people all around, saying, <sup>1</sup>Beware that you do not go up on the mountain or

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touch the border of it; whoever touches the mountain shall surely be put to death.

13 'No hand shall touch him, but <sup>a</sup>he shall surely be stoned or <sup>1</sup>shot through; whether beast or man, he shall not live.' When the ram's horn sounds a long blast, they shall come up to <sup>b</sup>the mountain."

14 So Moses went down from the mountain to the people and consecrated the people, and they washed their garments.

15 And he said to the people, "Be ready for the third day; do not go near a woman."

16 <sup>a</sup>So it came about on the third day, when it was morning, that there were <sup>1</sup>thunder and lightning flashes and a thick cloud upon the mountain and a very loud trumpet sound, so that all the people who *were* in the camp trembled.

17 And Moses brought the people out of the camp to meet God, and they stood at the <sup>1</sup>foot of the mountain.

18 <sup>a</sup>Now Mount Sinai *was* all in smoke because the LORD descended upon it <sup>b</sup>in fire; and its smoke ascended like <sup>c</sup>the smoke of a furnace, and <sup>d</sup>the whole mountain <sup>1</sup>quaked violently.

19 When the sound of the trumpet grew louder and louder, Moses spoke and God answered him with <sup>1</sup>thunder.

20 <sup>a</sup>And the LORD came down on Mount Sinai, to the top of the mountain; and the LORD called Moses to the top of the mountain, and Moses went up.

21 Then the LORD spoke to Moses, "Go down, <sup>1</sup>warn the people, lest <sup>a</sup>they break through to the LORD to gaze, and many of them <sup>2</sup>perish.

22 "And also let the <sup>a</sup>priests who come near to the LORD consecrate themselves, lest the LORD break out against them."

23 And Moses said to the LORD, "The people cannot come up to Mount Sinai, for Thou didst <sup>1</sup>warn us, saying, <sup>a</sup>Set bounds about the mountain and consecrate it."

24 Then the LORD said to him, "<sup>1</sup>Go down and come up *again*, <sup>a</sup>you and Aaron with you; but do not let the <sup>b</sup>priests and the people break through to come up to the LORD, lest He break forth upon them."

25 So Moses went down to the people and told them.

**CHAPTER 20**

**T**HEN God spoke all these words, saying,

2 "I am the LORD your God, <sup>a</sup>who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of <sup>1</sup>slavery.

3 "You shall have no other <sup>a</sup>gods <sup>1</sup>before Me.

4 "<sup>a</sup>You shall not make for yourself <sup>1</sup>an idol, or any likeness of what is in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the water under the earth.

5 "<sup>a</sup>You shall not worship them or serve them; for I, the LORD your God, am <sup>a</sup>jealous God, <sup>c</sup>visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children, on the third and the fourth *generations* of those who hate Me,

6 but showing lovingkindness to <sup>a</sup>thousands, to those who love Me and keep My commandments.

7 "<sup>a</sup>You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain, for the LORD will not <sup>1</sup>leave him unpunished who takes His name in vain.

13 <sup>1</sup>I.e., with arrows  
<sup>a</sup>Heb. 12:20 <sup>b</sup>Ex. 19:17

16 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *sounds*  
<sup>a</sup>Heb. 12:18, 19

17 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *lower part*

18 <sup>1</sup>Or, *trembled*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 104:32; 144:5 <sup>b</sup>Deut. 5:4; Heb. 12:18 <sup>c</sup>Gen. 19:28  
<sup>d</sup>Ps. 68:7, 8

19 <sup>1</sup>Or, *a voice*; lit., *a sound*

20 <sup>a</sup>Neh. 9:13

21 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *testify to* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *fall*  
<sup>a</sup>Ex. 3:5; 1 Sam. 6:19

22 <sup>a</sup>Ex. 19:24; 24:5; Lev. 10:3; 21:6-8

23 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *testify to*  
<sup>a</sup>Ex. 19:12

24 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *Go, descend*  
<sup>a</sup>Ex. 24:1, 9, 12 <sup>b</sup>Ex. 19:22

2 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *slaves*  
<sup>a</sup>Ex. 15:13, 16; Deut. 5:6; 7:8

3 <sup>1</sup>Or, *besides Me*  
<sup>a</sup>Ex. 20:23; 15:11

4 <sup>1</sup>Or, *a graven image*  
<sup>a</sup>Lev. 26:1; Deut. 4:15-19; 27:15

5 <sup>a</sup>Ex. 23:24 <sup>b</sup>Ex. 34:14; Deut. 4:24 <sup>c</sup>Ex. 34:6, 7; Deut. 5:9, 10

6 <sup>a</sup>Deut. 7:9

7 <sup>1</sup>Or, *hold him guiltless*  
<sup>a</sup>Lev. 19:12; Deut. 6:13; 10:20

8 <sup>a</sup>Ex. 23:12; 31:15

9 <sup>a</sup>Ex. 34:21; 35: 2, 3

10 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *is in your gates*

11 <sup>a</sup>Ex. 31:17; Gen. 2:2, 3

12 <sup>a</sup>Lev. 19:3; Matt. 15:4; 19:19; Eph. 6:2 <sup>b</sup>Deut. 5:16, 33; 6:2; 11:8, 9

13 <sup>a</sup>Ex. 21:12; Matt. 19:18; Rom. 13:9

14 <sup>a</sup>Lev. 20:10; Matt. 19:18; Rom. 13:9

15 <sup>a</sup>Ex. 21:16; Lev. 19:11, 13; Matt. 19:18; Rom. 13:9

16 <sup>a</sup>Ex. 23:1, 7; Matt. 19:18 <sup>b</sup>Lev. 19:18

17 <sup>a</sup>Rom. 7:7; 13:9

18 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *sounds*  
<sup>a</sup>Ex. 19:16, 18

19 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *with*  
<sup>a</sup>Deut. 5:5, 23-27; Heb. 12:19

20 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *be before*  
<sup>a</sup>Ex. 14:13 <sup>b</sup>Ex. 15:25  
<sup>c</sup>Deut. 4:10; 6:24

21 <sup>a</sup>Ex. 19:16; Deut. 5:22

22 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *with*  
<sup>a</sup>Deut. 4:36; 5:24, 26; Neh. 9:13

23 <sup>a</sup>Ex. 20:3 <sup>b</sup>Deut. 29:17; Ex. 32:1, 2, 4

24 <sup>a</sup>Ex. 20:25; 27:1-8 <sup>b</sup>Ex. 10:25; 18:12 <sup>c</sup>Ex. 24:5  
<sup>d</sup>Deut. 12:5; 26:2

25 <sup>a</sup>Deut. 27:5, 6

26 <sup>a</sup>Ex. 28:42, 43

2 <sup>a</sup>Lev. 25:39-43; Deut. 15:12-18

3 <sup>a</sup>Lit., *by himself*

8 "Remember <sup>a</sup>the sabbath day, to keep it holy.

9 "Six days you shall labor and <sup>a</sup>do all your work,

10 but the seventh day is a sabbath of the LORD your God; *in it* you shall not do any work, you or your son or your daughter, your male or your female servant or your cattle or your sojourner who <sup>1</sup>stays with you.

11 "For in six days the LORD made the heavens and the earth, the sea and all that is in them, and rested on the seventh day; therefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day and made it holy.

12 "Honor your father and your mother, that your <sup>b</sup>days may be prolonged in the land which the LORD your God gives you.

13 "You shall not murder.

14 "You shall not commit adultery.

15 "You shall not steal.

16 "You shall not bear false witness against your <sup>b</sup>neighbor.

17 "You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife or his male servant or his female servant or his ox or his donkey or anything that belongs to your neighbor."

18 <sup>a</sup>And all the people perceived the <sup>1</sup>thunder and the lightning flashes and the sound of the trumpet and the mountain smoking; and when the people saw *it*, they trembled and stood at a distance.

19 <sup>a</sup>Then they said to Moses, "Speak <sup>1</sup>to us yourself and we will listen; but let not God speak <sup>1</sup>to us, lest we die."

20 And Moses said to the people, "<sup>a</sup>Do not be afraid; for God has come in order <sup>b</sup>to test you, and in order that <sup>c</sup>the fear of Him may <sup>1</sup>remain with you, so that you may not sin."

21 So the people stood at a distance, while Moses approached <sup>a</sup>the thick cloud where God was.

22 Then the LORD said to Moses, "Thus you shall say to the sons of Israel, 'You yourselves have seen that <sup>a</sup>I have spoken <sup>1</sup>to you from heaven.

23 'You shall not make *other gods* besides Me; <sup>b</sup>gods of silver or gods of gold, you shall not make for yourselves.

24 'You shall make <sup>a</sup>an altar of earth for Me, and you shall sacrifice on it your <sup>b</sup>burnt offerings and your <sup>c</sup>peace offerings, your sheep and your oxen; in every place <sup>d</sup>where I cause My name to be remembered, I will come to you and bless you.

25 'And if you make an altar of stone for Me, you shall not build it of <sup>a</sup>cut stones, for if you wield your tool on it, you will profane it.

26 'And you shall not go up by steps to My altar, that <sup>a</sup>your nakedness may not be exposed on it.'

CHAPTER 21

"NOW these are the ordinances which you are to set before them.

2 "If you buy <sup>a</sup>a Hebrew slave, he shall serve for six years; but on the seventh he shall go out as a free man without payment.

3 "If he comes <sup>1</sup>alone, he shall go out <sup>1</sup>alone; if he is the husband of a wife, then his wife shall go out with him.

4 "If his master gives him a wife, and she bears him sons or daughters, the wife and her children shall belong to her master, and he shall go out <sup>1</sup>alone.

5 "But if the slave plainly says, 'I love my master, my wife and my children; I will not go out as a free man,'

6 then his master shall bring him to <sup>1a</sup>God, then he shall bring him to the door or the doorpost. And his master shall pierce his ear with an awl; and he shall serve him permanently.

7 "aAnd if a man sells his daughter as a female slave, she is not to <sup>1</sup>go free <sup>bas</sup> the male slaves <sup>1</sup>do.

8 "If she is <sup>1</sup>displeasing in the eyes of her master <sup>2</sup>who designated her for himself, then he shall let her be redeemed. He does not have authority to sell her to a foreign people because of his <sup>3</sup>unfairness to her.

9 "And if he designates her for his son, he shall deal with her according to the custom of daughters.

10 "If he takes to himself another woman, he may not reduce her <sup>1</sup>food, her clothing, or <sup>2</sup>her conjugal rights.

11 "And if he will not do these three *things* for her, then she shall go out for nothing, without *payment* of money.

12 "aHe who strikes a man so that he dies shall surely be put to death.

13 "aBut <sup>1</sup>if he did not lie in wait for *him*, but God let *him* fall into his hand, then I will appoint you a place to which he may flee.

14 "aIf, however, a man acts presumptuously toward his neighbor, so as to kill him craftily, you are to take him *even* from My altar, that he may die.

15 "And he who strikes his father or his mother shall surely be put to death.

16 "aAnd he who <sup>1</sup>kidnaps a man, whether he sells him or he is found in his <sup>2</sup>possession, shall surely be put to death.

17 "aAnd he who curses his father or his mother shall surely be put to death.

18 "And if men have a quarrel and one strikes the other with a stone or with *his* fist, and he does not die but <sup>1</sup>remains in bed;

19 if he gets up and walks around outside on his staff, then he who struck him shall go unpunished; he shall only pay for his <sup>1</sup>loss of time, and <sup>2</sup>shall take care of him until he is completely healed.

20 "And if a man strikes his male or female slave with a rod and he dies <sup>1</sup>at his hand, he shall <sup>2</sup>be punished.

21 "If, however, he <sup>1</sup>survives a day or two, no vengeance shall be taken; <sup>2</sup>for he is his <sup>3</sup>property.

22 "And if men struggle with each other and strike a woman with child so that <sup>1</sup>she has a miscarriage, yet there is no *further* injury, he shall surely be fined as the woman's husband <sup>2</sup>may demand of him; and he shall pay <sup>3</sup>as the judges *decide*.

23 "But if there is *any further* injury, <sup>2</sup>then you shall appoint as a *penalty* life for life,

24 <sup>2</sup>eye for eye, tooth for tooth, hand for hand, foot for foot,

25 burn for burn, wound for wound, <sup>1</sup>bruise for bruise.

26 "And if a man strikes the eye of his male or female slave, and destroys it, he shall let him go free on account of his eye.

4 <sup>1</sup>Lit., by himself

6 <sup>1</sup>Or, the judges who acted in God's name  
+Ex. 22:8, 9, 28

7 <sup>1</sup>Lit., go out  
+Neh. 5:5 <sup>b</sup>Ex. 21:2, 3

8 <sup>1</sup>Lit., bad <sup>2</sup>Another reading is, so that he did not designate her <sup>3</sup>Lit., dealing treacherously

10 <sup>1</sup>Lit., flesh  
+1 Cor. 7:3, 5

12 +Gen. 9:6; Lev. 24:17

13 <sup>1</sup>Lit., he who  
+Num. 35:10-34; Deut. 19:1-13; Josh. 20:1-9

14 +1 Kin. 2:28-34

16 <sup>1</sup>Lit., steals <sup>2</sup>Lit., hand  
+Deut. 24:7

17 +Lev. 20:9; Matt. 15:4; Mark 7:10

18 <sup>1</sup>Lit., lies

19 <sup>1</sup>Lit., his sitting <sup>2</sup>Lit., healing, he shall cause to be healed

20 <sup>1</sup>Lit., under <sup>2</sup>Lit., suffer vengeance

21 <sup>1</sup>Lit., stands <sup>2</sup>Lit., money  
+Lev. 25:44-46

22 <sup>1</sup>Lit., her children come out <sup>2</sup>Lit., lays on him <sup>3</sup>Lit., by arbitration

23 +Lev. 24:19; Deut. 19:21

24 +Lev. 24:20; Matt. 5:38

25 <sup>1</sup>Lit., welt

27 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *causes to fall*

28 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *so that he dies*  
<sup>2</sup>Gen. 9:5

30 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *laid on him*

31 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *gores a daughter*  
<sup>2</sup>Lit., *this judgment*

32 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *he*  
<sup>2</sup>Zech. 11:12; Matt. 26:15

33 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *if a man digs*

34 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *give back*

<sup>1</sup> Ch. 21:37 in Heb.  
<sup>2</sup> Sam. 12:6; Luke 19:8

2 <sup>1</sup> Ch. 22:1 in Heb. <sup>2</sup> Lit.,  
*found*

3 <sup>1</sup> i.e., if he is killed

4 <sup>1</sup> Lit., *hand*

7 <sup>1</sup> Lit., *found*  
<sup>2</sup> Lev. 6:1-7

8 <sup>1</sup> Lit., *found* <sup>2</sup> Lit.,  
*approach to* <sup>3</sup> Or, *God*  
<sup>4</sup> Lit., *stretched his hand*  
<sup>5</sup> Ex. 22:9, 28; 21:6; Deut.  
17:8, 9; 19:17

9 <sup>1</sup> Or, *matter of*  
*transgression* <sup>2</sup> Lit., *matter*  
<sup>3</sup> Or, *God*  
<sup>4</sup> Ex. 22:8, 28

27 "And if he <sup>1</sup>knocks out a tooth of his male or female slave, he shall let him go free on account of his tooth.

28 "And if an ox gores a man or a woman <sup>1</sup>to death, <sup>2</sup>the ox shall surely be stoned and its flesh shall not be eaten; but the owner of the ox shall go unpunished.

29 "If, however, an ox was previously in the habit of goring, and its owner has been warned, yet he does not confine it, and it kills a man or a woman, the ox shall be stoned and its owner also shall be put to death.

30 "If a ransom is <sup>1</sup>demanded of him, then he shall give for the redemption of his life whatever is <sup>1</sup>demanded of him.

31 "Whether it gores a son or <sup>1</sup>a daughter, it shall be done to him according to <sup>2</sup>the same rule.

32 "If the ox gores a male or female slave, the <sup>1</sup>owner shall give his *or her* master <sup>2</sup>thirty shekels of silver, and the ox shall be stoned.

33 "And if a man opens a pit, or <sup>1</sup>digs a pit and does not cover it over, and an ox or a donkey falls into it,

34 the owner of the pit shall make restitution; he shall <sup>1</sup>give money to its owner, and the dead *animal* shall become his.

35 "And if one man's ox hurts another's so that it dies, then they shall sell the live ox and divide its price equally; and also they shall divide the dead ox.

36 "Or *if* it is known that the ox was previously in the habit of goring, yet its owner has not confined it, he shall surely pay ox for ox, and the dead *animal* shall become his.

## CHAPTER 22

**41** IF a man steals an ox or a sheep, and slaughters it or sells it, he shall pay five oxen for the ox and <sup>3</sup>four sheep for the sheep.

2 "If the thief is <sup>2</sup>caught while breaking in, and is struck so that he dies, there will be no bloodguiltiness on his account.

3 "But if the sun has risen on him, there will be <sup>1</sup>bloodguiltiness on his account. He shall surely make restitution; if he owns nothing, then he shall be sold for his theft.

4 "If what he stole is actually found alive in his <sup>1</sup>possession, whether an ox or a donkey or a sheep, he shall pay double.

5 "If a man lets a field or vineyard be grazed *bare* and lets his animal loose so that it grazes in another man's field, he shall make restitution from the best of his own field and the best of his own vineyard.

6 "If a fire breaks out and spreads to thorn bushes, so that stacked grain or the standing grain or the field *itself* is consumed, he who started the fire shall surely make restitution.

7 "If a man gives his neighbor money or goods to keep for *him*, and it is stolen from the man's house, if the thief is <sup>1</sup>caught, he shall pay double.

8 "If the thief is not <sup>1</sup>caught, then the owner of the house shall <sup>2</sup>appear before <sup>3</sup>the judges, to determine whether he <sup>4</sup>laid his hands on his neighbor's property.

9 "For every <sup>1</sup>breach of trust, *whether it is* for ox, for donkey, for sheep, for clothing, *or* for any lost thing about which one says, 'This is it,' the <sup>2</sup>case of both parties shall come before <sup>3</sup>the judges; he whom <sup>3</sup>the judges condemn shall pay double to his neighbor.



10 "If a man gives his neighbor a donkey, an ox, a sheep, or any animal to keep for him, and it dies or is hurt or is driven away while no one is looking,

11 an oath before the LORD shall be made by the two of them, <sup>1</sup>that he has not <sup>2</sup>laid hands on his neighbor's property; and its owner shall accept it, and he shall not make restitution.

12 "But if it is actually stolen from him, he shall make restitution to its owner.

13 "If it is all torn to pieces, let him bring it as evidence; he shall not make restitution for what has been torn to pieces.

14 "And if a man <sup>1</sup>borrow *anything* from his neighbor, and it is injured or dies while its owner is not with it, he shall make full restitution.

15 "If its owner is with it, he shall not make restitution; if it is hired, it came for its hire.

16 "And if a man seduces a virgin who is not engaged, and lies with her, he must pay a dowry for her to be his wife.

17 "If her father absolutely refuses to give her to him, he shall <sup>1</sup>pay money equal to the dowry for virgins.

18 "You shall not allow a <sup>a</sup>sorceress to live.

19 "Whoever lies with an animal shall surely be put to death.

20 "He who sacrifices to <sup>1</sup>any god, other than to the LORD alone, shall be <sup>2</sup>utterly destroyed.

21 "And you shall not wrong <sup>a</sup>a stranger or oppress him, for you were strangers in the land of Egypt.

22 "You shall not afflict any widow or orphan.

23 "If you afflict him at all, *and* <sup>a</sup>if he does cry out to Me, <sup>b</sup>I will surely hear his cry;

24 and My anger will be kindled, and I will kill you with the sword; <sup>a</sup>and your wives shall become widows and your children fatherless.

25 "If you lend money to My people, to the poor <sup>1</sup>among you, you are not to <sup>2</sup>act as a creditor to him; you shall not <sup>3</sup>charge him <sup>b</sup>interest.

26 "If you ever take your neighbor's cloak as a pledge, you are to return it to him before the sun sets,

27 for that is his only covering; it is his cloak for his <sup>1</sup>body. What else shall he sleep in? And it shall come about that <sup>a</sup>when he cries out to Me, I will hear him, for I am gracious.

28 "You shall not <sup>1</sup>curse God, <sup>b</sup>nor curse a ruler of your people.

29 "You shall not delay *the offering from* <sup>1</sup>your harvest and your vintage. <sup>b</sup>The first-born of your sons you shall give to Me.

30 "You shall do the same with your oxen *and* with your sheep. It shall be with its mother seven days; <sup>a</sup>on the eighth day you shall give it to Me.

31 "And you shall be holy men to Me, therefore <sup>b</sup>you shall not eat *any* flesh torn to pieces in the field; you shall throw it to the dogs.

11 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *whether* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *stretched his hand*

14 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *asks*

16 <sup>a</sup>Deut. 22:28, 29

17 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *weigh out silver*

18 <sup>a</sup>Lev. 20:27; Deut. 18:10; Jer. 27:9, 10

19 <sup>a</sup>Lev. 18:23; 20:15, 16; Deut. 27:21

20 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *the gods* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *put under the ban*  
<sup>a</sup>Ex. 32:8; 34:15; Lev. 17:7

21 <sup>a</sup>Lev. 19:33, 34; Deut. 1:16; 27:19

22 <sup>a</sup>Deut. 24:17, 18; Prov. 23:10, 11; Jer. 7:6, 7; 23:3

23 <sup>a</sup>Deut. 15:9; Luke 18:7;  
<sup>b</sup>Deut. 10:18; Ps. 10:14, 17, 18; 68:5

24 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 109:2, 9

25 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *with* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *be*  
<sup>3</sup>Lit., *lay upon*  
<sup>a</sup>Lev. 25:35-37 <sup>b</sup>Deut. 23:19, 20

27 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *skin*  
<sup>a</sup>Ex. 22:23

28 <sup>1</sup>Or, *revile*  
<sup>a</sup>Lev. 24:15, 16 <sup>b</sup>Acts 23:5

29 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *your fullness and your tears*  
<sup>a</sup>Ex. 23:16, 19; Deut. 26:2-11 <sup>b</sup>Ex. 13:2

30 <sup>a</sup>Gen. 17:12; Lev. 12:3

31 <sup>a</sup>Ex. 19:6; Lev. 11:44  
<sup>b</sup>Lev. 7:24; 17:15

1 <sup>a</sup>Ex. 20:16 <sup>b</sup>Deut. 19:16-21; Ps. 35:11

CHAPTER 23

“<sup>a</sup>YOU shall not carry a false rumor; do not join your hand with a wicked man to be a <sup>b</sup>malicious witness.

2 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *many men* <sup>2</sup>Or, *answer*  
<sup>a</sup>Deut. 16:19; 24:17

3 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *honor*  
<sup>a</sup>Ex. 23:6; Lev. 19:15; Deut. 1:17; 16:19

4 <sup>a</sup>Deut. 22:1-4

6 <sup>a</sup>Ex. 23:2, 3

7 <sup>a</sup>Ex. 20:16; Ps. 119:29  
<sup>b</sup>Ex. 20:13; Deut. 27:25  
<sup>c</sup>Ex. 34:7; Deut. 25:1; Rom. 1:18

8 <sup>1</sup>Or, *distorts the words*  
<sup>a</sup>Deut. 10:17; 16:19; Prov. 17:23; Is. 5:22, 23

9 <sup>1</sup>Or, *sojourner(s)* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *soul*  
<sup>a</sup>Ex. 22:21

10 <sup>a</sup>Lev. 25:1-7; Ex. 23:29

11 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *drop*

12 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *the sojourner*  
<sup>a</sup>Ex. 20:8-11; 31:15; 35:2, 3

13 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *on*  
<sup>a</sup>Deut. 4:9, 23 <sup>b</sup>Josh. 23:7; Ps. 16:4

14 <sup>a</sup>Ex. 34:22-24; Deut. 16:16

15 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *they . . . not*  
<sup>a</sup>Ex. 12:2; 13:4 <sup>b</sup>Ex. 22:29; 34:20

16 <sup>a</sup>Ex. 34:22

17 <sup>1</sup>YHWH usually rendered LORD  
<sup>a</sup>Ex. 23:14

18 <sup>1</sup>Or, *festival*  
<sup>a</sup>Ex. 34:25; Lev. 2:11 <sup>b</sup>Ex. 12:10; Lev. 7:15

19 <sup>a</sup>Ex. 22:29; 34:26  
<sup>b</sup>Deut. 14:21

20 <sup>a</sup>Ex. 23:23; 3:2; 14:19; 32:34; 33:2 <sup>b</sup>Ex. 15:16, 17

21 <sup>a</sup>Deut. 9:7 <sup>b</sup>Ex. 3:14; 6:3; 34:5-7

2 "You shall not follow <sup>1</sup>a multitude in doing evil, nor shall you <sup>2</sup>testify in a dispute so as to turn aside after <sup>1</sup>a multitude in order to <sup>a</sup>pervert *justice*;

3 <sup>a</sup>nor shall you <sup>1</sup>be partial to a poor man in his dispute.

4 "If you meet your enemy's ox or his donkey wandering away, you shall surely return it to him.

5 "If you see the donkey of one who hates you lying *helpless* under its load, you shall refrain from leaving it to him, you shall surely release it with him.

6 "You shall not pervert the justice *due* to your needy *brother* in his dispute.

7 "Keep far from a false charge, and do not <sup>b</sup>kill the innocent or the righteous, for <sup>c</sup>I will not acquit the guilty.

8 "And you shall not take a bribe, for a bribe blinds the clear-sighted and <sup>1</sup>subverts the cause of the just.

9 "And you shall not oppress a <sup>1</sup>stranger, since you yourselves know the <sup>2</sup>feelings of a <sup>1</sup>stranger, for you *also* were <sup>1</sup>strangers in the land of Egypt.

10 "And you shall sow your land for six years and gather in its yield,

11 but *on* the seventh year you shall let it <sup>1</sup>rest and lie fallow, so that the needy of your people may eat; and whatever they leave the beast of the field may eat. You are to do the same with your vineyard *and* your olive grove.

12 "Six days you are to do your work, but on the seventh day you shall cease *from labor* in order that your ox and your donkey may rest, and the son of your female slave, as well as <sup>1</sup>your stranger, may refresh themselves.

13 "Now <sup>a</sup>concerning everything which I have said to you, be on your guard; and <sup>b</sup>do not mention the name of other gods, nor let *them* be heard <sup>1</sup>from your mouth.

14 "Three times a year you shall celebrate a feast to Me.

15 "You shall observe the Feast of Unleavened Bread; for seven days you are to eat unleavened bread, as I commanded you, at the appointed time in the <sup>a</sup>month Abib, for in it you came out of Egypt. And <sup>1</sup>none shall appear before Me empty-handed.

16 "Also you shall observe <sup>a</sup>the Feast of the Harvest of the first fruits of your labors *from* what you sow in the field; also the Feast of the Ingathering at the end of the year when you gather in *the fruit* of your labors from the field.

17 "Three times a year all your males shall appear before the Lord <sup>1</sup>God.

18 "You shall not offer the blood of My sacrifice with unleavened bread; <sup>b</sup>nor is the fat of My <sup>1</sup>feast to remain overnight until morning.

19 "You shall bring <sup>a</sup>the choice first fruits of your soil into the house of the LORD your God. <sup>b</sup>You are not to boil a kid in the milk of its mother.

20 "Behold, I am going to send <sup>a</sup>an angel before you to guard you along the way, and <sup>b</sup>to bring you into the place which I have prepared.

21 "Be on your guard before him and obey his voice; <sup>a</sup>do not be rebellious toward him, for he will not pardon your transgression, since <sup>b</sup>My name is in him.

22 "But if you will truly obey his voice and do all that I say,

then <sup>a</sup>I will be an enemy to your enemies and an adversary to your adversaries.

23 <sup>a</sup>For My angel will go before you and bring you in to the land of the Amorites, the Hittites, the Perizzites, the Canaanites, the Hivites and the Jebusites; and I will completely destroy them.

24 <sup>a</sup>You shall not worship their gods, nor serve them, nor do according to their deeds; <sup>b</sup>but you shall utterly overthrow them, and break their <sup>c</sup>sacred pillars in pieces.

25 <sup>a</sup>But you shall serve the LORD your God, <sup>1</sup>and He will bless your bread and your water; and <sup>b</sup>I will remove sickness from your midst.

26 <sup>a</sup>There shall be no one miscarrying or <sup>a</sup>barren in your land; <sup>b</sup>I will fulfill the number of your days.

27 <sup>a</sup>I will <sup>a</sup>send My terror ahead of you, and throw into confusion all the people among whom you come, and I will make all your enemies turn *their* backs to you.

28 <sup>a</sup>And I will send <sup>a</sup>hornets ahead of you, that they may <sup>b</sup>drive out the Hivites, the Canaanites, and the Hittites before you.

29 <sup>a</sup>I will not drive them out before you in a single year, that the land may not become desolate, and the beasts of the field become too numerous for you.

30 <sup>a</sup>I will drive them out before you <sup>a</sup>little by little, until you become fruitful and take possession of the land.

31 <sup>a</sup>And I will fix your boundary from the <sup>1</sup>Red Sea to the sea of the Philistines, and from the wilderness to the River *Euphrates*; <sup>b</sup>for I will deliver the inhabitants of the land into your hand, and <sup>c</sup>you will drive them out before you.

32 <sup>a</sup>You shall <sup>1</sup>make no covenant with them <sup>b</sup>or with their gods.

33 <sup>a</sup>They shall not live in your land, lest they make you sin against Me; for *if* you serve their gods, it will surely be a snare to you."

CHAPTER 24

**T**HEN He said to Moses, <sup>a</sup>"Come up to the LORD, you and Aaron, <sup>b</sup>Nadab and Abihu and seventy of the elders of Israel, and you shall worship at a distance.

2 <sup>a</sup>"Moses alone, however, shall come near to the LORD, but they shall not come near, nor shall the people come up with him."

3 Then Moses came and recounted to the people all the words of the LORD and all the <sup>1</sup>ordinances; and all the people answered with one voice, and said, <sup>a</sup>"All the words which the LORD has spoken we will do!"

4 And <sup>a</sup>Moses wrote down all the words of the LORD. Then he arose early in the morning, and built an <sup>a</sup>altar <sup>1</sup>at the foot of the mountain with twelve pillars for the twelve tribes of Israel.

5 And he sent young men of the sons of Israel, <sup>a</sup>and they offered burnt offerings and sacrificed young bulls as peace offerings to the LORD.

6 And <sup>a</sup>Moses took half of the blood and put *it* in basins, and the *other* half of the blood he sprinkled on the altar.

22 <sup>a</sup>Gen. 12:3; Num. 24:9; Deut. 30:7

23 <sup>a</sup>Josh. 24:11

24 <sup>a</sup>Ex. 23:13, 33; 20:5  
<sup>b</sup>Num. 33:52; Deut. 7:5; 12:3; 2 Kin. 18:4  
<sup>c</sup>Ex. 34:13; Lev. 26:1; 2 Kin. 3:2

25 <sup>1</sup>Or, *that He may bless*  
<sup>a</sup>Lev. 26:13; Deut. 28:1-14  
<sup>b</sup>Ex. 15:26; Deut. 7:15

26 <sup>a</sup>Deut. 7:14  
<sup>b</sup>Deut. 4:40; Job 5:26

27 <sup>a</sup>Ex. 15:16  
<sup>b</sup>Deut. 7:23

28 <sup>a</sup>Deut. 7:20; Josh. 24:12  
<sup>b</sup>Ex. 33:2; 34:11

30 <sup>a</sup>Deut. 7:22

31 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *Sea of Reeds*  
<sup>a</sup>Gen. 15:18; Deut. 1:7, 8  
<sup>b</sup>Deut. 2:36; Josh. 21:44  
<sup>c</sup>Josh. 24:12, 18

32 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *cut*  
<sup>a</sup>Ex. 34:12; Deut. 7:2  
<sup>b</sup>Ex. 23:13, 24

33 <sup>a</sup>Deut. 7:1-5, 16

1 <sup>a</sup>Ex. 19:24  
<sup>b</sup>Ex. 6:23; Lev. 10:1, 2

3 <sup>1</sup>Or, *judgments*  
<sup>a</sup>Ex. 24:7; 19:8

4 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *under*  
<sup>a</sup>Ex. 17:14; 34:27  
<sup>b</sup>Ex. 17:15

5 <sup>a</sup>Ex. 18:12

6 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 99:6

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7 <sup>a</sup>Ex. 24:4 <sup>b</sup>Ex. 24:3

8 <sup>1</sup>Lit., cut <sup>2</sup>Lit., on all  
<sup>a</sup>Heb. 9:19, 20 <sup>b</sup>Matt.  
26:28; Luke 22:20; 1 Cor.  
11:25; Zech. 9:11

9 <sup>1</sup>Lit., and  
<sup>a</sup>Ex. 24:1

10 <sup>1</sup>Lit., like a pavement  
<sup>2</sup>Lit., and as  
<sup>a</sup>Ex. 24:11; Num. 12:8; Is.  
6:5; John 1:18; 6:46 <sup>b</sup>Ezek.  
1:26; Matt. 17:2; Rev. 4:3

11 <sup>a</sup>Ex. 24:10

12 <sup>1</sup>Lit., be <sup>2</sup>Lit., and  
<sup>a</sup>Ex. 31:18

13 <sup>1</sup>Lit., and <sup>2</sup>Or., minister  
<sup>a</sup>Ex. 17:9-14; 33:11 <sup>b</sup>Ex. 3:1

14 <sup>1</sup>Lit., is a master of  
matters  
<sup>a</sup>Gen. 22:5 <sup>b</sup>Ex. 17:10, 12

15 <sup>a</sup>Ex. 19:9

16 <sup>1</sup>Lit., dwell  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 99:7

17 <sup>a</sup>Ex. 3:2; Ezek. 1:28  
<sup>b</sup>Deut. 4:24; 9:3; Heb.  
12:29

18 <sup>1</sup>Lit., and  
<sup>a</sup>Ex. 34:28; Deut. 9:9; 10:10

2 <sup>1</sup>Lit., take <sup>2</sup>Or., heave  
offering  
<sup>a</sup>Ex. 35:4-9 <sup>b</sup>Ex. 35:5, 21;  
2 Cor. 8:11, 12

3 <sup>1</sup>Or., heave offering  
<sup>2</sup>Lit., take

4 <sup>1</sup>Or., violet

5 <sup>1</sup>Or., dolphin

7 <sup>1</sup>Or., pouch

8 <sup>a</sup>Ex. 29:45, 46; Num.  
5:3; Deut. 12:11; Rev. 21:3

9 <sup>a</sup>Ex. 25:40; 26:30; Acts  
7:44; Heb. 8:2, 5

7 Then he took <sup>a</sup>the book of the covenant and read it in the hearing of the people; and they said, <sup>b</sup>“All that the LORD has spoken we will do, and we will be obedient!”

8 So <sup>a</sup>Moses took the blood and sprinkled it on the people, and said, “Behold, <sup>b</sup>the blood of the covenant, which the LORD has <sup>1</sup>made with you <sup>2</sup>in accordance with all these words.”

9 Then Moses went up <sup>1</sup>with Aaron, <sup>a</sup>Nadab and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel,

10 and <sup>a</sup>they saw the God of Israel; and under His feet <sup>1</sup>there appeared to be a pavement of sapphire, <sup>2</sup>as clear as the sky itself.

11 Yet He did not stretch out His hand against the nobles of the sons of Israel; and <sup>a</sup>they beheld God, and they ate and drank.

12 Now the LORD said to Moses, “Come up to Me on the mountain and <sup>1</sup>remain there, and <sup>a</sup>I will give you the stone tablets <sup>2</sup>with the law and the commandment which I have written for their instruction.”

13 So Moses arose <sup>1</sup>with <sup>a</sup>Joshua his <sup>2</sup>servant, and Moses went up to <sup>b</sup>the mountain of God.

14 But to the elders he said, <sup>a</sup>“Wait here for us until we return to you. And behold, <sup>b</sup>Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever <sup>1</sup>has a legal matter, let him approach them.”

15 Then Moses went up to the mountain, and <sup>a</sup>the cloud covered the mountain.

16 And the glory of the LORD <sup>1</sup>rested on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; and on the seventh day He <sup>a</sup>called to Moses from the midst of the cloud.

17 <sup>a</sup>And to the eyes of the sons of Israel the appearance of the glory of the LORD was like a <sup>b</sup>consuming fire on the mountain top.

18 And Moses entered the midst of the cloud <sup>1</sup>as he went up to the mountain; and Moses was on the mountain <sup>a</sup>forty days and forty nights.

**CHAPTER 25**

**T**HEN the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,

2 <sup>a</sup>“Tell the sons of Israel to <sup>1</sup>raise a <sup>2</sup>contribution for Me; <sup>b</sup>from every man whose heart moves him you shall <sup>1</sup>raise My <sup>2</sup>contribution.

3 <sup>a</sup>“And this is the <sup>1</sup>contribution which you are to <sup>2</sup>raise from them: gold, silver and bronze,

4 <sup>1</sup>blue, purple and scarlet *material*, fine linen, goat *hair*,

5 rams’ skins dyed red, <sup>1</sup>porpoise skins, acacia wood,

6 oil for lighting, spices for the anointing oil and for the fragrant incense,

7 onyx stones and setting stones, for the ephod and for the <sup>1</sup>breastpiece.

8 <sup>a</sup>“And let them construct a sanctuary for Me, <sup>a</sup>that I may dwell among them.

9 <sup>a</sup>“According to all that I am going to show you, *as* the pattern of the tabernacle and the pattern of all its furniture, just so you shall construct it.

## Directions Concerning the Ark, Table of Showbread, and the Lampstand.

## Exodus 25

10 "And they shall construct an ark of acacia wood two and a half cubits long, and one and a half cubits wide, and one and a half cubits high.

11 "And you shall overlay it with pure gold, inside and out you shall overlay it, and you shall make a gold molding around it.

12 "And you shall cast four gold rings for it, and fasten them on its four feet, and two rings shall be on one side of it and two rings on the other side of it.

13 "And you shall make poles of acacia wood and overlay them with gold.

14 "And you shall put the poles into the rings on the sides of the ark, to carry the ark with them.

15 "The poles shall remain in the rings of the ark; they shall not be removed from it.

16 "And you shall put into the ark the testimony which I shall give you.

17 "And you shall make a mercy seat of pure gold, two and a half cubits long and one and a half cubits wide.

18 "And you shall make two cherubim of gold, make them of hammered work at the two ends of the mercy seat.

19 "And make one cherub at one end and one cherub at the other end; you shall make the cherubim of one piece with the mercy seat at its two ends.

20 "And the cherubim shall have their wings spread upward, covering the mercy seat with their wings and facing one another; the faces of the cherubim are to be turned toward the mercy seat.

21 "And you shall put the mercy seat on top of the ark, and in the ark you shall put the testimony which I shall give to you.

22 "And there I will meet with you, and from above the mercy seat, from between the two cherubim which are upon the ark of the testimony, I will speak to you about all that I will give you in commandment for the sons of Israel.

23 "And you shall make a table of acacia wood, two cubits long and one cubit wide and one and a half cubits high.

24 "And you shall overlay it with pure gold and make a gold border around it.

25 "And you shall make for it a rim of a handbreadth around it; and you shall make a gold border for the rim around it.

26 "And you shall make four gold rings for it and put rings on the four corners which are on its four feet.

27 "The rings shall be close to the rim as holders for the poles to carry the table.

28 "And you shall make the poles of acacia wood and overlay them with gold, so that with them the table may be carried.

29 "And you shall make its dishes and its pans and its jars and its bowls, with which to pour libations; you shall make them of pure gold.

30 "And you shall set the bread of the Presence on the table before Me at all times.

31 "Then you shall make a lampstand of pure gold. The lampstand and its base and its shaft are to be made of hammered work; its cups, its bulbs and its flowers shall be of one piece with it.

10<sup>1</sup>A cubit was about 18 in.<sup>2</sup>Lit., its length<sup>3</sup>Lit., its width<sup>4</sup>Lit., its height<sup>5</sup>Ex. 37:1-9

11<sup>1</sup>Lit., on it round about<sup>2</sup>Heb. 9:4

12<sup>1</sup>Or, put

15<sup>1</sup>Lit., be

16<sup>1</sup>Heb. 9:4

17<sup>1</sup>Lit., propitiatory; and so through v. 22<sup>2</sup>i.e., one cubit equals approximately 18 inches<sup>3</sup>Lit., its length<sup>4</sup>Lit., its width

18<sup>1</sup>Lit., from

19<sup>1</sup>Lit., from

20<sup>1</sup>Lit., their faces to<sup>1</sup>Kin. 8:7; Heb. 9:5

21<sup>1</sup>Lit., above, upon

22<sup>1</sup>Ex. 29:42, 43; 30:6, 36

23<sup>1</sup>Lit., its length<sup>2</sup>Lit., its width<sup>3</sup>Lit., its height<sup>4</sup>Ex. 37:10-16

24<sup>1</sup>Ex. 25:11

29<sup>1</sup>Or, platters<sup>2</sup>Lit., libation bowls

30<sup>1</sup>Lit., Face<sup>2</sup>Or, continually<sup>3</sup>Ex. 39:36; 40:23; Lev. 24:5-9

31<sup>1</sup>Or, calyx<sup>2</sup>Ex. 37:17-24

32 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *second*33 <sup>1</sup>Or, *calyx* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *one branch*34 <sup>1</sup>Or, *calyxes*35 <sup>1</sup>Or, *calyx*36 <sup>1</sup>Or, *calyxes*37 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *raise up*38 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *its snuff dishes*40 <sup>a</sup>Heb. 8:5 <sup>b</sup>Ex. 25:9<sup>1</sup> <sup>1</sup>Or, *violet*  
<sup>2</sup>Ex. 36:8-19<sup>2</sup> <sup>1</sup>E., *One cubit equals approximately 18 inches*  
<sup>2</sup>Lit., *one measure*<sup>3</sup> <sup>1</sup>Or, *coupled*<sup>4</sup> <sup>1</sup>Or, *violet* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *one curtain from the end in the coupling* <sup>3</sup>Lit., *coupling*<sup>5</sup> <sup>1</sup>Lit., *end* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *coupling*<sup>6</sup> <sup>1</sup>Or, *couple* <sup>2</sup>Or, *dwelling place, and so throughout the chap.*<sup>8</sup> <sup>1</sup>E., *one cubit equals approximately 18 inches*  
<sup>2</sup>Lit., *one measure*<sup>9</sup> <sup>1</sup>Or, *couple* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *toward the front of the face of the tent*

32 "And six branches shall go out from its sides; three branches of the lampstand from its one side, and three branches of the lampstand from its <sup>1</sup>other side.

33 "Three cups *shall be* shaped like almond blossoms in the one branch, a <sup>1</sup>bulb and a flower, and three cups shaped like almond blossoms in the <sup>2</sup>other branch, a <sup>1</sup>bulb and a flower—so for six branches going out from the lampstand;

34 and in the lampstand four cups shaped like almond blossoms, its <sup>1</sup>bulbs and its flowers.

35 "And a <sup>1</sup>bulb shall be under the *first* pair of branches coming out of it, and a <sup>1</sup>bulb under the *second* pair of branches coming out of it, and a <sup>1</sup>bulb under the *third* pair of branches coming out of it, for the six branches coming out of the lampstand.

36 "Their <sup>1</sup>bulbs and their branches *shall be of one piece* with it; all of it shall be one piece of hammered work of pure gold.

37 "Then you shall make its lamps seven *in number*; and they shall <sup>1</sup>mount its lamps so as to shed light on the space in front of it.

38 "And its snuffers and <sup>1</sup>their trays *shall be* of pure gold.

39 "It shall be made from a talent of pure gold, with all these utensils.

40 "And <sup>a</sup>see that you make *them* <sup>b</sup>after the pattern for them, which was shown to you on the mountain.

## CHAPTER 26

<sup>a</sup> **MOREOVER** you shall make the tabernacle with ten curtains of fine twisted linen and <sup>1</sup>blue and purple and scarlet material; you shall make them with cherubim, the work of a skillful workman.

<sup>2</sup> "The length of each curtain shall be twenty-eight <sup>1</sup>cubits, and the width of each curtain four <sup>1</sup>cubits; all the curtains shall have <sup>2</sup>the same measurements.

<sup>3</sup> "Five curtains shall be <sup>1</sup>joined to one another; and the other five curtains *shall be* <sup>1</sup>joined to one another.

<sup>4</sup> "And you shall make loops of <sup>1</sup>blue on the edge of the <sup>2</sup>outermost curtain in the *first* set, and likewise you shall make *them* on the edge of the curtain that is outermost in the second <sup>3</sup>set.

<sup>5</sup> "You shall make fifty loops in the one curtain, and you shall make fifty loops on the <sup>1</sup>edge of the curtain that is in the second <sup>2</sup>set; the loops shall be opposite each other.

<sup>6</sup> "And you shall make fifty clasps of gold, and <sup>1</sup>join the curtains to one another with the clasps, that the <sup>2</sup>tabernacle may be a unit.

<sup>7</sup> "Then you shall make curtains of goats' hair for a tent over the tabernacle; you shall make eleven curtains in all.

<sup>8</sup> "The length of each curtain *shall be* thirty <sup>1</sup>cubits, and the width of each curtain four cubits; the eleven curtains shall have <sup>2</sup>the same measurements.

<sup>9</sup> "And you shall <sup>1</sup>join five curtains by themselves, and the other six curtains by themselves, and you shall double over the sixth curtain <sup>2</sup>at the front of the tent.

<sup>10</sup> "And you shall make fifty loops on the edge of the

<sup>1</sup>curtain that is outermost in the *first* <sup>2</sup>set, and fifty loops on the edge of the curtain *that is outermost in* the second <sup>2</sup>set.

11 "And you shall make fifty clasps of <sup>1</sup>bronze, and you shall put the clasps into the loops and <sup>2</sup>join the tent together, that it may be <sup>3</sup>a unit.

12 "And the <sup>1</sup>overlapping part that is left over in the curtains of the tent, the half curtain that is left over, shall lap over the back of the tabernacle.

13 "And the cubit on one side and the cubit on the other, of what is left over in the length of the curtains of the tent, shall lap over the sides of the tabernacle on one side and on the other, to cover it.

14 "And you shall make a covering for the tent of rams' skins <sup>1</sup>dyed red, and a covering of <sup>2</sup>porpoise skins above.

15 "Then you shall make <sup>2</sup>the boards for the tabernacle of acacia wood, standing upright.

16 "Ten cubits *shall be* the length of <sup>1</sup>each board, and one and a half cubits the width of each board.

17 "There *shall be* two tenons for each board, <sup>1</sup>fitted to one another; thus you shall do for all the boards of the tabernacle.

18 "And you shall make the boards for the tabernacle: twenty boards <sup>1</sup>for the south side.

19 "And you shall make forty <sup>1</sup>sockets of silver under the twenty boards, two <sup>1</sup>sockets under one board for its two tenons and two <sup>1</sup>sockets under another board for its two tenons;

20 and for the second side of the tabernacle, on the north side, twenty boards,

21 and their forty <sup>1</sup>sockets of silver; two <sup>1</sup>sockets under one board and two <sup>1</sup>sockets under another board.

22 "And for the <sup>1</sup>rear of the tabernacle, to the west, you shall make six boards.

23 "And you shall make two boards for the corners of the tabernacle at the <sup>1</sup>rear.

24 "And they shall be double beneath, and together they shall be complete <sup>1</sup>to its top <sup>2</sup>to the first ring; thus it shall be with both of them: they shall form the two corners.

25 "And there shall be eight boards with their <sup>1</sup>sockets of silver, sixteen <sup>1</sup>sockets; two <sup>1</sup>sockets under one board and two <sup>1</sup>sockets under another board.

26 "Then you shall make bars of acacia wood, five for the boards of one side of the tabernacle,

27 and five bars for the boards of the <sup>1</sup>other side of the tabernacle, and five bars for the boards of the side of the tabernacle for the <sup>2</sup>rear side to the west.

28 "And the middle bar in the <sup>1</sup>center of the boards shall pass through from end to end.

29 "And you shall overlay the boards with gold and make their rings of gold *as* holders for the bars; and you shall overlay the bars with gold.

30 "Then you shall erect the tabernacle <sup>2</sup>according to its plan which you have been shown in the mountain.

31 "And you shall make <sup>2</sup>a veil of <sup>1</sup>blue and purple and scarlet *material* and fine twisted linen; it shall be made with cherubim, the work of a skillful workman.

10 <sup>1</sup>Lit., one curtain <sup>2</sup>Lit., coupling

11 <sup>1</sup>Or, copper <sup>2</sup>Or, couple <sup>3</sup>Lit., one

12 <sup>1</sup>Lit., excess

14 <sup>1</sup>Or, tanned <sup>2</sup>Or, dolphin

15 <sup>2</sup>Ex. 36:20-34

16 <sup>1</sup>Lit., the

17 <sup>1</sup>Lit., bound

18 <sup>1</sup>Lit., toward the side of the Negev to the south

19 <sup>1</sup>Or, bases

21 <sup>1</sup>Or, bases

22 <sup>1</sup>Lit., extreme parts

23 <sup>1</sup>Lit., extreme parts

24 <sup>1</sup>Or, at its head <sup>2</sup>Or, with reference to ...

25 <sup>1</sup>Or, bases

27 <sup>1</sup>Lit., second <sup>2</sup>Lit., extreme parts

28 <sup>1</sup>Lit., midst

30 <sup>2</sup>Ex. 25:9

31 <sup>1</sup>Or, violet  
<sup>2</sup>Ex. 36:35, 36; Matt. 27:51; Heb. 9:3

32 <sup>1</sup>Lit., put <sup>2</sup>Or, bases

33 <sup>1</sup>Lit., put <sup>2</sup>Lit.,  
separate for you between

36 <sup>1</sup>Or, violet <sup>2</sup>Lit.,  
variegator; i.e., a weaver in  
colors

37 <sup>1</sup>Or, bases <sup>2</sup>Or, copper

1 <sup>1</sup>I.e., one cubit equals  
approximately 18 inches  
<sup>2</sup>Ex. 38:1-7

2 <sup>1</sup>Or, copper, and so for  
bronze throughout the  
chap.

4 <sup>1</sup>Lit., on

9 <sup>1</sup>Or, dwelling place  
<sup>2</sup>Lit., For the side of the  
Negev to the south  
<sup>2</sup>Ex. 38:9-20

10 <sup>1</sup>Or, bases <sup>2</sup>Or, fillets,  
rings

11 <sup>1</sup>Or, bases

12 <sup>1</sup>Or, bases

13 <sup>1</sup>Lit., east side  
eastward

32 "And you shall <sup>1</sup>hang it on four pillars of acacia overlaid with gold, their hooks *also being of gold*, on four <sup>2</sup>sockets of silver.

33 "And you shall <sup>1</sup>hang up the veil under the clasps, and shall bring in the ark of the testimony there within the veil; and the veil shall <sup>2</sup>serve for you as a partition between the holy place and the holy of holies.

34 "And you shall put the mercy seat on the ark of the testimony in the holy of holies.

35 "And you shall set the table outside the veil, and the lampstand opposite the table on the side of the tabernacle toward the south; and you shall put the table on the north side.

36 "And you shall make a screen for the doorway of the tent of <sup>1</sup>blue and purple and scarlet *material* and fine twisted linen, the work of a <sup>2</sup>weaver.

37 "And you shall make five pillars of acacia for the screen, and overlay them with gold, their hooks *also being of gold*; and you shall cast five <sup>1</sup>sockets of <sup>2</sup>bronze for them.

## CHAPTER 27

"**AND** you shall make <sup>a</sup>the altar of acacia wood, five <sup>1</sup>cubits long and five cubits wide; the altar shall be square, and its height shall be three cubits.

2 "And you shall make its horns on its four corners; its horns shall be of one piece with it, and you shall overlay it with <sup>1</sup>bronze.

3 "And you shall make its pails for removing its ashes, and its shovels and its basins and its forks and its fire pans; you shall make all its utensils of bronze.

4 "And you shall make for it a grating of network of bronze, and on the net you shall make four bronze rings <sup>1</sup>at its four corners.

5 "And you shall put it beneath, under the ledge of the altar, that the net may reach halfway up the altar.

6 "And you shall make poles for the altar, poles of acacia wood, and overlay them with bronze.

7 "And its poles shall be inserted into the rings, so that the poles shall be on the two sides of the altar when it is carried.

8 "You shall make it hollow with planks; as it was shown to you in the mountain, so they shall make it.

9 "And you shall make <sup>a</sup>the court of the <sup>1</sup>tabernacle. <sup>2</sup>On the south side *there shall be* hangings for the court of fine twisted linen one hundred cubits long for one side;

10 and its pillars *shall be* twenty, with their twenty <sup>1</sup>sockets of bronze; the hooks of the pillars and their <sup>2</sup>bands *shall be* of silver.

11 "And likewise for the north side in length *there shall be* hangings one hundred *cubits* long, and its twenty pillars with their twenty <sup>1</sup>sockets of bronze; the hooks of the pillars and their bands *shall be* of silver.

12 "And *for* the width of the court on the west side *shall be* hangings of fifty cubits *with* their ten pillars and their ten <sup>1</sup>sockets.

13 "And the width of the court on the <sup>1</sup>east side *shall be* fifty cubits.



14 "The hangings for the <sup>1</sup>one side of the gate shall be fifteen cubits *with* their three pillars and their three <sup>2</sup>sockets.

15 "And for the <sup>1</sup>other side shall be hangings of fifteen cubits *with* their three pillars and their three <sup>3</sup>sockets.

16 "And for the gate of the court there shall be a screen of twenty cubits, of <sup>1</sup>blue and purple and scarlet material and fine twisted linen, the work of a <sup>2</sup>weaver, *with* their four pillars and their four <sup>3</sup>sockets.

17 "All the pillars around the court shall be furnished with silver bands *with* their hooks of silver and their <sup>1</sup>sockets of bronze.

18 "The length of the court shall be one hundred cubits, and the width fifty throughout, and the height five cubits of fine twisted linen, and their <sup>1</sup>sockets of bronze.

19 "All the utensils of the tabernacle used in all its service, and all its pegs, and all the pegs of the court, shall be of bronze.

20 "And you shall charge the sons of Israel, that they bring you <sup>a</sup>clear oil of beaten olives for the <sup>1</sup>light, to make a lamp <sup>2</sup>burn continually.

21 "In the <sup>a</sup>tent of meeting, outside the veil which is before the testimony, Aaron and his sons shall keep it in order from evening to morning before the LORD; *it shall be* a perpetual statute throughout their generations <sup>1</sup>for the sons of Israel.

CHAPTER 28

"THEN <sup>a</sup>bring near to yourself Aaron your brother, and his sons with him, from among the sons of Israel, to minister as priest to Me—Aaron, <sup>b</sup>Nadab and Abihu, Eleazar and Ithamar, Aaron's sons.

2 "And you shall make holy garments for Aaron your brother, for glory and for beauty.

3 "And you shall speak to all the <sup>1</sup>skillful persons whom I have endowed with <sup>2</sup>the spirit of wisdom, that they make Aaron's garments to consecrate him, that he may minister as priest to Me.

4 "And these are the garments which they shall make: a <sup>1</sup>breastpiece and an ephod and a robe and a tunic of checkered work, a turban and a sash, and they shall make holy garments for Aaron your brother and his sons, that he may minister as priest to Me.

5 "And they shall take <sup>a</sup>the gold and the <sup>1</sup>blue and the purple and the scarlet material and the fine linen.

6 "They shall also make <sup>a</sup>the ephod of gold, of <sup>1</sup>blue and purple and scarlet material and fine twisted linen, the work of the skillful workman.

7 "It shall have two shoulder pieces joined to its two ends, that it may be joined.

8 "And the skillfully woven band, which is on it, shall be like its workmanship, <sup>1</sup>of the same material: of gold, of <sup>2</sup>blue and purple and scarlet material and fine twisted linen.

9 "And you shall take two onyx stones and engrave on them the names of the sons of Israel,

10 six of their names on the one stone, and the names of the remaining six on the <sup>1</sup>other stone, according to their birth.

14 <sup>1</sup>Lit., shoulder <sup>2</sup>Or, bases

15 <sup>1</sup>Lit., second <sup>2</sup>Lit., shoulder <sup>3</sup>Or, bases

16 <sup>1</sup>Or, violet <sup>2</sup>Lit., variegator; i.e., a weaver in colors <sup>3</sup>Or, bases

17 <sup>1</sup>Or, bases

18 <sup>1</sup>Or, bases

20 <sup>1</sup>Or, luminary <sup>2</sup>Lit., ascend  
<sup>a</sup>Ex. 35:8, 28; Lev. 24:1-4

21 <sup>1</sup>Lit., from  
<sup>a</sup>Ex. 25:22; 29:42; 30:36

1 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 99:6; Heb. 5:4 <sup>b</sup>Ex. 24:1, 9

3 <sup>1</sup>Lit., wise of heart  
<sup>2</sup>i.e., artistic skill

4 <sup>1</sup>Or, pouch

5 <sup>1</sup>Or, violet  
<sup>a</sup>Ex. 25:3

6 <sup>1</sup>Or, violet  
<sup>a</sup>Ex. 39:2-7

8 <sup>1</sup>Lit., from it <sup>2</sup>Or, violet

10 <sup>1</sup>Lit., second

11 <sup>1</sup>Lit., A work of a lapidary, engravings of a seal <sup>2</sup>Lit., make them to be surrounded

13 \*Ex. 39:16-18

15 <sup>1</sup>Or, pouch <sup>2</sup>Or, violet

16 <sup>1</sup>Lit., its

17 <sup>1</sup>Lit., fill in a setting of stones, four rows of stones

20 Lit., inwoven with gold in their settings

22 <sup>1</sup>Or, pouch, and so through v. 30

28 <sup>1</sup>Or, violet

30 <sup>1</sup>I.e., Lights and the Perfections

11 <sup>1</sup>As a jeweler engraves a signet, you shall engrave the two stones according to the names of the sons of Israel; you shall <sup>2</sup>set them in filigree *settings* of gold.

12 "And you shall put the two stones on the shoulder pieces of the ephod, as stones of memorial for the sons of Israel, and Aaron shall bear their names before the LORD on his two shoulders for a memorial.

13 <sup>a</sup>And you shall make filigree *settings* of gold,

14 and two chains of pure gold; you shall make them of twisted cordage work, and you shall put the corded chains on the filigree *settings*.

15 "And you shall make a <sup>1</sup>breastpiece of judgment, the work of a skillful workman; like the work of the ephod you shall make it: of gold, of <sup>2</sup>blue and purple and scarlet *material* and fine twisted linen you shall make it.

16 "It shall be square *and* folded double, a span <sup>1</sup>in length and a span <sup>1</sup>in width.

17 "And you shall <sup>1</sup>mount on it four rows of stones; the first row *shall be* a row of ruby, topaz and emerald;

18 and the second row a turquoise, a sapphire and a diamond;

19 and the third row a jacinth, an agate and an amethyst;

20 and the fourth row a beryl and an onyx and a jasper; they shall be <sup>1</sup>set in gold filigree.

21 "And the stones shall be according to the names of the sons of Israel: twelve, according to their names; they shall be *like* the engravings of a seal, each according to his name for the twelve tribes.

22 "And you shall make on the <sup>1</sup>breastpiece chains of twisted cordage work in pure gold.

23 "And you shall make on the breastpiece two rings of gold, and shall put the two rings on the two ends of the breastpiece.

24 "And you shall put the two cords of gold on the two rings at the ends of the breastpiece.

25 "And you shall put the *other* two ends of the two cords on the two filigree *settings*, and put them on the shoulder pieces of the ephod, at the front of it.

26 "And you shall make two rings of gold and shall place them on the two ends of the breastpiece, on the edge of it, which is toward the inner side of the ephod.

27 "And you shall make two rings of gold and put them on the bottom of the two shoulder pieces of the ephod, on the front of it close to the place where it is joined, above the skillfully woven band of the ephod.

28 "And they shall bind the breastpiece by its rings to the rings of the ephod with a <sup>1</sup>blue cord, that it may be on the skillfully woven band of the ephod, and that the breastpiece may not come loose from the ephod.

29 "And Aaron shall carry the names of the sons of Israel in the breastpiece of judgment over his heart when he enters the holy place, for a memorial before the LORD continually.

30 "And you shall put in the breastpiece of judgment the <sup>1</sup>Urim and the Thummim, and they shall be over Aaron's heart when he goes in before the LORD; and Aaron shall carry the judgment of the sons of Israel over his heart before the LORD continually.

**Aaron's Golden Plate, Tunic,  
Priests' Garments.**

**Exodus 28, 29**

31 <sup>a</sup>And you shall make the robe of the ephod all of <sup>1</sup>blue.

31 <sup>1</sup>Or, violet  
<sup>a</sup>Ex. 39:22-26

32 <sup>a</sup>And there shall be an opening <sup>1</sup>at its top in the middle of it; around its opening there shall be a binding of woven work, as it were the opening of a coat of mail, that it may not be torn.

32 <sup>1</sup>Or, for his head

33 <sup>a</sup>And you shall make on its hem pomegranates of blue and purple and scarlet *material*, all around on its hem, and bells of gold between them all around:

35 <sup>1</sup>Lit., for ministering  
<sup>2</sup>Lit., its sound <sup>1</sup>Lit., comes out from

34 a golden bell and a pomegranate, a golden bell and a pomegranate, all around on the hem of the robe.

35 <sup>a</sup>And it shall be on Aaron <sup>1</sup>when he ministers; and <sup>2</sup>its tinkling may be heard when he enters and <sup>3</sup>leaves the holy place before the LORD, that he may not die.

36 <sup>a</sup>Ex. 39:30, 31

36 <sup>a</sup>You shall also make <sup>a</sup>a plate of pure gold and shall engrave on it, like the engravings of a seal, 'Holy to the LORD.'

37 <sup>a</sup>And you shall <sup>1</sup>fasten it on a <sup>2</sup>blue cord, and it shall be on the turban; it shall be at the front of the turban.

37 <sup>1</sup>Lit., place <sup>2</sup>Or, violet

38 <sup>a</sup>And it shall be on Aaron's forehead, and Aaron shall <sup>1</sup>take away <sup>a</sup>the iniquity of the holy things which the sons of Israel consecrate, with regard to all their holy gifts; and it shall always be on his forehead, that they may be accepted before the LORD.

38 <sup>1</sup>Or, bear  
<sup>a</sup>Lev. 10:17; 22:16;  
Num.18:1

39 <sup>a</sup>And you shall weave <sup>a</sup>the tunic of checkered work of fine linen, and shall make a turban of fine linen, and you shall make a sash, the work of a <sup>1</sup>weaver.

39 <sup>1</sup>Lit., variegator; i.e., a weaver in colors  
<sup>a</sup>Ex. 39:27-29

40 <sup>a</sup>And for Aaron's sons you shall make tunics; you shall also make sashes for them, and you shall make <sup>1</sup>caps for them, for glory and for beauty.

40 <sup>1</sup>Lit., headgear  
<sup>a</sup>Ex. 29:9; 39:28; Lev.8:13

41 <sup>a</sup>And you shall put them on Aaron your brother and on his sons with him; and you shall anoint them and <sup>1</sup>ordain them and consecrate them, that they may serve Me as priests.

42 <sup>a</sup>And you shall make for them <sup>a</sup>linen breeches to cover *their* bare flesh; they shall <sup>1</sup>reach from the loins even to the thighs.

41 <sup>1</sup>Lit., fill their hand

43 <sup>a</sup>And they shall be on Aaron and on his sons when they enter the tent of meeting, or <sup>a</sup>when they approach the altar to minister in the holy place, so that they do not incur <sup>1</sup>guilt and die. It *shall be* a statute forever to him and to his <sup>2</sup>descendants after him.

42 <sup>1</sup>Lit., be  
<sup>a</sup>Ex. 39:28

43 <sup>1</sup>Or, iniquity <sup>2</sup>Lit., seed  
<sup>a</sup>Ex. 20:26

CHAPTER 29

<sup>a</sup>Now this is <sup>1</sup>what you shall do to them to consecrate them to minister as priests to Me: take one young bull and two rams without blemish,

1 <sup>1</sup>Lit., the thing which  
<sup>a</sup>Lev. 8:1-34

2 and <sup>a</sup>unleavened bread and unleavened cakes mixed with oil, and unleavened wafers <sup>1</sup>spread with oil; you shall make them of fine wheat flour.

2 <sup>1</sup>Or, anointed  
<sup>a</sup>Lev. 6:19-23

3 <sup>a</sup>And you shall put them in one basket, and present them in the basket along with the bull and the two rams.

4 <sup>a</sup>Then you shall bring Aaron and his sons to the doorway of the tent of meeting, and wash them with water.

5 <sup>1</sup>Or, pouch  
<sup>a</sup>Ex. 28:39 <sup>b</sup>Ex. 28:31 <sup>c</sup>Ex. 28:6 <sup>d</sup>Ex. 28:15 <sup>e</sup>Ex. 28:8

5 <sup>a</sup>And you shall take the garments, and put on Aaron the <sup>a</sup>tunic and <sup>b</sup>the robe of the ephod and <sup>c</sup>the ephod and <sup>d</sup>the <sup>1</sup>breastpiece, and gird him with the skillfully <sup>e</sup>woven band of the ephod;

6 <sup>a</sup>Ex. 28:4, 39 <sup>b</sup>Ex. 28:36, 37; Lev. 8:9

7 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 133:2

8 <sup>a</sup>Ex. 28:39, 40

9 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *headgear* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *fill the hand of*  
<sup>a</sup>Ex. 28:40 <sup>b</sup>Ex. 40:15;  
Num. 3:10; 18:7; 25:13;  
Deut. 18:5

13 <sup>1</sup>Or, *appendage on*

17 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *on* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *on its*

19 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *second*

22 <sup>1</sup>Or, *appendage on*  
<sup>2</sup>Lit., *filling*

24 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *the whole* <sup>2</sup>Lit.,  
*on* <sup>3</sup>Lit., *palms*

6 and you shall set the <sup>a</sup>turban on his head, and put <sup>b</sup>the holy crown on the turban.

7 "Then you shall take <sup>a</sup>the anointing oil, and pour it on his head and anoint him.

8 "And you shall bring his sons and put <sup>a</sup>tunics on them.

9 "And you shall gird them with <sup>a</sup>sashes, Aaron and his sons, and bind <sup>1</sup>caps on them, and they shall have <sup>b</sup>the priesthood by a perpetual statute. So you shall <sup>2</sup>ordain Aaron and his sons.

10 "Then you shall bring the bull before the tent of meeting, and Aaron and his sons shall lay their hands on the head of the bull.

11 "And you shall slaughter the bull before the LORD at the doorway of the tent of meeting.

12 "And you shall take some of the blood of the bull and put *it* on the horns of the altar with your finger; and you shall pour out all the blood at the base of the altar.

13 "And you shall take all the fat that covers the entrails and the <sup>1</sup>lobe of the liver, and the two kidneys and the fat that is on them, and offer them up in smoke on the altar.

14 "But the flesh of the bull and its hide and its refuse, you shall burn with fire outside the camp; it is a sin offering.

15 "You shall also take the one ram, and Aaron and his sons shall lay their hands on the head of the ram;

16 and you shall slaughter the ram and shall take its blood and sprinkle it around on the altar.

17 "Then you shall cut the ram into its pieces, and wash its entrails and its legs, and put *them* <sup>1</sup>with its pieces and <sup>2</sup>its head.

18 "And you shall offer up in smoke the whole ram on the altar; it is a burnt offering to the LORD: it is a soothing aroma, an offering by fire to the LORD.

19 "Then you shall take the <sup>1</sup>other ram, and Aaron and his sons shall lay their hands on the head of the ram.

20 "And you shall slaughter the ram, and take some of its blood and put *it* on the lobe of Aaron's right ear and on the lobes of his sons' right ears and on the thumbs of their right hands and on the big toes of their right feet, and sprinkle the *rest of the blood* around on the altar.

21 "Then you shall take some of the blood that is on the altar and some of the anointing oil, and sprinkle *it* on Aaron and on his garments, and on his sons and on his sons' garments with him; so he and his garments shall be consecrated, as well as his sons and his sons' garments with him.

22 "You shall also take the fat from the ram and the fat tail, and the fat that covers the entrails and the <sup>1</sup>lobe of the liver, and the two kidneys and the fat that is on them and the right thigh (for it is a ram of <sup>2</sup>ordination),

23 and one cake of bread and one cake of bread *mixed with* oil and one wafer from the basket of unleavened bread which is *set* before the LORD;

24 and you shall put <sup>1</sup>all these <sup>2</sup>in the <sup>3</sup>hands of Aaron and <sup>2</sup>in the <sup>3</sup>hands of his sons, and shall wave them as a wave offering before the LORD.

25 "And you shall take them from their hands, and offer them up in smoke on the altar on the burnt offering for a

soothing aroma before the LORD; it is an offering by fire to the LORD.

26 "Then you shall take <sup>a</sup>the breast of Aaron's ram of ordination, and wave it as a wave offering before the LORD; and it shall be your portion.

27 "And you shall consecrate the breast of the wave offering and the thigh of the heave offering which was waved and which was <sup>1</sup>offered from the ram of <sup>2</sup>ordination, from the one which was for Aaron and from the one which was for his sons.

28 "And it shall be for Aaron and his sons as *their* portion forever from the sons of Israel, for it is a heave offering; and it shall be a heave offering from the sons of Israel from the sacrifices of their peace offerings, *even* their heave offering to the LORD.

29 "And the holy garments of Aaron shall be for his sons after him, <sup>1</sup>that in them they may be anointed and ordained.

30 "For seven days the one of his sons who is priest in his stead shall put them on, when he enters the tent of meeting to minister in the holy place.

31 "And you shall take the ram of <sup>1</sup>ordination and boil its flesh in a holy place.

32 "And Aaron and his sons shall eat the flesh of the ram, and the bread that is in the basket, at the doorway of the tent of meeting.

33 "Thus they shall eat <sup>1</sup>those things by which atonement was made <sup>2</sup>at their ordination *and* consecration; but a <sup>3</sup>alayman shall not eat *them*, because they are holy.

34 "And <sup>a</sup>if any of the flesh of <sup>1</sup>ordination or any of the bread remains until morning, then you shall burn the remainder with fire; it shall not be eaten, because it is holy.

35 "And thus you shall do to Aaron and to his sons, according to all that I have commanded you; you shall <sup>1</sup>ordain them through <sup>a</sup>seven days.

36 "And each day you shall offer a bull as a sin offering for atonement, and you shall <sup>1</sup>purify the altar when you make atonement <sup>2</sup>for it; and you shall anoint it to consecrate it.

37 "For seven days you shall make atonement <sup>1</sup>for the altar and consecrate it; then the altar shall be most holy, *and* whatever touches the altar shall be holy.

38 "Now <sup>a</sup>this is what you shall offer on the altar: two one year old lambs each day, continuously.

39 "The one lamb you shall offer in the morning, and the <sup>1</sup>other lamb you shall offer at <sup>2</sup>twilight;

40 *and there shall be one-tenth of an ephah of fine flour mixed with one-fourth of a hin of beaten oil, and one-fourth of a hin of wine for a libation for one lamb.*

41 "And the <sup>1</sup>other lamb you shall offer at <sup>2</sup>twilight, and shall offer as the grain offering of the morning, with its libation, for a soothing aroma, an offering by fire to the LORD.

42 "It shall be a continual burnt offering throughout your generations at the doorway of the tent of meeting before the LORD, where I will meet with you, to speak to you there.

43 "And I will meet there with the sons of Israel, and it shall be consecrated by My glory.

44 "And I will consecrate the tent of meeting and the altar;

26 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *filling*  
<sup>a</sup>Lev. 7:31-34

27 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *heaved or lifted up*  
<sup>2</sup>Lit., *filling*

29 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *for anointing in them and filling their hand in them*

31 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *filling*

33 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *them* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *to fill their hand to sanctify them* <sup>3</sup>Lit., *stranger*  
<sup>a</sup>Lev. 22:10, 13

34 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *filling*  
<sup>a</sup>Ex. 12:10; 23:18; 34:25

35 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *fill their hand*  
<sup>a</sup>Lev. 8:33

36 <sup>1</sup>Or, *offer a sin offering on the altar* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *upon*

37 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *upon*

38 <sup>a</sup>Num. 28:3-31; 29:6-38

39 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *second* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *between the two evenings*

41 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *second* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *between the two evenings*

Exodus 29, 30

45 \*Ex. 25:8; Num. 5:3;  
Deut. 12:11

1 \*Ex. 37:25-29

2 <sup>1</sup>I.e., a cubit equals  
approx. 18 inches <sup>2</sup>Lit.,  
from itself

3 <sup>1</sup>Lit., walls

4 <sup>1</sup>Lit., its two <sup>2</sup>Lit., it

6 <sup>1</sup>Lit., it <sup>2</sup>Lit., upon, or  
over <sup>3</sup>Lit., propitiatory

8 <sup>1</sup>Lit., causes to ascend  
<sup>2</sup>Lit., between the two  
evenings

9 <sup>1</sup>Lit., it

12 <sup>1</sup>Lit., sum <sup>2</sup>Lit., for  
their being mustered <sup>3</sup>Lit.,  
his soul <sup>4</sup>Lit., muster  
\*Ex. 38:25, 26; Num. 1:2;  
26:2

13 <sup>1</sup>Lit., passes over to  
those who are mustered  
<sup>2</sup>Lit., heave offering

14 <sup>1</sup>Note 1, v. 13 <sup>2</sup>Lit.,  
heave offering of the LORD

15 <sup>1</sup>Lit., heave offering of  
the LORD <sup>2</sup>Lit., your souls

I will also consecrate Aaron and his sons to minister as priests to Me.

45 "And <sup>a</sup>I will dwell among the sons of Israel and will be their God.

46 "And they shall know that I am the LORD their God who brought them out of the land of Egypt, that I might dwell among them; I am the LORD their God.

CHAPTER 30

"**MOREOVER**, you shall make <sup>a</sup>an altar as a place for burning incense; you shall make it of acacia wood.

2 "Its length *shall be* a <sup>1</sup>cubit, and its width a cubit, it shall be square, and its height *shall be* two cubits; its horns *shall be* <sup>2</sup>of one piece with it.

3 "And you shall overlay it with pure gold, its top and its <sup>1</sup>sides all around, and its horns; and you shall make a gold molding all around for it.

4 "And you shall make two gold rings for it under its molding; you shall make *them* on its two sides—on <sup>1</sup>opposite sides—and <sup>2</sup>they shall be holders for poles with which to carry it.

5 "And you shall make the poles of acacia wood and overlay them with gold.

6 "And you shall put <sup>1</sup>this altar in front of the veil that is <sup>2</sup>near the ark of the testimony, in front of the <sup>3</sup>mercy seat that is over *the ark of the testimony*, where I will meet with you.

7 "And Aaron shall burn fragrant incense on it; he shall burn it every morning when he trims the lamps.

8 "And when Aaron <sup>1</sup>trims the lamps at <sup>2</sup>twilight, he shall burn incense. *There shall be* perpetual incense before the LORD throughout your generations.

9 "You shall not offer any strange incense on <sup>1</sup>this altar, or burnt offering or meal offering; and you shall not pour out a libation on it.

10 "And Aaron shall make atonement on its horns once a year; he shall make atonement on it with the blood of the sin offering of atonement once a year throughout your generations. It is most holy to the LORD."

11 The LORD also spoke to Moses, saying,

12 "When you take <sup>a</sup>a <sup>1</sup>census of the sons of Israel <sup>2</sup>to number them, then each one of them shall give a ransom for <sup>3</sup>himself to the LORD, when you <sup>4</sup>number them, that there may be no plague among them when you <sup>4</sup>number them.

13 "This is what everyone who <sup>1</sup>is numbered shall give: half a shekel according to the shekel of the sanctuary (the shekel is twenty gerahs), half a shekel as a <sup>2</sup>contribution to the LORD.

14 "Everyone who <sup>1</sup>is numbered, from twenty years old and over, shall give the <sup>2</sup>contribution to the LORD.

15 "The rich shall not pay more, and the poor shall not pay less than the half shekel, when you give the <sup>1</sup>contribution to the LORD to make atonement for <sup>2</sup>yourself.

16 "And you shall take the atonement money from the sons of Israel, and shall give it for the service of the tent of meeting,

that it may be a memorial for the sons of Israel before the LORD, to make atonement for yourselves.”

17 And the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,

18 “You shall also make <sup>a</sup>a laver of <sup>1</sup>bronze, with its base of bronze, for washing; and you shall put it between the tent of meeting and the altar, and you shall put water in it.

19 “And Aaron and his sons shall wash their hands and their feet from it;

20 when they enter the tent of meeting, they shall wash with water, that they may not die; or when they approach the altar to minister, by offering up in smoke a fire *sacrifice* to the LORD.

21 “So they shall wash their hands and their feet, that they may not die; and it shall be a perpetual statute for them, for <sup>1</sup>Aaron and his <sup>2</sup>descendants throughout their generations.”

22 Moreover, the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,

23 “Take also for yourself the finest of spices: of flowing myrrh five hundred *shekels*, and of fragrant cinnamon half as much, two hundred and fifty, and of fragrant cane two hundred and fifty,

24 and of cassia five hundred, according to the shekel of the sanctuary, and of olive oil a hin.

25 “And you shall make <sup>1</sup>of these a holy anointing oil, a perfume mixture, the work of a perfumer; it shall be <sup>a</sup>a holy anointing oil.

26 “And with it you shall anoint the tent of meeting and the ark of the testimony,

27 and the table and all its utensils, and the lampstand and its utensils, and the altar of incense,

28 and the altar of burnt offering and all its utensils, and the laver and its stand.

29 “You shall also consecrate them, that they may be most holy; whatever touches them shall be holy.

30 “And you shall anoint Aaron and his sons, and consecrate them, that they may minister as priests to Me.

31 “And you shall speak to the sons of Israel, saying, ‘This shall be a holy anointing oil to Me throughout your generations.

32 ‘It shall not be poured on <sup>1</sup>anyone’s body, nor shall you make *any* like it, in <sup>2</sup>the same proportions; it is holy, *and* it shall be holy to you.

33 ‘Whoever shall mix *any* like it, or whoever puts any of it on a <sup>1</sup>layman, <sup>2</sup>shall be cut off from his people.’”

34 Then the LORD said to Moses, “Take for yourself spices, stacte and onycha and galbanum, spices with pure frankincense; there shall be an equal part of each.

35 “And with it you shall make incense, a perfume, the work of a perfumer, salted, pure, *and* holy.

36 “And you shall beat some of it very fine, and put part of it before the testimony in the tent of meeting, where I shall meet with you; it shall be most holy to you.

37 “And the incense which you shall make, you shall not make in <sup>1</sup>the same proportions for yourselves, it shall be holy to you for the LORD.

16 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *your souls*

18 <sup>1</sup>Or, *copper*  
<sup>a</sup>Ex. 38:8

21 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *him* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *seed*

25 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *it*  
<sup>a</sup>Ex. 37:29; 40:9; Lev. 8:10

32 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *the flesh of man*  
<sup>2</sup>Lit., *its proportion*

33 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *stranger* <sup>2</sup>Lit.,  
*even he shall*

37 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *its proportion*

38 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *smell of it* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *even he shall*

1 \*Ex. 35:30-36:1

3 <sup>1</sup>Or, *workmanship*

4 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *devise devices*  
<sup>2</sup>Or, *copper*

5 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *to fill in (for a setting)* <sup>2</sup>Or, *workmanship*

6 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *given* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *wise of heart* <sup>3</sup>Lit., *wisdom*

7 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *propitiatory*

8 <sup>1</sup>Or, *vessels*  
<sup>2</sup>Lcv. 24:4

9 <sup>1</sup>Or, *vessels*

10 <sup>1</sup>Or, *service garments*  
<sup>2</sup>Lit., *minister as priests*

13 \*Ex. 20:8 bEx. 31:17;  
Ezek. 20:12, 20

14 \*Ex. 31:15; 35:2; Num.  
15:32, 35; John 7:23

15 \*Ex. 16:23; 35:2, 3 bEx.  
31:14

16 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *do*

17 \*Ex. 31:13 bEx. 20:11;  
Gen. 2:2, 3

18 <sup>1</sup>Ex. 24:12 bEx. 32:15,  
16; 34:1, 28

38 "Whoever shall make *any* like it, to <sup>1</sup>use as perfume, <sup>2</sup>shall be cut off from his people."

CHAPTER 31

<sup>a</sup>NOW the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,  
2 "See, I have called by name Bezalel, the son of Uri, the son of Hur, of the tribe of Judah.

3 "And I have filled him with the Spirit of God in wisdom, in understanding, in knowledge, and in all *kinds of* <sup>1</sup>craftsmanship,

4 to <sup>1</sup>make artistic designs for work in gold, in silver, and in <sup>2</sup>bronze,

5 and in the cutting of stones <sup>1</sup>for settings, and in the carving of wood, that he may work in all *kinds of* <sup>2</sup>craftsmanship.

6 "And behold, I Myself have <sup>1</sup>appointed with him Oholiab, the son of Ahisamach, of the tribe of Dan; and in the hearts of all who are <sup>2</sup>skillful I have put <sup>3</sup>skill, that they may make all that I have commanded you:

7 the tent of meeting, and the ark of testimony, and the <sup>1</sup>mercy seat upon it, and all the furniture of the tent,

8 the table also and its <sup>1</sup>utensils, and the <sup>a</sup>pure gold lampstand with all its <sup>1</sup>utensils, and the altar of incense,

9 the altar of burnt offering also with all its <sup>1</sup>utensils, and the laver and its stand,

10 the <sup>1</sup>woven garments as well, and the holy garments for Aaron the priest, and the garments of his sons, *with which* to <sup>2</sup>carry on their priesthood;

11 the anointing oil also, and the fragrant incense for the holy place, they are to make *them* according to all that I have commanded you."

12 And the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,

13 "But as for you, speak to the sons of Israel, saying, <sup>a</sup>You shall surely observe My sabbaths; for *this* is <sup>b</sup>a sign between Me and you throughout your generations, that you may know that I am the LORD who sanctifies you.

14 "Therefore you are to observe the sabbath, for it is holy to you. <sup>a</sup>Everyone who profanes it shall surely be put to death; for whoever does any work on it, that person shall be cut off from among his people.

15 "For six days work may be done, but on the seventh day there is a <sup>a</sup>sabbath of complete rest, holy to the LORD; <sup>b</sup>whoever does any work on the sabbath day shall surely be put to death.

16 "So the sons of Israel shall observe the sabbath, to <sup>1</sup>celebrate the sabbath throughout their generations as a perpetual covenant."

17 "<sup>a</sup>It is a sign between Me and the sons of Israel forever; <sup>b</sup>for in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, but on the seventh day He ceased *from labor*, and was refreshed."

18 And when He had finished speaking with him upon Mount Sinai, He gave Moses <sup>a</sup>the two tablets of the testimony, tablets of stone, <sup>b</sup>written by the finger of God.



CHAPTER 32

NOW when the people saw that Moses <sup>a</sup>delayed to come down from the mountain, the people assembled about Aaron, and said to him, "Come, <sup>b</sup>make us <sup>a</sup>god who will go before us; as for <sup>c</sup>this Moses, the man who brought us up from the land of Egypt, we do not know what has become of him."

2 And Aaron said to them, "<sup>a</sup>Tear off the gold rings which are in the ears of your wives, your sons, and your daughters, and bring *them* to me."

3 Then all the people tore off the gold rings which were in their ears, and brought *them* to Aaron.

4 And he took *this* from their hand, and fashioned it with a graving tool, and made it into a <sup>a</sup>molten calf; and they said, "<sup>1</sup>This is your god, O Israel, who brought you up from the land of Egypt."

5 Now when Aaron saw *this*, he built an altar before it; and Aaron made proclamation and said, "Tomorrow *shall be* a feast to the LORD."

6 So the next day they rose early and <sup>a</sup>offered burnt offerings, and brought peace offerings; and <sup>b</sup>the people sat down to eat and to drink, and rose up <sup>c</sup>to play.

7 Then the LORD spoke to Moses, "Go <sup>1</sup>down at once, for your people, whom <sup>a</sup>you brought up from the land of Egypt, have corrupted *themselves*.

8 "They have quickly turned aside from the way which I commanded them. They have made for themselves a molten calf, and have worshiped it, and <sup>a</sup>have sacrificed to it, and said, 'This is your god, O Israel, who brought you up from the land of Egypt!'"

9 <sup>a</sup>And the LORD said to Moses, "I have seen this people, and behold, they are <sup>1b</sup>an obstinate people.

10 "Now then <sup>a</sup>let Me alone, that My anger may burn against them, and that I may destroy them; and I will make of you a great nation."

11 Then <sup>a</sup>Moses entreated the LORD his God, and said, "O LORD, why doth Thine anger burn against Thy people whom Thou hast brought out from the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand?

12 "Why should <sup>a</sup>the Egyptians speak, saying, 'With evil intent He brought them out to kill them in the mountains and to destroy them from the face of the earth'? Turn from Thy burning anger and change Thy mind about *doing* harm to Thy people.

13 "Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, Thy servants to whom Thou didst <sup>a</sup>swear by Thyself, and didst say to them, 'I will multiply your <sup>1</sup>descendants <sup>b</sup>as the stars of the heavens, and <sup>c</sup>all this land of which I have spoken I will give to your <sup>1</sup>descendants, and they shall inherit *it* forever.'"

14 <sup>a</sup>So the LORD changed His mind about the harm which He said He would do to His people.

15 <sup>a</sup>Then Moses turned and went down from the mountain with the two tablets of the testimony in his hand, <sup>b</sup>tablets which were written on both <sup>1</sup>sides; they were written on one *side* and the other.

1 <sup>1</sup>Or, *gods*  
<sup>a</sup>Ex. 24:18; Deut. 9:11, 12  
<sup>b</sup>Acts 7:40 <sup>c</sup>Ex. 14:11

2 <sup>a</sup>Ex. 35:22

4 <sup>1</sup>Or, "These are your  
*gods*  
<sup>a</sup>Deut. 9:16; Acts 7:41

6 <sup>a</sup>Acts 7:41 <sup>b</sup>1 Cor. 10:7  
<sup>c</sup>Ex. 32:17-19; Num. 25:2

7 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *go down*  
<sup>a</sup>Ex. 32:4, 11; Deut. 9:12

8 <sup>1</sup>Or, *These are your  
*gods**  
<sup>a</sup>Ex. 22:20; 34:15; Deut.  
32:17

9 <sup>1</sup>Or, *a stiff-necked*  
<sup>a</sup>Num. 14:11-20 <sup>b</sup>Ex. 33:3,  
5; 34:9; Acts 7:51

10 <sup>a</sup>Deut. 9:14

11 <sup>a</sup>Deut. 9:18

12 <sup>a</sup>Deut. 9:28; Josh. 7:9

13 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *seed*  
<sup>a</sup>Gen. 22:16-18 <sup>b</sup>Gen. 15:5;  
26:4 <sup>c</sup>Ex. 13:5, 11; 33:1

14 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 106:45

15 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *their sides*  
<sup>a</sup>Deut. 9:15 <sup>b</sup>Ex. 31:18

17 <sup>1</sup>Lit., in its shouting19 <sup>1</sup>Lit., he <sup>2</sup>Lit., beneath  
<sup>a</sup>Ex. 32:6 <sup>b</sup>Deut. 9:1720 <sup>a</sup>Deut. 9:2122 <sup>1</sup>Lit., in evil  
<sup>a</sup>Deut. 9:2423 <sup>1</sup>Or, gods  
<sup>a</sup>Ex. 32:1424 <sup>a</sup>Ex. 32:425 <sup>1</sup>Lit., let loose <sup>2</sup>Lit., go  
loose <sup>3</sup>Lit., those who rise  
against them  
<sup>a</sup>1 Kin. 12:28-30; 14:1627 <sup>1</sup>Or, kin28 <sup>1</sup>Lit., according to  
Moses' word  
<sup>a</sup>Num. 25:7-13; Deut. 33:929 <sup>1</sup>Lit., "Fill your hand30 <sup>1</sup>Lit., sinned31 <sup>1</sup>Lit., sinned <sup>2</sup>Or, gods  
<sup>a</sup>Ex. 20:2332 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 69:28; Is. 4:3; Dan.  
12:1; Mal. 3:16, 1733 <sup>a</sup>Ex. 17:14; Deut.  
29:20; Ps. 9:5

16 And the tablets were God's work, and the writing was God's writing engraved on the tablets.

17 Now when Joshua heard the sound of the people <sup>1</sup>as they shouted, he said to Moses, "There is a sound of war in the camp."

18 But he said,  
"It is not the sound of the cry of triumph,  
Nor is it the sound of the cry of defeat;  
But the sound of singing I hear."

19 And it came about, as soon as <sup>1</sup>Moses came near the camp, that he saw the calf and *the* <sup>a</sup>dancing; and Moses' anger burned, and <sup>b</sup>he threw the tablets from his hands and shattered them <sup>2</sup>at the foot of the mountain.

20 <sup>a</sup>And he took the calf which they had made and burned it with fire, and ground it to powder, and scattered it over the surface of the water, and made the sons of Israel drink it.

21 Then Moses said to Aaron, "What did this people do to you, that you have brought *such* great sin upon them?"

22 And Aaron said, "Do not let the anger of my lord burn; you know the people yourself, <sup>a</sup>that they are <sup>1</sup>prone to evil.

23 "For <sup>a</sup>they said to me, 'Make <sup>1</sup>a god for us who will go before us; for this Moses, the man who brought us up from the land of Egypt, we do not know what has become of him.'

24 "And I said to them, 'Whoever has any gold, let them tear it off.' So they gave it to me, and <sup>a</sup>I threw it into the fire, and out came this calf."

25 Now when Moses saw that the people were <sup>1</sup>out of control—for <sup>a</sup>Aaron had let them <sup>2</sup>get out of control to be a derision among <sup>3</sup>their enemies—

26 then Moses stood in the gate of the camp, and said, "Whoever is for the LORD, *come* to me!" And all the sons of Levi gathered together to him.

27 And he said to them, "Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, 'Every man of you put his sword upon his thigh, and go back and forth from gate to gate in the camp, and kill every man his brother, and every man his friend, and every man his <sup>1</sup>neighbor.'"

28 So <sup>a</sup>the sons of Levi did <sup>1</sup>as Moses instructed, and about three thousand men of the people fell that day.

29 Then Moses said, "<sup>1</sup>Dedicate yourselves today to the LORD—for every man has been against his son and against his brother—in order that He may bestow a blessing upon you today."

30 And it came about on the next day that Moses said to the people, "You yourselves have <sup>1</sup>committed a great sin; and now I am going up to the LORD, perhaps I can make atonement for your sin."

31 Then Moses returned to the LORD, and said, "Alas, this people has <sup>1</sup>committed a great sin, and they have made <sup>2</sup>a <sup>a</sup>god of gold for themselves.

32 "But now, if Thou wilt, forgive their sin—and if not, please blot me out from Thy <sup>a</sup>book which Thou hast written!"

33 And the LORD said to Moses, "Whoever has sinned against Me, <sup>a</sup>I will blot him out of My book.

34 "But go now, lead the people <sup>a</sup>where I told you. Behold, <sup>b</sup>My angel shall go before you; nevertheless in the day when I <sup>1</sup>punish, <sup>c</sup>I will <sup>2</sup>punish them for their sin."

35 <sup>a</sup>Then the LORD smote the people, because of what <sup>b</sup>they did with the calf which Aaron had made.

CHAPTER 33

THEN the LORD spoke to Moses, "Depart, go up from here, you and the people whom you have brought up from the land of Egypt, to the land of which <sup>a</sup>I swore to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, saying, 'To your <sup>1</sup>descendants I will give it.'

2 "And I will send <sup>a</sup>an angel before you and <sup>b</sup>I will drive out the Canaanite, the Amorite, the Hittite, the Perizzite, the Hivite and the Jebusite.

3 "Go up to a land <sup>a</sup>flowing with milk and honey; for I will not go up in your midst, because you are <sup>1</sup>an obstinate people, lest <sup>c</sup>I destroy you on the way."

4 When the people heard this <sup>1</sup>sad word, <sup>a</sup>they went into mourning, and none of them put on his ornaments.

5 For the LORD had said to Moses, "Say to the sons of Israel, 'You are <sup>1</sup>an obstinate people; should I go up in your midst for one moment, I would destroy you. Now therefore put off your ornaments from you, that I may know what I will do with you.'"

6 So the sons of Israel stripped themselves of their ornaments from Mount Horeb onward.

7 Now Moses used to take <sup>a</sup>the tent and pitch it outside the camp, a good distance from the camp, and he called it the tent of meeting. And it came about, that everyone who sought the LORD would go out to the tent of meeting which was outside the camp.

8 And it came about, whenever Moses went out to the tent, that all the people would arise and stand, each at the entrance of his tent, and gaze after Moses until he entered the tent.

9 And it came about, whenever Moses entered the tent, <sup>a</sup>the pillar of cloud would descend and stand at the entrance of the tent; <sup>b</sup>and <sup>1</sup>the LORD would speak with Moses.

10 When all the people saw the pillar of cloud standing at the entrance of the tent, all the people would arise and worship, each at the entrance of his tent.

11 Thus <sup>a</sup>the LORD used to speak to Moses face to face, just as a man speaks to his friend. When <sup>1</sup>Moses returned to the camp, his servant Joshua, the son of Nun, a young man, would not depart from the tent.

12 Then Moses said to the LORD, "See, Thou dost say to me, '<sup>a</sup>Bring up this people!' But Thou Thyself hast not let me know <sup>b</sup>whom Thou wilt send with me. <sup>c</sup>Moreover, Thou hast said, 'I have known you by name, and you have also found favor in My sight.'

13 "Now therefore, I pray Thee, if I have found favor in Thy sight, let me know <sup>a</sup>Thy ways, that I may know Thee, so that I may find favor in Thy sight. <sup>b</sup>Consider too, that this nation is Thy people."

14 And He said, "<sup>a</sup>My presence shall go with you, and <sup>b</sup>I will give you rest."

34 <sup>1</sup>Lit., visit <sup>2</sup>Lit., visit their sin upon them <sup>a</sup>Ex. 3:17 <sup>b</sup>Ex. 23:20 <sup>c</sup>Ps. 99:8

35 <sup>a</sup>Ex. 32:28 <sup>b</sup>Ex. 32:4, 24

1 <sup>1</sup>Lit., seed <sup>a</sup>Ex. 32:13

2 <sup>a</sup>Ex. 32:34 <sup>b</sup>Ex. 23:27-31

3 <sup>1</sup>Lit., a stiff-necked <sup>a</sup>Ex. 3:8, 17 <sup>b</sup>Ex. 33:5; 32:9 <sup>c</sup>Ex. 32:10

4 <sup>1</sup>Lit., evil <sup>a</sup>Num. 14:39

5 <sup>1</sup>Lit., a stiff-necked <sup>a</sup>Ex. 33:3

7 <sup>a</sup>Ex. 18:7, 12-16

9 <sup>1</sup>Lit., He <sup>a</sup>Ex. 13:21 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 99:7

11 <sup>1</sup>Lit., he <sup>a</sup>Num. 12:8; Deut. 34:10

12 <sup>a</sup>Ex. 3:10; 32:34 <sup>b</sup>Ex. 33:2 <sup>c</sup>Ex. 33:17

13 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 25:4; 51:13 <sup>b</sup>Ex. 3:7, 10; 5:1; 32:12, 14

14 <sup>a</sup>Deut. 4:37; Is. 63:9 <sup>b</sup>Deut. 12:10; 25:19; Josh. 22:4

15 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 80:3, 7, 19

16 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *ground*  
<sup>a</sup>Lev. 20:24, 26

17 <sup>a</sup>Ex. 33:12

18 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *he*  
<sup>a</sup>Ex. 33:20-23

19 <sup>a</sup>Ex. 34:6, 7 <sup>b</sup>Rom. 9:15

20 <sup>a</sup>Is. 6:5

21 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *with*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 18:2, 46; 27:5; 61:2;  
62:7

22 <sup>a</sup>Is. 49:2, 51:16

1 <sup>a</sup>Ex. 24:12; 31:18

2 <sup>1</sup>Or, *place yourself before*  
<sup>a</sup>Ex. 19:11, 18, 20

3 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *on all*  
<sup>a</sup>Ex. 19:12, 13

4 <sup>a</sup>Ex. 34:1

5 <sup>1</sup>Or, *he called out with the name of the LORD*  
<sup>a</sup>Ex. 19:9; 33:9

6 <sup>1</sup>Or, *faithfulness*  
<sup>a</sup>Num. 14:18; Deut. 4:31;  
Neh. 9:17; Ps. 86:15; 103:8;  
145:8

7 <sup>a</sup>Ex. 20:5, 6 <sup>b</sup>Ex. 23:7

8 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *and bowed*

9 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *it is a people stiff-necked* <sup>2</sup>Or, *inheritance*  
<sup>a</sup>Ex. 33:13 <sup>b</sup>Ex. 33:12 <sup>c</sup>Ex. 32:9 <sup>d</sup>Ex. 34:7  
<sup>e</sup>Deut. 4:20; 9:26, 29; 32:9;  
Ps. 33:12

15 Then he said to Him, "If Thy presence does not go *with us*, do not lead us up from here.

16 "For how then can it be known that I have found favor in Thy sight, I and Thy people? Is it not by Thy going with us, so that <sup>a</sup>we, I and Thy people, may be distinguished from all the *other* people who are upon the face of the <sup>1</sup>earth?"

17 And the LORD said to Moses, "I will also do this thing of which you have spoken; <sup>a</sup>for you have found favor in My sight, and I have known you by name."

18 <sup>a</sup>Then <sup>1</sup>Moses said, "I pray Thee, show me Thy glory!"

19 And He said, "<sup>a</sup>I Myself will make all My goodness pass before you, and will proclaim the name of the LORD before you; and <sup>b</sup>I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will show compassion on whom I will show compassion."

20 But He said, "You cannot see My face, <sup>a</sup>for no man can see Me and live!"

21 Then the LORD said, "Behold, there is a place <sup>1</sup>by Me, and <sup>a</sup>you shall stand *there* on the rock;

22 and it will come about, while My glory is passing by, that I will put you in the cleft of the rock and <sup>a</sup>cover you with My hand until I have passed by.

23 "Then I will take My hand away and you shall see My back, but My face shall not be seen."

## CHAPTER 34

**N**OW the LORD said to Moses, "Cut out for yourself <sup>a</sup>two stone tablets like the former ones, and I will write on the tablets the words that were on the former tablets which you shattered.

2 "So be ready by morning, and come up in the morning to <sup>a</sup>Mount Sinai, and <sup>1</sup>present yourself there to Me on the top of the mountain.

3 "And <sup>a</sup>no man is to come up with you, nor let any man be seen <sup>1</sup>anywhere on the mountain; even the flocks and the herds may not graze in front of that mountain."

4 So he cut out <sup>a</sup>two stone tablets like the former ones, and Moses rose up early in the morning and went up to Mount Sinai, as the LORD had commanded him, and he took two stone tablets in his hand.

5 And <sup>a</sup>the LORD descended in the cloud and stood there with him as <sup>1</sup>he called upon the name of the LORD.

6 Then the LORD passed by in front of him and proclaimed, "The LORD, the LORD God, <sup>a</sup>compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in lovingkindness and <sup>1</sup>truth;

7 who <sup>a</sup>keeps lovingkindness for thousands, who forgives iniquity, transgression and sin; yet He <sup>b</sup>will by no means leave *the guilty* unpunished, visiting the iniquity of fathers on the children and on the grandchildren to the third and fourth generations."

8 And Moses made haste <sup>1</sup>to bow low toward the earth and worship.

9 And he said, "<sup>a</sup>If now I have found favor in Thy sight, O LORD, I pray, <sup>b</sup>let the LORD go along in our midst, even though <sup>1</sup>cthe people are so obstinate; and do Thou <sup>d</sup>pardon our iniquity and our sin, and <sup>e</sup>take us as Thine own <sup>2</sup>possession."

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Law of the Covenant.**

10 Then <sup>1</sup>God said, "Behold, <sup>2</sup>I am going to make a covenant. Before all your people <sup>3</sup>I will perform miracles which have not been <sup>2</sup>produced in all the earth, nor among any of the nations; and all the people <sup>3</sup>among whom you live will see the working of the LORD, for it is a fearful thing that I am going to perform with you.

11 "Be sure to observe what I am commanding you this day: behold, <sup>2</sup>I am going to drive out the Amorite before you, and the Canaanite, the Hittite, the Perizzite, the Hivite and the Jebusite.

12 "Watch yourself that you make no covenant with the inhabitants of the land into which you are going, lest it become a snare in your midst.

13 "But rather, you are to tear down their altars and smash their *sacred* pillars and cut down their <sup>1b</sup>Asherim

14 —for <sup>2</sup>you shall not worship any other god, for the LORD, whose name is Jealous, is a jealous God—

15 lest you make a covenant with the inhabitants of the land and they play the harlot with their gods, and <sup>2</sup>sacrifice to their gods, and someone <sup>3</sup>binvite you <sup>1</sup>to eat of his sacrifice;

16 and <sup>2</sup>you take some of his daughters for your sons, and his daughters play the harlot with their gods, and cause your sons *also* to play the harlot with their gods.

17 "You shall make for yourself no molten gods.

18 "You shall observe <sup>2</sup>the Feast of Unleavened Bread. For <sup>3</sup>seven days you are to eat unleavened bread, <sup>1</sup>as I commanded you, at the appointed time in the <sup>4</sup>month of Abib, for in the month of Abib you came out of Egypt.

19 "The <sup>1</sup>first offspring from every womb belongs to Me, and all your male livestock, the <sup>1</sup>first offspring from <sup>2</sup>cattle and sheep.

20 "And you shall redeem with a lamb the <sup>1</sup>first offspring from a donkey; and if you do not redeem *it*, then you shall break its neck. You shall redeem <sup>2</sup>all the first-born of your sons. And <sup>2c</sup>none shall appear before Me empty-handed.

21 "You shall work <sup>2</sup>six days, but on the seventh day you shall rest; *even* during plowing time and harvest you shall rest.

22 "And you shall celebrate <sup>2</sup>the Feast of Weeks, *that is*, the first fruits of the wheat harvest, and the Feast of Ingathering at the turn of the year.

23 "Three times a year all your males are to appear before the Lord <sup>1</sup>God, the God of Israel.

24 "For I will <sup>1</sup>drive out nations before you and enlarge your borders, and no man shall covet your land when you go up three times a year to appear before the LORD your God.

25 "You shall not <sup>1</sup>offer the blood of My sacrifice with leavened bread, <sup>2</sup>nor is the sacrifice of the Feast of the Passover to <sup>2</sup>be left over until morning.

26 "You shall bring <sup>2</sup>the very first of the first fruits of your soil into the house of the LORD your God. You shall not boil a kid in its mother's milk."

27 Then the LORD said to Moses, "Write <sup>1</sup>down these words, <sup>2</sup>for in accordance with these words I have made a covenant with you and with Israel."

10 <sup>1</sup>Lit., He said <sup>2</sup>Lit., created <sup>3</sup>Lit., in whose midst you are  
<sup>a</sup>Ex. 34:27, 28 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 72:18; 136:4

11 <sup>1</sup>Lit., Observe for yourself  
<sup>a</sup>Ex. 33:2

12 <sup>a</sup>Ex. 23:32, 33

13 <sup>1</sup>I.e., wooden symbols of a female deity  
<sup>a</sup>Ex. 23:24 <sup>b</sup>Judg. 6:25, 26

14 <sup>a</sup>Ex. 20:3, 5; Deut. 4:24

15 <sup>1</sup>Lit., and you eat  
<sup>a</sup>Ex. 22:20; 32:8 <sup>b</sup>Num. 25:1, 2; Deut. 32:37, 38

16 <sup>a</sup>Deut. 7:3; Josh. 23:12, 13

17 <sup>a</sup>Ex. 20:23

18 <sup>1</sup>Or, which  
<sup>a</sup>Ex. 12:17 <sup>b</sup>Ex. 12:15, 16  
<sup>c</sup>Ex. 12:2; 13:4

19 <sup>1</sup>Lit., Every <sup>2</sup>Or, oxen  
<sup>a</sup>Ex. 13:2

20 <sup>1</sup>Lit., first opening of <sup>2</sup>Lit., they shall not  
<sup>a</sup>Ex. 13:13 <sup>b</sup>Ex. 13:15; Num. 3:45 <sup>c</sup>Ex. 22:29

21 <sup>a</sup>Ex. 31:15; 35:2

22 <sup>a</sup>Ex. 23:16; Lev. 23:15

23 <sup>1</sup>YHWH, usually rendered LORD  
<sup>a</sup>Ex. 23:14-17

24 <sup>1</sup>Or, dispossess

25 <sup>1</sup>Lit., slaughter <sup>2</sup>Lit., remain overnight  
<sup>a</sup>Ex. 23:18 <sup>b</sup>Ex. 12:10

26 <sup>a</sup>Ex. 23:19

27 <sup>1</sup>Lit., for yourself  
<sup>a</sup>Ex. 17:14; 24:4 <sup>b</sup>Ex. 34:10

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28 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *Words*  
<sup>a</sup>Ex. 24:18 <sup>b</sup>Ex. 31:18; 34:1  
<sup>c</sup>Deut. 4:13; 10:4

30 <sup>2</sup>Cor. 3:7

31 <sup>a</sup>Ex. 16:22

32 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *with*

33 <sup>2</sup>Cor. 3:13

34 <sup>2</sup>Cor. 3:16

<sup>1</sup> Lit., *do them.*

<sup>2</sup> Ex. 31:15 <sup>b</sup> Ex. 16:23  
<sup>c</sup> Num. 15:32-36

3 <sup>a</sup> Ex. 12:16

<sup>5</sup> <sup>1</sup> Or, *heave offering*  
<sup>2</sup> Or, *copper*  
<sup>a</sup> Ex. 25:1-9

6 <sup>1</sup> Or, *violet*

7 <sup>1</sup> Or, *tanned* <sup>2</sup> Or,  
*dolphin*

9 <sup>1</sup> Or, *pouch*

11 <sup>1</sup> Lit., *dwelling place*  
<sup>2</sup> Or, *bases*

28 So he was there with the LORD <sup>a</sup>forty days and forty nights; he did not eat bread or drink water. And <sup>b</sup>he wrote on the tablets the words of the covenant, <sup>c</sup>the Ten <sup>1</sup>Commandments.

29 And it came about when Moses was coming down from Mount Sinai (and the two tablets of the testimony *were* in Moses' hand as he was coming down from the mountain), that Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because of his speaking with Him.

30 So when Aaron and all the sons of Israel saw Moses, behold, the skin of his face shone, and <sup>a</sup>they were afraid to come near him.

31 Then Moses called to them, and Aaron and all <sup>a</sup>the rulers in the congregation returned to him; and Moses spoke to them.

32 And afterward all the sons of Israel came near, and he commanded them *to do* everything that the LORD had spoken <sup>1</sup>to him on Mount Sinai.

33 When Moses had finished speaking with them, <sup>a</sup>he put a veil over his face.

34 But whenever Moses went in before the LORD to speak with Him, <sup>a</sup>he would take off the veil until he came out; and whenever he came out and spoke to the sons of Israel what he had been commanded,

35 the sons of Israel would see the face of Moses, that the skin of Moses' face shone. So Moses would replace the veil over his face until he went in to speak with Him.

CHAPTER 35

**T**HEN Moses assembled all the congregation of the sons of Israel, and said to them, "These are the things that the LORD has commanded you <sup>1</sup>to do.

2 <sup>a</sup>"For six days work may be done, but on the seventh day you shall have a holy *day*, <sup>b</sup>a sabbath of complete rest to the LORD; <sup>c</sup>whoever does any work on it shall be put to death.

3 <sup>a</sup>"You shall not kindle a fire in any of your dwellings on the sabbath day."

4 And Moses spoke to all the congregation of the sons of Israel, saying, "This is the thing which the LORD has commanded, saying,

5 <sup>a</sup>"Take from among you a <sup>1</sup>contribution to the LORD; whoever is of a willing heart, let him bring it as the LORD'S <sup>1</sup>contribution: gold, silver, and <sup>2</sup>bronze,

6 and <sup>1</sup>blue, purple and scarlet *material*, fine linen, goats' *hair*,

7 and rams' skins <sup>1</sup>dyed red, and <sup>2</sup>porpoise skins, and acacia wood,

8 and oil for lighting, and spices for the anointing oil, and for the fragrant incense,

9 and onyx stones and setting stones, for the ephod and for the <sup>1</sup>breastpiece.

10 <sup>a</sup>And let every skillful man among you come, and make all that the LORD has commanded:

11 the <sup>1</sup>tabernacle, its tent and its covering, its hooks and its boards, its bars, its pillars, and its <sup>2</sup>sockets;

12 the ark and its poles, the <sup>1</sup>mercy seat, and the curtain of the screen;

13 the table and its poles, and all its <sup>1</sup>utensils, and the <sup>a</sup>bread of the <sup>2</sup>Presence;

14 the lampstand also for the light and its utensils and its lamps and the oil for the light;

15 and the altar of incense and its poles, and the anointing oil and the fragrant incense, and the screen for the doorway at the <sup>1</sup>entrance of the tabernacle;

16 the altar of burnt offering with its <sup>1</sup>bronze grating, its poles, and all its <sup>2</sup>utensils, the <sup>3</sup>basin and its stand;

17 the hangings of the court, its pillars and its <sup>1</sup>sockets, and the screen for the gate of the court;

18 the pegs of the tabernacle and the pegs of the court and their cords;

19 the <sup>1a</sup>woven garments, for ministering in the holy place, the holy garments for Aaron the priest, and the garments of his sons, to minister as priests.' "

20 Then all the congregation of the sons of Israel departed from Moses' presence.

21 And <sup>a</sup>everyone whose heart <sup>1</sup>stirred him and everyone whose spirit <sup>2</sup>moved him came *and* brought the LORD's <sup>3</sup>contribution for the work of the tent of meeting and for all its service and for the holy garments.

22 Then all <sup>1</sup>whose hearts moved them, both men and women, came *and* brought brooches and <sup>2</sup>earrings and signet rings and bracelets, all articles of gold; so *did* every man who <sup>3</sup>presented an offering of gold to the LORD.

23 And every man, <sup>1</sup>who had in his possession <sup>2</sup>blue and purple and scarlet *material* and fine linen and goats' *hair* and rams' skins <sup>3</sup>dyed red and <sup>4</sup>seal skins, brought them.

24 Everyone who could make a <sup>1</sup>contribution of silver and <sup>2</sup>bronze brought the LORD's <sup>1</sup>contribution; and every man, <sup>3</sup>who had in his possession acacia wood for any work of the service, brought it.

25 And all the <sup>1</sup>skilled women spun with their hands, and brought what they had spun, *in* <sup>2</sup>blue and purple *and* scarlet *material* and *in* fine linen.

26 And all the women whose heart <sup>1</sup>stirred with a skill spun the goats' *hair*.

27 And the rulers brought the onyx stones and the stones for setting for the ephod and for the <sup>1</sup>breastpiece;

28 and the spice and the oil for the light and for the anointing oil and for the fragrant incense.

29 The <sup>1</sup>Israelites, all the men and women, whose heart <sup>2</sup>moved them to bring *material* for all the work, which the LORD had commanded through Moses to be done, brought a freewill offering to the LORD.

30 <sup>a</sup>Then Moses said to the sons of Israel, "See, the LORD has called by name Bezalel the son of Uri, the son of Hur, of the tribe of Judah.

31 "And He has filled him with the Spirit of God, in wisdom, in understanding and in knowledge and in all <sup>1</sup>craftsmanship;

32 <sup>1</sup>to make designs for working in gold and in silver and in <sup>2</sup>bronze,

33 and in the cutting of stones for settings, and in the

12 <sup>1</sup>Lit. *propitiatory*

13 <sup>1</sup>Or, *vessels* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *Face*  
<sup>a</sup>Ex. 25:30

15 <sup>1</sup>Or, *doorway*

16 <sup>1</sup>Or, *copper* <sup>2</sup>Or,  
*vessels* <sup>3</sup>Or, *laver*

17 <sup>1</sup>Or, *bases*

19 <sup>1</sup>Or, *service garments*  
<sup>a</sup>Ex. 31:10

21 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *lifted up* <sup>2</sup>Or,  
*made him willing* <sup>3</sup>Or,  
*heave offering*  
<sup>a</sup>Ex. 25:2

22 <sup>1</sup>Or, *who were willing-  
hearted* <sup>2</sup>Or, *nose rings*  
<sup>3</sup>Lit., *waved a wave  
offering*

23 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *with whom was  
found* <sup>2</sup>Or, *violet* <sup>3</sup>Or,  
*tanned* <sup>4</sup>Or, *porpoise skins*

24 <sup>1</sup>Or, *heave offering*  
<sup>2</sup>Or, *copper* <sup>3</sup>Lit., *with  
whom was found*

25 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *women wise of  
heart* <sup>2</sup>Or, *violet*

26 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *lifted them up in  
wisdom*

27 <sup>1</sup>Or, *pouch*

29 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *sons of Israel*  
<sup>2</sup>Lit., *made them willing*

30 <sup>a</sup>Ex. 31:1-6

31 <sup>1</sup>Or, *work*

32 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *devise devices*  
<sup>2</sup>Or, *copper*

35 <sup>1</sup>Lit., wisdom of heart  
<sup>2</sup>Or, violet

1 <sup>1</sup>Lit., man wise of heart  
<sup>2</sup>Lit., wisdom <sup>3</sup>Or, connected with the service of; lit., of the service of

2 <sup>1</sup>Lit., man wise of heart  
<sup>2</sup>Lit., whose heart  
<sup>3</sup>Lit., wisdom

3 <sup>1</sup>Lit., lifted offering  
<sup>2</sup>Lit., to perform it for the work  
<sup>3</sup>Lit., of the service of

4 <sup>1</sup>Lit., wise <sup>2</sup>Lit., his  
<sup>3</sup>Lit., they were

5 <sup>1</sup>Lit., Moses, saying,  
<sup>2</sup>Lit., service for the work  
<sup>3</sup>Lit., perform it  
<sup>4</sup>Chr. 24:14; 31:6-10

6 <sup>1</sup>Lit., voice <sup>2</sup>Lit., heave offering

7 <sup>1</sup>Lit., work  
<sup>2</sup>1 Kin. 8:64

8 <sup>1</sup>Lit., wise of heart  
<sup>2</sup>Lit., dwelling place <sup>3</sup>Or, violet <sup>4</sup>Lit., he  
<sup>5</sup>Ex. 26:1-14

9 <sup>1</sup>I.e., one cubit equals approximately 18 inches.  
<sup>2</sup>Lit., one measure

10 <sup>1</sup>Or, coupled

11 <sup>1</sup>Or, violet <sup>2</sup>Lit., one curtain from the end in the coupling <sup>3</sup>Lit., coupling

12 <sup>1</sup>Lit., end <sup>2</sup>Lit., coupling

13 <sup>1</sup>Or, coupled <sup>2</sup>Lit., one

14 <sup>1</sup>Lit., them

carving of wood, so as to perform in every inventive work.

34 "He also has put in his heart to teach, both he and Oholiab, the son of Ahisamach, of the tribe of Dan.

35 "He has filled them with <sup>1</sup>skill to perform every work of an engraver and of a designer and of an embroiderer, in <sup>2</sup>blue and in purple and in scarlet material, and in fine linen, and of a weaver, as performers of every work and makers of designs.

CHAPTER 36

"NOW Bezalel and Oholiab, and every <sup>1</sup>skillful person in whom the LORD has put <sup>2</sup>skill and understanding to know how to perform all the work <sup>3</sup>in the construction of the sanctuary, shall perform in accordance with all that the LORD has commanded."

2 Then Moses called Bezalel and Oholiab and every <sup>1</sup>skillful person in <sup>2</sup>whom the LORD had put <sup>3</sup>skill, everyone whose heart stirred him, to come to the work to perform it.

3 And they received from Moses all the <sup>1</sup>contributions which the sons of Israel had brought <sup>2</sup>to perform the work <sup>3</sup>in the construction of the sanctuary. And they still continued bringing to him freewill offerings every morning.

4 And all the <sup>1</sup>skillful men who were performing all the work of the sanctuary came, each from <sup>2</sup>the work which <sup>3</sup>he was performing,

5 and they said to <sup>1</sup>Moses, "aThe people are bringing much more than enough for the <sup>2</sup>construction work which the LORD commanded us to <sup>3</sup>perform."

6 So Moses issued a command, and a <sup>1</sup>proclamation was circulated throughout the camp, saying, "Let neither man nor woman any longer perform work for the <sup>2</sup>contributions of the sanctuary." Thus the people were restrained from bringing any more.

7 <sup>a</sup>For the <sup>1</sup>material they had was sufficient and more than enough for all the work, to perform it.

8 <sup>a</sup>And all the <sup>1</sup>skillful men among those who were performing the work made the <sup>2</sup>tabernacle with ten curtains; of fine twisted linen and <sup>3</sup>blue and purple and scarlet material, with cherubim, the work of a skillful workman, <sup>4</sup>Bezalel made them.

9 The length of each curtain was twenty-eight <sup>1</sup>cubits, and the width of each curtain four <sup>1</sup>cubits; all the curtains had <sup>2</sup>the same measurements.

10 And he <sup>1</sup>joined five curtains to one another, and the other five curtains he <sup>1</sup>joined to one another.

11 And he made loops of <sup>1</sup>blue on the edge of the <sup>2</sup>outermost curtain in the first <sup>3</sup>set; he did likewise on the edge of the curtain that was <sup>2</sup>outermost in the second <sup>3</sup>set.

12 He made fifty loops in the one curtain and he made fifty loops on the <sup>1</sup>edge of the curtain that was in the second <sup>2</sup>set; the loops were opposite each other.

13 And he made fifty clasps of gold, and <sup>1</sup>joined the curtains to one another with the clasps, so the tabernacle was <sup>2</sup>a unit.

14 Then he made curtains of goats' hair for a tent over the tabernacle; he made eleven curtains <sup>1</sup>in all.

15 The length of each curtain was thirty cubits, and four



cubits the width of each curtain; the eleven curtains had <sup>1</sup>the same measurements.

16 And he <sup>1</sup>joined five curtains by themselves, and *the other* six curtains by themselves.

17 Moreover, he made fifty loops on the edge of the curtain that was outermost in the *first* <sup>1</sup>set, and he made fifty loops on the edge of the curtain *that was outermost in* the second <sup>1</sup>set.

18 And he made fifty clasps of <sup>1</sup>bronze to <sup>2</sup>join the tent together, that it might be <sup>3</sup>a unit.

19 And he made a covering for the tent of rams' skins <sup>1</sup>dyed red, and a covering of <sup>2</sup>porpoise skins above.

20 <sup>2</sup>Then he made the boards for the tabernacle of acacia wood, standing upright.

21 Ten cubits was the length of <sup>1</sup>each board, and one and a half cubits the width of each board.

22 There were two tenons for each board, <sup>1</sup>fitted to one another; thus he did for all the boards of the tabernacle.

23 And he made the boards for the tabernacle: twenty boards <sup>1</sup>for the south side;

24 and he made forty <sup>1</sup>sockets of silver under the twenty boards; two <sup>1</sup>sockets under one board for its two tenons and two <sup>1</sup>sockets under another board for its two tenons.

25 Then for the second side of the tabernacle, on the north side, he made twenty boards,

26 and their forty <sup>1</sup>sockets of silver; two <sup>1</sup>sockets under one board and two <sup>1</sup>sockets under another board.

27 And for the <sup>1</sup>rear of the tabernacle, to the west, he made six boards.

28 And he made two boards for the corners of the <sup>1</sup>tabernacle at the <sup>2</sup>rear.

29 And they were double beneath, and together they were complete to its <sup>1</sup>top <sup>2</sup>to the first ring; thus he did with both of them for the two corners.

30 And there were eight boards with their <sup>1</sup>sockets of silver, sixteen <sup>1</sup>sockets, <sup>2</sup>two under every board.

31 Then he made bars of acacia wood, five for the boards of one side of the tabernacle,

32 and five bars for the boards of the <sup>1</sup>other side of the tabernacle, and five bars for the boards of the tabernacle for the <sup>2</sup>rear side to the west.

33 And he made the middle bar to pass through in the <sup>1</sup>center of the boards from end to end.

34 And he overlaid the boards with gold and made their rings of gold as holders for the bars, and overlaid the bars with gold.

35 <sup>2</sup>Moreover, he made the veil of <sup>1</sup>blue and purple and scarlet *material*, and fine twisted linen; he made it with cherubim, the work of a skillful workman.

36 And he made four pillars of acacia for it, and overlaid them with gold, with their hooks of gold; and he cast four <sup>1</sup>sockets of silver for them.

37 And he made a screen for the doorway of the tent, of <sup>1</sup>blue and purple and scarlet *material*, and fine twisted linen, the work of a <sup>2</sup>weaver;

38 and *he made* its five pillars with their hooks, and he

15 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *one measure*

16 <sup>1</sup>Or, *coupled*

17 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *coupling*

18 <sup>1</sup>Or, *copper* <sup>2</sup>Or, *couple* <sup>3</sup>Lit., *one*

19 <sup>1</sup>Or, *tanned* <sup>2</sup>Or, *dolphin skins*

20 <sup>2</sup>Ex. 26:15-29

21 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *the*

22 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *bound*

23 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *toward the side of Negev to the south*

24 <sup>1</sup>Or, *bases*

26 <sup>1</sup>Or, *bases*

27 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *extreme parts*

28 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *dwelling place* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *extreme parts*

29 <sup>1</sup>Or, *head* <sup>2</sup>Or, *with reference to*

30 <sup>1</sup>Or, *bases* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *two sockets*

32 <sup>1</sup>Or, *second* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *extreme parts*

33 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *midst*

35 <sup>1</sup>Or, *violet* <sup>2</sup>Ex. 26:31-37

36 <sup>1</sup>Or, *bases*

37 <sup>1</sup>Or, *violet* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *variegator; i.e., a weaver in colors*

38 <sup>1</sup>Or, fillets, rings <sup>2</sup>Or, bases <sup>1</sup>Or, copper

1 <sup>1</sup>I.e., one cubit equals approximately 18 inches  
<sup>a</sup>Ex. 25:10-20

3 <sup>1</sup>Lit., second

5 <sup>1</sup>Lit., the ark

6 <sup>1</sup>Lit., propitiatory <sup>2</sup>Lit., its length <sup>3</sup>Lit., its width

7 <sup>1</sup>Lit., from

8 <sup>1</sup>Lit., from

9 <sup>1</sup>Lit., propitiatory

10 <sup>1</sup>I.e., one cubit equals approximately 18 inches  
<sup>2</sup>Lit., its length <sup>3</sup>Lit., its width <sup>4</sup>Lit., its height  
<sup>a</sup>Ex. 25:23-29

16 <sup>1</sup>Or, platters <sup>2</sup>Lit., libation bowls

17 <sup>1</sup>Or, calyxes  
<sup>a</sup>Ex. 25:31-39

18 <sup>1</sup>Lit., second

19 <sup>1</sup>Or, calyx

20 <sup>1</sup>Or, calyxes

overlaid their tops and their <sup>1</sup>bands with gold; but their five <sup>2</sup>sockets were of <sup>3</sup>bronze.

## CHAPTER 37

<sup>a</sup>**N**OW Bezelel made the ark of acacia wood; its length was two and a half <sup>1</sup>cubits, and its width one and a half cubits, and its height one and a half cubits;

<sup>2</sup> and he overlaid it with pure gold inside and out, and made a gold molding for it all around.

<sup>3</sup> And he cast four rings of gold for it on its four feet; even two rings on one side of it, and two rings on the <sup>1</sup>other side of it.

<sup>4</sup> And he made poles of acacia wood and overlaid them with gold.

<sup>5</sup> And he put the poles into the rings on the sides of the ark, to carry <sup>1</sup>it.

<sup>6</sup> And he made a <sup>1</sup>mercy seat of pure gold, two and a half cubits <sup>2</sup>long, and one and a half cubits <sup>3</sup>wide.

<sup>7</sup> And he made two cherubim of gold; he made them of hammered work, <sup>1</sup>at the two ends of the mercy seat;

<sup>8</sup> one cherub <sup>1</sup>at the one end, and one cherub <sup>1</sup>at the other end; he made the cherubim of *one piece* with the mercy seat <sup>1</sup>at the two ends.

<sup>9</sup> And the cherubim had *their* wings spread upward, covering the <sup>1</sup>mercy seat with their wings, with their faces toward each other; the faces of the cherubim were toward the mercy seat.

<sup>10</sup> <sup>a</sup>Then he made the table of acacia wood, two <sup>1</sup>cubits <sup>2</sup>long and a cubit <sup>3</sup>wide and one and a half cubits <sup>4</sup>high.

<sup>11</sup> And he overlaid it with pure gold, and made a gold molding for it all around.

<sup>12</sup> And he made a rim for it of a handbreadth all around, and made a gold molding for its rim all around.

<sup>13</sup> And he cast four gold rings for it and put the rings on the four corners that were on its four feet.

<sup>14</sup> Close by the rim were the rings, the holders for the poles to carry the table.

<sup>15</sup> And he made the poles of acacia wood and overlaid them with gold, to carry the table.

<sup>16</sup> And he made the utensils which were on the table, its <sup>1</sup>dishes and its pans and its <sup>2</sup>bowls and its jars, with which to pour out libations, of pure gold.

<sup>17</sup> <sup>a</sup>Then he made the lampstand of pure gold. He made the lampstand of hammered work, its base and its shaft; its cups, its <sup>1</sup>bulbs and its flowers were of *one piece* with it.

<sup>18</sup> And there were six branches going out of its sides; three branches of the lampstand from the one side of it, and three branches of the lampstand from the <sup>1</sup>other side of it;

<sup>19</sup> three cups shaped like almond *blossoms*, a <sup>1</sup>bulb and a flower in one branch, and three cups shaped like almond *blossoms*, a <sup>1</sup>bulb and a flower in the other branch—so for the six branches going out of the lampstand.

<sup>20</sup> And in the lampstand *there were* four cups shaped like almond *blossoms*, its <sup>1</sup>bulbs and its flowers;

**The Altar of Incense; of Burnt Offering.  
The Laver; the Court.**

21 and a <sup>1</sup>bulb was under the *first* pair of branches *coming* out of it, and a <sup>1</sup>bulb under the *second* pair of branches *coming* out of it, and a <sup>1</sup>bulb under the *third* pair of branches *coming* out of it, for the six branches coming out of the lampstand.

22 Their <sup>1</sup>bulbs and their branches were of *one piece* with it; the whole of it was a single hammered work of pure gold.

23 And he made its seven lamps with its snuffers and its <sup>1</sup>trays of pure gold.

24 He made it and all its utensils from a talent of pure gold.

25 <sup>a</sup>Then he made the altar of incense of acacia wood: a cubit <sup>1</sup>long and a cubit <sup>2</sup>wide, square, and two cubits <sup>3</sup>high; its horns were of *one piece* with it.

26 And he overlaid it with pure gold, its top and its <sup>1</sup>sides all around, and its horns; and he made a gold molding for it all around.

27 And he made two golden rings for it under its molding, on its two sides—on opposite sides—as holders for poles with which to carry it.

28 And he made the poles of acacia wood and overlaid them with gold.

29 <sup>a</sup>And he made the holy anointing oil and the pure, fragrant incense of spices, the work of a perfumer.

**CHAPTER 38**

<sup>a</sup>**T**HEN he made the altar of burnt offering of acacia wood, five <sup>1</sup>cubits <sup>2</sup>long, and five cubits <sup>3</sup>wide, square, and three cubits <sup>4</sup>high.

2 And he made its horns on its four corners, its horns <sup>1</sup>being of *one piece* with it, and he overlaid it with <sup>2</sup>bronze.

3 And he made all the utensils of the altar, the pails and the shovels and the basins, the flesh hooks and the fire pans; he made all its utensils of bronze.

4 And he made for the altar a grating of bronze network beneath, under its ledge, reaching halfway up.

5 And he cast four rings on the four ends of the bronze grating as holders for the poles.

6 And he made the poles of acacia wood and overlaid them with bronze.

7 And he inserted the poles into the rings on the sides of the altar, with which to carry it. He made it hollow with planks.

8 <sup>a</sup>Moreover, he made the laver of bronze with its base of bronze, <sup>1</sup>from the mirrors of the serving women who served at the doorway of the tent of meeting.

9 <sup>a</sup>Then he made the court: for the <sup>1</sup>south side the hangings of the court were of fine twisted linen, one hundred cubits;

10 their twenty pillars, and their twenty <sup>1</sup>sockets, *made* of bronze; the hooks of the pillars and their <sup>2</sup>bands were of silver.

11 And for the north side *there were* one hundred cubits; their twenty pillars and their twenty <sup>1</sup>sockets were of bronze, the hooks of the pillars and their <sup>2</sup>bands were of silver.

12 And for the west side *there were* hangings of fifty cubits with their ten pillars and their ten <sup>1</sup>sockets; the hooks of the pillars and their <sup>2</sup>bands were of silver.

21 <sup>1</sup>Or, calyx

22 <sup>1</sup>Or, calyxes

23 <sup>1</sup>Lit., snuff dishes

25 <sup>1</sup>Lit., its length <sup>2</sup>Lit., its width <sup>3</sup>Lit., its height <sup>a</sup>Ex. 30:1-5

26 <sup>1</sup>Lit., walls

29 <sup>a</sup>Ex. 30:23-25, 34, 35

1 <sup>1</sup>i.e., one cubit equals approximately 18 inches <sup>2</sup>Lit., its length <sup>3</sup>Lit., its width <sup>4</sup>Lit., its height <sup>a</sup>Ex. 27:1-8

2 <sup>1</sup>Lit., were <sup>2</sup>Or, copper, and so for bronze throughout the chap.

8 <sup>1</sup>Lit., with <sup>a</sup>Ex. 30:18

9 <sup>1</sup>Lit., to the side of the Negev, to the south <sup>a</sup>Ex. 27:9-19

10 <sup>1</sup>Or, bases <sup>2</sup>Or, fillets, rings

11 <sup>1</sup>Or, bases <sup>2</sup>Or, fillets, rings

12 <sup>1</sup>Or, bases <sup>2</sup>Or, fillets, rings

13 <sup>1</sup>Lit., east side, eastward

14 <sup>1</sup>Lit., shoulder <sup>2</sup>Or, bases

15 <sup>1</sup>Lit., second <sup>2</sup>Lit., shoulder <sup>1</sup>Lit., On this side and on that side <sup>4</sup>Or, bases

17 <sup>1</sup>Or, bases <sup>2</sup>Or, copper <sup>3</sup>Or, fillets, rings

18 <sup>1</sup>Lit., variegator; i.e., a weaver in colors <sup>2</sup>Or, violet <sup>3</sup>Lit., height in width

19 <sup>1</sup>Or, bases <sup>2</sup>Or, fillets, rings

20 <sup>1</sup>Lit., dwelling place

21 <sup>1</sup>Lit., These are the appointed things of the tabernacle <sup>2</sup>Lit., dwelling place <sup>3</sup>Lit., appointed <sup>4</sup>Lit., mouth

23 <sup>1</sup>Lit., variegator; i.e., a weaver in colors <sup>2</sup>Or, violet

25 <sup>1</sup>Lit., mustered <sup>2</sup>Ex. 30:11-16

26 <sup>1</sup>Lit., mustered <sup>2</sup>Ex. 12:37; Num. 1:46; 26:51

27 <sup>1</sup>Or, bases

28 <sup>1</sup>Or, fillets, rings

30 <sup>1</sup>Or, bases

31 <sup>1</sup>Or, bases <sup>2</sup>Lit., dwelling place

13 And for the <sup>1</sup>east side fifty cubits.

14 The hangings for the *one* <sup>1</sup>side of the gate were fifteen cubits, with their three pillars and their three <sup>2</sup>sockets,

15 and so for the <sup>1</sup>other <sup>2</sup>side. <sup>3</sup>On both sides of the gate of the court were hangings of fifteen cubits, with their three pillars and their three <sup>4</sup>sockets.

16 All the hangings of the court all around were of fine twisted linen.

17 And the <sup>1</sup>sockets for the pillars were of <sup>2</sup>bronze, the hooks of the pillars and their <sup>3</sup>bands, of silver; and the overlaying of their tops, of silver, and all the pillars of the court were furnished with silver <sup>3</sup>bands.

18 And the screen of the gate of the court was the work of the <sup>1</sup>weaver, of <sup>2</sup>blue and purple and scarlet material, and fine twisted linen. And the length was twenty cubits and the <sup>3</sup>height was five cubits, corresponding to the hangings of the court.

19 And their four pillars and their four <sup>1</sup>sockets were of bronze; their hooks were of silver, and the overlaying of their tops and their <sup>2</sup>bands were of silver.

20 And all the pegs of the <sup>1</sup>tabernacle and of the court all around were of bronze.

21 <sup>1</sup>This is the number of the things for the <sup>2</sup>tabernacle, the <sup>2</sup>tabernacle of the testimony, as they were <sup>3</sup>numbered according to the <sup>4</sup>command of Moses, for the service of the Levites, by the hand of Ithamar, the son of Aaron the priest.

22 Now Bezalel, the son of Uri the son of Hur, of the tribe of Judah, made all that the LORD had commanded Moses.

23 And with him was Oholiab, the son of Ahisamach, of the tribe of Dan, an engraver and a skillful workman and a <sup>1</sup>weaver in <sup>2</sup>blue and in purple and in scarlet material, and fine linen.

24 All the gold that was used for the work, in all the work of the sanctuary, even the gold of the wave offering, was 29 talents and 730 shekels, according to the shekel of the sanctuary.

25 <sup>2</sup>And the silver of those of the congregation who were <sup>1</sup>numbered was 100 talents and 1,775 shekels, according to the shekel of the sanctuary;

26 a beka a head (*that is*, half a shekel according to the shekel of the sanctuary), for each one who passed over to those who were <sup>1</sup>numbered, from twenty years old and upward, for <sup>2</sup>603,550 men.

27 And the hundred talents of silver were for casting the <sup>1</sup>sockets of the sanctuary and the <sup>1</sup>sockets of the veil; one hundred <sup>1</sup>sockets for the hundred talents, a talent for a <sup>1</sup>socket.

28 And of the 1,775 shekels, he made hooks for the pillars and overlaid their tops and made <sup>1</sup>bands for them.

29 And the bronze of the wave offering was 70 talents, and 2,400 shekels.

30 And with it he made the <sup>1</sup>sockets to the doorway of the tent of meeting, and the bronze altar and its bronze grating, and all the utensils of the altar,

31 and the <sup>1</sup>sockets of the court all around and the <sup>1</sup>sockets of the gate of the court, and all the pegs of the <sup>2</sup>tabernacle and all the pegs of the court all around.

CHAPTER 39

**MOREOVER**, from the <sup>1</sup>blue and purple and scarlet *material*, they made finely woven garments for ministering in the holy place, <sup>2</sup>as well as the holy garments which were for Aaron, just as the LORD had commanded Moses.

**2** <sup>a</sup>And he made the ephod of gold, *and* of <sup>1</sup>blue and purple and scarlet *material*, and fine twisted linen.

**3** Then they hammered out gold sheets and cut *them* into threads <sup>1</sup>to be woven in *with* the <sup>2</sup>blue and the purple and the scarlet *material*, and the fine linen, the work of a skillful workman.

**4** They made attaching shoulder pieces for <sup>1</sup>the ephod; it was attached at its two *upper* ends.

**5** And the skillfully woven band which was on it was like its workmanship, <sup>1</sup>of the same material: of gold *and* of <sup>2</sup>blue and purple and scarlet *material*, and fine twisted linen, just as the LORD had commanded Moses.

**6** And they made the onyx stones, set in gold filigree *settings*; they were engraved *like* the engravings of a signet, according to the names of the sons of Israel.

**7** And he placed them on the shoulder pieces of the ephod, *as* memorial stones for the sons of Israel, just as the LORD had commanded Moses.

**8** <sup>a</sup>And he made the breastpiece, the work of a skillful workman, like the workmanship of the ephod: of gold *and* of <sup>1</sup>blue and purple and scarlet *material* and fine twisted linen.

**9** It was square; they made the breastpiece folded double, <sup>a</sup>a span <sup>1</sup>long and a span <sup>2</sup>wide when folded double.

**10** And they <sup>1</sup>mounted four rows of stones on it. The first row *was* a row of ruby, topaz, and emerald;

**11** and the second row, a turquoise, a sapphire and a diamond;

**12** and the third row, a jacinth, an agate, and an amethyst;

**13** and the fourth row, a beryl, an onyx, and a jasper. They were set in gold filigree *settings* when they were <sup>1</sup>mounted.

**14** And the stones were corresponding to the names of the sons of Israel; they were twelve, corresponding to their names, *engraved with* the engravings of a signet, each with its name for the twelve tribes.

**15** And they made on the breastpiece chains like cords, of twisted cordage work in pure gold.

**16** And they made two gold filigree *settings* and two gold rings, and put the two rings on the two ends of the breastpiece.

**17** Then they put the two gold cords in the two rings at the ends of the breastpiece.

**18** And they put the *other* two ends of the two cords on the two filigree *settings*, and put them on the shoulder pieces of the ephod at the front of it.

**19** And they made two gold rings and placed *them* on the two ends of the breastpiece, on its inner edge which was next to the ephod.

**20** Furthermore, they made two gold rings and placed them on the bottom of the two shoulder pieces of the ephod, on the front of it, close to the place where it joined, above the woven band of the ephod.

<sup>1</sup> Or, violet <sup>2</sup> Lit., and they made

<sup>2</sup> Or, violet  
<sup>a</sup> Ex. 28:6-12

<sup>3</sup> Lit., to work <sup>2</sup> Or, violet

<sup>4</sup> Lit., it

<sup>5</sup> Lit., from it <sup>2</sup> Or, violet

<sup>8</sup> Or, violet  
<sup>a</sup> Ex. 28:15-28

<sup>9</sup> Lit., its length <sup>2</sup> Lit., its width

<sup>10</sup> Lit., filled

<sup>13</sup> Lit., filled

21 <sup>1</sup>Or, violet

22 <sup>1</sup>Or, violet  
<sup>a</sup>Ex. 28:31-34

24 <sup>1</sup>Or, violet

25 <sup>1</sup>Lit., robe, between the pomegranates

26 <sup>1</sup>Lit., a bell and a pomegranate, a bell . . .

27 <sup>a</sup>Ex. 28:39, 40, 42

28 <sup>1</sup>Lit., headgear

29 <sup>1</sup>Or, violet <sup>2</sup>Lit., variegator i.e., a weaver in colors

30 <sup>1</sup>Lit., wrote on it a writing  
<sup>a</sup>Ex. 28:36, 37

31 <sup>1</sup>Lit., put <sup>2</sup>Or, violet

32 <sup>1</sup>Lit., dwelling place

33 <sup>1</sup>Or, utensils <sup>2</sup>Or, bases

34 <sup>1</sup>Or, tanned <sup>2</sup>Or, dolphin

35 <sup>1</sup>Lit., propitiatory

36 <sup>1</sup>Lit., Face

37 <sup>1</sup>Lit., its lamps, the lamps set in order

39 <sup>1</sup>Or, copper

40 <sup>1</sup>Or, bases <sup>2</sup>Or, utensils

21 And they bound the breastpiece by its rings to the rings of the ephod with a <sup>1</sup>blue cord, that it might be on the woven band of the ephod, and that the breastpiece might not come loose from the ephod, just as the LORD had commanded Moses.

22 <sup>a</sup>Then he made the robe of the ephod of woven work, all of <sup>1</sup>blue;

23 <sup>a</sup>and the opening of the robe was *at the top* in the center, as the opening of a coat of mail, with a binding all around its opening, that it might not be torn.

24 And they made pomegranates of <sup>1</sup>blue and purple and scarlet *material and twisted linen* on the hem of the robe.

25 They also made bells of pure gold, and put the bells between the pomegranates all around on the hem of the robe,

26 <sup>1</sup>alternating a bell and a pomegranate all around on the hem of the robe, for the service, just as the LORD had commanded Moses.

27 <sup>a</sup>And they made the tunics of finely woven linen for Aaron and his sons,

28 and the turban of fine linen, and the decorated <sup>1</sup>caps of fine linen, and the linen breeches of fine twisted linen,

29 and the sash of fine twisted linen, and <sup>1</sup>blue and purple and scarlet *material*, the work of the <sup>2</sup>weaver, just as the LORD had commanded Moses.

30 <sup>a</sup>And they made the plate of the holy crown of pure gold, and <sup>1</sup>inscribed it like the engravings of a signet, "Holy to the LORD."

31 And they <sup>1</sup>fastened a <sup>2</sup>blue cord to it, to <sup>1</sup>fasten it on the turban above, just as the LORD had commanded Moses.

32 Thus all the work of the <sup>1</sup>tabernacle of the tent of meeting was completed; and the sons of Israel did according to all that the LORD had commanded Moses; so they did.

33 And they brought the tabernacle to Moses, the tent and all its <sup>1</sup>furnishings: its clasps, its boards, its bars, and its pillars and its <sup>2</sup>sockets;

34 and the covering of rams' skins <sup>1</sup>dyed red, and the covering of <sup>2</sup>porpoise skins, and the screening veil;

35 the ark of the testimony and its poles and the <sup>1</sup>mercy seat;

36 the table, all its utensils, and the bread of the <sup>1</sup>Presence;

37 the pure *gold* lampstand, <sup>1</sup>with its arrangement of lamps and all its utensils, and the oil for the light;

38 and the gold altar, and the anointing oil and the fragrant incense, and the veil for the doorway of the tent;

39 the <sup>1</sup>bronze altar and its <sup>1</sup>bronze grating, its poles and all its utensils, the laver and its stand;

40 the hangings for the court, its pillars and its <sup>1</sup>sockets, and the screen for the gate of the court, its cords and its pegs and all the <sup>2</sup>equipment for the service of the tabernacle, for the tent of meeting;

41 the woven garments for ministering in the holy place and the holy garments for Aaron the priest and the garments of his sons, to minister as priests.

42 So the sons of Israel did all the work according to all that the LORD had commanded Moses.

**Moses Examines the Work.  
The Tabernacle Erected.**

**Exodus 39, 40**

43 And Moses <sup>1</sup>examined all the work and behold, they had done it; just as the LORD had commanded, this they had done. So Moses blessed them.

43 <sup>1</sup>Lit., saw

**CHAPTER 40**

**T**HEN the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,

2 "On the first day of the first month you shall set up the <sup>1</sup>tabernacle of the tent of meeting.

2 <sup>1</sup>Lit., dwelling place  
<sup>2</sup>Ex. 40:17; 19:1; Num. 1:1

3 "And you shall place the ark of the testimony there, and you shall screen the ark with the veil.

4 <sup>1</sup>Lit., arrange its arrangement  
<sup>2</sup>Or, light

4 "And you shall bring in the table and <sup>1</sup>arrange what belongs on it; and you shall bring in the lampstand and <sup>2</sup>mount its lamps.

5 "Moreover, you shall set the gold altar of incense before the ark of the testimony, and set up the veil for the doorway to the tabernacle.

7 <sup>1</sup>Lit., there

6 "And you shall set the altar of burnt offering in front of the doorway of the tabernacle of the tent of meeting.

7 "And you shall set the laver between the tent of meeting and the altar, and put water <sup>1</sup>in it.

8 <sup>1</sup>Lit., put the screen

8 "And you shall set up the court all around and <sup>1</sup>hang up the veil for the gateway of the court.

9 "Then you shall take the anointing oil and anoint the tabernacle and all that is in it, and shall consecrate it and all its <sup>1</sup>furnishings; and it shall be holy.

9 <sup>1</sup>Or, utensils

10 "And you shall anoint the altar of burnt offering and all its utensils, and consecrate the altar; and the altar shall be most holy.

15 <sup>1</sup>Lit., be for them  
<sup>2</sup>Ex. 29:9

11 "And you shall anoint the laver and its stand, and consecrate it.

12 "Then you shall bring Aaron and his sons to the doorway of the tent of meeting and wash them with water.

13 "And you shall put the holy garments on Aaron and anoint him and consecrate him, that he may minister as a priest to Me.

17 <sup>1</sup>Lit., in <sup>2</sup>Lit., dwelling place  
<sup>2</sup>Ex. 40:2

14 "And you shall bring his sons and put tunics on them;

15 and you shall anoint them even as you have anointed their father, that they may minister as priests to Me; and their anointing shall <sup>1</sup>qualify them for a <sup>2</sup>perpetual priesthood throughout their generations."

18 <sup>1</sup>Lit., put <sup>2</sup>Or, bases

16 Thus Moses did; according to all that the LORD had commanded him, so he did.

17 Now it came about <sup>2</sup>in the first month <sup>1</sup>of the second year, on the first day of the month, that the <sup>2</sup>tabernacle was erected.

19 <sup>1</sup>Lit., over it above

18 And Moses erected the tabernacle and <sup>1</sup>laid its <sup>2</sup>sockets, and set up its boards, and <sup>1</sup>inserted its bars and erected its pillars.

19 And he spread the tent over the tabernacle and put the covering of the tent <sup>1</sup>on top of it, just as the LORD had commanded Moses.

20 <sup>1</sup>Lit., set <sup>2</sup>Lit., propitiatory  
<sup>3</sup>Lit., over the ark above  
<sup>2</sup>Deut. 10:5; 1 Kin. 8:9;  
<sup>2</sup>Chr. 5:10; Heb. 9:4

20 Then he took <sup>2</sup>the testimony and put it into the ark, and <sup>1</sup>attached the poles to the ark, and put the <sup>2</sup>mercy seat <sup>3</sup>on top of the ark.

21 And he brought the ark into the tabernacle, and set up

**The Tabernacle Erected.  
The Cloud over the Tent.**

**Exodus 40**

23 <sup>a</sup>Ex. 25:30; Lev. 24:5, 6

a veil for the screen, and screened off the ark of the testimony, just as the LORD had commanded Moses.

22 Then he put the table in the tent of meeting, on the north side of the tabernacle, outside the veil.

23 And he set the arrangement of <sup>a</sup>bread in order on it before the LORD, just as the LORD had commanded Moses.

24 Then he placed the lampstand in the tent of meeting, opposite the table, on the south side of the tabernacle.

25 And he lighted the lamps before the LORD, just as the LORD had commanded Moses.

28 <sup>1</sup>Or, screen

26 Then he placed the gold altar in the tent of meeting in front of the veil;

27 and he burned fragrant incense on it, just as the LORD had commanded Moses.

28 Then he set up the <sup>1</sup>veil for the doorway of the tabernacle.

29 And he set the altar of burnt offering *before* the doorway of the tabernacle of the tent of meeting, and offered on it the burnt offering and the meal offering, just as the LORD had commanded Moses.

31 <sup>a</sup>Ex. 30:19, 20

30 And he placed the laver between the tent of meeting and the altar, and put water in it for washing.

31 <sup>a</sup>And from it Moses and Aaron and his sons washed their hands and their feet.

32 When they entered the tent of meeting, and when they approached the altar, they washed, just as the LORD had commanded Moses.

33 And he erected the court all around the <sup>1</sup>tabernacle and the altar, and <sup>2</sup>hung up the veil for the gateway of the court. Thus Moses finished the work.

33 <sup>1</sup>Or, dwelling place  
<sup>2</sup>Lit., put the screen

34 <sup>a</sup>Then the cloud covered the tent of meeting, and the glory of the LORD filled the tabernacle.

35 And Moses was not able to enter the tent of meeting because the cloud had settled on it, and the glory of the LORD filled the tabernacle.

36 And throughout all their journeys whenever the cloud was taken up from over the tabernacle, the sons of Israel would set out;

37 but if the cloud was not taken up, then they did not set out until the day when it was taken up.

38 For throughout all their journeys, the cloud of the LORD was on the tabernacle by day, and there was fire in it by night, in the sight of all the house of Israel.

34 <sup>a</sup>Num. 9:15-23



# LEVITICUS

## The Law of Burnt Offerings.

**T**HEN <sup>a</sup>the LORD called to Moses and spoke to him from the tent of meeting, saying,

**2** "Speak to the sons of Israel and say to them, 'When any man of you brings an <sup>1a</sup>offering to the LORD, you shall bring your <sup>1</sup>offering of animals from <sup>b</sup>the herd or the flock.

**3** 'If his offering is a <sup>a</sup>burnt offering from the herd, he shall offer it a male <sup>b</sup>without defect; he shall offer it <sup>c</sup>at the doorway of the tent of meeting, that he may be accepted before the LORD.

**4** <sup>a</sup>And he shall lay his hand on the head of the burnt offering, that it may be accepted for him to make <sup>b</sup>atonement on his behalf.

**5** 'And <sup>a</sup>he shall slay the <sup>1</sup>young bull before the LORD; and Aaron's sons, the priests, shall offer up <sup>b</sup>the blood and <sup>c</sup>sprinkle the blood around on the altar that is at the doorway of the tent of meeting.

**6** <sup>a</sup>He shall then skin the burnt offering and cut it into its pieces.

**7** <sup>a</sup>And the sons of Aaron the priest shall put fire on the altar and arrange wood on the fire.

**8** 'Then Aaron's sons, the priests, shall arrange the pieces, the head, and the <sup>a</sup>suet over the wood which is on the fire that is on the altar.

**9** 'Its entrails, however, and its legs he shall wash with water. And <sup>a</sup>the priest shall offer up in smoke all of it on the altar for a burnt offering, an offering by fire of <sup>b</sup>a soothing aroma to the LORD.

**10** 'But if his offering is from the flock, of the sheep or of the goats, for a burnt offering, he shall offer it a male without defect.

**11** 'And he shall slay it on the side of the altar <sup>a</sup>northward before the LORD, and Aaron's sons, the priests, shall sprinkle its blood around on the altar.

**12** 'He shall then cut it into its pieces with its head and its <sup>a</sup>suet, and the priest shall arrange them on the wood which is on the fire that is on the altar.

**13** 'The entrails, however, and the legs he shall wash with water. And <sup>a</sup>the priest shall offer all of it, and offer it up in smoke on the altar; it is a burnt offering, an offering by fire of a soothing aroma to the LORD.

**14** 'But if his offering to the LORD is a burnt offering of birds, then he shall bring his offering from the <sup>a</sup>turtledoves or from young pigeons.

**15** 'And the priest shall bring it to the altar and wring off its head, and offer it up in smoke on the altar; and its blood is to be drained out <sup>a</sup>on the side of the altar.

**16** 'He shall also take away its crop with its feathers, and cast it beside the altar eastward, to the place of the <sup>1</sup>ashes.

**17** 'Then <sup>a</sup>he shall tear it by its wings, *but* shall not sever it. And the priest shall offer it up in smoke on the altar on the wood which is on the fire; it is a burnt offering, an offering by fire of a soothing aroma to the LORD.

1 <sup>a</sup>Num. 7:89; Ex. 25:22

2 <sup>1</sup>Heb., *qorban*  
<sup>a</sup>Mark 7:11 <sup>b</sup>Lev. 22:19

3 <sup>a</sup>Lev. 6:8-13 <sup>b</sup>Lev. 22:20-24; Deut. 15:21; 17:1  
<sup>c</sup>Lev. 17:8, 9; Deut. 12:6, 11

4 <sup>a</sup>Ex. 29:10, 15, 19 <sup>b</sup>Lev. 4:20, 26, 31; 2 Chr. 29:23, 24

5 <sup>1</sup>Or, *one of the herd*; lit., *son of the herd*  
<sup>a</sup>Ex. 29:11, 16, 20 <sup>b</sup>Lev. 17:11 <sup>c</sup>Lev. 1:11; 3:2, 8, 13

6 <sup>a</sup>Lev. 7:8

7 <sup>a</sup>Lev. 6:8-13

8 <sup>a</sup>Lev. 3:3, 4

9 <sup>a</sup>Num. 15:8-10; 28:12, 14  
<sup>b</sup>Gen. 8:21; Ex. 29:18, 25; Eph. 5:2

11 <sup>a</sup>Lev. 1:5

12 <sup>a</sup>Lev. 3:3, 4

13 <sup>a</sup>Num. 15:4-7; 28:12-14

14 <sup>a</sup>Gen. 15:9

15 <sup>a</sup>Lev. 5:9

16 <sup>1</sup>Or, *fat ashes*

17 <sup>a</sup>Lev. 5:8; Gen. 15:10

## CHAPTER 2

1 <sup>a</sup>Lev. 6:14-182 <sup>a</sup>Lev. 5:12; 6:15 <sup>b</sup>Lev. 2:9, 16; 5:123 <sup>a</sup>Lev. 6:16 <sup>b</sup>Lev. 10:12, 134 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *anointed*7 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *lidded cooking pan*9 <sup>a</sup>Lev. 2:210 <sup>a</sup>Lev. 2:311 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *up from it*  
<sup>a</sup>Lev. 6:16, 17; Ex. 23:18; 34:2512 <sup>a</sup>Lev. 7:13; 23:17, 1813 <sup>a</sup>Num. 18:19; 2 Chr. 13:5; Ezek. 43:2414 <sup>a</sup>Lev. 23:1416 <sup>a</sup>Lev. 2:21 <sup>a</sup>Lev. 7:11-34 <sup>b</sup>Lev. 22:21

**N**OW when anyone presents a <sup>a</sup>grain offering as an offering to the LORD, his offering shall be of fine flour, and he shall pour oil on it and put frankincense on it.

2 'He shall then bring it to Aaron's sons, the priests; and shall take from it <sup>a</sup>his handful of its fine flour and of its oil with all of its frankincense. And the priest shall offer *it* up in smoke as its <sup>b</sup>memorial portion on the altar, an offering by fire of a soothing aroma to the LORD.

3 'And <sup>a</sup>the remainder of the grain offering belongs to <sup>b</sup>Aaron and his sons: a thing most holy, of the offerings to the LORD by fire.

4 'Now when you bring an offering of a grain offering baked in an oven, *it shall be* unleavened cakes of fine flour mixed with oil, or unleavened wafers <sup>1</sup>spread with oil.

5 'And if your offering is a grain offering *made* on the griddle, *it shall be* of fine flour, unleavened, mixed with oil;

6 you shall break it into bits, and pour oil on it; it is a grain offering.

7 'Now if your offering is a grain offering *made* in a <sup>1</sup>pan, it shall be made of fine flour with oil.

8 'When you bring in the grain offering which is made of these things to the LORD, it shall be presented to the priest and he shall bring it to the altar.

9 'The priest then shall take up from the grain offering <sup>a</sup>its memorial portion, and shall offer *it* up in smoke on the altar as an offering by fire of a soothing aroma to the LORD.

10 'And <sup>a</sup>the remainder of the grain offering belongs to Aaron and his sons: a thing most holy, of the offerings to the LORD by fire.

11 '<sup>a</sup>No grain offering, which you bring to the LORD, shall be made with leaven, for you shall not offer <sup>1</sup>up in smoke any leaven or any honey as an offering by fire to the LORD.

12 '<sup>a</sup>As an offering of first fruits, you shall bring them to the LORD, but they shall not ascend for a soothing aroma on the altar.

13 'Every grain offering of yours, moreover, you shall season with salt, so that <sup>a</sup>the salt of the covenant of your God shall not be lacking from your grain offering; with all your offerings you shall offer salt.

14 'Also if you bring a grain offering of early ripened things to the LORD, you shall bring <sup>a</sup>fresh heads of grain roasted in the fire, grits of new growth, for the grain offering of your early ripened things.

15 'You shall then put oil on it and lay incense on it; it is a grain offering.

16 'And the priest shall offer up in smoke <sup>a</sup>its memorial portion, part of its grits and its oil with all its incense as an offering by fire to the LORD.

## CHAPTER 3

**N**OW if this offering is a <sup>a</sup>sacrifice of peace offerings, if he is going to offer out of the herd, whether male or female, he shall offer it <sup>b</sup>without defect before the LORD.

2 <sup>a</sup>And he shall lay his hand on the head of his offering and <sup>b</sup>slay it at the doorway of the tent of meeting, and Aaron's sons, the priests, shall sprinkle the blood around on the altar.

3 <sup>a</sup>And from the sacrifice of the peace offerings, he shall present an offering by fire to the LORD, the fat that covers the entrails and all the fat that is on the entrails,

4 and the two kidneys with the fat that is on them, which is on the loins, and the <sup>1</sup>lobe of the liver, which he shall remove with the kidneys.

5 <sup>a</sup>Then Aaron's sons shall offer up in smoke on the altar <sup>b</sup>on the burnt offering, which is on the wood that is on the fire; <sup>c</sup>it is an offering by fire of a soothing aroma to the LORD.

6 <sup>a</sup>But if his offering for a sacrifice of peace offerings to the LORD is from the flock, he shall offer it, male or female, <sup>a</sup>without defect.

7 <sup>a</sup>If he is going to offer <sup>a</sup>a lamb for his offering, then he shall offer it <sup>b</sup>before the LORD,

8 and <sup>a</sup>he shall lay his hand on the head of his offering, and <sup>b</sup>slay it before the tent of meeting; and Aaron's sons shall <sup>c</sup>sprinkle its blood around on the altar.

9 <sup>a</sup>And from the sacrifice of peace offerings he shall bring as an offering by fire to the LORD, its fat, <sup>1</sup>the entire fat tail which he shall remove close to the backbone, and the fat that covers the entrails and all the fat that is on the entrails,

10 and the two kidneys with the fat that is on them, which is on the loins, and the <sup>1</sup>lobe of the liver, which he shall remove <sup>a</sup>with the kidneys.

11 <sup>a</sup>Then the priest shall offer up in smoke <sup>a</sup>on the altar, as <sup>b</sup>food, an offering by fire to the LORD.

12 <sup>a</sup>Moreover, if his offering is <sup>a</sup>a goat, then he shall offer it before the LORD,

13 and he shall lay his hand on its head and slay it before the tent of meeting; and the sons of Aaron shall sprinkle its blood around on the altar.

14 <sup>a</sup>And from it he shall present his offering as an offering by fire to the LORD, the fat that covers the entrails and all the fat that is on the entrails,

15 and the two kidneys with the fat that is on them, which is on the loins, and the <sup>1</sup>lobe of the liver, which he shall remove <sup>a</sup>with the kidneys.

16 <sup>a</sup>And the priest shall offer them up in smoke on the altar as food, an offering by fire for a soothing aroma; <sup>a</sup>all fat is the LORD's.

17 <sup>a</sup>It is a perpetual statute throughout your generations in all your dwellings: you shall not eat any fat <sup>a</sup>or any blood.' "

CHAPTER 4

THEN the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,

2 "Speak to the sons of Israel, saying, 'If a person sins unintentionally in any of the <sup>1</sup>things which the LORD has commanded not to be done, and commits any of them,

3 <sup>a</sup>if the anointed priest sins so as to bring guilt on the people, then let him offer to the LORD a <sup>1</sup>bull without defect as a sin offering for the sin he has <sup>2</sup>committed.

2 <sup>a</sup>Lev. 1:4 <sup>b</sup>Ex. 29:11, 16, 20

4 <sup>1</sup>Or, *appendage on*

5 <sup>a</sup>Lev. 7:28-34 <sup>b</sup>Ex. 29:38, 42; Num. 28:3-10 <sup>c</sup>Num. 15:8-10; 28:12-14

6 <sup>a</sup>Lev. 3:1

7 <sup>a</sup>Num. 15:4, 5; 28:5-7 <sup>b</sup>Lev. 17:8, 9

8 <sup>a</sup>Lev. 1:4 <sup>b</sup>Lev. 3:2 <sup>c</sup>Lev. 1:5

9 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *the fat tail, entire*

10 <sup>1</sup>Or, *appendage on* <sup>a</sup>Lev. 3:4

11 <sup>a</sup>Lev. 3:5 <sup>b</sup>Lev. 3:16; 21:6, 8, 17

12 <sup>a</sup>Num. 15:6-11

15 <sup>1</sup>Or, *appendage on* <sup>a</sup>Lev. 3:4

16 <sup>a</sup>Lev. 7:23-25

17 <sup>a</sup>Lev. 17:10-16

2 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *commands of the LORD which are not to be done* <sup>a</sup>Lev. 4:22, 27; 5:15-18; 22:14

3 <sup>1</sup>Or, *bull of the herd* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *sinned* <sup>a</sup>Lev. 4:14, 23, 28

4 \*Lev. 1:4

5 \*Lev. 4:3

6 \*Ex. 40:21, 26

7 \*Lev. 4:18, 25, 30, 34

8 \*Lev. 3:3, 4

9 <sup>1</sup>Or, *appendage on*  
<sup>2</sup>Lev. 3:412 <sup>1</sup>Lit., and <sup>2</sup>Or, *fat*  
*ashes are*  
<sup>3</sup>Lev. 6:10, 1113 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *is hidden from*  
*the eyes of* <sup>2</sup>Lit.,  
*commands of the LORD*  
*which are not to be done*  
<sup>3</sup>Num. 15:24-2614 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *concerning which*  
<sup>2</sup>Lit., *sinned* <sup>3</sup>Or, *bull of*  
*the herd; lit., son of the*  
*herd*  
<sup>4</sup>Lev. 4:3 <sup>5</sup>Lev. 4:3, 23, 2815 \*Lev. 8:14, 18, 22;  
Num. 8:10, 12 <sup>6</sup>Lev. 1:3

17 \*Lev. 4:6

18 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *which is in*  
<sup>2</sup>Lev. 4:7, 25, 30, 34

19 \*Lev. 4:8

20 \*Lev. 4:8, 21

21 \*Lev. 4:13; 16:15-17;  
Num. 15:24-26

4 'And he shall bring the bull to the doorway of the tent of meeting before the LORD, and <sup>a</sup>he shall lay his hand on the head of the bull, and slay the bull before the LORD.

5 'Then the <sup>a</sup>anointed priest is to take some of the blood of the bull and bring it to the tent of meeting,

6 and the priest shall dip his finger in the blood, and sprinkle some of the blood seven times before the LORD, in front of <sup>a</sup>the veil of the sanctuary.

7 'The priest shall also put some of the blood on the horns of <sup>a</sup>the altar of fragrant incense which is before the LORD in the tent of meeting; and all the blood of the bull he shall pour out at the base of the altar of burnt offering which is at the doorway of the tent of meeting.

8 '<sup>a</sup>And he shall remove from it all the fat of the bull of the sin offering: the fat that covers the entrails, and all the fat which is on the entrails,

9 and the two kidneys with the fat that is on them, which is on the loins, and the <sup>1</sup>lobe of the liver, which he shall remove <sup>a</sup>with the kidneys

10 (just as it is removed from the ox of the sacrifice of peace offerings), and the priest is to offer them up in smoke on the altar of burnt offering.

11 'But the hide of the bull and all its flesh with its head and its legs and its entrails and its refuse,

12 <sup>1</sup>that is, all *the rest* of the bull, he is to bring out to <sup>a</sup>a clean place outside the camp where the <sup>2</sup>ashes are poured out, and burn it on wood with fire; where the <sup>2</sup>ashes are poured out it shall be burned.

13 '<sup>a</sup>Now if the whole congregation of Israel commits error, and the matter <sup>1</sup>escapes the notice of the assembly, and they commit any of the <sup>2</sup>things which the LORD has commanded not to be done, and they become guilty;

14 <sup>a</sup>when the sin <sup>1</sup>which they have <sup>2</sup>committed becomes known, then the assembly shall offer <sup>ba</sup> <sup>3</sup>bull of the herd for a sin offering, and bring it before the tent of meeting.

15 'Then <sup>a</sup>the elders of the congregation shall lay their hands on the head of the bull before the LORD, and the bull shall be slain <sup>b</sup>before the LORD.

16 'Then the anointed priest is to bring some of the blood of the bull to the tent of meeting;

17 and <sup>a</sup>the priest shall dip his finger in the blood, and sprinkle *it* seven times before the LORD, in front of the veil.

18 'And he shall put some of the blood on the horns of <sup>a</sup>the altar which is before the LORD <sup>1</sup>in the tent of meeting; and all the blood he shall pour out at the base of the altar of burnt offering which is at the doorway of the tent of meeting.

19 '<sup>a</sup>And he shall remove all its fat from it and offer it up in smoke on the altar.

20 'He shall also do with the bull just as he did with <sup>a</sup>the bull of the sin offering; thus he shall do with it. So the priest shall make atonement for them, and they shall be forgiven.

21 'Then he is to bring out the bull to *a place* outside the camp, and burn it as he burned the first bull; it is <sup>a</sup>the sin offering for the assembly.

22 'When <sup>a</sup>a leader <sup>b</sup>sins and unintentionally does any one of all the <sup>1</sup>things which the LORD God has commanded not to be done, and he becomes guilty,

23 <sup>1</sup>if his sin <sup>2</sup>which he has committed is made known to him, he shall bring for his offering a <sup>3</sup>goat, <sup>c</sup>a male without defect.

24 'And he shall lay his hand on the head of the male goat, and slay it in the place where <sup>1</sup>they slay the burnt offering before the LORD; it is a sin offering.

25 'Then the priest is to take some of the blood of the sin offering with his finger, and put it on <sup>a</sup>the horns of the altar of burnt offering; and *the rest* of its blood he shall pour out at the base of the altar of burnt offering.

26 '<sup>a</sup>And all its fat he shall offer up in smoke on the altar *in the case of* the fat of the sacrifice of peace offerings. Thus the priest shall make atonement for him in regard to his sin, and he shall be forgiven.

27 'Now if <sup>2</sup>anyone of <sup>2</sup>the common people sins <sup>a</sup>unintentionally in doing any of the <sup>3</sup>things which the LORD has commanded not to be done, and becomes guilty,

28 <sup>1</sup>if his sin, which he has <sup>2</sup>committed is made known to him, then he shall bring for his offering a <sup>3</sup>goat, a <sup>c</sup>female without defect, for his sin which he has <sup>2</sup>committed.

29 'And <sup>a</sup>he shall lay his hand on the head of the sin offering, and <sup>b</sup>slay the sin offering at the place of the burnt offering.

30 'And the priest shall take some of its blood with his finger and put it on the horns of <sup>a</sup>the altar of burnt offering; and <sup>b</sup>all *the rest* of its blood he shall pour out at the base of the altar.

31 '<sup>a</sup>Then he shall remove all its fat, just as the fat was removed from the sacrifice of peace offerings; and the priest shall offer it up in smoke on the altar for a soothing aroma to the LORD. Thus the priest shall make atonement for him, <sup>1</sup>and he shall be forgiven.

32 'But if he brings <sup>a</sup>a lamb as his offering for a sin offering, he shall bring it, a female without defect.

33 'And <sup>a</sup>he shall lay his hand on the head of the sin offering, and slay it for a sin offering <sup>b</sup>in the place where <sup>1</sup>they slay the burnt offering.

34 'And the priest is to take some of the blood of the sin offering with his finger and put it on the horns of <sup>a</sup>the altar of burnt offering; and <sup>b</sup>all *the rest* of its blood he shall pour out at the base of the altar.

35 'Then he shall remove <sup>a</sup>all its fat, just as the fat of the lamb is removed from the sacrifice of the peace offerings, and the priest shall offer them up in smoke on the altar, on the offerings by fire to the LORD. Thus the priest shall make atonement for him in regard to his sin which he has <sup>1</sup>committed, and he shall be forgiven.

22 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *commands of the LORD which are not to be done*  
<sup>a</sup>Num. 31:13; 32:2 <sup>b</sup>Lev. 4:2

23 <sup>1</sup>Lit., or <sup>2</sup>Lit., *in which he has sinned* <sup>1</sup>Lit., *back of the goats*  
<sup>a</sup>Lev. 4:3 <sup>b</sup>Lev. 4:3, 14, 28  
<sup>c</sup>Lev. 4:28

24 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *one slays*

25 <sup>a</sup>Lev. 4:7, 18, 30, 34

26 <sup>a</sup>Lev. 4:19

27 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *one soul* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *the people of the land*  
<sup>1</sup>Lit., *commands of the LORD which are not to be done*  
<sup>a</sup>Lev. 4:2

28 <sup>1</sup>Lit., or <sup>2</sup>Lit., *sinned*  
<sup>1</sup>Or, *female goat*  
<sup>a</sup>Lev. 4:3 <sup>b</sup>Lev. 4:3, 14, 23,  
<sup>c</sup>Lev. 4:23

29 <sup>a</sup>Lev. 1:4 <sup>b</sup>Lev. 1:5, 11

30 <sup>a</sup>Lev. 4:7, 18, 25, 34  
<sup>b</sup>Lev. 4:7

31 <sup>1</sup>Or, *so that he may be*  
<sup>a</sup>Lev. 4:8

32 <sup>a</sup>Lev. 4:28

33 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *one slays*  
<sup>a</sup>Lev. 1:4, 5 <sup>b</sup>Lev. 4:29

34 <sup>a</sup>Lev. 4:7, 18, 25, 30  
<sup>b</sup>Lev. 4:7

35 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *sinned*  
<sup>a</sup>Lev. 4:31

<sup>1</sup> <sup>1</sup>Lit., *voice of an oath*  
<sup>2</sup>Or, *iniquity*  
<sup>a</sup>Prov. 29:24; Jer. 23:10

CHAPTER 5

'NOW if a person sins, after he hears a <sup>1</sup>public <sup>a</sup>adjuration to testify, when he is a witness, whether he has seen or *otherwise* known, if he does not tell it, then he will bear his <sup>2</sup>guilt.

2 <sup>a</sup>Lev. 11:8, 11, 24-39; Num. 19:11-16; Deut. 14:8

5 <sup>a</sup>Lev. 16:21; 26:40; Num. 5:7; Prov. 28:13

6 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *sinned* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *female goat*  
<sup>a</sup>Lev. 4:28, 32

7 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *his hand does not reach enough for*  
<sup>a</sup>Lev. 12:6, 8; 14:22, 30, 31

8 <sup>a</sup>Lev. 1:17

9 <sup>a</sup>Lev. 1:15 <sup>b</sup>Lev. 4:7

10 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *sinned*  
<sup>a</sup>Lev. 1:14-17

11 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *hand does not reach* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *approximately one bushel*  
<sup>a</sup>Lev. 14:21-32; 27:8 <sup>b</sup>Lev. 2:1, 2

12 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *upon*

13 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *sinned*  
<sup>a</sup>Lev. 5:4-5 <sup>b</sup>Lev. 2:3

15 <sup>a</sup>Num. 5:5-8 <sup>b</sup>Lev. 4:2; 22:14 <sup>c</sup>Lev. 7:1-10 <sup>d</sup>Lev. 6:6  
<sup>e</sup>Ex. 30:13

16 <sup>a</sup>Lev. 6:5; 22:14; Num. 5:7, 8 <sup>b</sup>Lev. 7:2-7

2 'Or if a person touches <sup>a</sup>any unclean thing, whether a carcass of an unclean beast, or the carcass of unclean cattle, or a carcass of unclean swarming things, though it is hidden from him, and he is unclean, then he will be guilty.

3 'Or if he touches human uncleanness, of whatever sort his uncleanness *may* be with which he becomes unclean, and it is hidden from him, and then he comes to know *it*, he will be guilty.

4 'Or if a person swears thoughtlessly with his lips to do evil or to do good, in whatever matter a man may speak thoughtlessly with an oath, and it is hidden from him, and then he comes to know *it*, he will be guilty in one of these.

5 'So it shall be when he becomes guilty in one of these, that he shall <sup>a</sup>confess that in which he has sinned.

6 'He shall also bring his guilt offering to the LORD for his sin which he has <sup>1</sup>committed, <sup>a</sup>a female from the flock, a lamb or a <sup>2</sup>goat as a sin offering. So the priest shall make atonement on his behalf for his sin.

7 'But if <sup>1</sup>he cannot afford a lamb, then he shall bring to the LORD his guilt offering for that in which he has sinned, two turtledoves or two young pigeons, <sup>a</sup>one for a sin offering and the other for a burnt offering.

8 'And he shall bring them to the priest, who shall offer first that which is for the sin offering and shall nip its head at the front of its neck, but he <sup>a</sup>shall not sever *it*.

9 'He shall also sprinkle some of the blood of the sin offering <sup>a</sup>on the side of the altar, while the rest of the blood shall be drained out <sup>b</sup>at the base of the altar: it is a sin offering.

10 'The second he shall then prepare as a burnt offering <sup>a</sup>according to the ordinance. So the priest shall make atonement on his behalf for his sin which he has <sup>1</sup>committed, and it shall be forgiven him.

11 'But <sup>a</sup>if his <sup>1</sup>means are insufficient for two turtledoves or two young pigeons, then for his offering for that which he has sinned, he shall bring the tenth of an <sup>2</sup>ephah of fine flour for a sin offering; <sup>b</sup>he shall not put oil on it or place incense on it, for it is a sin offering.

12 'And he shall bring it to the priest, and the priest shall take his handful of it as its memorial portion and offer *it* up in smoke on the altar, <sup>1</sup>with the offerings of the LORD by fire: it is a sin offering.

13 'So the priest shall make atonement for him concerning his sin which he has <sup>1</sup>committed from <sup>a</sup>one of these, and it shall be forgiven him; then <sup>b</sup>the rest shall become the priest's, like the grain offering.'"

14 Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,

15 "If a person acts unfaithfully and sins <sup>b</sup>unintentionally against the LORD's holy things, then he shall bring his <sup>c</sup>guilt offering to the LORD: <sup>a</sup>a ram without defect from the flock, according to your valuation in silver by shekels, in *terms* of the <sup>e</sup>shekel of the sanctuary, for a guilt offering.

16 "And he shall make restitution for that which he has sinned against the holy thing, and shall add to it a fifth part of it, and give it to the priest. <sup>b</sup>The priest shall then make atonement for him with the ram of the guilt offering, and it shall be forgiven him.

17 "Now if a person sins and does any of the things <sup>1</sup>which the LORD has commanded not to be done, <sup>a</sup>though he was unaware, still he is guilty, and shall bear his punishment.

18 "He is then to bring to the priest <sup>a</sup>a ram without defect from the flock, according to your valuation, for a guilt offering. So the priest shall make atonement for him concerning his error in which he sinned <sup>b</sup>unintentionally and did not know it, and it shall be forgiven him.

19 "It is a guilt offering; he was certainly guilty before the LORD."

17 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *the commands of the LORD which are*  
<sup>a</sup>Lev. 5:19; 4:2

18 <sup>a</sup>Lev. 5:15 <sup>b</sup>Lev. 5:17

1 <sup>1</sup>In Heb. text, 5:20

CHAPTER 6

<sup>1</sup>THEN the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,

2 "<sup>a</sup>When a person sins and acts unfaithfully against the LORD, and deceives his companion in regard to a deposit or a security entrusted to him, or through robbery, or if he has extorted from his companion,

3 or has found what was lost and lied about it and sworn falsely, so that he sins in regard to any one of the things a man may do;

4 then it shall be, when he sins and becomes guilty, that he shall restore what he took by robbery, or what he got by extortion, or the deposit which was <sup>1</sup>entrusted to him, or the lost thing which he found,

5 or anything about which he swore falsely; <sup>a</sup>he shall make restitution for it <sup>1</sup>in full, and add to it one-fifth more. <sup>b</sup>He shall give it to the one to whom it belongs on the day he presents his guilt offering.

6 "Then he shall bring to the priest his guilt offering to the LORD, <sup>a</sup>a ram from the flock without defect, according to your valuation, for a guilt offering,

7 and <sup>a</sup>the priest shall make atonement for him before the LORD; and he shall be forgiven for any one of the things which he may have done to incur guilt."

8 <sup>1</sup>Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,

9 "Command Aaron and his sons, saying, 'This is <sup>a</sup>the law for the burnt offering: the burnt offering itself shall remain on the hearth on the altar all night until the morning, and <sup>b</sup>the fire on the altar is to be kept burning on it.

10 'And the priest is to put on <sup>a</sup>his linen robe, and he shall put on undergarments next to his flesh; and he shall take up the <sup>1</sup>ashes to which the fire <sup>2</sup>reduces the burnt offering on the altar, and place them beside the altar.

11 'Then he shall take off his garments and put on other garments, and carry the <sup>1</sup>ashes outside the camp to a clean place.

12 'And the fire on the altar shall be kept burning on it. It shall not go out, but the priest shall burn wood on it every morning; and he shall lay out the burnt offering on it, and offer up in smoke the fat portions of the peace offerings <sup>a</sup>on it.

13 'Fire shall be kept burning continually on the altar; it is not to go out.

14 'Now this is the law of the grain offering: the sons of Aaron shall present it before the LORD in front of the altar.

4 <sup>1</sup>Or, *deposited with*

5 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *in its sum*  
<sup>a</sup>Lev. 5:16 <sup>b</sup>Num. 5:8

6 <sup>a</sup>Lev. 5:15

7 <sup>a</sup>Lev. 7:2-5

8 <sup>1</sup>In Heb. text, 6:1

9 <sup>a</sup>Ex. 29:38-42; Num. 28:3-10 <sup>b</sup>Lev. 6:12, 13

10 <sup>1</sup>Or, *fat ashes* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *consumes*  
<sup>a</sup>Ex. 28:39, 42; 39:27, 28

11 <sup>1</sup>Or, *fat ashes*

12 <sup>a</sup>Lev. 3:5

15 <sup>1</sup>Lit., and some of  
<sup>a</sup>Lev. 2:2

16 <sup>a</sup>Lev. 2:3; 10:12-14

17 <sup>a</sup>Lev. 2:11 <sup>b</sup>Lev. 6:26,  
29, 30 <sup>c</sup>Lev. 7:7; 10:16-18

18 <sup>a</sup>Lev. 6:29; 1 Cor. 9:13  
<sup>b</sup>Lev. 6:27

20 <sup>1</sup>Lit., grain offering  
continually  
<sup>a</sup>Num. 4:16

21 <sup>a</sup>Lev. 2:5

22 <sup>1</sup>Lit., from among  
<sup>2</sup>Lit., do

25 <sup>a</sup>Lev. 1:11

26 <sup>a</sup>Lev. 6:29

27 <sup>1</sup>Lit., one sprinkles  
<sup>a</sup>Lev. 7:19

28 <sup>a</sup>Lev. 11:33; 15:12

29 <sup>a</sup>Lev. 6:18

30 <sup>a</sup>Lev. 4:1-21 <sup>b</sup>Lev. 4:7,  
18 <sup>c</sup>Lev. 4:11, 12, 21

1 <sup>a</sup>Lev. 5:14-6:7

2 <sup>a</sup>Lev. 1:11

3 <sup>a</sup>Lev. 3:9

15 <sup>a</sup>Then one of them shall lift up from it a handful of the fine flour of the grain offering, <sup>1</sup>with its oil and all the incense that is on the grain offering, and he shall offer it up in smoke on the altar, a soothing aroma, as its memorial offering to the LORD.

16 <sup>a</sup>And what is left of it Aaron and his sons are to eat. It shall be eaten as unleavened cakes in a holy place; they are to eat it in the court of the tent of meeting.

17 <sup>a</sup>It shall not be baked with leaven. I have given it as their share from My offerings by fire; <sup>b</sup>it is most holy, like the sin offering and <sup>c</sup>the guilt offering.

18 <sup>a</sup>Every male among the sons of Aaron may eat it; it is a permanent ordinance throughout your generations, from the offerings by fire to the LORD. <sup>b</sup>Whoever touches them shall become consecrated.' "

19 Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,

20 "This is the offering which Aaron and his sons are to present to the LORD on the day when he is anointed; the tenth of an ephah of fine flour as <sup>a</sup>a <sup>1</sup>regular grain offering, half of it in the morning and half of it in the evening.

21 "It shall be prepared with oil on a <sup>a</sup>griddle. When it is well stirred, you shall bring it. You shall present the grain offering in baked pieces as a soothing aroma to the LORD.

22 "And the anointed priest who will be in his place <sup>1</sup>among his sons shall <sup>2</sup>offer it. By a permanent ordinance it shall be entirely offered up in smoke to the LORD.

23 "So every grain offering of the priest shall be burned entirely. It shall not be eaten."

24 Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,

25 "Speak to Aaron and to his sons, saying, 'This is the law of the sin offering: <sup>a</sup>in the place where the burnt offering is slain the sin offering shall be slain before the LORD; it is most holy.

26 <sup>a</sup>The priest who offers it for sin shall eat it. It shall be eaten in a holy place, in the court of the tent of meeting.

27 <sup>a</sup>Anyone who touches its flesh shall become consecrated; and when any of its blood <sup>1</sup>splashes on a garment, in a holy place you shall wash what was splashed on.

28 <sup>a</sup>Also <sup>a</sup>the earthenware vessel in which it was boiled shall be broken; and if it was boiled in a bronze vessel, then it shall be scoured and rinsed in water.

29 <sup>a</sup>Every male among the priests may eat of it; it is most holy.

30 <sup>a</sup>But no sin offering <sup>a</sup>of which any of the blood is brought into the tent of meeting to make atonement <sup>b</sup>in the holy place shall be eaten; <sup>c</sup>it shall be burned with fire.

## CHAPTER 7

**N**OW this is the law of the <sup>a</sup>guilt offering; it is most holy.

2 <sup>a</sup>In <sup>a</sup>the place where they slay the burnt offering they are to slay the guilt offering, and he shall sprinkle its blood around on the altar.

3 <sup>a</sup>Then he shall offer from it all its fat: the <sup>a</sup>fat tail and the fat that covers the entrails,



4 and the two kidneys with the fat that is on them, which is on the loins, and the lobe on the liver he shall remove <sup>a</sup>with the kidneys.

5 'And the priest shall offer them up in smoke on the altar as an offering by fire to the LORD; it is a guilt offering.

6 <sup>a</sup>'Every male among the priests may eat of it. It shall be eaten in a holy place; it is most holy.

7 <sup>a</sup>'The guilt offering is like the sin offering, there is one law for them; the <sup>b</sup>priest who makes atonement with it <sup>1</sup>shall have it.

8 'Also the priest who presents any man's burnt offering, <sup>1</sup>that priest shall have for himself the skin of the burnt offering which he has presented.

9 'Likewise, every grain offering that is baked in the oven, and everything prepared in a <sup>1</sup>pan or on a <sup>a</sup>griddle, <sup>2</sup>shall belong to the priest who presents it.

10 'And every grain offering mixed with oil, or dry, shall <sup>1</sup>belong to all the sons of Aaron, <sup>2</sup>to all alike.

11 'Now this is the law of the sacrifice of peace offerings which shall be presented to the LORD.

12 'If he offers it by way of <sup>a</sup>thanksgiving, then along with the sacrifice of thanksgiving he shall offer unleavened cakes mixed with oil, and unleavened wafers <sup>1</sup>spread with oil, and cakes of well stirred fine flour mixed with oil.

13 'With the sacrifice of his peace offerings for thanksgiving, he shall present his offering with cakes of <sup>a</sup>leavened bread.

14 'And of <sup>1</sup>this he shall present one of every offering as a <sup>2</sup>contribution to the LORD; it shall <sup>3</sup>belong to the priest who sprinkles the blood of the peace offerings.

15 <sup>a</sup>'Now as for the flesh of the sacrifice of his thanksgiving peace offerings, it shall be eaten on the day of his offering; he shall not leave any of it over until morning.

16 'But if the sacrifice of his offering is a <sup>a</sup>votive or a freewill offering, it shall be eaten on the day that he offers his sacrifice; and on the <sup>1</sup>next day what is left of it may be eaten;

17 <sup>a</sup>but what is left over from the flesh of the sacrifice on the third day shall be burned with fire.

18 'So if any of the flesh of the sacrifice of his peace offerings should ever be eaten on the third day, he who offers it shall not be accepted, and it shall not be reckoned to his *benefit*. It shall be an offensive thing, and the person who eats of it shall bear his own iniquity.

19 'Also the flesh that touches anything unclean shall not be eaten; it shall be burned with fire. <sup>1</sup>As for *other* flesh, anyone who is clean may eat *such* flesh.

20 <sup>a</sup>'But the person who eats the flesh of the sacrifice of peace offerings which belong to the LORD, <sup>1</sup>in his uncleanness, that person shall be cut off from his people.

21 <sup>a</sup>'And when anyone touches anything unclean, whether human uncleanness, or an unclean animal, or any unclean <sup>1</sup>detestable thing, and eats of the flesh of the sacrifice of peace offerings which belong to the LORD, that person shall be cut off from his people.'"

22 Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,

23 "Speak to the sons of Israel, saying, 'You shall not eat <sup>a</sup>any fat from an ox, a sheep, or a goat.

4 <sup>a</sup>Lev. 3:4

6 <sup>a</sup>Lev. 6:18, 29

7 <sup>1</sup>Lit., it shall be for him  
<sup>a</sup>Lev. 6:30 <sup>b</sup>1 Cor. 9:13; 10:18

8 <sup>1</sup>Lit., for the priest, it shall be for him

9 <sup>1</sup>Lit., lidded cooking pan <sup>2</sup>Lit., for the priest, it shall be for him  
<sup>a</sup>Lev. 2:5

10 <sup>1</sup>Lit., be <sup>2</sup>Lit., a man as his brother

12 <sup>1</sup>Or, anointed  
<sup>a</sup>Lev. 7:15

13 <sup>a</sup>Lev. 2:12; 23:17, 18

14 <sup>1</sup>Lit., it <sup>2</sup>Or, heave offering <sup>3</sup>Lit., be for

15 <sup>a</sup>Lev. 22:29, 30

16 <sup>1</sup>Lit., morrow and what  
<sup>a</sup>Lev. 19:5-8

17 <sup>a</sup>Ex. 12:10

19 <sup>1</sup>Lit., And the flesh

20 <sup>1</sup>Lit., and his uncleanness is on him  
<sup>a</sup>Lev. 22:3-7; Num. 19:13

21 <sup>1</sup>Some mss. read, swarming thing  
<sup>a</sup>Lev. 5:2, 3

23 <sup>a</sup>Lev. 3:17

24 <sup>a</sup>Ex. 22:31; Lev. 17:15; 22:8

25 <sup>1</sup>Lit., he offers an offering by fire

26 <sup>a</sup>Lev. 17:10-16

30 <sup>1</sup>Lit., waved

31 <sup>a</sup>Num. 18:11; Deut. 18:3

32 <sup>1</sup>Or, heave offering

34 <sup>1</sup>Or, heave offering

35 <sup>1</sup>Lit., the anointed portion of <sup>a</sup>Num. 18:8

36 <sup>1</sup>Lit., which

37 <sup>a</sup>Lev. 8:22-23; Ex. 29:22-34

38 <sup>1</sup>Or, offer <sup>a</sup>Lev. 1:1; 26:46; 27:34; Deut. 4:5

<sup>2</sup>Ex. 28:1 <sup>b</sup>Lev. 6:10 <sup>c</sup>Ex. 30:25

24 'Also the fat of *an animal* which dies, and the fat of an animal <sup>a</sup>torn by *beasts*, may be put to any other use, but you must certainly not eat it.

25 'For whoever eats the fat of the animal from which <sup>1</sup>an offering by fire is offered to the LORD, even the person who eats shall be cut off from his people.

26 <sup>a</sup>'And you are not to eat any blood, either of bird or animal, in any of your dwellings.

27 'Any person who eats any blood, even that person shall be cut off from his people.'

28 Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,

29 "Speak to the sons of Israel, saying, 'He who offers the sacrifice of his peace offerings to the LORD shall bring his offering to the LORD from the sacrifice of his peace offerings.

30 'His own hands are to bring offerings by fire to the LORD. He shall bring the fat with the breast, that the breast may be <sup>1</sup>presented as a wave offering before the LORD.

31 'And the priest shall offer up the fat in smoke on the altar; but <sup>a</sup>the breast shall belong to Aaron and his sons.

32 'And you shall give the right thigh to the priest as a <sup>1</sup>contribution from the sacrifices of your peace offerings.

33 'The one among the sons of Aaron who offers the blood of the peace offerings and the fat, the right thigh shall be his as *his* portion.

34 'For I have taken the breast of the wave offering and the thigh of the <sup>1</sup>contribution from the sons of Israel from the sacrifices of their peace offerings, and have given them to Aaron the priest and to his sons as *their* due forever from the sons of Israel.

35 'This is <sup>1</sup>that which is consecrated to Aaron and <sup>1</sup>that <sup>a</sup>which is consecrated to his sons from the offerings by fire to the LORD, in that day when he presented them to serve as priests to the LORD.

36 <sup>1</sup>'These the LORD had commanded to be given them from the sons of Israel in the day that He anointed them. It is *their* due forever throughout their generations.'

37 This is the law of the burnt offering, the grain offering and the sin offering and the guilt offering and <sup>a</sup>the ordination offering and the sacrifice of peace offerings,

38 <sup>a</sup>which the LORD commanded Moses at Mount Sinai in the day that He commanded the sons of Israel to <sup>1</sup>present their offerings to the LORD in the wilderness of Sinai.

## CHAPTER 8

**T**HEN the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,

2 <sup>a</sup>'Take Aaron and his sons with him, and the <sup>b</sup>garments and <sup>c</sup>the anointing oil and the bull of the sin offering, and the two rams and the basket of unleavened bread;

3 and assemble all the congregation to the doorway of the tent of meeting.'

4 So Moses did just as the LORD commanded him. When the congregation was assembled to the doorway of the tent of meeting,

5 Moses said to the congregation, "This is the thing which the LORD has commanded to do."

6 Then <sup>a</sup>Moses had Aaron and his sons come near, and washed them with water.

7 And he put the tunic on him and girded him with the sash, and clothed him with the robe, and put the ephod on him; and he girded him with the artistic band of the ephod, <sup>1</sup>with which he tied it to him.

8 He then placed the <sup>1</sup>breastpiece on him, and in the <sup>1</sup>breastpiece he put <sup>2a</sup>the Urim and the Thunmim.

9 He also placed the turban on his head, and on the turban, at its front, he placed <sup>a</sup>the golden plate, the holy crown, just as the LORD had commanded Moses.

10 Moses then took <sup>a</sup>the anointing oil and anointed the <sup>1</sup>tabernacle and all that was in it, and consecrated them.

11 And he sprinkled some of it on the altar seven times and anointed the altar and all its utensils, and the basin and its stand, to <sup>a</sup>consecrate them.

12 Then he poured some of the <sup>a</sup>anointing oil on Aaron's head and anointed him, to consecrate him.

13 <sup>a</sup>Next Moses had Aaron's sons come near and clothed them with tunics, and girded them with sashes, and bound <sup>1</sup>caps on them, just as the LORD had commanded Moses.

14 Then he brought <sup>a</sup>the bull of the sin offering, and Aaron and his sons laid their hands on the head of the bull of the sin offering.

15 Next <sup>1</sup>Moses slaughtered it and took the blood and with his finger <sup>a</sup>put some of it around on the horns of the altar, and purified the altar. Then he poured out *the rest of* the blood at the base of the altar and consecrated it, to make atonement for it.

16 He also took all the fat that was on the entrails and the <sup>1</sup>lobe of the liver, and the two kidneys and their fat; and Moses offered it up in smoke on the altar.

17 <sup>a</sup>But the bull and its hide and its flesh and its refuse, he burned in the fire outside the camp, just as the LORD had commanded Moses.

18 Then he presented <sup>a</sup>the ram of the burnt offering, and Aaron and his sons laid their hands on the head of the ram.

19 And <sup>1</sup>Moses slaughtered it and sprinkled the blood around on the altar.

20 When he had cut the ram into its pieces, Moses <sup>a</sup>offered up the head and the pieces and the suet in smoke.

21 After he had washed the entrails and the legs with water, Moses offered up the whole ram in smoke on the altar. It was a burnt offering for a soothing aroma; it was an offering by fire to the LORD, just as the LORD had commanded Moses.

22 Then he presented the second ram, <sup>a</sup>the ram of <sup>1</sup>ordination; and Aaron and his sons laid their hands on the head of the ram.

23 And <sup>1</sup>Moses slaughtered it and took some of its blood and <sup>a</sup>put it on the lobe of Aaron's right ear, and on the thumb of his right hand, and on the big toe of his right foot.

24 He also had Aaron's sons come near; and Moses put

6 <sup>a</sup>Ex. 29:4-6

7 <sup>1</sup>Lit., and with it

8 <sup>1</sup>Lit., pouch <sup>2</sup>i.e., the Lights and Perfections  
<sup>a</sup>Ex. 28:30

9 <sup>a</sup>Ex. 28:36

10 <sup>1</sup>Or, dwelling place  
<sup>a</sup>Lev. 8:2

11 <sup>a</sup>Ex. 29:36, 37; 30:29

12 <sup>a</sup>Ex. 30:30

13 <sup>1</sup>Lit., headgear  
<sup>a</sup>Ex. 29:8, 9

14 <sup>a</sup>Ex. 29:10

15 <sup>1</sup>Lit., he slaughtered it and Moses took  
<sup>a</sup>Lev. 4:7

16 <sup>1</sup>Or, appendage on

17 <sup>a</sup>Lev. 4:11, 12

18 <sup>a</sup>Lev. 8:2

19 <sup>1</sup>Lit., he slaughtered it and Moses sprinkled

20 <sup>a</sup>Lev. 1:8

22 <sup>1</sup>Lit., filling, and so throughout the chap.  
<sup>a</sup>Lev. 8:2

23 <sup>1</sup>Lit., he slaughtered it and Moses took  
<sup>a</sup>Ex. 29:20, 21

25 <sup>1</sup>Or, *appendage on*

some of the blood on the lobe of their right ear, and on the thumb of their right hand, and on the big toe of their right foot. Moses then sprinkled *the rest of* the blood around on the altar.

25 And he took the fat, and the fat tail, and all the fat that was on the entrails, and the <sup>1</sup>lobe of the liver and the two kidneys and their fat and the right thigh.

26 And from the basket of unleavened bread that was before the LORD, he took one unleavened cake and one cake of bread *mixed with* oil and one wafer, and placed *them* on the portions of fat and on the right thigh.

27 He then put all *these* on the hands of Aaron and on the hands of his sons, and presented them as a wave offering before the LORD.

29 <sup>a</sup>Lev. 7:31-34 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 99:6

28 Then Moses took them from their hands and offered them up in smoke on the altar with the burnt offering. They were an ordination offering for a soothing aroma; it was an offering by fire to the LORD.

29 Moses also took <sup>a</sup>the breast and presented it for a wave offering before the LORD; it was <sup>b</sup>Moses' portion of the ram of ordination, just as the LORD had commanded Moses.

30 So Moses took some of the anointing oil and some of the blood which was on the altar, and sprinkled it on Aaron, on his garments, on his sons, and on the garments of his sons with him; and he consecrated Aaron, his garments, and his sons, and the garments of his sons with him.

31 <sup>a</sup>Ex. 29:31 <sup>b</sup>Ex. 29:32

31 Then Moses said to Aaron and to his sons, "<sup>a</sup>Boil the flesh at the doorway of the tent of meeting, and eat it there together with the bread which is in the basket of the ordination offering, just as I commanded, <sup>b</sup>saying, 'Aaron and his sons shall eat it.'

32 "And the remainder of the flesh and of the bread you shall burn in the fire.

33 "<sup>a</sup>And you shall not go outside the doorway of the tent of meeting for seven days, until the day that the period of your ordination is fulfilled; for he will <sup>1</sup>ordain you through seven days.

34 "The LORD has commanded to do as has been done this day, to make atonement on your behalf.

33 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *fill your hands*  
<sup>a</sup>Ex. 29:35

35 "At the doorway of the tent of meeting, moreover, you shall remain day and night for seven days, and keep the charge of the LORD, that you may not die, for so I have been commanded."

36 Thus Aaron and his sons did all the things which the LORD had commanded through Moses.

## CHAPTER 9

**N**OW it came about on the eighth day that Moses called Aaron and his sons and the elders of Israel;

2 and he said to Aaron, "Take for yourself a calf, a bull, for a sin offering and a ram for a burnt offering, *both* without defect, and offer *them* before the LORD.

3 "Then to the sons of Israel you shall speak, saying, 'Take

a male goat for a sin offering, and a calf and a lamb, both one year old, without defect, for a burnt offering,

4 and an ox and a ram for peace offerings, to sacrifice before the LORD, and a grain offering mixed with oil; for today the LORD shall appear to you.”

5 So they took what Moses had commanded to the front of the tent of meeting, and the whole congregation came near and stood before the LORD.

6 And Moses said, “This is the thing which the LORD has commanded you to do, that <sup>a</sup>the glory of the LORD may appear to you.”

7 Moses then said to Aaron, “Come near to the altar and <sup>1</sup>offer your sin offering and your burnt offering, that you may make atonement for yourself and for the people; then make the offering <sup>2</sup>for the people, that you may make atonement for them, just as the LORD has commanded.”

8 <sup>a</sup>So Aaron came near to the altar and slaughtered the calf of the sin offering which was for himself.

9 <sup>a</sup>And Aaron’s sons presented the blood to him; and he dipped his finger in the blood, and put *some* on the horns of the altar, and poured out *the rest* of the blood at the base of the altar.

10 The fat and the kidneys and the <sup>1</sup>lobe of the liver of the sin offering, he then offered up in smoke on the altar just as the LORD had commanded Moses.

11 The flesh and the skin, however, he burned with fire outside the camp.

12 Then he slaughtered the burnt offering; and Aaron’s sons handed the blood to him and he sprinkled it around on the altar.

13 And they handed the burnt offering to him in <sup>1</sup>pieces with the head, and he offered *them* up in smoke on the altar.

14 He also washed the entrails and the legs, and offered *them* up in smoke with the burnt offering on the altar.

15 Then he presented the people’s offering, and took the <sup>a</sup>goat of the sin offering which was for the people, and slaughtered it and offered it for sin, like the first.

16 He also presented the burnt offering, and <sup>1</sup>offered it according to <sup>a</sup>the ordinance.

17 Next he presented <sup>a</sup>the grain offering, and filled his <sup>1</sup>hand with some of it and offered *it* up in smoke on the altar, <sup>b</sup>besides the burnt offering of the morning.

18 Then <sup>a</sup>he slaughtered the ox and the ram, the sacrifice of peace offerings which was for the people; and Aaron’s sons handed the blood to him and he sprinkled it around on the altar.

19 As for the portions of fat from the ox and from the ram, the fat tail, and the *fat* <sup>a</sup>covering, and the kidneys and the <sup>1</sup>lobe of the liver,

20 they now placed the portions of fat on the breasts; and he offered <sup>1</sup>them up in smoke on the altar.

21 But <sup>a</sup>the breasts and the right thigh Aaron <sup>1</sup>presented as a wave offering before the LORD, just as Moses had commanded.

22 Then Aaron lifted up his hands toward the people and

6 <sup>a</sup>Lev. 8:23

7 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *make* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *of*

8 <sup>a</sup>Lev. 4:1-12

9 <sup>a</sup>Lev. 9:12, 18

10 <sup>1</sup>Or., *appendage on*

13 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *its pieces*

15 <sup>a</sup>Lev. 4:27-31

16 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *made*  
<sup>a</sup>Lev. 1:1-13

17 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *palm*  
<sup>a</sup>Lev. 2:1-3 <sup>b</sup>Lev. 3:5

18 <sup>a</sup>Lev. 3:1-11

19 <sup>1</sup>Or., *appendage on*  
<sup>a</sup>Lev. 3:9

20 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *the portions of fat*

21 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *waved*  
<sup>a</sup>Lev. 7:30-34

23 <sup>a</sup>Lev. 9:624 <sup>a</sup>1 Kin. 18:381 <sup>a</sup>Ex. 24:1, 9; Num. 3:2  
<sup>b</sup>Lev. 16:122 <sup>a</sup>Num. 3:4; 26:613 <sup>1</sup>Or, *will show Myself holy*  
<sup>a</sup>Lev. 21:6 <sup>b</sup>Ezek. 38:16; Ex. 30:30 <sup>c</sup>Ex. 14:4, 174 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *brothers*  
<sup>a</sup>Ex. 6:18, 225 <sup>a</sup>Lev. 8:13; Ex. 29:56 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *unbind* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *brothers* <sup>3</sup>Lit., *burned*  
<sup>a</sup>Lev. 21:1-5, 10-12 <sup>b</sup>Num. 1:5; 16:22, 46; 18:5; Josh. 7:1; 22:18, 20; 2 Sam. 24:17 <sup>a</sup>Lev. 21:129 <sup>a</sup>Ezek. 44:2110 <sup>a</sup>Lev. 11:47; 20:25;  
Ezek. 22:2611 <sup>a</sup>Deut. 17:10, 11; 33:1012 <sup>a</sup>Ex. 6:23; Num. 3:2  
<sup>b</sup>Lev. 6:14-18

blessed them, and he stepped down after making the sin offering and the burnt offering and the peace offerings.

23 And Moses and Aaron went into the tent of meeting. When they came out and blessed the people, <sup>a</sup>the glory of the LORD appeared to all the people.

24 <sup>a</sup>Then fire came out from before the LORD and consumed the burnt offering and the portions of fat on the altar; and when all the people saw *it*, they shouted and fell on their faces.

## CHAPTER 10

**N**OW <sup>a</sup>Nadab and Abihu, the sons of Aaron, took their respective <sup>b</sup>firepans, and after putting fire in them, placed incense on it and offered strange fire before the LORD, which He had not commanded them.

2 <sup>a</sup>And fire came out from the presence of the LORD and consumed them, and they died before the LORD.

3 Then Moses said to Aaron, "It is what the LORD spoke, saying,

'By those who <sup>a</sup>come near Me I <sup>b</sup>will be treated as holy, And before all the people I will <sup>c</sup>be honored.'

So Aaron, therefore, kept silent.

4 Moses called also to <sup>a</sup>Mishael and Elzaphan, the sons of Aaron's uncle Uzziel, and said to them, "Come forward, carry your <sup>1</sup>relatives away from the front of the sanctuary to the outside of the camp."

5 So they came forward and carried them still in their <sup>a</sup>tunics to the outside of the camp, as Moses had said.

6 Then Moses said to Aaron and to his sons Eleazar and Ithamar, "<sup>a</sup>Do not <sup>1</sup>uncover your heads nor tear your clothes, so that you may not die, and that He may not <sup>b</sup>become wrathful against all the congregation. But your <sup>2</sup>kinsmen, the whole house of Israel, shall bewail the burning which the LORD has <sup>3</sup>brought about.

7 "You shall not even go out from the doorway of the tent of meeting, lest you die; for <sup>a</sup>the LORD's anointing oil is upon you." So they did according to the word of Moses.

8 The Lord then spoke to Aaron, saying,

9 "<sup>a</sup>Do not drink wine or strong drink, neither you nor your sons with you, when you come into the tent of meeting, so that you may not die—it is a perpetual statute throughout your generations—

10 and <sup>a</sup>so as to make a distinction between the holy and the profane, and between the unclean and the clean,

11 and <sup>a</sup>so as to teach the sons of Israel all the statutes which the LORD has spoken to them through Moses."

12 Then Moses spoke to Aaron, and to his surviving sons, <sup>a</sup>Eleazar and Ithamar, "<sup>b</sup>Take the grain offering that is left over from the LORD's offerings by fire and eat it unleavened beside the altar, for it is most holy.

13 "You shall eat it, moreover, in a holy place, because it is your due and your sons' due out of the LORD's offerings by fire; for thus I have been commanded.

14 "The breast of wave offering, however, and the thigh of the offering you may eat in a clean place, you and your sons and your daughters with you; for they have been given as your due and your sons' due out of the sacrifices of the peace offerings of the sons of Israel.

14 <sup>a</sup>Lev. 7:30-34

15 "The thigh offered by lifting up and the breast offered by waving, they shall bring along with the offerings by fire of the portions of fat, to present as a wave offering before the LORD; so it shall be a thing perpetually due you and your sons with you, just as the LORD has commanded."

15 <sup>a</sup>Lev. 7:34

16 But Moses searched carefully for the <sup>a</sup>goat of the sin offering, and behold, it had been burned up! So he was angry with Aaron's surviving sons Eleazar and Ithamar, saying,

16 <sup>a</sup>Lev. 9:3, 15

17 "Why <sup>a</sup>did you not eat the sin offering at the holy place? For it is most holy, and <sup>1</sup>He gave it to you to bear away <sup>b</sup>the guilt of the congregation, to make atonement for them before the LORD.

18 "Behold, <sup>a</sup>since its blood had not been brought inside, into the sanctuary, you should certainly have <sup>b</sup>beaten it in the sanctuary, just as I commanded."

17 <sup>1</sup>Or, was given  
<sup>a</sup>Lev. 6:24-30 <sup>b</sup>Lev. 22:16;  
Ex. 28:38; Num. 18:1

19 But Aaron spoke to Moses, "Behold, this very day they presented their sin offering and their burnt offering before the LORD. When <sup>1</sup>things like these happened to me, if I had eaten a sin offering today, would it have been good in the sight of the LORD?"

18 <sup>a</sup>Lev. 6:30 <sup>b</sup>Lev. 6:26

20 And when Moses heard *that*, it seemed good in his sight.

CHAPTER 11

THE LORD spoke again to Moses and to Aaron, saying to them,

19 <sup>1</sup>Cf. vs. 14

2 "Speak to the sons of Israel, saying, <sup>a</sup>These are the creatures which you may eat from all the animals that are on the earth.

3 'Whatever divides a hoof, thus making split hoofs, and chews the cud, among the animals, that you may eat.

2 <sup>a</sup>Deut. 14:3-21

4 'Nevertheless, <sup>a</sup>you are not to eat of these, among those which chew the cud, or among those which divide the hoof: the camel, for though it chews cud, it does not divide the hoof, it is unclean to you.

5 'Likewise, the rock badger, for though it chews cud, it does not divide the hoof, it is unclean to you;

4 <sup>a</sup>Acts 10:14

6 the <sup>1</sup>rabbit also, for though it chews cud, it does not divide the hoof, it is unclean to you;

7 and the pig, for though it divides the hoof, thus making a split hoof, it does not chew cud, it is unclean to you.

8 'You shall not eat of their flesh nor touch their carcasses; they are unclean to you.

6 <sup>1</sup>Or, hare

9 'These you may eat, whatever is in the water: all that have fins and scales, those in the water, in the seas or in the rivers, you may eat.

10 'But whatever is in the seas and in the rivers, that do not have fins and scales among all the teeming life of the water, and

11 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *detestable things*

among all the living creatures that are in the water, they are detestable things to you,

12 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *detestable things*

11 and they shall be <sup>1</sup>abhorrent to you; you may not eat of their flesh, and their carcasses you shall detest.

13 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *a detestable thing* <sup>2</sup>Or, *vulture* <sup>3</sup>Or, *black vulture*

12 'Whatever in the water does not have fins and scales is <sup>1</sup>abhorrent to you.

13 'These, moreover, you shall detest among the birds; they are <sup>1</sup>abhorrent, not to be eaten: the <sup>2</sup>eagle and the vulture and the <sup>3</sup>buzzard,

14 and the kite and the falcon in its kind,

15 every raven in its kind,

16 and the ostrich and the owl and the sea gull and the hawk in its kind,

17 <sup>1</sup>Specifically, *great horned owl*

17 and the little owl and the cormorant and the <sup>1</sup>great owl,

18 and the white owl and the <sup>1</sup>pelican and the carrion-vulture,

19 and the stork, the heron in its kinds, and the hoopoe, and the bat.

18 <sup>1</sup>Or, *owl*; or, *jackdaw*

20 'All the <sup>1</sup>winged insects that walk on *all fours* are detestable to you.

20 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *swarming things with wings*

21 'Yet these you may eat among all the <sup>1</sup>winged insects which walk on *all fours*: those which have above their feet jointed legs with which to jump on the earth.

22 'These of them you may eat: the locust in its kinds, and the devastating locust in its kinds, and the cricket in its kinds, and the grasshopper in its kinds.

21 <sup>1</sup>Note v. 20

23 'But all other <sup>1</sup>winged insects which are four-footed are detestable to you.

23 <sup>1</sup>Note v. 20

24 'By these, moreover, you will be made unclean: whoever touches their carcasses becomes unclean until evening,

25 and <sup>a</sup>whoever picks up any of their carcasses shall wash his clothes and be unclean until evening.

25 <sup>a</sup>Lev. 11:40

26 'Concerning all the animals which divide the hoof, but do not make a split *hoof*, or which do not chew cud, they are unclean to you: whoever touches them becomes unclean.

29 <sup>1</sup>Or, *thorn-tailed lizard*

27 'Also whatever walks on its paws, among all the creatures that walk on *all fours*, are unclean to you; whoever touches their carcasses becomes unclean until evening,

28 and the one who picks up their carcasses shall wash his clothes and be unclean until evening; they are unclean to you.

30 <sup>1</sup>Or, *lizard* <sup>2</sup>Species as yet undefined

29 'Now these are to you the unclean among the swarming things which swarm on the earth: the mole, and the mouse, and the <sup>1</sup>great lizard in its kinds,

30 and the gecko, and the <sup>1</sup>crocodile, and the lizard, and the <sup>2</sup>sand reptile, and the chameleon.

32 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *with which work is done*

31 'These are to you the unclean among all the swarming things; whoever touches them when they are dead becomes unclean until evening.

32 'Also anything on which one of them may fall when they are dead, becomes unclean, including any wooden article, or clothing, or a skin, or a sack—any article <sup>1</sup>of which use is made—it shall be put in the water and be unclean until evening, then it becomes clean.

33 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *it*  
<sup>a</sup>Lev. 6:28; 15:12

33 'As for any <sup>a</sup>earthenware vessel into which one of them may fall, whatever is in it becomes unclean and you shall break <sup>1</sup>the vessel.



**Uncleanness from Carcasses.  
Creeping Things Not to be Eaten.**

**Leviticus 11, 12**

34 'Any of the <sup>1</sup>food which may be eaten, on which water comes, shall become unclean; and any <sup>1</sup>liquid which may be drunk in every vessel shall become unclean.

<sup>34</sup> <sup>1</sup>I.e., if touched by a carcass; cf. 29:32

35 'Everything, moreover, on which part of their carcass may fall becomes unclean; an oven or a <sup>1</sup>stove shall be smashed; they are unclean and shall continue as unclean to you.

<sup>35</sup> <sup>1</sup>Lit., *hearth for supporting (two) pots*

36 'Nevertheless a spring or a cistern <sup>1</sup>collecting water shall be clean, though the one who touches their carcass shall be unclean.

37 'And if a part of their carcass falls on any seed for sowing which is to be sown, it is clean.

<sup>36</sup> <sup>1</sup>Lit., *of a gathering of*

38 'Though if water is put on the seed, and a part of their carcass falls on it, it is unclean to you.

39 'Also if one of the animals dies which you have for food, the one who touches its carcass becomes unclean until evening.

<sup>40</sup> <sup>a</sup>Ex. 17:15; 22:8

40 'He too, who eats some of its carcass shall wash his clothes and be unclean until evening; and the one who picks up its carcass shall wash his clothes and be unclean until evening.

41 'Now every swarming thing that swarms on the earth is detestable, not to be eaten.

<sup>41</sup> <sup>a</sup>Lev. 11:29

42 'Whatever crawls on its belly, and whatever walks on *all* fours, whatever has many feet, in respect to every swarming thing that swarms on the earth, you shall not eat them, for they are detestable.

<sup>43</sup> <sup>1</sup>Lit., *your souls*  
<sup>a</sup>Lev. 20:25

43 'Do not render <sup>1</sup>yourselves detestable through any of the swarming things that swarm; and you shall not make yourselves unclean with them so that you become unclean.

44 'For <sup>a</sup>I am the LORD your God. Consecrate yourselves therefore, and <sup>b</sup>be holy; for I am holy. And you shall not make yourselves unclean with any of the swarming things that swarm on the earth.

<sup>44</sup> <sup>a</sup>Ex. 6:7; 16:12; 23:25  
<sup>b</sup>1 Pet. 1:16

45 'For I am the LORD, who brought you up from the land of Egypt, to be your God; thus you shall be holy for I am holy.

<sup>45</sup> <sup>a</sup>Lev. 22:33; 25:38; 26:45

46 This is the law regarding the animal, and the bird, and every living thing that moves in the waters, and everything that swarms on the earth,

47 <sup>a</sup>to make a distinction between the unclean and the clean, and between the edible creature and the creature which is not to be eaten.

<sup>47</sup> <sup>a</sup>Lev. 10:10

**CHAPTER 12**

**T**HEN the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,

2 "Speak to the sons of Israel, saying, 'When a woman <sup>1</sup>gives birth and bears a male *child*, then she shall be unclean for seven days, <sup>a</sup>as in the days of <sup>2</sup>her menstruation she shall be unclean.

3 'And on <sup>a</sup>the eighth day the flesh of his foreskin shall be circumcised.

4 'Then she shall remain in the blood of *her* purification for thirty-three days; she shall not touch any consecrated thing, nor enter the sanctuary, until the days of her purification are completed.

<sup>2</sup> <sup>1</sup>Lit., *produces seed*  
<sup>2</sup>Lit., *the impurity of her sickness*  
<sup>a</sup>Lev. 15:19; 18:19

<sup>3</sup> <sup>a</sup>Gen. 17:12

5 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *impurity*

6 <sup>a</sup>Luke 2:22 <sup>b</sup>Lev. 5:7

7 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *fountain*

8 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *her hand does not find a sufficiency of lamb*  
<sup>a</sup>Luke 2:22-24 <sup>b</sup>Lev. 5:7

2 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *flesh* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *a mark, stroke and so throughout the chap.*  
<sup>a</sup>Deut. 24:8

3 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *flesh*

4 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *flesh* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *the appearance of it is not deeper* <sup>3</sup>Lit., *shut up*

5 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *has stood* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *shut up*

10 <sup>a</sup>Num. 12:10; 2 Kin. 5:27; 2 Chr. 26:19, 20

11 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *an old* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *flesh*  
<sup>3</sup>Lit., *shut up*

5 'But if she bears a female *child*, then she shall be unclean for two weeks, as in her <sup>1</sup>menstruation; and she shall remain in the blood of *her* purification for sixty-six days.

6 'And <sup>a</sup>when the days of her purification are completed, for a son or for a daughter, she shall bring to the priest at the doorway of the tent of meeting, a one year old lamb for a burnt offering, and a young pigeon or a turtledove <sup>b</sup>for a sin offering.

7 'Then he shall offer it before the LORD and make atonement for her; and she shall be cleansed from the <sup>1</sup>flow of her blood. This is the law for her who bears a *child*, *whether* a male or a female.

8 'But if <sup>1</sup>she cannot afford a lamb, then she shall take <sup>a</sup>two turtledoves or two young pigeons, <sup>b</sup>the one for a burnt offering and the other for a sin offering; and the priest shall make atonement for her, and she shall be clean.' "

CHAPTER 13

THEN the LORD spoke to Moses and to Aaron, saying,

2 "When a man has on the skin of his <sup>1</sup>body a swelling or a scab or a bright spot, and it becomes <sup>2</sup>an infection of leprosy on the skin of his <sup>1</sup>body, <sup>a</sup>then he shall be brought to Aaron the priest, or to one of his sons the priests.

3 "And the priest shall look at the mark on the skin of the <sup>1</sup>body, and if the hair in the infection has turned white and the infection appears to be deeper than the skin of his <sup>1</sup>body, it is an infection of leprosy; when the priest has looked at him, he shall pronounce him unclean.

4 "But if the bright spot is white on the skin of his <sup>1</sup>body, and <sup>2</sup>it does not appear to be deeper than the skin, and the hair on it has not turned white, then the priest shall <sup>3</sup>isolate *him who has* the infection for seven days.

5 "And the priest shall look at him on the seventh day, and if in his eyes the infection <sup>1</sup>has not changed, *and* the infection has not spread on the skin, then the priest shall <sup>2</sup>isolate him for seven more days.

6 "And the priest shall look at him again on the seventh day; and if the infection has faded, and the mark has not spread on the skin, then the priest shall pronounce him clean; it is *only* a scab. And he shall wash his clothes and be clean.

7 "But if the scab spreads farther on the skin, after he has shown himself to the priest for his cleansing, he shall appear again to the priest.

8 "And the priest shall look, and if the scab has spread on the skin, then the priest shall pronounce him unclean; it is leprosy.

9 "When the infection of leprosy is on a man, then he shall be brought to the priest.

10 "The priest shall then look, and if there is a <sup>a</sup>white swelling in the skin, and it has turned the hair white, and there is quick raw flesh in the swelling,

11 it is <sup>1</sup>a chronic leprosy on the skin of his <sup>2</sup>body, and the priest shall pronounce him unclean; he shall not <sup>3</sup>isolate him, for he is unclean.

12 "And if the leprosy breaks out farther on the skin, and the leprosy covers all the skin of *him who has* the infection from his head even to his feet, <sup>1</sup>as far as the priest can see,

12 <sup>1</sup>Lit., with regard to the whole sight of the priest's eyes

13 then the priest shall look, and behold, *if* the leprosy has covered all his <sup>1</sup>body, he shall pronounce clean *him who has* the infection; it has all turned white *and* he is clean.

14 "But whenever raw flesh appears on him, he shall be unclean.

15 "And the priest shall look at the raw flesh, and he shall pronounce him unclean; the raw flesh is unclean, it is leprosy.

13 <sup>1</sup>Lit., flesh

16 "Or if the raw flesh turns again and is changed to white, then he shall come to the priest,

17 and the priest shall look at him, and behold, *if* the infection has turned to white, then the priest shall pronounce clean *him who has* the infection; he is clean.

18 "And when the <sup>1</sup>body has a boil on its skin, and it is healed,

18 <sup>1</sup>Lit., flesh

19 and in the place of the boil there is a white swelling or a reddish-white, bright spot, then it shall be shown to the priest;

20 and the priest shall look, and behold, *if* <sup>1</sup>it appears to be lower than the skin, and the hair on it has turned white, then the priest shall pronounce him unclean; it is the infection of leprosy, it has broken out in the boil.

20 <sup>1</sup>Lit., the appearance of it is lower

21 "But if the priest looks at it, and behold, there are no white hairs in it and it is not lower than the skin and is faded, then the priest shall <sup>1</sup>isolate him for seven days;

22 and if it spreads farther on the skin, then the priest shall pronounce him unclean; it is an infection.

23 "But if the bright spot remains in its place, and does not spread, it is *only* the scar of the boil; and the priest shall pronounce him clean.

21 <sup>1</sup>Lit., shut up

24 "Or if the <sup>1</sup>body sustains in its skin a burn by fire, and the raw *flesh* of the burn becomes a bright spot, reddish-white, or white,

25 then the priest shall look at it. And if the hair in the bright spot has turned white, and it appears to be deeper than the skin, it is leprosy; it has broken out in the burn. Therefore, the priest shall pronounce him unclean; it is an infection of leprosy.

24 <sup>1</sup>Lit., flesh

26 "But if the priest looks at it, and indeed, there is no white hair in the bright spot, and it is no <sup>1</sup>deeper than the skin, but is dim, then the priest shall <sup>2</sup>isolate him for seven days;

27 and the priest shall look at him on the seventh day. If it spreads farther in the skin, then the priest shall pronounce him unclean; it is an infection of leprosy.

28 "But if the bright spot remains in its place, and has not spread in the skin, but is dim, it is the swelling from the burn; and the priest shall pronounce him clean, for it is *only* the scar of the burn.

26 <sup>1</sup>Lit., lower <sup>2</sup>Lit., shut up

29 "Now if a man or woman has an infection on the head or on the beard,

30 then the priest shall look at the infection, and if it appears to be deeper than the skin, and there is thin yellowish hair in it, then the priest shall pronounce him unclean; it is a scale, it is leprosy of the head or of the beard.

31 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *shut up*32 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *been*33 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *shut up*38 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *flesh*39 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *flesh* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *tetter*40 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *man's head becomes bald*41 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *border of his face*43 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *flesh*45 <sup>1</sup>Or, *disheveled*  
<sup>a</sup>Lev. 10:6 <sup>b</sup>Ezek. 24:17, 22;  
<sup>c</sup>Mic. 3:7 <sup>d</sup>Lam. 4:1546 <sup>a</sup>Num. 5:1-4; 12:1447 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *infection, and so throughout the chap.*48 <sup>1</sup>Or, *weaving or texture*49 <sup>1</sup>Or, *weaving or texture*

31 "But if the priest looks at the infection of the scale, and indeed, it appears to be no deeper than the skin, and there is no black hair in it, then the priest shall <sup>1</sup>isolate *the person* with the scaly infection for seven days.

32 "And on the seventh day the priest shall look at the infection, and if the scale has not spread, and no yellowish hair has <sup>1</sup>grown in it, and the appearance of the scale is no deeper than the skin,

33 then he shall shave himself, but he shall not shave the scale; and the priest shall <sup>1</sup>isolate *the person* with the scale seven more days.

34 "Then on the seventh day the priest shall look at the scale, and if the scale has not spread in the skin, and it appears to be no deeper than the skin, the priest shall pronounce him clean; and he shall wash his clothes and be clean.

35 "But if the scale spreads farther in the skin after his cleansing,

36 then the priest shall look at him, and if the scale has spread in the skin, the priest need not seek for the yellowish hair; he is unclean.

37 "If in his sight the scale has remained, however, and black hair has grown in it, the scale has healed, he is clean; and the priest shall pronounce him clean.

38 "And when a man or a woman has bright spots on the skin of the <sup>1</sup>body, *even* white bright spots,

39 then the priest shall look, and if the bright spots on the skin of their <sup>1</sup>bodies are a faint white, it is <sup>2</sup>eczema that has broken out on the skin; he is clean.

40 "Now if a <sup>1</sup>man loses the hair of his head, he is bald; he is clean.

41 "And if his head becomes bald at the <sup>1</sup>front and sides, he is bald on the forehead; he is clean.

42 "But if on the bald head or the bald forehead, there occurs a reddish-white infection, it is leprosy breaking out on his bald head or on his bald forehead.

43 "Then the priest shall look at him; and if the swelling of the infection is reddish-white on his bald head or on his bald forehead, like the appearance of leprosy in the skin of the <sup>1</sup>body,

44 he is a leprous man, he is unclean. The priest shall surely pronounce him unclean; his infection is on his head.

45 "As for the leper who has the infection, his clothes shall be torn, and <sup>a</sup>the hair of his head shall be <sup>1</sup>uncovered, and he shall <sup>b</sup>cover his mustache and cry, '<sup>c</sup>Unclean! Unclean!'

46 "He shall remain unclean all the days during which he has the infection; he is unclean. He shall live alone; his dwelling shall be <sup>a</sup>outside the camp.

47 "When a garment has a <sup>1</sup>mark of leprosy in it, whether it is a wool garment or a linen garment,

48 whether in <sup>1</sup>warp or woof, of linen or of wool, whether in leather or in any article made of leather,

49 if the mark is greenish or reddish in the garment or in the leather, or in the <sup>1</sup>warp or in the woof, or in any article of leather, it is a leprous mark and shall be shown to the priest.

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50 "Then the priest shall look at the mark, and shall <sup>1</sup>quarantine the article with the mark for seven days.

51 "He shall then look at the mark on the seventh day; if the mark has spread in the garment, whether in the warp or in the woof, or in the leather, whatever the purpose for which the leather is used, the mark is a <sup>1</sup>leprous malignancy, it is unclean.

52 "So he shall burn the garment, whether the warp or the woof, in wool or in linen, or any article of leather in which the mark occurs, for it is a <sup>1</sup>leprous malignancy; it shall be burned in the fire.

53 "But if the priest shall look, and indeed, the mark has not spread in the garment, either in the warp or in the woof, or in any article of leather,

54 then the priest shall order them to wash the thing in which the mark occurs, and he shall <sup>1</sup>quarantine it for seven more days.

55 "After the article with the mark has been washed, the priest shall again look, and if the mark has not changed its appearance, even though the mark has not spread, it is unclean; you shall burn it in the fire, <sup>1</sup>whether an eating away has produced bareness on the top or on the front of it.

56 "Then if the priest shall look, and if the mark has faded after it has been washed, then he shall tear it out of the garment or out of the leather, whether from the warp or from the woof;

57 and if it appears again in the garment, whether in the warp or in the woof, or in any article of leather, it is an outbreak; the article with the mark shall be burned in the fire.

58 "And the garment, whether the warp or the woof, or any article of leather from which the mark has departed when you washed it, it shall then be washed a second time and shall be clean."

59 This is the law for the mark of leprosy in a garment of wool or linen, whether in the warp or in the woof, or in any article of leather, for pronouncing it clean or unclean.

**CHAPTER 14**

**T**HEN the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,

2 "This shall be the law of the leper in the day of his cleansing. <sup>a</sup>Now he shall be brought to the priest,

3 and the priest shall go <sup>a</sup>out to the outside of the camp. Thus the priest shall look, and if the <sup>1</sup>infection of leprosy has been healed in the leper,

4 then the priest shall give orders to take two live clean birds and <sup>a</sup>cedar wood and a <sup>1</sup>scarlet string and hyssop for the one who is to be cleansed.

5 "The priest shall also give orders to slay the one bird in an earthenware vessel over <sup>1</sup>running water.

6 "As for the live bird, he shall take it, together with <sup>a</sup>the cedar wood and the <sup>1</sup>scarlet string and the <sup>b</sup>hyssop, and shall dip them and the live bird in the blood of the bird that was slain over the <sup>2</sup>running water.

7 "He shall then sprinkle seven times the one who is to be

50 <sup>1</sup>Lit., shut up

51 <sup>1</sup>Lit., malignant leprosy

52 <sup>1</sup>Lit., malignant leprosy

54 <sup>1</sup>Lit., shut up

55 <sup>1</sup>Lit., it is

<sup>2</sup>Matt. 8:4; Mark 1:44; Luke 5:14; 17:14

<sup>3</sup>Lit., mark, stroke, and so throughout the chap. <sup>a</sup>Lev. 13:46

<sup>4</sup>Lit., scarlet color and <sup>a</sup>Lev. 14:6, 49, 51, 52; Num. 19:6

5 <sup>1</sup>Lit., living

<sup>6</sup>Lit., scarlet color and <sup>2</sup>Lit., living <sup>a</sup>Lev. 14:4 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 51:7

8 <sup>a</sup>Num. 8:7 <sup>b</sup>Lev. 14:9, 20

9 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *flesh*  
<sup>a</sup>Lev. 14:8, 20

10 <sup>1</sup>An *ephah* is assumed, cf. Lev. 6:20 <sup>2</sup>Approx. one pint  
<sup>a</sup>Lev. 14:12, 15, 21, 24

11 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *them*

12 <sup>1</sup>Approx. one pint  
<sup>a</sup>Lev. 14:19 <sup>b</sup>Lev. 14:10

13 <sup>a</sup>Lev. 1:11 <sup>b</sup>Lev. 6:24, 30

14 <sup>a</sup>Lev. 14:19 <sup>b</sup>Lev. 8:23, 24

15 <sup>1</sup>Approx. one pint  
<sup>a</sup>Lev. 14:10

19 <sup>a</sup>Lev. 14:12

20 <sup>a</sup>Lev. 14:8, 9

21 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *hand is not reaching* <sup>2</sup>An *ephah* is assumed; cf. Lev. 6:20  
<sup>3</sup>Approx. one pint  
<sup>a</sup>Lev. 5:11; 27:8 <sup>b</sup>Lev. 14:22  
<sup>c</sup>Lev. 14:10

22 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *his hand reaches*  
<sup>a</sup>Lev. 5:7 <sup>b</sup>Lev. 14:21, 24, 25

23 <sup>a</sup>Lev. 14:10, 11

cleansed from the leprosy, and shall pronounce him clean, and shall let the live bird go free over the open field.

8 <sup>a</sup>The one to be cleansed shall then wash his clothes and shave off all his hair, and bathe in water and <sup>b</sup>be clean. Now afterward, he may enter the camp, but he shall stay outside his tent for seven days.

9 "And it will be on the seventh day that he shall shave off all his hair: he shall shave his head and his beard and his eyebrows, even all his hair. He shall then wash his clothes and bathe his <sup>1</sup>body in water and <sup>a</sup>be clean.

10 "Now on the eighth day he is to take two male lambs without defect, and a yearling ewe lamb without defect, and three-tenths of <sup>1</sup>a *bushel* of fine flour mixed with oil for a grain offering, and one <sup>2</sup>log of oil;

11 and the priest who pronounces him clean shall present the man to be cleansed and the <sup>1</sup>aforsaid before the LORD at the doorway of the tent of meeting.

12 "Then the priest shall take the one male lamb and bring it for a <sup>a</sup>guilt offering, with the <sup>1</sup>blog of oil, and present them as a wave offering before the LORD.

13 "Next he shall slaughter the male lamb in <sup>a</sup>the place where they slaughter the sin offering and the burnt offering, at the place of the sanctuary—for the guilt offering, <sup>b</sup>like the sin offering, belongs to the priest; it is most holy.

14 "The priest shall then take some of the blood of the <sup>a</sup>guilt offering, and the priest shall put *it* on <sup>b</sup>the lobe of the right ear of the one to be cleansed, and on the thumb of his right hand, and on the big toe of his right foot.

15 "The priest shall also take some of the <sup>1</sup>alog of oil, and pour *it* into his left palm;

16 the priest shall then dip his right-hand finger into the oil that is in his left palm, and with his finger sprinkle some of the oil seven times before the LORD.

17 "And of the remaining oil which is in his palm, the priest shall put some on the right ear lobe of the one to be cleansed, and on the thumb of his right hand, and on the big toe of his right foot, on the blood of the guilt offering;

18 while the rest of the oil that is in the priest's palm, he shall put on the head of the one to be cleansed. So the priest shall make atonement on his behalf before the LORD.

19 "The priest shall next offer the <sup>a</sup>sin offering and make atonement for the one to be cleansed from his uncleanness. Then afterward, he shall slaughter the burnt offering.

20 "And the priest shall offer up the burnt offering and the grain offering on the altar. Thus the priest shall make atonement for him, and <sup>a</sup>he shall be clean.

21 <sup>a</sup>But if he is poor, and his <sup>1</sup>means are insufficient, then he is to take one male lamb for a <sup>b</sup>guilt offering as a wave offering to make atonement for him, and one-tenth of <sup>2</sup>a *bushel* of fine flour mixed with oil for a grain offering, and a <sup>3</sup>log of oil,

22 and two turtledoves or two young pigeons which <sup>1</sup>are within his means, <sup>a</sup>the one shall be a <sup>b</sup>sin offering and the other a burnt offering.

23 <sup>a</sup>Then the eighth day he shall bring them for his cleansing to the priest, at the doorway of the tent of meeting, before the LORD.

24 "And the priest shall take the lamb of the guilt offering, and <sup>a</sup>the <sup>1</sup>log of oil, and the priest shall offer them for a wave offering before the LORD.

24 <sup>1</sup>Approx. one pint  
<sup>a</sup>Lev. 14:10

25 "Next he shall slaughter the lamb of the guilt offering; and the priest is to take some of the blood of the guilt offering and put *it* on <sup>a</sup>the lobe of the right ear of the one to be cleansed and on the thumb of his right hand, and on the big toe of his right foot.

25 <sup>a</sup>Lev. 14:14

26 "The priest shall also pour some of the oil into his left palm;

27 and with his right-hand finger the priest shall sprinkle some of the oil that is in his left palm seven times before the LORD.

30 <sup>1</sup>Lit., from those which his hand can reach

28 "The priest shall then put some of the oil that is in his palm on the lobe of the right ear of the one to be cleansed, and on the thumb of his right hand, and on the big toe of his right foot, on the place of the blood of the guilt offering.

31 <sup>1</sup>Lit., his hand can reach  
<sup>a</sup>Lev. 5:7

29 "Moreover, the rest of the oil that is in the priest's palm he shall put on the head of the one to be cleansed, to make atonement on his behalf before the LORD.

30 "He shall then offer one of the turtledoves or young pigeons, <sup>1</sup>which are within his means.

32 <sup>1</sup>Lit., hand does not reach

31 "*He shall offer* what <sup>1</sup>he can afford, <sup>a</sup>the one for a sin offering, and the other for a burnt offering, together with the grain offering. So the priest shall make atonement before the LORD on behalf of the one to be cleansed.

35 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 91:10

32 "This is the law for *him* in whom there is an infection of leprosy, whose <sup>1</sup>means are limited for his cleansing."

33 The LORD further spoke to Moses and to Aaron, saying,

34 "When you enter the land of Canaan, which I give you for a possession, and I put a mark of leprosy on a house in the land of your possession,

37 <sup>1</sup>Lit., wall

35 then the one who owns the house shall come and tell the priest, saying, '*Something* like <sup>a</sup>a mark of *leprosy* has become visible to me in the house.'

36 "The priest shall then order that they empty the house before the priest goes in to look at the mark, so that everything<sup>a</sup> in the house need not become unclean; and afterward the priest shall go in to look at the house.

38 <sup>1</sup>Lit., doorway of the house  
<sup>2</sup>Lit., shut up

37 "So he shall look at the mark, and if the mark on the walls of the house has greenish or reddish depressions, and appears deeper than the <sup>1</sup>surface;

39 <sup>1</sup>Lit., look

38 then the priest shall come out of the house, to the <sup>1</sup>doorway, and <sup>2</sup>quarantine the house for seven days.

39 "And the priest shall return on the seventh day and <sup>1</sup>make an inspection. If the mark has indeed spread in the walls of the house,

40 <sup>1</sup>Lit., to

40 then the priest shall order them to tear out the stones with the mark in them and throw them away <sup>1</sup>at an unclean place outside the city.

41 <sup>1</sup>Lit., from the house around

41 "And he shall have the house scraped all around <sup>1</sup>inside, and they shall dump the plaster that they scrape off at an unclean place outside the city.

42 "Then they shall take other stones and replace *those* stones; and he shall take other plaster and replaster the house.

43 "If, however, the mark breaks out again in the house,

44 <sup>1</sup>Lit., look45 <sup>a</sup>Lev. 14:4146 <sup>1</sup>Lit., shut up48 <sup>1</sup>Lit., looks <sup>2</sup>Lit.,  
healed49 <sup>1</sup>Lit., scarlet color  
<sup>a</sup>Lev. 14:450 <sup>1</sup>Lit., living51 <sup>1</sup>Lit., scarlet color  
<sup>2</sup>Lit., living52 <sup>1</sup>Lit., living <sup>2</sup>Lit.,  
scarlet color57 <sup>1</sup>Lit., in the day of

<sup>2</sup> <sup>1</sup>Lit., flesh, and so  
throughout the chap. <sup>2</sup>Or,  
by his discharge, he is  
unclean  
<sup>a</sup>Lev. 22:4; Num. 5:2;  
2 Sam. 3:29

7 <sup>1</sup>Lit., flesh

after he has torn out the stones and scraped the house, and after it has been replastered,

44 then the priest shall come in and <sup>1</sup>make an inspection. If he sees that the mark has indeed spread in the house, it is a malignant mark in the house; it is unclean.

45 "He shall therefore tear down the house, its stones, and its timbers, and all the plaster of the house, and he shall take *them* outside the city to an <sup>a</sup>unclean place.

46 "Moreover, whoever goes into the house during the time that he has <sup>1</sup>quarantined it, becomes unclean until evening.

47 "Likewise, whoever lies down in the house shall wash his clothes, and whoever eats in the house shall wash his clothes.

48 "If, on the other hand, the priest comes in and <sup>1</sup>makes an inspection, and the mark has not indeed spread in the house after the house has been replastered, then the priest shall pronounce the house clean because the mark has <sup>2</sup>not reappeared.

49 "To cleanse the house then, he shall take <sup>a</sup>two birds and cedar wood and a <sup>1</sup>scarlet string and hyssop,

50 and he shall slaughter the one bird in an earthenware vessel over <sup>1</sup>running water.

51 "Then he shall take the cedar wood and the hyssop and the <sup>1</sup>scarlet string, with the live bird, and dip them in the blood of the slain bird, as well as in the <sup>2</sup>running water, and sprinkle the house seven times.

52 "He shall thus cleanse the house with the blood of the bird and with the <sup>1</sup>running water, along with the live bird and with the cedar wood and with the hyssop and with the <sup>2</sup>scarlet string.

53 "However, he shall let the live bird go free outside the city into the open field. So he shall make atonement for the house, and it shall be clean."

54 This is the law for any mark of leprosy—even for a scale,

55 and for the leprous garment or house,

56 and for a swelling, and for a scab, and for a bright spot—

57 to teach <sup>1</sup>when they are unclean, and <sup>1</sup>when they are clean. This is the law of leprosy.

## CHAPTER 15

THE LORD also spoke to Moses and to Aaron, saying,

2 "Speak to the sons of Israel, and say to them, <sup>a</sup>When any man has a discharge from his <sup>1</sup>body, <sup>2</sup>his discharge is unclean.

3 "This, moreover, shall be his uncleanness in his discharge: it is his uncleanness whether his body allows its discharge to flow, or whether his body obstructs its discharge.

4 "Every bed on which the person with the discharge lies becomes unclean, and everything on which he sits becomes unclean.

5 "Anyone, moreover, who touches his bed shall wash his clothes and bathe in water and be unclean until evening;

6 and whoever sits on the thing on which the man with the discharge has been sitting, shall wash his clothes and bathe in water and be unclean until evening.

7 "Also whoever touches the <sup>1</sup>person with the discharge



shall wash his clothes and bathe in water and be unclean until evening.

12 <sup>a</sup>Lev. 6:28; 11:33

8 'Or if the man with the discharge spits on one who is clean, he too shall wash his clothes and bathe in water and be unclean until evening.

9 'And every saddle on which the person with the discharge rides becomes unclean.

10 'Whoever then touches any of the things which were under him shall be unclean until evening, and he who carries them shall wash his clothes and bathe in water and be unclean until evening.

13 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *living*

11 'Likewise, whomever the one with the discharge touches without having rinsed his hands in water shall wash his clothes and bathe in water and be unclean until evening.

12 'However, an <sup>a</sup>earthenware vessel which the person with the discharge touches shall be broken, and every wooden vessel shall be rinsed in water.

13 'Now when the man with the discharge becomes cleansed from his discharge, then he shall count off for himself seven days for his cleansing; he shall then wash his clothes and bathe his body in <sup>1</sup>running water and shall become clean.

15 <sup>a</sup>Lev. 5:7

14 'Then on the eighth day he shall take for himself two turtledoves or two young pigeons, and come before the LORD to the doorway of the tent of meeting, and give them to the priest;

15 and the priest shall offer them, <sup>a</sup>one for a sin offering, and the other for a burnt offering. So the priest shall make atonement on his behalf before the LORD because of his discharge.

16 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *man's, goes out from him*  
<sup>a</sup>Lev. 22:4; Deut. 23:10, 11

16 <sup>a</sup>Now if a <sup>1</sup>man has a seminal emission, he shall bathe all his body in water and be unclean until evening.

17 'As for any garment or any leather on which there is seminal emission, it shall be washed with water and be unclean until evening.

18 'If a man lies with a woman *so that* there is a seminal emission, they shall both bathe in water and be <sup>a</sup>unclean until evening.

18 <sup>a</sup>1 Sam. 21:4

19 'When a woman has a discharge, *if* her discharge in her body is blood, she shall continue in her menstrual impurity for seven days; and whoever touches her shall be unclean until evening.

20 'Everything also on which she lies during her menstruation impurity shall be unclean, and everything on which she sits shall be unclean.

24 <sup>a</sup>Lev. 18:19; 20:18

21 'And anyone who touches her bed shall wash his clothes and bathe in water and be unclean until evening.

22 'And whoever touches any thing on which she sits shall wash his clothes and bathe in water and be unclean until evening.

23 'Whether it be on the bed or on the thing on which she is sitting, when he touches it, he shall be unclean until evening.

24 <sup>a</sup>And if a man actually lies with her, so that her menstrual impurity is on him, he shall be unclean seven days, and every bed on which he lies shall be unclean.

25 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *her menstrual impurity* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *in the days of*  
<sup>a</sup>Matt. 9:20; Mark 5:25;  
 Luke 8:43

26 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *the bed of her menstrual impurity* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *the uncleanness of her menstrual impurity*

30 <sup>a</sup>Lev. 5:7

31 <sup>1</sup>Or, *dwelling place*  
<sup>a</sup>Lev. 20:3; Num. 19:13, 20;  
 Ezek. 36:17

32 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *whose seminal emission goes out from him*

1 <sup>a</sup>Lev. 10:1, 2

2 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *propitiatory*  
<sup>a</sup>Ex. 30:10; Heb. 9:7, 25  
<sup>b</sup>Ex. 25:21, 22

3 <sup>1</sup>Or, *bull of the herd*  
<sup>a</sup>Lev. 16:6; 4:1-12

4 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *flesh*  
<sup>a</sup>Ex. 28:39, 42 <sup>b</sup>Lev. 16:24

5 <sup>a</sup>Lev. 4:13-21

6 <sup>a</sup>Heb. 5:3

25 <sup>a</sup>Now if a woman has a discharge of her blood many days, not at the period of her menstrual impurity, or if she has a discharge beyond <sup>1</sup>that period, all the days of her impure discharge she shall continue as though <sup>2</sup>in her menstrual impurity; she is unclean.

26 <sup>a</sup>Any bed on which she lies all the days of her discharge shall be to her like <sup>1</sup>her bed at menstruation; and every thing on which she sits shall be unclean, like <sup>2</sup>her uncleanness at that time.

27 <sup>a</sup>Likewise, whoever touches them shall be unclean and shall wash his clothes and bathe in water and be unclean until evening.

28 <sup>a</sup>When she becomes clean from her discharge, she shall count off for herself seven days; and afterward she shall be clean.

29 <sup>a</sup>Then on the eighth day she shall take for herself two turtledoves or two young pigeons, and bring them in to the priest, to the doorway of the tent of meeting.

30 <sup>a</sup>And the priest shall offer the <sup>a</sup>one for a sin offering and the other for a burnt offering. So the priest shall make atonement on her behalf before the LORD because of her impure discharge.

31 <sup>a</sup>"Thus you shall keep the sons of Israel separated from their uncleanness, lest they die in their uncleanness by their <sup>a</sup>defiling My <sup>1</sup>tabernacle that is among them."

32 This is the law for the one with a discharge, and for the man <sup>1</sup>who has a seminal emission so that he is unclean by it,

33 and for the woman who is ill because of menstrual impurity, and for the one who has a discharge, whether a male or a female, or a man who lies with an unclean woman.

## CHAPTER 16

**N**OW the LORD spoke to Moses after <sup>a</sup>the death of the two sons of Aaron, when they had approached the presence of the LORD and died.

2 And the LORD said to Moses, "Tell your brother Aaron that he shall not enter <sup>a</sup>at any time into the holy place inside the veil, before the <sup>1</sup>mercy seat which is on the ark, lest he die; for <sup>b</sup>I will appear in the cloud over the <sup>1</sup>mercy seat.

3 <sup>a</sup>Aaron shall enter the holy place with this: with a <sup>1</sup>bull for a <sup>a</sup>sin offering and a ram for a burnt offering.

4 <sup>a</sup>He shall put on the <sup>a</sup>holy linen tunic, and the linen undergarments shall be next to his <sup>1</sup>body, and he shall be girded with the linen sash, and attired with the linen turban (these are holy garments). Then he shall <sup>b</sup>bathe his <sup>1</sup>body in water and put them on.

5 <sup>a</sup>And he shall take from the congregation of the sons of Israel <sup>a</sup>two male goats for a sin offering and one ram for a burnt offering.

6 <sup>a</sup>Then <sup>a</sup>Aaron shall offer the bull for the sin offering which is for himself, that he may make atonement for himself and for his household.

7 "And he shall take the two goats and present them before the LORD at the doorway of the tent of meeting.

8 "And Aaron shall cast lots for the two goats, one lot for the LORD and the other lot for the <sup>1</sup>scapegoat.

9 "Then Aaron shall offer the goat on which the lot for the LORD fell, and make it a sin offering.

10 "But the goat on which the lot for the <sup>1</sup>scapegoat fell, shall be presented alive before the LORD, to make atonement upon it, to send it into the wilderness as the <sup>1</sup>scapegoat.

11 "Then Aaron shall offer the bull of the sin offering <sup>a</sup>which is for himself, and make atonement for himself and <sup>b</sup>for his household, and he shall slaughter the bull of the sin offering which is for himself.

12 "And he shall take a <sup>a</sup>firepan full of coals of fire from upon the altar before the LORD, and <sup>1</sup>two handfuls of finely ground <sup>b</sup>sweet incense, and bring it inside the veil.

13 "And he shall put the incense on the fire before the LORD, that the cloud of incense may cover the <sup>1</sup>mercy seat that is on the ark of the testimony, <sup>a</sup>lest he die.

14 "Moreover, <sup>a</sup>he shall take some of the blood of the bull and sprinkle it <sup>b</sup>with his finger on the <sup>1</sup>mercy seat on the east side; also in front of the <sup>1</sup>mercy seat he shall sprinkle some of the blood with his finger seven times.

15 "Then he shall slaughter the goat of the sin offering <sup>a</sup>which is for the people, and bring its blood inside the veil, and do with its blood as he did with the blood of the bull, and sprinkle it on the <sup>1</sup>mercy seat and in front of the <sup>1</sup>mercy seat.

16 "And <sup>a</sup>he shall make atonement for the holy place, because of the impurities of the sons of Israel, and because of their transgressions, in regard to all their sins; and thus he shall do for the tent of meeting which abides with them in the midst of their impurities.

17 "When he goes in to make atonement in the holy place, no one shall be in the tent of meeting until he comes out, that he may make atonement for himself and for his household and for all the assembly of Israel.

18 "Then he shall go out to the altar that is before the LORD and make atonement for it, and shall take some of the blood of the bull and of the blood of the goat, and <sup>a</sup>put it on the horns of the altar on all sides.

19 "And <sup>a</sup>with his finger he shall sprinkle some of the blood on it seven times, and cleanse it, and from the impurities of the sons of Israel consecrate it.

20 "When he finishes atoning for the holy place, and the tent of meeting and the altar, he shall offer the live goat.

21 "Then Aaron shall lay both of his hands on the head of the live goat, and <sup>a</sup>confess over it all the iniquities of the sons of Israel, and all their transgressions <sup>1</sup>in regard to all their sins; and he shall lay them on the head of the goat and send it away into the wilderness by the hand of a man who stands in readiness.

22 "And the goat shall bear on itself all their iniquities to a solitary land; and he shall release the goat in the wilderness.

23 "Then Aaron shall come into the tent of meeting, and take off <sup>a</sup>the linen garments which he put on when he went into the holy place, and shall leave them there.

8 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *goat of removal*, or else a name: *Azazel*

10 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *goat of removal*, or else a name: *Azazel*

11 <sup>1</sup>Heb. 7:27; 9:7 <sup>b</sup>Lev. 16:33

12 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *the filling of the hollow of his hands*  
<sup>a</sup>Lev. 10:1 <sup>b</sup>Ex. 30:34-38

13 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *propitiatory*  
<sup>a</sup>Lev. 22:9; Ex. 28:43; Num. 4:15, 20

14 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *propitiatory*  
<sup>a</sup>Heb. 9:25 <sup>b</sup>Lev. 4:6, 17

15 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *propitiatory*  
<sup>a</sup>Heb. 7:27; 9:7

16 <sup>a</sup>Ex. 29:36, 37; 30:10; Heb. 2:17

18 <sup>a</sup>Lev. 4:25; Ezek. 43:20, 22

19 <sup>a</sup>Lev. 16:14

21 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *in addition to*  
<sup>a</sup>Lev. 5:5

23 <sup>a</sup>Lev. 16:4

24 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *flesh*  
<sup>a</sup>Lev. 16:4 <sup>b</sup>Ex. 28:40, 41

26 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *goat of removal,*  
or else a name: *Azazel*  
<sup>2</sup>Lit., *flesh*  
<sup>a</sup>Lev. 11:25, 40

27 <sup>a</sup>Heb. 13:11

28 <sup>a</sup>Num. 19:8

29 <sup>a</sup>Lev. 23:27 <sup>b</sup>Ex. 31:14,  
15

30 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *he shall make*

31 <sup>a</sup>Lev. 23:32; Ezra 8:21;  
Is. 58:3, 5; Dan. 10:12

32 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *whose hand is*  
*filled*  
<sup>a</sup>Lev. 16:4

33 <sup>a</sup>Lev. 16:11

34 <sup>a</sup>Heb. 9:7

<sup>4</sup> <sup>1</sup>Lit., *dwelling place*  
<sup>a</sup>Deut. 12:5-21

<sup>5</sup> <sup>1</sup>Lit., *In order that*

24 "And <sup>a</sup>he shall bathe his <sup>1</sup>body with water in a holy place and put on <sup>b</sup>his clothes, and come forth and offer his burnt offering and the burnt offering of the people, and make atonement for himself and for the people.

25 "Then he shall offer up in smoke the fat of the sin offering on the altar.

26 "And the one who released the goat as the <sup>1</sup>scapegoat <sup>a</sup>shall wash his clothes and bathe his <sup>2</sup>body with water; then afterward he shall come into the camp.

27 "But the bull of the sin offering and the goat of the sin offering, <sup>a</sup>whose blood was brought in to make atonement in the holy place, shall be taken outside the camp, and they shall burn their hides, their flesh, and their refuse in the fire.

28 "Then the <sup>a</sup>one who burns them shall wash his clothes and bathe his body with water, then afterward he shall come into the camp.

29 "And *this* shall be a permanent statute for you: <sup>a</sup>in the seventh month, on the tenth day of the month, you shall humble your souls, and not <sup>b</sup>do any work, whether the native, or the alien who sojourns among you;

30 for it is on this day that <sup>1</sup>atonement shall be made for you to cleanse you; you shall be clean from all your sins before the LORD.

31 "It is to be a sabbath of solemn rest for you, that you may <sup>a</sup>humble your souls; it is a permanent statute.

32 "So the priest who is anointed and <sup>1</sup>ordained to serve as priest in his father's place shall make atonement: he shall thus put on <sup>a</sup>the linen garments, the holy garments,

33 and make atonement for the holy sanctuary; and he shall make atonement for the tent of meeting and for the altar. He shall also make atonement for <sup>a</sup>the priests and for all the people of the assembly.

34 "Now you shall have this as a permanent statute, to <sup>a</sup>make atonement for the sons of Israel for all their sins once every year." And just as the LORD had commanded Moses, so he did.

## CHAPTER 17

**T**HEN the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,

2 "Speak to Aaron and to his sons, and to all the sons of Israel, and say to them, "This is what the LORD has commanded, saying,

3 "Any man from the house of Israel who slaughters an ox, or a lamb, or a goat in the camp, or who slaughters it outside the camp,

4 and <sup>a</sup>has not brought it to the doorway of the tent of meeting to present *it* as an offering to the LORD before the <sup>1</sup>tabernacle of the LORD, bloodguiltiness is to be reckoned to that man. He has shed blood and that man shall be cut off from among his people.

5 <sup>1</sup>The reason is so that the sons of Israel may bring their sacrifices which they were sacrificing in the open field, that they may bring them in to the LORD, at the doorway of the tent of meeting to the priest, and sacrifice them as sacrifices of peace offerings to the LORD.

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Must Not Eat It. Incest.**

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6 "And the priest shall sprinkle the blood on the altar of the LORD at the doorway of the tent of meeting, and offer up the fat in smoke as a soothing aroma to the LORD.

7 "And they shall no longer sacrifice their sacrifices to the <sup>1</sup>goat demons with which they play the harlot. This shall be a permanent statute to them throughout their generations."

8 "Then you shall say to them, 'Any man from the house of Israel, or from the aliens who sojourn among them, who offers a burnt offering or sacrifice,

9 and <sup>2</sup>does not bring it to the doorway of the tent of meeting to <sup>3</sup>offer it to the LORD, that man also shall be cut off from his people.

10 "And any man from the house of Israel, or from the aliens who sojourn among them, who eats any blood, <sup>b</sup>I will set My face against that person who eats blood, and will cut him off from among his people.

11 'For <sup>a</sup>the <sup>1</sup>life of the flesh is in the blood, and I have given it to you on the altar to make atonement for your souls; for it is the blood by reason of the <sup>1</sup>life that makes atonement.'

12 "Therefore I said to the sons of Israel, 'No person among you may eat blood, nor may any alien who sojourns among you eat blood.'

13 "So when any man from the sons of Israel, or from the aliens who sojourn among them, <sup>1</sup>in hunting catches a beast or a bird which may be eaten, <sup>a</sup>he shall pour out its blood and cover it with earth.

14 "For as for the <sup>1</sup>life of all flesh, its blood is identified with its <sup>1</sup>life. Therefore I said to the sons of Israel, 'You are not to eat the blood of any flesh, for the <sup>1</sup>life of all flesh is its blood; whoever eats it shall be cut off.'

15 "And when any person eats *an animal* which dies, or is torn by *beasts*, whether he is a native or an alien, he shall wash his clothes and bathe in water, and remain unclean until evening; then he will become clean.

16 "But if he does not wash *them* or bathe his body, then he shall bear his <sup>1</sup>guilt."

**CHAPTER 18**

**T**HEN the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,

2 "Speak to the sons of Israel and say to them, '<sup>a</sup>I am the LORD your God.

3 'You shall not do <sup>1</sup>what is <sup>a</sup>done in the land of Egypt where you lived, nor are you to do <sup>1</sup>what is <sup>b</sup>done in the land of Canaan where I am bringing you; you shall not walk in their statutes.

4 'You are to perform My judgments and keep My statutes, <sup>1</sup>to live in accord with them; <sup>a</sup>I am the LORD your God.

5 'So you shall keep My statutes and My judgments, <sup>a</sup>by which a man may live if he does them; I am the LORD.

6 'None of you shall approach any blood relative <sup>1</sup>of his to uncover nakedness; I am the LORD.

7 '<sup>a</sup>You shall not uncover the nakedness of your father, that is, the nakedness of your mother. She is your mother; you are not to uncover her nakedness.

7 <sup>1</sup>Or, goat-idols  
<sup>a</sup>Ex. 22:20; 32:8; 34:15;  
Deut. 32:17; 2 Chr. 11:15

9 <sup>1</sup>Lit, do  
<sup>a</sup>Lev. 17:4; Ex. 20:24

10 <sup>a</sup>Lev. 3:17; 7:26, 27;  
Deut. 12:16, 23-25 <sup>b</sup>Lev.  
20:3, 6

11 <sup>1</sup>Lit, soul  
<sup>a</sup>Lev. 17:14; Gen. 9:4

13 <sup>1</sup>Lit, who in hunting  
<sup>a</sup>Deut. 12:16

14 <sup>1</sup>Lit, soul  
<sup>a</sup>Lev. 17:11

15 <sup>a</sup>Lev. 7:24; 22:8; Ex.  
22:31

16 <sup>1</sup>Or, iniquity

2 <sup>a</sup>Lev. 11:44

3 <sup>1</sup>Lit, according to the  
deed of  
<sup>a</sup>Ezek. 20:7, 8 <sup>b</sup>Lev. 18:24-  
30; 20:23

4 <sup>1</sup>Lit, to walk in them  
<sup>a</sup>Lev. 18:2

5 <sup>a</sup>Gal. 3:12; Luke 10:28;  
Rom. 10:5; Ezek. 20:11

6 <sup>1</sup>Lit, of his flesh

7 <sup>a</sup>Lev. 20:11; Deut.  
27:20; Ezek. 22:10

9 <sup>a</sup>Lev. 18:11; 20:17;  
Deut. 27:22

10 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *they are your nakedness*

11 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *begotten of*

12 <sup>a</sup>Lev. 20:19

14 <sup>a</sup>Lev. 20:20

15 <sup>a</sup>Lev. 20:12

16 <sup>a</sup>Lev. 20:21

17 <sup>1</sup>Or, *wickedness*  
<sup>a</sup>Lev. 20:14

18 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *take a wife* <sup>2</sup>Or,  
*another* <sup>3</sup>Lit., *to be*

19 <sup>a</sup>Lev. 15:24; 20:18  
<sup>b</sup>Lev. 12:2

20 <sup>a</sup>Lev. 20:10

21 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *cause to pass over*  
<sup>a</sup>Lev. 20:2-5; Deut. 12:31  
<sup>b</sup>Lev. 19:12; 20:3; 21:6

22 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *those who*  
<sup>a</sup>Lev. 20:13; Deut. 23:18

23 <sup>1</sup>Or, *lie*  
<sup>a</sup>Ex. 22:19; Lev. 20:15, 16;  
Deut. 27:21

24 <sup>a</sup>Lev. 18:3

25 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *iniquity*  
<sup>a</sup>Lev. 20:23; Deut. 9:5;  
18:12 <sup>b</sup>Lev. 18:28; 20:22

29 <sup>1</sup>Or, *and the*

8 'You shall not uncover the nakedness of your father's wife; it is your father's nakedness.

9 <sup>a</sup>The nakedness of your sister, *either* your father's daughter or your mother's daughter, whether born at home or born outside, their nakedness you shall not uncover.

10 'The nakedness of your son's daughter or your daughter's daughter, their nakedness you shall not uncover; for <sup>1</sup>their nakedness is yours.

11 'The nakedness of your father's wife's daughter, <sup>1</sup>born to your father, she is your sister, you shall not uncover her nakedness.

12 <sup>a</sup>You shall not uncover the nakedness of your father's sister; she is your father's blood relative.

13 'You shall not uncover the nakedness of your mother's sister, for she is your mother's blood relative.

14 <sup>a</sup>You shall not uncover the nakedness of your father's brother; you shall not approach his wife, she is your aunt.

15 <sup>a</sup>You shall not uncover the nakedness of your daughter-in-law; she is your son's wife, you shall not uncover her nakedness.

16 <sup>a</sup>You shall not uncover the nakedness of your brother's wife; it is your brother's nakedness.

17 <sup>a</sup>You shall not uncover the nakedness of a woman and of her daughter, nor shall you take her son's daughter or her daughter's daughter, to uncover her nakedness; they are blood relatives. It is <sup>1</sup>lewdness.

18 'And you shall not <sup>1</sup>marry a woman in addition to <sup>2</sup>her sister <sup>3</sup>as a rival while she is alive, to uncover her nakedness.

19 <sup>a</sup>Also you shall not approach a woman to uncover her nakedness during her <sup>b</sup>menstrual impurity.

20 <sup>a</sup>And you shall not have intercourse with your neighbor's wife, to be defiled with her.

21 'Neither shall you give any of your offspring <sup>a</sup>to <sup>1</sup>offer them to Molech, nor shall you <sup>b</sup>profane the name of your God; I am the LORD.

22 <sup>a</sup>You shall not lie with a male as <sup>1</sup>one lies with a female; it is an abomination.

23 <sup>a</sup>Also you shall not have intercourse with any animal to be defiled with it, nor shall any woman stand before an animal to <sup>1</sup>mate with it; it is a perversion.

24 'Do not defile yourselves by any of these things; for by all these <sup>a</sup>the nations which I am casting out before you have become defiled.

25 'For the land has become defiled, <sup>a</sup>therefore I have visited its <sup>1</sup>punishment upon it, so the land <sup>b</sup>has spewed out its inhabitants.

26 'But as for you, you are to keep My statutes and My judgments, and shall not do any of these abominations, *neither* the native, nor the alien who sojourns among you;

27 (for the men of the land who have been before you have done all these abominations, and the land has become defiled);

28 so that the land may not spew you out, should you defile it, as it has spewed out the nation which has been before you.

29 'For whoever does any of these abominations, <sup>1</sup>those persons who do so shall be cut off from among their people.

30 'Thus you are to keep <sup>a</sup>My charge, that you do not practice any of the abominable customs which have been practiced before you, so as not to defile yourselves with them; <sup>b</sup>I am the LORD your God.'

30 <sup>1</sup>Lev. 22:9; Deut. 11:1  
<sup>b</sup>Lev. 18:2

CHAPTER 19

**T**HEN the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,

2 "Speak to all the congregation of the sons of Israel and say to them, '<sup>a</sup>You shall be holy, for I the LORD your God am holy.

2 <sup>a</sup>1 Pet. 1:16

3 'Every one of you shall reverence his mother and his father, and you shall keep <sup>a</sup>My sabbaths; <sup>b</sup>I am the LORD your God.

3 <sup>a</sup>Ex. 20:8 <sup>b</sup>Lev. 11:44

4 'Do not turn to <sup>a</sup>idols or make for yourselves molten <sup>b</sup>gods; I am the LORD your God.

4 <sup>a</sup>Lev. 26:1; Ps. 96:5;  
115:4-7 <sup>b</sup>Ex. 20:23; 34:17

5 'Now when you offer a sacrifice of peace offerings to the LORD, you shall offer it so that you may be accepted.

9 <sup>a</sup>Lev. 23:22; Deut.  
24:20-22

6 'It shall be eaten the same day you offer it, and the next day; but what remains until the third day shall be burned with fire.

11 <sup>a</sup>Ex. 20:15, 16

7 'So if it is eaten at all on the third day, it is an offense; it will not be accepted.

12 <sup>a</sup>Ex. 20:7 <sup>b</sup>Lev. 18:21

8 'And everyone who eats it will bear his iniquity, for he has profaned the holy thing of the LORD; and that person shall be cut off from his people.

13 <sup>a</sup>Ex. 22:7-15, 21-27  
<sup>b</sup>Deut. 24:15

9 '<sup>a</sup>Now when you reap the harvest of your land, you shall not reap to the very corners of your field, neither shall you gather the gleanings of your harvest.

14 <sup>a</sup>Deut. 27:18

10 'Nor shall you glean your vineyard, nor shall you gather the fallen fruit of your vineyard; you shall leave them for the needy and for the stranger. I am the LORD your God.

15 <sup>a</sup>Ex. 23:3, 6; Deut.  
1:17; 10:17

11 '<sup>a</sup>You shall not steal, nor deal falsely, nor lie to one another.

12 '<sup>a</sup>And you shall not swear falsely by My name, so as to <sup>b</sup>profane the name of your God; I am the LORD.

13 '<sup>a</sup>You shall not oppress your neighbor, nor rob <sup>b</sup>him. <sup>b</sup>The wages of a hired man are not to remain with you all night until morning.

16 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *stand* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *blood*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 15:3; Jer. 6:28; 9:4;  
Ezek. 22:9 <sup>b</sup>Ex. 23:7; Deut.  
27:25

14 'You shall not curse a deaf man, nor <sup>a</sup>place a stumbling block before the blind, but you shall revere your God; I am the LORD.

17 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *brother*  
<sup>a</sup>1 John 2:9, 11; 3:15 <sup>b</sup>Matt.  
18:15; Luke 17:3

15 '<sup>a</sup>You shall do no injustice in judgment; you shall not be partial to the poor nor defer to the great, but you are to judge your neighbor fairly.

16 'You shall not go about as <sup>a</sup>a slanderer among your people, and you are not to <sup>1</sup>act against the <sup>2</sup>life of your neighbor; I am the LORD.

18 <sup>a</sup>Deut. 32:35; Rom.  
12:19; Heb. 10:30 <sup>b</sup>Ps.  
103:9 <sup>c</sup>Matt. 19:19; Mark  
12:31; Luke 10:27; Rom.  
13:9

17 'You <sup>a</sup>shall not hate your <sup>1</sup>fellow-countryman in your heart; you <sup>b</sup>may surely reprove your neighbor, but shall not incur sin because of him.

18 '<sup>a</sup>You shall not take vengeance, <sup>b</sup>nor bear any grudge against the sons of your people, but <sup>c</sup>you shall love your neighbor as yourself; I am the LORD.

19 <sup>a</sup>Deut. 22:9, 11

20 <sup>a</sup>Deut. 22:23-27

21 <sup>a</sup>Lev. 6:1-7

23 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *uncircumcised*

26 <sup>a</sup>Lev. 17:10 <sup>b</sup>Deut. 18:10

27 <sup>a</sup>Lev. 21:5

28 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *flesh* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *soul*

29 <sup>1</sup>Or, *degrade*  
<sup>a</sup>Lev. 21:9; Deut. 22:21;  
23:17, 18

30 <sup>a</sup>Lev. 19:3 <sup>b</sup>Lev. 26:2

31 <sup>1</sup>Or, *ghosts or spirits*  
<sup>a</sup>Lev. 20:6, 27; Deut. 18:11

32 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *face of the aged*  
<sup>a</sup>Lam. 5:12

33 <sup>a</sup>Ex. 22:21

34 <sup>a</sup>Lev. 19:18

35 <sup>a</sup>Deut. 25:13-16

36 <sup>1</sup>Approx. one bushel  
<sup>2</sup>Approx. one gallon

2 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *seed*  
<sup>a</sup>Lev. 18:21 <sup>b</sup>Lev. 20:27;  
24:14-23; Num. 15:35, 36;  
Deut. 21:21

19 'You are to keep My statutes. You shall not breed together two kinds of your cattle; <sup>a</sup>you shall not sow your field with two kinds of seed, nor wear a garment upon you of two kinds of material mixed together.

20 <sup>a</sup>Now if a man lies carnally with a woman who is a slave acquired for *another* man, but who has in no way been re-deemed, nor given her freedom, there shall be punishment; they shall not, *however*, be put to death, because she was not free.

21 'And he shall bring his guilt offering to the LORD to the doorway of the tent of meeting, <sup>a</sup>a ram for a guilt offering.

22 'The priest shall also make atonement for him with the ram of the guilt offering before the LORD for his sin which he has committed, and the sin which he has committed shall be forgiven him.

23 'And when you enter the land and plant all kinds of trees for food, then you shall count their fruit as <sup>1</sup>forbidden. Three years it shall be <sup>1</sup>forbidden to you; *it* shall not be eaten.

24 'But in the fourth year all its fruit shall be holy, an offering of praise to the LORD.

25 'And in the fifth year you are to eat of its fruit, that its yield may increase for you; I am the LORD your God.

26 'You shall not eat *anything* <sup>a</sup>with the blood, nor practice <sup>b</sup>divination or soothsaying.

27 <sup>a</sup>You shall not round off the side-growth of your heads, nor harm the edges of your beard.

28 'You shall not make any cuts in your <sup>1</sup>body for the <sup>2</sup>dead, nor make any tattoo marks on yourselves: I am the LORD.

29 <sup>a</sup>Do not <sup>1</sup>profane your daughter by making her a harlot, so that the land may not fall to harlotry, and the land become full of lewdness.

30 'You shall <sup>a</sup>keep My sabbaths and <sup>b</sup>revere My sanctuary; I am the LORD.

31 'Do not turn to <sup>1a</sup>mediums or spiritists; do not seek them out to be defiled by them. I am the LORD your God.

32 <sup>a</sup>You shall rise up before the grayheaded, and honor the <sup>1</sup>aged, and you shall revere your God; I am the LORD.

33 <sup>a</sup>When a stranger resides with you in your land, you shall not do him wrong.

34 'The stranger who resides with you shall be to you as the native among you, and <sup>a</sup>you shall love him as yourself; for you were aliens in the land of Egypt: I am the LORD your God.

35 <sup>a</sup>You shall do no wrong in judgment, in measurement of weight, or capacity.

36 'You shall have just balances, just weights, a just <sup>1</sup>ephah, and a just <sup>2</sup>hin: I am the LORD your God, who brought you out from the land of Egypt.

37 'You shall thus observe all My statutes, and all My ordinances, and do them: I am the LORD.' "

CHAPTER 20

THEN the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,

2 "You shall also say to the sons of Israel, 'Any man from the sons of Israel or from the aliens sojourning in Israel, <sup>a</sup>who gives any of his <sup>1</sup>offspring to Molech, shall surely be put to death; <sup>b</sup>the people of the land shall stone him with stones.



3 'I will also set My face against that man and will cut him off from among his people, because he has given some of his <sup>1</sup>offspring to Molech, <sup>2</sup>so as to defile My sanctuary and <sup>3</sup>to profane My holy name.

4 'If the people of the land, however, <sup>1</sup>should ever disregard that man when he gives any of his <sup>2</sup>offspring to Molech, so as not to put him to death,

5 then I Myself will set My face against that man and against his family; and I will cut off from among their people both him and all those who play the harlot after him, by playing the harlot after Molech.

6 'As for the person who turns to <sup>1a</sup>mediums and to spiritists, to play the harlot after them, I will also set My face against that person and will cut him off from among his people.

7 'You shall consecrate yourselves therefore and <sup>a</sup>be holy, for I am the LORD your God.

8 'And you shall keep My statutes and practice them; I am the LORD who sanctifies you.

9 <sup>a</sup>'If *there is* anyone who curses his father or his mother, he shall surely be put to death; he has cursed his father or his mother, his bloodguiltiness is upon him.

10 <sup>a</sup>'If *there is* a man who commits adultery with another man's wife, one who commits adultery with his friend's wife, the adulterer and the adulteress shall surely be put to death.

11 <sup>a</sup>'If *there is* a man who lies with his father's wife, he has uncovered his father's nakedness; both of them shall surely be put to death, their bloodguiltiness is upon them.

12 <sup>a</sup>'If *there is* a man who lies with his daughter-in-law, both of them shall surely be put to death; they have committed <sup>1</sup>incest, their bloodguiltiness is upon them.

13 <sup>a</sup>'If *there is* a man who lies with a male as those who lie with a woman, both of them have committed a detestable act; they shall surely be put to death. Their bloodguiltiness is upon them.

14 <sup>a</sup>'If *there is* a man who <sup>1</sup>marries a woman and her mother, it is immorality; both he and they shall be burned with fire, that there may be no immorality in your midst.

15 <sup>a</sup>'If *there is* a man who lies with an animal, he shall surely be put to death; you shall also kill the animal.

16 'If *there is* a woman who approaches any animal to <sup>1</sup>mate with it, you shall kill the woman and the animal; they shall surely be put to death. Their bloodguiltiness is upon them.

17 <sup>a</sup>'If *there is* a man who takes his sister, his father's daughter or his mother's daughter, so that he sees her nakedness and she sees his nakedness, it is a disgrace; and they shall be cut off in the sight of the sons of their people. He has uncovered his sister's nakedness; he bears his guilt.

18 <sup>a</sup>'If *there is* a man who lies with a <sup>1</sup>menstruous woman and uncovers her nakedness, he has laid bare her flow, and she has <sup>2</sup>exposed the flow of her blood; thus both of them shall be cut off from among their people.

19 <sup>a</sup>'You shall also not uncover the nakedness of your mother's sister or of your father's sister, for such a one has made naked his <sup>1</sup>blood relative; they shall bear their guilt.

3 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *seed*  
<sup>a</sup>Lev. 15:31 <sup>b</sup>Lev. 18:21

4 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *hiding they hide their eyes from* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *seed*

6 <sup>1</sup>Or, *ghosts and spirits*  
<sup>a</sup>Lev. 19:31

7 <sup>1</sup>Pet. 1:16

9 <sup>a</sup>Ex. 21:17; Deut. 27:16

10 <sup>a</sup>Lev. 18:20; Ex. 20:14; Deut. 5:18

11 <sup>a</sup>Lev. 18:7, 8

12 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *confusion*; i.e., a violation of divine order  
<sup>a</sup>Lev. 18:15

13 <sup>a</sup>Lev. 18:22

14 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *takes*  
<sup>a</sup>Deut. 27:23

15 <sup>a</sup>Lev. 18:23

16 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *lie*

17 <sup>a</sup>Lev. 18:9

18 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *sick* <sup>2</sup>Or, *uncovered*  
<sup>a</sup>Lev. 15:24; 18:19

19 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *flesh*  
<sup>a</sup>Lev. 18:12, 13

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20 <sup>a</sup>Lev. 18:14

21 <sup>1</sup>Or, an impure deed  
<sup>a</sup>Lev. 18:16

22 <sup>1</sup>Lit., dwell in it  
<sup>a</sup>Lev. 18:28

23 <sup>1</sup>Lit., walk in the statutes  
<sup>a</sup>Lev. 18:3 <sup>b</sup>Lev. 18:25

24 <sup>a</sup>Ex. 13:5; 33:3 <sup>b</sup>Lev. 20:26; Ex. 33:16

25 <sup>1</sup>Lit., your souls <sup>2</sup>Lit., with which the ground creeps  
<sup>a</sup>Lev. 10:10; 11:1-47; Deut. 14:3-21

26 <sup>a</sup>Lev. 20:24

27 <sup>1</sup>Or, ghost or familiar spirit with them  
<sup>a</sup>Lev. 19:31

1 <sup>a</sup>Lev. 19:28; Ezek. 44:25

2 <sup>a</sup>Lev. 21:11

3 <sup>1</sup>Or, whom no man has had

4 <sup>1</sup>Lit., husband among

5 <sup>a</sup>Deut. 14:1; Ezek. 44:20 <sup>b</sup>Lev. 19:27 <sup>c</sup>Deut. 14:1

6 <sup>1</sup>Lit., of  
<sup>a</sup>Lev. 18:21 <sup>b</sup>Lev. 3:11

7 <sup>a</sup>Lev. 21:13, 14

8 <sup>a</sup>Lev. 21:6

9 <sup>a</sup>Lev. 19:29

20 <sup>a</sup>If *there* is a man who lies with his uncle's wife he has uncovered his uncle's nakedness; they shall bear their sin. They shall die childless.

21 <sup>a</sup>If *there* is a man who takes his brother's wife, it is <sup>1</sup>abhorrent; he has uncovered his brother's nakedness. They shall be childless.

22 'You are therefore to keep all My statutes and all My ordinances and do them, so that the land to which I am bringing you to <sup>1</sup>live will not <sup>a</sup>spew you out.

23 'Moreover, you shall not <sup>1</sup>follow <sup>a</sup>the customs of the nation which I shall drive out before you, for they did all these things, and <sup>b</sup>therefore I have abhorred them.

24 'Hence I have said to you, <sup>a</sup>"You are to possess their land, and I Myself will give it to you to possess it, a land flowing with milk and honey." I am the LORD your God, who has <sup>b</sup>separated you from the peoples.

25 <sup>a</sup>You are therefore to make a distinction between the clean animal and the unclean, and between the unclean bird and the clean; and you shall not make <sup>1</sup>yourselves detestable by animal or by bird or by anything <sup>2</sup>that creeps on the ground, which I have separated for you as unclean.

26 'Thus you are to be holy to Me, for I the LORD am holy; and I <sup>a</sup>have set you apart from the peoples to be Mine.

27 'As for a man or a woman, <sup>a</sup>if there is a <sup>1</sup>medium or a spiritist among them, they shall surely be put to death; they shall be stoned with stones, their bloodguiltiness is upon them.'

CHAPTER 21

THEN the LORD said to Moses, "Speak to the priests, the sons of Aaron, and say to them, <sup>a</sup>No one shall defile himself for a *dead* person among his people,

2 <sup>a</sup>except for his relatives who are nearest to him, his mother and his father and his son and his daughter and his brother,

3 also for his virgin sister, who is near to him <sup>1</sup>because she has had no husband; for her he may defile himself.

4 'He shall not defile himself as a <sup>1</sup>relative by marriage among his people, and so profane himself.

5 <sup>a</sup>They shall not make any baldness on their heads, <sup>b</sup>nor shave off the edges of their beards, <sup>c</sup>nor make any cuts in their flesh.

6 'They shall be holy to their God and <sup>a</sup>not profane the name of their God, for they present the offerings by fire <sup>1</sup>to the LORD, <sup>b</sup>the bread of their God; so they shall be holy.

7 <sup>a</sup>They shall not take a woman who is profaned by harlotry, nor shall they take a woman divorced from her husband; for he is holy to his God.

8 'You shall consecrate him, therefore, for he offers <sup>a</sup>the bread of your God; he shall be holy to you; for I the LORD, who sanctifies you, am holy.

9 <sup>a</sup>Also the daughter of any priest, if she profanes herself by harlotry, she profanes her father; she shall be burned with fire.

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10 'And the priest who is the highest among his brothers, on whose head the anointing oil has been poured, and <sup>1</sup>who has been consecrated to wear the garments, <sup>2</sup>shall not <sup>2</sup>uncover his head, nor tear his clothes;

11 <sup>a</sup>nor shall he approach any dead person, nor defile himself *even* for his father or his mother;

12 <sup>a</sup>nor shall he go out of the sanctuary, nor profane the sanctuary of his God; for <sup>b</sup>the consecration of the anointing oil of his God is on him: I am the LORD.

13 'And he shall take a wife in her virginity.

14 <sup>a</sup>'A widow, or a divorced woman, or one who is profaned by harlotry, these he may not take; but rather he is to <sup>1</sup>marry a virgin of his own people;

15 that he may not profane his <sup>1</sup>offspring among his people: for I am the LORD who sanctifies him."

16 Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,

17 "Speak to Aaron, saying, 'No man of your <sup>1</sup>offspring throughout their generations who has a defect shall approach to offer the <sup>a</sup>bread of his God.

18 <sup>a</sup>'For no one who has a defect shall approach: a blind man, or a lame man, or he who has a <sup>1a</sup>disfigured *face*, or any deformed *limb*,

19 or a man who has a broken foot or broken hand,

20 or a hunchback or a dwarf, or *one who has a* <sup>1</sup>defect in his eye or eczema or scabs or <sup>a</sup>crushed testicles.

21 'No man among the <sup>1</sup>descendants of Aaron the priest, who has a defect, is to come near to offer the LORD's offerings by fire; *since* he has a defect, he shall not come near to offer <sup>a</sup>the bread of his God.

22 'He may eat <sup>a</sup>the bread of his God, *both* of the most holy and of the holy,

23 only he shall not go in to the veil or come near the altar because he has a defect, that he may not profane My sanctuaries. For I am the LORD who sanctifies them.' "

24 So Moses spoke to Aaron and to his sons and to all the sons of Israel.

CHAPTER 22

THEN the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,

2 "Tell Aaron and his sons to be careful with the holy *gifts* of the sons of Israel, which they dedicate to Me, so as not to profane My holy name; I am the LORD.

3 "Say to them, '<sup>a</sup>If any man among all your <sup>1</sup>descendants throughout your generations approaches the holy *gifts* which the sons of Israel dedicate to the LORD, while he has an uncleanness, that person shall be cut off from before Me. I am the LORD.

4 <sup>a</sup>'No man, of the <sup>1</sup>descendants of Aaron, who is a leper or who has a discharge, may eat of the holy *gifts* until he is clean. <sup>b</sup>And if one touches anything made unclean by a corpse or if <sup>c</sup>a man has a seminal emission,

5 or <sup>a</sup>if a man touches any teeming things, by which he is made unclean, or any man by whom he is made unclean, whatever his uncleanness;

10 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *whose hand has been filled* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *unbind*  
<sup>a</sup>Lev. 10:6, 7

11 <sup>a</sup>Lev. 19:28

12 <sup>a</sup>Lev. 10:7 <sup>b</sup>Ex. 29:6, 7

14 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *take as wife*  
<sup>a</sup>Lev. 21:7; Ezek. 44:22

15 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *seed*

17 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *seed*  
<sup>a</sup>Lev. 21:6

18 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *slit*  
<sup>a</sup>Lev. 22:19-25

20 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *obscurity*  
<sup>a</sup>Deut. 23:1; Is. 56:3-5

21 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *seed*  
<sup>a</sup>Lev. 21:6

22 <sup>a</sup>1 Cor. 9:13

3 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *seed*  
<sup>a</sup>Lev. 7:20, 21; Num. 19:13

4 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *seed*  
<sup>a</sup>Lev. 14:1-32 <sup>b</sup>Lev. 11:24-28, 39, 40 <sup>c</sup>Lev. 15:16, 17

5 <sup>a</sup>Lev. 11:24-28

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6 <sup>1</sup>Lit., soul <sup>2</sup>Lit., flesh

7 <sup>1</sup>Lit., bread

8 <sup>a</sup>Lev. 7:24; 11:39, 40;  
17:15

9 <sup>a</sup>Lev. 18:30 <sup>b</sup>Lev. 22:16

10 <sup>1</sup>Lit., stranger  
<sup>a</sup>Lev. 22:13; Ex. 29:33

11 <sup>1</sup>Lit., soul <sup>2</sup>Lit., he  
may <sup>3</sup>Lit., bread  
<sup>a</sup>Gen. 17:13; Ex. 12:44

12 <sup>1</sup>Lit., stranger <sup>2</sup>Lit.,  
heave offering

13 <sup>1</sup>Lit., bread <sup>2</sup>Lit.,  
stranger  
<sup>a</sup>Lev. 22:10

14 <sup>a</sup>Lev. 5:15, 16

16 <sup>1</sup>Or, iniquity requiring  
a guilt offering  
<sup>a</sup>Lev. 22:9; 10:17

18 <sup>1</sup>Lit., vows

19 <sup>a</sup>Lev. 21:18-21; Deut.  
15:21

21 <sup>1</sup>Or, make a special  
votive offering

23 <sup>1</sup>Or, deformed

24 <sup>1</sup>Lit., do  
<sup>a</sup>Lev. 21:20

25 <sup>1</sup>Lit., bread  
<sup>a</sup>Lev. 21:22

6 a <sup>1</sup>person who touches any such shall be unclean until evening, and shall not eat of the holy *gifts*, unless he has bathed his <sup>2</sup>body in water.

7 'But when the sun sets, he shall be clean, and afterward he shall eat of the holy *gifts*, for it is his <sup>1</sup>food.

8 'He shall not eat <sup>a</sup>an animal which dies or is torn by *beasts*, becoming unclean by it; I am the LORD.

9 'They shall therefore keep <sup>a</sup>My charge, so that <sup>b</sup>they may not bear sin because of it, and die thereby because they profane it; I am the LORD who sanctifies them.

10 <sup>a</sup>No <sup>1</sup>layman, however, is to eat the holy *gift*; a sojourner with the priest or a hired man shall not eat of the holy *gift*.

11 <sup>a</sup>But if a priest buys a <sup>1</sup>slave as *his* property with his money, <sup>2</sup>that one may eat of it, and those who are born in his house may eat of his <sup>3</sup>food.

12 'And if a priest's daughter is married to a <sup>1</sup>layman, she shall not eat of the <sup>2</sup>offering of the *gifts*.

13 'But if a priest's daughter becomes a widow or divorced, and has no child and returns to her father's house as in her youth, she shall eat of her father's <sup>1</sup>food; <sup>a</sup>but no <sup>2</sup>layman shall eat of it.

14 <sup>a</sup>But if a man eats a holy *gift* unintentionally, then he shall add to it a fifth of it and shall give the holy *gift* to the priest.

15 'And they shall not profane the holy *gifts* of the sons of Israel which they offer to the LORD,

16 and so cause them <sup>a</sup>to bear <sup>1</sup>punishment for guilt by eating their holy *gifts*; for I am the LORD who sanctifies them.' "

17 Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,

18 "Speak to Aaron and to his sons and to all the sons of Israel, and say to them, 'When any man of the house of Israel or of the aliens in Israel, who presents his offering, whether it is any of their <sup>1</sup>votive or any of their freewill offerings, which they present to the LORD for a burnt offering,

19 <sup>a</sup>for you to be accepted, *it must be* a male without defect from the cattle, the sheep, or the goats.

20 'Whatever has a defect, you shall not offer, for it will not be accepted for you.

21 'And when a man offers a sacrifice of peace offerings to the LORD to <sup>1</sup>fulfill a special vow, or for a freewill offering, of the herd or of the flock, it must be perfect to be accepted; there shall be no defect in it.

22 'Those *that are* blind or fractured or maimed or having a running sore or eczema or scabs, you shall not offer to the LORD, nor make of them an offering by fire on the altar to the LORD.

23 'In respect to an ox or a lamb which has an <sup>1</sup>overgrown or stunted *member*, you may present it for a freewill offering, but for a vow it shall not be accepted.

24 'Also <sup>a</sup>anything *with its testicles* bruised or crushed or torn or cut, you shall not offer to the Lord, or <sup>1</sup>sacrifice in your land,

25 nor shall you accept any such from the hand of a foreigner for offering <sup>a</sup>as the <sup>1</sup>food of your God; for their corruption is in them, they have a defect, they shall not be accepted for you.' "

26 Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,

27 "When an ox or a sheep or a goat is born, it shall <sup>1</sup>remain <sup>2</sup>seven days <sup>3</sup>with its mother, and from the eighth day on it shall be accepted as a sacrifice of an offering by fire to the LORD.

28 "But, *whether* it is an ox or a sheep, you shall not kill *both* it and its young in one day.

29 "And when you sacrifice <sup>2</sup>a sacrifice of thanksgiving to the LORD, you shall sacrifice it so that you may be accepted.

30 "It shall be eaten on the same day, you shall leave none of it until morning: I am the LORD.

31 "So you shall keep My commandments, and do them: I am the LORD.

32 "And you shall not profane My holy name, but I will be sanctified among the sons of Israel: I am the LORD who sanctifies you,

33 <sup>2</sup>who brought you out from the land of Egypt, to be your God: I am the LORD."

## CHAPTER 23

THE LORD spoke again to Moses, saying,

2 "Speak to the sons of Israel, and say to them, 'The LORD's appointed times which you shall <sup>b</sup>proclaim as holy convocations—My appointed times are these:

3 <sup>a</sup>For six days work may be done; but on the seventh day there is a sabbath of complete rest, a holy convocation. You shall not do any work; it is a sabbath to the LORD in all your dwellings.

4 These are the <sup>a</sup>appointed times of the LORD, holy convocations which you shall proclaim at the times appointed for them.

5 <sup>a</sup>In the first month, on the fourteenth day of the month <sup>1</sup>at twilight is the LORD's Passover.

6 "Then on the fifteenth day of the same month there is the Feast of Unleavened Bread to the LORD; for seven days you shall eat unleavened bread.

7 "On the first day you shall have a holy convocation; you shall <sup>a</sup>not do any laborious work.

8 "But for seven days you shall present an offering by fire to the LORD. On the seventh day is a holy convocation; you shall not do any laborious work."

9 Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,

10 "Speak to the sons of Israel, and say to them, 'When you enter the land which I am going to give to you and <sup>a</sup>reap its harvest, then you shall bring in the sheaf of the first fruits of your harvest to the priest.

11 'And he shall wave the sheaf before the LORD for you to be accepted; on the day after the sabbath the priest shall wave it.

12 'Now on the day when you wave the sheaf, you shall offer a male lamb one year old without defect for a burnt offering to the LORD.

13 'Its <sup>a</sup>grain offering shall then be two-tenths of an *ephah* of fine flour mixed with oil, an offering by fire to the LORD for a soothing aroma, with its libation, a fourth of a <sup>1</sup>hin of wine.

27 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *be* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *under*  
<sup>a</sup>Ex. 22:30

28 <sup>a</sup>Deut. 22:6, 7

29 <sup>a</sup>Lev. 7:12

33 <sup>a</sup>Lev. 11:45

2 <sup>a</sup>Lev. 23:4, 37, 44;  
Num. 29:39 <sup>b</sup>Lev. 23:21

3 <sup>a</sup>Lev. 19:3; Ex. 31:13-17; 35:2, 3

4 <sup>a</sup>Lev. 23:2

5 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *between the two evenings*  
<sup>a</sup>Ex. 12:18, 19; Num. 28:16-25

7 <sup>a</sup>Lev. 23:8, 21, 25, 35, 36

10 <sup>a</sup>Ex. 23:19; 34:26

13 <sup>1</sup>Approx. one gallon  
<sup>a</sup>Lev. 6:20

14 <sup>a</sup>Ex. 34:26; Num. 15:20, 21

15 <sup>a</sup>Num. 28:26-31; Deut. 16:9-12

16 <sup>a</sup>Num. 28:26

17 <sup>1</sup>An ephah is assumed <sup>a</sup>Lev. 2:12; 7:13

19 <sup>a</sup>Num. 28:30

21 <sup>a</sup>Lev. 23:2, 4 <sup>b</sup>Lev. 23:7

22 <sup>a</sup>Lev. 19:9

24 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *sabbath rest* <sup>a</sup>Num. 29:1 <sup>b</sup>Num. 10:9, 10

25 <sup>a</sup>Lev. 23:21

27 <sup>a</sup>Lev. 16:29; 25:9; Num. 29:7 <sup>b</sup>Lev. 23:28

28 <sup>a</sup>Lev. 23:27 <sup>b</sup>Lev. 16:34

29 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *soul*

14 'Until this same day, until you have brought in the offering of your God, <sup>a</sup>you shall eat neither bread nor roasted grain nor new growth. It is to be a perpetual statute throughout your generations in all your dwelling places.

15 <sup>a</sup>You shall also count for yourselves from the day after the sabbath, from the day when you brought in the sheaf of the wave offering; there shall be seven complete sabbaths.

16 'You shall count fifty days to the day after the seventh sabbath; then you shall present a <sup>a</sup>new grain offering to the LORD.

17 'You shall bring in from your dwelling places two *loaves* of bread for a wave offering, made of two-tenths of a <sup>1</sup>*bushel*; they shall be of a fine flour, baked <sup>a</sup>with leaven as first fruits to the LORD.

18 'Along with the bread, you shall present seven one year old male lambs without defect, and a bull of the herd, and two rams; they are to be a burnt offering to the LORD, with their grain offering and their libations, an offering by fire of a soothing aroma to the LORD.

19 'You shall also offer <sup>a</sup>one male goat for a sin offering and two male lambs one year old for a sacrifice of peace offerings.

20 'The priest shall then wave them with the bread of the first fruits for a wave offering with two lambs before the LORD; they are to be holy to the LORD for the priest.

21 'On this same day you shall <sup>a</sup>make a proclamation as well; you are to have a holy convocation. You shall do no laborious <sup>b</sup>work. It is to be a perpetual statute in all your dwelling places throughout your generations.

22 <sup>a</sup>When you reap the harvest of your land, moreover, you shall not reap to the very corners of your field, nor gather the gleanings of your harvest; you are to leave them for the needy and the alien. I am the LORD your God.'

23 Again the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,

24 "Speak to the sons of Israel, saying, <sup>a</sup>In the seventh month on the first of the month, you shall have a <sup>1</sup>rest, a <sup>b</sup>reminder by blowing of *trumpets*, a holy convocation.

25 'You shall <sup>a</sup>not do any laborious work, but you shall present an offering by fire to the LORD.'

26 And the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,

27 "On exactly <sup>a</sup>the tenth day of this seventh month is <sup>b</sup>the day of atonement; it shall be a holy convocation for you, and you shall humble your souls and present an offering by fire to the LORD.

28 "Neither shall you do any work on this same day, for it is a <sup>a</sup>day of atonement, <sup>b</sup>to make atonement on your behalf before the LORD your God.

29 "If there is any <sup>1</sup>person who will not humble himself on this same day, he shall be cut off from his people.

30 "As for any person who does any work on this same day, that person I will destroy from among his people.

31 "You shall do no work at all. It is to be a perpetual statute throughout your generations in all your dwelling places.

32 "It is to be a sabbath of complete rest to you, and you shall humble your souls; on the ninth of the month at evening, from evening until evening you shall keep your sabbath."

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**33** Again the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,  
**34** "Speak to the sons of Israel, saying, 'On <sup>a</sup>the fifteenth of this seventh month is the Feast <sup>b</sup>of Booths for seven days to the LORD.

**35** 'On the first day is a holy convocation; you shall do <sup>a</sup>no laborious work of any kind.

**36** <sup>a</sup>For seven days you shall present an offering by fire to the LORD. On <sup>b</sup>the eighth day you shall have a holy convocation and present an offering by fire to the LORD; it is an assembly. You shall do no laborious work.

**37** 'These are <sup>a</sup>the appointed times of the LORD which you shall proclaim as holy convocations, to present offerings by fire to the LORD—burnt offerings and grain offerings, sacrifices and libations, <sup>b</sup>each day's matter on its own day—

**38** besides *those of* the sabbaths of the LORD, and besides your gifts, and besides all your <sup>1</sup>votive and freewill offerings, which you give to the LORD.

**39** 'On exactly the fifteenth day of the seventh month, when you have gathered in the crops of the land, you shall celebrate the feast of the LORD for seven days, with a <sup>1</sup>rest on the first day and a <sup>1</sup>rest on the eighth day.

**40** 'Now on the first day you shall take for yourselves the <sup>1</sup>foliage of beautiful trees, palm branches and boughs of leafy trees and willows of the brook; and you shall rejoice before the LORD your God for seven days.

**41** 'You shall thus celebrate it *as* a feast to the LORD for seven days in the year. It *shall be* a perpetual statute throughout your generations; you shall celebrate it in the seventh month.

**42** 'You shall <sup>1</sup>live <sup>a</sup>in booths for seven days; all the native-born in Israel shall <sup>1</sup>live in booths,

**43** so that your generations may know that I had the sons of Israel live in booths when I brought them out from the land of Egypt. I am the LORD your God.' "

**44** So Moses declared to the sons of Israel <sup>a</sup>the appointed times of the LORD.

## CHAPTER 24

**T**HEN the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,

**2** "Command the sons of Israel that they bring to you <sup>a</sup>clear oil from beaten olives for the <sup>1</sup>light, to make a lamp <sup>2</sup>burn continually.

**3** "Outside the veil of testimony in the tent of meeting, Aaron shall keep it in order from evening to morning before the LORD continually; *it shall be* a perpetual statute throughout your generations.

**4** "He shall keep the lamps in order on the <sup>a</sup>pure gold lampstand before the LORD continually.

**5** "<sup>a</sup>Then you shall take fine flour and bake twelve cakes with it; two-tenths of *an ephah* shall be *in* each cake.

**6** "And you shall set them *in* two rows, six to a row, on the <sup>a</sup>pure gold table before the LORD.

**7** "And you shall put pure frankincense on each row, that

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<sup>34</sup> <sup>a</sup>Num. 29:12 <sup>b</sup>Lev. 23:42, 43; Deut. 16:13, 16

<sup>35</sup> <sup>a</sup>Lev. 23:25

<sup>36</sup> <sup>a</sup>Num. 29:12-34 <sup>b</sup>Num. 29:35-38

<sup>37</sup> <sup>a</sup>Lev. 23:2 <sup>b</sup>Num. 28:1-29, 38

<sup>38</sup> <sup>1</sup>Lit., vows, and besides all your

<sup>39</sup> <sup>1</sup>Lit., sabbath rest

<sup>40</sup> <sup>1</sup>Lit., products, fruit

<sup>42</sup> <sup>1</sup>Lit., dwell <sup>a</sup>Lev. 23:34

<sup>44</sup> <sup>a</sup>Lev. 23:37

<sup>2</sup> <sup>1</sup>Or, luminary <sup>2</sup>Lit., ascend <sup>a</sup>Ex. 27:20, 21

<sup>4</sup> <sup>a</sup>Ex. 25:31; 31:8; 37:17

<sup>5</sup> <sup>a</sup>Ex. 25:30; 39:36; 40:23

<sup>6</sup> <sup>a</sup>Ex. 25:24

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7 <sup>a</sup>Lev. 2:2, 9, 16

8 <sup>1</sup>Lit., from  
<sup>a</sup>Matt. 12:5 <sup>b</sup>Ex. 25:30;  
Num. 4:7

9 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 12:4; Mark 2:26;  
Luke 6:4

11 <sup>a</sup>Ex. 3:15; 22:28

12 <sup>1</sup>Or, prison <sup>2</sup>Lit., to  
declare distinctly to them  
according to the mouth of  
the LORD  
<sup>a</sup>Ex. 18:15

14 <sup>a</sup>Deut. 13:9; 17:7 <sup>b</sup>Lev.  
20:2, 27; Deut. 21:21

15 <sup>a</sup>Ex. 22:28

17 <sup>1</sup>Lit., smites  
<sup>a</sup>Ex. 21:12; Num. 35:30, 31;  
Deut. 27:24

18 <sup>1</sup>Lit., smites  
<sup>a</sup>Lev. 24:21

19 <sup>1</sup>Lit., gives a blemish

20 <sup>1</sup>Lit., given a blemish  
<sup>2</sup>Lit., given  
<sup>a</sup>Ex. 21:23; Deut. 19:21  
<sup>b</sup>Matt. 5:38

21 <sup>1</sup>Lit., smites  
<sup>a</sup>Lev. 24:17

22 <sup>1</sup>Lit., judgment  
<sup>a</sup>Ex. 12:49; Num. 9:14;  
15:15, 16, 29

1 <sup>1</sup>Or, on

3 <sup>a</sup>Ex. 23:10, 11

it may be <sup>a</sup>a memorial portion for the bread, *even* an offering by fire to the LORD.

8 <sup>a</sup>“Every sabbath day he shall set it in order before the LORD <sup>b</sup>continually; it is an everlasting covenant <sup>1</sup>for the sons of Israel.

9 <sup>a</sup>“And it shall be for Aaron and his sons, and they shall eat it in a holy place; for it is most holy to him from the LORD’s offerings by fire, *his* portion forever.”

10 Now the son of an Israelite woman, whose father was an Egyptian, went out among the sons of Israel; and the Israelite woman’s son and a man of Israel struggled with each other in the camp.

11 And the son of the Israelite woman blasphemed the <sup>a</sup>Name and cursed. So they brought him to Moses. (Now his mother’s name was Shelomith, the daughter of Dibri, of the tribe of Dan.)

12 And they put him in <sup>1</sup>custody <sup>2</sup>so that <sup>a</sup>the command of the LORD might be made clear to them.

13 Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,

14 “Bring the one who has cursed outside the camp, and let all who heard him <sup>a</sup>lay their hands on his head; then <sup>b</sup>let all the congregation stone him.

15 “And you shall speak to the sons of Israel, saying, <sup>a</sup>If anyone curses his God, then he shall bear his sin.

16 Moreover, the one who blasphemes the name of the LORD shall surely be put to death; all the congregation shall certainly stone him. The alien as well as the native, when he blasphemes the Name, shall be put to death.

17 <sup>a</sup>And if a man <sup>1</sup>takes the life of any human being, he shall surely be put to death.

18 <sup>a</sup>And <sup>a</sup>the one who <sup>1</sup>takes the life of an animal shall make it good, life for life.

19 <sup>a</sup>And if a man <sup>1</sup>injures his neighbor, just as he has done, so it shall be done to him:

20 <sup>a</sup>fracture for fracture, <sup>b</sup>eye for eye, tooth for tooth; just as he has <sup>1</sup>injured a man, so it shall be <sup>2</sup>inflicted on him.

21 <sup>a</sup>Thus the one who <sup>1</sup>kills an animal shall make it good, but the one who <sup>1</sup>kills a man shall be put to death.

22 <sup>a</sup>There shall be <sup>a</sup>one <sup>1</sup>standard for you; it shall be for the stranger as well as the native, for I am the LORD your God.”

23 Then Moses spoke to the sons of Israel, and they brought the one who had cursed outside the camp and stoned him with stones. Thus the sons of Israel did, just as the LORD had commanded Moses.

CHAPTER 25

THE LORD then spoke to Moses <sup>1</sup>at Mount Sinai, saying,

2 “Speak to the sons of Israel, and say to them, ‘When you come into the land which I shall give you, then the land shall have a sabbath to the LORD.

3 <sup>a</sup>Six years you shall sow your field, and six years you shall prune your vineyard and gather in its crop,



4 but during <sup>a</sup>the seventh year the land shall have a sabbath rest, a sabbath to the LORD; you shall not sow your field nor prune your vineyard.

4 <sup>a</sup>Lev. 25:20

5 'Your harvest's <sup>1</sup>aftergrowth you shall not reap, and your grapes of untrimmed vines you shall not gather; the land shall have a sabbatical year.

5 <sup>1</sup>Lit., growth from spilled kernels

6 <sup>a</sup>And all of you shall have the sabbath *products* of the land for food; yourself, and your male and female slaves, and your hired man and your foreign resident, those who live as aliens with you.

6 <sup>a</sup>Lev. 25:20, 21

7 'Even your cattle and the animals that are in your land shall have all its crops to eat.

9 <sup>a</sup>Lev. 23:27

8 'You are also to count off seven sabbaths of years for yourself, seven times seven years, so that you have the time of the seven sabbaths of years, *namely*, forty-nine years.

10 <sup>1</sup>Or, liberty <sup>2</sup>Or, when <sup>a</sup>Lev. 25:13, 28, 54

9 'You shall then sound a ram's horn abroad on <sup>a</sup>the tenth day of the seventh month; on the day of atonement you shall sound a horn all through your land.

10 'You shall thus consecrate the fiftieth year and proclaim <sup>1</sup>a release through the land to all its inhabitants. It shall be a jubilee for you, <sup>2</sup>and <sup>a</sup>each of you shall return to his own property, <sup>2</sup>and each of you shall return to his family.

13 <sup>a</sup>Lev. 25:10

11 'You shall have the fiftieth year as a jubilee; you shall not sow, nor reap its aftergrowth, nor gather in *from* its untrimmed vines.

14 <sup>a</sup>Lev. 25:17

12 'For it is a jubilee; it shall be holy to you. You shall eat its crops out of the field.

15 <sup>1</sup>Lit., friend's hands

13 <sup>a</sup>On this year of jubilee each of you shall return to his own property.

14 'If you make a sale, moreover, to your friend, or buy from your friend's hand, <sup>a</sup>you shall not wrong one another.

16 <sup>1</sup>Lit., multiplied <sup>a</sup>Lev. 25:27, 51, 52

15 'Corresponding to the number of years after the jubilee, you shall buy from your <sup>1</sup>friend; he is to sell to you according to the number of years of crops.

17 <sup>1</sup>Or, reverence <sup>a</sup>Lev. 25:14

16 <sup>a</sup>In proportion to the <sup>1</sup>extent of the years you shall increase its price, and in proportion to the fewness of the years, you shall diminish its price; for *it is* a number of crops he is selling to you.

18 <sup>a</sup>Lev. 26:4, 5

17 'So <sup>a</sup>you shall not wrong one another, but you shall <sup>1</sup>fear your God; for I am the LORD your God.

18 'You shall thus observe My statutes, and keep My judgments, so as to carry them out, that <sup>a</sup>you may live securely on the land.

20 <sup>1</sup>Or, behold <sup>a</sup>Lev. 25:4

19 'Then the land will yield its produce, so that you can eat your fill and live securely on it.

20 'But if you say, <sup>a</sup>"What are we going to eat on the seventh year <sup>1</sup>if we do not sow or gather in our crops?"

22 <sup>a</sup>Lev. 26:10

21 then I will so order My blessing for you in the sixth year that it will bring forth the crop for three years.

22 'When you are sowing the eighth year, you can still eat <sup>a</sup>old things from the crop, eating *the old* until the ninth year when its crop comes in.

23 <sup>a</sup>Ex. 19:5 <sup>b</sup>Gen. 23:4; 1 Chr. 29:15; Ps. 39:12; Heb. 11:13; 1 Pet. 2:11

23 'The land, moreover, shall not be sold permanently, for <sup>a</sup>the land is Mine; for <sup>b</sup>you are *but* aliens and sojourners with Me.

24 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *land*

25 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *brother*  
<sup>a</sup>Ruth 2:20; 4:4, 6

26 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *his hand reaches*

27 <sup>a</sup>Lev. 25:16

28 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *his hand has not found sufficient to* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *go out*  
<sup>a</sup>Lev. 25:10, 13

30 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *go out*

31 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *according to*  
<sup>2</sup>Lit., *go out*

32 <sup>a</sup>Num. 35:1-8

33 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *is from* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *and*  
<sup>3</sup>Lit., *goes out*

34 <sup>a</sup>Num. 35:2-5

35 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *brother* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *hand*  
<sup>a</sup>Deut. 15:7-11; 24:14, 15

36 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *interest and usury* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *brother*  
<sup>a</sup>Ex. 22:25; Deut. 23:19, 20

38 <sup>a</sup>Lev. 11:45 <sup>b</sup>Gen. 17:7

39 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *brother*  
<sup>a</sup>Ex. 21:2-6; Deut. 15:12-18

40 <sup>a</sup>Ex. 21:2

43 <sup>a</sup>Lev. 25:46, 53; Ex. 1:13, 14; Ezek. 34:4

24 'Thus for every <sup>1</sup>piece of your property, you are to provide for the redemption of the land.

25 'If a <sup>1</sup>fellow-countryman of yours becomes so poor he has to sell part of his property, then his nearest kinsman is to come and buy back what his <sup>1</sup>relative has sold.

26 'Or in case a man has no kinsman, but so <sup>1</sup>recovers his means as to find sufficient for its redemption,

27 <sup>a</sup>then he shall calculate the years since its sale and refund the balance to the man to whom he sold it, and so return to his property.

28 'But if <sup>1</sup>he has not found sufficient means to get it back for himself, then what he has sold shall remain in the hands of its purchaser until the year of jubilee; but at the jubilee it shall <sup>2</sup>revert, that <sup>a</sup>he may return to his property.

29 'Likewise, if a man sells a dwelling house in a walled city, then his redemption right remains valid until a full year from its sale; his right of redemption lasts a full year.

30 'But if it is not bought back for him within the space of a full year, then the house that is in the walled city passes permanently to its purchaser throughout his generations; it does not <sup>1</sup>revert in the jubilee.

31 'The houses of the villages, however, which have no surrounding wall shall be considered <sup>1</sup>as open fields; they have redemption rights and <sup>2</sup>revert in the jubilee.

32 'As for <sup>a</sup>cities of the Levites, the Levites have a permanent right of redemption for the houses of the cities which are their possession.

33 'What, therefore, <sup>1</sup>belongs to the Levites may be redeemed and a house sale <sup>2</sup>in the city of this possession <sup>3</sup>reverts in the jubilee, for the houses of the Levites are their possession among the sons of Israel.

34 <sup>a</sup>But pasture fields of their cities shall not be sold, for that is their perpetual possession.

35 <sup>a</sup>Now in case a <sup>1</sup>countryman of yours becomes poor and his <sup>2</sup>means with regard to you falter, then you are to sustain him, like a stranger or a sojourner, that he may live with you.

36 <sup>a</sup>Do not take <sup>1</sup>usurious interest from him, but revere your God, that your <sup>2</sup>countryman may live with you.

37 'You shall not give him your silver at interest, nor your food for gain.

38 <sup>a</sup>I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt to give you the land of Canaan *and* <sup>b</sup>to be your God.

39 <sup>a</sup>And if a <sup>1</sup>countryman of yours becomes so poor with regard to you that he sells himself to you, you shall not subject him to a slave's service.

40 'He shall be with you as a hired man, as <sup>a</sup>if he were a sojourner with you, until the year of jubilee.

41 'He shall then go out from you, he and his sons with him, and shall go back to his family, that he may return to the property of his forefathers.

42 'For they are My servants whom I brought out from the land of Egypt; they are not to be sold *in* a slave sale.

43 <sup>a</sup>You shall not rule over him with severity, but are to revere your God.

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44 'As for your male and female slaves whom you may have—you may acquire male and female slaves from the pagan nations that are around you.

45 'Then, too, *it is* out of the sons of the sojourners who live as aliens among you that you may gain acquisition, and out of their families who are with you, whom they will have <sup>1</sup>produced in your land; they also may become your possession.

46 'You may even bequeath them to your sons after you, to receive as a possession; you can use them as permanent slaves. <sup>2</sup>But in respect to your <sup>1</sup>countrymen, the sons of Israel, you shall not rule with severity over one another.

47 'Now if the <sup>1</sup>means of a stranger or of a sojourner with you becomes sufficient, and a <sup>2</sup>countryman of yours becomes so poor with regard to him as to sell himself to a stranger who is sojourning with you, or to the descendants of a stranger's family,

48 then he shall have redemption right after he has been sold. One of his brothers may redeem him,

49 or his uncle, or his uncle's son, may redeem him, or one of his blood relatives from his family may redeem him; or <sup>1a</sup>if he prospers, he may redeem himself.

50 'He then with his purchaser shall calculate from the year when he sold himself to him up to the year of jubilee; and the price of his sale shall correspond to the number of years. *It is* like the days of a hired man *that* he shall be with him.

51 'If there are still many years, <sup>a</sup>he shall refund part of his purchase price in proportion to them for his own redemption;

52 and if few years remain until the year of jubilee, he shall so calculate with him. In proportion to his years he is to refund *the amount* for his redemption.

53 'Like a man hired year by year he shall be with him; <sup>a</sup>he shall not rule over him with severity in your sight.

54 'Even if he is not redeemed by <sup>1</sup>these *means*, <sup>a</sup>he shall still go out in the year of jubilee, he and his sons with him.

55 'For the sons of Israel are My servants; they are My servants whom I brought out from the land of Egypt. I am the LORD your God.

CHAPTER 26

'YOU shall not make for yourselves <sup>1a</sup>idols, nor shall you set up for yourselves <sup>b</sup>an image or <sup>c</sup>a *sacred* pillar, nor shall you place a <sup>d</sup>figured stone in your land to bow down <sup>2</sup>to it; for I am the LORD your God.

2 'You shall keep My sabbaths and reverence My sanctuary; I am the LORD.

3 'If you walk in My statutes and keep My commandments so as to carry them out,

4 then I shall give you rains in their season, so that the land will yield its produce and the trees of the field will bear their fruit.

5 'Indeed, your threshing will last for you until grape gathering, and grape gathering will last until sowing time. You will thus eat your <sup>1</sup>food to the full and <sup>b</sup>live securely in your land.

45 <sup>1</sup>Lit. *begotten*

46 <sup>1</sup>Lit. *brothers*  
<sup>a</sup>Lev. 25:43

47 <sup>1</sup>Lit. *hand . . . reaches*  
<sup>2</sup>Lit. *brother*

49 <sup>1</sup>Lit. *his hand has reached*  
<sup>a</sup>Lev. 25:26, 27

51 <sup>a</sup>Lev. 25:16

53 <sup>a</sup>Lev. 25:43

54 <sup>1</sup>Or, *these years*  
<sup>a</sup>Lev. 25:10, 13, 28

1 <sup>1</sup>Or, *graven images*  
<sup>2</sup>Lit. *over*  
<sup>a</sup>Lev. 19:4 <sup>b</sup>Ex. 20:4 <sup>c</sup>Ex. 23:24 <sup>d</sup>Num. 33:52

2 <sup>a</sup>Lev. 19:30

3 <sup>a</sup>Deut. 7:12-26; 28:1-14

5 <sup>1</sup>Lit. *bread*  
<sup>a</sup>Amos 9:13 <sup>b</sup>Lev. 25:18, 19

6 \*Ps. 29:11; 85:8; 147:14  
 bZeph. 3:13 cLev. 26:22  
 dLev. 26:25

8 \*Deut. 32:30

9 \*Gen. 17:6; 22:17; 48:4  
 bGen. 17:7

10 \*Lev. 25:22

11 <sup>1</sup>Or, *tabernacle* <sup>2</sup>Lit.,  
*abhor*  
 \*Ex. 25:8; 29:45, 46

12 \*2 Cor. 6:16; Gen. 3:8;  
 Deut. 23:14

13 \*Ex. 20:2 bEzek. 34:27

14 \*Deut. 28:15-68; Josh.  
 23:15

15 \*Lev. 26:11 bLev. 26:9

16 \*Ps. 78:33 bEzek. 24:23;  
 33:10 cJudg. 6:3-6

17 \*Ps. 106:41 bLev. 26:36,  
 37; Ps. 53:5; Prov. 28:1

18 \*Lev. 26:21, 24, 28

19 \*Is. 28:1-3; Ezek. 24:21

20 \*Is. 17:10, 11; Jer. 12:13

21 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *walk*, and so  
 throughout the chap.  
 \*Lev. 26:23, 27, 40 bLev.  
 26:18

23 \*Lev. 26:21

24 \*Lev. 26:28, 41 bLev.  
 26:21

25 \*Jer. 50:28; 51:11  
 bNum. 14:12

26 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *by weight*  
 \*Is. 3:1; Ezek. 4:16, 17; 5:16

6 'I shall also grant peace in the land, so that <sup>b</sup>you may lie down with no one making you tremble. <sup>c</sup>I shall also eliminate harmful beasts from the land, and <sup>d</sup>no sword will pass through your land.

7 'But you will chase your enemies, and they will fall before you by the sword;

8 <sup>a</sup>five of you will chase a hundred, and a hundred of you will chase ten thousand, and your enemies will fall before you by the sword.

9 'So I will turn toward you and <sup>a</sup>make you fruitful and multiply you, and I will <sup>b</sup>confirm My covenant with you.

10 '<sup>a</sup>And you will eat the old supply and clear out the old because of the new.

11 '<sup>a</sup>Moreover, I will make My <sup>1</sup>dwelling among you, and My soul will not <sup>2</sup>reject you.

12 '<sup>a</sup>I will also walk among you and be your God, and you shall be My people.

13 '<sup>a</sup>I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt so that you should not be their slaves, and <sup>b</sup>I broke the bars of your yoke and made you walk erect.

14 '<sup>a</sup>But if you do not obey Me and do not carry out all these commandments,

15 if, instead, you reject My statutes, and if <sup>a</sup>your soul abhors My ordinances so as not to carry out all My commandments, *and* so <sup>b</sup>break My covenant,

16 I, in turn, will do this to you: I will appoint over you a <sup>a</sup>sudden terror, consumption and fever that shall waste away the eyes and cause the <sup>b</sup>soul to pine away; also, <sup>c</sup>you shall sow your seed uselessly, for your enemies shall eat it up.

17 'And I will set My face against you so that you shall be struck down before your enemies; and <sup>a</sup>those who hate you shall rule over you, and <sup>b</sup>you shall flee when no one is pursuing you.

18 'If also after these things, you do not obey Me, then I will punish you <sup>a</sup>seven times more for your sins.

19 'And I will also <sup>a</sup>break down your pride of power; I will also make your sky like iron and your earth like bronze.

20 'And <sup>a</sup>your strength shall be spent uselessly, for your land shall not yield its produce and the trees of the land shall not yield their fruit.

21 'If then, you <sup>1</sup>act with hostility against Me and are unwilling to obey Me, I will increase the plague on you <sup>b</sup>seven times according to your sins.

22 'And I will let loose among you the beasts of the field, which shall bereave you of your children and destroy your cattle and reduce your number so that your roads lie deserted.

23 '<sup>a</sup>And if by these things you are not turned to Me, but act with hostility against Me,

24 then I will <sup>a</sup>act with hostility against you; and I, even I, will strike you <sup>b</sup>seven times for your sins.

25 'I will also bring upon you a sword which will execute <sup>a</sup>vengeance for the covenant; and when you gather together into your cities, I will send <sup>b</sup>pestilence among you, so that you shall be delivered into enemy hands.

26 '<sup>a</sup>When I break your staff of bread, ten women will bake your bread in one oven, and they will bring back your bread <sup>1</sup>in rationed amounts, so that you will eat and not be satisfied.

27 'Yet if in spite of this, you do not obey Me, but act with hostility against Me,

28 then <sup>a</sup>I will act with wrathful hostility against you; and I, even I, will punish you seven times for your sins.

29 'Further, you shall eat the flesh of your sons and the flesh of your daughters you shall eat.

30 'I then <sup>a</sup>will destroy your high places, and cut down your <sup>b</sup>incense altars, and heap your <sup>1</sup>remains on the <sup>1</sup>remains of your idols; for My soul shall abhor you.

31 'I will <sup>1</sup>lay <sup>a</sup>waste your cities as well, and will make your <sup>b</sup>sanctuaries desolate; and I will not <sup>c</sup>smell your soothing aromas.

32 'And I will make <sup>a</sup>the land desolate <sup>b</sup>so that your enemies who settle in it shall be appalled over it.

33 'You, however, I <sup>a</sup>will scatter among the nations and will draw out a sword after you, as your land becomes desolate and your cities become waste.

34 '<sup>a</sup>Then the land will <sup>1</sup>enjoy its sabbaths all the days of the desolation, while you are in your enemies' land; then the land will rest and <sup>1</sup>enjoy its sabbaths.

35 'All the days of *its* desolation it will observe the rest which it did not observe on your sabbaths, while you were living on it.

36 'As for those of you who may be left, I will also bring <sup>a</sup>weakness into their hearts in the lands of their enemies. And the sound of a driven leaf will chase them and even when no one is pursuing, they will flee <sup>1</sup>as though from the sword, and they will fall.

37 '<sup>a</sup>They will therefore stumble over each other as if *running* from the sword, although no one is pursuing; and you will have *no strength* <sup>1</sup>to stand up before your enemies.

38 'But <sup>a</sup>you will perish among the nations, and your enemies' land will consume you.

39 '<sup>a</sup>So those of you who may be left will rot away because of their iniquity in the lands of your enemies; and also because of the iniquities of their forefathers they will rot away with them.

40 '<sup>a</sup>If they confess their iniquity and the iniquity of their forefathers, in their unfaithfulness which they committed against Me, and also in their acting with hostility against Me—

41 I also was acting with hostility against them, to bring them into the land of their enemies—<sup>a</sup>or if their uncircumcised heart becomes humbled so that <sup>b</sup>they then make amends for their iniquity,

42 then I will remember <sup>a</sup>My covenant with Jacob, and I will remember also My covenant <sup>b</sup>with Isaac, and <sup>c</sup>My covenant with Abraham as well, and I will remember the land.

43 '<sup>a</sup>For the land shall be abandoned by them, and shall make up for its sabbaths while it is made desolate without them. They, meanwhile, shall be making amends for their iniquity, <sup>1</sup>because they rejected My ordinances and their <sup>b</sup>soul abhorred My statutes.

44 'Yet in spite of this, when they are in the land of their enemies, I will not reject them, nor will I <sup>a</sup>so <sup>b</sup>abhor them as to destroy them, <sup>c</sup>breaking My covenant with them; for I am the LORD their God.

28 <sup>a</sup>Lev. 26:24, 41

30 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *corpse*  
<sup>2</sup>Kin. 23:20; Ezek. 6:3, 6; Amos 7:9 <sup>b2</sup>Chr. 34:4, 7; Is. 27:9

31 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *give desolation* to  
<sup>a</sup>Jer. 44:2, 6, 22 <sup>b</sup>Is. 63:18; Lam. 2:7 <sup>c</sup>Amos 5:21

32 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 12:11; 33:10 <sup>b</sup>Jer. 18:16; 19:8

33 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 44:11; 106:27; Jer. 31:10; Ezek. 12:15

34 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *satisfy*  
<sup>a</sup>Lev. 26:43; 2 Chr. 36:21

36 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *the flight of the sword*  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 30:17; Lam. 1:3, 6; 4:19

37 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *you will stand*  
<sup>a</sup>Jer. 6:21; Nah. 3:3

38 <sup>a</sup>Deut. 4:26

39 <sup>a</sup>Ezek. 4:17; 33:10

40 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 3:12-15; 14:20; Hos. 5:15

41 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 4:4; 9:25, 26; Ezek. 44:9 <sup>b</sup>Ezek. 20:43

42 <sup>a</sup>Gen. 28:13-15; 35:11, 12 <sup>b</sup>Gen. 26:2-5 <sup>c</sup>Gen. 22:15-18

43 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *because and by the cause*  
<sup>a</sup>Lev. 26:34 <sup>b</sup>Lev. 26:11

44 <sup>a</sup>Deut. 4:31; Jer. 30:11 <sup>b</sup>Lev. 26:11 <sup>c</sup>Jer. 33:20-26

45 <sup>a</sup>Ex. 6:6-8 <sup>b</sup>Gen. 17:7

46 <sup>1</sup>Lit., by the hand of  
<sup>a</sup>Lev. 7:38; 27:34; Deut. 4:5;  
29:1

3 <sup>a</sup>Lev. 27:25; Ex. 30:13

6 <sup>a</sup>Num. 18:16

8 <sup>1</sup>Lit., what the hand  
reaches  
<sup>a</sup>Lev. 5:11; 14:21-24

9 <sup>1</sup>Lit., they

10 <sup>a</sup>Lev. 27:33

11 <sup>1</sup>Lit., they

12 <sup>1</sup>Lit., between

14 <sup>1</sup>Lit., between good

16 <sup>1</sup>Lit., according to its  
seed

45 'But I will remember for them the <sup>a</sup>covenant with their ancestors, whom I brought out of the land of Egypt in the sight of the nations, that <sup>b</sup>I might be their God. I am the LORD.'"

46 <sup>a</sup>These are the statutes and ordinances and laws which the LORD established between Himself and the sons of Israel <sup>1</sup>through Moses at Mount Sinai.

## CHAPTER 27

**A**GAIN, the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,

2 "Speak to the sons of Israel, and say to them, 'When a man makes a difficult vow, he *shall be valued* according to your valuation of persons belonging to the LORD.

3 'If your valuation is of the male from twenty years even to sixty years old, then your valuation shall be fifty shekels of silver, after <sup>a</sup>the shekel of the sanctuary.

4 'Or if it is a female, then your valuation shall be thirty shekels.

5 'And if it be from five years even to twenty years old then your valuation for the male shall be twenty shekels, and for the female ten shekels.

6 'But if *they are* from a month even up to five years old, then your valuation shall be <sup>a</sup>five shekels of silver for the male, and for the female your valuation shall be three shekels of silver.

7 'And if *they are* from sixty years old and upward, if it is a male, then your valuation shall be fifteen shekels, and for the female ten shekels.

8 'But if he is poorer than your valuation, then he shall be placed before the priest, and the priest shall value him; <sup>a</sup>according to <sup>1</sup>the means of the one who vowed, the priest shall value him.

9 'Now if it is an animal of the kind which <sup>1</sup>men can present as an offering to the LORD, any such that one gives to the LORD shall be holy.

10 <sup>a</sup>He shall not replace it or exchange it, a good for a bad, or a bad for a good; or if he does exchange animal for animal, then both it and its substitute shall become holy.

11 'If, however, it is any unclean animal of the kind which <sup>1</sup>men do not present as an offering to the LORD, then he shall place the animal before the priest.

12 'And the priest shall value it <sup>1</sup>as either good or bad; as you, the priest, value it, so it shall be.

13 'But if he should ever *wish to* redeem it, then he shall add one-fifth of it to your valuation.

14 'Now if a man consecrates his house as holy to the LORD, then the priest shall value it <sup>1</sup>as either good or bad; as the priest values it, so it shall stand.

15 'Yet if the one who consecrates it should *wish to* redeem his house, then he shall add one-fifth of your valuation price to it, so that it may be his.

16 'Again, if a man consecrates to the LORD part of the fields of his own property, then your valuation shall be <sup>1</sup>proportionate to the seed needed for it: a homer of barley seed at fifty shekels of silver.

17 'If he consecrates his field as of the year of jubilee, according to your valuation it shall stand.

18 'If he consecrates his field after the jubilee, however, then the priest shall calculate the price for <sup>1</sup>him <sup>2</sup>proportionate to the years that are left until the year of jubilee; and it shall be deducted from your valuation.

18 <sup>1</sup>Or, it <sup>2</sup>Lit., according to the years

19 'And if the one who consecrates it should ever wish to redeem the field, then he shall add one-fifth of your valuation price to it, so that it may pass to him.

20 <sup>1</sup>Or, if he

20 'Yet if he will not redeem the field, <sup>1</sup>but has sold the field to another man, it may no longer be redeemed;

21 <sup>1</sup>Lit., goes out <sup>2</sup>Or, devoted, banned <sup>1</sup>Lit., possession

21 and when it <sup>1</sup>reverts in the jubilee, the field shall be holy to the LORD, like a field <sup>2</sup>set apart; it shall be for the priest as his <sup>3</sup>property.

22 'Or if he consecrates to the LORD a field which he has bought, which is not a part of the field of his own <sup>1</sup>property,

22 <sup>1</sup>Lit., possession

23 then the priest shall calculate for <sup>1</sup>him the amount of your valuation up to the year of jubilee; and he shall on that day give your valuation as holy to the LORD.

24 'In the year of jubilee the field shall return to the one from whom he bought it, to whom the possession of the land belongs.

23 <sup>1</sup>Or, it

25 'Every valuation of yours, moreover, shall be after <sup>a</sup>the shekel of the sanctuary. The shekel shall be twenty gerahs.

25 <sup>a</sup>Lev. 27:3

26 'However, a first-born among animals, which as a first-born belongs to the LORD, no man may consecrate it; whether ox or sheep, it is the LORD's.

26 <sup>a</sup>Ex. 13:2

27 'But if *it is* among the unclean animals, then he shall <sup>1</sup>redeem it according to your valuation, and add to it one-fifth of it; and if it is not redeemed, then it shall be sold according to your valuation.

27 <sup>1</sup>Or, ransom

28 'Nevertheless, any <sup>a</sup>proscribed thing which a man <sup>1</sup>sets apart to the LORD out of all that he has, of man or animal or of the fields of his own property, shall not be sold or redeemed. Every proscribed thing is most holy to the LORD.

28 <sup>1</sup>Or, puts under bans <sup>a</sup>Num. 18:14; Josh. 6:17-19

29 'No proscribed *person* who may have been <sup>1</sup>set apart among men shall be ransomed; he shall surely be put to death.

30 'Thus all the tithe of the land, of the seed of the land or of the fruit of the tree, is the LORD's; it is holy to the LORD.

31 'If, therefore, a man wishes to redeem part of his tithe, he shall add to it one-fifth of it.

29 <sup>1</sup>Or, put under the ban

32 'And for every tenth part of herd or flock, whatever passes under the rod, the tenth one shall be holy to the LORD.

33 'He is not to be concerned whether *it is* good or bad, nor shall he exchange it; or if he does exchange it, then both it and its substitute shall become holy. It shall not be redeemed.' "

33 <sup>a</sup>Lev. 27:10

34 'These are the commandments which the LORD commanded Moses for the sons of Israel at Mount Sinai.

34 <sup>a</sup>Lev. 26:46; Deut. 4:5

# NUMBERS

## The Census of Israel's Warriors.

1 \*Ex. 40:2, 17

2 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *sum*  
\*Num. 26:2; Ex. 12:37;  
38:25, 26

3 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *muster*, and so  
throughout the chap.  
\*Ex. 30:14; 38:26

4 \*Num. 1:16; Ex. 18:21,  
24; Deut. 1:15

16 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *thousands*, or,  
*clans*  
\*Num. 16:2; 26:9

18 \*Num. 1:1

20 \*Num. 26:5-11

22 \*Num. 26:12-14

**T**HEN the LORD spoke to Moses in the wilderness of Sinai, in the tent of meeting, on <sup>a</sup>the first of the second month, in the second year after they had come out of the land of Egypt, saying,

2 <sup>a</sup>Take a <sup>1</sup>census of all the congregation of the sons of Israel, by their families, by their fathers' households, according to the number of names, every male, head by head

3 from <sup>a</sup>twenty years old and upward, whoever *is able* to go out to war in Israel, you and Aaron shall <sup>1</sup>number them by their armies.

4 "With you, moreover, there shall be a man of each tribe, <sup>a</sup>each one head of his father's household.

5 "These then are the names of the men who shall stand with you: of Reuben, Elizur the son of Shedeur;

6 of Simeon, Shelumiel the son of Zurishaddai;

7 of Judah, Nahshon the son of Amminadab;

8 of Issachar, Nethanel the son of Zuar;

9 of Zebulun, Eliab the son of Helon;

10 of the sons of Joseph: of Ephraim, Elishama the son of Ammihud; of Manasseh, Gamaliel the son of Pedahzur;

11 of Benjamin, Abidan the son of Gideoni;

12 of Dan, Ahiezer the son of Ammishaddai;

13 of Asher, Pagiel the son of Ochran;

14 of Gad, Eliasaph the son of Deuel;

15 of Naphtali, Ahira the son of Enan.

16 "These are they who were <sup>a</sup>called of the congregation, the leaders of their fathers' tribes; they were the heads of <sup>1</sup>divisions of Israel."

17 So Moses and Aaron took these men who had been designated by name,

18 and they assembled all the congregation together on the <sup>a</sup>first of the second month. Then they registered by ancestry in their families, by their fathers' households, according to the number of names, from twenty years old and upward, head by head,

19 just as the LORD had commanded Moses. So he numbered them in the wilderness of Sinai.

20 <sup>a</sup>Now the sons of Reuben, Israel's first-born, their genealogical registration by their families, by their fathers' households, according to the number of names, head by head, every male from twenty years old and upward, whoever *was able* to go out to war,

21 their numbered men, of the tribe of Reuben, *were* 46,500.

22 <sup>a</sup>Of the sons of Simeon, their genealogical registration by their families, by their fathers' households, their numbered men, according to the number of names, head by head, every male from twenty years old and upward, whoever *was able* to go out to war,



**23** their numbered men, of the tribe of Simeon, *were* 59,300.

24 \*Num. 26:15-18

**24** \*Of the sons of Gad, their genealogical registration by their families, by their fathers' households, according to the number of names, from twenty years old and upward, whoever *was able to go out to war,*

26 \*Num. 26:19-22

**25** their numbered men, of the tribe of Gad, *were* 45,650.

**26** \*Of the sons of Judah, their genealogical registration by their families, by their fathers' households, according to the number of names, from twenty years old and upward, whoever *was able to go out to war,*

28 \*Num. 26:23-25

**27** their numbered men, of the tribe of Judah, *were* 74,600.

**28** \*Of the sons of Issachar, their genealogical registration by their families, by their fathers' households, according to the number of names, from twenty years old and upward, whoever *was able to go out to war,*

30 \*Num. 26:26, 27

**29** their numbered men, of the tribe of Issachar, *were* 54,400.

**30** \*Of the sons of Zebulun, their genealogical registration by their families, by their fathers' households, according to the number of names, from twenty years old and upward, whoever *was able to go out to war,*

32 \*Num. 26:35-37

**31** their numbered men, of the tribe of Zebulun, *were* 57,400.

**32** \*Of the sons of Joseph, *namely,* of the sons of Ephraim, their genealogical registration by their families, by their fathers' households, according to the number of names, from twenty years old and upward, whoever *was able to go out to war,*

34 \*Num. 26:28-34

**33** their numbered men, of the tribe of Ephraim, *were* 40,500.

**34** \*Of the sons of Manasseh, their genealogical registration by their families, by their fathers' households, according to the number of names, from twenty years old and upward, whoever *was able to go out to war,*

36 \*Num. 26:38-41

**35** their numbered men, of the tribe of Manasseh, *were* 32,200.

**36** \*Of the sons of Benjamin, their genealogical registration by their families, by their fathers' households, according to the number of names, from twenty years old and upward, whoever *was able to go out to war,*

38 \*Num. 26:42, 43

**37** their numbered men, of the tribe of Benjamin, *were* 35,400.

**38** \*Of the sons of Dan, their genealogical registration by their families, by their fathers' households, according to the number of names, from twenty years old and upward, whoever *was able to go out to war,*

40 \*Num. 26:44-47

**39** their numbered men, of the tribe of Dan, *were* 62,700.

**40** \*Of the sons of Asher, their genealogical registration by their families, by their fathers' households, according to the number of names, from twenty years old and upward, whoever *was able to go out to war,*

42 \*Num. 26:48-50

**41** their numbered men, of the tribe of Asher, *were* 41,500.

**42** \*Of the sons of Naphtali, their genealogical registration by their families, by their fathers' households, according to the

46 \*Num. 2:32; 26:51; Ex. 12:37; 38:26

47 \*Num. 2:33; 3:14-39; 4:49; 26:57-64

49 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *sum*

50 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *dwelling place*, and so throughout the chap.  
<sup>a</sup>Num. 3:25-37

51 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *stranger*  
<sup>a</sup>Num. 4:1-33 <sup>b</sup>Num. 3:10, 38; 4:15, 19, 20

52 \*Num. 2:2

53 \*Num. 3:23, 29, 35

2 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *signs* <sup>2</sup>Or, *facing it*  
<sup>a</sup>Num. 1:52

3 \*Num. 1:7

4 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *mustered*, and so throughout the chap.

5 \*Num. 1:8

7 \*Num. 1:9

number of names, from twenty years old and upward, whoever *was able to go out to war*,

43 their numbered men, of the tribe of Naphtali, *were* 53,400.

44 These are the ones who were numbered, whom Moses and Aaron numbered, with the leaders of Israel, twelve men, each of whom was of his father's household.

45 So all the numbered men of the sons of Israel by their fathers' households, from twenty years old and upward, *whoever was able to go out to war in Israel*,

46 even all the numbered men were <sup>a</sup>603,550.

47 <sup>a</sup>The Levites, however, were not numbered among them by their fathers' tribe.

48 For the LORD had spoken to Moses, saying,

49 "Only the tribe of Levi you shall not number, nor shall you take their <sup>1</sup>census among the sons of Israel.

50 "But you shall <sup>a</sup>appoint the Levites over the <sup>1</sup>tabernacle of the testimony, and over all its furnishings and over all that belongs to it. They shall carry the tabernacle and all its furnishings, and they shall take care of it; they shall also camp around the <sup>1</sup>tabernacle.

51 "<sup>a</sup>So when the tabernacle is to set out, the Levites shall take it down; and when the tabernacle encamps, the Levites shall set it up. But <sup>b</sup>the <sup>1</sup>layman who comes near shall be put to death.

52 "<sup>a</sup>And the sons of Israel shall camp, each man by his own camp, and each man by his own standard, according to their armies.

53 "<sup>a</sup>But the Levites shall camp around the tabernacle of the testimony, that there may be no wrath on the congregation of the sons of Israel. So the Levites shall keep charge of the tabernacle of the testimony."

54 Thus the sons of Israel did; according to all which the LORD had commanded Moses, so they did.

CHAPTER 2

**N**OW the LORD spoke to Moses and to Aaron, saying,

2 "<sup>a</sup>The sons of Israel shall camp, each by his own standard, with the <sup>1</sup>banners of their fathers' households; they shall camp around the tent of meeting <sup>2</sup>at a distance.

3 "Now those who camp on the east side toward the sunrise *shall be* of the standard of the camp of Judah, by their armies, and the leader of the sons of Judah: <sup>a</sup>Nahshon the son of Amminadab,

4 and his army, even their <sup>1</sup>numbered men, 74,600.

5 "And those who camp next to him *shall be* the tribe of Issachar, and the leader of the sons of Issachar: <sup>a</sup>Nethanel the son of Zuar,

6 and his army, even their numbered men, 54,400.

7 "Then *comes* the tribe of Zebulun, and the leader of the sons of Zebulun: <sup>a</sup>Eliab the son of Helon,

8 and his army, even his numbered men, 57,400.

9 "The total of the numbered men of the camp of Judah: 186,400, by their armies. They shall set out first.

10 "On the south side *shall be* the standard of the camp of Reuben by their armies, and the leader of the sons of Reuben: <sup>a</sup>Elizur the son of Shedeur,

11 and his army, even their numbered men, 46,500.

12 "And those who camp next to him *shall be* the tribe of Simeon, and the leader of the sons of Simeon: <sup>a</sup>Shelumiel the son of Zurishaddai,

13 and his army, even their numbered men, 59,300.

14 "Then comes the tribe of Gad, and the leader of the sons of Gad: Eliasaph the son of <sup>1a</sup>Deuel,

15 and his army, even their numbered men, 45,650.

16 "The total of the numbered men of the camp of Reuben: 151,450 by their armies. And they shall set out second.

17 "<sup>a</sup>Then the tent of meeting shall set out *with* the camp of the Levites in the midst of the camps; just as they camp, so they shall set out, every man in his place, by their standards.

18 "On the west side *shall be* the standard of the camp of Ephraim by their armies, and the leader of the sons of Ephraim *shall be* <sup>a</sup>Elishama the son of Ammihud,

19 and his army, even their numbered men, 40,500.

20 "And next to him *shall be* the tribe of Manasseh, and the leader of the sons of Manasseh: <sup>a</sup>Gamaliel the son of Pedahzur,

21 and his army, even their numbered men, 32,200.

22 "Then comes the tribe of Benjamin, and the leader of the sons of Benjamin: <sup>a</sup>Abidan the son of Gideon,

23 and his army, even their numbered men, 35,400.

24 "The total of the numbered men of the camp of Ephraim: 108,100, by their armies. And they shall set out third.

25 "On the north side *shall be* the standard of the camp of Dan by their armies, and the leader of the sons of Dan: <sup>a</sup>Ahiezer the son of Ammishaddai,

26 and his army, even their numbered men, 62,700.

27 "And those who camp next to him *shall be* the tribe of Asher, and the leader of the sons of Asher: <sup>a</sup>Pagiel the son of Ochran,

28 and his army, even their numbered men, 41,500.

29 "Then comes the tribe of Naphtali, and the leader of the sons of Naphtali: <sup>a</sup>Ahira the son of Enan,

30 and his army, even their numbered men, 53,400.

31 "The total of the numbered men of the camp of Dan, was 157,600. They shall set out last by their standards."

32 These are the numbered men of the sons of Israel by their fathers' households; the total of the numbered men of the camps by their armies, <sup>a</sup>603,550.

33 <sup>a</sup>The Levites, however, were not numbered among the sons of Israel, just as the LORD had commanded Moses.

34 Thus the sons of Israel did; according to all that the LORD commanded Moses, so they camped by their standards, and so they set out, every one by his family, according to his father's household.

14 <sup>a</sup>Num. 1:5

12 <sup>a</sup>Num. 1:6

14 <sup>1</sup>Many mss. read, *Reuel*  
<sup>a</sup>Num. 1:14

17 <sup>a</sup>Num. 1:53

18 <sup>a</sup>Num. 1:10

20 <sup>a</sup>Num. 1:10

22 <sup>a</sup>Num. 1:11

25 <sup>a</sup>Num. 1:12

27 <sup>a</sup>Num. 1:13

29 <sup>a</sup>Num. 1:15

32 <sup>a</sup>Num. 1:46

33 <sup>a</sup>Num. 1:47

1 <sup>a</sup>Ex. 6:20-27

CHAPTER 3

<sup>a</sup>  
**N**OW these are *the records* of the generations of Aaron and Moses at the time when the LORD spoke with Moses on Mount Sinai.

2 \*Num. 26:60

3 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *filled their hand*

4 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *before the face*  
\*Num. 26:61; Lev. 10:1, 2

6 \*Num. 8:6-22; 18:1-7;  
Deut. 10:8

7 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *him and the  
duties of the whole  
congregation*

9 \*Num. 18:6

10 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *stranger*  
\*Ex. 29:9 <sup>b</sup>Num. 1:51

12 \*Num. 3:45; 8:14 <sup>b</sup>Ex.  
13:2

15 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *muster, and so  
throughout the chap.*  
\*Num. 1:47

16 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *mouth*

17 \*Ex. 6:16-22

23 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *dwelling place,  
and so throughout the  
chap.*

2 <sup>a</sup>These then are the names of the sons of Aaron: Nadab the first-born, and Abihu, Eleazar and Ithamar.

3 These are the names of the sons of Aaron, the anointed priests, whom he <sup>1</sup>ordained to serve as priests.

4 <sup>a</sup>But Nadab and Abihu died before the LORD in that they offered strange fire before the LORD in the wilderness of Sinai; and they had no children. So Eleazar and Ithamar served as priests <sup>1</sup>in the lifetime of their father Aaron.

5 Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,

6 <sup>a</sup>"Bring the tribe of Levi near and set them before Aaron the priest, that they may serve him.

7 "And they shall perform the duties for <sup>1</sup>him and for the whole congregation before the tent of meeting, to do the service of the tabernacle.

8 "They shall also keep all the furnishings of the tent of meeting, along with the duties of the sons of Israel, to do the service of the tabernacle.

9 "You shall thus <sup>a</sup>give the Levites to Aaron and to his sons; they are wholly given to him from among the sons of Israel.

10 "So you shall appoint Aaron and his sons that <sup>a</sup>they may keep their priesthood, but <sup>b</sup>the <sup>1</sup>layman who comes near shall be put to death."

11 Again the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,

12 "Now, behold, I <sup>a</sup>have taken the Levites from among the sons of Israel instead of every <sup>b</sup>first-born, the first issue of the womb among the sons of Israel. So the Levites shall be Mine.

13 "For all the first-born are Mine; on the day that I struck down all the first-born in the land of Egypt, I sanctified to Myself all the first-born in Israel, from man to beast. They shall be Mine; I am the LORD."

14 Then the LORD spoke to Moses in the wilderness of Sinai, saying,

15 <sup>1a</sup>"Number the sons of Levi by their fathers' households, by their families; every male from a month old and upward you shall number."

16 So Moses numbered them according to the <sup>1</sup>word of the LORD, just as he had been commanded.

17 <sup>a</sup>These then are the sons of Levi by their names: Gershon and Kohath and Merari.

18 And these are the names of the sons of Gershon by their families: Libni and Shimei;

19 and the sons of Kohath by their families: Amram and Izhar, Hebron and Uzziel;

20 and the sons of Merari by their families: Mahli and Mushi. These are the families of the Levites according to their fathers' households.

21 Of Gershon was the family of the Libnites and the family of the Shimeites; these *were* the families of the Gershonites.

22 Their numbered men, in the numbering of every male from a month old and upward, *even* their numbered men *were* 7,500.

23 The families of the Gershonites were to camp behind the <sup>1</sup>tabernacle westward,

24 and the leader of the fathers' households of the Gershonites was Eliasaph the son of Lael.

25 Now the duties of the sons of Gershon in the tent of meeting involved the tabernacle and the tent, its covering, and the screen for the doorway of the tent of meeting,

26 and the hangings of the court, and the screen for the doorway of the court, which is around the tabernacle and the altar, and its cords, according to all the service <sup>1</sup>concerning them.

27 And of Kohath was the family of the Amramites and the family of the Izharites and the family of the Hebronites and the family of the Uzzielites; these were the families of the Kohathites.

28 In the numbering of every male from a month old and upward, *there were* 8,600, performing the duties of the sanctuary.

29 The families of the sons of Kohath were to camp on the southward side of the tabernacle,

30 and the leader of the fathers' households of the Kohathite families was Elizaphan the son of Uzziel.

31 Now their duties involved the ark, the table, the lampstand, the altars, and the utensils of the sanctuary with which they minister, and the screen, and all the service <sup>1</sup>concerning them;

32 and Eleazar the son of Aaron the priest was the chief of the leaders of Levi, and had the oversight of those who perform the duties of the sanctuary.

33 Of Merari was the family of the Mahlites and the family of the Mushites; these were the families of Merari.

34 Their numbered men in the numbering of every male from a month old and upward, were 6,200.

35 And the leader of the fathers' households of the families of Merari was Zuriel the son of Abihail. They were to camp on the northward side of the tabernacle.

36 Now the appointed duties of the sons of Merari involved the frames of the tabernacle, its bars, its pillars, its sockets, all its equipment, and the service concerning them,

37 and the pillars around the court with their sockets and their pegs and their cords.

38 Now those who were to camp before the tabernacle eastward, before the tent of meeting toward the sunrise, are Moses and Aaron and his sons, performing the duties of the sanctuary for the obligation of the sons of Israel; but <sup>a</sup>the layman coming near was to be put to death.

39 All the numbered men of the Levites, whom Moses and Aaron numbered at the <sup>1</sup>command of the LORD by their families, every male from a month old and upward, were <sup>a</sup>22,000.

40 Then the LORD said to Moses, "Number every first-born male of the sons of Israel from a month old and upward, and <sup>1</sup>make a list of their names.

41 "And you shall take the Levites for Me, I am the LORD, instead of all the first-born among the sons of Israel, and the cattle of the Levites instead of all the first-born among the cattle of the sons of Israel."

26 <sup>1</sup>Lit., of it

31 <sup>1</sup>Lit., of it

38 <sup>1</sup>Lit., stranger  
<sup>a</sup>Num. 1:51

39 <sup>1</sup>Lit., word  
<sup>a</sup>Num. 3:43; 4:48; 26:62

40 <sup>1</sup>Lit., take the number

43 \*Num. 3:39

45 \*Num. 3:12

46 \*Num. 18:15, 16; Ex. 13:13, 15

47 <sup>1</sup>I.e., A gerah equals approx. one-fortieth ounce  
<sup>2</sup>Ex. 30:13

51 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *mouth*

<sup>2</sup> <sup>1</sup>Lit., *the sum* <sup>2</sup>Lit.,  
*sons*

<sup>3</sup> \*Num. 4:23, 30, 35;  
8:24

4 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *sons*

5 \*Ex. 40:5

6 <sup>1</sup>Or, *dolphin* <sup>2</sup>Or,  
*violet*  
<sup>3</sup>Num. 4:25

7 <sup>1</sup>Or, *violet*  
<sup>2</sup>Ex. 25:30; Lev. 24:5-9

9 <sup>1</sup>Or, *violet* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *snuff*  
*dishes*

11 <sup>1</sup>Or, *violet*

42 So Moses numbered all the first-born among the sons of Israel, just as the LORD had commanded him;

43 and all the first-born males by the number of names from a month old and upward, for their numbered men were <sup>2</sup>22,273.

44 Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,

45 <sup>1</sup>"Take the Levites instead of all the first-born among the sons of Israel and the cattle of the Levites. And the Levites shall be Mine; I am the LORD.

46 <sup>2</sup>"And for the ransom of the 273 of the first-born of the sons of Israel who are in excess beyond the Levites,

47 you shall take five shekels apiece, per head; you shall take *them* in <sup>3</sup>terms of the shekel of the sanctuary (the shekel is twenty <sup>1</sup>gerahs),

48 and give the money, the ransom of those who are in excess among them, to Aaron and to his sons."

49 So Moses took the ransom money from those who were in excess, beyond those ransomed by the Levites;

50 from the first-born of the sons of Israel he took the money in terms of the shekel of the sanctuary, 1,365.

51 Then Moses gave the ransom money to Aaron and to his sons, at the <sup>1</sup>command of the LORD, just as the LORD had commanded Moses.

CHAPTER 4

**T**HEN the LORD spoke to Moses and to Aaron, saying,

2 "Take <sup>1</sup>a census of the <sup>2</sup>descendants of Kohath from among the sons of Levi, by their families, by their fathers' households,

3 from <sup>3</sup>thirty years and upward, even to fifty years old, all who enter the service to do the work in the tent of meeting.

4 "This is the work of the <sup>1</sup>descendants of Kohath in the tent of meeting, *concerning* the most holy things.

5 "When the camp sets out, Aaron and his sons shall go in and they shall take down <sup>2</sup>the veil of the screen and cover the ark of the testimony with it;

6 and they shall lay a <sup>3</sup>covering of <sup>1</sup>porpoise skin on it, and shall spread over it a cloth of pure <sup>2</sup>blue, and shall insert its poles.

7 "Over the table of the bread of the Presence they shall also spread a cloth of <sup>1</sup>blue and put on it the dishes and the spoons and the sacrificial bowls and the jars for the libation, and <sup>2</sup>the continual bread shall be on it.

8 "And they shall spread over them a cloth of scarlet *material*, and cover the same with a covering of dolphin skin, and they shall insert its poles.

9 "Then they shall take a <sup>1</sup>blue cloth and cover the lampstand for the light, along with its lamps and its snuffers, and its <sup>2</sup>trays and all its oil vessels, by which they serve it;

10 and they shall put it and all its utensils in a covering of dolphin skin, and shall put it on the carrying bars.

11 "And over the golden altar they shall spread a <sup>1</sup>blue cloth

and cover it with a covering of dolphin skin, and shall insert its poles;

12 and they shall take all the utensils of service, with which they serve in the sanctuary, and put them in a <sup>1</sup>blue cloth and cover them with a covering of dolphin skin, and put them on the carrying bars.

13 "Then they shall take away the <sup>1</sup>ashes from the <sup>2</sup>altar, and spread a purple cloth over it.

14 "They shall also put on it all its utensils by which they serve in connection with it: the firepans, the forks and shovels and the basins, all the utensils of the altar; and they shall spread a cover of <sup>1</sup>porpoise skin over it and insert its poles.

15 "And when Aaron and his sons have finished covering the holy *objects* and all the furnishings of the sanctuary, when the camp is to set out, after that the sons of Kohath shall come to carry *them*, so that they may not touch the holy *objects* and die. These are the <sup>1</sup>things in the tent of meeting which the sons of Kohath are to carry.

16 "And the responsibility of Eleazar the son of Aaron the priest is <sup>a</sup>the oil for the light and the <sup>b</sup>fragrant incense and <sup>c</sup>the continual grain offering and <sup>d</sup>the anointing oil—the responsibility of all the <sup>1</sup>tabernacle and of all that is in it, with the sanctuary and its furnishings."

17 Then the LORD spoke to Moses and to Aaron, saying,

18 "Do not let the tribe of the families of the Kohathites be cut off from among the Levites.

19 "But do this to them that they may live and <sup>a</sup>not die when they approach the most holy *objects*: Aaron and his sons shall go in and assign each of them to his work and to his load;

20 but they shall not go in to see the holy *objects* even for a moment, lest they die."

21 Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,

22 "Take <sup>1</sup>a census of the sons of Gershon <sup>2</sup>also, by their fathers' households, by their families;

23 from <sup>a</sup>thirty years and upward to fifty years old, you shall <sup>1</sup>number them; all who enter to perform the service to do the work in the tent of meeting.

24 "This is the service of the families of the Gershonites, in serving and in carrying:

25 they shall carry the curtains of the tabernacle and the tent of meeting *with* its covering and <sup>a</sup>the covering of <sup>1</sup>porpoise skin that is on top of it, and the screen for the doorway of the tent of meeting,

26 and the hangings of the court, and the screen for the doorway of the gate of the court which is around the tabernacle and the altar, and their cords and all the equipment for their service; and all that is to be done, <sup>1</sup>they shall perform.

27 "All the service of the sons of the Gershonites, in all their loads and in all their work, shall be *performed* at the <sup>1</sup>command of Aaron and his sons; and you shall assign to them as a duty all their loads.

28 "This is the service of the families of the sons of the Gershonites in the tent of meeting, and their duties *shall be* <sup>1</sup>under the direction of Ithamar the son of Aaron the priest.

12 <sup>1</sup>Or, violet

13 <sup>1</sup>Or, fat ashes; i.e., soaked with fat  
<sup>a</sup>Ex. 27:1-8

14 <sup>1</sup>Or, dolphin

15 <sup>1</sup>Lit., burden . . . of the sons  
<sup>a</sup>Num. 4:19, 20; 1:51;  
<sup>2</sup>Sam. 6:6, 7

16 <sup>1</sup>Lit., dwelling place, and so throughout the chap.  
<sup>a</sup>Lev. 24:1-3 <sup>b</sup>Ex. 30:34-38  
<sup>c</sup>Lev. 6:20 <sup>d</sup>Ex. 30:22-33

19 <sup>a</sup>Num. 4:15

22 <sup>1</sup>Lit., the sum <sup>2</sup>Lit., also them

23 <sup>1</sup>Lit., muster, and so throughout the chap.  
<sup>a</sup>Num. 4:3

25 <sup>1</sup>Or, dolphin  
<sup>a</sup>Num. 4:6; Ex. 26:14

26 <sup>1</sup>Lit., so they shall serve

27 <sup>1</sup>Lit., mouth

28 <sup>1</sup>Lit., in the hand

30 <sup>a</sup>Num. 4:3

**29** "As for the sons of Merari, you shall number them by their families, by their fathers' households;

**30** from <sup>a</sup>thirty years and upward even to fifty years old, you shall number them, everyone who enters the service to do the work of the tent of meeting.

31 <sup>1</sup>Or, bases

**31** "Now this is the duty of their loads, for all their service in the tent of meeting: the boards of the tabernacle and its bars and its pillars and its <sup>1</sup>sockets,

**32** and the pillars around the court and their <sup>1</sup>sockets and their pegs and their cords, with all their equipment and with all their service; and you shall assign *each man* by name the items <sup>2</sup>he is to carry.

32 <sup>1</sup>Or bases <sup>2</sup>Lit., of the duty of their loads.

**33** "This is the service of the families of the sons of Merari, according to all their service in the tent of meeting, <sup>1</sup>under the direction of Ithamar the son of Aaron the priest."

**34** So Moses and Aaron and the leaders of the congregation numbered the sons of the Kohathites by their families, and by their fathers' households,

33 <sup>1</sup>Lit., in the hand

**35** from thirty years and upward even to fifty years old, everyone who entered the service for work in the tent of meeting.

**36** And their numbered men by their families were 2,750.

37 <sup>1</sup>Lit., mouth <sup>2</sup>Lit., by the hand of

**37** These are the numbered men of the Kohathite families, everyone who was serving in the tent of meeting, whom Moses and Aaron numbered according to the <sup>1</sup>commandment of the LORD <sup>2</sup>through Moses.

**38** And the numbered men of the sons of Gershon by their families, and by their fathers' households,

41 <sup>1</sup>Lit., mouth

**39** from thirty years and upward even to fifty years old, everyone who entered the service for work in the tent of meeting.

**40** And their numbered men by their families, by their fathers' households, were 2,630.

45 <sup>1</sup>Lit., mouth <sup>2</sup>Lit., by the hand

**41** These are the numbered men of the families of the sons of Gershon, everyone who was serving in the tent of meeting, whom Moses and Aaron numbered according to the <sup>1</sup>commandment of the LORD.

**42** And the numbered men of the families of the sons of Merari by their families, by their fathers' households,

48 <sup>a</sup>Num. 3:39

**43** from thirty years and upward even to fifty years old, everyone who entered the service for work in the tent of meeting.

**44** And their numbered men by their families were 3,200.

**45** These are the numbered men of the families of the sons of Merari, whom Moses and Aaron numbered according to the <sup>1</sup>commandment of the LORD <sup>2</sup>through Moses.

49 <sup>1</sup>Lit., mouth <sup>2</sup>Lit., by the hand of <sup>a</sup>Num. 1:47

**46** All the numbered men of the Levites, whom Moses and Aaron and the leaders of Israel numbered, by their families and by their fathers' households,

**47** from thirty years and upward even to fifty years old, everyone who could enter to do the work of service and the work of carrying in the tent of meeting.

**48** And their numbered men were <sup>a</sup>8,580.

**49** According to the <sup>1</sup>commandment of the LORD <sup>2</sup>through Moses, they <sup>a</sup>were numbered, everyone by his serving or carry-



ing; thus these were his numbered men, just as the LORD had commanded Moses.

CHAPTER 5

<sup>a</sup>**T**HEN the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,  
2 "Command the sons of Israel that they send away from the camp every leper and everyone having a discharge and everyone who is <sup>a</sup>unclean because of a *dead* person.

3 "You shall send away both male and female; you shall send them outside the camp so that they will not defile their camp where I dwell <sup>a</sup>in their midst."

4 And the sons of Israel did so and sent them outside the camp; just as the LORD had spoken to Moses, thus the sons of Israel did.

5 Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,

6 "Speak to the sons of Israel, <sup>a</sup>When a man or woman commits any of the sins of mankind, acting unfaithfully against the LORD, and that person is guilty,

7 then <sup>1</sup>he shall <sup>a</sup>confess <sup>2</sup>his sins which <sup>3</sup>he has committed, and he shall make restitution in full for his wrong, and add to it one-fifth of it, and give *it* to him whom he has wronged.

8 "But if the man has no <sup>1</sup>relative to whom restitution may be made for the wrong, the restitution which is made for the wrong *must go* to the LORD for the priest, besides the ram of atonement, by which atonement is made for him.

9 <sup>a</sup>Also every <sup>1</sup>contribution pertaining to all the holy *gifts* of the sons of Israel, which they offer to the priest, shall be his.

10 "So every man's holy *gifts* shall be his; whatever any man gives to the priest, it becomes his."

11 Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,

12 "Speak to the sons of Israel, and say to them, 'If any man's wife <sup>a</sup>goes astray and is unfaithful to him,

13 and a man has intercourse with her and it is hidden from the eyes of her husband and she is <sup>1</sup>undetected, although she has defiled herself, and there is no witness against her and she has not been caught in the act,

14 <sup>1</sup>if a spirit of jealousy comes over him and he is jealous of his wife when she has defiled herself, or if a spirit of jealousy comes over him and he is jealous of his wife when she has not defiled herself,

15 the man shall then bring his wife to the priest, and shall bring *as* <sup>1</sup>an offering for her one-tenth of an <sup>2</sup>ephah of barley meal; he shall not pour oil on it, nor put frankincense on it, for it is a grain offering of jealousy, a grain offering of memorial, <sup>a</sup>a reminder of iniquity.

16 "Then the priest shall bring her near and have her stand before the LORD,

17 and the priest shall take holy water in an earthenware vessel; and <sup>1</sup>he shall take some of the dust that is on the floor of the tabernacle and put *it* into the water.

18 "The priest shall then have the woman stand before the LORD and let *the hair* of the woman's head go loose, and place the grain offering of memorial <sup>1</sup>in her hands, which is the grain

1 <sup>a</sup>Num. 12:15; Lev. 13:46

2 <sup>a</sup>Num. 19:11

3 <sup>a</sup>Num. 35:34; Lev. 26:12

6 <sup>a</sup>Lev. 5:14-6:7

7 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *they* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *their* <sup>3</sup>Lit., *they have* <sup>a</sup>Lev. 5:5

8 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *redeemer*

9 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *heave offering* <sup>a</sup>Lev. 7:32, 34; 10:14, 15

12 <sup>a</sup>Num. 5:19, 20, 29

13 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *concealed*

14 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *and*

15 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *her* <sup>2</sup>I.e., approx. one bushel <sup>a</sup>Ezek. 29:16

17 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *the priest*

18 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *on her palms*

19 <sup>1</sup>Lit., free from  
<sup>2</sup>Num. 5:12

20 <sup>2</sup>Num. 5:12

21 <sup>1</sup>Lit., fall

22 <sup>1</sup>Or, inward parts <sup>2</sup>Lit.,  
fall

23 <sup>1</sup>Lit., wipe

24 <sup>1</sup>Lit., to

27 <sup>1</sup>Lit., to <sup>2</sup>Lit., fall  
<sup>3</sup>Jer. 29:18; 42:18; 44:12

28 <sup>1</sup>Lit., seed

29 <sup>2</sup>Num. 5:12

31 <sup>1</sup>Or, iniquity

<sup>2</sup> <sup>1</sup>Or, difficult <sup>2</sup>I.e., one  
separated <sup>3</sup>Or, live as a  
Nazirite  
<sup>4</sup>Judg. 13:5; 16:17; Amos  
2:11, 12

offering of jealousy, and in the hand of the priest is to be the water of bitterness that brings a curse.

19 'And the priest shall have her take an oath and shall say to the woman, "If no man has lain with you and if you have not <sup>2</sup>gone astray into uncleanness, *being under the authority of your husband*, be <sup>1</sup>immune to this water of bitterness that brings a curse;

20 if you, however, have <sup>2</sup>gone astray, *being under the authority of your husband*, and if you have defiled yourself and a man other than your husband has had intercourse with you,"

21 then the priest shall have the woman swear with the oath of the curse, and the priest shall say to the woman, "The LORD make you a curse and an oath among your people by the LORD's making your thigh <sup>1</sup>waste away and your abdomen swell;

22 and this water that brings a curse shall go into your <sup>1</sup>stomach, and make your abdomen swell and your thigh <sup>2</sup>waste away." And the woman shall say, "Amen. Amen."

23 'The priest shall then write these curses on a scroll, and he shall <sup>1</sup>wash them off into the water of bitterness.

24 'Then he shall make the woman drink the water of bitterness that brings a curse, so that the water which brings a curse will go into her <sup>1</sup>and *cause* bitterness.

25 'And the priest shall take the grain offering of jealousy from the woman's hand, and he shall wave the grain offering before the LORD and bring it to the altar;

26 and the priest shall take a handful of the grain offering as its memorial offering and offer it up in smoke on the altar, and afterward he shall make the woman drink the water.

27 'When he has made her drink the water, then it shall come about, if she has defiled herself and has been unfaithful to her husband, that the water which brings a curse shall go into her <sup>1</sup>and *cause* bitterness, and her abdomen will swell and her thigh will <sup>2</sup>waste away, and the woman will become <sup>2</sup>a curse among her people.

28 'But if the woman has not defiled herself and is clean, she will then be free and conceive <sup>1</sup>children.

29 'This is the law of jealousy: when a wife, *being under the authority of her husband*, <sup>2</sup>goes astray and defiles herself,

30 or when a spirit of jealousy comes over a man and he is jealous of his wife, he shall then make the woman stand before the LORD, and the priest shall apply all this law to her.

31 'Moreover, the man shall be free from <sup>1</sup>guilt, but that woman shall bear her <sup>1</sup>guilt.' "

## CHAPTER 6

AGAIN the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,

2 "Speak to the sons of Israel, and say to them, 'When a man or woman makes a <sup>1</sup>special vow, the vow of <sup>2</sup>a <sup>2</sup>Nazirite, to <sup>3</sup>dedicate himself to the LORD,

3 he shall abstain from wine and strong drink; he shall drink no vinegar, whether made from wine or strong drink, neither shall he drink any grape juice, nor eat fresh or dried grapes.

4 'All the days of his <sup>1</sup>separation he shall not eat anything that is produced by the grape vine, from *the* seeds even to *the* skin.

5 'All the days of his vow of separation <sup>a</sup>no razor shall pass over his head. He shall be holy until the days are fulfilled for which he separated himself to the LORD; he shall let the locks of hair on his head grow long.

6 '<sup>a</sup>All the days of his separation to the LORD he shall not go near to a dead person.

7 'He shall not make himself unclean for his father or for his mother, for his brother or for his sister, when they die, because his separation to God is on his head.

8 'All the days of his separation he is holy to the LORD.

9 'But if a man dies very suddenly beside him and he defiles his dedicated head of *hair*, then <sup>a</sup>he shall shave his head on the day when he becomes clean; <sup>b</sup>he shall shave it on the seventh day.

10 'Then on the eighth day he shall bring two turtledoves or two young pigeons to the priest, to the doorway of the tent of meeting.

11 'And the priest shall offer <sup>a</sup>one for a sin offering and *the* other for a burnt offering, and make atonement for him <sup>1</sup>concerning his sin because of the *dead* person. And that same day he shall consecrate his head,

12 and shall dedicate to the LORD his days <sup>1</sup>as a <sup>2</sup>Nazirite, and shall bring a male lamb a year old for a guilt offering; but the former days shall be void because his separation was defiled.

13 'Now this is the law of the Nazirite when the days of his separation are fulfilled, he shall bring <sup>1</sup>the offering to the doorway of the tent of meeting.

14 'And he shall present his offering to the LORD: one male lamb a year old without defect for a burnt offering and one <sup>a</sup>ewe-lamb a year old without defect for a sin offering and one ram without defect for a peace offering.

15 and a basket of unleavened cakes of fine flour mixed with oil and unleavened wafers spread with oil, along with <sup>a</sup>their ram offering and their libations.

16 'Then the priest shall present *them* before the LORD and shall offer his sin offering and his burnt offering.

17 'He shall also offer the ram for a sacrifice of peace offerings to the LORD, together with the basket of unleavened cakes; the priest shall likewise offer its grain offering and its libation.

18 '<sup>a</sup>The Nazirite shall then shave his dedicated head of *hair* at the doorway of the tent of meeting, and take the dedicated hair of his head and put *it* on the fire which is under the sacrifice of peace offerings.

19 '<sup>a</sup>And the priest shall take the ram's shoulder *when it has been* boiled, and one unleavened cake out of the basket, and one unleavened wafer, and shall put *them* on the <sup>1</sup>hands of the Nazirite after he has shaved his <sup>2</sup>dedicated *hair*.

20 'Then the priest shall wave *them* for a wave offering before the LORD. It is holy for the priest, together with the breast offered by waving and the thigh offered by lifting up; and afterward the Nazirite may drink wine.'

4 <sup>1</sup>Or, *living as a Nazirite*, and so through v. 21

5 <sup>a</sup>1 Sam. 1:11

6 <sup>a</sup>Num. 19:11-22; Lev. 21:1-3

9 <sup>a</sup>Lev. 14:8, 9 <sup>b</sup>Num. 6:18

11 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *because of that which he sinned* <sup>a</sup>Lev. 5:7

12 <sup>1</sup>Or, *of dedication* <sup>2</sup>I.e., *one separated*

13 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *it*

14 <sup>a</sup>Num. 15:27; Lev. 14:10

15 <sup>a</sup>Num 15:1-7

16 <sup>a</sup>Num. 6:9

19 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *palms* <sup>2</sup>Or, *separated* <sup>a</sup>Lev. 7:28-34

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21 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *his hand can reach*

23 <sup>1</sup>Chr. 23:13

24 <sup>a</sup>Deut. 28:3-6; Ps. 28:9  
<sup>b1</sup>Sam. 2:9; Ps. 17:8

25 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 80:3, 7, 19 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 86:16

26 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 4:6; 44:3 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 29:11; 37:11, 37

27 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *put*  
<sup>2</sup>Sam. 7:23

1 <sup>a</sup>Ex. 40:17 <sup>b</sup>Num. 7:10,  
84, 88; Ex. 40:9-11

2 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *stood* <sup>2</sup>Lit.,  
*mustered*  
<sup>a</sup>Num. 1:5-16

3 <sup>a</sup>Is. 66:20

5 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *for serving*

7 <sup>a</sup>Num. 4:24-26

8 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *hand*  
<sup>a</sup>Num. 4:31, 32

9 <sup>a</sup>Num. 4:5-15

10 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *of* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *in the day that*  
<sup>a</sup>Num. 7:1; 2 Chr. 7:9

13 <sup>1</sup>Or, *platter*, and so through v. 85 <sup>2</sup>i.e., approx. one-half ounce, and so through v. 86  
<sup>a</sup>Ex. 25:29; 37:16 <sup>b</sup>Num. 3:47

21 “This is the law of the Nazirite who vows his offering to the LORD according to his separation, in addition to what *else* <sup>1</sup>he can afford; according to his vow which he takes, so he shall do according to the law of his separation.”

22 Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,

23 “Speak to Aaron and to his sons, saying, “Thus <sup>a</sup>you shall bless the sons of Israel. You shall say to them:

24 The LORD <sup>a</sup>bless you, and <sup>b</sup>keep you;

25 The LORD <sup>a</sup>make His face shine on you,  
And <sup>b</sup>be gracious to you;

26 The LORD <sup>a</sup>lift up His countenance on you,  
And <sup>b</sup>give you peace.”

27 “So they shall <sup>1a</sup>invoke My name on the sons of Israel, and I then will bless them.”

CHAPTER 7

NOW it came about on <sup>a</sup>the day that Moses had finished setting up the tabernacle, he <sup>b</sup>anointed it and consecrated it with all its furnishings and the altar and all its utensils, he anointed them and consecrated them also.

2 Then <sup>a</sup>the leaders of Israel, the heads of their fathers' households, made an offering (they were the leaders of the tribes; they were the ones who <sup>1</sup>were over the <sup>2</sup>numbered men).

3 When they brought their offering before the Lord, six <sup>a</sup>covered carts and twelve oxen, a cart for *every* two of the leaders and an ox for each one, then they presented them before the tabernacle.

4 Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,

5 “Accept *these things* from them, that they may be <sup>1</sup>used in the service of the tent of meeting, and you shall give them to the Levites, to each man according to his service.”

6 So Moses took the carts and the oxen, and gave them to the Levites.

7 Two carts and four oxen he gave to the sons of Gershon, according to <sup>a</sup>their service,

8 and four carts and eight oxen he gave to the sons of Merari, according to <sup>a</sup>their service, under the <sup>1</sup>direction of Ithamar the son of Aaron the priest.

9 But he did not give *any* to the sons of Kohath because theirs *was* <sup>a</sup>the service of the holy *objects*, *which* they carried on the shoulder.

10 And the leaders offered the dedication offering <sup>1</sup>for the altar <sup>2</sup>when <sup>a</sup>it was anointed, so the leaders offered their offering before the altar.

11 Then the LORD said to Moses, “Let them present their offering, one leader each day, for the dedication of the altar.”

12 Now the one who presented his offering on the first day *was* Nahshon the son of Amminadab, of the tribe of Judah;

13 and his offering *was* one silver <sup>1a</sup>dish whose weight *was* one hundred and thirty *shekels*, one silver bowl of seventy shekels, <sup>b</sup>according to <sup>2</sup>the shekel of the sanctuary, both of them full of fine flour mixed with oil for a grain offering;

14 one gold pan of ten *shekels*, full of incense;

15 one bull, one ram, one male lamb one year old, for a burnt offering;

16 one male goat for a sin offering;

17 and for the sacrifice of peace offerings, two oxen, five rams, five male goats, five male lambs one year old. This was the offering of Nahshon the son of Amminadab.

18 On the second day Nethanel the son of Zuar, leader of Issachar, presented an offering;

19 he presented as his offering one silver dish whose weight was one hundred and thirty shekels, one silver bowl of seventy shekels, according to the shekel of the sanctuary, both of them full of fine flour mixed with oil for a grain offering;

20 one gold pan of ten shekels, full of incense;

21 one bull, one ram, one male lamb one year old, for a burnt offering;

22 one male goat for a sin offering;

23 and for the sacrifice of peace offerings, two oxen, five rams, five male goats, five male lambs one year old. This was the offering of Nethanel the son of Zuar.

24 On the third day it was Eliab the son of Helon, leader of the sons of Zebulun;

25 his offering was one silver dish whose weight was one hundred and thirty shekels, one silver bowl of seventy shekels, according to the shekel of the sanctuary, both of them full of fine flour mixed with oil for a grain offering;

26 one gold pan of ten shekels, full of incense;

27 one young bull, one ram, one male lamb one year old, for a burnt offering;

28 one male goat for a sin offering;

29 and for the sacrifice of peace offerings, two oxen, five rams, five male goats, five male lambs one year old. This was the offering of Eliab the son of Helon.

30 On the fourth day it was Elizur the son of Shedeur, leader of the sons of Reuben;

31 his offering was one silver dish whose weight was one hundred and thirty shekels, one silver bowl of seventy shekels, according to the shekel of the sanctuary, both of them full of fine flour mixed with oil for a grain offering;

32 one gold pan of ten shekels, full of incense;

33 one bull, one ram, one male lamb one year old, for a burnt offering;

34 one male goat for a sin offering;

35 and for the sacrifice of peace offerings, two oxen, five rams, five male goats, five male lambs one year old. This was the offering of Elizur the son of Shedeur.

36 On the fifth day it was Shelumiel the son of Zurishad-dai, leader of the children of Simeon;

37 his offering was one silver dish whose weight was one hundred and thirty shekels, one silver bowl of seventy shekels, according to the shekel of the sanctuary, both of them full of fine flour mixed with oil for a grain offering;

38 one gold pan of ten shekels, full of incense;

39 one bull, one ram, one male lamb one year old, for a burnt offering;

40 one male goat for a sin offering;

15 <sup>1</sup>Or, bull of the herd, and so through v. 81

- 41 and for the sacrifice of peace offerings, two oxen, five rams, five male goats, five male lambs one year old. This was the offering of Shelumiel the son of Zurishaddai.
- 42 On the sixth day *it was* Eliasaph the son of Deuel, leader of the sons of Gad;
- 43 his offering was one silver dish whose weight *was* one hundred and thirty *shekels*, one silver bowl of seventy shekels, according to the shekel of the sanctuary, both of them full of fine flour mixed with oil for a grain offering;
- 44 one gold pan of ten *shekels*, full of incense;
- 45 one bull, one ram, one male lamb one year old, for a burnt offering;
- 46 one male goat for a sin offering;
- 47 and for the sacrifice of peace offerings, two oxen, five rams, five male goats, five male lambs one year old. This was the offering of Eliasaph the son of Deuel.
- 48 On the seventh day *it was* Elishama the son of Ammihud, leader of the sons of Ephraim;
- 49 his offering was one silver dish whose weight *was* one hundred and thirty *shekels*, one silver bowl of seventy shekels, according to the shekel of the sanctuary, both of them full of fine flour mixed with oil for a grain offering;
- 50 one gold pan of ten *shekels*, full of incense;
- 51 one bull, one ram, one male lamb one year old, for a burnt offering;
- 52 one male goat for a sin offering;
- 53 and for the sacrifice of peace offerings, two oxen, five rams, five male goats, five male lambs one year old. This was the offering of Elishama the son of Ammihud.
- 54 On the eighth day *it was* Gamaliel the son of Pedahzur, leader of the sons of Manasseh;
- 55 his offering was one silver dish whose weight *was* one hundred and thirty *shekels*, one silver bowl of seventy shekels, according to the shekel of the sanctuary, both of them full of fine flour mixed with oil for a grain offering;
- 56 one gold pan of ten *shekels*, full of incense;
- 57 one bull, one ram, one male lamb one year old, for a burnt offering;
- 58 one male goat for a sin offering;
- 59 and for the sacrifice of peace offerings, two oxen, five rams, five male goats, five male lambs one year old. This was the offering of Gamaliel the son of Pedahzur.
- 60 On the ninth day *it was* Abidan the son of Gideoni, leader of the sons of Benjamin;
- 61 his offering *was* one silver dish whose weight *was* one hundred and thirty *shekels*, one silver bowl of seventy shekels, according to the shekel of the sanctuary, both of them full of fine flour mixed with oil for a grain offering;
- 62 one gold pan of ten *shekels*, full of incense;
- 63 one bull, one ram, one male lamb one year old, for a burnt offering;
- 64 one male goat for a sin offering;
- 65 and for the sacrifice of peace offerings, two oxen, five rams, five male goats, five male lambs one year old. This was the offering of Abidan the son of Gideoni.

## Offerings of the Leaders.

**66** On the tenth day *it was* Ahiezer the son of Ammishaddai, leader of the sons of Dan;

**67** his offering was one silver dish whose weight was one hundred and thirty *shekels*, one silver bowl of seventy shekels, according to the shekel of the sanctuary, both of them full of fine flour mixed with oil for a grain offering;

**68** one gold pan of ten *shekels*, full of incense;

**69** one bull, one ram, one male lamb one year old, for a burnt offering;

**70** one male goat for a sin offering;

**71** and for the sacrifice of peace offerings, two oxen, five rams, five male goats, five male lambs one year old. This was the offering of Ahiezer the son of Ammishaddai.

**72** On the eleventh day *it was* Pagiel the son of Ochran, leader of the sons of Asher;

**73** his offering was one silver dish whose weight was one hundred and thirty *shekels*, one silver bowl of seventy shekels, according to the shekel of the sanctuary, both of them full of fine flour mixed with oil for a grain offering;

**74** one gold pan of ten *shekels*, full of incense;

**75** one bull, one ram, one male lamb one year old, for a burnt offering;

**76** one male goat for a sin offering;

**77** and for the sacrifice of peace offerings, two oxen, five rams, five male goats, five male lambs one year old. This was the offering of Pagiel the son of Ochran.

**78** On the twelfth day *it was* Ahira the son of Enan, leader of the sons of Naphtali;

**79** his offering was one silver dish whose weight was one hundred and thirty *shekels*, one silver bowl of seventy shekels, according to the shekel of the sanctuary, both of them full of fine flour mixed with oil for a grain offering;

**80** one gold pan of ten *shekels*, full of incense;

**81** one bull, one ram, one male lamb one year old, for a burnt offering;

**82** one male goat for a sin offering;

**83** and for the sacrifice of peace offerings, two oxen, five rams, five male goats, five male lambs one year old. This was the offering of Ahira the son of Enan.

**84** This was <sup>a</sup>the dedication offering <sup>1</sup>for the altar from the leaders of Israel <sup>2</sup>when <sup>b</sup>it was anointed: twelve silver dishes, twelve silver bowls, twelve gold pans,

**85** each silver dish *weighing* one hundred and thirty *shekels* and each bowl seventy; all the silver of the utensils was 2,400 *shekels*, according to the shekel of the sanctuary;

**86** the twelve gold pans, full of incense, *weighing* ten *shekels* apiece, according to the shekel of the sanctuary, all the gold of the pans 120 *shekels*;

**87** all the oxen for the burnt offering twelve bulls, *all* the rams twelve, the male lambs one year old with their grain offering twelve, and the male goats for a sin offering twelve;

**88** and all the oxen for the sacrifice of peace offerings 24 bulls, *all* the rams 60, the male goats 60, the male lambs one year old 60. <sup>a</sup>This was the dedication offering for the altar after it was anointed.

<sup>84</sup> <sup>1</sup>Lit. of <sup>2</sup>Lit., in the day that  
<sup>a</sup>Num. 7:10 <sup>b</sup>Num. 7:1

<sup>88</sup> <sup>a</sup>Num. 7:1, 10

89 <sup>1</sup>Lit., propitiatory  
<sup>a</sup>Ex. 40:34, <sup>35</sup>Ex. 25:21,  
22 <sup>c</sup>Ps. 80:1, 99:1

<sup>2</sup> <sup>1</sup>Lit., raise up  
<sup>a</sup>Ex. 25:37; Lev. 24:2, 4

<sup>3</sup> <sup>1</sup>Lit., raised up

<sup>4</sup> <sup>a</sup>Ex. 25:31-40 <sup>b</sup>Ex. 25:9,  
40; 26:30

<sup>7</sup> <sup>1</sup>Lit., water of sin <sup>2</sup>Lit.,  
this their cleansing <sup>3</sup>Lit.,  
cause to pass <sup>4</sup>Lit., flesh  
<sup>a</sup>Num. 19:9, 13, 20 <sup>b</sup>Lev.  
14:8, 9 <sup>c</sup>Num. 8:21

<sup>8</sup> <sup>1</sup>Or., bull of the herd  
<sup>a</sup>Num. 15:8-10

<sup>11</sup> <sup>1</sup>Lit., wave, and so  
throughout the chap. <sup>2</sup>Lit.,  
be able  
<sup>a</sup>Lev. 7:30, 34

<sup>14</sup> <sup>a</sup>Num. 3:12

<sup>16</sup> <sup>a</sup>Num. 3:9 <sup>b</sup>Ex. 13:2

**89** Now when <sup>a</sup>Moses went into the tent of meeting to speak with Him, he heard the voice speaking to him from above <sup>b</sup>the <sup>1</sup>mercy seat that was on the ark of the testimony, from <sup>c</sup>between the two cherubim, so He spoke to him.

CHAPTER 8

**T**HEN the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,

**2** "Speak to Aaron and say to him, 'When you <sup>1</sup>mount the lamps, the seven lamps will <sup>a</sup>give light in the front of the lampstand.'"

**3** Aaron therefore did so; he <sup>1</sup>mounted its lamps at the front of the lampstand, just as the LORD had commanded Moses.

**4** <sup>a</sup>Now this was the workmanship of the lampstand, hammered work of gold; from its base to its flowers, it was hammered work; <sup>b</sup>according to the pattern which the LORD had showed Moses, so he made the lampstand.

**5** Again the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,

**6** "Take the Levites from among the sons of Israel and cleanse them.

**7** "And thus you shall do to them, for their <sup>1</sup>cleansing; <sup>sprinkle</sup> <sup>2</sup>purifying <sup>a</sup>water on them, and let them <sup>3</sup>use a razor over their whole <sup>4</sup>body, and <sup>c</sup>wash their clothes, and they shall be clean.

**8** "Then let them take a <sup>1</sup>bull with <sup>a</sup>its grain offering, fine flour mixed with oil; and a second <sup>1</sup>bull you shall take for a sin offering.

**9** "So you shall present the Levites before the tent of meeting. You shall also assemble the whole congregation of the sons of Israel,

**10** and present the Levites before the LORD; and the sons of Israel shall lay their hands on the Levites.

**11** "Aaron then shall <sup>1</sup>present the Levites before the LORD as a <sup>a</sup>wave offering from the sons of Israel, that they may <sup>2</sup>qualify to perform the service of the LORD.

**12** "Now the Levites shall lay their hands on the heads of the bulls; then offer the one for a sin offering and the other for a burnt offering to the LORD, to make atonement for the Levites.

**13** "And you shall have the Levites stand before Aaron and before his sons so as to present them as a wave offering to the LORD.

**14** "Thus you shall separate the Levites from among the sons of Israel, and <sup>a</sup>the Levites shall be Mine.

**15** "Then after that the Levites may go in to serve the tent of meeting. But you shall cleanse them and present them as a wave offering;

**16** for they are <sup>a</sup>wholly given to Me from among the sons of Israel. I have taken them for Myself <sup>b</sup>instead of every first issue of the womb, the first-born of all the sons of Israel.

**17** "For every first-born among the sons of Israel is Mine, among the men and among the animals; on the day that I struck down all the first-born in the land of Egypt I sanctified them for Myself.



18 "But I have taken the Levites instead of every first-born among the sons of Israel.

19 "And I have given the Levites as <sup>1</sup>a gift to Aaron and to his sons from among the sons of Israel, to perform the service of the sons of Israel at the tent of meeting, and to make atonement on behalf of the sons of Israel, that there may be no <sup>a</sup>plague among the sons of Israel by <sup>2</sup>their coming near to the sanctuary."

20 Thus did Moses and Aaron and all the congregation of the sons of Israel to the Levites; according to all that the LORD had commanded Moses concerning the Levites, so the sons of Israel did to them.

21 <sup>a</sup>The Levites, too, purified themselves from sin and washed their clothes; and Aaron presented them as a wave offering before the LORD. Aaron also made atonement for them to cleanse them.

22 Then after that the Levites went in to perform their service in the tent of meeting before Aaron and before his sons; just as the LORD had commanded Moses concerning the Levites, so they did to them.

23 Now the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,

24 "This is what *applies* to the Levites: from <sup>a</sup>twenty-five years old and upward <sup>1</sup>they shall enter to perform service in the work of the tent of meeting.

25 "But at the age of fifty years they shall <sup>1</sup>retire from service in the work and not work any more.

26 "They may, however, <sup>1</sup>assist their brothers in the tent of meeting, to keep an obligation; but they *themselves* shall do no work. Thus you shall deal with the Levites concerning their obligations."

CHAPTER 9

**T**HUS the LORD spoke to Moses in the wilderness of Sinai, in <sup>a</sup>the first month of the second year after they had come out of the land of Egypt, saying,

2 "Now, let the sons of Israel observe the Passover at <sup>a</sup>its appointed time.

3 "On the fourteenth day of this month, <sup>1</sup>at twilight, you shall observe it at its appointed time; you shall observe it according to all its statutes and according to all its ordinances."

4 So Moses <sup>1</sup>told the sons of Israel to observe the Passover.

5 And they observed the Passover in the first *month*, on the fourteenth day of the month, at twilight, in the wilderness of Sinai; according to all that the LORD had commanded Moses, so the sons of Israel did.

6 But there were *some* men who were <sup>a</sup>unclean because of *the* <sup>1</sup>dead person, so that they could not observe Passover on that day; so they came before Moses and Aaron on that day.

7 And those men said to him. "*Though* we are unclean because of *the* <sup>1</sup>dead person, why are we restrained from presenting the offering of the LORD at its appointed time among the sons of Israel?"

19 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *given ones* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *the sons of Israel's*  
<sup>a</sup>Num. 1:53

21 <sup>a</sup>Num. 8:7

24 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *he*  
<sup>a</sup>Num. 4:3

25 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *return*

26 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *serve*

1 <sup>a</sup>Num. 1:1; Ex. 40:2, 17

2 <sup>a</sup>Ex. 12:6

3 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *between the two evenings*, and so throughout the chap.

4 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *spoke to*

6 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *soul of man*  
<sup>a</sup>Num. 19:11-22

7 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *soul of man*

8 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *Stand*  
<sup>a</sup>Ex. 18:15

10 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *soul*

12 <sup>1</sup>John 19:36; Ex. 12:46

13 <sup>1</sup>Or., *ceases* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *soul*  
<sup>a</sup>Ex. 12:47

14 <sup>1</sup>Or., *would observe*  
<sup>a</sup>Ex. 12:48 <sup>b</sup>Num. 15:15,  
16, 29; Ex. 12:49; Lev 24:22

15 <sup>a</sup>Ex 40:1, 17 <sup>b</sup>Ex. 40:34  
<sup>c</sup>Num. 17:7 <sup>d</sup>Ex. 13:21, 22

17 <sup>a</sup>Num. 10:11, 12; Ex.  
40:36-38

18 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *mouth*

19 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *and the*

20 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *it was that* <sup>2</sup>Lit.,  
*mouth*

21 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *it was that* <sup>2</sup>Lit.,  
*was*

23 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *mouth*

8 Moses therefore said to them, "Wait, and I will listen to what the LORD will command concerning you."

9 Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,

10 "Speak to the sons of Israel, saying, 'If any one of you or of your generations becomes unclean because of a *dead* <sup>1</sup>person, or is on a distant journey, he may, however, observe the Passover to the LORD.

11 'In the second month on the fourteenth day at twilight, they shall observe it; they shall eat it with unleavened bread and bitter herbs.

12 'They shall leave none of it until morning, <sup>a</sup>nor break a bone of it; according to all the statute of the Passover they shall observe it.

13 <sup>a</sup>But the man who is clean and is not on a journey, and yet <sup>1</sup>neglects to observe the Passover, that <sup>2</sup>person shall then be cut off from his people, for he did not present the offering of the LORD at its appointed time. That man shall bear his sin.

14 <sup>a</sup>And if an alien sojourns among you and <sup>1</sup>observes the Passover to the LORD, according to the statute of the Passover and according to its ordinance, so he shall do; you shall have <sup>b</sup>one statute, both for the alien and for the native of the land.' "

15 Now on <sup>a</sup>the day that the tabernacle was erected <sup>b</sup>the cloud covered the tabernacle, the <sup>c</sup>tent of the testimony, and <sup>d</sup>in the evening it was like the appearance of fire over the tabernacle, until morning.

16 So it was continuously; the cloud would cover it *by day*, and the appearance of fire by night.

17 <sup>a</sup>And whenever the cloud was lifted from over the tent, afterward the sons of Israel would then set out; and in the place where the cloud settled down, there the sons of Israel would camp.

18 At the <sup>1</sup>command of the LORD the sons of Israel would set out, and at the <sup>1</sup>command of the LORD they would camp; as long as the cloud settled over the tabernacle, they remained camped.

19 Even when the cloud lingered over the tabernacle for many days, <sup>1</sup>the sons of Israel would keep the LORD's charge and not set out.

20 If <sup>1</sup>sometimes the cloud remained a few days over the tabernacle, according to the <sup>2</sup>command of the LORD they remained camped. Then according to the <sup>2</sup>command of the LORD they set out.

21 If <sup>1</sup>sometimes the cloud <sup>2</sup>remained from evening until morning, when the cloud was lifted in the morning, they would move out; or *if it remained* in the daytime and at night, whenever the cloud was lifted, they would set out.

22 Whether it was two days or a month or a year that the cloud lingered over the tabernacle, staying above it, the sons of Israel remained camped and did not set out; but when it was lifted, they did set out.

23 At the <sup>1</sup>command of the LORD they camped, and at the <sup>1</sup>command of the LORD they set out; they kept the LORD's charge, according to the <sup>1</sup>command of the LORD through Moses.

CHAPTER 10

THE LORD spoke further to Moses, saying,

2 "Make yourself two trumpets of silver, of hammered work you shall make them; and you shall use them for summoning the congregation and for having the camps set out.

3 "And when both are blown, all the congregation shall gather themselves to you at the doorway of the tent of meeting.

4 "Yet if *only* one is blown, then the leaders, the heads of the <sup>1</sup>divisions of Israel, shall assemble before you.

5 "But when you blow an alarm, the camps that are pitched <sup>a</sup>on the east side shall set out.

6 "And when you blow an alarm the second time, the camps that are pitched on <sup>a</sup>the south side shall set out; an alarm is to be blown for them to set out.

7 "When convening the assembly, however, you shall blow without sounding an alarm.

8 "<sup>a</sup>The priestly sons of Aaron, moreover, shall blow the trumpets; and <sup>1</sup>this shall be for you a perpetual statute throughout your generations.

9 "And when you go to war in your land against the adversary who attacks you, then you shall sound an alarm with the trumpets, that you may be remembered before the LORD your God, and be saved from your enemies.

10 "Also in the day of your gladness and in your appointed <sup>1</sup>feasts, and on the first *days* of your months, <sup>a</sup>you shall blow the trumpets over your burnt offerings, and over the sacrifices of your peace offerings; and they shall be as a reminder of you before your God. I am the LORD your God."

11 Now it came about in <sup>a</sup>the second year, in the second month, on the twentieth of the month, that the cloud was lifted from over the <sup>1</sup>tabernacle of the testimony;

12 and the sons of Israel set out on their journeys from the wilderness of Sinai. Then the cloud settled down in the wilderness of Paran.

13 <sup>a</sup>So they moved out for the first time according to the <sup>1</sup>commandment of the LORD through Moses.

14 And the standard of the camp of the sons of Judah, according to their armies, <sup>a</sup>set out first, with Nahshon the son of Amminadab, over its army,

15 and Nethanel the son of Zuar, over the tribal army of the sons of Issachar;

16 and Eliab the son of Helon over the tribal army of the sons of Zebulun.

17 <sup>a</sup>Then the tabernacle was taken down; and the sons of Gershon and the sons of Merari, who were carrying the tabernacle, set out.

18 Next <sup>a</sup>the standard of the camp of Reuben, according to their armies, set out with Elizur the son of Shedeur, over its army,

19 and Shelumiel the son of Zurishaddai over the tribal army of the sons of Simeon,

20 and Eliasaph the son of Deuel was over the tribal army of the sons of Gad.

4 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *thousands, or, clans*

5 \*Num. 10:14

6 \*Num. 10:18

8 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *it*  
\*Num. 31:6

10 <sup>1</sup>Or, *times*  
\*Ps. 81:3-5

11 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *dwelling place*  
and so throughout the chap.  
\*Ex. 40:17

13 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *mouth*  
\*Deut. 1:6

14 \*Num. 2:3-9

17 \*Num. 4:21-32

18 \*Num. 2:10-16

The Journey from Sinai to Edom.  
The People Complain.

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21 <sup>a</sup>Num. 4:4-20 <sup>b</sup>Num. 10:17

22 <sup>a</sup>Num. 2:18-24

25 <sup>a</sup>Num. 2:25-31 <sup>b</sup>Josh. 6:9, 13

28 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *These are the settings out of the sons*

29 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *spoken*  
<sup>a</sup>Judg. 4:11 <sup>b</sup>Ex. 2:18; 3:1; 18:12 <sup>c</sup>Gen. 12:7; Ex. 6:4-8  
<sup>d</sup>Ps. 95:1-7; 100:1-5 <sup>e</sup>Deut. 4:40; 30:5

30 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 21:28, 29; Judg. 1:16

32 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *that good which*  
<sup>2</sup>Lit., *does good* <sup>3</sup>Lit., *do good*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 22:27-31; 67:5-7 <sup>b</sup>Lev. 19:34; Deut. 10:18

33 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *three days' journey*  
<sup>a</sup>Num. 10:11 <sup>b</sup>Deut. 1:33  
<sup>c</sup>Is. 11:10

34 <sup>a</sup>Num. 9:15-23

35 <sup>1</sup>Or, *from Thy presence*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 68:1, 2; Is. 17:12-14  
<sup>b</sup>Deut. 7:10; 32:41

36 <sup>a</sup>Is. 63:17 <sup>b</sup>Deut. 1:10

1 <sup>a</sup>Num. 14:2; 16:11; 17:5  
<sup>b</sup>Num. 11:18; 14:28

2 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *sank down*  
<sup>a</sup>Num. 12:11, 13; 21:7

3 <sup>1</sup>I.e., *Burning*  
<sup>a</sup>Deut. 9:22

21 <sup>a</sup>Then the Kohathites set out, carrying the holy *objects*; and <sup>b</sup>the tabernacle was set up before their arrival.

22 <sup>a</sup>Next the standard of the camp of the sons of Ephraim, according to their armies, was set out, with Elishama the son of Ammihud over its army,

23 and Gamaliel the son of Pedahzur over the tribal army of the sons of Manasseh;

24 and Abidan the son of Gideoni over the tribal army of the sons of Benjamin.

25 <sup>a</sup>Then the standard of the camp of the sons of Dan, according to their armies, *which formed* the <sup>b</sup>rear guard for all the camps, set out, with Ahiezzer the son of Ammishaddai over its army,

26 and Pagiel the son of Ochran over the tribal army of the sons of Asher;

27 and Ahira the son of Enan over the tribal army of the sons of Naphtali.

28 <sup>1</sup>This was the order of march of the sons of Israel by their armies as they set out.

29 Then Moses said to <sup>a</sup>Hobab the son of <sup>b</sup>Reuel the Midianite, Moses' father-in-law, "We are setting out to the place of which the LORD said, 'I will give it to you'; <sup>c</sup>come with us and we will do you good, for the LORD <sup>e</sup>has <sup>1</sup>promised good concerning Israel."

30 But he said to him, "I will not come, but rather will go to my *own* land and relatives."

31 Then he said, "Please do not leave us, inasmuch as you know where we should camp in the wilderness, and you will be as eyes for us.

32 "So it will be, if you go with us, it will come about that <sup>1a</sup>whatever good the LORD <sup>2</sup>does for us, <sup>b</sup>we will <sup>3</sup>do for you."

33 <sup>a</sup>Thus they set out from the mount of the LORD three days' journey, with <sup>b</sup>the ark of the covenant of the LORD journeying in front of them for the <sup>1</sup>three days, to seek out <sup>a</sup>a resting place for them.

34 <sup>a</sup>And the cloud of the LORD was over them by day, when they set out from the camp.

35 Then it came about when the ark set out that Moses said,

"<sup>a</sup>Rise up, O LORD!

And let Thine enemies be scattered,

And let those <sup>b</sup>who hate Thee flee <sup>1</sup>before Thee."

36 And when it came to rest, he said,

"<sup>a</sup>Return Thou, O LORD

To the myriad <sup>b</sup>thousands of Israel."

CHAPTER 11

NOW the people became like <sup>a</sup>those who complain of adversity <sup>b</sup>in the hearing of the LORD; and when the LORD heard it, His anger was kindled, and the fire of the LORD burned among them and consumed *some* of the outskirts of the camp.

2 <sup>a</sup>The people therefore cried out to Moses, and Moses prayed to the LORD, and the fire <sup>1</sup>died out.

3 So the name of that place was called <sup>1a</sup>Taberah, because the fire of the LORD burned among them.

**The People Cry for Meat. Moses Is Grieved.  
Seventy Elders to Assist.**

**Numbers 11**

4 And the rabble who were among them had greedy desires; and also the sons of Israel wept again and said, "Who will give us meat to eat?"

5 "We remember the fish which we used to eat free in Egypt, the cucumbers and the melons and the leeks and the onions and the garlic,

6 but now our appetite is gone. There is nothing at all to look at except this manna."

7 Now the manna was like coriander seed, and its appearance like that of bdellium.

8 The people would go about and gather it and grind it between two millstones or beat it in the mortar, and boil it in the pot and make cakes with it; and its taste was as the taste of cakes baked with oil.

9 And when the dew fell on the camp at night, the manna would fall with it.

10 Now Moses heard the people weeping throughout their families, each man at the doorway of his tent; and the anger of the LORD was kindled greatly, and Moses was displeased.

11 So Moses said to the LORD, "Why hast Thou been so hard on Thy servant? And why have I not found favor in Thy sight, that Thou hast laid the burden of all this people on me?"

12 "Was it I who conceived all this people? Was it I who brought them forth, that Thou shouldest say to me, 'Carry them in your bosom as a nurse carries a nursing infant, to the land which Thou didst swear to their fathers'?"

13 "Where am I to get meat to give to all this people? For they weep before me, saying, 'Give us meat that we may eat!'"

14 "I alone am not able to carry all this people, because it is too burdensome for me.

15 "So if Thou art going to deal thus with me, please kill me at once, if I have found favor in Thy sight, and do not let me see my wretchedness."

16 The LORD therefore said to Moses, "Gather for Me seventy men from the elders of Israel, whom you know to be the elders of the people and their officers and bring them to the tent of meeting, and let them take their stand there with you.

17 "Then I will come down and speak with you there, and I will take of the Spirit who is upon you, and will put Him upon them; and they shall bear the burden of the people with you, so that you shall not bear it all alone.

18 "And say to the people, 'Consecrate yourselves for tomorrow, and you shall eat meat; for you have wept in the ears of the LORD, saying, 'Oh that someone would give us meat to eat! For we were well-off in Egypt.'" Therefore the LORD will give you meat and you shall eat.

19 'You shall eat, not one day, nor two days, nor five days, nor ten days, nor twenty days,

20 but a whole month, until it comes out of your nostrils and becomes loathsome to you; because you have rejected the LORD who is among you and have wept before Him, saying, 'Why did we ever leave Egypt?'"

21 But Moses said, "The people, among whom I am, are 600,000 on foot; yet Thou hast said, 'I will give them meat in order that they may eat for a whole month.'

4 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *desired a desire*  
<sup>2</sup>Lit., *flesh*, and so throughout the chap.  
<sup>3</sup>Ex. 12:38; 1 Cor. 10:6  
<sup>b</sup>Ps. 78:20

5 Ex. 16:3

6 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *soul is dried up*  
<sup>2</sup>Lit., *for our eyes*  
<sup>a</sup>Num. 21:5

7 Ex. 16:31

8 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *with*; <sup>2</sup>Lit., *juice of oil*

9 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *on*  
<sup>a</sup>Ex. 16:13, 14

10 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *it was evil in Moses' sight*

11 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *dealt ill with*  
<sup>a</sup>Ex. 5:22

12 <sup>1</sup>Or, *foster-father*  
<sup>2</sup>Kin. 10:1, 5; Is. 49:23  
<sup>b</sup>Gen. 24:7; Ex. 13:5, 11; 33:1

13 Num. 11:21, 22; John 6:5-9

14 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *heavy*  
<sup>a</sup>Ex. 18:18; Deut. 1:12

15 Ex. 32:32

16 Ex. 18:25

17 Num. 11:25

18 Ex. 19:10, 22  
<sup>b</sup>Num. 11:1

20 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *until*  
<sup>a</sup>Josh. 24:27; 1 Sam. 10:19

23 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *hand short* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *befall you*  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 50:2; 59:1

24 <sup>a</sup>Num. 11:16

25 <sup>a</sup>Num. 11:17; 12:5

26 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *second*  
<sup>a</sup>Num. 24:2; 1 Sam. 10:6;  
 2 Chr. 15:1; Neh. 9:30

28 <sup>a</sup>Ex. 33:11; Josh. 1:1  
<sup>b</sup>Mark 9:38-40

30 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *removed himself*

31 <sup>1</sup>Or, *from about two cubits above* <sup>2</sup>I.e., one cubit equals 18 inches  
<sup>a</sup>Ex. 16:13; Ps. 78:26-28; 105:40

32 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *rose* <sup>2</sup>I.e., one homer equals about 11 bushels

33 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 78:29-31; 106:15

34 <sup>1</sup>I.e., *The graves of greediness*  
<sup>a</sup>Deut. 9:22

35 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *were*

1 <sup>a</sup>Ex. 2:21

2 <sup>a</sup>Num. 16:3

22 "Should flocks and herds be slaughtered for them, to be sufficient for them? Or should all the fish of the sea be gathered together for them, to be sufficient for them?"

23 And the LORD said to Moses, "Is <sup>a</sup>the LORD's <sup>1</sup>power limited? Now you shall see whether My word will <sup>2</sup>come true for you or not."

24 So Moses went out and <sup>a</sup>told the people the words of the LORD. Also, he gathered seventy men of the elders of the people, and stationed them around the tent.

25 <sup>a</sup>Then the LORD came down in the cloud and spoke to him; and He took of the Spirit who was upon him and placed *Him* upon the seventy elders. And it came about that when the Spirit rested upon them, they prophesied. But they did not do it again.

26 But two men had remained in the camp; the name of one was Eldad and the name of the <sup>1</sup>other Medad. And <sup>a</sup>the Spirit rested upon them (now they were among those who had been registered, but had not gone out to the tent), and they prophesied in the camp.

27 So a young man ran and told Moses and said, "Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp."

28 Then <sup>a</sup>Joshua the son of Nun, the attendant of Moses from his youth, answered and said, "<sup>b</sup>Moses, my lord, restrain them."

29 But Moses said to him, "Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the LORD's people were prophets, that the LORD would put His Spirit upon them!"

30 Then Moses <sup>1</sup>returned to the camp, *both* he and the elders of Israel.

31 <sup>a</sup>Now there went forth a wind from the LORD, and it brought quail from the sea, and let *them* fall beside the camp, about a day's journey on this side and a day's journey on the other side, all around the camp, and <sup>1</sup>about two <sup>2</sup>cubits *deep* on the surface of the ground.

32 And the people <sup>1</sup>spent all day and all night and all the next day, and gathered the quail (he who gathered least gathered ten <sup>2</sup>homers) and they spread *them* out for themselves all around the camp.

33 <sup>a</sup>While the meat was still between their teeth, before it was chewed, the anger of the LORD was kindled against the people, and the LORD struck the people with a very severe plague.

34 So the name of that place was called <sup>1a</sup>Kibroth-hattaavah, because there they buried the people who had been greedy.

35 From Kibroth-hattaavah the people set out for Hazeroth, and they <sup>1</sup>remained at Hazeroth.

#### CHAPTER 12

**T**HEN Miriam and Aaron spoke against Moses because of the Cushite woman whom he had married (for he had married a <sup>a</sup>Cushite woman);

2 <sup>a</sup>and they said, "Has the LORD indeed spoken only

through Moses? Has He not spoken through us as well?" And the LORD heard it.

3 (Now the man Moses was <sup>a</sup>very humble, more than any man who was on the face of the earth.)

4 And suddenly the LORD said to Moses and Aaron and to Miriam, "You three come out to the tent of meeting." So the three of them came out.

5 <sup>a</sup>Then the LORD came down in a pillar of cloud and stood at the doorway of the tent, and He called <sup>1</sup>Aaron and Miriam. When they had both come forward,

6 He said,

"Hear now My words:

If there is a prophet among you,

I the LORD shall make Myself known to him in a <sup>a</sup>vision.

I shall speak with him in a <sup>b</sup>dream.

7 "Not so, with <sup>a</sup>My servant Moses,

<sup>b</sup>He is faithful in all My household;

8 <sup>a</sup>With him I speak mouth to mouth,

Even openly, and not in dark sayings,

And he beholds <sup>b</sup>the form of the LORD.

Why then were you not afraid

To speak against My servant, against Moses?"

9 So the anger of the LORD burned against them and <sup>a</sup>He departed.

10 But when the cloud had withdrawn from over the tent, behold, <sup>a</sup>Miriam was leprous, as <sup>b</sup>white as snow. As Aaron turned toward Miriam, behold, she was leprous.

11 Then Aaron said to Moses, "Oh, my lord, I beg you, <sup>a</sup>do not account *this* sin to us, in which we have acted foolishly and in which we have sinned.

12 "Oh do not let her be like one dead, whose flesh is half eaten away when he comes from his mother's womb!"

13 And Moses cried out to the LORD, saying, "Oh God, <sup>a</sup>heal her, I pray!"

14 But the LORD said to Moses, "If her father had but <sup>a</sup>spit in her face, would she not bear her shame for seven days? Let her be shut up for seven days <sup>b</sup>outside the camp, and afterward she may be received again."

15 So Miriam was shut up outside the camp for seven days, and the people did not move on until Miriam was received again.

16 Afterward, however, the people moved out from Hazeroth and camped in the wilderness of Paran.

CHAPTER 13

THEN <sup>a</sup>the LORD spoke to Moses saying,

2 "Send out for yourself men so that they may spy out the land of Canaan, which I am going to give to the sons of Israel; you shall send a man from each of their fathers' tribes, every one a leader among them."

3 So Moses sent them from the wilderness of Paran at the <sup>1</sup>command of the LORD, all of them men who were heads of the sons of Israel.

3 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 11:29

5 <sup>1</sup>Or, "Aaron and Miriam!"  
<sup>a</sup>Ex. 19:9; 34:5

6 <sup>a</sup>Gen. 46:2; 1 Sam. 3:15  
<sup>b</sup>Gen. 31:11; 1 Kin. 3:5, 15

7 <sup>a</sup>Josh. 1:1 <sup>b</sup>Heb. 3:2, 5

8 <sup>a</sup>Deut. 34:10; Hos. 12:13 <sup>b</sup>Ex. 20:4; 24:10, 11; Deut. 5:8; Ps. 17:15

9 <sup>a</sup>Gen. 17:22; 18:33

10 <sup>a</sup>Deut. 24:9 <sup>b</sup>Ex. 4:6; 2 Kin. 5:27

11 <sup>a</sup>2 Sam. 19:19; 24:10

13 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 30:2; 41:4; Ts. 30:26; Jer. 17:14

14 <sup>a</sup>Deut. 25:9; Job 17:6; 30:10; Is. 50:6 <sup>b</sup>Num. 5:1-4

1 <sup>a</sup>Deut. 1:22, 23

3 <sup>1</sup>Lit. *mouth*

8 \*Num. 13:16; Deut. 32:44

16 \*Num. 13:8; Deut. 32:44

17 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *here* <sup>2</sup>i.e., South country, and so throughout the chap.  
\*Gen. 12:9; 13:1, 3

19 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *in*

20 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *Use your strength*  
\*Deut. 1:24, 25 <sup>b</sup>Deut. 31:6, 23

21 <sup>1</sup>Or, *to the entrance of Hamath*  
\*Num. 20:1; 27:14; 33:36  
<sup>b</sup>Josh. 13:5

22 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *Most mss. read, one came* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *children*  
\*Num. 13:17 <sup>b</sup>Josh. 15:14  
<sup>c</sup>Num. 13:28, 33 <sup>d</sup>Ps. 78:12, 43

23 <sup>1</sup>Or, *wadi* <sup>2</sup>i.e., *Cluster*  
\*Num. 13:24; 32:9; Gen. 14:13; Deut. 1:24

24 <sup>1</sup>i.e., *Cluster*

26 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *to*  
\*Num. 20:1, 14; 32:8

27 \*Ex. 3:8, 17; 13:5  
<sup>b</sup>Deut. 1:25

28 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *born ones*  
\*Num. 13:33

29 \*Num. 13:17; 14:25, 45  
<sup>b</sup>Josh. 10:6 \*Num. 14:43, 45

4 These then *were* their names: from the tribe of Reuben, Shammua the son of Zaccur;

5 from the tribe of Simeon, Shaphat the son of Hori;

6 from the tribe of Judah, Caleb the son of Jephunneh;

7 from the tribe of Issachar, Igal the son of Joseph;

8 from the tribe of Ephraim, <sup>a</sup>Hoshea the son of Nun;

9 from the tribe of Benjamin, Palti the son of Raphu;

10 from the tribe of Zebulun, Gaddiel the son of Sodi;

11 from the tribe of Joseph, from the tribe of Manasseh, Gaddi the son of Susi;

12 from the tribe of Dan, Ammiel the son of Gemalli;

13 from the tribe of Asher, Sethur the son of Michael;

14 from the tribe of Naphtali, Nahbi the son of Vophsi;

15 from the tribe of Gad, Geuel the son of Machi.

16 These are the names of the men whom Moses sent to spy out the land; but Moses called <sup>a</sup>Hoshea the son of Nun, Joshua.

17 When Moses sent them to spy out the land of Canaan, he said to them, "Go up <sup>1</sup>there into <sup>a</sup>the <sup>2</sup>Negev; then go up into the hill country.

18 "And see what the land is like, and whether the people who live in it are strong or weak, whether they are few or many.

19 "And how is the land in which they live, is it good or bad? And how are the cities in which they live, are *they* <sup>1</sup>like *open* camps or with fortifications?

20 "And <sup>a</sup>how is the land, is it fat or lean? Are there trees in it or not? <sup>1</sup>Make an <sup>b</sup>effort then to get some of the fruit of the land." Now the time was the time of the first ripe grapes.

21 So they went up and spied out the land from <sup>a</sup>the wilderness of Zin as far as Rehob, <sup>1b</sup>at Lebo-hamath.

22 When they had gone up into <sup>a</sup>the Negev, <sup>1</sup>they came to Hebron where <sup>b</sup>Ahiman, Sheshai and Talmi, the <sup>2</sup>descendants of <sup>c</sup>Anak were. (Now Hebron was built seven years before <sup>d</sup>Zoan in Egypt.)

23 Then they came to the <sup>1</sup>valley of <sup>2a</sup>Eshcol and from there cut down a branch with a single cluster of grapes; and they carried it on a pole between two *men*, with some of the pomegranates and the figs.

24 That place was called the valley of <sup>1</sup>Eshcol, because of the cluster which the sons of Israel cut down from there.

25 When they returned from spying out the land, at the end of forty days,

26 they proceeded to come to Moses and Aaron and to all the congregation of the sons of Israel <sup>1</sup>in the wilderness of Paran, at <sup>a</sup>Kadesh; and they brought back word to them and to all the congregation and showed them the fruit of the land.

27 Thus they told him, and said, "We went in to the land where you sent us; and <sup>a</sup>it certainly does flow with milk and honey, and <sup>b</sup>this is its fruit.

28 "Nevertheless, the people who live in the land are strong, and the cities are fortified *and* very large; and moreover, we saw <sup>a</sup>the <sup>1</sup>descendants of Anak there.

29 "Amalek is living in the land of <sup>a</sup>the Negev and the Hittites and the Jebusites and <sup>b</sup>the Amorites are living in the hill country, and <sup>c</sup>the Canaanites are living by the sea and by the side of the Jordan."



**The Report of the Spies.  
The People Rebel.**

**Numbers 13, 14**

30 Then Caleb quieted the people <sup>1</sup>before Moses, and said, "We should by all means go up and take possession of it, for we shall surely overcome it."

31 But the men who had gone up with him said, "aWe are not able to go up against the people, for they are too strong for us."

32 So they gave out to the sons of Israel <sup>a</sup>a bad report of the land which they had spied out, saying, "The land through which we have gone, in spying it out, is <sup>b</sup>a land that devours its inhabitants; and <sup>c</sup>all the people whom we saw in it are men of great size.

33 "There also we saw the <sup>a</sup>Nephilim (the sons of Anak are part of the Nephilim); and <sup>b</sup>we became like grasshoppers in our own sight, and so we were in their sight."

CHAPTER 14

**T**HEN all the congregation <sup>1</sup>lifted up their voices and cried, and the people wept <sup>2</sup>that night.

2 And all the sons of Israel <sup>a</sup>grumbled against Moses and Aaron; and the whole congregation said to them, "<sup>b</sup>Would that we had died in the land of Egypt! Or would that we had died in this wilderness!

3 "And why is the LORD bringing us into this land, <sup>a</sup>to fall by the sword? <sup>b</sup>Our wives and our little ones will become plunder; would it not be better for us to return to Egypt?"

4 So they said to one another, "Let us appoint a leader and return to Egypt."

5 <sup>a</sup>Then Moses and Aaron fell on their faces in the presence of all the assembly of the congregation of the sons of Israel.

6 And Joshua the son of Nun and Caleb the son of Jephunneh, of those who had spied out the land, tore their clothes;

7 and they spoke to all the congregation of the sons of Israel, saying, "<sup>a</sup>The land which we passed through to spy out is an exceedingly good land.

8 "<sup>a</sup>If the LORD is pleased with us, then He will bring us into this land, and give it to us—<sup>b</sup>a land which flows with milk and honey.

9 "Only <sup>a</sup>do not rebel against the LORD; and do not <sup>b</sup>fear the people of the land, for they shall be our <sup>1</sup>prey. Their <sup>2</sup>protection has been removed from them, and the LORD is with us; do not fear them."

10 <sup>a</sup>But all the congregation said to stone them with stones. Then <sup>b</sup>the glory of the LORD appeared in the tent of meeting to all the sons of Israel.

11 <sup>a</sup>And the LORD said to Moses, "How long will this people spurn Me? And how long will <sup>b</sup>they not believe in Me, despite all the signs which I have performed in their midst?"

12 "I will smite them with <sup>1</sup>pestilence and dispossess them, and I <sup>b</sup>will make you into a nation greater and mightier than they."

13 <sup>a</sup>But Moses said to the LORD, "Then the Egyptians will hear of it, for by Thy strength Thou didst bring up this people from their midst,

30 <sup>1</sup>Lit., toward

31 <sup>a</sup>Deut. 1:28; 9:1-3

32 <sup>1</sup>Or, settlers  
<sup>a</sup>Num. 14:36, 37; Ps. 106:24  
<sup>b</sup>Ezek. 36:13, 14 <sup>c</sup>Amos 2:9

33 <sup>a</sup>Gen. 6:4 <sup>b</sup>Deut. 1:28; 9:2 John 11:21

1 <sup>1</sup>Lit., lifted and gave their voice <sup>2</sup>Lit., in that

2 <sup>a</sup>Num. 11:1 <sup>b</sup>Num. 11:5; 16:13; 20:3, 4; 21:5

3 <sup>a</sup>Ex. 5:21; 16:3 <sup>b</sup>Num. 14:31; Deut. 1:39

5 <sup>a</sup>Num. 16:4

7 <sup>a</sup>Num. 13:27; Deut. 1:25

8 <sup>a</sup>Deut. 10:15 <sup>b</sup>Num. 13:27; Ex. 3:8

9 <sup>1</sup>Lit., food <sup>2</sup>Lit., shadow  
<sup>a</sup>Deut. 1:26; 9:23, 24  
<sup>b</sup>Deut. 1:21, 29

10 <sup>a</sup>Ex. 17:4 <sup>b</sup>Ex. 16:10; Lev. 9:23

11 <sup>a</sup>Ex. 32:9-13 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 106:24

12 <sup>1</sup>Lit., the pestilence  
<sup>a</sup>Lev. 26:25; Deut. 28:21  
<sup>b</sup>Ex. 32:10

13 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 106:23

Numbers 14

14 \*Ex. 13:21; Deut. 5:4  
 15 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *speaking, saying*  
 \*Ex. 32:12  
 17 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *spoken, saying*,  
 18 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *on*  
 \*Ex. 34:6, 7  
 19 \*Ex. 32:32; 34:9  
 20 \*Mic. 7:18-20  
 21 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *and all*  
 \*Num. 14:28; Deut. 32:40;  
 Is. 49:18 <sup>b</sup>Is. 6:3; Hab. 2:14  
 22 \*1 Cor. 10:5 <sup>b</sup>Ex. 5:21;  
 14:11; 15:24; 16:2; 17:2, 3;  
 32:1; Num. 11:1, 4; 12:1;  
 14:2  
 23 \*Num. 26:65; 32:11  
 24 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *him I* <sup>2</sup>Lit.,  
*where* <sup>3</sup>Lit., *seed*  
 \*Num. 14:7-9 <sup>b</sup>Num. 26:65;  
 32:12; Deut. 1:36; Josh.  
 14:6-15  
 25 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *Sea of Reeds*  
 \*Num. 13:29  
 27 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *complaining*  
 \*Num. 11:1  
 28 \*Num. 14:21 <sup>b</sup>Num.  
 14:2; Deut. 2:14, 15; Heb.  
 3:17  
 29 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *mustered*  
 \*Num. 1:45, 46  
 30 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *raised My hand*  
 \*Num. 14:24  
 31 \*Num. 14:3  
 32 \*Num. 26:64, 65; 32:13;  
 1 Cor. 10:5  
 33 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *bear* <sup>2</sup>Lit.,  
*fornications* <sup>3</sup>Lit., *are*  
*finished*  
 \*Deut. 2:7; 8:2, 4; 29:5

14 and they will tell *it* to the inhabitants of this land. They have heard that Thou, O LORD, art in the midst of this people, for <sup>a</sup>Thou, O LORD, art seen eye to eye, while Thy cloud stands over them; and Thou dost go before them in a pillar of cloud by day and in a pillar of fire by night.

15 "Now if Thou dost slay this people as one man, <sup>a</sup>then the nations who have heard of Thy fame will <sup>1</sup>say,

16 'Because the LORD could not bring this people into the land which He promised them by oath, therefore He slaughtered them in the wilderness.'

17 "But now, I pray, let the power of the Lord be great, just as Thou hast <sup>1</sup>declared,

18 <sup>a</sup>The LORD is slow to anger and abundant in lovingkindness, forgiving iniquity and transgression; but He will by no means clear *the guilty*, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children <sup>1</sup>to the third and the fourth *generations*.'

19 "Pardon, I pray, the iniquity of this people according to the greatness of Thy lovingkindness, just as Thou also hast forgiven this people, from Egypt even until now."

20 So the LORD said, "<sup>a</sup>I have pardoned *them* according to your word;

21 but indeed, <sup>a</sup>as I live, <sup>1b</sup>all the earth will be filled with the glory of the LORD.

22 "Surely <sup>a</sup>all the men who have seen My glory and My signs, which I performed in Egypt and in the wilderness, yet have put Me to the test these <sup>b</sup>ten times and have not listened to My voice,

23 <sup>a</sup>shall by no means see the land which I swore to their fathers, nor shall any of those who spurned Me see it.

24 "But My servant Caleb, <sup>a</sup>because he has had a different spirit and has followed Me fully, <sup>1b</sup>I will bring into the land <sup>2</sup>which he entered, and his <sup>3</sup>descendants shall take possession of it.

25 "Now the Amalekites and the Canaanites live in the valleys; turn tomorrow and set out to the wilderness by the way of the <sup>1</sup>Red Sea."

26 And the LORD spoke to Moses and Aaron, saying,

27 "How long *shall I bear* with this evil congregation who are <sup>a</sup>grumbling against Me? I have heard the complaints of the sons of Israel, which they are <sup>1</sup>making against Me.

28 "Say to them '<sup>a</sup>As I live,' says the LORD, 'just as <sup>b</sup>you have spoken in My hearing, so I will surely do to you;

29 your corpses shall fall in this wilderness, even all <sup>a</sup>your <sup>1</sup>numbered men, according to your complete number from twenty years old and upward, who have grumbled against Me.

30 'Surely you shall not come into the land in which I <sup>1</sup>swore to settle you, <sup>a</sup>except Caleb the son of Jephunneh and Joshua the son of Nun.

31 <sup>a</sup>Your children, however, whom you said would become a prey—I will bring them in, and they shall know the land which you have rejected.

32 <sup>a</sup>But as for you, your corpses shall fall in this wilderness.

33 'And your sons shall be shepherds for <sup>a</sup>forty years in the wilderness, and they shall <sup>1</sup>suffer for your <sup>2</sup>unfaithfulness, until your corpses <sup>3</sup>lie in the wilderness.

## The People Repulsed at Hormah. Laws About Offerings.

Numbers 14, 15

34 'According to the number of days which you spied out the land, forty days, for every day you shall bear your <sup>1</sup>guilt a year, *even* forty years, and you shall know My opposition.

35 'I the LORD have spoken, surely this I will do to all this evil congregation who are gathered together against Me. In this wilderness they shall be destroyed, and there they shall die.' "

36 <sup>a</sup>As for the men whom Moses sent to spy out the land and who returned and made all the congregation grumble against him by bringing out a bad report concerning the land,

37 *even* those men who brought out the very bad report of the land died by a <sup>a</sup>plague before the LORD.

38 But Joshua the son of Nun and Caleb the son of Jephunnah remained alive out of those men who went to spy out the land.

39 And when Moses spoke <sup>a</sup>these words to all the sons of Israel, <sup>b</sup>the people mourned greatly.

40 In the morning, however, they rose up early and went up to the <sup>1</sup>ridge of the hill country, saying, "<sup>a</sup>Here we are; <sup>2</sup>we have indeed sinned, but we will go up to the place which the LORD has promised."

41 But Moses said, "Why then are you transgressing the <sup>1</sup>commandment of the LORD, when it will not succeed?"

42 "Do not go up, lest you be struck down before your enemies, for the LORD is not among you.

43 "For the Amalekites and the Canaanites will be there in front of you, and you will fall by the sword, inasmuch as you have turned back from following the LORD. And the LORD will not be with you."

44 But they went up heedlessly to the <sup>1</sup>ridge of the hill country; neither <sup>a</sup>the ark of the covenant of the LORD nor Moses left the camp.

45 Then the Amalekites and the Canaanites who lived in that hill country came down, and struck them and beat them down as far as <sup>a</sup>Hormah.

### CHAPTER 15

**N**OW the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,

2 "Speak to the sons of Israel, and say to them, 'When you enter the land <sup>1</sup>where you are to live, which I am giving you,

3 then make an offering by fire to the LORD, a burnt offering or a sacrifice to <sup>1</sup>fulfill a special vow, or as a freewill offering or in your <sup>a</sup>appointed times, to make a soothing aroma to the LORD, from the herd or from the flock.

4 <sup>a</sup>And the one who presents his offering shall present to the LORD a grain offering of one-tenth of *an ephah* of fine flour mixed with one-fourth of a <sup>1</sup>hin of oil,

5 and you shall prepare wine for the libation, one-fourth of a hin, with the burnt offering or for the sacrifice, for <sup>a</sup>each lamb.

6 'Or for a ram you shall prepare as a grain offering two-tenths of *an ephah* of fine flour mixed with one-third of a hin of oil;

7 and for the libation you shall offer one-third of a hin of wine as a soothing aroma to the LORD.

34 <sup>1</sup>Or, iniquities

36 <sup>a</sup>Num. 13:4-16, 32

37 <sup>a</sup>Num. 16:49

39 <sup>a</sup>Num. 14:28-35 <sup>b</sup>Ex. 33:4

40 <sup>1</sup>Or, top of the mountain <sup>2</sup>Or, and we will go up . . . for we have sinned  
<sup>a</sup>Deut. 1:41-44

41 <sup>1</sup>Lit., mouth

44 <sup>1</sup>Or, top of the mountain  
<sup>a</sup>Num. 31:6

45 <sup>a</sup>Num. 21:3

2 <sup>1</sup>Lit., of your dwellings

3 <sup>1</sup>Or, make a special votive offering  
<sup>a</sup>Lev. 23:144

4 <sup>1</sup>I.e., approx. one gallon, and so through v. 10  
<sup>a</sup>Num. 28:1-29, 40

5 <sup>a</sup>Num. 15:11; Lev. 1:10; 3:6

8 <sup>1</sup>Or, *make a special votive offering*  
<sup>a</sup>Lev. 1:3; 3:1

15 <sup>a</sup>Num. 15:29; 9:14

19 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *bread* <sup>2</sup>Or, *heave offering*

20 <sup>1</sup>Or, *coarse meal* <sup>2</sup>Or, *heave offering*  
<sup>a</sup>Ex. 34:26; Lev. 23:14  
<sup>b</sup>Deut. 14:22, 23; 16:13

21 <sup>1</sup>Or, *coarse meal* <sup>2</sup>Or, *offering lifted up*

23 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *by the hand of*

24 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *from the eyes of the congregation*  
<sup>a</sup>Lev. 4:2, 22, 27; 5:15, 18  
<sup>b</sup>Num. 15:8-10

26 <sup>a</sup>Num. 15:24

8 'And when you prepare <sup>a</sup>a bull as a burnt offering or a sacrifice, to <sup>1</sup>fulfill a special vow, or for peace offerings to the LORD,

9 then you shall offer with the bull a grain offering of three-tenths of *an ephah* of fine flour mixed with one-half a hin of oil;

10 and you shall offer as the libation one-half a hin of wine as an offering by fire, as a soothing aroma to the LORD.

11 'Thus it shall be done for each ox, or for each ram, or for each of the male lambs, or of the goats.

12 'According to the number that you prepare, so you shall do for everyone according to their number.

13 'All who are native shall do these things in this manner, in presenting an offering by fire, as a soothing aroma to the LORD.

14 'And if an alien sojourns with you, or one who may be among you throughout your generations, and he *wishes to* make an offering by fire, as a soothing aroma to the LORD, just as you do, so he shall do.

15 'As for the assembly, there shall be <sup>a</sup>one statute for you and for the alien who sojourns *with you*, a perpetual statute throughout your generations; as you are, so shall the alien be before the LORD.

16 'There is to be one law and one ordinance for you and for the alien who sojourns with you.' "

17 Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,

18 "Speak to the sons of Israel, and say to them, 'When you enter the land where I bring you,

19 then it shall be, that when you eat of the <sup>1</sup>food of the land, you shall lift up an <sup>2</sup>offering to the LORD.

20 <sup>a</sup>Of the first of your <sup>1</sup>dough you shall lift up a cake as an <sup>2</sup>offering; as <sup>b</sup>the <sup>2</sup>offering of the threshing floor, so you shall lift it up.

21 'From the first of your <sup>1</sup>dough you shall give to the LORD an <sup>2</sup>offering throughout your generations.

22 'But when you unwittingly fail and do not observe all these commandments, which the LORD has spoken to Moses,

23 *even* all that the LORD has commanded you <sup>1</sup>through Moses, from the day when the LORD gave commandment and onward throughout your generations,

24 then it shall be, if it is done <sup>a</sup>unintentionally, <sup>1</sup>without the knowledge of the congregation, that all the congregation shall offer one bull for a burnt offering, as a soothing aroma to the LORD, <sup>b</sup>with its grain offering, and its libation, according to the ordinance, and one male goat for a sin offering.

25 'Then the priest shall make atonement for all the congregation of the sons of Israel, and they shall be forgiven; for it was an error, and they have brought their offering, an offering by fire to the LORD, and their sin offering before the LORD, for their error.

26 'So all the congregation of the sons of Israel will be forgiven, with the alien who sojourns among them, for it *happened* to all the people through <sup>a</sup>error.

27 'Also if one person sins unintentionally, then he shall offer a one year old female goat for a sin offering.

**Sabbath-breaking Punished.**  
**Tassels. Korah's Rebellion.**

28 'And the priest shall make atonement before the LORD for the person who goes astray when he sins unintentionally, making atonement for him <sup>1</sup>that he may be forgiven.

29 'You shall have one law for him who does *anything* unintentionally, for him who is native among the sons of Israel and for the alien who sojourns among them.

30 'But the person who does *anything* <sup>a</sup>defiantly, whether he is native or an alien, that one is blaspheming the LORD; and that person shall be cut off from among his people.

31 'Because he has despised the word of the LORD and has broken His commandment, that person shall be completely cut off; his <sup>1</sup>guilt *shall be* on him.'

32 Now while the sons of Israel were in the wilderness, they found a man <sup>a</sup>gathering wood on the sabbath day.

33 And those who found him gathering wood brought him to Moses and Aaron, and to all the congregation;

34 and they put him in <sup>1</sup>custody <sup>a</sup>because it had not been <sup>2</sup>declared what should be done to him.

35 Then the LORD said to Moses, "The man shall surely be put to death; <sup>a</sup>all the congregation shall stone him with stones outside the camp."

36 So all the congregation brought him outside the camp, and stoned him <sup>1</sup>to death with stones, just as the LORD had commanded Moses.

37 The LORD also spoke to Moses, saying,

38 "Speak to the sons of Israel, and tell them that they shall make for themselves <sup>a</sup>tassels on the corners of their garments throughout their generations, and that they shall put on the tassel of each corner a cord of blue.

39 "And it shall be a tassel for you <sup>1</sup>to look at and <sup>a</sup>remember all the commandments of the LORD, so as to do them and not <sup>2</sup>follow after your own heart and your own eyes, after which you played the harlot,

40 in order that you may remember to do all My commandments, and be holy to your God.

41 "I am the LORD your God who brought you out from the land of Egypt to be your God; I am the LORD your God."

CHAPTER 16

**N**OW <sup>a</sup>Korah the son of Izhar, the son of Kohath, the son of Levi, with <sup>b</sup>Dathan and Abiram, the sons of Eliab, and On the son of Peleth, sons of Reuben, took *action*,

2 and they rose up before Moses, <sup>1</sup>together with some of the sons of Israel, two hundred and fifty leaders of the congregation, <sup>2a</sup>chosen in the assembly, men of renown.

3 And they assembled together <sup>a</sup>against Moses and Aaron, and said to them, "<sup>1b</sup>You have gone far enough, for all the congregation are holy, every one of them, and <sup>c</sup>the LORD is in their midst; so why do you exalt yourselves above the assembly of the LORD?"

4 When Moses heard *this*, <sup>a</sup>he fell on his face;

5 and he spoke to Korah and all his company, saying, "Tomorrow morning the LORD will show who is His, and <sup>a</sup>who is holy, and will bring *him* near to Himself; even <sup>b</sup>the one whom He will choose, He will bring near to Himself.

**Numbers 15, 16**

28 <sup>1</sup>Or, and he shall

30 <sup>a</sup>Num. 14:40-44; Deut. 1:43, 17:12, 13

31 <sup>1</sup>Or, iniquity

32 <sup>a</sup>Ex. 31:14, 15; 35:2, 3

34 <sup>1</sup>Or, prison <sup>2</sup>Lit., declared distinctly <sup>a</sup>Num. 9:8

35 <sup>a</sup>Lev. 20:2, 27; 24:14-23; Deut. 21:21

36 <sup>1</sup>Lit., with stones and he died

38 <sup>a</sup>Deut. 22:12, Matt. 23:5

39 <sup>1</sup>Lit., and you shall look at it <sup>2</sup>Lit., seek <sup>a</sup>Deut. 4:23; 6:12; 8:11, 14, 19

1 <sup>a</sup>Ex. 6:21; Jude 11 <sup>b</sup>Num. 26:9; Deut. 11:6

2 <sup>1</sup>Lit., and men from <sup>2</sup>Lit., called ones of <sup>a</sup>Num. 1:16; 26:9

3 <sup>1</sup>Lit., It is much for you <sup>a</sup>Num. 12:2; Ps. 106:16 <sup>b</sup>Num. 16:7 <sup>c</sup>Num. 5:3

4 <sup>a</sup>Num. 14:5

5 <sup>a</sup>Lev. 10:3; Ps. 65:4 <sup>b</sup>Num. 17:5, 8

6 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *his*

7 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *It is much for you*  
<sup>a</sup>Num. 16:3

9 <sup>1</sup>Or, *too little for you*  
<sup>a</sup>Num. 3:6, 9

10 <sup>a</sup>Num. 3:10; 18:1-7

11 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *what*  
<sup>a</sup>Ex. 16:7 <sup>b1</sup> Cor. 10:10

12 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *to call*

13 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *a little thing*  
<sup>a</sup>Num. 11:4-6; Ex. 16:3  
<sup>b</sup>Num. 14:2, 3

14 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *bore out* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *those*  
<sup>a</sup>Num. 13:27; 14:8 <sup>b</sup>Num. 20:5; Ex. 22:5; 23:11 <sup>c</sup>Judg. 16:21; 1 Sam. 11:2

15 <sup>a</sup>Gen. 4:4, 5 <sup>b1</sup> Sam. 12:3

17 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *them*

18 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *them*

19 <sup>a</sup>Num. 16:42; 14:10; 20:6

21 <sup>a</sup>Num. 16:45 <sup>b</sup>Ex. 32:10, 12

22 <sup>a</sup>Num. 27:16 <sup>b</sup>Gen. 18:23-32; Lev. 4:3

24 <sup>a</sup>Num. 16:45

6 "Do this: take censers for yourselves, Korah and all <sup>1</sup>your company,

7 and put fire in them, and lay incense upon them in the presence of the LORD tomorrow; and the man whom the LORD chooses *shall be* the one who is holy. <sup>1a</sup>You have gone far enough, you sons of Levi!"

8 Then Moses said to Korah, "Hear now, you sons of Levi,

9 is it <sup>1</sup>not enough for you that the God of Israel has separated you from the *rest of* the congregation of Israel, <sup>a</sup>to bring you near to Himself, to do the service of the tabernacle of the LORD, and to stand before the congregation to minister to them;

10 and that He has brought you near, *Korah*, and all your brothers, sons of Levi, with you? And are you <sup>a</sup>seeking for the priesthood also?

11 "Therefore you and all your company are gathered together <sup>a</sup>against the LORD; but as for Aaron, <sup>1</sup>who is he that <sup>b</sup>you grumble against him?"

12 Then Moses sent <sup>1a</sup> summons to Dathan and Abiram, the sons of Eliab; but they said, "We will not come up.

13 "Is it <sup>1</sup>not enough that you have brought us up out of a <sup>a</sup>land flowing with milk and honey <sup>b</sup>to have us die in the wilderness, but you would also lord it over us?

14 "Indeed, you have not brought us <sup>a</sup>into a land flowing with milk and honey, nor have you given us an inheritance of <sup>b</sup>fields and vineyards. Would you <sup>1c</sup>put out the eyes of <sup>2</sup>these men? We will not come up!"

15 Then Moses became very angry and said to the LORD, "Do not regard their offering! <sup>b1</sup>I have not taken a single donkey from them, nor have I done harm to any of them."

16 And Moses said to Korah, "You and all your company be present before the LORD tomorrow, both you and they along with Aaron.

17 "And each of you take his firepan and put incense on <sup>1</sup>it, and each of you bring his censer before the LORD, two hundred and fifty firepans; also you and Aaron *shall* each *bring* his firepan."

18 So they each took his *own* censer and put fire on <sup>1</sup>it, and laid incense on <sup>1</sup>it; and they stood at the doorway of the tent of meeting, with Moses and Aaron.

19 Thus Korah assembled all the congregation against them at the doorway of the tent of meeting. And <sup>a</sup>the glory of the LORD appeared to all the congregation.

20 Then the LORD spoke to Moses and Aaron, saying,

21 "Separate yourselves from among this congregation, <sup>b</sup>that I may consume them instantly."

22 But they fell on their faces, and said, "O God, <sup>a</sup>Thou God of the spirits of all flesh, <sup>b</sup>when one man sins, wilt Thou be angry with the entire congregation?"

23 Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,

24 "Speak to the congregation, saying, 'Get back from around the dwellings of Korah, Dathan and Abiram.'"

25 Then Moses arose and went to Dathan and Abiram, with the elders of Israel following him,

26 and he spoke to the congregation, saying, "Depart now

from the tents of these wicked men, and touch nothing that belongs to them, <sup>a</sup>lest you be swept away in all their sin.”

27 So they got back from around the dwellings of Korah, Dathan and Abiram; and Dathan and Abiram came out *and* stood at the doorway of their tents, along with their wives and <sup>a</sup>their sons and their little ones.

28 And Moses said, “By this you shall know that <sup>a</sup>the LORD has sent me to do all these deeds; for <sup>1</sup>this is not my doing.

29 “If these men die <sup>1</sup>the death of all men, or <sup>2</sup>if they suffer the fate of all men, *then* the LORD has not sent me.

30 “But if the LORD <sup>1</sup>brings about an entirely new thing and the ground opens its mouth and swallows them up with all that is theirs, and they descend alive into <sup>2</sup>Sheol, then you will understand that these men have spurned the LORD.”

31 Then it came about as he finished speaking all these words, that the ground that was under them split open;

32 and <sup>a</sup>the earth opened its mouth and swallowed them up, and their households, and <sup>b</sup>all the men who belonged to Korah, with *their* possessions.

33 So they and all that belonged to them went down alive to <sup>1</sup>Sheol; and the earth closed over them, and they perished from the midst of the assembly.

34 And all Israel who *were* around them fled at their outcry, for they said, “<sup>2</sup>The earth may swallow us up!”

35 <sup>a</sup>Fire also came forth from the LORD and consumed the <sup>b</sup>two hundred and fifty men who were offering the incense.

36 <sup>1</sup>Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,

37 “Say to Eleazar, the son of Aaron the priest, that he shall take up the censers out of the midst of the <sup>1</sup>blaze, for they are holy; and you scatter the <sup>2</sup>burning coals abroad.

38 “As for the censers of these <sup>1</sup>men who have sinned at the cost of their lives, let them be made into hammered sheets for a plating of the altar, since they did present them before the LORD and they are holy; and they shall be for a sign to the sons of Israel.”

39 So Eleazar the priest took the bronze censers which the men who were burned had offered; and they hammered them out as a plating for the altar,

40 as a <sup>1</sup>reminder to the sons of Israel that <sup>a</sup>no <sup>2</sup>layman who is not of the <sup>3</sup>descendants of Aaron should come near <sup>b</sup>to burn incense before the LORD; that he might not become like Korah and his company—just as the LORD had spoken to him <sup>a</sup>through Moses.

41 But on the next day all the congregation of the sons of Israel <sup>a</sup>grumbled against Moses and Aaron, saying, “You are the ones who have caused the death of the LORD’s people.”

42 It came about, however, when the congregation had assembled against Moses and Aaron, that they turned toward the tent of meeting, and behold, the cloud covered it and <sup>a</sup>the glory of the LORD appeared.

43 Then Moses and Aaron came to the front of the tent of meeting,

44 and the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,

45 “<sup>1a</sup>Get away from among this congregation, that I may consume them instantly.” Then they fell on their faces.

26 <sup>a</sup>Gen. 19:15, 17

27 <sup>a</sup>Num. 26:11

28 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *not from my heart*  
<sup>a</sup>Ex. 3:12-15; 4:12, 15

29 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *like the death*  
<sup>2</sup>Lit., *the visitation of all men be visited upon them*

30 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *creates a new creation* <sup>2</sup>L.e., *the nether world*

32 <sup>a</sup>Num. 26:10; Deut. 11:6; Ps. 106:17 <sup>b</sup>Num. 26:11

33 <sup>1</sup>L.e., *the nether world*

34 <sup>1</sup>Or, *voice* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *Lest the earth*

35 <sup>a</sup>Num. 11:1-3; 26:10  
<sup>b</sup>Num. 16:2

36 <sup>1</sup>Chap. 17:1 in Heb.

37 <sup>1</sup>Or, *place of burning*  
<sup>2</sup>Lit., *the fire*

38 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *sinners against their lives*

40 <sup>1</sup>Or, *memorial* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *stranger* <sup>3</sup>Lit., *seed* <sup>4</sup>Lit., *by the hand of*  
<sup>a</sup>Num. 1:51 <sup>b</sup>Ex. 30:7-10

41 <sup>a</sup>Num. 16:3

42 <sup>a</sup>Num. 16:19

45 <sup>1</sup>Or, *Arise*  
<sup>a</sup>Num. 16:21, 24

46 <sup>a</sup>Num. 25:13; Is. 6:6, 7  
<sup>b</sup>Num. 18:5; Deut. 9:22

47 <sup>a</sup>Num. 25:7, 8, 13

49 <sup>a</sup>Num. 25:9 <sup>b</sup>Num. 16:32, 35

1 <sup>1</sup>In Heb., chap. 17:16

4 <sup>a</sup>Num. 17:7; Ex. 25:16, 21, 22

5 <sup>a</sup>Num. 16:5

7 <sup>a</sup>Num. 1:50, 53; 9:15

8 <sup>a</sup>Heb. 9:4

10 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *for preserving*  
<sup>2</sup>Lit., *sons of rebellion*  
<sup>a</sup>Num. 17:4 <sup>b</sup>Deut. 9:7, 24

12 <sup>a</sup>Is. 6:5

13 <sup>a</sup>Num. 1:51

46 And Moses said to Aaron, "Take your censer and put in it fire from the altar, and lay incense on it; then bring it quickly to the congregation and <sup>a</sup>make atonement for them, for <sup>b</sup>wrath has gone forth from the LORD, the plague has begun!"

47 Then Aaron took it as Moses had spoken, and ran into the midst of the assembly, for behold, the plague had begun among the people. <sup>a</sup>So he put on the incense and made atonement for the people.

48 And he took his stand between the dead and the living, so that the plague was checked.

49 <sup>a</sup>But those who died by the plague were 14,700, besides those who <sup>b</sup>died on account of Korah.

50 Then Aaron returned to Moses at the doorway of the tent of meeting, for the plague had been checked.

CHAPTER 17

<sup>1</sup> THEN the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,

2 "Speak to the sons of Israel, and get from them a rod for each father's household: twelve rods, from all their leaders according to their fathers' households. You shall write each name on his rod,

3 and write Aaron's name on the rod of Levi; for there is one rod for the head of each of their fathers' households.

4 "You shall then deposit them in the tent of meeting in front of <sup>a</sup>the testimony, where I meet with you.

5 "And it will come about that the rod of <sup>a</sup>the man whom I choose will sprout. Thus I shall lessen from upon Myself the grumblings of the sons of Israel, who are grumbling against you."

6 Moses therefore spoke to the sons of Israel, and all their leaders gave him a rod apiece, for each leader according to their fathers' households, twelve rods, with the rod of Aaron among their rods.

7 So Moses deposited the rods before the LORD in <sup>a</sup>the tent of the testimony.

8 Now it came about on the next day that Moses went into the tent of the testimony; and behold, <sup>a</sup>the rod of Aaron for the house of Levi had sprouted and put forth buds and produced blossoms, and it bore ripe almonds.

9 Moses then brought out all the rods from the presence of the LORD to all the sons of Israel; and they looked, and each man took his rod.

10 But the LORD said to Moses, "Put back the rod of Aaron <sup>a</sup>before the testimony <sup>1</sup>to be kept as a sign against the <sup>2b</sup>rebels, that you may put an end to their grumblings against Me, so that they should not die."

11 Thus Moses did; just as the LORD had commanded him, so he did.

12 Then the sons of Israel spoke to Moses, saying, "<sup>a</sup>Behold, we perish, we are dying, we are all dying!

13 "<sup>a</sup>Everyone who comes near, who comes near to the tabernacle of the LORD, must die. Are we to perish completely?"



CHAPTER 18

SO the LORD said to Aaron, "You and your sons and your father's household with you shall <sup>a</sup>bear the guilt <sup>1</sup>in connection with the sanctuary; and you and your sons with you shall bear the guilt <sup>2</sup>in connection with your priesthood.

2 "But bring with you also your brothers, the tribe of Levi, the tribe of your father, that they may be <sup>a</sup>joined with you and serve you, while you and your sons with you are before the tent of the testimony.

3 "And they shall thus attend to your obligation and the obligation of all the tent, but <sup>a</sup>they shall not come near to the furnishings of the sanctuary and <sup>b</sup>the altar, lest both they and you die.

4 "And they shall be joined with you and attend to the obligations of the tent of meeting, for all the service of the tent; but an <sup>1</sup>outsider may not come near you.

5 "So you shall attend to the obligations of the sanctuary and the obligations of the altar, <sup>a</sup>that there may no longer be wrath on the sons of Israel.

6 "And behold, I Myself have taken your <sup>1</sup>fellow-Levites from among the sons of Israel; they are <sup>a</sup>a gift to you, <sup>2</sup>dedicated to the LORD, to perform the service for the tent of meeting.

7 "But you and your sons with you shall <sup>a</sup>attend to your priesthood for everything concerning the altar and inside the veil, and you are to perform service. I am giving you the priesthood as <sup>b</sup>a <sup>1</sup>bestowed service, but <sup>c</sup>the <sup>2</sup>outsider who comes near shall be put to death."

8 Then the LORD spoke to Aaron, "Now behold, I Myself have given you charge of My <sup>1</sup>offerings, even all the holy gifts of the sons of Israel, I have given them to you as a portion, and to your sons as a perpetual allotment.

9 "This shall be yours from the most holy *gifts*, *reserved* from the fire; every offering of theirs, even <sup>a</sup>every grain offering and every <sup>b</sup>sin offering and every guilt offering, which they shall render to Me, shall be most holy for you and for your sons.

10 "As the most holy *gifts* you shall eat it; every male shall eat it. It shall be holy to you.

11 "This also is yours, <sup>a</sup>the offering of their gift, even all the wave offerings of the sons of Israel; I have <sup>b</sup>given them to you and to your sons and daughters with you, as a perpetual allotment. Everyone of your household who is clean may eat it.

12 "All the <sup>1</sup>best of the fresh oil and all the <sup>1</sup>best of the fresh wine and of the grain, the first fruits of those which they give to the LORD, I give them to you.

13 "The first ripe fruits of all that is in their land, which they bring to the LORD, shall be yours; everyone of your household who is clean may eat it.

14 "Every devoted thing in Israel shall be yours.

15 "Every first issue of the womb of all flesh, whether man or animal, which they offer to the LORD, shall be yours; nevertheless the first-born of man you shall surely redeem, and the first-born of unclean animals you shall redeem.

16 "And as to their redemption price, from a month old you

<sup>1</sup> *Lit., of the sanctuary*  
<sup>2</sup> *Lit., of your priesthood*  
<sup>a</sup>Ex. 28:38; Lev. 10:17;  
22:16

2 <sup>a</sup>Num. 3:5-10

3 <sup>a</sup>Num. 4:15-20 <sup>b</sup>Num. 18:7; 1:51

4 <sup>1</sup> *Lit., stranger*

5 <sup>a</sup>Num. 16:46

6 <sup>1</sup> *Lit., brethren the*  
<sup>2</sup> *Lit., given*  
<sup>a</sup>Num. 3:9

7 <sup>1</sup> *Lit., service of gift*  
<sup>2</sup> *Lit., stranger*  
<sup>a</sup>Ex. 29:9 <sup>b</sup>Num. 18:20;  
Deut. 18:2; Matt. 10:8;  
1 Pet. 5:2, 3 <sup>c</sup>Num. 1:51

8 <sup>1</sup> *Lit., heave offerings,*  
and so throughout the  
chap.  
<sup>a</sup>Lev. 7:28-34

9 <sup>a</sup>Lev. 2:1-16 <sup>b</sup>Lev. 6:30

11 <sup>a</sup>Num. 18:1; Deut. 18:3  
<sup>b</sup>Lev. 22:1-16

12 <sup>1</sup> *Lit., fat*  
<sup>a</sup>Deut. 18:4; 32:14; Ps.  
81:16; 147:14

13 <sup>a</sup>Ex. 22:29; 23:19; 34:26

14 <sup>a</sup>Lev. 27:1-33

15 <sup>1</sup> *Lit., Everything that*  
*opens*  
<sup>a</sup>Num. 3:46; Ex. 13:13, 15

16 <sup>1</sup>A shekel equals approx. one-half ounce.

18 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *flesh*

19 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *seed*  
\*Num. 18:11 <sup>b2</sup> Chr. 13:5

20 \*Deut. 10:9; 12:12;  
14:27, 29 <sup>b</sup>Deut. 18:2; Josh.  
13:33; Ezek. 44:28

21 \*Lev. 27:30-33

22 \*Num. 1:51

23 \*Num. 18:1 <sup>b</sup>Num.  
18:20

26 \*Num. 18:21 <sup>b</sup>Neh.  
10:38

29 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *fat* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *its*

30 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *lifted*

32 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *lifted* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *fat*  
<sup>a</sup>Lev. 22:15, 16

shall redeem them, by your valuation, five <sup>1</sup>shekels in silver, according to the <sup>1</sup>shekel of the sanctuary, which is twenty gerahs.

17 "But the first-born of an ox or the first-born of a sheep or the first-born of a goat, you shall not redeem; they are holy. You shall sprinkle their blood on the altar and shall offer up their fat in smoke as an offering by fire, for a soothing aroma to the LORD.

18 "And their <sup>1</sup>meat shall be yours; it shall be yours like the breast of a wave offering and like the right thigh.

19 "All the offerings of the holy gifts, which the sons of Israel offer to the LORD, I have given to you and your sons and your daughters with you, as a perpetual allotment. It is <sup>b</sup>an everlasting covenant of salt before the LORD to you and your <sup>1</sup>descendants with you."

20 Then the LORD said to Aaron, "You shall have no inheritance in their land, nor own any portion among them; <sup>b</sup>I am your portion and your inheritance among the sons of Israel.

21 "And to the sons of Levi, behold, I have given all the <sup>a</sup>tithe in Israel for an inheritance, in return for their service which they perform, the service of the tent of meeting.

22 "And <sup>a</sup>the sons of Israel shall not come near the tent of meeting again, lest they bear sin and die.

23 "Only the Levites shall perform the service of the tent of meeting, and they shall <sup>a</sup>bear their iniquity; it shall be a perpetual statute throughout your generations, and among the sons of Israel <sup>b</sup>they shall have no inheritance.

24 "For the tithe of the sons of Israel, which they offer as an offering to the LORD, I have given to the Levites for an inheritance; therefore I have said concerning them, 'They shall have no inheritance among the sons of Israel.'

25 Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,

26 "Moreover, you shall speak to the Levites and say to them, 'When you take from the sons of Israel <sup>a</sup>the tithe which I have given you from them for your inheritance, then you shall present an offering from it to the LORD, a <sup>b</sup>tithe of the tithe.

27 'And your offering shall be reckoned to you as the grain from the threshing floor or the full produce from the wine vat.

28 'So you shall also present an offering to the LORD from your tithes, which you receive from the sons of Israel; and from it you shall give the LORD's offering to Aaron the priest.

29 'Out of all your gifts you shall present every offering due to the LORD, from all the <sup>1</sup>best of them, <sup>2</sup>the sacred part from them.'

30 "And you shall say to them, 'When you have <sup>1</sup>offered from it the best of it, then *the rest* shall be reckoned to the Levites as the product of the threshing floor, and as the product of the wine vat.

31 'And you may eat it anywhere, you and your households, for it is your compensation in return for your service in the tent of meeting.

32 'And you shall bear no sin by reason of it, when you have <sup>1</sup>offered the <sup>2</sup>best of it. But you shall not <sup>a</sup>profane the sacred gifts of the sons of Israel, lest you die.'

## CHAPTER 19

THEN the LORD spoke to Moses and Aaron, saying,

2 "This is the statute of the law which the LORD has commanded, saying, 'Speak to the sons of Israel that they bring you an <sup>a</sup>unblemished red heifer in which is no defect, *and* <sup>b</sup>on which a yoke has never <sup>1</sup>been placed.

3 'And you shall give it to <sup>a</sup>Eleazar the priest, and it shall <sup>b</sup>be brought outside the camp and be slaughtered in his presence.

4 'Next Eleazar the priest shall take some of its blood with his finger, and <sup>a</sup>sprinkle some of its blood toward the front of the tent of meeting seven times.

5 'Then the heifer shall be burned in his sight; its hide and its flesh and its blood, with its refuse, shall be burned.

6 'And the priest shall take <sup>a</sup>cedar wood and hyssop and scarlet *material*, and cast it into the midst of the <sup>1</sup>burning heifer.

7 'The priest <sup>a</sup>shall then wash his clothes and bathe his <sup>1</sup>body in water, and afterward come into the camp, but the priest shall be unclean until evening.

8 'The one who burns it shall also wash his clothes in water and bathe his <sup>1</sup>body in water, and shall be unclean until evening.

9 'Now a man who is clean shall gather up the ashes of the heifer and deposit them outside the camp in a clean place, and <sup>1</sup>the congregation of the sons of Israel shall keep it as <sup>a</sup>water to remove impurity; it is <sup>2</sup>purification from sin.

10 'And the one who gathers the ashes of the heifer <sup>a</sup>shall wash his clothes and be unclean until evening; and it shall be a perpetual statute to the sons of Israel and to the alien who sojourns among them.

11 <sup>a</sup>'The one who touches the corpse of any <sup>1</sup>person shall be unclean for seven days.

12 'That one shall <sup>a</sup>purify himself from uncleanness with <sup>1</sup>the water on the third day and on the seventh day, *and then* he shall be clean; but if he does not purify himself on the third day and on the seventh day, he shall not be clean.

13 <sup>a</sup>'Anyone who touches a corpse, the <sup>1</sup>body of a man who has died, and does not purify himself, <sup>b</sup>defiles the <sup>2</sup>tabernacle of the LORD; and that person shall be cut off from Israel. Because the water for impurity was not <sup>3</sup>sprinkled on him, he shall be unclean; his uncleanness is still on him.

14 'This is the law when a man dies in a tent: everyone who comes into the tent and everyone who is in the tent shall be unclean for seven days.

15 'And every open vessel, which has no covering <sup>1</sup>tied down on it, shall be unclean.

16 <sup>a</sup>'Also, anyone who in the open field touches one who has been slain with a sword or who has died *naturally*, or a human bone or a grave, shall be unclean for seven days.

17 'Then for the unclean *person* they shall take some of the <sup>1</sup>ashes of the <sup>2</sup>burnt <sup>3</sup>purification from sin and <sup>4</sup>flowing water shall be <sup>5</sup>added to them in a vessel.

18 'And a clean person shall take hyssop and dip *it* in the

2 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *come up*  
<sup>a</sup>Lev. 22:20-25 <sup>b</sup>Deut. 21:3

3 <sup>a</sup>Num. 3:4 <sup>b</sup>Num. 19:9;  
Lev. 4:11, 12, 21

4 <sup>a</sup>Lev. 4:6, 17

6 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *burning of the heifer*  
<sup>a</sup>Lev. 14:4

7 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *flesh*  
<sup>a</sup>Lev. 16:26, 28; 22:6

8 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *flesh*

9 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *it shall be to the congregation . . . Israel, for a guarding as water of impurity* <sup>2</sup>Or, *sin offering*  
<sup>a</sup>Num. 8:7

10 <sup>a</sup>Num. 19:7

11 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *soul of man*  
<sup>a</sup>Num. 5:2; 6:6; Lev. 21:1, 11; Acts 21:26, 27

12 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *it*  
<sup>a</sup>Num. 19:19

13 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *soul* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *dwelling place* <sup>3</sup>Or, *thrown*  
<sup>a</sup>Lev. 7:20, 21; 22:3-7  
<sup>b</sup>Num. 19:20; Lev. 15:31;  
20:3 <sup>c</sup>Num. 19:19

15 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *cord*

16 <sup>a</sup>Num. 31:19

17 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *dust* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *burning of the* <sup>3</sup>Or, *sin offering* <sup>4</sup>Lit., *living* <sup>5</sup>Lit., *put*  
<sup>a</sup>Num. 19:9

19 <sup>a</sup>Ezek. 36:25; Heb. 10:22

20 <sup>a</sup>Num. 19:13

21 <sup>a</sup>Num. 19:7

22 <sup>a</sup>Lev. 5:2, 3; 7:21; 22:5, 6

1 <sup>a</sup>Num. 13:21; 27:14; 33:36

2 <sup>a</sup>Ex. 17:1

3 <sup>a</sup>Ex. 17:2 <sup>b</sup>Num. 14:2, 3 <sup>c</sup>Num. 16:31-35

4 <sup>1</sup>Lit., there

5 <sup>1</sup>Lit., seed  
<sup>a</sup>Num. 16:14

8 <sup>a</sup>Ex. 4:17, 20; 17:5, 6

11 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 78:16; Is. 48:21; 1 Cor. 10:4

12 <sup>a</sup>Num. 20:24; 27:14; Deut. 1:37; 3:26, 27

water, and sprinkle *it* on the tent and on all the furnishings and on the persons who were there, and on the one who touched the bone or the one slain or the one dying *naturally* or the grave.

19 'Then the clean *person* <sup>a</sup>shall sprinkle on the unclean on the third day and on the seventh day; and on the seventh day he shall purify him from uncleanness, and he shall wash his clothes and bathe *himself* in water and shall be clean by evening.

20 'But the man who is unclean and does not purify himself from uncleanness, that person shall be cut off from the midst of the assembly, because he has <sup>a</sup>defiled the sanctuary of the LORD; the water for impurity has not been sprinkled on him, he is unclean.

21 'So it shall be a perpetual statute for them. And he <sup>a</sup>who sprinkles the water for impurity shall wash his clothes, and he who touches the water for impurity shall be unclean until evening.

22 <sup>a</sup>Furthermore, anything that the unclean *person* touches shall be unclean; and the person who touches *it* shall be unclean until evening.' "

#### CHAPTER 20

**T**HEN the sons of Israel, the whole congregation, came to the <sup>a</sup>wilderness of Zin in the first month; and the people stayed at Kadesh. Now Miriam died there and was buried there.

2 <sup>a</sup>And there was no water for the congregation; and they assembled themselves against Moses and Aaron.

3 <sup>a</sup>The people thus contended with Moses and spoke, saying, "<sup>b</sup>If only we had perished <sup>c</sup>when our brothers perished before the LORD!

4 "Why then have you brought the LORD's assembly into this wilderness, for us and our beasts to die <sup>1</sup>here?

5 "And why have you made us come up from Egypt, to bring us in to this wretched place? <sup>a</sup>It is not a place of <sup>1</sup>grain or figs or vines or pomegranates, nor is there water to drink."

6 Then Moses and Aaron came in from the presence of the assembly to the doorway of the tent of meeting, and fell on their faces. Then the glory of the LORD appeared to them;

7 and the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,

8 "Take <sup>a</sup>the rod; and you and your brother Aaron assemble the congregation and speak to the rock before their eyes, that it may yield its water. You shall thus bring forth water for them out of the rock and let the congregation and their beasts drink."

9 So Moses took the rod from before the LORD, just as He had commanded him;

10 and Moses and Aaron gathered the assembly before the rock. And he said to them, "Listen now, you rebels; shall we bring forth water for you out of this rock?"

11 Then Moses lifted up his hand and struck the rock twice with his rod; and <sup>a</sup>water came forth abundantly, and the congregation and their beasts drank.

12 But the LORD said to Moses and Aaron, "<sup>a</sup>Because you

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have not believed Me, to treat Me as holy in the sight of the sons of Israel, therefore you shall not bring this assembly into the land which I have given them.”

13 Those *were* the waters of <sup>1a</sup>Meribah, <sup>2</sup>because the sons of Israel contended with the LORD, and He proved Himself holy among them.

14 From Kadesh Moses then sent messengers to <sup>a</sup>the king of Edom: “Thus your brother Israel has said, ‘You <sup>b</sup>know all the hardship that has befallen us;

15 that our fathers went down to Egypt, and we stayed in Egypt a long time, and the Egyptians treated us and our fathers badly.

16 ‘But when we cried out to the LORD, He heard our voice and sent <sup>a</sup>an angel and brought us out from Egypt; now behold, we are at Kadesh, a town on the edge of your territory.

17 ‘Please let us pass through your land. We shall not pass through field or through vineyard; we shall not even drink water from a well. We shall go along the king’s highway, not turning to the right or left, until we pass through your territory.’”

18 <sup>a</sup>Edom, however, said to him, “You shall not pass through <sup>1</sup>us, lest I come out with the sword against you.”

19 Again, the sons of Israel said to him, “We shall go up by the highway, and if I and <sup>a</sup>my livestock do drink any of your water, then I will <sup>1</sup>pay its price. Let me only pass through on my feet, <sup>2</sup>nothing else.”

20 But he said, “You shall not pass through.” And Edom came out against him with a heavy <sup>1</sup>force, and with a strong hand.

21 <sup>a</sup>Thus Edom refused to allow Israel to pass through his territory; <sup>b</sup>so Israel turned away from him.

22 Now when they set out from <sup>a</sup>Kadesh, the sons of Israel, the whole congregation, came to Mount Hor.

23 Then the LORD spoke to Moses and Aaron at <sup>a</sup>Mount Hor by the border of the land of Edom, saying,

24 “Aaron shall be <sup>a</sup>gathered to his people; for he shall not enter the land which I have given to the sons of Israel, because <sup>b</sup>you rebelled against My <sup>1</sup>command at the waters of Meribah.

25 “Take Aaron and his son <sup>a</sup>Eleazar, and bring them up to Mount Hor;

26 and strip Aaron of his garments and put them on his son Eleazar. So Aaron will be <sup>a</sup>gathered to his people, and will die there.”

27 So Moses did just as the LORD had commanded, and they went up to Mount Hor in the sight of all the congregation.

28 And after Moses had stripped Aaron of his garments and put them on his son Eleazar, <sup>a</sup>Aaron died there on the mountain top. Then Moses and Eleazar came down from the mountain.

29 And when all the congregation saw that Aaron had died, all the house of Israel wept for Aaron thirty days.

13 <sup>1</sup>l.e., Contention <sup>2</sup>Or, where  
<sup>a</sup>Ex. 17:7

14 <sup>a</sup>Gen. 36:31-39; Deut. 2:4 <sup>b</sup>Josh. 2:9, 10; 9:9, 10, 24

16 <sup>a</sup>Ex. 14:19

18 <sup>1</sup>Lit., me  
<sup>a</sup>Num. 24:18

19 <sup>1</sup>Lit., give <sup>2</sup>Or, no great thing  
<sup>a</sup>Ex. 12:38

20 <sup>1</sup>Lit., people

21 <sup>a</sup>Judg. 11:17 <sup>b</sup>Deut. 2:8

22 <sup>a</sup>Num. 20:1, 14

23 <sup>a</sup>Num. 33:37

24 <sup>1</sup>Lit., mouth  
<sup>a</sup>Gen. 25:8 <sup>b</sup>Num. 20:5, 10

25 <sup>a</sup>Num. 3:4

26 <sup>a</sup>Num. 20:24

28 <sup>a</sup>Num. 33:38; Deut. 10:6; 32:50

<sup>1</sup>l.e., South country  
<sup>2</sup>Or, the spies  
<sup>a</sup>Num. 33:40; Josh. 12:14; Judg. 1:16

**CHAPTER 21**

**W**HEN the Canaanite, the king of <sup>a</sup>Arad, who lived in the <sup>1</sup>Negev, heard that Israel was coming by the way of <sup>2</sup>Atharim; then he fought against Israel, and took some of them captive.

2 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *devote to destruction*

3 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *devoted to destruction* <sup>2</sup>I.e., A devoted thing; or, Destruction  
<sup>a</sup>Num. 14:45

4 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *Sea of Reeds*  
<sup>2</sup>Lit., *soul of the people was short*  
<sup>a</sup>Deut. 2:8

5 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *bread* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *our soul*  
<sup>a</sup>Num. 14:2, 3 <sup>b</sup>Num. 11:6

6 <sup>a</sup>Deut. 8:15 <sup>b</sup>Jer. 8:17  
<sup>c</sup>1 Cor. 10:9

7 <sup>a</sup>Num. 11:2

8 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *Make for yourself*  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 14:29; 30:6; John 3:14

9 <sup>a2</sup> Kin. 18:4; John 3:14,  
15

10 <sup>a</sup>Num. 33:43, 44

11 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *sunrise*

12 <sup>1</sup>I.e., a dry ravine except during rainy season  
<sup>a</sup>Num. 33:45

15 <sup>a</sup>Num. 21:28; Deut. 2:9, 18, 29

16 <sup>1</sup>I.e., A well  
<sup>a</sup>Num. 33:46-49

20 <sup>1</sup>Or, *Jeshimon*

21 <sup>a</sup>Deut. 2:26-37

2 So Israel made a vow to the LORD, and said, "If Thou wilt indeed deliver this people into my hand, then I will <sup>1</sup>utterly destroy their cities."

3 And the LORD heard the voice of Israel, and delivered up the Canaanites; then they <sup>1</sup>utterly destroyed them and their cities. Thus the name of the place was called <sup>2a</sup>Hormah.

4 Then they set out from Mount Hor by the way of the <sup>1</sup>Red Sea, to <sup>a</sup>go around the land of Edom; and the <sup>2</sup>people became impatient because of the journey.

5 And the people spoke against God and Moses, "<sup>a</sup>Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no <sup>1</sup>food and no water, and <sup>2b</sup>we loathe this miserable food."

6 <sup>a</sup>And the LORD sent fiery serpents among the people and <sup>b</sup>they bit the people, so that <sup>c</sup>many people of Israel died.

7 <sup>a</sup>So the people came to Moses and said, "We have sinned, because we have spoken against the LORD and you; intercede with the LORD, that He may remove the serpents from us." And Moses interceded for the people.

8 Then the LORD said to Moses, "<sup>1</sup>Make a <sup>a</sup>fiery serpent, and set it on a standard; and it shall come about, that everyone who is bitten, when he looks at it, he shall live."

9 And Moses made a <sup>a</sup>bronze serpent and set it on the standard; and it came about, that if a serpent bit any man, when he looked to the bronze serpent, he lived.

10 <sup>a</sup>Now the sons of Israel moved out and camped in Oboth.

11 And they journeyed from Oboth, and camped at Iye-abarim, in the wilderness which is opposite Moab, to the <sup>1</sup>east.

12 <sup>a</sup>From there they set out and camped in <sup>1</sup>Wadi Zered.

13 From there they journeyed and camped on the other side of the Arnon, which is in the wilderness that comes out of the border of the Amorites, for the Arnon is the border of Moab, between Moab and the Amorites.

14 Therefore it is said in the Book of the Wars of the LORD, "Waheb in Suphah,

And the wadis of the Arnon,

15 And the slope of the wadis

That extends to the site of <sup>a</sup>Ar,

And leans to the border of Moab."

16 <sup>a</sup>And from there *they continued* to <sup>1</sup>Beer, that is the well where the LORD said to Moses, "Assemble the people, that I may give them water."

17 Then Israel sang this song:

"Spring up, O well! Sing to it!

18 "The well, which the leaders sank,

Which the nobles of the people dug,

With the sceptre *and* with their staffs."

And from the wilderness *they continued* to Mattanah,

19 and from Mattanah to Nahaliel, and from Nahaliel to Bamoth,

20 and from Bamoth to the valley that is in the land of Moab, at the top of Pisgah which overlooks the <sup>1</sup>wasteland.

21 <sup>a</sup>Then Israel sent messengers to Sihon, king of the Amorites, saying,

22 <sup>a</sup>Let me pass through your land. We will not turn off into field or vineyard; we will not drink water from wells. We will go by the king's highway until we have passed through your border."

23 <sup>a</sup>But Sihon would not permit Israel to pass through his border. So Sihon gathered all his people and went out against Israel in the wilderness, and came to <sup>b</sup>Jahaz and fought against Israel.

24 Then Israel <sup>1</sup>struck him with the edge of the sword, and took possession of his land from the Arnon to the Jabbok, as far as the sons of Ammon; for the <sup>a</sup>border of the sons of Ammon was <sup>2</sup>Jazer.

25 And Israel took all these cities and <sup>a</sup>Israel lived in all the cities of the Amorites, in Heshbon, and in all her <sup>1</sup>villages.

26 For Heshbon was the city of Sihon, king of the Amorites, who had fought against the former king of Moab and had taken all his land out of his hand, as far as the Arnon.

27 Therefore those who use proverbs say,  
"Come to Heshbon! Let it be built!  
So let the city of Sihon be established.

28 <sup>a</sup>For a fire went forth from Heshbon,  
A flame from the town of Sihon;  
It devoured <sup>b</sup>Ar of Moab,  
The <sup>1c</sup>dominant <sup>2</sup>heights of the Arnon.

29 <sup>a</sup>Woe to you, O Moab!  
You are ruined, O people of <sup>b</sup>Chemosh!  
<sup>c</sup>He has given his sons as fugitives,  
<sup>d</sup>And his daughters into captivity,  
To an Amorite king, Sihon.

30 "But we have cast them down,  
Heshbon is ruined as far as <sup>a</sup>Dibon,  
Then we have laid waste even to Nophah,  
Which *reaches* to Medeba."

31 Thus Israel lived in the land of the Amorites.

32 And Moses sent to spy out <sup>a</sup>Jazer, and they captured its villages and dispossessed the Amorites who *were* there.

33 <sup>a</sup>Then they turned and went up by the way of Bashan, and Og the king of Bashan went out <sup>1</sup>with all his people, for battle at Edrei.

34 But the LORD said to Moses, "Do not fear him, for I have given him into your hand, and all his people and his land; and you shall do to him as you did to Sihon, king of the Amorites, who lived at Heshbon."

35 So they <sup>1</sup>killed him and his sons and all his people, until there was no remnant left him; and they possessed his land.

## CHAPTER 22

<sup>a</sup>THEN the sons of Israel journeyed, and camped in the plains of Moab beyond the Jordan *opposite* Jericho.

2 Now Balak the son of Zippor saw all that Israel had done to the Amorites.

3 <sup>a</sup>So Moab was in great fear because of the people, for

22 <sup>a</sup>Num. 20:16, 17

23 <sup>a</sup>Num. 20:21 <sup>b</sup>Deut. 2:32

24 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *smote*, so with Gk. and Latin <sup>2</sup>M.T. reads *strong*  
<sup>a</sup>Deut. 2:37

25 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *daughters*  
<sup>a</sup>Amos 2:10

28 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *lords of the* <sup>2</sup>Or, *Bamoth*  
<sup>a</sup>Jer. 48:45 <sup>b</sup>Num. 21:15  
<sup>c</sup>Num. 22:41; Is. 15:2; 16:12

29 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 48:46 <sup>b</sup>Judg. 11:24; 1 Kin. 11:33; 2 Kin. 23:13 <sup>c</sup>Is. 15:5 <sup>d</sup>Is. 16:2

30 <sup>a</sup>Num. 32:3, 34

32 <sup>a</sup>Num. 32:1, 3, 35

33 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *he and*  
<sup>a</sup>Deut. 3:1-7

35 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *smote*

1 <sup>a</sup>Num. 33:48, 49

3 <sup>a</sup>Ex. 15:15

4 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *assembly*  
<sup>a</sup>Num. 25:15-18; 31:1-3

5 <sup>1</sup>I.e., Euphrates  
<sup>a</sup>Josh. 24:9 <sup>b</sup>Num. 23:7;  
 Deut. 23:4

6 <sup>1</sup>Or, *numerous* <sup>2</sup>Lit.,  
*smite*  
<sup>a</sup>Num. 22:17; 23:7, 8  
<sup>b</sup>Num. 22:12; 24:9

7 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *spoke*  
<sup>a</sup>Num. 23:23; 24:1; Josh.  
 13:22

12 <sup>a</sup>Num. 23:8; 24:9

15 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *these*

17 <sup>a</sup>Num. 22:6

18 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *mouth*  
<sup>a</sup>Num. 22:38; 24:13

20 <sup>a</sup>Num. 22:35; 23:5, 12,  
 16, 26; 24:13

21 <sup>a</sup>2 Pet. 2:15

they were numerous; and Moab was in dread of the sons of Israel.

4 And Moab said to the elders of <sup>a</sup>Midian, "Now this <sup>1</sup>horde will lick up all that is around us, as the ox licks up the grass of the field." And Balak the son of Zippor was king of Moab at that time.

5 <sup>a</sup>So he sent messengers to Balaam the son of Beor, at <sup>b</sup>Pethor, which is near the <sup>1</sup>River, *in* the land of the sons of his people, to call him, saying, "Behold, a people came out of Egypt; behold, they cover the surface of the land, and they are living opposite me.

6 <sup>a</sup>"Now, therefore, please come, <sup>b</sup>curse this people for me since they are too <sup>1</sup>mighty for me; perhaps I may be able to <sup>2</sup>defeat them and drive them out of the land. For I know that he whom you bless is blessed, and he whom you curse is cursed."

7 So the elders of Moab and the elders of Midian departed with the *fees* for <sup>a</sup>divination in their hand; and they came to Balaam and <sup>1</sup>repeated Balak's words to him.

8 And he said to them, "Spend the night here, and I will bring word back to you as the LORD may speak to me." And the leaders of Moab stayed with Balaam.

9 Then God came to Balaam and said, "Who are these men with you?"

10 And Balaam said to God, "Balak the son of Zippor, king of Moab, has sent *word* to me,

11 'Behold, there is a people who came out of Egypt and they cover the surface of the land; now come, curse them for me; perhaps I may be able to fight against them, and drive them out.'"

12 And God said to Balaam, "Do not go with them; <sup>a</sup>you shall not curse the people; for they are blessed."

13 So Balaam arose in the morning and said to Balak's leaders, "Go back to your land, for the LORD has refused to let me go with you."

14 And the leaders of Moab arose and went to Balak, and said, "Balaam refused to come with us."

15 Then Balak again sent leaders, more numerous and more distinguished than <sup>1</sup>the former.

16 And they came to Balaam and said to him, "Thus says Balak the son of Zippor, 'Let nothing, I beg you, hinder you from coming to me;

17 for I will indeed honor you richly, and I will do whatever you say to me. <sup>a</sup>Please come then, curse this people for me.'"

18 And Balaam answered and said to the servants of Balak, "<sup>a</sup>Though Balak were to give me his house full of silver and gold, I could not do anything, either small or great, contrary to the <sup>1</sup>command of the LORD my God.

19 "And now please, you also stay here tonight, and I will find out what else the LORD will speak to me."

20 And God came to Balaam at night and said to him, "If the men have come to call you, rise up *and* go with them; but <sup>a</sup>only the word which I speak to you shall you do."

21 <sup>a</sup>So Balaam arose in the morning, and saddled his donkey, and went with the leaders of Moab.



22 But God was angry because he was going, and the angel of the LORD took his stand in the way as an adversary against him. Now he was riding on his donkey and his two servants were with him.

23 When the donkey saw the angel of the LORD standing in the way with his drawn sword in his hand, the donkey turned off from the way and went into the field; but Balaam struck the donkey to turn her back into the way.

24 Then the angel of the LORD stood in a narrow path of the vineyards, with a wall on this side and a wall on that side.

25 When the donkey saw the angel of the LORD, she pressed herself to the wall and pressed Balaam's foot against the wall, so he struck her again.

26 And the angel of the LORD went further, and stood in a narrow place where there was no way to turn to the right hand or the left.

27 When the donkey saw the angel of the LORD, she lay down under Balaam; so Balaam was angry and struck the donkey with his stick.

28 And the LORD opened the mouth of the donkey, and she said to Balaam, "What have I done to you, that you have struck me these three times?"

29 Then Balaam said to the donkey, "Because you have made a mockery of me! If there had been a sword in my hand, I would have killed you by now."

30 And the donkey said to Balaam, "Am I not your donkey on which you have ridden all your life to this day? Have I ever been accustomed to do so to you?" And he said, "No."

31 Then the LORD opened the eyes of Balaam, and he saw the angel of the LORD standing in the way with his drawn sword in his hand; and he bowed all the way to the ground.

32 And the angel of the LORD said to him, "Why have you struck your donkey these three times? Behold, I have come out as an adversary, because your way was contrary to me.

33 "But the donkey saw me and turned aside from me these three times. If she had not turned aside from me, I would surely have killed you just now, and let her live."

34 And Balaam said to the angel of the LORD, "I have sinned, for I did not know that you were standing in the way against me. Now then, if it is displeasing to you, I will turn back."

35 But the angel of the LORD said to Balaam, "Go with the men, but you shall speak only the word which I shall tell you." So Balaam went along with the leaders of Balak.

36 When Balak heard that Balaam was coming, he went out to meet him at the city of Moab, which is on the Arnon border, at the extreme end of the border.

37 Then Balak said to Balaam, "Did I not urgently send to you to call you? Why did you not come to me? Am I really unable to honor you?"

38 So Balaam said to Balak, "Behold, I have come now to you! Am I able to speak anything at all? The word that God puts in my mouth, that I shall speak."

39 And Balaam went with Balak, and they came to Kiriath-huzoth.

28 \*2 Pet. 2:16

31 <sup>1</sup>Lit., and prostrated himself to his face  
\*Josh. 5:13-1532 <sup>1</sup>Lit., reckless

34 \*Num. 14:40

35 <sup>1</sup>Or, speak to  
\*Num. 22:2036 <sup>1</sup>Lit., which is at

38 \*Num. 22:18

41 <sup>1</sup>Or, *Bamoth-baal*  
<sup>2</sup>Lit., *the end of the camp*  
<sup>a</sup>Num. 21:28 <sup>b</sup>Num. 23:13

5 <sup>a</sup>Num. 22:20

7 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *parable*  
<sup>a</sup>Num. 22:5; Deut. 23:4  
<sup>b</sup>Num. 22:6

8 <sup>a</sup>Num. 22:12

9 <sup>a</sup>Deut. 32:8; 33:28

10 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *my soul*  
<sup>a</sup>Gen. 13:16; 28:14 <sup>b</sup>Is. 57:1  
<sup>c</sup>Ps. 37:37

12 <sup>a</sup>Num. 22:20

16 <sup>a</sup>Num. 22:20

40 And Balak sacrificed oxen and sheep, and sent *some* to Balaam and the leaders who were with him.

41 Then it came about in the morning that Balak took Balaam, and brought him up to <sup>1a</sup>the high places of Baal; and he saw from there <sup>2a</sup>a <sup>b</sup>portion of the people.

CHAPTER 23

**T**HEN Balaam said to Balak, "Build seven altars for me here, and prepare seven bulls and seven rams for me here."

2 And Balak did just as Balaam had spoken, and Balak and Balaam offered up a bull and a ram on each altar.

3 Then Balaam said to Balak, "Stand beside your burnt offering, and I will go; perhaps the LORD will come to me, and whatever He shows me I will tell you." So he went to a bare hill.

4 Now God met Balaam, and he said to Him, "I have set up the seven altars, and I have offered up a bull and a ram on each altar."

5 Then the LORD <sup>a</sup>put a word in Balaam's mouth and said, "Return to Balak, and you shall speak thus."

6 So he returned to him, and behold, he was standing beside his burnt offering, he and all the leaders of Moab.

7 And he took up his <sup>1</sup>discourse and said,  
 "From <sup>a</sup>Aram Balak has brought me,  
 Moab's king from the mountains of the East,  
<sup>b</sup>Come curse Jacob for me,  
 And come, denounce Israel!"

8 <sup>a</sup>"How shall I curse, whom God has not cursed?  
 And how can I denounce, whom the LORD has not  
 denounced?"

9 "As I see him from the top of the rocks,  
 And I look at him from the hills;  
<sup>a</sup>Behold, a people *who* dwells apart,  
 And shall not be reckoned among the nations.

10 <sup>a</sup>"Who can count the dust of Jacob,  
 Or number the fourth part of Israel?  
<sup>b</sup>Let <sup>1</sup>me die the death of the upright,  
<sup>c</sup>And let my end be like his!"

11 Then Balak said to Balaam, "What have you done to me? I took you to curse my enemies, but behold, you have actually blessed them!"

12 And he answered and said, "Must I not be careful to speak <sup>a</sup>what the LORD puts in my mouth?"

13 Then Balak said to him, "Please come with me to another place from where you may see them, although you will only see the extreme end of them, and will not see all of them; and curse them for me from there."

14 So he took him to the field of Zophim, to the top of Pisgah, and built seven altars and offered a bull and a ram on *each* altar.

15 And he said to Balak, "Stand here beside your burnt offering, while I myself meet *the LORD* yonder."

16 Then the LORD met Balaam and <sup>a</sup>put a word in his mouth and said, "Return to Balak, and thus you shall speak."

17 And he came to him, and behold, he was standing beside his burnt offering, and the leaders of Moab with him. And Balak said to him, "What has the LORD spoken?"

18 Then he took up his <sup>1</sup>discourse and said,  
"Arise, O Balak, and hear;  
Give ear to me, O son of Zippor!

19 "aGod is not a man, that He should lie,  
Nor a son of man, that He should repent;  
<sup>b</sup>Has He said, and will He not do it?  
Or has He spoken, and will He not make it good?

20 "Behold, I have received *a command* to bless;  
When He has blessed, then <sup>a</sup>I cannot revoke it.

21 "aHe has not observed <sup>1</sup>misfortune in Jacob;  
<sup>b</sup>Nor has He seen trouble in Israel;  
<sup>c</sup>The LORD his God is with him,  
<sup>d</sup>And the shout of a king is among them.

22 "aGod brings them out of Egypt,  
He is for them like the horns of the wild ox.

23 "aFor there is no omen against Jacob,  
Nor is there any divination against Israel;  
At the proper time it shall be said to Jacob  
And to Israel, what God has done.

24 "aBehold, a people rises like a lioness,  
And as a lion it lifts itself;  
It shall not lie down until it devours the prey,  
And drinks the blood of the slain."

25 Then Balak said to Balaam, "Do not curse them at all nor bless them at all!"

26 But Balaam answered and said to Balak, "Did I not tell you, <sup>1a</sup>Whatever the LORD speaks, that I must do?"

27 Then Balak said to Balaam, "Please come, I will take you to another place; perhaps it will be <sup>1</sup>agreeable with God that you curse them for me from there."

28 So Balak took Balaam to the top of Peor which overlooks the <sup>1</sup>wasteland.

29 And Balaam said to Balak, "Build seven altars for me here and prepare seven bulls and seven rams for me here."

30 And Balak did just as Balaam had said, and offered up a bull and a ram on *each* altar.

CHAPTER 24

**W**HEN Balaam saw that it <sup>1</sup>pleased the LORD to bless Israel, he did not go as at other times to <sup>2</sup>seek <sup>a</sup>omens but he set his face toward the <sup>b</sup>wilderness.

2 And Balaam lifted up his eyes and saw Israel <sup>1</sup>camping tribe by tribe; and <sup>a</sup>the Spirit of God came upon him.

3 And he took up his <sup>1</sup>discourse and said,  
"aThe oracle of Balaam the son of Beor,  
And the oracle of the man whose eye is opened;

4 The oracle of him who <sup>a</sup>hears the <sup>1</sup>words of God,  
Who sees the <sup>b</sup>vision of <sup>2</sup>the Almighty,  
Falling down, yet having his eyes uncovered,

18 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *parable*

19 <sup>a</sup>1 Sam. 15:29 <sup>b</sup>Is. 40:8; 55:11

20 <sup>a</sup>Is. 43:13

21 <sup>1</sup>Or, *iniquity*  
<sup>a</sup>Num. 14:18, 19, 34; Ps. 32:2, 5 <sup>b</sup>Deut. 9:24; 32:5; Jer. 50:20 <sup>c</sup>Ex. 3:12; Deut. 31:23 <sup>d</sup>Deut. 33:5; Ps. 89:15-18

22 <sup>a</sup>Num. 24:8

23 <sup>a</sup>Num. 22:7; 24:1; Josh. 13:22

24 <sup>a</sup>Gen. 49:9; Nah. 2:11, 12

26 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *saying*,  
*'Whatever*  
<sup>a</sup>Num. 22:18

27 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *right in the sight of God*

28 <sup>1</sup>Or, *Jeshimon*

<sup>1</sup> Lit., *was good in the eyes of* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *encounter*  
<sup>a</sup>Num. 22:7; 23:23 <sup>b</sup>Num. 23:28

<sup>2</sup> Lit., *dwelling*  
<sup>a</sup>Num. 11:26

<sup>3</sup> Lit., *parable*, and so throughout the chap.  
<sup>a</sup>Num. 24:15, 16

<sup>4</sup> Lit., *sayings* <sup>2</sup>Heb., *Shaddai*  
<sup>a</sup>Num. 22:20 <sup>b</sup>Num. 12:6; Gen. 15:1

6 <sup>1</sup>Or possibly, *palm trees*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 45:8 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 1:3

7 <sup>a</sup>Num. 24:20; 1 Sam. 15:8 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 145:11-13

8 <sup>a</sup>Num. 23:22 <sup>b</sup>Num. 23:24; Ps. 2:9 <sup>c</sup>Ps. 45:5

9 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *bows down* <sup>2</sup>Or, *lioness* <sup>3</sup>Lit., *shall*  
<sup>a</sup>Num. 23:24; Gen. 49:9  
<sup>b</sup>Gen. 12:3; 27:29

10 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *palms*

11 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *flee for yourself*

12 <sup>a</sup>Num. 22:18

13 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *mouth* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *heart*  
<sup>a</sup>Num. 16:28 <sup>b</sup>Num. 22:20

14 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *end of the days*  
<sup>a</sup>Num. 31:8, 16; Josh. 13:22

15 <sup>a</sup>Num. 24:3, 4

16 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *sayings* <sup>2</sup>Heb., *Elyon* <sup>3</sup>Heb., *Shaddai*

17 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *corners* <sup>2</sup>Another reading is, *the crown of the head of* <sup>3</sup>i.e., *Tumult*  
<sup>a</sup>Gen. 49:10 <sup>b</sup>Num. 21:29; Is. 15:1-16:14

18 <sup>a</sup>Gen. 27:29 <sup>b</sup>Gen. 32:3

19 <sup>a</sup>Amos 9:11, 12

5 How fair are your tents, O Jacob,  
 Your dwellings, O Israel!

6 "Like <sup>1</sup>valleys that stretch out,  
 Like gardens beside the river,  
 Like <sup>a</sup>aloes planted by the LORD,  
 Like <sup>b</sup>cedars beside the waters.

7 "Water shall flow from his buckets,  
 And his seed *shall be* by many waters,  
 And his king shall be higher than <sup>a</sup>Agag,  
<sup>b</sup>And his kingdom shall be exalted.

8 "God brings him out of Egypt,  
 He is for him like the horns of the wild ox.  
<sup>b</sup>He shall devour the nations *who are* his adversaries,  
 And shall crush their bones in pieces,  
 And shatter *them* with his <sup>c</sup>arrows.

9 "He <sup>1</sup>couches, he lies down as a lion,  
 And as a <sup>2</sup>lion, who <sup>3</sup>dares rouse him?  
<sup>b</sup>Blessed is everyone who blesses you,  
 And cursed is everyone who curses you."

10 Then Balak's anger burned against Balaam, and he struck his <sup>1</sup>hands together; and Balak said to Balaam, "I called you to curse my enemies, but behold, you have persisted in blessing them these three times!

11 "Therefore, <sup>1</sup>flee to your place now. I said I would honor you greatly, but behold, the LORD has held you back from honor."

12 And Balaam said to Balak, "<sup>a</sup>Did I not tell your messengers whom you had sent to me, saying,

13 "Though Balak were to give me his house full of silver and gold, I could not do anything contrary to the <sup>1</sup>command of the LORD, either good or bad, <sup>a</sup>of my own <sup>2</sup>accord. <sup>b</sup>What the LORD speaks, that I will speak?"

14 "And now behold, <sup>a</sup>I am going to my people; come, *and* I will advise you what this people will do to your people in the <sup>1</sup>days to come."

15 And he took up his discourse and said,  
<sup>a</sup>The oracle of Balaam the son of Beor,  
 And the oracle of the man whose eye is opened,  
 16 The oracle of him who hears the <sup>1</sup>words of God,  
 And knows the knowledge of the <sup>2</sup>Most High,  
 Who sees the vision of <sup>3</sup>the Almighty,  
 Falling down, yet having his eyes uncovered.

17 "I see him, but not now;  
 I behold him, but not near;  
 A star shall come forth from Jacob,  
<sup>a</sup>And a scepter shall rise from Israel,  
<sup>b</sup>And shall crush through the <sup>1</sup>forehead of Moab,  
 And <sup>2</sup>tear down all the sons of <sup>3</sup>Sheth.

18 "<sup>a</sup>And Edom shall be a possession,  
<sup>b</sup>Seir, its enemies, also shall be a possession;  
 While Israel performs valiantly.

19 "<sup>a</sup>One from Jacob shall have dominion,  
 And shall destroy the remnant from the city."

20 And he looked at Amalek and took up his discourse and said,

- "Amalek was the first of the nations,  
<sup>a</sup>But his end shall be <sup>1</sup>destruction."  
 21 And he looked at the <sup>a</sup>Kenite, and took up his discourse and said,  
 "Your dwelling place is enduring,  
 And your nest is set in the cliff.  
 22 "Nevertheless Kain shall be consumed,  
 How long shall <sup>a</sup>Asshur <sup>1</sup>keep you captive?"  
 23 And he took up his discourse and said,  
 "Alas, who can live except God has ordained it?  
 24 "But ships shall come from the coast of <sup>a</sup>Kittim,  
 And they shall afflict Asshur and shall afflict <sup>b</sup>Eber;  
<sup>c</sup>So they also shall come to destruction."  
 25 Then Balaam arose and departed and returned to <sup>a</sup>his place, and Balak also went his way.

CHAPTER 25

WHILE Israel remained at <sup>a</sup>Shittim, the people began <sup>b</sup>to play the harlot with the daughters of Moab.

2 For <sup>a</sup>they invited the people to the sacrifices of their gods, and the people ate and bowed down to their gods.

3 So <sup>a</sup>Israel joined themselves to <sup>1</sup>Baal of Peor, and the LORD was angry against Israel.

4 And the LORD said to Moses, "Take all the leaders of the people and execute them <sup>1</sup>in broad daylight before the LORD, so that the fierce anger of the LORD may turn away from Israel."

5 So Moses said to the judges of Israel, "Each of you slay his men who have joined themselves to <sup>1</sup>Baal of Peor."

6 Then behold, one of the sons of Israel came and brought to his <sup>1</sup>relatives a <sup>a</sup>Midianite woman, in the sight of Moses and in the sight of all the congregation of the sons of Israel, while they were weeping at the doorway of the tent of meeting.

7 <sup>a</sup>When Phinehas the son of Eleazar, the son of Aaron the priest, saw it, he arose from the midst of the congregation, and took a spear in his hand;

8 and he went after the man of Israel into the <sup>1</sup>tent, and pierced both of them through, the man of Israel and the woman, through the <sup>2</sup>body. So the plague on the sons of Israel was checked.

9 <sup>a</sup>And those who died by the plague were 24,000.

10 Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,

11 "Phinehas the son of Eleazar, the son of Aaron the priest, has turned away My wrath from the sons of Israel, in that he was jealous with My jealousy among them, so that I did not destroy the sons of Israel in My jealousy.  
 12 "Therefore say, <sup>a</sup>Behold, I give him My <sup>b</sup>covenant of peace;

13 and it shall be for him and his <sup>1</sup>descendants after him, a covenant of a <sup>a</sup>perpetual priesthood, because he was jealous for his God, and <sup>b</sup>made atonement for the sons of Israel."  
 14 Now the name of the <sup>1</sup>slain man of Israel who was <sup>1</sup>slain with the Midianite woman, was Zimri the son of Salu, a leader of a father's household among the Simeonites.

20 <sup>1</sup>Lit., to destroying  
<sup>a</sup>Num. 24:24

21 <sup>a</sup>Gen. 15:19

22 <sup>1</sup>Lit., take  
<sup>a</sup>Gen. 10:21, 22

24 <sup>a</sup>Gen. 10:4; Ezek. 27:6  
<sup>b</sup>Gen. 10:21 <sup>c</sup>Num. 24:20

25 <sup>a</sup>Num. 24:14

1 <sup>a</sup>Num. 33:49; Josh. 2:1  
<sup>b</sup>Num. 31:16; 1 Cor. 10:8;  
 Rev. 2:14

2 <sup>a</sup>Ex. 34:15; Deut. 32:38

3 <sup>1</sup>Or, Baal-peor  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 106:28, 29; Hos. 9:10

4 <sup>1</sup>Lit., in front of the sun

5 <sup>1</sup>Or, Baal-peor

6 <sup>1</sup>Lit., brothers  
<sup>a</sup>Num. 22:4

7 <sup>a</sup>Num. 16:46-48; Ps. 106:30

8 <sup>1</sup>Or, inner rooms <sup>2</sup>Or, belly

9 <sup>a</sup>Num. 14:37; 16:48-50;  
 31:16

12 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 106:31 <sup>b</sup>Is. 54:10;  
 Ezek. 34:25; 37:26

13 <sup>1</sup>Lit., seed  
<sup>a</sup>Ex. 29:9 <sup>b</sup>Num. 16:46

14 <sup>1</sup>Lit., smitten

15 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *smitten* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *he*  
<sup>a</sup>Num. 25:18 <sup>b</sup>Num. 31:8

17 <sup>a</sup>Num. 25:1; 31:1-3

1 <sup>1</sup>In Heb. 25:19 <sup>2</sup>In  
 Heb. 26:1  
<sup>a</sup>Num. 25:9

2 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *sum*  
<sup>a</sup>Num. 1:2; Ex. 30:11-16;  
 38:25, 26

7 <sup>a</sup>Num. 1:21

9 <sup>a</sup>Num. 1:16; 16:2

10 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *sign*  
<sup>a</sup>Num. 16:32 <sup>b</sup>Num. 16:35,  
 38

11 <sup>a</sup>Num. 16:27, 33; Deut.  
 24:16

12 <sup>1</sup>In Gen. 46:10; Ex.  
 6:15, *Jemuel* <sup>2</sup>In 1 Chr.  
 4:24, *Janib*

13 <sup>1</sup>In Gen. 46:10 *Zohar*

14 <sup>a</sup>Num. 1:23

15 <sup>1</sup>In Gen. 46:16,  
*Ziphion*

16 <sup>1</sup>In Gen. 46:16, *Ezbon*

17 <sup>1</sup>In Gen. 46:16, *Arodi*

18 <sup>a</sup>Num. 1:25

15 And the name of the Midianite woman who was <sup>1</sup>slain was <sup>a</sup>Cozbi the daughter of <sup>b</sup>Zur, <sup>2</sup>who was head of the people of a father's household in Midian.

16 Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,

17 <sup>a</sup>"Be hostile to the Midianites and strike them;

18 for they have been hostile to you with their tricks, with which they have deceived you in the affair of Peor, and in the affair of Cozbi, the daughter of the leader of Midian, their sister who was slain on the day of the plague because of Peor."

CHAPTER 26

<sup>1</sup>THEN it came about after the <sup>a</sup>plague, <sup>2</sup>that the LORD spoke to Moses and to Eleazar the son of Aaron the priest, saying,

2 <sup>a</sup>"Take a <sup>1</sup>census of all the congregation of the sons of Israel from twenty years old and upward, by their fathers' households, whoever is able to go out to war in Israel."

3 So Moses and Eleazar the priest spoke with them in the plains of Moab by the Jordan at Jericho, saying,

4 <sup>a</sup>"Take a census of the people from twenty years old and upward, as the LORD has commanded Moses."

Now the sons of Israel who came out of the land of Egypt were:

5 Reuben, Israel's first-born, the sons of Reuben: of Hanoch, the family of the Hanochites; of Pallu, the family of the Palluites;

6 of Hezron, the family of the Hezronites; of Carmi, the family of the Carmites.

7 These are the families of the Reubenites, and those who were numbered of them were <sup>a</sup>43,730.

8 And the son of Pallu: Eliab.

9 And the sons of Eliab: Nemuel and Dathan and Abiram. These are the Dathan and Abiram who were <sup>a</sup>called by the congregation, who contended against Moses and against Aaron in the company of Korah, when they contended against the LORD,

10 and <sup>a</sup>the earth opened its mouth and swallowed them up along with Korah, when that company died, <sup>b</sup>when the fire devoured 250 men, so that they became a <sup>1</sup>warning.

11 <sup>a</sup>The sons of Korah, however, did not die.

12 The sons of Simeon according to their families: of <sup>1</sup>Nemuel, the family of the Nemuelites; of Jamin, the family of the Jaminites; of <sup>2</sup>Jachin, the family of the Jachinites;

13 of <sup>1</sup>Zerah, the family of the Zerahites; of Shaul, the family of the Shaulites.

14 These are the families of the Simeonites, <sup>a</sup>22,200.

15 The sons of Gad according to their families: of <sup>1</sup>Zephon, the family of the Zephonites; of Haggi, the family of the Haggites; of Shuni, the family of the Shunites;

16 of <sup>1</sup>Ozni, the family of the Oznites; of Eri, the family of the Erites;

17 of <sup>1</sup>Arod, the family of the Arodites; of Areli, the family of the Arelites.

18 These are the families of the sons of Gad according to those who were numbered of them, <sup>a</sup>40,500.

19 The sons of Judah were Er and Onan, but Er and Onan died in the land of Canaan.

20 And the sons of Judah according to their families were: of Shelah, the family of the Shelanites; of Perez, the family of the Perezites; of Zerah, the family of the Zerahites.

21 And the sons of Perez were: of Hezron, the family of the Hezronites; of Hamul, the family of the Hamulites.

22 These are the families of Judah according to those who were numbered of them, <sup>a</sup>76,500.

23 The sons of Issachar according to their families: of Tola, the family of the Tolaites; of Puvah, the family of the Punites;

24 of <sup>1</sup>Jashub, the family of the Jashubites; of Shimron, the family of the Shimronites.

25 These are the families of Issachar according to those who were numbered of them, <sup>a</sup>64,300.

26 The sons of Zebulun according to their families: of Sered, the family of the Seredites; of Elon, the family of the Elonites; of Jahleel, the family of the Jahleelites.

27 These are the families of the Zebulunites according to those who were numbered of them, <sup>a</sup>60,500.

28 The sons of Joseph according to their families: Manasseh and Ephraim.

29 The sons of Manasseh: of Machir, the family of the Machirites; and Machir <sup>1</sup>became the father of Gilead: of Gilead, the family of the Gileadites.

30 These are the sons of Gilead: of <sup>1</sup>Iezer, the family of the Iezerites; of Helek, the family of the Helekites;

31 and of Asriel, the family of the Asrielites; and of Shechem, the family of the Shechemites;

32 and of Shemida, the family of the Shemidaites; and of Hephher, the family of the Hephherites.

33 Now Zelophehad the son of Hephher had no sons, but only daughters; and <sup>a</sup>the names of the daughters of Zelophehad were Mahlah, Noah, Hoglah, Milcah and Tirzah.

34 These are the families of Manasseh; and those who were numbered of them were <sup>a</sup>52,700.

35 These are the sons of Ephraim according to their families: of Shuthelah, the family of the Shuthelaites; of <sup>1</sup>Becher, the family of the Becherites; of Tahan, the family of the Tahanites.

36 And these are the sons of Shuthelah: of Eran, the family of the Eranites.

37 These are the families of the sons of Ephraim according to those who were numbered of them, <sup>a</sup>32,500. These are the sons of Joseph according to their families.

38 The sons of Benjamin according to their families: of Bela, the family of the Belaites; of Ashbel, the family of the Ashbelites; of <sup>1</sup>Ahram, the family of the Ahiramites;

39 of <sup>1</sup>Shephupham, the family of the Shuphamites; of <sup>2</sup>Hupham, the family of the Huphamites.

40 And the sons of Bela were <sup>1</sup>Ard and Naaman: of Ard, the family of the Ardites; of Naaman, the family of the Naamites.

41 These are the sons of Benjamin according to their families; and those who were numbered of them were <sup>a</sup>45,600.

22 <sup>a</sup>Num. 1:27

24 <sup>1</sup>In Gen. 46:13, *Iob*

25 <sup>a</sup>Num. 1:29

27 <sup>a</sup>Num. 1:31

29 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *begot*

30 <sup>1</sup>In. Josh. 17:2, *Abiezer* cf. Judg. 6:11, 24, 34

33 <sup>a</sup>Num. 27:1

34 <sup>a</sup>Num. 1:35

35 <sup>1</sup>In 1 Chr. 7:20, *Bered*

37 <sup>a</sup>Num. 1:33

38 <sup>1</sup>In Gen. 46:21, *Ehi*; in 1 Chr. 8:1, *Aharah*

39 <sup>1</sup>In Gen. 46:21, *Muppim*; in 1 Chr. 7:12, *Shuppim* <sup>2</sup>In Gen. 46:21, *Muppim* and *Huppim*

40 <sup>1</sup>In 1 Chr. 8:3, *Addar*

41 <sup>a</sup>Num. 1:37

42 <sup>1</sup>In Gen. 46:23, Hushim

43 <sup>a</sup>Num. 1:39

47 <sup>a</sup>Num. 1:41

50 <sup>a</sup>Num. 1:43

51 <sup>a</sup>Ex. 12:37; 38:26; Num. 1:46; 11:21

53 <sup>1</sup>Lit., To

54 <sup>a</sup>Num. 33:54

55 <sup>1</sup>Lit., inherit according to <sup>a</sup>Num. 33:54; 34:13

58 <sup>1</sup>Lit., begot <sup>a</sup>Ex. 6:20

60 <sup>a</sup>Num. 3:2

61 <sup>a</sup>Num. 3:4; Lev. 10:1, 2

62 <sup>a</sup>Num. 3:39 <sup>b</sup>Num. 1:47 <sup>c</sup>Num. 18:23, 24

**42** These are the sons of Dan according to their families: of <sup>1</sup>Shuham, the family of the Shuhamites. These are the families of Dan according to their families.

**43** All the families of the Shuhamites, according to those who were numbered of them, were <sup>a</sup>64,400.

**44** The sons of Asher according to their families: of Imnah, the family of the Imnites; of Ishvi, the family of the Ishvites; of Beriah, the family of the Beriites.

**45** Of the sons of Beriah: of Heber, the family of the Heberites; of Malchiel, the family of the Malchielites.

**46** And the name of the daughter of Asher was Serah.

**47** These are the families of the sons of Asher according to those who were numbered of them, <sup>a</sup>53,400.

**48** The sons of Naphtali according to their families: of Jahzeel, the family of the Jahzeelites; of Guni, the family of the Gunites;

**49** of Jezer, the family of the Jezerites; of Shillem, the family of the Shillemites.

**50** These are the families of Naphtali according to their families; and those who were numbered of them were <sup>a</sup>45,400.

**51** These are those who were numbered of the sons of Israel, <sup>a</sup>601,730.

**52** Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,

**53** <sup>1</sup>“Among these the land shall be divided for an inheritance according to the number of names.

**54** <sup>a</sup>“To the larger *group* you shall increase their inheritance, and to the smaller *group* you shall diminish their inheritance; each shall be given their inheritance according to those who were numbered of them.

**55** <sup>1</sup>“But the land shall be <sup>a</sup>divided by lot. They shall <sup>1</sup>receive their inheritance according to the names of the tribes of their fathers.

**56** <sup>1</sup>“According to the selection by lot, their inheritance shall be divided between the larger and the smaller *groups*.”

**57** And these are those who were numbered of the Levites according to their families: of Gershon, the family of the Gershonites; of Kohath, the family of the Kohathites; of Merari, the family of the Merarites.

**58** These are the families of Levi: the family of the Libnites, the family of the Hebronites, the family of the Mahlites, the family of the Mushites, the family of the Korahites. <sup>a</sup>And Kohath <sup>1</sup>became the father of Amram.

**59** And the name of Amram’s wife was Jochebed, the daughter of Levi, who was born to Levi in Egypt; and she bore to Amram: Aaron and Moses and their sister Miriam.

**60** <sup>a</sup>And to Aaron were born Nadab and Abihu, Eleazar and Ithamar.

**61** <sup>a</sup>But Nadab and Abihu died when they offered strange fire before the LORD.

**62** And those who were numbered of them were <sup>a</sup>23,000, every male from a month old and upward, for <sup>b</sup>they were not numbered among the sons of Israel <sup>c</sup>since no inheritance was given to them among the sons of Israel.

**63** These are those who were numbered by Moses and Eleazar the priest, who numbered the sons of Israel in the plains of Moab by the Jordan at Jericho.



**Zelophehad's Daughters.  
Moses Warned of His Death.**

**Numbers 26, 27**

64 <sup>a</sup>But among these there was not a man of those who were numbered by Moses and Aaron the priest, who numbered the sons of Israel in the wilderness of Sinai.

64 <sup>a</sup>Num. 14:29-35; Deut. 2:14-16; Heb. 3:17

65 For the LORD had said <sup>1</sup>of them, "They shall surely die in the wilderness." And not a man was left of them, except Caleb the son of Jephunneh, and Joshua the son of Nun.

65 <sup>1</sup>Or. too

CHAPTER 27

THEN <sup>a</sup>the daughters of Zelophehad, the son of Hopher, the son of Gilead, the son of Machir, the son of Manasseh, of the families of Manasseh the son of Joseph, came near; and these are <sup>b</sup>the names of his daughters: Mahlah, Noah and Hoglah and Milcah and Tirzah.

1 <sup>a</sup>Num. 26:33; 36:1  
<sup>b</sup>Num. 26:33

2 And they stood before Moses and before Eleazar the priest and before the leaders and all the congregation, at the doorway of the tent of meeting, saying,

3 <sup>a</sup>Num. 26:64, 65  
<sup>b</sup>Num. 26:33

3 "Our father died in the wilderness, yet he was not among the company of those who gathered themselves together against the LORD in the company of Korah; but <sup>a</sup>he died in his own sin, and <sup>b</sup>he had no sons.

5 <sup>a</sup>Num. 27:21; 9:8

4 "Why should the name of our father be withdrawn from among his family because he had no son? Give us a possession among our father's brothers."

5 <sup>a</sup>And Moses brought their case before the LORD.

7 <sup>a</sup>Num. 36:2; Josh. 17:4

6 Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,

7 "<sup>a</sup>The daughters of Zelophehad are right in *their* statements. You shall surely give them a hereditary possession among their father's brothers, and you shall transfer the inheritance of their father to them.

12 <sup>a</sup>Deut. 32:48-52 <sup>b</sup>Num. 33:47, 48

8 "Further, you shall speak to the sons of Israel, saying, 'If a man dies and has no son, then you shall transfer his inheritance to his daughter.

9 'And if he has no daughter, then you shall give his inheritance to his brothers.

13 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *was gathered*  
<sup>a</sup>Num. 31:2

10 'And if he has no brothers, then you shall give his inheritance to his father's brothers.

11 'And if his father has no brothers, then you shall give his inheritance to his nearest relative in his own family, and he shall possess it; and it shall be a statutory ordinance to the sons of Israel, just as the LORD commanded Moses.'

14 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *mouth* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *for My sanctity*  
<sup>a</sup>Num. 20:12

12 <sup>a</sup>Then the LORD said to Moses, "Go up to this <sup>b</sup>mountain of Abarim, and see the land which I have given to the sons of Israel.

13 "And when you have seen it, you too <sup>a</sup>shall be gathered to your people, as Aaron your brother <sup>1</sup>was;

16 <sup>a</sup>Num. 16:22

14 for in the wilderness of Zin, during the strife of the congregation, <sup>a</sup>you rebelled against My <sup>1</sup>command <sup>2</sup>to treat Me as holy before their eyes at the water." (These are the waters of Meribah of Kadesh in the wilderness of Zin.)

15 Then Moses spoke to the LORD, saying,

17 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *before them and who will* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *who will bring*

16 "<sup>a</sup>May the LORD, the God of the spirits of all flesh, appoint a man over the congregation,

17 who will go out <sup>1</sup>and come in before them, and who will lead them out and <sup>2</sup>bring them in, that the congregation of the LORD may not be like sheep which have no shepherd."

**Numbers 27, 28**

18 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *Take for yourself*  
<sup>a</sup>Num. 11:25-29; Deut. 34:9  
<sup>b</sup>Num. 27:23

19 <sup>a</sup>Deut. 3:28; 31:3, 7, 8,  
23

20 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *majesty*

21 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *mouth*  
<sup>a</sup>1 Sam. 28:6

23 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *by the hand of*

2 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *watch*  
<sup>a</sup>Lev. 3:11

3 <sup>a</sup>Ex. 29:38-42

4 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *between the two  
evenings*

8 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *between the two  
evenings*

10 <sup>a</sup>Num. 28:3

11 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *bull of the herd*  
<sup>a</sup>Num. 10:10; Ezek. 46:6, 7

12 <sup>a</sup>Num. 15:4-12

18 So the LORD said to Moses, "Take Joshua the son of Nun, a man <sup>a</sup>in whom is the Spirit, and lay your hand on him; 19 and have him stand before Eleazar the priest and before all the congregation; and <sup>a</sup>commission him in their sight.

20 "And you shall put some of your <sup>1</sup>authority on him, in order that all the congregation of the sons of Israel may obey *him*.

21 "Moreover, he shall stand before Eleazar the priest, who shall inquire for him <sup>a</sup>by the judgment of the Urim before the LORD. At his <sup>1</sup>command they shall go out and at his <sup>1</sup>command they shall come in, *both* he and the sons of Israel with him, even all the congregation."

22 And Moses did just as the LORD commanded him; and he took Joshua and set him before Eleazar the priest, and before all the congregation.

23 Then he laid his hands on him and commissioned him, just as the LORD had spoken <sup>1</sup>through Moses.

CHAPTER 28

**T**HEN the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,

2 "Command the sons of Israel and say to them, 'You shall <sup>1</sup>be careful to present My offering, My <sup>a</sup>food for My offerings by fire, of a soothing aroma to Me, at their appointed time.'

3 "And you shall say to them, 'This is the offering by fire which you shall offer to the LORD; two male lambs one year old without defect *as* a continual burnt offering every day.

4 'You shall offer the one lamb in the morning, and the other lamb you shall offer <sup>1</sup>at twilight.

5 'Also a tenth of an ephah of fine flour for a grain offering, mixed with a fourth of a hin of beaten oil.

6 'It is a continual burnt offering which was ordained in Mount Sinai as a soothing aroma, an offering by fire to the LORD.

7 'Then the libation with it *shall be* a fourth of a hin for each lamb, in the holy place you shall pour out a libation of strong drink to the LORD.

8 'And the other lamb you shall offer <sup>1</sup>at twilight; as the grain offering of the morning and as its libation, you shall offer it, an offering by fire, a soothing aroma to the LORD.

9 'Then on the sabbath day two male lambs one year old without defect, and two-tenths of *a measure* of fine flour mixed with oil as a grain offering, and its libation.

10 'The burnt offering of every sabbath is in addition to the <sup>a</sup>continual burnt offering and its libation.

11 'Then <sup>a</sup>at the beginning of each of your months you shall present a burnt offering to the LORD; two <sup>1</sup>bulls and one ram, seven male lambs one year old without defect,

12 <sup>a</sup>and three-tenths of *a measure* of fine flour for a grain offering, mixed with oil, for each bull; and two-tenths of fine flour for a grain offering, mixed with oil, for the one ram;

13 and a tenth of *a measure* of fine flour mixed with oil for a grain offering for each lamb, for a burnt offering of a soothing aroma, an offering by fire to the LORD.

14 'And their libations shall be half a hin of wine for a bull

**Various Offerings.  
Offerings of the Seventh Month.**

and a third of a hin for the ram and a fourth of a hin for a lamb; this is the burnt offering of each month throughout the months of the year.

15 'And one male goat for a sin offering to the LORD; it shall be offered with its libation in addition to the <sup>a</sup>continual burnt offering.

16 <sup>a</sup>Then on the fourteenth day of the first month shall be the LORD's Passover.

17 'And on the fifteenth day of this month *shall be* a feast, unleavened bread *shall be* eaten for seven days.

18 'On the first day *shall be* a holy convocation; you shall do no laborious work.

19 'And you shall present an offering by fire, a burnt offering to the LORD; two <sup>1</sup>bulls and one ram and seven male lambs one year old, having them without defect.

20 'And for their grain offering, you shall offer fine flour mixed with oil; three-tenths of a measure for a bull and two-tenths for the ram.

21 'A tenth of a measure you shall offer for <sup>1</sup>each of the seven lambs,

22 and one male goat for a sin offering, to make atonement for you.

23 'You shall present these besides <sup>a</sup>the burnt offering of the morning, which is for a continual burnt offering.

24 'After this manner you shall present daily, for seven days, <sup>a</sup>the food of the offering by fire, of a soothing aroma to the LORD; it shall be presented with its libation in addition to the <sup>b</sup>continual burnt offering.

25 'And on the seventh day you shall have a holy convocation; <sup>a</sup>you shall do no laborious work.

26 'Also on <sup>a</sup>the day of the first fruits, when you present a new grain offering to the LORD in your *Feast of Weeks*, you shall have a holy convocation; <sup>b</sup>you shall do no laborious work.

27 'And you shall offer a burnt offering for a soothing aroma to the LORD, two young bulls, one ram, seven male lambs one year old,

28 and their grain offering, fine flour mixed with oil, three-tenths of a measure for each bull, two-tenths for the one ram,

29 a tenth for <sup>1</sup>each of the seven lambs,

30 one male goat to make atonement for you.

31 <sup>a</sup>Besides the continual burnt offering and its grain offering, you shall present *them* with their libations. They shall be <sup>1</sup>without defect.

CHAPTER 29

<sup>a</sup>Now in the seventh month, on the first day of the month, you shall also have a holy convocation; <sup>b</sup>you shall do no laborious work. It will be to you a day for blowing trumpets.

2 'And you shall offer a burnt offering as a soothing aroma to the LORD: one <sup>1</sup>bull, one ram, and seven male lambs one year old without defect;

3 also their grain offering, fine flour mixed with oil, three-tenths of a measure for the bull, two-tenths for the ram,

4 and one-tenth for <sup>1</sup>each of the seven lambs.

**Numbers 28, 29**

15 <sup>a</sup>Num. 28:3

16 <sup>a</sup>Ex. 12:14-20; Lev. 23:5-8; Deut. 16:1-8

19 <sup>1</sup>Or, bulls of the herd

21 <sup>1</sup>Lit., each lamb

23 <sup>a</sup>Num. 28:3

24 <sup>a</sup>Lev. 3:11 <sup>b</sup>Num. 28:3

25 <sup>a</sup>Num. 28:18

26 <sup>a</sup>Ex. 23:16; 34:22; Lev. 23:15-21; Deut. 16:9-12 <sup>b</sup>Num. 28:18

29 <sup>1</sup>Lit., each lamb

31 <sup>1</sup>Lit., without defect to you <sup>a</sup>Num. 28:3

1 <sup>a</sup>Ex. 23:16; 34:22; Lev. 23:23-25 <sup>b</sup>Num. 28:26

2 <sup>1</sup>Or, bull of a herd, and so throughout the chap.

4 <sup>1</sup>Lit., each lamb, and so throughout the chap.

6 <sup>a</sup>Num. 28:27 <sup>b</sup>Num. 28:3

7 <sup>a</sup>Lev. 16:29-34; 23:26-32

11 <sup>a</sup>Num. 28:3

12 <sup>1</sup>Lev. 23:33-35 <sup>b</sup>Num. 29:1

14 <sup>1</sup>Lit., each bull <sup>2</sup>Lit., each ram.

16 <sup>a</sup>Num. 28:3

17 <sup>a</sup>Lev. 23:36

19 <sup>a</sup>Num. 28:8

5 'And offer one male goat for a sin offering, to make atonement for you,

6 <sup>a</sup>besides the burnt offering of the new moon, and its grain offering, and the <sup>b</sup>continual burnt offering and its grain offering, and their libations, according to their ordinance, for a soothing aroma, an offering by fire to the LORD.

7 'Then on <sup>a</sup>the tenth day of this seventh month you shall have a holy convocation, and you shall humble yourselves; you shall not do any work.

8 'And you shall present a burnt offering to the LORD as a soothing aroma: one bull, one ram, seven male lambs one year old, having them without defect;

9 and their grain offering, fine flour mixed with oil, three-tenths of a measure for the bull, two-tenths for the one ram,

10 a tenth for each of the seven lambs;

11 one male goat for a sin offering, besides the sin offering of atonement and <sup>a</sup>the continual burnt offering and its grain offering, and their libations.

12 'Then on <sup>a</sup>the fifteenth day of the seventh month you shall have a holy convocation; you <sup>b</sup>shall do no laborious work, and you shall observe a feast to the LORD for seven days.

13 'And you shall present a burnt offering, an offering by fire as a soothing aroma to the LORD: thirteen bulls, two rams, fourteen male lambs one year old, which are without defect,

14 and their grain offering, fine flour mixed with oil, three-tenths of a measure for <sup>1</sup>each of the thirteen bulls, two-tenths for <sup>2</sup>each of the two rams,

15 and a tenth for each of the fourteen lambs;

16 and one male goat for a sin offering, <sup>a</sup>besides the continual burnt offering, its grain offering and its libation.

17 'Then on <sup>a</sup>the second day: twelve bulls, two rams, fourteen male lambs one year old without defect;

18 and their grain offering and their libations for the bulls, for the rams and for the lambs, by their number according to the ordinance;

19 and one male goat for a sin offering, <sup>a</sup>besides the continual burnt offering and its grain offering, and their libations.

20 'Then on the third day: eleven bulls, two rams, fourteen male lambs one year old without defect;

21 and their grain offering and their libations for the bulls, for the rams and for the lambs, their number according to the ordinance;

22 and one male goat for a sin offering, besides the continual burnt offering and its grain offering and its libation.

23 'Then on the fourth day: ten bulls, two rams, fourteen male lambs one year old without defect;

24 their grain offering and their libations for the bulls, for the rams and for the lambs, by their number according to the ordinance;

25 and one male goat for a sin offering, besides the continual burnt offering, its grain offering and its libation.

26 'Then on the fifth day: nine bulls, two rams, fourteen male lambs one year old without defect;

27 and their grain offering and their libations for the bulls,

for the rams and for the lambs, by their number according to the ordinance;

28 and one male goat for a sin offering, besides the continual burnt offering and its grain offering and its libation.

29 'Then on the sixth day: eight bulls, two rams, fourteen male lambs one year old without defect;

30 and their grain offering and their libations for the bulls, for the rams and for the lambs, by their number according to the ordinance;

31 and one male goat for a sin offering, besides the continual burnt offering, its grain offering and its libations.

32 'Then on the seventh day: seven bulls, two rams, fourteen male lambs one year old without defect;

33 and their grain offering and their libations for the bulls, for the rams and for the lambs, by their number according to the ordinance;

34 and one male goat for a sin offering, besides the continual burnt offering, its grain offering and its libation.

35 'On the eighth day you shall have a solemn assembly; you shall do no laborious work.

36 'But you shall present a burnt offering, an offering by fire, as a soothing aroma to the LORD: one bull, one ram, seven male lambs one year old without defect;

37 their grain offering and their libations for the bull, for the ram and for the lambs, by their number according to the ordinance;

38 and one male goat for a sin offering, besides the continual burnt offering and its grain offering and its libation.

39 'You shall present these to the LORD at your appointed times, besides your <sup>1</sup>votive offerings and your freewill offerings, for your burnt offerings and for your grain offerings and for your libations and for your peace offerings.'"

40 'And Moses spoke to the sons of Israel in accordance with all that the LORD had commanded Moses.

## CHAPTER 30

THEN Moses spoke to the heads of the tribes of the sons of Israel, saying, "This is the word which the LORD has commanded.

2 "If a man makes a vow to the LORD, or takes an oath to bind himself with a binding obligation, he shall not violate his word; he shall do according to all that proceeds out of his mouth.

3 "Also if a woman makes a vow to the LORD, and binds herself by an obligation in her father's house in her youth,

4 and her father hears her vow and her obligation by which she has bound herself, and her father <sup>1</sup>says nothing to her, then all her vows shall stand, and every obligation by which she has bound herself shall stand.

5 "But if her father should forbid her on the day he hears of it, none of her vows or her obligations by which she has bound herself shall stand; and the LORD will forgive her because her father had forbidden her.

35 <sup>a</sup>Lev. 23:3639 <sup>1</sup>Lit., vows  
<sup>a</sup>Lev. 23:240 <sup>1</sup>Chap. 30:1 in Heb.2 <sup>a</sup>Deut. 23:21-23; Matt.  
5:334 <sup>1</sup>Lit., is silent to her,  
and so throughout the  
chap.

<sup>6</sup> <sup>a</sup>Lit., *be to a husband*  
<sup>2</sup>Lit., *her vows are on her*

<sup>8</sup> <sup>1</sup>Lit., *is on her*

**6** "However, if she should <sup>1</sup>marry while <sup>2</sup>under her vows or the rash statement of her lips by which she has bound herself, **7** and her husband hears of it and says nothing to her on the day he hears *it*, then her vows shall stand and her obligations by which she has bound herself shall stand.

**8** "But if on the day her husband hears *of it*, he forbids her, then he shall annul her vow which <sup>1</sup>she is under and the rash statement of her lips by which she has bound herself; and the LORD will forgive her.

**9** "But the vow of a widow or of a divorced woman, everything by which she has bound herself, shall stand against her.

**10** "However, if she vowed in her husband's house, or bound herself by an obligation with an oath,

**11** and her husband heard *it*, but said nothing to her *and* did not forbid her, then all her vows shall stand, and every obligation by which she bound herself shall stand.

**12** "But if her husband indeed annuls them on the day he hears *them*, then whatever proceeds out of her lips concerning her vows or concerning the obligation of herself, shall not stand; her husband has annulled them, and the LORD will forgive her.

**13** "Every vow and every binding oath to humble herself, her husband may confirm it or her husband may annul it.

**14** "But if her husband indeed says nothing to her from day to day, then he confirms all her vows or all her obligations which are on her; he has confirmed them, because he said nothing to her on the day he heard them.

**15** "But if he indeed annuls them after he has heard them, then he shall bear her guilt."

**16** These are the statutes which the LORD commanded Moses, *as* between a man and his wife, *and as* between a father and his daughter, *while she is* in her youth in her father's house.

CHAPTER 31

**T**HEN the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,

**2** "<sup>a</sup>Take full vengeance for the sons of Israel on the Midianites; afterward you will be <sup>b</sup>gathered to your people."

**3** And Moses spoke to the people, saying, "Arm men from among you for the war, that they may <sup>1</sup>go against Midian, to execute <sup>a</sup>the LORD's vengeance on Midian.

**4** "A thousand from each tribe of all the tribes of Israel you shall send to the war."

**5** So there were <sup>1</sup>furnished from the thousands of Israel, a thousand from each tribe, twelve thousand armed for war.

**6** And Moses sent them, a thousand from each tribe, to the war, and Phinehas the son of Eleazar the priest, to the war with them, <sup>a</sup>and the holy vessels and <sup>b</sup>the trumpets for the alarm in his hand.

**7** So they made war against Midian, just as the LORD had commanded Moses, and they killed every male.

**8** And they killed the kings of Midian along with the *rest* of their slain: <sup>a</sup>Evi and Rekem and <sup>b</sup>Zur and Hur and Reba, the five kings of Midian; <sup>c</sup>they also killed Balaam the son of Beor with the sword.

<sup>2</sup> <sup>a</sup>Num. 25:1, 16, 17  
<sup>b</sup>Num. 20:24, 26; 27:13

<sup>3</sup> <sup>1</sup>Lit., *be*  
<sup>a</sup>Lev. 26:25

<sup>5</sup> <sup>1</sup>Lit., *delivered*

<sup>6</sup> <sup>a</sup>Num. 14:44 <sup>b</sup>Num. 10:8, 9

<sup>8</sup> <sup>a</sup>Josh. 13:21 <sup>b</sup>Num. 25:15 <sup>c</sup>Num. 31:16; Josh. 13:22

**Slaughter of Midian.  
Division of the Booty.**

9 And the sons of Israel captured the women of Midian and their little ones; and all their cattle and all their flocks and all their goods, they plundered.

10 Then they burned all their cities where they lived and all their camps with fire.

11 And they took all the spoil and all the prey, both of man and of beast.

12 And they brought the captives and the prey and the spoil to Moses, and to Eleazar the priest and to the congregation of the sons of Israel, to the camp at the plains of Moab, which are by the Jordan opposite Jericho.

13 And Moses and Eleazar the priest and all the leaders of the congregation went out to meet them outside the camp.

14 And Moses was angry with the officers of the army, the captains of thousands and the captains of hundreds, who had come from service in the war.

15 And Moses said to them, "Have you <sup>1</sup>spared all the women?"

16 <sup>a</sup>"Behold, these <sup>1</sup>caused the sons of Israel, through the <sup>2</sup>counsel of <sup>b</sup>Balaam, to <sup>3</sup>trespass against the LORD in the matter of Peor, so the plague was among the congregation of the LORD.

17 <sup>a</sup>"Now therefore kill every male among the little ones, and kill every woman who has known man <sup>1</sup>intimately.

18 "But all the <sup>1</sup>girls who have not known man <sup>2</sup>intimately, <sup>3</sup>spare for yourselves.

19 <sup>a</sup>"And you, camp outside the camp seven days; whoever has killed any person, and whoever has touched any slain, purify yourselves, you and your captives, on the third day and on the seventh day.

20 "And you shall purify for yourselves every garment and every article of <sup>1</sup>leather and all the work of goats' *hair*, and all articles of wood."

21 Then Eleazar the priest said to the men of war who had gone to battle, "This is the statute of the law which the LORD has commanded Moses:

22 only the gold and the silver, the bronze, the iron, the tin and the lead,

23 everything that can stand the fire, you shall pass through the fire, and it shall be clean, but it shall be purified with water for impurity. But whatever cannot stand the fire you shall pass through the water.

24 "And you shall wash your clothes on the seventh day and be clean, and afterward you may enter the camp."

25 Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,

26 "You and Eleazar the priest and the heads of the fathers' *households* of the congregation, take a count of the booty <sup>1</sup>that was captured, both of man and of animal;

27 and divide the booty between the warriors who went out to battle and all the congregation.

28 <sup>a</sup>"And levy a tax for the LORD from the men of war who went out to battle, one <sup>1</sup>in five hundred of the persons and of the cattle and of the donkeys and of the sheep;

29 take it from their half and give it to Eleazar the priest, as an <sup>1</sup>offering to the LORD.

15 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *let . . . live*

16 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *were to* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *word* <sup>3</sup>Possibly, *defect from the Lord*  
<sup>a</sup>Num. 25:1-9 <sup>b</sup>Num. 31:8

17 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *by lying with a man*  
<sup>a</sup>Deut. 7:2; 20:16-18

18 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *female children*  
<sup>2</sup>Lit., *by lying with a man*  
<sup>3</sup>Lit., *keep alive*

19 <sup>a</sup>Num. 19:11-22

20 <sup>1</sup>Or, *skin*

26 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *of captives*

28 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *soul from*  
<sup>a</sup>Num. 18:21-30

29 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *heave offering*, and so throughout the chap.

32 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *people*

30 "And from the sons of Israel's half, you shall take one drawn out of every fifty of the persons, of the cattle, of the donkeys and of the sheep, from all the animals, and give them to the Levites who keep charge of the tabernacle of the LORD."

31 And Moses and Eleazar the priest did just as the LORD had commanded Moses.

32 Now the booty that remained from the spoil which the <sup>1</sup>men of war had plundered was 675,000 sheep,

33 and 72,000 cattle,

34 and 61,000 donkeys,

35 and of human beings, of the women who had not known man <sup>1</sup>intimately, all the persons were 32,000.

36 And the half, the portion of those who went out to war, was *as follows*: the number of sheep was 337,500,

37 and the LORD's levy of the sheep was 675,

38 and the cattle were 36,000, from which the LORD's levy was 72.

39 And the donkeys were 30,500, from which the LORD's levy was 61.

40 And the human beings were 16,000, from whom the LORD's levy was 32 persons.

41 And Moses gave the levy *which was* the LORD's offering to Eleazar the priest, just as the LORD had commanded Moses.

42 As for the sons of Israel's half, which Moses <sup>1</sup>separated from the men who had gone to war—

43 now the congregation's half was 337,500 sheep,

44 and 36,000 cattle,

45 and 30,500 donkeys,

46 and the human beings were 16,000—

47 and from the sons of Israel's half, Moses took one drawn out of every fifty, both of man and of animals, and gave them to the Levites, who kept charge of the tabernacle of the LORD, just as the LORD had commanded Moses.

48 Then the officers who were over the thousands of the army, the captains of thousands and the captains of hundreds, approached Moses;

49 and they said to Moses, "Your servants have taken a census of men of war who are in our charge, and no man of us is missing.

50 "So we have brought as an offering to the LORD what each man found, articles of gold, armlets and bracelets, signet rings, earrings and necklaces, to make atonement for ourselves before the LORD."

51 And Moses and Eleazar the priest took the gold from them, all kinds of wrought articles.

52 And all the gold of the offering which they offered up to the LORD, from the captains of thousands and the captains of hundreds, was 16,750 shekels.

53 <sup>a</sup>The men of war had taken booty, every man for himself.

54 So Moses and Eleazar the priest took the gold from the captains of thousands and of hundreds, and brought it to the tent of meeting as a memorial for the sons of Israel before the LORD.

35 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *by lying with man*42 <sup>1</sup>Or, *divided*53 <sup>a</sup>Num. 31:32



CHAPTER 32

NOW the sons of Reuben and the sons of Gad had an <sup>a</sup>exceedingly large number of livestock. So when they saw the land of <sup>b</sup>Jazer and the land of Gilead, that <sup>1</sup>it was indeed a place suitable for livestock,

2 the sons of Gad and the sons of Reuben came and spoke to Moses and to Eleazar the priest and to the leaders of the congregation, saying,

3 <sup>a</sup>“Ataroth, Dibon, Jazer, Nimrah, Heshbon, Elealeh, Sebam, Nebo and Beon,

4 the land which the LORD <sup>1</sup>conquered before the congregation of Israel, is a land for livestock; and your servants have livestock.”

5 And they said, “If we have found favor in your sight, let this land be given to your servants as a possession; do not take us across the Jordan.”

6 But Moses said to the sons of Gad and to the sons of Reuben, “Shall your brothers go to war while you yourselves sit here?

7 <sup>a</sup>“Now why <sup>1</sup>are you discouraging the sons of Israel from crossing over into the land which the LORD has given them?

8 <sup>1</sup>“This is what your fathers did when I sent them from <sup>a</sup>Kadesh-barnea to see the land.

9 “For when they went up to the <sup>1</sup>valley of Eshcol and saw the land, they <sup>2</sup>discouraged the sons of Israel so that they did not go into the land which the LORD had given them.

10 “So the LORD’s anger burned in that day, and He swore, saying,

11 <sup>a</sup>“None of the men who came up from Egypt, from twenty years old and upward, shall see the land which I swore to Abraham, to Isaac and to Jacob; for they did not follow Me fully,

12 except Caleb the son of Jephunneh the Kenizzite and Joshua the son of Nun, for they have followed the LORD fully.”

13 <sup>a</sup>“So the LORD’s anger burned against Israel, and He made them wander in the wilderness forty years, until the entire generation of those who had done evil in the sight of the LORD was destroyed.

14 “Now behold, you have risen up in your fathers’ place, a brood of sinful men, to add still more to the burning anger of the LORD against Israel.

15 “For if you turn away from following Him, He will once more abandon them in the wilderness; and you will destroy all these people.”

16 Then they came near to him and said, “We will build here sheepfolds for our livestock and cities for our little ones;

17 <sup>a</sup>but we ourselves will be armed ready to go before the sons of Israel, until we have brought them to their place, while our little ones live in the fortified cities because of the inhabitants of the land.

18 <sup>a</sup>“We will not return to our homes until every one of the sons of Israel has possessed his inheritance.

19 “For we will not have an inheritance with them on the

1 <sup>1</sup>Lit., behold, the place, a place for  
<sup>a</sup>Ex. 12:38 <sup>b</sup>Num. 21:32

3 <sup>a</sup>Num. 32:34-38

4 <sup>1</sup>Lit., smote

7 <sup>1</sup>Lit., restraining the heart  
<sup>a</sup>Num. 13:27-14:4

8 <sup>1</sup>Lit., Thus your fathers  
<sup>a</sup>Num. 13:3, 26; Deut. 1:19-25

9 <sup>1</sup>Or, wadi <sup>2</sup>Lit., restrained the heart

11 <sup>a</sup>Num. 14:28-30

13 <sup>a</sup>Num. 14:33-35

17 <sup>a</sup>Josh. 4:12, 13

18 <sup>a</sup>Josh. 22:14

20 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *this thing*  
<sup>a</sup>Deut. 3:18

22 <sup>a</sup>Deut. 3:20

24 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *that which has  
come out of your mouth*  
<sup>a</sup>Num. 30:2

26 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *be*

33 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *borders*  
<sup>a</sup>Deut. 3:8-17; Josh. 12:1-6

other side of the Jordan and beyond, because our inheritance has fallen to us on this side of Jordan toward the east."

20 <sup>a</sup>So Moses said to them, "If you will do <sup>1</sup>this, if you will arm yourselves before the LORD for the war,

21 and all of you armed men cross over the Jordan before the LORD until He has driven His enemies out from before Him,

22 <sup>a</sup>and the land is subdued before the LORD, then afterward you shall return and be free of obligation toward the LORD and toward Israel, and this land shall be yours for a possession before the LORD.

23 "But if you will not do so, behold, you have sinned against the LORD, and be sure your sin will find you out.

24 "Build yourselves cities for your little ones, and sheepfolds for your sheep; and <sup>a</sup>do <sup>1</sup>what you have promised."

25 And the sons of Gad and the sons of Reuben spoke to Moses, saying, "Your servants will do just as my lord commands.

26 "Our little ones, our wives, our livestock and all our cattle shall <sup>1</sup>remain there in the cities of Gilead;

27 while your servants, everyone who is armed for war, will cross over in the presence of the LORD to battle, just as my lord says."

28 So Moses gave command concerning them to Eleazar the priest, and to Joshua the son of Nun, and to the heads of the fathers' *households* of the tribes of the sons of Israel.

29 And Moses said to them, "If the sons of Gad and the sons of Reuben, everyone who is armed for battle, will cross with you over the Jordan in the presence of the LORD, and the land will be subdued before you, then you shall give them the land of Gilead for a possession;

30 but if they will not cross over with you armed, they shall have possessions among you in the land of Canaan."

31 And the sons of Gad and the sons of Reuben answered, saying, "As the LORD has said to your servants, so we will do.

32 "We ourselves will cross over armed in the presence of the LORD into the land of Canaan, and the possession of our inheritance *shall remain* with us across the Jordan."

33 <sup>a</sup>So Moses gave to them, to the sons of Gad and to the sons of Reuben and to the half-tribe of Joseph's son Manasseh, the kingdom of Sihon, king of the Amorites and the kingdom of Og, the king of Bashan, the land with its cities with *their* <sup>1</sup>territories, the cities of the surrounding land.

34 And the sons of Gad built Dibon and Ataroth and Aroer,

35 and Atroth-shophan and Jazer and Jogbehah,

36 and Beth-nimrah and Beth-haran as fortified cities, and sheepfolds for sheep.

37 And the sons of Reuben built Heshbon and Elealeh and Kiriathaim,

38 and Nebo and Baal-meon—*their* names being changed—and Sibmah, and they gave *other* names to the cities which they built.

39 And the sons of Machir the son of Manasseh went to Gilead and took it, and dispossessed the Amorites who were in it.

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40 So Moses gave Gilead to Machir the son of Manasseh, and he lived in it.

41 And Jair the son of Manasseh went and took its <sup>1</sup>towns, and called them <sup>2a</sup>Havvoth-jair.

42 And Nobah went and took Kenath and its villages, and called it Nobah after his own name.

### CHAPTER 33

THESE are the journeys of the sons of Israel, by which they came out from the land of Egypt by their armies, under <sup>a</sup>the leadership of Moses and Aaron.

2 And Moses recorded their starting places according to their journeys by the <sup>1</sup>command of the LORD, and these are their journeys according to their starting places.

3 <sup>a</sup>And they journeyed from Rameses in the first month, on the fifteenth day of the first month; on the <sup>1</sup>next day after the Passover the sons of Israel <sup>b</sup>started out <sup>2</sup>boldly in the sight of all the Egyptians,

4 while the Egyptians were burying all their first-born whom the LORD had struck down among them. The LORD had also executed judgments <sup>a</sup>on their gods.

5 Then the sons of Israel journeyed from Rameses, and camped in Succoth.

6 <sup>a</sup>And they journeyed from Succoth, and camped in Etham, which is on the edge of the wilderness.

7 <sup>a</sup>And they journeyed from Etham, and turned back to Pi-hahiroth, which faces Baal-zephion; and they camped before Migdol.

8 <sup>a</sup>And they journeyed <sup>1</sup>from before Hahiroth, and passed through the midst of the sea into the wilderness; and <sup>b</sup>they went three days' journey in the wilderness of Etham, and camped at Marah.

9 <sup>a</sup>And they journeyed from Marah, and came to Elim; and in Elim there were twelve springs of water and seventy palm trees; and they camped there.

10 And they journeyed from Elim, and camped by the <sup>1</sup>Red Sea.

11 And they journeyed from the <sup>1</sup>Red Sea, and camped in <sup>a</sup>the wilderness of Sin.

12 And they journeyed from the wilderness of Sin, and camped at Dophkah.

13 And they journeyed from Dophkah, and camped at Alush.

14 And they journeyed from Alush, and camped <sup>a</sup>at Rephidim; now it was there that the people had no water to drink.

15 And they journeyed from Rephidim, and camped in <sup>a</sup>the wilderness of Sinai.

16 And they journeyed from the wilderness of Sinai, and camped at <sup>a</sup>Kibroth-hattaavah.

17 And they journeyed from Kibroth-hattaavah, and camped at <sup>a</sup>Hazereth.

18 And they journeyed from Hazereth, and camped at Rithmah.

19 And they journeyed from Rithmah, and camped at Rimmon-perez.

## Numbers 32, 33

<sup>41</sup> <sup>1</sup>Lit., *tent villages* <sup>2</sup>I.e., the towns of Jair  
<sup>a</sup>Deut. 3:14; Judg. 10:4

<sup>1</sup> <sup>1</sup>Lit., *hand*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 77:20; 105:26; Mic. 6:4

<sup>2</sup> <sup>1</sup>Lit., *mouth*

<sup>3</sup> <sup>1</sup>Lit., *morrow* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *with a high hand*  
<sup>a</sup>Ex. 12:37 <sup>b</sup>Ex. 14:8

<sup>4</sup> <sup>a</sup>Ex. 12:12

<sup>6</sup> <sup>a</sup>Ex. 13:20

<sup>7</sup> <sup>a</sup>Ex. 14:1, 2

<sup>8</sup> <sup>1</sup>Many mss. read, *from Pi-hahiroth*  
<sup>a</sup>Ex. 14:22 <sup>b</sup>Ex. 15:22

<sup>9</sup> <sup>a</sup>Ex. 15:27

<sup>10</sup> <sup>1</sup>Lit., *Sea of Reeds*

<sup>11</sup> <sup>1</sup>Lit., *Sea of Reeds*  
<sup>a</sup>Ex. 16:1

<sup>14</sup> <sup>a</sup>Ex. 17:1

<sup>15</sup> <sup>a</sup>Ex. 19:1

<sup>16</sup> <sup>a</sup>Num. 11:34

<sup>17</sup> <sup>a</sup>Num. 11:35

30 \*Deut. 10:6

20 And they journeyed from Rimmon-perez, and camped at Libnah.

21 And they journeyed from Libnah, and camped at Rissah.

22 And they journeyed from Rissah, and camped in Kehe-lathah.

33 \*Deut. 10:7

23 And they journeyed from Kehelathah, and camped at Mount Shepher.

24 And they journeyed from Mount Shepher, and camped at Haradah.

25 And they journeyed from Haradah, and camped at Makheloth.

35 \*Deut. 2:8

26 And they journeyed from Makheloth, and camped at Tahath.

27 And they journeyed from Tahath, and camped at Terah.

28 And they journeyed from Terah, and camped at Mithkah.

36 \*Num. 20:1

29 And they journeyed from Mithkah, and camped at Hashmonah.

30 And they journeyed from Hashmonah, and camped at <sup>a</sup>Moseroth.

31 And they journeyed from Moseroth, and camped at Bene-jaakan.

32 And they journeyed from Bene-jaakan, and camped at Hor-haggidgad.

37 \*Num. 20:22 <sup>b</sup>Num. 20:16

33 And they journeyed from Hor-haggidgad, and camped at <sup>a</sup>Jotbathah.

34 And they journeyed from Jotbathah, and camped at Abronah.

35 And they journeyed from Abronah, and camped at <sup>a</sup>Ezion-geber.

38 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *mouth*  
<sup>a</sup>Num. 20:28

36 And they journeyed from Ezion-geber, and camped in the wilderness of <sup>a</sup>Zin, that is, Kadesh.

37 And they journeyed from Kadesh, and camped at <sup>a</sup>Mount Hor, <sup>ba</sup>t the edge of the land of Edom.

38 <sup>a</sup>Then Aaron the priest went up to Mount Hor at the <sup>1</sup>command of the LORD, and died there, in the fortieth year after the sons of Israel had come from the land of Egypt on the first *day* in the fifth month.

40 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *and he* <sup>2</sup>i.e.,  
South country  
<sup>a</sup>Num. 21:1

39 And Aaron was one hundred twenty-three years old when he died on Mount Hor.

40 Now the Canaanite, the king of <sup>a</sup>Arad <sup>1</sup>who lived in the <sup>2</sup>Negev in the land of Canaan, heard of the coming of the sons of Israel.

41 Then they journeyed from Mount Hor, and camped at Zalmonah.

43 \*Num. 21:10, 11

42 And they journeyed from Zalmonah, and camped at Punon.

43 And they journeyed from Punon, and camped at <sup>a</sup>Oboth.

44 And they journeyed from Oboth, and camped at Iyeabarim, at the border of Moab.

45 And they journeyed from Iyim, and camped at Dibon-gad.

46 And they journeyed from Dibon-gad, and camped at Almon-diblathaim.

47 And they journeyed from Almon-diblathaim, and camped in the mountains of <sup>a</sup>Abarim, before Nebo.

48 And they journeyed from the mountains of Abarim, and <sup>a</sup>camped in the plains of Moab by the Jordan *opposite* Jericho.

49 And they camped by the Jordan, from Beth-jeshimoth as far as <sup>a</sup>Abel-shittim in the plains of Moab.

50 Then the LORD spoke to Moses in the plains of Moab by the Jordan *opposite* Jericho, saying,

51 "Speak to the sons of Israel and say to them, 'When you cross over the Jordan into the land of Canaan,

52 then you shall drive out all the inhabitants of the land from before you, and <sup>a</sup>destroy all their figured stones, and destroy all their molten images and demolish all their high places;

53 <sup>a</sup>and you shall take possession of the land and live in it, for I have given the land to you to possess it.

54 <sup>a</sup>And you shall inherit the land by lot according to your families; to the larger you shall give more inheritance, and to the smaller you shall give less inheritance. Wherever the lot falls to anyone, that shall be his. You shall inherit according to the tribes of your fathers.

55 'But if you do not drive out the inhabitants of the land from before you, then it shall come about that those whom you let remain of them *will become* <sup>a</sup>as pricks in your eyes and as thorns in your sides, and they shall trouble you in the land in which you live.

56 'And it shall come about that as I plan to do to them, so I will do to you.' "

CHAPTER 34

THEN the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,

2 "Command the sons of Israel and say to them, 'When you enter the land of Canaan, this is the land that shall fall to you as an inheritance, *even the* land of Canaan according to its borders.

3 <sup>a</sup>Your southern <sup>1</sup>sector shall <sup>2</sup>extend from the wilderness of Zin along the side of Edom, and your southern border shall <sup>2</sup>extend from the end of the Salt Sea <sup>b</sup>eastward.

4 'Then your border shall turn *direction* from the south to the ascent of Akrabim, and <sup>1</sup>continue to Zin, and its <sup>2</sup>termination shall be to the south of Kadesh-barnea; and it shall <sup>1</sup>reach Hazaraddar, and <sup>1</sup>continue to Azmon.

5 'And the border shall turn *direction* from Azmon to the brook of Egypt, and its termination shall be at <sup>a</sup>the sea.

6 'As for the western border, you shall have the Great Sea, that is, *its* <sup>1</sup>coastline; this shall be your west border.

7 <sup>a</sup>And this shall be your north border: you shall draw your *border* line from the Great Sea to Mount Hor.

8 'You shall draw a line from Mount Hor to <sup>a</sup>the <sup>1</sup>Lebo-hamath, and the termination of the border shall be at Zedad;

9 and the border shall proceed to Ziphron, and its termination shall be at Hazar-enan. This shall be your north border.

10 'For your eastern border you shall also draw a line from Hazar-enan to Shepham,

47 <sup>a</sup>Num. 27:12

48 <sup>a</sup>Num. 22:1

49 <sup>a</sup>Num. 25:1

52 <sup>a</sup>Ex. 23:24; Lev 26:1; Deut. 7:5; 12:3, 30; Ps. 106:34

53 <sup>a</sup>Deut. 11:31; 17:14; Josh. 21:43

54 <sup>a</sup>Num. 26:53-56

55 <sup>a</sup>Josh 23:13

<sup>3</sup> <sup>1</sup>Lit., *side* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *be* <sup>a</sup>Josh. 15:1-3 <sup>b</sup>Josh. 15:5

<sup>4</sup> <sup>1</sup>Lit., *pass along* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *goings out*, and so throughout the chap. <sup>1</sup>Lit., *go forth to*

5 <sup>a</sup>Josh. 15:4

6 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *border*

7 <sup>a</sup>Ezek. 47:15-17

<sup>8</sup> <sup>1</sup>Or., *entrance of Hamath* <sup>a</sup>Josh. 13:5

<sup>11</sup> <sup>1</sup>Lit., *shoulder*  
<sup>2</sup> Kin. 23:33 <sup>b</sup>Deut. 3:17;  
 Josh. 13:27

<sup>13</sup> <sup>a</sup>Gen. 15:18; Deut.  
 11:24

<sup>14</sup> <sup>a</sup>Num. 32:33

<sup>17</sup> <sup>a</sup>Josh. 14:1, 2

<sup>1</sup> <sup>a</sup>Lev. 25:32-34

11 and the border shall go down from Shepham to <sup>a</sup>Riblah on the east side of Ain; and the border shall go down and reach to the <sup>1</sup>slope on the east side of the sea of <sup>b</sup>Chinnereth.

12 'And the border shall go down to the Jordan and its termination shall be at the Salt Sea. This shall be your land according to its borders all around.'"

13 So Moses commanded the sons of Israel, saying, "This is the land that you are to apportion by lot among you as a possession, which the LORD has commanded to give to the nine and a half tribes.

14 "For the tribe of the sons of Reuben have received *theirs* according to their fathers' households, and the tribe of the sons of Gad according to their fathers' households, and the half-tribe of Manasseh have received their possession.

15 "The two and a half tribes have received their possession across the Jordan opposite Jericho, eastward toward the sun-rising."

16 Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,

17 "These are the names of the men who shall apportion the land to you for inheritance: Eleazar the priest and Joshua the son of Nun.

18 "And you shall take one leader of every tribe to apportion the land for inheritance.

19 "And these are the names of the men: of the tribe of Judah, Caleb the son of Jephunneh.

20 "And of the tribe of the sons of Simeon, Samuel the son of Ammihud.

21 "Of the tribe of Benjamin, Elidad the son of Chislon.

22 "And of the tribe of the sons of Dan a leader, Bukki the son of Jogli.

23 "Of the sons of Joseph: of the tribe of the sons of Manasseh a leader, Hanniel the son of Ephod.

24 "And of the tribe of the sons of Ephraim a leader, Kemuel the son of Shiptan.

25 "And of the tribe of the sons of Zebulun a leader, Elizaphan the son of Parnach.

26 "And of the tribe of the sons of Issachar a leader, Paltiel the son of Azzan.

27 "And of the tribe of the sons of Asher a leader, Ahihud the son of Shelomi.

28 "And of the tribe of the sons of Naphtali a leader, Pedahel the son of Ammihud."

29 These are those whom the LORD commanded to apportion the inheritance to the sons of Israel in the land of Canaan.

## CHAPTER 35

<sup>a</sup>**N**OW the LORD spoke to Moses in the plains of Moab by the Jordan opposite Jericho, saying,

2 "Command the sons of Israel that they give to the Levites from the inheritance of their possession, cities to live in; and you shall give to the Levites pasture lands around the cities.

3 "And the cities shall be theirs to live in; and their pasture

lands shall be for their cattle and for their herds and for all their beasts.

4 "And the pasture lands of the cities which you shall give to the Levites shall extend from the wall of the city outward a thousand cubits around.

5 "You shall also measure outside the city on the east side two thousand cubits, and on the south side two thousand cubits, and on the west side two thousand cubits, and on the north side two thousand cubits, with the city in the center. This shall become theirs as pasture lands for the cities.

6 "And the cities which you shall give to the Levites shall be the six cities of refuge, which you shall give for the manslayer to flee to; and in addition to them you shall give forty-two cities.

7 "All the cities which you shall give to the Levites shall be forty-eight cities, together with their pasture lands.

8 "As for the cities which you shall give from the possession of the sons of Israel, you shall take more from the larger and you shall take less from the smaller; each shall give some of his cities to the Levites in proportion to his possession which he inherits."

9 Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,

10 "Speak to the sons of Israel and say to them, 'When you cross the Jordan into the land of Canaan,

11 then you shall select for yourselves cities to be your cities of refuge, that the manslayer who has killed any person unintentionally may flee there.

12 'And the cities shall be to you as a refuge from the avenger, so that the manslayer may not die until he stands before the congregation for trial.

13 'And the cities which you are to give shall be your six cities of refuge.

14 'You shall give three cities across the Jordan and three cities in the land of Canaan; they are to be cities of refuge.

15 'These six cities shall be for refuge for the sons of Israel, and for the alien and for the sojourner among them; that anyone who kills a person unintentionally may flee there.

16 'But if he struck him down with an iron object, so that he died, he is a murderer; the murderer shall surely be put to death.

17 'And if he struck him down with a stone in the hand, by which he may die, and as a result he died, he is a murderer; the murderer shall surely be put to death.

18 'Or if he struck him with a wooden object in the hand, by which he may die, and as a result he died, he is a murderer; the murderer shall surely be put to death.

19 'The blood avenger himself shall put the murderer to death; he shall put him to death when he meets him.

20 'And if he pushed him of hatred, or threw something at him lying in wait and as a result he died,

21 or if he struck him down with his hand in enmity, and as a result he died, the one who struck him shall surely be put to death, he is a murderer; the blood avenger shall put the murderer to death when he meets him.

22 'But if he pushed him suddenly without enmity, or threw something at him without lying in wait,

4 <sup>1</sup>Lit. and outward

6 <sup>\*</sup>Josh. 20:7-9

7 <sup>1</sup>Lit. them

8 <sup>\*</sup>Num. 26:54; 33:54; Lev. 25:32-34; Josh. 21:1-42

11 <sup>1</sup>Lit. smote  
<sup>\*</sup>Deut. 19:1-13 <sup>\*</sup>Num. 35:22; Ex. 21:13; Lev. 4:2, 22

12 <sup>1</sup>Lit. judgment

14 <sup>1</sup>Lit. you shall give in

15 <sup>1</sup>Lit. smites  
<sup>\*</sup>Num. 35:11

16 <sup>\*</sup>Ex. 21:12, 14; Lev. 24:17

17 <sup>\*</sup>Num. 35:31

22 <sup>\*</sup>Num. 35:11

23 <sup>1</sup>Lit., by which he may die

30 <sup>1</sup>Lit., mouth  
<sup>a</sup>Num. 35:16 <sup>b</sup>Deut. 17:6; 19:15; <sup>c</sup>Matt. 18:16; John 7:51; 8:17, 18

32 <sup>1</sup>Or, until

33 <sup>a</sup>Deut. 21:7, 8; Ps. 106:38 <sup>b</sup>Gen. 9:6

34 <sup>a</sup>Lev. 18:24, 25 <sup>b</sup>Num. 5:3

1 <sup>a</sup>Num. 27:1

2 <sup>a</sup>Num. 27:5, 6

3 <sup>1</sup>Lit., become wives to, and so throughout the chap.

4 <sup>1</sup>Lit., shall be  
<sup>a</sup>Lev. 25:10

23 or with any <sup>1</sup>deadly object of stone, and without seeing it dropped on him so that he died, while he was not his enemy nor seeking his injury,

24 then the congregation shall judge between the slayer and the blood avenger according to these ordinances.

25 'And the congregation shall deliver the manslayer from the hand of the blood avenger, and the congregation shall restore him to his city of refuge to which he fled; and he shall live in it until the death of the high priest who was anointed with the holy oil.

26 'But if the manslayer shall at any time go beyond the border of his city of refuge to which he may flee,

27 and the blood avenger finds him outside the border of his city of refuge, and the blood avenger kills the manslayer, he shall not be guilty of blood

28 because he should have remained in his city of refuge until the death of the high priest. But after the death of the high priest the manslayer shall return to the land of his possession.

29 'And these things shall be for a statutory ordinance to you throughout your generations in all your dwellings.

30 'aIf anyone kills a person, the murderer shall be put to death at the <sup>1</sup>evidence of witnesses, but <sup>b</sup>no person shall be put to death on the testimony of one witness.

31 'Moreover, you shall not take ransom for the life of a murderer who is guilty of death, but he shall surely be put to death.

32 'And you shall not take ransom for him who has fled to his city of refuge, that he may return to live in the land <sup>1</sup>before the death of the priest.

33 'aSo you shall not pollute the land in which you are; for blood pollutes the land and no expiation can be made for the land for the blood that is shed on it, except <sup>b</sup>by the blood of him who shed it.

34 'And you shall not <sup>a</sup>defile the land in which you live, in the midst of which <sup>b</sup>I dwell; for I the LORD am dwelling in the midst of the sons of Israel. "

CHAPTER 36

<sup>a</sup>AND the heads of the fathers' *households* of the family of the sons of Gilead, the son of Machir, the son of Manasseh, of the families of the sons of Joseph, came near and spoke before Moses and before the leaders, the heads of the fathers' *households* of the sons of Israel,

2 and they said, "The LORD commanded my lord to give the land by lot to the sons of Israel as an inheritance, and my lord <sup>a</sup>was commanded by the LORD to give the inheritance of Zelophehad our brother to his daughters.

3 "But if they <sup>1</sup>marry one of the sons of the *other* tribes of the sons of Israel, their inheritance will be withdrawn from the inheritance of our fathers and will be added to the inheritance of the tribe to which they belong; thus it will be withdrawn from our allotted inheritance.

4 "And when the <sup>a</sup>jubilee of the sons of Israel <sup>1</sup>comes, then their inheritance will be added to the inheritance of the tribe



to which they belong; so their inheritance will be withdrawn from the inheritance of the tribe of our fathers."

5 Then Moses commanded the sons of Israel according to the word of the LORD, saying, "The tribe of the sons of Joseph are right in their statements.

6 "This is what the LORD has commanded concerning the daughters of Zelophehad, saying, 'Let them marry whom they wish; only they must marry within the family of the tribe of their father.'

7 "Thus no inheritance of the sons of Israel shall be transferred from tribe to tribe, for the sons of Israel shall each hold to the inheritance of the tribe of his fathers.

8 "And every daughter who comes into possession of an inheritance of any tribe of the sons of Israel, shall be wife to one of the family of the tribe of her father, so that the sons of Israel each may possess the inheritance of his fathers.

9 "Thus no inheritance shall be transferred from one tribe to another tribe, for the tribes of the sons of Israel shall each hold to his own inheritance."

10 Just as the LORD had commanded Moses, so the daughters of Zelophehad did,

11 and for Mahlah, Tirzah, and Hoglah and Milcah and Noah, the daughters of Zelophehad married their uncles' sons.

12 They married those from the families of the sons of Manasse the son of Joseph, and their inheritance remained with the tribe of the family of their father.

13 These are the commandments and the ordinances which the LORD commanded to the sons of Israel through Moses in the plains of Moab by the Jordan opposite Jericho.

5 <sup>1</sup>Lit., mouth

6 <sup>1</sup>Lit., the thing which <sup>2</sup>Lit., to the good one in their eyes

7 <sup>1</sup>Lit., turn about <sup>2</sup>Lit., cleave

8 <sup>1</sup>Chr. 23:22

9 <sup>1</sup>Lit., turn about <sup>2</sup>Lit., cleave

11 <sup>1</sup>Num. 26:33

12 <sup>1</sup>Lit., was

13 <sup>1</sup>Num. 22:1; Lev. 26:46; 27:34

## DEUTERONOMY

### God's Command to Possess the Land.

THESE are the words which Moses spoke to all Israel across the Jordan in the wilderness, in the Arabah opposite Suph, between Paran and Tophel and Laban and Hazeroth and Dizahab.

2 It is eleven days' journey from Horeb by the way of Mount Seir to Kadesh-barnea.

3 And it came about in the fortieth year, on the first day of the eleventh month, that Moses spoke to the children of Israel, according to all that the LORD had commanded him to give to them,

4 after he had defeated Sihon the king of the Amorites, who lived in Heshbon, and Og the king of Bashan, who lived in Ashtaroth and Edrei.

5 Across the Jordan in the land of Moab, Moses undertook to expound this law, saying,

6 "The LORD our God spoke to us at Horeb, saying, 'You have stayed long enough at this mountain.

1 <sup>1</sup>Perhaps Red Sea <sup>2</sup>Deut. 4:46 <sup>3</sup>Deut. 2:8

2 <sup>1</sup>Ex. 3:1; 17:6 <sup>2</sup>Gen. 32:3 <sup>3</sup>Num. 32:8

3 <sup>1</sup>Num. 33:38 <sup>2</sup>Deut. 4:1, 2

4 <sup>1</sup>Lit., smitten <sup>2</sup>So with ancient versions. M.T. omits and; cf. also Josh. 12:4 <sup>3</sup>Num. 21:24, 25

6 <sup>1</sup>Lit., dwell <sup>2</sup>Num. 10:11-13

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7 <sup>1</sup>I.e., South country  
<sup>a</sup>Deut. 11:24; Gen. 15:18;  
Josh. 10:40 <sup>b</sup>Gen. 12:9

8 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *seed*  
<sup>a</sup>Gen. 26:3; Ex. 33:1; Num.  
14:23; 32:11

9 <sup>a</sup>Ex. 18:18, 24

10 <sup>a</sup>Deut. 10:22; 26:5;  
Gen. 15:5; 22:17

11 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *spoken to*

13 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *Give for  
yourselves*  
<sup>a</sup>Ex. 18:21

15 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *gave* <sup>2</sup>Lit.,  
*leaders of*

16 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *brothers* <sup>2</sup>Lit.,  
*brother*

17 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *because of man*  
<sup>a</sup>Deut. 10:17; 16:19; 24:17  
<sup>b</sup>Ex. 18:19, 23

18 <sup>a</sup>Ex. 18:20

19 <sup>a</sup>Deut. 1:2 <sup>b</sup>Deut. 2:7;  
8:15; 32:10 <sup>c</sup>Deut. 1:7  
<sup>d</sup>Deut. 1:2

22 <sup>a</sup>Num. 13:1-3

24 <sup>a</sup>Num. 13:21-25

7 'Turn and set your journey, and go to <sup>a</sup>the hill country of the Amorites, and to all their neighbors in the Arabah, in the hill country and in the lowland and in <sup>b</sup>the <sup>1</sup>Negev and by the seacoast, the land of the Canaanites, and Lebanon, as far as the great river, the river Euphrates.

8 'See, I have placed the land before you; go in and possess the land which the LORD <sup>a</sup>swore to give to your fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to them and their <sup>1</sup>descendants after them.'

9 "And I spoke to you at that time, saying, <sup>a</sup>I am not able to bear *the burden* of you alone.

10 'The LORD your God has <sup>a</sup>multiplied you, and behold, you are this day as the stars of heaven for multitude.

11 'May the LORD, the God of your fathers, increase you a thousand-fold more than you are, and bless you, just as He has <sup>1</sup>promised you!

12 'How can I alone bear the load and burden of you and your strife?

13 <sup>1a</sup>Choose wise and discerning and experienced men from your tribes, and I will appoint them as your heads.'

14 "And you answered me and said, 'The thing which you have said to do is good.'

15 "So I took the heads of your tribes, wise and experienced men, and <sup>1</sup>appointed them heads over you, leaders of thousands, and <sup>2</sup>of hundreds, <sup>2</sup>of fifties and <sup>2</sup>of tens, and officers for your tribes.

16 "Then I charged your judges at that time, saying, 'Hear *the cases* between your <sup>1</sup>fellow-countrymen, and judge righteously between a man and his <sup>2</sup>fellow-countryman, or the alien who is with him.

17 <sup>a</sup>You shall not show partiality in judgment; you shall hear the small and the great alike. You shall not fear <sup>1</sup>man, for the judgment is God's. And <sup>b</sup>the case that is too hard for you, you shall bring to me, and I will hear it.'

18 <sup>a</sup>"And I commanded you at that time all the things that you should do.

19 "Then we set out from <sup>a</sup>Horeb, and went through all that <sup>b</sup>great and terrible wilderness which you saw, on the way to the <sup>c</sup>hill country of the Amorites, just as the LORD our God had commanded us; and we came to <sup>d</sup>Kadesh-barnea.

20 "And I said to you, 'You have come to the hill country of the Amorites which the LORD our God is about to give us.

21 'See, the LORD your God has placed the land before you; go up, take possession, as the LORD, the God of your fathers, has spoken to you. Do not fear or be dismayed.'

22 <sup>a</sup>"Then all of you approached me and said, 'Let us send men before us, that they may search out the land for us, and bring back to us word of the way by which we should go up, and the cities which we shall enter.'

23 "And the thing pleased me and I took twelve of your men, one man for each tribe.

24 "And <sup>a</sup>they turned and went up into the hill country, and came to the valley of Eshcol, and spied it out.

25 "Then they took *some* of the fruit of the land in their hands and brought it down to us; and they brought us back a

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report and said, 'It is a good land which the LORD our God is about to give us.'

26 "Yet you were not willing to go up, but rebelled against the <sup>1</sup>command of the LORD your God;

27 and <sup>2</sup>you grumbled in your tents and said, 'Because the LORD hates us, He has brought us out of the land of Egypt to deliver us into the hand of the Amorites to destroy us.'

28 'Where can we go up? Our brethren have made our hearts melt, saying, "The people are bigger and taller than we; the cities are large and fortified to heaven. And besides, we saw <sup>3</sup>the sons of the Anakim there."'

29 "Then I said to you, 'Do not be shocked, nor fear them.'

30 'The LORD your God who goes before you will <sup>4</sup>Himself fight on your behalf, <sup>1</sup>just as He did for you in Egypt before your eyes,

31 and in the wilderness where you saw how <sup>5</sup>the LORD your God carried you, just as a man carries his son, in all the way which you have walked, until you came to this place.'

32 "But <sup>1</sup>for all this, you did not trust the LORD your God,

33 <sup>2</sup>who goes before you on your way, to seek out a place for you to encamp, in fire by night and cloud by day, to show you the way in which you should go.

34 "Then the LORD heard the sound of your words, and He was angry and <sup>3</sup>took an oath, saying,

35 'Not one of these men, this evil generation, shall see the good land which I swore to give your fathers,

36 except Caleb the son of Jephunneh; he shall see it, and <sup>4</sup>to him and to his sons I will give the land on which he has set foot, because he has followed the LORD fully.'

37 "The LORD was angry with me also on your account, saying, <sup>5</sup>'Not even you shall enter there.'

38 'Joshua the son of Nun, who stands before you, <sup>6</sup>he shall enter there; encourage him, for <sup>7</sup>he shall cause Israel to inherit it.

39 'Moreover, <sup>8</sup>your little ones who you said would become a prey, and your sons, who this day have no knowledge of good or evil, shall enter there, and I will give it to them, and they shall possess it.

40 'But as for you, <sup>9</sup>turn around and set out for the wilderness by the way to the <sup>1</sup>Red Sea.'

41 "Then you answered and said to me, 'We have sinned against the LORD; we will indeed go up and fight, just as the LORD our God commanded us.' And every man of you girded on his weapons of war, and regarded it as easy to go up into the hill country.

42 "And the LORD said to me, 'Say to them, "Do not go up, nor fight, for I am not among you; lest you be <sup>1</sup>defeated before your enemies."'

43 "So I spoke to you, but you would not listen. Instead <sup>2</sup>you rebelled against the <sup>1</sup>command of the LORD, and acted presumptuously and went up into the hill country.

44 "And the Amorites who <sup>1</sup>lived in that hill country came out against you, and chased you as bees do, and crushed you from Seir to Hormah.

26 <sup>1</sup>Lit., mouth  
<sup>2</sup>Num. 14:1-4

27 <sup>2</sup>Ps. 106:25

28 <sup>2</sup>Deut. 9:2; Num. 13:28, 33

30 <sup>1</sup>Lit., according to all that  
<sup>2</sup>Deut. 3:22; 20:4; Ex. 14:14

31 <sup>2</sup>Acts 13:18

32 <sup>1</sup>Lit., in this matter

33 <sup>2</sup>Num. 9:15-23

34 <sup>2</sup>Num. 14:28-30

36 <sup>2</sup>Num. 14:24; Josh. 14:9

37 <sup>2</sup>Num. 20:12 <sup>3</sup>Num. 27:13, 18

38 <sup>2</sup>Num. 14:20 <sup>3</sup>Deut. 3:28; 31:7; Num. 34:17; Josh. 11:23

39 <sup>2</sup>Num. 14:3, 31

40 <sup>1</sup>Or, Sea of Reeds  
<sup>2</sup>Num. 14:25

41 <sup>2</sup>Num. 14:40

42 <sup>1</sup>Lit., smitten  
<sup>2</sup>Num. 14:41-43

43 <sup>1</sup>Lit., mouth  
<sup>2</sup>Num. 14:40

44 <sup>1</sup>Lit., dwelt  
<sup>2</sup>Num. 14:45

46 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *as the days*  
<sup>a</sup>Deut. 2:7, 14

<sup>1</sup> Or, *Sea of Reeds*  
<sup>a</sup>Num. 21:4 <sup>b</sup>Deut. 1:2

<sup>4</sup> <sup>a</sup>Num. 20:14-21 <sup>b</sup>Ex.  
 15:15

<sup>5</sup> <sup>1</sup>Or, *engage in strife*  
 with <sup>2</sup>Lit., *treading of a*  
*sole of a foot*

<sup>7</sup> <sup>1</sup>Lit., *the work of your*  
*hand* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *goings*  
<sup>a</sup>Deut. 1:19 <sup>b</sup>Deut. 2:14;  
 Num. 14:33, 34; 32:13

<sup>8</sup> <sup>a</sup>Deut. 1:1

<sup>9</sup> <sup>1</sup>Lit., *his*  
<sup>a</sup>Deut. 2:18, 29; Num.  
 21:15, 28 <sup>b</sup>Gen. 19:36, 37

<sup>11</sup> <sup>a</sup>Deut. 2:20; Gen. 14:5

<sup>12</sup> <sup>1</sup>Lit., *his*  
<sup>a</sup>Deut. 2:22 <sup>b</sup>Num. 21:25,  
 35

<sup>13</sup> <sup>1</sup>Or, *wadi*

<sup>14</sup> <sup>1</sup>Lit., *days in which we*  
*went* <sup>2</sup>Or, *wadi*  
<sup>a</sup>Deut. 2:7 <sup>b</sup>Num. 14:29-35;  
 26:64, 65; Ps. 106:26; 1 Cor.  
 10:5

<sup>15</sup> <sup>a</sup>Jude 5

<sup>16</sup> <sup>a</sup>Deut. 2:14

<sup>18</sup> <sup>a</sup>Deut. 2:9

45 "Then you returned and wept before the LORD; but the LORD did not listen to your voice, nor give ear to you.

46 "So you remained in Kadesh <sup>a</sup>many days, <sup>1</sup>the days that you spent *there*.

## CHAPTER 2

47 <sup>a</sup> THEN we turned and set out for the wilderness by the way to the <sup>1</sup>Red Sea, as the LORD spoke to me, and circled <sup>b</sup>Mount Seir for many days.

2 "And the LORD spoke to me, saying,

3 "You have circled this mountain long enough. Now turn north,

4 <sup>a</sup>and command the people, saying, "You will pass through the territory of your brothers the sons of Esau who live in Seir; and <sup>b</sup>they will be afraid of you. So be very careful;

5 do not <sup>1</sup>provoke them, for I will not give you any of their land, even <sup>a</sup>little as a <sup>2</sup>footstep because I have given Mount Seir to Esau as a possession.

6 "You shall buy food from them with money so that you may eat, and you shall also purchase water from them with money so that you may drink.

7 "For the LORD your God has blessed you in all <sup>1</sup>that you have done; He has known your <sup>2</sup>wanderings through this <sup>a</sup>great wilderness. These <sup>b</sup>forty years the LORD your God has been with you; you have not lacked a thing."

8 "So we passed beyond our brothers the sons of Esau, who live in Seir, away from the <sup>a</sup>Arabah road, away from Elath and from Ezion-geber. And we turned and passed through by the way of the wilderness of Moab.

9 "Then the LORD said to me, 'Do not harass Moab, nor provoke them to war, for I will not give you any of <sup>1</sup>their land as a possession, because I have given <sup>a</sup>Ar to <sup>b</sup>the sons of Lot as a possession.

10 (The Emim lived there formerly, a people as great, numerous, and tall as the Anakim.

11 Like the Anakim, they are also regarded as <sup>a</sup>Rephaim, but the Moabites call them Emim.

12 <sup>a</sup>The Horites formerly lived in Seir, but the sons of Esau dispossessed them and destroyed them from before them and settled in their place, <sup>b</sup>just as Israel did to the land of <sup>1</sup>their possession which the LORD gave to them.)

13 'Now arise and cross over the <sup>1</sup>brook Zered yourselves.' So we crossed over the <sup>1</sup>brook Zered.

14 "Now the <sup>1</sup>time that it took for us to come from Kadesh-barnea, until we crossed over the <sup>2</sup>brook Zered, was <sup>a</sup>thirty-eight years; until <sup>b</sup>all the generation of the men of war perished from within the camp, as the LORD had sworn to them.

15 "Moreover the hand of the LORD was against them, to destroy them from within the camp, until they all perished.

16 "So it came about when <sup>a</sup>all the men of war had finally perished from among the people,

17 that the LORD spoke to me, saying,

18 'You shall cross over <sup>a</sup>Ar, the border of Moab, today.

19 'And when you come opposite the sons of Ammon, do not harass them nor provoke them, for I will not give you any

of the land of the sons of Ammon as a possession, because I have given it to <sup>a</sup>the sons of Lot as a possession.'

20 (It is also regarded as the land of the <sup>a</sup>Rephaim, for Rephaim formerly lived in it, but the Ammonites call them Zamzummin,

21 a people as great, numerous, and tall as the Anakim, but the LORD destroyed them before them. And they dispossessed them and settled in their place,

22 just as He did for the sons of Esau, who live in Seir, when He destroyed <sup>a</sup>the Horites from before them; and they dispossessed them, and settled in their place even to this day.

23 And the <sup>a</sup>Avvim, who lived in villages as far as Gaza, the <sup>b</sup>Caphtorim who came from <sup>c</sup>Caphtor, destroyed them and lived in their place.)

24 'Arise, set out, and pass through the <sup>1</sup>valley of Arnon. Look! I have given Sihon the Amorite, king of Heshbon, and his land into your hand; begin to take possession and contend with him in battle.

25 'This day I will begin to put <sup>a</sup>the dread and fear of you <sup>1</sup>upon the peoples <sup>2</sup>everywhere under the heavens, who, when they hear the report of you, <sup>b</sup>shall tremble and be in anguish because of you.'

26 "So I sent messengers from the wilderness of Kedemoth to Sihon king of Heshbon with words of peace, saying,

27 'Let me pass through your land, I will <sup>1</sup>travel only on the highway; I will not turn aside to the right or to the left.

28 'You will sell me food for money so that I may eat, and give me water for money so that I may drink, only let me pass through on <sup>1</sup>foot,

29 just as the sons of Esau who live in Seir and the Moabites who live in <sup>a</sup>Ar, did for me, until I cross over the Jordan into the land which the LORD our God is giving to us.'

30 "But Sihon king of Heshbon was not willing for us to pass <sup>1</sup>through his land; for the LORD your God hardened his spirit and made his heart obstinate, in order to deliver him into your hand, as *he* is today.

31 "And the LORD said to me, 'See, I have begun to deliver Sihon and his land <sup>1</sup>over to you. Begin to <sup>2</sup>occupy, that you may possess his land.'

32 "Then Sihon <sup>1</sup>with all his people came out to meet us in battle at Jahaz.

33 "And the LORD our God delivered him <sup>1</sup>over to us; and we <sup>2</sup>defeated him with his sons and all his people.

34 "So we captured all his cities at that time, and <sup>1a</sup>utterly destroyed <sup>2</sup>the men, women and children of every city. We left no survivor.

35 "We took <sup>a</sup>only the animals as our booty and the spoil of the cities which we had captured.

36 "From <sup>a</sup>Arroer which is on the edge of the <sup>1</sup>valley of Arnon and from the city which is in the <sup>1</sup>valley, even to Gilead, there was no city that was too high for us; the LORD our God delivered all <sup>2</sup>over to us.

37 "<sup>a</sup>Only you did not go near to the land of the sons of Ammon, all along the <sup>1</sup>river Jabbok and the cities of the hill country, and wherever the LORD our God had commanded us.

19 <sup>a</sup>Deut. 2:9

20 <sup>a</sup>Deut. 2:11

22 <sup>a</sup>Deut. 2:12

23 <sup>1</sup>I.e., Philistines <sup>2</sup>I.e., Crete  
<sup>a</sup>Josh. 13:3 <sup>b</sup>Gen. 10:14;  
<sup>1</sup>Chr. 1:12 <sup>c</sup>Jer. 47:4; Amos 9:7

24 <sup>1</sup>Or, wadi

25 <sup>1</sup>Lit., in front of <sup>2</sup>Lit., under all the heavens  
<sup>a</sup>Deut. 11:25; Ex. 23:27;  
Josh. 2:9 <sup>b</sup>Ex. 15:14-16

26 <sup>a</sup>Num. 21:21-32

27 <sup>1</sup>Lit., go by the way

28 <sup>1</sup>Lit., my feet

29 <sup>a</sup>Deut. 2:9

30 <sup>1</sup>Lit., by him

31 <sup>1</sup>Lit., before you <sup>2</sup>Lit., possess

32 <sup>1</sup>Lit., he and

33 <sup>1</sup>Lit., before us <sup>2</sup>Lit., smote

34 <sup>1</sup>Or, put under the ban <sup>2</sup>Lit., every city of man . . .  
<sup>a</sup>Deut. 3:6

35 <sup>a</sup>Deut. 3:7

36 <sup>1</sup>Or, wadi <sup>2</sup>Lit., before us  
<sup>a</sup>Deut. 3:12; 4:48

37 <sup>1</sup>Or, wadi  
<sup>a</sup>Deut. 2:19

## CHAPTER 3

1 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *he and*  
<sup>a</sup>Num. 21:33-35

3 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *him* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *left to him*

4 <sup>a</sup>Deut. 2:13, 14; 1 Kin. 4:13

5 <sup>1</sup>Or, *rural*

6 <sup>1</sup>Or, *put them under the ban* <sup>2</sup>Or, *putting under the ban* <sup>3</sup>Lit., *every city of men* . . .  
<sup>a</sup>Deut. 2:34

7 <sup>a</sup>Deut. 2:35

8 <sup>1</sup>Or, *wadi*  
<sup>a</sup>Num. 32:33; Josh. 12:1-7; 13:8-12

9 <sup>a</sup>Deut. 4:48; Josh. 11:17; Ps. 42:6; 133:3 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 29:6

11 <sup>1</sup>Or, *couch* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *by a man's forearm*  
<sup>a</sup>Deut. 2:11, 20 <sup>b</sup>2 Sam. 11:1; 12:26; Jer. 49:2

12 <sup>1</sup>Or, *wadi*  
<sup>a</sup>Deut. 2:36 <sup>b</sup>Num. 32:32-38; Josh. 13:8-13

14 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *them* <sup>2</sup>i.e., *the towns of Jair*  
<sup>a</sup>Num. 32:41; 1 Chr. 2:22

15 <sup>a</sup>Num. 32:40

16 <sup>1</sup>Or, *wadi* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *and*

17 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *under* <sup>2</sup>i.e., *The Sea of Galilee* <sup>3</sup>Lit., *under*  
<sup>a</sup>Num. 34:11; Josh. 13:27

18 <sup>a</sup>Num. 32:20; Josh. 4:12, 13

“<sup>a</sup> THEN we turned and went up the road to Bashan, and Og, king of Bashan, <sup>1</sup>with all his people came out to meet us in battle at Edrei.

2 “But the LORD said to me, ‘Do not fear him, for I have delivered him and all his people and his land into your hand; and you shall do to him just as you did to Sihon king of the Amorites, who lived at Heshbon.’

3 “So the LORD our God delivered Og also, king of Bashan, with all his people into our hand, and we smote <sup>1</sup>them until no survivor was <sup>2</sup>left.

4 “And we captured all his cities at that time; there was not a city which we did not take from them: sixty cities, all the region of <sup>a</sup>Argob, the kingdom of Og in Bashan.

5 “All these were cities fortified with high walls, gates and bars, besides a great many <sup>1</sup>unwalled towns.

6 “And we <sup>1</sup>utterly destroyed them, as we did to Sihon king of Heshbon, <sup>2</sup>utterly destroying <sup>3</sup>the men, women and children of every city.

7 “<sup>a</sup>But all the animals and the spoil of the cities we took as our booty.

8 “<sup>a</sup>Thus we took the land at that time from the hand of the two kings of the Amorites who were beyond the Jordan, from the <sup>1</sup>valley of Arnon to Mount Hermon

9 (Sidonians <sup>a</sup>call Hermon <sup>b</sup>Sirion, and the Amorites call it Senir):

10 all the cities of the tableland and all Gilead and all Bashan, as far as Salecah and Edrei, cities of the kingdom of Og in Bashan.

11 (For only Og king of Bashan was left of the remnant of the <sup>a</sup>Rephaim. Behold, his <sup>1</sup>bedstead was an iron <sup>1</sup>bedstead; it is in <sup>b</sup>Rabbah of the sons of Ammon. Its length was nine cubits and its width four cubits <sup>2</sup>by ordinary cubit.)

12 “So we took possession of this land at that time. From <sup>a</sup>Aroer, which is by the <sup>1</sup>valley of Arnon, and half the hill country of <sup>b</sup>Gilead and its cities, I gave to the Reubenites and to the Gadites.

13 “And the rest of Gilead, and all Bashan, the kingdom of Og, I gave to the half-tribe of Manasseh, all the region of Argob (concerning all Bashan, it is called the land of Rephaim.

14 <sup>a</sup>Jair the son of Manasseh took all the region of Argob as far as the border of the Geshurites and the Maacathites, and called <sup>1</sup>it, *that is*, Bashan, after his own name, <sup>2</sup>Havvoth-jair, *as it is to this day*.)

15 “<sup>a</sup>And to Machir I gave Gilead.

16 “And to the Reubenites and to the Gadites, I gave from Gilead even as far as the <sup>1</sup>valley of Arnon, the middle of the <sup>1</sup>valley <sup>2</sup>as a border and as far as the <sup>1</sup>river Jabbok, the border of the sons of Ammon;

17 the Arabah also, with the Jordan <sup>1</sup>as a border, from <sup>2</sup>aChinnereth even as far as the sea of the Arabah, the Salt Sea, <sup>3</sup>at the foot of the slopes of Pisgah on the east.

18 “Then I commanded you at that time, saying, ‘The LORD your God has given you this land to possess it; <sup>a</sup>all you valiant

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men shall cross over armed before your brothers, the sons of Israel.

19 'But your wives and your little ones and your livestock (I know that you have <sup>a</sup>much livestock), shall remain in your cities which I have given you,

20 until the LORD gives rest to your fellow countrymen as to you, and they also possess the land which the LORD your God will give them beyond the Jordan. <sup>a</sup>Then you may return every man to his possession, which I have given you.'

21 "And I commanded Joshua at that time, saying, 'Your eyes have seen all that the LORD your God has done to these two kings; so the LORD shall do to all the kingdoms into which you are about to cross.

22 'Do not fear them, for the LORD your God <sup>a</sup>is the one fighting for you.'

23 "I also pleaded with the LORD at that time, saying,

24 'O Lord <sup>1</sup>God, Thou hast begun to show Thy servant Thy greatness and Thy strong hand; for what god is there in heaven or on earth who can do such works and mighty acts as Thine?

25 'Let me, I pray, cross over and see the fair land that is beyond the Jordan, <sup>1</sup>that good hill country and Lebanon.'

26 "But <sup>a</sup>the LORD was angry with me on your account, and would not listen to me; and the LORD said to me, '<sup>1</sup>Enough! Speak to Me no more of this matter.

27 'Go up to the top of <sup>a</sup>Pisgah and lift up your eyes to the west and north and south and east, and see *it* with your eyes, <sup>b</sup>for you shall not cross over this Jordan.

28 <sup>a</sup>But charge Joshua and encourage him and strengthen him; <sup>b</sup>for he shall go across <sup>1</sup>at the head of this people, and he shall give them as an inheritance the land which you will see.'

29 "So we remained in the valley opposite <sup>a</sup>Beth-peor.

**CHAPTER 4**

"AND now, O Israel, listen to the statutes and the judgments which <sup>a</sup>I am teaching you to perform, in order that <sup>b</sup>you may live and go in and take possession of the land which the LORD, the God of your fathers, is giving you.

2 "<sup>a</sup>You shall not add to the word which <sup>b</sup>I am commanding you, nor take away from it, that you may keep the commandments of the LORD your God which I command you.

3 "<sup>a</sup>Your eyes have seen what the LORD has done in the case of Baal-peor, for all the men who followed Baal-peor, the LORD your God has destroyed <sup>1</sup>them from among you.

4 "But you who held fast to the LORD your God are alive today, every one of you.

5 "See, I have taught you statutes and judgments <sup>a</sup>just as the LORD my God commanded me, that you should do thus in the land where you are entering to possess it.

6 "So keep and do *them*, <sup>a</sup>for that is your wisdom and your understanding in the sight of the peoples who will hear all these statutes and say, 'Surely this great nation is a wise and understanding people.'

7 "For what great nation is there that has a god <sup>a</sup>so near to it as is the LORD our God <sup>b</sup>whenever we call on Him?

19 <sup>a</sup>Ex. 12:38

20 <sup>a</sup>Josh. 22:4

22 <sup>a</sup>Deut. 1:30

24 <sup>1</sup>YHWH, usually rendered LORD

25 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *this*

26 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *Enough for you*  
<sup>a</sup>Deut. 1:37

27 <sup>a</sup>Num. 23:14; 27:12  
<sup>b</sup>Deut. 1:37

28 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *before this people*  
<sup>a</sup>Deut. 31:3, 7, 8, 23; Num. 27:18  
<sup>b</sup>Deut. 1:38

29 <sup>a</sup>Deut. 4:46; 34:6;  
Num. 25:1-3

1 <sup>a</sup>Deut. 1:3 <sup>b</sup>Deut. 5:33;  
8:1; 16:20; 30:16, 19

2 <sup>a</sup>Deut. 12:32 <sup>b</sup>Deut. 4:5, 14, 40

3 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *him*  
<sup>a</sup>Num. 25:1-9

5 <sup>a</sup>Lev. 26:46; 27:34

6 <sup>a</sup>Deut. 30:19, 20; 32:46;  
47

7 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 148:14 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 34:18;  
85:9

8 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 89:14; 97:2;  
119:144, 160, 172

9 <sup>a</sup>Deut. 4:23; 6:12; 8:11,  
14, 19 <sup>b</sup>Deut. 6:2; 12:1;  
16:3 <sup>c</sup>Deut. 4:10; 6:7, 20-25;  
11:19; 32:46

10 <sup>1</sup>Or, *reverence*  
<sup>a</sup>Deut. 14:23; 17:19; 31:12,  
13 <sup>b</sup>Deut. 4:9

11 <sup>a</sup>Ex. 19:18; Heb. 12:18,  
19

13 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *words*  
<sup>a</sup>Deut. 10:4; Ex. 34:28 <sup>b</sup>Ex.  
31:18; 34:1, 28

16 <sup>a</sup>Deut. 4:25; 9:12; 31:29  
<sup>b</sup>Deut. 5:8, 9

19 <sup>a</sup>Deut. 13:5, 10

20 <sup>a</sup>1 Kin. 8:51; Jer. 11:4

21 <sup>a</sup>Deut. 1:37

22 <sup>a</sup>Num. 27:13, 14

23 <sup>a</sup>Deut. 4:9 <sup>b</sup>Deut. 4:16

24 <sup>a</sup>Deut. 9:3; Ex. 24:17;  
Heb. 12:29 <sup>b</sup>Deut. 5:9; 6:15

8 "Or what great nation is there that has <sup>a</sup>statutes and judgments as righteous as this whole law which I am setting before you today?

9 "Only <sup>a</sup>give heed to yourself and keep your soul diligently, lest you forget the things which your eyes have seen, and lest they depart from your heart <sup>b</sup>all the days of your life; but <sup>c</sup>make them known to your sons and your grandsons.

10 "*Remember* the day you stood before the LORD your God at Horeb, when the LORD said to me, 'Assemble the people to Me, that I may let them hear My words <sup>a</sup>so they may learn to <sup>1</sup>fear Me all the days they live on the earth, and that they may <sup>b</sup>teach their children.'

11 "And you came near and stood at the foot of the mountain, <sup>a</sup>and the mountain burned with fire to the *very* heart of the heavens: darkness, cloud and thick gloom.

12 "Then the LORD spoke to you from the midst of the fire; you heard the sound of words, but you saw no form—only a voice.

13 "So He declared to you His covenant which He commanded you to perform, *that is*, <sup>a</sup>the ten <sup>1</sup>commandments; and <sup>b</sup>He wrote them on two tablets of stone.

14 "And the LORD commanded me at that time to teach you statutes and judgments, that you might perform them in the land where you are going over to possess it.

15 "So watch yourselves carefully, since you did not see any form on the day the LORD spoke to you at Horeb from the midst of the fire,

16 lest you <sup>a</sup>act corruptly and <sup>b</sup>make a graven image for yourselves in the form of any figure, the likeness of male or female,

17 the likeness of any animal that is on the earth, the likeness of any winged bird that flies in the sky,

18 the likeness of anything that creeps on the ground, the likeness of any fish that is in the water below the earth.

19 "And *beware*, lest you lift up your eyes to heaven and see the sun and the moon and the stars, all the host of heaven, <sup>a</sup>and be drawn away and worship them and serve them, those which the LORD your God has allotted to all the peoples under the whole heaven.

20 "But the LORD has taken you and brought you out of <sup>a</sup>the iron furnace, from Egypt, to be a people for His own possession, as today.

21 "<sup>a</sup>Now the LORD was angry with me on your account, and swore that I should not cross the Jordan, and that I should not enter the good land which the LORD your God is giving you as an inheritance.

22 "For <sup>a</sup>I shall die in this land, I shall not cross the Jordan, but you shall cross and take possession of this good land.

23 "So watch yourselves, <sup>a</sup>lest you forget the covenant of the LORD your God, which He made with you, and <sup>b</sup>make for yourselves a graven image in the form of anything *against* which the LORD your God has commanded you.

24 "For the LORD your God is a <sup>a</sup>consuming fire, a <sup>b</sup>jealous God.



25 "When you <sup>1</sup>become the father of children and children's children and have remained long in the land, and <sup>a</sup>act corruptly, and <sup>b</sup>make an <sup>2</sup>idol in the form of anything, and do that which is evil in the sight of the LORD your God so as to provoke Him to anger,

26 I <sup>a</sup>call heaven and earth to witness against you today, that you shall <sup>b</sup>surely perish quickly from the land where you are going over the Jordan to possess it. You shall not <sup>1</sup>live long on it, but shall be utterly destroyed.

27 "And the LORD will <sup>a</sup>scatter you among the peoples, and you shall be left few in number among the nations, where the LORD shall drive you.

28 "And there you will serve gods, the work of man's hands, <sup>a</sup>wood and stone, <sup>b</sup>which neither see nor hear nor eat nor smell.

29 "But from there you will seek the LORD your God, and you will find *Him* if you search for Him <sup>b</sup>with all your heart and all your soul.

30 "When you <sup>a</sup>are in distress and all these things have come upon you, in the latter days, you will return to the LORD your God and listen to His voice.

31 "For the LORD your God is a <sup>a</sup>compassionate God; <sup>b</sup>He will not fail you nor <sup>c</sup>destroy you nor <sup>d</sup>forget the covenant with your fathers which He swore to them.

32 "Indeed, <sup>a</sup>ask now concerning the former days which were before you, since the <sup>b</sup>day that God created <sup>1</sup>man on the earth, and *inquire* <sup>c</sup>from one end of the heavens to the other. Has *anything* been done like this great thing, or has *anything* been heard like it?

33 "Has *any* people heard the voice of God speaking from the midst of the fire, as you have heard *it*, and survived?

34 "Or has a god tried to go to take for himself a nation from within *another* nation <sup>b</sup>by trials, by signs and wonders and by war and <sup>c</sup>by a mighty hand and by an outstretched arm and by great terrors, <sup>1</sup>as the LORD your God did for you in Egypt before your eyes?

35 "To you it was shown that you might know that the LORD, He is God; <sup>a</sup>there is no other besides Him.

36 "Out of the heavens He let you hear His voice to discipline you; and on earth He let you see His great fire, and you heard His words from the midst of the fire.

37 "Because He loved your fathers, therefore He chose <sup>2</sup>their descendants after them. And He <sup>3</sup>personally brought you from Egypt by His great power,

38 driving out from before you nations greater and mightier than you, to bring you in *and* <sup>a</sup>to give you their land for an inheritance, as it is today.

39 "Know therefore today, and take it to your heart, that the LORD, He is God in heaven above and on the earth below; <sup>a</sup>there is no other.

40 "So you shall keep His statutes and His commandments which I am <sup>1</sup>giving you today, that <sup>b</sup>it may go well with you and with your children after you, and <sup>c</sup>that you may <sup>2</sup>live long on the land which the LORD your God is giving you for all time."

41 "Then Moses set apart three cities across the Jordan to the <sup>1</sup>east,

25 <sup>1</sup>Lit. *beget* <sup>2</sup>Or, *a graven image*  
Deut. 4:16 bDeut. 4:23

26 <sup>1</sup>Lit. *prolong your days*  
Deut. 30:19; 31:28; 32:1  
bDeut. 7:4; 8:19, 20

27 aDeut. 28:64; 29:28

28 aDeut. 28:36, 64; 29:17  
bPs. 115:4-8

29 aDeut. 30:1-3, 10  
bDeut. 6:5; 10:12

30 aPs. 18:6; 59:16; 107:6, 13

31 aEx. 34:6 bDeut. 31:6, 8; Josh. 1:5; 1 Chr. 28:20; Heb. 13:5 cJer. 30:11 dLev. 26:45

32 <sup>1</sup>Or, *Adam*  
aDeut. 32:7 bGen. 1:27; Is. 45:12 cDeut. 28:64

33 aDeut. 5:24, 26; Ex. 20:22

34 <sup>1</sup>Lit. *according to all that*  
aDeut. 33:29; Ex. 14:30  
bDeut. 7:19 cDeut. 5:15; 6:21; Ps. 136:12

35 aDeut. 4:39; Ex. 8:10; 9:14; Mark 12:32

36 aDeut. 4:33; 8:5; Neh. 9:13; Heb. 12:25

37 <sup>1</sup>Lit. *And instead, because* <sup>2</sup>Lit. *his seed*  
<sup>3</sup>Lit. *with His presence*  
aDeut. 7:7, 8; 10:15; 33:3  
bEx. 33:14; Is. 63:9

38 aNum. 32:4; 34:14, 15

39 aDeut. 4:35

40 <sup>1</sup>Lit. *commanding*  
<sup>2</sup>Lit. *prolong your days*  
aDeut. 4:2; Ps. 105:45  
bDeut. 5:16, 29, 33 cDeut. 32:47; Ex. 23:26

41 <sup>1</sup>Lit. *sunrise*  
aDeut. 19:2-13; Num. 35:6; Josh. 20:7-9

**Three Cities of Refuge beyond Jordan.  
The Ten Commandments.**

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46 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *smote*  
<sup>a</sup>Deut. 3:29 <sup>b</sup>Num. 21:21-25

47 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *sunrise*

48 <sup>1</sup>Or., *wadi*  
<sup>a</sup>Deut. 2:36 <sup>b</sup>Deut. 3:9

49 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *under*

<sup>1</sup> Lit., *ears* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *to do them*

<sup>2</sup> Ex. 19:5; Mal. 4:4

<sup>3</sup> Lit., *us ourselves*  
<sup>a</sup>Num. 26:63-65

<sup>4</sup> Num. 14:14 <sup>b</sup>Deut. 4:33

<sup>5</sup> Lit., *saying*  
<sup>a</sup>Ex. 19:16, 21-24

<sup>6</sup> Lit., *slaves*  
<sup>a</sup>Ex. 20:2-17

<sup>7</sup> Or., *besides*

<sup>8</sup> Or., *a graven image*  
<sup>2</sup>Lit., *or what is*

<sup>11</sup> Or., *hold him guiltless*  
<sup>a</sup>Deut. 6:13; 10:20

42 that a manslayer might flee there, who unintentionally slew his neighbor without having enmity toward him in time past; and by fleeing to one of these cities he might live:

43 Bezer in the wilderness on the plateau for the Reubenites, and Ramoth in Gilead for the Gadites, and Golan in Bashan for the Manassites.

44 Now this is the law which Moses set before the sons of Israel;

45 these are the testimonies and the statutes and the ordinances which Moses spoke to the sons of Israel, when they came out from Egypt,

46 across the Jordan, in the valley <sup>a</sup>opposite Beth-peor, in the land of <sup>b</sup>Sihon king of the Amorites who lived at Heshbon, whom Moses and the sons of Israel <sup>1</sup>defeated when they came out from Egypt.

47 And they took possession of his land and the land of Og king of Bashan, the two kings of the Amorites, *who were* across the Jordan to the <sup>1</sup>east,

48 from <sup>a</sup>Aroer, which is on the edge of the <sup>1</sup>valley of Arnon, even as far as <sup>b</sup>Mount Sion (that is, Hermon),

49 with all the Arabah across the Jordan to the east, even as far as the sea of the Arabah, <sup>1</sup>at the foot of the slopes of Pisgah.

CHAPTER 5

**T**HEN Moses summoned all Israel, and said to them, "Hear, O Israel, the statutes and the ordinances which I am speaking today in your <sup>1</sup>hearing, that you may learn them and observe <sup>2</sup>them carefully.

2 "The LORD our God made <sup>a</sup>a covenant with us at Horeb.

3 <sup>a</sup>The LORD did not make this covenant with our fathers, but with us, *with* all those of <sup>1</sup>us alive here today.

4 "The LORD spoke to you <sup>a</sup>face to face at the mountain <sup>b</sup>from the midst of the fire,

5 *while* I was standing between the LORD and you at that time, to declare to you the word of the LORD; <sup>a</sup>for you were afraid because of the fire and did not go up the mountain. <sup>1</sup>He said,

6 <sup>a</sup>"I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of <sup>1</sup>slavery.

7 "You shall have no other gods <sup>1</sup>before Me.

8 "You shall not make for yourself <sup>1</sup>an idol, or any likeness of what is in heaven above <sup>2</sup>or on the earth beneath <sup>2</sup>or in the water under the earth.

9 "You shall not worship them or serve them; for I, the LORD your God, am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children, and on the third and the fourth *generations* of those who hate Me,

10 but showing lovingkindness to thousands, to those who love Me and keep My commandments.

11 <sup>a</sup>You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain, for the LORD will not <sup>1</sup>leave him unpunished who takes His name in vain.

12 "Observe the sabbath day to keep it holy, as the LORD your God commanded you.

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## Deuteronomy 5

13 'Six days you shall labor and do all your work,  
14 but the seventh day is a sabbath of the LORD your God;  
*in it* you shall not do any work, you or your son or your daughter  
or your male servant or your female servant or your ox or your  
donkey or any of your cattle or your sojourner who <sup>1</sup>stays with  
you, so that your male and your female servant may rest as well  
as you.

15 <sup>2</sup>'And you shall remember that you were a slave in the  
land of Egypt, and the LORD your God brought you out of there  
by a mighty hand and by an outstretched arm; therefore the  
LORD your God commanded you to observe the sabbath day.

16 'Honor your father and your mother, as the LORD your  
God has commanded you, that your days may be prolonged,  
and that it may go well with you on the land which the LORD  
your God gives you.

17 'You shall not murder.

18 'You shall not commit adultery.

19 'You shall not steal.

20 'You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

21 <sup>3</sup>'You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, and you shall  
not desire your neighbor's house, his field or his manservant, his  
ox or his donkey or anything that belongs to your neighbor.'

22 "These words the LORD spoke to all your assembly at the  
mountain from the midst of the fire, of the cloud and of the  
thick gloom, with a great voice, and He added no more. And  
<sup>4</sup>He wrote them on two tablets of stone and gave them to me.

23 "And it came about, when you heard the voice from the  
midst of the darkness, while the mountain was burning with fire,  
that you came near to me, all the heads of your tribes and your  
elders.

24 "And you said, 'Behold, the LORD our God has shown us  
His glory and His greatness, and we have heard His voice from  
the midst of the fire; we have seen today that God speaks with  
man, yet he lives.

25 <sup>5</sup>'Now then why should we die? For this great fire will  
consume us; if we hear the voice of the LORD our God any  
longer, then we shall die.

26 'For who is there of all flesh, who has heard the voice of  
the living God speaking from the midst of the fire, as we *have*,  
and lived?

27 <sup>6</sup>'Go near and hear all that the LORD our God says; then  
speak to us all that the LORD our God will speak to you, and we  
will hear and do it.'

28 "And the LORD heard the voice of your words when you  
spoke to me, <sup>7</sup>and the LORD said to me, 'I have heard the voice  
of the words of this people which they have spoken to you. They  
have done well in all that they have spoken.

29 <sup>8</sup>'Oh that they had such a heart in them, that they would  
fear Me, and keep all My commandments always, that <sup>9</sup>it may  
be well with them and with their sons forever!

30 'Go, say to them, "Return to your tents."

31 <sup>10</sup>'But as for you, stand here by Me, that I may speak to  
you all the commandments and the statutes and the judgments  
which you shall teach them, that they may observe *them* in the  
land which I give them to possess.'

14 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *is in your gates*

15 \*Ex. 20:11

21 \*Rom. 7:7; 13:9

22 \*Deut. 4:13; Ex. 31:18

25 \*Deut. 18:16; Ex.  
20:18, 19

27 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *Go yourself*

28 \*Deut. 18:17

29 \*Ps. 81:13; Is. 48:18  
\*Deut. 5:16, 33

31 \*Ex. 24:12

32 \*Deut. 17:20; 28:14;  
Josh. 1:7; 23:6

33 \*Deut. 4:1, 40

2 \*Deut. 10:12 bDeut.  
4:9

3 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *keep*  
\*Deut. 5:33 bEx. 3:8, 17

4 \*Matt. 22:37; Mark  
12:29, 30; Luke 10:27  
bDeut. 4:35, 39

7 \*Deut. 4:9

8 <sup>1</sup>Or, *frontlet bands*  
<sup>2</sup>Lit., *between your eyes*  
\*Deut. 11:18; Ex. 12:14;  
13:9, 16

9 \*Deut. 11:20

10 \*Deut. 9:1; 19:1; Josh.  
24:13

11 \*Deut. 8:10; 11:15;  
14:29

12 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *slaves*  
\*Deut. 4:9

13 <sup>1</sup>Or, *reverence* <sup>2</sup>Or,  
*serve*  
\*Matt. 4:10; Luke 4:8  
bDeut. 5:11; 10:20

15 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *destroy*  
\*Deut. 4:24; 5:9

16 \*Matt. 4:7; Luke 4:12  
bEx. 17:7

17 \*Deut. 11:22

32 "So you shall observe to do just as the LORD your God has commanded you; <sup>a</sup>you shall not turn aside to the right or to the left.

33 "You shall walk in all the way which the LORD your God has commanded you, <sup>a</sup>that you may live, and that it may be well with you, and that you may prolong *your* days in the land which you shall possess.

## CHAPTER 6

"NOW this is the commandment, the statutes and the judgments which the LORD your God has commanded *me* to teach you, that you might do *them* in the land where you are going over to possess it,

2 so that you and your son and your grandson might <sup>a</sup>fear the LORD your God, to keep all His statutes and His commandments, which I command you, <sup>b</sup>all the days of your life, and that your days may be prolonged.

3 "O Israel, you should listen and <sup>1</sup>be careful to do *it*, that <sup>a</sup>it may be well with you and that you may multiply greatly, just as the LORD, the God of your fathers, has promised you, *in* <sup>b</sup>a land flowing with milk and honey.

4 <sup>a</sup>"Hear, O Israel! The LORD is our God, the <sup>b</sup>LORD is one!

5 "And you shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might.

6 "And these words, which I am commanding you today, shall be on your heart;

7 and <sup>a</sup>you shall teach them diligently to your sons and shall talk of them when you sit in your house and when you walk by the way and when you lie down and when you rise up.

8 <sup>a</sup>"And you shall bind them as a sign on your hand and they shall be as <sup>1</sup>frontals <sup>2</sup>on your forehead.

9 <sup>a</sup>"And you shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

10 "Then it shall come about when the LORD your God brings you into the land which He swore to your fathers, Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, to give you, <sup>a</sup>great and splendid cities which you did not build,

11 and hewn cisterns which you did not dig, vineyards and olive trees which you did not plant, and <sup>a</sup>you shall eat and be satisfied,

12 then watch yourself, lest <sup>a</sup>you forget the LORD who brought you from the land of Egypt, out of the house of <sup>1</sup>slavery.

13 <sup>a</sup>"You shall <sup>1</sup>fear *only* the LORD your God; and you shall <sup>2</sup>worship Him, and <sup>b</sup>swear by His name.

14 "You shall not follow other gods, any of the gods of the peoples who surround you,

15 for the LORD your God in the midst of you is a <sup>a</sup>jealous God; otherwise the anger of the LORD your God will be kindled against you, and He will <sup>1</sup>wipe you off the face of the earth.

16 <sup>a</sup>"You shall not put the LORD your God to the test, <sup>b</sup>as you tested *Him* at Massah.

17 <sup>a</sup>"You should diligently keep the commandments of the

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LORD your God, and His testimonies and His statutes which He has commanded you.

18 "And you shall do what is right and good in the sight of the LORD, that it may be well with you and that you may go in and possess the good land which the LORD swore to give your fathers,

19 by driving out all your enemies from before you, as the LORD has spoken.

20 "When your son asks you in time to come, saying, 'What do the testimonies and the statutes and the judgments mean which the LORD commanded you?'

21 then you shall say to your son, 'We were slaves to Pharaoh in Egypt; and the LORD brought us from Egypt with a mighty hand.

22 'Moreover, the LORD showed great and distressing signs and wonders before our eyes against Egypt, Pharaoh and all his household;

23 and He brought us out from there in order to bring us in, to give us the land which He had sworn to our fathers.'

24 "So the LORD commanded us to observe all these statutes, to fear the LORD our God for our good always and for our survival, as it is today.

25 "And it will be righteousness for us if we are careful to observe all this commandment before the LORD our God, just as He commanded us.

## CHAPTER 7

"<sup>a</sup>WHEN the LORD your God shall bring you into the land where you are entering to possess it, and shall clear away many nations before you, the Hittites and the Girgashites and the Amorites and the Canaanites and the Perizzites and the Hivites and the Jebusites, <sup>b</sup>seven nations greater and stronger than you,

2 and when the LORD your God shall deliver them before you, and you shall <sup>1</sup>defeat them, <sup>a</sup>then you shall <sup>2</sup>utterly destroy them. <sup>b</sup>You shall make no covenant with them <sup>c</sup>and show no favor to them.

3 "Furthermore, <sup>a</sup>you shall not intermarry with them; you shall not give your <sup>1</sup>daughters to <sup>2</sup>their sons, nor shall you take <sup>3</sup>their daughters for your <sup>4</sup>sons.

4 "For <sup>1</sup>they will turn your <sup>2</sup>sons away from <sup>3</sup>following Me to serve other gods; then the anger of the LORD will be kindled against you, and <sup>a</sup>He will quickly destroy you.

5 "But thus you shall do to them: <sup>a</sup>you shall tear down their altars, and smash their *sacred* pillars, and hew down their <sup>1</sup>Asherim, and burn their graven images with fire.

6 "For you are <sup>a</sup>a holy people to the LORD your God; the LORD your God has chosen you to be <sup>b</sup>a people for His <sup>1</sup>own possession out of all the peoples who are on the <sup>2</sup>face of the earth.

7 "The LORD did not set His love on you nor choose you because you were more in number than any of the peoples, for you were the fewest of all peoples,

8 but because the LORD loved you and kept the oath which

## Deuteronomy 6, 7

18 <sup>a</sup>Deut. 4:40

20 <sup>a</sup>Ex. 13:8, 14

24 <sup>a</sup>Deut. 10:12

25 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *keep*  
<sup>a</sup>Deut. 24:13

1 <sup>a</sup>Deut. 20:16-18 <sup>b</sup>Acts 13:19

2 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *smite* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *surely devote*  
<sup>a</sup>Num. 31:17 <sup>b</sup>Ex. 23:32  
<sup>c</sup>Deut. 7:16; 13:8

3 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *daughter* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *his son* <sup>3</sup>Lit., *his daughter*  
<sup>4</sup>Lit., *son*  
<sup>a</sup>Ex. 34:15, 16

4 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *he* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *son*  
<sup>3</sup>Lit., *after*  
<sup>a</sup>Deut. 4:26

5 <sup>1</sup>I.e., wooden symbols of a female deity  
<sup>a</sup>Deut. 12:3; Ex. 23:24; 34:13

6 <sup>1</sup>Or, *special treasure*  
<sup>2</sup>Lit., *ground*  
<sup>a</sup>Deut. 14:2, 21; Ex. 19:6  
<sup>b</sup>Deut. 14:2; 26:18; Ex. 19:5

7 <sup>a</sup>Deut. 4:37

**Deuteronomy 7**

8 <sup>1</sup>Lit., slaves

9 <sup>1</sup>Lit., the  
<sup>a</sup>Deut. 4:35, 39 <sup>b</sup>Deut. 5:10

10 <sup>1</sup>Lit., his face <sup>2</sup>Lit.,  
him <sup>3</sup>Lit., to

12 <sup>1</sup>Lit., the  
<sup>a</sup>Deut. 28:1-14; Lev. 26:3-13

13 <sup>1</sup>Lit., on  
<sup>a</sup>Deut. 13:17; 30:5; Lev.  
26:9

14 <sup>a</sup>Ex. 23:26

15 <sup>a</sup>Ex. 15:26

16 <sup>a</sup>Deut. 7:2 <sup>b</sup>Ex. 23:33

19 <sup>a</sup>Deut. 4:34

20 <sup>a</sup>Ex. 23:28; Josh. 24:12

21 <sup>1</sup>Lit., from before them  
<sup>a</sup>Ex. 29:45

22 <sup>1</sup>Lit., beasts of the  
field  
<sup>a</sup>Ex. 23:29, 30

23 <sup>1</sup>Lit., confuse them  
with  
<sup>a</sup>Ex. 23:27; Josh. 10:10

24 <sup>a</sup>Josh. 6:2; 10:23 <sup>b</sup>Deut.  
11:25; Josh. 1:5; 10:8; 23:9

25 <sup>a</sup>Deut. 7:2

He swore to your forefathers, the LORD brought you out by a mighty hand, and redeemed you from the house of <sup>1</sup>slavery, from the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt.

9 "Know therefore that the LORD your God, <sup>a</sup>He is God, the faithful God, who keeps <sup>1</sup>His covenant and <sup>1</sup>His lovingkindness to a thousandth generation with those who <sup>b</sup>love Him and keep His commandments;

10 but repays those who hate Him to <sup>1</sup>their faces, to destroy <sup>2</sup>them; He will not delay <sup>3</sup>with him who hates Him, He will repay him to his face.

11 "Therefore, you shall keep the commandment and the statutes and the judgments which I am commanding you today, to do them.

12 "<sup>a</sup>Then it shall come about, because you listen to these judgments and keep and do them, that the LORD your God will keep with you <sup>1</sup>His covenant and <sup>1</sup>His lovingkindness which He swore to your forefathers.

13 "And He will love you and bless you and <sup>a</sup>multiply you; He will also bless the fruit of your womb and the fruit of your ground, your grain and your new wine and your oil, the increase of your herd and the young of your flock, <sup>1</sup>in the land which He swore to your forefathers to give you.

14 "You shall be blessed above all peoples; there shall be no male or female <sup>a</sup>barren among you or among your cattle.

15 "And <sup>a</sup>the LORD will remove from you all sickness; and He will not put on you any of the harmful diseases of Egypt which you have known, but He will lay them on all who hate you.

16 "And you shall consume all the peoples whom the LORD your God will deliver to you; <sup>a</sup>your eye shall not pity them, neither shall you serve their gods, for that *would be* <sup>b</sup>a snare to you.

17 "If you should say in your heart, "These nations are greater than I; how can I dispossess them?"

18 you shall not be afraid of them; you shall well remember what the LORD your God did to Pharaoh and to all Egypt:

19 <sup>a</sup>the great trials which your eyes saw and the signs and the wonders and the mighty hand and the outstretched arm by which the LORD your God brought you out. So shall the LORD your God do to all the peoples of whom you are afraid.

20 "Moreover, the LORD your God will send <sup>a</sup>the hornet against them, until those who are left and hide themselves from you perish.

21 "You shall not dread <sup>1</sup>them, for <sup>a</sup>the LORD your God is in your midst, a great and awesome God.

22 "<sup>a</sup>And the LORD your God will clear away these nations before you little by little; you will not be able to put an end to them quickly, lest the <sup>1</sup>wild beasts grow too numerous for you.

23 "<sup>a</sup>But the LORD your God shall deliver them before you, and will <sup>1</sup>throw them into great confusion until they are destroyed.

24 "<sup>a</sup>And He will deliver their kings into your hand so that you shall make their name perish from under heaven; <sup>b</sup>no man will be able to stand before you until you have destroyed them.

25 "<sup>a</sup>The graven images of their gods you are to burn with fire; you shall not covet the silver or the gold that is on them,

nor take it for yourselves, lest you be snared by it, for it is an abomination to the LORD your God.

26 "And you shall not bring an abomination into your house, and become a <sup>1</sup>devoted thing like it; you shall utterly detest it and you shall utterly abhor it, for it is a <sup>1</sup>devoted thing.

CHAPTER 8

"ALL the commandments that I am commanding you today you shall be careful to do, that you <sup>a</sup>may live and multiply, and go in and possess the land which the LORD swore to give to your forefathers.

2 "<sup>a</sup>And you shall remember all the way which the LORD your God has led you in the wilderness these forty years, that He might humble you, <sup>b</sup>testing you, to know what was in your heart, whether you would keep His commandments or not.

3 "And He humbled you and let you be hungry, and fed you with manna which you did not know, nor did your fathers know, that He might make you <sup>1</sup>understand that <sup>a</sup>man does not live by bread alone, but man lives by everything that proceeds out of the mouth of the LORD.

4 "<sup>a</sup>Your clothing did not wear out on you, nor did your foot swell these forty years.

5 "<sup>a</sup>Thus you are to know in your heart that the LORD your God was disciplining you just as a man disciplines his son.

6 "Therefore, you shall keep the commandments of the LORD your God, to walk in His ways and to <sup>1</sup>fear Him.

7 "For <sup>a</sup>the LORD your God is bringing you into a good land, a land of brooks of water, of fountains and springs, flowing forth in valleys and hills;

8 a land of wheat and barley, of vines and fig trees and pomegranates, a land of olive oil and honey;

9 a land where you shall eat food without scarcity, in which you shall not lack anything; a land whose stones are iron, and out of whose hills you can dig copper.

10 "When <sup>a</sup>you have eaten and are satisfied, you shall bless the LORD your God for the good land which He has given you.

11 "<sup>1</sup>Beware lest you <sup>a</sup>forget the LORD your God by not keeping His commandments and His ordinances and His statutes which I am commanding you today;

12 lest, when you have eaten and are satisfied, and have built good houses and lived *in them*,

13 and when your herds and your flocks multiply, and your silver and gold multiply, and all that you have multiplies,

14 then your heart becomes <sup>1</sup>proud, and you <sup>a</sup>forget the LORD your God who brought you out from the land of Egypt, out of the house of <sup>2</sup>slavery.

15 "He led you through <sup>a</sup>the great and terrible wilderness, with its <sup>b</sup>fery serpents and scorpions and thirsty ground where there was no water; He <sup>c</sup>brought water for you out of the rock of flint.

16 "In the wilderness He fed you manna <sup>a</sup>which your fathers did not know, that He might humble you and that He might <sup>b</sup>test you, to do good for you <sup>1</sup>in the end.

26 <sup>1</sup>Or, *banned*

1 <sup>a</sup>Deut. 4:1

2 <sup>a</sup>Deut. 8:16 <sup>b</sup>Ex. 15:25; 20:20

3 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *know*  
<sup>a</sup>Matt. 4:4; Luke 4:4

4 <sup>a</sup>Deut. 29:5; Neh. 9:21

5 <sup>a</sup>Deut. 4:36; Prov. 3:12; Heb. 12:6

6 <sup>1</sup>Or, *reverence*

7 <sup>a</sup>Deut. 11:9-12; Jer. 2:7

10 <sup>a</sup>Deut. 6:11

11 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *take heed to yourself*  
<sup>a</sup>Deut. 4:9

14 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *lifted up* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *slaves*  
<sup>a</sup>Deut. 8:11

15 <sup>a</sup>Deut. 1:19 <sup>b</sup>Num. 21:6 <sup>c</sup>Deut. 32:13; Ex. 17:6; Num. 20:11; Ps. 78:15; 114:8

16 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *at your end*  
<sup>a</sup>Ex. 16:15 <sup>b</sup>Deut. 8:2

18 \*Prov. 10:22; Hos. 2:8

19 \*Deut. 4:26; 30:18

1 <sup>1</sup>Lit., and fortified2 \*Num. 13:22, 28, 33;  
Josh. 11:21, 22

3 \*Deut. 4:24

4 <sup>1</sup>Lit., you saying,  
\*Deut. 7:24; 31:27 <sup>2</sup>Deut.  
12:31; 18:9-14; Lev. 18:3,  
24-305 <sup>1</sup>Lit., word6 <sup>1</sup>Or, stiff-necked  
\*Deut. 9:13; 10:16; 31:27

7 \*Num. 14:22

8 \*Ex. 32:7-10

9 \*Deut. 9:18; 8:3; Ex.  
24:18

10 \*Deut. 4:13

11 \*Deut. 9:9

17 "Otherwise, you may say in your heart, 'My power and the strength of my hand made me this wealth.'

18 "But you shall remember the LORD your God, for <sup>a</sup>it is He who is giving you power to make wealth, that He may confirm His covenant which He swore to your fathers, as *it is* this day.

19 "And it shall come about if you ever forget the LORD your God, and go after other gods and serve them and worship them, <sup>a</sup>I testify against you today that you shall surely perish.

20 "Like the nations that the LORD makes to perish before you, so you shall perish; because you would not listen to the voice of the LORD your God.

## CHAPTER 9

"**H**EAR, O Israel! You are crossing over the Jordan today to go in to dispossess nations greater and mightier than you, great cities <sup>1</sup>fortified to heaven,

2 a people great and tall, the sons of the Anakim, whom you know and of whom you have heard *it said*, <sup>a</sup>'Who can stand before the sons of Anak?'

3 "Know therefore today that it is the LORD your God who is crossing over before you as <sup>a</sup>a consuming fire. He will destroy them and He will subdue them before you, so that you may drive them out and destroy them quickly, just as the LORD has spoken to you.

4 "Do not say in your heart when the LORD your God has driven them out before <sup>1</sup>you, <sup>a</sup>'Because of my righteousness the LORD has brought me in to possess this land,' but *it is* <sup>b</sup>because of the wickedness of these nations *that* the LORD is dispossessing them before you.

5 "It is not for your righteousness or for the uprightness of your heart that you are going to possess their land, but *it is* because of the wickedness of these nations *that* the LORD your God is driving them out before you, in order to confirm the <sup>1</sup>oath which the LORD swore to your fathers, to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.

6 "Know, then, *it is* not because of your righteousness *that* the LORD your God is giving you this good land to possess, for you are <sup>a</sup>a <sup>1</sup>stubborn people.

7 "Remember, do not forget how you provoked the LORD your God to wrath in the wilderness; <sup>a</sup>from the day that you left the land of Egypt until you arrived at this place, you have been rebellious against the LORD.

8 "Even <sup>a</sup>at Horeb you provoked the LORD to wrath, and the LORD was so angry with you that He would have destroyed you.

9 "When I went up to the mountain to receive the tablets of stone, the tablets of the covenant which the LORD had made with you, then I remained on the mountain forty days and nights; <sup>a</sup>I neither ate bread nor drank water.

10 "And the LORD gave me the two tablets of stone <sup>a</sup>written by the finger of God; and on them *were* all the words which the LORD had spoken with you at the mountain from the midst of the fire on the day of the assembly.

11 "And it came about <sup>a</sup>at the end of forty days and nights



that the LORD gave me the two tablets of stone, the tablets of the covenant.

12 "Then the LORD said to me, 'Arise, go down from here quickly, for your people whom you brought out of Egypt have acted corruptly. They have quickly turned aside from the way which I commanded them; they have made a molten image for themselves.'

13 "The LORD spoke further to me, saying, 'I have seen this people, and indeed, it is a 'stubborn people.

14 "Let Me alone, that I may destroy them and blot out their name from under heaven; and I will make of you a nation mightier and greater than they.'

15 "So I turned and came down from the mountain while the mountain was burning with fire, and the two tablets of the covenant were in my two hands.

16 "And I saw that you had indeed sinned against the LORD your God. You had made for yourselves a molten calf; you had turned aside quickly from the way which the LORD had commanded you.

17 "And I took hold of the two tablets and threw them from my hands, and smashed them before your eyes.

18 "And I fell down before the LORD, <sup>b</sup>as at the first, forty days and nights; <sup>c</sup>I neither ate bread nor drank water, <sup>d</sup>because of all your sin which you had committed in doing what was evil in the sight of the LORD to provoke Him to anger.

19 "For <sup>a</sup>I was afraid of the anger and hot displeasure with which the LORD was wrathful against you in order to destroy you, <sup>b</sup>but the LORD listened to me that time also.

20 "And the LORD was angry enough with Aaron to destroy him; so I also prayed for Aaron at the same time.

21 "And I took your <sup>1</sup>sinful thing, the calf which you had made, and burned it with fire and crushed it, grinding it very small until it was as fine as dust; and I threw its dust into the brook that came down from the mountain.

22 "Again at <sup>a</sup>Taberah and at <sup>b</sup>Massah and at <sup>c</sup>Kibroth-hattaavah you provoked the LORD to wrath.

23 "And when the LORD sent you from Kadesh-barnea, saying, 'Go up and possess the land which I have given you,' then you rebelled against the <sup>1</sup>command of the LORD your God; you neither believed Him nor listened to His voice.

24 "You have been rebellious against the LORD from the day I knew you.

25 "So I fell down before the LORD the forty days and nights, which I <sup>1</sup>did because the LORD had said He would destroy you.

26 "And I prayed to the LORD, and said, 'Oh Lord GOD do not destroy Thy people, even Thine inheritance, whom Thou hast redeemed through Thy greatness, whom Thou hast brought out of Egypt with a mighty hand.

27 'Remember Thy servants, Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; do not look at the stubbornness of this people or at their wickedness or their sin.

28 'Otherwise the land from which Thou didst bring us may say, "Because the LORD was not able to bring them into the land

12 <sup>a</sup>Ex. 32:7, 813 <sup>1</sup>Or, *stiffnecked*14 <sup>a</sup>Ex. 32:1015 <sup>a</sup>Ex. 32:15-1918 <sup>a</sup>Ex. 34:28 <sup>b</sup>Deut. 10:10  
<sup>c</sup>Deut. 9:9 <sup>d</sup>Ex. 34:919 <sup>a</sup>Heb. 12:21 <sup>b</sup>Ex. 34:1021 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *sin*  
<sup>a</sup>Ex. 32:2022 <sup>a</sup>Num. 11:3 <sup>b</sup>Ex. 17:7  
<sup>c</sup>Num. 11:3423 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *mouth*24 <sup>a</sup>Deut. 9:725 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *fell down*  
<sup>a</sup>Deut. 9:1826 <sup>a</sup>Ex. 32:11-13

28 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *spoken to*

29 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 106:40 <sup>b</sup>Deut. 4:34

1 <sup>a</sup>Ex. 34:1 <sup>b</sup>Ex. 25:10

2 <sup>a</sup>Deut. 4:13 <sup>b</sup>Ex. 25:16

3 <sup>a</sup>Ex. 37:1-9 <sup>b</sup>Ex. 34:4

4 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *Words*  
<sup>a</sup>Deut. 4:13; Ex. 34:28

5 <sup>a</sup>Ex. 40:20

6 <sup>1</sup>Or, *the wells of the sons of Jaakan*  
<sup>a</sup>Num. 33:30, 31 <sup>b</sup>Num. 20:25-28

7 <sup>a</sup>Num. 33:33, 34

8 <sup>a</sup>Deut. 31:9; Num. 3:6; 18:1-7 <sup>b</sup>Deut. 17:12; 18:5; 21:5

9 <sup>a</sup>Num. 18:20, 24

10 <sup>a</sup>Deut. 9:18

12 <sup>1</sup>Or, *reverence*  
<sup>a</sup>Mic. 6:8 <sup>b</sup>Deut. 6:5 <sup>c</sup>Deut. 4:29

14 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *heaven of heavens*  
<sup>a</sup>1 Kin. 8:27; Neh. 9:6; Ps. 68:33; 115:16

15 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *seed*  
<sup>a</sup>Deut. 4:37

16 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *the foreskin of your heart*  
<sup>a</sup>Jer. 4:4 <sup>b</sup>Deut. 9:6

which He had <sup>1</sup>promised them and because He hated them He has brought them out to slay them in the wilderness.”

29 ‘Yet they are Thy people, even <sup>a</sup>Thine inheritance, whom Thou hast brought out by Thy <sup>b</sup>great power and Thine outstretched arm.’

## CHAPTER 10

“**A**T that time the LORD said to me, <sup>a</sup>‘Cut out for yourself two tablets of stone like the former ones, and come up to Me on the mountain, and <sup>b</sup>make an ark of wood for yourself.

2 ‘And <sup>a</sup>I will write on the tablets the words that were on the former tablets which you shattered, and <sup>b</sup>you shall put them in the ark.’

3 “So <sup>a</sup>I made an ark of acacia wood and <sup>b</sup>cut out two tablets of stone like the former ones, and went up on the mountain with the two tablets in my hand.

4 “And He wrote on the tablets, like the former writing, <sup>a</sup>the Ten <sup>1</sup>Commandments which the LORD had spoken to you on the mountain from the midst of the fire on the day of the assembly; and the LORD gave them to me.

5 “Then I turned and came down from the mountain, and <sup>a</sup>put the tablets in the ark which I had made; and there they are, as the LORD commanded me.”

6 (Now the sons of Israel set out from <sup>1</sup>Beeroth <sup>a</sup>Bene-jaakan to Moserah. <sup>b</sup>There Aaron died and there he was buried and Eleazar his son ministered as priest in his place.

7 <sup>a</sup>From there they set out to Gudgodah; and from Gudgodah to Jotbathah, a land of brooks of water.

8 <sup>a</sup>At that time the LORD set apart the tribe of Levi to carry the ark of the covenant of the LORD, to stand before the LORD <sup>b</sup>to serve Him and to bless in His name until this day.

9 <sup>a</sup>Therefore, Levi does not have a portion or inheritance with his brothers; the LORD is his inheritance, just as the LORD your God spoke to him.)

10 “<sup>a</sup>I, moreover, stayed on the mountain forty days and forty nights like the first time, and the LORD listened to me that time also; the LORD was not willing to destroy you.

11 “Then the LORD said to me, ‘Arise, proceed on your journey ahead of the people, that they may go in and possess the land which I swore to their fathers to give them.’

12 “<sup>a</sup>And now, Israel, what does the LORD your God require from you, but to <sup>1</sup>fear the LORD your God, to walk in all His ways and <sup>b</sup>love Him, and to serve the LORD your God with <sup>a</sup>all your heart and with all your soul,

13 *and* to keep the LORD’s commandments and His statutes which I am commanding you today for your good?

14 “Behold, <sup>a</sup>to the LORD your God belong heaven and the <sup>1</sup>highest heavens, the earth and all that is in it.

15 “<sup>a</sup>Yet on your fathers did the LORD set His affection to love them, and He chose their <sup>1</sup>descendants after them, *even* you above all peoples, as *it is* this day.

16 “<sup>a</sup>Circumcise then <sup>1</sup>your heart, and <sup>b</sup>stiffen your neck no more.

17 "For the LORD your God is the God of gods and the Lord of lords, the great, the mighty, and the awesome God <sup>b</sup>who does not show partiality, nor <sup>c</sup>take a bribe.

18 "He executes justice for <sup>a</sup>the orphan and the widow, and shows His love for the alien by giving him food and clothing.

19 "So show your love for the alien, for you were aliens in the land of Egypt.

20 "You shall fear the LORD your God; you shall serve Him and <sup>a</sup>cling to Him, and <sup>b</sup>you shall swear by His name.

21 "He is <sup>a</sup>your praise and He is your God, who has done these great and awesome things for you which your eyes have seen.

22 "Your fathers went down to Egypt seventy persons in *all*, <sup>b</sup>and now the LORD your God has made you as numerous as the stars of heaven.

CHAPTER 11

"YOU shall therefore <sup>a</sup>love the LORD your God, and always <sup>b</sup>keep His charge, His statutes, His ordinances, and His commandments.

2 "And know this day <sup>a</sup>that I *am* not *speaking* with your sons who have not known and who have not seen the <sup>1</sup>discipline of the LORD your God—His greatness, His mighty hand, and His outstretched arm,

3 and His signs and His works which He did in the midst of Egypt to Pharaoh the king of Egypt and to all his land;

4 and what He did to Egypt's army, to its horses and its chariots, <sup>a</sup>when He made the water of the <sup>1</sup>Red Sea to <sup>2</sup>engulf them while they were pursuing you, and the LORD <sup>3</sup>completely destroyed them;

5 and what He did to you in the wilderness until you came to this place;

6 and <sup>a</sup>what He did to Dathan and Abiram, the sons of Eliab, the son of Reuben, when the earth opened its mouth and swallowed them, their households, their tents, and <sup>b</sup>every living thing that <sup>1</sup>followed them, among Israel—

7 but your own eyes have seen all the great work of the LORD which He did.

8 "You shall therefore keep every commandment which I am commanding you today, <sup>a</sup>so that you may be strong and go in and possess the land into which you are about to cross to possess it;

9 <sup>a</sup>so that you may prolong *your* days on the land which the LORD swore to your fathers to give to them and to their <sup>1</sup>descendants, a land flowing with milk and honey.

10 "For the land, into which you are entering to possess it, is not like the land of Egypt from which you came, where you used to sow your seed and water it with your <sup>1</sup>foot like a vegetable garden.

11 "But the land into which you are about to cross to possess it, a land of hills and valleys, drinks water from the rain of heaven,

12 a land for which the LORD your God cares; the eyes of the LORD your God are always on it, from the <sup>1</sup>beginning even to the end of the year.

17 <sup>a</sup>Josh. 22:22; Ps. 136:2  
<sup>b</sup>Deut. 1:17 <sup>c</sup>Deut. 16:19

18 <sup>a</sup>Ex. 22:22-24; Ps. 68:5

19 <sup>a</sup>Lev. 19:34; Ezek. 47:22, 23

20 <sup>a</sup>Deut. 11:22; 13:4  
<sup>b</sup>Deut. 5:11; 6:13

21 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 109:1; 148:14

22 <sup>a</sup>Gen. 46:27 <sup>b</sup>Deut. 1:10

1 <sup>a</sup>Deut. 6:5; 10:12 <sup>b</sup>Lev. 18:30; 22:9

2 <sup>1</sup>Or, *instruction*  
<sup>a</sup>Deut. 4:34

4 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *Sea of Reeds*  
<sup>2</sup>Lit., *flow over their faces* <sup>3</sup>Lit., *to this day*  
<sup>a</sup>Ex. 14:28 Deut. 1:40; 2:1

6 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *was at their feet*  
<sup>a</sup>Num. 16:31-33 <sup>b</sup>Num. 26:10, 11

8 <sup>a</sup>Deut. 31:6, 7, 23

9 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *seed*  
<sup>a</sup>Deut. 4:40; 5:33; 6:2

10 <sup>1</sup>i.e., probably a treadmill

12 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *beginning of the year*

13 \*Deut. 11:1 <sup>b</sup>Deut. 4:29

14 <sup>1</sup>Some ancient versions read. *He* <sup>2</sup>*I.e., autumn* <sup>3</sup>*I.e., spring*  
\*Deut. 28:12

15 \*Deut. 6:11

16 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *Watch yourselves*

17 \*Deut. 28:24 <sup>b</sup>Deut. 4:26

18 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *put* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *frontlet bands* <sup>3</sup>Lit., *between your eyes*  
\*Deut. 6:8; Ex. 12:14; 13:9, 16

19 \*Deut. 4:9, 10; 6:7

20 \*Deut. 6:9

21 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *the days of the heavens*

22 \*Deut. 6:17 <sup>b</sup>Deut. 11:1 <sup>c</sup>Deut. 10:20

24 <sup>1</sup>*I.e., the Mediterranean*  
\*Josh. 1:3 <sup>b</sup>Deut. 1:7, 8; Gen. 15:18; Ex. 23:31

25 \*Deut. 7:24; Ex. 23:27

26 \*Deut. 30:1, 19

28 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *to follow*

29 \*Deut. 27:12; Josh. 8:33

30 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *terebinth*  
\*Josh. 4:19 <sup>b</sup>Gen. 12:6

13 "And it shall come about, if you listen obediently to my commandments which I am commanding you today, <sup>a</sup>to love the LORD your God and to serve Him <sup>b</sup>with all your heart and all your soul,

14 that <sup>1a</sup>I will give the rain for your land in its season, the <sup>2</sup>early and <sup>3</sup>late rain, that you may gather in your grain and your new wine and your oil.

15 'And I will give grass in your fields for your cattle, and <sup>a</sup>you shall eat and be satisfied.'

16 "<sup>1</sup>Beware, lest your hearts be deceived and you turn away and serve other gods and worship them.

17 "Or the anger of the LORD will be kindled against you, and He will shut up the heavens <sup>a</sup>so that there will be no rain and the ground will not yield its fruit; and <sup>b</sup>you will perish quickly from the good land which the LORD is giving you.

18 "<sup>a</sup>You shall therefore <sup>1</sup>impress these words of mine on your heart and on your soul; and you shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as <sup>2</sup>frontals <sup>3</sup>on your forehead.

19 "<sup>a</sup>And you shall teach them to your sons, talking of them when you sit in your house and when you walk along the road and when you lie down and when you rise up.

20 "<sup>a</sup>And you shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates,

21 so that your days and the days of your sons may be multiplied on the land which the LORD swore to your fathers to give them, as <sup>1</sup>long as the heavens *remain* above the earth.

22 "For if you are <sup>a</sup>careful to keep all this commandment which I am commanding you, to do it, <sup>b</sup>to love the LORD your God, to walk in all His ways and <sup>c</sup>hold fast to Him;

23 then the LORD will drive out all these nations from before you, and you will dispossess nations greater and mightier than you.

24 "<sup>a</sup>Every place on which the sole of your foot shall tread shall be yours; <sup>b</sup>your border shall be from the wilderness to Lebanon, *and* from the river, the River Euphrates, as far as <sup>1</sup>the Western Sea.

25 "<sup>a</sup>There shall no man be able to stand before you; the LORD your God shall lay the dread of you and the fear of you on all the land on which you set foot, as He has spoken to you.

26 "<sup>a</sup>See, I am setting before you today a blessing and a curse:

27 the blessing, if you listen to the commandments of the LORD your God, which I am commanding you today;

28 and the curse, if you do not listen to the commandments of the LORD your God, but turn aside from the way which I am commanding you today, <sup>b</sup>by following other gods which you have not known.

29 "And it shall come about, when the LORD your God brings you into the land where you are entering to possess it, <sup>a</sup>that you shall place the blessing on Mount Gerizim and the curse on Mount Ebal.

30 "Are they not across the Jordan, west of the way toward the sunset, in the land of the Canaanites who live in the Arabah, opposite <sup>a</sup>Gilgal, beside <sup>b</sup>the <sup>1</sup>oaks of Moreh?

31 "For you are about to cross the Jordan to go in to possess

the land which the LORD your God is giving you, and <sup>a</sup>you shall possess it and live in it,

32 and you shall be careful to do all the statutes and the judgments which I am setting before you today.

CHAPTER 12

“THESE are the statutes and the judgments which you shall carefully observe in the land which the LORD, the God of your fathers, has given you to possess <sup>1a</sup>as long as you live on the <sup>2</sup>earth.

2 “You shall utterly destroy all the places where the nations whom you shall dispossess serve their gods, on the high mountains and on the hills and under every green tree.

3 “And <sup>a</sup>you shall tear down their altars and smash their *sacred* pillars and burn their <sup>1</sup>Asherim with fire, and you shall cut down the engraved images of their gods, and you shall obliterate their name from that place.

4 “You shall not act like this toward the LORD your God.

5 “<sup>a</sup>But you shall seek *the LORD* at the place which the LORD your God shall choose from all your tribes, to establish His name there for His dwelling, and there you shall come.

6 “And there you shall bring your burnt offerings, your sacrifices, your tithes, the <sup>1</sup>contribution of your hand, your votive offerings, your freewill offerings, and the first-born of your herd and of your flock.

7 “There also you and your households shall eat before the LORD your God, and <sup>a</sup>rejoice in all <sup>1</sup>your undertakings in which the LORD your God has blessed you.

8 “You shall not do at all what we are doing here today, every man *doing* whatever is right in his own eyes;

9 for you have not as yet come to <sup>a</sup>the resting place and the <sup>b</sup>inheritance which the LORD your God is giving you.

10 “When you cross the Jordan and live in the land which the LORD your God is giving you to inherit, and <sup>a</sup>He gives you rest from all your enemies around you so that you live in security,

11 <sup>a</sup>then it shall come about that the place in which the LORD your God shall choose for His name to dwell, there you shall bring all that I command you: your burnt offerings and your sacrifices, your tithes and the <sup>1</sup>contribution of your hand, and all your choice votive offerings which you will vow to the LORD.

12 “And you shall <sup>a</sup>rejoice before the LORD your God, you and your sons and daughters, your male and female servants, and the <sup>b</sup>Levite who is within your gates, since <sup>c</sup>he has no portion or inheritance with you.

13 “<sup>a</sup>Be careful that you do not offer your burnt offerings in every *cultic* place you see,

14 but in the place which the LORD chooses in one of your tribes, there you shall offer your burnt offerings, and there you shall do all that I command you.

15 “<sup>a</sup>However, you may slaughter and eat meat within any of your gates, <sup>1</sup>whatever you desire, according to the blessing of the LORD your God which He has given you; the unclean and the clean may eat of it, as of <sup>b</sup>the gazelle and the deer.

31 <sup>a</sup>Deut. 17:14; Josh. 21:43

1 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *all the days* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *ground*  
<sup>a</sup>Deut. 4:9

3 <sup>1</sup>i.e., wooden symbols of a female deity  
<sup>a</sup>Deut. 7:5

5 <sup>a</sup>Deut. 12:11, 13; Ex. 20:24

6 <sup>1</sup>Or, *heave-offering*

7 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *the putting forth of your hand*  
<sup>a</sup>Deut. 12:12, 18; 14:26; 28:47

9 <sup>a</sup>Deut. 3:20; 25:19; 95:11 <sup>b</sup>Deut. 4:21

10 <sup>a</sup>Josh. 11:23

11 <sup>1</sup>Or, *heave offering*  
<sup>a</sup>Deut. 12:5

12 <sup>a</sup>Deut. 12:7 <sup>b</sup>Deut. 12:18, 19; 26:11-13 <sup>c</sup>Deut. 10:9

13 <sup>a</sup>Deut. 12:5, 11

15 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *in every desire of your soul*  
<sup>a</sup>Deut. 12:20-23 <sup>b</sup>Deut. 12:22; 14:5

16 <sup>a</sup>Lev. 17:10-12 <sup>b</sup>Deut. 15:23

17 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *heave-offering*  
<sup>a</sup>Deut. 12:26

18 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *the putting forth of your hand*  
<sup>a</sup>Deut. 12:5 <sup>b</sup>Deut. 12:12  
<sup>c</sup>Deut. 12:7

19 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *all your days upon your land*

20 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *your soul* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *every desire of your soul*

21 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *in every desire of your soul*

23 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *soul*  
<sup>a</sup>Deut. 12:16

25 <sup>a</sup>Deut. 4:40

26 <sup>a</sup>Deut. 12:17

27 <sup>a</sup>Lev. 3:1-17

28 <sup>a</sup>Deut. 4:40

30 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *after them*

31 <sup>a</sup>Deut. 9:5 <sup>b</sup>Deut. 18:10; Lev. 18:21; Ps. 106:37

32 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *All the thing that*  
<sup>a</sup>Deut. 4:2

16 <sup>a</sup>Only you shall not eat the blood; <sup>b</sup>you are to pour it out on the ground like water.

17 <sup>a</sup>You are not allowed to eat within your gates the tithes of your grain, or new wine, or oil, or the first-born of your herd or flock, or any of your votive offerings which you vow, or your freewill offerings, or the <sup>1</sup>contribution of your hand.

18 <sup>a</sup>But you shall eat them before the LORD your God in the place which the LORD your God will choose, you and your son and daughter, and your male and female servants, and the <sup>b</sup>Levite who is within your gates; and you shall <sup>c</sup>rejoice before the LORD your God in all <sup>1</sup>your undertakings.

19 <sup>a</sup>Be careful that you do not forsake the Levite <sup>1</sup>as long as you live in your land.

20 <sup>a</sup>When the LORD your God extends your border as He has promised you, and you say, 'I will eat meat,' because <sup>1</sup>you desire to eat meat, *then* you may eat meat, <sup>2</sup>whatever you desire.

21 <sup>a</sup>If the place which the LORD your God chooses to put His name is too far from you, then you may slaughter of your herd and flock which the LORD has given you, as I have commanded you; and you may eat within your gates <sup>1</sup>whatever you desire.

22 <sup>a</sup>Just as a gazelle or a deer is eaten, so you shall eat it; the unclean and the clean alike may eat of it.

23 <sup>a</sup>Only be sure <sup>a</sup>not to eat the blood, for the blood is the <sup>1</sup>life, and you shall not eat the <sup>1</sup>life with the flesh.

24 <sup>a</sup>You shall not eat it; you shall pour it out on the ground like water.

25 <sup>a</sup>You shall not eat it, in order that <sup>a</sup>it may be well with you and your sons after you, for you will be doing what is right in the sight of the LORD.

26 <sup>a</sup>Only your holy things which you may have and your votive offerings, you shall take and go to the place which the LORD chooses.

27 <sup>a</sup>And you shall offer your burnt offerings, the flesh and the blood, on the altar of the LORD your God; and the blood of your sacrifices shall be poured out on the altar of the LORD your God, and <sup>a</sup>you shall eat the flesh.

28 <sup>a</sup>Be careful to listen to all these words which I command you, in order that <sup>a</sup>it may be well with you and your sons after you forever, for you will be doing what is good and right in the sight of the LORD your God.

29 <sup>a</sup>When the LORD your God cuts off before you the nations which you are going in to dispossess, and you dispossess them and dwell in their land,

30 beware that you are not ensnared <sup>1</sup>to follow them, after they are destroyed before you, and that you do not inquire after their gods, saying, 'How do these nations serve their gods, that I also may do likewise?'

31 <sup>a</sup>You shall not behave thus toward the LORD your God, for every abominable act which the LORD hates they have done for their gods; for <sup>b</sup>they even burn their sons and daughters in the fire to their gods.

32 <sup>1a</sup>Whatever I command you, you shall be careful to do; you shall not add to nor take away from it.

## CHAPTER 13

“<sup>1a</sup>IF a prophet or a dreamer of dreams arises among you and gives you a sign or a wonder,

2 and the sign or the wonder comes true, concerning which he spoke to you, saying, ‘<sup>a</sup>Let us go after other gods (whom you have not known) and let us serve them,’

3 you shall not listen to the words of that prophet or that dreamer of dreams; for the LORD your God is <sup>a</sup>testing you to find out if <sup>b</sup>you love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul.

4 “You shall follow the LORD your God and fear Him; and you shall keep His commandments, listen to His voice, serve Him, and <sup>a</sup>cling to Him.

5 “But that prophet or that dreamer of dreams shall be <sup>a</sup>put to death, because he has <sup>1</sup>counseled <sup>2</sup>rebellion against the LORD your God who brought you from the land of Egypt and redeemed you from the house of <sup>3</sup>slavery, <sup>b</sup>to seduce you from the way in which the LORD your God commanded you to walk. So you shall purge the evil from among you.

6 “<sup>a</sup>If your brother, your mother’s son, or your son or daughter, or the wife <sup>1</sup>you cherish, or your friend who is as your own soul, entice you secretly, saying, ‘<sup>b</sup>Let us go and serve other gods’ (whom neither you nor your fathers have known,

7 of the gods of the peoples who are around you, near you or far from you, from one end of the earth to the other end),

8 you shall not yield to him or listen to him; <sup>a</sup>and your eye shall not pity him, nor shall you spare or conceal him.

9 “<sup>a</sup>But you shall surely kill him; <sup>b</sup>your hand shall be first against him to put him to death, and afterwards the hand of all the people.

10 “So you shall stone him <sup>1</sup>to death because he has sought <sup>a</sup>to seduce you from the LORD your God who brought you out from the land of Egypt, out of the house of <sup>2</sup>slavery.

11 “Then all Israel will hear and be afraid, and will never again do such a wicked thing among you.

12 “If you hear in one of your cities, which the LORD your God is giving you to live in, *anyone saying that*

13 some worthless men have gone out from among you and have seduced the inhabitants of their city, saying, ‘<sup>a</sup>Let us go and serve other gods’ (whom you have not known),

14 then you shall investigate and search out and inquire thoroughly. And if it is true and the matter established that this abomination has been done among you,

15 <sup>a</sup>you shall surely strike the inhabitants of that city with the edge of the sword, <sup>1</sup>utterly destroying it and all that is in it and its cattle with the edge of the sword.

16 “Then you shall gather all its booty into the middle of its open square and burn the city and all its booty with fire as a whole burnt offering to the LORD your God; and it shall be a <sup>1</sup>ruin forever. It shall never be rebuilt.

17 “And nothing from that which is put under the ban shall cling to your hand, in order that the LORD may turn from <sup>a</sup>His burning anger and <sup>b</sup>show mercy to you, and have compassion on you and <sup>c</sup>make you increase, just as He has sworn to your fathers,

1 <sup>1</sup>In Heb. 13:2  
<sup>a</sup>Matt. 24:24; Mark 13:22

2 <sup>a</sup>Deut. 13:6, 13

3 <sup>a</sup>Deut. 8:2, 16; Ex. 20:20  
<sup>b</sup>Deut. 6:5

4 <sup>a</sup>Deut. 10:20

5 <sup>1</sup>Lit. spoken <sup>2</sup>Lit. turning aside <sup>3</sup>Lit. slaves  
<sup>a</sup>Deut. 13:9, 15; 17:5  
<sup>b</sup>Deut. 13:10; 4:19

6 <sup>1</sup>Lit. of your bosom  
<sup>a</sup>Deut. 17:2-7; 29:18 <sup>b</sup>Deut. 13:2

8 <sup>a</sup>Deut. 7:2

9 <sup>a</sup>Deut. 13:5 <sup>b</sup>Deut. 17:7; Lev. 24:14

10 <sup>1</sup>Lit. with stones so that he dies <sup>2</sup>Lit. slaves  
<sup>a</sup>Deut. 13:5

13 <sup>a</sup>Deut. 13:2

15 <sup>1</sup>Or, putting it under the ban  
<sup>a</sup>Deut. 13:5

16 <sup>1</sup>Lit. mound  
<sup>a</sup>Deut. 7:25, 26

17 <sup>a</sup>Ex. 32:12; Num. 25:4  
<sup>b</sup>Deut. 30:3 <sup>c</sup>Deut. 7:13

18 <sup>1</sup>Or, for <sup>2</sup>Lit., to keep  
<sup>3</sup>Lit., to do

1 <sup>1</sup>Lit., make a baldness  
between your eyes  
<sup>2</sup>Lev. 21:5

2 <sup>1</sup>Or, special treasure  
<sup>2</sup>Deut. 7:6

4 <sup>1</sup>Lev. 11:1-45; Acts  
10:14

5 <sup>1</sup>Exact identification of  
these animals is uncertain

6 <sup>1</sup>Lit., two hoofs <sup>2</sup>Lit.,  
brings up

7 <sup>1</sup>Lit., brings up <sup>2</sup>Lit., a  
cleaving <sup>3</sup>Or, hare

12 <sup>1</sup>Or, vulture <sup>2</sup>Or, black  
vulture

16 <sup>1</sup>Or, great horned owl

19 <sup>1</sup>i.e., flying insects

21 <sup>1</sup>Lit., gates  
<sup>2</sup>Deut. 14:2 <sup>3</sup>Ex. 23:19;  
34:26

22 <sup>1</sup>Lit., your seed

18 <sup>1</sup>if you will listen to the voice of the LORD your God,  
<sup>2</sup>keeping all His commandments which I am commanding you  
today, <sup>3</sup>and doing what is right in the sight of the LORD your  
God.

## CHAPTER 14

“**Y**ou are the sons of the LORD your God; <sup>2</sup>you shall not cut  
yourselves nor <sup>1</sup>shave your forehead for the sake of the dead.

2 “For you are <sup>2</sup>a holy people to the LORD your God; and  
the LORD has chosen you to be a people for His <sup>1</sup>own possession  
out of all the peoples who are on the face of the earth.

3 “You shall not eat any detestable thing.

4 “<sup>2</sup>These are the animals which you may eat: the ox, the  
sheep, the goat,

5 <sup>1</sup>the deer, the gazelle, the roebuck, the wild goat, the  
ibex, the antelope and the mountain sheep.

6 “And any animal that divides the hoof and has the hoof  
split in <sup>1</sup>two and <sup>2</sup>chews the cud, among the animals, that you  
may eat.

7 “Nevertheless, you are not to eat of these among those  
which <sup>1</sup>chew the cud, or among those that divide the hoof in  
<sup>2</sup>two: the camel and the <sup>3</sup>rabbit and the rock-badger, for though  
they <sup>1</sup>chew the cud, they do not divide the hoof; they are  
unclean for you.

8 “And the pig, because it divides the hoof but *does* not  
*chew* the cud, it is unclean for you. You shall not eat any of their  
flesh nor touch their carcasses.

9 “These you may eat of all that are in water: anything that  
has fins and scales you may eat,

10 but anything that does not have fins and scales you shall  
not eat; it is unclean for you.

11 “You may eat any clean bird.

12 “But these are the ones which you shall not eat: the <sup>1</sup>eagle  
and the vulture and the <sup>2</sup>buzzard,

13 and the red kite, the falcon, and the kite in their kinds,

14 and every raven in its kind,

15 and the ostrich, the owl, the sea gull, and the hawk in  
their kinds,

16 the little owl, the <sup>1</sup>great owl, the white owl,

17 the pelican, the carrion vulture, the cormorant,

18 the stork, and the heron in their kinds, and the hoopoe  
and the bat.

19 “And all the <sup>1</sup>teeming life with wings are unclean to you;  
they shall not be eaten.

20 “You may eat any clean bird.

21 “You shall not eat anything which dies *of itself*. You may  
give it to the alien who is in your <sup>1</sup>town, so that he may eat it,  
or you may sell it to a foreigner, for you are <sup>2</sup>a holy people to  
the LORD your God. <sup>3</sup>You shall not boil a kid in its mother’s  
milk.

22 “You shall surely tithe all the produce from <sup>1</sup>what you  
sow, which comes out of the field every year.



23 "And you shall eat in the presence of the LORD your God, <sup>a</sup>at the place where He chooses to establish His name, the tithe of your grain, your new wine, your oil, and the first-born of your herd and your flock, in order that you may <sup>b</sup>learn to fear the LORD your God always.

23 <sup>a</sup>Deut. 12:5 <sup>b</sup>Deut. 4:10

24 "And if the <sup>1</sup>distance is so great for you that you are not able to <sup>2</sup>bring *the tithe*, since the place where the LORD your God chooses <sup>a</sup>to set His name is too far away from you when the LORD your God blesses you,

24 <sup>1</sup>Lit., way <sup>2</sup>Lit., carry it  
<sup>a</sup>Deut. 12:5

25 then you shall <sup>1</sup>exchange *it* for money, and bind the money in your hand and go to the place which the LORD your God chooses.

25 <sup>1</sup>Lit., give in money

26 "And you may spend the money for whatever your <sup>1</sup>heart desires, for oxen, or sheep, or wine, or strong drink, or whatever your <sup>1</sup>heart <sup>2</sup>desires; and <sup>a</sup>there you shall eat in the presence of the LORD your God and rejoice, you and your household.

26 <sup>1</sup>Lit., soul <sup>2</sup>Lit., asks of you  
<sup>a</sup>Deut. 12:7

27 "Also you shall not neglect <sup>a</sup>the Levite who is in your <sup>1</sup>town, <sup>b</sup>for he has no portion or inheritance among you.

28 "<sup>a</sup>At the end of every third year you shall bring out all the tithe of your produce in that year, and shall deposit *it* in your <sup>1</sup>town.

27 <sup>1</sup>Lit., gates  
<sup>a</sup>Deut. 12:12 <sup>b</sup>Deut. 10:9

29 "And the Levite, <sup>a</sup>because he has no portion or inheritance among you, and <sup>b</sup>the alien, the <sup>1</sup>orphan and the widow who are in your <sup>2</sup>town, shall come and <sup>c</sup>eat and be satisfied, in order that the LORD your God may bless you in all the work of your hand which you do.

28 <sup>1</sup>Lit., gates  
<sup>a</sup>Deut. 26:12

CHAPTER 15

“<sup>a</sup>At the end of every seven years you shall <sup>1</sup>grant a remission of *debts*.

29 <sup>1</sup>Or, fatherless <sup>2</sup>Lit., gates  
<sup>a</sup>Deut. 10:9 <sup>b</sup>Deut. 16:11, 14; 24:19-21; 26:12 <sup>c</sup>Deut. 6:11

2 "And this is the manner of remission: every creditor shall release what he has loaned to his neighbor; he shall not exact it of his neighbor and his brother, because the LORD's remission has been proclaimed.

3 "From a foreigner you may exact *it*, but your hand shall release whatever of yours is with your brother.

<sup>1</sup>Lit., make a release  
<sup>a</sup>Deut. 31:10

4 "However, there shall be no poor among you, since the LORD will surely bless you in the land which the LORD your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess,

5 if only you listen obediently to the voice of the LORD your God, to observe carefully all this commandment which I <sup>a</sup>am commanding you today.

6 <sup>a</sup>Deut. 28:12, 13

6 "<sup>a</sup>For the LORD your God shall bless you as He has promised you, and you will lend to many nations, but you will not borrow; and you will rule over many nations, but they will not rule over you.

7 <sup>1</sup>Lit., gates  
<sup>a</sup>Deut. 15:11

7 "If there is <sup>a</sup>a poor man with you, one of your brothers, in any of your <sup>1</sup>towns in your land which the LORD your God is giving you, you shall not harden your heart, nor close your hand from your poor brother;

8 but you shall freely open your hand to him, and shall generously lend him sufficient for his need *in* whatever he lacks.

9 <sup>1</sup>Lit., word  
<sup>a</sup>Deut. 15:1 <sup>b</sup>Deut. 24:15;  
 Ex. 22:23

10 <sup>1</sup>Lit., the putting forth  
 of your hand

11 <sup>1</sup>Lit., in the midst of  
<sup>a</sup>Matt. 26:11; Mark 14:7;  
 John 12:8

12 <sup>1</sup>Lit., brother <sup>2</sup>Lit., free  
 from you  
<sup>a</sup>Ex. 21:2-6; Lev. 25:39-43

13 <sup>1</sup>Lit., free from you

15 <sup>1</sup>Lit., this thing

18 <sup>1</sup>Lit., free from you  
<sup>2</sup>Lit., double the amount

19 <sup>a</sup>Ex. 13:2

20 <sup>a</sup>Lev. 7:15-18

21 <sup>1</sup>Lit., blemish  
<sup>a</sup>Lev. 22:19-25

22 <sup>a</sup>Deut. 12:15, 16

1 <sup>1</sup>Lit., perform  
<sup>a</sup>Ex. 12:2

9 "Beware, lest there is a base <sup>1</sup>thought in your heart, saying, <sup>a</sup>'The seventh year, the year of remission, is near,' and your eye is hostile toward your poor brother, and you give him nothing; then he <sup>b</sup>may cry to the LORD against you, and it will be a sin in you.

10 "You shall generously give to him, and your heart shall not be grieved when you give to him, because for this thing the LORD your God will bless you in all your work and in all <sup>1</sup>your undertakings.

11 <sup>a</sup>"For the poor will never cease to be <sup>1</sup>in the land; therefore I command you, saying, 'You shall freely open your hand to your brother, to your needy and poor in your land.'

12 <sup>a</sup>"If your <sup>1</sup>kinsman, a Hebrew man or woman, is sold to you, then he shall serve you six years, but in the seventh year you shall set him <sup>2</sup>free.

13 "And when you set him <sup>1</sup>free, you shall not send him away empty-handed.

14 "You shall furnish him liberally from your flock and from your threshing floor and from your wine vat; you shall give to him as the LORD your God has blessed you.

15 "And you shall remember that you were a slave in the land of Egypt, and the LORD your God redeemed you; therefore I command you <sup>1</sup>this today.

16 "And it shall come about if he says to you, 'I will not go out from you,' because he loves you and your household, since he fares well with you;

17 then you shall take an awl and pierce it through his ear into the door, and he shall be your servant forever. And also you shall do likewise to your maidservant.

18 "It shall not seem hard to you when you set him <sup>1</sup>free, for he has given you six years *with* <sup>2</sup>double the service of a hired man; so the LORD your God will bless you in whatever you do.

19 <sup>a</sup>"You shall consecrate to the LORD your God all the first-born males that are born of your herd and of your flock; you shall not work with the first-born of your herd, nor shear the first-born of your flock.

20 <sup>a</sup>"You and your household shall eat it every year before the LORD your God in the place which the LORD chooses.

21 <sup>a</sup>"But if it has any <sup>1</sup>defect, *such as* lameness or blindness, or any serious <sup>1</sup>defect, you shall not sacrifice it to the LORD your God.

22 "You shall eat it within your gates; the unclean and the clean alike *may eat it*, as <sup>a</sup>a gazelle or a deer.

23 "Only you shall not eat its blood; you are to pour it out on the ground like water.

## CHAPTER 16

**O**BERVE <sup>a</sup>the month of Abib and <sup>1</sup>celebrate the Passover to the LORD your God, for in the month of Abib the LORD your God brought you out of Egypt by night.

2 "And you shall sacrifice the Passover to the LORD your God from the flock and the herd, in the place where the LORD chooses to establish His name.

3 <sup>a</sup>You shall not eat leavened bread with it; seven days you shall eat with it unleavened bread, the bread of affliction (for you came out of the land of Egypt in haste), in order that you may remember <sup>b</sup>all the days of your life the day when you came out of the land of Egypt.

4 "For seven days no leaven shall be seen with you in all your territory, and none of the flesh which you sacrifice on the evening of the first day shall remain overnight until morning.

5 "You are not allowed to sacrifice the Passover in any of your <sup>1</sup>towns which the LORD your God is giving you;

6 but <sup>a</sup>at the place where the LORD your God chooses to establish His name, you shall sacrifice the Passover in the evening at sunset, at the time that you came out of Egypt.

7 "And you shall cook and eat *it* in the place which the LORD your God chooses. And in the morning you are to return to your tents.

8 "Six days you shall eat unleavened bread, and on the seventh day there shall be <sup>a</sup>a solemn assembly to the LORD your God; you shall do no work *on it*.

9 <sup>a</sup>You shall count seven weeks for yourself; you shall begin to count seven weeks from the time you begin to put the sickle to the standing grain.

10 "Then you shall <sup>1</sup>celebrate the Feast of Weeks to the LORD your God with a tribute of a freewill offering of your hand, which you shall give just as the LORD your God blesses you;

11 and you shall <sup>a</sup>rejoice before the LORD your God, you and your son and your daughter and your male and female servants and <sup>b</sup>the Levite who is in your <sup>1</sup>town, and <sup>c</sup>the stranger and the <sup>2</sup>orphan and the widow who are in your midst, in the place where the LORD your God chooses to establish His name.

12 "And you shall remember that you were a slave in Egypt, and you shall be careful to observe these statutes.

13 <sup>a</sup>You shall <sup>1</sup>celebrate the Feast of Booths seven days after you have gathered in from your threshing floor and your wine vat;

14 and you shall <sup>a</sup>rejoice in your feast, you and your son and your daughter and your male and female servants and the Levite and the stranger and the <sup>1</sup>orphan and the widow who are in your <sup>2</sup>towns.

15 "Seven days you shall celebrate a feast to the LORD your God in the place which the LORD chooses, because the LORD your God will bless you in all your produce and in all the work of your hands, so that you shall be altogether joyful.

16 <sup>a</sup>Three times in a year all your males shall appear before the LORD your God in the place which He chooses, at the Feast of Unleavened Bread and at the Feast of Weeks and at the Feast of Booths, and <sup>b</sup>they shall not appear before the LORD empty-handed.

17 "Every man <sup>1</sup>shall give as he is able, according to the blessing of the LORD your God which He has given you.

18 "You shall appoint for yourself judges and officers in all your <sup>1</sup>towns which the LORD your God is giving you, according to your tribes, and they shall judge the people with righteous judgment.

19 <sup>a</sup>You shall not distort justice; you shall not <sup>1</sup>be partial,

<sup>3</sup> Ex. 12:8, 15 <sup>b</sup>Deut. 4:9

5 <sup>1</sup>Lit., gates

6 <sup>a</sup>Deut. 12:5

8 <sup>a</sup>Lev. 23:36

9 <sup>a</sup>Ex. 23:16; 34:22; Lev. 23:15; Num. 28:26

10 <sup>1</sup>Lit., perform

11 <sup>1</sup>Lit., gates <sup>2</sup>Or, fatherless  
<sup>a</sup>Deut. 12:7 <sup>b</sup>Deut. 12:12  
<sup>c</sup>Deut. 14:29

13 <sup>1</sup>Lit., perform  
<sup>a</sup>Lev. 23:34-43

14 <sup>1</sup>Or, fatherless <sup>2</sup>Lit., gates  
<sup>a</sup>Deut. 16:11

16 <sup>a</sup>Ex. 23:14-17; 34:23, 24  
<sup>b</sup>Ex. 22:29; 34:20

17 <sup>1</sup>Lit., according to the gift of his hand,

18 <sup>1</sup>Lit., gates

19 <sup>1</sup>Lit., regard persons  
<sup>a</sup>Deut. 1:17; 10:17

20 \*Deut. 4:1

21 <sup>1</sup>I.e., wooden symbols of a female deity  
\*Deut. 7:51 <sup>1</sup>Lit., evil thing  
\*Deut. 15:212 <sup>1</sup>Lit., gates  
\*Deut. 13:6-115 <sup>1</sup>Lit., death with stones6 <sup>1</sup>Lit., mouth  
\*Deut. 19:15; Num. 35:30

7 \*Deut. 13:9; Lev. 24:14

8 <sup>1</sup>Lit., blood to blood  
<sup>2</sup>Lit., judgment to judgment  
<sup>3</sup>Lit., stroke to stroke  
<sup>4</sup>Lit., gates  
\*Deut. 12:5

9 \*Deut. 19:17

10 <sup>1</sup>Lit., mouth11 <sup>1</sup>Lit., mouth  
\*Deut. 25:112 \*Deut. 17:13; 1:43;  
18:20

13 \*Deut. 17:12

and you shall not take a bribe, for a bribe blinds the eyes of the wise and perverts the words of the righteous.

20 "Justice, *and only* justice, you shall pursue, that <sup>a</sup>you may live and possess the land which the LORD your God is giving you.

21 "<sup>a</sup>You shall not plant for yourself an <sup>1</sup>Asherah of any kind of tree beside the altar of the LORD your God, which you shall make for yourself.

22 "Neither shall you set up for yourself a *sacred* pillar which the LORD your God hates.

## CHAPTER 17

<sup>4a</sup> YOU shall not sacrifice to the LORD your God an ox or a sheep which has a blemish or any <sup>1</sup>defect, for that is a detestable thing to the LORD your God.

2 "<sup>a</sup>If there is found in your midst, in any of your <sup>1</sup>towns, which the LORD your God is giving you, a man or a woman who does what is evil in the sight of the LORD your God, by transgressing His covenant,

3 and has gone and served other gods and worshiped them, or the sun or the moon or any of the heavenly host, which I have not commanded,

4 and if it is told you and you have heard of it, then you shall inquire thoroughly. And behold, if it is true and the thing certain that this detestable thing has been done in Israel,

5 then you shall bring out that man or that woman who has done this evil deed, to your gates, *that is*, the man or the woman, and you shall stone them to <sup>1</sup>death.

6 "<sup>a</sup>On the <sup>1</sup>evidence of two witnesses or three witnesses, he who is to die shall be put to death; he shall not be put to death on the <sup>1</sup>evidence of one witness.

7 "<sup>a</sup>The hand of the witnesses shall be first against him to put him to death, and afterward the hand of all the people. So you shall purge the evil from your midst.

8 "If any case is too difficult for you to decide, between <sup>1</sup>one kind of homicide or another, between <sup>2</sup>one kind of lawsuit or another, and between <sup>3</sup>one kind of assault or another, being cases of dispute in your <sup>4</sup>courts, then you shall arise and go up to <sup>a</sup>the place which the LORD your God chooses.

9 "So you shall come to <sup>a</sup>the Levitical priest or the judge who is *in office* in those days, and you shall inquire *of them*, and they will declare to you the verdict in the case.

10 "And you shall do according to the <sup>1</sup>terms of the verdict which they declare to you from that place which the LORD chooses; and you shall be careful to observe according to all that they teach you.

11 "<sup>a</sup>According to the <sup>1</sup>terms of the law which they teach you, and according to the verdict which they tell you, you shall do; you shall not turn aside from the word which they declare to you, to the right or the left.

12 "And the man who acts <sup>a</sup>presumptuously by not listening to the priest who stands there to serve the LORD your God, nor to the judge, that man shall die; thus you shall purge the evil from Israel.

13 "Then all the people will hear and be afraid, and will not act <sup>a</sup>presumptuously again.

14 "When you enter the land which the LORD your God gives you, and you possess it and live in it, and you say, 'I will set a king over me like all the nations who are around me,'

15 you shall surely set a king over you whom the LORD your God chooses, *one* from among your countrymen you shall set as king over yourselves; you may not put a foreigner over yourselves who is not your countryman.

16 "Moreover, he shall not multiply horses for himself, nor shall he cause the people to return to Egypt to multiply horses, since the LORD has said to you, 'You shall never again return that way.'

17 "Neither shall he multiply wives for himself, lest his heart turn away; nor shall he greatly increase silver and gold for himself.

18 "Now it shall come about when he sits on the throne of his kingdom, he shall write for himself a copy of this law on a scroll in the presence of the Levitical priests.

19 "And it shall be with him, and he shall read it all the days of his life, that he may learn to fear the LORD his God, by carefully observing all the words of this law and these statutes,

20 that his heart may not be lifted up above his countrymen and that he may not turn aside from the commandment, to the right or the left; in order that he and his sons may continue long in his kingdom in the midst of Israel.

CHAPTER 18

21 "THE Levitical priests, the whole tribe of Levi, shall have no portion or inheritance with Israel; they shall eat the LORD's offerings by fire and His portion.

2 "And they shall have no inheritance among their countrymen; the LORD is their inheritance, as He promised them.

3 "Now this shall be the priests' due from the people, from those who offer a sacrifice, either an ox or a sheep, of which they shall give to the priest the shoulder and the two cheeks and the stomach.

4 "You shall give him the first fruits of your grain, your new wine, and your oil, and the first shearing of your sheep.

5 "For the LORD your God has chosen him and his sons from all your tribes, to stand and serve in the name of the LORD forever.

6 "Now if a Levite comes from any of your towns throughout Israel where he resides, and comes whenever he desires to the place which the LORD chooses,

7 then he shall serve in the name of the LORD his God, like all his fellow Levites who stand there before the LORD.

8 "They shall eat equal portions, except what they receive from the sale of their fathers' estates.

9 "When you enter the land which the LORD your God gives you, you shall not learn to imitate the detestable things of those nations.

10 "There shall not be found among you anyone who makes his son or his daughter pass through the fire, one who uses divination, one who practices witchcraft, or one who interprets omens, or a sorcerer,

14 \*Deut. 11:31; Josh. 21:43; 1 Sam. 8:5, 19, 20

15 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *brother(s)*

16 \*1 Kin. 4:26; 10:26-29; Is. 31:1; Ezek. 17:15

17 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *nor*  
\*2 Sam. 5:13; 12:11; 1 Kin. 11:3, 4

18 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *from before*  
\*Deut. 31:24-26

19 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *to keep to do them*  
\*Deut. 4:9, 10

20 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *brothers*  
\*Deut. 5:32

1 <sup>1</sup>Or, *inheritance*  
\*Deut. 10:9; 1 Cor. 9:13

2 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *brothers* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *spoke to*

3 \*Lev. 7:32-34; Num. 18:11, 12

5 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *to*  
\*Ex. 29:9

6 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *gates* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *with all the desire of his soul*

8 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *portion like portion*  
\*Lev. 27:30-33; Num. 18:21-24

9 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *do according to*  
\*Deut. 9:5

10 \*Deut. 12:31; Ex. 22:18; Lev. 19:26, 31; 20:6; Jer. 27:9, 10; Mal. 3:5

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13 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *complete*,  
*perfect*; or, *having integrity*  
<sup>a</sup>Matt. 5:48; Gen. 6:9; 17:1

15 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *brothers*  
<sup>a</sup>Acts 3:22; 7:37; John 1:21,  
25

16 <sup>a</sup>Deut. 5:23-27; Ex.  
20:18, 19

17 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *done well what  
they have spoken*  
<sup>a</sup>Deut. 5:28

18 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *brothers*

19 <sup>a</sup>Acts 3:23; Heb. 12:25

20 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *and that*  
<sup>a</sup>Deut. 17:12 <sup>b</sup>Deut. 13:1, 2

21 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *if you say*

22 <sup>a</sup>Deut. 18:20

1 <sup>a</sup>Deut. 6:10, 11

2 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *possess it*  
<sup>a</sup>Deut. 4:41

3 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *road* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *and it  
shall be for every  
manslayer to flee there*

4 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *smites* <sup>2</sup>Lit.,  
*without knowledge* <sup>3</sup>Lit.,  
*and he was not hating him  
previously*  
<sup>a</sup>Num. 35:9-34

5 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *is thrust with*  
<sup>2</sup>Lit., *wood* <sup>3</sup>Lit., *finds*

6 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *while his heart is  
hot* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *smite him in the  
soul*

11 or one who casts a spell, or a medium, or a spiritist, or one who calls up the dead.

12 "For whoever does these things is detestable to the LORD; and because of these detestable things the LORD your God will drive them out before you.

13 "You shall be <sup>1</sup>blameless before the LORD your God.

14 "For those nations, which you shall dispossess, listen to those who practice witchcraft and to diviners, but as for you, the LORD your God has not allowed you *to do so*.

15 "The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among you, from your <sup>1</sup>countrymen, you shall listen to him.

16 "This is <sup>a</sup>according to all that you asked of the LORD your God in Horeb on the day of the assembly, saying, 'Let me not hear again the voice of the LORD my God, let me not see this great fire any more, lest I die.'

17 "And the LORD said to me, 'They have <sup>1</sup>spoken well.

18 'I will raise up a prophet from among their <sup>1</sup>countrymen like you, and I will put My words in his mouth, and he shall speak to them all that I command him.

19 "And it shall come about that whoever will not listen to My words which he shall speak in My name, I Myself will require *it* of him.

20 'But the prophet who shall speak a word <sup>a</sup>presumptuously in My name which I have not commanded him to speak, or <sup>b</sup>which he shall speak in the name of other gods, <sup>1</sup>that prophet shall die.'

21 "And <sup>1</sup>you may say in your heart, 'How shall we know the word which the LORD has not spoken?'

22 "When a prophet speaks in the name of the LORD, if the thing does not come about or come true, that is the thing which the LORD has not spoken. The prophet has spoken it <sup>a</sup>presumptuously; you shall not be afraid of him.

CHAPTER 19

<sup>a</sup>WHEN the LORD your God cuts off the nations, whose land the LORD your God gives you, and you dispossess them and settle in their cities and in their houses,

2 <sup>a</sup>you shall set aside three cities for yourself in the midst of your land, which the LORD your God gives you to <sup>1</sup>possess.

3 "You shall prepare the <sup>1</sup>roads for yourself, and divide into three parts the territory of your land, which the LORD your God will give you as a possession, <sup>2</sup>so that any manslayer may flee there.

4 "Now this is the case of the manslayer who may flee there and live: when he <sup>1</sup>kills his friend <sup>2</sup>unintentionally, <sup>3</sup>not hating him previously—

5 as when *a man* goes into the forest with his friend to cut wood, and his hand <sup>1</sup>swings the axe to cut down the tree, and the iron *head* slips off the <sup>2</sup>handle and <sup>3</sup>strikes his friend so that he dies—he may flee to one of these cities and live;

6 lest the avenger of blood pursue the manslayer <sup>1</sup>in the heat of his anger, and overtake him, because the way is long, and <sup>2</sup>take his life, though he was not deserving of death, since he had not hated him previously.

7 "Therefore, I command you, saying, 'You shall set aside three cities for yourself.'

8 "And if the LORD your God enlarges your territory, just as He has sworn to your fathers, and gives you all the land which He <sup>1</sup>promised to give your fathers—

9 if you <sup>1</sup>carefully observe all this commandment, which I command you today, <sup>2</sup>to love the LORD your God, and to walk in His ways always—then you shall add three more cities for yourself, besides these three.

10 "So innocent blood will not be shed in the midst of your land which the LORD your God gives you as an inheritance, and <sup>1</sup>bloodguiltiness be on you.

11 "But if there is a man who hates his neighbor and lies in wait for him and rises up against him and strikes <sup>1</sup>him so that he dies, and he flees to one of these cities,

12 then the elders of his city shall send and take him from there and deliver him into the hand of the avenger of blood, that he may die.

13 "<sup>1</sup>You shall not pity him, but you shall purge the blood of the innocent from Israel, that it may go well with you.

14 "<sup>2</sup>You shall not move your neighbor's boundary mark, which the ancestors have set, in your inheritance which you shall inherit in the land that the LORD your God gives you to <sup>1</sup>possess.

15 "<sup>3</sup>A single witness shall not rise up against a man on account of any iniquity or any sin <sup>1</sup>which he has committed; on the <sup>2</sup>evidence of two or three witnesses a matter shall be confirmed.

16 "<sup>4</sup>If a malicious witness rises up against a man to <sup>1</sup>accuse him of <sup>2</sup>wrongdoing,

17 then both the men who have the dispute shall stand <sup>2</sup>before the LORD, before the priests and the judges who will be in *office* in those days.

18 "And the judges <sup>3</sup>shall investigate thoroughly; and if the witness is a false witness *and* he has <sup>1</sup>accused his brother falsely,

19 then you shall do to him just as he had intended to do to his brother. Thus you shall purge the evil from among you.

20 "And the rest will hear and be afraid, and will never again do such an evil thing among you.

21 "Thus <sup>1</sup>you shall not show pity: <sup>2</sup>life for life, <sup>3</sup>eye for eye, tooth for tooth, hand for hand, foot for foot.

## CHAPTER 20

"WHEN you go out to battle against your enemies and see horses and chariots *and* people more numerous than you, <sup>2</sup>do not be afraid of them; for the LORD your God, who brought you up from the land of Egypt, is with you.

2 "Now it shall come about that when you are approaching the battle, the priest shall come near and speak to the people.

3 "And he shall say to them, 'Hear, O Israel, you are approaching the battle against your enemies today. Do not be fainthearted. <sup>2</sup>Do not be afraid, or panic, or tremble before them,

8 <sup>1</sup>Lit. *spoke*9 <sup>1</sup>Lit. *keep . . . to do it*  
<sup>2</sup>Deut. 6:510 <sup>2</sup>Deut. 21:1-9; Num. 35:3311 <sup>1</sup>Lit. *him in the soul*13 <sup>1</sup>Lit. *Your eye*  
<sup>2</sup>Deut. 7:214 <sup>1</sup>Lit. *possess it*  
<sup>2</sup>Deut. 27:1715 <sup>1</sup>Lit. *in any sin, which he sins* <sup>2</sup>Lit. *mouth of two witnesses, or by the mouth of three*  
<sup>3</sup>Deut. 17:6; Num. 35:30; Matt. 18:16; 2 Cor. 13:116 <sup>1</sup>Lit. *testify against*  
<sup>2</sup>Lit. *turning aside*  
<sup>3</sup>Ex. 23:117 <sup>2</sup>Deut. 17:918 <sup>1</sup>Lit. *testified against*  
<sup>2</sup>Deut. 25:121 <sup>1</sup>Lit. *your eye*  
<sup>2</sup>Deut. 19:13 <sup>3</sup>Ex. 21:23; Lev. 24:20 <sup>4</sup>Matt. 5:381 <sup>2</sup>Deut. 3:22; 7:18; 31:6, 83 <sup>2</sup>Deut. 20:1; Josh. 23:10

4 <sup>a</sup>Deut. 1:30

6 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *treat(ed) it as common*

7 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *taken* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *take*  
<sup>a</sup>Deut. 24:5

8 <sup>1</sup>So with Gk. and other ancient versions.  
<sup>a</sup>Judg. 7:3

10 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *call to it for peace*

11 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *answers peace*

13 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *males*

14 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *eat*

15 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *here*

16 <sup>a</sup>Deut. 7:1-5; Ex. 23:31-33

17 <sup>1</sup>Or, *put them under the ban*

18 <sup>a</sup>Deut. 9:5

19 <sup>1</sup>Read as interrogative with ancient versions <sup>2</sup>Lit., *come before you in the siege*

20 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *they are not trees for food*

4 for the LORD your God <sup>a</sup>is the one who goes with you, to fight for you against your enemies, to save you.'

5 "The officers also shall speak to the people, saying, 'Who is the man that has built a new house and has not dedicated it? Let him depart and return to his house, lest he die in the battle and another man dedicate it.

6 'And who is the man that has planted a vineyard and has not <sup>1</sup>begun to use its fruit? Let him depart and return to his house, lest he die in the battle and another man <sup>1</sup>begin to use its fruit.

7 <sup>a</sup>And who is the man that is engaged to a woman and has not <sup>1</sup>married her? Let him depart and return to his house, lest he die in the battle and another man <sup>2</sup>marry her.'

8 "Then the officers shall speak further to the people, and they shall say, <sup>a</sup>'Who is the man that is afraid and fainthearted? Let him depart and return to his house, so that <sup>1</sup>he might not make his brothers' hearts melt like his heart.'

9 "And it shall come about that when the officers have finished speaking to the people, they shall appoint commanders of armies at the head of the people.

10 "When you approach a city to fight against it, you shall <sup>1</sup>offer it terms of peace.

11 "And it shall come about, if it <sup>1</sup>agrees to make peace with you and opens to you, then it shall be that all the people who are found in it shall become your forced labor and shall serve you.

12 "However, if it does not make peace with you, but makes war against you, then you shall besiege it.

13 "When the LORD your God gives it into your hand, you shall strike all the <sup>1</sup>men in it with the edge of the sword.

14 "Only the women and the children and the animals and all that is in the city, all its spoil, you shall take as booty for yourself; and you shall <sup>1</sup>use the spoil of your enemies which the LORD your God has given you.

15 "Thus you shall do to all the cities that are very far from you, which are not of the cities of these nations <sup>1</sup>nearby.

16 <sup>a</sup>"Only in the cities of these peoples that the LORD your God is giving you as an inheritance, you shall not leave alive anything that breathes.

17 "But you shall <sup>1</sup>utterly destroy them, the Hittite and the Amorite, the Canaanite and the Perizzite, the Hivite and the Jebusite, as the LORD your God has commanded you,

18 in order that they may not teach you to do <sup>a</sup>according to all their detestable things which they have done for their gods, so that you would sin against the LORD your God.

19 "When you besiege a city a long time, to make war against it in order to capture it, you shall not destroy its trees by swinging an axe against them; for you may eat from them, and you shall not cut them down. <sup>1</sup>For is the tree of the field a man, that it should <sup>2</sup>be besieged by you?

20 "Only the trees which you know <sup>1</sup>are not fruit trees you shall destroy and cut down, that you may construct siegeworks against the city that is making war with you until it falls.



**Explanation for an Unknown Murderer's Crime.  
Marriage of Captive Women.**

CHAPTER 21

**Deuteronomy 21**

1 **I**f a slain person is found lying in the open country in the land which the LORD your God gives you to <sup>1</sup>possess, *and* it is not known who has struck him,

2 then your elders and your judges shall go out and measure *the distance* to the cities which are around the slain one.

3 "And it shall be that the city which is nearest to the slain man, that is, the elders of that city, shall take a heifer of the herd, which has not been worked and which has not pulled in a yoke;

4 and the elders of that city shall bring the heifer down to a valley with running water, which has not been plowed or sown, and shall break the heifer's neck there in the valley.

5 "Then <sup>2</sup>the priests, the sons of Levi, shall come near, for the LORD your God has chosen them to serve Him and to bless in the name of the LORD; and every dispute and every <sup>1</sup>assault <sup>2</sup>shall be settled by them.

6 "And all the elders of that city <sup>1</sup>which is nearest to the slain man shall wash their hands over the heifer whose neck was broken in the valley;

7 and they shall answer and say, 'Our hands have not shed this blood, nor did our eyes see it.

8 <sup>1</sup>Forgive Thy people Israel whom Thou hast redeemed, O LORD, and do not place the guilt of <sup>2</sup>innocent blood in the midst of Thy people Israel.' And the bloodguiltiness shall be <sup>2</sup>forgiven them.

9 "So you shall remove the guilt of innocent blood from your midst, when you do what is right in the eyes of the LORD.

10 "When you go out to battle against your enemies, and the LORD your God delivers them into your hands, and you take them away captive,

11 and see among the captives a beautiful woman, and have a desire for her and would take her as a wife for yourself,

12 then you shall bring her home to your house, and she shall <sup>2</sup>shave her head and <sup>1</sup>trim her nails.

13 "She shall also <sup>1</sup>remove the clothes of her captivity and shall remain in your house, and mourn her father and mother a full month; and after that you may go in to her and be her husband and she shall be your wife.

14 "And it shall be, if you are not pleased with her, then you shall let her go <sup>1</sup>wherever she wishes; but you shall certainly not sell her for money, you shall not <sup>2</sup>mistreat her, because you have humbled her.

15 "If a man has two wives, the one loved and the other <sup>1</sup>unloved, and *both* the loved and the <sup>1</sup>unloved have borne him sons, if the first-born son belongs to the <sup>1</sup>unloved,

16 then it shall be in the day he <sup>1</sup>wills what he has to his sons, he cannot make the son of the loved the first-born before the son of the <sup>2</sup>unloved, who is the first-born.

17 "But he shall acknowledge the first-born, the son of the <sup>1</sup>unloved, by giving him a double portion of all that <sup>2</sup>he has, for he is the <sup>2</sup>beginning of his strength; to him belongs the right of the first-born.

18 "If any man has a stubborn and rebellious son who will

1 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *possess it*

5 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *stroke* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *shall be according to their mouth*  
<sup>2</sup>Deut. 17:9-11; 19:17

6 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *who are*

8 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *Cover over, atone for* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *covered over, atoned for*  
<sup>2</sup>Num. 35:33, 34

9 <sup>2</sup>Deut. 19:13

12 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *do*  
<sup>2</sup>Lev. 14:8, 9; Num. 6:9

13 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *remove from her*

14 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *according to her soul* <sup>2</sup>Or, *enslave*

15 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *hated*

16 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *makes to inherit*  
<sup>2</sup>Lit., *hated*

17 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *hated* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *is found with him*  
<sup>2</sup>Gen. 49:3

19 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *and to the gate of his place*

21 <sup>1</sup>Lev. 20:2, 27; 24:14-23; Num. 15:25, 36

22 <sup>1</sup>Matt. 26:66; Mark 14:64

23 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *the curse of God*  
<sup>a</sup>Josh. 8:29; 10:26, 27; John 19:31 <sup>b</sup>Gal. 3:13

1 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *brother*; so through v. 4  
<sup>2</sup>Lit., *hide yourself from them*  
<sup>a</sup>Ex. 23:4, 5

3 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *hide yourself*

4 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *hide yourself from them*

6 <sup>a</sup>Lev. 22:28

7 <sup>a</sup>Deut. 4:40

9 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *the fulness, seed*  
<sup>a</sup>Lev. 19:19

11 <sup>a</sup>Lev. 19:19

12 <sup>a</sup>Num. 15:37-41; Matt. 23:5

not obey his father or his mother, and when they chastise him, he will not even listen to them,

19 then his father and mother shall seize him, and bring him out to the elders of his city <sup>1</sup>at the gateway of his home town.

20 "And they shall say to the elders of his city, 'This son of ours is stubborn and rebellious, he will not obey us, he is a glutton and a drunkard.'

21 <sup>a</sup>"Then all the men of his city shall stone him to death; so you shall remove the evil from your midst, and all Israel shall hear *of it* and fear.

22 "And if a man has committed a sin <sup>a</sup>worthy of death, and he is put to death, and you hang him on a tree,

23 <sup>a</sup>his corpse shall not hang all night on the tree, but you shall surely bury him on the same day (for <sup>b</sup>he who is hanged is <sup>1</sup>accursed of God), so that you do not defile your land which the LORD your God gives you as an inheritance.

## CHAPTER 22

<sup>a</sup>**Y**OU shall not see your <sup>1</sup>countryman's ox or his sheep straying away, and <sup>2</sup>pay no attention to them; you shall certainly bring them back to your countryman.

2 "And if your countryman is not near you, or if you do not know him, then you shall bring it home to your house, and it shall remain with you until your countryman looks for it; then you shall restore it to him.

3 "And thus you shall do with his donkey, and you shall do the same with his garment, and you shall do likewise with anything lost by your countryman, which he has lost and you have found. You are not allowed to <sup>1</sup>neglect *them*.

4 "You shall not see your countryman's donkey or his ox fallen down on the way, and <sup>1</sup>pay no attention to them; you shall certainly help him to raise *them* up.

5 "A woman shall not wear man's clothing, nor shall a man put on a woman's clothing; for whoever does these things is an abomination to the LORD your God.

6 "If you happen to come upon a bird's nest along the way, in any tree or on the ground, with young ones or eggs, and the mother sitting on the young or on the eggs, <sup>a</sup>you shall not take the mother with the young;

7 you shall certainly let the mother go, but the young you may take for yourself, <sup>a</sup>in order that it may be well with you, and that you may prolong your days.

8 "When you build a new house, you shall make a parapet for your roof, that you may not bring bloodguilt on your house if anyone falls from it.

9 <sup>a</sup>"You shall not sow your vineyard with two kinds of seed, lest <sup>1</sup>all the produce of the seed which you have sown, and the increase of the vineyard become defiled.

10 "You shall not plow with an ox and a donkey together.

11 <sup>a</sup>"You shall not wear a material mixed of wool and linen together.

12 <sup>a</sup>"You shall make yourself tassels on the four corners of your garment with which you cover yourself.

13 <sup>a</sup>"If any man takes a wife and goes in to her and *then* <sup>1</sup>turns against her,

14 and charges her with shameful deeds and <sup>1</sup>publicly defames her, and says, 'I took this woman, *but* when I came near her, I did not find her a virgin.'

15 then the girl's father and her mother shall take and bring out the *evidence* of the girl's virginity to the elders of the city at the gate.

16 "And the girl's father shall say to the elders, 'I gave my daughter to this man for a wife, but he <sup>1</sup>turned against her;

17 and behold, he has charged her with shameful deeds, saying, "I did not find your daughter a virgin." But <sup>1</sup>this is the *evidence* of my daughter's virginity.' And they shall spread the garment before the elders of the city.

18 "So the elders of that city shall take the man and chastise him,

19 and they shall fine him a hundred *shekels* of silver and give it to the girl's father, because he <sup>1</sup>publicly defamed a virgin of Israel. And she shall remain his wife; he cannot <sup>2</sup>divorce her all his days.

20 "But if this <sup>1</sup>charge is true, that the girl was not found a virgin,

21 then they shall bring out the girl to the doorway of her father's house, and the men of her city shall stone her <sup>1</sup>to death because she has <sup>a</sup>committed an act of folly in Israel, by playing the harlot in her father's house; thus you shall purge the evil from among you.

22 <sup>a</sup>"If a man is found lying with a married woman, then both of them shall die, the man who lay with the woman, and the woman; thus you shall purge the evil from Israel.

23 <sup>a</sup>"If there is a girl who is a virgin engaged to a man, and *another* man finds her in the city and lies with her,

24 then you shall bring them both out to the gate of that city and you shall stone them <sup>1</sup>to death; the girl, because she did not cry out in the city, and the man, because he has violated his neighbor's wife. Thus you shall purge the evil from among you.

25 "But if in the field the man finds the girl who is engaged, and the man forces her and lies with her, then only the man who lies with her shall die.

26 "But you shall do nothing to the girl; there is no sin in the girl worthy of death, for just as a man rises against his neighbor and murders him, so is this case.

27 "When he found her in the field, the engaged girl cried out, but there was no one to save her.

28 <sup>a</sup>"If a man finds a girl who is a virgin, who is not engaged, and seizes her and lies with her and they are discovered,

29 then the man who lay with her shall give to the girl's father fifty *shekels* of silver, and she shall become his wife because he has violated her; he cannot divorce her all his days.

30 <sup>1a</sup>"A man shall not take his father's wife so that he shall not uncover his father's skirt.

13 <sup>1</sup>Lit. *hates her*  
<sup>a</sup>Deut. 24:1

14 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *causes an evil name to go out against her*

16 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *hated her*

17 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *these are*

19 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *caused an evil name to go out against a virgin* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *send her away*

20 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *matter*

21 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *with stones so that she dies*  
<sup>a</sup>Deut. 23:17, 18; Lev. 19:29; 21:9

22 <sup>a</sup>Lev. 20:10; Ezek. 16:38; John 8:5

23 <sup>a</sup>Lev. 19:20-22

24 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *with stones so that they die*

28 <sup>a</sup>Ex. 22:16

30 <sup>1</sup>Ch. 23:1 in Heb.  
<sup>a</sup>Deut. 27:20

1 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *wounded by crushing of testicles*  
<sup>a</sup>Lev. 21:20; 22:24

CHAPTER 23

<sup>a</sup>"NO one who is <sup>1</sup>emasculated, or has his male organ cut off, shall enter the assembly of the LORD.

4 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *bread* <sup>2</sup>Heb. *Aram-naharaim*  
<sup>a</sup>Num. 22:5; 23:7; 2 Pet. 2:15; Jude 11

5 <sup>a</sup>Deut. 4:37

9 <sup>1</sup>Or, *camp*

10 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *come to the midst of*  
<sup>a</sup>Lev. 15:16

11 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *come to the midst of*

13 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *peg* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *and*

14 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *give up* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *nakedness of anything*  
<sup>3</sup>Lit., *and*  
<sup>a</sup>Lev. 26:12

15 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *delivered himself*

16 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *gates*

17 <sup>a</sup>Deut. 22:21

18 <sup>1</sup>I.e., *male prostitute, sodomite*  
<sup>a</sup>Lev. 18:22; 20:13

19 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *brothers*  
<sup>a</sup>Ex. 22:25; Lev. 25:35-37

20 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *brother* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *the putting forth of your hand*  
<sup>3</sup>Lit., *possess it*  
<sup>a</sup>Deut. 28:12

2 "No one of illegitimate birth shall enter the assembly of the LORD; none of his *descendants*, even to the tenth generation, shall enter the assembly of the LORD.

3 "No Ammonite or Moabite shall enter the assembly of the LORD; none of their *descendants*, even to the tenth generation, shall ever enter the assembly of the LORD,

4 because they did not meet you with <sup>1</sup>food and water on the way when you came out of Egypt, and because they hired against you <sup>a</sup>Balaam the son of Beor from Pethor of <sup>2</sup>Mesopotamia, to curse you.

5 "Nevertheless, the LORD your God was not willing to listen to Balaam, but the LORD your God turned the curse into a blessing for you because the LORD your God <sup>a</sup>loves you.

6 "You shall never seek their peace or their prosperity all your days.

7 "You shall not detest an Edomite, for he is your brother; you shall not detest an Egyptian, because you were an alien in his land.

8 "The sons of the third generation who are born to them may enter the assembly of the LORD.

9 "When you go out as an <sup>1</sup>army against your enemies, then you shall keep yourself from every evil thing.

10 "<sup>a</sup>If there is among you any man who is unclean because of a nocturnal emission, then he must go outside the camp; he may not <sup>1</sup>reenter the camp.

11 "But it shall be when evening approaches, he shall bathe himself with water, and at sundown he may <sup>1</sup>reenter the camp.

12 "You shall also have a place outside the camp and go out there,

13 and you shall have a <sup>1</sup>spade among your tools, and it shall be when you sit down outside, you shall dig with it and shall turn <sup>2</sup>to cover up your excrement.

14 "Since <sup>a</sup>the LORD your God walks in the midst of your camp to deliver you and to <sup>1</sup>defeat your enemies before you, therefore your camp must be holy; and He must not see <sup>2</sup>anything indecent among you <sup>3</sup>lest He turn away from you.

15 "You shall not hand over to his master a slave who has <sup>1</sup>escaped from his master to you.

16 "He shall live with you in your midst, in the place which he shall choose in one of your <sup>1</sup>towns where it pleases him; you shall not mistreat him.

17 "<sup>a</sup>None of the daughters of Israel shall be a cult prostitute, nor shall any of the sons of Israel be a cult prostitute.

18 "You shall not bring the hire of a harlot or the wages of a <sup>1</sup>adog into the house of the LORD your God for any votive offering, for both of these are an abomination to the LORD your God.

19 "<sup>a</sup>You shall not charge interest to your <sup>1</sup>countrymen: interest on money, food, or anything that may be loaned at interest.

20 "<sup>a</sup>You may charge interest to a foreigner, but to your <sup>1</sup>countryman you shall not charge interest, so that the LORD your God may bless you in all <sup>2</sup>that you undertake in the land which you are about to enter to <sup>3</sup>possess.

21 <sup>a</sup>When you make a vow to the LORD your God, you shall not delay to pay it, for it would be sin in you, <sup>1</sup>and the LORD your God will surely require it of you.

22 “However, if you refrain from vowing, it would not be sin in you.

23 “You shall be careful to perform what goes out from your lips, just as you have voluntarily vowed to the LORD your God, what you have <sup>1</sup>promised.

24 “When you enter your neighbor’s vineyard, then you may eat grapes <sup>1</sup>until you are fully satisfied, but you shall not put any in your <sup>2</sup>basket.

25 <sup>a</sup>When you enter your neighbor’s standing grain, then you may pluck the heads with your hand, but you shall not wield a sickle in your neighbor’s standing grain.

CHAPTER 24

“WHEN a man takes a wife and marries her, and it happens <sup>1</sup>that she finds no favor in his eyes because he has found some <sup>a</sup>indecency in her, and <sup>b</sup>he writes her a certificate of divorce and puts it in her hand and sends her out from his house,

2 and she leaves his house and goes and becomes another man’s wife,

3 and if the latter husband <sup>1</sup>turns against her and writes her a certificate of divorce and puts it in her hand and sends her out of his house, or if the latter husband dies who took her to be his wife,

4 then her former husband who sent her away is not allowed to take her again to be his wife, since she has been defiled; for that is an abomination before the LORD, and you shall not bring sin on the land which the LORD your God gives you as an inheritance.

5 <sup>a</sup>When a man takes a new wife, he shall not go out with the army, nor be charged with any duty; he shall be free at home one year and shall give happiness to his wife whom he has taken.

6 “No one shall take a handmill or an upper millstone in pledge, for he would be taking a life in pledge.

7 <sup>a</sup>If a man is <sup>1</sup>caught kidnapping any of his <sup>2</sup>countrymen of the sons of Israel, and he deals with him violently, or sells him, then that thief shall die; so you shall purge the evil from among you.

8 <sup>a</sup>Be careful against <sup>1</sup>an infection of leprosy, that you diligently observe and do according to all that the Levitical priests shall teach you; as I have commanded them, so you shall be careful to do.

9 “Remember what the LORD your God did <sup>a</sup>to Miriam on the way as you came out of Egypt.

10 <sup>a</sup>When you make your neighbor a loan of any sort, you shall not enter his house to take his pledge.

11 “You shall remain outside, and the man to whom you make the loan shall bring the pledge out to you.

12 “And if he is a poor man, you shall not sleep with his pledge.

13 “When the sun goes down you shall surely return the

21 <sup>1</sup>Lit., for  
<sup>a</sup>Num. 30:1, 2; Matt. 5:33

23 <sup>1</sup>Lit., spoken with your mouth

24 <sup>1</sup>Lit., according to your satisfaction of your soul <sup>2</sup>Or, vessel

25 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 12:1; Mark 2:23; Luke 6:1

1 <sup>1</sup>Lit., if  
<sup>a</sup>Deut. 22:13-21; Num. 5:12, 28 <sup>b</sup>Matt. 5:31; 19:7-9; Mark 10:4, 5

3 <sup>1</sup>Lit., hates her

5 <sup>a</sup>Deut. 20:7

7 <sup>1</sup>Lit., found stealing  
<sup>2</sup>Lit., brothers  
<sup>a</sup>Ex. 21:16

8 <sup>1</sup>Lit., a mark or stroke  
<sup>a</sup>Lev. 13:1-14, 57

9 <sup>a</sup>Num. 12:10

10 <sup>a</sup>Ex. 22:26, 27

13 <sup>a</sup>Deut. 6:25

14 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *brothers* <sup>2</sup>Lit.,  
*gates*  
<sup>a</sup>Deut. 15:7-18; Lev. 25:35-  
43; 1 Tim. 5:18

15 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *that the sun  
shall not go down on it*  
<sup>2</sup>Lit., *soul*  
<sup>a</sup>Lev. 19:13; James 5:4  
<sup>b</sup>Deut. 15:9; Ex. 22:23

16 <sup>1</sup>Or., *with*  
<sup>a2</sup> Kin. 14:6; 2 Chr. 25:4;  
Jer. 31:29, 30; Ezek. 18:20

17 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *of* <sup>2</sup>Or., *fatherless*  
<sup>a</sup>Deut. 1:17; 10:17; 16:19

19 <sup>1</sup>Or., *fatherless*  
<sup>a</sup>Lev. 19:9, 10; 23:22 <sup>b</sup>Deut.  
14:29

20 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *after yourself*  
<sup>2</sup>Or., *fatherless*  
<sup>a</sup>Lev. 19:10 <sup>b</sup>Deut. 24:19

21 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *glean it after  
yourself* <sup>2</sup>Or., *fatherless*

1 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *the judgment*  
<sup>2</sup>Lit., *they judge them*  
<sup>a</sup>Deut. 17:8-13; 19:17  
<sup>b</sup>Deut. 1:16, 17

2 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *is a son of  
beating* <sup>2</sup>Or., *wickedness*

3 <sup>a2</sup> Cor. 11:24

4 <sup>a1</sup> Cor. 9:9; 1 Tim. 5:18

5 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 22:24; Mark  
12:19; Luke 20:28

6 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *stand on*  
<sup>a</sup>Ruth 4:5, 10

7 <sup>a</sup>Ruth 4:1, 2

pledge to him, that he may sleep in his cloak and bless you; and <sup>a</sup>it will be righteousness for you before the LORD your God.

14 <sup>a</sup>You shall not oppress a hired servant *who is* poor and needy, whether *he is* one of your <sup>1</sup>countrymen or one of your aliens who is in your land in your <sup>2</sup>towns.

15 <sup>a</sup>You shall give him his wages on his day <sup>1</sup>before the sun sets, for he is poor and sets his <sup>2</sup>heart on it; so that <sup>b</sup>he may not cry against you to the LORD and it become sin in you.

16 <sup>a</sup>Fathers shall not be put to death <sup>1</sup>for *their* sons, nor shall sons be put to death <sup>1</sup>for *their* fathers; everyone shall be put to death for his own sin.

17 <sup>a</sup>You shall not pervert the justice <sup>1</sup>due an alien or an <sup>2</sup>orphan, nor take a widow's garment in pledge.

18 <sup>a</sup>But you shall remember that you were a slave in Egypt, and that the LORD your God redeemed you from there; therefore I am commanding you to do this thing.

19 <sup>a</sup>When you reap your harvest in your field and have forgotten a sheaf in the field, you shall not go back to get it; it shall be <sup>b</sup>for the alien, for the <sup>1</sup>orphan, and for the widow, in order that the LORD your God may bless you in all the work of your hands.

20 <sup>a</sup>When you beat your olive tree, you shall not go over the boughs <sup>1</sup>again; it shall be <sup>b</sup>for the alien, for the <sup>2</sup>orphan, and for the widow.

21 <sup>a</sup>When you gather the grapes of your vineyard, you shall not <sup>1</sup>go over it again; it shall be for the alien, for the <sup>2</sup>orphan, and for the widow.

22 <sup>a</sup>And you shall remember that you were a slave in the land of Egypt; therefore I am commanding you to do this thing.

## CHAPTER 25

<sup>a</sup>**I**F there is a dispute between men and they go to <sup>1</sup>court, and <sup>2</sup>the judges decide their case, <sup>b</sup>and they justify the righteous and condemn the wicked,

2 then it shall be if the wicked man <sup>1</sup>deserves to be beaten, the judge shall then make him lie down and be beaten in his presence with the number of stripes according to his <sup>2</sup>guilt.

3 <sup>a</sup>He may beat him forty times *but* no more, lest he beat him with many more stripes than these, and your brother be degraded in your eyes.

4 <sup>a</sup>You shall not muzzle the ox while he is threshing.

5 <sup>a</sup>When brothers live together and one of them dies and has no son, the wife of the deceased shall not be *married* outside *the family* to a strange man. <sup>a</sup>Her husband's brother shall go in to her and take her to himself as wife and perform the duty of a husband's brother to her.

6 <sup>a</sup>And it shall be that the first-born whom she bears shall <sup>1</sup>assume the name of his dead brother, that <sup>a</sup>his name may not be blotted out from Israel.

7 <sup>a</sup>But if the man does not desire to take his brother's wife, then his brother's wife shall go up to the gate to the elders and say, 'My husband's brother refuses to establish a name for his brother in Israel; he is not willing to perform the duty of a husband's brother to me.'

8 "Then the elders of his city shall summon him and speak to him. And if he persists and says, 'I do not desire to take her,'

9 "then his brother's wife shall come to him in the sight of the elders, and pull his sandal off his foot and spit in his face; and she shall declare, 'Thus it is done to the man who does not build up his brother's house.'

10 "And in Israel his name shall be called, 'The house of him whose sandal is removed.'

11 "If two men, a man and his countryman, are struggling together, and the wife of one comes near to deliver her husband from the hand of the one who is striking him, and puts out her hand and seizes his genitals,

12 then you shall cut off her hand; you shall not show pity.

13 "You shall not have in your bag differing weights, a large and a small.

14 "You shall not have in your house differing measures, a large and a small.

15 "You shall have a full and just weight; you shall have a full and just measure, that your days may be prolonged in the land which the LORD your God gives you.

16 "For everyone who does these things, everyone who acts unjustly is an abomination to the LORD your God.

17 "Remember what Amalek did to you along the way when you came out from Egypt,

18 how he met you along the way and attacked among you all the stragglers at your rear when you were faint and weary; and he did not fear God.

19 "Therefore it shall come about when the LORD your God has given you rest from all your surrounding enemies, in the land which the LORD your God gives you as an inheritance to possess, you shall blot out the memory of Amalek from under heaven; you must not forget.

CHAPTER 26

"THEN it shall be, when you enter the land which the LORD your God gives you as an inheritance, and you possess it and live in it,

2 that you shall take some of the first of all the produce of the ground which you shall bring in from your land that the LORD your God gives you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place where the LORD your God chooses to establish His name.

3 "And you shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, 'I declare this day to the LORD my God that I have entered the land which the LORD swore to our fathers to give us.'

4 "Then the priest shall take the basket from your hand and set it down before the altar of the LORD your God.

5 "And you shall answer and say before the LORD your God, 'My father was a wandering Aramean, and he went down to Egypt and sojourned there, few in number; but there he became a great, mighty and populous nation.

9 <sup>1</sup>Lit., answer and say  
<sup>2</sup>Ruth 4:7, 8 <sup>3</sup>Num. 12:14

11 <sup>1</sup>Lit., brother

12 <sup>1</sup>Lit., palm <sup>2</sup>Lit., your eye  
<sup>3</sup>Deut. 7:2

13 <sup>1</sup>Lit., a stone and a stone  
<sup>2</sup>Lev. 19:35-37

14 <sup>1</sup>Lit., an ephah and an ephah

15 <sup>1</sup>Lit., ephah <sup>2</sup>Lit., ground

17 <sup>2</sup>Ex. 17:8-16

18 <sup>1</sup>Or, reverence

19 <sup>1</sup>Lit., possess it  
<sup>2</sup>Deut. 12:9

2 <sup>2</sup>Ex. 22:29; 23:16, 19

3 <sup>1</sup>So with Gk; Heb., your

5 <sup>1</sup>Or, perishing <sup>2</sup>Or, lived as an alien  
<sup>3</sup>Gen. 25:30; 31:40-42; 43:1-14  
<sup>4</sup>Gen. 46:27 <sup>5</sup>Deut. 1:10; 10:22

8 <sup>a</sup>Deut. 4:349 <sup>a</sup>Ex. 3:8, 1711 <sup>a</sup>Deut. 12:12 <sup>b</sup>Deut. 12:712 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *tithing* <sup>2</sup>Or, *fatherless* <sup>3</sup>Lit., *gates* <sup>a</sup>Deut. 14:28, 29; Heb. 7:5, 9, 1013 <sup>1</sup>Or, *fatherless*14 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *while in my*15 <sup>a</sup>Deut. 26:916 <sup>a</sup>Deut. 4:2917 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *to walk in*18 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *to keep all* <sup>a</sup>Deut. 7:619 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *to set you* <sup>a</sup>Deut. 28:1, <sup>13</sup><sup>b</sup>Deut. 7:62 <sup>a</sup>Josh. 8:30-32

6 'And the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, and imposed hard labor on us.

7 "Then we cried to the LORD, the God of our fathers, and the LORD heard our voice and saw our affliction and our toil and our oppression;

8 <sup>a</sup>and the LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm and with great terror and with signs and wonders;

9 and He has brought us to this place, and has given us this land, <sup>a</sup>a land flowing with milk and honey.

10 'And now behold, I have brought the first of the produce of the ground which Thou, O LORD hast given me.' And you shall set it down before the LORD your God, and worship before the LORD your God;

11 and you and <sup>a</sup>the Levite and the alien who is among you shall <sup>b</sup>rejoice in all the good which the LORD your God has given you and your household.

12 <sup>a</sup>"When you have finished <sup>1</sup>paying all the tithe of your increase in the third year, the year of tithing, then you shall give it to the Levite, to the stranger, to the <sup>2</sup>orphan and to the widow, that they may eat in your <sup>3</sup>towns, and be satisfied.

13 "And you shall say before the LORD your God, 'I have removed the sacred *portion* from my house, and also have given it to the Levite and the alien, the <sup>1</sup>orphan and the widow, according to all Thy commandments which Thou hast commanded me; I have not transgressed or forgotten any of Thy commandments.

14 'I have not eaten of it <sup>1</sup>while mourning, nor have I removed any of it while I was unclean, nor offered any of it to the dead. I have listened to the voice of the LORD my God; I have done according to all that Thou hast commanded me.

15 'Look down from Thy holy habitation, from heaven, and bless Thy people Israel, and the ground which Thou hast given us, <sup>a</sup>a land flowing with milk and honey, as Thou didst swear to our fathers.'

16 "This day the LORD your God commands you to do these statutes and ordinances. You shall therefore be careful to do them <sup>a</sup>with all your heart and with all your soul.

17 "You have today declared the LORD to be your God, and <sup>1</sup>that you would walk in His ways and keep His statutes, His commandments and His ordinances, and listen to His voice.

18 "And the LORD has today declared you to be <sup>a</sup>His people, a treasured possession, as He promised you, and <sup>1</sup>that you should keep all His commandments;

19 and <sup>1</sup>that He shall <sup>a</sup>set you high above all nations which He has made, for praise, fame, and honor; and that you shall be <sup>b</sup>a consecrated people to the LORD your God, as He has spoken."

## CHAPTER 27

THEN Moses and the elders of Israel charged the people, saying, "Keep all the commandments which I command you today.

2 <sup>a</sup>"So it shall be on the day when you shall cross the Jordan



to the land which the LORD your God gives you, that you shall set up for yourself large stones, and coat them with lime

3 and write on them all the words of this law, when you cross over, in order that you may enter the land which the LORD your God gives you, <sup>a</sup>a land flowing with milk and honey, as the LORD, the God of your fathers, <sup>1</sup>promised you.

4 "So it shall be when you cross the Jordan, you shall set up on Mount Ebal, these stones, <sup>1</sup>as I am commanding you today, and you shall coat them with lime.

5 "Moreover, you shall build there an altar to the LORD your God, an altar of stones; you shall not <sup>1</sup>wield an iron tool on them.

6 "You shall build the altar of the LORD your God of <sup>1</sup>uncut stones; and you shall offer on it burnt offerings to the LORD your God;

7 and you shall sacrifice peace offerings and eat there, and you shall <sup>a</sup>rejoice before the LORD your God.

8 "And you shall write on the <sup>1</sup>stones all the words of this law very distinctly."

9 Then Moses and the Levitical priests spoke to all Israel, saying, "Be silent and listen, O Israel! This day you have become a people for the LORD your God.

10 "You shall therefore <sup>1</sup>obey the LORD your God, and do His commandments and His statutes which I command you today."

11 Moses also charged the people on that day, saying,

12 "When you cross the Jordan, these shall stand on Mount Gerizim to bless the people: <sup>a</sup>Simeon, Levi, Judah, Issachar, Joseph, and Benjamin.

13 "And for the curse, these shall stand on Mount Ebal: Reuben, Gad, Asher, Zebulun, Dan, and Naphtali.

14 "The Levites shall then answer and say to all the men of Israel with a loud voice,

15 'Cursed is the man who makes <sup>1a</sup>an idol or a molten image, an abomination to the LORD, the work of the hands of the craftsman, and sets it up in secret.' And all the people shall answer and say, 'Amen.'

16 '<sup>a</sup>Cursed is he who dishonors his father or mother.' And all the people shall say, 'Amen.'

17 '<sup>a</sup>Cursed is he who moves his neighbor's boundary mark.' And all the people shall say, 'Amen.'

18 '<sup>a</sup>Cursed is he who misleads a blind person on the road.' And all the people shall say, 'Amen.'

19 '<sup>a</sup>Cursed is he who distorts the justice due an alien, orphan, and widow.' And all the people shall say, 'Amen.'

20 '<sup>a</sup>Cursed is he who lies with his father's wife, because he has uncovered his father's skirt.' And all the people shall say, 'Amen.'

21 '<sup>a</sup>Cursed is he who lies with any animal.' And all the people shall say, 'Amen.'

22 '<sup>a</sup>Cursed is he who lies with his sister, the daughter of his father or of his mother.' And all the people shall say, 'Amen.'

23 '<sup>a</sup>Cursed is he who lies with his mother-in-law.' And all the people shall say, 'Amen.'

3 <sup>1</sup>Lit., spoke to  
\*Deut. 26:9

4 <sup>1</sup>Lit., which

5 <sup>1</sup>Lit., lift up

6 <sup>1</sup>Lit., whole

7 \*Deut. 26:11

8 <sup>1</sup>I.e., stones coated with lime, cf. vs. 4

10 <sup>1</sup>Lit., listen to the voice of

12 \*Josh. 8:33-35

15 <sup>1</sup>Or, a graven image  
\*Ex. 20:4, 23; 34:17

16 \*Ex. 21:17; Lev. 20:9; Ezek. 22:7

17 \*Deut. 19:14

18 \*Lev. 19:14

19 <sup>1</sup>Or, fatherless  
\*Deut. 14:17

20 \*Deut. 22:30; Lev. 18:8; 20:11

21 \*Ex. 22:19; Lev. 18:23

22 \*Lev. 18:9; 20:17

23 \*Lev. 20:14

24 \*Ex. 21:12; Lev. 24:17;  
Num. 35:30, 31

25 \*Ex. 23:7

26 \*Cal. 3:10

1 <sup>1</sup>Lit., listen to the  
voice of  
<sup>2</sup>Deut. 7:12-26; Ex. 23:22-27  
Lev. 26:3-13 <sup>3</sup>Deut. 28:13;  
26:19

2 <sup>1</sup>Lit., listen to the  
voice of

3 <sup>1</sup>Or, field

4 <sup>1</sup>Lit., fruit <sup>2</sup>Lit., womb

7 <sup>1</sup>Lit., smitten

10 <sup>1</sup>Lit., the name of the  
LORD is called upon you

11 <sup>1</sup>Lit., fruit <sup>2</sup>Or, womb  
<sup>3</sup>Deut. 28:4

12 \*Deut. 23:20

13 <sup>1</sup>Lit., keep and do  
<sup>2</sup>Deut. 28:1, 44

14 \*Deut. 5:32

15 <sup>1</sup>Lit., listen to the  
voice of  
<sup>2</sup>Lev. 26:14-43; Josh. 23:15

16 <sup>1</sup>Or, field  
<sup>2</sup>Deut. 28:3

24 'aCursed is he who strikes his neighbor in secret.' And all the people shall say, 'Amen.'

25 'aCursed is he who accepts a bribe to strike down an innocent person.' And all the people shall say, 'Amen.'

26 'aCursed is he who does not confirm the words of this law by doing them.' And all the people shall say, 'Amen.'

## CHAPTER 28

“<sup>a</sup>**N**OW it shall be, if you will diligently <sup>1</sup>obey the LORD your God, being careful to do all His commandments which I command you today, the LORD your God <sup>b</sup>will set you high above all the nations of the earth.

2 “And all these blessings shall come upon you and overtake you, if you will <sup>1</sup>obey the LORD your God.

3 “Blessed *shall you be* in the city, and blessed *shall you be* in the <sup>1</sup>country.

4 “Blessed *shall be* the <sup>1</sup>offspring of your <sup>2</sup>body and the <sup>1</sup>produce of your ground and the <sup>1</sup>offspring of your beasts, the increase of your herd and the young of your flock.

5 “Blessed *shall be* your basket and your kneading bowl.

6 “Blessed *shall you be* when you come in, and blessed *shall you be* when you go out.

7 “The LORD will cause your enemies who rise up against you to be <sup>1</sup>defeated before you; they shall come out against you one way and shall flee before you seven ways.

8 “The LORD will command the blessing upon you in your barns and in all that you put your hand to, and He will bless you in the land which the LORD your God gives you.

9 “The LORD will establish you as a holy people to Himself, as He swore to you, if you will keep the commandments of the LORD your God, and walk in His ways.

10 “So all the peoples of the earth shall see that <sup>1</sup>you are called by the name of the LORD; and they shall be afraid of you.

11 “<sup>a</sup>And the LORD will make you abound in prosperity, in the <sup>1</sup>offspring of your <sup>2</sup>body and in the <sup>1</sup>offspring of your beast and in the <sup>1</sup>produce of your ground, in the land which the LORD swore to your fathers to give you.

12 “The LORD will open for you His good storehouse, the heavens, to give rain to your land in its season and to bless all the work of your hand; and <sup>a</sup>you shall lend to many nations, but you shall not borrow.

13 “<sup>a</sup>And the LORD shall make you the head and not the tail, and you only shall be above, and you shall not be underneath, if you will listen to the commandments of the LORD your God, which I charge you today, to <sup>1</sup>observe *them* carefully,

14 and <sup>a</sup>do not turn aside from any of the words which I command you today, to the right or to the left, to go after other gods to serve them.

15 “<sup>a</sup>But it shall come about, if you will not <sup>1</sup>obey the LORD your God, to observe to do all His commandments and His statutes which I charge you today, that all these curses shall come upon you and overtake you.

16 “<sup>a</sup>Cursed *shall you be* in the city, and cursed *shall you be* in the <sup>1</sup>country.

## Consequences of Disobedience.

17 <sup>a</sup>"Cursed *shall be* your basket and your kneading bowl.

18 <sup>a</sup>"Cursed *shall be* the <sup>1</sup>offspring of your <sup>2</sup>body and the <sup>1</sup>produce of your ground, the increase of your herd and the young of your flock.

19 <sup>a</sup>"Cursed *shall you be* when you come in, and cursed *shall you be* when you go out.

20 <sup>a</sup>"The LORD will send upon you curses, confusion, and rebuke, in all <sup>1</sup>you undertake to do, until you are destroyed and until <sup>b</sup>you perish quickly, on account of the evil of your deeds, because you have forsaken Me.

21 <sup>a</sup>"The LORD will make the pestilence cling to you until He has consumed you from the land, where you are entering to possess it.

22 <sup>a</sup>"The LORD will smite you with consumption and with fever and with inflammation and with fiery heat and with <sup>1</sup>the sword and <sup>a</sup>with blight and with mildew, and they shall pursue you until <sup>b</sup>you perish.

23 <sup>a</sup>"And <sup>1</sup>the heaven which is over your head shall be bronze, and the earth which is under you, iron.

24 <sup>a</sup>"The LORD will make the rain of your land powder and dust; from heaven it shall come down on you until you are destroyed.

25 <sup>a</sup>"The LORD will cause you to be <sup>1</sup>defeated before your enemies; you shall go out one way against them, but you shall flee seven ways before them, and you shall <sup>b</sup>be *an example of terror* to all the kingdoms of the earth.

26 <sup>a</sup>"And your carcasses shall be food to all birds of the sky and to the beasts of the earth, and there shall be no one to frighten *them* away.

27 <sup>a</sup>"The LORD will smite you with the boils of Egypt and with hemorrhoids and with the scab and with the itch, from which you cannot be healed.

28 <sup>a</sup>"The LORD will smite you with madness and with blindness and with bewilderment of heart;

29 and you shall <sup>1a</sup>grope at noon, as the blind man gropes in darkness, and you shall not prosper in your ways; but you shall only be oppressed and robbed continually, with none to save you.

30 <sup>a</sup>"You shall betroth a wife, but another man shall violate her; you shall build a house, but you shall not live in it; you shall plant a vineyard, but you shall not <sup>1</sup>use its fruit.

31 <sup>a</sup>"Your ox shall be slaughtered before your eyes, but you shall not eat of it; your donkey shall be torn away from you, and shall not be restored to you; your sheep shall be given to your enemies, and you shall have none to save you.

32 <sup>a</sup>"Your sons and your daughters shall be given to another people, while your eyes shall look on and yearn for them continually; but there shall be nothing <sup>1</sup>you can do.

33 <sup>a</sup>"A people whom you do not know shall eat up the produce of your ground and all your labors, and you shall never be anything but oppressed and crushed continually.

34 <sup>a</sup>"And you shall be driven mad by the sight of <sup>1</sup>what you see.

35 <sup>a</sup>"The LORD will strike you on the knees and legs with sore

## Deuteronomy 28

17 <sup>a</sup>Deut. 28:5

18 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *fruit* <sup>2</sup>Or, *womb*  
<sup>a</sup>Deut. 28:4

19 <sup>a</sup>Deut. 28:6

20 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *the putting forth of your hand which you do*  
<sup>a</sup>Deut. 28:8 <sup>b</sup>Deut. 4:26

21 <sup>a</sup>Lev. 26:25; Num. 14:12

22 <sup>1</sup>Another reading is, *drought*  
<sup>a</sup>Amos 4:9 <sup>b</sup>Deut. 4:29

23 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *your*

24 <sup>a</sup>Deut. 28:12; 11:17

25 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *smitten*  
<sup>a</sup>Deut. 28:7 <sup>b2</sup> Chr. 29:8; Jer. 15:4

26 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 7:33; 16:4; 19:7; 34:20

27 <sup>a</sup>Deut. 28:60, 61; 7:15

29 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *be groping*  
<sup>a</sup>Ex. 10:21

30 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *begin it*  
<sup>a</sup>Amos 5:11

32 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *in the power of your hand*  
<sup>a</sup>Deut. 28:41

34 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *your eyes which you*

35 <sup>a</sup>Deut. 28:27

36 \*2 Kin. 17:4, 6; 24:12, 14; 25:7, 11 <sup>b</sup>Deut. 4:28

37 \*Jer. 19:8; 29:18

38 \*Is. 5:10; Mic. 6:15  
<sup>b</sup>Joel 1:4

39 \*Is. 5:10; 17:10, 11

40 \*Jer. 11:16; Mic. 6:15

41 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *beget*  
<sup>a</sup>Deut. 28:32

42 \*Deut. 28:38

43 \*Deut. 28:13

44 \*Deut. 28:12 <sup>b</sup>Deut. 28:13

45 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *listen to the voice of*  
<sup>a</sup>Deut. 4:25, 26

46 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *seed*

47 \*Deut. 12:7

48 \*Lam. 4:4-6 <sup>b</sup>Jer. 28:13, 14

49 \*Is. 5:26-30; 7:18-20

51 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *fruit*

52 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *gates*  
<sup>a</sup>Jer. 10:17, 18; Zeph. 1:15, 16

53 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *fruit* <sup>2</sup>Or, *distress*  
<sup>a</sup>Lev. 26:29; Jer. 19:9; Lam. 2:20

54 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *tender* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *his eye shall be evil toward*  
<sup>3</sup>Lit., *of his bosom*

boils, from which you cannot be healed, from the sole of your foot to the crown of your head.

36 <sup>a</sup>The LORD will bring you and your king, whom you shall set over you, to a nation which neither you nor your fathers have known, and there you shall serve other gods, <sup>b</sup>wood and stone.

37 <sup>a</sup>And you shall become a horror, a proverb, and a taunt among all the people where the LORD will drive you.

38 <sup>a</sup>You shall bring out much seed to the field but you shall gather in little, for <sup>b</sup>the locust shall consume it.

39 <sup>a</sup>You shall plant and cultivate vineyards, but you shall neither drink of the wine nor gather *the grapes*, for the worm shall devour them.

40 <sup>a</sup>You shall have olive trees throughout your territory but you shall not anoint yourself with the oil, for your olives shall drop off.

41 <sup>a</sup>You shall <sup>1</sup>have sons and daughters but they shall not be yours, for they shall go into captivity.

42 <sup>a</sup>The cricket shall possess all your trees and the produce of your ground.

43 <sup>a</sup>The alien who is among you shall rise above you higher and higher, but you shall go down lower and lower.

44 <sup>a</sup>He shall lend to you, but you shall not lend to him; <sup>b</sup>he shall be the head, and you shall be the tail.

45 <sup>a</sup>So all these curses shall come on you and pursue you and overtake you <sup>a</sup>until you are destroyed, because you would not <sup>1</sup>obey the LORD your God by keeping His commandments and His statutes which He commanded you.

46 <sup>a</sup>And they shall become a sign and a wonder on you and your <sup>1</sup>descendants forever.

47 <sup>a</sup>Because you did not serve the LORD your God with joy and a glad heart, for the abundance of all things;

48 therefore you shall serve your enemies whom the LORD shall send against you, <sup>a</sup>in hunger, in thirst, in nakedness, and in the lack of all things; and He <sup>b</sup>will put an iron yoke on your neck until He has destroyed you.

49 <sup>a</sup>The LORD will bring a nation against you from afar, from the end of the earth, as the eagle swoops down, a nation whose language you shall not understand,

50 a nation of fierce countenance who shall have no respect for the old, nor show favor to the young.

51 <sup>a</sup>Moreover, it shall eat the <sup>1</sup>offspring of your herd and the produce of your ground until you are destroyed, who also leaves you no grain, new wine, or oil, nor the increase of your herd or the young of your flock until they have caused you to perish.

52 <sup>a</sup>And it shall besiege you in all your <sup>1</sup>towns until your high and fortified walls in which you trusted come down throughout your land, and it shall besiege you in all your <sup>1</sup>towns throughout your land which the LORD your God has given you.

53 <sup>a</sup>Then you shall eat the <sup>1</sup>offspring of your own body, the flesh of your sons and of your daughters whom the LORD your God has given you, during the siege and the distress by which your enemy shall <sup>2</sup>oppress you.

54 <sup>a</sup>The man who is <sup>1</sup>refined and very delicate among you <sup>2</sup>shall be hostile toward his brother and toward the wife <sup>3</sup>he cherishes and toward the rest of his children who remain,

55 so that he will not give *even* one of them any of the flesh of his children which he shall eat, since he has nothing *else* left, during the siege and the distress by which your enemy shall oppress you in all your towns.

56 <sup>a</sup>The refined and delicate woman among you, who would not venture to set the sole of her foot on the ground for delicateness and refinement, shall be hostile toward the husband she cherishes and toward her son and daughter,

57 and toward her afterbirth which issues from between her legs and toward her children whom she bears; for she shall eat them secretly for lack of anything *else*, during the siege and the distress by which your enemy shall oppress you in your towns.

58 "If you are not careful to observe all the words of this law which are written in this book, to fear this honored and awesome name, the LORD your God,

59 then the LORD will bring extraordinary plagues on you and your descendants, even severe and lasting plagues, and miserable and chronic sicknesses.

60 <sup>a</sup>And He will bring back on you all the diseases of Egypt of which you were afraid, and they shall cling to you.

61 "Also every sickness and every plague which, not written in the book of this law, the LORD will bring on you until you are destroyed.

62 "Then you shall be left few in number, whereas you were as the stars of heaven for multitude, because you did not obey the LORD your God.

63 "And it shall come about that as the LORD delighted over you to prosper you, and multiply you, so the LORD will delight over you to make you perish and destroy you; and you shall be torn from the land where you are entering to possess it.

64 "Moreover, the LORD will scatter you among all peoples, from one end of the earth to the other end of the earth; and there you shall serve other gods, wood and stone, which you or your fathers have not known.

65 "And among those nations you shall find no rest, and there shall be no resting place for the sole of your foot; but there the LORD will give you a trembling heart, failing of eyes, and despair of soul.

66 "So your life shall hang in doubt before you; and you shall be in dread night and day, and shall have no assurance of your life.

67 "In the morning you shall say, 'Would that it were evening!' And at evening you shall say, 'Would that it were morning!' because of the dread of your heart which you dread, and for the sight of your eyes which you shall see.

68 "And the LORD will bring you back to Egypt in ships, by the way about which I spoke to you, 'You will never see it again!' And there you shall offer yourselves for sale to your enemies as male and female slaves, but there will be no buyer."

55 <sup>1</sup>Or, distress <sup>2</sup>Lit., gates

56 <sup>1</sup>Lit., tender <sup>2</sup>Lit., tenderness <sup>3</sup>Lit., her eye shall be evil toward <sup>4</sup>Lit., of her bosom <sup>5</sup>Lam. 4:10

57 <sup>1</sup>Lit., feet <sup>2</sup>Or, distress <sup>3</sup>Lit., gates

58 <sup>1</sup>Or, reverence <sup>2</sup>YHWH, or Yahweh

59 <sup>1</sup>Lit., plague on your seed <sup>2</sup>Lit., great

60 <sup>1</sup>Deut. 28:27

61 <sup>1</sup>Deut. 4:25, 26

62 <sup>1</sup>Lit., listen to the voice of <sup>2</sup>Deut. 1:10

63 <sup>1</sup>Jer. 12:14; 45:4

64 <sup>1</sup>Deut. 4:27 <sup>2</sup>Deut. 4:28; 29:26; 32:17

65 <sup>1</sup>Lam. 1:3

66 <sup>1</sup>Lit., be hung for you in front;

68 <sup>1</sup>Ex. 13:14

<sup>1</sup>Chap. 28:69 in Heb. <sup>2</sup>Lev. 26:46; 27:34 <sup>3</sup>Deut. 5:2, 3

CHAPTER 29

1a

THESE are the words of the covenant which the LORD commanded Moses to make with the sons of Israel in the land of Moab, besides the covenant which He had made with them at Horeb.

2 <sup>1</sup>Chap. 29:1 in Heb.

4 <sup>a</sup>Rom. 11:8; Is. 6:9, 10;  
Acts 28:26, 27

5 <sup>a</sup>Deut. 8:4

6 <sup>a</sup>Deut. 8:3

7 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *came to* <sup>2</sup>Lit.,  
*smote*  
<sup>a</sup>Deut. 2:26-3:17; Num.  
21:21-24, 33, 35

8 <sup>a</sup>Deut. 3:12, 13; Num.  
32:32

9 <sup>a</sup>Deut. 4:6 <sup>b</sup>Josh. 1:7

11 <sup>a</sup>Josh. 9:21, 23, 27

13 <sup>a</sup>Gen. 17:7; Ex. 6:7

17 <sup>a</sup>Deut. 4:28; 28:36; Ex.  
20:23

18 <sup>a</sup>Deut. 13:6 <sup>b</sup>Deut.  
32:32; Heb. 12:15

19 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *bless himself in  
his heart* <sup>2</sup>i.e., to destroy  
everything

2 <sup>1</sup>And Moses summoned all Israel and said to them, "You have seen all that the LORD did before your eyes in the land of Egypt to Pharaoh and all his servants and all his land;  
3 the great trials which your eyes have seen, those great signs and wonders.

4 "Yet to this day <sup>a</sup>the LORD has not given you a heart to know, nor eyes to see, nor ears to hear.

5 "And I have led you forty years in the wilderness; <sup>a</sup>your clothes have not worn out on you, and your sandal has not worn out on your foot.

6 <sup>a</sup>"You have not eaten bread, nor have you drunk wine or strong drink, in order that you might know that I am the LORD your God.

7 <sup>a</sup>"When you <sup>1</sup>reached this place, Sihon the king of Heshbon and Og the king of Bashan came out to meet us for battle, but we <sup>2</sup>defeated them;

8 and we took their land and <sup>a</sup>gave it as an inheritance to the Reubenites, the Gadites, and the half-tribe of the Manassites.

9 <sup>a</sup>"So keep the words of this covenant to do them, <sup>b</sup>that you may prosper in all that you do.

10 "You stand today, all of you, before the LORD your God: your chiefs, your tribes, your elders and your officers, *even* all the men of Israel,

11 your little ones, your wives, and the alien who is within your camps, from <sup>a</sup>the one who chops your wood to the one who draws your water,

12 that you may enter into the covenant with the LORD your God, and into His oath which the LORD your God is making with you today,

13 in order that He may establish you today as His people and that <sup>a</sup>He may be your God, just as He spoke to you and as He swore to your fathers, to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.

14 "Now not with you alone am I making this covenant and this oath,

15 but both with those who stand here with us today in the presence of the LORD our God and with those who are not with us here today

16 (for you know how we lived in the land of Egypt, and how we came through the midst of the nations through which you passed.

17 "Moreover, you have seen their abominations and their idols of <sup>a</sup>wood, stone, silver, and gold, which *they had* with them);

18 <sup>a</sup>lest there shall be among you a man or woman, or family or tribe, whose heart turns away today from the LORD our God, to go and serve the gods of those nations; lest there shall be among you <sup>ba</sup> a root bearing poisonous fruit and worm-wood.

19 "And it shall be when he hears the words of this curse, that he will <sup>1</sup>boast, saying, 'I have peace though I walk in the stubbornness of my heart in order <sup>2</sup>to destroy the watered *land* with the dry.'

20 "The LORD shall never be willing to forgive him, but

rather the anger of the LORD and His jealousy will <sup>1</sup>burn against that man, and every curse which is written in this book will <sup>2</sup>rest on him, and the LORD will <sup>b</sup>blot out his name from under heaven.

21 "Then the LORD will single him out for <sup>1</sup>adversity from all the tribes of Israel, according to all the curses of the covenant <sup>a</sup>which are written in this book of the law.

22 "Now the generation to come, your sons who rise up after you and <sup>a</sup>the foreigner who comes from a distant land, when they see the plagues of the land and the diseases with which the LORD has <sup>1</sup>afflicted it, will say,

23 'All its land is <sup>a</sup>brimstone and salt, <sup>b</sup>a burning waste, <sup>1</sup>unsown and unproductive, and no grass grows in it, like the overthrow of Sodom and Gomorrah, Admah and Zeboiim, which the LORD overthrew in His anger and in His wrath.'

24 "And all the nations shall say, 'Why has the LORD done thus to this land? Why this great <sup>1</sup>outburst of anger?'

25 "Then *men* shall say, '<sup>a</sup>Because they forsook the covenant of the LORD, the God of their fathers, which He made with them when He brought them out of the land of Egypt.

26 'And they went and served other gods and worshiped them, gods whom they have not known and whom He had not <sup>1</sup>allotted to them.

27 'Therefore, the anger of the LORD burned against that land, to bring upon it every curse which is written in this book;

28 and <sup>a</sup>the LORD uprooted them from their land in anger and in fury and in great wrath, and cast them into another land, as it is this day.'

29 "The secret things belong to the LORD our God, but the things revealed belong to us and to our sons forever, that we may observe all the words of this law.

CHAPTER 30

"SO it shall become when all of these things have come upon you, <sup>a</sup>the blessing and the curse which I have set before you, and you <sup>1</sup>call *them* to mind <sup>b</sup>in all nations where the LORD your God has banished you,

2 and you <sup>a</sup>return to the LORD your God and <sup>1</sup>obey Him <sup>b</sup>with all your heart and soul according to all that I command you today, you and your sons,

3 then the LORD your God will <sup>a</sup>restore <sup>1</sup>you from captivity, and have compassion on you, and will gather you again from all the peoples where the LORD your God has <sup>b</sup>scattered you.

4 "If your outcasts are at the ends of the <sup>1</sup>earth, <sup>a</sup>from there the LORD your God will gather you, and from there He will <sup>2</sup>bring you back.

5 "And <sup>a</sup>the LORD your God will bring you into the land which your fathers possessed, and you shall possess it; and He will prosper you and <sup>b</sup>multiply you more than your fathers.

6 "Moreover the LORD your God will circumcise your heart and the heart of your <sup>1</sup>descendants, <sup>a</sup>to love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul, in order that you may live.

20 <sup>1</sup>Lit., smoke <sup>2</sup>Lit., lie down  
\*Ps. 74:1; 80:4 <sup>b</sup>Deut. 9:14; Ex. 32:33; 2 Kin. 14:27

21 <sup>1</sup>Lit., evil  
\*Deut. 30:10

22 <sup>1</sup>Lit., made it sick  
\*Jer. 19:8; 49:17; 50:13

23 <sup>1</sup>Lit., it is not sown and does not cause to sprout  
\*Gen. 19:24; Is. 34:9 <sup>b</sup>Is. 1:7; 64:11

24 <sup>1</sup>Lit., heat

25 <sup>a</sup>2 Kin. 17:9-23; 2 Chr. 36:13-21

26 <sup>1</sup>Lit., portioned

28 \*Ezek. 19:12, 13

1 <sup>1</sup>Lit., cause them to return to your heart  
\*Deut. 30:15, 19; 11:26  
<sup>b</sup>Deut. 28:64; 29:28; Lev. 26:40-45

2 <sup>1</sup>Lit., listen to His voice  
\*Deut. 4:29, 30 <sup>b</sup>Deut. 4:29

3 <sup>1</sup>Lit., your captivity  
\*Gen. 28:15; 48:21 <sup>b</sup>Deut. 4:27

4 <sup>1</sup>Lit., sky <sup>2</sup>Lit., take you  
\*Neh. 1:9; Is. 43:6; 48:20; 62:11

5 \*Jer. 29:14; 30:3 <sup>b</sup>Deut. 7:13; 13:17

6 <sup>1</sup>Lit., seed  
\*Deut. 7:15

7 <sup>1</sup>Lit., put  
<sup>a</sup>Deut. 7:15

8 <sup>1</sup>Lit., listen to the  
 voice of

9 <sup>1</sup>Lit., make you have  
 excess for good <sup>2</sup>Lit., fruit  
<sup>3</sup>Lit., womb  
<sup>a</sup>Jer. 31:27, 28

10 <sup>1</sup>Or, for you will <sup>2</sup>Lit.,  
 listen to the voice of  
<sup>a</sup>Deut. 29:21 <sup>b</sup>Deut. 4:29

11 <sup>1</sup>Lit., far off

12 <sup>1</sup>Lit., to say  
<sup>a</sup>Rom. 10:6-8

13 <sup>1</sup>Lit., to say

15 <sup>1</sup>Lit., good <sup>2</sup>Lit., evil

16 <sup>a</sup>Deut. 6:5 <sup>b</sup>Deut.  
 30:19; 4:1

18 <sup>1</sup>Lit., to  
<sup>a</sup>Deut. 4:26

19 <sup>1</sup>Lit., seed  
<sup>a</sup>Deut. 4:26 <sup>b</sup>Deut. 30:1

20 <sup>1</sup>Lit., that <sup>2</sup>Lit., to  
 dwell  
<sup>a</sup>Deut. 6:5 <sup>b</sup>Deut. 10:20  
<sup>c</sup>Deut. 4:1; 32:47

2 <sup>a</sup>Deut. 34:7 <sup>b</sup>Deut.  
 1:37

3 <sup>a</sup>Num. 27:18

7 <sup>a</sup>And the LORD your God will <sup>1</sup>inflict all these curses on your enemies and on those who hate you, who persecuted you.

8 "And you shall again <sup>1</sup>obey the LORD, and observe all His commandments which I command you today.

9 <sup>a</sup>"Then the LORD your God will <sup>1</sup>prosper you abundantly in all the work of your hand, in the <sup>2</sup>offspring of your <sup>3</sup>body and in the <sup>2</sup>offspring of your cattle and in the <sup>2</sup>produce of your ground, for the LORD will again rejoice over you for good, just as He rejoiced over your fathers;

10 <sup>1</sup>If you <sup>2</sup>obey the LORD your God to keep His commandments and His statutes which <sup>a</sup>are written in this book of the law, <sup>1</sup>if you turn to the LORD your God <sup>b</sup>with all your heart and soul.

11 "For this commandment which I command you today is not too difficult for you, nor is it <sup>1</sup>out of reach.

12 "It is not in heaven, <sup>1</sup>that you should say, <sup>a</sup>'Who will go up to heaven for us to get it for us and make us hear it, that we may observe it?'

13 "Nor is it beyond the sea, <sup>1</sup>that you should say, 'Who will cross the sea for us to get it for us and make us hear it, that we may observe it?'

14 "But the word is very near you, in your mouth and in your heart, that you may observe it.

15 "See, I have set before you today life and <sup>1</sup>prosperity, and death and <sup>2</sup>adversity;

16 in that I command you today <sup>a</sup>to love the LORD your God, to walk in His ways and to keep His commandments and His statutes and His judgments, that you <sup>b</sup>may live and multiply, and that the LORD your God may bless you in the land where you are entering to possess it.

17 "But if your heart turns away and you will not obey, but are drawn away and worship other gods and serve them,

18 I declare to you today that <sup>a</sup>you shall surely perish. You shall not prolong *your* days in the land where you are crossing the Jordan to enter <sup>1</sup>and possess it.

19 <sup>a</sup>"I call heaven and earth to witness against you today, that I have set before you life and death, <sup>b</sup>the blessing and the curse. So choose life in order that you may live, you and your <sup>1</sup>descendants,

20 <sup>a</sup>by loving the LORD your God, by obeying His voice, and <sup>b</sup>by holding fast to Him; <sup>c</sup>for <sup>1</sup>this is your life and the length of your days, <sup>2</sup>that you may live in the land which the LORD swore to your fathers, to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, to give them."

## CHAPTER 31

SO Moses went and spoke these words to all Israel.

2 And he said to them, "I am <sup>a</sup>a hundred and twenty years old today; I am no longer able to come and go, and the LORD has said to me, <sup>b</sup>'You shall not cross this Jordan.'

3 "It is the LORD your God who will cross ahead of you; He will destroy these nations before you, and you shall dispossess them. <sup>a</sup>Joshua is the one who will cross ahead of you, just as the LORD has spoken.



4 "And the LORD will do to them just as He did to Sihon and Og, the kings of the Amorites, and to their land, when He destroyed them.

5 "And the LORD will deliver them up before you, and you shall do to them according to all the commandments which I have commanded you.

6 "Be strong and courageous, do not be afraid or tremble at them, for the LORD your God is the one who goes with you. He will not fail you or forsake you."

7 Then Moses called to Joshua and said to him in the sight of all Israel, "Be strong and courageous, for you shall go with this people into the land which the LORD has sworn to their fathers to give them, and you shall give it to them as an inheritance.

8 "And the LORD is the one who goes ahead of you; He will be with you. He will not fail you or forsake you. Do not fear, or be dismayed."

9 So Moses wrote this law and gave it to the priests, the sons of Levi who carried the ark of the covenant of the LORD, and to all the elders of Israel.

10 Then Moses commanded them, saying, "At the end of every seven years, at the time of the year of remission of debts, at the Feast of Booths,

11 when all Israel comes to appear before the LORD your God at the place which He will choose, you shall read this law in front of all Israel in their hearing.

12 "Assemble the people, the men and the women and children and the alien who is in your town, in order that they may hear and learn and fear the LORD your God, and be careful to observe all the words of this law.

13 "And their children, who have not known, will hear and learn to fear the LORD your God, as long as you live on the land which you are about to cross the Jordan to possess."

14 Then the LORD said to Moses, "Behold, the time for you to die is near; call Joshua, and present yourselves at the tent of meeting, that I may commission him." So Moses and Joshua went and presented themselves at the tent of meeting.

15 "And the LORD appeared in the tent in a pillar of cloud, and the pillar of cloud stood at the doorway of the tent.

16 And the LORD said to Moses, "Behold, you are about to lie down with your fathers; and this people will arise and play the harlot with the strange gods of the land, into the midst of which they are going, and will forsake Me and break My covenant which I have made with them.

17 "Then My anger will be kindled against them in that day, and I will forsake them and hide My face from them, and they shall be consumed, and many evils and troubles shall come upon them; so that they will say in that day, 'Is it not because our God is not among us that these evils have come upon us?'

18 "But I will surely hide My face in that day because of all the evil which they will do, for they will turn to other gods.

19 "Now therefore write this song for yourselves, and teach it to the sons of Israel; put it on their lips, in order that this song may be a witness for Me against the sons of Israel.

6 \*Deut. 20:1 <sup>b</sup>Heb. 13:5

7 \*Deut. 1:38; 3:28

8 \*Deut. 31:6

9 \*Deut. 31:25, 26; 10:8; Num. 4:5, 6, 15

10 \*Deut. 15:1, 2

11 \*Deut. 12:5

12 <sup>1</sup>Lit., your alien <sup>2</sup>Lit., gates  
\*Deut. 4:1013 <sup>1</sup>Lit., where <sup>2</sup>Lit., possess it14 <sup>1</sup>Lit., your days to die are  
\*Deut. 4:22; 32:50; Num. 27:12, 13 <sup>b</sup>Ex. 33:9-11

15 \*Ex. 33:9

16 \*Gen. 15:15 <sup>b</sup>Deut. 4:25-28; Judg. 2:11, 12  
<sup>c</sup>Judg. 10:6

17 \*Judg. 2:14; 6:13

19 <sup>1</sup>Lit., in their mouth  
\*Deut. 31:22

20 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *fat*  
<sup>a</sup>Deut. 6:10-12; 8:10, 19;  
 11:16, 17 <sup>b</sup>Deut. 32:15-17

21 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *mouth of its seed*  
<sup>2</sup>Lit., *making*  
<sup>a</sup>Deut. 4:30; Lev. 26:41

22 <sup>a</sup>Deut. 31:19

23 <sup>a</sup>Deut. 31:7 <sup>b</sup>Ex. 3:12

25 <sup>a</sup>Deut. 31:9

26 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *be*

27 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *stiff neck*  
<sup>a</sup>Deut. 9:7 <sup>b</sup>Deut. 9:6, 13

28 <sup>a</sup>Deut. 4:26

1 <sup>a</sup>Deut. 4:26; Is. 1:2

2 <sup>a</sup>Is. 55:10, 11

3 <sup>a</sup>Ex. 33:19; 34:5, 6  
<sup>b</sup>Deut. 3:24; 5:24

4 <sup>1</sup>Or, *judgment*  
<sup>a</sup>Deut. 32:15, 18, 30 <sup>b</sup>Gen.  
 18:25 <sup>c</sup>Deut. 7:9

5 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *It has*  
<sup>a</sup>Deut. 4:25; 31:29 <sup>b</sup>Matt.  
 17:17

20 <sup>a</sup>“For when I bring them into the land flowing with milk and honey, which I swore to their fathers, and they have eaten and are satisfied and <sup>b</sup>become <sup>1</sup>prosperous, then they will turn to other gods and serve them, and spurn Me and break My covenant.

21 “Then it shall come about, <sup>a</sup>when many evils and troubles have come upon them, that this song will testify before them as a witness (for it shall not be forgotten from the <sup>1</sup>lips of their descendants); for I know their intent which they are <sup>2</sup>developing today, before I have brought them into the land which I swore.”

22 <sup>a</sup>So Moses wrote this song the same day, and taught it to the sons of Israel.

23 <sup>a</sup>Then He commissioned Joshua the son of Nun, and said, “Be strong and courageous, for you shall bring the sons of Israel into the land which I swore to them, and <sup>b</sup>I will be with you.”

24 And it came about, when Moses finished writing the words of this law in a book until they were complete,

25 that Moses commanded the Levites <sup>a</sup>who carried the ark of the covenant of the LORD, saying,

26 “Take this book of the law and place it beside the ark of the covenant of the LORD your God, that it may <sup>1</sup>remain there as a witness against you.

27 “For I know <sup>a</sup>your rebellion and <sup>b</sup>your <sup>1</sup>stubbornness; behold, while I am still alive with you today, you have been rebellious against the LORD; how much more, then, after my death?

28 “Assemble to me all the elders of your tribes and your officers, that I may speak these words in their hearing and <sup>a</sup>call the heavens and the earth to witness against them.

29 “For I know that after my death you will act corruptly and turn from the way which I have commanded you; and evil will befall you in the latter days, for you will do that which is evil in the sight of the LORD, provoking Him to anger with the work of your hands.”

30 Then Moses spoke in the hearing of all the assembly of Israel the words of this song, until they were complete:

CHAPTER 32

“<sup>a</sup>GIVE ear, oh heavens, and let me speak;  
 And let the earth hear the words of my mouth.

2 <sup>a</sup>“Let my teaching drop as the rain,  
 My speech distill as the dew,  
 As the droplets on the fresh grass  
 And as the showers on the herb.

3 <sup>a</sup>“For I proclaim the name of the LORD;  
<sup>b</sup>Ascribe greatness to our God!

4 <sup>a</sup>“The Rock! His work is perfect,  
<sup>b</sup>For all His ways are <sup>1</sup>just;  
<sup>c</sup>A God of faithfulness and without injustice,  
 Righteous and upright is He.

5 <sup>1</sup>“They have acted corruptly toward Him,  
*They are* not His children, because of their defect;  
<sup>b</sup>*But are* a perverse and crooked generation.

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| <p>6 "Do you thus repay the LORD,<br/> <sup>a</sup>O foolish and unwise people?<br/> <sup>b</sup>Is not He your Father who has bought you?<br/> <sup>c</sup>He has made you and established you.</p> <p>7 "Remember the days of old,<br/>         Consider the years of all generations.<br/> <sup>a</sup>Ask your father, and he will inform you,<br/>         Your elders, and they will tell you.</p> <p>8 "When the Most High gave the nations their inheritance,<br/>         When He separated the sons of <sup>1</sup>man,<br/>         He set the boundaries of the peoples<br/> <sup>a</sup>According to the number of the sons of Israel.</p> <p>9 <sup>a</sup>For the LORD's portion is His people;<br/>         Jacob is the allotment of His inheritance.</p> <p>10 <sup>a</sup>He found him a desert land,<br/>         And in the howling waste of a wilderness;<br/>         He encircled him, He cared for him,<br/>         He guarded him as <sup>b</sup>the pupil of His eye.</p> <p>11 <sup>a</sup>Like an eagle that stirs up its nest,<br/>         That hovers over its young,<br/> <sup>b</sup>He spread His wings and caught them,<br/>         He carried them on His pinions.</p> <p>12 <sup>a</sup>The LORD alone guided him,<br/> <sup>b</sup>And there was no foreign god with him.</p> <p>13 <sup>a</sup>He made him ride on the high places of the earth,<br/>         And he ate the produce of the field;<br/> <sup>b</sup>And He made him suck honey from the rock,<br/>         And oil from the flinty rock,</p> <p>14 Curds of cows, and milk of the flock,<br/>         With fat of lambs,<br/>         And rams, the breed of Bashan, and goats,<br/> <sup>a</sup>With the finest of the wheat—<br/>         And of the blood of grapes you drank wine.</p> <p>15 <sup>a</sup>But <sup>1</sup>Jeshurun grew fat and kicked—<br/>         You are grown fat, thick, and sleek—<br/> <sup>b</sup>Then he forsook God <sup>c</sup>who made him,<br/>         And scorned <sup>d</sup>the Rock of his salvation.</p> <p>16 <sup>a</sup>They made Him jealous with strange gods;<br/> <sup>b</sup>With abominations they provoked Him to anger.</p> <p>17 <sup>a</sup>They sacrificed to demons <i>who were</i> not God,<br/> <sup>b</sup>To gods whom they have not known,<br/> <sup>c</sup>New gods who came lately,<br/>         Whom your fathers did not dread.</p> <p>18 "You neglected <sup>a</sup>the Rock who begot you,<br/> <sup>b</sup>And forgot the God who gave you birth.</p> <p>19 <sup>a</sup>And the LORD saw <i>this</i>, and spurned <i>them</i><br/> <sup>b</sup>Because of the provocation of His sons and daughters.</p> <p>20 "Then He said, 'I will hide My face from them,<br/> <sup>a</sup>I will see what their end <i>shall be</i>;<br/> <sup>b</sup>For they are a perverse generation,<br/> <sup>c</sup>Sons in whom is no faithfulness.</p> | <p>6 <sup>a</sup>Deut. 32:28 <sup>b</sup>Deut. 1:31 <sup>c</sup>Deut. 32:15</p> <p>7 <sup>a</sup>Ex. 12:26; Ps. 78:5-8</p> <p>8 <sup>1</sup>Or, Adam<br/> <sup>a</sup>Deut. 33:28; Num. 23:9</p> <p>9 <sup>1</sup>Kin. 8:51, 53; Jer. 10:16</p> <p>10 <sup>a</sup>Deut. 1:19 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 17:8; Zech. 2:8</p> <p>11 <sup>a</sup>Deut. 33:12; Ex. 19:4<br/> <sup>b</sup>Ps. 18:10-18</p> <p>12 <sup>a</sup>Deut. 4:35, 39 <sup>b</sup>Deut. 32:39; Is. 43:12</p> <p>13 <sup>a</sup>Is. 58:14 <sup>b</sup>Deut. 8:8; Ps. 81:16</p> <p>14 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 81:16; 147:14</p> <p>15 <sup>1</sup>I.e., Israel<br/> <sup>a</sup>Deut. 31:20 <sup>b</sup>Judg. 10:6<br/> <sup>c</sup>Deut. 32:6 <sup>d</sup>Deut. 32:4</p> <p>16 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 78:58 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 106:29</p> <p>17 <sup>a</sup>Lev. 17:7; 1 Cor. 10:20<br/> <sup>b</sup>Deut. 28:64<br/> <sup>c</sup>Judg. 5:8</p> <p>18 <sup>a</sup>Deut. 32:4 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 106:21</p> <p>19 <sup>a</sup>Lev. 26:30; Ps. 106:40<br/> <sup>b</sup>Jer. 44:21-23</p> <p>20 <sup>a</sup>Deut. 31:29 <sup>b</sup>Deut. 32:5 <sup>c</sup>Deut. 9:23</p> |
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21 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *vanities*  
<sup>a</sup>Deut. 32:16 <sup>b</sup>Deut. 32:17;  
<sup>1</sup> Kin. 16:13, 26 <sup>c</sup>Rom.  
 10:19

22 <sup>1</sup>I.e., the nether world  
<sup>a</sup>Num. 16:33-35; Ps. 18:7, 8  
<sup>b</sup>Lev. 26:20

23 <sup>a</sup>Deut. 29:21 <sup>b</sup>Ps.  
 18:14; 45:5

24 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *burning heat*  
<sup>a</sup>Deut. 28:22, 48 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 91:6  
<sup>c</sup>Lev. 26:22 <sup>d</sup>Amos 5:18, 19

25 <sup>a</sup>Lam. 1:20; Ezek. 7:15  
<sup>b2</sup> Chr. 36:17; Lam. 2:21

26 <sup>a</sup>Deut. 4:27; 28:64  
<sup>b</sup>Deut. 9:14

27 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *high*  
<sup>a</sup>Deut. 9:26 <sup>b</sup>Num. 15:30

28 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *perishing*  
<sup>a</sup>Deut. 32:6

29 <sup>1</sup>Or, *latter end*  
<sup>a</sup>Deut. 5:29 <sup>b</sup>Deut. 31:29

30 <sup>a</sup>Lev. 26:7, 8 <sup>b</sup>Deut.  
 32:4

31 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *are judges*  
<sup>a</sup>Ex. 14:25

32 <sup>a</sup>Deut. 29:18

33 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *dragons* <sup>2</sup>Lit.,  
*cruel*

34 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 44:21

35 <sup>a</sup>Rom. 12:19 <sup>b</sup>Jer. 23:12  
<sup>c</sup>Ezek. 7:5-10

36 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *hand*  
<sup>a</sup>Heb. 10:30 <sup>b</sup>Deut. 30:1-3;  
 Lev. 26:43-45

- 21 <sup>a</sup>They have made Me jealous with *what* is not God;  
 They have provoked Me to anger with their <sup>1</sup>idols.  
<sup>c</sup>So I will make them jealous with *those who* are not a  
 people;  
 I will provoke them to anger with a foolish nation,
- 22 <sup>a</sup>For a fire is kindled in My anger,  
 And burns to the lowest part of <sup>1</sup>Sheol,  
<sup>b</sup>And consumes the earth with its yield,  
 And sets on fire the foundations of the mountains.
- 23 <sup>a</sup>I will heap misfortunes on them;  
<sup>b</sup>I will use My arrows on them.
- 24 <sup>a</sup>They *shall be* wasted by famine, and consumed by  
<sup>1</sup>plague  
<sup>b</sup>And bitter destruction;  
<sup>c</sup>And the teeth of beasts I will send upon them,  
<sup>d</sup>With the venom of crawling things of the dust.
- 25 <sup>a</sup>Outside the sword shall bereave,  
 And inside terror—  
<sup>b</sup>Both young man and virgin,  
 The nursing with the man of gray hair.
- 26 <sup>a</sup>I would have said, “<sup>a</sup>I will cut them to pieces,  
<sup>b</sup>I will remove the memory of them from men,”
- 27 <sup>a</sup>Had I not feared the provocation by the enemy,  
 Lest their adversaries should misjudge,  
 Lest they should say, “<sup>b</sup>Our hand is <sup>1</sup>triumphant,  
 And the LORD has not done all this.”
- 28 <sup>a</sup>“For they are a nation <sup>1</sup>lacking in counsel,  
 And there is no understanding in them.
- 29 <sup>a</sup>“Would that they were wise, that they understood this,  
<sup>b</sup>That they would discern their <sup>1</sup>future!
- 30 <sup>a</sup>“How could one chase a thousand,  
 And two put ten thousand to flight,  
 Unless their <sup>b</sup>Rock had sold them,  
 And the LORD had given them up?
- 31 <sup>a</sup>“Indeed their rock is not like our Rock,  
<sup>a</sup>Even our enemies <sup>1</sup>themselves judge this.
- 32 <sup>a</sup>“For their vine is from the vine of Sodom,  
 And from the fields of Gomorrah;  
 Their grapes are grapes of <sup>a</sup>poison,  
 Their clusters, bitter.
- 33 <sup>a</sup>“Their wine is the venom of <sup>1</sup>serpents,  
 And the <sup>2</sup>deadly poison of cobras.
- 34 <sup>a</sup>“Is it not laid up in store with Me,  
 Sealed up in My treasuries?
- 35 <sup>a</sup>Vengeance is Mine, and retribution,  
<sup>b</sup>In due time their foot will slip;  
<sup>c</sup>For the day of their calamity is near,  
 And the impending things are hastening upon them.”
- 36 <sup>a</sup>“For the LORD will vindicate His people,  
<sup>b</sup>And will have compassion on His servants;  
 When He sees that *their* <sup>1</sup>strength is gone,  
 And there is none *remaining*, bond or free.

**The Song of Moses.  
Moses Ordered to Ascend Mount Nebo.**

**Deuteronomy 32, 33**

- 37 "And He will say, <sup>a</sup>Where are their gods,  
The rock in which they sought refuge?
- 38 <sup>a</sup>Who ate the fat of their sacrifices,  
And drank the wine of their libation?  
<sup>b</sup>Let them rise up and help you,  
Let them be your hiding place!
- 39 <sup>a</sup>See now that I, I am He,  
<sup>b</sup>And there is no god besides Me;  
<sup>c</sup>It is I who put to death and give life.  
<sup>d</sup>I have wounded, and it is I who heal;  
<sup>e</sup>And there is no one who can deliver from My hand.
- 40 'Indeed, <sup>a</sup>I lift up My hand to heaven,  
And say, as I live forever,
- 41 <sup>a</sup>If I sharpen My <sup>1</sup>flashing sword,  
And My hand takes hold on justice,  
<sup>b</sup>I will render vengeance on My adversaries,  
And I will repay those who hate Me.
- 42 <sup>a</sup>I will make My arrows drunk with blood,  
<sup>b</sup>And My sword shall devour flesh,  
With the blood of the slain and the captives,  
From the long-haired <sup>1</sup>leaders of the enemy.'
- 43 <sup>a</sup>Rejoice, O nations, *with* His people;  
<sup>b</sup>For He will avenge the blood of His servants,  
<sup>c</sup>And will render vengeance on His adversaries,  
<sup>d</sup>And will atone for His land *and* His people."
- 44 Then Moses came and spoke all the words of this song  
in the hearing of the people, he, with <sup>1a</sup>Joshua the son of Nun.
- 45 When Moses had finished speaking all these words to all  
Israel,
- 46 he said to them, <sup>a</sup>"Take to your heart all the words with  
which I am warning you today, which you shall command <sup>b</sup>your  
sons to observe <sup>1</sup>carefully, *even* all the words of this law.
- 47 "For it is not an idle word for you; indeed <sup>a</sup>it is your life.  
And <sup>b</sup>by this word you shall prolong your days in the land, where  
you are about to cross over the Jordan to possess it."
- 48 And the LORD spoke to Moses that very same day,  
saying,
- 49 <sup>a</sup>"Go up to this mountain of the Abarim, Mount Nebo,  
which is in the land of Moab <sup>1</sup>opposite Jericho, and look at the  
land of Canaan, which I am giving to the sons of Israel for a  
possession.
- 50 "Then die on the mountain where you ascend, and be  
<sup>a</sup>gathered to your people, as Aaron your brother died on Mount  
Hor and was gathered to his people,
- 51 <sup>a</sup>because you broke faith with Me in the midst of the  
sons of Israel at the waters of Meribah-kadesh, in the <sup>b</sup>wilder-  
ness of Zin, because you did not treat Me as holy in the midst  
of the sons of Israel.
- 52 <sup>a</sup>"For you shall see the land at a distance, but <sup>b</sup>you shall  
not go there, into the land which I am giving the sons of Israel."

- 37 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 2:28
- 38 <sup>a</sup>Num. 25:1, 2 <sup>b</sup>Jer. 11:12
- 39 <sup>a</sup>Is. 41:4; 43:10 <sup>b</sup>Deut. 32:12 <sup>c</sup>1 Sam. 2:6 <sup>d</sup>Ps. 51:8 <sup>e</sup>Ps. 50:22
- 40 <sup>a</sup>Ezek. 20:5, 6
- 41 <sup>1</sup>Or, lightning  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 34:6-8 <sup>b</sup>Jer. 50:28-32
- 42 <sup>1</sup>Lit., head  
<sup>a</sup>Deut. 32:23  
<sup>b</sup>Jer. 12:12; 46:10, 14
- 43 <sup>a</sup>Rom. 15:10 <sup>b2</sup> Kin. 9:7 <sup>c</sup>Is. 1:24, 25 <sup>d</sup>Ps. 65:3; 79:9
- 44 <sup>1</sup>Lit., Hoshea  
<sup>a</sup>Num. 13:8, 16
- 46 <sup>1</sup>Lit., to do  
<sup>a</sup>Ezek. 40:4; 44:5 <sup>b</sup>Deut. 4:9
- 47 <sup>a</sup>Deut. 8:3; 30:20  
<sup>b</sup>Deut. 4:40; 33:25
- 49 <sup>1</sup>Lit., which is opposite  
<sup>a</sup>Deut. 3:27; Num. 27:12-14
- 50 <sup>a</sup>Gen. 25:8
- 51 <sup>a</sup>Num. 20:12 <sup>b</sup>Num. 27:14
- 52 <sup>a</sup>Deut. 34:1-3 <sup>b</sup>Deut. 1:37; 3:27
- 1 <sup>a</sup>Josh. 14:6

CHAPTER 33

**N**OW this is the blessing with which Moses <sup>a</sup>the man of God  
blessed the sons of Israel before his death.

2 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *rose* to <sup>2</sup>Lit.,  
*myriads of holiness* <sup>3</sup>Or, *a*  
*fiery law*  
<sup>a</sup>Ex. 19:18, 20; Ps. 68:8, 17  
<sup>b</sup>Judg. 5:4 <sup>c</sup>Num. 10:12;  
Hab. 3:3 <sup>d</sup>Dan. 7:10 <sup>e</sup>Ex.  
23:20-22

3 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *peoples* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *His*  
<sup>3</sup>Or, *lie down at Thy feet*  
<sup>a</sup>Deut. 4:37 <sup>b</sup>Deut. 7:6;  
14:2 <sup>c</sup>Deut. 6:1-9

4 <sup>a</sup>Deut. 4:2 <sup>b</sup>Deut. 8:3;  
Ps. 119:111

5 <sup>a</sup>Num. 23:21

6 <sup>a</sup>Gen. 49:3, 4

7 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *him*  
<sup>a</sup>Gen. 49:8-12

8 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *him*  
<sup>a</sup>Lev. 8:8 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 106:16 <sup>c</sup>Deut.  
6:16; Ex. 17:7; Num. 20:13,  
24

9 <sup>a</sup>Ex. 32:27-29

10 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *in Thy nostrils*  
<sup>a</sup>Deut. 31:9-13; Lev. 10:11  
<sup>b</sup>Lev. 16:12, 13

12 <sup>a</sup>Deut. 4:37; 12:10  
<sup>b</sup>Deut. 32:11 <sup>c</sup>Ex. 28:12

- 2 And he said,  
<sup>a</sup>The LORD came from Sinai,  
<sup>b</sup>And <sup>1</sup>dawned on them from Seir;  
<sup>c</sup>He shone forth from Mount Paran,  
And He came from <sup>d</sup>the <sup>2</sup>midst of ten thousand holy  
ones;  
<sup>e</sup>At His right hand there was <sup>3</sup>flashing lightning for  
them.
- 3 <sup>a</sup>Indeed, He loves <sup>1</sup>the people;  
<sup>b</sup>All <sup>2</sup>Thy holy ones are in Thy hand,  
<sup>c</sup>And they <sup>3</sup>followed in Thy steps;  
*Everyone* receives of Thy words.
- 4 <sup>a</sup>Moses charged us with a law,  
<sup>b</sup>A possession for the assembly of Jacob.
- 5 <sup>a</sup>And He was king in Jeshurun,  
When the heads of the people were gathered,  
The tribes of Israel together.
- 6 <sup>a</sup>May Reuben live and not die,  
Nor his men be few."
- 7 <sup>a</sup>And this regarding Judah; so he said,  
"Hear, O LORD, the voice of Judah,  
And bring him to his people.  
With his hands he contended for <sup>1</sup>them;  
And mayest Thou be a help against his adversaries."
- 8 And of Levi he said,  
<sup>a</sup>Let Thy <sup>a</sup>Thummim and Thy Urim *belong* to <sup>1</sup>Thy  
<sup>b</sup>godly man,  
<sup>c</sup>Whom Thou didst prove at Massah,  
With whom Thou didst contend at the waters of  
Meribah;
- 9 <sup>a</sup>Who said of his father and his mother,  
'I did not consider them';  
And he did not acknowledge his brothers,  
Nor did he regard his own sons,  
For they observed Thy word,  
And kept Thy covenant.
- 10 <sup>a</sup>They shall teach Thine ordinances to Jacob,  
And Thy law to Israel.  
<sup>b</sup>They shall put incense <sup>1</sup>before Thee,  
And whole burnt offerings on Thine altar.
- 11 "O LORD, bless his substance,  
And accept the work of his hands;  
Shatter the loins of those who rise up against him,  
And those who hate him, so that they may not rise  
*again.*"
- 12 Of Benjamin he said,  
<sup>a</sup>May the beloved of the LORD dwell in security by  
Him,  
<sup>b</sup>Who shields him all the day,  
<sup>c</sup>And he dwells between His shoulders."

- 13 And of Joseph he said,  
 "aBlessed of the LORD be his land,  
 With the choice things of heaven, with the dew,  
 And from the deep lying beneath,
- 14 And with the choice yield of the sun,  
 And with the choice produce of the months.
- 15 "And with the <sup>1</sup>best things of the ancient mountains,  
 And with the choice things of the everlasting hills,
- 16 And with the choice things of the earth and its fulness,  
 And the favor <sup>2</sup>of Him who dwelt in the bush.  
 Let it come to the head of Joseph,  
 And to the crown of the head of the one distinguished  
 among his brothers.
- 17 "As the first-born of his ox, majesty is his,  
 And his horns are the horns of <sup>a</sup>the wild ox;  
 With them he shall <sup>b</sup>push the peoples,  
 All <sup>1</sup>at once, to the ends of the earth.  
 And those are the ten thousands of Ephraim,  
 And those are the thousands of Manasseh."
- 18 <sup>a</sup>And of Zebulun he said,  
 "Rejoice, Zebulun, in your going forth,  
 And, Issachar, in your tents.
- 19 "aThey shall call peoples to the mountain;  
 There they shall offer righteous <sup>b</sup>sacrifices;  
 For they shall <sup>1</sup>draw out <sup>c</sup>the abundance of the seas,  
 And the hidden treasures of the sand."
- 20 <sup>a</sup>And of Gad he said,  
 "Blessed is the one who enlarges Gad;  
 He lies down <sup>b</sup>as a <sup>1</sup>lion,  
 And tears the arm, also the crown of the head.
- 21 "aThen he <sup>1</sup>provided the first *part* for himself,  
<sup>b</sup>For there the ruler's portion was <sup>2</sup>reserved;  
<sup>c</sup>And he came *with* the leaders of the people;  
<sup>d</sup>He executed the justice of the LORD,  
 And His ordinances with Israel."
- 22 <sup>a</sup>And of Dan he said,  
 "Dan is <sup>b</sup>a lion's whelp,  
 That leaps forth from Bashan."
- 23 And of Naphtali he said,  
 "aO Naphtali, satisfied with favor,  
 And full of the blessing of the LORD,  
 Take possession of the sea and the south."
- 24 <sup>a</sup>And of Asher he said,  
 "More blessed than sons is Asher;  
 May he be favored by his brothers,  
<sup>b</sup>And may he dip his foot in oil.
- 25 "aYour locks shall be iron and bronze,  
<sup>b</sup>And according to your days, so shall your leisurely  
 walk be.
- 13 <sup>a</sup>Gen. 27:27, 28; 49:22-26
- 15 <sup>1</sup>Or, chief
- 16 <sup>a</sup>Ex. 2:2-6
- 17 <sup>1</sup>Or, together  
<sup>a</sup>Num. 23:22 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 44:5
- 18 <sup>a</sup>Gen. 49:13-15
- 19 <sup>1</sup>Lit., suck  
<sup>a</sup>Ex. 15:17; Ps. 2:6; Is. 2:3  
<sup>b</sup>Ps. 4:5; 51:19 <sup>c</sup>Is. 60:5
- 20 <sup>1</sup>Or, lioness  
<sup>a</sup>Gen. 49:19 <sup>b</sup>Gen. 49:9
- 21 <sup>1</sup>Lit., saw <sup>2</sup>Or, covered up  
<sup>a</sup>Num. 32:1-5 <sup>b</sup>Num. 34:14  
<sup>c</sup>Josh. 4:12 <sup>d</sup>Josh. 22:1-3
- 22 <sup>a</sup>Gen. 49:16 <sup>b</sup>Ezek. 19:2, 3
- 23 <sup>a</sup>Gen. 49:21
- 24 <sup>a</sup>Gen. 49:20 <sup>b</sup>Job 29:6
- 25 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 147:13 <sup>b</sup>Deut. 4:40; 32:47

26 <sup>1</sup>I.e., Israel <sup>2</sup>Lit., in  
<sup>a</sup>Deut. 4:35 <sup>b</sup>Deut. 10:14;  
 Ps. 68:33, 34

27 <sup>1</sup>Or, *refuge*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 90:1, 2 <sup>b</sup>Gen. 49:24  
<sup>c</sup>Ex. 34:11; Josh. 24:18  
<sup>d</sup>Deut. 7:2

28 <sup>a</sup>Deut. 33:12 <sup>b</sup>Deut.  
 32:8; Num. 23:9 <sup>c</sup>Gen.  
 27:28, 37 <sup>d</sup>Deut. 33:13

29 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 1:1; 32:1, 2 <sup>b</sup>Deut.  
 4:32 <sup>c</sup>Gen. 15:1; Ps. 33:20;  
 115:9, 11 <sup>d</sup>Ps. 68:34 <sup>e</sup>Ps.  
 66:3 <sup>f</sup>Deut. 32:13; Num.  
 33:52

1 <sup>a</sup>Deut. 32:49 <sup>b</sup>Deut.  
 32:52

2 <sup>1</sup>I.e., Mediterranean  
 Sea

3 <sup>1</sup>I.e., South country

4 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *seed*  
<sup>a</sup>Gen. 12:7; 26:3; 28:13

5 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *mouth*  
<sup>a</sup>Num. 12:7 <sup>b</sup>Deut. 32:50

6 <sup>a</sup>Deut. 3:29; 4:46

7 <sup>a</sup>Deut. 31:2

8 <sup>a</sup>Deut. 1:3; Josh. 4:19

9 <sup>a</sup>Num. 27:18, 23

10 <sup>a</sup>Num. 12:8

12 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *hand*

- 26 <sup>a</sup>There is none like the God of <sup>1</sup>Jeshurun,  
<sup>b</sup>Who rides the heavens <sup>2</sup>to your help,  
 And through the skies in His majesty.
- 27 <sup>a</sup>The eternal God is a <sup>1</sup>dwelling place,  
<sup>b</sup>And underneath are the everlasting arms;  
<sup>c</sup>And He drove out the enemy from before you,  
<sup>d</sup>And said, 'Destroy!'
- 28 <sup>a</sup>So Israel dwells in security,  
<sup>b</sup>The fountain of Jacob secluded,  
<sup>c</sup>In a land of grain and new wine;  
<sup>d</sup>His heavens also drop down dew.
- 29 <sup>a</sup>Blessed are you, O Israel;  
<sup>b</sup>Who is like you, a people saved by the LORD,  
<sup>c</sup>Who is the shield of your help,  
<sup>d</sup>And the sword of your majesty!  
<sup>e</sup>So your enemies shall cringe before you,  
<sup>f</sup>And you shall tread upon their high places."

## CHAPTER 34

<sup>a</sup>**N**OW Moses went up from the plains of Moab to Mount Nebo, to the top of Pisgah, which is opposite Jericho. And the LORD <sup>b</sup>showed him all the land, Gilead as far as Dan,

**2** and all Naphtali and the land of Ephraim and Manasseh, and all the land of Judah as far as the <sup>1</sup>Western Sea,

**3** and the <sup>1</sup>Negev and the plain in the valley of Jericho, the city of palm trees, as far as Zoar.

**4** Then the LORD said to him, "This is the land which <sup>a</sup>I swore to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, saying, 'I will give it to your <sup>1</sup>descendants'; I have let you see *it* with your eyes, but you shall not go over there."

**5** So Moses <sup>a</sup>the servant of the LORD <sup>b</sup>died there in the land of Moab, according to the <sup>1</sup>word of the LORD.

**6** And He buried him in the valley in the land of Moab, <sup>a</sup>opposite Beth-peor; but no man knows his burial place to this day.

**7** Although Moses was <sup>a</sup>one hundred and twenty years old when he died, his eye was not dim, nor his vigor abated.

**8** So the sons of Israel wept for Moses in the plains of Moab <sup>a</sup>thirty days; then the days of weeping *and* mourning for Moses came to an end.

**9** Now Joshua the son of Nun was <sup>a</sup>filled with the spirit of wisdom, for Moses had laid his hands on him; and the sons of Israel listened to him and did as the LORD had commanded Moses.

**10** Since then no prophet has risen in Israel like Moses, whom <sup>a</sup>the LORD knew face to face,

**11** for all the signs and wonders which the LORD sent him to perform in the land of Egypt against Pharaoh, all his servants, and all his land,

**12** and for all the mighty <sup>1</sup>power and for all the great terror which Moses performed in the sight of all Israel.



# THE BOOK OF JOSHUA

God's charge to Joshua. Preparations to Cross Jordan.

**N**OW it came about after the death of Moses the servant of the LORD that the LORD spoke to Joshua the son of Nun, Moses' servant, saying,

2 "Moses <sup>a</sup>My servant is dead; now therefore arise, <sup>b</sup>cross this Jordan, you and all this people, to the land which I am giving to them, to the sons of Israel.

3 "Every place on which the sole of your foot treads, I have given it to you, just as I spoke to Moses.

4 "From the wilderness and this Lebanon, even as far as the great river, the river Euphrates, all the land of the Hittites, and as far as the Great Sea toward the setting of the sun, will be your territory.

5 "No man will *be able* to stand before you all the days of your life. Just as I have been with Moses, I will be with you; <sup>b</sup>I will not fail you or forsake you.

6 "Be strong and courageous, for you shall give this people possession of the land which I swore to their fathers to give them.

7 "Only be strong and very courageous; <sup>1</sup>be careful to do according to all the law which Moses My servant commanded you; do not turn from it to the right or to the left, so that you may <sup>2</sup>have success wherever you go.

8 "This book of the law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate on it day and night, so that you may <sup>1</sup>be careful to do according to all that is written in it; <sup>b</sup>for then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will <sup>2</sup>have success.

9 "Have I not commanded you? <sup>a</sup>Be strong and courageous! Do not tremble or be dismayed, <sup>b</sup>for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go."

10 Then Joshua commanded the officers of the people, saying,

11 "Pass through the midst of the camp and command the people, saying, 'Prepare provisions for yourselves, for within <sup>a</sup>three days you are to cross this Jordan, to go in to possess the land which the LORD your God is giving you, to possess it.'"

12 <sup>a</sup>And to the Reubenites and to the Gadites and to the half-tribe of Manasseh, Joshua <sup>1</sup>said,

13 "Remember the word which Moses the servant of the LORD commanded you, saying, '<sup>a</sup>The LORD your God gives you rest, and will give you this land.'

14 "Your wives, your little ones, and your cattle shall remain in the land which Moses gave you beyond the Jordan, but you shall cross before your brothers in battle array, all your valiant warriors, and shall help them,

15 until the LORD gives your brothers rest, as *He* gives you, and they also possess the land which the LORD your God is giving them. <sup>a</sup>Then you shall return to <sup>1</sup>your own land, and possess <sup>2</sup>that which Moses <sup>b</sup>the servant of the LORD gave you beyond the Jordan toward the sunrise."

1 <sup>1</sup>Or, minister

2 <sup>a</sup>Num. 12:7; Deut. 34:5  
<sup>b</sup>Josh. 1:11; Deut. 11:24

3 <sup>a</sup>Deut. 11:24

5 <sup>a</sup>Deut. 7:24; Heb. 13:5  
<sup>b</sup>Deut. 31:6, 7

7 <sup>1</sup>Lit., observe <sup>2</sup>Or, act wisely  
<sup>a</sup>Deut. 5:32

8 <sup>1</sup>Lit., observe <sup>2</sup>Or, act wisely  
<sup>a</sup>Josh. 8:34; Deut. 31:24  
<sup>b</sup>Deut. 29:9; Ps. 1:1-3

9 <sup>a</sup>Josh. 1:7 <sup>b</sup>Deut. 31:8

11 <sup>a</sup>Josh. 3:2

12 <sup>1</sup>Lit., said, saying  
<sup>a</sup>Num. 32:20-22

13 <sup>a</sup>Deut. 3:18-20

15 <sup>1</sup>Lit., the land of your possession <sup>2</sup>Lit., it  
<sup>a</sup>Josh. 22:4 <sup>b</sup>Josh. 1:1

**Joshua 1, 2**

17 <sup>a</sup>Josh. 1:5, 9

18 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *mouth*

1 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *lay down*  
<sup>a</sup>Josh. 3:1; Num. 25:1  
<sup>b</sup>Heb. 11:31; Jas. 2:25

6 <sup>a</sup>Jas. 2:25

8 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *then she*

9 <sup>1</sup>Or, *become demoralized*  
<sup>a</sup>Josh. 9:9, 10, 24; Num. 20:24  
<sup>b</sup>Ex. 23:27; Deut. 2:25

10 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *Sea of Reeds*  
<sup>2</sup>Or, *put under the ban*  
<sup>a</sup>Num. 23:22

11 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *spirit arose*

12 <sup>1</sup>Or, *faithfulness*  
<sup>a</sup>Josh. 2:18

13 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *let live* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *souls*

14 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *soul* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *instead of you to die* <sup>3</sup>Or, *truly*  
<sup>a</sup>Gen. 24:49

16 And they answered Joshua, saying, "All that you have commanded us we will do, and wherever you send us we will go.

17 "Just as we obeyed Moses in all things, so we will obey you; <sup>a</sup>only may the LORD your God be with you, as He was with Moses.

18 "Anyone who rebels against your <sup>1</sup>command and does not obey your words in all that you command him, shall be put to death; only be strong and courageous."

CHAPTER 2

**T**HEN Joshua the son of Nun sent two men as spies secretly from <sup>a</sup>Shittim, saying, "Go, view the land, especially Jericho." So they went and came into the house of <sup>b</sup>a harlot whose name was Rahab, and <sup>1</sup>lodged there.

2 And it was told the king of Jericho, saying, "Behold, men from the sons of Israel have come here tonight to search out the land."

3 And the king of Jericho sent *word* to Rahab, saying, "Bring out the men who have come to you, who have entered your house, for they have come to search out all the land."

4 But the woman had taken the two men and hidden them, and she said, "Yes, the men came to me, but I did not know where they were from.

5 "And it came about when *it was time* to shut the gate, at dark, that the men went out; I do not know where the men went. Pursue them quickly, for you will overtake them."

6 <sup>a</sup>But she had brought them up to the roof and hidden them in the stalks of flax which she had laid in order on the roof.

7 So the men pursued them on the road to the Jordan to the fords; and as soon as those who were pursuing them had gone out, they shut the gate.

8 Now before they lay down, <sup>1</sup>she came up to them on the roof,

9 and said to the men, "I know that the LORD has given you the land, and that the <sup>b</sup>terror of you has fallen on us, and that all the inhabitants of the land have <sup>1</sup>melted away before you.

10 "For we have heard how the LORD <sup>1</sup>dried up the water of the <sup>1</sup>Red Sea before you when you came out of Egypt, and what you did to the two kings of the Amorites who were beyond the Jordan, to Sihon and Og, whom you <sup>2</sup>utterly destroyed.

11 "And when we heard *it*, our hearts melted and no <sup>1</sup>courage remained in any man any longer because of you; for the LORD your God, He is God in heaven above and on earth beneath.

12 "Now therefore, please swear to me by the LORD, since I have dealt kindly with you, that you also will deal kindly with my father's household, and give me a <sup>a</sup>pledge of <sup>1</sup>truth,

13 and <sup>1</sup>spare my father and my mother and my brothers and my sisters, with all who belong to them, and deliver our <sup>2</sup>lives from death."

14 So the men said to her, "Our <sup>1</sup>life <sup>2</sup>for yours if you do not tell this business of ours; and it shall come about when the LORD gives us the land that we will <sup>a</sup>deal kindly and <sup>3</sup>faithfully with you."

**Promise to Rahab.  
The People Stop at the Jordan.**

15 Then she let them down by a rope through the window, for her house was on the city wall, so that she was living on the wall.

16 And she said to them, "Go to the hill country, lest the pursuers happen upon you, and hide yourselves there for three days, until the pursuers return. Then afterward you may go on your way."

17 And the men said to her, "We shall be free from this oath to you which you have made us swear,

18 unless, when we come into the land, you tie this cord of scarlet thread in the window through which you let us down, and gather to yourself into the house your father and your mother and your brothers and all your father's household.

19 "And it shall come about that anyone who goes out of the doors of your house into the street, his blood shall be on his own head, and we shall be free; but anyone who is with you in the house, his blood shall be on our head, if a hand is laid on him.

20 "But if you tell this business of ours, then we shall be free from the oath which you have made us swear."

21 And she said, "According to your words, so be it." So she sent them away, and they departed; and she tied the scarlet cord in the window.

22 And they departed and came to the hill country, and remained there for three days until the pursuers returned. Now the pursuers had sought them all along the road, but had not found them.

23 Then the two men returned and came down from the hill country and crossed over and came to Joshua the son of Nun, and they related to him all that had happened to them.

24 And they said to Joshua, "Surely the LORD has given all the land into our hands, and all the inhabitants of the land, moreover, have melted away before us."

**CHAPTER 3**

THEN Joshua rose early in the morning; and he and all the sons of Israel set out from Shittim and came to the Jordan, and they lodged there before they crossed.

2 And it came about at the end of three days that the officers went through the midst of the camp;

3 and they commanded the people, saying, "When you see the ark of the covenant of the LORD your God with the Levitical priests carrying it, then you shall set out from your place and go after it.

4 "However, there shall be between you and it a distance of about 2,000 cubits by measure. Do not come near it, that you may know the way by which you shall go, for you have not passed this way before."

5 Then Joshua said to the people, "Consecrate yourselves, for tomorrow the LORD will do wonders among you."

6 And Joshua spoke to the priests, saying, "Take up the ark of the covenant and cross over ahead of the people." So they took up the ark of the covenant and went ahead of the people.

16 <sup>1</sup>Jas. 2:25

17 <sup>1</sup>Lit. of yours  
<sup>2</sup>Gen. 24:8

18 <sup>1</sup>Lit. behold  
<sup>2</sup>Josh. 2:12

22 <sup>1</sup>Lit. through all the road

24 <sup>1</sup>Or. become demoralized  
<sup>2</sup>Josh. 2:9

1 <sup>2</sup>Josh. 2:1

2 <sup>2</sup>Josh. 1:11

3 <sup>2</sup>Deut. 31:9

4 <sup>1</sup>I.e. one cubit equals approximately 18 inches

5 <sup>2</sup>Josh. 7:13; Ex. 19:10, 11

7 \*Josh. 4:14

7 Now the LORD said to Joshua, "This day I will begin to <sup>a</sup>exalt you in the sight of all Israel, that they may know that just as I have been with Moses, I will be with you.

12 \*Josh. 4:2

8 "You shall, moreover, command the priests who are carrying the ark of the covenant, saying, 'When you come to the edge of the waters of the Jordan, you shall stand *still* in the Jordan.'"

9 Then Joshua said to the sons of Israel, "Come here, and hear the words of the LORD your God."

13 <sup>1</sup>Lit., going <sup>2</sup>Lit., and they shall  
\*Ex. 15:8

10 And Joshua said, "By this you shall know that the living God is among you, and that He will assuredly dispossess from before you the Canaanite, the Hittite, the Hivite, the Perizzite, the Girgashite, the Amorite, and the Jebusite.

11 "Behold, the ark of the covenant of the Lord of all the earth is crossing over ahead of you into the Jordan.

12 <sup>a</sup>Now then, take for yourselves twelve men from the tribes of Israel, one man for each tribe.

16 <sup>1</sup>Lit., going  
\*Ps. 66:6; 74:15; 114:3, 5  
<sup>b</sup>Josh. 3:13 \*Deut. 1:1

13 "And it shall come about when the soles of the feet of the priests who carry the ark of the LORD, the Lord of all the earth, shall rest in the waters of the Jordan, the waters of the Jordan shall be cut off, *and* the waters which are <sup>1</sup>flowing down from above <sup>2</sup>shall <sup>a</sup>stand in one heap."

14 So it came about when the people set out from their tents to cross the Jordan with the priests carrying the ark of the covenant before the people,

17 \*Ex. 14:21, 22, 29

15 and when those who carried the ark came into the Jordan, and the feet of the priests carrying the ark were dipped in the edge of the water (for the Jordan overflows all its banks all the days of harvest),

16 <sup>a</sup>that the waters which were <sup>1</sup>flowing down from above stood *and* rose up in <sup>b</sup>one heap, a great distance away at Adam, the city that is beside Zarethan; and those which were <sup>1</sup>flowing down toward the sea of the <sup>c</sup>Arabah, the Salt Sea, were completely cut off. So the people crossed opposite Jericho.

2 \*Josh. 3:12

17 And the priests who carried the ark of the covenant of the LORD stood firm <sup>a</sup>on dry ground in the middle of the Jordan while all Israel crossed on dry ground, until all the nation had finished crossing the Jordan.

3 \*Josh. 4:20

## CHAPTER 4

**N**OW it came about when all the nation had finished crossing the Jordan, that the LORD spoke to Joshua, saying,

2 <sup>a</sup>Take for yourselves twelve men from the people, one man from each tribe,

3 and command them, saying, 'Take up for yourselves twelve stones from here out of the middle of the Jordan, from the place where the priests' feet are standing firm, and carry them over with you, and lay them down in <sup>a</sup>the lodging place where you will lodge tonight.'

4 So Joshua called the twelve men whom he had appointed from the sons of Israel, one man from each tribe;

5 and Joshua said to them, "<sup>1</sup>Cross again to the ark of the

5 <sup>1</sup>Lit., Cross before the ark

**Memorial Stones from the Jordan.  
The Stones Set Up at Gilgal.**

LORD your God into the middle of the Jordan, and each of you take up a stone on his shoulder, according to the number of the tribes of the sons of Israel.

6 <sup>1</sup>Let this be a sign among you, so that <sup>2</sup>when your children ask <sup>3</sup>later, saying, 'What do these stones mean to you?'

7 then you shall say to them, 'Because the waters of the Jordan were cut off before the ark of the covenant of the LORD; when it crossed the Jordan, the waters of the Jordan were cut off.' So these stones shall become a memorial to the sons of Israel forever."

8 And thus the sons of Israel did, as Joshua commanded, and took up twelve stones from the middle of the Jordan, just as the LORD spoke to Joshua, according to the number of the tribes of the sons of Israel; and they carried them over with them to <sup>3</sup>the lodging place, and put them down there.

9 Then Joshua set up twelve stones in the middle of the Jordan at the place where the feet of the priests who carried the ark of the covenant were standing, and they are there to this day.

10 For the priests who carried the ark were standing in the middle of the Jordan until everything was completed that the LORD had commanded Joshua to speak to the people, according to all that Moses had commanded Joshua. And the people hurried and crossed;

11 and it came about when all the people had finished crossing, that the ark of the LORD and the priests crossed before the people.

12 <sup>2</sup>And the sons of Reuben and the sons of Gad and the half-tribe of Manasseh crossed over in battle array before the sons of Israel, just as Moses had spoken to them;

13 about 40,000, equipped for war, crossed for battle before the LORD to the desert plains of Jericho.

14 <sup>2</sup>On that day the LORD exalted Joshua in the sight of all Israel; so that they <sup>1</sup>revered him, just as they had <sup>1</sup>revered Moses all the days of his life.

15 Now the LORD said to <sup>1</sup>Joshua,

16 "Command the priests who carry the ark of the testimony that they come up from the Jordan."

17 So Joshua commanded the priests, saying, "Come up from the Jordan."

18 And it came about when the priests who carried the ark of the covenant of the LORD had come up from the middle of the Jordan, and the soles of the priests' feet were <sup>1</sup>lifted up to the dry ground, that the waters of the Jordan returned to their place, and went over all its banks as before.

19 Now the people came up from the Jordan on the <sup>2</sup>tenth of the first month and camped at Gilgal on the eastern edge of Jericho.

20 <sup>2</sup>And <sup>1</sup>those twelve stones which they had taken from the Jordan, Joshua set up <sup>2</sup>at Gilgal.

21 And he said to the sons of <sup>1</sup>Israel, "When your children ask their fathers in time to come, saying, 'What are these stones?'

22 then you shall inform your children, saying, 'Israel crossed this Jordan on <sup>2</sup>dry ground.'

6 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *That this may be*  
<sup>2</sup>Lit., *tomorrow*  
<sup>3</sup>Josh. 4:21; Ex. 12:26; 13:4

8 <sup>2</sup>Josh. 4:20

12 <sup>2</sup>Num. 32:17

14 <sup>1</sup>Or, *feared*  
<sup>2</sup>Josh. 3:7

15 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *Joshua, saying*

18 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *drawn out*

19 <sup>2</sup>Deut. 1:3

20 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *these*  
<sup>2</sup>Josh. 4:8 <sup>3</sup>Josh. 4:3, 8

21 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *Israel, saying*.

22 <sup>2</sup>Josh. 3:17

23 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *Sea of Reeds*

24 <sup>1</sup>Or, *reverence* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *all the days*

1 <sup>1</sup>Other mss. read, *we*  
<sup>a</sup>Num. 13:29 <sup>b</sup>Josh. 2:10, 11

2 <sup>a</sup>Ex. 4:25

3 <sup>1</sup>I.e., *the hill of the foreskins*

4 <sup>a</sup>Deut. 2:14

6 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *were finished*  
<sup>a</sup>Deut. 2:7, 14 <sup>b</sup>Num. 14:29-35; 26:63-65

7 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *circumcised them*

8 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *revived*

9 <sup>1</sup>I.e., *Rolling*  
<sup>a</sup>Zeph. 2:8

10 <sup>a</sup>Ex. 12:18 <sup>b</sup>Josh. 4:19

11 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *morrow* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *this*

12 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *morrow*  
<sup>a</sup>Ex. 16:35

23 "For the LORD your God dried up the waters of the Jordan before you until you had crossed, just as the LORD your God had done to the <sup>1</sup>Red Sea, which He dried up before us until we had crossed;

24 that all the peoples of the earth may know that the hand of the LORD is mighty, so that you may <sup>1</sup>fear the LORD your God <sup>2</sup>forever."

CHAPTER 5

NOW it came about when all the kings of the Amorites who were beyond the Jordan to the west, and all the kings of the Canaanites <sup>a</sup>who were by the sea, <sup>b</sup>heard how the LORD had dried up the waters of the Jordan before the sons of Israel until <sup>1</sup>they had crossed, that their hearts melted, and there was no spirit in them any longer, because of the sons of Israel.

2 At that time the LORD said to Joshua, "Make for yourself flint <sup>a</sup>knives and circumcise again the sons of Israel the second time."

3 So Joshua made himself flint knives and circumcised the sons of Israel at <sup>1</sup>Gibeath-haaraloth.

4 And this is the reason why Joshua circumcised them: <sup>a</sup>all the people who came out of Egypt who were males, all the men of war, died in the wilderness along the way, after they came out of Egypt.

5 For all the people who came out were circumcised, but all the people who were born in the wilderness along the way as they came out of Egypt had not been circumcised.

6 For the sons of Israel walked <sup>a</sup>forty years in the wilderness, until all the nation, *that is*, the men of war who came out of Egypt, <sup>1</sup>perished because they did not listen to the voice of the LORD, <sup>b</sup>to whom the LORD had sworn that He would not let them see the land which the LORD had sworn to their fathers to give us, a land flowing with milk and honey.

7 And their children whom He raised up in their place, Joshua <sup>1</sup>circumcised; for they were uncircumcised, because they had not circumcised them along the way.

8 Now it came about when they had finished circumcising all the nation, that they remained in their places in the camp until they were <sup>1</sup>healed.

9 Then the LORD said to Joshua, "Today I have rolled away <sup>a</sup>the reproach of Egypt from you." So the name of that place is called <sup>1</sup>Gilgal to this day.

10 While the sons of Israel camped at Gilgal, <sup>a</sup>they observed the Passover on the evening of the <sup>b</sup>fourteenth day of the month on the desert plains of Jericho.

11 And on the <sup>1</sup>day after the Passover, on <sup>2</sup>that very day, they ate some of the produce of the land, unleavened cakes and parched grain.

12 And <sup>a</sup>the manna ceased on the <sup>1</sup>day after they had eaten some of the produce of the land, so that the sons of Israel no longer had manna, but they ate some of the yield of the land of Canaan during that year.

13 Now it came about when Joshua was by Jericho, that he

**The Manna Ceases.  
March Around Jericho.**

lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, <sup>a</sup>a man was standing opposite him with his sword drawn in his hand, and Joshua went to him and said to him, "Are you for us or for our adversaries?"

13 <sup>a</sup>Gen. 18:1, 2; 32:24, 30; Num. 22:31

14 And he said, "No, rather I indeed come now *as* captain of the host of the LORD." And Joshua fell on his face to the earth, and bowed down, and said to him, "What has my lord to say to his servant?"

15 <sup>a</sup>Ex. 3:5

15 And the captain of the LORD's host said to Joshua, "<sup>a</sup>Remove your sandals from your feet, for the place where you are standing is holy." And Joshua did so.

**CHAPTER 6**

**N**OW Jericho was tightly shut because of the sons of Israel; no one went out and no one came in.

2 <sup>a</sup>Deut. 7:24

2 And the LORD said to Joshua, "See, I have given Jericho into your hand, with <sup>a</sup>its king *and* the valiant warriors.

3 "And you shall march around the city, all the men of war circling the city once. You shall do so for six days.

4 <sup>a</sup>Lev. 25:9

4 "Also seven priests shall carry seven <sup>a</sup>trumpets of rams' horns before the ark; then on the seventh day you shall march around the city seven times, and the priests shall blow the trumpets.

5 "And it shall be that when they make a long blast with the ram's horn, and when you hear the sound of the trumpet, all the people shall shout with a great shout; and the wall of the city will fall down <sup>1</sup>flat, and the people will go up every man straight <sup>2</sup>ahead."

5 <sup>1</sup>Lit., in its place <sup>2</sup>Lit., before himself

6 So Joshua the son of Nun called the priests and said to them, "Take up the ark of the covenant, and let seven priests carry seven trumpets of rams' horns before the ark of the LORD."

7 <sup>1</sup>Or, they

7 Then <sup>1</sup>he said to the people, "Go forward, and march around the city, and let the armed men go on before the ark of the LORD."

8 And it was so, that when Joshua had spoken to the people, the seven priests carrying the seven trumpets of rams' horns before the LORD went forward and blew the trumpets; and the ark of the covenant of the LORD followed them.

9 <sup>a</sup>Josh. 6:13; Is. 52:12

9 And the armed men went before the priests who blew the trumpets, and <sup>a</sup>the rear guard came after the ark, while they continued to blow the trumpets.

10 But Joshua commanded the people, saying, "You shall not shout nor let your voice be heard, nor let a word proceed out of your mouth, until the day I tell you, 'Shout!' Then you shall shout!"

11 <sup>1</sup>Lit., to go around

11 So he had the ark of the LORD <sup>1</sup>taken around the city, circling *it* once; then they came into the camp and spent the night in the camp.

12 Now Joshua rose early in the morning, and the priests took up the ark of the LORD.

13 <sup>a</sup>Josh. 6:4 <sup>b</sup>Josh. 6:9

13 And <sup>a</sup>the seven priests carrying the seven trumpets of rams' horns before the ark of the LORD went on continually, and blew the trumpets; and the armed men went before them, and <sup>b</sup>the rear guard came after the ark of the LORD, while they continued to blow the trumpets.

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17 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *she and all*  
<sup>a</sup>Lev. 27:28; Deut. 20:17

18 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *devote*  
<sup>a</sup>Josh. 7:1

19 <sup>a</sup>Num. 31:11, 12, 21-23

20 <sup>1</sup>Or, *they* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *in its  
place* <sup>3</sup>Lit., *before himself*  
<sup>a</sup>Heb. 11:30

21 <sup>1</sup>Or, *put under the  
ban*  
<sup>a</sup>Deut. 20:16

22 <sup>a</sup>Josh. 2:12-19

23 <sup>a</sup>Heb. 11:31

24 <sup>1</sup>i. e., *tabernacle*  
<sup>a</sup>Deut. 20:16-18

25 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *let live*  
<sup>a</sup>Heb. 11:31 <sup>b</sup>Josh. 2:6

26 <sup>a1</sup> Kin. 16:34

<sup>1</sup> <sup>a</sup>Josh. 6:17-19

14 Thus the second day they marched around the city once and returned to the camp; they did so for six days.

15 Then it came about on the seventh day that they rose early at the dawning of the day and marched around the city in the same manner seven times; only on that day they marched around the city seven times.

16 And it came about at the seventh time, when the priests blew the trumpets, Joshua said to the people, "Shout! For the LORD has given you the city.

17 "And the city shall be <sup>a</sup>under the ban, it and all that is in it belongs to the LORD; only Rahab the harlot <sup>1</sup>and all who are with her in the house shall live, because she hid the messengers whom we sent.

18 "But as for you, only keep yourselves from the things under the ban, lest you <sup>1</sup>covet *them* and take some of the things under the ban, <sup>a</sup>so you would make the camp of Israel accursed and bring trouble on it.

19 "But all the silver and gold and articles of bronze and iron are holy to the LORD; they shall go into the treasury of the LORD."

20 So the people shouted, and <sup>1</sup>priests blew the trumpets; and it came about, when the people heard the sound of the trumpet, that the people shouted with a great shout and the <sup>a</sup>wall fell down <sup>2</sup>flat, so that the people went up into the city, every man straight <sup>3</sup>ahead, and they took the city.

21 <sup>a</sup>And they <sup>1</sup>utterly destroyed everything in the city, both man and woman, young and old, and ox and sheep and donkey, with the edge of the sword.

22 And Joshua said to the two men who had spied out the land, "Go into the harlot's house and bring the woman and all she has out of there, as you have sworn to her."

23 So the young men who were spies went in and <sup>a</sup>brought out Rahab and her father and her mother and her brothers and all she had; they also brought out all her relatives, and placed them outside the camp of Israel.

24 <sup>a</sup>And they burned the city with fire, and all that was in it. Only the silver and gold and articles of bronze and iron, they put into the treasury of the <sup>1</sup>house of the LORD.

25 <sup>a</sup>However, Rahab the harlot and her father's household and all she had, Joshua <sup>1</sup>spared; and she has lived in the midst of Israel to this day, for <sup>b</sup>she hid the messengers whom Joshua sent to spy out Jericho.

26 Then Joshua made them take an oath at that time, saying, "Cursed before the LORD is the man who rises up and builds this city Jericho; with *the loss of* his first-born he shall lay its foundation, and with *the loss of* his youngest son he shall set up its gates."

27 So the LORD was with Joshua, and his fame was in all the land.

CHAPTER 7

<sup>a</sup>**B**UT the sons of Israel acted unfaithfully in regard to the things under the ban, for Achan, the son of Carmi, the son of



Zabdi, the son of Zerah, from the tribe of Judah, took some of the things under the ban, therefore the anger of the LORD burned against the sons of Israel.

2 Now Joshua sent men from Jericho to Ai, which is near <sup>a</sup>Beth-aven, east of Bethel, and said to them, "Go up and spy out the land." So the men went up and spied out Ai.

3 And they returned to Joshua and said to him, "Do not let all the people go up; *only* about two or three thousand men need go up <sup>1</sup>to Ai; do not make all the people toil up there, for they are few."

4 So about three thousand men from the people went up there, but they fled <sup>1</sup>from the men of Ai.

5 And the men of Ai struck down about thirty-six of their men, and pursued them <sup>1</sup>from the gate as far as Shebarim, and struck them down on the descent, so the hearts of the people melted and became as water.

6 Then Joshua <sup>a</sup>tore his clothes and fell to the earth on his face before the ark of the LORD until the evening, *both* he and the elders of Israel; and <sup>b</sup>they put dust on their heads.

7 And Joshua said, "Alas, O Lord <sup>1</sup>God, why didst Thou ever bring this people over the Jordan, *only* to deliver us into the hand of the Amorites, to destroy us? If only we had been willing <sup>2</sup>to dwell beyond the Jordan!

8 "Oh Lord, what can I say since Israel has turned *their* <sup>1</sup>back before their enemies?

9 "<sup>a</sup>For the Canaanites and all the inhabitants of the land will hear of it, and they will surround us and cut off our name from the earth. And what wilt Thou do for Thy great name?"

10 So the LORD said to Joshua, "Rise up! Why is it that you have fallen on your face?

11 "Israel has sinned, and <sup>a</sup>they have also transgressed My covenant which I commanded them. And they have even taken some of the things under the ban and have both stolen and deceived. Moreover, they have also put *them* among their own things.

12 "Therefore the sons of Israel cannot stand before their enemies; they turn *their* <sup>1</sup>backs before their enemies, for they have become accursed. I will not be with you any more unless you destroy the things under the ban from your midst.

13 "Rise up! <sup>a</sup>Consecrate the people and say, 'Consecrate yourselves for tomorrow, for thus the LORD, the God of Israel, has said, "<sup>b</sup>There are things under the ban in your midst, O Israel. You cannot stand before your enemies until you have removed the things under the ban from your midst."

14 'In the morning then you shall come near by your tribes. And it shall be that the tribe which the LORD takes *by lot* shall come near by families, and the family which the LORD takes shall come near by households, and the household which the LORD takes shall come near man by man.

15 'And it shall be that the one who is taken with the things under the ban shall be burned with fire, he and all that belongs to him, because he has transgressed the covenant of the LORD, and because he has committed a disgraceful thing in Israel.' "

16 So Joshua arose early in the morning and brought Israel near by <sup>1</sup>tribes, and the tribe of Judah was taken.

2 <sup>1</sup>Lit. *saying*, "Go  
<sup>a</sup>Josh. 18:12; 1 Sam. 13:5;  
14:23

3 <sup>1</sup>Lit. *and smite*

4 <sup>1</sup>Lit. *before*

5 <sup>1</sup>Lit. *before*

6 <sup>a</sup>Job 2:12; 42:6 <sup>b</sup>Lam.  
2:10; Rev. 18:19

7 <sup>1</sup>Lit. YHWH, usually  
rendered LORD <sup>2</sup>Lit. *and  
had dwelt*

8 <sup>1</sup>Lit. *neck*

9 <sup>a</sup>Ex. 32:12; Deut. 9:28

11 <sup>a</sup>Josh. 6:18, 19

12 <sup>1</sup>Lit. *necks*

13 <sup>a</sup>Josh. 3:5 <sup>b</sup>Josh. 6:18

16 <sup>1</sup>Lit. *its tribes*

20 <sup>1</sup>Lit., thus and thus I did

24 <sup>1</sup>Or, cattle <sup>2</sup>Lit., Trouble  
<sup>a</sup>Josh. 6:17

25 <sup>1</sup>Lit., him <sup>2</sup>Lit., and they stoned  
<sup>a</sup>Josh. 6:18

26 <sup>1</sup>Lit., Trouble  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 65:10; Hos. 2:15

1 <sup>a</sup>Josh. 1:9; 10:8 <sup>b</sup>Josh. 6:2

2 <sup>1</sup>Lit., Set for yourself  
<sup>a</sup>Josh. 8:27; Deut. 20:14

4 <sup>1</sup>Lit., the city

17 And he brought the family of Judah near, and he took the family of the Zerahites; and he brought the family of the Zerahites near man by man, and Zabdi was taken.

18 And he brought his household near man by man; and Achan, son of Carmi, son of Zabdi, son of Zerah, from the tribe of Judah, was taken.

19 Then Joshua said to Achan, "My son, I implore you, give glory to the LORD, the God of Israel, and give praise to Him; and tell me now what you have done. Do not hide it from me."

20 So Achan answered Joshua and said, "Truly, I have sinned against the LORD, the God of Israel, and <sup>1</sup>this is what I did;

21 when I saw among the spoil a beautiful mantle from Shinar and two hundred shekels of silver and a bar of gold fifty shekels in weight, then I coveted them and took them; and behold, they are concealed in the earth inside my tent with the silver underneath it."

22 So Joshua sent messengers, and they ran to the tent; and behold, it was concealed in his tent with the silver underneath it.

23 And they took them from inside the tent and brought them to Joshua and to all the sons of Israel, and they poured them out before the LORD.

24 Then Joshua and all Israel with him, took Achan the son of Zerah, the silver, the mantle, the bar of gold, his sons, his daughters, his <sup>1</sup>oxen, his donkeys, his sheep, his tent and all that belonged to him; and they brought them up to <sup>a</sup>the valley of <sup>2</sup>Achor.

25 And Joshua said, "Why have you <sup>a</sup>troubled us? The LORD will trouble you this day." And all Israel stoned <sup>1</sup>them with stones; and they burned them with fire <sup>2</sup>after they had stoned them with stones.

26 And they raised over him a great heap of stones that stands to this day, and the LORD turned from the fierceness of His anger. Therefore the name of that place has been called <sup>a</sup>the Valley of <sup>1</sup>Achor to this day.

## CHAPTER 8

**N**OW the LORD said to Joshua, "<sup>a</sup>Do not fear or be dismayed. Take all the people of war with you and arise, go up to Ai; see, <sup>b</sup>I have given into your hand the king of Ai, his people, his city, and his land.

2 "And you shall do to Ai and its king just as you did to Jericho and its king; you shall take <sup>a</sup>only its spoil and its cattle as plunder for yourselves. <sup>1</sup>Set an ambush for the city behind it."

3 So Joshua rose with all the people of war to go up to Ai; and Joshua chose 30,000 men, valiant warriors, and sent them out at night.

4 And he commanded them, saying, "See, you are going to ambush the city from behind <sup>1</sup>it. Do not go very far from the city, but all of you be ready.

5 "Then I and all the people who are with me will approach

the city. And it will come about when they come out to meet us as at the first, that we will flee before them.

6 "And they will come out after us until we have drawn them away from the city, for they will say, 'They are fleeing before us as at the first.' So we will flee before them.

7 "And you shall rise from *your* ambush and take possession of the city, for the LORD your God will deliver it into your hand.

8 "Then it will be when you have seized the city, that you shall set the city on fire. You shall do it <sup>a</sup>according to the word of the LORD. See, I have commanded you."

9 So Joshua sent them away, and they went to the place of ambush and remained between Bethel and Ai, on the west side of Ai; but Joshua spent that night among the people.

10 Now Joshua rose early in the morning and mustered the people, and he went up with the elders of Israel before the people to Ai.

11 Then all the people of war who *were* with him went up and drew near and arrived in front of the city, and camped on the north side of Ai. Now *there was* a valley between him and Ai.

12 And he took about 5,000 men and set them in ambush between Bethel and Ai, on the west side of the <sup>1</sup>city.

13 So they stationed the people, all the army that was on the north side of the city, and its rear guard on the west side of the city, and Joshua spent that night in the midst of the valley.

14 And it came about when the king of Ai saw it, that the men of the city hurried and rose up early and went out to meet Israel in battle, he and all his people at the appointed place before the <sup>a</sup>desert plain. But he did not know that *there was* an ambush against him behind the city.

15 And Joshua and all Israel pretended to be beaten before them, and fled by the way of the wilderness.

16 And all the people who were in the city were called together to pursue them, and they pursued Joshua, and were drawn away from the city.

17 So not a man was left in Ai or Bethel who had not gone out after Israel, and they left the city <sup>1</sup>unguarded and pursued Israel.

18 Then the LORD said to Joshua, "<sup>a</sup>Stretch out the javelin that is in your hand toward Ai, for I will give it into your hand." So Joshua stretched out the javelin that was in his hand toward the city.

19 And the *men in* ambush rose quickly from their place, and when he had stretched out his hand, they ran and entered the city and captured it; and they quickly set the city on fire.

20 When the men of Ai turned <sup>1</sup>back and looked, behold, the smoke of the city ascended to the sky, and they had no place to flee this way or that, for the people who had been fleeing to the wilderness turned against the pursuers.

21 When Joshua and all Israel saw that the *men in* ambush had captured the city and that the smoke of the city ascended, they turned back and <sup>1</sup>slew the men of Ai.

8 <sup>a</sup>Josh. 8:2; Deut. 20:16-18

12 <sup>1</sup>I.e., Ai

14 <sup>a</sup>Josh. 3:16

17 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *open*

18 <sup>a</sup>Josh. 8:26; Ex. 14:16; 17:9-13

20 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *behind them*

21 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *smote*

## Joshua 8, 9

22 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *these came* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *these . . . those* <sup>3</sup>Lit., *smote* <sup>4</sup>Lit., *for it*  
<sup>a</sup>Josh. 8:8

25 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *men*  
<sup>a</sup>Deut. 20:16-18

26 <sup>1</sup>Or, *put under the ban*  
<sup>a</sup>Ex. 17:11, 12

27 <sup>a</sup>Josh. 8:2

29 <sup>a</sup>Deut. 21:22, 23

30 <sup>a</sup>Deut. 27:2-8

31 <sup>a</sup>Ex. 20:25

32 <sup>1</sup>i.e., *Moses*

33 <sup>a</sup>Deut. 27:11-14

34 <sup>a</sup>Josh. 1:8

35 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *walking*

<sup>1</sup> <sup>a</sup>Josh. 3:10; Num. 13:29

22 And <sup>1</sup>the others came out from the city to encounter them, so that they were *trapped* in the midst of Israel, <sup>2</sup>some on this side and some on that side; and they <sup>3</sup>slew them <sup>a</sup>until no one was left <sup>4</sup>of those who survived or escaped.

23 But they took alive the king of Ai and brought him to Joshua.

24 Now it came about when Israel had finished killing all the inhabitants of Ai in the field in the wilderness where they pursued them, and all of them were fallen by the edge of the sword until they were destroyed, then all Israel returned to Ai and struck it with the edge of the sword.

25 <sup>a</sup>And all who fell that day, both men and women, were 12,000—all the <sup>1</sup>people of Ai.

26 For Joshua did not withdraw his hand with which <sup>a</sup>he stretched out the javelin until he had <sup>1</sup>utterly destroyed all the inhabitants of Ai.

27 <sup>a</sup>Israel took only the cattle and the spoil of that city as plunder for themselves, according to the word of the LORD which He had commanded Joshua.

28 So Joshua burned Ai and made it a heap forever, a desolation until this day.

29 <sup>a</sup>And he hanged the king of Ai on a tree until evening; and at sunset Joshua gave command and they took his body down from the tree, and threw it at the entrance of the city gate, and raised over it a great heap of stones *that stands* to this day.

30 Then Joshua built an altar to the LORD, the God of Israel, in <sup>a</sup>Mount Ebal,

31 just as Moses the servant of the LORD had commanded the sons of Israel, as it is written in the book of the law of Moses, <sup>a</sup>an altar of uncut stones, on which no man had wielded an iron *tool*; and they offered burnt offerings on it to the LORD, and sacrificed peace offerings.

32 And he wrote there on the stones a copy of the Law of Moses, which <sup>1</sup>he had written, in the presence of the sons of Israel.

33 <sup>a</sup>And all Israel with their elders and officers and their judges were standing on both sides of the ark before the Levitical priests who carried the ark of the covenant of the LORD, the stranger as well as the native. Half of them *stood* in front of Mount Gerizim and half of them in front of Mount Ebal, just as Moses the servant of the LORD had given command at first to bless the people of Israel.

34 Then afterward he read all the words of the law, the blessing and the curse, according to all that is written in <sup>a</sup>the book of the law.

35 There was not a word of all that Moses had commanded which Joshua did not read before all the assembly of Israel with the women and the little ones and the strangers who were <sup>1</sup>living among them.

## CHAPTER 9

**N**OW it came about when <sup>a</sup>all the kings who were beyond the Jordan, in the hill country and in the lowland and on all the

coast of the Great Sea toward Lebanon, the Hittite and the Amorite, the Canaanite, the Perizzite, the Hivite and the Jebusite, heard of it,

2 that they gathered themselves together with <sup>1</sup>one accord to fight with Joshua and with Israel.

3 When the inhabitants of <sup>a</sup>Gibeon heard what Joshua had done to Jericho and to Ai,

4 they also acted craftily and <sup>1</sup>set out as envoys, and took worn-out sacks on their donkeys, and wineskins, worn-out and torn and <sup>2</sup>mended,

5 and worn-out and patched sandals on their feet, and worn-out clothes on themselves; and all the bread of their provision was dry *and* had become crumbled.

6 And they went to Joshua to the camp at Gilgal, and said to him and to the men of Israel, "We have come from a far country; now therefore, make a covenant with us."

7 And the men of Israel said to the <sup>a</sup>Hivites, "Perhaps you are living <sup>1</sup>within our land; <sup>b</sup>how then shall we make a covenant with you?"

8 But they said to Joshua, "We are your servants." Then Joshua said to them, "Who are you, and where do you come from?"

9 And they said to him, "Your servants have come from <sup>a</sup>a very far country because of the <sup>1</sup>fame of the LORD your God; for <sup>b</sup>we have heard the report of Him and all that He did in Egypt,

10 and all that He did to the two kings of the Amorites who were beyond the Jordan, to Sihon king of Heshbon and to Og king of Bashan who was at Ashtaroath.

11 "So our elders and all the inhabitants of our country spoke to us, saying, 'Take provisions in your hand for the journey, and go to meet them and say to them, "We are your servants; now then, make a covenant with us."'

12 "This our bread *was* warm *when* we took it for our provisions out of our houses on the day that we left to come to you; but now behold, it is dry and has become crumbled.

13 "And these wineskins which we filled were new, and behold, they are torn; and these our clothes and our sandals are worn out because of the very long journey."

14 So the men of Israel took some of their provisions, and <sup>a</sup>did not ask for the <sup>1</sup>counsel of the LORD.

15 <sup>a</sup>And Joshua made peace with them and made a covenant with them, to let them live; and the leaders of the congregation swore *an oath* to them.

16 And it came about at the end of three days after they had made a covenant with them, that they heard that they were neighbors and that they were living <sup>1</sup>within their land.

17 Then the sons of Israel set out and came to their cities on the third day. Now their cities *were* Gibeon and Chephirah and Beeroth and Kiriath-jearim.

18 And the sons of Israel did not strike them because the leaders of the congregation had sworn to them by the LORD the God of Israel. And the whole congregation grumbled against the leaders.

19 But all the leaders said to the whole congregation, "We

2 <sup>1</sup>Lit. *one mouth*

3 <sup>a</sup>Josh. 9:17, 22; 10:2; 21:17

4 <sup>1</sup>Lit. *went and traveled as envoys* <sup>2</sup>Lit. *tied up*

7 <sup>1</sup>Lit. *among us*  
<sup>a</sup>Josh. 9:2; 11:19 <sup>b</sup>Ex. 23:32

9 <sup>1</sup>Or. *name*  
<sup>a</sup>Josh. 9:16, 17 <sup>b</sup>Josh. 9:24; 2:9

14 <sup>1</sup>Lit. *mouth*  
<sup>a</sup>Num. 27:21

15 <sup>a</sup>Ex. 23:32

16 <sup>1</sup>Lit. *among them*

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22 <sup>1</sup>Lit., among us  
<sup>2</sup>Josh. 9:17

23 <sup>1</sup>Lit., a servant shall  
not be cut off from you

24 <sup>1</sup>Josh. 9:9

27 <sup>1</sup>Deut. 12:5

1 <sup>1</sup>Or, put under the  
ban <sup>2</sup>Lit., among them

2 <sup>1</sup>Lit., they

3 <sup>1</sup>Josh. 10:23

4 <sup>1</sup>Lit., smite

5 <sup>1</sup>Num. 13:29

6 <sup>1</sup>Lit., slacken your  
hands from

8 <sup>1</sup>Lit., a man  
<sup>2</sup>Josh. 1:5, 9

have sworn to them by the LORD, the God of Israel, and now we cannot touch them.

20 "This we will do to them, even let them live, lest wrath be upon us for the oath which we swore to them."

21 And the leaders said to them, "Let them live." So they became hewers of wood and drawers of water for the whole congregation, just as the leaders had spoken to them.

22 Then Joshua called for them and spoke to them, saying, "Why have you deceived us, saying, 'We are very far from you,'<sup>a</sup> when you are living<sup>1</sup> within our land?"

23 "Now therefore, you are cursed, and<sup>1</sup> you shall never cease being slaves, both hewers of wood and drawers of water for the house of my God."

24 So they answered Joshua and said, "<sup>a</sup>Because it was certainly told your servants that the LORD your God had commanded His servant Moses to give you all the land, and to destroy all the inhabitants of the land before you; therefore we feared greatly for our lives because of you, and have done this thing.

25 "And now behold, we are in your hands; do as it seems good and right in your sight to do to us."

26 Thus he did to them, and delivered them from the hands of the sons of Israel, and they did not kill them.

27 But Joshua made them that day hewers of wood and drawers of water for the congregation and for the altar of the LORD, to this day, <sup>a</sup>in the place which He would choose.

CHAPTER 10

**N**OW it came about when Adoni-zedek king of Jerusalem heard that Joshua had captured Ai, and had<sup>1</sup> utterly destroyed it (just as he had done to Jericho and its king, so he had done to Ai and its king), and that the inhabitants of Gibeon had made peace with Israel and were<sup>2</sup> within their land,

2 that<sup>1</sup> he feared greatly, because Gibeon was a great city, like one of the royal cities, and because it was greater than Ai, and all its men *were* mighty.

3 Therefore Adoni-zedek of Jerusalem sent *word*<sup>a</sup> to Hoham king of Hebron and to Piram king of Jarmuth and to Japhia king of Lachish and to Debir king of Eglon, saying,

4 "Come up to me and help me, and let us<sup>1</sup> attack Gibeon, for it has made peace with Joshua and with the sons of Israel."

5 So the five kings of<sup>a</sup> the Amorites, the king of Jerusalem, the king of Hebron, the king of Jarmuth, the king of Lachish, and the king of Eglon, gathered together and went up, they with all their armies, and camped by Gibeon and fought against it.

6 Then the men of Gibeon sent *word* to Joshua to the camp at Gilgal, saying, "Do not<sup>1</sup> abandon your servants; come up to us quickly and save us and help us, for all the kings of the Amorites that live in the hill country have assembled against us."

7 So Joshua went up from Gilgal, he and all the people of war with him and all the valiant warriors.

8 And the LORD said to Joshua, "<sup>a</sup>Do not fear them, for I have given them into your hands; not<sup>1</sup> one of them shall stand before you."

## The Sun Stands Still. Five Kings Captured and Slain.

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9 So Joshua came upon them suddenly <sup>1</sup>by marching all night from Gilgal.

9 <sup>1</sup>Lit., he went up

10 <sup>a</sup>And the LORD confounded them before Israel, and He <sup>1</sup>slew them with a great slaughter at Gibeon, and pursued them by the way of the ascent of Beth-horon, and struck them as far as Azekah and Makkedah.

10 <sup>1</sup>Lit., struck  
<sup>a</sup>Deut. 7:23

11 And it came about as they fled from before Israel, *while* they were at the descent of Beth-horon, that the LORD threw large stones from heaven on them as far as Azekah, and they died; *there were* more who died <sup>1</sup>from the hailstones than those whom the sons of Israel killed with the sword.

11 <sup>1</sup>Lit., with

12 Then Joshua spoke to the LORD in the day when the LORD delivered up the Amorites before the sons of Israel, and he said in the sight of Israel,

“O sun, stand still at Gibeon,  
And O moon in the valley of Aijalon.”

13 <sup>a</sup>Hab. 3:11 <sup>b2</sup> Sam. 1:18 <sup>c</sup>Is. 38:8

13 <sup>a</sup>So the sun stood still, and the moon stopped,  
Until the nation avenged themselves of their enemies.

Is it not written in the book of <sup>b</sup>Jashar? And <sup>c</sup>the sun stopped in the middle of the sky, and did not hasten to go *down* for about a whole day.

14 <sup>a</sup>Josh. 10:42; Ex. 14:14;  
Deut. 1:30

14 And there was no day like that before it or after it, when the LORD listened to the voice of a man; for <sup>a</sup>the LORD fought for Israel.

15 Then Joshua and all Israel with him returned to the camp to Gilgal.

16 <sup>a</sup>Josh. 10:5

16 Now these <sup>a</sup>five kings had fled and hidden themselves in the cave at Makkedah.

17 And it was told Joshua, saying, “The five kings have been found hidden in the cave at Makkedah.”

19 <sup>1</sup>Lit., smite their tail

18 And Joshua said, “Roll large stones against the mouth of the cave, and assign men by it to guard them,

19 but do not stay *there* yourselves; pursue your enemies and <sup>1</sup>attack them in the rear. Do not allow them to enter their cities, for the LORD your God has delivered them into your hand.”

20 <sup>1</sup>Lit., striking <sup>2</sup>Lit., and had  
<sup>a</sup>Deut. 20:16

20 And it came about when Joshua and the sons of Israel had finished <sup>1</sup>slaying them with a very great slaughter, <sup>a</sup>until they were destroyed, and the survivors *who* remained of them <sup>2</sup>had entered the fortified cities,

21 <sup>1</sup>Lit., sharpened his tongue

21 that all the people returned to the camp to Joshua at Makkedah in peace. No one <sup>1</sup>uttered a word against any of the sons of Israel.

22 Then Joshua said, “Open the mouth of the cave and bring these five kings out to me from the cave.”

23 <sup>a</sup>Deut. 7:24

23 And they did so, and <sup>a</sup>brought these five kings out to him from the cave: the king of Jerusalem, the king of Hebron, the king of Jarmuth, the king of Lachish, *and* the king of Eglon.

24 And it came about when they brought these kings out to Joshua, that Joshua called for all the men of Israel, and said to the chiefs of the men of war who had gone with him, “Come near, put your feet on the necks of these kings.” So they came near and put their feet on their necks.

25 <sup>a</sup>Josh. 10:8

25 Joshua then said to them, “<sup>a</sup>Do not fear or be dismayed!

26 <sup>a</sup>Josh. 8:2927 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *the time of the going of the sun*  
<sup>a</sup>Deut. 21:22, 2328 <sup>1</sup>Or, *put under the ban* <sup>2</sup>Some mss. read them  
<sup>3</sup>Lit., *soul*, and so throughout the chap.  
<sup>a</sup>Deut. 20:16 <sup>b</sup>Josh. 6:2133 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *smote*35 <sup>1</sup>Or, *put under the ban*37 <sup>1</sup>Or, *put it under the ban*39 <sup>1</sup>Or, *put it under the ban*40 <sup>1</sup>I.e., South country  
<sup>2</sup>Or, *put it under the ban*  
<sup>a</sup>Deut. 1:7 <sup>b</sup>Deut. 7:24  
<sup>c</sup>Deut. 20:1641 <sup>a</sup>Josh. 11:16; 15:51

Be strong and courageous, for thus the LORD will do to all your enemies with whom you fight."

26 So afterward Joshua struck them and put them to death, and he <sup>a</sup>changed them on five trees; and they hung on the trees until evening.

27 And it came about at <sup>1</sup>sunset that Joshua commanded, and <sup>a</sup>they took them down from the trees and threw them into the cave where they had hidden themselves, and put large stones over the mouth of the cave, to this very day.

28 Now Joshua captured Makkedah on that day, and struck it and its king with the edge of the sword; <sup>a</sup>he <sup>1</sup>utterly destroyed <sup>2</sup>it and every <sup>3</sup>person who was in it. He left no survivor. Thus he did to the king of Makkedah <sup>b</sup>just as he had done to the king of Jericho.

29 Then Joshua and all Israel with him passed on from Makkedah to Libnah, and fought against Libnah.

30 And the LORD gave it also with its king into the hands of Israel, and he struck it and every person who *was* in it with the edge of the sword. He left no survivor in it. Thus he did to its king just as he had done to the king of Jericho.

31 And Joshua and all Israel with him passed on from Libnah to Lachish, and they camped by it and fought against it.

32 And the LORD gave Lachish into the hands of Israel; and he captured it on the second day, and struck it and every person who *was* in it with the edge of the sword, according to all that he had done to Libnah.

33 Then Horam king of Gezer came up to help Lachish, and Joshua <sup>1</sup>defeated him and his people until he had left him no survivor.

34 And Joshua and all Israel with him passed on from Lachish to Eglon, and they camped by it and fought against it.

35 And they captured it on that day and struck it with the edge of the sword; and he <sup>1</sup>utterly destroyed that day every person who *was* in it, according to all that he had done to Lachish.

36 Then Joshua and all Israel with him went up from Eglon to Hebron, and they fought against it.

37 And they captured it and struck it and its king and all its cities and all the persons who *were* in it with the edge of the sword. He left no survivor, according to all that he had done to Eglon. And he <sup>1</sup>utterly destroyed it and every person who *was* in it.

38 Then Joshua and all Israel with him returned to Debir, and they fought against it.

39 And he captured it and its king and all its cities, and they struck them with the edge of the sword, and <sup>1</sup>utterly destroyed every person *who was* in it. He left no survivor. Just as he had done to Hebron, so he did to Debir and its king, as he had also done to Libnah and its king.

40 Thus Joshua struck all the land, <sup>a</sup>the hill country and the <sup>1</sup>Negev and the lowland and the slopes and <sup>b</sup>all their kings. He left no survivor, but <sup>c</sup>he <sup>2</sup>utterly destroyed all who breathed, just as the LORD, the God of Israel, had commanded.

41 And Joshua struck them from Kadesh-barnea even as far as Gaza, and all the country of <sup>a</sup>Goshen even as far as Gibeon.



42 And Joshua captured all these kings and their lands at one time, because the LORD, the God of Israel, <sup>a</sup>fought for Israel.

42 <sup>a</sup>Josh. 10:14

43 So Joshua and all Israel with him returned to the camp at Gilgal.

1 <sup>a</sup>Josh 11:10

CHAPTER 11

THEN it came about, when Jabin king of <sup>a</sup>Hazor heard of it, that he sent to Jobab king of Madon and to the king of Shimron and to the king of Achshaph,

2 <sup>1</sup>l.e., Sea of Galilee  
2 Or, *Naphoth-dor*  
<sup>a</sup>Josh. 12:3-13:27

2 and to the kings who were of the north in the hill country, and in the <sup>a</sup>Arabah—south of <sup>1</sup>Chinneroth and in the lowland and on the <sup>2</sup>heights of Dor on the west—

3 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *under*

3 to the Canaanite on the east and on the west, and the Amorite and the Hittite and the Perizzite and the Jebusite in the hill country, and the Hivite <sup>1</sup>at the foot of Hermon in the land of Mizpeh.

4 <sup>a</sup>Judg. 7:12

4 And they came out, they and all their armies with them, as many people as <sup>a</sup>the sand that is on the seashore, with very many horses and chariots.

6 <sup>a</sup>Josh. 10:8 <sup>b</sup>2 Sam. 8:4

5 So all of these kings having agreed to meet, came and encamped together at the waters of Merom, to fight against Israel.

6 Then the LORD said to Joshua, “<sup>a</sup>Do not be afraid because of them, for tomorrow at this time I will deliver all of them slain before Israel; you shall <sup>b</sup>hamstring their horses and burn their chariots with fire.”

8 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *smote*  
<sup>a</sup>Josh. 13:6 <sup>b</sup>Josh. 11:3

7 So Joshua and all the people of war with him came upon them suddenly by the waters of Merom, and attacked them.

8 And the LORD delivered them into the hand of Israel, so that they <sup>1</sup>defeated them, and pursued them as far as great Sidon and <sup>a</sup>Misrephoth-maim and the valley of <sup>b</sup>Mizpeh to the east; and they struck them until no survivor was left to them.

9 <sup>a</sup>Josh. 11:6

9 And Joshua did to them as the LORD had told him; he <sup>a</sup>hamstrung their horses, and burned their chariots with fire.

10 <sup>a</sup>Josh. 11:1

10 Then Joshua turned back at that time, and captured <sup>a</sup>Hazor and struck its king with the sword; for Hazor formerly was the head of all these kingdoms.

11 <sup>a</sup>And they struck every person who was in it with the edge of the sword, <sup>1</sup>utterly destroying *them*; there was no one left who breathed. And he burned Hazor with fire.

11 <sup>1</sup>Or, *putting them under the ban*. So throughout the chapter  
<sup>a</sup>Deut. 20:16

12 And Joshua captured all the cities of these kings, and all their kings, and he struck them with the edge of the sword, and utterly destroyed them; just as Moses the servant of the LORD had commanded.

13 However, Israel did not burn any cities that stood on their mounds, except Hazor alone, *which* Joshua burned.

14 <sup>a</sup>Num. 31:11, 12

14 <sup>a</sup>And all the spoil of these cities and the cattle, the sons of Israel took as their plunder; but they struck every man with the edge of the sword, until they had destroyed them. They left no one who breathed.

15 Just as the LORD had commanded Moses his servant, so

16 <sup>1</sup>I.e., South country  
<sup>a</sup>Josh. 10:40. 41 <sup>b</sup>Josh. 11:2

17 <sup>1</sup>Lit., under  
<sup>a</sup>Josh. 12:7 <sup>b</sup>Deut. 7:24

19 <sup>a</sup>Josh. 9:3, 7

20 <sup>1</sup>Lit., make strong  
<sup>2</sup>Lit., have  
<sup>a</sup>Ex. 14:17

21 <sup>a</sup>Num. 13:33; Deut. 9:2

23 <sup>a</sup>Deut. 1:38 <sup>b</sup>Deut.  
12:9, 10; 25:19; Heb. 4:8

1 <sup>1</sup>Lit., smote  
<sup>a</sup>Num. 32:33; Deut. 3:8-17

2 <sup>a</sup>Deut. 2:36

3 <sup>1</sup>I.e., Galilee <sup>2</sup>Lit., the  
way of <sup>3</sup>Lit., under  
<sup>a</sup>Josh. 11:2 <sup>b</sup>Josh. 13:20

4 <sup>a</sup>Deut. 3:11

6 <sup>1</sup>Lit., smote

Moses commanded Joshua, and so Joshua did; he left nothing undone of all that the LORD had commanded Moses.

16 Thus Joshua took all that land: <sup>a</sup>the hill country and all the <sup>1</sup>Negev, all that land of Goshen, the lowland, <sup>b</sup>the Arabah, the hill country of Israel and its lowland

17 from <sup>a</sup>Mount Halak, that rises toward Seir, even as far as Baal-gad in the valley of Lebanon <sup>1</sup>at the foot of Mount Hermon. And he captured <sup>b</sup>all their kings and struck them down and put them to death.

18 Joshua waged war a long time with all these kings.

19 There was not a city which made peace with the sons of Israel except <sup>a</sup>the Hivites living in Gibeon; they took them all in battle.

20 <sup>a</sup>For it was of the LORD to <sup>1</sup>harden their hearts, to meet Israel in battle in order that he might utterly destroy them, that they might <sup>2</sup>receive no mercy, but that he might destroy them, just as the LORD had commanded Moses.

21 Then Joshua came at that time and cut off <sup>a</sup>the Anakim from the hill country, from Hebron, from Debir, from Anab and from all the hill country of Judah and from all the hill country of Israel. Joshua utterly destroyed them with their cities.

22 There were no Anakim left in the land of the sons of Israel; only in Gaza, in Gath, and in Ashdod some remained.

23 So Joshua took the whole land, according to all that the LORD had spoken to Moses, and <sup>a</sup>Joshua gave it for an inheritance to Israel according to their divisions by their tribes. <sup>b</sup>Thus the land had rest from war.

CHAPTER 12

<sup>a</sup>**N**OW these are the kings of the land whom the sons of Israel <sup>1</sup>defeated, and whose land they possessed beyond the Jordan toward the sunrise, from the valley of the Arnon as far as Mount Hermon, and all the Arabah to the east:

2 Sihon king of the Amorites, who lived in Heshbon, *and* ruled from Aroer, which is on the edge of the valley of the Arnon, both <sup>a</sup>the middle of the valley and half of Gilead, even as far as the brook Jabbok, the border of the sons of Ammon;

3 and the <sup>a</sup>Arabah as far as the Sea of <sup>1</sup>Chinneroth toward the east, and as far as the sea of the Arabah, *even* the Salt Sea, eastward <sup>2</sup>toward <sup>b</sup>Beth-jeshimoth, and on the south, <sup>3</sup>at the foot of the slopes of Pisgah;

4 and the territory of Og king of Bashan, one of <sup>a</sup>the remnant of Rephaim, who lived at Ashtaroth and at Edrei.

5 and ruled over Mount Hermon and Salecah and all Bashan, as far as the border of the Geshurites and the Maacathites, and half of Gilead, *as far as* the border of Sihon king of Heshbon.

6 Moses the servant of the LORD and the sons of Israel <sup>1</sup>defeated them; and Moses the servant of the LORD gave it to the Reubenites and the Gadites, and the half-tribe of Manasseh as a possession.

7 Now these are the kings of the land whom Joshua and

the sons of Israel <sup>1</sup>defeated beyond the Jordan toward the west, from Baal-gad in the valley of Lebanon even as far as <sup>a</sup>Mount Halak, which rises toward Seir; and Joshua gave it to the tribes of Israel as a possession according to their divisions,

8 <sup>a</sup>in the hill country, in the lowland, in the Arabah, on the slopes, and in the wilderness, and in the <sup>1</sup>Negev; the Hittite, the Amorite and the Canaanite, the Perizzite, the Hivite and the Jebusite:

9 the king of Jericho, one; the king of Ai, which is beside Bethel, one;

10 the king of Jerusalem, one; the king of Hebron, one;

11 the king of Jarmuth, one; the king of Lachish, one;

12 the king of Eglon, one; the king of Gezer, one;

13 the king of Debir, one; the king of Geder, one;

14 the king of Hormah, one; the king of <sup>a</sup>Arad, one;

15 the king of Libnah, one; the king of Adullam, one;

16 the king of Makkedah, one; the king of Bethel, one;

17 the king of Tappuah, one; the king of Hopher, one;

18 the king of Aphek, one; the king of Lasharon, one;

19 the king of Madon, one; the king of Hazor, one;

20 the king of Shimron-meron, one; the king of Achshaph,

one;

21 the king of Taanach, one; the king of Megiddo, one;

22 the king of Kedesh, one; the king of Jokneam in Carmel,

one;

23 the king of Dor in the <sup>1</sup>heights of Dor, one; the king of Goliim in Gilgal, one;

24 the king of Tirzah, one: <sup>a</sup>in all, <sup>1</sup>thirty-one kings.

## CHAPTER 13

<sup>a</sup>NOW Joshua was old *and* advanced in years when the LORD said to him, "You are old *and* advanced in years, and very much of the land remains to be possessed.

2 "This is the land that remains: all the regions of the Philistines and all *those* of the Geshurites;

3 from the Shihor which is <sup>1</sup>east of Egypt, even as far as the border of Ekron to the north (it is counted as Canaanite); the Ashkelonite, the Gittite, the Ekronite; and the Avvite

4 <sup>1</sup>to the south, all the land of the Canaanite, and Mearah that belongs to the Sidonians, as far as Aphek, to the border of the Amorite;

5 and the land of the Gebalite, and all of Lebanon, toward the <sup>1</sup>east, from Baal-gad below Mount Hermon as far as <sup>2</sup>Lebo-hamath.

6 "All the inhabitants of the hill country from Lebanon as far as <sup>a</sup>Misrcphoth-maim, all the Sidonians, I will <sup>1</sup>drive them out from before the sons of Israel; only allot it to Israel for an inheritance as I have commanded you.

7 "Now therefore apportion this land for an inheritance to the nine tribes, and the half-tribe of Manasseh."

8 With <sup>1</sup>the other half-tribe, the Reubenites and the Gadites received their inheritance which Moses gave them <sup>a</sup>beyond the Jordan to the east, just as Moses the servant of the LORD gave to them;

9 from Aroer, which is on the edge of the valley of the

7 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *smote*  
<sup>a</sup>Josh. 11:17

8 <sup>1</sup>i.e., South country  
<sup>a</sup>Josh. 11:16

14 <sup>a</sup>Num. 21:1

23 <sup>1</sup>Or, *Naphath-dor*

24 <sup>a</sup>Deut. 7:24

1 <sup>a</sup>Josh. 14:10

3 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *on the face of*

4 <sup>1</sup>Or, *from the Teman*

5 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *sunrise* <sup>2</sup>Or, *the entrance of Hamath*

6 <sup>1</sup>Or, *dispossess*  
<sup>a</sup>Josh. 11:8

8 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *it, the*  
<sup>a</sup>Josh. 12:1-6

11 <sup>1</sup>Or, border

Arnon, with the city which is in the middle of the valley, and all the plain of Medeba, as far as Dibon;

10 and all the cities of Sihon king of the Amorites, who reigned in Heshbon, as far as the border of the sons of Ammon;

11 and Gilead, and the <sup>1</sup>territory of the Geshurites and Maacathites, and all Mount Hermon, and all Bashan as far as Salecah;

14 <sup>1</sup>Lit., his  
<sup>a</sup>Deut. 18:1, 2

12 all the kingdom of Og in Bashan, who reigned in Ashtaroth and in Edrei (he alone was left of the remnant of the Rephaim); for Moses struck them and dispossessed them.

13 But the sons of Israel did not dispossess the Geshurites or the Maacathites; for Geshur and Maacath live among Israel until this day.

16 <sup>1</sup>Or, border  
<sup>a</sup>Josh. 13:9

14 <sup>a</sup>Only to the tribe of Levi he did not give an inheritance; the offerings by fire to the LORD, the God of Israel, are <sup>1</sup>their inheritance, as He spoke to him.

15 So Moses gave *an inheritance* to the tribe of the sons of Reuben according to their families.

16 And their <sup>1</sup>territory was from <sup>a</sup>Aroer, which is on the edge of the valley of the Arnon, with the city which is in the middle of the valley and all the plain by Medeba;

21 <sup>a</sup>Num. 31:8

17 Heshbon, and all its cities which are on the plain: Dibon and Bamoth-baal and Beth-baal-meon,

18 and Jahaz and Kedemoth and Mephaath,

19 and Kiriathaim and Sibmah and Zereth-shahar on the hill of the valley,

22 <sup>a</sup>Num. 31:8

20 and Beth-peor and the slopes of Pisgah and Beth-jeshimoth,

21 even all the cities of the plain and all the kingdom of Sihon king of the Amorites who reigned in Heshbon, whom Moses struck with the chiefs of Midian, <sup>a</sup>Evi and Rekem and Zur and Hur and Reba, the princes of Sihon, who lived in the land.

23 <sup>1</sup>Lit., Jordan and border

22 The sons of Israel also killed <sup>a</sup>Balaam the son of Beor, the diviner, with the sword among *the rest* of their slain.

23 And the border of the sons of Reuben was the <sup>1</sup>Jordan. This was the inheritance of the sons of Reuben according to their families, the cities and their villages.

26 <sup>1</sup>Or, Lidebir

24 Moses also gave *an inheritance* to the tribe of Gad, to the sons of Gad, according to their families.

25 And their territory was Jazer, and all the cities of Gilead, and half the land of the sons of Ammon, as far as Aroer which is before Rabbah;

26 and from Heshbon as far as Ramath-mizpeh and Betonim, and from Mahanaim as far as the border of <sup>1</sup>Debir;

27 <sup>1</sup>Lit., and border <sup>2</sup>i.e., Galilee  
<sup>a</sup>Num. 34:11; Deut. 3:17

27 and in the valley, Beth-haram and Beth-nimrah and Succoth and Zaphon, the rest of the kingdom of Sihon king of Heshbon, with the Jordan <sup>1</sup>as a border, as far as the *lower* end of the Sea of <sup>2a</sup>Chinnereth beyond the Jordan to the east.

28 This is the inheritance of the sons of Gad according to their families, the cities and their villages.

29 Moses also gave *an inheritance* to the half-tribe of Manasseh; and it was for the half-tribe of the sons of Manasseh according to their families.

30 And their territory was from Mahanaim, all Bashan, all

the kingdom of Og king of Bashan, and all <sup>a</sup>the <sup>1</sup>towns of Jair, which are in Bashan, sixty cities;

31 also half of Gilead, with Ashtaroth and Edrei, the cities of the kingdom of Og in Bashan, *were* for the sons of Machir the son of Manasseh, for half of the sons of Machir according to their families.

32 These are *the territories* which Moses apportioned for an inheritance in the plains of Moab, beyond the Jordan at Jericho to the east.

33 <sup>a</sup>But to the tribe of Levi, Moses did not give an inheritance; the LORD, the God of Israel, is their inheritance, as He had <sup>1</sup>promised to them.

CHAPTER 14

NOW these are *the territories* which the sons of Israel inherited in the land of Canaan, which <sup>a</sup>Eleazar the priest, and Joshua the son of Nun, and the heads of the <sup>1</sup>households of the tribes of the sons of Israel apportioned to them for an inheritance,

2 by the lot of their inheritance, as the LORD commanded <sup>1</sup>through Moses, for the nine tribes and the half-tribe.

3 <sup>a</sup>For Moses had given the inheritance of the two tribes and the half-tribe beyond the Jordan; <sup>b</sup>but he did not give an inheritance to the Levites among them.

4 For the sons of Joseph were two tribes, Manasseh and Ephraim, and they did not give a portion to the Levites in the land, except cities to live in, with their pasture lands for their livestock and for their property.

5 Thus the sons of Israel did just as the LORD had commanded Moses, and they divided the land.

6 Then the sons of Judah drew near to Joshua in Gilgal, and <sup>a</sup>Caleb the son of Jephunneh the Kenizzite said to him, "You know the word which the LORD spoke to Moses the man of God concerning <sup>1</sup>you and me in Kadesh-barnea.

7 "I was forty years old when Moses the servant of the LORD sent me from Kadesh-barnea to spy out the land, and I brought word back to him as *it was* in my heart.

8 "Nevertheless my brethren who went up with me made the heart of the people <sup>1</sup>melt with fear; but I followed the LORD my God fully.

9 <sup>a</sup>"So Moses swore on that day, saying, 'Surely the land on which your foot has trodden shall be an inheritance to you and to your children forever, because you have followed the LORD my God fully.'

10 "And now behold, the LORD has let me live, just as He spoke, these forty-five years, from the time that the LORD spoke this word to Moses, when Israel walked in the wilderness; and now behold, I am eighty-five years old today.

11 "I am still as strong today as I was in the day Moses sent me; as my strength was then, so my strength is now, for war and for going out and coming in.

12 "Now then, give me this hill country about which the LORD spoke on that day, for you heard on that day that <sup>a</sup>Anakim *were* there, with great fortified cities; perhaps the LORD will be <sup>1</sup>with me, and I shall <sup>1</sup>drive them out as the LORD has spoken."

30 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *tent villages*  
<sup>a</sup>Num. 32:41

33 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *spoken to*  
<sup>a</sup>Josh. 13:14

1 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *fathers'*  
<sup>a</sup>Num. 34:16-29

2 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *by the hand of*

3 <sup>a</sup>Num. 32:33 <sup>b</sup>Josh. 13:14

6 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *me and concerning you*  
<sup>a</sup>Num. 13:6, 30; 14:6, 24, 30

8 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *become demoralized*

9 <sup>a</sup>Deut. 1:36

12 <sup>1</sup>Or, *dispossesses*  
<sup>a</sup>Num. 13:33

<sup>15</sup> <sup>1</sup> i.e., the city of Arba  
<sup>a</sup>Josh. 11:23

<sup>1</sup> <sup>1</sup> Lit., *was to*  
<sup>a</sup>Num. 34:3, <sup>4</sup> <sup>b</sup>Num. 20:16  
<sup>c</sup>Deut. 32:51

<sup>4</sup> <sup>1</sup> Or, *wadi* <sup>2</sup> Lit., *goings out of the border were*

<sup>5</sup> <sup>1</sup> Lit., *end*  
<sup>a</sup>Num. 34:3 <sup>b</sup>Josh. 18:15-19

<sup>7</sup> <sup>1</sup> Lit., *the goings out of it were*  
<sup>a</sup>Deut. 7:24

<sup>8</sup> <sup>a</sup>Josh. 15:63

<sup>11</sup> <sup>1</sup> Lit., *goings out ... were*

<sup>12</sup> <sup>1</sup> Lit., *border*

**13** So Joshua blessed him, and gave Hebron to Caleb the son of Jephunneh for an inheritance.

**14** Therefore, Hebron became the inheritance of Caleb the son of Jephunneh the Kenizzite until this day, because he followed the LORD God of Israel fully.

**15** Now the name of Hebron was formerly <sup>1</sup>Kiriath-arba; *for Arba* was the greatest man among the Anakim. <sup>a</sup>Then the land had rest from war.

CHAPTER 15

<sup>a</sup>**N**OW the lot for the tribe of the sons of Judah according to their families <sup>1</sup>reached the <sup>b</sup>border of Edom, southward to the wilderness of <sup>c</sup>Zin at the extreme south.

**2** And their south border was from the lower end of the Salt Sea, from the bay that turns to the south.

**3** Then it proceeded southward to the ascent of Akrabbim and continued to Zin, then went up by the south of Kadesh-barnea and continued to Hezron, and went up to Addar and turned about to Karka.

**4** And it continued to Azmon and proceeded to the <sup>1</sup>brook of Egypt; and the <sup>2</sup>border ended at the sea. This shall be your south border.

**5** <sup>a</sup>And the east border *was* the Salt Sea, as far as the <sup>1</sup>mouth of the Jordan. <sup>b</sup>And the border of the north side was from the bay of the sea at the <sup>1</sup>mouth of the Jordan.

**6** Then the border went up to Beth-hoglah, and continued on the north of Beth-arabah, and the border went up to the stone of Bohan the son of Reuben.

**7** And the border went up to Debir from <sup>a</sup>the valley of Achor, and turned northward toward Gilgal which is opposite the ascent of Adummim, which is on the south of the valley; and the border continued to the waters of En-shemesh, and <sup>1</sup>it ended at En-rogel.

**8** Then the border went up the valley of Ben-hinnom to the slope of the <sup>a</sup>Jebusite on the south (that is, Jerusalem); and the border went up to the top of the mountain which is before the valley of Hinnom to the west, which is at the end of the valley Rephaim toward the north.

**9** And from the top of the mountain the border curved to the spring of the waters of Nephtoa and proceeded to the cities of Mount Ephron, then the border curved to Baalah (that is, Kiriath-jearim).

**10** And the border turned about from Baalah westward to Mount Seir, and continued to the slope of Mount Jearim on the north (that is, Chesalon), and went down to Beth-shemesh and continued through Timnah.

**11** And the border proceeded to the side of Ekron northward. Then the border curved to Shikkeron and continued to Mount Baalah and proceeded to Jabneel, and the <sup>1</sup>border ended at the sea.

**12** And the west border *was* at the Great Sea, even its <sup>1</sup>coastline. This is the border around the sons of Judah according to their families.

13 <sup>a</sup>Now he gave to Caleb the son of Jephunneh a portion among the sons of Judah, according to the <sup>1</sup>command of the LORD to Joshua, *namely*, <sup>2</sup>Kiriath-arba, *Arba* being the father of Anak (that is, Hebron).

14 And <sup>a</sup>Caleb <sup>1</sup>drove out from there the three sons of Anak: Sheshai and Ahiman and Talmi, the children of Anak.

15 Then he went up from there against the inhabitants of Debir; now the name of Debir formerly was Kiriath-sepher.

16 And Caleb said, "The one who <sup>1</sup>attacks Kiriath-sepher and captures it, <sup>2</sup>I will give him Achsah my daughter as a wife."

17 <sup>a</sup>And Othniel the son of Kenaz, the brother of Caleb, captured it; so he gave him Achsah his daughter as a wife.

18 And it came about that when she came to *him*, she persuaded him to ask her father for a field. So she alighted from the donkey, and Caleb said to her, "What do you want?"

19 Then she said, "Give me a blessing; since you have given me the land of the <sup>1</sup>Negev, give me also springs of water." So he gave her the upper springs and the lower springs.

20 This is the inheritance of the tribe of the sons of Judah according to their families.

21 Now the cities at the extremity of the tribe of the sons of Judah toward the border of Edom in the south were Kabzeel and <sup>a</sup>Eder and Jagur,

22 and Kinah and Dimonah and Adadah,

23 and Kedesh and Hazor and Ithnan,

24 Ziph and Telem and Bealoth,

25 and Hazor-hadattah and Keriath-hezron (that is, Hazor),

26 Amam and Shema and Moladah,

27 and Hazar-gaddah and Heshmon and Beth-pelet,

28 and Hazar-shual and <sup>a</sup>Beersheba and Biziothiah,

29 Baalah and Iim and Ezem,

30 and Eltolad and Chesil and Hormah,

31 and <sup>a</sup>Ziklag and Madmannah and Sansannah,

32 and Lebaoth and Shilhim and Ain and Rimmon; in all, twenty-nine cities with their villages.

33 In the lowland: <sup>a</sup>Eshtaol and Zorah and Ashnah,

34 and Zanoah and En-gannim, Tappuah and Enam,

35 Jarmuth and <sup>a</sup>Adullam, Socoh and Azekah,

36 and Shaaraim and Adithaim and Gederah and Gederothaim; fourteen cities with their villages.

37 Zenan and Hadashah and Migdal-gad,

38 and Dilean and Mizpeh and Joktheel,

39 <sup>a</sup>Lachish and Bozkath and Eglon,

40 and Cabbon and Lahmas and Chitlish,

41 and Gederoth, Beth-dagon and Naamah and Makke-dah; sixteen cities with their villages.

42 Libnah and Ether and Ashan,

43 and Iphtah and Ashnah and Nezib,

44 and Keilah and Achzib and Mareshah; nine cities with their villages.

45 Ekron, with its towns and its villages;

46 from Ekron even to the sea, all that were by the <sup>1</sup>side of Ashdod, with their villages.

47 Ashdod, its towns and its villages; Gaza, its towns and its

13 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *mouth* <sup>2</sup>i.e., the city of Arba  
<sup>a</sup>Josh. 14:13-15 <sup>b</sup>Num. 13:6

14 <sup>1</sup>Or, *dispossessed*  
<sup>a</sup>Josh. 11:21, 22; Num. 13:33; Deut. 9:2

16 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *smites* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *and I*

17 <sup>a</sup>Judg. 1:13; 3:9

19 <sup>1</sup>i.e., South country

21 <sup>a</sup>Gen. 35:21

28 <sup>a</sup>Gen. 21:31

31 <sup>1</sup>Sam. 27:6; 30:1

33 <sup>a</sup>Judg. 13:25; 16:31

35 <sup>1</sup>Sam. 22:1

39 <sup>a</sup>Josh. 10:3; 2 Kin. 14:19

46 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *hand*

47 <sup>1</sup>Or, wadi <sup>2</sup>Lit., border  
<sup>a</sup>Josh. 13:3

63 <sup>1</sup>Or, dispossess them  
<sup>a</sup>Judg. 1:21; 2 Sam. 5:6

1 <sup>a</sup>Josh. 8:15; 18:12

3 <sup>1</sup>Lit., goings out of it  
were  
<sup>a</sup>Josh. 18:13; 1 Kin. 9:17  
<sup>b</sup>Josh. 10:33

5 <sup>a</sup>Josh. 18:13

6 <sup>a</sup>Josh. 17:7

7 <sup>a</sup>1 Chr. 7:28

8 <sup>1</sup>Or, wadi <sup>2</sup>Lit., goings  
out of it were  
<sup>a</sup>Josh. 17:8

10 <sup>1</sup>Or, dispossess  
<sup>a</sup>Judg. 1:29; 1 Kin. 9:16  
<sup>b</sup>Josh. 17:12, 13

villages; as far as <sup>a</sup>the <sup>1</sup>brook of Egypt and the Great Sea, even its <sup>2</sup>coastline.

**48** And in the hill country: Shamir and Jattir and Socoh,

**49** and Dannah and Kiriath-sannah (that is, Debir),

**50** and Anab and Eshtemoah and Anim,

**51** and Goshen and Holon and Giloh; eleven cities with their villages.

**52** Arab and Dumah and Eshan,

**53** and Janum and Beth-tappuah and Aphekah,

**54** and Humtah and Kiriath-arba (that is, Hebron), and Zior; nine cities with their villages.

**55** Maon, Carmel and Ziph and Juttah,

**56** and Jezreel and Jokdeam and Zanoah,

**57** Kain, Gibeah and Timnah; ten cities with their villages.

**58** Halhul, Beth-zur and Gedor,

**59** and Maarath and Beth-anoth and Eltekon; six cities with their villages.

**60** Kiriath-baal (that is, Kiriath-jearim), and Rabbah; two cities with their villages.

**61** In the wilderness: Beth-arabah, Middin and Secacah,

**62** and Nibshan and the City of Salt and Engedi; six cities with their villages.

**63** Now as for the <sup>a</sup>Jebusites, the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the sons of Judah could not <sup>1</sup>drive them out; so the Jebusites live with the sons of Judah at Jerusalem until this day.

#### CHAPTER 16

**T**HEN the lot for the sons of Joseph went from the Jordan at Jericho to the waters of Jericho on the east into <sup>a</sup>the wilderness, going up from Jericho through the hill country to Bethel.

**2** And it went from Bethel to Luz, and continued to the border of the Archites at Ataroth.

**3** And it went down westward to the territory of the Japhletites, as far as the territory of lower <sup>a</sup>Beth-horon even to <sup>b</sup>Gezer, and <sup>1</sup>it ended at the sea.

**4** And the sons of Joseph, Manasseh and Ephraim, received their inheritance.

**5** Now *this* was the territory of the sons of Ephraim according to their families: the border of their inheritance eastward was <sup>a</sup>Ataroth-addar, as far as upper Beth-horon.

**6** Then the border went westward at <sup>a</sup>Michmethath on the north, and the border turned about eastward to Taanath-shiloh, and continued *beyond* it to the east of Janoah.

**7** And it went down from Janoah to Ataroth and to <sup>a</sup>Naarah, then reached Jericho and came out at the Jordan.

**8** From <sup>a</sup>Tappuah the border continued westward to the <sup>1</sup>brook of Kanah, and <sup>2</sup>it ended at the sea. This is the inheritance of the tribe of the sons of Ephraim according to their families,

**9** *together* with the cities which were set apart for the sons of Ephraim in the midst of the inheritance of the sons of Manasseh, all the cities with their villages.

**10** <sup>a</sup>But they did not <sup>1</sup>drive out the Canaanites who lived in Gezer, so <sup>b</sup>the Canaanites live in the midst of Ephraim to this day, and they became forced laborers.



## CHAPTER 17

**N**OW *this* was the lot for the tribe of Manasseh, for he was the first-born of Joseph. To Machir the first-born of Manasseh, the father of Gilead, <sup>1</sup>was allotted Gilead and Bashan, because he was a man of war.

**2** So *the lot* was *made* for the rest of the sons of Manasseh according to their families: for the sons of Abiezer and for the sons of Helek and for the sons of Asriel and for the sons of Shechem and for the sons of Hephher and for the sons of Shemida; these *were* the male *descendants* of Manasseh the son of Joseph according to their families.

**3** <sup>a</sup>However, Zelophehad, the son of Hephher, the son of Gilead, the son of Machir, the son of Manasseh, had no sons, only daughters; and these are the names of his daughters: Mahlah and Noah, Hoglah, Milcah and Tirzah.

**4** And they came near before Eleazar the priest and before Joshua the son of Nun and before the leaders, saying, "The LORD commanded Moses to give us an inheritance among our <sup>1</sup>brothers." So <sup>a</sup>according to the <sup>1</sup>command of the LORD he gave them an inheritance among their father's brothers.

**5** Thus there fell ten portions to Manasseh, besides the land of Gilead and Bashan, which is beyond the Jordan,

**6** because the daughters of Manasseh received an inheritance among his sons. And the <sup>a</sup>land of Gilead belonged to the rest of the sons of Manasseh.

**7** And the border of Manasseh <sup>1</sup>ran from Asher to Michmethath which was east of Shechem; then the border went <sup>2</sup>southward to the inhabitants of En-tappuah.

**8** The land of Tappuah belonged to Manasseh, but Tappuah on the border of Manasseh *belonged* to the sons of Ephraim.

**9** And the border went down to the <sup>1</sup>brook of Kanah, southward of the <sup>1</sup>brook (these cities *belonged* to Ephraim among the cities of Manasseh), and the border of Manasseh was on the north side of the <sup>1</sup>brook, and <sup>2</sup>it ended at the sea.

**10** The south side *belonged* to Ephraim and the north side to Manasseh, and the sea was <sup>1</sup>their border; and they reached to Asher on the north and to Issachar on the east.

**11** And in Issachar and in Asher, <sup>a</sup>Manasseh had Bethshean and its towns and Ibleam and its towns, and the inhabitants of Dor and its towns, and the inhabitants of En-dor and its towns, and the inhabitants of Taanach and its towns, and the inhabitants of Megiddo and its towns, the third is <sup>b</sup>Napheth.

**12** <sup>a</sup>But the sons of Manasseh could not take possession of these cities, because the Canaanites persisted in living in that land.

**13** And it came about when the sons of Israel became strong, <sup>a</sup>they put the Canaanites to forced labor, but they did not <sup>1</sup>drive them out completely.

**14** Then the sons <sup>a</sup>of Joseph spoke to Joshua, saying, "Why have you given me only one lot and one portion for an inheritance, since I am a numerous people whom the LORD has thus far blessed?"

<sup>1</sup> <sup>1</sup>Lit., and there was to him

<sup>3</sup> <sup>a</sup>Num. 26:33; 27:1-7

<sup>4</sup> <sup>1</sup>Lit., mouth  
<sup>a</sup>Num. 27:5-7

<sup>6</sup> <sup>a</sup>Josh. 13:30, 31

<sup>7</sup> <sup>1</sup>Lit., was <sup>2</sup>Lit., to the right hand

<sup>9</sup> <sup>1</sup>Or, wadi <sup>2</sup>Lit., goes out of it were

<sup>10</sup> <sup>1</sup>Lit., its

<sup>11</sup> <sup>a</sup>1 Chr. 7:29 <sup>b</sup>Josh. 11:2; 12:23

<sup>12</sup> <sup>a</sup>Judg. 1:27

<sup>13</sup> <sup>1</sup>Or, dispossess  
<sup>a</sup>Josh. 16:10

<sup>14</sup> <sup>a</sup>Num. 13:8

15 <sup>1</sup>Lit., up for yourself  
<sup>2</sup>Lit., cut down

16 <sup>a</sup>Josh. 17:18; Judg.  
1:19; 4:3, 13

18 <sup>1</sup>Lit., cut down <sup>2</sup>Lit.,  
goings out <sup>3</sup>Or, dispossess  
<sup>a</sup>Josh. 17:16

1 <sup>a</sup>Judg. 21:19; Jer. 7:12;  
26:6, 9

4 <sup>1</sup>Lit., the <sup>2</sup>Lit., come

7 <sup>1</sup>Lit., his  
<sup>a</sup>Josh. 13:33; Num. 18:7, 20

8 <sup>a</sup>Josh. 18:1

10 <sup>a</sup>Josh. 19:51; Num.  
34:16-29

11 <sup>1</sup>Lit., went out

15 And Joshua said to them, "If you are a numerous people, go <sup>1</sup>up to the forest and <sup>2</sup>clear a place for yourself there in the land of the Perizzites and of the Rephaim, since the hill country of Ephraim is too narrow for you."

16 And the sons of Joseph said, "The hill country is not enough for us, and all the Canaanites who live in the valley land have <sup>a</sup>chariots of iron, both those who are in Beth-shean and its towns, and those who are in the valley of Jezreel."

17 And Joshua spoke to the house of Joseph, to Ephraim and Manasseh, saying, "You are a numerous people and have great power; you shall not have one lot *only*,

18 but the hill country shall be yours. For though it is a forest, you shall <sup>1</sup>clear it, and to its <sup>2</sup>farthest borders it shall be yours; for you shall <sup>3</sup>drive out the Canaanites, even though they have <sup>a</sup>chariots of iron *and* though they are strong."

CHAPTER 18

**T**HEN the whole congregation of the sons of Israel assembled themselves at <sup>a</sup>Shiloh, and set up the tent of meeting there; and the land was subdued before them.

2 And there remained among the sons of Israel seven tribes who had not divided their inheritance.

3 So Joshua said to the sons of Israel, "How long will you put off entering to take possession of the land which the LORD, the God of your fathers, has given you?"

4 "Provide for yourselves three men from <sup>1</sup>each tribe that I may send them, and that they may arise and walk through the land and write a description of it according to their inheritance; then they shall <sup>2</sup>return to me.

5 "And they shall divide it into seven portions; Judah shall stay in its territory on the south, and the house of Joseph shall stay in their territory on the north.

6 "And you shall describe the land in seven divisions, and bring *the description* here to me. And I will cast lots for you here before the LORD our God.

7 "For <sup>a</sup>the Levites have no portion among you, because the priesthood of the LORD is <sup>1</sup>their inheritance. Gad and Reuben and the half-tribe of Manasseh also have received their inheritance eastward beyond the Jordan, which Moses the servant of the LORD gave them."

8 Then the men arose and went, and Joshua commanded those who went to describe the land, saying, "Go and walk through the land and describe it, and return to me; then I will cast lots for you here before the LORD in <sup>a</sup>Shiloh."

9 So the men went and passed through the land, and described it by cities in seven divisions in a book; and they came to Joshua to the camp at Shiloh.

10 <sup>a</sup>And Joshua cast lots for them in Shiloh before the LORD, and there Joshua divided the land to the sons of Israel according to their divisions.

11 Now the lot of the tribe of the sons of Benjamin came up according to their families, and the territory of their lot <sup>1</sup>lay between the sons of Judah and the sons of Joseph.

12 And their border on the north side was from the Jordan, then the border went up to the side of Jericho on the north,

and went up through the hill country westward; and <sup>1</sup>it ended at the wilderness of Beth-aven.

13 And from there the border continued to Luz, to the side of Luz (that is, Bethel) southward; and the border went down to Ataroth-addar, near the hill which *lies* on the south of lower Beth-horon.

14 And the border extended *from there*, and turned round on the west side southward, from the hill which *lies* before Beth-horon southward; and <sup>1</sup>it ended at Kiriath-baal (that is, Kiriath-jearim), a city of the sons of Judah. This *was* the west side.

15 <sup>2</sup>Then the south side *was* from the edge of Kiriath-jearim, and the border went westward and went to the fountain of the waters of Nephtoah.

16 And the border went down to the edge of the hill which is in the valley of Ben-hinnom, which is in the vale of Rephaim northward; and it went down to the valley of Hinnom, to the slope of the Jebusite southward, and went down to En-rogel.

17 And it extended northward and went to En-shemesh and went to Geliath, which is opposite the ascent of Adummim, and it went down to the stone of Bohan the son of Reuben.

18 And it continued to the side in front of the Arabah northward, and went down to the Arabah.

19 And the border continued to the side of Beth-hoglah northward; and the <sup>1</sup>border ended at the north bay of the Salt Sea, at the south end of the Jordan. This *was* the south border.

20 Moreover, the Jordan *was* its border on the east side. This *was* the inheritance of the sons of Benjamin, according to their families *and* according to its borders all around.

21 Now the cities of the tribe of the sons of Benjamin according to their families were Jericho and Beth-hoglah and Emek-keziz,

22 and Beth-arabah and Zemaraim and Bethel,

23 and Avvim and Parah and Ophrah,

24 and Chephar-ammoni and Ophni and Geba; twelve cities with their villages.

25 Gibeon and Ramah and Beeroth,

26 and Mizpeh and Chephirah and Mozah,

27 and Rekem and Irpeel and Taralah,

28 and Zelah, Haeleph and the Jebusite (that is, Jerusalem), Gibeah, Kiriath; fourteen cities with their villages. This is the inheritance of the sons of Benjamin according to their families.

12 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *goings out of it were*

14 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *goings out of it were*

15 <sup>2</sup>Josh. 15:5-9

19 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *goings out of the border were*

1 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *came out*

2 <sup>1</sup>Or, *Shema*, cf. Josh. 15:26

## CHAPTER 19

**T**HEN the second lot <sup>1</sup>fell to Simeon, to the tribe of the sons of Simeon according to their families, and their inheritance was in the midst of the inheritance of the sons of Judah.

2 So they had as their inheritance Beersheba and <sup>1</sup>Sheba and Moladah,

3 and Hazar-shual and Balah and Ezem,

4 and Eltolad and Bethul and Hormah,

8 <sup>1</sup>i.e., South country

9 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *their*

11 <sup>1</sup>Or, *reached to* <sup>2</sup>Or, wadi

12 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *went up*

13 <sup>1</sup>Or, *and is marked off*

14 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *goings out of it were*

17 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *came out*

22 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *goings out of their border were*

24 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *came out*

27 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *sunrise* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *from the left hand*

5 and Ziklag and Beth-marcaboth and Hazar-susah,  
6 and Beth-lebaoth and Sharuhin, thirteen cities with their villages;

7 Ain, Rimmon and Ether and Ashan, four cities with their villages;

8 and all the villages which *were* around these cities as far as Baalath-beer, Ramah of the <sup>1</sup>Negev. This *was* the inheritance of the tribe of the sons of Simeon according to their families.

9 The inheritance of the sons of Simeon *was taken* from the portion of the sons of Judah, for the share of the sons of Judah was too large for them; so the sons of Simeon received *an* inheritance in the midst of <sup>1</sup>Judah's inheritance.

10 Now the third lot came up for the sons of Zebulun according to their families. And the territory of their inheritance was as far as Sarid.

11 Then their border went up to the west and to Maralah, it then <sup>1</sup>touching Dabbesheth, and reached to the <sup>2</sup>brook that is before Jokneam.

12 Then it turned from Sarid to the east toward the sunrise as far as the border of Chisloth-tabor, and it proceeded to Daberath and <sup>1</sup>up to Japhia.

13 And from there it continued eastward toward the sunrise to Gath-hepher, to Eth-kazin, and it proceeded to Rimmon <sup>1</sup>which stretches to Neah.

14 And the border circled around it on the north to Han-nathon, and <sup>1</sup>it ended at the valley of Iphtahel.

15 *Included* also *were* Kattah and Nahalal and Shimron and Idalah and Bethlehem; twelve cities with their villages.

16 This *was* the inheritance of the sons of Zebulun according to their families, these cities with their villages.

17 The fourth lot <sup>1</sup>fell to Issachar, to the sons of Issachar according to their families.

18 And their territory was to Jezreel and *included* Chesul-loth and Shunem,

19 and Hapharaim and Shion and Anaharath,

20 and Rabbith and Kishion and Ebez,

21 and Remeth and En-gannim and En-haddah and Beth-pazzez.

22 And the border reached to Tabor and Shahazumah and Beth-shemesh, and <sup>1</sup>their border ended at the Jordan; sixteen cities with their villages.

23 This *was* the inheritance of the tribe of the sons of Issachar according to their families, the cities with their villages.

24 Now the fifth lot <sup>1</sup>fell to the tribe of the sons of Asher according to their families.

25 And their territory was Helkath and Hali and Beten and Achshaph,

26 and Allammelech and Amad and Mishal; and it reached to Carmel on the west and to Shihor-libnath.

27 And it turned toward the <sup>1</sup>east to Beth-dagon, and reached to Zebulun, and to the valley of Iphtahel northward to Beth-emek and Neiel; then it proceeded on <sup>2</sup>north to Cabul,

28 and Ebron and Rehob and Hammon and Kanah, as far as Great Sidon.

29 And the border turned to Ramah, and to the fortified city of Tyre; then the border turned to Hosah, and <sup>1</sup>it ended at the sea by the region of Achzib.

30 *Included also were* Ummah, and Aphek and Rehob; twenty-two cities with their villages.

31 *This was* the inheritance of the tribe of the sons of Asher according to their families, these cities with their villages.

32 The sixth lot <sup>1</sup>fell to the sons of Naphtali; to the sons of Naphtali according to their families.

33 And their border was from Heleph, from the oak in Zaanannim and Adami-nekeb and Jabneel, as far as Lakkum; and <sup>1</sup>it ended at the Jordan.

34 Then the border turned westward to Aznoth-tabor, and proceeded from there to Hukkok; and it reached to Zebulun on the south and <sup>1</sup>touched Asher on the west, and to Judah at the Jordan toward the <sup>2</sup>east.

35 And the fortified cities *were* Ziddim, Zer and Ham-math, Rakkath and Chinnereth,

36 and Adamah and Ramah and Hazor,

37 and Kedesh and Edrei and En-hazor,

38 and Yiron and Migdal-el, Horem and Beth-anath and Beth-shemesh; nineteen cities with their villages.

39 *This was* the inheritance of the tribe of the sons of Naphtali according to their families, the cities with their vil-lages.

40 The seventh lot <sup>1</sup>fell to the tribe of the sons of Dan according to their families.

41 And the territory of their inheritance was Zorah and Fshtaol and Ir-shemesh,

42 and Shaalabbin and Aijalon and Ithlah,

43 and Elon and Timnah and Ekron,

44 and Eltekeh and Gibbethon and Baalath,

45 and Jehud and Bene-berak and Gath-rimmon,

46 and Me-jarkon and Rakkon, with the territory over against <sup>1</sup>Joppa.

47 And the territory of the sons of Dan proceeded <sup>1</sup>beyond them; for the sons of Dan went up and fought with Leshem and captured it. Then they struck it with the edge of the sword and possessed it and <sup>2</sup>settled in it; and they called Leshem Dan after the name of Dan their father.

48 *This was* the inheritance of the tribe of the sons of Dan according to their families, these cities with their villages.

49 When they finished apportioning the land for inheritance by its borders, the sons of Israel gave an inheritance in their midst to Joshua the son of Nun.

50 In accordance with the <sup>1</sup>command of the LORD they gave him the city for which he asked, <sup>2</sup>Timnath-serah in the hill country of Ephraim. So he built the city and <sup>2</sup>settled in it.

51 <sup>2</sup>These are the inheritances which Eleazar the priest and Joshua the son of Nun and the heads of the <sup>1</sup>households of the tribes of the sons of Israel distributed by lot in Shiloh before the LORD, at the doorway of the tent of meeting. So they finished dividing the land.

29 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *goings out of it were*

32 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *came out*

33 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *goings out of it were*

34 <sup>1</sup>Or, *reached to* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *sunrise*

40 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *came out*

46 <sup>1</sup>Heb., *Japho*

47 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *from* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *dwelt*

50 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *mouth* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *dwelt*  
<sup>2</sup>Josh. 24:30; Num. 13:8

51 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *fathers*  
<sup>2</sup>Josh. 18:10

## CHAPTER 20

<sup>2</sup> <sup>1</sup>Lit., set for yourselves  
<sup>2</sup>Lit., by the hand of  
<sup>a</sup>Num. 35:6-34; Deut. 4:41;  
 19:2

<sup>3</sup> <sup>1</sup>Lit., smites

<sup>4</sup> <sup>1</sup>Lit., gather

<sup>6</sup> <sup>1</sup>Lit., return and come

<sup>7</sup> <sup>1</sup>Lit., sanctified <sup>2</sup>Heb.  
 Galil  
<sup>a</sup>Josh. 21:32; 1 Chr. 6:76  
<sup>b</sup>Josh. 21:11; Luke 1:39

<sup>8</sup> <sup>1</sup>Lit., set

<sup>9</sup> <sup>1</sup>Lit., smites

<sup>1</sup> <sup>1</sup>Lit., fathers  
<sup>a</sup>Num. 35:1-8

<sup>2</sup> <sup>1</sup>Lit., by the hand of  
<sup>a</sup>Num. 35:2

<sup>3</sup> <sup>1</sup>Lit., mouth

<sup>4</sup> <sup>1</sup>Lit., had

<sup>5</sup> <sup>1</sup>Lit., had

<sup>6</sup> <sup>1</sup>Lit., had

**T**HEN the LORD spoke to Joshua, saying,

<sup>2</sup> "Speak to the sons of Israel, saying, <sup>1</sup>Designate <sup>a</sup>the cities of refuge, of which I spoke to you <sup>2</sup>through Moses,

<sup>3</sup> that the manslayer who <sup>1</sup>kills any person unintentionally, without premeditation, may flee there, and they shall become your refuge from the avenger of blood.

<sup>4</sup> 'And he shall flee to one of these cities, and shall stand at the entrance of the gate of the city and state his case in the hearing of the elders of that city; and they shall <sup>1</sup>take him into the city to them and give him a place, so that he may dwell among them.

<sup>5</sup> 'Now if the avenger of blood pursues him, then they shall not deliver the manslayer into his hand, because he struck his neighbor without premeditation and did not hate him beforehand.

<sup>6</sup> 'And he shall dwell in that city until he stands before the congregation for judgment, until the death of the one who is high priest in those days. Then the manslayer shall <sup>1</sup>return to his own city and to his own house, to the city from which he fled.' "

<sup>7</sup> So they <sup>1</sup>set apart <sup>a</sup>Kedesh in <sup>2</sup>Galilee in the hill country of Naphtali and Shechem in the hill country of Ephraim, and Kiriath-arba (that is, Hebron) in <sup>b</sup>the hill country of Judah.

<sup>8</sup> And beyond the Jordan east of Jericho, they <sup>1</sup>designated Bezer in the wilderness on the plain from the tribe of Reuben, and Ramoth in Gilead from the tribe of Gad, and Golan in Bashan from the tribe of Manasseh.

<sup>9</sup> These were the appointed cities for all the sons of Israel and for the stranger who sojourns among them, that whoever <sup>1</sup>kills any person unintentionally may flee there, and not die by the hand of the avenger of blood until he stands before the congregation.

## CHAPTER 21

**T**HEN the heads of <sup>1</sup>households <sup>a</sup>of the Levites approached Eleazar the priest and Joshua the son of Nun and the heads of <sup>1</sup>households of the tribes of the sons of Israel.

<sup>2</sup> And they spoke to them at Shiloh in the land of Canaan, saying, "The LORD commanded <sup>1</sup>through Moses to give us cities to live in, with their pasture lands for our cattle."

<sup>3</sup> So the sons of Israel gave the Levites from their inheritance these cities with their pasture lands, according to the <sup>1</sup>command of the LORD.

<sup>4</sup> Then the lot came out for the families' of the Kohathites. And the sons of Aaron the priest, who were of the Levites, <sup>1</sup>received thirteen cities by lot from the tribe of Judah and from the tribe of the Simeonites and from the tribe of Benjamin.

<sup>5</sup> And the rest of the sons of Kohath <sup>1</sup>received ten cities by lot from the families of the tribe of Ephraim and from the tribe of Dan and from the half-tribe of Manasseh.

<sup>6</sup> And the sons of Gershon <sup>1</sup>received thirteen cities by lot

from the families of the tribe of Issachar and from the tribe of Asher and from the tribe of Naphtali and from the half-tribe of Manasseh in Bashan.

7 The sons of Merari according to their families <sup>1</sup>received twelve cities from the tribe of Reuben and from the tribe of Gad and from the tribe of Zebulun.

8 Now the sons of Israel gave by lot to the Levites these cities with their pasture lands, as the LORD had commanded <sup>1</sup>through Moses.

9 And they gave these cities which are *here* mentioned by name from the tribe of the sons of Judah and from the tribe of the sons of Simeon;

10 and they were for the sons of Aaron, one of the families of the Kohathites, of the sons of Levi, for the lot was theirs first.

11 Thus they gave them Kiriath-arba, *Arba being* the father of Anak (that is, Hebron), in the hill country of Judah, with its surrounding pasture lands.

12 But the fields of the city and its villages, they gave to Caleb the son of Jephunneh as his possession.

13 So to the sons of Aaron the priest they gave Hebron, the city of refuge for the manslayer, with its pasture lands, and Libnah with its pasture lands,

14 and Jattir with its pasture lands and Eshtemoa with its pasture lands,

15 and Holon with its pasture lands and Debir with its pasture lands,

16 and Ain with its pasture lands and Juttah with its pasture lands and Beth-shemesh with its pasture lands; nine cities from these two tribes.

17 And from the tribe of Benjamin, Gibeon with its pasture lands, Geba with its pasture lands,

18 Anathoth with its pasture lands and Almon with its pasture lands; four cities.

19 All the cities of the sons of Aaron, the priests, were thirteen cities with their pasture lands.

20 Then the cities from the tribe of Ephraim were allotted to the families of the sons of Kohath, the Levites, *even* to the rest of the sons of Kohath.

21 And they gave them Shechem, the city of refuge for the manslayer, with its pasture lands, in the hill country of Ephraim, and Gezer with its pasture lands,

22 and Kibzaim with its pasture lands and Beth-horon with its pasture lands; four cities.

23 And from the tribe of Dan, Elteke with its pasture lands, Gibbethon with its pasture lands,

24 Aijalon with its pasture lands, Gath-rimmon with its pasture lands; four cities.

25 And from the half-tribe of Manasseh, *they allotted* Taanach with its pasture lands and Gath-rimmon with its pasture lands; two cities.

26 All the cities with their pasture lands for the families of the rest of the sons of Kohath were ten.

27 And to the sons of Gershon, one of the families of the Levites, from the half-tribe of Manasseh, *they gave* Golan in

7 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *had*8 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *by the hand of*

41 <sup>a</sup>Num. 35:7

Bashan, the city of refuge for the manslayer, with its pasture lands, and Be-eshterah with its pasture lands; two cities.

28 And from the tribe of Issachar, *they gave* Kishion with its pasture lands, Daberath with its pasture lands,

29 Jarmuth with its pasture lands, En-gannim with its pasture lands; four cities.

30 And from the tribe of Asher, *they gave* Mishal with its pasture lands, Abdon with its pasture lands,

31 Helkath with its pasture lands and Rehob with its pasture lands; four cities.

32 And from the tribe of Naphtali, *they gave* Kedesh in Galilee, the city of refuge for the manslayer, with its pasture lands and Hammoth-dor with its pasture lands and Kartan with its pasture lands; three cities.

33 All the cities of the Gershonites according to their families were thirteen cities with their pasture lands.

34 And to the families of the sons of Merari, the rest of the Levites, *they gave* from the tribe of Zebulun, Jokneam with its pasture lands and Kartah with its pasture lands.

35 Dimnah with its pasture lands, Nahalal with its pasture lands; four cities.

36 And from the tribe of Reuben, *they gave* Bezer with its pasture lands and Jahaz with its pasture lands,

37 Kedemoth with its pasture lands and Mephaath with its pasture lands; four cities.

38 And from the tribe of Gad, *they gave* Ramoth in Gilead, the city of refuge for the manslayer, with its pasture lands and Mahanaim with its pasture lands,

39 Heshbon with its pasture lands, Jazer with its pasture lands; four cities in all.

40 All *these were* the cities of the sons of Merari according to their families, the rest of the families of the Levites; and their lot was twelve cities.

41 <sup>a</sup>All the cities of the Levites in the midst of the possession of the sons of Israel were forty-eight cities with their pasture lands.

42 These cities each had its surrounding pasture lands; thus *it was* with all these cities.

43 <sup>a</sup>So the LORD gave Israel all the land which He had sworn to give to their fathers, and <sup>b</sup>they possessed it and lived in it.

44 And the LORD <sup>a</sup>gave them rest on every side, according to all that He had sworn to their fathers, and <sup>b</sup>no one of all their enemies stood before them; <sup>c</sup>the LORD gave all their enemies into their hand.

45 <sup>a</sup>Not <sup>1</sup>one of the good <sup>2</sup>promises which the LORD had <sup>3</sup>made to the house of Israel failed; all came to pass.

## CHAPTER 22

<sup>a</sup>THEN Joshua summoned the Reubenites and the Gadites and the half-tribe of Manasseh,

2 and said to them, "You have kept all that Moses the servant of the LORD commanded you, <sup>a</sup>and have listened to my voice in all that I commanded you.

3 "You have not forsaken your brothers these many days

43 <sup>a</sup>Deut. 34:4 <sup>b</sup>Num. 33:53; Deut. 11:31; 17:1444 <sup>a</sup>Josh. 1:13; 23:1 <sup>b</sup>Deut. 7:24 <sup>c</sup>Ex. 23:3145 <sup>1</sup>Lit., a word <sup>2</sup>Lit., words <sup>3</sup>Lit., spoken  
<sup>a</sup>Josh. 23:14; 1 Kin. 8:561 <sup>a</sup>Num. 32:30-222 <sup>a</sup>Josh. 1:12-18



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They Build an Altar Which Offends.**

to this day, but have kept the charge of the commandment of the LORD your God.

4 <sup>a</sup>And now the LORD your God has given rest to your brothers, as He spoke to them; therefore turn now and go to your tents, to the land of your possession, which Moses the servant of the LORD gave you beyond the Jordan.

5 <sup>a</sup>Only be very careful to observe the commandment and the law which Moses the servant of the LORD commanded you, to love the LORD your God and walk in all His ways and keep His commandments and hold fast to Him and serve Him <sup>b</sup>with all your heart and with all your soul."

6 So Joshua blessed them and sent them away, and they went to their tents.

7 <sup>a</sup>Now to the one half-tribe of Manasseh Moses had given a possession in Bashan, <sup>b</sup>but to the other half Joshua gave a possession among their brothers westward beyond the Jordan. So when Joshua sent them away to their tents, he blessed them,

8 and said to <sup>1</sup>them, "Return to your tents with great riches and with very much livestock, with silver, gold, bronze, iron, and with very many clothes; divide the spoil of your enemies with your brothers."

9 And the sons of Reuben and the sons of Gad and the half-tribe of Manasseh returned home and departed from the sons of Israel at Shiloh which is in the land of Canaan, to go to the land of Gilead, to the land of their possession which they had possessed, according to the <sup>1</sup>command of the LORD <sup>2</sup>through Moses.

10 And when they came to the region of the Jordan which is in the land of Canaan, the sons of Reuben and the sons of Gad and the half-tribe of Manasseh built an altar there by the Jordan, a large altar in appearance.

11 And the sons of Israel heard it <sup>1</sup>said, "Behold, the sons of Reuben and the sons of Gad and the half-tribe of Manasseh have built <sup>a</sup>an altar at the <sup>2</sup>frontier of the land of Canaan, in the region of the Jordan, on the side belonging to the sons of Israel."

12 And when the sons of Israel heard of it, the whole congregation of the sons of Israel gathered themselves at <sup>a</sup>Shiloh, to go up against them in war.

13 Then the sons of Israel sent to the sons of Reuben and to the sons of Gad and to the half-tribe of Manasseh, into the land of Gilead, <sup>a</sup>Phinehas the son of Eleazar the priest,

14 and with him ten chiefs, one chief for each father's household from each of the tribes of Israel; and each one of them was the head of his father's household among the <sup>1</sup>thousands of Israel.

15 And they came to the sons of Reuben and to the sons of Gad and to the half-tribe of Manasseh, to the land of Gilead, and they spoke with them saying,

16 "Thus says the whole congregation of the LORD, 'What is this unfaithful act which you have committed against the God of Israel, turning away from following the LORD this day, by building yourselves <sup>a</sup>an altar, to rebel against the LORD this day?

17 'Is not <sup>a</sup>the <sup>1</sup>iniquity of Peor enough for us, from which

4 <sup>a</sup>Num. 32:18; Deut. 3:20

5 <sup>a</sup>Deut. 5:10 <sup>b</sup>Deut. 4:29

7 <sup>a</sup>Num. 32:33 <sup>b</sup>Josh. 17:1-13

8 <sup>1</sup>Lit., them, saying. "Return"

9 <sup>1</sup>Lit., mouth <sup>2</sup>Lit., by the hand of

11 <sup>1</sup>Lit., saying <sup>2</sup>Lit., front <sup>a</sup>Josh. 22:19; Deut. 12:5

12 <sup>a</sup>Josh. 18:1

13 <sup>a</sup>Num. 25:7, 11; 31:6

14 <sup>1</sup>Or, families

16 <sup>a</sup>Josh. 22:11

17 <sup>1</sup>Lit., the iniquity . . . little for us <sup>a</sup>Num. 25:1-9

19 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *cross for yourselves* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *abides*  
<sup>3</sup>Josh. 22:11

20 <sup>2</sup>Josh. 7:1-26

21 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *thousands*

23 <sup>2</sup>Deut. 12:11

24 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *from* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *sons, saying*

26 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *prepare to build for ourselves*

29 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *dwelling place*

30 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *thousands*

we have not cleansed ourselves to this day, although a plague came on the congregation of the LORD,

18 that you must turn away this day from following the LORD? And it will come about if you rebel against the LORD today, that He will be angry with the whole congregation of Israel tomorrow.

19 'If, however, the land of your possession is unclean, then <sup>1</sup>cross into the land of the possession of the LORD, where the LORD's <sup>2</sup>tabernacle <sup>2</sup>stands, and take possession among us. Only do not rebel against the LORD, or rebel against us by building an altar for yourselves, besides the altar of the LORD our God.

20 'Did not <sup>2</sup>Achan the son of Zerah act unfaithfully in the things under the ban, and wrath fall on all the congregation of Israel? And that man did not perish alone in his iniquity.'

21 Then the sons of Reuben and the sons of Gad and the half-tribe of Manasseh answered, and spoke to the heads of the <sup>1</sup>families of Israel.

22 "The Mighty One, God, the LORD, the Mighty One, God, the LORD! He knows, and may Israel itself know. If *it was* in rebellion, or if in an unfaithful act against the LORD do not Thou save us this day!

23 "If we have built us an altar to turn away from following the LORD, or <sup>2</sup>if to offer a burnt offering or grain offering on it, or if to offer sacrifices of peace offerings on it, may the LORD Himself require it.

24 "But truly we have done this out of concern, <sup>1</sup>for a reason, saying, 'In time to come your sons may say to our <sup>2</sup>sons, "What have you to do with the LORD, the God of Israel?

25 "For the LORD has made the Jordan a border between us and you, *you* sons of Reuben and sons of Gad; you have no portion in the LORD." So your sons may make our sons stop fearing the LORD.'

26 "Therefore we said, 'Let us <sup>1</sup>build an altar, not for burnt offering or for sacrifice;

27 rather it shall be a witness between us and you and between our generations after us, that we are to perform the service of the LORD before Him with our burnt offerings, and with our sacrifices and with our peace offerings, that your sons may not say to our sons in time to come, "You have no portion in the LORD."'

28 "Therefore we said, 'It shall also come about if they say *this* to us or to our generations in time to come, then we shall say, "See the copy of the altar of the LORD which our fathers made, not for burnt offering or for sacrifice; rather it is a witness between us and you."'

29 "Far be it from us that we should rebel against the LORD and turn away from following the LORD this day, by building an altar for burnt offering, for grain offering or for sacrifice, besides the altar of the LORD our God which is before His <sup>1</sup>tabernacle."

30 So when Phinehas the priest and the leaders of the congregation, even the heads of the <sup>1</sup>families of Israel who *were* with him, heard the words which the sons of Reuben and the sons of Gad and the sons of Manasseh spoke, it pleased them.

31 And Phinehas the son of Eleazar the priest said to the

sons of Reuben and to the sons of Gad and to the sons of Manasseh, "Today we know that the LORD is in our midst, because you have not committed this unfaithful act against the LORD; now you have delivered the sons of Israel from the hand of the LORD."

32 Then Phinehas the son of Eleazar the priest and the leaders returned from the sons of Reuben and from the sons of Gad, from the land of Gilead, to the land of Canaan, to the sons of Israel, and brought back word to them.

33 And the word pleased the sons of Israel, and the sons of Israel blessed God; and they did not speak of going up against them in war, to destroy the land in which the sons of Reuben and the sons of Gad were living.

34 And the sons of Reuben and the sons of Gad <sup>a</sup>called the altar *Witness*; "For," *they said*, "it is a witness between us that the LORD is God."

## CHAPTER 23

**N**OW it came about after many days, when the LORD had given <sup>a</sup>rest to Israel from all their enemies <sup>1</sup>on every side, and Joshua was old, advanced in years,

2 <sup>a</sup>that Joshua called for all Israel, for their elders and their heads and their judges and their officers, and said to them, "I am old, advanced in years.

3 "And you have seen all that the LORD your God has done to all these nations because of you, for <sup>a</sup>the LORD your God is He who has been fighting for you.

4 "See, <sup>a</sup>I have apportioned to you these nations which remain as an inheritance for your tribes, with all the nations which I have cut off, from the Jordan even to the Great Sea toward the setting of the sun.

5 "And the LORD your God, He shall thrust them out from before you and <sup>1</sup>drive them from before you; and <sup>a</sup>you shall possess their land, just as the LORD your God <sup>2</sup>promised you.

6 "<sup>a</sup>Be very firm, then, to keep and do <sup>b</sup>all that is written in the book of the law of Moses, so that you may not turn aside from it to the right hand or to the left,

7 in order that you may not <sup>1</sup>associate with these nations, these which remain among you, <sup>a</sup>or mention the name of their gods, or <sup>b</sup>make *anyone* swear *by them*, or <sup>c</sup>serve them, or bow down to them.

8 "But you are to cling to the LORD your God, as you have done to this day.

9 "<sup>a</sup>For the LORD has <sup>1</sup>driven out great and strong nations from before you; and as for you, <sup>b</sup>no man has stood before you to this day.

10 "<sup>a</sup>One of your men puts to flight a thousand, for the LORD your God is <sup>b</sup>He who fights for you, just as He <sup>1</sup>promised you.

11 "So take diligent heed to yourselves to love the LORD your God.

12 "For if you ever go back and <sup>a</sup>cling to the rest of these nations, these which remain among you, and <sup>b</sup>intermarry with them, so that you <sup>1</sup>associate with them and they with you,

34 <sup>a</sup>Gen. 31:47-491 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *from round about*  
<sup>a</sup>Josh. 21:442 <sup>a</sup>Josh. 24:13 <sup>a</sup>Deut. 1:304 <sup>a</sup>Ex. 23:305 <sup>1</sup>Or, *dispossess* <sup>2</sup>Lit.,  
*spoke to*  
<sup>a</sup>Num. 33:536 <sup>a</sup>Deut. 5:32 <sup>b</sup>Josh. 1:77 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *go among*  
<sup>a</sup>Ex. 23:13; Ps. 16:4 <sup>b</sup>Deut.  
6:13; 10:20 <sup>c</sup>Ex. 20:59 <sup>1</sup>Or, *dispossessed*  
<sup>a</sup>Ex. 23:23, 30 <sup>b</sup>Deut. 7:2410 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *spoke to*  
<sup>a</sup>Lev. 26:8; Deut. 28:7  
<sup>b</sup>Josh. 23:312 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *go among*  
<sup>a</sup>Ex. 34:15, 16; Ps. 106:34,  
35 <sup>b</sup>Deut. 7:3, 4; Ezra 9:2;  
Neh. 13:25

13 <sup>1</sup>Or, *dispossess*  
<sup>a</sup>Ex. 23:33; 34:12; Deut.  
7:16

14 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *come* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *one*  
*word*  
<sup>a</sup>1 Kin. 2:2; <sup>b</sup>Josh. 21:45

15 <sup>a</sup>Lev. 26:14-33; Deut.  
28:15

16 <sup>a</sup>Deut. 4:25, 26

1 <sup>a</sup>Josh. 23:2

2 <sup>1</sup>i.e., Euphrates  
<sup>a</sup>Gen. 11:27-32

3 <sup>1</sup>i.e., Euphrates <sup>2</sup>Lit.,  
*seed*  
<sup>a</sup>Gen. 12:1; 24:7 <sup>b</sup>Gen. 15:5  
<sup>c</sup>Gen. 21:3

4 <sup>a</sup>Gen. 25:25, 26 <sup>b</sup>Deut.  
2:5 <sup>c</sup>Gen. 46:6, 7

5 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *according to*  
<sup>a</sup>Ex. 4:14-17

6 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *Sea of Reeds*  
<sup>a</sup>Ex. 14:2-31

7 <sup>a</sup>Deut. 1:46; 2:14

8 <sup>a</sup>Num. 21:21-35

9 <sup>a</sup>Num. 22:2

13 know with certainty that the LORD your God will not continue to <sup>1</sup>drive these nations out from before you; but they <sup>2</sup>shall be a snare and a trap to you, and a whip on your sides and thorns in your eyes, until you perish from off this good land which the LORD your God has given you.

14 "Now behold, today <sup>a</sup>I am going the way of all the earth, and you know in all your hearts and in all your souls <sup>b</sup>that not one word of all the good words which the LORD your God spoke concerning you has failed; all have <sup>1</sup>been fulfilled for you, not <sup>2</sup>one of them has failed.

15 "And it shall come about that just as all the good words which the LORD your God spoke to you have come upon you, <sup>a</sup>so the LORD will bring upon you all the threats, until He has destroyed you from off this good land which the LORD your God has given you.

16 "<sup>a</sup>When you transgress the covenant of the LORD your God, which He commanded you, and go and serve other gods, and bow down to them, then the anger of the LORD will burn against you, and you shall perish quickly from off the good land which He has given you."

## CHAPTER 24

<sup>a</sup>  
**T**HEN Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and called for the elders of Israel and for their heads and their judges and their officers; and they presented themselves before God.

2 And Joshua said to all the people, "Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, 'From ancient times your fathers lived beyond the <sup>1</sup>River, *namely*, <sup>a</sup>Terah, the father of Abraham and the father of Nahor, and they served other gods.

3 <sup>a</sup>'Then I took your father Abraham from beyond the <sup>1</sup>River, and led him through all the land of Canaan, and <sup>b</sup>multiplied his <sup>2</sup>descendants and gave him <sup>c</sup>Isaac.

4 'And to Isaac I gave <sup>a</sup>Jacob and Esau, and to Esau <sup>b</sup>I gave Mount Seir, to possess it; but <sup>c</sup>Jacob and his sons went down to Egypt.

5 'Then <sup>a</sup>I sent Moses and Aaron, and I plagued Egypt <sup>1</sup>by what I did in its midst; and afterward I brought you out.

6 'And I brought your fathers out of Egypt, and <sup>a</sup>you came to the sea; and Egypt pursued your fathers with chariots and horsemen to the <sup>1</sup>Red Sea.

7 'But when they cried out to the LORD, He put darkness between you and the Egyptians, and brought the sea upon them and covered them; and your own eyes saw what I did in Egypt. And <sup>a</sup>you lived in the wilderness for a long time.

8 'Then <sup>a</sup>I brought you into the land of the Amorites who lived beyond the Jordan, and they fought with you; and I gave them into your hand, and you took possession of their land when I destroyed them before you.

9 'Then <sup>a</sup>Balak the son of Zippor, king of Moab, arose and fought against Israel, and he sent and summoned Balaam the son of Beor to curse you.

10 'But I was not willing to listen to Balaam. So he had to bless you, and I delivered you from his hand.

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11 <sup>a</sup>And you crossed the Jordan and came to Jericho; and the citizens of Jericho fought against you, <sup>and</sup> <sup>b</sup>the Amorite and the Perizzite and the Canaanite and the Hittite and the Gergashite, the Hivite and the Jebusite. Thus <sup>c</sup>I gave them into your hand.

11 <sup>a</sup>Josh. 3:16, 17 <sup>b</sup>Ex. 23:23, 28; Deut. 7:1 <sup>c</sup>Ex. 23:31

12 <sup>a</sup>Then I sent the hornet before you and it <sup>d</sup>drove out the two kings of the Amorites from before you, <sup>but</sup> not by your sword or your bow.

12 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *drove them out* <sup>a</sup>Ex. 23:28; Deut. 7:20 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 44:3

13 <sup>a</sup>And I gave you a land on which you had not labored, and cities which you had not built, and you have lived in them; you are eating of vineyards and oliveyards which you did not plant.

13 <sup>a</sup>Deut. 6:10, 11

14 <sup>a</sup>Now, therefore, <sup>1</sup>fear the LORD and serve Him in sincerity and <sup>2</sup>truth; and put away the gods which your fathers served beyond the <sup>3</sup>River and in Egypt, and serve the LORD.

14 <sup>1</sup>Or, *reverence* <sup>2</sup>Or, *faithfulness* <sup>3</sup>I.e., Euphrates <sup>a</sup>Deut. 10:12; 18:13; 1 Sam. 12:24

15 <sup>a</sup>And if it is disagreeable in your sight to serve the LORD, choose for yourselves today whom you will serve: whether the gods which your fathers served which were beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD.

16 And the people answered and said, "Far be it from us that we should forsake the LORD to serve other gods;

17 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *bondmen*

17 for the LORD our God is He who brought us and our fathers up out of the land of Egypt, from the house of <sup>1</sup>bondage, and who did these great signs in our sight and preserved us through all the way in which we went and among all the peoples through whose midst we passed.

19 <sup>a</sup>Lev. 19:2; 20:7, 26 <sup>b</sup>Ex. 20:5; 34:14 <sup>c</sup>Ex. 23:21

18 <sup>a</sup>And the LORD drove out from before us all the peoples, even the Amorites who lived in the land. We also will serve the LORD, for He is our God."

19 Then Joshua said to the people, "You will not be able to serve the LORD, <sup>a</sup>for He is a holy God. He is <sup>b</sup>a jealous God; <sup>c</sup>He will not forgive your transgression or your sins.

20 <sup>a</sup>Deut. 4:25, 26

20 <sup>a</sup>If you forsake the LORD and serve foreign gods, then He will turn and do you harm and consume you after He has done good to you."

23 <sup>a</sup>1 Kin. 8:57, 58; Ps. 119:36; 141:4

21 And the people said to Joshua, "No, but we will serve the LORD."

22 And Joshua said to the people, "You are witnesses against yourselves that you have chosen for yourselves the LORD, to serve Him." And they said, "We are witnesses."

24 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *listen to* <sup>a</sup>Ex. 19:8; 24:3, 7; Deut. 5:27

23 <sup>a</sup>Now therefore, put away the foreign gods which are in your midst, and <sup>a</sup>incline your hearts to the LORD, the God of Israel."

24 <sup>a</sup>And the people said to Joshua, "We will serve the LORD our God and we will <sup>b</sup>obey His voice."

25 <sup>a</sup>Ex. 24:8

25 <sup>a</sup>So Joshua made a covenant with the people that day, and made for them a statute and an ordinance in Shechem.

26 And Joshua wrote these words in the book of the law of God; and he took a large stone and set it up there under the oak that was by the sanctuary of the LORD.

27 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *with* <sup>a</sup>Josh. 22:27, 34

27 And Joshua said to all the people, "Behold, <sup>a</sup>this stone shall be for a witness against us, for it has heard all the words of the LORD which He spoke <sup>1</sup>to us; thus it shall be for a witness against you, lest you deny your God."

30 \*Josh. 19:50

31 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *prolonged days after*32 <sup>1</sup>Heb. *qesitah*  
<sup>a</sup>Gen. 50:24, 25; Ex. 13:19;  
Acts 7:15, 16 <sup>b</sup>Gen. 33:1933 <sup>1</sup>Or, *on the hill*  
<sup>a</sup>Josh. 22:13

28 Then Joshua dismissed the people, each to his inheritance.

29 And it came about after these things that Joshua the son of Nun, the servant of the LORD, died, being one hundred and ten years old.

30 And they buried him in the territory of his inheritance in <sup>a</sup>Timnath-serah, which is in the hill country of Ephraim, on the north of Mount Gaash.

31 And Israel served the LORD all the days of Joshua and all the days of the elders who <sup>1</sup>survived Joshua, and had known all the deeds of the LORD which He had done for Israel.

32 <sup>a</sup>Now they buried the bones of Joseph, which the sons of Israel brought up from Egypt, at Shechem, in the piece of ground <sup>b</sup>which Jacob had bought from the sons of Hamor the father of Shechem for one hundred <sup>1</sup>pieces of money; and they became the inheritance of Joseph's sons.

33 And Eleazar the son of Aaron died; and they buried him <sup>1</sup>at Gibeah of <sup>a</sup>Phinehas his son, which was given him in the hill country of Ephraim.

## THE BOOK OF JUDGES

### Jerusalem Captured.

**N**OW it came about after the death of Joshua that the sons of Israel <sup>a</sup>inquired of the LORD, saying, "Who shall go up first for us <sup>b</sup>against the Canaanites, to fight against them?"

2 And the LORD said, "Judah shall go up; behold, I have given the land into his hand."

3 Then Judah said to Simeon his brother, "Come up with me into <sup>1</sup>the territory allotted me, that we may fight against the Canaanites; and <sup>2</sup>I in turn will go with you into <sup>3</sup>the territory allotted you."

4 And Judah went up, and the LORD gave the Canaanites and the Perizzites into their hands; and they <sup>1</sup>defeated ten thousand men at Bezek.

5 And they found Adoni-bezek in Bezek and fought against him and they <sup>1</sup>defeated the Canaanites and the Perizzites.

6 But Adoni-bezek fled; and they pursued him and caught him and cut off his <sup>1</sup>thumbs and big toes.

7 And Adoni-bezek said, "Seventy kings with their thumbs and their big toes cut off used to gather up *scraps* under my table; as I have done, so God has repaid me." So they brought him to Jerusalem and he died there.

8 Then the sons of Judah fought against <sup>a</sup>Jerusalem and captured it and struck it with the edge of the sword and set the city on fire.

9 And afterward the sons of Judah went down to fight

1 <sup>a</sup>Num. 27:21  
<sup>b</sup>Judg. 1:27; 2:21-23; 3:1-63 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *my lot* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *I, even I* <sup>3</sup>Lit., *your lot*4 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *smote them*5 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *smote*6 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *thumbs of his hands and his feet*8 <sup>a</sup>Judg. 1:21; Josh. 15:63

against the Canaanites living in the hill country and in the <sup>1</sup>Negev and in the lowland.

10 <sup>a</sup>So Judah went against the Canaanites who lived in Hebron (now the name of Hebron formerly was Kiriath-arba); and they struck Sheshai and Ahiman and Talmi.

11 Then from there he went against the inhabitants of Debir (now the name of Debir formerly was Kiriath-sepher).

12 And Caleb said, "The one who attacks Kiriath-sepher and captures it, I will even give him my daughter Achsah for a wife."

13 And <sup>a</sup>Othniel the son of Kenaz, Caleb's younger brother, captured it; so he gave him his daughter Achsah for a wife.

14 Then it came about when she came to *him*, that she persuaded him to ask her father for a field. Then she alighted from <sup>1</sup>her donkey, and Caleb said to her, "What <sup>2</sup>do you want?"

15 And she said to him, "Give me a blessing, since you have given me the land of the <sup>1</sup>Negev, give me also springs of water." So Caleb gave her the upper springs and the lower springs.

16 And the <sup>1</sup>descendants of <sup>a</sup>the Kenite, Moses' father-in-law, went up from the <sup>b</sup>city of palms with the sons of Judah, to the wilderness of Judah which is in the south of <sup>c</sup>Arad; and they went and lived with the people.

17 Then Judah went with Simeon his brother, and they struck the Canaanites living in Zephath, and utterly destroyed it. So the name of the city was called <sup>a</sup>Hormah.

18 And Judah took Gaza with its territory and Ashkelon with its territory and Ekron with its territory.

19 Now the LORD was with Judah, and they took possession of the hill country; but they could not <sup>1</sup>drive out the inhabitants of the valley because they had <sup>a</sup>iron chariots.

20 Then they gave Hebron to Caleb, <sup>a</sup>as Moses had <sup>1</sup>promised; and he drove out from there <sup>b</sup>the three sons of Anak.

21 <sup>a</sup>But the sons of Benjamin did not drive out the Jebusites who lived in Jerusalem; so the Jebusites have lived with the sons of Benjamin in Jerusalem to this day.

22 Likewise the house of Joseph went up against Bethel, and the LORD was with them.

23 And the house of Joseph spied out Bethel (<sup>a</sup>now the name of the city was formerly Luz).

24 And the spies saw a man coming out of the city, and they said to him, "Please show us the entrance to the city and we will treat you kindly."

25 So he showed them the entrance to the city, and they struck the city with the edge of the sword, <sup>a</sup>but they let the man and all his family go free.

26 And the man went into the land of the Hittites and built a city and named it Luz <sup>1</sup>which is its name to this day.

27 <sup>a</sup>But Manasseh did not take possession of Beth-shean and its villages, or Taanach and its villages, or the inhabitants of Dor and its villages, or the inhabitants of Ibleam and its villages, or the inhabitants of Megiddo and its villages; so <sup>b</sup>the Canaanites persisted in living in that land.

28 And it came about when Israel became strong, that they put the Canaanites to forced labor, but they did not drive them out completely.

9 <sup>1</sup>I.e., South country

10 <sup>a</sup>Josh. 15:13-19

13 <sup>a</sup>Judg. 3:9

14 <sup>1</sup>Lit., the <sup>2</sup>Lit., for yourself

15 <sup>1</sup>I.e., South country

16 <sup>1</sup>Lit., sons  
<sup>a</sup>Judg. 4:11; Num. 10:20-32  
<sup>b</sup>Judg. 3:13; Deut. 34:3  
<sup>c</sup>Num. 21:1

17 <sup>a</sup>Num. 21:3

19 <sup>1</sup>Or, dispossess  
<sup>a</sup>Judg. 4:3, 13; Josh. 17:16

20 <sup>1</sup>Lit., spoken  
<sup>a</sup>Josh. 14:9 <sup>b</sup>Judg. 1:10;  
Josh. 15:14

21 <sup>a</sup>Judg. 1:8; Josh. 15:63

23 <sup>a</sup>Gen. 28:19

25 <sup>a</sup>Josh. 6:25

26 <sup>1</sup>Lit., it

27 <sup>a</sup>Josh. 17:12 <sup>b</sup>Judg. 1:1

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29 <sup>a</sup>Josh. 16:10

34 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *pressed*

35 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *dwelling* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *hand* <sup>3</sup>Lit., *was heavy*

36 <sup>a</sup>Josh. 15:3

<sup>1</sup> <sup>a</sup>Judg. 6:11; 13:2-21  
<sup>b</sup>Judg. 2:5 <sup>c</sup>Ex. 20:2  
<sup>d</sup>Gen. 17:7, 8; Lev. 26:42, 44; Deut. 7:9

<sup>2</sup> <sup>1</sup>Lit., *listened to My voice*  
<sup>a</sup>Ex. 23:32  
<sup>b</sup>Ex. 34:12, 13

<sup>3</sup> <sup>1</sup>Some ancient mss. read *be adversaries, and*  
<sup>a</sup>Josh. 23:13 <sup>b</sup>Num. 33:55

5 <sup>1</sup>i.e., *Weepers*

6 <sup>a</sup>Josh. 24:28-31

7 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *prolonged days after*

29 <sup>a</sup>Neither did Ephraim drive out the Canaanites who were living in Gezer; so the Canaanites lived in Gezer among them.

30 Zebulun did not drive out the inhabitants of Kitron, or the inhabitants of Nahalol; so the Canaanites lived among them and became subject to forced labor.

31 Asher did not drive out the inhabitants of Acco, or the inhabitants of Sidon, or of Ahlab, or of Achzib, or of Helbah, or of Aphik, or of Rehob.

32 So the Asherites lived among the Canaanites, the inhabitants of the land; for they did not drive them out.

33 Naphtali did not drive out the inhabitants of Beth-shemesh, or the inhabitants of Beth-anath, but lived among the Canaanites, the inhabitants of the land; and the inhabitants of Beth-shemesh and Beth-anath became forced labor for them.

34 Then the Amorites <sup>1</sup>forced the sons of Dan into the hill country, for they did not allow them to come down to the valley;

35 yet the Amorites persisted in <sup>1</sup>living in Mount Heres, in Aijalon and in Shaalbim; but when the <sup>2</sup>power of the house of Joseph <sup>3</sup>grew strong, they became forced labor.

36 And the border of the Amorites ran from the <sup>a</sup>ascent of Akrabbim, from Sela and upward.

CHAPTER 2

NOW <sup>a</sup>the angel of the LORD came up from Gilgal to <sup>b</sup>Bochim. And he said, "<sup>c</sup>I brought you up out of Egypt and led you into the land which I have sworn to your fathers; and I said, <sup>d</sup>I will never break My covenant with you,

2 and as for you, <sup>a</sup>you shall make no covenant with the inhabitants of this land; <sup>b</sup>you shall tear down their altars.' But you have not <sup>1</sup>obeyed Me; what is this you have done?

3 "Therefore <sup>a</sup>I also said, 'I will not drive them out before you; but they shall <sup>1</sup>become <sup>b</sup>as thorns in your sides, and their gods shall be a snare to you.' "

4 And it came about when the angel of the LORD spoke these words to all the sons of Israel, that the people lifted up their voices and wept.

5 So they named that place <sup>1</sup>Bochim; and there they sacrificed to the LORD.

6 <sup>a</sup>When Joshua had dismissed the people, the sons of Israel went each to his inheritance to possess the land.

7 And the people served the LORD all the days of Joshua, and all the days of the elders who <sup>1</sup>survived Joshua, who had seen all the great work of the LORD which He had done for Israel.

8 Then Joshua the son of Nun, the servant of the LORD, died at the age of one hundred and ten.

9 And they buried him in the territory of his inheritance in Timnath-heres, in the hill country of Ephraim, north of Mount Gaash.

10 And all that generation also were gathered to their



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fathers; and there arose another generation after them who did not know the LORD, nor yet the work which He had done for Israel.

11 Then the sons of Israel did <sup>a</sup>evil in the sight of the LORD, and <sup>1</sup>served the <sup>b</sup>Baals,

12 and <sup>a</sup>they forsook the LORD, the God of their fathers, who had brought them out of the land of Egypt, and followed other gods from *among* the gods of the peoples who were around them, and bowed themselves down to them; thus they provoked the LORD to anger.

13 So they forsook the LORD and <sup>a</sup>served Baal and the Astartes.

14 <sup>a</sup>And the anger of the LORD burned against Israel, and He gave them into the hands of plunderers who plundered them; and <sup>b</sup>He sold them into the hands of their enemies around *them*, so that they could no longer stand before their enemies.

15 Wherever they went, the hand of the LORD was against them for evil, as the LORD had spoken and as the LORD had sworn to them, so that they were severely distressed.

16 <sup>a</sup>Then the LORD raised up judges <sup>1</sup>who delivered them from the hands of those who plundered them.

17 And yet they did not listen to their judges, for they played the harlot after other gods and bowed themselves down to them. They turned aside quickly from the way <sup>a</sup>in which their fathers had walked in obeying the commandments of the LORD; they did not do as *their fathers*.

18 And when the LORD raised up judges for them, the LORD was with the judge and delivered them from the hand of their enemies all the days of the judge; for the LORD was moved to pity by their groaning because of those who oppressed and afflicted them.

19 But it came about when the judge died, that they would turn back and act more corruptly than their fathers, in following other gods to serve them and bow down to them; they did not abandon their practices or their stubborn ways.

20 <sup>a</sup>So the anger of the LORD burned against Israel, and He said, "Because this nation has transgressed My covenant which I commanded their fathers, and has not listened to My voice,

21 <sup>a</sup>I also will no longer drive out before them any of the nations which Joshua left when he died,

22 in order to test Israel by them, whether they will keep the way of the LORD to walk in it as their fathers <sup>1</sup>did, or not."

23 So the LORD allowed those nations to remain, not driving them out quickly; and He did not give them into the hand of Joshua.

11 <sup>1</sup>Or, *worshiped*  
<sup>a</sup>Judg. 3:7, 12; 4:1; 6:1  
<sup>b</sup>Judg. 6:25; 8:33; 10:6

12 <sup>a</sup>Deut. 31:16

13 <sup>a</sup>Judg. 10:6

14 <sup>a</sup>Deut. 31:17;  
<sup>Ps.</sup> 106:40-42 <sup>b</sup>Deut. 28:25;  
32:30

16 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *and they*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 106:43-45

17 <sup>a</sup>Judg. 2:7

20 <sup>a</sup>Judg. 2:14

21 <sup>a</sup>Josh. 23:4, 5, 13

22 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *kept*

1 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *known*  
<sup>a</sup>Judg. 1:1

2 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *know, to teach them*  
<sup>2</sup>Lit., *only* <sup>3</sup>Lit., *known*

CHAPTER 3

<sup>a</sup>  
**N**OW these are the nations which the LORD left, to test Israel by them (*that is*, all who had not <sup>1</sup>experienced any of the wars of Canaan;

2 only in order that the generations of the sons of Israel might <sup>1</sup>be taught war, <sup>2</sup>those who had not <sup>3</sup>experienced it formerly).

3 <sup>1</sup>Or, the entrance of Hamath  
<sup>a</sup>Josh. 9:3, 7; 11:19

4 <sup>1</sup>Lit., testing by them  
<sup>2</sup>Lit., hear <sup>3</sup>Lit., by the hand of  
<sup>a</sup>Deut. 8:2

6 <sup>a</sup>Ex. 34:15, 16;  
Deut. 7:3, 4; Josh. 23:12

7 <sup>1</sup>I.e., wooden symbol of a female deity  
<sup>2</sup>Judg. 2:11 <sup>b</sup>Deut. 4:9  
<sup>c</sup>Judg. 2:13

8 <sup>1</sup>Heb., Aram-naharaim

9 <sup>a</sup>Judg. 1:13

10 <sup>1</sup>Heb., Aram <sup>2</sup>Lit., his hand was strong  
<sup>a</sup>Num. 11:25-29; 24:2

12 <sup>a</sup>Judg. 2:11 <sup>b</sup>Judg. 2:14

13 <sup>1</sup>Lit., smote  
<sup>a</sup>Judg. 1:16; Deut. 34:3

15 <sup>1</sup>Lit., his hand

3 *These nations are:* the five lords of the Philistines and all the Canaanites and the Sidonians and <sup>a</sup>the Hivites who lived in Mount Lebanon, from Mount Baal-hermon as far as <sup>1</sup>Lebo-hamath.

4 And they were for <sup>1a</sup>testing Israel, to find out if they would <sup>2</sup>obey the commandments of the LORD, which He had commanded their fathers <sup>3</sup>through Moses.

5 And the sons of Israel lived among the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites;

6 and <sup>a</sup>they took their daughters for themselves as wives, and gave their own daughters to their sons, and served their gods.

7 And the sons of Israel did <sup>a</sup>what was evil in the sight of the LORD, and <sup>b</sup>forgot the LORD their God, and <sup>c</sup>served the Baals and the <sup>1</sup>Asheroth.

8 Then the anger of the LORD was kindled against Israel, so that He sold them into the hands of Cushan-rishathaim king of <sup>1</sup>Mesopotamia; and the sons of Israel served Cushan-rishathaim eight years.

9 And when the sons of Israel cried to the LORD, the LORD raised up a deliverer for the sons of Israel to deliver them, <sup>a</sup>Othniel the son of Kenaz, Caleb's younger brother.

10 And <sup>a</sup>the Spirit of the LORD came upon him, and he judged Israel. When he went out to war, the LORD gave Cushan-rishathaim king of <sup>1</sup>Mesopotamia into his hand, so that <sup>2</sup>he prevailed over Cushan-rishathaim.

11 Then the land had rest forty years. And Othniel the son of Kenaz died.

12 Now the sons of Israel again <sup>a</sup>did evil in the sight of the LORD. So <sup>b</sup>the LORD strengthened Eglon the king of Moab against Israel, because they had done evil in the sight of the LORD.

13 And he gathered to himself the sons of Ammon and Amalek; and he went and <sup>1</sup>defeated Israel, and they possessed <sup>a</sup>the city of the palm trees.

14 And the sons of Israel served Eglon the king of Moab eighteen years.

15 But when the sons of Israel cried to the LORD, the LORD raised up a deliverer for them, Ehud the son of Gera, the Benjamite, a left-handed man. And the sons of Israel sent tribute by <sup>1</sup>him to Eglon the king of Moab.

16 And Ehud made himself a sword which had two edges, a cubit in length; and he bound it on his right thigh under his cloak.

17 And he presented the tribute to Eglon king of Moab. Now Eglon was a very fat man.

18 And it came about when he had finished presenting the tribute, that he sent away the people who had carried the tribute.

19 But he himself turned back from the idols which were at Gilgal, and said, "I have a secret message for you, O king." And he said, "Keep silence." And all who attended him left him.

20 And Ehud came to him while he was sitting alone in his

cool roof chamber. And Ehud said, "I have a message from God for you." And he arose from his seat.

21 And Ehud stretched out his left hand, took the sword from his right thigh and thrust it into his belly.

22 The handle also went in after the blade, and the fat closed over the blade, for he did not draw the sword out of his belly; and the refuse came out.

23 Then Ehud went out into the vestibule and shut the doors of the roof chamber behind him, and locked *them*.

24 When he had gone out, his servants came and looked, and behold, the doors of the roof chamber were locked; and they said, "He is only <sup>1</sup>relieving himself in the cool room."

25 And they waited <sup>a</sup>until they <sup>1</sup>became anxious; but behold, he did not open the doors of the roof chamber. Therefore they took the key and opened them, and behold, their master had fallen to the <sup>2</sup>floor dead.

26 Now Ehud escaped while they were delaying, and he passed by the idols and escaped to Seirah.

27 And it came about when he had arrived, that he blew the horn in the hill country of Ephraim; and the sons of Israel went down with him from the hill country, and he *was* in front of them.

28 And he said to them, "Pursue *them*, for the LORD has given your enemies the Moabites into your hands." So they went down after him and seized <sup>a</sup>the fords of the Jordan opposite Moab, and did not allow anyone to cross.

29 And they struck down at that time about ten thousand Moabites, all robust and valiant men; and no one escaped.

30 So Moab was subdued that day under the hand of Israel. And the land was undisturbed for eighty years.

31 And after him came <sup>a</sup>Shamgar the son of Anath, who struck down six hundred Philistines with an oxgoad; and he also saved Israel.

CHAPTER 4

**T**HEN the sons of Israel again did evil in the sight of the LORD, after Ehud died.

2 And the LORD sold them into the hand of <sup>a</sup>Jabin king of Canaan, who reigned in Hazor; and the commander of his army was Sisera, who lived in <sup>b</sup>Harosheth-hagoyim.

3 And the sons of Israel cried to the LORD; for he had <sup>a</sup>nine hundred iron chariots, and he oppressed the sons of Israel severely for twenty years.

4 Now Deborah, a <sup>1</sup>prophetess, the wife of Lappidoth, was judging Israel at that time.

5 And she used to <sup>1</sup>sit under the palm tree of Deborah between Ramah and Bethel in the hill country of Ephraim; and the sons of Israel came up to her for judgment.

6 Now she sent and summoned <sup>a</sup>Barak the son of Abin-oam from Kedesh-naphtali, and said to him, "Behold, the LORD, the God of Israel, has commanded, 'Go and march to Mount Tabor, and take with you ten thousand men from the sons of Naphtali and from the sons of Zebulun.

7 'And I will draw out to you Sisera, the commander of

<sup>24</sup> <sup>1</sup>Lit., covering his feet  
<sup>1</sup> Sam. 24:3

<sup>25</sup> <sup>1</sup>Lit., were ashamed  
<sup>2</sup>Lit., earth  
<sup>2</sup> Kin. 2:17; 8:11

<sup>28</sup> <sup>2</sup>Judg. 7:24; 12:5

<sup>31</sup> <sup>2</sup>Judg. 5:6

<sup>2</sup> <sup>2</sup>Josh. 11:1, 10  
<sup>b</sup>Judg. 4:13, 16

<sup>3</sup> <sup>2</sup>Judg. 1:19

<sup>4</sup> <sup>1</sup>Lit., woman prophetess

<sup>5</sup> <sup>1</sup>Or, live

<sup>6</sup> <sup>1</sup>Or, "Has not ... commanded ... ?"  
<sup>2</sup> Heb. 11:32

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7 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *multitude*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 83:9

9 <sup>a</sup>Judg. 4:21

10 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *at his feet*  
<sup>a</sup>Judg. 5:18 <sup>b</sup>Judg. 4:14;  
5:15; 8:5

11 <sup>1</sup>Or, *terebinth*  
<sup>a</sup>Judg. 1:16 <sup>b</sup>Josh. 19:33

13 <sup>a</sup>Judg. 4:3 <sup>b</sup>Judg. 4:2

14 <sup>1</sup>Or, *has not the LORD gone . . . ?*

15 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *confused*  
<sup>a</sup>Deut. 7:23; Josh. 10:10

16 <sup>a</sup>Ex. 14:28; Ps. 83:9

18 <sup>1</sup>Or, *blanket*

19 <sup>1</sup>I.e., *skin container*  
<sup>a</sup>Judg. 5:24-27

21 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *placed*

22 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *to*

24 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *cut off*

Jabin's army, with his chariots and his <sup>1</sup>many *troops* to the river Kishon; and <sup>a</sup>I will give him into your hand.'"

8 Then Barak said to her, "If you will go with me, then I will go; but if you will not go with me, I will not go."

9 And she said, "I will surely go with you; nevertheless, the honor shall not be yours on the journey that you are about to take, <sup>a</sup>for the LORD will sell Sisera into the hands of a woman." Then Deborah arose and went with Barak to Kedesh.

10 And Barak called <sup>a</sup>Zebulun and Naphtali together to Kedesh, and ten thousand men went up <sup>1b</sup>with him; Deborah also went up with him.

11 Now Heber <sup>a</sup>the Kenite had separated himself from the Kenites, from the sons of Hobab the father-in-law of Moses, and had pitched his tent as far away as the <sup>1o</sup>oak in <sup>b</sup>Zaanannim, which is near Kedesh.

12 Then they told Sisera that Barak the son of Abinoam had gone up to Mount Tabor.

13 And Sisera called together all his chariots, <sup>a</sup>nine hundred iron chariots, and all the people who *were* with him, from <sup>b</sup>Harosheth-hagoyim to the river Kishon.

14 And Deborah said to Barak, "Arise! For this is the day in which the LORD has given Sisera into your hands; <sup>1b</sup>behold, the LORD has gone out before you." So Barak went down from Mount Tabor with ten thousand men following him.

15 <sup>a</sup>And the LORD <sup>1routed</sup> Sisera and all *his* chariots and all *his* army, with the edge of the sword before Barak; and Sisera alighted from *his* chariot and fled away on foot.

16 But Barak pursued the chariots and the army as far as Harosheth-hagoyim, and all the army of Sisera fell by the edge of the sword; <sup>a</sup>not even one was left.

17 Now Sisera fled away on foot to the tent of Jael the wife of Heber the Kenite, for *there was* peace between Jabin the king of Hazor and the house of Heber the Kenite.

18 And Jael went out to meet Sisera, and said to him, "Turn aside, my master, turn aside to me! Do not be afraid." And he turned aside to her into the tent, and she covered him with a <sup>1r</sup>ug.

19 <sup>a</sup>And he said to her, "Please give me a little water to drink, for I am thirsty." So she opened a <sup>1b</sup>bottle of milk and gave him a drink; then she covered him.

20 And he said to her, "Stand in the doorway of the tent, and it shall be if anyone comes and inquires of you, and says, 'Is there anyone here?' that you shall say, 'No.'"

21 But Jael, Heber's wife, took a tent peg and <sup>1s</sup>eized a hammer in her hand, and went secretly to him and drove the peg into his temple, and it went through into the ground; for he was sound asleep and exhausted. So he died.

22 And behold, as Barak pursued Sisera, Jael came out to meet him and said to him, "Come, and I will show you the man whom you are seeking." And he entered <sup>1w</sup>ith her, and behold Sisera was lying dead with the tent peg in his temple.

23 So God subdued on that day Jabin the king of Canaan before the sons of Israel.

24 And the hand of the sons of Israel pressed heavier and heavier upon Jabin the king of Canaan, until they had <sup>1d</sup>estroyed Jabin the king of Canaan.

CHAPTER 5

<sup>a</sup> THEN Deborah and Barak the son of Abinoam sang on that day, saying,

- 2   <sup>a</sup>That <sup>1</sup>the leaders led in Israel,  
That <sup>b</sup>the people volunteered,  
Bless the LORD!
- 3   “Hear, O kings; give ear, O rulers!  
<sup>a</sup>I—to the LORD, I will sing,  
I will sing praise to the LORD, the God of Israel.
- 4   <sup>a</sup>LORD, when Thou didst go out from Seir,  
When Thou didst march from the field of Edom,  
<sup>b</sup>The earth quaked, the heavens also dripped,  
Even the clouds dripped water.
- 5   <sup>a</sup>The mountains <sup>1</sup>quaked at the presence of the LORD,  
<sup>b</sup>This Sinai, at the presence of the LORD, the God of Israel.
  
- 6   “In the days of <sup>a</sup>Shamgar the son of Anath,  
In the days of <sup>b</sup>Jael, the highways <sup>1</sup>were deserted,  
And travelers <sup>2</sup>went by <sup>3</sup>roundabout ways.
- 7   “The peasantry ceased, they ceased in Israel,  
Until I, Deborah, arose,  
Until I arose, a mother in Israel.
- 8   <sup>a</sup>New gods were chosen;  
<sup>b</sup>The war was in the gates.  
Not a shield or a spear was seen  
Among forty thousand in Israel.
- 9   “My heart goes out to <sup>a</sup>the commanders of Israel,  
The volunteers among the people;  
Bless the LORD!
- 10   <sup>a</sup>You who ride on <sup>1</sup>white donkeys,  
You who sit on rich carpets,  
And you who travel on the road—<sup>2</sup>sing!
- 11   “<sup>a</sup>At the sound of those who divide flocks among <sup>a</sup>the watering places,  
There they shall recount <sup>b</sup>the righteous deeds of the LORD,  
The righteous deeds for His <sup>1</sup>peasantry in Israel.  
Then the people of the LORD went down <sup>c</sup>to the gates.
  
- 12   <sup>a</sup>Awake, awake, Deborah;  
Awake, awake, <sup>1</sup>sing a song!  
Arise, Barak, and <sup>b</sup>take away your captives, O son of Abinoam.
- 13   “Then survivors came down to the nobles;  
The people of <sup>a</sup>the LORD came down to me as warriors.
- 14   “From Ephraim those whose root is <sup>a</sup>in Amalek came down,  
Following you, Benjamin, with your peoples;  
From Machir commanders came down,  
And from Zebulun those who wield the staff of <sup>1</sup>office.

1 <sup>a</sup>Ex. 15:1

2 <sup>1</sup>Or, locks hung loose  
in <sup>a</sup>Judg. 5:9 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 110:3

3 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 27:6

4 <sup>a</sup>Deut. 33:2; Ps. 68:7;  
Hab. 3:3 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 68:8, 9

5 <sup>1</sup>Lit., flowed  
<sup>a</sup>Ex. 19:18 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 68:8

6 <sup>1</sup>Lit., had ceased <sup>2</sup>Lit.,  
walked <sup>3</sup>Lit., twisted  
<sup>a</sup>Judg. 3:31 <sup>b</sup>Judg. 4:17

8 <sup>a</sup>Deut. 32:17  
<sup>b</sup>Judg. 5:11

9 <sup>a</sup>Judg. 5:2

10 <sup>1</sup>Or, tawny <sup>2</sup>Or,  
declare it  
<sup>a</sup>Judg. 10:4; 12:14

11 <sup>1</sup>Or, rural dwellers  
<sup>a</sup>Gen. 24:11; 29:2, 3  
<sup>b</sup>1 Sam. 12:7; Mic. 6:5  
<sup>c</sup>Judg. 5:8

12 <sup>1</sup>Or, utter  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 57:8 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 68:18;  
Eph. 4:8

13 <sup>a</sup>Judg. 5:23; Ps. 18:9

14 <sup>1</sup>Lit., the scribe  
<sup>a</sup>Judg. 12:15

15 <sup>1</sup>So with ancient versions, Heb., *My princes*  
<sup>2</sup>Lit., *feet*  
<sup>a</sup>Judg. 5:10 <sup>b</sup>Is. 15:6-9

16 <sup>1</sup>Or, *saddlebags*  
<sup>a</sup>Num. 32:1, 2, 24, 36

17 <sup>1</sup>Or, *dwell*  
<sup>a</sup>Josh. 22:9

18 <sup>a</sup>Judg. 4:6, 10

19 <sup>a</sup>Judg. 4:13; Josh. 11:1,  
<sup>2</sup> <sup>b</sup>Judg. 1:27 <sup>c</sup>Judg. 5:30

20 <sup>a</sup>Josh. 10:12-14

21 <sup>a</sup>Ex. 15:2; Ps. 44:5

22 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *mighty ones*  
<sup>a</sup>Job 39:19-25

23 <sup>a</sup>Judg. 5:13

24 <sup>a</sup>Judg. 4:19-21

27 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *devastated*

28 <sup>1</sup>Or, *window* <sup>2</sup>Lit.,  
*steps*  
<sup>a</sup>Prov. 7:6

30 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *necks of the spoil*  
<sup>a</sup>Ex. 15:9

- 15 "And the <sup>1</sup>princes of Issachar *were* with Deborah;  
 As was Issachar, so was Barak;  
 Into the valley they rushed <sup>a</sup>at his <sup>2</sup>heels;  
~~Among the divisions of Reuben  
 There were great resolves of heart.~~
- 16 "Why did you sit among <sup>a</sup>the <sup>1</sup>sheepfolds,  
 To hear the piping for the flocks?  
~~Among the divisions of Reuben  
 There were great searchings of heart.~~
- 17 "Gilead <sup>1</sup>remained across the Jordan;  
 And why did Dan stay in ships?  
~~Asher sat at the seashore,  
 And <sup>1</sup>remained by its landings.~~
- 18 "Zebulun *was* a people who despised their lives *even*  
~~to death,  
 And Naphtali also, on the high places of the field.~~
- 19 "The kings came *and* fought;  
 Then fought the kings of Canaan  
<sup>b</sup>At Taanach near the waters of Megiddo;  
<sup>c</sup>They took no plunder in silver.
- 20 "The stars fought from heaven,  
 From their courses they fought against Sisera.
- 21 "The torrent of Kishon swept them away,  
 The ancient torrent, the torrent Kishon.  
<sup>a</sup>O my soul, march on with strength.
- 22 "Then the horses' hoofs beat  
 From the dashing, the dashing of his <sup>1</sup>valiant steeds.
- 23 'Curse Meroz,' said the angel of the LORD,  
 'Utterly curse its inhabitants;  
<sup>a</sup>Because they did not come to the help of the LORD,  
 To the help of the LORD against the warriors.'
- 24 "Most blessed of women is Jael,  
 The wife of Heber the Kenite;  
 Most blessed is she of women in the tent.
- 25 "He asked for water *and* she gave him milk;  
 In a magnificent bowl she brought him curds.
- 26 "She reached out her hand for the tent peg,  
 And her right hand for the workmen's hammer.  
 Then she struck Sisera, she smashed his head;  
 And she shattered and pierced his temple.
- 27 "Between her feet he bowed, he fell, he lay;  
 Between her feet he bowed, he fell;  
 Where he bowed, there he fell <sup>1</sup>dead.
- 28 "Out of the window she looked and lamented,  
 The mother of Sisera through the <sup>1</sup>lattice,  
 'Why does his chariot delay in coming?  
 Why do the <sup>2</sup>hoofbeats of his chariots tarry?'
- 29 "Her wise princesses would answer her,  
 Indeed she repeats her words to herself,
- 30 "Are they not finding, are they not dividing the spoil?  
 A maiden, two maidens for every warrior;  
 To Sisera a spoil of dyed work,  
 A spoil of dyed work embroidered,  
 Dyed work of double embroidery on the <sup>1</sup>neck of the  
 spoiler?"

31 "Thus let all Thine enemies perish, O LORD;  
bBut let those who love Him be like the rising of the  
sun in its might."  
And the land was undisturbed for forty years.

**CHAPTER 6**

**T**HEN the sons of Israel <sup>a</sup>did what was evil in the sight of the LORD; and the LORD gave them into the hands of <sup>b</sup>Midian seven years.

2 And the <sup>l</sup>power of Midian prevailed against Israel. Because of Midian the sons of Israel made for themselves the dens which were in the mountains and the caves and the strongholds.

3 For it was when Israel had sown, that the Midianites would come up with the Amalekites and the sons of the east and <sup>l</sup>go against them.

4 So they would camp against them and <sup>a</sup>destroy the produce of the earth <sup>l</sup>as far as Gaza, and <sup>b</sup>leave no sustenance in Israel as well as no sheep, ox, or donkey.

5 For they would come up with their livestock and their tents, they would come in <sup>a</sup>like locusts for number, both they and their camels were innumerable; and they came into the land to devastate it.

6 So Israel was brought <sup>a</sup>very low because of Midian, and the sons of Israel cried to the LORD.

7 Now it came about when the sons of Israel cried to the LORD on account of Midian,

8 that the LORD sent a prophet to the sons of Israel, and <sup>a</sup>he said to them, "Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, 'It was I who brought you up from Egypt, and brought you out from the house of <sup>l</sup>slavery.'

9 'And I delivered you from the hands of the Egyptians and from the hands of all your oppressors, and dispossessed them before you and gave you their land,

10 and I said to you, "I am the LORD your God; you shall not fear the gods of the Amorites in whose land you live. But you have not <sup>l</sup>obeyed Me.'"

11 Then <sup>a</sup>the angel of the LORD came and sat under the <sup>l</sup>oak that was in Ophrah, which belonged to Joash the <sup>b</sup>Abiezrite as his son <sup>c</sup>Gideon was beating out wheat in the wine press in order to save it from the Midianites.

12 And the angel of the LORD appeared to him and said to him, "The LORD is with you, O valiant warrior."

13 Then Gideon said to him, "Oh my lord, if the LORD is with us, why then has all this happened to us? And where are all His miracles which our fathers told us about, saying, 'Did not the LORD bring us up from Egypt?' But <sup>a</sup>now the LORD has abandoned us and given us into the hand of Midian."

14 And the LORD <sup>l</sup>looked at him and said, "Go in this your strength and deliver Israel from the hand of Midian. Have I not sent you?"

15 <sup>a</sup>And he said to Him, "O Lord, <sup>l</sup>how shall I deliver Israel? Behold, my family is the least in <sup>b</sup>Manassch, and I am the youngest in my father's house."

31 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 68:2; 92:9 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 19:4; 6: 89:36, 37

1 <sup>a</sup>Judg. 2:11 <sup>b</sup>Num. 22:4; 25:15-18; 31:1-3

2 <sup>l</sup>Lit., hand

3 <sup>l</sup>Lit., go up

4 <sup>l</sup>Lit., until your coming  
<sup>a</sup>Lev. 26:16 <sup>b</sup>Deut. 28:31

5 <sup>a</sup>Judg. 7:12; 8:10

6 <sup>a</sup>Deut. 28:43

8 <sup>l</sup>Lit., slaves  
<sup>a</sup>Judg. 2:1, 2

10 <sup>l</sup>Lit., listened to my voice

11 <sup>l</sup>Or, terebinth  
<sup>a</sup>Judg. 6:14; Judg. 2:1; 13:3  
<sup>b</sup>Judg. 6:15; Josh. 17:2  
<sup>c</sup>Heb. 11:32

13 <sup>a</sup>Judg. 6:1 Ps. 44:9

14 <sup>l</sup>Or, turned toward

15 <sup>l</sup>Lit., with what  
<sup>a</sup>Ex. 3:11 <sup>b</sup>Judg. 6:11

16 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *smite*  
\*Ex. 3:12; Josh. 1:5

17 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *he*  
\*Josh. 6:37 Is. 38:7, 8

19 I.e., approx. one  
bushel <sup>2</sup>Lit., *and he put*  
<sup>3</sup>Or, *terebinth*  
\*Gen. 10:6-8

21 <sup>1</sup>Or, *departed*  
\*Lev. 9:24

22 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *Gideon*  
<sup>2</sup>YHWH, usually rendered  
LORD  
<sup>3</sup>Judg. 13:21, 22;  
Gen. 32:30; Ex. 33:20

24 <sup>1</sup>Heb., *Yahweh-shalom*

25 <sup>1</sup>Or, *even* <sup>2</sup>I.e., wooden  
symbol of a female deity.  
Also vs. 26, 28, 30  
\*Ex. 34:13

31 <sup>1</sup>Or, *contend*

16 <sup>a</sup>But the LORD said to him, "Surely I will be with you, and you shall <sup>1</sup>defeat Midian as one man."

17 So <sup>1</sup>Gideon said to Him, "If now I have found favor in Thy sight, then show me <sup>a</sup>a sign that it is Thou who speakest with me.

18 "Please do not depart from here, until I come *back* to Thee, and bring out my offering and lay it before Thee." And He said, "I will remain until you return."

19 Then Gideon went in and <sup>a</sup>prepared a kid and unleavened bread from an <sup>1</sup>ephah of flour; he put the meat in a basket <sup>2</sup>and the broth in a pot, and brought *them* out to him under the <sup>3</sup>oak, and presented *them*.

20 And the angel of God said to him, "Take the meat and the unleavened bread and lay them on this rock, and pour out the broth." And he did so.

21 Then the angel of the LORD put out the end of the staff that was in his hand and touched the meat and the unleavened bread; and <sup>a</sup>fire sprang up from the rock and consumed the meat and the unleavened bread. Then the angel of the LORD <sup>1</sup>vanished from his sight.

22 <sup>a</sup>When Gideon saw that he was the angel of the LORD, <sup>1</sup>he said, "Alas, O Lord <sup>2</sup>God! For now I have seen the angel of the LORD face to face."

23 And the LORD said to him, "Peace to you, do not fear; you shall not die."

24 Then Gideon built an altar there to the LORD and named it <sup>1</sup>The LORD is Peace. To this day it is still in Ophrah of the Abiezrites.

25 Now the same night it came about that the LORD said to him, "Take your father's bull <sup>1</sup>and a second bull seven years old, and pull down the altar of Baal which belongs to your father, and cut down the <sup>2a</sup>Asherah that is beside it;

26 and build an altar to the LORD your God on the top of this stronghold in an orderly manner, and take a second bull and offer a burnt offering with the wood of the Asherah which you shall cut down."

27 Then Gideon took ten men of his servants and did as the LORD had spoken to him; and it came about, because he was too afraid of his father's household and the men of the city to do it by day, that he did it by night.

28 When the men of the city arose early in the morning, behold, the altar of Baal was torn down, and the Asherah which was beside it was cut down, and the second bull was offered on the altar which had been built.

29 And they said to one another, "Who did this thing?" And when they searched about and inquired, they said, "Gideon the son of Joash did this thing."

30 Then the men of the city said to Joash, "Bring out your son, that he may die, for he has torn down the altar of Baal, and indeed, he has cut down the Asherah which was beside it."

31 But Joash said to all who stood against him, "Will you contend for Baal, or will you deliver him? Whoever will <sup>1</sup>plead for him shall be put to death by morning. If he is a god, let him contend for himself, because someone has torn down his altar."



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32 Therefore on that day he named him <sup>a</sup>Jerubbaal, that is to say, "Let Baal contend against him," because he had torn down his altar.

32 <sup>a</sup>Judg. 7:1

33 Then all the Midianites and the Amalekites and the sons of the east assembled themselves; and they crossed over and camped in <sup>a</sup>the valley of Jezreel.

33 <sup>a</sup>Josh. 17:16

34 So <sup>a</sup>the Spirit of the LORD <sup>1</sup>came upon Gideon; and he <sup>b</sup>blew a trumpet, and the Abiezerites were called together to follow him.

34 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *clothed*  
<sup>a</sup>Judg. 3:10 <sup>b</sup>Judg. 3:27

35 And he sent messengers throughout Manasseh, and they also were called together to follow him; and he sent messengers to Asher, <sup>a</sup>Zebulun, and Naphtali, and <sup>b</sup>they came up to meet them.

35 <sup>a</sup>Judg. 4:6, 10; 5:18  
<sup>b</sup>Judg. 7:3

36 Then Gideon said to God, "<sup>a</sup>If Thou wilt deliver Israel <sup>1</sup>through me, as Thou hast spoken,

37 behold, I will put a fleece of wool on the threshing floor. If there is dew on the fleece only, and it is dry on all the ground, then I will know that Thou wilt deliver Israel <sup>1</sup>through me, as Thou hast spoken."

36 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *by my hand*  
<sup>a</sup>Judg. 6:14, 16, 17

38 And it was so. When he arose early the next morning and squeezed the fleece, he drained the dew from the fleece, a bowl full of water.

39 Then Gideon said to God, "<sup>a</sup>Do not let Thine anger burn against me that I may speak once more; please let me make a test once more with the fleece, let it now be dry only on the fleece, and let there be dew on all the ground."

37 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *by my hand*

40 And God did so that night; for it was dry only on the fleece, and dew was on all the ground.

39 <sup>a</sup>Gen. 18:32

CHAPTER 7

THEN <sup>a</sup>Jerubbaal (that is, Gideon) and all the people who were with him, rose early and camped beside <sup>1</sup>the spring <sup>b</sup>of Harod; and the camp of Midian was on the north side of <sup>2</sup>them by the hill of <sup>c</sup>Moreh in the valley.

1 <sup>1</sup>Or, *En-Harod* <sup>2</sup>Lit.,  
*him*  
<sup>a</sup>Judg. 6:32 <sup>b</sup>Judg. 7:3  
<sup>c</sup>Gen. 12:6; Deut. 11:30

2 And the LORD said to Gideon, "The people who are with you are too many for Me to give Midian into their hands, <sup>a</sup>lest Israel <sup>1</sup>become boastful, saying, 'My own <sup>2</sup>power has delivered me.'

2 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *glorify itself against me* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *hand*  
<sup>a</sup>Deut. 8:17, 18

3 "Now therefore <sup>1</sup>come, proclaim in the hearing of the people, saying, '<sup>a</sup>Whoever is afraid and trembling, let him return and depart from Mount Gilead.'" So 22,000 people returned, but 10,000 remained.

3 <sup>1</sup>Or, *please*  
<sup>a</sup>Deut. 20:8

4 <sup>a</sup>Then the LORD said to Gideon, "The people are still too many; bring them down to the water and I will test them for you there. Therefore it shall be that he of whom I say to you, 'This one shall go with you,' he shall go with you; but everyone of whom I say to you, 'This one shall not go with you,' he shall not go."

4 <sup>1</sup> Sam. 14:6

5 So he brought the people down to the water. And the LORD said to Gideon, "You shall separate everyone who laps the water with his tongue, as a dog laps, as well as everyone who kneels to drink."

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7 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *place*

8 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *they* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *he*

9 <sup>a</sup>Josh. 2:24; 10:8; 11:6

11 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *extremity of the battle array*  
<sup>a</sup>Judg. 7:15

12 <sup>a</sup>Judg. 6:5; 8:10  
<sup>b</sup>Josh. 11:4

13 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *dreamed* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *and behold, a loaf* <sup>3</sup>Lit., *upwards*

14 <sup>a</sup>Josh. 2:9

16 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *heads*

17 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *it shall come about that just as I do, so you shall do.*

20 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *heads*

21 <sup>1</sup>Or, *camp*

6 Now the number of those who lapped, putting their hand to their mouth, was 300 men; but all the rest of the people kneeled to drink water.

7 And the LORD said to Gideon, "I will deliver you with the 300 men who lapped and will give the Midianites into your hands; so let all the *other* people go, each man to his <sup>1</sup>home."

8 So <sup>1</sup>the 300 men took the people's provisions and their trumpets into their hands. And <sup>2</sup>Gideon sent all the *other* men of Israel, each to his tent, but retained the 300 men; and the camp of Midian was below him in the valley.

9 Now the same night it came about that the LORD said to him, "Arise, go down against the camp, <sup>a</sup>for I have given it into your hands.

10 "But if you are afraid to go down, go with Purah your servant down to the camp,

11 and you will hear what they say; and <sup>a</sup>afterward your hands will be strengthened that you may go down against the camp." So he went with Purah his servant down to the <sup>1</sup>outposts of the army that was in the camp.

12 Now the Midianites and the Amalekites and all the sons of the east were lying in the valley <sup>a</sup>as numerous as locusts; and their camels were without number, <sup>b</sup>as numerous as the sand on the seashore.

13 When Gideon came, behold, a man was relating a dream to his friend. And he said, "Behold, I <sup>1</sup>had a dream; <sup>2</sup>a loaf of barley bread was tumbling into the camp of Midian, and it came to the tent and struck it so that it fell, and turned it <sup>3</sup>upside down so that the tent lay flat."

14 And his friend answered and said, "This is nothing less than the sword of Gideon the son of Joash, a man of Israel; God has given Midian and all the camp <sup>a</sup>into his hand."

15 And it came about when Gideon heard the account of the dream and its interpretation, that he bowed in worship. He returned to the camp of Israel and said, "Arise, for the LORD has given the camp of Midian into your hands."

16 And he divided the 300 men into three <sup>1</sup>companies, and he put trumpets and empty pitchers into the hands of all of them, with torches inside the pitchers.

17 And he said to them, "Look at me, and do likewise. And behold, when I come to the outskirts of the camp, <sup>1</sup>do as I do.

18 "When I and all who are with me blow the trumpet, then you also blow the trumpets all around the camp, and say, 'For the LORD and for Gideon.'"

19 So Gideon and the hundred men who were with him came to the outskirts of the camp at the beginning of the middle watch, when they had just posted the watch; and they blew the trumpets and smashed the pitchers that were in their hands.

20 When the three <sup>1</sup>companies blew the trumpets and broke the pitchers, they held the torches in their left hands and the trumpets in their right hands for blowing, and cried, "A sword for the LORD and for Gideon!"

21 And each stood in his place around the camp; and all the <sup>1</sup>army ran, crying out as they fled.

22 And when they blew 300 trumpets, the <sup>a</sup>LORD set the sword of one against another even throughout the whole <sup>1</sup>army; and the <sup>1</sup>army fled as far as Beth-shittah toward Zererah, as far as the edge of <sup>b</sup>Abel-meholah, by Tabbath.

23 And the men of Israel were summoned from <sup>a</sup>Naphtali and Asher and all Manasseh, and they pursued Midian.

24 And Gideon sent messengers throughout all the hill country of Ephraim, saying, "Come down <sup>1</sup>against Midian and <sup>a</sup>take the waters before them, as far as Beth-barah and the Jordan." So all the men of Ephraim were summoned, and they took the waters as far as Beth-barah and the Jordan.

25 And <sup>a</sup>they captured the two leaders of Midian, Oreb and Zeeb, and they killed Oreb at the rock of Oreb, and they killed Zeeb at the wine press of Zeeb, while they pursued Midian; and they brought the heads of Oreb and Zeeb to Gideon <sup>b</sup>from across the Jordan.

## CHAPTER 8

**T**HEN the men of Ephraim said to him, "<sup>a</sup>What is this thing you have done to us, not calling us when you went to fight against Midian?" And they contended with him vigorously.

2 But he said to them, "What have I done now in comparison with you? Is not the gleaning of the grapes of Ephraim better than the vintage of Abiezer?"

3 "God has given the leaders of Midian, Oreb and Zeeb into your hands; and what was I able to do in comparison with you?" Then their <sup>1</sup>anger toward him subsided when he said <sup>2</sup>that.

4 Then Gideon and the 300 men who were with him came <sup>a</sup>to the Jordan and crossed over, weary yet pursuing.

5 And he said to the men of <sup>a</sup>Succoth, "Please give loaves of bread to the people who are following me, for they are weary, and I am pursuing Zebah and Zalmunna, the kings of Midian."

6 And the leaders of Succoth said, "<sup>1a</sup>Are the hands of Zebah and Zalmunna already in your hands, that we should give bread to your army?"

7 And Gideon said, "<sup>1</sup>All right, <sup>a</sup>when the LORD has given Zebah and Zalmunna into my hand, then I will <sup>2</sup>thrash your <sup>3</sup>bodies with the thorns of the wilderness and with briers."

8 And he went up from there to <sup>a</sup>Penuel, and spoke similarly to them; and the men of Penuel answered him just as the men of Succoth had answered.

9 So he spoke also to the men of Penuel, saying, "When I return safely, <sup>a</sup>I will tear down this tower."

10 Now Zebah and Zalmunna were in Karkor, and their <sup>1</sup>armies with them, about 15,000 men, all who were left of the entire <sup>2</sup>army of the sons of the east; <sup>a</sup>for the fallen were 120,000 <sup>3</sup>swordsmen.

11 And Gideon went up by the way of those who lived in tents on the east of Nobah and Jogbehah, and <sup>1</sup>attacked the camp, when the camp was <sup>2</sup>unsuspecting.

12 When Zebah and Zalmunna fled, he pursued them and captured the two kings of Midian, Zebah and Zalmunna, and routed the whole <sup>1</sup>army.

22 <sup>1</sup>Or, camp  
<sup>a</sup>1 Sam. 14:20 <sup>b</sup>1 Kin. 4:12;  
19:16

23 <sup>a</sup>Judg. 6:35

24 <sup>1</sup>Lit., to meet  
<sup>a</sup>Judg. 3:28

25 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 83:11; Is. 10:26  
<sup>b</sup>Judg. 8:4

1 <sup>a</sup>Judg. 12:1

3 <sup>1</sup>Lit., spirit <sup>2</sup>Lit., this  
thing

4 <sup>a</sup>Judg. 7:25

5 <sup>a</sup>Gen. 33:17

6 <sup>1</sup>Lit., Is the palm  
<sup>a</sup>Judg. 8:15

7 <sup>1</sup>Lit., For thus <sup>2</sup>Or,  
trample <sup>3</sup>Lit., flesh  
<sup>a</sup>Judg. 7:15

8 <sup>a</sup>Gen. 32:30, 31

9 <sup>a</sup>Judg. 8:17

10 <sup>1</sup>Or, camps <sup>2</sup>Or, camp  
<sup>3</sup>Lit., men who drew sword  
<sup>a</sup>Judg. 6:5; 7:12; Ps. 83:9;  
Is. 9:4

11 <sup>1</sup>Lit., smote <sup>2</sup>Or,  
secure

12 <sup>1</sup>Or, camp

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13 <sup>1</sup>Or, from

14 <sup>1</sup>Lit., of the men of

15 <sup>1</sup>Lit., Is the palm  
<sup>a</sup>Judg. 8:6

16 <sup>1</sup>Lit., made the  
men . . . to know

17 <sup>a</sup>Judg. 8:9

18 <sup>1</sup>Lit., like the form of  
the sons

21 <sup>a</sup>Judg. 17:5; 18:14-20;  
Ex. 28:6-35 <sup>b</sup>Judg. 8:26

24 <sup>1</sup>Lit., request a request  
<sup>2</sup>Or, a nosering

27 <sup>a</sup>Judg. 17:5; 18:14-20;  
Ex. 28:6-35

29 <sup>a</sup>Judg. 7:1

30 <sup>1</sup>Lit., came from his  
loins  
<sup>a</sup>Judg. 9:2, 5

31 <sup>1</sup>Lit., appointed his  
name

**13** Then Gideon the son of Joash returned from the battle <sup>1</sup>by the ascent of Heres.

**14** And he captured a youth <sup>1</sup>from Succoth and questioned him. Then *the youth* wrote down for him the princes of Succoth and its elders, seventy-seven men.

**15** And he came to the men of Succoth and said, "Behold Zebah and Zalmunna, concerning whom you taunted me, saying, <sup>1a</sup>Are the hands of Zebah and Zalmunna already in your hand, that we should give bread to your men who are weary?" "

**16** And he took the elders of the city, and thorns of the wilderness and briers, and he <sup>1</sup>disciplined the men of Succoth with them.

**17** <sup>a</sup>And he tore down the tower of Penuel and killed the men of the city.

**18** Then he said to Zebah and Zalmunna, "What kind of men *were* they whom you killed at Tabor?" And they said, "They were like you, each one <sup>1</sup>resembling the son of a king."

**19** And he said, "They *were* my brothers, the sons of my mother. As the LORD lives, if only you had let them live, I would not kill you."

**20** So he said to Jether his first-born, "Rise, kill them." But the youth did not draw his sword, for he was afraid, because he was still a youth.

**21** Then Zebah and Zalmunna said, "Rise up yourself, and fall on us; for as the man, so is his strength." <sup>a</sup>So Gideon arose and killed Zebah and Zalmunna, and <sup>b</sup>took the crescent ornaments which were on their camels' necks.

**22** Then the men of Israel said to Gideon, "Rule over us, both you and your son, also your son's son, for you have delivered us from the hand of Midian."

**23** But Gideon said to them, "I will not rule over you, nor shall my son rule over you; the LORD shall rule over you."

**24** Yet Gideon said to them, "I would <sup>1</sup>request of you, that each of you give me <sup>2</sup>an earring from his spoil." (For they had gold earrings, because they were Ishmaelites.)

**25** And they said, "We will surely give *them*." So they spread out a garment, and every one of them threw an earring there from his spoil.

**26** And the weight of the gold earrings that he requested was 1,700 *shekels* of gold, besides the crescent ornaments and the pendants and the purple robes which *were* on the kings of Midian, and besides the neck bands that *were* on their camels' necks.

**27** And Gideon made it into <sup>a</sup>an ephod, and placed it in his city, Ophrah, and all Israel played the harlot with it there, so that it became a snare to Gideon and his household.

**28** So Midian was subdued before the sons of Israel, and they did not lift up their heads any more. And the land was undisturbed for forty years in the days of Gideon.

**29** Then <sup>a</sup>Jerubbaal the son of Joash went and lived in his own house.

**30** Now Gideon had <sup>a</sup>seventy sons who <sup>1</sup>were his direct descendants, for he had many wives.

**31** And his concubine who was in Shechem also bore him a son, and he <sup>1</sup>named him Abimelech.

32 And Gideon the son of Joash died at a ripe old age and was buried in the tomb of his father Joash, in Ophrah of the Abiezrites.

33 Then it came about, as soon as Gideon was dead, <sup>a</sup>that the sons of Israel again played the harlot with the Baals, and made <sup>b</sup>Baal-berith their god.

34 Thus the sons of Israel <sup>a</sup>did not remember the LORD their God, who had delivered them from the hands of all their enemies on every side;

35 nor did they show kindness to the household of Jerubbaal (*that is*, Gideon), in accord with all the good that he had done to Israel.

## CHAPTER 9

AND <sup>a</sup>Abimelech the son of Jerubbaal went to Shechem to his mother's <sup>1</sup>relatives, and spoke to them and to the whole clan of the household of his mother's father, saying,

2 "Speak, now, in the hearing of all the leaders of Shechem, 'Which is better for you, that <sup>a</sup>seventy men, all the sons of Jerubbaal, rule over you, or that one man rule over you?' Also, remember that I am <sup>b</sup>your bone and your flesh."

3 And his mother's <sup>1</sup>relatives spoke all these words on his behalf in the hearing of all the leaders of Shechem; and <sup>2</sup>they were inclined to follow Abimelech, for they said, "He is our <sup>3</sup>relative."

4 And they gave him seventy *pieces* of silver from the house of <sup>a</sup>Baal-berith with which Abimelech hired worthless and reckless fellows, and they followed him.

5 Then he went to his father's house at Ophrah, and killed his brothers the sons of Jerubbaal, <sup>a</sup>seventy men, on one stone. But Jotham the youngest son of Jerubbaal was left, for he hid himself.

6 And all the men of Shechem and all <sup>1</sup>Beth-millo assembled together, and they went and made Abimelech king, by the <sup>2</sup>oak of the pillar which was in Shechem.

7 Now when they told Jotham, he went and stood on the top of <sup>a</sup>Mount Gerizim, and lifted his voice and called out. Thus he said to them, "Listen to me, O men of Shechem, that God may listen to you.

8 "Once the trees went forth to anoint a king over them, and they said to the olive tree, 'Reign over us!'

9 "But the olive tree said to them, 'Shall I leave my fatness with <sup>1</sup>which God and men are honored, and go to wave over the trees?'

10 "Then the trees said to the fig tree, 'You come, reign over us!'

11 "But the fig tree said to them, 'Shall I leave my sweetness and my good <sup>1</sup>fruit, and go to wave over the trees?'

12 "Then the trees said to the vine, 'You come, reign over us!'

13 "But the vine said to them, 'Shall I leave my new wine, which cheers God and men, and go to wave over the trees?'

14 "Finally all the trees said to the bramble, 'You come, reign over us!'

15 "And the bramble said to the trees, 'If in <sup>1</sup>truth you are

33 <sup>a</sup>Judg. 2:11, 12  
<sup>b</sup>Judg. 9:4, 27, 46

34 <sup>a</sup>Judg. 3:7; Deut. 4:9

<sup>1</sup> <sup>1</sup>Lit., *brothers*  
<sup>2</sup>Judg. 8:31, 35

2 <sup>a</sup>Judg. 8:30 <sup>b</sup>Gen. 29:14

3 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *brothers* <sup>2</sup>Lit.,  
*their hearts inclined after*  
<sup>3</sup>Lit., *brother*

4 <sup>a</sup>Judg. 8:33

5 <sup>a</sup>Judg. 9:2

6 <sup>1</sup>Or, *the house of*  
<sup>2</sup>Or, *terebinth*

7 <sup>a</sup>Deut. 11:29, 30

9 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *which by me*

11 <sup>1</sup>Or, *produce*

15 <sup>1</sup>Or, *sincerity*

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16 <sup>1</sup>Or, sincerity <sup>2</sup>Lit., if you have <sup>3</sup>Lit., according to the dealing of his hands <sup>a</sup>Judg. 8:35

17 <sup>1</sup>Lit., cast his soul in front

18 <sup>1</sup>Lit., brother <sup>a</sup>Judg. 9:5 <sup>b</sup>Judg. 8:31

19 <sup>1</sup>Or, sincerity

20 <sup>1</sup>Or, the house of Millo

23 <sup>a</sup>1 Sam. 16:14

24 <sup>1</sup>Lit., of the seventy <sup>2</sup>Lit., come <sup>a</sup>Judg. 9:56, 57; Deut. 27:25 <sup>b</sup>Num. 35:33

25 <sup>1</sup>Lit., liers-in-wait for

26 <sup>1</sup>Lit., brothers

27 <sup>1</sup>Lit., rejoicing <sup>a</sup>Judg. 9:46; 8:33

28 <sup>1</sup>Lit., overseer

29 <sup>1</sup>Lit., And who will give this people into my hand

31 <sup>1</sup>Or, in Tormah <sup>2</sup>Lit., brothers <sup>3</sup>Lit., besieging

anointing me as king over you, come and take refuge in my shade; but if not, may fire come out from the bramble and consume the cedars of Lebanon.

16 "Now therefore, if you have dealt in <sup>1</sup>truth and integrity in making Abimelech king, and if you have dealt well with <sup>a</sup>Jerubbaal and his house, and <sup>2</sup>have dealt with him <sup>3</sup>as he deserved—

17 for my father fought for you and <sup>1</sup>risked his life and delivered you from the hand of Midian;

18 but you have risen against my father's house today and have killed <sup>a</sup>his sons, seventy men, on one stone, and have made Abimelech, <sup>b</sup>the son of his maidservant, king over the men of Shechem, because he is your <sup>1</sup>relative—

19 if then you have dealt in <sup>1</sup>truth and integrity with Jerubbaal and his house this day, rejoice in Abimelech, and let him also rejoice in you.

20 "But if not, let fire come out from Abimelech and consume the men of Shechem and <sup>1</sup>Beth-millo; and let fire come out from the men of Shechem and from <sup>1</sup>Beth-millo, and consume Abimelech."

21 Then Jotham escaped and fled, and went to Beer and remained there because of Abimelech his brother.

22 Now Abimelech ruled over Israel three years.

23 <sup>a</sup>Then God sent an evil spirit between Abimelech and the men of Shechem; and the men of Shechem dealt treacherously with Abimelech,

24 <sup>a</sup>in order that the violence <sup>1</sup>done to the seventy sons of Jerubbaal might come, and <sup>b</sup>their blood might be laid on Abimelech their brother, who killed them, and on the men of Shechem, who strengthened his hands to kill his brothers.

25 And the men of Shechem set <sup>1</sup>men in ambush against him on the tops of the mountains, and they robbed all who might pass by them along the road; and it was told to Abimelech.

26 Now Gaal the son of Ebed came with his <sup>1</sup>relatives, and crossed over into Shechem; and the men of Shechem put their trust in him.

27 And they went out into the field and gathered *the grapes* of their vineyards and trod *them*, and held a <sup>1</sup>festival; and they <sup>a</sup>went into the house of <sup>a</sup>their god, and ate and drank and <sup>a</sup>and cursed Abimelech.

28 Then Gaal the son of Ebed said, "Who is Abimelech, and who is Shechem, that we should serve him? Is he not the son of Jerubbaal, and *is* Zebul *not* his <sup>1</sup>lieutenant? Serve the men of Hamor the father of Shechem; but why should we serve him?"

29 "Would, therefore, that this people were under my authority! Then I would remove Abimelech." And he said to Abimelech, "Increase your army, and come out."

30 And when Zebul the ruler of the city heard the words of Gaal the son of Ebed, his anger burned.

31 And he sent messengers to Abimelech <sup>1</sup>deceitfully, saying, "Behold, Gaal the son of Ebed and his <sup>2</sup>relatives have come to Shechem; and behold, they are <sup>3</sup>stirring up the city against you.

32 "Now therefore, arise by night, you and the people who are with you, and lie in wait in the field.

33 "And it shall come about in the morning, as soon as the sun is up, that you shall rise early and rush upon the city; and behold, when he and the people who are with him come out against you, you shall do to them whatever you can."

34 So Abimelech and all the people who were with him arose by night and lay in wait against Shechem in four companies.

35 Now Gaal the son of Ebed went out and stood in the entrance of the city gate; and Abimelech and the people who were with him arose from the ambush.

36 And when Gaal saw the people, he said to Zebul, "Look, people are coming down from the tops of the mountains." But Zebul said to him, "You are seeing the shadow of the mountains as if they were men."

37 And Gaal spoke again and said, "Behold, people are coming down from the highest part of the land, and one company comes by the way of the diviners' oak."

38 Then Zebul said to him, "Where is your boasting now with which you said, 'Who is Abimelech that we should serve him?' Is this not the people whom you despised? Go out now and fight with them!"

39 So Gaal went out before the leaders of Shechem and fought with Abimelech.

40 And Abimelech chased him, and he fled before him; and many fell wounded up to the entrance of the gate.

41 Then Abimelech remained at Arumah, but Zebul drove out Gaal and his relatives so that they could not remain in Shechem.

42 Now it came about the next day, that the people went out to the field, and it was told to Abimelech.

43 So he took his people and divided them into three companies, and lay in wait in the field; when he looked and saw the people coming out from the city, he arose against them and slew them.

44 Then Abimelech and the company who was with him dashed forward and stood in the entrance of the city gate; the other two companies then dashed against all who were in the field and slew them.

45 And Abimelech fought against the city all that day, and he captured the city and killed the people who were in it; then he razed the city and sowed it with salt.

46 When all the leaders of the tower of Shechem heard of it, they entered the inner chamber of the temple of El-berith.

47 And it was told Abimelech that all the leaders of the tower of Shechem were gathered together.

48 So Abimelech went up to Mount Zalmon, he and all the people who were with him; and Abimelech took an axe in his hand and cut down a branch from the trees, and lifted it and laid it on his shoulder. Then he said to the people who were with him, "What you have seen me do, hurry and do likewise."

49 And all the people also cut down each one his branch and followed Abimelech, and put them on the inner chamber and set the inner chamber on fire over those inside, so that all

33 <sup>1</sup>Lit., as your hand can find  
<sup>1</sup>1 Sam. 10:7

34 <sup>1</sup>Lit., heads

36 <sup>1</sup>Lit., Behold

37 <sup>1</sup>Or, center <sup>2</sup>Lit., head  
<sup>1</sup>Heb., Elomneonim  
<sup>4</sup>Or, terebinth  
<sup>4</sup>Ezek. 38:12

38 <sup>1</sup>Lit., mouth

41 <sup>1</sup>Lit., brothers

43 <sup>1</sup>Lit., the <sup>2</sup>Lit., heads  
<sup>3</sup>Lit., behold <sup>4</sup>Lit., smote

44 <sup>1</sup>Singular with Ck;  
Heb. plural, heads <sup>2</sup>Lit., heads <sup>3</sup>lit., smote

46 <sup>1</sup>Lit., house  
<sup>2</sup>Judg. 8:33

48 <sup>1</sup>Lit., the axes <sup>2</sup>Lit., like me  
<sup>4</sup>Ps. 68:14

53 <sup>a</sup>2 Sam. 11:2154 <sup>1</sup>Lit., his55 <sup>1</sup>Lit., place57 <sup>1</sup>Lit., to

<sup>4</sup> <sup>1</sup>Lit., which are in  
<sup>2</sup>i.e., the towns of Jair  
<sup>3</sup>Num. 32:41

<sup>6</sup> <sup>1</sup>Heb., Aram  
<sup>2</sup>Judg. 2:13 <sup>3</sup>Judg. 11:24  
<sup>4</sup>Deut. 31:16, 17; 32:15

<sup>8</sup> <sup>1</sup>Lit., shattered <sup>2</sup>Lit.,  
in that <sup>3</sup>Lit., which is in

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the men of the tower of Shechem also died, about a thousand men and women.

**50** Then Abimelech went to Thebez, and he camped against Thebez and captured it.

**51** But there was a strong tower in the center of the city, and all the men and women with all the leaders of the city fled there and shut themselves in; and they went up on the roof of the tower.

**52** So Abimelech came to the tower and fought against it, and approached the entrance of the tower to burn it with fire.

**53** But <sup>a</sup>a certain woman threw an upper millstone on Abimelech's head, crushing his skull.

**54** Then he called quickly to the young man, his armor bearer, and said to him, "Draw your sword and kill me, lest it be said of me, 'A woman slew him.'" So <sup>1</sup>the young man pierced him through, and he died.

**55** And when the men of Israel saw that Abimelech was dead, each departed to his <sup>1</sup>home.

**56** Thus God repaid the wickedness of Abimelech, which he had done to his father, in killing his seventy brothers.

**57** Also God returned all the wickedness of the men of Shechem on their heads, and the curse of Jotham the son of Jerubbaal came <sup>1</sup>upon them.

## CHAPTER 10

**N**OW after Abimelech died, Tola the son of Puah, the son of Dodo, a man of Issachar, arose to save Israel; and he lived in Shamir in the hill country of Ephraim.

**2** And he judged Israel twenty-three years. Then he died and was buried in Shamir.

**3** And after him, Jair the Gileadite arose, and judged Israel twenty-two years.

**4** And he had thirty sons who rode on thirty donkeys, and they had thirty cities <sup>1</sup>in the land of Gilead <sup>a</sup>that are called <sup>2</sup>Havvoth-jair to this day.

**5** And Jair died and was buried in Kamon.

**6** Then the sons of Israel again did evil in the sight of the LORD, <sup>a</sup>served the Baals and the Ashtaroth, the gods of <sup>1</sup>Syria, the gods of Sidon, the gods of Moab, <sup>b</sup>the gods of the sons of Ammon, and the gods of the Philistines; thus <sup>c</sup>they forsook the LORD and did not serve Him.

**7** And the anger of the LORD burned against Israel, and He sold them into the hands of the Philistines, and into the hands of the sons of Ammon.

**8** And they <sup>1</sup>afflicted and crushed the sons of Israel <sup>2</sup>that year; for eighteen years they *afflicted* all the sons of Israel who were beyond the Jordan <sup>3</sup>in Gilead in the land of the Amorites.

**9** And the sons of Ammon crossed the Jordan to fight also against Judah, Benjamin, and the house of Ephraim, so that Israel was greatly distressed.

**10** Then the sons of Israel cried out to the LORD, saying, "We have sinned against Thee, for indeed, we have forsaken our God and served the Baals."



11 And the LORD said to the sons of Israel, "Did I not deliver you from the Egyptians, the Amorites, the sons of Ammon, and the Philistines?"

12 "Also when the Sidonians, the Amalekites and the Maonites oppressed you, you cried out to Me, and I delivered you from their hands.

13 "Yet you have forsaken Me and served other gods; therefore I will deliver you no more.

14 "Go and cry out to the gods which you have chosen; let them deliver you in the time of your distress."

15 And the sons of Israel said to the LORD, "We have sinned, do to us whatever seems good to Thee; only please deliver us this day."

16 <sup>a</sup>So they put away the foreign gods from among them, and served the LORD; and <sup>b</sup>He could bear the misery of Israel no longer.

17 Then the sons of Ammon were summoned, and they camped in Gilead. And the sons of Israel gathered together, and camped in <sup>a</sup>Mizpah.

18 And the people, the leaders of Gilead, said to one another, "Who is the man who will begin to fight against the sons of Ammon? He shall become head over all the inhabitants of Gilead."

CHAPTER 11

**N**OW <sup>a</sup>Jephthah the Gileadite was a <sup>1</sup>valiant warrior, but he was the son of a harlot. And Gilead <sup>2</sup>was the father of Jephthah.

2 And Gilead's wife bore him sons; and when his wife's sons grew up, they drove Jephthah out and said to him, "You shall not have an inheritance in our father's house, for you are the son of another woman."

3 So Jephthah fled from his brothers and lived in the land of <sup>a</sup>Tob; and worthless fellows gathered themselves <sup>1</sup>about Jephthah, and they went out with him.

4 And it came about after a while that <sup>a</sup>the sons of Ammon fought against Israel.

5 And it happened when the sons of Ammon fought against Israel that the elders of Gilead went to get Jephthah from the land of Tob;

6 and they said to Jephthah, "Come and be our chief that we may fight against the sons of Ammon."

7 Then Jephthah said to the elders of Gilead, "Did you not hate me and drive me from my father's house? So why have you come to me now when you are in trouble?"

8 And the elders of Gilead said to Jephthah, "For this reason we have now returned to you, that you may go with us and fight with the sons of Ammon and <sup>a</sup>become head over all the inhabitants of Gilead."

9 So Jephthah said to the elders of Gilead, "If you take me back to fight against the sons of Ammon and the LORD gives them up <sup>1</sup>to me, will I become your head?"

10 And the elders of Gilead said to Jephthah, "<sup>a</sup>The LORD is <sup>1</sup>witness between us; surely we will do <sup>2</sup>as you have said."

11 Then Jephthah went with the elders of Gilead, and the

14 <sup>a</sup>Deut. 32:37

16 <sup>1</sup>Lit., His soul was short with the misery  
<sup>a</sup>Josh. 24:23 <sup>b</sup>Deut. 32:36

17 <sup>a</sup>Judg. 11:29

1 <sup>1</sup>Or, mighty man of valor  
<sup>2</sup>Lit., begat  
<sup>a</sup>Heb. 11:32

3 <sup>1</sup>Lit., to  
<sup>a</sup>2 Sam. 10:6, 8

4 <sup>a</sup>Judg. 10:9, 17

8 <sup>a</sup>Judg. 10:18

9 <sup>1</sup>Lit., before

10 <sup>1</sup>Lit., hearer  
<sup>2</sup>Lit., according to your word  
<sup>a</sup>Gen. 31:50

11 \*Judg. 11:29

16 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *Sea of Reeds*  
<sup>a</sup>Num. 20:1, 4-21

17 \*Josh. 24:9

18 \*Num. 21:4; Deut. 2:8  
<sup>b</sup>Deut. 2:9, 18, 1919 \*Num. 21:21-32;  
Deut. 2:26-3621 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *smote*

22 \*Deut. 2:37

24 \*Num. 21:29  
<sup>1</sup>Kin. 11:725 \*Num. 22:2; Josh. 24:9;  
Mic. 6:526 \*Num. 21:25, 26;  
Deut. 2:3627 \*Gen. 16:5; 18:25;  
31:53; 1 Sam. 24:12, 15

people made him head and chief over them; and Jephthah spoke all his words before the LORD at <sup>a</sup>Mizpah.

12 Now Jephthah sent messengers to the king of the sons of Ammon, saying, "What is between you and me, that you have come to me to fight against my land?"

13 And the king of the sons of Ammon said to the messengers of Jephthah, "Because Israel took away my land when they came up from Egypt, from the Arnon as far as the Jabbok and the Jordan; therefore, return them peaceably now."

14 But Jephthah sent messengers again to the king of the sons of Ammon,

15 and they said to him, "Thus says Jephthah, 'Israel did not take away the land of Moab, nor the land of the sons of Ammon.

16 'For when they came up from Egypt, and Israel went through the wilderness to the <sup>1</sup>Red Sea and <sup>a</sup>came to Kadesh,

17 then Israel sent messengers to the king of Edom, saying, "Please let us pass through your land," but the king of Edom would not listen. <sup>a</sup>And they also sent to the king of Moab, but he would not consent. So Israel remained at Kadesh.

18 'Then they went through the wilderness and <sup>a</sup>around the land of Edom and the land of Moab, and came to the east side of the land of Moab, and they camped beyond the Arnon; but they <sup>b</sup>did not enter the territory of Moab, for the Arnon was the border of Moab.

19 'And Israel sent <sup>a</sup>messengers to Sihon king of the Amorites, the king of Heshbon, and Israel said to him, "Please let us pass through your land to our place."

20 'But Sihon did not trust Israel to pass through his territory; so Sihon gathered all his people and camped in Jahaz, and fought with Israel.

21 'And the LORD, the God of Israel, gave Sihon and all his people into the hand of Israel, and they <sup>1</sup>defeated them; so Israel possessed all the land of the Amorites, the inhabitants of that country.

22 <sup>a</sup>So they possessed all the territory of the Amorites, from the Arnon as far as the Jabbok, and from the wilderness as far as the Jordan.

23 'Since now the LORD, the God of Israel, drove out the Amorites from before His people Israel, are you then to possess it?

24 'Do you not possess what <sup>a</sup>Chemosh your god gives you to possess? So whatever the LORD our God has driven out before us, we will possess it.

25 'And now are you any better than <sup>a</sup>Balak the son of Zippor, king of Moab? Did he ever strive with Israel, or did he ever fight against them?

26 <sup>a</sup>While Israel lived in Heshbon and its villages, and in Aroer and its villages, and in all the cities that are on the banks of the Arnon, three hundred years, why did you not recover them within that time?

27 'I therefore have not sinned against you, but you are doing me wrong by making war against me; <sup>a</sup>may the LORD, the Judge, judge today between the sons of Israel and the sons of Ammon.'

28 But the king of the sons of Ammon <sup>1</sup>disregarded the message which Jephthah sent him.

29 Now <sup>a</sup>the Spirit of the LORD came upon Jephthah, so that he passed through Gilead and Manasseh, then he passed through Mizpah of Gilead, and from Mizpah of Gilead he went on to the sons of Ammon.

30 And Jephthah made a vow to the LORD and said, "If Thou wilt indeed give the sons of Ammon into my hand,

31 then it shall be that whatever comes out of the doors of my house to meet me when I return in peace from the sons of Ammon, it shall be the LORD's, <sup>1</sup>or I will offer it up as a burnt offering."

32 So Jephthah crossed over to the sons of Ammon to fight against them; and the LORD gave them into his hand.

33 And he struck them with a very great slaughter from Aroer to the entrance of <sup>a</sup>Minnith, twenty cities, and as far as Abel-keramin. So the sons of Ammon were subdued before the sons of Israel.

34 When Jephthah came to his house at <sup>a</sup>Mizpah, behold, his daughter was coming out to meet him <sup>b</sup>with tambourines and with dancing. Now she was his one *and* only child; besides her he had neither son nor daughter.

35 And it came about when he saw her, that he tore his clothes and said, "Alas, my daughter! You have brought me very low, and you are among those who trouble me; for I have <sup>1</sup>given my word to the LORD, and <sup>1</sup>I cannot take it back."

36 So she said to him, "My father, you have <sup>1</sup>given your word to the LORD; do to me <sup>2</sup>as you have said, since the LORD has avenged you of your enemies, the sons of Ammon."

37 And she said to her father, "Let this thing be done for me; let me alone two months, that I may <sup>1</sup>go to the mountains and weep because of my virginity, I and my companions."

38 Then he said, "Go." So he sent her away for two months; and she left with her companions, and wept on the mountains because of her virginity.

39 And it came about at the end of two months that she returned to her father, who did to her according to the vow which he had made; and she <sup>1</sup>had no relations with a man. Thus it became a custom in Israel,

40 that the daughters of Israel went yearly to <sup>1</sup>commemorate the daughter of Jephthah the Gileadite four days in the year.

CHAPTER 12

**T**HEN the men of Ephraim were summoned, and they crossed <sup>1</sup>to Zaphon and <sup>a</sup>said to Jephthah, "Why did you cross over to fight against the sons of Ammon without calling us to go with you? We will burn your house down on you."

2 And Jephthah said to them, "I and my people were at great strife with the sons of Ammon; when I called you, you did not deliver me from their hand.

3 "And when I saw that you would not deliver *me*, I <sup>1</sup>took my life in my hands and crossed over against the sons of Ammon, and the LORD gave them into my hand. Why then have you come up to me this day, to fight against me?"

28 <sup>1</sup>Lit. *did not listen to the words*

29 <sup>a</sup>Judg. 3:10

31 <sup>1</sup>Or. *and*

33 <sup>a</sup>Ezek. 27:15

34 <sup>a</sup>Judg. 11:11; 10:17  
<sup>b</sup>Ex. 15:20; 1 Sam. 18:6;  
Jer. 31:4

35 <sup>1</sup>Lit. *opened my mouth*  
<sup>a</sup>Num. 30:2; Eccles. 5:4, 5

36 <sup>1</sup>Lit. *opened your mouth* <sup>2</sup>Lit. *according to what has proceeded from your mouth*

37 <sup>1</sup>Lit. *go and go down on*

39 <sup>1</sup>Lit. *knew no man*

40 <sup>1</sup>Lit. *recount: ancient versions, lament*

1 <sup>1</sup>Or. *northward*  
<sup>a</sup>Judg. 8:1

3 <sup>1</sup>Lit. *put my soul in my palm*  
<sup>a</sup>1 Sam. 19:5; 28:21  
Job 13:14

4 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *smote*

4 Then Jephthah gathered all the men of Gilead and fought Ephraim; and the men of Gilead <sup>1</sup>defeated Ephraim, because they said, "You are fugitives of Ephraim, O Gileadites, in the midst of Ephraim *and* in the midst of Manasseh."

5 <sup>a</sup>Judg. 3:28

5 And the Gileadites <sup>a</sup>captured the fords of the Jordan opposite Ephraim. And it happened when *any* of the fugitives of Ephraim said, "Let me cross over," the men of Gilead would say to him, "Are you an Ephraimite?" If he said, "No,"

6 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *speak so*

6 then they would say to him, "Say now 'Shibboleth.'" But he said "Sibboleth," for he could not <sup>1</sup>pronounce it correctly. Then they seized him and slew him at the fords of the Jordan. Thus there fell at that time 42,000 of Ephraim.

7 And Jephthah judged Israel six years. Then Jephthah the Gileadite died and was buried in *one* of the cities of Gilead.

8 Now Ibzan of Bethlehem judged Israel after him.

9 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *sent outside*

9 And he had thirty sons, and thirty daughters *whom* he <sup>1</sup>gave in marriage outside *the family*, and he brought in thirty daughters from outside for his sons. And he judged Israel seven years.

10 Then Ibzan died and was buried in Bethlehem.

11 Now Elon the Zebulunite judged Israel after him; and he judged Israel ten years.

1 <sup>a</sup>Judg. 2:11

12 Then Elon the Zebulunite died and was buried at Aijalon in the land of Zebulun.

13 Now Abdon the son of Hillel the Pirathonite judged Israel after him.

14 And he had forty sons and thirty grandsons who rode on seventy donkeys; and he judged Israel eight years.

2 <sup>a</sup>Josh. 19:41

15 Then Abdon the son of Hillel the Pirathonite died and was buried at Pirathon in the land of Ephraim, in the hill country of the Amalekites.

## CHAPTER 13

3 <sup>a</sup>Judg. 12:6, 8, 10, 11;  
6:11, 14; Luke 1:11-13

**N**OW the sons of Israel <sup>a</sup>again did evil in the sight of the LORD, so that the LORD gave them into the hands of the Philistines forty years.

2 And there was a certain man of <sup>a</sup>Zorah, of the family of the Danites, whose name was Manoah; and his wife was barren and had borne no *children*.

5 <sup>a</sup>Luke 1:15 <sup>b</sup>Num. 6:2

3 <sup>a</sup>Then the angel of the LORD appeared to the woman, and said to her, "Behold now, you are barren and have borne no *children*, but you shall conceive and give birth to a son.

4 "Now therefore, be careful not to drink wine or strong drink, nor eat any unclean thing.

6 <sup>a</sup>Judg. 13:8, 10, 11; 6:11

5 <sup>a</sup>"For behold, you shall conceive and give birth to a son, and no razor shall come upon his head, for the boy shall be a <sup>b</sup>Nazirite to God from the womb; and he shall begin to deliver Israel from the hands of the Philistines."

6 Then the woman came and told her husband, saying, "A man of God came to me and his appearance was like the appearance of the angel of God, very awesome. And I did not ask him where he *came* from, nor did he tell me his name.

7 "But he said to me, 'Behold, you shall conceive and give birth to a son, and now you shall not drink wine or strong drink nor eat any unclean thing, for the boy shall be a Nazirite to God from the womb to the day of his death.'"

8 \*Judg. 13:3, 7

8 Then Manoah entreated the LORD and said, "O Lord, please let <sup>a</sup>the man of God whom Thou hast sent come to us again that he may teach us what to do for the boy who is to be born."

9 \*Judg. 13:8

9 And God listened to the voice of Manoah; and <sup>a</sup>the angel of God came again to the woman as she was sitting in the field, but Manoah her husband was not with her.

10 <sup>1</sup>Lit., husband, and said to him <sup>2</sup>Lit., came to me  
\*Judg. 13:9

10 So the woman ran quickly and told her <sup>1</sup>husband, "Behold, <sup>a</sup>the man who <sup>2</sup>came the *other* day has appeared to me."

11 \*Judg. 13:8

11 Then Manoah arose and followed his wife, and when he came to the man he said to him, "Are you <sup>a</sup>the man who spoke to the woman?" And he said, "I am."

13 <sup>1</sup>Lit., from  
\*Judg. 13:11 \*Judg. 13:4

12 And Manoah said, "Now when your words come to *pass*, what shall be the boy's mode of life and his vocation?"

13 So <sup>a</sup>the angel of the LORD said to Manoah, "<sup>b</sup>Let the woman pay attention <sup>1</sup>to all that I said.

14 \*Num. 6:4

14 "She should not eat anything that comes from the <sup>a</sup>vine nor drink wine or strong drink, nor eat any unclean thing; let her observe all that I commanded."

15 \*Judg. 13:3

15 Then Manoah said to <sup>a</sup>the angel of the LORD, "Please let us detain you so that we may prepare a kid for you."

16 And the angel of the LORD said to Manoah, "Though you detain me, <sup>a</sup>I will not eat your <sup>1</sup>food, but if you prepare a burnt offering, *then* offer it to the LORD." For Manoah did not know that he was the angel of the LORD.

16 <sup>1</sup>Lit., bread  
\*Judg. 6:20

17 And Manoah said to the angel of the LORD, "<sup>a</sup>What is your name, so that when your words come to *pass*, we may honor you?"

17 \*Gen. 32:29

18 But the angel of the LORD said to him, "Why do you ask my name, seeing it is <sup>1a</sup>wonderful?"

19 So <sup>a</sup>Manoah took the kid with the grain offering and offered it on the rock to the LORD, and He performed wonders while Manoah and his wife looked on.

18 <sup>1</sup>i.e., incomprehensible  
\*Is. 9:6

20 For it came about when the flame went up from the altar toward heaven, that the angel of the LORD ascended in the flame of the altar. When Manoah and his wife saw *this*, they fell on their faces to the ground.

19 \*Judg. 6:20, 21

21 Now the angel of the LORD appeared no more to Manoah or his wife. <sup>a</sup>Then Manoah knew that he was the angel of the LORD.

21 \*Judg. 13:16

22 So Manoah said to his wife, "<sup>a</sup>We shall surely die, for we have seen God."

22 \*Judg. 6:22

23 But his wife said to him, "If the LORD had desired to kill us, He would not have accepted a burnt offering and a grain offering from our hands, nor would He have showed us all these things, nor would He have let us hear *things* like this at this time."

25 <sup>1</sup>i.e., the camp of Dan  
\*Judg. 3:10 \*Judg. 18:11, 12

24 Then the woman gave birth to a son and named him Samson; and the child grew up and the LORD blessed him.

25 And <sup>a</sup>the Spirit of the LORD began to stir him in <sup>1b</sup>Ma-haneh-dan, between Zorah and Eshtaol.

2 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *up* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *mother, saying.*

3 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *brothers* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *my*  
<sup>3</sup>Lit., *is right in my eyes*

4 <sup>2</sup>Josh. 11:20

6 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *rushed upon*  
<sup>2</sup>Judg. 3:10 <sup>1</sup> Sam. 17:34-36

7 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *was right in*  
*Samson's eyes*

9 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *it* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *palms*

12 <sup>2</sup>Ezek. 17:2 <sup>1</sup>Gen. 29:27

15 <sup>1</sup>So with some ancient  
versions. Heb., *seventh*

**T**HEN Samson went down to Timnah and saw a woman in Timnah, *one* of the daughters of the Philistines.

2 So he came <sup>1</sup>back and told his father and <sup>2</sup>mother, "I saw a woman in Timnah, *one* of the daughters of the Philistines; now therefore, get her for me as a wife."

3 Then his father and his mother said to him, "Is there no woman among the daughters of your <sup>1</sup>relatives, or among all <sup>2</sup>our people, that you go to take a wife from the uncircumcised Philistines?" But Samson said to his father, "Get her for me, for she <sup>3</sup>looks good to me."

4 However, his father and mother did not know that it was of the LORD, <sup>2</sup>for He was seeking an occasion against the Philistines. Now at that time the Philistines were ruling over Israel.

5 Then Samson went down to Timnah with his father and mother, and came as far as the vineyards of Timnah; and behold, a young lion *came* roaring toward him.

6 And <sup>2</sup>the Spirit of the LORD <sup>1</sup>came upon him mightily, so that <sup>1</sup>he tore him as one tears a kid though he had nothing in his hand; but he did not tell his father or mother what he had done.

7 So he went down and talked to the woman; and she <sup>1</sup>looked good to Samson.

8 When he returned later to take her, he turned aside to look at the carcass of the lion; and behold, a swarm of bees and honey were in the body of the lion.

9 So he scraped <sup>1</sup>the honey into his <sup>2</sup>hands and went on, eating as he went. When he came to his father and mother, he gave *some* to them and they ate *it*; but he did not tell them that he had scraped the honey out of the body of the lion.

10 Then his father went down to the woman; and Samson made a feast there, for the young men customarily did this.

11 And it came about when they saw him that they brought thirty companions to be with him.

12 Then Samson said to them, "Let me now <sup>2</sup>propound a riddle to you; if you will indeed tell it to me within the <sup>1</sup>seven days of the feast, and find it out, then I will give you thirty linen wraps and thirty changes of clothes.

13 "But if you are unable to tell me, then you shall give me thirty linen wraps and thirty changes of clothes." And they said to him, "Propound your riddle, that we may hear it."

14 So he said to them,

"Out of the eater came something to eat,

And out of the strong came something sweet."

But they could not tell the riddle in three days.

15 Then it came about on the <sup>1</sup>fourth day that they said to Samson's wife, "Entice your husband, that he may tell us the riddle, lest we burn you and your father's house with fire. Have you invited us to impoverish us? Is this not so?"

16 And Samson's wife wept before him and said, "You only hate me, and you do not love me; you have propounded a riddle to the sons of my people, and have not told *it* to me." And he said to her, "Behold, I have not told *it* to my father or mother; so should I tell you?"

17 However she wept before him seven days while their feast lasted. And it came about on the seventh day that he told her because she pressed him so hard. She then told the riddle to the sons of her people.

18 So the men of the city said to him on the seventh day before the sun went down,

“What is sweeter than honey?  
And what is stronger than a lion?”

And he said to them,

“If you had not plowed with my heifer,  
You would not have found out my riddle.”

19 Then <sup>a</sup>the Spirit of the LORD <sup>1</sup>came upon him mightily, and he went down to Ashkelon and killed thirty of them and took their spoil, and gave the changes of *clothes* to those who told the riddle. And his anger burned, and he went up to his father's house.

20 But Samson's wife was *given* to his companion who had been his <sup>1</sup>friend.

CHAPTER 15

**B**UT after a while, in the time of wheat harvest, it came about that Samson visited his wife <sup>a</sup>with a young goat, and said, “I will go in to my wife in *her* room.” But her father did not let him enter.

2 And her father said, “I really thought that you hated her intensely; so I gave her to your companion. Is not her younger sister <sup>1</sup>more beautiful than she? Please let her be yours <sup>2</sup>instead.”

3 Samson then said to them, “This time I shall be blameless in regard to the Philistines when I do them harm.”

4 And Samson went and caught three hundred foxes, and took torches, and turned *the foxes* tail to tail, and put one torch in the middle between two tails.

5 When he had set fire to the torches, he released <sup>1</sup>the foxes into the standing grain of the Philistines, thus burning up both the shocks and the standing grain, along with the vineyards and groves.

6 Then the Philistines said, “Who did this?” And they said, “Samson, the son-in-law of the Timnite, because <sup>1</sup>he took his wife and gave her to his companion.” So the Philistines came up and <sup>a</sup>burned her and her father with fire.

7 And Samson said to them, “Since you act like this, I will surely take revenge on you, but after that I will quit.”

8 And he struck them <sup>1</sup>ruthlessly with a great slaughter; and he went down and lived in the cleft of the rock of Etam.

9 Then the Philistines went up and camped in Judah, and spread out in Lehi.

10 And the men of Judah said, “Why have you come up against us?” And they said, “We have come up to bind Samson in order to do to him as he did to us.”

11 Then 3,000 men of Judah went down to the cleft of the rock of Etam and said to Samson, “Do you not know <sup>a</sup>that the Philistines are rulers over us? What then is this that you have done to us?” And he said to them, “As they did to me, so I have done to them.”

19 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *rushed upon*  
<sup>a</sup>Judg. 3:10

20 <sup>1</sup>Or, *best man*

1 <sup>a</sup>Gen. 38:17

2 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *better* <sup>2</sup>Lit.,  
*instead of her*

5 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *them*

6 <sup>1</sup>L.e., the Timnite  
<sup>a</sup>Judg. 14:15

8 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *leg on thigh*

11 <sup>a</sup>Judg. 13:1; 14:4

12 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *fall upon me yourselves*

13 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *him, saying*

14 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *rushed upon*  
<sup>2</sup>Lit., *were melted*  
<sup>2</sup>Judg. 14:19; 1 Sam. 11:6

15 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *stretched out his hand*  
<sup>2</sup>Lit., *smote*

16 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *Heap, two heaps*;  
Heb. is same root as  
donkey <sup>2</sup>Lit., *smitten*

17 <sup>1</sup>I.e., *The high place of the jawbone*

18 <sup>1</sup>Or, *I shall . . . circumcised* <sup>2</sup>Or,  
or  
<sup>2</sup>Judg. 16:28

19 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *spirit* <sup>2</sup>I.e., *the spring of him who called*

20 <sup>2</sup>Heb. 11:32  
<sup>1</sup>Judg. 13:1; 16:31

1 <sup>2</sup>Josh. 15:47

5 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *by what*  
<sup>2</sup>Josh. 13:3 <sup>3</sup>Judg. 14:15

6 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *by what*

12 And they said to him, "We have come down to bind you so that we may give you into the hands of the Philistines." And Samson said to them, "Swear to me that you will not <sup>1</sup>kill me."

13 So they said to <sup>1</sup>him, "No, but we will bind you fast and give you into their hands; yet surely we will not kill you." Then they bound him with two new ropes and brought him up from the rock.

14 When he came to Lehi, the Philistines shouted as they met him. And <sup>2</sup>the Spirit of the LORD <sup>1</sup>came upon him mightily so that the ropes that were on his arms were as flax that is burned with fire, and his bonds <sup>2</sup>dropped from his hands.

15 And he found a fresh jawbone of a donkey, so he <sup>1</sup>reached out and took it and <sup>2</sup>killed a thousand men with it.

16 Then Samson said,  
"With the jawbone of a donkey,  
<sup>1</sup>Heaps upon heaps,  
With the jawbone of a donkey  
I have <sup>2</sup>killed a thousand men."

17 And it came about when he had finished speaking, that he threw the jawbone from his hand; and he named that place <sup>1</sup>Ramath-lehi.

18 Then he became very thirsty, and he <sup>2</sup>called to the LORD and said, "Thou hast given this great deliverance by the hand of Thy servant, and now <sup>1</sup>shall I die of thirst <sup>2</sup>and fall into the hands of the uncircumcised?"

19 But God split the hollow place that is in Lehi so that water came out of it. When he drank, his <sup>1</sup>strength returned and he revived. Therefore, he named it <sup>2</sup>En-hakkore, which is in Lehi to this day.

20 So <sup>2</sup>he judged Israel twenty years in <sup>1</sup>the days of the Philistines.

## CHAPTER 16

**N**OW Samson went to <sup>2</sup>Gaza and saw a harlot there, and went in to her.

2 *When it was told to the Gazites, saying, "Samson has come here,"* they surrounded *the place* and lay in wait for him all night at the gate of the city. And they kept silent all night, saying, "*Let us wait until the morning light, then we will kill him.*"

3 Now Samson lay until midnight, and at midnight he arose and took hold of the doors of the city gate and the two posts and pulled them up along with the bars; then he put them on his shoulders and carried them up to the top of the mountain which is opposite Hebron.

4 After this it came about that he loved a woman in the valley of Sorek, whose name was Delilah.

5 And the <sup>2</sup>lords of the Philistines came up to her, and said to her, "<sup>1</sup>Entice him, and see where his great strength *lies* and <sup>1</sup>how we may overpower him that we may bind him to afflict him. Then we will each give you eleven hundred *pieces* of silver."

6 So Delilah said to Samson, "Please tell me where your great strength is and <sup>1</sup>how you may be bound to afflict you."



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He Finally Relents and is Subdued.**

7 And Samson said to her, "If they bind me with seven fresh cords that have not been dried, then I shall become weak and be like any *other* man."

8 Then the lords of the Philistines brought up to her seven fresh cords that had not been dried, and she bound him with them.

9 Now she had *men* lying in wait in an inner room. And she said to him, "The Philistines are upon you, Samson!" But he snapped the cords as a string of tow snaps when it touches fire. So his strength was not discovered.

10 Then Delilah said to Samson, "Behold, you have deceived me and told me lies; now please tell me, how you may be bound."

11 And he said to her, "If they bind me tightly with new ropes which have not been used, then I shall become weak and be like any *other* man."

12 So Delilah took new ropes and bound him with them and said to him, "The Philistines are upon you, Samson!" For the *men* were lying in wait in the inner room. But he snapped the ropes from his arms like a thread.

13 Then Delilah said to Samson, "Up to now you have deceived me and told me lies; tell me how you may be bound." And he said to her, "If you weave the seven locks of my hair with the web and fasten it with a pin, then I shall become weak and be like any other man."

14 So while he slept, Delilah took the seven locks of his hair and wove them into the web. And she fastened it with the pin, and said to him, "The Philistines are upon you, Samson!" But he awoke from his sleep and pulled out the pin of the loom and the web.

15 Then she said to him, "How can you say, 'I love you,' when your heart is not with me? You have deceived me these three times and have not told me where your great strength is."

16 And it came about when she pressed him daily with her words and urged him, that his soul was annoyed to death.

17 So he told her all that was in his heart and said to her, "A razor has never come on my head, for I have been a Nazirite to God from my mother's womb. If I am shaved, then my strength will leave me and I shall become weak and be like any other man."

18 When Delilah saw that he had told her all that was in his heart, she sent and called the lords of the Philistines, saying, "Come up once more, for he has told me all that is in his heart." Then the lords of the Philistines came up to her, and brought the money in their hands.

19 And she made him sleep on her knees, and called for a man and had him shave off the seven locks of his hair. Then she began to afflict him, and his strength left him.

20 And she said, "The Philistines are upon you, Samson!" And he awoke from his sleep and said, "I will go out as at other times and shake myself free." But he did not know that the LORD had departed from him.

21 Then the Philistines seized him and gouged out his eyes; and they brought him down to Gaza and bound him with bronze chains, and he was a grinder in the prison.

9 <sup>1</sup>Lit. *smells*

10 <sup>1</sup>Lit. *by what*

11 <sup>1</sup>Lit. *with which work has not been done*

12 <sup>1</sup>Lit. *them*

13 <sup>1</sup>Lit. *by what* <sup>2</sup>Lit. *head* <sup>3</sup>The passage in brackets is found in Ck. but not in any Heb. mss.

14 <sup>1</sup>Lit. *head*

15 <sup>\*</sup>Judg. 14:16

16 <sup>1</sup>Lit. *impatient to the point of*

17 <sup>\*</sup>Judg. 13:5; Num. 6:5

19 <sup>1</sup>Lit. *head*

23 <sup>1</sup>Sam. 5:225 <sup>1</sup>Lit., their heart was pleasant <sup>2</sup>Lit., made sport before them28 <sup>1</sup>YHWH, usually rendered LORD  
<sup>2</sup>Judg. 15:1830 <sup>1</sup>Lit., strength31 <sup>2</sup>Judg. 15:202 <sup>1</sup>Lit., and also spoke it in my ears3 <sup>1</sup>Lit., it  
<sup>2</sup>Ex. 20:4, 23; 34:174 <sup>1</sup>Lit., it <sup>2</sup>Lit., it was

22 However, the hair of his head began to grow again after it was shaved off.

23 Now the lords of the Philistines assembled to offer a great sacrifice to <sup>2</sup>Dagon their god, and to rejoice, for they said, "Our god has given Samson our enemy into our hands."

24 When the people saw him, they praised their god, for they said,

"Our god has given our enemy into our hands,  
Even the destroyer of our country,  
Who has slain many of us."

25 It so happened when <sup>1</sup>they were in high spirits, that they said, "Call for Samson, that he may amuse us." So they called for Samson from the prison, and he <sup>2</sup>entertained them. And they made him stand between the pillars.

26 Then Samson said to the boy who was holding his hand, "Let me feel the pillars on which the house rests, that I may lean against them."

27 Now the house was full of men and women, and all the lords of the Philistines were there. And about 3,000 men and women were on the roof looking on while Samson was amusing them.

28 <sup>2</sup>Then Samson called to the LORD and said, "O Lord <sup>1</sup>GOD, please remember me and please strengthen me just this time, O God, that I may at once be avenged of the Philistines for my two eyes."

29 And Samson grasped the two middle pillars on which the house rested, and braced himself against them, the one with his right hand and the other with his left.

30 And Samson said, "Let me die with the Philistines!" And he bent with <sup>1</sup>all his might so that the house fell on the lords and all the people who were in it. So the dead whom he killed at his death were more than those whom he killed in his life.

31 Then his brothers and all his father's household came down, took him, brought him up, and buried him between Zorah and Eshtaol in the tomb of Manoah his father. <sup>2</sup>Thus he had judged Israel twenty years.

## CHAPTER 17

**N**OW there was a man of the hill country of Ephraim whose name was Micah.

2 And he said to his mother, "The eleven hundred *pieces* of silver which were taken from you, about which you uttered a curse <sup>1</sup>in my hearing, behold, the silver is with me; I took it." And his mother said, "Blessed be my son by the LORD."

3 He then returned the eleven hundred *pieces* of silver to his mother, and his mother said, "I wholly dedicate the silver from my hand to the LORD for my son <sup>2</sup>to make a graven image and a molten image; now therefore, I will return <sup>1</sup>them to you."

4 So when he returned the silver to his mother, his mother took two hundred *pieces* of silver and gave them to the silver-smith who made <sup>1</sup>them into a graven image and a molten idol, and <sup>2</sup>they were in the house of Micah.

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5 And the man Micah had a <sup>1</sup>shrine and he made an <sup>a</sup>ephod and <sup>2b</sup>household idols and <sup>3</sup>consecrated one of his sons, <sup>c</sup>that he might become his priest.

6 In those days <sup>a</sup>there was no king in Israel; <sup>b</sup>every man did what was right in his own eyes.

7 Now there was a young man from <sup>a</sup>Bethlehem in Judah, of the family of Judah, who was a Levite; and he was <sup>1</sup>staying there.

8 Then the man departed from the city, from Bethlehem in Judah, to <sup>1</sup>stay wherever he might find *a place*; and as he made his journey, he came to the <sup>a</sup>hill country of Ephraim to the house of Micah.

9 And Micah said to him, "Where do you come from?" And he said to him, "I am a Levite from Bethlehem in Judah, and I am going to <sup>1</sup>stay wherever I may find *a place*."

10 Micah then said to him, "Dwell with me and be <sup>a</sup>a father and a priest to me, and I will give you ten *pieces* of silver a year, a suit of clothes, and your maintenance." So the Levite went *in*.

11 And the Levite agreed to live with the man; and the young man became to him like one of his sons.

12 So Micah <sup>1</sup>consecrated the Levite, and the young man <sup>a</sup>became his priest and <sup>2</sup>lived in the house of Micah.

13 Then Micah said, "Now I know that the LORD will prosper me, seeing I have a Levite as priest."

### CHAPTER 18

<sup>a</sup>**I**N those days there was no king of Israel; and <sup>b</sup>in those days the tribe of the Danites was seeking an inheritance for themselves to live in, for until that day <sup>1</sup>an inheritance had not <sup>2</sup>been allotted to them as a possession among the tribes of Israel.

2 So the sons of Dan sent from their family five men out of their whole number, <sup>1</sup>valiant men from <sup>a</sup>Zorah and Eshtaol, to spy out the land and to search it; and they said to them, "Go, search the land." And they came to <sup>b</sup>the hill country of Ephraim, to the house of Micah, and lodged there.

3 When they were near the house of Micah, they recognized the voice of the young man, the Levite; and they turned aside there, and said to him, "Who brought you here? And what are you doing in this *place*? And what do you have here?"

4 And he said to them, "Thus and so has Micah done to me, and he has hired me, and <sup>a</sup>I have become his priest."

5 And they said to him, "Inquire of God, please, that we may know whether our way on which we are going will be prosperous."

6 And the priest said to them, "Go in peace; your way in which you are going <sup>1</sup>has the LORD's approval."

7 Then the five men departed and came to <sup>a</sup>Laish and saw the people who were in it living in security, after the manner of the Sidonians, quiet and secure; for there was no <sup>1</sup>ruler humiliating *them* for anything in the land, and they were far from the Sidonians and had no dealings with anyone.

8 When they came back to their brothers at Zorah and Eshtaol, their brothers said to them, "What do you *report*?"

5 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *house of gods*  
<sup>2</sup>Heb., *teraphim* <sup>3</sup>Lit., *filled the hand of*  
<sup>a</sup>Judg. 18:24 <sup>b</sup>Judg. 8:27; 18:14 <sup>c</sup>Gen. 31:19

6 <sup>a</sup>Judg. 18:1; 19:1  
<sup>b</sup>Deut. 12:8

7 <sup>1</sup>Or, *sojourning*  
<sup>a</sup>Judg. 19:1; Ruth 1:1, 2; Mic. 5:2; Matt. 2:1

8 <sup>1</sup>Or, *sojourn*  
<sup>a</sup>Josh. 24:33

9 <sup>1</sup>Or, *sojourn*

10 <sup>a</sup>Judg. 18:19

12 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *filled the hand of*  
<sup>2</sup>Lit., *was*  
<sup>a</sup>Num. 16:10; 18:1-7

1 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *it* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *fallen*  
<sup>a</sup>Judg. 17:6; 19:1  
<sup>b</sup>Josh. 19:40-48

2 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *men, sons of valor*  
<sup>a</sup>Judg. 13:25 <sup>b</sup>Judg. 17:1

4 <sup>a</sup>Judg. 17:12

6 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *is before the LORD*

7 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *a possessor of restraint*  
<sup>a</sup>Judg. 18:29; Josh. 19:47

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9 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *be*

9 And they said, "Arise, and let us go up against them; for we have seen the land, and behold, it is very good. And will you <sup>1</sup>sit still? Do not delay to go, to enter, to possess the land.

10 "When you enter, you shall come to a secure people with a spacious land; for God has given it into your hand, a place where there is no lack of anything that is on the earth."

12 <sup>1</sup>I.e., the camp of Dan  
<sup>2</sup>Lit., *behind*  
<sup>3</sup>Judg. 13:25

11 Then from the family of the Danites, from Zorah and from Eshtaol, six hundred men armed with weapons of war set out.

12 And they went up and camped at Kiriath-jearim in Judah. Therefore they called that place <sup>1a</sup>Mahaneh-dan to this day; behold, it is <sup>2</sup>west of Kiriath-jearim.

14 <sup>1</sup>Heb. *teraphim*  
<sup>2</sup>Judg. 17:5

13 And they passed from there to the hill country of Ephraim and came to the house of Micah.

14 Then the five men who went to spy out the country of Laish answered and said to their kinsmen, "Do you know that there are in these houses <sup>a</sup>an ephod and <sup>1</sup>household idols and a graven image and a molten image? Now therefore, consider what you should do."

17 <sup>1</sup>Heb., *teraphim*

15 And they turned aside there and came to the house of the young man, the Levite, to the house of Micah, and asked him of his welfare.

16 And the six hundred men armed with their weapons of war, who were of the sons of Dan, stood by the entrance of the gate.

18 <sup>1</sup>Heb., *teraphim*

17 Now the five men who went to spy out the land went up *and* entered there, *and* took the graven image and the ephod and <sup>1</sup>household idols and the molten image, while the priest stood by the entrance of the gate with the six hundred men armed with weapons of war.

19 <sup>2</sup>Judg. 17:10

18 And when these went into Micah's house and took the graven image, the ephod and <sup>1</sup>household idols and the molten image, the priest said to them, "What are you doing?"

19 And they said to him, "Be silent, put your hand over your mouth and come with us, and be to us <sup>a</sup>a father and a priest. Is it better for you to be a priest to the house of one man, or to be priest to a tribe and a family in Israel?"

20 <sup>1</sup>Heb., *teraphim*

20 And the priest's heart was glad, and he took the ephod and <sup>1</sup>household idols and the graven image, and went among the people.

21 Then they turned and departed, and put the little ones and the livestock and the valuables in front of them.

23 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *their faces*

22 When they had gone some distance from the house of Micah, the men who *were* in the houses near Micah's house assembled and overtook the sons of Dan.

23 And they cried to the sons of Dan, who turned <sup>1</sup>around and said to Micah, "What is *the matter* with you, that you have assembled together?"

25 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *bitter of soul*  
<sup>2</sup>Lit., *gather*

24 And he said, "You have taken away my gods which I made, and the priest, and have gone away, and what do I have besides? So how can you say to me, 'What is *the matter* with you?'"

25 And the sons of Dan said to him, "Do not let your voice be heard among us, lest <sup>1</sup>fierce men fall upon you and you <sup>2</sup>lose your life, with the lives of your household."

26 So the sons of Dan went on their way; and when Micah

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saw that they were too strong for him, he turned and went back to his house.

27 Then they took what Micah had made and the priest who had belonged to him, and came to <sup>a</sup>Laish, to a people quiet and secure, and struck them with the edge of the sword; and they burned the city with fire.

28 And there was no one to deliver *them*, because it was far from Sidon and they had no dealings with anyone, and it was in the valley which is near <sup>a</sup>Beth-rehob. And they rebuilt the city and lived in it.

29 And they called the name of the city Dan, after the name of Dan their father who was born in Israel; however, the name of the city formerly was Laish.

30 And the sons of Dan set up for themselves <sup>a</sup>the graven image; and Jonathán, the son of <sup>b</sup>Geršom, the son of <sup>1</sup>Manasseh, <sup>c</sup>he and his sons were priests to the tribe of the Danites until the day of the captivity of the land.

31 So they set up for themselves Micah's graven image which he had made, all the time that the house of God was at Shiloh.

27 <sup>1</sup>Judg. 18:7; Josh. 19:47

28 <sup>a</sup>2 Sam. 10:6

30 <sup>1</sup>Some ancient versions read, <sup>a</sup>Moses <sup>2</sup>Judg. 17:3, 5 <sup>b</sup>Ex. 2:22; 18:3 <sup>c</sup>Judg. 17:3, 5

1 <sup>1</sup>Or, sojourning <sup>2</sup>Judg. 18:1

CHAPTER 19

**N**OW it came about in those days, when <sup>a</sup>there was no king in Israel, that there was a certain Levite <sup>1</sup>staying in the remote part of the hill country of Ephraim, who took a concubine for himself from Bethlehem in Judah.

2 But his concubine played the harlot against him, and she went away from him to her father's house in Bethlehem in Judah, and was there for a period of four months.

3 Then her husband arose and went after her to <sup>a</sup>speak <sup>1</sup>tenderly to her in order to bring her back, <sup>2</sup>taking with him his servant and a pair of donkeys. So she brought him into her father's house, and when the girl's father saw him, he was glad to meet him.

4 And his father-in-law, the girl's father, detained him; and he remained with him three days. So they ate and drank and lodged there.

5 Now it came about on the fourth day that they got up early in the morning, and he <sup>1</sup>prepared to go; and the girl's father said to his son-in-law, "<sup>a</sup>Sustain <sup>2</sup>yourself with a piece of bread, and afterward you may go."

6 So both of them sat down and ate and drank together; and the girl's father said to the man, "Please be willing to spend the night, and <sup>a</sup>let your heart be merry."

7 Then the man arose to go, but his father-in-law urged him so that he spent the night there again.

8 And on the fifth day he arose to go early in the morning, and the girl's father said, "Please sustain <sup>1</sup>yourself, and wait until <sup>2</sup>afternoon"; so both of them ate.

9 When the man arose to go along with his concubine and servant, his father-in-law, the girl's father, said to him, "Behold now, the day has drawn <sup>1</sup>to a close; please spend the night. Lo, the day is <sup>2</sup>coming to an end; spend the night here that your heart may be merry. Then tomorrow you may arise early for your journey so that you may go <sup>3</sup>home."

3 <sup>1</sup>Lit., to her heart <sup>2</sup>Lit., and <sup>3</sup>Gen. 34:3; 50:21

5 <sup>1</sup>Lit., arose <sup>2</sup>Lit., your heart <sup>3</sup>Judg. 19:8; Gen. 18:5

6 <sup>1</sup>Judg. 19:9, 22; Judg. 16:25; Ruth 3:7; 1 Kin. 21:7; Esth. 1:10

8 <sup>1</sup>Lit., your heart <sup>2</sup>Lit., the day declines

9 <sup>1</sup>Lit., toward evening <sup>2</sup>Lit., declining <sup>3</sup>Lit., to your tent

10 <sup>a</sup>Chr. 11:4, 5

11 <sup>a</sup>Judg. 19:19

15 <sup>1</sup>So with Ck.; M.T., *he*

16 <sup>1</sup>Or, *sojourning*  
<sup>a</sup>Judg. 19:1 <sup>b</sup>Judg. 19:14

18 <sup>1</sup>Heb., *the house of the Lord*, cf. vs. 29

19 <sup>1</sup>i.e., *my concubine*  
<sup>a</sup>Judg. 19:11

21 <sup>a</sup>Gen. 24:32, 33

22 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *making their hearts merry* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *sons of Belial* <sup>3</sup>Lit., *intercourse*  
<sup>a</sup>Gen. 19:4, 5; Ezek. 16:46-48 <sup>b</sup>Deut. 13:13;  
1 Sam. 2:12; 1 Kin. 21:10;  
2 Cor. 6:15

23 <sup>a</sup>Judg. 20:6; Gen. 34:7;  
Deut. 22:21; 2 Sam. 13:12

24 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *the good in your eyes*  
<sup>a</sup>Gen. 19:8

**10** But the man was not willing to spend the night, so he arose and departed and came to *a place* opposite <sup>a</sup>Jebus (that is, Jerusalem). And there were with him a pair of saddled donkeys; his concubine also was with him.

**11** When *were* near Jebus, the day was almost gone; and <sup>a</sup>the servant said to his master, "Please come, and let us turn aside into this city of the Jebusites and spend the night in it."

**12** However, his master said to him, "We will not turn aside into the city of foreigners who are not of the sons of Israel; but we will go on as far as Gibeah."

**13** And he said to his servant, "Come and let us approach one of these places; and we will spend the night in Gibeah or Ramah."

**14** So they passed along and went their way, and the sun set on them near Gibeah which belongs to Benjamin.

**15** And they turned aside there in order to enter *and* lodge in Gibeah. When <sup>1</sup>they entered, <sup>1</sup>they sat down in the open square of the city, for no one took them into *his* house to spend the night.

**16** Then behold, an old man was coming out of the field from his work at evening. Now the man was from <sup>a</sup>the hill country of Ephraim, and he was <sup>1</sup>staying in Gibeah, but the men of the place <sup>b</sup>were Benjamites.

**17** And he lifted up his eyes and saw the traveler in the open square of the city; and the old man said, "Where are you going, and where do you come from?"

**18** And he said to him, "We are passing from Bethlehem in Judah to the remote part of the hill country of Ephraim, for I am from there, and I went to Bethlehem in Judah. But I am now going to <sup>1</sup>my house, and no man will take me into his house.

**19** "Yet there is both straw and fodder for our donkeys, and also bread and wine for me, <sup>1</sup>your maidservant, and <sup>a</sup>the young man who is with your servants; there is no lack of anything."

**20** And the old man said, "Peace to you. Only let me *take care* of all your needs; however, do not spend the night in the open square."

**21** <sup>a</sup>So he took him into his house and gave the donkeys fodder, and they washed their feet and ate and drank.

**22** While they were <sup>1</sup>making merry, behold, <sup>a</sup>the men of the city, certain <sup>2b</sup>worthless fellows, surrounded the house, pounding the door; and they spoke to the owner of the house, the old man, saying, "Bring out the man who came into your house that we may have <sup>3</sup>relations with him."

**23** Then the man, the owner of the house, went out to them and said to them, "No, my fellows, please do not act so wickedly; since this man has come into my house, <sup>a</sup>do not commit this act of folly.

**24** "Here is my virgin daughter and his concubine. Please let me bring them out that you may ravish them and do to them <sup>1</sup>whatever you wish. But do not commit such an act of folly against this man."

**25** But the men would not listen to him, so the man seized his concubine and brought *her* out to them. And they raped her

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and abused her all night until morning, then let her go at the approach of dawn.

26 <sup>1</sup>As the day began to dawn, the woman came and fell down at the doorway of the man's house where her master was, until *full* daylight.

27 When her master arose in the morning and opened the doors of the house and went out to go on his way, then behold, his concubine was lying at the doorway of the house, with her hands on the threshold.

28 And he said to her, "Get up and let us go," <sup>a</sup>but there was no answer. Then he placed her on the donkey; and the man arose and went to his <sup>1</sup>home.

29 When he entered his house, he took a knife and laid hold of his concubine and <sup>a</sup>cut her in twelve pieces, limb by limb, and sent her throughout the territory of Israel.

30 And it came about that all who saw *it* said, "Nothing like this has *ever* happened or been seen from the day when the sons of Israel came up from the land of Egypt to this day. Consider it, take counsel and speak up!"

CHAPTER 20

**T**HEN all the sons of Israel from Dan to Beersheba, including the land of Gilead, came out, and the congregation assembled as one man to the LORD at <sup>a</sup>Mizpah.

2 And the <sup>1</sup>chiefs of all the people, *even* of all the tribes of Israel, took their stand in the assembly of the people of God, 400,000 foot <sup>2</sup>soldiers who drew the sword.

3 (Now the sons of Benjamin heard that the sons of Israel had gone up to Mizpah.) And the sons of Israel said, "Tell us, how did this wickedness take place?"

4 So the Levite, the husband of the woman who was murdered, answered and said, "I came with my concubine to spend the night at Gibeah which belongs to Benjamin.

5 "But the men of Gibeah rose up against me and surrounded the house at night because of me. They intended to kill me; instead, they ravished my concubine so that she died.

6 "And I took hold of my concubine and cut her in pieces and sent her throughout the land of Israel's inheritance; for they have committed a lewd and disgraceful act in Israel.

7 "Behold, all you sons of Israel, give your advice and counsel here."

8 Then all the people arose as one man, saying, "Not one of us will go to his tent, nor will any of us return to his house.

9 "But now this is the thing which we will do to Gibeah; we will go *up* against it by lot.

10 "And we will take 10 men out of 100 throughout the tribes of Israel, and 100 out of 1,000, and 1,000 out of 10,000 to <sup>1</sup>supply food for the people, that when they come to <sup>2</sup>Gibeah of Benjamin, they may <sup>3</sup>punish *them* for all the disgraceful acts that they have committed in Israel."

11 Thus all the men of Israel were gathered against the city, united as one man.

12 Then the tribes of Israel sent men through the entire

26 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *At the turning of the morning*

28 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *place*  
<sup>2</sup>Judg. 20:5

29 <sup>1</sup>Sam. 11:12

1 <sup>1</sup>Sam. 7:5

2 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *cornerstones*  
<sup>2</sup>Lit., *men*

10 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *take* <sup>2</sup>Heb., *Geba*  
<sup>3</sup>Lit., *do*

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12 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *tribes*

<sup>1</sup>tribe of Benjamin, saying, "What is this wickedness that has taken place among you?"

13 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *sons of Belial*  
<sup>2</sup>2 Cor. 6:15

13 "Now then, deliver up the men, the <sup>1a</sup>worthless fellows in Gibeah, that we may put them to death and remove *this* wickedness from Israel." But the sons of Benjamin would not listen to the voice of their brothers, the sons of Israel.

15 <sup>1</sup>Or, *mustered*  
<sup>a</sup>Num. 1:36, 37; 2:23; 26:41

14 And the sons of Benjamin gathered from the cities to Gibeah, to go out to battle against the sons of Israel.

15 And from the cities on that day the sons of Benjamin were <sup>1</sup>numbered, <sup>a</sup>26,000 men who draw the sword, besides the inhabitants of Gibeah who were <sup>1</sup>numbered, 700 choice men.

17 <sup>1</sup>Or, *mustered*

16 Out of all these people 700 choice men were left-handed; each one could sling a stone at a hair and not miss.

17 Then the men of Israel besides Benjamin were <sup>1</sup>numbered, 400,000 men who draw the sword; all these were men of war.

18 <sup>a</sup>Judg. 20:23, 27;  
Num. 27:21

18 Now the sons of Israel arose, went up to Bethel, and <sup>a</sup>inquired of God, and said, "Who shall go up first for us to battle against the sons of Benjamin?" Then the LORD said, "Judah *shall go up* first."

21 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *destroyed*  
<sup>a</sup>Judg. 20:25

19 So the sons of Israel arose in the morning and camped against Gibeah.

20 And the men of Israel went out to battle against Benjamin, and the men of Israel arrayed for battle against them at Gibeah.

23 <sup>a</sup>Josh. 7:6, 7  
<sup>b</sup>Judg. 20:18

21 Then the sons of Benjamin came out of Gibeah and <sup>1a</sup>felled to the ground on that day 22,000 men of Israel.

22 But the people, the men of Israel, encouraged themselves and arrayed for battle again in the place where they had arrayed themselves the first day.

24 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *approached*

23 <sup>a</sup>And the sons of Israel went up and wept before the LORD until evening, and <sup>b</sup>inquired of the LORD, saying, "Shall we again draw near for battle against the sons of my brother Benjamin?" And the LORD said, "Go up against him."

24 Then the sons of Israel <sup>1</sup>came against the sons of Benjamin the second day.

25 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *to meet* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *destroyed*

25 And Benjamin went out <sup>1</sup>against them from Gibeah the second day and <sup>2a</sup>felled to the ground again 18,000 men of the sons of Israel; all these drew the sword.

26 Then <sup>a</sup>all the sons of Israel and all the people went up and came to Bethel and wept; thus they remained there before the LORD and fasted that day until evening. And they offered burnt offerings and peace offerings before the LORD.

26 <sup>a</sup>Judg. 20:23; 21:2

27 And the sons of Israel <sup>a</sup>inquired of the LORD (for the ark of the covenant of God was there in those days,

27 <sup>a</sup>Judg. 20:18

28 and Phinehas the son of Eleazar, Aaron's son, stood before it to *minister* in those days), saying, "Shall I yet again go out to battle against the sons of my brother Benjamin, or shall I cease?" And the LORD said, "Go up, <sup>a</sup>for tomorrow I will deliver them into your hand."

28 <sup>a</sup>Judg. 7:9

29 <sup>a</sup>So Israel set men in ambush around Gibeah.

29 <sup>a</sup>Josh. 8:4

30 And the sons of Israel went up against the sons of Benjamin on the third day and arrayed themselves against Gibeah, as at other times.



31 <sup>a</sup>And the sons of Benjamin went out <sup>1</sup>against the people and were drawn away from the city, and they began to strike <sup>2</sup>and kill some of the people, as at other times, on the highways, one of which goes up to Bethel and the other to Gibeah, *and* in the field, about thirty men of Israel.

31 <sup>1</sup>Lit., to meet <sup>2</sup>Lit., slain ones  
<sup>a</sup>Josh. 8:16

32 And the sons of Benjamin said, "They are struck down before us, as at the first." But the sons of Israel said, "Let us flee that we may draw them away from the city to the highways."

33 <sup>a</sup>Josh. 8:19

33 Then all the men of Israel arose from their place and arrayed themselves at Baal-tamar; <sup>a</sup>and the men of Israel in ambush broke out of their place, even out of Maareh-geba.

34 <sup>1</sup>Lit., heavy <sup>2</sup>Lit., they  
<sup>1</sup>Lit., evil <sup>4</sup>Lit., touching

34 When ten thousand choice men from all Israel came against Gibeah, the battle became <sup>1</sup>fierce; but <sup>2</sup>Benjamin did not know that <sup>3</sup>disaster was <sup>4</sup>close to them.

35 <sup>1</sup>Lit., these

35 And the LORD struck Benjamin before Israel, so that the sons of Israel destroyed 25,100 men of Benjamin that day, all <sup>1</sup>who draw the sword.

36 So the sons of Benjamin saw that they were <sup>1</sup>defeated. When the men of Israel gave <sup>2</sup>ground to Benjamin because they relied on the men in ambush whom they had set against Gibeah,

36 <sup>1</sup>Lit., smitten <sup>2</sup>Lit., place

37 the men in ambush hurried and rushed against Gibeah; the men in ambush also deployed and struck all the city with the edge of the sword.

38 Now the appointed sign between the men of Israel and the men in ambush was <sup>a</sup>that they should make a great cloud of smoke rise from the city.

38 <sup>a</sup>Josh. 8:20

39 Then the men of Israel turned in the battle, and Benjamin began to strike <sup>1</sup>and kill about thirty men of Israel, <sup>a</sup>for they said, "Surely they are <sup>2</sup>defeated before us, as in the first battle."

39 <sup>1</sup>Lit., slain ones <sup>2</sup>Lit., smitten  
<sup>a</sup>Judg. 20:32

40 But when the cloud began to rise from the city in a column of smoke, Benjamin looked behind them; and behold, the whole city was going up *in smoke* to heaven.

41 Then the men of Israel turned, and the men of Benjamin were terrified; for they saw that <sup>1</sup>disaster was <sup>2</sup>close to them.

41 <sup>1</sup>Lit., evil <sup>2</sup>Lit., touching

42 Therefore, they turned their backs before the men of Israel <sup>a</sup>toward the direction of the wilderness, but the battle overtook them while those who came out of the cities destroyed them in the midst of them.

43 They surrounded Benjamin, pursued them without rest and trod them down opposite Gibeah toward the <sup>1</sup>east.

42 <sup>a</sup>Josh. 8:15, 24

44 Thus 18,000 men of Benjamin fell; all these were valiant warriors.

45 <sup>1</sup>The rest turned and fled toward the wilderness to the rock of <sup>a</sup>Rimmon, but they <sup>2</sup>caught 5,000 of them on the highways and overtook them <sup>3</sup>at Gidom and <sup>4</sup>killed 2,000 of them.

43 <sup>1</sup>Lit., sunrise

46 So all of Benjamin who fell that day were 25,000 men who draw the sword; all these were valiant warriors.

47 But 600 men turned and fled toward the wilderness to the rock of Rimmon, and they remained at the rock of Rimmon four months.

45 <sup>1</sup>So with Gk.; Heb., And they <sup>2</sup>Lit., gleaned  
<sup>1</sup>Lit., as far as <sup>4</sup>Lit., smote  
<sup>a</sup>Judg. 21:13

48 The men of Israel then turned back against the sons of Benjamin and struck them with the edge of the sword, both the entire city with the cattle and all that they found; they also set on fire all the cities which they found.

1 <sup>1</sup>Lit., for a wife  
<sup>a</sup>Judg. 21:7, 18

2 <sup>1</sup>Lit., with great  
weeping  
<sup>a</sup>Judg. 20:26

4 <sup>a</sup>Deut. 12:5  
2 Sam. 24:25

5 <sup>1</sup>Lit., there was a great  
oath

7 <sup>a</sup>Judg. 21:1

9 <sup>1</sup>Or, mustered

10 <sup>a</sup>Num. 31:17

11 <sup>1</sup>Lit., known lying with

12 <sup>1</sup>Lit., a male

13 <sup>a</sup>Deut. 20:10

14 <sup>1</sup>Lit., did not find so

18 <sup>a</sup>Judg. 21:1

NOW the men of Israel <sup>a</sup>had sworn in Mizpah, saying, "None of us shall give his daughter to Benjamin <sup>1</sup>in marriage."

2 <sup>a</sup>So the people came to Bethel and sat there before God until evening, and lifted up their voices and wept <sup>1</sup>bitterly.

3 And they said, "Why, O LORD, God of Israel, has this come about in Israel, so that one tribe should be *missing* today in Israel?"

4 And it came about the next day that the people arose early and built <sup>a</sup>an altar there, and offered burnt offerings and peace offerings.

5 Then the sons of Israel said, "Who is there among all the tribes of Israel who did not come up in the assembly to the LORD?" For <sup>1</sup>they had taken a great oath concerning him who did not come up to the LORD at Mizpah, saying, "He shall surely be put to death."

6 And the sons of Israel were sorry for their brother Benjamin and said, "One tribe is cut off from Israel today.

7 "What shall we do for wives for those who are left, since we have <sup>a</sup>sworn by the LORD not to give them any of our daughters in marriage?"

8 And they said, "What one is there of the tribes of Israel who did not come up to the LORD at Mizpah?" And behold, no one had come to the camp from Jabesh-gilead to the assembly.

9 For when the people were <sup>1</sup>numbered, behold, not one of the inhabitants of Jabesh-gilead was there.

10 And the congregation sent 12,000 of the valiant warriors there, and commanded them, saying, "Go and <sup>a</sup>strike the inhabitants of Jabesh-gilead with the edge of the sword, with the women and the little ones.

11 "And this is the thing that you shall do: you shall utterly destroy every man and every woman who has <sup>1</sup>lain with a man."

12 And they found among the inhabitants of Jabesh-gilead 400 young virgins who had not known a man by lying with <sup>1</sup>him; and they brought them to the camp at Shiloh, which is in the land of Canaan.

13 Then the whole congregation sent *word* and spoke to the sons of Benjamin who were at the rock of Rimmon, and <sup>a</sup>proclaimed peace to them.

14 And Benjamin returned at that time, and they gave them the women whom they had kept alive from the women of Jabesh-gilead; yet they <sup>1</sup>were not enough for them.

15 And the people were sorry for Benjamin because the LORD had made a breach in the tribes of Israel.

16 Then the elders of the congregation said, "What shall we do for wives for those who are left, since the women are destroyed out of Benjamin?"

17 And they said, "*There must be* an inheritance for the survivors of Benjamin, that a tribe may not be blotted out from Israel.

18 "But we cannot give them wives of our daughters." For the sons of Israel <sup>a</sup>had sworn, saying, "Cursed is he who gives a wife to Benjamin."

19 So they said, "Behold, there is a feast of the LORD from year to year in <sup>a</sup>Shiloh, which is on the north side of Bethel, on the east side of the highway that goes up from Bethel to Shechem, and on the south side of Lebonah."

19 <sup>a</sup>Judg. 18:31; Josh. 18:1; 1 Sam. 1:3

20 And they commanded the sons of Benjamin, saying, "Go and lie in wait in the vineyards,

21 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *dance*  
<sup>a</sup>Judg. 11:34; Ex. 15:20

21 and watch; and behold, if the daughters of Shiloh come out to <sup>1a</sup>take part in the dances, then you shall come out of the vineyards and each of you shall catch his wife from the daughters of Shiloh, and go to the land of Benjamin.

22 "And it shall come about, when their fathers or their brothers come to complain to us, that we shall say to them, 'Give them to us voluntarily, because we did not take for each man of Benjamin <sup>1a</sup>a wife in battle, <sup>2</sup>nor did you give *them* to them, <sup>a</sup>*else* you would now be guilty.'"

22 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *his* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *because*  
<sup>a</sup>Judg. 21:1, 18

23 And the sons of Benjamin did so, and took wives according to their number from those who danced, whom they carried away. And they went and returned to their inheritance, and <sup>a</sup>rebuilt the cities and lived in them.

23 <sup>a</sup>Judg. 20:48

24 And the sons of Israel departed from there at that time, every man to his tribe and family, and each one of them went out from there to his inheritance.

25 <sup>a</sup>In those days there was no king in Israel; everyone did what was right in his own eyes.

25 <sup>a</sup>Judg. 17:6; 18:1; 19:1

## THE BOOK OF RUTH

### Naomi Widowed.

**N**OW it came about in the days <sup>a</sup>when the judges <sup>1</sup>governed, that there was a famine in the land. And a certain man of Bethlehem in Judah went to sojourn in the land of Moab <sup>2</sup>with his wife and his two sons.

1 <sup>1</sup>Or, *judged* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *he*,  
*and*  
<sup>a</sup>Judg. 2:16-18

2 And the name of the man was Elimelech, and the name of his wife, Naomi; and the names of his two sons were Mahlon and Chilion, Ephrathites of Bethlehem in Judah. Now they entered the land of Moab and remained there.

3 Then Elimelech, Naomi's husband, died; and she was left with her two sons.

5 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *both of them*

4 And they took for themselves Moabite women *as* wives; the name of the one was Orpah and the name of the other Ruth. And they lived there about ten years.

5 Then <sup>1</sup>both Mahlon and Chilion also died; and the woman was bereft of her two children and her husband.

6 Then she arose with her daughters-in-law that she might return from the land of Moab, for she had heard in the land of Moab that the LORD had <sup>a</sup>visited His people in giving them food.

6 <sup>a</sup>Ex. 4:31

7 So she departed from the place where she was, and her two daughters-in-law with her; and they went on the way to return to the land of Judah.

8 And Naomi said to her two daughters-in-law, "Go,

13 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *more bitter*18 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *ceased to speak*19 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *they*20 <sup>1</sup>H.e., *Pleasant* <sup>2</sup>I.e., *Bitter* <sup>3</sup>Heb., *Shaddai*  
<sup>4</sup>Ex. 6:3; Job 6:421 <sup>1</sup>Heb., *Shaddai*22 <sup>2</sup>Ex. 9:31; Lev. 23:10, 11<sup>1</sup>Or, *an acquaintance*  
<sup>2</sup>Or, *mighty, valiant man*  
<sup>3</sup>Ruth 1:2<sup>2</sup>Ruth 2:7; Lev. 19:9,  
10; 23:22<sup>3</sup>Lit., *her chance*  
*chanced upon*

return each of you to her mother's house. May the LORD deal kindly with you as you have dealt with the dead and with me.

9 "May the LORD grant that you may find rest, each in the house of her husband." Then she kissed them, and they lifted up their voices and wept.

10 And they said to her, "No, but we will surely return with you to your people."

11 But Naomi said, "Return, my daughters. Why should you go with me? Have I yet sons in my womb, that they may be your husbands?"

12 "Return, my daughters! Go, for I am too old to have a husband. If I said I have hope, if I should even have a husband tonight and also bear sons,

13 would you therefore wait until they were grown? Would you therefore refrain from marrying? No, my daughters; for it is <sup>1</sup>harder for me than for you, for the hand of the LORD has gone forth against me."

14 And they lifted up their voices and wept again; and Orpah kissed her mother-in-law, but Ruth clung to her.

15 Then she said, "Behold, your sister-in-law has gone back to her people and her gods; return after your sister-in-law."

16 But Ruth said, "Do not urge me to leave you or turn back from following you; for where you go, I will go, and where you lodge, I will lodge. Your people *shall be* my people, and your God, my God.

17 "Where you die, I will die, and there I will be buried. Thus may the LORD do to me, and worse, if *anything but* death parts you and me."

18 When she saw that she was determined to go with her, she <sup>1</sup>said no more to her.

19 So they both went until they came to Bethlehem. And it came about when they had come to Bethlehem, that all the city was stirred because of them, and <sup>1</sup>the women said, "Is this Naomi?"

20 And she said to them, "Do not call me <sup>1</sup>Naomi; call me <sup>2</sup>Mara, for <sup>3</sup>the Almighty has dealt very bitterly with me.

21 "I went out full, but the LORD has brought me back empty. Why do you call me Naomi, since the LORD has witnessed against me and <sup>1</sup>the Almighty has afflicted me?"

22 So Naomi returned, and with her Ruth the Moabitess, her daughter-in-law, who returned from the land of Moab. And they came to Bethlehem at <sup>2</sup>the beginning of barley harvest.

## CHAPTER 2

**N**OW Naomi had <sup>1</sup>a kinsman of her husband, a <sup>2</sup>man of great wealth, of the family of <sup>2</sup>Elimelech, whose name was Boaz.

2 And Ruth the Moabitess said to Naomi, "Please let me go to the field and <sup>2</sup>glean among the ears of grain after one in whose sight I may find favor." And she said to her, "Go, my daughter."

3 So she departed and went and gleaned in the field after the reapers; and <sup>1</sup>she happened to come to the portion of the field belonging to Boaz, who was of the family of Elimelech.

4 Now behold, Boaz came from Bethlehem and said to the reapers, "May the LORD be with you." And they said to him, "May the LORD bless you."

5 Then Boaz said to his servant who was <sup>1</sup>in charge of the reapers, "Whose young woman is this?"

6 And the servant <sup>1</sup>in charge of the reapers answered and said, "She is the young Moabite woman who returned with Naomi from the land of Moab.

7 "And she said, 'Please let me glean and gather after the reapers among the sheaves.' Thus she came and has remained from the morning until now; she has been sitting in the house for a little while."

8 Then Boaz said to Ruth, "Listen carefully, my daughter. Do not go to glean in another field; furthermore, do not go on from this one, but stay here with my maids.

9 "Let your eyes be on the field which they reap, and go after them. Indeed, I have commanded the servants not to touch you. When you are thirsty, go to the <sup>1</sup>water jars and drink from what the servants draw."

10 Then she fell on her face, bowing to the ground and said to him, "Why have I found favor in your sight that you should take notice of me, since I am a foreigner?"

11 And Boaz answered and said to her, "All that you have done for your mother-in-law after the death of your husband has been fully reported to me, and how you left your father and your mother and the land of your birth, and came to a people that you did not previously know.

12 "May the LORD reward your work, and your wages be full from the LORD, the God of Israel, <sup>a</sup>under whose wings you have come to seek refuge."

13 Then she said, "I have found favor in your sight, my lord, for you have comforted me and indeed have spoken <sup>1</sup>kindly to your maidservant, though I am not like one of your maidservants."

14 And at mealtime Boaz said to her, "<sup>1</sup>Come here, that you may eat of the bread and dip your piece of bread in the vinegar." So she sat beside the reapers; and he <sup>2</sup>served her roasted grain, and she ate and was satisfied <sup>a</sup>and had some left.

15 When she rose to glean, Boaz commanded his servants, saying, "Let her glean even among the sheaves, and do not insult her.

16 "And also you shall purposely pull out for her *some grain* from the bundles and leave *it* that she may glean, and do not rebuke her."

17 So she gleaned in the field until evening. Then she beat out what she had gleaned, and it was about an ephah of barley.

18 And she took *it* up and went into the city, and her mother-in-law saw what she had gleaned. She also took *it* out and <sup>a</sup>gave <sup>1</sup>Naomi what she had left after <sup>2</sup>she was satisfied.

19 Her mother-in-law then said to her, "Where did you glean today and where did you work? May he who took notice of you be blessed." So she told her mother-in-law with whom she had worked and said, "The name of the man with whom I worked today is Boaz."

5 <sup>1</sup>Lit., who was appointed over

6 <sup>1</sup>Lit., who was appointed over

8 <sup>1</sup>Lit., Have you not heard

9 <sup>1</sup>Lit., vessels

12 <sup>a</sup>Ruth 1:16

13 <sup>1</sup>Lit., to the heart of your

14 <sup>1</sup>Lit., Draw near <sup>2</sup>Lit., held out to <sup>a</sup>Ruth 2:18

18 <sup>1</sup>Lit., her <sup>2</sup>Lit., her satiety <sup>a</sup>Ruth 2:14

20 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *near to us* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *redeemers*

21 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *Also that*

23 <sup>2</sup>Deut. 16:9

1 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *rest*

2 <sup>1</sup>Or, *acquaintance*  
<sup>2</sup>Deut. 25:5-10

4 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *know*

8 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *twisted himself*

9 <sup>1</sup>Or, *redeemer*

11 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *say* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *gate*  
<sup>3</sup>Prov. 31:10

12 <sup>1</sup>Or, *redeemer*

13 <sup>1</sup>Or, *act as close relative to*

20 And Naomi said to her daughter-in-law, "May he be blessed of the LORD who has not withdrawn his kindness to the living and to the dead." Again Naomi said to her, "The man is <sup>1</sup>our relative, he is one of our <sup>2</sup>closest relatives."

21 Then Ruth the Moabitess said, "<sup>1</sup>Furthermore, he said to me, 'You should stay close to my servants until they have finished all my harvest.'"

22 And Naomi said to Ruth her daughter-in-law, "It is good, my daughter, that you go out with his maids, lest *others* fall upon you in another field."

23 So she stayed close by the maids of Boaz in order to glean until <sup>a</sup>the end of the barley harvest and the wheat harvest. And she lived with her mother-in-law.

### CHAPTER 3

**T**HEN Naomi her mother-in-law said to her, "My daughter, shall I not seek <sup>1</sup>security for you, that it may be well with you?"

2 "And now is not Boaz <sup>a</sup>our <sup>1</sup>kinsman, with whose maids you were? Behold, he winnows barley at the threshing floor tonight.

3 "Wash yourself therefore, and anoint yourself and put on your *best* clothes, and go down to the threshing floor; *but* do not make yourself known to the man until he has finished eating and drinking.

4 "And it shall be when he lies down, that you shall <sup>1</sup>notice the place where he lies, and you shall go and uncover his feet and lie down; then he will tell you what you shall do."

5 And she said to her, "All that you say I will do."

6 So she went down to the threshing floor and did according to all that her mother-in-law had commanded her.

7 When Boaz had eaten and drunk and his heart was merry, he went to lie down at the end of the heap of grain; and she came secretly, and uncovered his feet and lay down.

8 And it happened in the middle of the night that the man was startled and <sup>1</sup>bent forward; and behold, a woman was lying at his feet.

9 And he said, "Who are you?" And she answered, "I am Ruth your maid. So spread your covering over your maid, for you are a <sup>1</sup>close relative."

10 Then he said, "May you be blessed of the LORD, my daughter. You have shown your last kindness to be better than the first by not going after young men, whether poor or rich.

11 "And now, my daughter, do not fear. I will do for you whatever you <sup>1</sup>ask, for all my people in the <sup>2</sup>city know that you are <sup>a</sup>a woman of excellence.

12 "And now it is true I am a <sup>1</sup>close relative; however, there is a <sup>1</sup>relative closer than I.

13 "Remain this night, and when morning comes, if he will <sup>1</sup>redeem you, good; let him redeem you. But if he does not wish to <sup>1</sup>redeem you, then I will redeem you, as the LORD lives. Lie down until morning."

14 So she lay at his feet until morning and rose before one could recognize another; and he said, "Let it not be known that the woman came to the threshing floor."

15 Again he said, "Give me the cloak that is on you and

hold it." So she held it, and he measured six *measures* of barley and laid it on her. Then <sup>1</sup>she went into the city.

16 And when she came to her mother-in-law, she said, "How did it go, my daughter?" And she told her all that the man had done for her.

17 And she said, "These six *measures* of barley he gave to me, for he said, 'Do not go to your mother-in-law empty-handed.'"

18 Then she said, "Wait, my daughter, until you know how the matter <sup>1</sup>turns out; for the man will not rest until he has <sup>2</sup>settled it today."

CHAPTER 4

NOW Boaz went up to the gate and sat down there, and behold, <sup>a</sup>the <sup>1</sup>close relative of whom Boaz spoke was passing by, so he said, "Turn aside, <sup>2</sup>friend, sit down here." And he turned aside and sat down.

2 And he took ten men of the elders of the city and said, "Sit down here." So they sat down.

3 Then he said to the <sup>1</sup>closest relative, "Naomi, who has come back from the land of Moab, has to sell the piece of land <sup>a</sup>which belonged to our brother Elimelech.

4 "So I thought to <sup>1</sup>inform you, saying, 'Buy it before those who are sitting *here*, and before the elders of my people. If you will redeem it, redeem it; but if <sup>2</sup>not, tell me that I may know; for there is no one but you to redeem it, and I am after you.'" And he said, "I will redeem it."

5 Then Boaz said, "On the day you buy the field from the hand of Naomi, you must also acquire Ruth the Moabitess, the widow of the deceased, in order to raise up the name of the deceased on his inheritance."

6 And <sup>a</sup>the <sup>1</sup>closest relative said, "I cannot redeem it for myself, lest I <sup>2</sup>jeopardize my own inheritance. Redeem it for yourself; you *may have* my right of redemption, for I cannot redeem it."

7 Now this was <sup>a</sup>the custom in former times in Israel concerning the redemption and the exchange of land to confirm any matter: a man removed his sandal and gave it to another; and this was the *manner of attestation* in Israel.

8 So the <sup>1</sup>closest relative said to Boaz, "Buy it for yourself." And he removed his sandal.

9 Then Boaz said to the elders and all the people, "You are witnesses today that I have bought from the hand of Naomi all that belonged to Elimelech and all that belonged to Chilion and Mahlon.

10 "Moreover, I have acquired Ruth the Moabitess, the widow of Mahlon, to be my wife in order to raise up the name of the deceased on his inheritance, so that the name of the deceased may not be cut off from his brothers or from the <sup>1</sup>court of his birthplace; you are witnesses today."

11 And all the people who were in the <sup>1</sup>court, and the elders, said, "We are witnesses. May the LORD make the woman who is coming into your home <sup>a</sup>like Rachel and Leah, both of whom built the house of Israel; and may you achieve <sup>2</sup>wealth in Ephrathah and <sup>3</sup>become famous in Bethlehem.

15 <sup>1</sup>So with many mss.; M.T., he

16 <sup>1</sup>Lit., Who are you?

18 <sup>1</sup>Lit., falls <sup>2</sup>Lit., finish the matter

1 <sup>1</sup>Or, redeemer <sup>2</sup>Lit., a certain one <sup>a</sup>Ruth 3:12

3 <sup>1</sup>Lit., redeemer <sup>a</sup>Lev. 25:25

4 <sup>1</sup>Lit., uncover your ear <sup>2</sup>Lit., no one will redeem

6 <sup>1</sup>Lit., redeemer <sup>2</sup>Lit., ruin <sup>a</sup>Lev. 25:25

7 <sup>a</sup>Deut. 25:8-10

8 <sup>1</sup>Lit., redeemer

10 <sup>1</sup>Lit., gate

11 <sup>1</sup>Lit., gate <sup>2</sup>Or, power <sup>1</sup>Lit., call the name in <sup>a</sup>Gen. 29:25-30

12 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *seed*  
<sup>a</sup>Ruth 4:18; Gen. 38:29;  
 46:12

13 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *gave her  
 conception*

14 <sup>1</sup>Or, *closest relative*  
<sup>2</sup>Lit., *be called in*

15 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *who*  
<sup>a</sup>Ruth 1:16, 17; 2:11, 12

16 <sup>1</sup>i.e., *as her own*

18 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *begot and so  
 through v. 22*  
<sup>a</sup>Matt. 1:4-6

12 "Moreover, may your house be like the house of <sup>a</sup>Perez whom Tamar bore to Judah, through the <sup>1</sup>offspring which the LORD shall give you by this young woman."

13 So Boaz took Ruth, and she became his wife, and he went in to her. And the LORD <sup>1</sup>enabled her to conceive, and she gave birth to a son.

14 Then the women said to Naomi, "Blessed is the LORD who has not left you without a <sup>1</sup>redeemer today, and may his name <sup>2</sup>become famous in Israel.

15 "May he also be to you a restorer of life and a sustainer of your old age; for your daughter-in-law, who loves you <sup>1a</sup>and is better to you than seven sons, has given birth to him."

16 Then Naomi took the child <sup>1</sup>and laid him in her lap, and became his nurse.

17 And the neighbor women gave him a name, saying, "A son has been born to Naomi!" So they named him Obed. He is the father of Jesse, the father of David.

18 Now these are the generations of Perez: <sup>a</sup>to Perez <sup>1</sup>was born Hezron,

19 and to Hezron was born Ram, and to Ram, Amminadab,

20 and to Amminadab was born Nahshon, and to Nahshon, Salmon,

21 and to Salmon was born Boaz, and to Boaz, Obed,

22 and to Obed was born Jesse, and to Jesse, David.

## THE FIRST BOOK OF SAMUEL

### Elkanah and His Wives.

**N**OW there was a certain man from <sup>a</sup>Ramathaim-zophim from the <sup>b</sup>hill country of Ephraim, and his name was <sup>c</sup>Elkanah the son of Jeroham, the son of Elihu, the son of Tohu, the son of Zuph, an Ephraimite.

2 And he had <sup>a</sup>two wives: the name of one was <sup>b</sup>Hannah and the name of the other Peninnah; and Peninnah had children, but Hannah had no children.

3 Now this man would go up from his city <sup>a</sup>yearly <sup>b</sup>to worship and to sacrifice to the LORD of hosts in <sup>c</sup>Shiloh. And the two sons of Eli, Hophni and Phinehas were priests to the LORD there.

4 And when the day came that Elkanah sacrificed, he <sup>a</sup>would give portions to Peninnah his wife and to all her sons and her daughters;

5 but to Hannah he would give <sup>a</sup>a double portion, for he loved Hannah, <sup>b</sup>but the LORD had closed her womb.

6 Her rival, however, <sup>a</sup>would provoke her bitterly to irritate her, because the LORD had closed her womb.

7 And it happened year after year, as often as she went up

1 <sup>a</sup>1 Sam. 1:19  
<sup>b</sup>Josh. 17:17, 18  
<sup>c</sup>1 Chr. 6:22-28, 33-38

2 <sup>a</sup>Deut. 21:15-17  
<sup>b</sup>Luke 2:36

3 <sup>a</sup>1 Sam. 1:21; Ex. 34:23;  
 Luke 2:41 <sup>b</sup>Deut. 12:5-7  
<sup>c</sup>Josh. 18:1

4 <sup>a</sup>Deut. 12:17, 18

5 <sup>a</sup>Gen. 43:34 <sup>b</sup>Gen. 16:1;  
 30:1

6 <sup>a</sup>Job. 24:21



## Hannah Prays for a Child. Samuel Is Born.

to the house of the LORD, she would provoke her, so she wept and would not eat.

8 Then Elkanah her husband said to her, "Hannah, why do you weep and why do you not eat and why is your heart sad? <sup>a</sup>Am I not better to you than ten sons?"

9 Then Hannah rose after eating and drinking in Shiloh. Now Eli the priest was sitting on the seat by the doorpost of <sup>a</sup>the temple of the LORD.

10 And she, <sup>1</sup>greatly distressed, prayed to the LORD and wept bitterly.

11 And she <sup>a</sup>made a vow and said, "O LORD of hosts, if Thou wilt indeed <sup>b</sup>look on the affliction of Thy maidservant and remember me, and not forget Thy maidservant, but wilt give Thy maidservant a <sup>1</sup>son, then I will give him to the LORD all the days of his life, and <sup>c</sup>a razor shall never come on his head."

12 Now it came about, as she <sup>1</sup>continued praying before the LORD, that Eli was watching her mouth.

13 As for Hannah, <sup>a</sup>she was speaking in her heart, only her lips were moving, but her voice was not heard. So Eli thought she was drunk.

14 Then Eli said to her, "How long will you make yourself drunk? Put away your wine from you."

15 But Hannah answered and said, "No, my lord, I am a woman <sup>1</sup>oppressed in spirit; I have drunk neither wine nor strong drink, but I <sup>a</sup>have poured out my soul before the LORD.

16 "Do not <sup>1</sup>consider your maidservant as a worthless woman; for I have spoken until now <sup>a</sup>out of my great concern and <sup>2</sup>provocation."

17 Then Eli answered and said, "<sup>a</sup>Go in peace; and may the God of Israel <sup>b</sup>grant your petition that you have asked of Him."

18 And she said, "<sup>a</sup>Let your maidservant find favor in your sight." So the woman went her way and ate, and <sup>b</sup>her face was no longer sad.

19 Then they arose early in the morning and worshiped before the LORD, and returned again to their house in <sup>a</sup>Ramah. And Elkanah <sup>1</sup>had relations with Hannah his wife, and <sup>b</sup>the LORD remembered her.

20 And it came about <sup>1</sup>in due time, after Hannah had conceived, that she gave birth to a son; and she named him Samuel, saying, "<sup>a</sup>Because I have asked him of the LORD."

21 Then the man Elkanah <sup>a</sup>went up with all his household to offer to the LORD the yearly sacrifice and <sup>pay</sup> his vow.

22 But Hannah did not go up, for she said to her husband, "I will not go up until the child is weaned; then I will <sup>a</sup>bring him, that he may appear before the LORD and <sup>b</sup>stay there forever."

23 And <sup>a</sup>Elkanah her husband said to her, "Do what seems best <sup>1</sup>to you. Remain until you have weaned him; only <sup>b</sup>may the LORD confirm His word." So the woman remained and nursed her son until she weaned him.

24 Now when she had weaned him, <sup>a</sup>she took him up with her, with a three-year-old bull and one ephah of flour and a jug of wine, and brought him to <sup>b</sup>the house of the LORD in Shiloh, although the child was young.

8 <sup>a</sup>Ruth 4:15

9 <sup>a</sup>1 Sam. 3:3

10 <sup>1</sup>Lit., bitter of soul

11 <sup>1</sup>Lit., seed of men  
<sup>a</sup>Num. 30:6-11 <sup>b</sup>Gen. 29:32  
<sup>c</sup>Num. 6:5; Judg. 13:5; Luke 1:15

12 <sup>1</sup>Lit., multiplied

13 <sup>a</sup>Gen. 24:42-45

14 <sup>a</sup>Acts 2:4, 13

15 <sup>1</sup>Lit., severe  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 62:8

16 <sup>1</sup>Lit., give <sup>2</sup>Lit., my provocation  
<sup>a</sup>Luke 6:45

17 <sup>a</sup>1 Sam. 25:35;  
2 Kin. 5:19; Mark 5:34  
<sup>b</sup>Ps. 20:3-5

18 <sup>a</sup>Ruth 2:13 <sup>b</sup>Rom. 15:13

19 <sup>1</sup>Lit., knew  
<sup>a</sup>1 Sam. 1:1; 2:11  
<sup>b</sup>Gen. 21:1; 30:22

20 <sup>1</sup>Lit., at the circuit of the days  
<sup>a</sup>Gen. 41:51, 52; Ex. 2:10, 22; Matt. 1:21

21 <sup>a</sup>1 Sam. 1:3;  
Deut. 12:11

22 <sup>a</sup>Luke 2:22  
<sup>b</sup>1 Sam. 1:11, 28

23 <sup>1</sup>Lit., in your eyes  
<sup>a</sup>Num. 30:10,  
11 <sup>b</sup>1 Sam. 1:17

24 <sup>a</sup>Num. 15:9, 10;  
Deut. 12:5, 6 <sup>b</sup>1 Sam. 4:3, 4;  
Josh. 18:1

**1 Samuel 1, 2**

25 <sup>a</sup>Lev. 1:5 <sup>b</sup>Luke 2:22

26 <sup>a2</sup> King. 2:2, 4, 6

27 <sup>a1</sup> Sam. 1:11-13

28 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *lent*  
<sup>a1</sup> Sam. 1:11, 22

1 <sup>1</sup>i.e., strength <sup>2</sup>Lit., is enlarged  
<sup>a</sup>Hab. 3:1; Ps. 72:20;  
1 Sam. 2:1-10; Luke 1:46-55  
<sup>b</sup>Deut. 33:17; Job. 16:15;  
Ps. 89:17 <sup>c</sup>Is. 12:2, 3

2 <sup>a</sup>Ex. 15:11  
<sup>b2</sup> Sam. 22:32 <sup>c</sup>Deut. 32:30,  
31

3 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *Talk much*  
<sup>a</sup>Prov. 8:13 <sup>b1</sup> Sam. 16:7;  
1 Kin. 8:39 <sup>c</sup>Prov. 16:2;  
24:12

4 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 37:15; 46:9  
<sup>b</sup>Ps. 18:39; Heb. 11:32-34

5 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 113:9; Ruth 4:15  
<sup>b</sup>Jer. 15:9

6 <sup>1</sup>i.e., the nether world  
<sup>a</sup>Deut. 32:39; 2 Kin. 5:7;  
Rev. 1:18 <sup>b</sup>Is. 26:19

7 <sup>a</sup>Deut. 8:17, 18  
<sup>b</sup>Job. 5:11; James 4:10

8 <sup>a</sup>Job. 42:10-12; Ps. 75:7  
<sup>b2</sup> Sam. 7:8; Dan. 2:48;  
James 2:5 <sup>c</sup>Job. 36:7  
<sup>d</sup>Job. 38:4-6; Ps. 75:3

9 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 91:11, 12;  
1 Pet. 1:5 <sup>b</sup>Matt. 8:12  
<sup>c</sup>Ps. 33:16, 17

10 <sup>1</sup>i.e., strength  
<sup>a</sup>Ex. 15:6; Ps. 2:9  
<sup>b1</sup> Sam. 7:10; Ps. 18:13, 14  
<sup>c</sup>Ps. 96:13; 98:9;  
Matt. 25:31, 32 <sup>d</sup>Ps. 21:1, 7  
<sup>e</sup>Ps. 89:24

11 <sup>a1</sup> Sam. 1:1, 19  
<sup>b1</sup> Sam. 2:18; 1 Sam. 1:28

12 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *sons of Belial*  
<sup>a</sup>Jer. 2:8; 9:3, 6; 2 Cor. 6:15

13 <sup>a</sup>Lev. 7:29-34

25 Then <sup>a</sup>they slaughtered the bull, and <sup>b</sup>brought the boy to Eli.

26 And she said, "Oh, my lord! <sup>a</sup>As your soul lives, my lord, I am the woman who stood here beside you, praying to the LORD.

27 <sup>a</sup>"For this boy I prayed, and the LORD has given me my petition which I asked of Him.

28 <sup>a</sup>"So I have also <sup>1</sup>dedicated him to the LORD; as long as he lives he is <sup>1</sup>dedicated to the LORD." And he worshiped the LORD there.

CHAPTER 2

**T**HEN Hannah <sup>a</sup>prayed and said,

"My heart exults in the LORD;

<sup>b</sup>My <sup>1</sup>horn is exalted in the LORD,

My mouth <sup>2</sup>speaks boldly against my enemies,  
Because <sup>c1</sup>rejoice in Thy salvation.

2 <sup>a</sup>"There is no one holy like the LORD,  
Indeed, <sup>b</sup>there is no one besides Thee,  
<sup>c</sup>Nor is there any rock like our God.

3 <sup>1</sup>"Boast no more so very proudly,  
<sup>a</sup>Do not let arrogance come out of your mouth;  
<sup>b</sup>For the LORD is a God of knowledge,  
<sup>c</sup>And with Him actions are weighed.

4 <sup>a</sup>"The bows of the mighty are shattered,  
<sup>b</sup>But the feeble gird on strength.

5 "Those who were full hire themselves out for bread,  
But those who were hungry cease to *hunger*.  
<sup>a</sup>Even the barren gives birth to seven,  
But <sup>b</sup>she who has many children languishes.

6 <sup>a</sup>"The LORD kills and makes alive;  
<sup>b</sup>He brings down to <sup>1</sup>Sheol and raises up.

7 <sup>a</sup>"The LORD makes poor and rich;  
<sup>b</sup>He brings low, He also exalts.

8 <sup>a</sup>"He raises the poor from the dust,  
<sup>b</sup>He lifts the needy from the ash heap  
<sup>c</sup>To make them sit with nobles,  
And inherit a seat of honor;

<sup>d</sup>For the pillars of the earth are the LORD's,  
And He set the world on them.

9 <sup>a</sup>"He keeps the feet of His godly ones,  
<sup>b</sup>But the wicked ones are silenced in darkness;  
<sup>c</sup>For not by might shall a man prevail.

10 <sup>a</sup>"Those who contend with the LORD will be shattered;  
<sup>b</sup>Against them He will thunder in the heavens,  
<sup>c</sup>The LORD will judge the ends of the earth;  
<sup>d</sup>And He will give strength to His king,  
<sup>e</sup>And will exalt the <sup>1</sup>horn of His anointed."

11 Then Elkanah went to his home at <sup>a</sup>Ramah. <sup>b</sup>But the boy ministered to the LORD before Eli the priest.

12 Now the sons of Eli were <sup>1a</sup>worthless men; they did not know the LORD

13 <sup>a</sup>and the custom of the priests with the people. When

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any man was offering a sacrifice, the priest's servant would come while the meat was boiling, with a three-pronged fork in his hand.

14 Then he would thrust it into the pan, or kettle, or caldron, or pot; all that the fork brought up the priest would take for himself. Thus they did in Shiloh to all the Israelites who came there.

15 Also, before <sup>a</sup>they burned the fat, the priest's servant would come and say to the man who was sacrificing, "Give the priest meat for roasting, as he will not take boiled meat from you, only raw."

16 And if the man said to him, "They must surely <sup>1</sup>burn the fat <sup>2</sup>first, and then take as much as <sup>3</sup>you desire," then he would say, "No, but you shall give it to me now; and if not, I will take it by force."

17 Thus the sin of the young men was very great before the LORD, for the men <sup>a</sup>despised the offering of the LORD.

18 Now <sup>a</sup>Samuel was ministering before the LORD, as a boy <sup>b</sup>wearing a linen ephod.

19 And his mother would make him a little <sup>a</sup>robe and bring it to him from year to year when she would come up with her husband to offer <sup>b</sup>the yearly sacrifice.

20 Then Eli would <sup>a</sup>bless Elkanah and his wife and say, "May the LORD give you <sup>1</sup>children from this woman in place of <sup>2</sup>the one she <sup>b</sup>dedicated to the LORD." And they went to their own <sup>3</sup>home.

21 And <sup>a</sup>the LORD visited Hannah; and she conceived and gave birth to three sons and two daughters. And <sup>b</sup>the boy Samuel grew before the LORD.

22 Now Eli was very old; and he heard <sup>a</sup>all that his sons were doing to all Israel, and how they lay with <sup>b</sup>the women who served at the doorway of the tent of meeting.

23 And he said to them, "Why do you do such things, the evil things that I hear from all these people?"

24 "No, my sons; for the report is not good <sup>a</sup>which I hear <sup>1</sup>the LORD's people circulating.

25 "If one man sins against another, <sup>a</sup>God will mediate for him; but <sup>b</sup>if a man sins against the LORD, who can intercede for him?" But they would not listen to the voice of their father, for the <sup>c</sup>LORD desired to put them to death.

26 Now the boy <sup>a</sup>Samuel <sup>1</sup>was growing in stature and in favor both with the LORD and with men.

27 Then <sup>a</sup>a man of God came to Eli and said to him, "Thus says the LORD, <sup>b</sup>Did I not indeed reveal Myself to the house of your father when they were in Egypt in bondage to Pharaoh's house?"

28 <sup>a</sup>And <sup>a</sup>did I not choose them from all the tribes of Israel to be My priests, to go up to My altar, to burn incense, to carry an ephod before Me; and did I not give to the house of your father all the fire offerings of the sons of Israel?

29 <sup>a</sup>Why do you <sup>a</sup>kick at My sacrifice and at My offering <sup>b</sup>which I have commanded in My <sup>c</sup>dwelling, and <sup>d</sup>honor your sons above Me, by making yourselves fat with the <sup>1</sup>choicest of every offering of My people Israel?"

15 <sup>a</sup>Lev. 3:3-5, 16

16 <sup>1</sup>Lit., offer up in smoke  
<sup>2</sup>Lit., like the day <sup>3</sup>Lit., your soul

17 <sup>a</sup>Mal. 2:7-9

18 <sup>1</sup>Lit., girded with  
<sup>a</sup>1 Sam. 2:11; 3:1  
<sup>b</sup>1 Sam. 2:28, 22:18

19 <sup>a</sup>Ex. 28:31  
<sup>b</sup>1 Sam. 1:3, 21

20 <sup>1</sup>Lit., seed <sup>2</sup>Lit., the one asked for which was lent <sup>3</sup>Lit., place  
<sup>a</sup>Luke 2:34 <sup>b</sup>1 Sam. 1:11, 27, 28

21 <sup>a</sup>Gen. 21:1  
<sup>b</sup>1 Sam. 2:26; 3:19-21; Luke 2:40

22 <sup>a</sup>1 Sam. 2:13-17  
<sup>b</sup>Ex. 38:8

24 <sup>1</sup>Or, making the LORD's people transgress  
<sup>a</sup>1 Kin. 15:26

25 <sup>a</sup>Deut. 1:17  
<sup>b</sup>1 Sam. 3:14; Num. 15:30; Heb. 10:26, 27 <sup>c</sup>Ex. 4:21; Josh. 11:20

26 <sup>1</sup>Lit., was going on both great and good  
<sup>a</sup>1 Sam. 2:21; Luke 2:52

27 <sup>a</sup>Deut. 33:1; Judg. 13:6  
<sup>b</sup>Ex. 4:14-16; 12:1, 43

28 <sup>a</sup>Ex. 28:1-4; 30:7, 8; Lev. 8:7, 8

29 <sup>1</sup>Or, first  
<sup>a</sup>1 Sam. 2:13-17 <sup>b</sup>Deut. 12:5-9 <sup>c</sup>Pc. 26:8 <sup>d</sup>Matt. 10:37

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30 <sup>a</sup>Ex. 29:9; Num. 25:13  
<sup>b</sup>Ps. 50:23 <sup>c</sup>Mal. 2:9

31 <sup>1</sup>Or, *arm*  
<sup>a</sup>1 Sam. 4:11-18; 22:17-20

32 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *he*  
<sup>a</sup>1 Kin. 2:26, 27 <sup>b</sup>Zech. 8:4

33 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *to waste away your eyes and to grieve your soul* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *as men*

34 <sup>a</sup>1 Sam. 10:7-9;  
1 Kin. 13:3 <sup>b</sup>1 Sam. 4:11, 17

35 <sup>a</sup>1 Sam. 3:1; 7:9; 9:12,  
13 <sup>b</sup>1 Sam. 8:3-5;  
1 King. 11:38 <sup>c</sup>1 Sam. 10:9,  
10; 12:3; 16:13

36 <sup>1</sup>Or, *payment* <sup>2</sup>Lit.,  
*attach*

<sup>1</sup> <sup>1</sup>Lit., *no vision spread abroad*  
<sup>a</sup>1 Sam. 2:11, 18 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 74:9;  
Ezek. 7:26; Amos 8:11, 12

2 <sup>a</sup>1 Sam. 4:15

3 <sup>a</sup>Ex. 25:31-37; Lev. 24:3

4 <sup>a</sup>Is. 6:8

6 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *said*

7 <sup>a</sup>1 Cor. 13:11

30 "Therefore the LORD God of Israel declares, 'I did indeed say that your house and the house of your father should walk before Me forever'; but now the LORD declares, 'Far be it from Me—for those who honor Me I will honor, and those who despise Me will be lightly esteemed.

31 'Behold, the days are coming when I will break your strength and the strength of your father's house so that there will not be an old man in your house.

32 'And you will see the distress of My dwelling, in spite of all that I do good for Israel; and an bold man will not be in your house forever.

33 'Yet I will not cut off every man of yours from My altar that your eyes may fail from weeping and your soul grieve, and all the increase of your house will die in the prime of life.

34 'And this will be the sign to you which shall come concerning your two sons, Hophni and Phinehas: on the same day both of them shall die.

35 'But I will raise up for Myself a faithful priest who will do according to what is in My heart and in My soul; and I will build him an enduring house, and he will walk before My anointed always.

36 'And it shall come about that everyone who is left in your house shall come and bow down to him for a piece of silver or a loaf of bread, and say, "Please assign me to one of the priest's offices so that I may eat a piece of bread." "

CHAPTER 3

NOW the boy Samuel was ministering to the LORD before Eli. And word from the LORD was rare in those days, visions were infrequent.

2 And it happened at that time as Eli was lying down in his place (now his eyesight had begun to grow dim and he could not see well),

3 and the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the LORD where the ark of God was,

4 that the LORD called Samuel; and he said, "Here I am."

5 Then he ran to Eli and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call, lie down again." So he went and lay down.

6 And the LORD called yet again, "Samuel!" So Samuel arose and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he answered, "I did not call, my son, lie down again."

7 Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD, nor had the word of the LORD yet been revealed to him.

8 So the LORD called Samuel again for the third time. And he arose and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." Then Eli discerned that the LORD was calling the boy.

9 And Eli said to Samuel, "Go lie down, and it shall be if He calls you, that you shall say, 'Speak, LORD, for Thy servant is listening.'" So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

10 Then the LORD came and stood and called as at other

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times, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel said, "Speak, for Thy servant is listening."

11 And the LORD said to Samuel, "Behold, <sup>a</sup>I am about to do a thing in Israel at which both ears of everyone who hears it will tingle.

12 "In that day <sup>a</sup>I will carry out against Eli all that I have spoken concerning his house, from beginning to end.

13 "For <sup>a</sup>I have told him that I am about to judge his house forever for <sup>b</sup>the iniquity which he knew, because <sup>c</sup>his sons brought a curse on themselves and <sup>d</sup>he did not rebuke them.

14 "And therefore I have sworn to the house of Eli that <sup>a</sup>the iniquity of Eli's house shall not be atoned for by sacrifice or offering forever."

15 So Samuel lay down until morning. Then he <sup>a</sup>opened the doors of the house of the LORD. But Samuel was afraid to tell <sup>b</sup>the vision to Eli.

16 Then Eli called Samuel and said, "Samuel, my son." And he said, "Here I am."

17 And he said, "What is the word that He spoke to you? Please do not hide it from me. <sup>a</sup>May God do so to you, and more also, if you hide anything from me of all the words that He spoke to you."

18 So Samuel told him everything and hid nothing from him. And he said, "<sup>a</sup>It is the LORD; let Him do what seems good to Him."

19 Thus <sup>a</sup>Samuel grew and <sup>b</sup>the LORD was with him and <sup>c</sup>let none of his words <sup>1</sup>fail.

20 And all Israel <sup>a</sup>from Dan even to Beersheba knew that Samuel was confirmed as a prophet of the LORD.

21 And the LORD appeared again at Shiloh, <sup>a</sup>because the LORD revealed Himself to Samuel at Shiloh by the word of the LORD.

11 <sup>a</sup>2 Kin. 21:12; Jer. 19:3

12 <sup>a</sup>1 Sam. 2:27-36

13 <sup>a</sup>1 Sam. 2:29-31  
<sup>b</sup>1 Sam. 2:22 <sup>c</sup>1 Sam. 2:12,  
17, 22 <sup>d</sup>Deut. 17:12; 21:18

14 <sup>a</sup>Lev. 15:31; Is. 22:14

15 <sup>a</sup>1 Chr. 15:23  
<sup>b</sup>1 Sam. 3:10

17 <sup>a</sup>2 Sam. 3:35

18 <sup>a</sup>Ex. 34:5-7; Lev. 10:3;  
Job 2:10; Is. 39:8

19 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *fall to the ground*  
<sup>a</sup>1 Sam. 2:21 <sup>b</sup>Gen. 21:22;  
28:15 <sup>c</sup>1 Sam. 9:6

20 <sup>a</sup>Judg. 20:1

21 <sup>a</sup>1 Sam. 3:10

## CHAPTER 4

THUS the word of Samuel came to all Israel. Now Israel went out to meet the Philistines in battle and camped beside <sup>a</sup>Ebenezer while the Philistines camped in <sup>b</sup>Aphek.

2 And the Philistines drew up in battle array to meet Israel. When the battle spread, Israel was <sup>1</sup>defeated before the Philistines who killed about four thousand men on the battlefield.

3 When the people came into the camp, the elders of Israel said, "<sup>a</sup>Why has the LORD defeated us today before the Philistines? <sup>b</sup>Let us take to ourselves from Shiloh the ark of the covenant of the LORD, that <sup>1</sup>it may come among us and deliver us from the power of our enemies."

4 So the people sent to Shiloh, and from there they carried the ark of the covenant of the LORD of hosts <sup>a</sup>who sits above the cherubim; and the two sons of Eli, Hophni and Phinchas, were there with the ark of the covenant of God.

5 And it happened as the ark of the covenant of the LORD came into the camp, that <sup>a</sup>all Israel shouted with a great shout, so that the earth resounded.

1 <sup>a</sup>1 Sam. 7:12  
<sup>b</sup>1 Sam. 29:1; Josh. 12:18

2 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *smitten*

3 <sup>1</sup>Or, *he*  
<sup>a</sup>Josh. 7:7, 8 <sup>b</sup>Num. 10:35;  
Josh. 6:6

4 <sup>a</sup>2 Sam. 6:2

5 <sup>a</sup>Josh. 6:5, 20

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7 <sup>a</sup>Ex. 15:14

9 <sup>a1</sup> Cor. 16:13  
b1 Sam. 14:21; Judg. 13:1

10 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *smitten*  
<sup>a1</sup> Sam. 4:2; Deut. 28:15, 25  
b2 Sam. 18:17; 2 Kin. 14:12

11 <sup>a1</sup> Sam. 2:34; Ps. 78:56-64

12 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *ground*  
<sup>a</sup>Josh. 7:6; 2 Sam. 1:2;  
Neh. 9:1

13 <sup>1</sup>Gk. version reads,  
*beside the gate watching  
the road*; see v. 18  
<sup>a1</sup> Sam. 4:18, 19

15 <sup>a1</sup> Kin. 14:4

16 <sup>a2</sup> Sam. 1:4

18 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *he* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *the man*  
<sup>a1</sup> Sam. 4:13

20 <sup>a</sup>Gen. 35:16-19

21 <sup>1</sup>i.e., *No glory*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 26:8; Jer. 2:11  
b1 Sam. 4:11

6 And when the Philistines heard the noise of the shout, they said, "What *does* the noise of this great shout in the camp of the Hebrews *mean*?" Then they understood that the ark of the LORD had come into the camp.

7 And the Philistines were afraid, for they said, "God has come into the camp." And they said, "Woe to us! For nothing like this has happened before.

8 "Woe to us! Who shall deliver us from the hand of these mighty gods? These are the gods who smote the Egyptians with all *kinds* of plagues in the wilderness.

9 "Take courage and be men, O Philistines, lest you become slaves to the Hebrews, <sup>b</sup>as they have been slaves to you; therefore, be men and fight."

10 So the Philistines fought and <sup>a</sup>Israel was <sup>1</sup>defeated, and <sup>b</sup>every man fled to his tent, and the slaughter was very great; for there fell of Israel thirty thousand foot soldiers.

11 And the ark of God was taken; and <sup>a</sup>the two sons of Eli, Hophni and Phinehas, died.

12 Now a man of Benjamin ran from the battle line and came to Shiloh the same day with <sup>a</sup>his clothes torn and <sup>1</sup>dust on his head.

13 When he came, behold, <sup>a</sup>Eli was sitting on *his* seat <sup>1</sup>by the road eagerly watching, because his heart was trembling for the ark of God. So the man came to tell *it* in the city, and all the city cried out.

14 When Eli heard the noise of the outcry, he said, "What *does* the noise of this commotion *mean*?" Then the man came hurriedly and told Eli.

15 Now Eli was ninety-eight years old, and <sup>a</sup>his eyes were set so that he could not see.

16 And the man said to Eli, "I am the one who came from the battle line. Indeed, I escaped from the battle line today." And he said, "<sup>a</sup>How did things go, my son?"

17 Then the one who brought the news answered and said, "Israel has fled before the Philistines and there has also been a great slaughter among the people, and your two sons also, Hophni and Phinehas, are dead, and the ark of God has been taken."

18 And it came about when he mentioned the ark of God that <sup>1a</sup>Eli fell off the seat backward beside the gate, and his neck was broken and he died, for <sup>2</sup>he was old and heavy. Thus he judged Israel forty years.

19 Now his daughter-in-law, Phinehas' wife, was pregnant and about to give birth; and when she heard the news that the ark of God was taken and that her father-in-law and her husband had died, she kneeled down and gave birth, for her pains came upon her.

20 And about the time of her death the women who stood by her said to her, "<sup>a</sup>Do not be afraid, for you have given birth to a son." But she did not answer or pay attention.

21 And she called the boy <sup>1</sup>Ichabod, saying, "<sup>a</sup>The glory has departed from Israel," because <sup>b</sup>the ark of God was taken and because of her father-in-law and her husband.

22 And she said, "The glory has departed from Israel, for the ark of God was taken."

CHAPTER 5

NOW the Philistines took the ark of God and <sup>a</sup>brought it from Ebenezer to <sup>b</sup>Ashdod.

2 Then the Philistines took the ark of God and brought it to <sup>a</sup>the house of Dagon, and set it by Dagon.

3 When the Ashdodites arose early the next morning, behold, <sup>a</sup>Dagon had fallen on his face to the ground before the ark of the LORD. So they took Dagon and <sup>b</sup>set him in his place <sup>a</sup>gain.

4 But when they arose early the next morning, behold, Dagon had fallen on his face to the ground before the ark of the LORD. And the head of Dagon and both the palms of his hands *were* cut off on the threshold; <sup>1</sup>only the trunk of Dagon was left to him.

5 Therefore neither the priests of Dagon nor all who enter Dagon's house tread on the threshold of Dagon in Ashdod to this day.

6 Now <sup>a</sup>the hand of the LORD was heavy on the Ashdodites, and <sup>b</sup>He ravaged them and smote them with <sup>c</sup>hemorrhoids, both Ashdod and its territories.

7 When the men of Ashdod saw that it was so, they said, "The ark of the God of Israel must not remain with us, for His hand is severe on us and on Dagon our god."

8 So they sent and <sup>a</sup>gathered all the lords of the Philistines to them and said, "What shall we do with the ark of the God of Israel?" And they said, "Let the ark of the God of Israel be brought around to Gath." And they brought the ark of the God of Israel *around*.

9 And it came about that after they had brought it around, <sup>a</sup>the hand of the LORD was against the city with very great confusion; and He smote the men of the city, both young and old, so that <sup>b</sup>hemorrhoids broke out on them.

10 So they sent the ark of God to Ekron. And it happened as the ark of God came to Ekron that the Ekronites cried out, saying, "They have brought the ark of the God of Israel around to <sup>1</sup>us, to kill <sup>1</sup>us and <sup>2</sup>our people."

11 They <sup>a</sup>sent therefore and gathered all the lords of the Philistines and said, "Send away the ark of the God of Israel, and let it return to its own place, that it may not kill <sup>1</sup>us and <sup>2</sup>our people." For there was a deadly confusion throughout the city; <sup>b</sup>the hand of God was very heavy there.

12 And the men who did not die were smitten with hemorrhoids and <sup>a</sup>the cry of the city went up to heaven.

CHAPTER 6

NOW the ark of the LORD had been in the <sup>1</sup>country of the Philistines seven months.

2 And <sup>a</sup>the Philistines called for the priests and the diviners, saying, "What shall we do with the ark of the LORD? Tell us <sup>1</sup>how we shall send it to its place."

3 And they said, "If you send away the ark of the God of Israel, <sup>a</sup>do not send it empty; but you shall surely <sup>b</sup>return to Him a guilt offering. Then you shall be healed and it shall be known to you why His hand is not removed from you."

<sup>1</sup> 1 Sam. 4:1; 7:12  
<sup>b</sup> Josh. 13:3

<sup>2</sup> Judg. 16:23-30;  
<sup>1</sup> Chr. 10:8-10

<sup>3</sup> Is. 19:1; 46:1, 2  
<sup>b</sup> Is. 46:7

<sup>4</sup> So with ancient versions; Heb., *only Dagon*.

<sup>6</sup> 1 Sam. 5:7, 11; Ex. 9:3  
<sup>b</sup> 1 Sam. 6:5 <sup>c</sup> Deut. 28:27;  
Ps. 78:66

<sup>8</sup> 1 Sam. 5:11; 29:6-11

<sup>9</sup> 1 Sam. 5:11; 7:13  
<sup>b</sup> 1 Sam. 5:6

<sup>10</sup> <sup>1</sup> Lit., *me* <sup>2</sup> Lit., *my*

<sup>11</sup> <sup>1</sup> Lit., *me* <sup>2</sup> Lit., *my*  
<sup>a</sup> 1 Sam. 5:8 <sup>b</sup> 1 Sam. 5:6, 9

<sup>12</sup> Ex. 12:30

<sup>1</sup> <sup>1</sup> Lit., *field*

<sup>2</sup> <sup>1</sup> Or, *with what*  
<sup>a</sup> Gen. 41:8; Ex. 7:11; Is. 2:6

<sup>3</sup> Ex. 23:15; Deut. 16:16  
<sup>b</sup> Lev. 5:15, 16

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4 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *them*  
<sup>a</sup>1 Sam. 6:17; 5:6, 9, 12  
<sup>b</sup>1 Sam. 6:17, 18; Judg. 3:3

5 <sup>a</sup>Josh. 7:19; Is. 42:12  
<sup>b</sup>1 Sam. 5:6, 11 <sup>c</sup>1 Sam. 5:3,  
4, 7

6 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *them*  
<sup>a</sup>Ex. 8:15, 32; 9:34  
<sup>b</sup>Ex. 12:31

7 <sup>a</sup>2 Sam. 6:3  
<sup>b</sup>Num. 19:2; Deut. 21:3, 4

8 <sup>a</sup>1 Sam. 6:4, 5  
<sup>b</sup>1 Sam. 6:3

9 <sup>a</sup>Josh. 15:10; 21:16  
<sup>b</sup>1 Sam. 6:3

12 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *way*  
<sup>a</sup>1 Sam. 6:9 <sup>b</sup>Num. 20:19

14 <sup>a</sup>2 Sam. 24:22;  
2 Kin. 19:21

15 <sup>a</sup>Ex. 4:14; Josh. 3:3

17 <sup>a</sup>1 Sam. 6:4

18 <sup>1</sup>So some mss. and  
versions. Heb., *Abel*  
<sup>a</sup>Deut. 3:5 <sup>b</sup>1 Sam. 14:15

4 Then they said, "What shall be the guilt offering which we shall return to Him?" And they said, "Five golden <sup>a</sup>hemorrhoids and five golden mice <sup>b</sup>according to the number of the lords of the Philistines, for one plague was on all of <sup>1</sup>you and on your lords.

5 "So you shall make likenesses of your hemorrhoids and likenesses of your mice that ravage the land, and <sup>a</sup>you shall give glory to the God of Israel; perhaps <sup>b</sup>He will ease His hand from you, <sup>c</sup>your gods, and your land.

6 "Why then do you harden your hearts <sup>a</sup>as the Egyptians and Pharaoh hardened their hearts? When He had severely dealt with them, <sup>b</sup>did they not allow <sup>1</sup>the people to go, and they departed?

7 "Now therefore take and <sup>a</sup>prepare a new cart and two milch cows on which there <sup>b</sup>has never been a yoke; and hitch the cows to the cart and take their calves home, away from them.

8 "And take the ark of the LORD and place it on the cart; and put <sup>a</sup>the articles of gold which you return to Him as <sup>b</sup>a guilt offering in a box by its side. Then send it away that it may go.

9 "And watch, if it goes up by the way of its own territory to <sup>a</sup>Beth-shemesh, then He has done us this great evil. But if not, then <sup>b</sup>we shall know that it was not His hand that struck us; it happened to us by chance."

10 Then the men did so, and took two milch cows and hitched them to the cart, and shut up their calves at home.

11 And they put the ark of the LORD on the cart, and the box with the golden mice and the likenesses of their hemorrhoids.

12 And the cows took the straight way in the <sup>1</sup>direction of <sup>a</sup>Beth-shemesh; they went along <sup>b</sup>the highway, lowing as they went, and did not turn aside to the right or to the left. And the lords of the Philistines followed them to the border of Beth-shemesh.

13 Now *the people of* Beth-shemesh were reaping their wheat harvest in the valley, and they raised their eyes and saw the ark and were glad to see it.

14 And the cart came into the field of Joshua the Beth-shemite and stood there where there *was* a large stone; and they split the wood of the cart and <sup>a</sup>offered the cows as a burnt offering to the LORD.

15 And <sup>a</sup>the Levites took down the ark of the LORD and the box that was with it, in which were the articles of gold, and put them on the large stone; and the men of Beth-shemesh offered burnt offerings and sacrificed sacrifices that day to the LORD.

16 And when the five lords of the Philistines saw it, they returned to Ekron that day.

17 And <sup>a</sup>these are the golden hemorrhoids which the Philistines returned for a guilt offering to the LORD: one for Ashdod, one for Gaza, one for Ashkelon, one for Gath, one for Ekron;

18 and the golden mice, *according* to the number of all the cities of the Philistines belonging to the five lords, <sup>a</sup>both of fortified cities and of country villages. <sup>b</sup>The large <sup>1</sup>stone on



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which they set the ark of the LORD *is a witness* to this day in the field of Joshua the Beth-shemite.

19 And <sup>a</sup>He struck down some of the men of Beth-shemesh because they had looked into the ark of the LORD. He struck down of all the people, 50,070 men, and the people mourned because the LORD had struck the people with a great slaughter.

20 And the men of Beth-shemesh said, “<sup>a</sup>Who is able to stand before the LORD, this holy God? And to whom shall He go up from us?”

21 So they sent messengers to the inhabitants of <sup>a</sup>Kiriath-jearim, saying, “The Philistines have brought back the ark of the LORD; come down and take it up to you.”

### CHAPTER 7

AND the men of Kiriath-jearim came and took the ark of the LORD and <sup>a</sup>brought it into the house of Abinadab on the hill, and consecrated Eleazar his son to keep the ark of the LORD.

2 And it came about from the day that the ark remained at Kiriath-jearim that the time was long, for it was twenty years; and all the house of Israel lamented after the LORD.

3 Then Samuel spoke to all the house of Israel, saying, “<sup>a</sup>If you return to the LORD with all your heart, <sup>b</sup>remove the foreign gods and the <sup>c</sup>Ashtaroth from among you and <sup>d</sup>direct your hearts to the LORD and <sup>e</sup>serve Him alone; and He will deliver you from the hand of the Philistines.”

4 So the sons of Israel removed the Baals and the Ashtaroth and served the LORD alone.

5 Then Samuel said, “Gather all Israel to <sup>a</sup>Mizpah, and <sup>b</sup>I will pray to the LORD for you.”

6 And they gathered to Mizpah, and drew water and <sup>a</sup>poured it out before the LORD, and <sup>b</sup>fasted on that day, and said there, “<sup>c</sup>We have sinned against the LORD.” And Samuel judged the sons of Israel at Mizpah.

7 Now when the Philistines heard that the sons of Israel had gathered to Mizpah, the lords of the Philistines went up against Israel. And when the sons of Israel heard it, <sup>a</sup>they were afraid of the Philistines.

8 Then the sons of Israel said to Samuel, “<sup>a</sup>Do not cease to cry to the LORD our God for us, that He may save us from the hand of the Philistines.”

9 And Samuel took <sup>a</sup>a suckling lamb and offered it for a whole burnt offering to the LORD; and Samuel cried to the LORD for Israel and <sup>b</sup>the LORD answered him.

10 Now Samuel was offering up the burnt offering, and the Philistines drew near to battle against Israel. But <sup>a</sup>the LORD thundered with a great <sup>1</sup>thunder on that day against the Philistines and <sup>b</sup>confused them, so that they were <sup>2</sup>routed before Israel.

11 And the men of Israel went out of Mizpah and pursued the Philistines, and struck them down as far as below Bethcar.

12 Then Samuel <sup>a</sup>took a stone and set it between Mizpah and Shen, and named it <sup>1</sup>Ebenezer, saying, “Thus far the LORD has helped us.”

13 <sup>a</sup>So the Philistines were subdued and <sup>b</sup>they did not come

19 <sup>a</sup>Num. 4:5, 15, 20;  
2 Sam. 6:7

20 <sup>a</sup>Lev. 11:44, 45;  
2 Sam. 6:9

21 <sup>a</sup>Josh. 9:17; 15:9, 60

1 <sup>a</sup>2 Sam. 6:3, 4

3 <sup>a</sup>Joel 2:12-14  
<sup>b</sup>Josh. 24:14, 23; Judg. 10:16  
<sup>c</sup>1 Sam. 31:10; Judg. 2:13  
<sup>d</sup>Deut. 13:4; 2 Chr. 19:3  
<sup>e</sup>Deut. 6:13; Matt. 4:10

5 <sup>a</sup>Judg. 20:1 <sup>b</sup>1 Sam. 8:6;  
12:17-19

6 <sup>a</sup>1 Sam. 1:15; Ps. 62:8;  
Lam. 2:19 <sup>b</sup>Lev. 16:29;  
Neh. 9:1 <sup>c</sup>Judg. 10:10

7 <sup>a</sup>1 Sam. 13:6; 17:11

8 <sup>a</sup>1 Sam. 12:19-24;  
Is. 37:4

9 <sup>a</sup>Lev. 22:27 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 99:6;  
Jer. 15:1

10 <sup>1</sup>Lit., voice <sup>2</sup>Lit.,  
smitten  
<sup>a</sup>1 Sam. 2:10; Ps. 29:3, 4;  
2 Sam. 22:14, 15  
<sup>b</sup>Josh. 10:10; Ps. 18:14

12 <sup>1</sup>i.e., The stone of help  
<sup>a</sup>Gen. 35:14; Josh. 4:9; 24:26

13 <sup>a</sup>Judg. 13:1-15  
<sup>b</sup>1 Sam. 13:5

**Samuel Judges Israel. His Sons.  
The People Ask for a King.**

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14 <sup>a</sup>Num. 13:29;  
Josh. 10:5-10

15 <sup>a</sup>1 Sam. 7:6; 12:11

16 <sup>a</sup>Gen. 28:19; 35:6  
<sup>b</sup>Josh. 5:9, 10 <sup>c</sup>1 Sam. 7:5

17 <sup>a</sup>1 Sam. 1:1, 19; 2:11

1 <sup>a</sup>Deut. 16:18, 19

2 <sup>a</sup>Gen. 22:19;  
1 Kin. 19:3; Amos 5:5

3 <sup>a</sup>Ex. 23:6, 8;  
Deut. 16:19

4 <sup>a</sup>1 Sam. 7:17

5 <sup>a</sup>Deut. 17:14, 15

6 <sup>1</sup>Or, *evil*  
<sup>a</sup>1 Sam. 12:17 <sup>b</sup>1 Sam. 15:11

7 <sup>a</sup>1 Sam. 10:19; Ex. 16:8

9 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *testify to* <sup>2</sup>Lit.,  
*custom*  
<sup>a</sup>Ezek. 3:18 <sup>b</sup>1 Sam. 8:11-18;  
10:25

10 <sup>a</sup>1 Sam. 8:4

11 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *custom*  
<sup>a</sup>1 Sam. 10:25; Deut. 17:14-  
20 <sup>b</sup>1 Sam. 14:52  
<sup>c</sup>2 Sam. 15:1

12 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *plow his plowing*  
<sup>a</sup>1 Sam. 22:7; Num. 31:14

14 <sup>a</sup>1 Kin. 21:7;  
Ezek. 46:18

any more within the border of Israel. And the hand of the LORD was against the Philistines all the days of Samuel.

14 And the cities which the Philistines had taken from Israel were restored to Israel, from Ekron even to Gath; and Israel delivered their territory from the hand of the Philistines. So there was peace between Israel and <sup>a</sup>the Amorites.

15 Now Samuel <sup>a</sup>judged Israel all the days of his life.

16 And he used to go annually on circuit to <sup>a</sup>Bethel and <sup>b</sup>Gilgal and <sup>c</sup>Mizpah, and he judged Israel in all these places.

17 Then his return was to <sup>a</sup>Ramah, for his house was there, and there he judged Israel; and he built there an altar to the LORD.

CHAPTER 8

AND it came about when Samuel was old that <sup>a</sup>he appointed his sons judges over Israel.

2 Now the name of his first-born was Joel, and the name of his second, Abijah; *they* were judging in <sup>a</sup>Beersheba.

3 His sons, however, did not walk in his ways, but turned aside after dishonest gain and <sup>a</sup>took bribes and perverted justice.

4 Then all the elders of Israel gathered together and came to Samuel at <sup>a</sup>Ramah;

5 and they said to him, "Behold, you have grown old, and your sons do not walk in your ways. Now <sup>a</sup>appoint a king for us to judge us like all the nations."

6 But the thing was <sup>1a</sup>displeasing in the sight of Samuel when they said, "Give us a king to judge us." And <sup>b</sup>Samuel prayed to the LORD.

7 And the LORD said to Samuel, "Listen to the voice of the people in regard to all that they say to you, for <sup>a</sup>they have not rejected you, but they have rejected Me from being king over them.

8 "Like all the deeds which they have done since the day that I brought them up from Egypt even to this day—in that they have forsaken Me and served other gods—so they are doing to you also.

9 "Now then, listen to their voice; <sup>a</sup>however, you shall solemnly <sup>1</sup>warn them and tell them of <sup>b</sup>the <sup>2</sup>procedure of the king who will reign over them."

10 So Samuel spoke all the words of the LORD to <sup>a</sup>the people who had asked of him a king.

11 And he said, "<sup>a</sup>This will be the <sup>1</sup>procedure of the king who will reign over you: <sup>b</sup>he will take your sons and place *them* for himself in his chariots and among his horsemen and <sup>c</sup>they will run before his chariots.

12 "And <sup>a</sup>he will appoint for himself commanders of thousands and of fifties, and *some* to <sup>1</sup>do his plowing and to reap his harvest and to make his weapons of war and equipment for his chariots.

13 "He will also take your daughters for perfumers and cooks and bakers.

14 "And <sup>a</sup>he will take the best of your fields and your vineyards and your olive groves, and give *them* to his servants.

15 "And he will take a tenth of your seed and of your vineyards, and give to his officers and to his servants.

16 "He will also take your male servants and your female servants and your best young men and your donkeys, and <sup>1</sup>use them for his work.

17 "He will take a tenth of your flocks, and you yourselves will become his servants.

18 "Then <sup>2</sup>you will cry out in that day because of your king whom you have chosen for yourselves, but <sup>b</sup>the LORD will not answer you in that day."

19 Nevertheless, the people refused to listen to the voice of Samuel, and they said, "No, but there shall be a king over us,

20 <sup>a</sup>that we also may be like all the nations, that our king may judge us and go out before us and fight our battles."

21 Now after Samuel had heard all the words of the people, <sup>a</sup>he repeated them in the LORD's hearing.

22 And the LORD said to Samuel, "<sup>a</sup>Listen to their voice, and <sup>1</sup>appoint them a king." So Samuel said to the men of Israel, "Go every man to his city."

CHAPTER 9

NOW there was a man of Benjamin whose name was <sup>a</sup>Kish the son of Abiel, the son of Zeror, the son of Becorath, the son of Aphiah, the son of a Benjamite, a mighty man of <sup>1</sup>valor.

2 And he had a son whose name was Saul, a <sup>a</sup>choice and handsome man, and there was not a more handsome person than he among the sons of Israel; <sup>b</sup>from his shoulders and up he was taller than any of the people.

3 Now the donkeys of Kish, Saul's father, were lost. So Kish said to his son Saul, "Take now with you one of the servants, and arise, go search for the donkeys."

4 And he passed through <sup>a</sup>the hill country of Ephraim and passed through the land of <sup>b</sup>Shalishah, but they did not find them. Then they passed through the land of <sup>c</sup>Shaalim, but they were not there. Then he passed through the land of the Benjamites, but they did not find them.

5 When they came to the land of <sup>a</sup>Zuph, Saul said to his servant who was with him, "Come, and let us return, <sup>b</sup>lest my father cease to be concerned about the donkeys and become anxious for us."

6 And he said to him, "Behold now, there is <sup>a</sup>a man of God in this city, and the man is held in honor; <sup>b</sup>all that he says surely comes true. Now let us go there, <sup>c</sup>perhaps he can tell us about our journey on which we have set out."

7 Then Saul said to his servant, "But behold, if we go, what shall we bring the man? For the bread is gone from our sack and there is <sup>a</sup>no present to bring to the man of God. What do we have?"

8 And the servant answered Saul again and said, "Behold, I have in my hand a fourth of a shekel of silver; I will give it to the man of God and he will <sup>a</sup>tell us our way."

9 (Formerly in Israel, when a man went to inquire of God, he used to say, "Come, and let us go to the seer"; for he who is called a prophet now was formerly called <sup>a</sup>a seer.)

16 <sup>1</sup>Lit., make

18 <sup>a</sup>Is. 8:21 <sup>b</sup>Prov. 1:25-28; Mic. 3:4

20 <sup>a</sup>1 Sam. 8:5

21 <sup>a</sup>Judg. 11:11

22 <sup>1</sup>Lit., cause a king to reign for them  
<sup>a</sup>1 Sam. 8:7

<sup>1</sup> Or, wealth, or, influence  
<sup>a</sup>1 Sam. 14:51; 1 Chr. 9:36-39

2 <sup>a</sup>1 Sam. 10:24  
<sup>b</sup>1 Sam. 10:23

4 <sup>a</sup>Josh. 24:33  
<sup>b</sup>2 Kin. 4:42 <sup>c</sup>Josh. 19:42

5 <sup>a</sup>1 Sam. 1:1  
<sup>b</sup>1 Sam. 10:2

6 <sup>a</sup>Deut. 33:1; 2 Kin. 5:8  
<sup>b</sup>2 Sam. 3:19 <sup>c</sup>Gen. 24:42

7 <sup>a</sup>1 Kin. 14:3;  
2 Kin. 5:15; 8:8, 9;  
Ezek. 13:19

8 <sup>a</sup>1 Sam. 9:6

9 <sup>a</sup>2 Sam. 24:11;  
1 Chr. 9:22; 26:28; Is. 30:10

11 \*Gen. 24:15; 29:9  
Ex. 2:16

12 <sup>1</sup>Or, *behold*  
\*Num. 28:11-15  
<sup>b</sup>1 Sam. 7:17; 10:5

13 <sup>a</sup>Luke 9:16; John 6:11

15 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *uncovered the ear*  
<sup>a</sup>1 Sam. 15:1; Acts 13:21

16 <sup>a</sup>1 Sam. 10:1 <sup>b</sup>Ex. 3:7, 9

17 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *answered*  
<sup>a</sup>1 Sam. 16:12

20 <sup>a</sup>1 Sam. 9:3 <sup>b</sup>1 Sam. 8:5;  
12:13

21 <sup>1</sup>So some ancient  
versions; Heb., *tribes*  
<sup>a</sup>1 Sam. 15:17 <sup>b</sup>Judg. 20:46-  
48

23 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *Give* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *with you*

24 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *saying*  
<sup>a</sup>Ex. 29:22, 27; Lev. 7:32,  
33; Num. 18:18

25 <sup>1</sup>Gk. adds, *and they spread a bed for Saul on the roof and he slept.*  
<sup>a</sup>Deut. 22:8; Acts 10:9

10 Then Saul said to his servant, "Well said; come, let us go." So they went to the city where the man of God was.

11 As they went up the slope to the city, <sup>a</sup>they found young women going out to draw water, and said to them, "Is the seer here?"

12 And they answered them and said, "He is; <sup>1</sup>see, *he is* ahead of you. Hurry now, for he has come into the city today, for <sup>a</sup>the people have a sacrifice on <sup>b</sup>the high place today.

13 "As soon as you enter the city you will find him before he goes up to the high place to eat, for the people will not eat until he comes, because <sup>a</sup>he must bless the sacrifice; afterward those who are invited will eat. Now therefore go up for you will find him at once."

14 So they went up to the city. As they came into the city, behold, Samuel was coming out toward them to go up to the high place.

15 Now a day before Saul's coming, <sup>a</sup>the LORD had <sup>1</sup>revealed *this* to Samuel saying,

16 "About this time tomorrow I will send you a man from the land of Benjamin, and <sup>a</sup>you shall anoint him to be prince over My people Israel; and he shall deliver My people from the hand of the Philistines. For <sup>b</sup>I have regarded My people, because their cry has come to Me."

17 When Samuel saw Saul, the LORD <sup>1</sup>said to him, "<sup>a</sup>Behold, the man of whom I spoke to you! This one shall rule over My people."

18 Then Saul approached Samuel in the gate, and said, "Please tell me where the seer's house is."

19 And Samuel answered Saul and said, "I am the seer. Go up before me to the high place, for you shall eat with me today; and in the morning I will let you go, and will tell you all that is on your mind.

20 "And <sup>a</sup>as for your donkeys which were lost three days ago, do not set your mind on them, for they have been found. And <sup>b</sup>for whom is all that is desirable in Israel? Is it not for you and for all your father's household?"

21 And Saul answered and said, "<sup>a</sup>Am I not a Benjamite, of <sup>b</sup>the smallest of the tribes of Israel, and my family the least of all the families of the <sup>1</sup>tribe of Benjamin? Why then do you speak to me in this way?"

22 Then Samuel took Saul and his servant and brought them into the hall, and gave them a place at the head of those who were invited, who were about thirty men.

23 And Samuel said to the cook, "<sup>1</sup>Bring the portion that I gave you, concerning which I said to you, 'Set it <sup>2</sup>aside.'"

24 Then the cook <sup>a</sup>took up the leg with what was on it and set *it* before Saul. And *Samuel* said, "Here is what has been reserved! Set *it* before you *and* eat, because it has been kept for you until the appointed time, <sup>1</sup>since I said I have invited the people." So Saul ate with Samuel that day.

25 When they came down from the high place into the city, *Samuel* spoke with Saul <sup>a</sup>on the roof.<sup>1</sup>

26 And they arose early; and it came about at daybreak that Samuel called to Saul on the roof, saying, "Get up, that I may send you away." So Saul arose, and both he and Samuel went out into the street.

27 As they were going down to the edge of the city, Samuel said to Saul, "Say to the servant that he might go ahead of us and pass on, but you remain standing now, that I may proclaim the word of God to you."

CHAPTER 10

THEN <sup>a</sup>Samuel took the flask of oil, poured it on his head, <sup>b</sup>kissed him and said, "Has not <sup>c</sup>the LORD anointed you a ruler over <sup>d</sup>His inheritance?"

2 "When you go from me today, then you will find two men close to <sup>a</sup>Rachel's tomb in the territory of Benjamin at Zelzah; and they will say to you, <sup>b</sup>The donkeys which you went to look for have been found. Now behold, your father has <sup>1</sup>ceased to be concerned about the donkeys and is anxious for you, saying, "What shall I do about my son?"

3 "Then you will go on further from there, and you will come as far as the <sup>1a</sup>oak of Tabor, and there three men going up <sup>b</sup>to God at Bethel will meet you, one carrying three kids, another carrying three loaves of bread, and another carrying a jug of wine;

4 and they will greet you and give you two loaves of bread, which you will accept from their hand.

5 "Afterward you will come to <sup>1a</sup>the hill of God where the Philistine garrison is; and it shall be as soon as you have come there to the city, that you will meet <sup>ba</sup>a group of prophets coming down from the high place with harp, tambourine, flute, and a lyre before them, and <sup>c</sup>they will be prophesying.

6 "Then <sup>a</sup>the Spirit of the LORD will come upon you mightily, and <sup>b</sup>you shall prophesy with them and be changed into another man.

7 "And it shall be when these signs come to you, <sup>a</sup>do for yourself what <sup>1</sup>the occasion requires; for <sup>b</sup>God is with you.

8 "And <sup>a</sup>you shall go down before me to Gilgal; and behold, I will come down to you to offer burnt offerings and <sup>b</sup>sacrifice peace offerings. <sup>c</sup>You shall wait seven days until I come to you and show you what you should do."

9 Then it happened when he turned his back to leave Samuel, God <sup>a</sup>changed <sup>1</sup>his heart; and all those signs came about on that day.

10 <sup>a</sup>When they came to <sup>1</sup>the hill there, behold, a group of prophets met him; and the Spirit of God came upon him mightily, so that he prophesied among them.

11 And it came about, when all who knew him previously saw that he prophesied now with the prophets, that the people said to one another, "What has happened to the son of Kish? <sup>a</sup>Is Saul also among the prophets?"

12 And a man there answered and said, "Now, who is their father?" Therefore it became a proverb: "Is Saul also among the prophets?"

13 When he had finished prophesying, he came to the high place.

14 Now <sup>a</sup>Saul's uncle said to him and his servant, "Where did you go?" And he said, "<sup>b</sup>To look for the donkeys. When we saw that they could not be found, we went to Samuel."

1 <sup>a</sup>1 Sam. 16:13;  
Ex. 30:23-33; 2 Kin. 9:3, 6  
<sup>b</sup>Ps. 2:12 <sup>c</sup>1 Sam. 10:9, 10;  
16:13; 26:9; 2 Sam. 1:14  
<sup>d</sup>Deut. 32:9; Ps. 78:71

2 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *abandoned the matter of*  
<sup>a</sup>Gen. 35:16-20; 48:7  
<sup>b</sup>1 Sam. 9:3-5

3 <sup>1</sup>Or, *terebinth*  
<sup>a</sup>Gen. 35:8 <sup>b</sup>Gen. 28:16, 22;  
35:1, 3, 7

5 <sup>1</sup>Or, *Gibeath-haelohim*  
<sup>a</sup>1 Sam. 13:2, 3  
<sup>b</sup>1 Sam. 19:20; 2 Kin. 2:3,  
5, 15 <sup>c</sup>2 Kin. 3:15; 1 Chr.  
25:1-6

6 <sup>a</sup>Num. 11:25, 29;  
Judg. 14:6 <sup>b</sup>1 Sam. 10:10;  
19:23, 24

7 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *your hand finds*  
<sup>a</sup>Eccles. 9:10 <sup>b</sup>Josh. 1:5

8 <sup>a</sup>1 Sam. 13:8  
<sup>b</sup>1 Sam. 11:15 <sup>c</sup>1 Sam. 13:8

9 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *for him another heart*  
<sup>a</sup>1 Sam. 10:6

10 <sup>1</sup>Or, *Gibeath*  
<sup>a</sup>1 Sam. 10:5, 6

11 <sup>a</sup>1 Sam. 19:24;  
Amos 7:14, 15; Matt. 13:54-  
57

14 <sup>a</sup>1 Sam. 14:50  
<sup>b</sup>1 Sam. 9:4-6

16 \*1 Sam. 9:20

17 \*1 Sam. 7:5

18 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *hand*  
<sup>a</sup>Judg. 6:8, 919 <sup>1</sup>So with several mss.  
and versions M.T. to *Him*  
<sup>a</sup>1 Sam. 8:6, 7 <sup>b</sup>Josh. 7:14-  
17; 24:1; Prov. 16:3322 \*1 Sam. 23:2, 4, 9-11;  
Ex. 28:30; Num. 27:21

23 \*1 Sam. 9:2

24 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *May the king*  
*live*  
<sup>a</sup>Deut. 17:15; 2 Sam. 21:6  
<sup>b</sup>1 Kin. 1:25, 34, 3925 \*1 Sam. 8:11-18;  
Deut. 17:14-20 <sup>b</sup>Deut. 31:26

26 \*1 Sam. 11:4; 15:34

27 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *sons of Belial*, cf.  
2 Cor. 6:15  
<sup>a</sup>1 Kin. 10:25; 2 Chr. 17:51 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *camped against*  
<sup>a</sup>1 Sam. 12:12 <sup>b</sup>Judg. 21:8;  
1 Sam. 31:11 <sup>c</sup>1 Kin. 20:34;  
Ezek. 17:132 \*Num. 16:14  
<sup>b</sup>1 Sam. 17:26; Ps. 44:13

3 \*1 Sam. 8:4

4 \*1 Sam. 10:26; 15:34  
<sup>b</sup>1 Sam. 30:4; Gen. 27:38;  
Judg. 2:4

15 And Saul's uncle said, "Please tell me what Samuel said to you."

16 So Saul said to his uncle, "He told us plainly that the donkeys had been found." But he did not tell him about the matter of the kingdom which Samuel had mentioned.

17 Thereafter Samuel called the people together to the LORD <sup>a</sup>at Mizpah;

18 and he said to the sons of Israel, "Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, 'I brought Israel up from Egypt, and I delivered you from the hand of the Egyptians, and from the <sup>1</sup>power of all the kingdoms that were oppressing you.'

19 "But you <sup>a</sup>today rejected your God, who delivers you from all your calamities and your distresses; yet you have said, '<sup>1</sup>No, but set a king over us!' Now therefore <sup>b</sup>present yourselves before the LORD by your tribes and by your clans."

20 Thus Samuel brought all the tribes of Israel near, and the tribe of Benjamin was taken by lot.

21 Then he brought the tribe of Benjamin near by its families, and the Matrite family was taken. And Saul the son of Kish was taken; but when they looked for him, he could not be found.

22 Therefore <sup>a</sup>they inquired further of the LORD, "Has the man come here yet?" So the LORD said, "Behold, he is hiding himself by the baggage."

23 So they ran and took him from there, and when he stood among the people, <sup>a</sup>he was taller than any of the people from his shoulders upward.

24 And Samuel said to all the people, "Do you see him <sup>a</sup>whom the LORD has chosen? Surely there is no one like him among all the people." So all the people shouted and said, "<sup>1</sup>Long live the king!"

25 Then Samuel told the people <sup>a</sup>the ordinances of the kingdom, and wrote *them* in the book and <sup>b</sup>placed *it* before the LORD. And Samuel sent all the people away, each one to his house.

26 And Saul also went <sup>a</sup>to his house at Gibeah; and the valiant *men* whose hearts God had touched went with him.

27 But certain <sup>1</sup>worthless men said, "How can this one deliver us?" And they despised him and <sup>a</sup>did not bring him any present. But he kept silent.

## CHAPTER 11

**N**OW <sup>a</sup>Nahash the Ammonite came up and <sup>1</sup>besieged <sup>b</sup>Jabesh-gilead; and all the men of Jabesh said to Nahash, "Make <sup>a</sup>a covenant with us and we will serve you."

2 But Nahash the Ammonite said to them, "I will make *it* with you on this condition, <sup>a</sup>that I will gouge out the right eye of every one of you, thus I will make *it* <sup>ba</sup>a reproach on all Israel."

3 And <sup>a</sup>the elders of Jabesh said to him, "Let us alone for seven days, that we may send messengers throughout the territory of Israel. Then, if there is no one to deliver us, we will come out to you."

4 Then the messengers came <sup>a</sup>to Gibeah of Saul and spoke these words in the hearing of the people, and all the people <sup>b</sup>lifted up their voices and wept.

5 Now behold, Saul was coming from the field <sup>a</sup>behind the oxen; and <sup>1</sup>he said, "What is *the matter* with the people that they weep?" So they related to him the words of the men of Jabesh.

6 Then <sup>a</sup>the Spirit of God came upon Saul mightily when he heard these words, and <sup>1</sup>he became very angry.

7 And he took a yoke of oxen and <sup>a</sup>cut them in pieces, and sent *them* throughout the territory of Israel by the hand of messengers, saying, "<sup>b</sup>Whoever does not come out after Saul and after Samuel, so shall it be done to his oxen." Then the dread of the LORD fell on the people, and they came out <sup>c</sup>as one man.

8 And he <sup>1</sup>numbered them in <sup>a</sup>Bezek; and the sons of Israel were <sup>b</sup>300,000, and the men of Judah 30,000.

9 And they said to the messengers who had come, "Thus you shall say to the men of Jabesh-gilead, 'Tomorrow, by the time the sun is hot, you shall have deliverance.'" So the messengers went and told the men of Jabesh; and they were glad.

10 Then the men of Jabesh said, "<sup>a</sup>Tomorrow we will come out to you, and you may do to us whatever seems good <sup>1</sup>to you."

11 And it happened the next morning that Saul put the people <sup>a</sup>in three companies; and they came into the midst of the camp at the morning watch, and struck down the Ammonites until the heat of the day. And it came about that those who survived were scattered, so that no two of them were left together.

12 Then the people said to Samuel, "<sup>a</sup>Who is he that said, 'Shall Saul reign over us?' <sup>1</sup>Bring the men, that we may put them to death."

13 But Saul said, "<sup>a</sup>Not a man shall be put to death this day, for today <sup>b</sup>the LORD has accomplished deliverance in Israel."

14 Then Samuel said to the people, "Come and let us go to <sup>a</sup>Gilgal and <sup>b</sup>renew the kingdom there."

15 So all the people went to Gilgal, and there they made Saul king <sup>a</sup>before the LORD in Gilgal. There they also <sup>b</sup>offered sacrifices of peace offerings before the LORD; and there Saul and all the men of Israel rejoiced greatly.

CHAPTER 12

**T**HEN Samuel said to all Israel, "Behold, <sup>a</sup>I have listened to your voice in all that you said to me, and I <sup>b</sup>have <sup>1</sup>appointed a king over you.

2 "And now, <sup>a</sup>here is the king walking before you, but <sup>b</sup>I am old and gray, and behold <sup>c</sup>my sons are with you. And <sup>d</sup>I have walked over you from my youth even to this day.

3 "Here I am; bear witness against me before the LORD and <sup>a</sup>His anointed. <sup>b</sup>Whose ox have I taken, or whose donkey have I taken, or whom have I defrauded? Whom have I oppressed, or <sup>c</sup>from whose hand have I taken a bribe to blind my eyes with it? I will restore it to you."

5 <sup>1</sup>Lit., Saul  
<sup>a</sup>1 Kin. 19:19

6 <sup>1</sup>Lit., his anger burned exceedingly  
<sup>a</sup>1 Sam. 10:10; 16:13;  
Judg. 3:10; 6:34; 13:25; 14:6

7 <sup>a</sup>Judg. 19:29  
<sup>b</sup>Judg. 21:5, 8, 10  
<sup>c</sup>Judg. 20:1

8 <sup>1</sup>Lit., mustered  
<sup>a</sup>Judg. 1:5 <sup>b</sup>Judg. 20:2

10 <sup>1</sup>Lit., in your sight  
<sup>a</sup>1 Sam. 11:3

11 <sup>a</sup>Judg. 7:16

12 <sup>1</sup>Lit., Give  
<sup>a</sup>1 Sam. 10:27 <sup>b</sup>Luke 19:27

13 <sup>a</sup>1 Sam. 10:27;  
2 Sam. 19:22 <sup>b</sup>1 Sam. 19:5;  
Ex. 14:13

14 <sup>a</sup>1 Sam. 7:16; 10:8  
<sup>b</sup>1 Sam. 10:25

15 <sup>a</sup>1 Sam. 10:17  
<sup>b</sup>1 Sam. 10:8

1 <sup>1</sup>Lit., made  
<sup>a</sup>1 Sam. 8:7, 9, 22  
<sup>b</sup>1 Sam. 10:24; 11:14, 15

2 <sup>a</sup>1 Sam. 8:20  
<sup>b</sup>1 Sam. 8:1, 5 <sup>c</sup>1 Sam. 8:3, 5  
<sup>d</sup>1 Sam. 3:10, 19, 20

3 <sup>a</sup>1 Sam. 10:1; 24:6;  
2 Sam. 1:14 <sup>b</sup>Ex. 20:17;  
Num. 16:15; Acts 20:33  
<sup>c</sup>Ex. 23:8; Deut. 16:19

<sup>5</sup> \*Acts 23:9; 24:20 <sup>b</sup>Ex. 22:4

<sup>6</sup> <sup>1</sup>Lit., *made*  
<sup>a</sup>Ex. 6:26

<sup>7</sup> \*Ezek. 20:35; Mic. 6:1-5

<sup>8</sup> <sup>1</sup>Lit., *and they brought*  
<sup>a</sup>Ex. 2:23-25 <sup>b</sup>Ex. 3:10; 4:14-16  
<sup>c</sup>1 Sam. 10:18

<sup>9</sup> \*Deut. 32:18; Judg. 3:7  
<sup>b</sup>Ex. 2:23-25 <sup>c</sup>Judg. 3:31; 10:7; 13:1  
<sup>d</sup>Judg. 3:12-30

<sup>10</sup> \*Judg. 10:10  
<sup>b</sup>Judg. 2:13; 3:7  
<sup>c</sup>Judg. 10:15, 16

<sup>11</sup> <sup>1</sup>Gk. and Syr. read *Barak*  
<sup>a</sup>Judg. 6:31, 32 <sup>b</sup>Judg. 4:6; 11:1

<sup>12</sup> <sup>a</sup>1 Sam. 11:1, 2  
<sup>b</sup>1 Sam. 8:6, 19 <sup>c</sup>1 Sam. 8:7; Judg. 8:23

<sup>13</sup> <sup>a</sup>1 Sam. 10:24  
<sup>b</sup>1 Sam. 12:17, 19; 8:5; Hos. 13:11

<sup>14</sup> <sup>1</sup>Lit., *mouh*  
<sup>a</sup>Josh. 24:14

<sup>15</sup> <sup>1</sup>Lit., *mouh*  
<sup>a</sup>Josh. 24:20; Is. 1:20  
<sup>b</sup>1 Sam. 5:9 <sup>c</sup>1 Sam. 12:9

<sup>16</sup> \*Ex. 14:13, 31

<sup>17</sup> <sup>1</sup>Lit., *sounds*  
<sup>a</sup>Prov. 26:1 <sup>b</sup>1 Sam. 7:9, 10  
<sup>c</sup>1 Sam. 8:7

<sup>18</sup> <sup>1</sup>Lit., *sounds*  
<sup>a</sup>Ex. 14:31

<sup>19</sup> <sup>a</sup>1 Sam. 12:23; Ex. 9:28; Jer. 15:1 <sup>b</sup>1 Sam. 12:17, 20

<sup>20</sup> \*Deut. 11:16

4 And they said, "You have not defrauded us, or oppressed us, or taken anything from any man's hand."

5 And he said to them, "The LORD is witness against you, and His anointed is witness this day that <sup>a</sup>you have found nothing <sup>b</sup>in my hand." And they said, "*He is witness.*"

6 Then Samuel said to the people, "It is the LORD who <sup>1a</sup>appointed Moses and Aaron and who brought your fathers up from the land of Egypt.

7 "So now, take your stand, <sup>a</sup>that I may plead with you before the LORD concerning all the righteous acts of the LORD which He did for you and your fathers.

8 "When Jacob went into Egypt and <sup>a</sup>your fathers cried out to the LORD, then <sup>b</sup>the LORD sent Moses and Aaron <sup>1c</sup>who brought your fathers out of Egypt and settled them in this place.

9 "But <sup>a</sup>they forgot the LORD their God, so <sup>b</sup>He sold them into the hand of Sisera, captain of the army of Hazor, and <sup>c</sup>into the hand of the Philistines and <sup>d</sup>into the hand of the king of Moab, and they fought against them.

10 "And <sup>a</sup>they cried out to the LORD and said, 'We have sinned because we have forsaken the LORD and have served <sup>b</sup>the Baals and the Ashtaroth; but <sup>c</sup>now deliver us from the hands of our enemies, and we will serve Thee.'

11 "Then the LORD sent <sup>a</sup>Jerubbaal and <sup>b</sup>Bedan and Jephthah and Samuel, and delivered you from the hands of your enemies all around, so that you lived in security.

12 "When you saw <sup>a</sup>that Nahash the king of the sons of Ammon came against you, you said to me, <sup>b</sup>'No, but a king shall reign over us,' <sup>c</sup>although the LORD your God was your king.

13 "Now therefore, <sup>a</sup>here is the king whom you have chosen, <sup>b</sup>whom you have asked for, and behold, the LORD has set a king over you.

14 "<sup>a</sup>If you will fear the LORD and serve Him, and listen to His voice and not rebel against the <sup>1</sup>command of the LORD, then both you and also the king who reigns over you will follow the LORD your God.

15 "And <sup>a</sup>if you will not listen to the voice of the LORD, but rebel against the <sup>1</sup>command of the LORD, then <sup>b</sup>the hand of the LORD will be against you, <sup>c</sup>as it was against your fathers.

16 "Even now, <sup>a</sup>take your stand and see this great thing which the LORD will do before your eyes.

17 "<sup>a</sup>Is it not the wheat harvest today? <sup>b</sup>I will call to the LORD, that He may send <sup>1</sup>thunder and rain. Then you will know and see that <sup>c</sup>your wickedness is great which you have done in the sight of the LORD by asking for yourselves a king."

18 So Samuel called to the LORD, and the LORD sent <sup>1</sup>thunder and rain that day; and <sup>a</sup>all the people greatly feared the LORD and Samuel.

19 Then all the people said to Samuel, "<sup>a</sup>Pray for your servants to the LORD your God, so that we may not die, for we have added to all our sins <sup>b</sup>this evil by asking for ourselves a king."

20 And Samuel said to the people, "Do not fear. You have committed all this evil, yet <sup>a</sup>do not turn aside from following the LORD, but serve the LORD with all your heart.



**No Turning Aside.  
War with the Philistines.**

**1 Samuel 12, 13**

21 "And you must not turn aside, for *then you would go* after *futile things* which can not profit or deliver, because they are futile.

22 "For <sup>a</sup>the LORD will not abandon His people <sup>b</sup>on account of His great name, because the LORD <sup>c</sup>has been pleased to make you a people for Himself.

23 "Moreover, as for me, <sup>a</sup>far be it from me that I should sin against the LORD by ceasing to pray for you; but <sup>b</sup>I will instruct you in the good and right way.

24 "Only <sup>1</sup>fear the LORD and serve Him in truth with all your heart; for consider <sup>b</sup>what great things He has done for you.

25 "But if you still do wickedly, <sup>b</sup>both you and your king <sup>c</sup>shall be swept away."

CHAPTER 13

SAUL was forty years old when he began to reign, and he reigned *thirty-two* years over Israel.

2 Now Saul chose for himself 3,000 men of Israel, of which 2,000 were with Saul in <sup>a</sup>Michmash and in the hill country of Bethel, while 1,000 were with Jonathan at <sup>b</sup>Gibeah of Benjamin. But he sent away the rest of the people, each to his tent.

3 And Jonathan smote <sup>a</sup>the garrison of the Philistines that was in <sup>b</sup>Geba, and the Philistines heard of *it*. Then Saul <sup>c</sup>blew the trumpet throughout the land, saying, "Let the Hebrews hear."

4 And all Israel heard <sup>1</sup>the news that Saul had smitten the garrison of the Philistines, and also that Israel <sup>a</sup>had become odious to the Philistines. The people were then summoned <sup>2</sup>to Saul at Gilgal.

5 Now the Philistines assembled to fight with Israel, 30,000 chariots and 6,000 horsemen, and <sup>a</sup>people like the sand which is on the seashore in abundance; and they came up and camped in Michmash, east of <sup>b</sup>Beth-aven.

6 When the men of Israel saw that they were in a strait (for the people were hard pressed), then <sup>a</sup>the people hid themselves in caves, in thickets, in cliffs, in cellars, and in pits.

7 Also *some of the Hebrews* crossed the Jordan into the land of <sup>a</sup>Gad and Gilead. But as for Saul, he was still in Gilgal, and all the people followed him trembling.

8 Now <sup>a</sup>he waited seven days, according to the appointed time <sup>1</sup>set by Samuel, but Samuel did not come to Gilgal; and the people were scattering from him.

9 So Saul said, "Bring to me the burnt offering and the peace offerings." And <sup>a</sup>he offered the burnt offering.

10 And it came about as soon as he finished offering the burnt offering, that behold, Samuel came; and <sup>a</sup>Saul went out to meet him *and* to <sup>1</sup>greet him.

11 But Samuel said, "What have you done?" And Saul said, "Because I saw that the people were scattering from me, and that you did not come within the appointed days, and that <sup>a</sup>the Philistines were assembling at Michmash,

12 therefore I said, 'Now the Philistines will come down

21 <sup>a</sup>Is. 41:29; Hab. 2:18

22 <sup>a</sup>Deut. 31:6; 1 Kin. 6:13  
<sup>b</sup>Ex. 32:12; Num. 14:13  
<sup>c</sup>Deut. 7:6-11; 1 Pet. 2:9

23 <sup>a</sup>Rom. 1:9; Col. 1:9;  
<sup>1</sup>Thess. 3:10; 2 Tim. 1:3  
<sup>b</sup>1 Kin. 8:36; Prov. 4:11

24 <sup>1</sup>Or, *reverence*  
<sup>a</sup>Eccles. 12:13 <sup>b</sup>Deut. 10:21

25 <sup>a</sup>Is. 1:20; 3:11  
<sup>b</sup>Josh. 24:20 <sup>c</sup>1 Sam. 31:1-5;  
Hos. 10:3

2 <sup>a</sup>1 Sam. 13:5; 14:31  
<sup>b</sup>1 Sam. 10:26

3 <sup>a</sup>1 Sam. 10:5  
<sup>b</sup>1 Sam. 13:16; 14:5  
<sup>c</sup>Judg. 3:27; 6:34

4 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *saying* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *after*  
<sup>a</sup>Gen. 34:30; Ex. 5:21;  
2 Sam. 10:6

5 <sup>a</sup>Josh. 11:4  
<sup>b</sup>1 Sam. 14:23

6 <sup>a</sup>Judg. 6:2

7 <sup>a</sup>Num. 32:33

8 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *which*  
<sup>a</sup>1 Sam. 10:8

9 <sup>a</sup>2 Sam. 24:25;  
1 Kin. 3:4

10 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *bles*  
<sup>a</sup>1 Sam. 15:13

11 <sup>a</sup>1 Sam. 2:5, 16, 23

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13 <sup>1</sup>Lit., to  
<sup>2</sup>Chr. 16:9 <sup>b1</sup> Sam. 15:22,  
<sup>28</sup> <sup>c1</sup> Sam. 1:22

14 <sup>a1</sup> Sam. 15:28  
<sup>b</sup> Acts 13:22

15 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *mustered*  
<sup>a1</sup> Sam. 13:2 <sup>b1</sup> Sam. 13:2,  
 6, 7; 14:2

16 <sup>a1</sup> Sam. 13:2, 3

17 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *destroyers* <sup>2</sup>Lit.,  
*heads* <sup>3</sup>Lit., *head* <sup>4</sup>Lit.,  
*toward the direction of*  
<sup>a1</sup> Sam. 14:15 <sup>b</sup> Josh. 18:23

18 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *head* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *the*  
*direction of*  
<sup>a</sup> Josh. 18:13, 14 <sup>b</sup> Neh. 11:34

19 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *sword or spear*  
<sup>a</sup> Judg. 5:8; 2 Kin. 24:14

21 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *and there was a*  
*bluntness of edge*

22 <sup>a</sup> Judg. 5:8

23 <sup>a1</sup> Sam. 14:1;  
 2 Sam. 23:14 <sup>b1</sup> Sam. 14:4,  
 5; Is. 10:28

2 <sup>a1</sup> Sam. 13:15, 16  
<sup>b</sup> Is. 10:28 <sup>c1</sup> Sam. 13:15

3 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *carrying*  
<sup>a1</sup> Sam. 22:9-12, 20  
<sup>b1</sup> Sam. 4:21 <sup>c1</sup> Sam. 1:3  
<sup>d1</sup> Sam. 2:28

4 <sup>a1</sup> Sam. 13:23

against me at Gilgal, and I have not asked the favor of the LORD.' So I forced myself and offered the burnt offering."

13 And Samuel said to Saul, "aYou have acted foolishly; byou have not kept the commandment of the LORD your God, which He commanded you, for now the LORD would have established your kingdom <sup>1</sup>over Israel <sup>c</sup>forever.

14 "But <sup>a</sup>now your kingdom shall not endure. <sup>b</sup>The LORD has sought out for Himself a man after His own heart, and the LORD has appointed him as ruler over His people, because you have not kept what the LORD commanded you."

15 Then Samuel arose and went up from Gilgal to <sup>a</sup>Gibeah of Benjamin. And Saul <sup>1</sup>numbered the people who were present with him, <sup>b</sup>about six hundred men.

16 Now Saul and his son Jonathan and the people who were present with them were staying in <sup>a</sup>Geba of Benjamin while the Philistines camped at Michmash.

17 And <sup>a</sup>the <sup>1</sup>raiders came from the camp of the Philistines in three <sup>2</sup>companies: one <sup>3</sup>company turned <sup>4</sup>toward <sup>b</sup>Ophrah, to the land of Shual,

18 and another <sup>1</sup>company turned <sup>2</sup>toward <sup>a</sup>Beth-horon, and another <sup>1</sup>company turned <sup>2</sup>toward the border which overlooks the valley of <sup>b</sup>Zeboim toward the wilderness.

19 Now <sup>a</sup>no blacksmith could be found in all the land of Israel, for the Philistines said, "Lest the Hebrews make <sup>1</sup>swords or spears."

20 So all Israel went down to the Philistines, each to sharpen his plowshare, his mattock, his axe, and his goad, <sup>21</sup> <sup>1</sup>whenever they had to sharpen the edge of the goads, of the mattocks, of the forks, and of the axes, and to fix the goad points.

22 So it came about on the day of battle that <sup>a</sup>neither sword nor spear was found in the hands of any of the people who *were* with Saul and Jonathan, but they were found with Saul and his son Jonathan.

23 And <sup>a</sup>the garrison of the Philistines went out to <sup>b</sup>the pass of Michmash.

## CHAPTER 14

**N**OW the day came that Jonathan, the son of Saul, said to the young man who was carrying his armor, "Come and let us cross over to the Philistines' garrison that is on yonder side." But he did not tell his father.

2 And Saul was staying in the outskirts of <sup>a</sup>Gibeah under the pomegranate tree which is in <sup>b</sup>Migron. And the people who *were* with him *were* <sup>c</sup>about six hundred men,

3 and <sup>a</sup>Ahijah, the son of Ahitub, <sup>b</sup>Ichabod's brother, the son of Phinehas, the son of Eli, the priest of the LORD at <sup>c</sup>Shiloh, <sup>d</sup>was <sup>1</sup>wearing an ephod. And the people did not know that Jonathan had gone.

4 And <sup>a</sup>between the passes by which Jonathan sought to cross over to the Philistines' garrison, there was a sharp crag on the one side, and a sharp crag on the other side, and the name of the one was Bozez, and the name of the other Senez.

5 The one crag rose on the north opposite Michmash, and the other on the south opposite Geba.

6 Then Jonathan said to the young man who was carrying his armor, "Come and let us cross over to the garrison of <sup>a</sup>these uncircumcised; perhaps the LORD will work for us, for <sup>b</sup>the LORD is not restrained to save by many or by few."

7 And his armor bearer said to him, "Do all that is in your heart; turn yourself, *and* here I am with you according to your <sup>l</sup>desire."

8 Then Jonathan said, "<sup>a</sup>Behold, we will cross over to the men and reveal ourselves to them.

9 "If they <sup>l</sup>say to us, 'Wait until we come to you'; then we will stand in our place and not go up to them.

10 "But if they <sup>l</sup>say, 'Come up to us,' then we will go up, for the LORD has given them into our hands; and <sup>a</sup>this shall be the sign to us."

11 And when both of them revealed themselves to the garrison of the Philistines, the Philistines said, "Behold, <sup>a</sup>Hebrews are coming out of the holes where they have hidden themselves."

12 So the men of the garrison <sup>l</sup>hailed Jonathan and his armor bearer and said, "Come up to us and <sup>a</sup>we will tell you something." And Jonathan said to his armor bearer, "Come up after me, for <sup>b</sup>the LORD has given them into the hands of Israel."

13 Then Jonathan climbed up on his hands and feet, with his armor bearer behind him; and they fell before Jonathan, and his armor bearer put some to death after him.

14 And that first slaughter which Jonathan and his armor bearer made was about twenty men within about half a furrow in an acre of land.

15 And there was a trembling in the camp, in the field, and among all the people. Even the garrison and <sup>a</sup>the raiders trembled, and <sup>b</sup>the earth quaked so <sup>c</sup>that it became a <sup>l</sup>great trembling.

16 Now Saul's watchmen in Gibcah of Benjamin looked, and behold, the multitude melted away; and they went here and *there*.

17 And Saul said to the people who *were* with him, "<sup>l</sup>Number now and see who has gone from us." And when they had <sup>l</sup>numbered, behold, Jonathan and his armor bearer were not *there*.

18 Then Saul said to Ahijah, "<sup>a</sup>Bring the ark of God here." For the ark of God was at that time <sup>l</sup>with the sons of Israel.

19 And it happened <sup>a</sup>while Saul talked to the priest, that the commotion in the camp of the Philistines continued and increased; so Saul said to the priest, "Withdraw your hand."

20 Then Saul and all the people who *were* with him rallied and came to the battle; and behold, <sup>a</sup>every man's sword was against his fellow, *and there* was very great confusion.

21 Now the Hebrews *who were* with the Philistines previously, who went up with them all around in the camp, even <sup>a</sup>they also *turned* to be with the Israelites who *were* with Saul and Jonathan.

22 When all the <sup>a</sup>men of Israel who had hidden themselves in the hill country of Ephraim heard that the Philistines had fled, even they also pursued them closely in the battle.

6 <sup>a</sup>1 Sam. 17:26, 36;  
Jer. 9:25, 26 <sup>b</sup>1 Sam. 17:46,  
47; Judg. 7:4, 7; Heb. 11:34

7 <sup>l</sup>Lit., *heart*

8 <sup>a</sup>Judg. 7:9-14

9 <sup>l</sup>Lit., *say thus*

10 <sup>l</sup>Lit., *say thus*  
<sup>a</sup>Gen. 24:14; Judg. 6:36

11 <sup>a</sup>1 Sam. 14:22; 13:6

12 <sup>l</sup>Lit., *answered*  
<sup>a</sup>1 Sam. 17:43, 44;  
Judg. 8:16 <sup>b</sup>2 Sam. 5:24

15 <sup>l</sup>Lit., *trembling of God*  
<sup>a</sup>1 Sam. 13:17, 18  
<sup>b</sup>1 Sam. 7:10 <sup>c</sup>2 Kin. 7:6

17 <sup>l</sup>Lit., *mustered*

18 <sup>l</sup>Lit., *and*  
<sup>a</sup>1 Sam. 23:9, 30:7

19 <sup>a</sup>Num. 27:21

20 <sup>a</sup>Judg. 7:22;  
2 Chr. 20:23

21 <sup>a</sup>1 Sam. 29:4

22 <sup>a</sup>1 Sam. 13:6

23 <sup>1</sup>passed over  
<sup>a</sup>Ex. 14:30; 2 Chr. 32:22  
<sup>b</sup>1 Sam. 13:5

24 <sup>1</sup>Lit., until  
<sup>a</sup>Josh. 6:26

26 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 3:4

27 <sup>a</sup>1 Sam. 14:43  
<sup>b</sup>1 Sam. 30:12

29 <sup>a</sup>Josh. 7:25; 1 Kin. 18:18

31 <sup>a</sup>1 Sam. 14:5  
<sup>b</sup>Josh. 10:12

32 <sup>1</sup>Lit., did with regard  
to the spoil  
<sup>a</sup>1 Sam. 15:19 <sup>b</sup>Gen. 9:4;  
Lev. 17:10-14; Acts 15:20

34 <sup>1</sup>Lit., in his hand

35 <sup>a</sup>1 Sam. 7:12, 17

36 <sup>1</sup>Lit., in your eyes  
<sup>a</sup>1 Sam. 14:3, 18, 19

37 <sup>a</sup>1 Sam. 10:22  
<sup>b</sup>1 Sam. 28:6

38 <sup>1</sup>Lit., corners  
<sup>a</sup>1 Sam. 10:19, 20;  
Josh. 7:11, 12

39 <sup>a</sup>1 Sam. 14:24, 44

23 So <sup>a</sup>the LORD delivered Israel that day, and the battle spread beyond <sup>b</sup>Beth-aven.

24 Now the men of Israel were hard pressed on that day, for Saul had <sup>a</sup>put the people under oath, saying, "Cursed be the man who eats food <sup>1</sup>before evening, and until I have avenged myself on my enemies." So none of the people tasted food.

25 And all *the people* of the land entered the forest, and there was honey on the ground.

26 When the people entered the forest, behold, <sup>a</sup>there was a flow of honey; but no man put his hand to his mouth, for the people feared the oath.

27 But Jonathan had not heard when his father put the people under oath; therefore, <sup>a</sup>he put out the end of the staff that was in his hand and dipped it in the honeycomb, and put his hand to his mouth, and <sup>b</sup>his eyes brightened.

28 Then one of the people answered and said, "Your father strictly put the people under oath, saying, 'Cursed be the man who eats food today.'" And the people were weary.

29 Then Jonathan said, "<sup>a</sup>My father has troubled the land. See now, how my eyes have brightened because I tasted a little of this honey.

30 "How much more, if only the people had eaten freely today of the spoil of their enemies which they found! For now the slaughter among the Philistines has not been great."

31 And they struck among the Philistines that day from <sup>a</sup>Michmash to <sup>b</sup>Aijalon. And the people were very weary.

32 And <sup>a</sup>the people <sup>1</sup>rushed greedily upon the spoil, and took sheep and oxen and calves, and slew *them* on the ground; and the people ate *them* <sup>b</sup>with the blood.

33 Then they told Saul, saying, "Behold, the people are sinning against the LORD by eating with the blood." And he said, "You have acted treacherously; roll a great stone to me today."

34 And Saul said, "Disperse yourselves among the people and say to them, 'Each one of you bring me his ox or his sheep, and slaughter *it* here and eat; and do not sin against the LORD by eating with the blood.'" So all the people that night brought each one his ox <sup>1</sup>with him, and slaughtered *it* there.

35 And <sup>a</sup>Saul built an altar to the LORD; it was the first altar that he built to the LORD.

36 Then Saul said, "Let us go down after the Philistines by night and take spoil among them until the morning light, and let us not leave a man of them." And they said, "Do whatever seems good <sup>1</sup>to you." So <sup>a</sup>the priest said, "Let us draw near to God here."

37 And <sup>a</sup>Saul inquired of God, "Shall I go down after the Philistines? Wilt Thou give them into the hand of Israel?" But <sup>b</sup>He did not answer him on that day.

38 And Saul said, "<sup>a</sup>Draw near here, all you <sup>1</sup>chiefs of the people, and investigate and see how this sin has happened today.

39 "For <sup>a</sup>as the LORD lives, who delivers Israel, though it is in Jonathan my son, he shall surely die." But not one of all the people answered him.

40 Then he said to all Israel, "You shall be on one side and

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I and Jonathan my son will be on the other side." And the people said to Saul, "Do what seems good <sup>1</sup>to you."

41 Therefore, Saul said to the LORD, the God of Israel, "Give a perfect *lot*." And Jonathan and Saul were taken, but the people escaped.

42 And Saul said, "Cast *lots* between me and Jonathan my son." And Jonathan was taken.

43 Then Saul said to Jonathan, "Tell me what you have done." So Jonathan told him and said, "I indeed tasted a little honey with the end of the staff that was in my hand. Here I am, I must die!"

44 And Saul said, "May God do <sup>1</sup>this to me and more also, for you shall surely die, Jonathan."

45 But the people said to Saul, "Must Jonathan die, who has brought about this great deliverance in Israel? Far from it! As the LORD lives, there shall not one hair of his head fall to the ground, for he has worked with God this day." So the people rescued Jonathan and he did not die.

46 Then Saul went up from pursuing the Philistines, and the Philistines went to their own place.

47 Now when Saul had taken the kingdom over Israel, he fought against all his enemies on every side, against Moab, the sons of Ammon, Edom, the kings of Zobah, and the Philistines; and wherever he turned, he inflicted punishment.

48 And he acted valiantly and defeated the Amalekites, and delivered Israel from the hands of those who plundered them.

49 Now the sons of Saul were Jonathan and Ishvi and Malchi-shua; and the names of his two daughters were these: the name of the first-born Merab and the name of the younger Michal.

50 And the name of Saul's wife was Ahinoam the daughter of Ahimaaz. And the name of the captain of his army was Abner the son of Ner, Saul's uncle.

51 And Kish was the father of Saul, and Ner the father of Abner was the son of Abiel.

52 Now the war against the Philistines was severe all the days of Saul; and when Saul saw any mighty man or any valiant man, he attached him to his staff.

### CHAPTER 15

THEN Samuel said to Saul, "The LORD sent me to anoint you as king over His people, over Israel; now therefore listen to the words of the LORD.

2 "Thus says the LORD of hosts, 'I will punish Amalek for what he did to Israel, how he set himself against him on the way while he was coming up from Egypt.

3 'Now go and strike Amalek and utterly destroy all that he has, and do not spare him; but put to death both man and woman, child and infant, ox and sheep, camel and donkey.' "

4 Then Saul summoned the people and numbered them in Telaim, 200,000 foot soldiers and 10,000 men of Judah.

5 And Saul came to the city of Amalek, and set an ambush in the valley.

6 And Saul said to the Kenites, "Go, depart, go down

### 1 Samuel 14, 15

40 <sup>1</sup>Lit., in your eyes

41 <sup>a</sup>Acts 1:24

43 <sup>a</sup>Josh. 7:19  
<sup>b</sup>1 Sam. 14:27

44 <sup>1</sup>Lit., thus  
<sup>a</sup>1 Sam. 25:22 <sup>b</sup>1 Sam. 14:39

45 <sup>1</sup>Lit., worked <sup>2</sup>Lit.,  
ransomed  
<sup>2</sup>2 Sam. 14:11; 1 Kin. 1:52;  
Acts 27:34

46 <sup>1</sup>Lit., after

47 <sup>1</sup>Or, condemned  
<sup>a</sup>1 Sam. 11:1-13 <sup>b</sup>2 Sam. 8:3:  
10 <sup>c</sup>1 Sam. 14:52

48 <sup>1</sup>Lit., smote <sup>2</sup>Lit., its  
plunders  
<sup>a</sup>1 Sam. 15:3, 7

49 <sup>a</sup>1 Sam. 31:2;  
1 Chr. 10:2 <sup>b</sup>1 Sam. 18:17-  
19 <sup>c</sup>1 Sam. 18:20, 27; 19:12;  
2 Sam. 6:20-23

50 <sup>a</sup>2 Sam. 2:8

51 <sup>a</sup>1 Sam. 9:1, 21

52 <sup>1</sup>Lit., gathered <sup>2</sup>Lit.,  
himself  
<sup>a</sup>1 Sam. 8:11

<sup>1</sup>Lit., sound of the  
words  
<sup>a</sup>1 Sam. 9:16

<sup>2</sup>Or, visit  
<sup>a</sup>Ex. 17:8-16; Num. 24:20;  
Deut. 25:17-19

<sup>3</sup>Num. 24:20;  
Deut. 20:16-18; Josh. 6:17-  
21 <sup>b</sup>1 Sam. 22:19

<sup>4</sup>Lit., mustered  
<sup>a</sup>Josh. 15:24

<sup>6</sup>Judg. 1:16; 4:11

6 <sup>b</sup>Ex. 18:9, 10, 19;  
Num. 10:29-32

7 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *smote* <sup>2</sup>Lit.,  
*before*

<sup>a</sup>1 Sam. 14:48 <sup>b</sup>Gen. 16:7;  
25:17, 18 <sup>c</sup>1 Sam. 27:8;  
Ex. 15:22

8 <sup>a</sup>Num. 24:7; Esth. 3:1  
<sup>b</sup>1 Sam. 27:8; 30:1;  
2 Sam. 8:12

9 <sup>a</sup>1 Sam. 15:3, 15, 19

11 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *after*  
<sup>a</sup>Gen. 6:6, 7; Ex. 32:14;  
2 Sam. 24:16 <sup>b</sup>1 Kin. 9:6, 7  
<sup>c</sup>Ex. 32:11-13; Luke 6:12

12 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *and went down*  
<sup>a</sup>1 Sam. 25:2; Josh. 15:55  
<sup>b</sup>1 Sam. 13:13, 14

13 <sup>a</sup>Gen. 14:19; 2 Sam. 2:5

14 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *sound*  
<sup>a</sup>Ex. 32:21-24

15 <sup>a</sup>1 Sam. 15:9, 21;  
Gen. 3:12, 13; Ex. 32:22, 23

17 <sup>a</sup>1 Sam. 9:21; 10:22

18 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *way*  
<sup>a</sup>1 Sam. 15:3

19 <sup>a</sup>1 Sam. 14:32

20 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *way*  
<sup>a</sup>1 Sam. 15:13

21 <sup>a</sup>1 Sam. 15:15;  
Ex. 32:22, 23

22 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 40:6-8; 51:16, 17;  
Is. 1:11-15; Mic. 6:6-8  
<sup>b</sup>Jer. 7:22, 23; Hos. 6:6;  
Mark 12:33

from among the Amalekites, lest I destroy you with them; for you showed kindness to all the sons of Israel when they came up from Egypt." So the Kenites departed from among the Amalekites.

7 So <sup>a</sup>Saul <sup>1</sup>defeated the Amalekites, from <sup>b</sup>Havilah as you go to <sup>c</sup>Shur, which is <sup>2</sup>east of Egypt.

8 And he captured <sup>a</sup>Agag the king of the Amalekites alive, and <sup>b</sup>utterly destroyed all the people with the edge of the sword.

9 But Saul and the people <sup>a</sup>spared Agag and the best of the sheep, the oxen, the fatlings, the lambs, and all that was good, and were not willing to destroy them utterly; but everything despised and worthless, that they utterly destroyed.

10 Then the word of the LORD came to Samuel, saying,

11 "I regret that I have made Saul king, for <sup>b</sup>he has turned back from <sup>1</sup>following Me, and has not carried out My commands." And Samuel was distressed and <sup>c</sup>cried out to the LORD all night.

12 And Samuel rose early in the morning to meet Saul; and it was told Samuel, saying, "Saul came to <sup>a</sup>Carmel, and behold, he set up a monument for himself, then turned and proceeded on <sup>1</sup>down to <sup>b</sup>Gilgal."

13 And Samuel came to Saul, and Saul said to him, "Blessed are you of the LORD! I have carried out the command of the LORD."

14 But Samuel said, "What then is this <sup>1</sup>bleating of the sheep in my ears, and the <sup>1</sup>lowing of the oxen which I hear?"

15 And Saul said, "They have brought them from the Amalekites, for <sup>a</sup>the people spared the best of the sheep and oxen, to sacrifice to the LORD your God; but the rest we have utterly destroyed."

16 Then Samuel said to Saul, "Wait, and let me tell you what the LORD said to me last night." And he said to him, "Speak!"

17 And Samuel said, "Is it not true, <sup>a</sup>though you were little in your own eyes, you were *made* the head of the tribes of Israel? And the LORD anointed you king over Israel,

18 and the LORD sent you on a <sup>1</sup>mission, and said, <sup>a</sup>Go and utterly destroy the sinners, the Amalekites, and fight against them until they are exterminated.'

19 "Why then did you not obey the voice of the LORD, <sup>a</sup>but rushed upon the spoil and did what was evil in the sight of the LORD?"

20 Then Saul said to Samuel, "<sup>a</sup>I did obey the voice of the LORD, and went on the <sup>1</sup>mission on which the LORD sent me, and have brought back Agag the king of Amalek, and have utterly destroyed the Amalekites.

21 "But <sup>a</sup>the people took *some* of the spoil, sheep and oxen, the choicest of the things devoted to destruction, to sacrifice to the LORD your God at Gilgal."

22 And Samuel said,

"Has the LORD as much delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices

As in obeying the voice of the LORD?

Behold, <sup>b</sup>to obey is better than sacrifice,

And to heed than the fat of rams.

23 "For rebellion is as the sin of <sup>a</sup>divination,  
And insubordination is as <sup>b</sup>iniquity and idolatry.  
Because you have rejected the word of the LORD,  
<sup>c</sup>He has also rejected you from *being king*."

24 Then Saul said to Samuel, "<sup>a</sup>I have sinned; <sup>b</sup>I have indeed transgressed the <sup>1</sup>command of the LORD and your words, because I feared the people and listened to their voice.

25 "Now therefore, <sup>a</sup>please pardon my sin and return with me, that I may worship the LORD."

26 But Samuel said to Saul, "I will not return with you; for <sup>a</sup>you have rejected the word of the LORD, and the LORD has rejected you from being king over Israel."

27 And as Samuel turned to go, <sup>a</sup>Saul seized the edge of his robe, and it tore.

28 So Samuel said to him, "<sup>a</sup>The LORD has torn the kingdom of Israel from you today, and has given it to your neighbor who is better than you.

29 "And also the <sup>1a</sup>Glory of Israel <sup>b</sup>will not lie or change His mind; for He is not a man that He should change His mind."

30 Then he said, "I have sinned; <sup>a</sup>but please honor me now before the elders of my people and before Israel, and go back with me, <sup>b</sup>that I may worship the LORD your God."

31 So Samuel went back following Saul, and Saul worshipped the LORD.

32 Then Samuel said, "Bring me Agag, the king of the Amalekites." And Agag came to him <sup>1</sup>cheerfully. And Agag said, "Surely the bitterness of death is past."

33 But Samuel said, "<sup>a</sup>As your sword has made women childless, so shall your mother be childless among women." And Samuel hewed Agag to pieces before the LORD at Gilgal.

34 Then Samuel went to <sup>a</sup>Ramah, but Saul went up to his house at <sup>b</sup>Gibeah of Saul.

35 And <sup>a</sup>Samuel did not see Saul again until the day of his death; for Samuel <sup>b</sup>grieved over Saul. And the LORD regretted that He had made Saul king over Israel.

CHAPTER 16

Now the LORD said to Samuel, "<sup>a</sup>How long will you grieve over Saul, since <sup>b</sup>I have rejected him from being king over Israel? <sup>c</sup>Fill your horn with oil, and go; I will send you to <sup>d</sup>Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have selected a king for Myself among his sons."

2 But Samuel said, "How can I go? When Saul hears of it, he will kill me." And the LORD said, "<sup>a</sup>Take a heifer with you, and say, 'I have come to sacrifice to the LORD.'

3 "And you shall invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and <sup>a</sup>I will show you what you shall do; and <sup>b</sup>you shall anoint for Me the one whom I <sup>1</sup>designate you."

4 So Samuel did what the LORD said, and came to <sup>a</sup>Beth-lehem. And the elders of the city came trembling to meet him and said, "<sup>b</sup>Do you come in peace?"

5 And he said, "In peace; I have come to sacrifice to the LORD. <sup>a</sup>Consecrate yourselves and come with me to the

23 <sup>a</sup>Deut. 18:10  
<sup>b</sup>Gen. 31:19, 34  
<sup>c</sup>1 Sam. 13:14

24 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *mouth*  
<sup>a</sup>Num. 22:34; 2 Sam. 12:13;  
Ps. 51:4 <sup>b</sup>Prov. 29:25;  
Is. 51:12, 13

25 <sup>a</sup>Ex. 10:17

26 <sup>1</sup>1 Sam. 13:14; 16:1

27 <sup>1</sup>1 Kin. 11:30, 31

28 <sup>1</sup>1 Sam. 28:17, 18

29 <sup>1</sup>Or, *Eminence*  
<sup>a</sup>1 Chr. 29:11; Ps. 18:1, 2  
<sup>b</sup>Num. 23:19; Ezek. 24:14

30 <sup>a</sup>John 12:43 <sup>b</sup>Is. 29:13

32 <sup>1</sup>Or, *in bonds*

33 <sup>a</sup>Gen. 9:6; Judg. 1:7;  
Matt. 7:2

34 <sup>1</sup>1 Sam. 7:17  
<sup>b</sup>1 Sam. 11:4

35 <sup>1</sup>1 Sam. 19:24  
<sup>b</sup>1 Sam. 16:1

1 <sup>1</sup>1 Sam. 15:35  
<sup>b</sup>1 Sam. 13:13, 14; 15:23  
<sup>c</sup>1 Sam. 9:16; 10:1;  
2 Kin. 9:1 <sup>d</sup>Ruth 4:18-22

2 <sup>1</sup>1 Sam. 20:29

3 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *say to you*  
<sup>a</sup>Ex. 4:15; Acts 9:6  
<sup>b</sup>1 Sam. 9:16;  
Deut. 17:14, 15

4 <sup>a</sup>Gen. 48:7; Luke 2:4  
<sup>b</sup>1 Kin. 2:13; 2 Kin. 9:22;  
1 Chr. 12:17, 18

5 <sup>a</sup>Gen. 35:2; Ex. 19:10

6 +1 Sam. 17:13

7 <sup>1</sup>So with Gk.; Heb., *He sees not what man sees*  
\*1 Sam. 2:3; 1 Kin. 8:39;  
1 Chr., 28:9; Luke 16:15

8 +1 Sam. 17:13

9 +1 Sam. 17:13

11 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *take*  
+1 Sam. 17:12; 2 Sam. 13:312 +Gen. 39:6; Ex. 2:2;  
Acts 7:20 <sup>b1</sup> Sam. 9:1713 +1 Sam. 10:1  
<sup>b1</sup> Sam. 10:6, 9, 1014 +1 Sam. 11:6; 18:12;  
28:15 <sup>b1</sup> Sam. 16:15, 16;  
18:10; 19:9; 1 Kin. 22:19-2216 +1 Sam. 18:10; 19:9;  
2 Kin. 3:1518 +1 Sam. 17:32-36  
<sup>b1</sup> Sam. 3:1920 +1 Sam. 10:4, 27;  
Prov. 18:1621 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *stood before him*  
<sup>2</sup>Lit., *he*  
+Gen. 41:46; Prov. 22:29

23 +1 Sam. 16:14-16

sacrifice." He also consecrated Jesse and his sons, and invited them to the sacrifice.

6 Then it came about when they entered, that he looked at <sup>a</sup>Eliab and thought, "Surely the LORD's anointed is before Him."

7 But the LORD said to Samuel, "Do not look at his appearance or at the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for <sup>1</sup>God sees not as man sees, for man looks at the outward appearance, <sup>a</sup>but the LORD looks at the heart."

8 Then Jesse called <sup>a</sup>Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. And he said, "Neither has the LORD chosen this one."

9 Next Jesse made <sup>a</sup>Shammah pass by. And he said, "Neither has the LORD chosen this one."

10 Thus Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel. But Samuel said to Jesse, "The LORD has not chosen these."

11 And Samuel said to Jesse, "Are these all the children?" And he said, "<sup>a</sup>There remains yet the youngest, and behold, he is tending the sheep." Then Samuel said to Jesse, "Send and <sup>1</sup>bring him; for we will not sit down until he comes here."

12 So he sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, with <sup>a</sup>beautiful eyes and a handsome appearance. And the LORD said, "<sup>b</sup>Arise, anoint him; for this is he."

13 Then Samuel took the horn of oil and <sup>a</sup>anointed him in the midst of his brothers; and <sup>b</sup>the Spirit of the LORD came mightily upon David from that day forward. And Samuel arose and went to Ramah.

14 <sup>a</sup>Now the Spirit of the LORD departed from Saul, and <sup>b</sup>an evil spirit from the LORD terrorized him.

15 Saul's servants then said to him, "Behold now, an evil spirit from God is terrorizing you.

16 "Let our lord now command your servants who are before you. Let them seek a man who is a skillful player on the harp; and it shall come about when the evil spirit from God is on you, that <sup>a</sup>he shall play *the harp* with his hand, and you will be well."

17 So Saul said to his servants, "Provide for me now a man who can play well, and bring *him* to me."

18 Then one of the young men answered and said, "Behold, I have seen a son of Jesse the Bethlehemite who is a skillful musician, <sup>a</sup>a mighty man of valor, a warrior, one prudent in speech, and a handsome man; and <sup>b</sup>the LORD is with him."

19 So Saul sent messengers to Jesse, and said, "Send me your son David who is with the flock."

20 And Jesse <sup>a</sup>took a donkey *loaded with bread* and a jug of wine and a young goat, and sent *them* to Saul by David his son.

21 Then David came to Saul and <sup>1a</sup>attended him, and <sup>2</sup>Saul loved him greatly; and he became his armor bearer.

22 And Saul sent to Jesse, saying, "Let David now stand before me; for he has found favor in my sight."

23 So it came about whenever <sup>a</sup>the evil spirit from God came to Saul, David would take the harp and play *it* with his hand; and Saul would be refreshed and be well, and the evil spirit would depart from him.



## CHAPTER 17

NOW <sup>a</sup>the Philistines gathered their armies for battle; and they were gathered at Socoh which belongs to Judah, and they camped between <sup>b</sup>Socoh and <sup>c</sup>Azekah, in <sup>d</sup>Ephes-dammim.

2 And Saul and the men of Israel were gathered, and camped in <sup>a</sup>the valley of Elah, and drew up in battle array to encounter the Philistines.

3 And the Philistines stood on the mountain on one side while Israel stood on the mountain on the other side, with the valley between them.

4 Then a champion came out from the armies of the Philistines named <sup>a</sup>Goliath, from <sup>b</sup>Gath, whose height was six <sup>l</sup>cubits and a span.

5 And *he had* a bronze helmet on his head, and he was clothed with scale armor <sup>l</sup>which weighed five thousand shekels of bronze.

6 *He also had* bronze <sup>l</sup>greaves on his legs and a <sup>a</sup>bronze javelin *slung* between his shoulders.

7 And <sup>a</sup>the shaft of his spear was like a weaver's beam, and the head of his spear *weighed* six hundred shekels of iron; <sup>b</sup>his shield-carrier also walked before him.

8 And he stood and shouted to the ranks of Israel, and said to them, "Why do you come out to draw up in battle array? Am I not the Philistine and you <sup>a</sup>servants of Saul? Choose a man for yourselves and let him come down to me.

9 "If he is able to fight with me and <sup>l</sup>kill me, then we will become your servants; but if I prevail against him and <sup>l</sup>kill him, then you shall become our servants and serve us."

10 Again the Philistine said, "I defy the ranks of Israel this day; give me a man that we may fight together."

11 When Saul and all Israel heard these words of the Philistine, they were dismayed and greatly afraid.

12 Now David was <sup>a</sup>the son of <sup>l</sup>the <sup>b</sup>Ephrathite of Bethlehem in Judah, whose name was Jesse, and <sup>c</sup>he had eight sons. And <sup>2</sup>Jesse was old in the days of Saul, advanced *in years* among men.

13 And the three older sons of Jesse had <sup>l</sup>gone after Saul to the battle. And <sup>a</sup>the names of his three sons who went to the battle were Eliab the first-born, and the second to him Abinadab, and the third Shammah.

14 And <sup>a</sup>David was the youngest. Now the three oldest followed Saul,

15 <sup>a</sup>but David went back and forth from Saul to tend his father's flock at Bethlehem.

16 And the Philistine came <sup>l</sup>forward morning and evening for forty days, and took his stand.

17 Then Jesse said to David his son, "Take now for your brothers an ephah of this roasted grain and these ten loaves, and run to the camp to your brothers.

18 "Bring also these ten cuts of cheese to the commander of *their* thousand, <sup>b</sup>and look into the welfare of your brothers, and bring back <sup>l</sup>news of them.

19 "For Saul and they and all the men of Israel are in the valley of Elah, fighting with the Philistines."

1 <sup>a</sup>1 Sam. 13:5  
<sup>b</sup>2 Chr. 28:18 <sup>c</sup>Josh. 10:10  
<sup>d</sup>1 Chr. 11:13

2 <sup>a</sup>1 Sam. 21:9

4 <sup>l</sup>One cubit equals approx. 18 inches  
<sup>a</sup>2 Sam. 21:19  
<sup>b</sup>Josh. 11:21, 22

5 <sup>l</sup>Lit., and the weight of the armor was

6 <sup>l</sup>Or, shin guards  
<sup>a</sup>1 Sam. 17:45

7 <sup>a</sup>2 Sam. 21:19;  
 1 Chr. 11:23 <sup>b</sup>1 Sam. 17:41

8 <sup>a</sup>1 Sam. 8:17

9 <sup>l</sup>Lit., smite  
<sup>a</sup>2 Sam. 2:12-16

10 <sup>a</sup>1 Sam. 17:26, 36, 45

12 <sup>l</sup>Lit., this <sup>2</sup>Lit., the man  
<sup>a</sup>1 Sam. 16:18; Ruth 4:22  
<sup>b</sup>Gen. 35:19 <sup>c</sup>1 Sam. 16:10, 11; 1 Chr. 2:13-15

13 <sup>l</sup>Lit., gone; they went  
<sup>a</sup>1 Sam. 16:6, 8, 9

14 <sup>a</sup>1 Sam. 16:11

15 <sup>a</sup>1 Sam. 16:21-23

16 <sup>l</sup>Lit., near

17 <sup>a</sup>1 Sam. 25:18

18 <sup>l</sup>Lit., their pledge  
<sup>a</sup>1 Sam. 16:20  
<sup>b</sup>Gen. 37:13, 14

20 <sup>a</sup>1 Sam. 26:5, 7

22 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *hand*  
<sup>a</sup>Judg. 18:21; Is. 10:28

23 <sup>a</sup>1 Sam. 17:8-10

25 <sup>1</sup>I.e., free from taxes  
and public service  
<sup>a</sup>Josh. 15:16 <sup>b</sup>1 Sam. 8:11

26 <sup>a</sup>1 Sam. 11:2  
<sup>b</sup>1 Sam. 17:36; 14:6;  
Jer. 9:25, 26 <sup>c</sup>1 Sam. 17:10  
<sup>d</sup>Deut. 5:26; 2 Kin. 19:4

27 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *said to*  
<sup>a</sup>1 Sam. 17:25

28 <sup>a</sup>Gen. 37:4, 8-36

29 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *word*  
<sup>a</sup>1 Sam. 17:17

30 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *from beside him*  
<sup>2</sup>Lit., *the former word*  
<sup>a</sup>1 Sam. 17:26, 27

31 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *before*

32 <sup>a</sup>Deut. 20:1-4  
<sup>b</sup>1 Sam. 16:18

35 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *smote*  
<sup>a</sup>Amos 3:12

36 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *smitten*

20 So David arose early in the morning and left the flock with a keeper and took *the supplies* and went as Jesse had commanded him. And he came to the <sup>a</sup>circle of the camp while the army was going out in battle array shouting the war cry.

21 And Israel and the Philistines drew up in battle array, army against army.

22 Then David left his <sup>a</sup>baggage in the <sup>1</sup>care of the baggage keeper, and ran to the battle line and entered in order to greet his brothers.

23 As he was talking with them, behold, the champion, the Philistine from Gath named Goliath, was coming up from the army of the Philistines, and he spoke <sup>a</sup>these same words; and David heard *them*.

24 When all the men of Israel saw the man, they fled from him and were greatly afraid.

25 And the men of Israel said, "Have you seen this man who is coming up? Surely he is coming up to defy Israel. And it will be that the king will enrich the man who kills him with great riches and <sup>a</sup>will give him his daughter <sup>b</sup>and make his father's house <sup>1</sup>free in Israel."

26 Then David spoke to the men who were standing by him, saying, "What will be done for the man who kills this Philistine, and takes away <sup>a</sup>the reproach from Israel? For who is this <sup>b</sup>uncircumcised Philistine, that he should <sup>c</sup>taunt the armies of <sup>d</sup>the living God?"

27 And the people <sup>1</sup>answered him in accord with this word, saying, "Thus it will be done for the man who kills him."

28 Now Eliab his oldest brother heard when he spoke to the men; and <sup>a</sup>Eliab's anger burned against David and he said, "Why have you come down? And with whom have you left those few sheep in the wilderness? I know your insolence and the wickedness of your heart; for you have come down in order to see the battle."

29 But David said, "What have I done now? <sup>a</sup>Was it not just a <sup>1</sup>question?"

30 Then he turned <sup>1</sup>away from him to another and <sup>a</sup>said the same thing; and the people answered the same thing as <sup>2</sup>before.

31 When the words which David spoke were heard, they told *them* <sup>1</sup>to Saul, and he sent for him.

32 And David said to Saul, "Let no man's heart fail on account of him; <sup>b</sup>your servant will go and fight with this Philistine."

33 Then Saul said to David, "You are not able to go against this Philistine to fight with him; for you are *but* a youth while he has been a warrior from his youth."

34 But David said to Saul, "Your servant was tending his father's sheep. When a lion or a bear came and took a lamb from the flock,

35 I went out after him and <sup>1</sup>attacked him, and <sup>a</sup>rescued *it* from his mouth; and when he rose up against me, I seized *him* by his beard and <sup>1</sup>struck him and killed him.

36 "Your servant has <sup>1</sup>killed both the lion and the bear; and this uncircumcised Philistine will be like one of them, since he has taunted the armies of the living God."

37 And David said, "The LORD who delivered me from the paw of the lion and from the paw of the bear, He will deliver me from the hand of this Philistine." And Saul said to David, "Go, and may the LORD be with you."

37 <sup>a</sup>Tim. 4:17  
b1 Sam. 20:13

38 Then Saul clothed David with his garments and put a bronze helmet on his head, and he clothed him with armor.

39 <sup>1</sup>Lit., off from himself

39 And David girded his sword over his armor and tried to walk, for he had not tested them. So David said to Saul, "I cannot go with these, for I have not tested them." And David took them off.

40 <sup>a</sup>Judg. 20:16

40 And he took his stick in his hand and chose for himself five smooth stones from the brook, and put them in the shepherd's bag which he had, even in his pouch, and his sling was in his hand; and he approached the Philistine.

42 <sup>a</sup>Prov. 16:18  
b1 Sam. 16:12

41 Then the Philistine came on and approached David, with the shield-bearer in front of him.

42 When the Philistine looked and saw David, he disdained him; for he was but a youth, and bruddy, with a handsome appearance.

43 <sup>a</sup>1 Sam. 24:14;  
2 Sam. 3:8 b1 Kin. 20:10

43 And the Philistine said to David, "Am I a dog, that you come to me with sticks?" And the Philistine cursed David by his gods.

44 <sup>a</sup>1 Sam. 17:46

44 The Philistine also said to David, "Come to me, and I will give your flesh to the birds of the sky and the beasts of the field."

45 Then David said to the Philistine, "You come to me with a sword, a spear, and a javelin, but I come to you in the name of the LORD of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have taunted.

45 <sup>a</sup>2 Chr. 32:8; Ps. 124:8;  
Heb. 11:34

46 "This day the LORD will deliver you up into my hands, and I will strike you down and remove your head from you. And I will give the dead bodies of the army of the Philistines this day to the birds of the sky and the wild beasts of the earth, that all the earth may know that there is a God in Israel,

46 <sup>a</sup>1 Kin. 18:36;  
2 Kin. 19:19; Is. 37:20

47 and that all this assembly may know that the LORD does not deliver by sword or by spear; for the battle is the LORD's and He will give you into our hands."

47 <sup>a</sup>1 Sam. 14:6;  
2 Chr. 14:11; 20:15; Ps. 44:6

48 Then it happened when the Philistine rose and came and drew near to meet David, that David ran quickly toward the battle line to meet the Philistine.

48 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 27:3

49 And David put his hand into his bag and took from it a stone and slung it, and struck the Philistine on his forehead. And the stone sank into his forehead, so that he fell on his face to the ground.

50 Thus David prevailed over the Philistine with a sling and a stone, and he struck the Philistine and killed him; but there was no sword in David's hand.

51 <sup>a</sup>1 Sam. 21:9;  
2 Sam. 23:21 bHeb. 11:34

51 Then David ran and stood over the Philistine and took his sword and drew it out of its sheath and killed him, and cut off his head with it. When the Philistines saw that their champion was dead, they fled.

52 <sup>1</sup>Lit., your coming  
<sup>2</sup>Lit., fell  
bJosh. 15:11 bJosh. 15:36

52 And the men of Israel and Judah arose and shouted and pursued the Philistines as far as the entrance to the valley, and to the gates of Ekron. And the slain Philistines lay along the way to Shaaraim, even to Gath and Ekron.

55 <sup>1</sup>Sam. 16:12, 21, 2257 <sup>1</sup>Sam. 17:5458 <sup>1</sup>Sam. 17:12

<sup>1</sup>Gen. 44:30  
<sup>b1</sup>Sam. 20:17; Deut. 13:6;  
<sup>2</sup>Sam. 1:26

2 <sup>1</sup>Sam. 17:15

<sup>3</sup>Lit., and  
<sup>a1</sup>Sam. 20:8-17

<sup>4</sup><sup>1</sup>Sam. 17:38;  
 Gen. 41:42; Esth. 6:8

5 <sup>1</sup>Or, acted wisely

<sup>6</sup> I.e., triangles, or,  
 three-stringed instruments  
<sup>a</sup>Ex. 15:20, 21; Judg. 11:34;  
 Ps. 68:25; 149:3

<sup>7</sup> <sup>1</sup>Or, danced  
<sup>a1</sup>Sam. 21:11; 29:5;  
 Ex. 15:21 <sup>b1</sup>Sam. 21:11  
<sup>c2</sup>Sam. 18:3

<sup>8</sup> Lit., was evil in his  
 eyes  
<sup>a1</sup>Sam. 15:28

<sup>10</sup> Lit., day by day <sup>2</sup>Lit.,  
 the  
<sup>a1</sup>Sam. 16:14  
<sup>b1</sup>Sam. 19:23, 24  
<sup>c1</sup>Sam. 16:23 <sup>d1</sup>Sam. 19:9

<sup>11</sup> Lit., strike David and  
 the wall <sup>2</sup>Lit., turned  
 about  
<sup>a1</sup>Sam. 19:10; 20:33

<sup>12</sup> <sup>a1</sup>Sam. 18:15, 29  
<sup>b1</sup>Sam. 16:13, 18  
<sup>c1</sup>Sam. 16:14; 28:15

## David Brought to Saul. Jonathan Loves David, but Saul Becomes His Enemy.

53 And the sons of Israel returned from chasing the Philistines and plundered their camps.

54 Then David took the Philistine's head and brought it to Jerusalem, but he put his weapons in his tent.

55 Now when Saul saw David going out against the Philistine, he said to Abner the commander of the army, "Abner, whose son is <sup>a</sup>this young man?" And Abner said, "By your life, O king, I do not know."

56 And the king said, "You inquire whose son the youth is."

57 So when David returned from killing the Philistine, Abner took him and <sup>a</sup>brought him before Saul with the Philistine's head in his hand.

58 And Saul said to him, "Whose son are you, young man?" And David answered, "<sup>a</sup>I am the son of your servant Jesse the Bethlehemite."

### CHAPTER 18

**N**OW it came about when he had finished speaking to Saul, that <sup>a</sup>the soul of Jonathan was knit to the soul of David, and <sup>b</sup>Jonathan loved him as himself.

2 And Saul took him that day and <sup>a</sup>did not let him return to his father's house.

3 Then <sup>a</sup>Jonathan made a covenant <sup>1</sup>with David because he loved him as himself.

4 And <sup>a</sup>Jonathan stripped himself of the robe that was on him and gave it to David, with his armor, including his sword and his bow and his belt.

5 So David went out wherever Saul sent him, and <sup>1</sup>prospered; and Saul set him over the men of war. And it was pleasing in the sight of all the people and also in the sight of Saul's servants.

6 And it happened as they were coming, when David returned from killing the Philistine, that <sup>a</sup>the women came out of all the cities of Israel, singing and dancing, to meet King Saul, with tambourines, with joy and with <sup>1</sup>musical instruments.

7 And the women <sup>a</sup>sang as they <sup>1</sup>played, and said,  
 "bSaul has slain his thousands,  
 cAnd David his ten thousands."

8 Then Saul became very angry, for this saying <sup>1</sup>displeased him; and he said, "They have ascribed to David ten thousands, but to me they have ascribed thousands. Now <sup>a</sup>what more can he have but the kingdom?"

9 And Saul looked at David with suspicion from that day on.

10 Now it came about on the next day that <sup>a</sup>an evil spirit from God came mightily upon Saul, and <sup>b</sup>he raved in the midst of the house, while David was playing *the harp* with his hand, <sup>1</sup>as usual; and <sup>2</sup>da spear was in Saul's hand.

11 And <sup>a</sup>Saul hurled the spear for he thought, "I will <sup>1</sup>pin David to the wall." But David <sup>2</sup>escaped from his presence twice.

12 Now <sup>a</sup>Saul was afraid of David, <sup>b</sup>for the LORD was with him but <sup>c</sup>had departed from Saul.

13 Therefore Saul removed him from <sup>1</sup>his presence, and appointed him as his commander of a thousand; and <sup>2</sup>he went out and came in before the people.

14 And David was <sup>1</sup>prospering in all his ways for <sup>2</sup>the LORD was with him.

15 When Saul saw that he was <sup>1</sup>prospering greatly, he dreaded him.

16 But <sup>2</sup>all Israel and Judah loved David, and he went out and came in before them.

17 Then Saul said to David, "Here is my older daughter Merab; I will give her to you as a wife, only be a valiant man for me and fight <sup>b</sup>the LORD's battles." For Saul thought, "My hand shall not be against him, but <sup>c</sup>let the hand of the Philistines be against him."

18 But David said to Saul, "Who am I, and what is my life or my father's family in Israel, that I should be the king's son-in-law?"

19 So it came about at the time when Merab, Saul's daughter, should have been given to David, that she was given to <sup>a</sup>Adriel <sup>b</sup>the Meholathite for a wife.

20 Now <sup>a</sup>Michal, Saul's daughter, loved David. When they told Saul, the thing was agreeable <sup>1</sup>to him.

21 And Saul thought, "I will give her to him that she may become a snare to him, and <sup>a</sup>that the hand of the Philistines may be against him." Therefore Saul said to David, "<sup>b</sup>For a second time you may be my son-in-law today."

22 Then Saul commanded his servants, "Speak to David secretly, saying, 'Behold, the king delights in you, and all his servants love you; now therefore, become the king's son-in-law.'"

23 So Saul's servants spoke these words <sup>1</sup>to David. But David said, "Is it trivial in your sight to become the king's son-in-law, <sup>a</sup>since I am a poor man and lightly esteemed?"

24 And the servants of Saul reported to him <sup>1</sup>according to these words *which* David spoke.

25 Saul then said, "Thus you shall say to David, 'The king does not desire any <sup>a</sup>dowry except a hundred foreskins of the Philistines, <sup>b</sup>to take vengeance on the king's enemies.'" Now <sup>c</sup>Saul planned to make David fall by the hand of the Philistines.

26 When his servants told David these words, <sup>1</sup>it pleased David to become the king's son-in-law. <sup>2a</sup>Before the days had expired

27 David rose up and went, <sup>a</sup>he and his men, and struck down two hundred men among the Philistines. Then <sup>b</sup>David brought their foreskins, and they gave them in full number to the king, that he might become the king's son-in-law. So Saul gave him Michal his daughter for a wife.

28 When Saul saw and knew that the LORD was with David, and *that* Michal, Saul's daughter, loved him,

29 then Saul was even more afraid of David. Thus Saul was David's enemy continually.

30 Then the commanders of the Philistines went out to *battle*, and it happened as often as they went out, that David <sup>a</sup>behaved himself more wisely than all the servants of Saul. So his name was highly esteemed.

13 <sup>1</sup>Lit., with him  
<sup>a</sup>1 Sam. 18:16; 2 Sam. 5:2

14 <sup>1</sup>Or, acting wisely  
<sup>a</sup>1 Sam. 16:18

15 <sup>1</sup>Or, acting very wisely

16 <sup>a</sup>1 Sam. 18:5

17 <sup>a</sup>1 Sam. 17:25  
<sup>b</sup>1 Sam. 17:36, 47; 25:28;  
Num. 21:14 <sup>c</sup>1 Sam. 18:21, 25

18 <sup>a</sup>1 Sam. 18:23; 9:21;  
2 Sam. 7:18

19 <sup>a</sup>2 Sam. 21:8  
<sup>b</sup>Judg. 7:22; 1 Kin. 19:16

20 <sup>1</sup>Lit., in his sight  
<sup>a</sup>1 Sam. 18:28

21 <sup>a</sup>1 Sam. 18:17  
<sup>b</sup>1 Sam. 18:26

23 <sup>1</sup>Lit., in the ears of  
<sup>a</sup>Gen. 34:12; 29:20

24 <sup>1</sup>Lit., by saying  
according

25 <sup>a</sup>Ex. 22:17  
<sup>b</sup>1 Sam. 14:24 <sup>c</sup>1 Sam. 18:17

26 <sup>1</sup>Lit., it was agreeable  
in the sight of <sup>2</sup>Lit., And  
the days had not expired  
<sup>a</sup>1 Sam. 18:21

27 <sup>a</sup>1 Sam. 18:17  
<sup>b</sup>2 Sam. 3:14

30 <sup>a</sup>1 Sam. 18:5

1 <sup>a</sup>1 Sam. 18:8, 9  
<sup>b</sup>1 Sam. 18:1-3

3 <sup>1</sup>Lit. see  
<sup>a</sup>1 Sam. 20:9, 13

4 <sup>1</sup>Lit., good  
<sup>a</sup>1 Sam. 20:32 <sup>b</sup>Gen. 42:22

5 <sup>a</sup>1 Sam. 17:49, 50  
<sup>b</sup>1 Sam. 11:13 <sup>c</sup>Deut. 19:10-13; Ps. 94:21

7 <sup>a</sup>1 Sam. 16:21; 18:2, 10, 13

8 <sup>1</sup>Lit., smote

9 <sup>a</sup>1 Sam. 16:14; 18:10, 11  
<sup>b</sup>1 Sam. 18:10 <sup>c</sup>1 Sam. 16:16

10 <sup>1</sup>Lit., strike David and the wall  
<sup>a</sup>1 Sam. 18:11; 20:33

11 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 59: title; Judg. 16:2

12 <sup>a</sup>Josh. 2:15;  
 2 Cor. 11:33

13 <sup>1</sup>Heb., teraphim  
<sup>a</sup>Gen. 31:19; Judg. 18:14, 17

14 <sup>a</sup>Josh. 2:5

15 <sup>1</sup>Lit., the

16 <sup>1</sup>Heb., teraphim

18 <sup>a</sup>1 Sam. 7:17  
<sup>b</sup>2 Kin. 6:1, 2

Now Saul told Jonathan his son and all his servants <sup>a</sup>to put David to death. But <sup>b</sup>Jonathan, Saul's son, greatly delighted in David.

2 So Jonathan told David, saying "Saul my father is seeking to put you to death. Now therefore, please be on guard in the morning, and stay in a secret place and hide yourself.

3 "And I will go out and stand beside my father in the field where you are, and I will speak with my father about you; <sup>a</sup>if I <sup>1</sup>find out anything, then I shall tell you."

4 Then Jonathan <sup>a</sup>spoke well of David to Saul his father, and said to him, <sup>b</sup>"Do not let the king sin against his servant David, since he has not sinned against you, and since his deeds *have been* very <sup>1</sup>beneficial to you.

5 "For <sup>a</sup>he took his life in his hand and struck the Philistine, and <sup>b</sup>the LORD brought about a great deliverance for all Israel; you saw *it* and rejoiced. <sup>c</sup>Why then will you sin against innocent blood, by putting David to death without a cause?"

6 And Saul listened to the voice of Jonathan, and Saul vowed, "As the LORD lives, he shall not be put to death."

7 Then Jonathan called David, and Jonathan told him all these words. And Jonathan brought David to Saul, and he was in his presence as <sup>a</sup>formerly.

8 When there was war again, David went out and fought with the Philistines, and <sup>1</sup>defeated them with great slaughter, so that they fled before him.

9 Now there was <sup>a</sup>an evil spirit from the LORD on Saul as he was sitting in his house <sup>b</sup>with his spear in his hand, <sup>c</sup>and David was playing *the harp* with *his* hand.

10 <sup>a</sup>And Saul tried to <sup>1</sup>pin David to the wall with the spear, but he slipped away out of Saul's presence, so that he struck the spear into the wall. And David fled and escaped that night.

11 Then <sup>a</sup>Saul sent messengers to David's house to watch him, in order to put him to death in the morning. But Michal, David's wife, told him, saying, "If you do not save your life tonight, tomorrow you will be put to death."

12 <sup>a</sup>So Michal let David down through a window, and he went out and fled and escaped.

13 And Michal took <sup>a</sup>the <sup>1</sup>household idol and laid *it* on the bed, and put a quilt of goats' *hair* at its head, and covered *it* with clothes.

14 When Saul sent messengers to take David, she said, "<sup>a</sup>He is sick."

15 Then Saul sent messengers to see David, saying, "Bring him up to me on <sup>1</sup>his bed, that I may put him to death."

16 When the messengers entered, behold, the <sup>1</sup>household idol *was* on the bed with the quilt of goats' *hair* at its head.

17 So Saul said to Michal, "Why have you deceived me like this and let my enemy go, so that he has escaped?" And Michal said to Saul, "He said to me, 'Let me go! Why should I put you to death?'"

18 Now David fled and escaped and came <sup>a</sup>to Samuel at Ramah, and told him all that Saul had done to him. And he and Samuel went and stayed in <sup>b</sup>Naioth.

**"Is Saul Among the Prophets?"  
Jonathan Befriends David.**

**1 Samuel 19, 20**

19 And it was told Saul, saying, "Behold, David is at Naioth in Ramah."

20 Then <sup>a</sup>Saul sent messengers to take David, but when they saw <sup>b</sup>the company of the prophets prophesying, with Samuel standing *and* presiding over them, the Spirit of God came upon the messengers of Saul; and <sup>c</sup>they also prophesied.

21 And when it was told Saul, he sent other messengers, and they also prophesied. So Saul sent messengers again the third time, and they also prophesied.

22 Then he himself went to Ramah, and came as far as the large well that is in Secu; and he asked and said, "Where are Samuel and David?" And *someone* said, "Behold, they are at Naioth in Ramah."

23 And he <sup>1</sup>proceeded there to Naioth in Ramah; and <sup>a</sup>the Spirit of God came upon him also, so that he went along prophesying continually until he came to Naioth in Ramah.

24 And he also stripped off his clothes, and he too prophesied before Samuel and <sup>1</sup>lay down <sup>2a</sup>naked all that day and all that night. Therefore they say, "<sup>b</sup>Is Saul also among the prophets?"

CHAPTER 20

**T**HEN David fled from Naioth in Ramah, and came and <sup>a</sup>said <sup>1</sup>to Jonathan, "What have I done? What is my iniquity? And what is my sin before your father, that he is seeking my life?"

2 And he said to him, "Far from it, you shall not die. Behold, my father does nothing either great or small <sup>1</sup>without disclosing it to me. So why should my father hide this thing from me? It is not so!"

3 Yet David <sup>a</sup>vowed again, <sup>1</sup>saying, "Your father knows well that I have found favor in your sight, and he has said, 'Do not let Jonathan know this, lest he be grieved.' But truly <sup>b</sup>as the LORD lives and as your soul lives, there is <sup>2</sup>hardly a step between me and death."

4 Then Jonathan said to David, "Whatever <sup>1</sup>you say, I will do for you."

5 So David said to Jonathan, "Behold, tomorrow is <sup>a</sup>the new moon, and I ought <sup>b</sup>to sit down to eat with the king. But let me go, <sup>c</sup>that I may hide myself in the field until the third evening.

6 "If your father misses me at all, then say, 'David earnestly asked *leave* of me to run to <sup>a</sup>Bethlehem his city, because it is <sup>b</sup>the yearly sacrifice there for the whole family.'

7 "If he <sup>1</sup>says, 'It is good,' your servant *shall be* safe; but if he is very angry, know that he has decided on evil.

8 "Therefore deal kindly with your servant, for <sup>a</sup>you have brought your servant into a covenant of the LORD with you. But <sup>b</sup>if there is iniquity in me, put me to death yourself; for why then should you bring me to your father?"

9 And Jonathan said, "Far be it from you! For if I should indeed learn that evil has been decided by my father to come upon you, then would I not tell you about it?"

10 Then David said to Jonathan, "Who will tell me <sup>1</sup>if your father answers you harshly?"

<sup>20</sup> <sup>a</sup>1 Sam. 19:11, 14  
<sup>b</sup>1 Sam. 10:5, 6, 10  
<sup>c</sup>Num. 11:25

<sup>23</sup> <sup>1</sup>Lit., went  
<sup>1</sup>1 Sam. 10:10

<sup>24</sup> <sup>1</sup>Lit., fell <sup>2</sup>i.e., without  
outward garments  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 20:2 <sup>b</sup>1 Sam. 10:10-12

<sup>1</sup> <sup>1</sup>Lit., before  
<sup>1</sup>1 Sam. 24:9

<sup>2</sup> <sup>1</sup>Lit., and he does not  
uncover my ear

<sup>3</sup> <sup>1</sup>Lit., and said <sup>2</sup>Lit.,  
about  
<sup>a</sup>Deut. 6:13 <sup>b</sup>1 Sam. 25:26;  
<sup>2</sup> Kin. 2:6

<sup>4</sup> <sup>1</sup>Lit., your soul says

<sup>5</sup> <sup>a</sup>Num. 10:10; 28:11-15;  
Amos 8:5 <sup>b</sup>1 Sam. 20:24, 27  
<sup>c</sup>1 Sam. 19:2

<sup>6</sup> <sup>a</sup>1 Sam. 17:58  
<sup>b</sup>Deut. 12:5

<sup>7</sup> <sup>1</sup>Lit., says thus

<sup>8</sup> <sup>a</sup>1 Sam. 18:3; 23:18  
<sup>b</sup>2 Sam. 14:32

<sup>10</sup> <sup>1</sup>Lit., or what

12 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *uncover your ear*

13 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *uncover your ear*  
<sup>a</sup>1 Sam. 3:17; Ruth 1:17  
<sup>b</sup>1 Sam. 18:12

15 <sup>a</sup>2 Sam. 9:1

16 <sup>a</sup>Deut. 23:21

17 <sup>a</sup>1 Sam. 18:1

18 <sup>a</sup>1 Sam. 20:5, 25

21 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *there is nothing*

22 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *say thus*  
<sup>a</sup>1 Sam. 20:37

23 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *word*  
<sup>a</sup>1 Sam. 20:14, 15  
<sup>b</sup>Gen. 31:49, 53

25 <sup>a</sup>1 Sam. 20:18

26 <sup>a</sup>1 Sam. 16:5; Lev.  
7:20, 21

28 <sup>a</sup>1 Sam. 20:6

29 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *send me away*

11 And Jonathan said to David, "Come, and let us go out into the field." So both of them went out to the field.

12 Then Jonathan said to David, "The LORD, the God of Israel, *be witness!* When I have sounded out my father about this time tomorrow, or the third day, behold, if there is good *feeling* toward David, shall I not then send to you and <sup>1</sup>make it known to you?"

13 "If it please my father to do you harm, <sup>a</sup>may the LORD do so to Jonathan and more also, if I do not <sup>1</sup>make it known to you and send you away, that you may go in safety. And <sup>b</sup>may the LORD be with you as He has been with my father.

14 "And if I am still alive, will you not show me the lovingkindness of the LORD, that I may not die?"

15 "And <sup>a</sup>you shall not cut off your lovingkindness from my house forever, not even when the LORD cuts off every one of the enemies of David from the face of the earth."

16 So Jonathan made a *covenant* with the house of David, *saying*, "<sup>a</sup>May the LORD require *it* at the hands of David's enemies."

17 And Jonathan made David vow again because of his love for him, because <sup>a</sup>he loved him as he loved his own life.

18 Then Jonathan said to him, "<sup>a</sup>Tomorrow is the new moon, and you will be missed because your seat will be empty.

19 "When you have stayed for three days, you shall go down quickly and come to the place where you hid yourself on that eventful day, and you shall remain by the stone Ezel.

20 "And I will shoot three arrows to the side, as though I shot at a target.

21 "And behold, I will send the lad, *saying*, 'Go, find the arrows.' If I specifically say to the lad, 'Behold, the arrows are on this side of you, get them,' then come; for there is safety for you and <sup>1</sup>no harm, as the LORD lives.

22 "But if I <sup>1</sup>say to the youth, '<sup>a</sup>Behold, the arrows are beyond you,' go, for the LORD has sent you away."

23 "<sup>a</sup>As for the <sup>1</sup>agreement of which you and I have spoken, behold, <sup>b</sup>the LORD is between you and me forever."

24 So David hid in the field; and when the new moon came, the king sat down to eat food.

25 And the king sat on his seat as usual, the seat by the wall; then Jonathan rose up and Abner sat down by Saul's side, but <sup>a</sup>David's place was empty.

26 Nevertheless Saul did not speak anything that day, for he thought, "It is an accident, <sup>a</sup>he is not clean, surely *he* is not clean."

27 And it came about the next day, the second *day* of the new moon, that David's place was empty; so Saul said to Jonathan his son, "Why has the son of Jesse not come to the meal, either yesterday or today?"

28 Jonathan then answered Saul, "<sup>a</sup>David earnestly asked leave of me *to go* to Bethlehem,

29 for he said, 'Please <sup>1</sup>let me go, since our family has a sacrifice in the city, and my brother has commanded me to attend. And now, if I have found favor in your sight, please let me get away that I may see my brothers.' For this reason he has not come to the king's table."

30 Then Saul's anger burned against Jonathan and he said



to him, "You son of a perverse, rebellious woman! Do I not know that you are choosing the son of Jesse to your own shame and to the shame of your mother's nakedness?"

31 "For <sup>1</sup>as long as the son of Jesse lives on the earth, neither you nor your kingdom will be established. Therefore now, send and bring him to me, for <sup>2</sup>he <sup>2</sup>must surely die."

32 But Jonathan answered Saul his father and said to him, "<sup>a</sup>Why should he be put to death? What has he done?"

33 Then <sup>a</sup>Saul hurled his spear at him to strike him down; <sup>b</sup>so Jonathan knew that his father had decided to put David to death.

34 Then Jonathan arose from the table in fierce anger, and did not eat food on the second day of the new moon, for he was grieved over David because his father had dishonored him.

35 Now it came about in the morning that Jonathan went out into the field for the appointment with David, and a little lad was with him.

36 And he said to his lad, "<sup>a</sup>Run, find now the arrows which I am about to shoot." As the lad was running, he shot <sup>1</sup>an arrow past him.

37 When the lad reached the place of the arrow which Jonathan had shot, Jonathan called after the lad, and said, "<sup>a</sup>Is not the arrow beyond you?"

38 And Jonathan called after the lad, "Hurry, be quick, do not stay!" And Jonathan's lad picked up the arrow and came to his master.

39 But the lad was not aware of anything; only Jonathan and David knew about the matter.

40 Then Jonathan gave his weapons to his lad and said to him, "Go, bring *them* to the city."

41 When the lad was gone, David rose from the south side and fell on his face to the ground, and <sup>a</sup>bowed three times. And they kissed each other and wept together, but <sup>b</sup>David more.

42 And Jonathan said to David, "<sup>a</sup>Go in safety, inasmuch as we have sworn to each other in the name of the LORD, saying, <sup>b</sup>The LORD will be between me and you, and between my <sup>1</sup>descendants and your <sup>1</sup>descendants forever.'" <sup>2</sup>Then he rose and departed, while Jonathan went into the city.

## CHAPTER 21

**T**HEN David came to <sup>a</sup>Nob to <sup>b</sup>Ahimelech the priest; and <sup>c</sup>Ahimelech came trembling to meet David, and said to him, "Why are you alone and no one with you?"

2 And David said to Ahimelech the priest, "The king has commissioned me with a matter, and has said to me, 'Let no one know anything about the matter on which I am sending you and with which I have commissioned you; and I have <sup>1</sup>directed the young men to a certain place.'

3 "Now therefore, what <sup>1</sup>do you have on hand? Give <sup>2</sup>me five loaves of bread, or whatever can be found."

4 And the priest answered David and said, "There is no ordinary bread <sup>1</sup>on hand, but there is <sup>a</sup>consecrated bread; if only the young men have kept themselves from women."

31 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *all the days which* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *is a son of death*  
<sup>2</sup>2 Sam. 12:5

32 <sup>1</sup>1 Sam. 19:5

33 <sup>1</sup>1 Sam. 18:11; 19:10  
<sup>b</sup>1 Sam. 20:7

36 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *the*  
<sup>1</sup>1 Sam. 20:20, 21

37 <sup>1</sup>1 Sam. 20:22

41 <sup>a</sup>Gen. 42:6 <sup>b</sup>1 Sam. 18:3

42 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *seed* <sup>2</sup>Chap. 21:1 in Heb.  
<sup>1</sup>1 Sam. 20:22  
<sup>b</sup>1 Sam. 20:15, 16, 23

1 <sup>1</sup>1 Sam. 22:19  
<sup>b</sup>1 Sam. 14:3; Mark 2:26  
<sup>c</sup>1 Sam. 16:4

2 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *caused to know*

3 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *is under your hand?* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *in my hand*

4 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *under my hand*  
<sup>2</sup>Lev. 24:5-9; Matt. 12:4

1 Samuel 21, 22

5 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *it be holy in the vessel*  
<sup>a</sup>Ex. 19:14, 15

6 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 12:3, 4;  
Mark 2:25

7 <sup>a</sup>1 Sam. 14:47; 22:9;  
Ps. 52: title <sup>b</sup>1 Chr. 27:29;  
31

8 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *under your hand*  
<sup>2</sup>Lit., *in my hand*

9 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *smote*  
<sup>a</sup>1 Sam. 17:54 <sup>b</sup>1 Sam. 17:2

10 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 34:title

11 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 56:title  
<sup>b</sup>1 Sam. 18:7; 29:5

12 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *in his*  
<sup>a</sup>Luke 2:19

13 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 34:title

1 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 57:title; 142:title  
<sup>b</sup>Josh. 12:15; 15:35;  
2 Sam. 23:13

2 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *had a creditor*  
<sup>2</sup>Lit., *bitter of soul*  
<sup>a</sup>1 Sam. 23:13; 25:13

5 <sup>a</sup>2 Sam. 24:11;  
1 Chr. 29:29; 2 Chr. 29:25

5 And David answered the priest and said to him, “<sup>a</sup>Surely women have been kept from us as previously when I set out and the vessels of the young men were holy, though it was an ordinary journey; how much more then today will <sup>1</sup>their vessels *be holy?*”

6 So <sup>a</sup>the priest gave him consecrated *bread*; for there was no bread there but the bread of the Presence which was removed from before the LORD, in order to put hot bread *in its place* when it was taken away.

7 Now one of the servants of Saul was there that day, detained before the LORD; and his name was <sup>a</sup>Doeg the Edomite, the <sup>b</sup>chief of Saul’s shepherds.

8 And David said to Ahimelech, “Now is there not a spear or a sword <sup>1</sup>on hand? For I brought neither my sword nor my weapons <sup>2</sup>with me, because the king’s matter was urgent.”

9 Then the priest said, “<sup>a</sup>The sword of Goliath the Philistine, whom you <sup>1</sup>killed <sup>b</sup>in the valley of Elah, behold, it is wrapped in a cloth behind the ephod; if you would take it for yourself, take *it*. For there is no other except it here.” And David said, “There is none like it; give it to me.”

10 Then David arose and fled that day from Saul, and went to <sup>a</sup>Achish king of Gath.

11 But the <sup>a</sup>servants of Achish said to him, “Is this not David the king of the land? <sup>b</sup>Did they not sing of this one as they danced, saying,

‘Saul has slain his thousands,  
And David his ten thousands?’”

12 And David <sup>a</sup>took these words <sup>1</sup>to heart, and greatly feared Achish king of Gath.

13 So he <sup>a</sup>disguised his sanity before them, and acted insanely in their hands, and scribbled on the doors of the gate, and let his saliva run down into his beard.

14 Then Achish said to his servants, “Behold, you see the man behaving as a madman. Why do you bring him to me?”

15 “Do I lack madmen, that you have brought this one to act the madman in my presence? Shall this one come into my house?”

CHAPTER 22

SO David departed from there and <sup>a</sup>escaped to <sup>b</sup>the cave of Adullam; and when his brothers and all his father’s household heard *of it*, they went down there to him.

2 And everyone who was in distress, and everyone who <sup>1</sup>was in debt, and everyone who was <sup>2</sup>discontented, gathered to him; and he became captain over them. Now there were <sup>a</sup>about four hundred men with him.

3 And David went from there to Mizpah of Moab; and he said to the king of Moab, “Please let my father and my mother come *and stay* with you until I know what God will do for me.”

4 Then he left them with the king of Moab; and they stayed with him all the time that David was in the stronghold.

5 And <sup>a</sup>the prophet Gad said to David, “Do not stay in the stronghold; depart, and go into the land of Judah.” So David departed and went into the forest of Hereth.

6 Then Saul heard that David and the men who were with him had been discovered. Now <sup>a</sup>Saul was sitting in Gibeah, under the tamarisk tree on the height with his spear in his hand, and all his servants were standing around him.

7 And Saul said to his servants who stood around him, "Hear now, O Benjamites! Will the son of Jesse also give to all of you fields and vineyards? <sup>a</sup>Will he make you all commanders of thousands and commanders of hundreds?"

8 "For all of you have conspired against me so that there is no one who <sup>1</sup>discloses to me <sup>a</sup>when my son makes *a covenant* with the son of Jesse, and there is none of you <sup>b</sup>who is sorry for me or <sup>1</sup>discloses to me that my son has stirred up my servant against me to lie in ambush, as *it is this day.*"

9 Then <sup>a</sup>Doeg the Edomite, who was <sup>1</sup>standing by the servants of Saul, answered and said, "<sup>b</sup>I saw the son of Jesse coming to Nob, to <sup>c</sup>Ahimelech the son of Ahitub.

10 "And <sup>a</sup>he inquired of the LORD for him, <sup>b</sup>gave him provisions, and <sup>c</sup>gave him the sword of Goliath the Philistine."

11 Then the king sent someone to summon Ahimelech the priest, the son of Ahitub, and all his father's household, the priests who were in Nob; and all of them came to the king.

12 And Saul said, "Listen now, son of Ahitub." And he <sup>1</sup>answered, "Here I am, my lord."

13 Saul then said to him, "Why have you and the son of Jesse conspired against me, in that you have given him bread and a sword and have inquired of God for him, that he should rise up against me <sup>a</sup>by lying in ambush as *it is this day?*"

14 <sup>a</sup>Then Ahimelech answered the king and said, "And who among all your servants is as faithful as David, even the king's son-in-law, who <sup>1</sup>is captain over your guard, and is honored in your house?"

15 "Did I *just* begin <sup>a</sup>to inquire of God for him today? Far be it from me! Do not let the king impute anything to his servant or to any of the household of my father, for your servant knows nothing <sup>1</sup>at all of this whole affair."

16 But the king said, "You shall surely die, Ahimelech, you and all your father's household!"

17 And <sup>a</sup>the king said to the <sup>1</sup>guards who were attending him, "Turn around and put the priests of the LORD to death, because their hand also is with David and because they knew that he was fleeing and did not <sup>2</sup>reveal it to me." But the servants of the king were not willing to put forth their hands to <sup>1</sup>attack the priests of the LORD.

18 Then the king said to Doeg, "You turn around and <sup>1</sup>attack the priests." And Doeg the Edomite turned around and <sup>2</sup>attacked the priests, and <sup>a</sup>he killed that day eighty-five men <sup>b</sup>who wore the linen ephod.

19 And <sup>a</sup>he struck Nob the city of the priests with the edge of the sword, both men and women, children and infants; also oxen, donkeys, and sheep, *he struck* with the edge of the sword.

20 But <sup>a</sup>one son of Ahimelech, the son of Ahitub named Abiathar, <sup>b</sup>escaped and fled after David.

21 And Abiathar told David that Saul had killed the priests of the LORD.

22 Then David said to Abiathar, "I knew on that day, when

6 <sup>a</sup>1 Sam. 14:2; Judg. 4:5

7 <sup>a</sup>1 Sam. 8:14;  
1 Chr. 12:16-18

8 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *uncovers my ear*  
<sup>a</sup>1 Sam. 18:3; 20:16  
<sup>b</sup>1 Sam. 23:21

9 <sup>1</sup>Or, *set over*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 52:title <sup>b</sup>1 Sam. 21:1  
<sup>c</sup>1 Sam. 14:3; 21:1

10 <sup>a</sup>1 Sam. 10:22  
<sup>b</sup>1 Sam. 21:6, 9 <sup>c</sup>1 Sam. 21:9

12 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *said*

13 <sup>a</sup>1 Sam. 22:8

14 <sup>1</sup>So with Gk., Heb.,  
*turns aside to*  
<sup>a</sup>1 Sam. 19:4, 5; 20:32

15 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *small or great*  
<sup>a</sup>2 Sam. 5:19, 23

17 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *runners* <sup>2</sup>Lit.,  
*uncover my ear* <sup>3</sup>Lit., *fall upon*  
<sup>a</sup>2 Kin. 10:25; 2 Chr. 12:10

18 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *smite* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *smote*  
<sup>a</sup>1 Sam. 2:31 <sup>b</sup>1 Sam. 2:18

19 <sup>a</sup>1 Sam. 15:3

20 <sup>a</sup>1 Sam. 23:9; 30:7;  
<sup>2</sup>Sam. 2:1; 1 Kin. 2:26, 27  
<sup>b</sup>1 Sam. 2:33

1 Samuel 22, 23

22 <sup>a</sup>1 Sam. 21:7

23 <sup>1</sup>Lit., a charge  
<sup>a</sup>1 Kin. 2:26

1 <sup>a</sup>Josh. 15:44; Neh. 3:17,  
18

2 <sup>1</sup>Lit., smite  
<sup>a</sup>1 Sam. 23:4, 6, 9-12;  
2 Sam. 5:19, 23

4 <sup>a</sup>Josh. 8:7; Judg. 7:7

6 <sup>a</sup>1 Sam. 22:20

7 <sup>1</sup>Lit., alienated

9 <sup>a</sup>1 Sam. 22:20  
<sup>b</sup>1 Sam. 23:6; 30:7

12 <sup>a</sup>1 Sam. 23:20;  
Judg. 15:10-13

13 <sup>1</sup>Lit., ceased going out  
<sup>a</sup>1 Sam. 22:2; 25:13  
<sup>b</sup>2 Sam. 15:20

14 <sup>a</sup>Josh. 15:55;  
2 Chr. 11:8 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 32:7

15 <sup>1</sup>Lit., saw

<sup>a</sup>Doeg the Edomite was there, that he would surely tell Saul. I have brought about *the death* of every person in your father's household.

23 "Stay with me, do not be afraid, for <sup>a</sup>he who seeks my life seeks your life; for you are <sup>1</sup>safe with me."

CHAPTER 23

**T**HEN they told David, saying, "Behold, the Philistines are fighting against <sup>a</sup>Keilah, and are plundering the threshing floors."

2 So David <sup>a</sup>inquired of the LORD, saying, "Shall I go and <sup>1</sup>attack these Philistines?" And the LORD said to David, "Go and <sup>1</sup>attack the Philistines, and deliver Keilah."

3 But David's men said to him, "Behold, we are afraid here in Judah. How much more then if we go to Keilah against the ranks of the Philistines?"

4 Then David inquired of the LORD once more. And the LORD answered him and said, "Arise, go down to Keilah, for <sup>a</sup>I will give the Philistines into your hand."

5 So David and his men went to Keilah and fought with the Philistines; and he led away their livestock and struck them with a great slaughter. Thus David delivered the inhabitants of Keilah.

6 Now it came about, when Abiathar the son of Ahimelech <sup>a</sup>fled to David at Keilah, *that* he came down *with* an ephod in his hand.

7 When it was told Saul that David had come to Keilah, Saul said, "God has <sup>1</sup>delivered him into my hand, for he shut himself in by entering a city with double gates and bars."

8 So Saul summoned all the people for war, to go down to Keilah to besiege David and his men.

9 Now David knew that Saul was plotting evil against him; so he said to <sup>a</sup>Abiathar the priest, "<sup>b</sup>Bring the ephod here."

10 Then David said, "O LORD God of Israel, Thy servant has heard for certain that Saul is seeking to come to Keilah to destroy the city on my account.

11 "Will the men of Keilah surrender me into his hand? Will Saul come down just as Thy servant has heard? O LORD God of Israel, I pray, tell Thy servant." And the LORD said, "He will come down."

12 Then David said, "Will the men of Keilah surrender me and my men into the hand of Saul?" And the LORD said, "<sup>a</sup>They will surrender you."

13 Then David and his men, <sup>a</sup>about six hundred, arose and departed from Keilah, and they went <sup>b</sup>wherever they could go. When it was told Saul that David had escaped from Keilah, he <sup>1</sup>gave up the pursuit.

14 And David stayed in the wilderness in the strongholds, and remained in the hill country in the wilderness of <sup>a</sup>Ziph. And Saul sought him every day, but <sup>b</sup>God did not deliver him into his hand.

15 Now David <sup>1</sup>became aware that Saul had come out to seek his life while David was in the wilderness of Ziph at Horesh.

16 And Jonathan, Saul's son, arose and went to David at Horesh, and <sup>1a</sup>encouraged him in God.

17 Thus he said to him, "Do not be afraid, because the hand of Saul my father shall not find you, and you will be king over Israel and I will be next to you; and <sup>a</sup>Saul my father knows that also."

18 So <sup>a</sup>the two of them made a covenant before the LORD; and David stayed at Horesh while Jonathan went to his house.

19 Then <sup>a</sup>Ziphites came up to Saul at Gibeah, saying, "Is David not hiding with us in the strongholds at Horesh, on <sup>b</sup>the hill of Hachilah, which is on the <sup>1</sup>south of <sup>2</sup>Jeshimon?"

20 "Now then, O king, come down according to all the desire of your soul to <sup>1</sup>do so; and <sup>a</sup>our part *shall be* to surrender him into the king's hand."

21 And Saul said, "May you be blessed of the LORD; <sup>a</sup>for you have had compassion on me.

22 "Go now, make more sure, and investigate and see his place where his <sup>1</sup>haunt is, *and* who has seen him there; for I am told that he is very cunning.

23 "So look, and learn about all the hiding places where he hides himself, and return to me with certainty, and I will go with you; and it shall come about if he is in the land that I will search him out among all the thousands of Judah."

24 Then they arose and went to Ziph before Saul. Now David and his men were in the wilderness of <sup>a</sup>Maon, in the Arabah to the <sup>1</sup>south of <sup>2</sup>Jeshimon.

25 When Saul and his men went to seek *him*, they told David, and he came down to the rock and stayed in the wilderness of Maon. And when Saul heard *it*, he pursued David in the wilderness of Maon.

26 And Saul went on one side of the mountain, and David and his men on the other side of the mountain; and David was hurrying to get away from Saul, for Saul and his men <sup>a</sup>were surrounding David and his men to seize them.

27 But a messenger came to Saul, saying, "Hurry and come, for the Philistines have made a raid on the land."

28 So Saul returned from pursuing David, and went to meet the Philistines; therefore they called that place <sup>1</sup>the Rock of Escape.

29 <sup>1</sup>And David went up from there and stayed in the strongholds of <sup>a</sup>Engedi.

## CHAPTER 24

**N**OW it came about <sup>a</sup>when Saul returned from pursuing the Philistines, <sup>b</sup>he was told, saying, "Behold, David is in the wilderness of Engedi."

2 Then <sup>a</sup>Saul took three thousand chosen men from all Israel, and went to seek David and his men in front of the Rocks of the Wild Goats.

3 And he came to the sheepfolds on the way, where there was a cave; and Saul <sup>a</sup>went in to <sup>1</sup>relieve himself. Now <sup>b</sup>David and his men were sitting in the inner recesses of the cave.

16 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *strengthened his hand*  
<sup>a</sup>1 Sam. 30:6; Neh. 2:18

17 <sup>a</sup>1 Sam. 20:31; 24:20

18 <sup>a</sup>1 Sam. 18:3; 20:12-17; 2 Sam. 9:1

19 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *right side* <sup>2</sup>Or, *the desert*  
<sup>a</sup>1 Sam. 26:1; Ps. 51:title  
<sup>b</sup>1 Sam. 26:3

20 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *come down*  
<sup>a</sup>1 Sam. 23:12

21 <sup>a</sup>1 Sam. 22:8

22 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *foot*

24 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *right side* <sup>2</sup>Or, *the desert*  
<sup>a</sup>1 Sam. 25:2; Josh. 15:55

26 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 17:9

28 <sup>1</sup>Heb., *Sela-hammahlekoth*

29 <sup>1</sup>Chap. 24:1 in Heb.  
<sup>a</sup>Josh. 15:62; 2 Chr. 20:2

1 <sup>a</sup>1 Sam. 23:28, 29  
<sup>b</sup>1 Sam. 23:19

2 <sup>a</sup>1 Sam. 26:2

3 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *cover his feet*  
<sup>a</sup>Judg. 3:24 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 57:title; 142:title

4 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *in your sight*  
<sup>a</sup>1 Sam. 23:17; 25:28-30

5 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *heart struck*  
<sup>a</sup>2 Sam. 24:10

6 <sup>a</sup>1 Sam. 26:11

7 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *tore apart* <sup>2</sup>Lit.,  
*from*

8 <sup>a</sup>1 Sam. 25:23, 24;  
<sup>1</sup> Kin. 1:31

9 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *your hurt*

10 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 7:3, 4 <sup>b</sup>1 Sam. 24:4

11 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *transgression*  
<sup>a</sup>2 Kin. 5:13 <sup>b</sup>1 Sam. 23:14,  
 23; 26:20

12 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *me and you*  
<sup>a</sup>1 Sam. 26:10, 23;  
 Gen. 31:53; Judg. 11:27

13 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 7:16-20

14 <sup>a</sup>1 Sam. 26:20

15 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *me and you*  
<sup>2</sup>Lit., *vindicate*  
<sup>a</sup>1 Sam. 24:12 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 35:1

16 <sup>a</sup>1 Sam. 26:17

17 <sup>a</sup>1 Sam. 26:21  
<sup>b</sup>Matt. 5:44

18 <sup>a</sup>1 Sam. 26:23

19 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *on a good road*  
<sup>a</sup>1 Sam. 23:17

20 <sup>a</sup>1 Sam. 23:17  
<sup>b</sup>1 Sam. 13:14

4 And the men of David said to him, "Behold, <sup>a</sup>*this is* the day of which the LORD said to you, 'Behold; I am about to give your enemy into your hand, and you shall do to him as it seems good <sup>1</sup>to you.'" Then David arose and cut off the edge of Saul's robe secretly.

5 And it came about afterward that <sup>a</sup>David's <sup>1</sup>conscience bothered him because he had cut off the edge of Saul's robe.

6 So he said to his men, "Far be it from me because of the LORD that I should do this thing to my lord, the LORD's anointed, to stretch out my hand against him, since he is the LORD's anointed."

7 And David <sup>1</sup>persuaded his men with *these* words and did not allow them to rise up against Saul. And Saul arose, <sup>2</sup>left the cave, and went on *his* way.

8 Now afterward David arose and went out of the cave and called after Saul, saying, "My lord the king!" And when Saul looked behind him, <sup>a</sup>David bowed with his face to the ground and prostrated himself.

9 And David said to Saul, "Why do you listen to the words of men, saying, 'Behold, David seeks <sup>1</sup>to harm you'?"

10 "Behold, this day your eyes have seen that the LORD had given you today into my hand in the cave, and <sup>b</sup>some said to kill you, but *my eye* had pity on you; and I said, 'I will not stretch out my hand against my lord, for he is the LORD's anointed.'

11 "Now, <sup>a</sup>my father, see! Indeed, see the edge of your robe in my hand! For in that I cut off the edge of your robe and did not kill you, know and perceive that there is no evil or <sup>1</sup>rebellion in my hands, and I have not sinned against you, though you <sup>b</sup>are lying in wait for my life to take it.

12 "May the LORD judge between <sup>1</sup>you and me, and may the LORD avenge me on you; but my hand shall not be against you.

13 "As the proverb of the ancients says, <sup>a</sup>'Out of the wicked comes forth wickedness'; but my hand shall not be against you.

14 "After whom has the king of Israel come out? After whom are you pursuing? After a dead dog, <sup>a</sup>after a single flea?

15 "The LORD therefore be judge and decide between <sup>1</sup>you and me; and may He see and <sup>b</sup>plead my cause, and <sup>2</sup>deliver me from your hand."

16 Now it came about when David had finished speaking these words to Saul, that Saul said, "Is this your voice, my son David?" Then Saul lifted up his voice and wept.

17 <sup>a</sup>And he said to David, "You are more righteous than I; for <sup>b</sup>you have dealt well with me, while I have dealt wickedly with you.

18 "And you have declared today that you have done good to me, that <sup>a</sup>the LORD delivered me into your hand and *yet* you did not kill me.

19 "For if a man <sup>a</sup>finds his enemy, will he let him go away <sup>1</sup>safely? May the LORD therefore reward you with good in return for what you have done to me this day.

20 "And now, behold, <sup>a</sup>I know that you shall surely be king, and that <sup>b</sup>the kingdom of Israel shall be established in your hand.

21 "So now <sup>a</sup>swear to me by the LORD that you will not cut off my <sup>b</sup>descendants after me, and that you will not destroy my name from my father's household."

22 And David swore to Saul. And Saul went to his home, but David and his men went up to <sup>a</sup>the stronghold.

CHAPTER 25

<sup>a</sup>THEN Samuel died; and all Israel gathered together and <sup>b</sup>mourned for him, and <sup>c</sup>buried him at his house in Ramah. And David arose and went down to the <sup>d</sup>wilderness of Paran.

2 Now *there was* a man in <sup>a</sup>Maon whose business was in <sup>b</sup>Carmel; and the man was <sup>c</sup>very <sup>1</sup>rich, and he had three thousand sheep and a thousand goats. And it came about while <sup>d</sup>he was shearing his sheep in Carmel

3 (now the man's name was Nabal, and his wife's name was Abigail. And the woman was <sup>1</sup>intelligent and beautiful in appearance, but the man was harsh and evil in *his* dealings, and he was <sup>a</sup>a Calebite),

4 that David heard in the wilderness that Nabal was shearing his sheep.

5 So David sent ten young men, and David said to the young men, "Go up to Carmel, <sup>1</sup>visit Nabal and greet him in my name;

6 and thus you shall say, "<sup>1</sup>Have a long life, <sup>a</sup>peace be to you, and peace be to your house, and peace be to all that you have.

7 'And now I have heard <sup>a</sup>that you have shearers; now your shepherds have been with us and we have not insulted them, <sup>b</sup>nor have they missed anything all the days they were in Carmel.

8 'Ask your young men and they will tell you. Therefore let *my* young men find favor in your eyes, for we have come on <sup>a</sup>a <sup>1</sup>festive day. Please give whatever you find at hand to your servants and to your son David.' "

9 When David's young men came, they spoke to Nabal according to all these words in David's name; then they waited.

10 But Nabal answered David's servants, and said, "<sup>a</sup>Who is David? And who is the son of Jesse? There are many servants today who are each breaking away from his master.

11 "Shall I then take my bread and my water and my meat that I have slaughtered for my shearers, and give it to men <sup>1</sup>whose origin I do not know?"

12 So David's young men retraced their way and went back; and they came and told him according to all these words.

13 And David said to his men, "*Each of you* gird on his sword." So each man girded on his sword. And David also girded on his sword, and about <sup>a</sup>four hundred men went up behind David while two hundred <sup>b</sup>stayed with the baggage.

14 But one of the young men told Abigail, Nabal's wife, saying, "Behold, David sent messengers from the wilderness to <sup>1</sup>greet our master, and he scorned them.

15 "Yet the men were very good to us, and we were not <sup>a</sup>insulted, nor did we miss anything <sup>1</sup>as long as we went about with them, while we were in the fields.

16 "<sup>a</sup>They were a wall to us both by night and by day, all the time we were with them tending the sheep.

21 <sup>1</sup>Lit., seed  
<sup>a</sup>1 Sam. 20:14-17;  
Gen. 21:23; 2 Sam. 21:6-8

22 <sup>a</sup>1 Sam. 23:29

1 <sup>a</sup>1 Sam. 28:3  
<sup>b</sup>Deut. 34:8 <sup>c</sup>2 Kin. 21:18;  
<sup>d</sup>2 Chr. 33:20 <sup>e</sup>Gen. 21:21;  
Num. 10:12; 13:3

2 <sup>1</sup>Lit., great  
<sup>a</sup>1 Sam. 23:24 <sup>b</sup>Josh. 15:55  
<sup>c</sup>2 Sam. 19:32 <sup>d</sup>2 Sam. 13:23

3 <sup>1</sup>Lit., of good understanding  
<sup>a</sup>1 Sam. 30:14; Josh. 15:13

5 <sup>1</sup>Lit., go into

6 <sup>1</sup>Lit., to life  
<sup>a</sup>1 Chr. 12:18

7 <sup>a</sup>2 Sam. 13:23, 24  
<sup>b</sup>1 Sam. 15:21

8 <sup>1</sup>Lit., good  
<sup>a</sup>Neh. 8:10-12

10 <sup>a</sup>Judg. 9:28

11 <sup>1</sup>Lit., from where they are

13 <sup>a</sup>1 Sam. 23:13  
<sup>b</sup>1 Chr. 30:24

14 <sup>1</sup>Lit., bless  
<sup>a</sup>1 Sam. 13:10; 15:13

15 <sup>1</sup>Lit., all the days  
<sup>a</sup>1 Sam. 25:7, 21

16 <sup>a</sup>Ex. 14:22

17 <sup>1</sup>Lit., see <sup>2</sup>Lit., son of Belial

18 <sup>2</sup> Sam. 16:1;  
1 Chr. 12:40

19 <sup>3</sup> Gen. 32:16, 20

22 <sup>1</sup>Lit., who urinates against the wall  
<sup>2</sup>1 Sam. 3:17; 20:13  
<sup>3</sup>1 Kin. 14:10

23 <sup>2</sup>1 Sam. 20:41

24 <sup>1</sup>Lit., even me <sup>2</sup>Lit., in your ears

25 <sup>1</sup>Lit., set his heart to <sup>2</sup>Lit., man of Belial <sup>3</sup>i.e., Fool

26 <sup>1</sup>Lit., coming in with blood <sup>2</sup>Lit., saving  
<sup>3</sup>Heb. 10:30 <sup>4</sup>2 Sam. 18:32

27 <sup>1</sup>Lit., blessing <sup>2</sup>Lit., walk at the feet of  
<sup>3</sup>1 Sam. 30:26; Gen. 33:11

28 <sup>2</sup>1 Sam. 25:24  
<sup>3</sup>1 Sam. 22:14; 2 Sam. 7:16  
<sup>4</sup>1 Sam. 18:17  
<sup>5</sup>1 Sam. 24:11; Ps. 7:3

29 <sup>1</sup>Lit., soul <sup>2</sup>Lit., in the midst  
<sup>3</sup>Jer. 10:18

30 <sup>2</sup>1 Sam. 13:14

31 <sup>1</sup>Lit., become staggering to you or a stumbling of the heart  
<sup>2</sup>Lit., saved  
<sup>3</sup>1 Sam. 25:30; Gen. 40:14

17 "Now therefore know and <sup>1</sup>consider what you should do, for evil is plotted against our master and against all his household; and he is such a <sup>2</sup>worthless man that no one can speak to him."

18 Then Abigail hurried and <sup>a</sup>took two hundred loaves of bread and two jugs of wine and five sheep already prepared and five measures of roasted grain and a hundred clusters of raisins and two hundred cakes of figs, and loaded *them* on donkeys.

19 And she said to her young men, "<sup>a</sup>Go on before me; behold, I am coming after you." But she did not tell her husband Nabal.

20 And it came about as she was riding on her donkey and coming down by the hidden part of the mountain, that behold, David and his men were coming down toward her; so she met them.

21 Now David had said, "Surely in vain I have guarded all that this *man* has in the wilderness, so that nothing was missed of all that belonged to him; and he has returned me evil for good.

22 "<sup>a</sup>May God do so to the enemies of David, and more also, <sup>b</sup>if by morning I leave *as much as* one <sup>1</sup>male of any who belong to him."

23 When Abigail saw David, she hurried and dismounted from her donkey, and fell on her face before David, <sup>a</sup>and bowed herself to the ground.

24 And she fell at his feet and said, "On me <sup>1</sup>alone, my lord, be the blame. And please let your maidservant speak <sup>2</sup>to you, and listen to the words of your maidservant.

25 "Please do not let my lord <sup>1</sup>pay attention to this <sup>2</sup>worthless man, Nabal, for as his name is, so is he. <sup>3</sup>Nabal is his name and folly is with him; but I your maidservant did not see the young men of my lord whom you sent.

26 "Now therefore, my lord, as the LORD lives, and as your soul lives, since the LORD has restrained you from <sup>1</sup>shedding blood, and <sup>a</sup>from <sup>2</sup>avenging yourself by your own hand, now then <sup>b</sup>let your enemies, and those who seek evil against my lord, be as Nabal.

27 "And now let <sup>a</sup>this <sup>1</sup>gift which your maidservant has brought to my lord be given to the young men who <sup>2</sup>accompany my lord.

28 "Please forgive <sup>a</sup>the transgression of your maidservant; for <sup>b</sup>the LORD will certainly make for my lord an enduring house, because my lord is <sup>c</sup>fighting the battles of the LORD, and <sup>d</sup>evil shall not be found in you all your days.

29 "And should anyone rise up to pursue you and to seek your <sup>1</sup>life, then the <sup>1</sup>life of my lord shall be bound in the bundle of the living with the LORD your God; but the <sup>1</sup>lives of your enemies <sup>a</sup>He will sling out <sup>2</sup>as from the hollow of a sling.

30 "And it shall come about when the LORD shall do for my lord according to all the good that He has spoken concerning you, and <sup>a</sup>shall appoint you ruler over Israel,

31 that this will not <sup>1</sup>cause grief or a troubled heart to my lord, both by having shed blood without cause and by my lord having <sup>2</sup>avenged himself. <sup>a</sup>When the LORD shall deal well with my lord, then remember your maidservant."



**32** Then David said to Abigail, <sup>a</sup>"Blessed be the LORD God of Israel, who sent you this day to meet me,

**33** and blessed be your discernment, and blessed be you, <sup>a</sup>who have kept me this day from <sup>1</sup>bloodshed, and from <sup>2</sup>avenging myself by my own hand.

**34** "Nevertheless, as the LORD God of Israel lives, <sup>a</sup>who has restrained me from harming you, unless you had come quickly to meet me, surely there would not have been left to Nabal until the morning light *as much as one* <sup>1</sup>male."

**35** So David received from her hand what she had brought him, and he said to her, <sup>a</sup>"Go up to your house in peace. See, I have listened to <sup>1</sup>you and <sup>2</sup>granted your request."

**36** Then Abigail came to Nabal, and behold, he was holding <sup>a</sup>a feast in his house, like the feast of a king. And Nabal's heart was merry within him, for he was very drunk; so <sup>b</sup>she did not tell him anything <sup>1</sup>at all until the morning light.

**37** But it came about in the morning, when the wine had gone out of Nabal, that his wife told him these things, and his heart died within him so that he became *as a stone*.

**38** And about ten days later, it happened that <sup>a</sup>the LORD struck Nabal, and he died.

**39** When David heard that Nabal was dead, he said, "Blessed be the LORD, who has <sup>a</sup>pleaded the cause of my reproach from the hand of Nabal, and <sup>b</sup>has kept back His servant from evil. <sup>c</sup>The LORD has also returned the evildoing of Nabal on his own head." Then David sent <sup>1</sup>da proposal to Abigail, to take her as his wife.

**40** When the servants of David came to Abigail at Carmel, they spoke to her, saying, "David has sent us to you, to take you as his wife."

**41** And she arose <sup>a</sup>and bowed with her face to the ground and said, "Behold, your maidservant is a maid <sup>b</sup>to wash the feet of my lord's servants."

**42** Then <sup>a</sup>Abigail quickly arose, and rode on a donkey, with her five maidens who <sup>1</sup>attended her; and she followed the messengers of David, and became his wife.

**43** David had also taken Ahinoam of <sup>a</sup>Jezreel, and they both became his wives.

**44** Now Saul had given <sup>a</sup>Michal his daughter, David's wife, to Palti the son of Laish, who was from <sup>b</sup>Gallim.

CHAPTER 26

**T**HEN the Ziphites came to Saul at Gibeah, saying, <sup>a</sup>"Is not David hiding on the hill of Hachilah, *which is before* <sup>1</sup>Jeshimon?"

**2** So Saul arose and went down to the wilderness of Ziph, having with him <sup>a</sup>three thousand chosen men of Israel, to search for David in the wilderness of Ziph.

**3** And Saul camped in the hill of Hachilah, which is before <sup>1</sup>Jeshimon, <sup>a</sup>beside the road, and David was staying in the wilderness. When <sup>b</sup>he saw that Saul came after him into the wilderness,

**4** David sent out spies, and he knew that Saul was definitely coming.

**5** David then arose and came to the place where Saul had

32 <sup>a</sup>Ex. 18:10

33 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *coming in with blood* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *saving*  
<sup>1</sup>1 Sam. 25:26

34 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *who urinates against the wall*  
<sup>1</sup>1 Sam. 25:26

35 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *your voice* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *lifted up your face*  
<sup>1</sup>1 Sam. 20:42; 2 Kin. 5:19  
<sup>b</sup>Gen. 19:21

36 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *small or large*  
<sup>2</sup>2 Sam. 13:23 <sup>b</sup>1 Sam. 25:19

38 <sup>a</sup>1 Sam. 26:10

39 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *and spoke*  
<sup>a</sup>1 Sam. 24:15 <sup>b</sup>1 Sam. 26:34  
<sup>c</sup>2 Sam. 3:28, 29 <sup>d</sup>Song of Sol. 8:8

41 <sup>a</sup>1 Sam. 25:23  
<sup>b</sup>Mark 1:7

42 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *walked at her feet*  
<sup>a</sup>Gen. 24:61-67

43 <sup>a</sup>Josh. 15:56

44 <sup>a</sup>1 Sam. 18:27;  
2 Sam. 3:14 <sup>b</sup>Is. 10:31

1 <sup>1</sup>Or, *the desert*  
<sup>a</sup>1 Sam. 23:19; Ps. 54: title

2 <sup>a</sup>1 Sam. 13:2; 24:2

3 <sup>1</sup>Or, *the desert*  
<sup>a</sup>1 Sam. 24:3 <sup>b</sup>1 Sam. 23:15

5 <sup>a</sup>1 Sam. 14:50, 51; 17:55

6 <sup>a</sup>Gen. 23:3; 26:34;  
Josh. 3:10; 1 Kin. 10:29;  
2 Kin. 7:6 <sup>b</sup>1 Chr. 2:15, 16  
<sup>c</sup>Judg. 7:10, 11

8 <sup>1</sup>Lit., even into <sup>2</sup>Lit.,  
repeat with respect to him

9 <sup>a</sup>1 Sam. 24:6, 7;  
2 Sam. 1:14, 16

10 <sup>a</sup>1 Sam. 25:26, 38  
<sup>b</sup>Deut. 31:14 <sup>c</sup>1 Sam. 31:6

11 <sup>a</sup>1 Sam. 24:6, 12

12 <sup>a</sup>Gen. 2:21; 15:12

16 <sup>1</sup>Lit., are surely sons of  
death  
<sup>a</sup>1 Sam. 20:31

17 <sup>a</sup>1 Sam. 24:16

18 <sup>a</sup>1 Sam. 24:9, 11-14

19 <sup>1</sup>Lit., smell <sup>2</sup>Lit., sons  
of men  
<sup>a</sup>2 Sam. 16:11; <sup>b</sup>Gen. 8:21  
<sup>c</sup>1 Sam. 24:9 <sup>d</sup>Josh. 22:25-27

camped. And David saw the place where Saul lay, and <sup>a</sup>Abner the son of Ner, the commander of his army; and Saul was lying in the circle of the camp, and the people were camped around him.

6 Then David answered and said to Ahimelech <sup>a</sup>the Hittite and to <sup>b</sup>Abishai the son of Zeruiah, Joab's brother, saying, "Who <sup>c</sup>will go down with me to Saul in the camp?" And Abishai said, "I will go down with you."

7 So David and Abishai came to the people by night, and behold, Saul lay sleeping inside the circle of the camp, with his spear stuck in the ground at his head; and Abner and the people were lying around him.

8 Then Abishai said to David, "Today God has delivered your enemy into your hand; now therefore, please let me strike him with the spear <sup>1</sup>to the ground with one stroke, and I will not <sup>2</sup>strike him the second time."

9 But David said to Abishai, "Do not destroy him, for <sup>a</sup>who can stretch out his hand against the LORD's anointed and be without guilt?"

10 David also said, "As the LORD lives, <sup>a</sup>surely the LORD will strike him, or <sup>b</sup>his day will come that he dies, or <sup>c</sup>he will go down into battle and perish.

11 <sup>a</sup>The LORD forbid that I should stretch out my hand against the LORD's anointed; but now please take the spear that is at his head and the jug of water, and let us go."

12 So David took the spear and the jug of water from *beside* Saul's head, and they went away, but no one saw or knew it, nor did any awake, for they were all asleep, because <sup>a</sup>a sound sleep from the LORD had fallen on them.

13 Then David crossed over to the other side, and stood on top of the mountain at a distance *with* a large area between them.

14 And David called to the people and to Abner the son of Ner, saying, "Will you not answer, Abner?" Then Abner answered and said, "Who are you who calls to the king?"

15 So David said to Abner, "Are you not a man? And who is like you in Israel? Why then have you not guarded your lord the king? For one of the people came to destroy the king your lord.

16 "This thing that you have done is not good. As the LORD lives, *all* of you <sup>1</sup>must surely die, because you did not guard your lord, the LORD's anointed. And now, see where the king's spear is, and the jug of water that was at his head."

17 Then Saul recognized David's voice and said, "<sup>a</sup>Is this your voice, my son David?" And David said, "It is my voice, my lord the king."

18 He also said, "<sup>a</sup>Why then is my lord pursuing his servant? For what have I done? Or what evil is in my hand?"

19 "Now therefore, please let my lord the king listen to the words of his servant. If <sup>a</sup>the LORD has stirred you up against me, <sup>b</sup>let Him <sup>1</sup>accept an offering; but <sup>c</sup>if it is <sup>2</sup>men, cursed are they before the LORD, for <sup>d</sup>they have driven me out today that I should have no attachment with the inheritance of the LORD, saying, 'Go, serve other gods.'

20 "Now then, do not let my blood fall to the ground away from the presence of the LORD; for the king of Israel has come

out to search for <sup>a</sup>a single flea, just as one hunts a partridge in the mountains."

21 Then Saul said, "I have sinned. Return, my son David, for I will not harm you again because my life was precious in your sight this day. Behold, I have played the fool and have committed a serious error."

22 And David answered and said, "Behold the spear of the king! Now let one of the young men come over and take it."

23 "And <sup>a</sup>the LORD will repay each man for his righteousness and his faithfulness; for the LORD delivered you into *my* hand today, but <sup>b</sup>I refused to stretch out my hand against the LORD's anointed."

24 "Now behold, as your life was <sup>a</sup>highly valued in my sight this day, so may my life be highly valued in the sight of the LORD, and may He <sup>b</sup>deliver me from all distress."

25 Then Saul said to David, "Blessed are you, my son David; you will both accomplish much and surely prevail." So <sup>b</sup>David went on his way, and Saul returned to his place.

## CHAPTER 27

**T**HEN David said <sup>1</sup>to himself, "Now I will perish one day by the hand of Saul. <sup>a</sup>There is nothing better for me than <sup>2</sup>to escape into the land of the Philistines. Saul then will despair of searching for me any more in all the territory of Israel, and I will escape from his hand."

2 So David arose and crossed over, he and <sup>a</sup>the six hundred men who were with him, to <sup>b</sup>Achish the son of Maach, king of Gath.

3 And David lived with Achish at Gath, he and his men, <sup>a</sup>each with his household, *even* David with <sup>b</sup>his two wives, Ahinoam the Jezreelitess, and Abigail the Carmelitess, Nabal's <sup>1</sup>widow.

4 Now it was told Saul that David had fled to Gath, so he no longer searched for him.

5 Then David said to Achish, "If now I have found favor in your sight, let them give me a place in one of the cities in the country, that I may live there; for why should your servant live in the royal city with you?"

6 So Achish gave him Ziklag that day; therefore <sup>a</sup>Ziklag has belonged to the kings of Judah to this day.

7 And the number of days that David lived in the country of the Philistines was <sup>a</sup>a year and four months.

8 Now David and his men went up and raided <sup>a</sup>the Geshurites and the Girzites and <sup>b</sup>the Amalekites; for they were the inhabitants of the land from ancient times, as you come to <sup>c</sup>Shur even as far as the land of Egypt.

9 And David <sup>1</sup>attacked the land and did not leave a man or a woman alive, and he <sup>a</sup>took away the sheep, the cattle, the donkeys, the camels, and the clothing. Then he returned and came to Achish.

10 Now Achish said, "Where have you <sup>a</sup>made a raid today?" And David said, "Against the <sup>1</sup>Negev of Judah and against the <sup>1</sup>Negev of <sup>b</sup>the Jerahmeelites and against the <sup>1</sup>Negev of <sup>c</sup>the Kenites."

11 And David did not leave a man or a woman alive, to bring to Gath, saying, "Lest they should tell about us, saying,

20 <sup>a</sup>1 Sam. 24:1421 <sup>a</sup>1 Sam. 15:24, 30; 24:1723 <sup>a</sup>1 Sam. 24:19  
<sup>b</sup>1 Sam. 24:1224 <sup>a</sup>1 Sam. 18:30 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 54:725 <sup>a</sup>1 Sam. 24:19  
<sup>b</sup>1 Sam. 24:22<sup>1</sup> <sup>1</sup>Lit., in his heart <sup>2</sup>Lit., that I should surely escape  
<sup>a</sup>1 Sam. 26:192 <sup>a</sup>1 Sam. 25:13  
<sup>b</sup>1 Sam. 21:10; 1 Kin. 2:393 <sup>1</sup>Lit., wife  
<sup>a</sup>1 Sam. 30:3; 2 Sam. 2:3  
<sup>b</sup>1 Sam. 25:42, 436 <sup>a</sup>Josh. 15:31; 19:5;  
Neh. 11:287 <sup>a</sup>1 Sam. 29:38 <sup>a</sup>Josh. 13:2, 13  
<sup>b</sup>1 Sam. 15:7, 8; Ex. 17:8  
<sup>c</sup>Ex. 15:229 <sup>1</sup>Lit., smote  
<sup>a</sup>1 Sam. 15:3; Job 1:310 <sup>1</sup>Lit., South country  
<sup>a</sup>1 Sam. 23:27  
<sup>b</sup>1 Sam. 30:29; 1 Chr. 2:9,  
25 <sup>c</sup>Judg. 1:16, 4:11

1 \*1 Sam. 29:1

2 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *keeper of my head*  
\*1 Sam. 1:22, 28

3 \*1 Sam. 25:1  
b<sup>1</sup> Sam. 7:17 \*1 Sam. 15:23;  
Lev. 19:31; Deut. 18:10

4 \*1 Kin. 1:3; 2 Kin. 4:8  
b<sup>1</sup> Sam. 31:1

6 \*1 Chr. 10:13, 14  
b<sup>1</sup> Prov. 1:24-31 \*Num. 12:6;  
Joel 2:28 \*Ex. 28:30;  
2 Sam. 8:17

7 \*Acts 16:16 b<sup>1</sup> Josh. 17:1;  
Ps. 83:10

8 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *say*  
\*2 Chr. 18:29; 35:22  
b<sup>1</sup> Is. 8:19 \*Deut. 18:10, 11

9 \*1 Sam. 28:3

13 <sup>1</sup>Or, *god*

14 \*1 Sam. 15:27  
b<sup>1</sup> Sam. 24:8

15 \*1 Sam. 16:13, 14; 18:12  
b<sup>1</sup> Sam. 28:6

'So has David done and so *has been* his practice all the time he has lived in the country of the Philistines.'"

12 So Achish believed David, saying, "He has surely made himself odious among his people Israel; therefore he will become my servant forever."

## CHAPTER 28

**N**OW it came about in those days that <sup>a</sup>the Philistines gathered their armed camps for war, to fight against Israel. And Achish said to David, "Know assuredly that you will go out with me in the camp, you and your men."

2 And David said to Achish, "Very well, you shall know what your servant can do." So Achish said to David, "Very well, I will make you <sup>1</sup>my bodyguard <sup>a</sup>for life."

3 Now <sup>a</sup>Samuel was dead, and all Israel had lamented him and buried him <sup>b</sup>in Ramah his own city. And Saul had removed from the land those who <sup>c</sup>were mediums and spiritists.

4 So the Philistines gathered together and came and camped <sup>a</sup>in Shunem; and Saul gathered all Israel together and they camped in <sup>b</sup>Gilboa.

5 When Saul saw the camp of the Philistines, he was afraid and his heart trembled greatly.

6 <sup>a</sup>When Saul inquired of the LORD, <sup>b</sup>the LORD did not answer him, either by <sup>c</sup>dreams or by <sup>d</sup>Urim or by prophets.

7 Then Saul said to his servants, "Seek for me a woman who is a medium, that I may go to her and inquire of her." And his servants said to him, "Behold, <sup>a</sup>there is a woman who is a medium at <sup>b</sup>En-dor."

8 Then Saul <sup>a</sup>disguised himself by putting on other clothes, and went, he and two men with him, and they came to the woman by night; and he said, "<sup>b</sup>Conjure up for me, please, and <sup>c</sup>bring up for me whom I shall <sup>1</sup>name to you."

9 But the woman said to him, "Behold, you know <sup>a</sup>what Saul has done, how he has cut off those who are mediums and spiritists from the land. Why are you then laying a snare for my life to bring about my death?"

10 And Saul vowed to her by the LORD, saying, "As the LORD lives, there shall no punishment come upon you for this thing."

11 Then the woman said, "Whom shall I bring up for you?" And he said, "Bring up Samuel for me."

12 When the woman saw Samuel, she cried out with a loud voice; and the woman spoke to Saul, saying, "Why have you deceived me? For you are Saul."

13 And the king said to her, "Do not be afraid; but what do you see?" And the woman said to Saul, "I see a <sup>1</sup>divine being coming up out of the earth."

14 And he said to her, "What is his form?" And she said, "An old man is coming up, and <sup>a</sup>he is wrapped with a robe." And Saul knew that it was Samuel, and <sup>b</sup>he bowed with his face to the ground and did homage.

15 Then Samuel said to Saul, "Why have you disturbed me by bringing me up?" And Saul answered, "I am greatly distressed; for the Philistines are waging war against me, and <sup>a</sup>God has departed from me and <sup>b</sup>answers me no more, either through

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prophets or by dreams; therefore I have called you, that you may make known to me what I should do."

16 And Samuel said, "Why then do you ask me, since the LORD has departed from you and has become your adversary?"

17 "And the LORD has done <sup>1</sup>accordingly <sup>2</sup>as He spoke through me; for the LORD has torn the kingdom out of your hand and given it to your neighbor, to David.

18 "As <sup>2</sup>you did not <sup>1</sup>obey the LORD and did not execute His fierce wrath on Amalek, so the LORD has done this thing to you this day.

19 "Moreover the LORD will also give over Israel along with you into the hands of the Philistines, therefore tomorrow <sup>2</sup>you and your sons will be with me. Indeed the LORD will give over the army of Israel into the hands of the Philistines!"

20 Then Saul immediately fell full length upon the ground and was very afraid because of the words of Samuel; also there was no strength in him, for he had eaten no <sup>1</sup>food all day and all night.

21 And the woman came to Saul and saw that he was terrified, and said to him, "Behold, your maidservant has <sup>1</sup>obeyed you, and <sup>2</sup>I have <sup>2</sup>taken my life in my hand, and have listened to your words which you spoke to me.

22 "So now also, please listen to the voice of your maidservant, and let me set a piece of bread before you that you *may* eat and have strength when you go on *your way*."

23 But he refused and said, "I will not eat." <sup>2</sup>However, his servants together with the woman urged him, and he listened to <sup>1</sup>them. So he arose from the ground and sat on <sup>2</sup>the bed.

24 And the woman had a fattened calf in the house, and <sup>2</sup>she quickly slaughtered it; and she took flour, kneaded it, and baked unleavened bread from it.

25 And she brought *it* before Saul and his servants, and they ate. Then they arose and went away that night.

CHAPTER 29

**N**OW <sup>2</sup>the Philistines gathered together all their armies to <sup>1</sup>Aphck, while the Israelites were camping by the spring which is in <sup>1</sup>Jezeel.

2 And the lords of the Philistines were proceeding on by hundreds and by thousands, and <sup>2</sup>David and his men were proceeding on in the rear with Achish.

3 Then the commanders of the Philistines said, "What *are* these Hebrews *doing here*?" And Achish said to the commanders of the Philistines, "Is this not David, the servant of Saul the king of Israel, <sup>2</sup>who has been with me these days, or *rather* these years, and <sup>1</sup>I have found no fault in him from the day he <sup>1</sup>deserted *to me* to this day?"

4 But the commanders of the Philistines were angry with him, and the commanders of the Philistines said to him, "Make the man go back, that he may return <sup>2</sup>to his place where you have assigned him, and do not let him go down to battle with us, <sup>1</sup>lest in the battle he become an adversary to us. For with what could this *man* make himself acceptable to his lord? *Would it not be* with the heads of <sup>1</sup>these men?"

17 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *for himself*  
<sup>2</sup>1 Sam. 15:28

18 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *listen to the voice of*  
<sup>2</sup>1 Sam. 15:9, 20, 26

19 <sup>2</sup>1 Sam. 31:2; Job 3:17-19

20 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *bread*

21 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *listened to your voice* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *put*  
<sup>2</sup>1 Sam. 19:5

23 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *their voices*  
<sup>2</sup>2 Kin. 5:13 <sup>3</sup>Esth. 1:6; Ezek. 23:41

24 <sup>2</sup>Gen. 18:6, 7

1 <sup>2</sup>1 Sam. 28:1, 2  
<sup>1</sup>1 Sam. 4:1; Josh. 12:18  
<sup>2</sup>1 Kin. 18:19; 21:1;  
<sup>3</sup>2 Kin. 9:30

2 <sup>2</sup>1 Sam. 28:1, 2

3 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *fell*  
<sup>2</sup>1 Sam. 27:7 <sup>3</sup>1 Sam. 27:1-6;  
<sup>1</sup>Chr. 12:19, 20

4 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *those*  
<sup>2</sup>1 Sam. 27:6 <sup>3</sup>1 Sam. 14:21

1 Samuel 29, 30

5 <sup>a</sup>1 Sam. 18:7; 21:11

6 <sup>a</sup>1 Sam. 29:3; 27:8-12

8 <sup>a</sup>1 Sam. 27:10-12

9 <sup>a</sup>2 Sam. 14:17, 20; 19:27  
<sup>b</sup>1 Sam. 29:4

10 <sup>a</sup>1 Chr. 12:19, 22

1 <sup>1</sup> <sup>i.e.</sup>, South country  
<sup>2</sup> <sup>Lit.</sup>, smote  
<sup>a</sup>1 Sam. 29:4, 11  
<sup>b</sup>1 Sam. 15:7; 27:8-10  
<sup>c</sup>1 Sam. 27:6, 8

2 <sup>1</sup> <sup>Lit.</sup>, they did not kill  
<sup>a</sup>1 Sam. 27:11

5 <sup>1</sup> <sup>Lit.</sup>, wife  
<sup>a</sup>1 Sam. 25:42, 43

6 <sup>1</sup> <sup>Lit.</sup>, bitter in soul  
<sup>a</sup>Ex. 17:4 <sup>b</sup>1 Sam. 23:16;  
Ps. 18:2; 27:14

7 <sup>a</sup>1 Sam. 23:9

8 <sup>a</sup>1 Sam. 23:2, 4  
<sup>b</sup>Ex. 15:9 <sup>c</sup>1 Sam. 30:18

5 “Is this not David, <sup>a</sup>of whom they sing in the dances, saying,

‘Saul has slain his thousands,  
And David his ten thousands?’”

6 Then Achish called David and said to him, “As the LORD lives, you *have been* upright, and your going out and your coming in with me in the army are pleasing in my sight; <sup>a</sup>for I have not found evil in you from the day of your coming to me to this day. Nevertheless, you are not pleasing in the sight of the lords.

7 “Now therefore return, and go in peace, that you may not displease the lords of the Philistines.”

8 And David said to Achish, “<sup>a</sup>But what have I done? And what have you found in your servant from the day when I came before you to this day, that I may not go and fight against the enemies of my lord the king?”

9 But Achish answered and said to David, “I know that you are pleasing in my sight, <sup>a</sup>like an angel of God; nevertheless <sup>b</sup>the commanders of the Philistines have said, ‘He must not go up with us to the battle.’

10 “Now then arise early in the morning <sup>a</sup>with the servants of your lord who have come with you, and as soon as you have arisen early in the morning and have light, depart.”

11 So David arose early, he and his men, to depart in the morning, to return to the land of the Philistines. And the Philistines went up to Jezreel.

CHAPTER 30

THEN it happened when David and his men came to <sup>a</sup>Ziklag on the third day, that <sup>b</sup>the Amalekites had made a raid on the <sup>1</sup>Negev and on <sup>c</sup>Ziklag, and had <sup>2</sup>overthrown Ziklag and burned it with fire;

2 and they took captive the women *and all* who were in it, both small and great, <sup>1a</sup>without killing anyone, and carried *them* off and went their way.

3 And when David and his men came to the city, behold, it was burned with fire, and their wives and their sons and their daughters had been taken captive.

4 Then David and the people who were with him lifted their voices and wept until there was no strength in them to weep.

5 Now <sup>a</sup>David’s two wives had been taken captive, Ahinoam the Jezreelitess and Abigail the <sup>1</sup>widow of Nabal the Carmelite.

6 Moreover David was greatly distressed because <sup>a</sup>the people spoke of stoning him, for all the people were <sup>1</sup>embittered, each one because of his sons and his daughters. But <sup>b</sup>David strengthened himself in the LORD his God.

7 Then <sup>a</sup>David said to Abiathar the priest, the son of Ahimelech, “Please bring me the ephod.” So Abiathar brought the ephod to David.

8 And <sup>a</sup>David inquired of the LORD, saying, “<sup>b</sup>Shall I pursue this band? Shall I overtake them?” And He said to him, “Pursue, for you shall surely overtake them, <sup>c</sup>and you shall surely rescue *all*.”

9 So David went, <sup>a</sup>he and the six hundred men who were with him, and came to the brook Besor, *where* those left behind remained.

10 But David pursued, he and four hundred men, for <sup>a</sup>two hundred who were too exhausted to cross the brook Besor, remained *behind*.

11 Now they found an Egyptian in the field and brought him to David, and gave him bread and he ate, and they provided him water to drink.

12 And they gave him a piece of fig cake and two clusters of raisins, and he ate; <sup>a</sup>then his spirit <sup>1</sup>revived. For he had not eaten bread or drunk water for three days and three nights.

13 And David said to him, "To whom do you belong? And where are you from?" And he said, "I am a young man of Egypt, a servant of an Amalekite; and my master left me behind when I fell sick three days ago.

14 "We made a raid on <sup>a</sup>the <sup>1</sup>Negev of the Cherethites, and on that which belongs to Judah, and on <sup>b</sup>the <sup>1</sup>Negev of Caleb, and <sup>c</sup>we burned Ziklag with fire."

15 Then David said to him, "Will you bring me down to this band?" And he said, "Swear to me by God that you will not kill me or deliver me into the hands of my master, and I will bring you down to this band."

16 And when he had brought him down, behold, they were <sup>1</sup>spread over all the land, eating and drinking and <sup>2</sup>dancing because of <sup>a</sup>all the great spoil that they had taken from the land of the Philistines and from the land of Judah.

17 And David <sup>1</sup>slaughtered them <sup>a</sup>from the twilight <sup>2</sup>until the evening of <sup>3</sup>the next day; and not a man of them escaped, except four hundred young men who rode on <sup>b</sup>camels and fled.

18 So David recovered all that the Amalekites had taken, and <sup>1</sup>rescued his two wives.

19 But nothing of theirs was missing, whether small or great, sons or daughters, spoil or anything that they had taken for themselves; <sup>a</sup>David brought *it* all back.

20 So David had <sup>1</sup>captured all the sheep and the cattle *which the people* drove ahead of <sup>2</sup>the *other* livestock, and they said, "<sup>a</sup>This is David's spoil."

21 When <sup>a</sup>David came to the two hundred men who were too exhausted to follow David, who had also been left at the brook Besor, and they went out to meet David and to meet the people who were with him, then David approached the people and greeted them.

22 Then all the wicked and worthless men among those who went with David answered and said, "Because they did not go with <sup>1</sup>us, we will not give them any of the spoil that we have recovered, except to every man his wife and his children, that they may lead *them* away and depart."

23 Then David said, "You must not do so, my brothers, with what the LORD has given us, who has kept us and delivered into our hand the band that came against us.

24 "And who will listen to you in this matter? For <sup>a</sup>as his share is who goes down to the battle, so shall his share be who stays by the baggage; they shall share alike."

25 And so it has been from that day forward, that he made it a statute and an ordinance for Israel to this day.

9 <sup>a</sup>1 Sam. 27:210 <sup>a</sup>1 Sam. 30:9, 2112 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *returned to him*  
Judg. 15:1914 <sup>1</sup>Lit., South country  
<sup>a</sup>1 Sam. 1:16; 2 Sam. 8:18;  
Ezek. 25:16 <sup>b</sup>Josh. 14:13;  
2:1:11, 12 <sup>c</sup>1 Sam. 30:116 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *left* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *keeping*  
*a pilgrim-feast*  
<sup>a</sup>1 Sam. 30:1417 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *smote* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *even*  
*until* <sup>3</sup>Lit., *their*  
<sup>a</sup>1 Sam. 11:11 <sup>b</sup>1 Sam. 15:3;  
Judg. 7:1218 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *David rescued*19 <sup>a</sup>1 Sam. 30:820 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *taken* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *those*  
*livestock*  
<sup>a</sup>1 Sam. 30:26-3121 <sup>a</sup>1 Sam. 30:1022 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *me*24 <sup>a</sup>Num. 31:27; Josh. 22:8

26 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *blissing*  
<sup>a1</sup> Sam. 25:27  
<sup>b1</sup> Sam. 18:17; 25:28

27 <sup>1</sup>I.e., South country  
<sup>a</sup>Josh. 15:30; 19:4  
<sup>b</sup>Josh. 19:8 <sup>c</sup>Josh. 15:48;  
 21:14

28 <sup>a1</sup> Chr. 11:44  
<sup>b1</sup> Chr. 27:27 <sup>c</sup>Josh. 15:50

29 <sup>a1</sup> Sam. 27:10  
<sup>b1</sup> Sam. 15:6

30 <sup>a</sup>Josh. 12:14; 15:30; 19:4  
<sup>b</sup>Josh. 15:42; 19:7

31 <sup>a</sup>Josh. 14:13-15; 21:11-13;  
 Num. 13:22  
<sup>b1</sup> Sam. 23:22

1 <sup>a1</sup> Chr. 10:1-12  
<sup>b1</sup> Sam. 28:4

2 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *smote*

3 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *found*  
<sup>a2</sup> Sam. 1:6

4 <sup>a</sup>Judg. 9:54 <sup>b</sup>Judg. 14:3  
<sup>c2</sup> Sam. 1:6, 10

8 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *morrow*

9 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *to . . . around*  
<sup>a2</sup> Sam. 1:20 <sup>b</sup>Judg. 16:23,  
 24

10 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *house*  
<sup>a1</sup> Sam. 7:3; <sup>b</sup>Judg. 2:13  
<sup>b1</sup> Sam. 31:12; <sup>2</sup> Sam. 21:14  
<sup>c</sup>Josh. 17:11

11 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *about him what*  
<sup>a1</sup> Sam. 11:1-13

12 <sup>a2</sup> Sam. 2:4-7  
<sup>b2</sup> Chr. 16:14

13 <sup>a2</sup> Sam. 21:12-14  
<sup>b1</sup> Sam. 22:6 <sup>c2</sup> Sam. 1:12

26 Now when David came to Ziklag, he sent *some* of the spoil to the elders of Judah, to his friends, saying, "Behold, <sup>a</sup>a gift for you from the spoil of <sup>b</sup>the enemies of the LORD:

27 to those who were in <sup>a</sup>Bethel, and to those who were in <sup>b</sup>Ramoth of the <sup>1</sup>Negev, and to those who were in <sup>c</sup>Jattir,

28 and to those who were in <sup>a</sup>Aroer, and to those who were in <sup>b</sup>Siphmoth, and to those who were in <sup>c</sup>Eshtemoa,

29 and to those who were in Racal, and to those who were in the cities of <sup>a</sup>the Jerahmeelites, and to those who were in the cities of <sup>b</sup>the Kenites,

30 and to those who were in <sup>a</sup>Hormah, and to those who were in <sup>b</sup>Bor-ashan, and to those who were in Athach,

31 and to those who were in <sup>a</sup>Hebron, and to all the places where David himself and his men were accustomed to <sup>b</sup>go."

## CHAPTER 31

<sup>a</sup>  
 NOW the Philistines were fighting against Israel, and the men of Israel fled from before the Philistines and fell slain <sup>b</sup>on Mount Gilboa.

2 And the Philistines overtook Saul and his sons; and the Philistines <sup>1</sup>killed Jonathan and Abinadab and Malchi-shua the sons of Saul.

3 And <sup>a</sup>the battle went heavily against Saul, and the archers <sup>1</sup>hit him; and he was badly wounded by the archers.

4 <sup>a</sup>Then Saul said to his armor bearer, "Draw your sword and pierce me through with it, lest <sup>b</sup>these uncircumcised come and pierce me through and make sport of me." But his armor bearer would not, for he was greatly afraid. <sup>c</sup>So Saul took his sword and fell on it.

5 And when his armor bearer saw that Saul was dead, he also fell on his sword and died with him.

6 Thus Saul died with his three sons, his armor bearer, and all his men on that day together.

7 And when the men of Israel who were on the other side of the valley, with those who were beyond the Jordan, saw that the men of Israel had fled and that Saul and his sons were dead, they abandoned the cities and fled; then the Philistines came and lived in them.

8 And it came about on the <sup>1</sup>next day when the Philistines came to strip the slain, that they found Saul and his three sons fallen on Mount Gilboa.

9 And they cut off his head, and stripped off his weapons, and sent *them* <sup>1</sup>throughout the land of the Philistines, <sup>a</sup>to carry the good news <sup>b</sup>to the house of their idols and to the people.

10 And they put his weapons in the <sup>1</sup>temple of <sup>a</sup>Ashtaroath, and <sup>b</sup>they fastened his body to the wall of <sup>c</sup>Bethshan.

11 Now when <sup>a</sup>the inhabitants of Jabesh-gilead heard <sup>1</sup>what the Philistines had done to Saul,

12 <sup>a</sup>all the valiant men rose and walked all night, and took the body of Saul and the bodies of his sons from the wall of Bethshan, and they came to Jabesh, and <sup>b</sup>burned them there.

13 And they took their bones and <sup>a</sup>buried them under <sup>b</sup>the tamarisk tree at Jabesh, and <sup>c</sup>fasted seven days.



# THE SECOND BOOK OF SAMUEL

## David Learns of the Battle of Gilboa.

**N**OW it came about after <sup>a</sup>the death of Saul, when David had returned from <sup>b</sup>the slaughter of the Amalekites, that David remained two days in Ziklag.

**2** And it happened on the third day, that behold, <sup>a</sup>a man came out of the camp from Saul, <sup>b</sup>with his clothes torn and <sup>1</sup>dust on his head. And it came about when he came to David that <sup>c</sup>he fell to the ground and prostrated himself.

**3** Then David said to him, "From where do you come?" And he said to him, "I have escaped from the camp of Israel."

**4** And David said to him, "<sup>a</sup>How did things go? Please tell me." And he said, "The people have fled from the battle, and also many of the people have fallen and are dead; and Saul and Jonathan his son are dead also."

**5** So David said to the young man who told him, "How do you know that Saul and his son Jonathan are dead?"

**6** And the young man who told him said, "By chance I happened to be on <sup>a</sup>Mount Gilboa, and behold, <sup>b</sup>Saul was leaning on his spear. And behold, the chariots and the horsemen pursued him closely.

**7** "And when he looked behind him, he saw me and called to me. And I said, 'Here I am.'

**8** "And he said to me, 'Who are you?' And I <sup>1</sup>answered him, '<sup>a</sup>I am an Amalekite.'

**9** "Then he said to me, 'Please stand beside me and kill me; for agony has seized me because my <sup>1</sup>life still lingers in me.'

**10** "So I stood beside him <sup>a</sup>and killed him, because I knew that he could not live after he had fallen. And <sup>b</sup>I took the crown which *was* on his head and the bracelet which *was* on his arm, and I have brought them here to my lord."

**11** Then <sup>a</sup>David took hold of his clothes and tore them, and so also *did* all the men who *were* with him.

**12** And they mourned and wept and <sup>a</sup>fasted until evening for Saul and his son Jonathan and for the people of the LORD and the house of Israel, because they had fallen by the sword.

**13** And David said to the young man who told him, "Where are you from?" And he <sup>1</sup>answered, "I am the son of an alien, an Amalekite."

**14** Then David said to him, "How is it you were not afraid <sup>a</sup>to stretch out your hand to destroy the LORD's anointed?"

**15** And David called one of the young men and said, "Go, <sup>1</sup>cut him down." <sup>a</sup>So he struck him and he died.

**16** And David said to him, "<sup>a</sup>Your blood is on your head, for <sup>b</sup>your mouth has testified against you, saying, 'I have killed the LORD's anointed.'"

**17** Then <sup>a</sup>David chanted with this lament over Saul and Jonathan his son

**18** and he told *them* to teach the sons of Judah *the song* of the bow; behold, it is written in <sup>a</sup>the book of Jashar.

<sup>1</sup> <sup>a</sup>1 Sam. 31:6  
<sup>b</sup>1 Sam. 30:1, 17, 26

<sup>2</sup> <sup>1</sup>Lit., *ground*  
<sup>a</sup>2 Sam. 4:10 <sup>b</sup>1 Sam. 4:12  
<sup>c</sup>1 Sam. 25:23

<sup>4</sup> <sup>a</sup>1 Sam. 4:16

<sup>6</sup> <sup>a</sup>1 Sam. 28:4; 31:6  
<sup>b</sup>1 Sam. 31:2-4

<sup>8</sup> <sup>1</sup>Lit., *said to*  
<sup>a</sup>1 Sam. 15:3; 30:1, 13, 17

<sup>9</sup> <sup>1</sup>Lit., *whole life is still in me*

<sup>10</sup> <sup>a</sup>Judg. 9:54  
<sup>b</sup>2 Kin. 11:12

<sup>11</sup> <sup>a</sup>Gen. 37:29, 34

<sup>12</sup> <sup>a</sup>2 Sam. 3:35

<sup>13</sup> <sup>1</sup>Lit., *said*  
<sup>a</sup>2 Sam. 1:8

<sup>14</sup> <sup>a</sup>1 Sam. 24:6; 26:9, 11, 16

<sup>15</sup> <sup>1</sup>Lit., *fall upon him*  
<sup>a</sup>2 Sam. 4:10, 12

<sup>16</sup> <sup>a</sup>2 Sam. 3:28, 29  
<sup>b</sup>2 Sam. 1:10; Luke 19:22

<sup>17</sup> <sup>a</sup>2 Chr. 35:25

<sup>18</sup> <sup>a</sup>Josh. 10:13

19 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *The*  
<sup>2</sup>2 Sam. 1:25; 27

20 <sup>1</sup>1 Sam. 31:8-13;  
Mic. 1:10 <sup>b</sup>Ex. 15:20, 21;  
1 Sam. 18:6 <sup>c</sup>1 Sam. 14:6

21 <sup>1</sup>1 Sam. 31:1  
<sup>b</sup>Ezek. 31:15 <sup>c</sup>Is. 21:5

22 <sup>a</sup>Deut. 32:42; Is. 34:6  
<sup>b</sup>1 Sam. 18:4

23 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 4:13 <sup>b</sup>Judg. 14:18

25 <sup>2</sup>2 Sam. 1:19, 27

26 <sup>1</sup>1 Sam. 18:1-4

27 <sup>2</sup>2 Sam. 1:19, 25  
<sup>b</sup>Is. 13:5

1 <sup>1</sup>1 Sam. 23:2, 4, 9-12  
<sup>b</sup>Josh. 14:13; 1 Sam. 30:31

2 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *wife*  
<sup>1</sup>1 Sam. 25:42, 43

3 <sup>1</sup>1 Sam. 30:9;  
1 Chr. 12:1

4 <sup>2</sup>2 Sam. 5:3, 5;  
1 Sam. 16:13 <sup>b</sup>1 Sam. 31:11-13

5 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *done*  
<sup>1</sup>1 Sam. 23:21

6 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *do*  
<sup>2</sup>Ex. 34:6

7 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *sons of valor*

- 19 "Your beauty, O Israel, is slain on your high places!  
<sup>a</sup>How have the mighty fallen!
- 20 "<sup>a</sup>Tell it not in Gath,  
Proclaim it not in the streets of Ashkelon;  
Lest <sup>b</sup>the daughters of the Philistines rejoice,  
Lest the daughters of <sup>c</sup>the uncircumcised exult.
- 21 "<sup>a</sup>O mountains of Gilboa,  
<sup>b</sup>Let not dew or rain be on you, nor fields of offerings;  
For there the shield of the mighty was defiled,  
The shield of Saul, not <sup>c</sup>anointed with oil.
- 22 "<sup>a</sup>From the blood of the slain, from the fat of the mighty,  
<sup>b</sup>The bow of Jonathan did not turn back,  
And the sword of Saul did not return empty.
- 23 "Saul and Jonathan, beloved and pleasant in their life,  
And in their death they were not parted;  
<sup>a</sup>They were swifter than eagles,  
<sup>b</sup>They were stronger than lions.
- 24 "O daughters of Israel, weep over Saul,  
Who clothed you luxuriously in scarlet,  
Who put ornaments of gold on your apparel.
- 25 "<sup>a</sup>How have the mighty fallen in the midst of the battle!  
Jonathan is slain on your high places.
- 26 "I am distressed for you, my brother Jonathan;  
You have been very pleasant to me.  
<sup>a</sup>Your love to me was more wonderful  
Than the love of women.
- 27 "<sup>a</sup>How have the mighty fallen,  
And <sup>b</sup>the weapons of war perished!"

CHAPTER 2

THEN it came about afterwards that <sup>a</sup>David inquired of the LORD, saying, "Shall I go up to one of the cities of Judah?" And the LORD said to him, "Go up." So David said, "Where shall I go up?" And He said, "<sup>b</sup>To Hebron."

2 So David went up there, and <sup>a</sup>his two wives also, Ahinoam the Jezreelitess and Abigail the <sup>1</sup>widow of Nabal the Carmelite.

3 And <sup>a</sup>David brought up his men who *were* with him, each with his household; and they lived in the cities of Hebron.

4 Then the men of Judah came and there <sup>a</sup>anointed David king over the house of Judah.

And they told David, saying, "It was <sup>b</sup>the men of Jabesh-gilead who buried Saul."

5 And David sent messengers to the men of Jabesh-gilead, and said to them, "<sup>a</sup>May you be blessed of the LORD because you have <sup>1</sup>shown this kindness to Saul your lord, and have buried him.

6 "And now <sup>a</sup>may the LORD <sup>1</sup>show lovingkindness and truth to you; and I also will <sup>1</sup>show this goodness to you, because you have done this thing.

7 "Now therefore let your hands be strong, and be <sup>1</sup>valiant; for Saul your lord is dead, and also the house of Judah has anointed me king over them."

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8 But <sup>a</sup>Abner the son of Ner, commander of Saul's army, had taken <sup>1</sup>Ish-bosheth the son of Saul, and brought him over to <sup>b</sup>Mahanaim.

9 And he made him king over <sup>a</sup>Gilead, over the <sup>b</sup>Ashurites, over <sup>c</sup>Jezreel, over Ephraim, and over Benjamin, even over all Israel.

10 Ish-bosheth, Saul's son, was forty years old when he became king over Israel, and he was king for two years. The house of Judah, however, followed David.

11 And <sup>a</sup>the <sup>1</sup>time that David was king in Hebron over the house of Judah was seven years and six months.

12 Now Abner the son of Ner, went out from Mahanaim to <sup>a</sup>Gibeon with the servants of Ish-bosheth the son of Saul.

13 And <sup>a</sup>Joab the son of Zeruiah and the servants of David went out and met <sup>1</sup>them by the pool of Gibeon; and they sat down, <sup>2</sup>one on the one side of the pool and <sup>2</sup>the other on the other side of the pool.

14 Then Abner said to Joab, "Now let the young men arise and <sup>1</sup>hold a contest before us." And Joab said, "Let them arise."

15 So they arose and went over by count, twelve for Benjamin and Ish-bosheth the son of Saul, and twelve of the servants of David.

16 And each one of them seized his <sup>1</sup>opponent by the head, and *thrust* his sword in his <sup>2</sup>opponent's side; so they fell down together. Therefore that place was called <sup>3</sup>Helkath-hazzurim, which is in Gibeon.

17 And that day the battle was very severe, and <sup>a</sup>Abner and the men of Israel were beaten before the servants of David.

18 Now <sup>a</sup>the three sons of Zeruiah were there, Joab and Abishai and Asahel; and Asahel was <sup>b</sup>as <sup>1</sup>swift-footed as one of the gazelles which is in the field.

19 And Asahel pursued Abner and did not <sup>1</sup>turn to the right or to the left from following Abner.

20 Then Abner looked behind him and said, "Is that you, Asahel?" And he answered, "It is I."

21 So Abner said to him, "<sup>1</sup>Turn to your right or to your left, and take hold of one of the young men for yourself, and take for yourself his spoil." But Asahel was not willing to turn aside from following him.

22 And Abner repeated again to Asahel, "Turn <sup>1</sup>aside from following me. Why should I strike you to the ground? <sup>a</sup>How then could I lift up my face to your brother Joab?"

23 However, he refused to turn aside; therefore Abner struck him in the belly <sup>a</sup>with the butt end of the spear, so that the spear came out at his back. And he fell there and died on the spot. And it came about that all who came to the place where <sup>b</sup>Asahel had fallen and died, stood still.

24 But Joab and Abishai pursued Abner, and when the sun was going down, they came to the hill of Ammah, which is in front of Giah by the way of the wilderness of Gibeon.

25 And the sons of Benjamin gathered together behind Abner and became one band, and they stood on the top of a certain hill.

26 Then Abner called to Joab and said, "Shall the sword devour forever? Do you not know that it will be bitter in the

8 <sup>1</sup>I.e., Man of shame; cf. 1 Chr. 8:33, *Eshbaal*  
<sup>a</sup>1 Sam. 14:50  
<sup>b</sup>2 Sam. 17:24; Gen. 32:2, 10

9 <sup>a</sup>Josh. 22:9 <sup>b</sup>Judg. 1:32  
<sup>c</sup>1 Sam. 29:1

11 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *number of days*  
<sup>a</sup>2 Sam. 5:5

12 <sup>a</sup>Josh. 10:12; 18:25

13 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *them together*  
<sup>2</sup>Lit., *these*  
<sup>a</sup>2 Sam. 8:16; 1 Chr. 2:16; 11:6

14 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *make sport*  
<sup>a</sup>2 Sam. 2:16, 17

16 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *fellow* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *fellow's* <sup>3</sup>Lit., *The field of sword-edges*

17 <sup>a</sup>2 Sam. 3:1

18 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *light in his feet*  
<sup>a</sup>1 Chr. 2:16 <sup>b</sup>1 Chr. 12:8; Hab. 3:19

19 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *turn to go to*

21 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *Turn for yourself*

22 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *aside for yourself*  
<sup>a</sup>2 Sam. 3:27

23 <sup>a</sup>1 Sam. 26:7  
<sup>b</sup>2 Sam. 20:12

26 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *not tell the people*

27 <sup>2</sup>Sam. 2:14

28 <sup>2</sup>Sam. 3:1

29 <sup>2</sup>Sam. 2:8

30 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *nineteen men*

32 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *lighted on them*

1 <sup>1</sup>Kin. 14:30

2 <sup>1</sup>Chr. 3:1-3  
<sup>b1</sup>Sam. 25:42, 43

3 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *wife*  
<sup>a1</sup>Sam. 27:8 <sup>b2</sup>Sam. 14:32;  
15:8

4 <sup>1</sup>Kin. 1:5

7 <sup>1</sup>So some ancient mss  
and versions M.T., *he*  
<sup>a2</sup>Sam. 21:8-11

8 <sup>2</sup>Sam. 9:8;  
1 Sam. 24:14

9 <sup>1</sup>Kin. 19:2  
<sup>b1</sup>Sam. 15:28; 25:28-31

10 <sup>1</sup>Sam. 3:20

end? How long will you <sup>1</sup>refrain from telling the people to turn back from following their brothers?"

27 And Joab said, "As God lives, <sup>a</sup>if you had not spoken, surely then the people would have gone away in the morning, each from following his brother."

28 So Joab blew the trumpet; and all the people halted and pursued Israel no longer, <sup>a</sup>nor did they continue to fight any more.

29 Abner and his men then went through the Arabah all that night; so they crossed the Jordan, walked all morning, and came to <sup>a</sup>Mahanaim.

30 Then Joab returned from following Abner; when he had gathered all the people together, <sup>1</sup>nineteen of David's servants besides Asahel were missing.

31 But the servants of David had struck down many of Benjamin and Abner's men, so *that* three hundred and sixty men died.

32 And they took up Asahel and buried him in his father's tomb which was in Bethlehem. Then Joab and his men went all night until the day <sup>1</sup>dawned at Hebron.

### CHAPTER 3

**N**OW <sup>a</sup>there was a long war between the house of Saul and the house of David; and David grew steadily stronger, but the house of Saul grew weaker continually.

2 <sup>a</sup>Sons were born to David at Hebron: his first-born was Amnon, by <sup>b</sup>Ahinoam the Jezreelitess;

3 and his second, Chileab, by Abigail the <sup>1</sup>widow of Nabal the Carmelite; and the third, Absalom the son of <sup>a</sup>Maacah, the daughter of Talmai, <sup>b</sup>king of Geshur;

4 and the fourth, <sup>a</sup>Adonijah the son of Haggith; and the fifth, Shephatiah the son of Abital;

5 and the sixth, Ithream, by David's wife Eglah. These were born to David at Hebron.

6 And it came about while there was war between the house of Saul and the house of David that Abner was making himself strong in the house of Saul.

7 Now Saul had a concubine whose name was <sup>a</sup>Rizpah, the daughter of Aiah; and <sup>1</sup>Ish-bosheth said to Abner, "Why have you gone in to my father's concubine?"

8 Then Abner was very angry over the words of Ish-bosheth and said, "Am I a dog's head that belongs to Judah? Today I show kindness to the house of Saul your father, to his brothers and to his friends, and have not delivered you into the hands of David; and yet today you charge me with a guilt concerning the woman.

9 "As the LORD has sworn to David, I do not accomplish this for him,

10 to transfer the kingdom from the house of Saul, and to establish the throne of David over Israel and over Judah, <sup>a</sup>from Dan even to Beersheba."

11 And he could no longer answer Abner a word, because he was afraid of him.

12 Then Abner sent messengers to David in his place, saying, "Whose is the land? Make your covenant with me, and

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behold, my hand shall be with you to bring all Israel over to you."

13 And he said, "Good! I will make a covenant with you, but I demand one thing of you, <sup>1</sup>namely, <sup>2</sup>you shall not see my face unless you <sup>b</sup>first bring Michal, Saul's daughter, when you come to see <sup>2</sup>me."

14 So David sent messengers to Ish-bosheth, Saul's son, saying, "Give me my wife Michal, to whom I was betrothed <sup>a</sup>for a hundred foreskins of the Philistines."

15 And Ish-bosheth sent and took her from *her* husband, from <sup>1</sup>Paltiel the son of Laish.

16 But her husband went with her, weeping as he went, and followed her as far as <sup>a</sup>Bahurim. Then Abner said to him, "Go, return." So he returned.

17 Now Abner had <sup>1</sup>consultation with <sup>a</sup>the elders of Israel, saying, "In times past you were seeking for David to be king over you.

18 "Now then, do *it!* For the LORD has spoken of David, saying, <sup>a</sup>By the hand of My servant David <sup>1</sup>I will save My people Israel from the hand of the Philistines and from the hand of all their enemies.' "

19 And Abner also spoke in the hearing of Benjamin; and in addition Abner went to speak in the hearing of David in Hebron all that seemed good to Israel and to <sup>a</sup>the whole house of Benjamin.

20 Then Abner and twenty men with him came to David at Hebron. And David made a feast for Abner and the men who were with him.

21 And Abner said to David, "Let me arise and go, and <sup>a</sup>gather all Israel to my lord the king that they may make a covenant with you, and that <sup>b</sup>you may be king over all that your soul desires." So David sent Abner away, and he went in peace.

22 And behold, <sup>a</sup>the servants of David and Joab came from a raid and brought much spoil with them; but Abner was not with David in Hebron, for he had sent him away, and he had gone in peace.

23 When Joab and all the army that was with him arrived, they told Joab, saying, "Abner the son of Ner came to the king, and he has sent him away, and he has gone in peace."

24 Then Joab came to the king and said, "What have you done? Behold, Abner came to you; why then have you sent him away and he is already gone?"

25 "You know Abner the son of Ner, that he came to deceive you and to learn of <sup>a</sup>your going out and coming in, and to find out all that you are doing."

26 When Joab came out from David, he sent messengers after Abner, and they brought him back from the well of Sirah; but David did not know it.

27 So when Abner returned to Hebron, Joab took him aside into the middle of the gate to speak with him privately, and there <sup>a</sup>he struck him in the belly so that he died on account of the blood of Asahel his brother.

28 And afterward when David heard it, he said, "I and my kingdom are innocent before the LORD forever of the blood of Abner the son of Ner.

13 <sup>1</sup>Lit. saying <sup>2</sup>Lit., my face  
<sup>a</sup>Gen. 43:3 <sup>b</sup>1 Sam. 18:20; 19:11

14 <sup>a</sup>1 Sam. 18:25, 27

15 <sup>1</sup>I.e., Palti;  
1 Sam. 25:44

16 <sup>a</sup>2 Sam. 16:5

17 <sup>1</sup>Lit., a word  
<sup>a</sup>1 Sam. 8:4

18 <sup>1</sup>So many ancient mss and versions M.T., he  
<sup>a</sup>1 Sam. 9:16; 15:28

19 <sup>a</sup>1 Sam. 10:20, 21

21 <sup>a</sup>2 Sam. 3:10, 12  
<sup>b</sup>1 Kin. 11:37

22 <sup>a</sup>1 Sam. 27:8

25 <sup>a</sup>Deut. 28:6;  
1 Sam. 29:6

27 <sup>a</sup>2 Sam. 2:23; 20:9, 10;  
1 Kin. 2:5

29 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *whirl*  
<sup>a</sup>Deut. 21:6-9; 1 Kin. 2:31-33  
<sup>b</sup>Lev. 13:46

30 <sup>2</sup>Sam. 2:23

31 <sup>a</sup>Gen. 37:34;  
Judg. 11:35

33 <sup>2</sup>Sam. 1:17;  
2 Chr. 35:25

34 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *sons of*  
*wickedness*

35 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *cause*  
<sup>2</sup>Sam. 12:17 <sup>b</sup>1 Sam. 3:17  
<sup>c</sup>2 Sam. 1:12

36 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *was good in their*  
*eyes* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *was good in the*  
*eyes of all*

39 <sup>a</sup>1 Chr. 29:1;  
2 Chr. 13:7 <sup>b</sup>2 Sam. 19:5-7  
<sup>c</sup>1 Kin. 2:32-34

<sup>1</sup>So some ancient mss.:  
M.T., *he* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *his hands*  
*dropped*  
<sup>2</sup>Sam. 3:27 <sup>b</sup>Ezra 4:4

2 <sup>a</sup>Josh. 9:17 <sup>b</sup>Josh. 18:25

3 <sup>a</sup>Neh. 11:33

4 <sup>1</sup>i.e., Merib-baal,  
1 Chr. 8:34; 9:40  
<sup>2</sup>Sam. 9:3, 6 <sup>b</sup>1 Sam.  
31:1-4

5 <sup>2</sup>Sam. 2:8

6 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *And here* <sup>2</sup>Lit.,  
*takers of wheat*  
<sup>2</sup>Sam. 2:23

29 "May it <sup>1</sup>fall on the head of Joab and on all his father's house; and may there not fail from the house of Joab <sup>b</sup>one who has a discharge, or who is a leper, or who takes hold of a distaff, or who falls by the sword, or who lacks bread."

30 So Joab and Abishai his brother killed Abner <sup>a</sup>because he had put their brother Asahel to death in the battle at Gibeon.

31 Then David said to Joab and to all the people who were with him, "<sup>a</sup>Tear your clothes and gird on sackcloth and lament before Abner." And King David walked behind the bier.

32 Thus they buried Abner in Hebron; and the king lifted up his voice and wept at the grave of Abner, and all the people wept.

33 And <sup>a</sup>the king chanted a *lament* for Abner and said, "Should Abner die as a fool dies?"

34 "Your hands were not bound, nor your feet put in fetters;

As one falls before the <sup>1</sup>wicked, you have fallen." And all the people wept again over him.

35 Then all the people came <sup>a</sup>to <sup>1</sup>persuade David to eat bread while it was still day; but David vowed, saying, "<sup>b</sup>May God do so to me, and more also, if I taste bread or anything else <sup>c</sup>before the sun goes down."

36 Now all the people took note of it, and it <sup>1</sup>pleased them, just as everything the king did <sup>2</sup>pleased all the people.

37 So all the people and all Israel understood that day that it had not been *the will* of the king to put Abner the son of Ner to death.

38 Then the king said to his servants, "Do you not know that a prince and a great man has fallen this day in Israel?"

39 "And I am <sup>a</sup>weak today, though anointed king; and these men <sup>b</sup>the sons of Zeruiah are too difficult for me. <sup>c</sup>May the LORD repay the evildoer according to his evil."

#### CHAPTER 4

**N**OW when <sup>1</sup>Ish-bosheth, Saul's son, heard that <sup>a</sup>Abner had died in Hebron, <sup>2</sup>he lost courage, and all Israel was disturbed.

2 And Saul's son *had* two men who were commanders of bands: the name of the one was Baanah and the name of the other Rechab, sons of Rimmon the Beerothite, of the sons of Benjamin (for <sup>a</sup>Beeroth is also considered <sup>b</sup>part of Benjamin,

3 and the Beerothites fled to <sup>a</sup>Gittaim, and have been aliens there until this day).

4 Now <sup>a</sup>Jonathan, Saul's son, had a son crippled in his feet. He was five years old when the <sup>b</sup>report of Saul and Jonathan came from Jezreel, and his nurse took him up and fled. And it happened that in her hurry to flee, he fell and became lame. And his name was <sup>1</sup>Mephibosheth.

5 So the sons of Rimmon the Beerothite, Rechab and Baanah, departed and came <sup>a</sup>to the house of Ish-bosheth in the heat of the day while he was taking his midday rest.

6 <sup>1</sup>And they came to the middle of the house as <sup>2</sup>if to get wheat, and <sup>a</sup>they struck him in the belly; and Rechab and Baanah his brother escaped.

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7 Now when they came into the house, as he was lying on his bed in his bedroom, they struck him and killed him and beheaded him. And they took his head and <sup>1a</sup>traveled by way of the Arabah all night.

8 Then they brought the head of Ish-bosheth to David at Hebron, and said to the king, "Behold, the head of Ish-bosheth, <sup>a</sup>the son of Saul, your enemy, who sought your life; thus the LORD has given my lord the king vengeance this day on Saul and his <sup>1</sup>descendants."

9 And David answered Rechab and Baanah his brother, sons of Rimmon the Beerothite, and said to them, "As the LORD lives, <sup>a</sup>who has redeemed my life from all distress,

10 <sup>a</sup>when one told me, saying, 'Behold, Saul is dead,' and <sup>1</sup>thought he was bringing good news, I seized him and killed him in Ziklag, which was the reward I gave him for *his* news.

11 "How much more, when wicked men have killed a righteous man in his own house on his bed, shall I not now <sup>a</sup>require his blood from your hand, and <sup>1</sup>destroy you from the earth?"

12 Then <sup>a</sup>David commanded the young men, and they killed them and cut off their hands and feet, and hung them up beside the pool in Hebron. But they took the head of Ish-bosheth <sup>b</sup>and buried it in the grave of Abner in Hebron.

**CHAPTER 5**

<sup>a</sup>**T**HEN all the tribes of Israel came to David at Hebron and <sup>1</sup>said, "Behold, we are <sup>b</sup>your bone and your flesh.

2 "Previously, when Saul was king over us, <sup>a</sup>you were the one who led Israel out and in. And the LORD said to you, '<sup>b</sup>You will shepherd My people Israel, and you will be <sup>c</sup>a ruler over Israel.'"

3 So all the elders of Israel came to the king at Hebron, and King David <sup>a</sup>made a covenant with them before the LORD at Hebron; then <sup>b</sup>they anointed David king over Israel.

4 David was <sup>a</sup>thirty years old when he became king, *and* <sup>b</sup>he reigned forty years.

5 At Hebron <sup>a</sup>he reigned over Judah seven years and six months, and in Jerusalem he reigned thirty-three years over all Israel and Judah.

6 <sup>a</sup>Now the king and his men went to <sup>b</sup>Jerusalem against the Jebusites, the inhabitants of the land, and they said to <sup>1</sup>David, "You shall not come in here, but the blind and lame shall turn you away"; <sup>2</sup>thinking, "David cannot enter here."

7 Nevertheless, David captured the stronghold of Zion, that is <sup>a</sup>the city of David.

8 And David said on that day, "Whoever would strike the Jebusites, let him reach the lame and the blind, who are hated by David's soul, through the water tunnel." Therefore they say, "The blind or the lame shall not come into the house."

9 So David lived in the stronghold, and called it <sup>a</sup>the city of David. And David built all around from <sup>1b</sup>Millo and inward.

10 And <sup>a</sup>David became greater and greater, for the LORD God of hosts was with him.

11 <sup>a</sup>Then Hiram king of Tyre sent messengers to David with cedar trees and carpenters and stonemasons; and <sup>b</sup>they built a house for David.

<sup>7</sup> <sup>1</sup>Lit., went  
<sup>2</sup> Sam. 2:29

<sup>8</sup> <sup>1</sup>Lit., seed  
<sup>1</sup> Sam. 24:4; 25:29

<sup>9</sup> <sup>1</sup> Kin. 1:29

<sup>10</sup> <sup>1</sup>Lit., he was as a bearer of good news in his own eyes  
<sup>2</sup> Sam. 1:2, 4, 15

<sup>11</sup> <sup>1</sup>Lit., burn  
<sup>1</sup> Gen. 9:5; Ps. 9:12

<sup>12</sup> <sup>2</sup> Sam. 1:15  
<sup>2</sup> Sam. 3:32

<sup>1</sup> <sup>1</sup>Lit., said, saying  
<sup>1</sup> Chr. 11:1-3 <sup>2</sup> Sam. 19:13

<sup>2</sup> <sup>1</sup> Sam. 18:5, 13, 16  
<sup>2</sup> Sam. 7:7; Gen. 49:24  
<sup>1</sup> Sam. 25:30

<sup>3</sup> <sup>2</sup> Sam. 3:21  
<sup>2</sup> Sam. 2:4; 1 Sam. 16:13

<sup>4</sup> <sup>1</sup> Gen. 41:46; Num. 4:3;  
Luke 3:23 <sup>1</sup> Kin. 2:11;  
1 Chr. 26:31

<sup>5</sup> <sup>2</sup> Sam. 2:11

<sup>6</sup> <sup>1</sup>Lit., David, saying  
<sup>2</sup>Lit., saying  
<sup>1</sup> Chr. 11:4-9 <sup>1</sup> Josh. 15:63;  
18:28; Judg. 1:21

<sup>7</sup> <sup>2</sup> Sam. 6:12, 16;  
1 Kin. 2:10; 9:24

<sup>9</sup> <sup>1</sup>e., Citadel  
<sup>2</sup> Sam. 5:7 <sup>1</sup> Kin. 9:15, 24

<sup>10</sup> <sup>2</sup> Sam. 3:1

<sup>11</sup> <sup>1</sup> Chr. 14:1; 1 Kin. 5:2,  
10, 18 <sup>1b</sup> Ps. 30:title

13 <sup>a</sup>Deut. 17:17; 1 Chr. 3:914 <sup>a</sup>1 Chr. 3:5-817 <sup>a</sup>1 Sam. 29:1  
<sup>b2</sup> Sam. 23:14; 1 Chr. 11:1618 <sup>a</sup>Gen. 14:5; Josh. 15:8;  
17:15; 18:1619 <sup>a</sup>1 Sam. 23:2  
<sup>b1</sup> Sam. 2:120 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *David smote*  
<sup>2</sup>I.e., The master of break-  
through  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 28:2121 <sup>a</sup>1 Chr. 14:1222 <sup>a2</sup> Sam. 5:1823 <sup>1</sup>Or, *baka-shrubs*  
<sup>a2</sup> Sam. 5:1924 <sup>1</sup>Or, *baka-shrubs*  
<sup>a2</sup> Kin. 7:6 <sup>b</sup>Judg. 4:1425 <sup>a</sup>Is. 28:21 <sup>b</sup>Josh. 12:12;  
21:211 <sup>a</sup>1 Chr. 13:5-142 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *sitting*  
<sup>a</sup>Josh. 15:9, 10; 1 Sam. 7:1  
<sup>b</sup>Lev. 24:16 <sup>c</sup>Ex. 25:223 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *caused to ride*  
<sup>a1</sup> Sam. 6:74 <sup>a</sup>1 Sam. 7:1

12 And David realized that the LORD had established him as king over Israel, and that He had exalted his kingdom for the sake of His people Israel.

13 Meanwhile <sup>a</sup>David took more concubines and wives from Jerusalem, after he came from Hebron; and more sons and daughters were born to David.

14 Now <sup>a</sup>these are the names of those who were born to him in Jerusalem: Shammua, Shobab, Nathan, Solomon,

15 Ibhar, Elishua, Nepheg, Japhia,

16 Elishama, Eliada and Eliphelet.

17 When the Philistines heard that they had anointed David king over Israel, <sup>a</sup>all the Philistines went up to seek out David; and when David heard *of it*, he went down to the <sup>b</sup>stronghold.

18 Now the Philistines came and spread themselves out in <sup>a</sup>the valley of Rephaim.

19 Then <sup>a</sup>David inquired of the LORD, saying, "Shall I go up against the Philistines? Wilt Thou give them into my hand?" And <sup>b</sup>the LORD said to David, "Go up, for I will certainly give the Philistines into your hand."

20 So David came to <sup>a</sup>Baal-perazim, and <sup>1</sup>defeated them there; and he said, "The LORD has broken through my enemies before me like the break-through of waters." Therefore he named that place <sup>2</sup>Baal-perazim.

21 And they abandoned their idols there, so <sup>a</sup>David and his men carried them away.

22 Now <sup>a</sup>the Philistines came up once again and spread themselves out in the valley of Rephaim.

23 And when <sup>a</sup>David inquired of the LORD, He said, "You shall not go *directly* up; circle around behind them and come at them in front of the <sup>1</sup>balsam trees.

24 "And it shall be, when <sup>a</sup>you hear the sound of marching in the tops of the <sup>1</sup>balsam trees, then you shall act promptly, for then <sup>b</sup>the LORD will have gone out before you to strike the army of the Philistines."

25 Then David did so, just as the LORD had commanded him, and struck down the Philistines from <sup>a</sup>Geba until you come to <sup>b</sup>Gezer.

## CHAPTER 6

<sup>a</sup>**N**OW David again gathered all the chosen men of Israel, thirty thousand.

2 And David arose and went with all the people who were with him to <sup>a</sup>Baale-judah, to bring up from there the ark of God which is called by the <sup>b</sup>Name, the very name of the LORD of hosts who <sup>c</sup>is <sup>1</sup>enthroned *above* the cherubim.

3 And they <sup>1</sup>placed the ark of God on <sup>a</sup>a new cart that they might bring it from the house of Abinadab which was on the hill; and Uzzah and Ahio, the sons of Abinadab, were leading the new cart.

4 So <sup>a</sup>they brought it with the ark of God from the house of Abinadab, which was on the hill; and Ahio was walking ahead of the ark.



5 Meanwhile, David and all the house of Israel <sup>a</sup>were celebrating before the LORD <sup>b</sup>with all kinds of *instruments made of* <sup>1</sup>fir wood, and with lyres, harps, tambourines, castanets and cymbals.

6 But when they came to the threshing floor of <sup>a</sup>Nacon, Uzzah <sup>b</sup>reached out toward the ark of God and took hold of it, for the oxen nearly upset it.

7 And the anger of the LORD burned against Uzzah, and <sup>a</sup>God struck him down there for <sup>1</sup>his irreverence; and he died there by the ark of God.

8 And David became angry because <sup>1</sup>of the LORD's outburst against Uzzah, and that place is called <sup>2</sup>Perez-uzzah to this day.

9 So David was afraid of the LORD that day; and he said, "How can the ark of the LORD come to me?"

10 And David was unwilling to move the ark of the LORD into the city of David with him; but David took it aside to the house of <sup>a</sup>Obed-edom the Gittite.

11 Thus the ark of the LORD remained in the house of Obed-edom the Gittite three months, and the LORD blessed Obed-edom and all his household.

12 Now it was told King David, saying, "The LORD has blessed the house of Obed-edom and all that belongs to him, on account of the ark of God." <sup>a</sup>And David went and brought up the ark of God from the house of Obed-edom into <sup>b</sup>the city of David with gladness.

13 And so it was, that when the bearers of the ark of the LORD had gone six paces, he sacrificed an ox and a fatling.

14 And <sup>a</sup>David was dancing before the LORD with all *his* might, and David was <sup>1</sup>wearing a linen ephod.

15 So David and all the house of Israel were bringing up the ark of the LORD with shouting and the sound of the trumpet.

16 Then it happened *as* the ark of the LORD came into the city of David that <sup>a</sup>Michal the daughter of Saul looked out of the window and saw King David leaping and dancing before the LORD; and she despised him in her heart.

17 So they brought in the ark of the LORD and set it <sup>a</sup>in its place inside the tent which David had pitched for it; and <sup>b</sup>David offered burnt offerings and peace offerings before the LORD.

18 And when David had finished offering the burnt offering and the peace offering, <sup>a</sup>he blessed the people in the name of the LORD of hosts.

19 Further, he distributed to all the people, to all the multitude of Israel, both to men and women, a cake of bread and one of dates and one of raisins to each one. Then all the people departed each to his house.

20 But when David returned to bless his household, Michal the daughter of Saul came out to meet David and said, "How the king of Israel distinguished himself today! <sup>1</sup>He uncovered himself today in the eyes of his servants' maids as one of the foolish ones shamelessly uncovers himself!"

21 So David said to Michal, "<sup>a</sup>It was before the LORD, who chose me above your father and above all his house, to appoint me ruler over the people of the LORD, over Israel; therefore I will celebrate before the LORD.

5 <sup>1</sup>Or, *cypress*  
<sup>a</sup>1 Sam. 18:6, 7 <sup>b</sup>1 Chr. 13:7, 8

6 <sup>a</sup>1 Chr. 13:9  
<sup>b</sup>Num. 4:15, 19, 20

7 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *the*  
<sup>a</sup>1 Sam. 6:19

8 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *the LORD broke through a break-through*  
<sup>2</sup>i.e., The break-through of Uzzah

10 <sup>a</sup>1 Chr. 26:4-8

12 <sup>a</sup>1 Chr. 15:25-16:3  
<sup>b</sup>1 Kin. 8:1

14 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *girded with*  
<sup>a</sup>Ex. 15:20, 21; Judg. 11:34  
<sup>b</sup>Ex. 19:6; 1 Sam. 2:18, 28

16 <sup>a</sup>2 Sam. 3:14

17 <sup>a</sup>1 Chr. 15:1; 2 Chr. 1:4  
<sup>b</sup>1 Kin. 8:62-65

18 <sup>a</sup>1 Kin. 8:14, 15

20 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *who*  
<sup>a</sup>2 Sam. 6:14, 16

21 <sup>a</sup>1 Sam. 13:14; 15:28

2 Samuel 6, 7

1 <sup>1</sup> Chr. 17:1-27

2 <sup>2</sup> Sam. 6:17; 12:1;  
1 Kin. 1:22; 1 Chr. 29:29;  
2 Chr. 9:29 <sup>b2</sup> Sam. 5:11  
<sup>c</sup> Ex. 26:1

3 <sup>1</sup> Kin. 8:17, 18

5 <sup>1</sup> Kin. 5:3, 4; 8:19

6 <sup>1</sup> Lit., *dwelling place*  
<sup>a</sup> Josh. 18:1; 1 Kin. 8:16  
<sup>b</sup> Ex. 40:18, 34

7 <sup>2</sup> Lev. 26:11, 12  
<sup>b2</sup> Sam. 5:2

8 <sup>1</sup> Sam. 16:11, 12;  
Ps. 78:70, 71 <sup>b1</sup> Sam. 6:21

9 <sup>a1</sup> Sam. 5:10 <sup>b</sup> Ps.  
18:37-42

10 <sup>1</sup> Lit., *sons of*  
*wickedness*  
<sup>2</sup> Ex. 15:17; Is. 5:2, 7  
<sup>b</sup> Ps. 89:22, 23; Is. 60:18

11 <sup>1</sup> Judg. 2:14-16;  
1 Sam. 12:9-11 <sup>b2</sup> Sam. 7:1  
<sup>c1</sup> Sam. 7:27; 1 Sam. 25:28

12 <sup>1</sup> Lit., *seed* <sup>2</sup> Lit., *your*  
*bowels*  
<sup>a1</sup> Kin. 2:1

13 <sup>a1</sup> Kin. 6:12; 8:19  
<sup>b</sup> Is. 9:7; 49:8

14 <sup>a</sup> Heb. 1:5; Ps. 89:26, 27  
<sup>b1</sup> Kin. 11:34; Ps. 89:30-33

15 <sup>a1</sup> Sam. 15:23; 16:14

16 <sup>1</sup> So with Gk. and some  
ancient mss.; M.T. *you*  
<sup>2</sup> Sam. 7:13; Ps. 89:36, 37

22 "And I will be more lightly esteemed than this and will be humble in my own eyes, but with the maids of whom you have spoken, with them I will be distinguished."

23 And Michal the daughter of Saul had no child to the day of her death.

CHAPTER 7

<sup>a</sup> NOW it came about when the king lived in his house, and the LORD had given him rest on every side from all his enemies,  
2 that the king said to <sup>a</sup>Nathan the prophet, "See now, I dwell in <sup>b</sup>a house of cedar, but the ark of God <sup>c</sup>dwells within tent curtains."

3 And Nathan said to the king, "<sup>a</sup>Go, do all that is in your mind, for the LORD is with you."

4 But it came about in the same night that the word of the LORD came to Nathan, saying,

5 "Go and say to My servant David, 'Thus says the LORD, "<sup>a</sup>Are you the one who should build Me a house to dwell in?'

6 "For <sup>a</sup>I have not dwelt in a house since the day I brought up the sons of Israel from Egypt, even to this day; but I have been moving about <sup>b</sup>in a tent, even in a <sup>1</sup>tabernacle.

7 "<sup>a</sup>Wherever I have gone with all the sons of Israel, did I speak a word with one of the tribes of Israel, <sup>b</sup>which I commanded to shepherd My people Israel, saying, 'Why have you not built Me a house of cedar?'"

8 "Now therefore, thus you shall say to My servant David, 'Thus says the LORD of hosts, "<sup>a</sup>I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep, <sup>b</sup>that you should be ruler over My people Israel.

9 "And <sup>a</sup>I have been with you wherever you have gone and <sup>b</sup>have cut off all your enemies from before you; and I will make you a great name, like the names of the great men who are on the earth.

10 "I will also appoint a place for My people Israel and <sup>a</sup>will plant them, that they may live in their own place and not be disturbed again, <sup>b</sup>nor will the <sup>1</sup>wicked afflict them any more as formerly,

11 even <sup>a</sup>from the day that I commanded judges to be over My people Israel; and <sup>b</sup>I will give you rest from all your enemies. The LORD also declares to you that <sup>c</sup>the LORD will make a house for you.

12 "<sup>a</sup>When your days are complete and you lie down with your fathers, I will raise up your <sup>1</sup>descendant after you, who will come forth from <sup>2</sup>you, and I will establish his kingdom.

13 "<sup>a</sup>He shall build a house for My name, and <sup>b</sup>I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever.

14 "<sup>a</sup>I will be a father to him and he will be a son to Me; <sup>b</sup>when he commits iniquity, I will correct him with the rod of men and the strokes of the sons of men,

15 but My lovingkindness shall not depart from him, <sup>a</sup>as I took it away from Saul, whom I removed from before you.

16 "And <sup>a</sup>your house and your kingdom shall endure before <sup>1</sup>Me forever; your throne shall be established forever."

17 In accordance with all these words and all this vision, so Nathan spoke to David.

18 Then David the king went in and sat before the LORD, and he said, "Who am I, O LORD GOD, and what is my house, that Thou hast brought me this far?"

19 "And yet this was insignificant in Thine eyes, O LORD GOD, for Thou hast spoken also of the house of Thy servant concerning the distant future. And this is the custom of man, O LORD GOD.

20 "And again what more can David say to Thee? For Thou knowest Thy servant, O LORD GOD!

21 "For the sake of Thy word, and according to Thine own heart, Thou hast done all this greatness to let Thy servant know.

22 "For this reason Thou art great, O LORD GOD; for there is none like Thee, and there is no God besides Thee, according to all that we have heard with our ears.

23 "And what one nation on the earth is like Thy people Israel, whom God went to redeem for Himself as a people and to make a name for Himself, and to do a great thing for Thee and awesome things for Thy land, before Thy people whom Thou hast redeemed for Thyself from Egypt, from nations and their gods?"

24 "For Thou hast established for Thyself Thy people Israel as Thine own people forever, and Thou, O LORD, hast become their God.

25 "Now therefore, O LORD GOD, the word that Thou hast spoken concerning Thy servant and his house, confirm it forever, and do as Thou hast spoken,

26 that Thy name may be magnified forever, by saying, 'The LORD of hosts is God over Israel'; and may the house of Thy servant David be established before Thee.

27 "For Thou, O LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, hast made a revelation to Thy servant, saying, 'I will build you a house'; therefore Thy servant has found courage to pray this prayer to Thee.

28 "And now, O LORD GOD, Thou art God, and Thy words are truth, and Thou hast promised this good thing to Thy servant.

29 "Now therefore may it please Thee to bless the house of Thy servant, that it may continue forever before Thee. For Thou, O LORD GOD, hast spoken; and with Thy blessing may the house of Thy servant be blessed forever."

CHAPTER 8

<sup>a</sup> NOW after this it came about that David defeated the Philistines and subdued them; and David took control of the chief city from the hand of the Philistines.

2 And he defeated Moab, and measured them with the line, making them lie down on the ground; and he measured two lines to put to death and one full line to keep alive. And the Moabites became servants to David, bringing tribute.

3 Then David defeated Hadadzezer, the son of Rehob king of Zobah, as he went to restore his rule at the River.

4 And David captured from him 1,700 horsemen and

18 <sup>1</sup>YHWH, usually rendered LORD and so throughout the chap. <sup>a</sup>Ex. 3:11; 1 Sam. 16:18

19 <sup>1</sup>Or, law <sup>a</sup>2 Sam. 7:11-16; 1 Chr. 17:17 <sup>b</sup>Is. 55:8, 9

20 <sup>a</sup>1 Sam. 16:7; John 21:17

21 <sup>a</sup>1 Chr. 17:19

22 <sup>a</sup>Deut. 3:24; Ps. 48:1; 86:10 <sup>b</sup>Ex. 15:11; 1 Sam. 2:2 <sup>c</sup>Ex. 10:2; Ps. 44:1

23 <sup>a</sup>Deut. 4:32-38 <sup>b</sup>Deut. 10:21 <sup>c</sup>Deut. 15:15 <sup>d</sup>Deut. 9:26

24 <sup>a</sup>Deut. 32:6 <sup>b</sup>Gen. 17:7; 8; Ex. 6:7

26 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 72:18, 19

27 <sup>1</sup>Lit., uncovered the ear of <sup>2</sup>Lit., his heart <sup>a</sup>2 Sam. 7:13

28 <sup>1</sup>Or, spoken <sup>a</sup>Ex. 34:6; John 17:17

29 <sup>a</sup>Num. 6:24-26

<sup>1</sup>Lit., smote <sup>2</sup>Lit., the bride of the mother city <sup>a</sup>1 Chr. 18

<sup>2</sup>Lit., smote <sup>a</sup>Num. 24:17 <sup>b</sup>1 Sam. 22:3; 4 <sup>c</sup>2 Sam. 8:6; 1 Kin. 4:21; 2 Kin. 3:4 <sup>d</sup>2 Kin. 17:3

<sup>3</sup>Lit., smote <sup>2</sup>Lit., hand <sup>1</sup>i.e., Euphrates <sup>a</sup>2 Kin. 10:16, 19; 1 Sam. 14:47 <sup>b</sup>2 Kin. 10:15-19

4 \*Josh. 11:6, 9

5 <sup>1</sup>Heb., *Aram* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *smote*  
\*1 Kin. 11:23-25; 15:18

6 <sup>1</sup>Heb., *Aram*  
\*2 Sam. 8:2 <sup>2</sup>Sam. 3:18

7 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *on*

8 <sup>1</sup>Or, *Tibhath*,  
1 Chr. 18:8  
\*Ezek. 47:16

9 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *smitten*  
\*1 Kin. 8:65; 2 Chr. 8:4

10 <sup>1</sup>Or, *Hadoram*,  
1 Chr. 18:10 <sup>2</sup>Lit., *ask him*  
*of his welfare* <sup>3</sup>Lit., *smitten*  
<sup>4</sup>Lit., *was a man of wars*  
<sup>5</sup>Lit., *there were in his*  
*hand*

11 \*1 Kin. 7:51

12 <sup>1</sup>Heb., *Aram*; some  
mss. read, *Edom*  
\*2 Sam. 8:2 <sup>2</sup>Sam. 10:14  
\*2 Sam. 5:17-25  
\*1 Sam. 27:8; 30:17-20

13 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *smiting* <sup>2</sup>Heb.,  
*Aram*; some mss. read,  
*Edom*  
\*2 Sam. 7:9 <sup>2</sup>2 Kin. 14:7

14 \*Gen. 27:37-40;  
Num. 24:17, 18 <sup>2</sup>2 Sam. 8:6

15 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *was doing*

16 \*1 Kin. 4:3  
<sup>2</sup>2 Kin. 18:18, 37

17 \*1 Chr. 6:4-8  
<sup>1</sup>1 Chr. 16:39, 40  
<sup>2</sup>2 Kin. 18:18

18 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *and the*  
*Cherethites* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *priests*  
\*1 Kin. 4:4 <sup>2</sup>2 Sam. 15:18;  
20:7, 23; 1 Sam. 30:14;  
1 Kin. 1:38, 44 <sup>1</sup>1 Chr. 18:17

1 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *he who is*  
\*1 Sam. 20:14-17, 42

2 \*2 Sam. 16:1-4;  
19:17, 29

3 \*1 Sam. 20:14  
<sup>2</sup>2 Sam. 4:4

4 \*1 Sam. 17:27-29

20,000 foot soldiers; and David <sup>a</sup>hamstrung the chariot horses, but reserved *enough* of them for 100 chariots.

5 And when <sup>1a</sup>the Syrians of Damascus came to help Hadadezer, king of Zobah, David <sup>2</sup>killed 22,000 men of <sup>1b</sup>the Syrians.

6 Then David put garrisons in <sup>1</sup>Syria of Damascus, and <sup>1a</sup>the Syrians became servants to David, bringing tribute. And <sup>b</sup>the LORD helped David wherever he went.

7 And David took the shields of gold which were <sup>1</sup>carried by the servants of Hadadezer, and brought them to Jerusalem.

8 And from <sup>1</sup>Bethah and from <sup>a</sup>Berothai, cities of Hadadezer, King David took a very large amount of bronze.

9 Now when Toi king of <sup>a</sup>Hamath heard that David had <sup>1</sup>defeated all the army of Hadadezer,

10 Toi sent <sup>1</sup>Joram his son to King David to <sup>2</sup>greet him and bless him, because he had fought against Hadadezer and <sup>3</sup>defeated him; for Hadadezer <sup>4</sup>had been at war with Toi. And <sup>5</sup>Joram brought with him articles of silver, of gold and of bronze.

11 King David also dedicated <sup>a</sup>these to the LORD, with the silver and gold that he had dedicated from all the nations which he had subdued:

12 from <sup>1</sup>Syria and <sup>a</sup>Moab and <sup>b</sup>the sons of Ammon and <sup>c</sup>the Philistines and <sup>d</sup>Amalek, and from the spoil of Hadadezer, son of Rehob, king of Zobah.

13 So <sup>a</sup>David made a name *for himself* when he returned from <sup>1</sup>killing 18,000 <sup>2</sup>Syrians in <sup>b</sup>the Valley of Salt.

14 And he put garrisons in Edom. In all Edom he put garrisons, and <sup>a</sup>all the Edomites became servants to David. And <sup>b</sup>the LORD helped David wherever he went.

15 So David reigned over all Israel; and David <sup>1</sup>administered justice and righteousness for all his people.

16 And Joab the son of Zeruiah *was* over the army, and <sup>a</sup>Jehoshaphat the son of Ahilud *was* <sup>b</sup>recorder.

17 And <sup>a</sup>Zadok the son of Ahitub and Ahimelech the son of Abiathar *were* <sup>b</sup>priests, and Seraiah *was* <sup>c</sup>secretary.

18 And <sup>a</sup>Benaiah the son of Jehoiada <sup>1</sup>was over the <sup>b</sup>Cherethites and the Pelethites; and David's sons were <sup>2c</sup>chief ministers.

## CHAPTER 9

**T**HEN David said, "Is there yet <sup>1</sup>anyone left of the house of Saul, <sup>a</sup>that I may show him kindness for Jonathan's sake?"

2 Now there was a servant of the house of Saul whose name was Ziba, and they called him to David; and the king said to him, "Are you <sup>a</sup>Ziba?" And he said, "*I am* your servant."

3 And the king said, "Is there not yet anyone of the house of Saul to whom I may show the <sup>a</sup>kindness of God?" And Ziba said to the king, "<sup>b</sup>There is still a son of Jonathan who is crippled in both feet."

4 So the king said to him, "Where is he?" And Ziba said to the king, "Behold, he is <sup>a</sup>in the house of Machir the son of Ammiel in Lo-debar."

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His Servants Abused by Hanun.**

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5 Then King David sent and brought him from the house of Machir the son of Ammiel, from Lo-debar.

6 \*2 Sam. 16:4; 19:24-30  
b1 Sam. 25:23

6 And <sup>a</sup>Mephibosheth, the son of Jonathan the son of Saul, came to David and <sup>b</sup>fell on his face and prostrated himself. And David said, "Mephibosheth." And he said, "Here is your servant!"

7 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *field* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *father*  
<sup>3</sup>Lit., *eat bread*  
\*2 Sam. 9:1, <sup>3</sup> b2 Sam. 12:8  
\*2 Sam. 19:28; 1 Kin. 2:7;  
2 Kin. 25:29

7 And David said to him, "Do not fear, for <sup>a</sup>I will surely show kindness to you for the sake of your father Jonathan, and <sup>b</sup>will restore to you all the <sup>1</sup>land of your <sup>2</sup>grandfather Saul; and <sup>c</sup>you shall <sup>3</sup>eat at my table regularly."

8 \*2 Sam. 16:9

8 Again he prostrated himself and said, "What is your servant, that you should regard <sup>a</sup>a dead dog like me?"

9 Then the king called Saul's servant Ziba, and said to him, "<sup>a</sup>All that belonged to Saul and to all his house I have given to your master's <sup>1</sup>grandson.

9 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *son*  
\*2 Sam. 16:4; 19:29

10 "And you and your sons and your servants shall cultivate the land for him, and you shall bring in *the produce* so that your master's grandson may have food; nevertheless <sup>a</sup>Mephibosheth your master's grandson <sup>b</sup>shall <sup>1</sup>eat at my table regularly." Now Ziba had fifteen sons and twenty servants.

10 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *eat bread*  
\*2 Sam. 9:7, 11, 13  
b2 Sam. 19:28; 1 Kin. 2:7

11 Then Ziba said to the king, "According to all that my lord the king commands his servant so your servant will do." So Mephibosheth ate at <sup>1</sup>David's table as one of the king's sons.

11 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *my*

12 And Mephibosheth had a young son whose name was <sup>a</sup>Mica. And all who lived in the house of Ziba were servants to Mephibosheth.

12 \*1 Chr. 8:34

13 So Mephibosheth lived in Jerusalem, for <sup>a</sup>he ate at the king's table regularly. Now <sup>b</sup>he was lame in both feet.

13 \*2 Sam. 9:7, 11  
b2 Sam. 9:3

CHAPTER 10

<sup>a</sup>**N**OW it happened afterwards that <sup>b</sup>the king of the Ammonites died, and Hanun his son became king in his place.

1 \*1 Chr. 19:1-19  
b1 Sam. 11:1

2 Then David said, "I will show kindness to Hanun the son of <sup>a</sup>Nahash, just as his father showed kindness to me." So David sent <sup>1</sup>some of his servants to console him concerning his father. But when David's servants came to the land of the Ammonites,

2 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *by the hand of*  
\*1 Sam. 11:1

3 the princes of the Ammonites said to Hanun their lord, "<sup>1</sup>Do you think that David is honoring your father because he has sent consolers to you? <sup>a</sup>Has David not sent his servants to you in order to search the city, to spy it out and overthrow it?"

3 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *"In your eyes is David honoring*  
\*Cen. 42:9, 16

4 So Hanun took David's servants and <sup>a</sup>shaved off half of their beards, and <sup>b</sup>cut off their garments in the middle as far as their hips, and sent them away.

4 \*Is. 15:2; Jer. 41:5  
b1s. 20:4

5 When they told *it* to David, he sent to meet them, for the men were greatly humiliated. And the king said, "<sup>1</sup>Stay at Jericho until your beards grow, and then return."

5 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *Return to*

6 Now when the sons of Ammon saw that <sup>a</sup>they had become odious to David, the sons of Ammon sent and <sup>b</sup>hired <sup>1</sup>the Syrians of <sup>c</sup>Beth-rehob and <sup>1</sup>the <sup>d</sup>Syrians of Zobah, 20,000 foot soldiers, and the king of <sup>e</sup>Maacah with 1,000 men, and the men of <sup>f</sup>Tob with 12,000 men.

6 <sup>1</sup>Heb., *Aram* (vss. 6-19)  
\*Cen. 34:30; 1 Sam. 27:12  
b2 Sam. 8:3, 5; 2 Kin. 7:6  
\*Cen. 36:37; Judg. 18:28  
d2 Sam. 8:3 \*Deut. 3:14

7 When David heard of *it*, he sent Joab and all the army, the mighty men.

8 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *gate*  
<sup>a</sup>1 Chr. 19:9 <sup>b</sup>Judg. 11:3, 5  
<sup>c</sup>Josh. 13:9, 16

9 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *the faces of the battle were against*

12 <sup>a</sup>Deut. 31:6; Josh. 1:6  
<sup>b</sup>1 Cor. 16:13 <sup>c</sup>1 Sam. 3:18

13 <sup>a</sup>1 Kin. 20:13-21

14 <sup>a</sup>2 Sam. 11:1

15 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *smitten before*

16 <sup>1</sup>i.e., Euphrates <sup>2</sup>Lit., *before*  
<sup>a</sup>2 Sam. 8:3-8 <sup>b</sup>1 Chr. 19:16

18 <sup>a</sup>1 Chr. 19:18

19 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *smitten before*  
<sup>a</sup>2 Sam. 8:6

1 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *at the return of the year*  
<sup>a</sup>1 Chr. 20:1 <sup>b</sup>2 Sam. 10:14;  
<sup>1</sup> Kin. 20:22, 26  
<sup>c</sup>2 Sam. 12:26-28; Jer. 49:2, 3; Amos 1:14

2 <sup>a</sup>2 Sam. 4:5, 7  
<sup>b</sup>Deut. 22:8; 1 Sam. 9:25;  
<sup>c</sup>Matt. 24:17; Acts 10:9

3 <sup>a</sup>1 Chr. 3:5  
<sup>b</sup>1 Chr. 23:39

4 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 51:title;  
<sup>b</sup>James 1:14, 15 <sup>c</sup>Lev. 12:2-5;  
<sup>d</sup>15:19-28; 18:19

8 And the sons of Ammon came out and drew up in battle array <sup>a</sup>at the entrance of the <sup>1</sup>city, while the Syrians of Zobah and of Rehob and the men of <sup>b</sup>Tob and Maacah *were* by themselves <sup>c</sup>in the field.

9 Now when Joab saw that <sup>1</sup>the battle was set against him in front and in the rear, he selected from all the choice men of Israel, and arrayed *them* against the Syrians.

10 But the remainder of the people he placed in the hand of Abishai his brother, and he arrayed *them* against the sons of Ammon.

11 And he said, "If the Syrians are too strong for me, then you shall help me, but if the sons of Ammon are too strong for you, then I will come to help you.

12 <sup>a</sup>"Be strong, and <sup>b</sup>let us show ourselves courageous for the sake of our people and for the cities of our God; and <sup>c</sup>may the LORD do what is good in His sight."

13 So Joab and the people who were with him drew near to the battle against the Syrians, and <sup>a</sup>they fled before him.

14 When the sons of Ammon saw that the Syrians fled, they *also* fled before Abishai and entered the city. <sup>a</sup>Then Joab returned from *fighting* against the sons of Ammon and came to Jerusalem.

15 When the Syrians saw that they had been <sup>1</sup>defeated by Israel, they gathered themselves together.

16 <sup>a</sup>And Hadadezer sent and brought out the Syrians who were beyond the <sup>1</sup>River, and they came to Helam; and <sup>b</sup>Shobach the commander of the army of Hadadezer <sup>2</sup>led them.

17 Now when it was told David, he gathered all Israel together and crossed the Jordan, and came to Helam. And the Syrians arrayed themselves to meet David and fought against him.

18 But the Syrians fled before Israel, and David killed <sup>a</sup>700 charioteers of the Syrians and 40,000 horsemen and struck down Shobach the commander of their army, and he died there.

19 When all the kings, servants of Hadadezer, saw that they were <sup>1</sup>defeated by Israel, <sup>a</sup>they made peace with Israel and served them. So the Syrians feared to help the sons of Ammon any more.

## CHAPTER 11

<sup>a</sup>**T**HEN it happened <sup>1</sup>in the spring, at the time when kings go out to *battle*, that David sent Joab and his servants with him and all Israel, and they destroyed the sons of Ammon and <sup>c</sup>besieged Rabbah. But David stayed at Jerusalem.

2 Now when evening came <sup>a</sup>David arose from his bed and walked around on <sup>b</sup>the roof of the king's house, and from the roof he saw a woman bathing; and the woman was very beautiful in appearance.

3 So David sent and inquired about the woman. And one said, "Is this not <sup>a</sup>Bathsheba, the daughter of Eliam, the wife of <sup>b</sup>Uriah the Hittite?"

4 And David sent messengers and took her, and when she came to him, <sup>a</sup>he lay with her; <sup>b</sup>and when she had purified herself from her uncleanness, she returned to her house.

5 And the woman conceived; and she sent and told David, and said, "I am pregnant."

6 Then David sent to Joab, saying, "Send me Uriah the Hittite." So Joab sent Uriah to David.

7 When Uriah came to him, David asked concerning the welfare of Joab and the people and the state of the war.

8 Then David said to Uriah, "Go down to your house, and wash your feet." And Uriah went out of the king's house, and was present from the king was sent out after him.

9 But Uriah slept at the door of the king's house with all the servants of his lord, and did not go down to his house.

10 Now when they told David, saying, "Uriah did not go down to his house," David said to Uriah, "Have you not come from a journey? Why did you not go down to your house?"

11 And Uriah said to David, "The ark and Israel and Judah are staying in temporary shelters, and my lord Joab and the servants of my lord are camping in the open field. Shall I then go to my house to eat and to drink and to lie with my wife? By your life and the life of your soul, I will not do this thing."

12 Then David said to Uriah, "Stay here today also, and tomorrow I will let you go." So Uriah remained in Jerusalem that day and the next.

13 Now David called him, and he ate and drank before him, and he made him drunk; and in the evening he went out to lie on his bed with his lord's servants, but he did not go down to his house.

14 Now it came about in the morning that David wrote a letter to Joab, and sent it by the hand of Uriah.

15 And he had written in the letter, saying, "Place Uriah in the front line of the fiercest battle and withdraw from him, so that he may be struck down and die."

16 So it was as Joab kept watch on the city, that he put Uriah at the place where he knew there were valiant men.

17 And the men of the city went out and fought against Joab, and some of the people among David's servants fell; and Uriah the Hittite also died.

18 Then Joab sent and reported to David all the events of the war.

19 And he charged the messenger, saying, "When you have finished telling all the events of the war to the king,

20 and if it happens that the king's wrath rises and he says to you, 'Why did you go so near to the city to fight? Do you not know that they would shoot from the wall?'

21 'Who struck down Abimelech the son of Jerubbesheth? Did not a woman throw an upper millstone on him from the wall so that he died at Thebez? Why did you go so near the wall?'—then you shall say, 'Your servant Uriah the Hittite is dead also.' "

22 So the messenger departed and came and reported to David all that Joab had sent him to tell.

23 And the messenger said to David, "The men prevailed against us and came out against us in the field, but we pressed them as far as the entrance of the gate.

24 "Moreover, the archers shot at your servants from the

5 <sup>a</sup>Lev. 20:10;  
Deut. 22:22

7 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *welfare of*  
<sup>a</sup>Gen. 37:14; 1 Sam. 17:22

8 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *went out*  
<sup>a</sup>Gen. 43:24; Luke 7:44  
<sup>b</sup>Gen. 43:34

9 <sup>1</sup> Kin. 14:27, 28

11 <sup>1</sup>Or, *booths*  
<sup>a</sup>2 Sam. 7:2, 6 <sup>b</sup>2 Sam. 20:6  
<sup>c</sup>2 Sam. 4:9; 14:19

12 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *morrow*

13 <sup>a</sup>2 Sam. 11:9

14 <sup>1</sup> Kin. 21:8-10

15 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *Give* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *strong*  
<sup>a</sup>2 Sam. 12:9

17 <sup>a</sup>2 Sam. 11:21

21 <sup>a</sup>Judg. 9:50-54

23 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *were upon*

2 Samuel 11, 12

25 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *be evil in your sight*

26 \*Gen. 50:10;  
Deut. 34:8; 1 Sam. 31:13

27 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *gathered*  
\*Gen. 12:9 bPs. 51:4, 5

1 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *said to him*  
\*2 Sam. 7:2, 4, 17  
bPs. 51:title \*2 Sam. 14:4-7;  
1 Kin. 20:35-41

3 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *morsel*  
\*2 Sam. 11:3

4 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *spared*

5 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *is a son of death*  
\*1 Kin.20:39, 40  
b1 Sam. 26:16

6 \*Ex. 22:1

7 \*1 Kin. 20:42  
b1 Sam. 16:13

8 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *bosom*  
\*2 Sam. 9:7

9 \*1 Sam. 15:23, 26  
b2 Sam. 11:14-17, 27  
\*2 Sam. 11:27

10 \*2 Sam. 13:28; 18:14;  
1 Kin. 2:25

11 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *the sight of this sun*  
\*2 Sam. 16:21, 22

wall; so some of the king's servants are dead, and your servant Uriah the Hittite is also dead."

25 Then David said to the messenger, "Thus you shall say to Joab, 'Do not let this thing <sup>1</sup>displease you, for the sword devours one as well as another; make your battle against the city stronger and overthrow it;' and so encourage him."

26 Now when the wife of Uriah heard that Uriah her husband was dead, <sup>a</sup>she mourned for her husband.

27 When the *time* of mourning was over, David sent and <sup>1</sup>brought her to his house and <sup>a</sup>she became his wife; then she bore him a son. But <sup>b</sup>the thing that David had done was evil in the sight of the LORD.

CHAPTER 12

**T**HEN the LORD sent <sup>a</sup>Nathan to David. And <sup>b</sup>he came to him, and <sup>1</sup>said,

"There were two men in one city, the one rich and the other poor.

2 "The rich man had a great many flocks and herds.

3 "But the poor man had nothing except <sup>a</sup>one little ewe lamb

Which he bought and nourished;

And it grew up together with him and his children. It would eat of his <sup>1</sup>bread and drink of his cup and lie in his bosom,

And was like a daughter to him.

4 "Now a traveler came to the rich man,

And he <sup>1</sup>was unwilling to take from his own flock or his own herd,

To prepare for the wayfarer who had come to him; Rather he took the poor man's ewe lamb and prepared it for the man who had come to him."

5 <sup>a</sup>Then David's anger burned greatly against the man, and he said to Nathan, "As the LORD lives, surely the man who has done this <sup>1</sup>deserves to die.

6 "And he must make restitution for the lamb <sup>a</sup>fourfold, because he did this thing and had no compassion."

7 Nathan then said to David, "<sup>a</sup>You are the man! Thus says the LORD God of Israel, <sup>b</sup>'It is I who anointed you king over Israel and it is I who delivered you from the hand of Saul.

8 'I also gave you <sup>a</sup>your master's house and your master's wives into your <sup>1</sup>care, and I gave you the house of Israel and Judah; and if *that had been* too little, I would have added to you many more things like these!

9 'Why <sup>a</sup>have you despised the word of the LORD by doing evil in His sight? <sup>b</sup>You have struck down Uriah the Hittite with the sword, <sup>c</sup>have taken his wife to be your wife, and have killed him with the sword of the sons of Ammon.

10 'Now therefore, <sup>a</sup>the sword shall never depart from your house, because you have despised Me and have taken the wife of Uriah the Hittite to be your wife.'

11 "Thus says the LORD, 'Behold, I will raise up evil against you from your own household; <sup>a</sup>I will even take your wives before your eyes, and give *them* to your companion, and he shall lie with your wives in <sup>1</sup>broad daylight.



**Death of David's Child.  
Solomon Born.**

12 'Indeed <sup>a</sup>you did it secretly, but <sup>b</sup>I will do this thing before all Israel, and <sup>1</sup>under the sun.' "

13 Then David said to Nathan, "<sup>a</sup>I have sinned against the LORD." And Nathan said to David, "The LORD also has <sup>1b</sup>taken away your sin; you shall not die.

14 "However, because by this deed you have <sup>a</sup>given occasion to the enemies of the LORD to blaspheme, the child also that is born to you shall surely die."

15 So Nathan went to his house.

Then <sup>a</sup>the LORD struck the child that Uriah's <sup>1</sup>widow bore to David, so that he was very sick.

16 David therefore inquired of God for the child; and David fasted and went and <sup>a</sup>lay all night on the ground.

17 And <sup>a</sup>the elders of his household stood beside him in order to raise him up from the ground, but he was unwilling and would not eat food with them.

18 Then it happened on the seventh day that the child <sup>died</sup>. And the servants of David were afraid to tell him that the child was dead, for they said, "Behold, while the child was *still* alive, we spoke to him and he did not listen to our voice. How then can we tell him that the child is dead, since he might do *himself* harm!"

19 But when David saw that his servants were whispering together, David perceived that the child was dead; so David said to his servants, "Is the child dead?" And they said, "He is dead."

20 So David arose from the ground, <sup>a</sup>washed, anointed *himself*, and changed his clothes; and he came into the house of the LORD and worshiped. Then he came to his own house, and when he requested, they set food before him and he ate.

21 Then his servants said to him, "What is this thing that you have done? <sup>1</sup>While the child was alive, you fasted and wept; but when the child died, you arose and ate food."

22 And he said, "While the child was *still* alive, <sup>a</sup>I fasted and wept; for I said, <sup>b</sup>Who knows, the LORD may be gracious to me, that the child may live.'

23 "But now he has died; why should I fast? Can I bring him back again? <sup>a</sup>I shall go to him, but <sup>b</sup>he will not return to me."

24 Then David comforted his wife Bathsheba, and went in to her and lay with her; and she gave birth to a son, and <sup>1a</sup>he named him Solomon. Now the LORD loved him

25 and sent *word* through Nathan the prophet, and he named him <sup>1</sup>Jedidiah for the LORD's sake.

26 <sup>a</sup>Now Joab fought against Rabbah of the sons of Ammon, and captured the royal city.

27 And Joab sent messengers to David and said, "I have fought against Rabbah, I have even captured the city of waters.

28 "Now therefore gather the rest of the people together and camp against the city and capture it, lest I capture the city myself and it be named after me."

29 So David gathered all the people and went to Rabbah, <sup>1</sup>fought against it, and captured it.

30 Then he took the crown of <sup>1</sup>their king from his head; and its weight was a talent of gold, and in it <sup>2</sup>was a precious stone; and it was *placed* on David's head. And he brought out the spoil of the city in great amounts.

12 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *before*  
<sup>2</sup>Sam. 11:4-15  
<sup>b2</sup>Sam. 16:22

13 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *caused your sin to pass away*  
<sup>2</sup>Sam. 24:10; 1 Sam. 15:24, 30; Luke 18:13 <sup>b</sup>Prov. 28:13; Lev. 20:10; 24:17; Mic. 7:18

14 <sup>a</sup>Is. 52:5; Rom. 2:24

15 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *wife*  
<sup>1</sup>Sam. 25:38

16 <sup>2</sup>Sam. 13:31; Neh. 1:4

17 <sup>a</sup>Gen. 24:2

20 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 6:17

21 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *On account of*

22 <sup>a</sup>Is. 38:1-3 <sup>b</sup>Jonah 3:9

23 <sup>a</sup>Gen. 37:35 <sup>b</sup>Job 7:8-10

24 <sup>1</sup>Some mss. read, *she*  
<sup>1</sup>Chr. 22:9

25 <sup>1</sup>i.e., *Beloved of the Lord*

26 <sup>1</sup>Chr. 20:1-3

30 <sup>1</sup>Or, *Malcam*;  
Zeph. 1:5 <sup>2</sup>Or, *were precious stones*

31 <sup>1</sup>Cf. 1 Chr. 20:3  
<sup>a</sup>Heb. 11:37

1 <sup>a2</sup> Sam. 3:2, 3;  
1 Chr. 3:2 <sup>b1</sup> Chr. 3:9  
<sup>c2</sup> Sam. 3:2

2 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *hard in Amnon's eyes*

3 <sup>a1</sup> Sam. 16:9

5 <sup>a2</sup> Kin. 8:29

6 <sup>a</sup>Gen. 18:6

9 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *poured*  
<sup>a</sup>Gen. 45:1

10 <sup>1</sup>Or, *inner room*

12 <sup>a</sup>Lev. 20:17  
<sup>b</sup>Judg. 19:23; 20:6

13 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *cause to go* <sup>2</sup>Or,  
*disgraceful ones*  
<sup>a</sup>Gen. 20:12

14 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *her voice*

31 He also brought out the people who were in it, and <sup>1</sup>set *them* under saws, sharp iron instruments, and iron axes, and made them pass through the brickkiln. And thus he did to all the cities of the sons of Ammon. Then David and all the people returned to Jerusalem.

## CHAPTER 13

**N**OW it was after this that <sup>a</sup>Absalom the son of David had a beautiful sister whose name was <sup>b</sup>Tamar, and <sup>c</sup>Amnon the son of David loved her.

2 And Amnon was so frustrated because of his sister Tamar that he made himself ill, for she was a virgin, and it seemed <sup>1</sup>hard to Amnon to do anything to her.

3 But Amnon had a friend whose name was Jonadab, the son of <sup>a</sup>Shimeah, David's brother; and Jonadab was a very shrewd man.

4 And he said to him, "O son of the king, why are you so depressed morning after morning? Will you not tell me?" Then Amnon said to him, "I am in love with Tamar, the sister of my brother Absalom."

5 Jonadab then said to him, "Lie down on your bed and pretend to be ill; when your father comes <sup>a</sup>to see you, say to him, 'Please let my sister Tamar come and give me *some* food to eat, and let her prepare the food in my sight, that I may see it and eat from her hand.'"

6 So Amnon lay down and pretended to be ill; when the king came to see him, Amnon said to the king, "Please let my sister Tamar come and <sup>a</sup>make me a couple of cakes in my sight, that I may eat from her hand."

7 Then David sent to the house for Tamar, saying, "Go now to your brother Amnon's house, and prepare food for him."

8 So Tamar went to her brother Amnon's house, and he was lying down. And she took dough, kneaded it, made cakes in his sight, and baked the cakes.

9 And she took the pan and <sup>1</sup>dished *them* out before him, but he refused to eat. And Amnon said, "<sup>a</sup>Have everyone go out from me." So everyone went out from him.

10 Then Amnon said to Tamar, "Bring the food into the <sup>1</sup>bedroom, that I may eat from your hand." So Tamar took the cakes which she had made and brought them into the bedroom to her brother Amnon.

11 When she brought *them* to him to eat, he took hold of her and said to her, "Come, lie with me, my sister."

12 But she answered him, "No, my brother, do not violate me, for <sup>a</sup>such a thing is not done in Israel; do not do this <sup>b</sup>disgraceful thing!

13 "As for me, where could I <sup>1</sup>get rid of my reproach? And as for you, you will be like one of the <sup>2</sup>fools in Israel. Now therefore, please speak to the king, for <sup>a</sup>he will not withhold me from you."

14 However, he would not listen to <sup>1</sup>her; since he was stronger than she, he violated her and lay with her.

15 Then Amnon hated her with a very great hatred; for the hatred with which he hated her was greater than the love with

**Amnon Turns against Tamar.  
Amnon Is Murdered.**

which he had loved her. And Amnon said to her, "Get up, go away!"

16 But she said to him, "No, because this wrong in sending me away is greater than the other that you have done to me!" Yet he would not listen to her.

17 Then he called his young man who attended him and said, "Now throw this woman out of my *presence*, and lock the door behind her."

18 Now she had on <sup>a</sup>a long-sleeved garment; for in this manner the virgin daughters of the king dressed themselves in robes. Then his attendant took her out and locked the door behind her.

19 And <sup>a</sup>Tamar put <sup>l</sup>ashes on her head, and <sup>b</sup>tore her <sup>2</sup>long-sleeved garment which was on her; and <sup>c</sup>she put her hand on her head and went away, crying aloud as she went.

20 Then Absalom her brother said to her, "Has Amnon your brother been with you? But now keep silent, my sister, he is your brother; do not take this matter to heart." So Tamar remained and was desolate <sup>a</sup>in her brother Absalom's house.

21 Now when King David heard of all these matters, he was very angry.

22 But Absalom did not speak to Amnon <sup>a</sup>either good or bad; for Absalom hated Amnon because he had violated his sister Tamar.

23 Now it came about after two full years that Absalom <sup>a</sup>had sheep-shearers in Baal-hazor, which is near Ephraim, and Absalom invited all the king's sons.

24 And Absalom came to the king and said, "Behold now, your servant has sheep-shearers; please let the king and his servants go with your servant."

25 But the king said to Absalom, "No, my son, we should not all go, lest we be burdensome to you." Although he <sup>l</sup>urged him, he would not go, but blessed him.

26 Then <sup>a</sup>Absalom said, "If not, please let my brother Amnon go with us." And the king said to him, "Why should he go with you?"

27 But when Absalom <sup>l</sup>urged him, he let Amnon and all the king's sons go with him.

28 And Absalom commanded his servants, saying, "See now, <sup>a</sup>when Amnon's heart is merry with wine, and when I say to you, 'Strike Amnon,' then put him to death. Do not fear; have not I myself commanded you? Be courageous and be <sup>l</sup>valiant."

29 And the servants of Absalom did to Amnon just as Absalom had commanded. Then all the king's sons arose and each mounted <sup>a</sup>his mule and fled.

30 Now it was while they were on the way that the report came to David, saying, "Absalom has struck down all the king's sons, and not one of them is left."

31 Then the king arose, <sup>a</sup>tore his clothes and <sup>b</sup>lay on the ground; and all his servants were standing by with clothes torn.

32 And <sup>a</sup>Jonadab, the son of Shimeah, David's brother, <sup>l</sup>responded, "Do not let my lord <sup>2</sup>suppose they have put to death all the young men, the king's sons, for Amnon alone is dead; because by the <sup>3</sup>intent of Absalom this has been determined since the day that he violated his sister Tamar.

18 <sup>1</sup>Lit., a varicolored tunic  
<sup>a</sup>Gen. 37:3, 23; Judg. 5:30

19 <sup>1</sup>Or, dust <sup>2</sup>Lit., varicolored tunic  
<sup>a</sup>1 Sam. 4:12; Esth. 4:1; Jer. 2:37 <sup>b</sup>2 Sam. 1:11; Gen. 37:29 <sup>c</sup>Jer. 2:37

20 <sup>a</sup>2 Sam. 14:24

22 <sup>a</sup>Gen. 31:24

23 <sup>a</sup>1 Sam. 25:7

25 <sup>1</sup>Lit., broke through

26 <sup>a</sup>2 Sam. 3:27; 11:13-15

27 <sup>1</sup>Lit., broke through

28 <sup>1</sup>Lit., sons of valor  
<sup>a</sup>Judg. 19:6, 9, 22;  
1 Sam. 25:36-38

29 <sup>a</sup>2 Sam. 18:9;  
1 Kin. 1:33, 38

31 <sup>a</sup>2 Sam. 1:11  
<sup>b</sup>2 Sam. 12:16

32 <sup>1</sup>Lit., answered and said <sup>2</sup>Lit., say <sup>3</sup>Lit., mouth  
<sup>a</sup>2 Sam. 13:3-5

33 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *his heart*  
<sup>2</sup>Sam. 19:19

34 <sup>2</sup>Sam. 13:37, 38  
<sup>2</sup>Sam. 18:24

36 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *with a very great weeping*

37 <sup>2</sup>Sam. 13:34  
<sup>2</sup>Sam. 3:3 <sup>2</sup>Sam. 14:23,  
 32

38 <sup>2</sup>Sam. 13:34

39 <sup>2</sup>Sam. 12:19-23

1 <sup>2</sup>Sam. 13:39

2 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *took*  
<sup>2</sup>Sam. 23:26; 2 Chr. 11:6;  
 Amos 1:1 <sup>1</sup> Kin. 20:35-43  
<sup>2</sup>Sam. 12:20

3 <sup>2</sup>Sam. 14:19

4 <sup>1</sup>Many mss. and  
 ancient versions read, *came*  
<sup>1</sup>Sam. 25:23 <sup>2</sup> Kin. 6:26-  
 28

5 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *said*  
<sup>2</sup>Sam. 14:5-21;  
 2 Sam. 12:1-7

6 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *deliverer between*

7 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *set*  
<sup>1</sup>Num. 35:19; Deut. 19:12,  
 13 <sup>1</sup>Matt. 21:38

9 <sup>1</sup>Gen. 43:9;  
 1 Sam. 25:24 <sup>1</sup> Kin. 2:33

33 "Now therefore, do not let my lord the king <sup>a</sup>take the report to <sup>1</sup>heart, namely, 'all the king's sons are dead', for only Amnon is dead."

34 Now <sup>a</sup>Absalom had fled. And <sup>b</sup>the young man who was the watchman raised his eyes and looked, and behold, many people were coming from the road behind him by the side of the mountain.

35 And Jonadab said to the king, "Behold, the king's sons have come; according to your servant's word, so it happened."

36 And it came about as soon as he had finished speaking, that behold, the king's sons came and lifted their voices and wept; and also the king and all his servants wept <sup>1</sup>very bitterly.

37 Now <sup>a</sup>Absalom fled and went to <sup>b</sup>Talmai the son of Ammihud, the king of <sup>c</sup>Geshur. And *David* mourned for his son every day.

38 <sup>a</sup>So Absalom had fled and gone to Geshur, and was there three years.

39 And *the heart of King David* longed to go out to Absalom; for <sup>a</sup>he was comforted concerning Amnon, since he was dead.

CHAPTER 14

**N**OW Joab the son of Zeruiah perceived that <sup>a</sup>the king's heart was inclined toward Absalom.

2 So Joab sent to <sup>a</sup>Tekoa and <sup>1</sup>brought a wise woman from there and said to her, "Please <sup>b</sup>pretend to be a mourner, and put on mourning garments now, and <sup>c</sup>do not anoint yourself with oil, but like a woman who has been mourning for the dead many days;

3 then go to the king and speak to him in this manner." So Joab put <sup>a</sup>the words in her mouth.

4 Now when the woman of Tekoa <sup>1</sup>spoke to the king, she fell on her face to the ground and <sup>a</sup>prostrated herself and said, "<sup>b</sup>Help, O king."

5 And the king said to her, "What is your trouble?" And she <sup>1</sup>answered, "<sup>a</sup>Truly I am a widow, for my husband is dead.

6 "And your maidservant had two sons, but the two of them struggled together in the field, and there was no <sup>1</sup>one to separate them, so one struck the other and killed him.

7 "Now behold, <sup>a</sup>the whole family has risen against your maidservant, and they say, 'Hand over the one who struck his brother, that we may put him to death for the life of his brother whom he killed, <sup>b</sup>and destroy the heir also.' Thus they will extinguish my coal which is left, so as to <sup>1</sup>leave my husband neither name nor remnant on the face of the earth."

8 Then the king said to the woman, "Go to your house, and I will give orders concerning you."

9 And the woman of Tekoa said to the king, "O my lord, the king, <sup>a</sup>the iniquity is on me and my father's house, but <sup>b</sup>the king and his throne are guiltless."

10 So the king said, "Whoever speaks to you, bring him to me, and he will not touch you any more."

11 Then she said, "Please let the king remember the LORD

your God, <sup>a</sup>so that the avenger of blood may not continue to destroy, lest they destroy my son." And he said, <sup>b</sup>"As the LORD lives, not one hair of your son shall fall to the ground."

12 Then the woman said, "Please let your maidservant speak a word to my lord the king." And he said, "Speak."

13 And the woman said, <sup>a</sup>"Why then have you planned such a thing against the people of God? For in speaking this word the king is as one who is guilty, *in that* the king does not bring back <sup>b</sup>his banished one.

14 <sup>a</sup>"For we shall surely die and are <sup>b</sup>like water spilled on the ground which cannot be gathered up again. Yet God does not take away life, but plans <sup>1</sup>ways so that <sup>c</sup>the banished one may not be cast out from him.

15 "Now <sup>1</sup>the reason I have come to speak this word to my lord the king is because the people have made me afraid; so your maidservant said, 'Let me now speak to the king, perhaps the king will perform the <sup>2</sup>request of his maidservant.'

16 'For the king will hear <sup>1</sup>and deliver his maidservant from the <sup>2</sup>hand of the man who would destroy <sup>3</sup>both me and my son from <sup>a</sup>the inheritance of God.'

17 "Then your maidservant said, 'Please let the word of my lord the king be <sup>1</sup>comforting, for as <sup>a</sup>the angel of God, so is my lord the king to discern good and evil. And may the LORD your God be with you.'"

18 Then the king answered and said to the woman, "Please do not hide anything from me that I am about to ask you." And the woman said, "Let my lord the king please speak."

19 So the king said, "Is the hand of Joab with you in all this?" And the woman answered and said, "As your soul lives, my lord the king, no one can turn to the right or to the left from anything that my lord the king has spoken. Indeed, it was <sup>a</sup>your servant Joab who commanded me, and it was he who put all these words in the mouth of your maidservant;

20 in order to change the appearance of things your servant Joab has done this thing. But my lord is wise, <sup>a</sup>like the wisdom of the angel of God, to know all that is in the earth."

21 Then the king said to Joab, "Behold now, <sup>a</sup>I will surely do this thing; go therefore, bring back the young man Absalom."

22 And Joab fell on his face to the ground, prostrated himself and blessed the king; then Joab said, "Today your servant knows that I have found favor in your sight, O my lord, the king, in that the king has performed the <sup>1</sup>request of his servant."

23 So Joab arose and went to <sup>a</sup>Geshur, and brought Absalom to Jerusalem.

24 However the king said, "Let him turn to <sup>a</sup>his own house, and let him not see my face." So Absalom turned to his own house and did not see the king's face.

25 Now in all Israel was no one as handsome as Absalom, so highly praised; <sup>a</sup>from the sole of his foot to the crown of his head there was no defect in him.

26 And when he <sup>a</sup>cut the hair of his head (and it was at the end of every year that he cut it, for it was heavy on him so he

11 <sup>a</sup>Num. 35:19, 21; Deut. 19:4-10  
b1 Sam. 14:45; 1 Kin. 1:52; Matt. 10:30

13 <sup>a</sup>2 Sam. 12:7; 1 Kin. 20:40-42  
b2 Sam. 13:37, 38

14 <sup>1</sup>Lit., devices  
aJob 30:23; 34:15; Heb. 9:27  
bPs. 58:7 cNum. 35:15, 25, 28

15 <sup>1</sup>Lit., that <sup>2</sup>Lit., word

16 <sup>1</sup>Lit., to <sup>2</sup>Lit., palm  
<sup>1</sup>Lit., together  
aDeut. 32:9; 1 Sam. 26:19

17 <sup>1</sup>Lit., for rest  
b2 Sam. 14:20; 19:27;  
1 Sam. 29:9

19 <sup>a</sup>2 Sam. 14:3

20 <sup>a</sup>2 Sam. 14:17; 19:27

21 <sup>a</sup>2 Sam. 14:11

22 <sup>1</sup>Lit., word

23 <sup>a</sup>2 Sam. 13:37, 38

24 <sup>a</sup>2 Sam. 13:20

25 <sup>a</sup>Deut. 28:35; Job 2:7; Is. 1:6

26 <sup>a</sup>Ezek. 44:20

27 <sup>a</sup>2 Sam. 18:18  
<sup>b</sup>2 Sam. 13:1

28 <sup>a</sup>2 Sam. 14:24

30 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *portion*  
<sup>a</sup>Judg. 15:3-5

31 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *portion*

32 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *said to*  
<sup>a</sup>1 Sam. 20:8

33 <sup>a</sup>Gen. 33:4; Luke 15:20

1 <sup>a</sup>1 Kin. 1:5

2 <sup>a</sup>Sam. 19:8; Ruth 4:1

3 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *words*

4 <sup>a</sup>Judg. 9:1-5, 29

5 <sup>a</sup>2 Sam. 14:33; 20:9

7 <sup>1</sup>Some ancient versions  
render *four*  
<sup>a</sup>2 Sam. 3:2, 3

8 <sup>1</sup>Heb., *Aram*  
<sup>a</sup>2 Sam. 13:37, 38  
<sup>b</sup>Gen. 28:20, 21

cut it), he weighed the hair of his head at 200 shekels by the king's weight.

27 And <sup>a</sup>to Absalom there were born three sons, and one daughter whose name was <sup>b</sup>Tamar; she was a woman of beautiful appearance.

28 Now Absalom lived two full years in Jerusalem, <sup>a</sup>and did not see the king's face.

29 Then Absalom sent for Joab, to send him to the king, but he would not come to him. So he sent again a second time, but he would not come.

30 Therefore he said to his servants, "See, <sup>a</sup>Joab's <sup>1</sup>field is next to mine, and he has barley there; go and set it on fire." So Absalom's servants set the <sup>1</sup>field on fire.

31 Then Joab arose, came to Absalom at his house and said to him, "Why have your servants set my <sup>1</sup>field on fire?"

32 And Absalom <sup>1</sup>answered Joab, "Behold, I sent for you, saying, 'Come here, that I may send you to the king, to say, "Why have I come from Geshur? It would be better for me still to be there."' Now therefore let me see the king's face; <sup>a</sup>and if there is iniquity in me, let him put me to death."

33 So when Joab came to the king and told him, he called for Absalom. Thus he came to the king and prostrated himself on his face to the ground before the king, and <sup>a</sup>the king kissed Absalom.

## CHAPTER 15

**N**OW it came about after this that <sup>a</sup>Absalom provided for himself a chariot and horses, and fifty men as runners before him.

2 And Absalom used to rise early and <sup>a</sup>stand beside the way to the gate; and it happened that when any man had a suit to come to the king for judgment, Absalom would call to him and say, "From what city are you?" And he would say, "Your servant is from one of the tribes of Israel."

3 Then Absalom would say to him, "See, your <sup>1</sup>claims are good and right, but no man listens to you on the part of the king."

4 Moreover, Absalom would say, "<sup>a</sup>Oh that one would appoint me judge in the land, then every man who has any suit or cause could come to me, and I would give him justice."

5 And it happened that when a man came near to prostrate himself before him, he would put out his hand and take hold of him and <sup>a</sup>kiss him.

6 And in this manner Absalom dealt with all Israel who came to the king for judgment; so Absalom stole away the hearts of the men of Israel.

7 Now it came about at the end of <sup>1</sup>forty years that Absalom said to the king, "Please let me go and pay my vow which I have vowed to the LORD, in <sup>a</sup>Hebron.

8 "For your servant <sup>a</sup>vowed a vow while I was living at Geshur in <sup>1</sup>Syria, saying, <sup>b</sup>"If the LORD shall indeed bring me back to Jerusalem, then I will serve the LORD."

9 And the king said to him, "Go in peace." So he arose and went to Hebron.

10 But Absalom sent spies throughout all the tribes of

Israel, saying, "As soon as you hear the sound of the trumpet, then you shall say, 'Absalom is king in Hebron.'"

11 Then two hundred men went with Absalom from Jerusalem, <sup>a</sup>who were invited and <sup>b</sup>went <sup>1</sup>innocently, and they did not know anything.

12 And Absalom sent for <sup>a</sup>Ahithophel the Gilonite, David's counselor, from his city <sup>b</sup>Giloh, while he was offering the sacrifices. And the conspiracy was strong, for <sup>c</sup>the people increased continually with Absalom.

13 Then a messenger came to David, saying, "<sup>a</sup>The hearts of the men of Israel are <sup>1</sup>with Absalom."

14 And David said to all his servants who were with him at Jerusalem, "<sup>a</sup>Arise and let us flee, for *otherwise* none of us shall escape from Absalom. Go in haste, lest he overtake us quickly and bring down calamity on us and strike the city with the edge of the sword."

15 Then the king's servants said to the king, "Behold, your servants *are ready to do* whatever my lord the king chooses."

16 So the king went out and all his household <sup>1</sup>with him. But <sup>a</sup>the king left ten concubines to keep the house.

17 And the king went out and all the people <sup>1</sup>with him, and they stopped at the last house.

18 Now all his servants passed on beside him, <sup>a</sup>all the Cherethites, all the Pelethites, and all the Gittites, <sup>b</sup>six hundred men who had come <sup>1</sup>with him from Gath, passed on before the king.

19 Then the king said to <sup>a</sup>Ittai the Gittite, "Why will you also go with us? Return and remain with the king, for you are a foreigner and also an exile; *return* to your own place.

20 "You came *only* yesterday, and shall I today make you wander with us, while <sup>a</sup>I go where I will? Return and take back your brothers; <sup>b</sup>mercy and <sup>1</sup>truth be with you."

21 But Ittai answered the king and said, "<sup>a</sup>As the LORD lives, and as my lord the king lives, surely wherever my lord the king may be, whether for death or for life, there also your servant will be."

22 Therefore David said to Ittai, "Go and pass over." So Ittai the Gittite passed over with all his men and all the little ones who *were* with him.

23 While all the country was weeping with a loud voice, all the people passed over. The king also passed over <sup>a</sup>the brook Kidron, and all the people passed over toward <sup>b</sup>the way of the wilderness.

24 Now behold, <sup>a</sup>Zadok also *came*, and all the Levites with him <sup>b</sup>carrying the ark of the covenant of God. And they set down the ark of God, and <sup>c</sup>Abiathar came up until all the people had finished passing from the city.

25 And the king said to Zadok, "Return the ark of God to the city. If I find favor in the sight of the LORD, then <sup>a</sup>He will bring me back again, and show me both it and <sup>b</sup>His habitation.

26 "But if He should say thus, '<sup>a</sup>I have no delight in you,' behold, here I am, <sup>b</sup>let Him do to me as seems good <sup>1</sup>to Him."

27 The king said also to Zadok the priest, "Are you not <sup>a</sup>a seer? Return to the city in peace and your <sup>b</sup>two sons with you, your son Ahimaaz and Jonathan the son of Abiathar.

10 <sup>a</sup>1 Kin. 1:34; 2 Kin. 9:13

11 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *in their integrity*  
<sup>a</sup>1 Sam. 9:13 <sup>b</sup>1 Sam. 22:15

12 <sup>a</sup>2 Sam. 15:31  
<sup>b</sup>Josh. 15:51 <sup>c</sup>Ps. 3:1

13 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *after*  
<sup>a</sup>2 Sam. 15:6; Judg. 9:3

14 <sup>a</sup>2 Sam. 12:11;  
Ps. 3:11c

16 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *at his feet*  
<sup>a</sup>2 Sam. 16:21, 22

17 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *at his feet*

18 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *at his feet*  
<sup>a</sup>2 Sam. 8:18 <sup>b</sup>1 Sam. 23:13;  
25:13; 30:1, 9

19 <sup>a</sup>2 Sam. 18:2

20 <sup>1</sup>Or, *faithfulness*  
<sup>a</sup>1 Sam. 23:13 <sup>b</sup>2 Sam. 2:6

21 <sup>a</sup>Ruth 1:16, 17

23 <sup>a</sup>1 Kin. 15:13;  
2 Chr. 29:16 <sup>b</sup>2 Sam. 15:28;  
16:2

24 <sup>a</sup>2 Sam. 8:17; 20:25  
<sup>b</sup>Num. 4:15; 1 Sam. 4:4, 5  
<sup>c</sup>1 Sam. 22:20

25 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 43:3 <sup>b</sup>Ex. 15:13;  
Jer. 25:30

26 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *in His sight*  
<sup>a</sup>2 Sam. 11:27; 1 Chr. 21:7  
<sup>b</sup>1 Sam. 3:18

27 <sup>a</sup>1 Sam. 9:6-9  
<sup>b</sup>2 Sam. 17:17

28 <sup>a</sup>2 Sam. 17:16;  
Josh. 5:10

30 <sup>a</sup>Esth. 6:12;  
Ezek. 24:17, 23 <sup>b</sup>Is. 20:2-4

31 <sup>a</sup>2 Sam. 15:12  
<sup>b</sup>2 Sam. 16:23; 17:14, 23

32 <sup>1</sup>Or., *tunic* <sup>2</sup>Lit.,  
*ground*  
<sup>3</sup>Josh. 16:2

33 <sup>a</sup>2 Sam. 19:35

34 <sup>a</sup>2 Sam. 16:19

35 <sup>a</sup>2 Sam. 17:15, 16

36 <sup>a</sup>2 Sam. 15:27  
<sup>b</sup>2 Sam. 17:17

37 <sup>a</sup>2 Sam. 16:16;  
1 Chr. 27:33 <sup>b</sup>2 Sam. 16:15

1 <sup>a</sup>2 Sam. 15:32  
<sup>b</sup>2 Sam. 9:2-13  
<sup>c</sup>1 Sam. 25:18

2 <sup>a</sup>Judg. 10:4  
<sup>b</sup>2 Sam. 17:29

3 <sup>a</sup>2 Sam. 9:9, 10  
<sup>b</sup>2 Sam. 19:26, 27

5 <sup>a</sup>2 Sam. 3:16; 17:18  
<sup>b</sup>2 Sam. 19:16-23; 1 Kin. 2:8,  
9, 44 <sup>c</sup>Ex. 22:28;  
1 Sam. 17:43

7 <sup>a</sup>2 Sam. 12:9

28 "See, I am going to wait <sup>a</sup>at the fords of the wilderness until word comes from you to inform me."

29 Therefore Zadok and Abiathar returned the ark of God to Jerusalem and remained there.

30 And David went up the ascent of the *Mount of Olives*, and wept as he went, and <sup>a</sup>his head was covered and he walked <sup>b</sup>barefoot. Then all the people who were with him each covered his head and went up weeping as they went.

31 Now someone told David, saying, "<sup>a</sup>Ahithophel is among the conspirators with Absalom." And David said, "O LORD, I pray, <sup>b</sup>make the counsel of Ahithophel foolishness."

32 It happened as David was coming to the summit, where God was worshipped, that behold, Hushai the <sup>a</sup>Archite met him with his <sup>1</sup>coat torn, and <sup>2</sup>dust on his head.

33 And David said to him, "If you pass over with me, then you will be <sup>a</sup>a burden to me.

34 "But if you return to the city, and <sup>a</sup>say to Absalom, 'I will be your servant, O king; as I have been your father's servant in time past, so I will now be your servant,' then you can thwart the counsel of Ahithophel for me.

35 "And are not Zadok and Abiathar the priests with you there? So it shall be that <sup>a</sup>whatever you hear from the king's house, you shall report to Zadok and Abiathar the priests.

36 "Behold <sup>a</sup>their two sons are with them there, Ahimaaz, Zadok's son and Jonathan, Abiathar's son; and <sup>b</sup>by them you shall send me everything that you hear."

37 So Hushai, <sup>a</sup>David's friend, came into the city, and <sup>b</sup>Absalom came into Jerusalem.

## CHAPTER 16

**N**OW when David had passed <sup>a</sup>a little beyond the summit, behold, <sup>b</sup>Ziba the servant of Mephibosheth met him <sup>c</sup>with a couple of saddled donkeys, and on them *were* two hundred loaves of bread, a hundred clusters of raisins, a hundred summer fruits, and a jug of wine.

2 And the king said to Ziba, "Why do you have these?" And Ziba said, "<sup>a</sup>The donkeys are for the king's household to ride, and the bread and summer fruit for the young men to eat, and the wine, <sup>b</sup>for whoever is faint in the wilderness to drink."

3 Then the king said, "And where is <sup>a</sup>your master's son?" And <sup>b</sup>Ziba said to the king, "Behold, he is staying in Jerusalem, for he said, 'Today the house of Israel will restore the kingdom of my father to me.'"

4 So the king said to Ziba, "Behold, all that belongs to Mephibosheth is yours." And Ziba said, "I prostrate myself; let me find favor in your sight, O my lord, the king!"

5 When King David came to the <sup>a</sup>Bahurim, behold, there came out from there a man of the family of the house of Saul <sup>b</sup>whose name was Shimei, the son of Gera; he came out <sup>c</sup>cursing continually as he came.

6 And he threw stones at David and at all the servants of King David; and all the people and all the mighty men were at his right hand and at his left.

7 And thus Shimei said when he cursed, "Get out, get out, <sup>a</sup>you man of bloodshed, and worthless fellow!



8 <sup>a</sup>The LORD has returned upon you all the bloodshed of the house of Saul, in whose place you have reigned; and the LORD has given the kingdom into the hand of your son Absalom. And behold, you are *taken* in your own evil, for you are a man of bloodshed!"

9 Then <sup>a</sup>Abishai the son of Zeruiah said to the king, "Why should <sup>b</sup>this dead dog <sup>c</sup>curse my lord the king? Let me go over now, and <sup>1</sup>cut off his head."

10 But the king said, "<sup>a</sup>What have I to do with you, O sons of Zeruiah? <sup>b</sup>If he curses, and if the LORD has told him, 'Curse David,' <sup>c</sup>then who shall say, 'Why have you done so?' "

11 Then David said to Abishai and to all his servants, "Behold, <sup>a</sup>my son who came out from <sup>1</sup>me seeks my life; how much more now this Benjamite? Let him alone and let him curse, <sup>b</sup>for the LORD has told him.

12 "Perhaps the LORD will look on my affliction and <sup>1</sup>return good to me instead of his cursing this day."

13 So David and his men went on the way; and Shimei went along on the hillside parallel with him and as he went he cursed, and cast stones and threw dust at him.

14 And the king and all the people who were with him arrived weary and he refreshed himself there.

15 <sup>a</sup>Then Absalom and all the people, the men of Israel, entered Jerusalem, and Ahithophel with him.

16 Now it came about when <sup>a</sup>Hushai the Archite, David's friend, came to Absalom, that <sup>b</sup>Hushai said to Absalom, "<sup>c</sup>Long live the king! *Long* live the king!"

17 And Absalom said to Hushai, "Is this your <sup>1</sup>loyalty to your friend? <sup>a</sup>Why did you not go with your friend?"

18 Then Hushai said to Absalom, "No! For whom the LORD, this people, and all the men of Israel have chosen, his will I be, and with him I will remain.

19 "And besides, <sup>a</sup>whom should I serve? *Should I* not serve in the presence of his son? As I have served in your father's presence, so I will be in your presence."

20 Then Absalom said to Ahithophel, "Give your advice. What shall we do?"

21 And Ahithophel said to Absalom, "<sup>a</sup>Go in to your father's concubines, whom he has left to keep the house; then all Israel will hear that you have made yourself odious to your father. The hands of all who are with you will also be strengthened."

22 So they pitched a tent for Absalom on the roof, <sup>a</sup>and Absalom went in to his father's concubines <sup>b</sup>in the sight of all Israel.

23 And <sup>a</sup>the advice of Ahithophel, which he <sup>1</sup>gave in those days, was as if one inquired of the word of God; <sup>b</sup>so was all the advice of Ahithophel *regarded* by both David and Absalom.

8 <sup>a</sup>2 Sam. 21:1-9

9 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *take off*  
<sup>a</sup>2 Sam. 19:21; 1 Sam. 26:8;  
Luke 9:54 <sup>b</sup>2 Sam. 9:8  
<sup>c</sup>Ex. 22:28

10 <sup>a</sup>2 Sam. 3:39; 19:22  
<sup>b</sup>John 18:11 <sup>c</sup>Rom. 9:20

11 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *my body*  
<sup>a</sup>2 Sam. 12:11 <sup>b</sup>Gen. 45:5;  
1 Sam. 26:19

12 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *the LORD will return*  
<sup>a</sup>Deut. 23:5; Rom. 8:28

15 <sup>a</sup>2 Sam. 15:12, 37

16 <sup>a</sup>2 Sam. 15:37  
<sup>b</sup>2 Sam. 15:34  
<sup>c</sup>1 Sam. 10:24; 2 Kin. 11:12

17 <sup>1</sup>Or, *kindness*  
<sup>a</sup>2 Sam. 19:25

19 <sup>a</sup>2 Sam. 15:34

21 <sup>a</sup>2 Sam. 15:16

22 <sup>a</sup>2 Sam. 15:16; 20:3  
<sup>b</sup>2 Sam. 12:11, 12

23 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *advised*  
<sup>a</sup>2 Sam. 17:14, 23  
<sup>b</sup>2 Sam. 15:12

CHAPTER 17

**F**URTHERMORE, Ahithophel said to Absalom, "Please let me choose 12,000 men that I may arise and pursue David tonight.

<sup>2</sup> <sup>1</sup>Lit., *slack of hands*  
<sup>a</sup>2 Sam. 16:14 <sup>b</sup>1 Kin. 22:31

<sup>3</sup> <sup>1</sup>Lit., *Like the return of the whole is the man whom you seek*

<sup>4</sup> <sup>1</sup>Lit., *word was pleasing in the sight of*

<sup>5</sup> <sup>1</sup>Lit., ... *is in his mouth—even he*  
<sup>a</sup>2 Sam. 15:32-34  
<sup>b</sup>2 Sam. 15:32-34

<sup>6</sup> <sup>1</sup>Lit., *him, saying* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *according to this word*  
<sup>3</sup>Lit., *do his word*

<sup>7</sup> <sup>1</sup>Lit., *advised*  
<sup>a</sup>2 Sam. 16:21

<sup>8</sup> <sup>1</sup>Lit., *bitter of soul*  
<sup>2</sup>Lit., *man of war*  
<sup>a</sup>Hos. 13:8

<sup>9</sup> <sup>1</sup>Lit., *pits* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *according to a falling among them*

<sup>10</sup> <sup>1</sup>Lit., *melt*  
<sup>a</sup>Josh. 2:9-11

<sup>11</sup> <sup>1</sup>Lit., *your face go*  
<sup>a</sup>1 Sam. 3:20 <sup>b</sup>Gen. 22:17;  
<sup>1</sup> Sam. 13:5

<sup>12</sup> <sup>1</sup>Lit., *settle down*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 110:3; Mic. 5:7

<sup>13</sup> <sup>1</sup>Or., *wadi*  
<sup>a</sup>Mic. 1:6

<sup>14</sup> <sup>a</sup>2 Sam. 15:31, 34

<sup>15</sup> <sup>1</sup>Lit., *Thus and thus*  
<sup>a</sup>2 Sam. 15:35, 36

<sup>16</sup> <sup>1</sup>Lit., *swallowed up*  
<sup>a</sup>2 Sam. 15:28

<sup>17</sup> <sup>a</sup>2 Sam. 15:27, 36  
<sup>b</sup>Josh. 15:7; 18:16

<sup>18</sup> <sup>1</sup>Lit., *there*  
<sup>a</sup>2 Sam. 3:16; 16:5

<sup>2</sup> “And <sup>a</sup>I will come upon him while he is weary and <sup>1</sup>exhausted and will terrify him so that all the people who are with him will flee. Then <sup>b</sup>I will strike down the king alone,

<sup>3</sup> and I will bring back all the people to you. <sup>1</sup>The return of everyone depends on the man you seek; *then* all the people shall be at peace.”

<sup>4</sup> So the <sup>1</sup>plan pleased Absalom and all the elders of Israel.

<sup>5</sup> Then Absalom said, “<sup>a</sup>Now call <sup>b</sup>Hushai the Archite also, and let us hear what <sup>1</sup>he has to say.”

<sup>6</sup> When Hushai had come to Absalom, Absalom said to <sup>1</sup>him, “Ahitophel has spoken <sup>2</sup>thus. Shall we <sup>3</sup>carry out his plan? If not, you speak.”

<sup>7</sup> So Hushai said to Absalom, “<sup>a</sup>This time the advice that Ahithophel has <sup>1</sup>given is not good.”

<sup>8</sup> Moreover, Hushai said, “You know your father and his men, that they are mighty men and they are <sup>1</sup>fierce, <sup>a</sup>like a bear robbed of her cubs in the field. And your father is an <sup>2</sup>expert in warfare, and will not spend the night with the people.

<sup>9</sup> “Behold, he has now hidden himself in one of the <sup>1</sup>caves or in another place; and it will be <sup>2</sup>when he falls on them at the first attack, that whoever hears *it* will say, ‘There has been a slaughter among the people who follow Absalom.’

<sup>10</sup> “And even the one who is valiant, whose heart is like the heart of a lion, <sup>a</sup>will completely <sup>1</sup>lose heart; for all Israel knows that your father is a mighty man and those who are with him are valiant men.

<sup>11</sup> “But I counsel that all Israel be surely gathered to you, <sup>a</sup>from Dan even to Beersheba, <sup>b</sup>as the sand that is by the sea in abundance, and that <sup>1</sup>you personally go into battle.

<sup>12</sup> “So we shall come to him in one of the places where he can be found, and we will <sup>1</sup>fall on him <sup>a</sup>as the dew falls on the ground; and of him and of all the men who are with him, not even one will be left.

<sup>13</sup> “And if he withdraws into a city, then all Israel shall bring ropes to that city, and we will <sup>a</sup>drag it into the <sup>1</sup>valley until not even a small stone is found there.”

<sup>14</sup> Then Absalom and all the men of Israel said, “The counsel of Hushai the Archite is better than the counsel of Ahithophel.” For <sup>a</sup>the LORD had ordained to thwart the good counsel of Ahithophel, in order that the LORD might bring calamity on Absalom.

<sup>15</sup> Then <sup>a</sup>Hushai said to Zadok and to Abiathar the priests, “<sup>1</sup>This is what Ahithophel counseled Absalom and the elders of Israel, and <sup>1</sup>this is what I have counseled.

<sup>16</sup> “Now therefore send quickly and tell David, saying, <sup>a</sup>Do not spend the night at the fords of the wilderness, but by all means cross over, lest the king and all the people who are with him be <sup>1</sup>destroyed.”

<sup>17</sup> <sup>a</sup>Now Jonathan and Ahimaaz were staying at <sup>b</sup>En-rogel, and a maidservant would go and tell them, and they would go and tell King David, for they could not be seen entering the city.

<sup>18</sup> But a lad did see them, and told Absalom; so the two of them departed quickly and came to the house of a man <sup>a</sup>in Bahurim, who had a well in his courtyard, and they went down <sup>1</sup>into it.

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Ahithophel Commits Suicide.**

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19 And <sup>a</sup>the woman <sup>1</sup>took a covering and spread it over the well's mouth and scattered grain on it, so that nothing was known.

20 Then Absalom's servants came to the woman at the house and said, "Where are Ahimaaz and Jonathan?" And <sup>a</sup>the woman said to them, "They have crossed the brook of water." And when they searched and could not find *them*, they returned to Jerusalem.

21 And it came about after they had departed that they came up out of the well and went and told King David; and they said to David, "<sup>a</sup>Arise and cross over the water quickly for thus Ahithophel has counseled against you."

22 Then David and all the people who *were* with him arose and crossed the Jordan; and by <sup>1</sup>dawn not even one remained who had not crossed the Jordan.

23 Now when Ahithophel saw that his counsel was not <sup>1</sup>followed, he <sup>2</sup>saddled *his* donkey and arose and went to his home, to <sup>a</sup>his city, and <sup>b</sup>set his house in order, and <sup>c</sup>strangled himself; thus he died and was buried in the grave of his father.

24 Then David came to <sup>a</sup>Mahanaim. And Absalom crossed the Jordan, he and all the men of Israel with him.

25 And Absalom set <sup>a</sup>Amasa over the army in place of Joab. Now Amasa was the son of a man whose name was <sup>1</sup>Jithra the Israelite, who went in to Abigail the daughter of <sup>b</sup>Nahash, sister of Zeruiah, Joab's mother.

26 And Israel and Absalom camped in the land of Gilead.

27 Now when David had come to Mahanaim, <sup>a</sup>Shobi the son of Nahash from <sup>b</sup>Rabbah of the sons of Ammon, <sup>c</sup>Machir the son of Ammiel from Lo-debar, and <sup>d</sup>Barzillai the Gileadite from Rogelim,

28 brought beds, basins, pottery, wheat, barley, flour, parched *grain*, beans, lentils, parched *seeds*,

29 honey, curds, sheep, and cheese of the herd, for David and for the people who *were* with him, to eat; for they said, "The people are hungry and weary and thirsty <sup>a</sup>in the wilderness."

CHAPTER 18

**T**HEN David <sup>1</sup>numbered the people who were with him and <sup>a</sup>set over them commanders of thousands and commanders of hundreds.

2 And David sent the people out, <sup>a</sup>one third under the <sup>1</sup>command of Joab, one third under the <sup>1</sup>command of Abishai the son of Zeruiah, Joab's brother, and one third under the <sup>1</sup>command of <sup>b</sup>Ithai the Gittite. And the king said to the people, "I myself will surely go out with you also."

3 But the people said, "<sup>a</sup>You should not go out; for if we indeed flee, they will not care about us, even if half of us die, they will not care about us. But <sup>1</sup>you are worth ten thousand of us; therefore now it is better that you *be ready* to help us from the city."

4 Then the king said to them, "Whatever seems best to

19 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *took and spread the covering*  
<sup>a</sup>Josh. 2:4-6

20 <sup>a</sup>Lev. 19:11; Josh. 2:3-5;  
1 Sam. 19:12-17

21 <sup>a</sup>2 Sam. 17:15, 16

22 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *the light of the morning*

23 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *done* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *bound* <sup>3</sup>Lit., *gave charge to*  
<sup>a</sup>2 Sam. 15:12 <sup>b</sup>2 Kin. 20:1  
<sup>c</sup>Matt. 27:5

24 <sup>a</sup>2 Sam. 2:8; Gen. 32:2, 10

25 <sup>1</sup>i.e., Jether the Ishmaelite, cf. 1 Chr. 2:17  
<sup>a</sup>2 Sam. 19:13; 20:9-12;  
1 Kin. 2:5, 32 <sup>b</sup>1 Chr. 2:13, 16

27 <sup>a</sup>2 Sam. 10:1, 2;  
1 Sam. 11:1 <sup>b</sup>2 Sam. 12:26,  
29 <sup>c</sup>2 Sam. 9:4  
<sup>d</sup>2 Sam. 19:31-40; 1 Kin. 2:7

29 <sup>a</sup>2 Sam. 16:2, 14

1 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *mustered*  
<sup>a</sup>Ex. 18:25; Num. 31:14;  
1 Sam. 22:7

2 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *hand*  
<sup>a</sup>Judg. 7:16; 1 Sam. 11:11  
<sup>b</sup>2 Sam. 15:19-22

3 <sup>1</sup>So with some ancient versions; M.T., *for now there are ten thousand like us*  
<sup>a</sup>2 Sam. 21:17

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4 <sup>2</sup> Sam. 18:24

5 <sup>2</sup> Sam. 18:12

6 <sup>2</sup> Sam. 17:26;  
Josh. 17:15, 18

7 <sup>1</sup> Lit., *smitten*

9 <sup>1</sup> Lit., *placed*  
<sup>2</sup> Sam. 14:26

12 <sup>1</sup> So with some mss.  
and the ancient versions;  
M.T., *Take care whoever*  
*you are of*  
<sup>2</sup> Sam. 18:5

13 <sup>2</sup> Sam. 14:19, 20

14 <sup>1</sup> Lit., *tarry thus* <sup>2</sup> Lit.,  
*heart*  
<sup>2</sup> Sam. 14:30

16 <sup>2</sup> Sam. 2:28; 20:22

17 <sup>1</sup> Lit., *the great*  
<sup>2</sup> Deut. 21:20, 21; Josh. 7:26;  
8:29 <sup>2</sup> Sam. 19:8; 20:1, 22

18 <sup>1</sup> Lit., *for the sake of*  
*remembering*  
<sup>1</sup> Sam. 15:12 <sup>2</sup> Gen. 14:17  
<sup>2</sup> Sam. 14:27

19 <sup>1</sup> Lit., *vindicated*  
<sup>2</sup> Sam. 15:36 <sup>2</sup> Sam. 18:31

you I will do." So <sup>a</sup>the king stood beside the gate, and all the people went out by hundreds and thousands.

5 And the king charged Joab and Ittai, saying, "*Deal* gently for my sake with the young man Absalom." And <sup>a</sup>all the people heard when the king charged all the commanders concerning Absalom.

6 Then the people went out into the field against Israel, and the battle took place in <sup>a</sup>the forest of Ephraim.

7 And the people of Israel were <sup>1</sup>defeated there before the servants of David, and the slaughter there that day was great, 20,000 men.

8 For the battle there was spread over the whole countryside, and the forest devoured more people that day than the sword devoured.

9 Now Absalom happened to meet the servants of David. For Absalom was riding on *his* mule, and the mule went under the thick branches of a great oak. And <sup>a</sup>his head caught fast in the oak, so he was <sup>1</sup>left hanging between heaven and earth, while the mule that was under him kept going.

10 When a certain man saw *it*, he told Joab and said, "Behold, I saw Absalom hanging in an oak."

11 Then Joab said to the man who had told him, "Now behold, you saw *him*! Why then did you not strike him there to the ground? And I would have given you ten *pieces* of silver and a belt."

12 And the man said to Joab, "Even if I should receive a thousand *pieces* of silver in my hand, I would not put out my hand against the king's son; for <sup>a</sup>in our hearing the king charged you and Abishai and Ittai, saying, '<sup>1</sup>Protect for me the young man Absalom!'

13 "Otherwise, if I had dealt treacherously against his life (and <sup>a</sup>there is nothing hidden from the king), then you yourself would have stood aloof."

14 Then Joab said, "I will not <sup>1</sup>waste time here with you." <sup>a</sup>So he took three spears in his hand and thrust them through the heart of Absalom while he was yet alive in the <sup>2</sup>midst of the oak.

15 And ten young men who carried Joab's armor gathered around and struck Absalom and killed him.

16 Then <sup>a</sup>Joab blew the trumpet, and the people returned from pursuing Israel, for Joab restrained the people.

17 And they took Absalom and cast him into <sup>1a</sup> a deep pit in the forest and <sup>a</sup>erected over him a very great heap of stones. And <sup>2</sup>all Israel fled, each to his tent.

18 Now Absalom in his lifetime had taken and <sup>a</sup>set up for himself a pillar which is in <sup>b</sup>the King's Valley, for he said, "I have no son <sup>1</sup>to preserve my name." So he named the pillar after his own name, and it is called Absalom's monument to this day.

19 Then <sup>a</sup>Ahimaaz the son of Zadok said, "Please let me run and bring the king news <sup>b</sup>that the LORD has <sup>1</sup>freed him from the hand of his enemies."

20 But Joab said to him, "You are not the man to carry news this day, but you shall carry news another day; however, you shall carry no news today because the king's son is dead."

21 Then Joab said to the Cushite, "Go, tell the king what you have seen." So the Cushite bowed to Joab and ran.

22 Now Ahimaaz the son of Zadok said once more to Joab, "But whatever happens, please let me also run after the Cushite." And Joab said, "Why would you run, my son, since you will have no reward for going?"

23 "But whatever happens," *he said*, "I will run." So he said to him, "Run." Then Ahimaaz ran by way of the plain and passed up the Cushite.

24 Now <sup>a</sup>David was sitting between the two gates; and <sup>b</sup>the watchman went up to the roof of the gate by the wall, and raised his eyes and looked, and behold, a man running by himself.

25 And the watchman called and told the king. And the king said, "If he is by himself there is good news in his mouth." And he came nearer and nearer.

26 Then the watchman saw another man running; and the watchman called to the gatekeeper and said, "Behold, *another* man running by himself." And the king said, "This one also is bringing good news."

27 And the watchman said, "I think the running of the first one <sup>a</sup>is like the running of Ahimaaz the son of Zadok." And the king said, "<sup>b</sup>This is a good man and comes with good news."

28 And Ahimaaz called and said to the king, "<sup>1</sup>All is well." And <sup>a</sup>he prostrated himself before the king with his face to the ground. And he said, "<sup>b</sup>Blessed is the LORD your God, who has delivered up the men who lifted their hands against my lord the king."

29 And the king said, "<sup>a</sup>Is it well with the young man Absalom?" And Ahimaaz answered, "When Joab sent the king's servant, and your servant, I saw a great tumult, but <sup>b</sup>I did not know what it was."

30 Then the king said, "Turn aside and stand here." So he turned aside and stood still.

31 And behold, the Cushite arrived, and the Cushite said, "Let my lord the king receive good news, for <sup>a</sup>the LORD has freed you this day from the hand of all those who rose up against you."

32 Then the king said to the Cushite, "<sup>a</sup>Is it well with the young man Absalom?" And the Cushite answered, "<sup>b</sup>Let the enemies of my lord the king, and all who rise up against you for evil, be as that young man!"

33 <sup>1</sup>And the king was deeply moved and went up to the chamber over the gate and wept. And thus he said as he walked, "O my son Absalom, my son, my son Absalom! <sup>b</sup>Would I had died instead of you, O Absalom, my son, my son!"

CHAPTER 19

THEN it was told Joab, "Behold, <sup>a</sup>the king is weeping and mourns for Absalom."

2 And the <sup>1</sup>victory that day was turned to mourning for all the people, for the people heard *it* said that day, "The king is grieved for his son."

22 <sup>a</sup>2 Sam. 18:29

24 <sup>a</sup>2 Sam. 19:8  
<sup>b</sup>2 Sam. 13:34; 2 Kin. 9:17

27 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *see*  
<sup>2</sup>2 Kin. 9:20 <sup>b</sup>1 Kin. 1:42

28 <sup>1</sup>Heb., "Peace."  
<sup>2</sup>2 Sam. 14:4; 1 Sam. 25:23  
<sup>b</sup>1 Sam. 17:46

29 <sup>a</sup>2 Sam. 20:9;  
<sup>2</sup>2 Kin. 4:26 <sup>b</sup>2 Sam. 18:22

31 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *vindicated*  
<sup>2</sup>2 Sam. 18:19; Judg. 5:31

32 <sup>a</sup>2 Sam. 18:29  
<sup>b</sup>1 Sam. 25:26

33 <sup>1</sup>Ch. 19:1 in Heb.  
<sup>2</sup>2 Sam. 19:4 <sup>b</sup>Ex. 32:32;  
Rom. 9:3

1 <sup>a</sup>2 Sam. 18:5, 14

2 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *salvation*

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4 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *the king cried*  
<sup>a</sup>2 Sam. 15:30 <sup>b</sup>2 Sam. 18:33

6 <sup>1</sup>Or, *commanders* <sup>2</sup>Lit.,  
*it would be right in your*  
*eyes*

7 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *to the heart*

8 <sup>a</sup>2 Sam. 15:2; 18:24  
<sup>b</sup>2 Sam. 18:17

9 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *palm*  
<sup>a</sup>2 Sam. 8:1-14 <sup>b</sup>2 Sam. 5:20;  
8:1 <sup>c</sup>2 Sam. 15:14

11 <sup>a</sup>2 Sam. 15:29

12 <sup>a</sup>2 Sam. 5:1

13 <sup>a</sup>2 Sam. 17:25  
<sup>b</sup>1 Kin. 19:2 <sup>c</sup>2 Sam. 8:16  
<sup>d</sup>2 Sam. 19:5-7; 3:27-39

14 <sup>a</sup>Judg. 20:1

15 <sup>a</sup>Josh. 5:9; 1 Sam. 11:14,  
15

16 <sup>a</sup>2 Sam. 16:5-13;  
<sup>1</sup> Kin. 2:8

17 <sup>a</sup>2 Sam. 19:26, 27;  
16:14

3 So the people went by stealth into the city that day, as people who are humiliated steal away when they flee in battle.

4 And the king <sup>a</sup>covered his face and <sup>1</sup>cried out with a loud voice, “<sup>b</sup>O my son Absalom, O Absalom, my son, my son!”

5 Then Joab came into the house to the king and said, “Today you have covered with shame the faces of all your servants, who today have saved your life and the lives of your sons and daughters, the lives of your wives, and the lives of your concubines,

6 by loving those who hate you, and by hating those who love you. For you have shown today that <sup>1</sup>princes and servants are nothing to you; for I know this day that if Absalom were alive and all of us were dead today, then <sup>2</sup>you would be pleased.

7 “Now therefore arise, go out and speak <sup>1</sup>kindly to your servants, for I swear by the LORD, if you do not go out, surely not a man will pass the night with you, and this will be worse for you than all the evil that has come upon you from your youth until now.”

8 So the king arose and sat in the gate. When they told all the people, saying, “Behold, the king is <sup>a</sup>sitting in the gate,” then all the people came before the king.

Now <sup>b</sup>Israel had fled, each to his tent.

9 And all the people were quarreling throughout all the tribes of Israel, saying, “<sup>a</sup>The king delivered us from the <sup>1</sup>hand of our enemies and <sup>b</sup>saved us from the <sup>1</sup>hand of the Philistines, but now <sup>c</sup>he has fled out of the land from Absalom.

10 “However, Absalom, whom we anointed over us, has died in battle. Now then, why are you silent about bringing the king back?”

11 Then <sup>a</sup>King David sent to Zadok and Abiathar the priests, saying, “Speak to the elders of Judah, saying, ‘Why are you the last to bring the king back to his house, since the word of all Israel has come to the king, *even* to his house?’

12 ‘You are my brothers; <sup>a</sup>you are my bone and my flesh. Why then should you be the last to bring back the king?’

13 “And <sup>a</sup>say to Amasa, ‘Are you not my bone and my flesh? <sup>b</sup>May God do so to me, and more also, if you will not be <sup>c</sup>commander of the army before me continually <sup>d</sup>in place of Joab.’”

14 Thus he turned the hearts of all the men of Judah <sup>a</sup>as one man, so that they sent *word* to the king, *saying*, “Return, you and all your servants.”

15 The king then returned and came as far as the Jordan. And Judah came to <sup>a</sup>Gilgal in order to go to meet the king, to bring the king across the Jordan.

16 Then <sup>a</sup>Shimei the son of Gera, the Benjamite who was from Bahurim, hurried and came down with the men of Judah to meet King David.

17 And there were a thousand men of Benjamin with him, with <sup>a</sup>Ziba the servant of the house of Saul, and his fifteen sons and his twenty servants with him; and they rushed to the Jordan before the king.

18 Then they kept crossing the ford to bring over the king's household, and to do what was good in his sight. And Shimei

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the son of Gera fell down before the king as he was about to cross the Jordan.

19 So he said to the king, "Let not my lord consider me guilty, nor remember what your servant did wrong on the day when my lord the king came out from Jerusalem, so that the king should take it to heart.

20 "For your servant knows that I have sinned; therefore behold, I have come today, the first of all the house of Joseph to go down to meet my lord the king."

21 But Abishai the son of Zeruiah answered and said, "Should not Shimei be put to death for this, because he cursed the LORD's anointed?"

22 David then said, "What have I to do with you, O sons of Zeruiah, that you should this day be an adversary to me? Should any man be put to death in Israel today? For do I not know that I am king over Israel today?"

23 And the king said to Shimei, "You shall not die." Thus the king swore to him.

24 Then Mephibosheth the son of Saul came down to meet the king; and he had neither cared for his feet, nor trimmed his mustache, nor washed his clothes, from the day the king departed until the day he came home in peace.

25 And it was when he came from Jerusalem to meet the king, that the king said to him, "Why did you not go with me, Mephibosheth?"

26 So he answered, "O my lord, the king, my servant deceived me; for your servant said, 'I will saddle a donkey for myself that I may ride on it and go with the king,' because your servant is lame.

27 "Moreover, he has slandered your servant to my lord the king; but my lord the king is like the angel of God, therefore do what is good in your sight.

28 "For all my father's household was nothing but dead men before my lord the king; yet you set your servant among those who ate at your own table. What right do I have yet that I should complain any more to the king?"

29 So the king said to him, "Why do you still speak of your affairs? I have decided, 'You and Ziba shall divide the land.' "

30 And Mephibosheth said to the king, "Let him even take it all, since my lord the king has come safely to his own house."

31 Now Barzillai the Gileadite had come down from Rogelim; and he went on to the Jordan with the king to escort him over the Jordan.

32 Now Barzillai was very old, being eighty years old; and he had sustained the king while he stayed at Mahanaim, for he was a very great man.

33 And the king said to Barzillai, "You cross over with me and I will sustain you in Jerusalem with me."

34 But Barzillai said to the king, "How long have I yet to live, that I should go up with the king to Jerusalem?"

35 "I am now eighty years old. Can I distinguish between good and bad? Or can your servant taste what I eat or what I drink? Or can I hear any more the voice of singing men and women? Why then should your servant be an added burden to my lord the king?"

19 <sup>1</sup>Lit., set  
<sup>2</sup>2 Sam. 16:6-8; 1 Sam. 22:15

20 <sup>2</sup>2 Sam. 16:5

21 <sup>2</sup>2 Sam. 16:7, 8  
<sup>b</sup>Ex. 22:28

22 <sup>2</sup>2 Sam. 3:39; 16:9, 10  
<sup>b1</sup>1 Sam. 11:13

23 <sup>1</sup>1 Kin. 2:8

24 <sup>1</sup>Lit., grandson <sup>2</sup>Lit., done  
<sup>2</sup>2 Sam. 9:6-10  
<sup>b2</sup>2 Sam. 12:20 <sup>c</sup>Ex. 19:10

25 <sup>2</sup>2 Sam. 16:17

26 <sup>2</sup>2 Sam. 9:3

27 <sup>2</sup>2 Sam. 16:3, 4  
<sup>b</sup>5Sam. 14:17, 20

28 <sup>1</sup>Lit., cry out  
<sup>2</sup>2 Sam. 21:6-9 <sup>b2</sup>2 Sam. 9:7, 10, 13

29 <sup>1</sup>Lit., said

31 <sup>1</sup>Lit., send  
<sup>2</sup>2 Sam. 17:27-29; 1 Kin. 2:7

32 <sup>1</sup>Or, provided food for

33 <sup>1</sup>Or, provide food for

34 <sup>1</sup>Lit., are the days of the years of my life  
<sup>c</sup>Gen. 47:8

35 <sup>1</sup>Lit., today  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 90:10 <sup>b</sup>Ecc. 2:8;  
<sup>c</sup>Is. 5:11, 12 <sup>c2</sup>2 Sam. 15:33

37 <sup>a</sup>2 Sam. 19:40;  
1 Kin. 2:7; Jer. 41:17

38 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *choose*

39 <sup>a</sup>2 Sam. 14:33;  
Gen. 31:5; Ruth 1:14

40 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *crossed over with*  
<sup>b</sup>2 Sam. 19:9, 10

41 <sup>a</sup>Judg. 8:1; 12:1  
<sup>b</sup>2 Sam. 19:11, 12

42 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *me* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *is it hot to you* <sup>3</sup>Or, *a gift*  
<sup>a</sup>2 Sam. 19:12

43 <sup>1</sup>Singular in Heb.  
<sup>a</sup>2 Sam. 5:1; 1 Kin. 11:30, 31

1 <sup>a</sup>2 Sam. 16:7  
<sup>b</sup>Gen. 46:21 <sup>c</sup>2 Sam. 19:43;  
1 Kin. 12:16 <sup>d</sup>1 Sam. 22:7-9  
<sup>e</sup>2 Sam. 18:17; 1 Sam. 13:2;  
2 Chr. 10:16

2 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *went up* <sup>2</sup>Lit.,  
*clung to*

3 <sup>a</sup>2 Sam. 15:16; 16:21, 22

4 <sup>a</sup>2 Sam. 17:25; 19:13

5 <sup>a</sup>1 Sam. 13:8

6 <sup>a</sup>2 Sam. 21:17  
<sup>b</sup>2 Sam. 11:11; 1 Kin. 1:33

36 "Your servant would merely cross over the Jordan with the king. Why should the king compensate me *with* this reward?"

37 "Please let your servant return, that I may die in my own city near the grave of my father and my mother. However, here is your servant <sup>a</sup>Chimham, let him cross over with my lord the king, and do for him what is good in your sight."

38 And the king answered, "Chimham shall cross over with me, and I will do for him what is good in your sight; and whatever you <sup>1</sup>require of me, I will do for you."

39 All the people crossed over the Jordan and the king crossed too. The king then <sup>a</sup>kissed Barzillai and blessed him, and he returned to his place.

40 Now the king went on to Gilgal, and Chimham went on with him; and all the people of Judah and also <sup>a</sup>half the people of Israel <sup>1</sup>accompanied the king.

41 And behold, all the men of Israel came to the king and said to the king, "<sup>a</sup>Why had our brothers <sup>b</sup>the men of Judah stolen you away, and brought the king and his household and all David's men with him over the Jordan?"

42 Then all the men of Judah answered the men of Israel, "Because <sup>a</sup>the king is a close relative to <sup>1</sup>us. Why then <sup>2</sup>are you angry about this matter? Have we eaten at all at the king's *expense*, or has <sup>3</sup>anything been taken for us?"

43 But the men of Israel answered the men of Judah and said, "<sup>1a</sup>We have ten parts in the king, therefore <sup>1</sup>we also have more *claim* on David than you. Why then did you treat us with contempt? Was it not <sup>1</sup>our advice first to bring back <sup>1</sup>our king?" Yet the words of the men of Judah were harsher than the words of the men of Israel.

## CHAPTER 20

**N**OW a worthless fellow happened to be <sup>a</sup>there whose name was Sheba, the son of <sup>b</sup>Bichri, a Benjamite; and he blew the trumpet and said,

"<sup>c</sup>We have no portion in David,

Nor do we have inheritance in <sup>d</sup>the son of Jesse;  
<sup>e</sup>Every man to his tents, O Israel!"

2 So all the men of Israel <sup>1</sup>withdrew from following David, *and* followed Sheba the son of Bichri; but the men of Judah <sup>2</sup>remained steadfast to their king, from the Jordan even to Jerusalem.

3 Then David came to his house at Jerusalem, and <sup>a</sup>the king took the ten women, the concubines whom he had left to keep the house, and placed them under guard and provided them with sustenance, but did not go in to them. So they were shut up until the day of their death, living as widows.

4 Then the king said to <sup>a</sup>Amasa, "Call out the men of Judah for me within three days, and be present here yourself."

5 So Amasa went to call out *the men* of Judah, but he <sup>a</sup>delayed longer than the set time which he had appointed him.

6 And David said to <sup>a</sup>Abishai, "Now Sheba the son of Bichri will do us more harm than Absalom; <sup>b</sup>take your lord's



servants and pursue him, lest he find for himself fortified cities and escape from our sight."

7 So Joab's men went out after him, <sup>a</sup>along with the Cherethites and the Pelethites and <sup>b</sup>all the mighty men; and they went out from Jerusalem to pursue Sheba the son of Bichri.

8 When they were at the large stone which is in <sup>a</sup>Gibeon, Amasa came <sup>1</sup>to meet them. Now Joab was <sup>2</sup>dressed in his military attire, and over it was a belt with a sword in its sheath fastened at his waist; and as he went forward, it fell out.

9 And Joab said to Amasa, "Is it well with you, my brother?" And <sup>a</sup>Joab took Amasa by the beard with his right hand to kiss him.

10 But Amasa was not on guard against the sword which was in Joab's hand so <sup>a</sup>he struck him in the belly with it and poured out his inward parts on the ground, and did not *strike* him again; and he died. Then Joab and Abishai his brother pursued Sheba the son of Bichri.

11 Now there stood by him one of Joab's young men, and said, "Whoever favors Joab and whoever is for David, <sup>a</sup>let him follow Joab."

12 But Amasa lay wallowing in *his* blood in the middle of the highway. And when the man saw that all the people stood still, he <sup>1</sup>removed Amasa from the highway into the field and threw a garment over him when he saw that everyone who came by him stood still.

13 As soon as he was removed from the highway, all the men passed on after Joab to pursue Sheba the son of Bichri.

14 Now he went through all the tribes of Israel to Abel even to Beth-maacah and all the <sup>a</sup>Berites; and they were gathered together and also went after him.

15 And they came and besieged him in <sup>a</sup>Abel Beth-maacah, and <sup>b</sup>they <sup>1</sup>cast up a mound against the city, and it stood by the rampart; and all the people who were with Joab were wreaking destruction in order to topple the wall.

16 Then <sup>a</sup>a wise woman called from the city, "Hear, hear! Please tell Joab, 'Come here that I may speak with you.'"

17 So he approached her, and the woman said, "Are you Joab?" And he answered, "I am." Then she said to him, "Listen to the words of your maidservant." And he answered, "I am listening."

18 Then she spoke, saying, "Formerly they used to say, 'They will surely ask *advice* at Abel,' and thus they ended *the dispute*."

19 "I am of those who are peaceable *and* faithful in Israel. <sup>a</sup>You are seeking to destroy a city even a mother in Israel. Why would you swallow up <sup>b</sup>the inheritance of the LORD?"

20 And Joab answered and said, "Far be it, far be it from me that I should swallow up or destroy!

21 "Such is not the case. But a man from <sup>a</sup>the hill country of Ephraim, <sup>b</sup>Sheba the son of Bichri by name, has lifted up his hand against King David. Only hand him over, and I will depart from the city." And the woman said to Joab, "Behold, his head will be thrown to you over the wall."

7 <sup>a2</sup> Sam. 8:18;  
1 Kin. 1:38 <sup>b2</sup> Sam. 15:18

8 <sup>1</sup> Lit., *before* <sup>2</sup> Lit.,  
*girded with military  
garment as clothing*  
<sup>a2</sup> Sam. 2:13; 3:30

9 <sup>a</sup> Matt. 26:49

10 <sup>a2</sup> Sam. 2:23; 3:27;  
1 Kin. 2:5

11 <sup>a2</sup> Sam. 20:13

12 <sup>1</sup> Lit., *caused to turn*

14 <sup>a</sup> Num. 21:16

15 <sup>1</sup> Lit., *poured out*  
<sup>a1</sup> Kin. 15:20; 2 Kin. 15:29  
<sup>b2</sup> Kin. 19:32; Ezek. 4:2

16 <sup>a2</sup> Sam. 14:2

19 <sup>a</sup> Deut. 20:10  
<sup>b2</sup> Sam. 14:16; 21:3;  
1 Sam. 26:19

21 <sup>a</sup> Josh. 24:33  
<sup>b2</sup> Sam. 20:2

22 <sup>a</sup>2 Sam. 21:16;  
Eccles. 9:13-16 <sup>b</sup>2 Sam. 20:1

23 <sup>a</sup>2 Sam. 8:16-18; 1 Kin.  
4:3-6

26 <sup>a</sup>2 Sam. 23:38

1 <sup>a</sup>Gen. 12:10; 26:1; 42:5  
<sup>b</sup>Num. 27:21

2 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *had sworn to*  
<sup>2</sup>Lit., *smitte*  
<sup>a</sup>Josh. 9:3; 15-20 <sup>b</sup>Ex. 34:11-  
16; Deut. 7:2; 1 Sam. 28:3

3 <sup>a</sup>2 Sam. 20:19;  
1 Sam. 26:19

4 <sup>a</sup>Num. 35:31, 32

5 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *against us that*  
*we should be exterminated*  
<sup>a</sup>2 Sam. 21:1

6 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *expose them*  
<sup>a</sup>Num. 25:4 <sup>b</sup>1 Sam. 10:24

7 <sup>a</sup>2 Sam. 4:4; 9:10  
<sup>b</sup>1 Sam. 18:3; 20:12-17;  
23:18

8 <sup>1</sup>So Gk. and Heb. mss.  
<sup>a</sup>2 Sam. 3:7 <sup>b</sup>1 Kin. 19:16

9 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *exposed them*  
<sup>a</sup>Ex. 9:31, 32

10 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *water was*  
*poured* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *gave*  
<sup>a</sup>Deut. 21:23 <sup>b</sup>1 Sam. 17:44,  
46

22 Then the woman <sup>a</sup>wisely came to all the people. And they cut off the head of Sheba the son of Bichri and threw it to Joab. So <sup>b</sup>he blew the trumpet, and they were dispersed from the city, each to his tent. Joab also returned to the king at Jerusalem.

23 <sup>a</sup>Now Joab was over the whole army of Israel, and Benaiah the son of Jehoiada was over the Cherethites and the Pelethites;

24 and Adoram was over the forced labor, and Jehoshaphat the son of Ahilud was the recorder;

25 and Sheva was scribe, and Zadok and Abiathar were priests;

26 and <sup>a</sup>Ira the Jairite was also a priest to David.

## CHAPTER 21

NOW there was <sup>a</sup>a famine in the days of David for three years, year after year; and <sup>b</sup>David sought the presence of the LORD. And the LORD said, "It is for Saul and his bloody house, because he put the Gibeonites to death."

2 So the king called the Gibeonites and spoke to them (now the Gibeonites were not of the sons of Israel but of the remnant of the Amorites, and <sup>a</sup>the sons of Israel <sup>1</sup>made a covenant with them, but Saul had sought to <sup>2</sup>kill them <sup>b</sup>in his zeal for the sons of Israel and Judah).

3 Thus David said to the Gibeonites, "What should I do for you? And how can I make atonement <sup>a</sup>that you may bless the inheritance of the LORD?"

4 Then the Gibeonites said to him, "<sup>a</sup>We have no *concern* of silver or gold with Saul or his house, nor is it for us to put any man to death in Israel." And he said, "I will do for you whatever you say."

5 So they said to the king, "<sup>a</sup>The man who consumed us, and who planned <sup>1</sup>to exterminate us from remaining within any border of Israel,

6 let seven men from his sons be given to us, and we will <sup>1</sup>hang them <sup>a</sup>before the LORD in Gibeah of Saul, <sup>b</sup>the chosen of the LORD." And the king said, "I will give *them*."

7 But the king spared <sup>a</sup>Mephibosheth, the son of Jonathan the son of Saul, <sup>b</sup>because of the oath of the LORD which was between them, between David and Saul's son Jonathan.

8 So the king took the two sons of <sup>a</sup>Rizpah the daughter of Aiah, Armoni and Mephibosheth whom she had born to Saul, and the five sons of <sup>1</sup>Merab the daughter of Saul, whom she had born to Adriel the son of Barzillai the <sup>b</sup>Meholathite.

9 Then he gave them into the hands of the Gibeonites, and they <sup>1</sup>hanged them in the mountain before the LORD, so that the seven of them fell together; and they were put to death in the first days of harvest at <sup>a</sup>the beginning of barley harvest.

10 <sup>a</sup>And Rizpah the daughter of Aiah took sackcloth and spread it for herself on the rock, from the beginning of harvest until <sup>1</sup>it rained on them from the sky; and <sup>b</sup>she <sup>2</sup>allowed neither the birds of the sky to rest on them by day nor the beasts of the field by night.

11 When it was told David what Rizpah the daughter of Aiah, the concubine of Saul, had done,

12 then David went and took <sup>a</sup>the bones of Saul and the bones of Jonathan his son from the men of Jabesh-gilead, who had stolen them from the open square of <sup>b</sup>Bethshan, <sup>c</sup>where the Philistines had hanged them on the day <sup>d</sup>the Philistines struck down Saul in Gilboa.

13 And he brought up the bones of Saul and the bones of Jonathan his son from there, and they gathered the bones of those who had been <sup>1</sup>hanged.

14 And they buried the bones of Saul and Jonathan his son in the country of Benjamin in <sup>a</sup>Zela, in the grave of Kish his father; thus they did all that the king commanded, and after that <sup>b</sup>God was moved by entreaty for the land.

15 Now when <sup>a</sup>the Philistines were at war again with Israel, David went down and his servants with him; and as they fought against the Philistines, David became weary.

16 Then Ishbi-benob, who was <sup>a</sup>among the descendants of the <sup>1</sup>giant, the weight of whose spear was three hundred *shekels* of bronze in weight, <sup>2</sup>was girded with a new sword, and he <sup>1</sup>intended to kill David.

17 But <sup>a</sup>Abishai the son of Zeruiah helped him, and struck the Philistine and killed him. Then the men of David swore to him, saying, "<sup>b</sup>You shall not go out again with us to battle, that you may not extinguish <sup>c</sup>the lamp of Israel."

18 <sup>a</sup>Now it came about after this that there was war again with the Philistines at Gob; then <sup>b</sup>Sibbecai the Hushathite struck down Saph, who was among the descendants of the <sup>1</sup>giant.

19 And there was war with the Philistines again at Gob, and Elhanan the son of Jaare-oregim the Bethlehemite <sup>1</sup>killed <sup>2</sup>Goliath the Gittite, <sup>a</sup>the shaft of whose spear was like a weaver's beam.

20 And there was war at Gath again, and where there was a man of *great* stature who had six fingers on each hand and six toes on each foot, twenty-four in number; and he also had been born <sup>a</sup>to the <sup>1</sup>giant.

21 And when he defied Israel, Jonathan the son of Shimei, David's brother, struck him down.

22 <sup>a</sup>These four were born to the <sup>1</sup>giant in Gath, and they fell by the hand of David and by the hand of his servants.

CHAPTER 22

<sup>a</sup>AND David spoke <sup>b</sup>the words of this song to the LORD in the day that the LORD delivered him from the <sup>1</sup>hand of all his enemies and from the <sup>1</sup>hand of Saul.

2 And he said,

"<sup>a</sup>The LORD is my <sup>1</sup>rock and my fortress and my deliverer;

3 <sup>1a</sup>My God, my rock, in whom I take refuge;  
My <sup>b</sup>shield and <sup>c</sup>the horn of my salvation, my stronghold and <sup>d</sup>my refuge;  
My savior, Thou dost save me from violence.

4 "I call upon the LORD, <sup>a</sup>who is worthy to be praised;  
And I am saved from my enemies.

5 "For <sup>a</sup>the waves of death encompassed me;  
<sup>b</sup>The torrents of <sup>1</sup>destruction <sup>2</sup>overwhelmed me;

<sup>12</sup> <sup>a</sup>1 Sam. 31:11-13  
<sup>b</sup>Josh. 17:11 <sup>c</sup>1 Sam. 31:10  
<sup>d</sup>1 Sam. 31:4

13 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *exposed*

14 <sup>a</sup>Josh. 18:28  
<sup>b</sup>2 Sam. 24:25; Josh. 7:26

15 <sup>a</sup>2 Sam. 5:17-25

16 <sup>1</sup>Heb., *Raphah* <sup>2</sup>Lit.,  
and he was <sup>3</sup>Lit., *said*  
<sup>a</sup>2 Sam. 21:18-22;  
Num. 13:22, 28; Josh. 15:14

17 <sup>a</sup>2 Sam. 20:6-10  
<sup>b</sup>2 Sam. 18:3 <sup>c</sup>2 Sam. 22:29;  
1 Km. 11:36

18 <sup>1</sup>Heb., *Raphah*  
<sup>a</sup>1 Chr. 20:4-8 <sup>b</sup>1 Chr. 11:29;  
27:11

19 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *smote* <sup>2</sup>In 1 Chr.  
20:5, *Lahmi, the brother of Goliath*  
<sup>a</sup>1 Sam. 17:7

20 <sup>1</sup>Heb., *Raphah*  
<sup>a</sup>2 Sam. 21:16, 18

22 <sup>1</sup>Heb., *Raphah*  
<sup>a</sup>1 Chr. 20:8

<sup>1</sup> <sup>1</sup>Lit., *palms*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 18:2-50 <sup>b</sup>Ex. 15:1;  
Deut. 31:30

<sup>2</sup> <sup>1</sup>Lit., *crag*  
<sup>a</sup>1 Sam. 23:25; 24:2;  
Ps. 31:3; 71:3

<sup>3</sup> <sup>1</sup>Lit., *God of my rock*  
<sup>a</sup>Deut. 32:4, 37; 1 Sam. 2:2  
<sup>b</sup>Gen. 15:1; Deut. 33:29  
<sup>c</sup>Deut. 33:17; Luke 1:69  
<sup>d</sup>Ps. 9:9

<sup>4</sup> <sup>a</sup>Ps. 48:1; 96:4

<sup>5</sup> <sup>1</sup>Heb., *Belial* <sup>2</sup>Or,  
*terrified*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 93:4; Jon. 2:3  
<sup>b</sup>Ps. 69:14, 15

6 <sup>1</sup>I.e., the nether world  
\*Ps. 116:3

7 <sup>1</sup>Or, *called*  
\*Ps. 116:4; 120:1

8 \*Judg. 5:4; Ps. 97:4  
bJob 26:11

9 <sup>1</sup>Or, *in His wrath*  
\*Ps. 97:4; Heb. 12:29  
b2 Sam. 22:13

10 \*Ex. 19:16; 1 Kin. 8:12;  
Ps. 97:2; Nah. 1:3

11 <sup>1</sup>Many mss. read, *sped*  
\*2 Sam. 6:2 bPs. 104:3

12 <sup>1</sup>Or, *pavilions*  
\*Job 36:29

13 \*2 Sam. 22:9

14 \*Job 37:2-5; Ps. 29:3

15 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *confused*  
\*Deut. 32:23; Josh. 10:10;  
1 Sam. 7:10

16 <sup>1</sup>Or, *uncovered*  
\*Ex. 15:8; Nah. 1:4

17 \*Ps. 144:7 bEx. 2:10

19 \*Ps. 23:4

20 \*Ps. 31:8; 118:5  
b2 Sam. 15:26

21 \*1 Sam. 26:23;  
1 Kin. 8:32 bPs. 24:4

22 \*Gen. 18:19; Ps. 128:1;  
Prov. 8:32

23 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *it*  
\*Deut. 6:6-9; Ps. 119:30, 102

24 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *complete or  
having integrity*  
\*Gen. 6:9; 7:1; Eph. 1:4;  
Col. 1:21, 22

25 \*2 Sam. 22:21

26 <sup>1</sup>Or, *loyal* <sup>2</sup>Lit.,  
*complete or having  
integrity*  
\*Matt. 5:7

27 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *twisted*  
\*Matt. 5:8; 1 John 3:3  
bLev. 26:23, 24; Rom. 1:28

- 6 <sup>a</sup>The cords of <sup>1</sup>Sheol surrounded me;  
The snares of death confronted me.
- 7 <sup>a</sup>In my distress I called upon the LORD,  
Yes, I <sup>1</sup>cried to my God;  
And from His temple He heard my voice,  
And my cry for help *came* into His ears.
- 8 <sup>a</sup>Then <sup>a</sup>the earth shook and quaked,  
<sup>b</sup>The foundations of heaven were trembling  
And were shaken, because He was angry.
- 9 <sup>a</sup>Smoke went up <sup>1</sup>out of His nostrils,  
And fire from His mouth devoured;  
<sup>b</sup>Coals were kindled by it.
- 10 <sup>a</sup>He bowed the heavens also, and came down  
With <sup>a</sup>thick darkness under His feet.
- 11 <sup>a</sup>And He rode on a cherub and flew;  
And He <sup>1</sup>appeared on <sup>b</sup>the wings of the wind.
- 12 <sup>a</sup>And He made darkness <sup>1</sup>canopies around Him,  
A mass of waters, thick clouds of the sky.
- 13 <sup>a</sup>From the brightness before Him  
<sup>a</sup>Coals of fire were kindled.
- 14 <sup>a</sup>The LORD thundered from heaven,  
And the Most High uttered His voice.
- 15 <sup>a</sup>And He sent out arrows, and scattered them,  
Lightning, and <sup>1</sup>routed them.
- 16 <sup>a</sup>Then the channels of the sea appeared,  
The foundations of the world were <sup>1</sup>laid bare,  
By the rebuke of the LORD,  
<sup>a</sup>At the blast of the breath of His nostrils.
- 17 <sup>a</sup>He sent from on high, He took me;  
<sup>b</sup>He drew me out of many waters.
- 18 <sup>a</sup>He delivered me from my strong enemy,  
From those who hated me, for they were too strong  
for me.
- 19 <sup>a</sup>They confronted me in the day of my calamity,  
<sup>a</sup>But the LORD was my support.
- 20 <sup>a</sup>He also brought me forth into a broad place;  
He rescued me, <sup>b</sup>because He delighted in me.
- 21 <sup>a</sup>The LORD has rewarded me according to my right-  
eousness;  
<sup>b</sup>According to the cleanness of my hands He has  
recompensed me.
- 22 <sup>a</sup>For I have kept the ways of the LORD,  
And have not acted wickedly against my God.
- 23 <sup>a</sup>For all His ordinances *were* before me;  
And *as for* His statutes, I did not depart from <sup>1</sup>them.
- 24 <sup>a</sup>I was also <sup>1</sup>blameless toward Him,  
And I kept myself from my iniquity.
- 25 <sup>a</sup>Therefore the LORD has recompensed me according  
to my righteousness,  
According to my cleanness before His eyes.
- 26 <sup>a</sup>With the <sup>1</sup>kind Thou dost show Thyself <sup>1</sup>kind,  
With the <sup>2</sup>blameless Thou dost show Thyself <sup>2</sup>blame-  
less;
- 27 <sup>a</sup>With the pure Thou dost show Thyself pure,  
<sup>b</sup>And with the perverted Thou dost show Thyself  
<sup>1</sup>astute.

- 28 <sup>a</sup>And Thou dost save an afflicted people;  
<sup>b</sup>But Thine eyes are on the haughty *whom* Thou dost abase.
- 29 <sup>a</sup>For Thou art my lamp, O LORD;  
 And the LORD illumines my darkness.
- 30 <sup>a</sup>For by Thee I can <sup>1</sup>run upon a troop;  
 By my God I can leap over a wall.
- 31 <sup>a</sup>As for God, His way is <sup>1</sup>blameless;  
<sup>b</sup>The word of the LORD is tested;  
<sup>c</sup>He is a shield to all who take refuge in Him.
- 32 <sup>a</sup>For who is God, besides the LORD?  
<sup>b</sup>And who is a rock, besides our God?
- 33 <sup>a</sup>God is my strong fortress;  
 And He <sup>1</sup>sets the <sup>2</sup>blameless in <sup>3</sup>His way.
- 34 <sup>a</sup>He makes <sup>1</sup>my feet like hinds' *feet*,  
<sup>b</sup>And sets me on my high places.
- 35 <sup>a</sup>He trains my hands for battle,  
<sup>b</sup>So that my arms can bend a bow of bronze.
- 36 "Thou hast also given me <sup>a</sup>the shield of Thy salvation,  
 And Thy <sup>1</sup>help makes me great.
- 37 <sup>a</sup>Thou dost enlarge my steps under me,  
 And my <sup>1</sup>feet have not slipped.
- 38 "I pursued my enemies and <sup>a</sup>destroyed them,  
 And I did not turn back until they were consumed.
- 39 "And I have devoured them and shattered them, so  
 that they did not rise;  
 And <sup>a</sup>they fell under my feet.
- 40 "For Thou hast girded me with strength for battle;  
 Thou hast <sup>1</sup>subdued under me <sup>a</sup>those who rose up  
 against me.
- 41 "Thou hast also <sup>a</sup>made my enemies turn *their* backs to  
 me,  
 And I <sup>1</sup>destroyed those who hated me.
- 42 <sup>a</sup>They looked, but there was none to save;  
<sup>b</sup>Even to the LORD, but He did not answer them.
- 43 <sup>a</sup>Then I pulverized them as the dust of the earth,  
<sup>b</sup>I crushed *and* stamped them as the mire of the  
 streets.
- 44 <sup>a</sup>Thou hast also delivered me from the contentions of  
 my people;  
<sup>b</sup>Thou hast kept me as head of the nations;  
<sup>c</sup>A people whom I have not known serve me.
- 45 <sup>a</sup>Foreigners pretend obedience to me;  
 As soon as they hear, they obey me.
- 46 "Foreigners <sup>1</sup>lose heart,  
<sup>a</sup>And <sup>2</sup>come trembling out of their <sup>3</sup>fortresses.
- 47 "The LORD lives, and blessed be my rock;  
 And exalted be <sup>1a</sup>God, the rock of my salvation,
- 48 <sup>a</sup>The God who executes vengeance for me,  
<sup>b</sup>And brings down peoples under me,
- 49 Who also brings me out from my enemies;  
 Thou dost even lift me above <sup>a</sup>those who rise up  
 against me;  
<sup>b</sup>Thou dost rescue me from the violent man.
- 28 <sup>a</sup>Ex. 3:7, 8; Ps. 72:12,  
 13 <sup>b</sup>Is. 2:11, 12, 17; 5:15
- 29 <sup>a</sup>2 Sam. 21:17; Ps. 27:1;  
 1 Kin. 11:36
- 30 <sup>a</sup>Or, *crush a troop*  
<sup>a</sup>2 Sam. 5:6-8
- 31 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *complete or  
 having integrity*  
<sup>a</sup>Deut. 32:4; Matt. 5:48  
<sup>b</sup>Ps. 12:6; 119:140;  
 Prov. 30:5 <sup>c</sup>2 Sam. 22:3;  
 Ps. 84:9
- 32 <sup>a</sup>1 Sam. 2:2  
<sup>b</sup>2 Sam. 22:2
- 33 <sup>1</sup>Or, *sets free* <sup>2</sup>Lit.,  
*complete or having  
 integrity* <sup>3</sup>Another reading  
 is, *my*  
<sup>a</sup>2 Sam. 22:2; Ps. 31:3, 4
- 34 <sup>1</sup>Another reading is,  
*He*  
<sup>a</sup>2 Sam. 2:18; Heb. 3:19  
<sup>b</sup>Deut. 32:13
- 35 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 144:1 <sup>b</sup>Job 20:24
- 36 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *answering*  
<sup>a</sup>Eph. 6:16, 17
- 37 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *ankles*  
<sup>a</sup>2 Sam. 22:20; Prov. 4:12
- 38 <sup>a</sup>Ex. 15:9
- 39 <sup>a</sup>Mal. 4:3
- 40 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *caused to bow  
 down*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 44:5
- 41 <sup>1</sup>Or, *silenced*  
<sup>a</sup>Ex. 23:27; Josh. 10:24
- 42 <sup>a</sup>Is. 17:7, 8  
<sup>b</sup>1 Sam. 28:6; Is. 1:15
- 43 <sup>a</sup>2 Kin. 13:7 <sup>b</sup>Is. 10:6;  
 Mic. 7:10
- 44 <sup>a</sup>2 Sam. 3:1; 19:9, 14  
<sup>b</sup>2 Sam. 8:1-14 <sup>c</sup>Is. 55:5
- 45 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 66:3; 81:15
- 46 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *languish* <sup>2</sup>Lit.,  
*gird themselves* <sup>3</sup>Lit.,  
*fastnesses*  
<sup>a</sup>1 Sam. 14:11; Mic. 7:17
- 47 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *the God of the  
 rock*  
<sup>a</sup>2 Sam. 22:3; Ps. 89:26
- 48 <sup>a</sup>2 Sam. 8:8;  
 1 Sam. 24:12; 25:39; Ps. 94:1  
<sup>b</sup>Ps. 144:2
- 49 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 44:5 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 140:1, 4,  
 11

2 Samuel 22, 23

50 \*Rom. 15:9

51 <sup>1</sup>J.e., victories; lit.,  
salvation <sup>2</sup>Lit., seed  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 144:10 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 89:24  
<sup>c</sup>2 Sam. 7:12-16

1 <sup>a</sup>2 Sam. 7:8, 9;  
Ps. 78:70, 71 <sup>b1</sup> Sam. 16:12,  
13; Ps. 89:20

2 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 22:43;  
2 Pet. 1:21

3 <sup>a</sup>2 Chr. 22:2, 3, 32  
<sup>b</sup>Ps. 72:1-3; Is. 11:1-5  
<sup>c</sup>2 Chr. 19:7, 9

4 <sup>a</sup>Judg. 5:31; Ps. 72:6

5 <sup>a</sup>2 Sam. 7:12; Ps. 89:29;  
Is. 55:3

6 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 13:41

7 <sup>1</sup>Lit., filled <sup>2</sup>Lit., sitting  
<sup>a</sup>Matt. 3:10; 13:30; Heb. 6:8

8 <sup>1</sup>Or, three  
<sup>a1</sup> Chr. 11:11-17

9 <sup>1</sup>Lit., reproached <sup>2</sup>Lit.,  
gone up  
<sup>a1</sup> Chr. 27:4 <sup>b1</sup> Chr. 8:4

10 <sup>1</sup>Lit., his hand clung  
<sup>2</sup>Lit., salvation  
<sup>a1</sup> Chr. 11:13 <sup>b1</sup> Sam. 11:13;  
19:5

11 <sup>1</sup>Possibly, at Lehi  
<sup>a2</sup> Sam. 23:33

12 <sup>1</sup>Lit., salvation  
<sup>a2</sup> Sam. 23:10

- 50 <sup>a</sup>Therefore I will give thanks to Thee, O LORD, among  
the nations,  
And I will sing praises to Thy name.
- 51 <sup>a</sup>He is a tower of <sup>1</sup>deliverance to His king,  
And <sup>b</sup>shows lovingkindness to His anointed,  
<sup>c</sup>To David and his <sup>2</sup>descendants forever."

CHAPTER 23

- Now these are the last words of David.  
David the son of Jesse declares,  
<sup>a</sup>And the man who was raised on high declares,  
<sup>b</sup>The anointed of the God of Jacob,  
And the sweet psalmist of Israel,
- 2 <sup>a</sup>The Spirit of the LORD spoke by me,  
And His word was on my tongue.
- 3 <sup>a</sup>The God of Israel said,  
<sup>a</sup>The Rock of Israel spoke to me,  
<sup>b</sup>He who rules over men righteously,  
<sup>c</sup>Who rules in the fear of God,
- 4 <sup>a</sup>Is as the light of the morning *when* the sun rises,  
A morning without clouds,  
*When* the tender grass *springs* out of the earth,  
Through sunshine after rain.'
- 5 <sup>a</sup>Truly is not my house so with God?  
For <sup>a</sup>He has made an everlasting covenant with me,  
Ordered in all things, and secured;  
For all my salvation and all *my* desire,  
Will He not indeed make *it* grow?
- 6 <sup>a</sup>But the worthless, every one of them will be thrust  
away like thorns,  
Because they cannot be taken in hand;  
But the man who touches them  
Must be <sup>1</sup>armed with iron and the shaft of a spear,  
And <sup>a</sup>they will be completely burned with fire in *their*  
<sup>2</sup>place."
- 8 <sup>a</sup>These are the names of the mighty men whom David  
had: Josheb-basshebeth a Tahchemonite, chief of the <sup>1</sup>captains,  
he was called Adino the Eznite, because of eight hundred slain  
by *him* at one time;
- 9 and after him was Eleazar the son of <sup>a</sup>Dodo the <sup>b</sup>Aho-  
hite, one of the three mighty men with David when they <sup>1</sup>defied  
the Philistines who were gathered there to battle and the men  
of Israel had <sup>2</sup>withdrawn.
- 10 <sup>a</sup>He arose and struck the Philistines until his hand was  
weary and <sup>1</sup>clung to the sword, and <sup>b</sup>the LORD brought about  
a great <sup>2</sup>victory that day; and the people returned after him only  
to strip *the slain*.
- 11 Now after him was Shammah the son of Agee a <sup>a</sup>Hara-  
rite. And the Philistines were gathered <sup>1</sup>into a troop, where  
there was a plot of ground full of lentils, and the people fled  
from the Philistines.
- 12 But he took his stand in the midst of the plot, defended  
it and struck the Philistines; and <sup>a</sup>the LORD brought about a  
great <sup>1</sup>victory.

13 Then three of the thirty chief men went down and came to David in the harvest time to the <sup>a</sup>cave of Adullam, while the troop of the Philistines was camping in <sup>b</sup>the valley of Rephaim.

14 And David was then <sup>a</sup>in the stronghold, while the garrison of the Philistines was then in Bethlehem.

15 And David had a craving and said, "Oh that someone would give me water to drink from the well of Bethlehem which is by the gate!"

16 So the three mighty men broke through the camp of the Philistines, and drew water from the well of Bethlehem which was by the gate, and took *it* and brought *it* to David. Nevertheless he would not drink it, but <sup>a</sup>poured it out to the LORD;

17 and he said, "Be it far from me, O LORD, that I should do this. *Shall I drink* the blood of the men who went in *jeopardy* of their lives?" Therefore he would not drink it. These things the three mighty men did.

18 And <sup>a</sup>Abishai, the brother of Joab, the son of Zeruiah, was <sup>b</sup>chief of the <sup>1</sup>thirty. And he swung his spear against three hundred <sup>2</sup>and killed *them*, and had a name as well as the three.

19 He was most honored of the thirty, therefore he became their commander; however, he did not attain to the three.

20 Then <sup>a</sup>Benaiah the son of Jehoiada, the son of a valiant man of <sup>b</sup>Kabzeel, who had done mighty deeds, <sup>1</sup>killed the <sup>2</sup>two sons of Ariel of Moab. He also went down and killed a lion in the middle of a pit on a snowy day.

21 And he <sup>1</sup>killed an Egyptian, <sup>2</sup>an impressive man. Now the Egyptian *had* a spear in his hand, but he went down to him with a club and snatched the spear from the Egyptian's hand, and killed him with his own spear.

22 These *things* <sup>a</sup>Benaiah the son of Jehoiada did, and had a name as well as the three mighty men.

23 He was honored among the thirty, but he did not attain to the three. And David appointed him over his guard.

24 <sup>a</sup>Asahel the brother of Joab was among the thirty; Elhanan the son of Dodo of Bethlehem,

25 <sup>a</sup>Shammah the <sup>b</sup>Harodite, Elikah the Harodite,

26 Helez the Paltite, Ira the son of Ikkesh the <sup>a</sup>Tekoite,

27 Abiezer the <sup>a</sup>Anathothite, Mebunnai the Hushathite,

28 Zalmon the Ahohite, Maharai the <sup>a</sup>Netophathite,

29 <sup>a</sup>Heleb the son of Baanah the Netophathite, Ittai the son of Ribai of <sup>b</sup>Gibeah of the sons of Benjamin,

30 Benaiah a <sup>a</sup>Pirathonite, Hiddai of the brooks of <sup>b</sup>Gaash,

31 Abi-albon the Arbathite, Azmaveth the <sup>a</sup>Barhumite,

32 Eliahba the <sup>a</sup>Shaalbonite, the sons of Jashen, Jonathan,

33 <sup>a</sup>Shammah the Hararite, Ahiam the son of Sharar the Ararite,

34 Eliphelet the son of Ahasbai, the son of <sup>a</sup>the Maacathite, <sup>b</sup>Eliam the son of <sup>c</sup>Ahithophel the Gilonite,

35 <sup>a</sup>Hezro the <sup>b</sup>Carmelite, Paarai the Arbite,

36 Igal the son of Nathan of <sup>a</sup>Zobah, Bani the Gadite,

37 Zelek the Ammonite, Naharai the <sup>a</sup>Beerothite, armor bearers of Joab the son of Zeruiah,

38 <sup>a</sup>Ira the <sup>b</sup>Ithrite, Gareb the Ithrite,

39 <sup>a</sup>Uriah the Hittite; thirty-seven in all.

13 <sup>a1</sup> Sam. 22:1  
<sup>b2</sup> Sam. 5:18

14 <sup>a1</sup> Sam. 22:4, 5

16 <sup>a</sup>Gen. 35:14

17 <sup>a</sup>Lev. 17:10

18 <sup>1</sup>So two Heb. mss. and Syriac; M.T. *three* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *slain ones*  
<sup>a2</sup> Sam. 10:10, 14; 18:2  
<sup>b1</sup> Chr. 11:20, 21

20 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *smote* <sup>2</sup>Or, *two lion-like heroes*  
<sup>a2</sup> Sam. 8:18, 20, 23  
<sup>b</sup>Josh. 15:21

21 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *smote* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *a man of appearance*

22 <sup>a2</sup> Sam. 23:20

24 <sup>a2</sup> Sam. 2:18;  
<sup>1</sup> Chr. 27:7

25 <sup>a1</sup> Chr. 11:27;  
<sup>b</sup>Judg. 7:1

26 <sup>a2</sup> Sam. 14:2

27 <sup>a</sup>Josh. 21:18

28 <sup>a2</sup> Kin. 25:23

29 <sup>a1</sup> Chr. 11:30  
<sup>b</sup>Josh. 18:28

30 <sup>a</sup>Judg. 12:13, 15  
<sup>b</sup>Josh. 24:30

31 <sup>a2</sup> Sam. 3:16

32 <sup>a</sup>Josh. 19:42

33 <sup>a2</sup> Sam. 23:11

34 <sup>a2</sup> Sam. 10:6, 8; 20:14  
<sup>b2</sup> Sam. 11:3 <sup>c2</sup> Sam. 15:12

35 <sup>a1</sup> Chr. 11:37  
<sup>b</sup>Josh. 15:55

36 <sup>a2</sup> Sam. 8:3

37 <sup>a2</sup> Sam. 4:2

38 <sup>a2</sup> Sam. 20:26  
<sup>b1</sup> Chr. 2:53

39 <sup>a2</sup> Sam. 11:3, 6

## CHAPTER 24

1 <sup>a</sup>1 Chr. 21:1  
<sup>b</sup>2 Sam. 21:1, 2  
<sup>c</sup>1 Chr. 27:23, 24

2 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *muster*  
<sup>a</sup>2 Sam. 3:10; Judg. 20:1

3 <sup>a</sup>Deut. 1:11

4 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *muster*

5 <sup>a</sup>Deut. 2:36; Josh. 13:9,  
 16 <sup>b</sup>Num. 21:32; 32:35

6 <sup>1</sup>Or, *Kadesh in the  
 land of the Hittite*  
<sup>a</sup>Josh. 19:28; Judg. 1:31

7 <sup>a</sup>Josh. 19:29 <sup>b</sup>Josh. 11:3;  
 Judg. 3:3 <sup>c</sup>Gen. 21:22-33

9 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *muster*  
<sup>a</sup>Num. 1:44-46 <sup>b</sup>1 Chr. 21:5

10 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *smote* <sup>2</sup>Lit.,  
*cause to pass away*  
<sup>a</sup>1 Sam. 24:5 <sup>b</sup>2 Sam. 12:13  
<sup>c</sup>1 Sam. 13:13; 2 Chr. 16:9

11 <sup>a</sup>1 Sam. 22:5;  
 1 Chr. 29:29 <sup>b</sup>1 Sam. 9:9

13 <sup>a</sup>1 Chr. 21:12;  
 Ezek. 14:21

14 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 51:1; 130:4, 7

15 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *gave*  
<sup>a</sup>1 Chr. 21:14; 27:24  
<sup>b</sup>2 Sam. 24:2

16 <sup>a</sup>Ex. 12:23;  
 2 Kin. 19:35; Acts 12:23  
<sup>b</sup>Ex. 32:14; 1 Sam. 15:11

<sup>a</sup> NOW <sup>b</sup>again the anger of the LORD burned against Israel, and it incited David against them to say, "Go, number Israel and Judah."

2 And the king said to Joab the commander of the army who was with him, "Go about now through all the tribes of Israel, <sup>a</sup>from Dan to Beersheba, and <sup>1</sup>register the people, that I may know the number of the people."

3 But Joab said to the king, "<sup>a</sup>Now may the LORD your God add to the people a hundred times as many as they are, while the eyes of my lord the king *still* see; but why does my lord the king delight in this thing?"

4 Nevertheless, the king's word prevailed against Joab and against the commanders of the army. So Joab and the commanders of the army went out from the presence of the king, to <sup>1</sup>register the people of Israel.

5 And they crossed the Jordan and camped in <sup>a</sup>Aroer, on the right side of the city that is in the middle of the valley of Gad, and toward <sup>b</sup>Jazer.

6 Then they came to Gilead and to <sup>1</sup>the land of Tahtimhodshi, and they came to Dan-jaan and around to <sup>a</sup>Sidon,

7 and came to the <sup>a</sup>fortress of Tyre and to all the cities of the <sup>b</sup>Hivites and of the Canaanites, and they went out to the south of Judah, to <sup>c</sup>Beersheba.

8 So when they had gone about through the whole land, they came to Jerusalem at the end of nine months and twenty days.

9 And Joab gave <sup>a</sup>the number of the <sup>1</sup>registration of the people to the king; and there were in Israel <sup>b</sup>eight hundred thousand valiant men who drew the sword, and the men of Judah were five hundred thousand men.

10 Now <sup>a</sup>David's heart <sup>1</sup>troubled him after he had numbered the people. So David said to the LORD, "<sup>b</sup>I have sinned greatly in what I have done. But now, O LORD, please <sup>2</sup>take away the iniquity of Thy servant, for <sup>c</sup>I have acted very foolishly."

11 When David arose in the morning, the word of the LORD came to <sup>a</sup>the prophet Gad, David's <sup>b</sup>seer, saying,

12 "Go and speak to David, 'Thus the LORD says, "I am offering you three things; choose for yourself one of them, which I may do to you."'"

13 So Gad came to David and told him, and said to him, "Shall <sup>a</sup>seven years of famine come to you in your land? Or will you flee three months before your foes while they pursue you? Or shall there be three days' pestilence in your land? Now consider and see what answer I shall return to Him who sent me."

14 Then David said to Gad, "I am in great distress. Let us now fall into the hand of the LORD <sup>a</sup>for His mercies are great, but do not let me fall into the hand of man."

15 So <sup>a</sup>the LORD <sup>1</sup>sent a pestilence upon Israel from the morning until the appointed time; and seventy thousand men of the people <sup>b</sup>from Dan to Beersheba died.

16 <sup>a</sup>When the angel stretched out his hand toward Jerusalem to destroy it, <sup>b</sup>the LORD relented from the calamity, and said to the angel who destroyed the people, "It is enough! Now



relax your hand!" And the angel of the LORD was by the threshing floor of Araunah the Jebusite.

17 Then David spoke to the LORD when he saw the angel who was striking down the people, and said, "Behold, <sup>a</sup>it is I who have sinned, and it is I who have done wrong; but <sup>b</sup>these sheep, what have they done? Please let Thy hand be against me and against my father's house."

18 So Gad came to David that day and said to him, "Go up, erect an altar to the LORD on the threshing floor of <sup>a</sup>Araunah the Jebusite."

19 And David went up according to the word of Gad, just as the LORD had commanded.

20 And Araunah looked down and saw the king and his servants crossing over toward him; and Araunah went out and bowed his face to the ground before the king.

21 Then Araunah said, "Why has my lord the king come to his servant?" And David said, "To buy the threshing floor from you, in order to build an altar to the LORD, <sup>a</sup>that the plague may be held back from the people."

22 And Araunah said to David, "Let my lord the king take and offer up what is good in his sight. Look, <sup>a</sup>the oxen for the burnt offering, the threshing sledges and the yokes of the oxen for the wood.

23 "Everything, O king, Araunah gives to the king." And Araunah said to the king, "May the LORD your God <sup>b</sup>accept you."

24 However, the king said to Araunah. "No, but I will surely buy *it* from you for a price, for <sup>a</sup>I will not offer burnt offerings to the LORD my God <sup>b</sup>which cost me nothing." So <sup>b</sup>David bought the threshing floor and the oxen for fifty shekels of silver.

25 And David built there an altar to the LORD, and offered burnt offerings and peace offerings. <sup>a</sup>Thus the LORD was moved by entreaty for the land, and the plague was held back from Israel.

17 <sup>a</sup>2 Sam. 24:10  
<sup>b</sup>2 Sam. 7:8; Ps. 74:1

18 <sup>a</sup>2 Chr. 3:1

21 <sup>a</sup>Num. 16:44-50

22 <sup>a</sup>1 Sam. 6:14;  
1 Kin. 19:21

23 <sup>a</sup>Gen. 23:8-16  
<sup>b</sup>Ezek. 20:40, 41

24 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *gratuitously*  
<sup>a</sup>Mal. 1:13, 14  
<sup>b</sup>1 Chr. 21:24, 25

25 <sup>a</sup>2 Sam. 21:14

# THE FIRST BOOK OF THE KINGS

## David the Aged.

2 <sup>1</sup>Lit., stand before

3 <sup>3</sup>Josh. 19:18; 1 Sam. 28:4

4 <sup>1</sup>Lit., know her

5 <sup>2</sup>2 Sam. 3:4 <sup>2</sup>2 Sam. 15:1

6 <sup>1</sup>Lit., pained him <sup>2</sup>Lit., she gave him birth  
<sup>2</sup>2 Sam. 3:3, 4

7 <sup>1</sup>Lit., his words were  
<sup>1</sup>1 Chr. 11:6 <sup>1</sup>1 Sam. 22:20, 23

8 <sup>2</sup>2 Sam. 20:25; 1 Chr. 16:39 <sup>2</sup>2 Sam. 8:18 <sup>2</sup>2 Sam. 12:1 <sup>2</sup>2 Sam. 23:8-39

9 <sup>1</sup>Or, Gliding or Serpent Stone  
<sup>2</sup>Josh. 15:7; 18:16; 2 Sam. 17:17

10 <sup>2</sup>2 Sam. 12:24

13 <sup>1</sup>Lit., and enter  
<sup>1</sup>1 Kin. 1:30; 1 Chr. 22:9-13

15 <sup>1</sup>1 Kin. 1:1

16 <sup>1</sup>Lit., to <sup>2</sup>Lit., to you

17 <sup>1</sup>1 Kin. 1:13

**N**OW King David was old, advanced in age; and they covered him with clothes, but he could not keep warm.

2 So his servants said to him, "Let them seek a young virgin for my lord the king, and let her <sup>1</sup>attend the king and become his nurse; and let her lie in your bosom, that my lord the king may keep warm."

3 So they searched for a beautiful girl throughout all the territory of Israel, and found Abishag the <sup>a</sup>Shunammite, and brought her to the king.

4 And the girl was very beautiful; and she became the king's nurse and served him, but the king did not <sup>1</sup>cohabit with her.

5 Now <sup>a</sup>Adonijah the son of Haggith exalted himself, saying, "I will be king." So <sup>b</sup>he prepared for himself chariots and horsemen with fifty men to run before him.

6 And his father had never <sup>1</sup>crossed him at any time by asking, "Why have you done so?" And he was also a very handsome man; and <sup>2a</sup>he was born after Absalom.

7 And <sup>1</sup>he had conferred with <sup>a</sup>Joab the son of Zeruiah and with <sup>b</sup>Abiathar the priest; and following Adonijah they helped him.

8 But <sup>a</sup>Zadok the priest, <sup>b</sup>Benaiah the son of Jehoiada, <sup>c</sup>Nathan the prophet, Shimei, Rei, and <sup>d</sup>the mighty men who belonged to David, were not with Adonijah.

9 And Adonijah sacrificed sheep and oxen and fatlings by the <sup>1</sup>stone of Zoheleth, which is beside <sup>a</sup>En-rogel; and he invited all his brothers, the king's sons, and all the men of Judah, the king's servants.

10 But he did not invite Nathan the prophet, Benaiah, the mighty men, and <sup>a</sup>Solomon his brother.

11 Then Nathan spoke to Bathsheba the mother of Solomon, saying, "Have you not heard that Adonijah the son of Haggith has become king, and David our lord does not know it?"

12 "So now come, please let me give you counsel and save your life and the life of your son Solomon.

13 "Go <sup>1</sup>at once to King David and say to him, 'Have you not, my lord, O king, sworn to your maidservant, saying, "Surely Solomon your son shall be king after me, and he shall sit on my throne"? Why then has Adonijah become king?'

14 "Behold, while you are still there speaking with the king, I will come in after you and confirm your words."

15 So Bathsheba went in to the king in the bedroom. Now <sup>a</sup>the king was very old, and Abishag the Shunammite was ministering to the king.

16 Then Bathsheba bowed and prostrated herself <sup>1</sup>before the king. And the king said, "What <sup>2</sup>do you wish?"

17 And she said to him, "My lord, you swore to your maidservant by the LORD your God, saying, "Surely your son Solomon shall be king after me and he shall sit on my throne.'

18 "And now, behold, Adonijah is king; and now, my lord the king, you do not know it.

19 "And <sup>a</sup>he has sacrificed oxen and fatlings and sheep in abundance, and has invited all the sons of the king and Abiathar the priest and Joab the commander of the army; but he has not invited Solomon your servant.

20 "And as for you now, my lord the king, the eyes of all Israel are on you, to tell them who shall sit on the throne of my lord the king after him.

21 "Otherwise it will come about, <sup>a</sup>as soon as my lord the king sleeps with his fathers, that I and my son Solomon will be considered <sup>1</sup>offenders."

22 And behold, while she was still speaking with the king, Nathan the prophet came in.

23 And they told the king, saying, "Here is Nathan the prophet." And when he came in before the king, he prostrated himself <sup>1</sup>before the king with his face to the ground.

24 Then Nathan said, "My lord the king, have you said, 'Adonijah shall be king after me, and he shall sit on my throne'?"

25 "<sup>a</sup>For he has gone down today and has sacrificed oxen and fatlings and sheep in abundance, and has invited all the king's sons and the commanders of the army and Abiathar the priest, and behold, they are eating and drinking before him; and they say, '<sup>b</sup>Long live King Adonijah!'

26 "<sup>a</sup>But me, *even* me your servant, and Zadok the priest and Benaiah the son of Jehoiada and your servant Solomon, he has not invited.

27 "Has this thing been done by my lord the king, and you have not shown to your <sup>1</sup>servants who should sit on the throne of my lord the king after him?"

28 Then King David answered and said, "Call Bathsheba to me." And she came into the king's presence and stood before the king.

29 And the king vowed and said, "<sup>a</sup>As the LORD lives, who has redeemed my life from all distress,

30 surely as <sup>a</sup>I vowed to you by the LORD the God of Israel, saying, 'Your son Solomon shall be king after me, and he shall sit on my throne in my place'; I will indeed do so this day."

31 Then Bathsheba bowed with her face to the ground, and prostrated herself <sup>1</sup>before the king and said, "<sup>a</sup>May my lord King David live forever."

32 Then King David said, "Call to me <sup>a</sup>Zadok the priest, Nathan the prophet, and Benaiah the son of Jehoiada." And they came into the king's presence.

33 And the king said to them, "Take with you <sup>a</sup>the servants of your lord, and have my son Solomon ride on my own mule, and bring him down to <sup>b</sup>Gihon.

34 "And let Zadok the priest and Nathan the prophet <sup>a</sup>anoint him there as king over Israel, and <sup>b</sup>blow the trumpet and say, '<sup>c</sup>Long live King Solomon!'

35 "Then you shall come up after him, and he shall come and sit on my throne and be king in my place; for I have appointed him to be ruler over Israel and Judah."

36 And Benaiah the son of Jehoiada answered the king and said, "Amen! Thus may the LORD, the God of my lord the king, say.

19 <sup>a</sup>1 Kin. 1:921 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *sinner*  
<sup>a</sup>1 Kin. 2:10; Deut. 31:16;  
2 Sam. 7:1223 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *to*25 <sup>a</sup>1 Kin. 1:9 <sup>b</sup>1 Sam.  
10:2426 <sup>a</sup>1 Kin. 1:8, 1027 <sup>1</sup>Some mss. read  
*servant*29 <sup>a</sup>2 Sam. 4:930 <sup>a</sup>1 Kin. 1:13, 1731 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *to*  
<sup>a</sup>Dan. 2:4; 3:932 <sup>a</sup>1 Kin. 1:833 <sup>a</sup>2 Sam. 20:6, 7 <sup>b</sup>2 Chr.  
32:30; 33:1434 <sup>a</sup>1 Sam. 10:1; 16:3, 12  
<sup>b</sup>2 Sam. 15:10 <sup>c</sup>1 Kin. 1:25

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37 <sup>a</sup>Josh. 1:5, 17; 1 Sam. 20:13 <sup>b1</sup> Kin. 1:47

38 <sup>a1</sup> Kin. 1:8 <sup>b2</sup> Sam. 8:18 <sup>c1</sup> Kin. 1:33

39 <sup>a</sup>Ex. 30:23-32; 1 Chr. 16:39; Ps. 89:20 <sup>b1</sup> Chr. 29:22 <sup>c1</sup> Kin. 1:34

40 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *fluting* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *was split*

41 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *is the sound of the city an uproar*

42 <sup>a2</sup> Sam. 15:27, 36; 17:17 <sup>b2</sup> Sam. 18:27

45 <sup>a1</sup> Kin. 1:40

46 <sup>a1</sup> Chr. 29:23

47 <sup>a1</sup> Kin. 1:37 <sup>b</sup>Gen. 47:31

48 <sup>a1</sup> Kin. 3:6; 2 Sam. 7:12

50 <sup>a1</sup> Kin. 2:28; Ex. 27:2; 30:10

52 <sup>a1</sup> Sam. 14:45; 2 Sam. 14:11

53 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *to*

37 <sup>a</sup>As the LORD has been with my lord the king, so may He be with Solomon, and <sup>b</sup>make his throne greater than the throne of my lord King David!"

38 So <sup>a</sup>Zadok the priest, Nathan the prophet, Benaiah the son of Jehoiada, <sup>b</sup>the Cherethites, and the Pelethites went down and had Solomon ride on King David's mule, and brought him to <sup>c</sup>Gihon.

39 Zadok the priest then <sup>a</sup>took the horn of oil from the tent and <sup>b</sup>anointed Solomon. Then they <sup>c</sup>blew the trumpet, and all the people said, "Long live King Solomon!"

40 And all the people went up after him, and the people <sup>1</sup>were playing on flutes and rejoicing with great joy, so that the earth <sup>2</sup>shook at their noise.

41 Now Adonijah and all the guests who were with him heard it, as they finished eating. When Joab heard the sound of the trumpet, he said, "Why <sup>1</sup>is the city making such an uproar?"

42 While he was still speaking, behold, <sup>a</sup>Jonathan the son of Abiathar the priest came. Then Adonijah said, "Come in, for you are a valiant man and bring good news."

43 But Jonathan answered and said to Adonijah, "No! Our lord King David has made Solomon king.

44 "The king has also sent with him Zadok the priest, Nathan the prophet, Benaiah the son of Jehoiada, the Cherethites, and the Pelethites; and they have made him ride on the king's mule.

45 "And Zadok the priest and Nathan the prophet have anointed him king in Gihon, and they have come up from there rejoicing, <sup>a</sup>so that the city is in an uproar. This is the noise which you have heard.

46 "Besides, <sup>a</sup>Solomon has even taken his seat on the throne of the kingdom.

47 "And moreover, the king's servants came to bless our lord King David, saying, 'May <sup>a</sup>your God make the name of Solomon better than your name and his throne greater than your throne!' And <sup>b</sup>the king bowed himself on the bed.

48 "The king has also said thus, 'Blessed be the LORD, the God of Israel, who <sup>a</sup>has granted one to sit on my throne today while my own eyes see it.' "

49 Then all the guests of Adonijah were terrified; and they arose and each went on his way.

50 And Adonijah was afraid of Solomon, and he arose, went and <sup>a</sup>took hold of the horns of the altar.

51 Now it was told Solomon, saying, "Behold, Adonijah is afraid of King Solomon, for behold, he has taken hold of the horns of the altar, saying, 'Let King Solomon swear to me today that he will not put his servant to death with the sword.' "

52 And Solomon said, "If he will be a worthy man, <sup>a</sup>not one of his hairs will fall to the ground; but if wickedness is found in him, he will die."

53 So King Solomon sent, and they brought him down from the altar. And he came and prostrated himself <sup>1</sup>before King Solomon, and Solomon said to him, "Go to your house."

## CHAPTER 2

AS David's <sup>1a</sup>time to die drew near, he charged Solomon his son, saying,

2 "I am going the way of all the earth. <sup>b</sup>Be strong, therefore, and <sup>1</sup>show yourself a man.

3 "And keep the charge of the LORD your God, to walk in His ways, to keep His statutes, His commandments, His ordinances, and His testimonies, <sup>a</sup>according to what is written in the law of Moses, that <sup>b</sup>you may succeed in all that you do and wherever you turn,

4 so that <sup>a</sup>the LORD may carry out His promise which He spoke concerning me, saying, <sup>b</sup>If your sons are careful of their way, <sup>c</sup>to walk before Me in <sup>1</sup>truth with all their heart and with all their soul, <sup>2</sup>you shall not lack a man on the throne of Israel.'

5 "Now you also know what Joab the <sup>a</sup>son of Zeruiah did to me, what he did to the two commanders of the armies of Israel, to <sup>b</sup>Abner the son of Ner, and to <sup>c</sup>Amasa the son of Jether, whom he killed; he also <sup>1</sup>shed the blood of war in peace. And he put the blood of war on his belt <sup>2</sup>about his waist, and on his sandals <sup>3</sup>on his feet.

6 "So act according to your wisdom, and do not let his gray hair go down to <sup>1</sup>Sheol in peace.

7 "But show kindness to the sons of Barzillai the Gileadite, and <sup>b</sup>let them be among those who eat at your table; <sup>c</sup>for they <sup>1</sup>assisted me when I fled from Absalom your brother.

8 "And behold, <sup>a</sup>there is with you Shimei the son of Gera the Benjamite, of Bahurim; now it was he who cursed me with a <sup>1</sup>violent curse on the day I went to Mahanaim. But when <sup>b</sup>he came down to me at the Jordan, I swore to him by the LORD, saying, 'I will not put you to death with the sword.'

9 "Now therefore, do not let him go unpunished, <sup>a</sup>for you are a wise man; and you will know what you ought to do to him, and you will bring his gray hair down to <sup>1</sup>Sheol with blood."

10 Then <sup>a</sup>David slept with his fathers and was buried in <sup>b</sup>the city of David.

11 And <sup>a</sup>the days that David reigned over Israel *were* forty years; <sup>b</sup>seven years he reigned in Hebron, and thirty-three years he reigned in Jerusalem.

12 And <sup>a</sup>Solomon sat on the throne of David his father, and his kingdom was firmly established.

13 Now Adonijah the son of Haggith came to Bathsheba the mother of Solomon. And she said, "Do you <sup>a</sup>come peacefully?" And he said, "Peacefully."

14 Then he said, "I have something *to say* to you." And she said, "Speak."

15 So he said, "You know that <sup>a</sup>the kingdom was mine and <sup>b</sup>that all Israel <sup>1</sup>expected me to be king; <sup>c</sup>however, the kingdom has turned about and become my brother's, <sup>d</sup>for it was his from the LORD.

16 "And now I am making one request of you; do not <sup>1</sup>refuse me." And she said to him, "Speak."

17 Then he said, "Please speak to Solomon the king, for he will not <sup>1</sup>refuse you, that <sup>a</sup>he may give me Abishag the Shunamite as a wife."

<sup>1</sup> *Lit. days*  
\*Gen. 47:29; Deut. 31:14

<sup>2</sup> *Lit., become a man*  
\*Josh. 23:14 \*Deut. 31:7, 23; Josh. 1:6, 7

<sup>3</sup> \*Deut. 17:18-20 <sup>b1</sup> Chr. 22:12, 13

<sup>4</sup> *1*Or, *faithfulness* <sup>2</sup>*Lit., saying, there shall not be cast off to you a man from before Me*  
\*2 Sam. 7:25 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 132:12  
\*2 Kin. 20:3 <sup>d1</sup> Kin. 8:25; 9:5; 2 Sam. 7:12, 13

<sup>5</sup> *1*Lit., *made* <sup>2</sup>*Lit., that was about* <sup>3</sup>*Lit., that were on*  
\*2 Sam. 2:13, 18 <sup>b1</sup> Kin. 2:32; 2 Sam. 3:27 \*2 Sam. 20:10

<sup>6</sup> *1*i.e., the nether world  
\*1 Kin. 2:9

<sup>7</sup> *1*Lit., *came near to*  
\*2 Sam. 19:31-38 <sup>b2</sup> Sam. 9:7, 10 \*2 Sam. 17:27-29

<sup>8</sup> *1*Or, *grievous*  
\*2 Sam. 16:5-8 <sup>b2</sup> Sam. 19:18-23

<sup>9</sup> *1*i.e., the nether world  
\*1 Kin. 2:6

<sup>10</sup> \*Acts 2:29; 13:36  
<sup>b1</sup> Kin. 3:1; 2 Sam. 5:7

<sup>11</sup> \*2 Sam. 5:4, 5; 1 Chr. 29:26, 27 <sup>b2</sup> Sam. 5:5

<sup>12</sup> \*1 Chr. 29:23; 2 Chr. 1:1

<sup>13</sup> \*1 Sam. 16:4

<sup>15</sup> *1*Lit., *set their faces on me*  
\*1 Kin. 2:22; 2 Sam. 3:3, 4  
<sup>b1</sup> Kin. 1:5-25 <sup>c1</sup> Kin. 1:38-50 <sup>d1</sup> Chr. 22:9, 10; 28:5-7

<sup>16</sup> *1*Lit., *turn away my face*

<sup>17</sup> *1*Lit., *turn away your face*  
\*1 Kin. 1:3, 4; 2 Sam. 12:8

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19 <sup>a</sup>1 Kin. 15:13 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 45:9

20 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *turn away my face* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *turn away your face*  
<sup>a</sup>1 Kin. 2:16

21 <sup>a</sup>1 Kin. 1:3, 4

22 <sup>a</sup>2 Sam. 12:8 <sup>b</sup>1 Kin. 2:15; 1:6; 1 Chr. 3:2, 5  
<sup>c</sup>1 Kin. 1:7

23 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *soul*  
<sup>a</sup>Ruth 1:17

24 <sup>a</sup>2 Sam. 7:11, 13; 1 Chr. 22:10

25 <sup>a</sup>2 Sam. 8:18

26 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *are a man of death* <sup>2</sup>YHWH, usually rendered LORD  
<sup>a</sup>Josh. 21:18; Jer. 1:1  
<sup>b</sup>1 Sam. 26:16 <sup>c</sup>1 Sam. 23:6; 2 Sam. 15:24-29 <sup>d</sup>1 Sam. 22:20-23; 23:8, 9

27 <sup>a</sup>1 Sam. 2:27-36

28 <sup>a</sup>1 Kin. 1:7 <sup>b</sup>2 Sam. 17:25; 18:2 <sup>c</sup>1 Kin. 1:50

29 <sup>a</sup>1 Kin. 2:25

31 <sup>a</sup>Ex. 21:14 <sup>b</sup>Num. 35:33; Deut. 19:13

32 <sup>a</sup>Gen. 9:6; Judg. 9:24, 57 <sup>b</sup>2 Chr. 21:13, 14  
<sup>c</sup>2 Sam. 3:27 <sup>d</sup>2 Sam. 20:9, 10

18 And Bathsheba said, "Very well; I will speak to the king for you."

19 So Bathsheba went to King Solomon to speak to him for Adonijah. And the king arose to meet her, bowed before her, and sat on his throne; then he <sup>a</sup>had a throne set for the king's mother, and <sup>b</sup>she sat on his right.

20 Then she said, "I am making one small request of you; <sup>a</sup>do not <sup>1</sup>refuse me." And the king said to her, "Ask, my mother, for I will not <sup>2</sup>refuse you."

21 So she said, "<sup>a</sup>Let Abishag the Shunammite be given to Adonijah your brother as a wife."

22 And King Solomon answered and said to his mother, "And why are you asking Abishag the Shunammite for Adonijah? <sup>a</sup>Ask for him also the kingdom—<sup>b</sup>for he is my older brother—even for him, for <sup>c</sup>Abiathar the priest, and for Joab the son of Zeruiah!"

23 Then King Solomon swore by the LORD, saying, "May God do so to me and more also, if Adonijah has <sup>a</sup>not spoken this word against his own <sup>1</sup>life.

24 "Now therefore as the LORD lives, who has established me and set me on the throne of David my father, and <sup>a</sup>who has made me a house as He promised, surely Adonijah will be put to death today."

25 So King Solomon <sup>a</sup>sent Benaiah the son of Jehoiada, and he fell upon him so that he died.

26 Then to Abiathar the priest the king said, "<sup>a</sup>Go to Anathoth to your own field, <sup>b</sup>for you <sup>1</sup>deserve to die; but I will not put you to death at this time, because <sup>c</sup>you carried the ark of the Lord <sup>2</sup>GOD before my father David, and because <sup>d</sup>you were afflicted in everything with which my father was afflicted."

27 So Solomon dismissed Abiathar from being priest to the LORD, in order to fulfill <sup>a</sup>the word of the LORD, which He had spoken concerning the house of Eli in Shiloh.

28 Now the news came to Joab, <sup>a</sup>for Joab had followed Adonijah, <sup>b</sup>although he had not followed Absalom. And Joab fled to the tent of the LORD and <sup>c</sup>took hold of the horns of the altar.

29 And it was told King Solomon that Joab had fled to the tent of the LORD, and behold, he is beside the altar. Then Solomon <sup>a</sup>sent Benaiah the son of Jehoiada, saying, "Go, fall upon him."

30 So Benaiah came to the tent of the LORD, and said to him, "Thus the king has said, 'Come out.' " But he said, "No, for I will die here." And Benaiah brought the king word again, saying, "Thus spoke Joab, and thus he answered me."

31 And the king said to him, "<sup>a</sup>Do as he has spoken and fall upon him and bury him, <sup>b</sup>that you may remove from me and from my father's house the blood which Joab shed without cause.

32 "And <sup>a</sup>the LORD will return his blood on his own head, <sup>b</sup>because he fell upon two men more righteous and better than he and killed them with the sword, while my father David did not know *it*: <sup>c</sup>Abner the son of Ner, commander of the army of Israel, and <sup>d</sup>Amasa the son of Jether, commander of the army of Judah.

33 "So shall their blood return on the head of Joab and on the head of his <sup>1</sup>descendants forever; but to David and his <sup>1</sup>descendants and his house and his throne, may there be peace from the LORD forever."

34 Then <sup>a</sup>Benaiah the son of Jehoiada went up and fell upon him and put him to death, and he was buried at his own house in the wilderness.

35 And <sup>a</sup>the king appointed Benaiah the son of Jehoiada over the army in his place, and the king appointed <sup>b</sup>Zadok the priest <sup>c</sup>in the place of Abiathar.

36 Now the king sent and called for <sup>a</sup>Shimei and said to him, "Build for yourself a house in Jerusalem and live there, and do not go out from there to any place.

37 "For it will happen on the day you go out and <sup>a</sup>cross over the <sup>1</sup>brook Kidron, you will know for certain that you shall surely die; <sup>b</sup>your blood shall be on your own head."

38 Shimei then said to the king, "The word is good. As my lord the king has said, so your servant will do." So Shimei lived in Jerusalem many days.

39 But it came about at the end of three years, that two of the servants of Shimei ran away <sup>a</sup>to Achish son of Maacah, king of Gath. And they told Shimei, saying, "Behold, your servants are in Gath."

40 Then Shimei arose and saddled his donkey, and went to Gath to Achish to look for his servants. And Shimei went and brought his servants from Gath.

41 And it was told Solomon that Shimei had gone from Jerusalem to Gath, and had returned.

42 So the king sent and called for Shimei and said to him, "Did I not make you swear by the LORD and solemnly warn you, saying, 'You will know for certain that on the day you depart and go anywhere, you shall surely die'? And you said to me, 'The word which I have heard is good.'

43 "Why then have you not kept the oath of the LORD, and <sup>1</sup>the command which I <sup>1</sup>have laid on you?"

44 The king also said to Shimei, "<sup>a</sup>You know all the evil which <sup>1</sup>you acknowledge in your heart, which you did to my father David; therefore <sup>b</sup>the LORD shall return your evil on your own head.

45 "But King Solomon shall be blessed, and <sup>a</sup>the throne of David shall be established before the LORD forever."

46 <sup>a</sup>So the king commanded Benaiah the son of Jehoiada, and he went out and fell upon him so that he died. <sup>b</sup>Thus the kingdom was established in the hands of Solomon.

CHAPTER 3

**T**HEN <sup>a</sup>Solomon <sup>1</sup>formed a marriage alliance with Pharaoh king of Egypt, and took Pharaoh's daughter <sup>b</sup>and brought her to the city of David, <sup>c</sup>until he had finished building his own house and the house of the LORD and <sup>d</sup>the wall around Jerusalem.

2 <sup>a</sup>The people were still sacrificing on the high places, because there was no house built for the name of the LORD until those days.

33 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *seed*  
<sup>2</sup>2 Sam. 3:29

34 <sup>a</sup>1 Kin. 2:25

35 <sup>a</sup>1 Kin. 4:4 <sup>b</sup>1 Chr. 29:22 <sup>c</sup>1 Kin. 2:27

36 <sup>a</sup>1 Kin. 2:8

37 <sup>1</sup>Or, *wadi*  
<sup>2</sup>2 Sam. 15:23 <sup>b</sup>2 Sam. 1:16

39 <sup>a</sup>1 Sam. 27:2

43 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *commanded*

44 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *your heart acknowledges*  
<sup>2</sup>2 Sam. 16:5-13 <sup>b</sup>1 Sam. 25:39; 2 Kin. 11:1, 12-16

45 <sup>a</sup>2 Sam. 7:13

46 <sup>a</sup>1 Kin. 2:25, 34 <sup>b</sup>1 Kin. 2:12; 2 Chr. 1:1

<sup>1</sup> <sup>1</sup>Lit., *made himself a son-in-law of Pharaoh*  
<sup>a</sup>1 Kin. 7:8; 9:16, 24; 2 Chr. 8:11 <sup>b</sup>1 Kin. 9:24 <sup>c</sup>1 Kin. 7:1; 9:10 <sup>d</sup>1 Kin. 9:15

<sup>2</sup> <sup>a</sup>Lev. 17:3-5; Deut. 12:13, 14

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3 <sup>a</sup>Deut. 6:5; Ps. 31:23  
<sup>b1</sup> Kin. 2:3; 9:4; 11:4, 6, 38

4 <sup>a2</sup> Chr. 1:3 <sup>b</sup>Josh.  
 18:21-25 <sup>c1</sup> Chr. 16:39;  
 21:29

5 <sup>a1</sup> Kin. 9:2; 11:9 <sup>b</sup>Num.  
 12:6; Matt. 1:20

6 <sup>1</sup>Or, *faithfulness* <sup>2</sup>Lit.,  
*kept*  
<sup>a2</sup> Sam. 7:8-17 <sup>b1</sup> Kin. 9:4  
<sup>c1</sup> Kin. 1:48

7 <sup>a1</sup> Chr. 22:9-13 <sup>b1</sup> Chr.  
 29:1; Jer. 1:6, 7 <sup>c</sup>Num.  
 27:17

8 <sup>a</sup>Ex. 19:6; Deut. 7:6  
<sup>b</sup>Gen. 15:5; 22:17

9 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *hearing* <sup>2</sup>Lit.,  
*heavy*  
<sup>a</sup>Prov. 2:3-9; Ps. 72:1, 2;  
 James 1:5 <sup>b2</sup> Sam. 14:17

10 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *the thing*

11 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *many days* <sup>2</sup>Lit.,  
*hearing*

12 <sup>a1</sup> John 5:14, 15 <sup>b1</sup> Kin.  
 4:29-31; 5:12

13 <sup>a1</sup> Kin. 4:21-24; 10:23,  
 27

14 <sup>a1</sup> Kin. 3:6

15 <sup>a</sup>Gen. 41:7 <sup>b1</sup> King.  
 8:65

16 <sup>a</sup>Num. 27:2

17 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *I and this  
 woman*

3 Now <sup>a</sup>Solomon loved the LORD, <sup>b</sup>walking in the statutes of his father David, except he sacrificed and burned incense on the high places.

4 <sup>a</sup>And the king went to <sup>b</sup>Gibeon to sacrifice there, <sup>c</sup>for that was the great high place; Solomon offered a thousand burnt offerings on that altar.

5 <sup>a</sup>In Gibeon the LORD appeared to Solomon <sup>b</sup>in a dream at night; and God said, "Ask what *you wish* me to give you."

6 Then Solomon said, "<sup>a</sup>Thou hast shown great loving-kindness to Thy servant David my father, <sup>b</sup>according as he walked before Thee in <sup>1</sup>truth and righteousness and uprightness of heart toward Thee; and <sup>c</sup>Thou hast <sup>2</sup>reserved for him this great lovingkindness, that Thou hast given him a son to sit on his throne, as *it is* this day.

7 "And now, O LORD my God, <sup>a</sup>Thou hast made Thy servant king in place of my father David; yet <sup>b</sup>I am but a little child: <sup>c</sup>I do not know how to go out or come in.

8 "And <sup>a</sup>Thy servant is in the midst of Thy people which Thou hast chosen, <sup>b</sup>a great people who cannot be numbered or counted for multitude.

9 "So <sup>a</sup>give Thy servant an <sup>1</sup>understanding heart to judge Thy people <sup>b</sup>to discern between good and evil. For who is able to judge this <sup>2</sup>great people of Thine?"

10 And <sup>1</sup>it was pleasing in the sight of the Lord that Solomon had asked this thing.

11 And God said to him, "Because you have asked this thing and have not asked for yourself <sup>1</sup>long life, nor have asked riches for yourself, nor have you asked for the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself <sup>2</sup>discernment to understand justice,

12 behold, <sup>a</sup>I have done according to your words. Behold, <sup>b</sup>I have given you a wise and discerning heart, so that there has been no one like you before you, nor shall one like you arise after you.

13 "<sup>a</sup>And I have also given you what you have not asked, both riches and honor, so that there will not be any among the kings like you all your days.

14 "And <sup>a</sup>if you walk in My ways, keeping My statutes and commandments, as your father David walked, then I will prolong your days."

15 Then <sup>a</sup>Solomon awoke, and behold, it was a dream. And he came to Jerusalem and stood before the ark of the covenant of the Lord, and offered burnt offerings and made peace offerings, and <sup>b</sup>made a feast for all his servants.

16 Then two women who were harlots came to the king and <sup>a</sup>stood before him.

17 And the one woman said, "Oh, my lord, <sup>1</sup>this woman and I live in the same house; and I gave birth to a child while she was in the house.

18 "And it happened on the third day after I gave birth, that this woman also gave birth to a child, and we were together. There was no stranger with us in the house, only the two of us in the house.

19 "And this woman's son died in the night, because she lay on it.



20 "So she arose in the middle of the night and took my son from beside me while your maidservant slept, and laid him in her bosom, and laid her dead son in my bosom.

21 "And when I rose in the morning to nurse my son, behold, he was dead; but when I looked at him carefully in the morning, behold, he was not my son, whom I had borne."

22 Then the other woman said, "No! For the living one is my son, and the dead one is your son." But <sup>1</sup>the first woman said, "No! For the dead one is your son, and the living one is my son." Thus they spoke before the king.

23 Then the king said, "<sup>1</sup>The one says, 'This is my son who is living, and your son is the dead one'; and <sup>1</sup>the other says, 'No! For your son is the dead one, and my son is the living one.'"

24 And the king said, "Get me a sword." So they brought a sword before the king.

25 And the king said, "Divide the living child in two, and give half to the one and half to the other."

26 Then the woman whose child *was* the living one spoke to the king, for <sup>1</sup>she was deeply stirred over her son and said, "Oh, my lord, give her the living child, and by no means kill him." But the other said, "He shall be neither mine nor yours; divide *him!*"

27 Then the king answered and said, "Give the first woman the living child, and by no means kill him. She is his mother."

28 When all Israel heard of the judgment which the king had <sup>1</sup>handed down, they feared the king; for <sup>2</sup>they saw that the wisdom of God was in him to <sup>2</sup>administer justice.

## CHAPTER 4

NOW King Solomon was king over all Israel.

2 And these were his officials: Azariah the son of Zadok *was* <sup>2</sup>the priest;

3 Elihoreph and Ahijah, the sons of Shisha *were* secretaries; Jehoshaphat the son of Ahilud *was* the recorder;

4 and Benaiah the son of Jehoiada *was* over the army; and Zadok and Abiathar *were* priests;

5 and Azariah the son of Nathan *was* over <sup>2</sup>the deputies; and Zabud the son of Nathan, a priest, *was* the king's friend;

6 and Ahishar *was* over the household; and Adoniram the son of Abda *was* over the men subject to forced labor.

7 And Solomon had twelve deputies over all Israel, who <sup>1</sup>provided for the king and his household; each man had to <sup>1</sup>provide for a month in the year.

8 And these are their names: Ben-hur, in the <sup>2</sup>hill country of Ephraim;

9 Ben-deker in Makaz and <sup>2</sup>Shaalbim and <sup>2</sup>Beth-shemesh and Elonbeth-hanan;

10 Ben-hesed, in Arubboth (<sup>2</sup>Socoh *was* his and all the land of <sup>2</sup>Hepher);

11 Ben-abinadab, in all <sup>1</sup>the <sup>2</sup>height of Dor (Taphath the daughter of Solomon *was* his wife);

12 Baana the son of Ahilud, in <sup>2</sup>Taanach and Megiddo, and all <sup>2</sup>Beth-shean which is beside <sup>2</sup>Zarethan below Jezreel, from Beth-shean to <sup>2</sup>Abel-meholah as far as the other side of <sup>2</sup>Jokmeam;

22 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *this one was saying*

23 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *this one*

26 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *her compassion grew warm*  
<sup>2</sup>Gen. 43:30; Jer. 31:20

28 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *judged* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *do*  
<sup>1</sup>Kin. 3:9, 11, 12

2 <sup>1</sup>Chr. 6:10

5 <sup>1</sup>Kin. 4:7

7 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *nourished* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *nourish*

8 <sup>2</sup>Josh. 24:33

9 <sup>2</sup>Judg. 1:35 <sup>2</sup>Josh. 21:16

10 <sup>2</sup>Josh. 15:35 <sup>2</sup>Josh. 12:17

11 <sup>1</sup>Or, *Naphtho-dor*  
<sup>2</sup>Josh. 11:1, 2

12 <sup>2</sup>Judg. 5:19 <sup>2</sup>Josh. 17:11  
<sup>2</sup>Josh. 3:16 <sup>4</sup>1 Kin. 19:16  
<sup>2</sup>1 Chr. 6:68

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13 <sup>a</sup>1 Kin. 22:3-15 <sup>b</sup>Num. 32:41 <sup>c</sup>Deut. 3:4

14 <sup>a</sup>Josh. 13:26

15 <sup>a</sup>2 Sam. 15:27

16 <sup>1</sup>Or, in Aloth  
<sup>a</sup>2 Sam. 15:32

18 <sup>a</sup>1 Kin. 1:8

19 <sup>a</sup>Deut. 3:8-10

20 <sup>1</sup>Lit., sea  
<sup>a</sup>1 Kin. 3:8; Gen. 32:12

21 <sup>1</sup>Ch. 5, v. 1 in Heb.  
<sup>2</sup>I.e., Euphrates  
<sup>a</sup>2 Chr. 9:26 <sup>b</sup>Gen. 15:18  
<sup>c</sup>2 Sam. 8:2, 6

22 <sup>1</sup>Lit., bread <sup>2</sup>I.e., 1 kor  
equals approx. 10 bu.

23 <sup>1</sup>Lit., oxen of the  
pasture

24 <sup>1</sup>Lit., beyond <sup>2</sup>I.e.,  
Euphrates  
<sup>a</sup>Judg. 1:18 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 72:11  
<sup>c</sup>1 Chr. 22:9

25 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 23:6; Mic. 4:4;  
Zech. 3:10 <sup>b</sup>1 Sam. 3:20

26 <sup>1</sup>One ms. reads 4000,  
cf. 2 Chr. 9:25  
<sup>a</sup>1 Kin. 10:26

27 <sup>1</sup>Or, nourished

28 <sup>a</sup>Esth. 8:10, 14; Mic.  
1:13

29 <sup>1</sup>Lit., heart  
<sup>a</sup>1 Kin. 3:12 <sup>b</sup>1 Kin. 4:20

30 <sup>a</sup>Gen. 29:1; Judg. 6:33  
<sup>b</sup>Is. 19:11; Acts 7:22

31 <sup>1</sup>Lit., name  
<sup>a</sup>1 Kin. 3:12 <sup>b</sup>1 Chr. 15:19;  
Ps. 89: title <sup>c</sup>1 Chr. 2:6

32 <sup>a</sup>Prov. 1:1; Eccles. 12:9;  
Song of Sol. 1:1

34 <sup>1</sup>Lit., they  
<sup>a</sup>1 Kin. 10:1; 2 Chr. 9:23

13 Ben-geber, in <sup>a</sup>Ramoth-gilead (the towns of Jair, the son of Manasseh, which are in Gilead were his: the region of Argob, which is in Bashan, sixty great cities with walls and bronze bars were his);

14 Ahinadab the son of Iddo, in <sup>a</sup>Mahanaim;

15 <sup>a</sup>Ahimaaz, in Naphtali (he also married Basemath the daughter of Solomon);

16 Baana the son of <sup>a</sup>Hushai, in Asher and <sup>1</sup>Bealoth;

17 Jehoshaphat the son of Paruah, in Issachar;

18 <sup>a</sup>Shimei the son of Ela, in Benjamin;

19 Geber the son of Uri, in the land of Gilead, <sup>a</sup>the country of Sihon king of the Amorites and of Og king of Bashan; and he was the only deputy who was in the land.

20 <sup>a</sup>Judah and Israel were as numerous as the sand that is on the <sup>1</sup>seashore in abundance; they were eating and drinking and rejoicing.

21 <sup>1a</sup>Now Solomon ruled over all the kingdoms <sup>b</sup>from the <sup>2</sup>River to the land of the Philistines and to the border of Egypt; <sup>c</sup>they brought tribute and served Solomon all the days of his life.

22 And Solomon's <sup>1</sup>provision for one day was thirty <sup>2</sup>kors of fine flour and sixty <sup>2</sup>kors of meal,

23 ten fat oxen, twenty <sup>1</sup>pasture-fed oxen, a hundred sheep besides deer, gazelles, roebucks, and fattened fowl.

24 For he had dominion over everything <sup>1</sup>west of the <sup>2</sup>River, from Tiphshah even to <sup>a</sup>Gaza, <sup>b</sup>over all the kings <sup>1</sup>west of the <sup>2</sup>River; and <sup>c</sup>he had peace on all sides around about him.

25 <sup>a</sup>So Judah and Israel lived in safety, every man under his vine and his fig tree, <sup>b</sup>from Dan even to Beersheba, all the days of Solomon.

26 <sup>a</sup>And Solomon had <sup>1</sup>40,000 stalls of horses for his chariots, and 12,000 horsemen.

27 And those deputies <sup>1</sup>provided for King Solomon and all who came to King Solomon's table, each in his month; they left nothing lacking.

28 They also brought barley and straw for the horses and <sup>a</sup>swift steeds to the place where it should be, each according to his charge.

29 Now <sup>a</sup>God gave Solomon wisdom and very great discernment and breadth of <sup>1</sup>mind, <sup>b</sup>like the sand that is on the seashore.

30 And Solomon's wisdom surpassed the wisdom of all <sup>a</sup>the sons of the east and <sup>b</sup>all the wisdom of Egypt.

31 For <sup>a</sup>he was wiser than all men, than <sup>b</sup>Ethan the Ezrahite, Heman, <sup>c</sup>Calcol and Darda, the sons of Mahol; and his <sup>1</sup>fame was known in all the surrounding nations.

32 <sup>a</sup>He also spoke 3,000 proverbs, and his songs were 1,005.

33 And he spoke of trees, from the cedar that is in Lebanon even to the hyssop that grows on the wall; he spoke also of animals and birds and creeping things and fish.

34 And <sup>1</sup>men <sup>a</sup>came from all peoples to hear the wisdom of Solomon, from all the kings of the earth who had heard of his wisdom.

## CHAPTER 5

<sup>1a</sup> NOW Hiram king of Tyre sent his servants to Solomon, when he heard that they had anointed him king in place of his father, for <sup>b</sup>Hiram had <sup>2</sup>always been a friend of David.

2 Then Solomon sent *word* to Hiram, saying,

3 "You know that <sup>a</sup>David my father was unable to build a house for the name of the LORD his God because of the wars which surrounded him, until the LORD put them under the soles of his feet.

4 "But now <sup>a</sup>the LORD my God has given me rest on every side; there is neither adversary nor <sup>1</sup>misfortune.

5 "And behold, <sup>a</sup>I <sup>1</sup>intend to build a house for the name of the LORD my God, as the LORD spoke to David my father, saying, 'Your son, whom I will set on your throne in your place, he will build the house for My name.'

6 "Now therefore, command that they cut for me cedars from Lebanon, and my servants will be with your servants; and I will give you wages for your servants according to all that you say, for you know that there is no one among us who knows how to cut timber like the Sidonians."

7 And it came about when Hiram heard the words of Solomon, that he rejoiced greatly and said, "Blessed be the LORD today, who has given to David a wise son over this great people."

8 So Hiram sent *word* to Solomon, saying, "I have heard the *message* which you have sent me; I will do <sup>1</sup>what you desire concerning the cedar and cypress timber.

9 "My servants will bring *them* down from Lebanon to the sea; and I will make them into rafts *to go* by sea <sup>a</sup>to the place where you <sup>1</sup>direct me, and I will have them broken up there, and you shall carry *them* away. Then <sup>b</sup>you shall accomplish my desire by giving food to my household."

10 So <sup>1</sup>Hiram <sup>2</sup>gave Solomon <sup>3</sup>as much as he desired of the cedar and cypress timber.

11 Solomon then gave Hiram 20,000 <sup>1</sup>kors of wheat as food for his household, and twenty <sup>1</sup>kors of beaten oil; thus Solomon would give Hiram year by year.

12 And <sup>a</sup>the LORD gave wisdom to Solomon, just as He <sup>1</sup>promised him; and there was peace between Hiram and Solomon, and the two of them made a covenant.

13 Now <sup>a</sup>King Solomon <sup>1</sup>levied forced laborers from all Israel; and the forced laborers <sup>2</sup>numbered 30,000 men.

14 And he sent them to Lebanon, 10,000 a month in relays; they were in Lebanon a month *and* two months at home. And <sup>a</sup>Adoniram was over the forced laborers.

15 Now <sup>a</sup>Solomon had 70,000 <sup>1</sup>transporters, and 80,000 hewers of *stone* in the mountains,

16 <sup>a</sup>besides Solomon's 3,300 chief deputies who *were* over the <sup>1</sup>project *and* who ruled over the people who were doing the work.

17 Then <sup>a</sup>the king commanded, and they quarried great stones, costly stones, to lay the foundation of the house with cut stones.

1 <sup>1</sup>Ch. 5:15 in Heb. <sup>2</sup>Lit., *all the day*  
<sup>2</sup>Ch. 2:3 <sup>b</sup>2 Sam. 5:11;  
 1 Chr. 14:1

3 <sup>a</sup>1 Chr. 28:2, 3

4 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *evil occurrence*  
<sup>a</sup>1 Kin. 4:24; 1 Chr. 22:9

5 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *say*  
<sup>a</sup>2 Sam. 7:12, 13; 1 Chr. 17:12; 22:10; 28:6

8 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *all your pleasure*

9 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *send*  
<sup>a</sup>2 Chr. 2:16 <sup>b</sup>Ezra 3:7;  
 Ezek. 27:17

10 <sup>1</sup>Heb., *Hiram* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *was giving* <sup>3</sup>Lit., *all his desire*

11 <sup>1</sup>i.e., 1 kor equals approx. 10 bu.

12 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *spoke to*  
<sup>a</sup>1 Kin. 3:12

13 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *raised up* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *was*  
<sup>a</sup>1 Kin. 4:6; 9:15

14 <sup>a</sup>1 Kin. 4:6

15 <sup>1</sup>Or, *burden bearers*  
<sup>a</sup>1 Kin. 9:20-22; 2 Chr. 2:17, 18

16 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *work*  
<sup>a</sup>1 Kin. 9:23

17 <sup>a</sup>1 Kin. 6:7; 1 Chr. 22:2

18 <sup>1</sup>Heb., *Hiram's* <sup>2</sup>Or, *chiseled*  
<sup>3</sup>Josh. 13:5; Ezek. 27:9

1 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *built*  
<sup>2</sup>Chr. 3:1, 2

2 <sup>1</sup>I.e., 18 inches

3 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *in its length*  
<sup>2</sup>Lit., *on the face of* <sup>3</sup>Lit., *width*

4 <sup>1</sup>Ezek. 40:16; 41:16

5 <sup>1</sup>Ezek. 41:6 <sup>1</sup>Kin. 6:16, 19, 20 <sup>2</sup>Ezek. 41:5, 6

6 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *gave* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *take hold*

7 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *finished*  
<sup>2</sup>Ex. 20:25; Deut. 27:5, 6

8 <sup>1</sup>So with Ck & versions; M.T., *middle*

9 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *rows*  
<sup>2</sup>1 Kin. 6:14, 38

10 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *one cubit equals approx. 18 inches* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *took hold*

12 <sup>1</sup>1 Kin. 9:4; 2 Sam. 7:5-16

13 <sup>1</sup>Ex. 25:8 <sup>2</sup>Deut. 31:6; Josh. 1:5

14 <sup>1</sup>1 Kin. 6:9, 38

15 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *walls of ceiling*  
<sup>2</sup>1 Kin. 7:7

16 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *walls*  
<sup>2</sup>Chr. 3:8 <sup>1</sup>1 Kin. 8:6; Ex. 26:33, 34

18 So Solomon's builders and <sup>1</sup>Hiram's builders and <sup>2</sup>the Gebalites <sup>3</sup>cut them, and prepared the timbers and the stones to build the house.

## CHAPTER 6

<sup>a</sup> NOW it came about in the four hundred and eightieth year after the sons of Israel came out of the land of Egypt, in the fourth year of Solomon's reign over Israel, in the month of Ziv which is the second month, that he <sup>1</sup>began to build the house of the LORD.

2 As for the house which King Solomon built for the LORD, its length was sixty <sup>1</sup>cubits and its width twenty *cubits* and its height thirty cubits.

3 And the porch in front of the nave of the house was twenty cubits <sup>1</sup>in length, <sup>2</sup>corresponding to the width of the house, and its <sup>3</sup>depth along the front of the house was ten cubits.

4 Also for the house <sup>a</sup>he made windows with *artistic* frames.

5 And <sup>a</sup>against the wall of the house he built stories encompassing the walls of the house around both the nave and the <sup>b</sup>inner sanctuary; thus he made <sup>c</sup>side chambers all around.

6 The lowest story was five cubits wide, and the middle was six cubits wide, and the third was seven cubits wide; for on the outside he <sup>1</sup>made offsets *in the wall* of the house all around in order that *the beams* should not <sup>2</sup>be inserted in the walls of the house.

7 And <sup>a</sup>the house, while it was being built, was built of stone <sup>1</sup>prepared at the quarry, and there was neither hammer nor axe nor any iron tool heard in the house while it was being built.

8 The doorway for the <sup>1</sup>lowest side chamber was on the right side of the house; and they would go up by winding stairs to the middle story, and from the middle to the third.

9 So <sup>a</sup>he built the house and finished it; and he covered the house with beams and <sup>1</sup>planks of cedar.

10 He also built the stories against the whole house, each five <sup>1</sup>cubits high; and they <sup>2</sup>were fastened to the house with timbers of cedar.

11 Now the word of the LORD came to Solomon saying,

12 "Concerning this house which you are building, <sup>a</sup>if you will walk in My statutes and execute My ordinances and keep all My commandments by walking in them, then I will carry out My word with you which I spoke to David your father.

13 "And <sup>a</sup>I will dwell among the sons of Israel, and <sup>b</sup>will not forsake My people Israel."

14 <sup>a</sup>So Solomon built the house and finished it.

15 Then he built the walls of the house on the inside with boards of cedar; from the floor of the house to the <sup>1</sup>ceiling he overlaid *the walls* on the inside with wood, and <sup>a</sup>he overlaid the floor of the house with boards of cypress.

16 <sup>a</sup>And he built twenty cubits on the rear part of the house with boards of cedar from the floor to the <sup>1</sup>ceiling; he built *them* for it on the inside as an inner sanctuary, *even* as <sup>b</sup>the most holy place.

17 And the house, that is, the nave in front of *the inner sanctuary*, was forty <sup>1</sup>cubits long.

17 <sup>1</sup>One cubit equals approx. 18 in.

18 And there was cedar on the house within, carved in *the shape* of <sup>a</sup>gourds and open flowers; all was cedar, there was no stone seen.

19 Then he prepared an inner sanctuary within the house in order to place there the ark of the covenant of the LORD.

18 <sup>1</sup>1 Kin. 7:24

20 And <sup>1</sup>the inner sanctuary was twenty cubits in length, twenty cubits in width, and twenty cubits in height, and he overlaid it with pure gold. He also overlaid the altar with cedar.

21 So Solomon overlaid the inside of the house with pure gold. And he drew chains of gold across the front of the inner sanctuary; and he overlaid it with gold.

20 <sup>1</sup>Lit., before

22 And he overlaid the whole house with gold, until all the house was finished. Also <sup>a</sup>the whole altar which was by the inner sanctuary he overlaid with gold.

23 <sup>a</sup>Also in the inner sanctuary <sup>b</sup>he made two cherubim of olive wood, each ten cubits high.

22 <sup>a</sup>Ex. 30:1, 3, 6

24 And five cubits was the one wing of the cherub and five cubits the other wing of the cherub; from the end of one wing to the end of the other wing were ten cubits.

25 And the other cherub was ten cubits; both the cherubim were of the same measure and the same form.

23 <sup>a</sup>2 Chr. 3:10-12 <sup>b</sup>Ex. 37:7-9

26 The height of the one cherub was ten cubits, and so was the other cherub.

27 And he placed the cherubim in the midst of the inner house, and <sup>a</sup>the wings of the cherubim were spread out, so that the wing of the one was touching the *one* wall, and the wing of the other cherub was touching the other wall. So their wings were touching each other in the center of the house.

27 <sup>1</sup>1 Kin. 8:7; Ex. 25:20; 37:9

28 He also overlaid the cherubim with gold.

29 Then he carved all the walls of the house round about with carved engravings of cherubim, palm trees, and open flowers, inner and outer *sanctuaries*.

30 And he overlaid the floor of the house with gold, inner and outer *sanctuaries*.

34 <sup>1</sup>So with Gk.; M.T. curtains <sup>a</sup>Ezek. 41:23-25

31 And for the entrance of the inner sanctuary he made doors of olive wood, the lintel and five-sided doorposts.

32 So *he made* two doors of olive wood, and he carved on them carvings of cherubim, palm trees, and open flowers, and overlaid them with gold; and he spread the gold on the cherubim and on the palm trees.

36 <sup>1</sup>1 Kin. 7:12; Jer. 36:10

33 So also he made for the entrance of the nave four-sided doorposts of olive wood

34 and <sup>a</sup>two doors of cypress wood; the two leaves of the one door turned on pivots, and the two <sup>1</sup>leaves of the other door turned on pivots.

37 <sup>1</sup>1 Kin. 6:1

35 And he carved *on it* cherubim, palm trees, and open flowers; and he overlaid *them* with gold evenly applied on the engraved work.

36 And <sup>a</sup>he built the inner court with three rows of cut stone and a row of cedar beams.

37 <sup>a</sup>In the fourth year the foundation of the house of the LORD was laid, in the month of Ziv.

1 <sup>a</sup>1 Kin. 3:1; 9:10; 2 Chr. 8:1

2 <sup>1</sup>i.e., Approx. 18 inches  
<sup>a</sup>1 Kin. 10:17, 21; 2 Chr. 9:16

6 <sup>a</sup>1 Kin. 7:12 <sup>b</sup>Ezek. 41:25, 26

7 <sup>a</sup>1 Kin. 6:15, 16

8 <sup>a</sup>1 Kin. 9:24; 2 Chr. 8:11 <sup>b</sup>1 Kin. 3:1

12 <sup>a</sup>1 Kin. 6:36 <sup>b</sup>1 Kin. 7:6

13 <sup>a</sup>2 Chr. 2:13, 14

14 <sup>a</sup>2 Chr. 2:14 <sup>b</sup>Ex. 31:3-5; 35:31 <sup>c</sup>2 Chr. 4:11-16

15 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *went around the other pillar*  
<sup>a</sup>2 Kin. 25:17 <sup>b</sup>1 Kin. 7:41

16 <sup>1</sup>i.e., Approx. 18 inches

38 And in the eleventh year, in the month of Bul, which is the eighth month, the house was finished throughout all its parts and according to all its plans. So he was seven years in building it.

## CHAPTER 7

**N**OW <sup>a</sup>Solomon was building his own house thirteen years, and he finished all his house.

2 And <sup>a</sup>he built the house of the forest of Lebanon; its length was 100 <sup>1</sup>cubits and its width 50 cubits and its height 30 cubits, on four rows of cedar pillars with cedar beams on the pillars.

3 And it was paneled with cedar above the side-chambers which were on the 45 pillars, 15 in each row.

4 And *there were artistic window frames* in three rows, and window was opposite window in three ranks.

5 And all the doorways and doorposts had squared *artistic frames*, and window was opposite window in three ranks.

6 Then he made <sup>a</sup>the hall of pillars; its length was 50 cubits and its width 30 cubits, and a porch was in front of them and pillars and a <sup>b</sup>threshold in front of them.

7 And he made the hall of the throne where he was to judge, the hall of judgment, and <sup>a</sup>it was paneled with cedar from floor to floor.

8 And his house where he was to live, the other court inward from the hall, was of the same workmanship. <sup>a</sup>He also made a house like this hall for Pharaoh's daughter, <sup>b</sup>whom Solomon had married.

9 All these were of costly stones, of stone cut according to measure, sawed with saws, inside and outside; even from the foundation to the coping, and so on the outside to the great court.

10 And the foundation was of costly stones, *even* large stones, stones of ten cubits and stones of eight cubits.

11 And above were costly stones, stone cut according to measure, and cedar.

12 So <sup>a</sup>the great court all around had three rows of cut stone and a row of cedar beams even as the inner court of the house of the LORD, and <sup>b</sup>the porch of the house.

13 Now <sup>a</sup>King Solomon sent and brought Hiram from Tyre.

14 <sup>a</sup>He was a widow's son from the tribe of Naphtali, and his father was a man of Tyre, a worker in bronze; and <sup>b</sup>he was filled with wisdom and understanding and skill for doing any work in bronze. So he came to King Solomon and <sup>c</sup>performed all his work.

15 And he fashioned <sup>a</sup>the two pillars of bronze, <sup>b</sup>eighteen cubits was the height of one pillar, and a line of twelve cubits <sup>1</sup>measured the circumference of both.

16 He also made two capitals of molten bronze to set on the tops of the pillars; the height of the one capital was five <sup>1</sup>cubits and the height of the other capital was five cubits.

17 *There were* nets of network and twisted threads of chainwork for the capitals which were on the top of the pillars; seven for the one capital and seven for the other capital.

18 So he made the pillars, and two rows around on the one network to cover the capitals which were on the top of the pomegranates; and so he did for the other capital.

19 And the capitals which *were* on the top of the pillars in the porch were of lily design, four cubits.

20 And *there were* capitals also on the two pillars, close to the <sup>1</sup>rounded projection which was beside the network; and <sup>2</sup>the pomegranates *numbered* two hundred in rows around <sup>2</sup>both capitals.

21 <sup>2</sup>Thus he set up the pillars at the porch of the nave; and he set up the right pillar and named it <sup>1</sup>Jachin, and he set up the left pillar and named it <sup>2</sup>Boaz.

22 And on the top of the pillars was lily design. So the work of the pillars was finished.

23 <sup>2</sup>Now he made the sea of <sup>b</sup>cast metal ten cubits from brim to brim, circular in form, and its height was five cubits, and <sup>1</sup>thirty cubits in circumference.

24 And under its brim <sup>2</sup>gourds went around encircling it ten to a cubit, completely surrounding the sea; the gourds were in two rows, cast <sup>1</sup>with the rest.

25 <sup>2</sup>It stood on twelve oxen, three facing north, three facing west, three facing south, and three facing east; and the sea *was set* on top of them, and all their rear parts *turned* inward.

26 And it was a handbreadth thick, and its brim was made like the brim of a cup, *as* a lily blossom; it could hold two thousand baths.

27 Then <sup>2</sup>he made the ten stands of bronze; the length of each stand was four cubits and its width four cubits and its height three cubits.

28 And this was the design of the stands: they had borders, even borders between the <sup>1</sup>frames,

29 and on the borders which were between the <sup>1</sup>frames *were* lions, oxen and cherubim; and on the <sup>1</sup>frames there *was* a pedestal above, and beneath the lions and oxen *were* wreaths of hanging work.

30 Now each stand had four bronze wheels with bronze axles, and its four feet had supports; beneath the basin *were* cast supports with wreaths at each side.

31 And its opening inside the crown at the top *was* a cubit, and its opening *was* round like the design of a pedestal, a cubit and a half; and also on its opening *there were* engravings, and their borders *were* square, not round.

32 And the four wheels *were* underneath the borders, and the axles of the wheels *were* on the stand. And the height of a wheel *was* a cubit and a half.

33 And the workmanship of the wheels *was* like the workmanship of a chariot wheel. Their axles, their rims, their spokes, and their hubs *were* all cast.

34 Now *there were* four supports at the four corners of each stand; its supports *were* part of the stand itself.

35 And on the top of the stand *there was* a circular form

20 <sup>1</sup>Lit., belly <sup>2</sup>Lit., on the other capital  
<sup>2</sup>1 Kin. 7:42; 2 Chr. 3:16

21 <sup>1</sup>i.e., He shall establish  
<sup>2</sup>i.e., In it is strength  
<sup>2</sup>2 Chr. 3:17

23 <sup>1</sup>Lit., a line of 30 cubits went around it  
<sup>2</sup>2 Chr. 4:2 <sup>b</sup>2 Kin. 16:17;  
25:13

24 <sup>1</sup>Lit., in its casting  
<sup>2</sup>1 Kin. 6:18

25 <sup>2</sup>Jer. 52:20

27 <sup>1</sup>1 Kin. 7:38; 2 Kin. 25:13; 2 Chr. 4:14

28 <sup>1</sup>Or, crossbars

29 <sup>1</sup>Or, crossbars

35 <sup>1</sup>i.e., Approx. 18 inches  
<sup>2</sup>Lit., hands

37 <sup>2</sup>Chr. 4:14

38 <sup>2</sup>Chr. 4:6

41 <sup>1</sup>Kin. 7:17, 18

42 <sup>1</sup>Kin. 7:20

44 <sup>1</sup>Kin. 7:23, 25

46 <sup>2</sup>Chr. 4:17 <sup>b</sup>Josh.  
13:27 <sup>c</sup>Josh. 3:16

47 <sup>1</sup>Chr. 22:3, 14

48 <sup>a</sup>Ex. 37:10-29; 2 Chr.  
4:8

49 <sup>a</sup>Ex. 25:31-38

50 <sup>a</sup>Ex. 27:3; 2 Kin. 25:15

51 <sup>2</sup>Chr. 5:1 <sup>b2</sup>Sam.  
8:11; 2 Chr. 5:1

1 <sup>2</sup>Chr. 5:2-10 <sup>b</sup>Num.  
1:4; 7:2 <sup>c2</sup>Sam. 6:17  
<sup>d2</sup>Sam. 5:7

half a <sup>1</sup>cubit high, and on the top of the stand its <sup>2</sup>stays and its borders *were* part of it.

36 And he engraved on the plates of its stays and on its borders, cherubim, lions and palm trees, according to the clear space on each, with wreaths *all* around.

37 <sup>a</sup>He made the ten stands like this: all of them had one casting, one measure and one form.

38 <sup>a</sup>And he made ten basins of bronze, one basin held forty baths; each basin *was* four cubits, *and* on each of the ten stands *was* one basin.

39 Then he set the stands, five on the right side of the house and five on the left side of the house; and he set the sea of cast metal on the right side of the house eastward toward the south.

40 Now Hiram made the basins and the shovels and the bowls. So Hiram finished doing all the work which he performed for King Solomon *in* the house of the LORD:

41 the two pillars and the two bowls of the capitals which *were* on the top of the <sup>a</sup>two pillars, and the two networks to cover the two bowls of the capitals which *were* on the top of the pillars;

42 and the <sup>a</sup>four hundred pomegranates for the two networks, two rows of pomegranates for each network to cover the two bowls of the capitals which *were* on the tops of the pillars;

43 and the ten stands with the ten basins on the stands;

44 and <sup>a</sup>the one sea and the twelve oxen under the sea;

45 and the pails and the shovels and the bowls; even all these utensils which Hiram made for King Solomon *in* the house of the LORD *were* of polished bronze.

46 <sup>a</sup>In the plain of the Jordan the king cast them, in the clay ground between <sup>b</sup>Succoth and <sup>c</sup>Zarethan.

47 And Solomon left all the utensils *unweighed*, because *they were* too many; <sup>a</sup>the weight of the bronze could not be ascertained.

48 And Solomon made all the furniture which *was in* the house of the LORD: <sup>a</sup>the golden altar and the golden table on which *was* the bread of the Presence;

49 and the lampstands, five on the right side and five on the left, in front of the inner sanctuary, of pure gold; and <sup>a</sup>the flowers and the lamps and the tongs, of gold;

50 and the cups and the snuffers and the bowls and the spoons and the <sup>a</sup>firepans, of pure gold; and the hinges both for the doors of the inner house, the most holy place, *and* for the doors of the house, *that is*, of the nave, of gold.

51 <sup>a</sup>Thus all the work that King Solomon performed *in* the house of the LORD *was* finished. And <sup>b</sup>Solomon brought in the things dedicated by his father David, the silver and the gold and the utensils, *and* he *put* them in the treasuries of the house of the LORD.

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## CHAPTER 8

**T**HEN Solomon assembled the elders of Israel and all <sup>b</sup>the heads of the tribes, the leaders of the fathers' *households* of the sons of Israel, to King Solomon in Jerusalem, <sup>c</sup>to bring up the ark of the covenant of the LORD from <sup>d</sup>the city of David, which is Zion.



## The Ark Brought into the Temple. Solomon Addresses the People.

2 And all the men of Israel assembled themselves to King Solomon at <sup>a</sup>the feast, in the month Ethanim, which is the seventh month.

3 Then all the elders of Israel came, and <sup>a</sup>the priests took up the ark.

4 And they brought up the ark of the LORD and <sup>a</sup>the tent of meeting and all the holy utensils, which were in the tent, and the priests and the Levites brought them up.

5 And King Solomon and all the congregation of Israel, who were assembled to him, <sup>a</sup>were with him before the ark, sacrificing <sup>1</sup>so many sheep and oxen they could not be counted or numbered.

6 Then <sup>a</sup>the priests brought the ark of the covenant of the LORD <sup>b</sup>to its place, into the inner sanctuary of the house, to the most holy place, <sup>c</sup>under the wings of the cherubim.

7 For the cherubim spread *their* wings over the place of the ark, and the cherubim made a covering over the ark and its poles from above.

8 But <sup>a</sup>the poles were so long that the ends of the poles could be seen from the holy place before the inner sanctuary, but they could not be seen outside; they are there to this day.

9 <sup>a</sup>There was nothing in the ark except the two tablets of stone which Moses put there at Horeb, where <sup>b</sup>the LORD made a covenant with the sons of Israel, when they came out of the land of Egypt.

10 And it came about when the priests came from the holy place, that <sup>a</sup>the cloud filled the house of the LORD,

11 so that the priests could not stand to minister because of the cloud, for the glory of the LORD filled the house of the LORD.

12 <sup>a</sup>Then Solomon said, "The LORD has said that <sup>b</sup>He would dwell in the thick cloud.

13 <sup>a</sup>"I have surely built Thee a lofty house,  
<sup>b</sup>A place for Thy dwelling forever."

14 Then the king <sup>1</sup>faced about and <sup>a</sup>blessed all the assembly of Israel, while all the assembly of Israel was standing.

15 And he said, "<sup>a</sup>Blessed be the LORD, the God of Israel, <sup>b</sup>who spoke with His mouth to my father David and has fulfilled it with His hand, saying,

16 <sup>a</sup>'Since the day that I brought My people Israel from Egypt, I did not choose a city out of all the tribes of Israel *in which* to build a house that <sup>b</sup>My name might be there, but <sup>c</sup>I chose David to be over My people Israel.'

17 <sup>a</sup>'Now it was <sup>1</sup>in the heart of my father David to build a house for the name of the LORD, the God of Israel.

18 <sup>a</sup>'But the LORD said to my father David, 'Because it was <sup>1</sup>in your heart to build a house for My name, you did well that it was <sup>1</sup>in your heart.

19 <sup>a</sup>'Nevertheless you shall not build the house, but your son who <sup>1</sup>shall be born to you, he shall build the house for My name.'

20 "Now the LORD has fulfilled His word which He spoke; for <sup>a</sup>I have risen in place of my father David and sit on the throne of Israel, as the LORD <sup>1</sup>promised, and have built the house for the name of the LORD, the God of Israel.

2 <sup>a</sup>1 Kin. 8:65; Lev. 23:34; 2 Chr. 7:8-10

3 <sup>a</sup>Num. 7:9

4 <sup>a</sup>1 Kin. 3:4; 2 Chr. 1:3

5 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *sheep, numbered for multitude*  
<sup>a</sup>2 Sam. 6:13; 2 Chr. 1:6

6 <sup>a</sup>1 Kin. 8:3 <sup>b</sup>1 Kin. 6:19  
<sup>c</sup>1 Kin. 6:27

8 <sup>a</sup>Ex. 25:13-15; 37:4, 5

9 <sup>a</sup>Ex. 25:16, 21; Deut. 10:2-5; Heb. 9:4 <sup>b</sup>Ex. 24:7, 8; Deut. 4:13

10 <sup>a</sup>Ex. 40:34, 35; 2 Chr. 7:1, 2

12 <sup>a</sup>2 Chr. 6:1 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 97:2

13 <sup>a</sup>2 Sam. 7:13 <sup>b</sup>Ex. 15:17

14 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *turned his face about*  
<sup>a</sup>1 Kin. 8:55; 2 Sam. 6:18

15 <sup>a</sup>1 Chr. 29:10, 20; Neh. 9:5 <sup>b</sup>2 Sam. 7:12, 13; 1 Chr. 22:10

16 <sup>a</sup>2 Sam. 7:4, 5 <sup>b</sup>Deut. 12:5, 11 <sup>c</sup>1 Sam. 16:1; 2 Sam. 7:8

17 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *with*  
<sup>a</sup>2 Sam. 7:2, 3; 1 Chr. 17:1, 2

18 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *with*

19 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *is to come forth from your loins*  
<sup>a</sup>1 Kin. 5:3, 5; 2 Sam. 7:5, 12, 13; 1 Chr. 22:8-10

20 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *spoke*  
<sup>a</sup>1 Chr. 28:5, 6

21 <sup>a</sup>1 Kin. 8:9

22 <sup>a</sup>1 Kin. 8:54 <sup>b</sup>Ex. 9:33; Ezra 9:5

23 <sup>a</sup>1 Sam. 2:2; 2 Sam. 7:22 <sup>b</sup>Deut. 7:9; Neh. 1:5; 9:32

24 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *spoken to*

25 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *spoken to* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *There shall not be cut off to you a man from before Me.*  
<sup>a</sup>1 Kin. 2:4

26 <sup>a</sup>2 Sam. 7:25

27 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *heaven of heavens*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 139:7-16; Is. 66:1; Jer. 23:24; Acts 7:49

29 <sup>a</sup>2 Chr. 7:15; Neh. 1:6

30 <sup>a</sup>Dan. 6:10

31 <sup>a</sup>Ex. 22:8-11

32 <sup>a</sup>Deut. 25:1

33 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *smitten*  
<sup>a</sup>Lev. 26:17, 25; Deut. 28:25, 48 <sup>b</sup>Lev. 26:40-42

35 <sup>a</sup>Lev. 26:19; Deut. 11:16, 17; 2 Sam. 24:10-13

21 "And there I have set a place for the ark, <sup>a</sup>in which is the covenant of the LORD, which He made with our fathers when He brought them from the land of Egypt."

22 Then <sup>a</sup>Solomon stood before the altar of the LORD in the presence of all the assembly of Israel and <sup>b</sup>spread out his hands toward heaven.

23 And he said, "O LORD, the God of Israel, <sup>a</sup>there is no God like Thee in heaven above or on earth beneath, <sup>b</sup>who art keeping covenant and showing lovingkindness to Thy servants who walk before Thee with all their heart,

24 who hast kept with Thy servant, my father David, that which Thou hast <sup>1</sup>promised him; indeed, Thou hast spoken with Thy mouth and hast fulfilled it with Thy hand as it is this day.

25 "Now therefore, O LORD, the God of Israel, keep with Thy servant David my father that which Thou hast <sup>1</sup>promised him, saying, <sup>2a</sup>You shall not lack a man to sit on the throne of Israel, if only your sons take heed to their way to walk before Me as you have walked.'

26 "Now therefore, O God of Israel, let Thy word, I pray Thee, be confirmed <sup>a</sup>which Thou hast spoken to Thy servant, my father David.

27 "But will God indeed dwell on the earth? Behold, <sup>a</sup>heaven and the <sup>1</sup>highest heaven cannot contain Thee, how much less this house which I have built!

28 "Yet have regard to the prayer of Thy servant and to his supplication, O LORD my God, to listen to the cry and to the prayer which Thy servant prays before Thee today;

29 <sup>a</sup>that Thine eyes may be open toward this house night and day, toward the place of which Thou hast said, 'My name shall be there,' to listen to the prayer which Thy servant shall pray toward this place.

30 "And listen to the supplication of Thy servant and of Thy people Israel, <sup>a</sup>when they pray toward this place; hear Thou in heaven Thy dwelling place; hear and forgive.

31 "<sup>a</sup>If a man sins against his neighbor and is made to take an oath, and he comes *and* takes an oath before Thine altar in this house,

32 then hear Thou in heaven and act and judge Thy servants, <sup>a</sup>condemning the wicked by bringing his way on his own head and justifying the righteous by giving him according to his righteousness.

33 "<sup>a</sup>When Thy people Israel are <sup>1</sup>defeated before an enemy, because they have sinned against Thee, <sup>b</sup>if they turn to Thee again and confess Thy name and pray and make supplication to Thee in this house,

34 then hear Thou in heaven, and forgive the sin of Thy people Israel, and bring them back to the land which Thou didst give to their fathers.

35 "<sup>a</sup>When the heavens are shut up and there is no rain, because they have sinned against Thee, and they pray toward this place and confess Thy name and turn from their sin when Thou dost afflict them,

36 then hear Thou in heaven and forgive the sin of Thy

servants and of Thy people Israel, <sup>a</sup>indeed, teach them the good way in which they should walk. And <sup>b</sup>send rain on Thy land, which Thou hast given Thy people for an inheritance.

37 <sup>a</sup>If there is famine in the land, if there is pestilence, if there is blight or mildew, locust or grasshopper, if their enemy besieges them in the land of their <sup>1</sup>cities, whatever plague, whatever sickness there is,

38 whatever prayer or supplication is made by any man or by all Thy people Israel, <sup>1</sup>each knowing the <sup>2</sup>affliction of his own heart, and spreading his <sup>3</sup>hands toward this house;

39 then hear Thou in heaven Thy dwelling place, and forgive and act and render to each according to all his ways, <sup>a</sup>whose heart Thou knowest, for <sup>b</sup>Thou alone dost know the hearts of all the sons of men,

40 that they may <sup>1</sup>fear Thee all the days that they live <sup>2</sup>in the land which Thou hast given to our fathers.

41 <sup>a</sup>Also concerning the foreigner who is not of Thy people Israel, when he comes from a far country for Thy name's sake

42 (for they will hear of Thy great name <sup>a</sup>and Thy mighty hand, and of Thine outstretched arm); when he comes and prays toward this house,

43 hear Thou in heaven Thy dwelling place, and do according to all for which the foreigner calls to Thee, in order <sup>a</sup>that all the peoples of the earth may know Thy name, to <sup>1</sup>fear Thee, as *do* Thy people Israel, and that they may know that <sup>2</sup>this house which I have built is called by Thy name.

44 <sup>a</sup>When Thy people go out to battle against <sup>1</sup>their enemy, by whatever way Thou shalt send them, and <sup>a</sup>they pray to the LORD <sup>2</sup>toward the city which Thou hast chosen and the house which I have built for Thy name,

45 then hear in heaven their prayer and their supplication, and maintain their <sup>1</sup>cause.

46 <sup>a</sup>When they sin against Thee (for <sup>a</sup>there is no man who does not sin) and Thou art angry with them and dost deliver them to an enemy, so that <sup>1</sup>they take them away captive <sup>b</sup>to the land of the enemy, far off or near,

47 <sup>a</sup>if they <sup>1</sup>take thought in the land where they have been taken captive, and repent and make supplication to Thee in the land of those who have taken them captive, saying, <sup>b</sup>'We have sinned and have committed iniquity, we have acted wickedly,'

48 <sup>a</sup>if they return to Thee with all their heart and with all their soul in the land of their enemies who have taken them captive, and <sup>b</sup>pray to Thee toward their land which Thou hast given to their fathers, the city which Thou hast chosen, and the house which I have built for Thy name,

49 then hear their prayer and their supplication in heaven Thy dwelling place, and maintain their <sup>1</sup>cause,

50 and forgive Thy people who have sinned against Thee and all their transgressions which they have transgressed against Thee, and <sup>a</sup>make them *objects of compassion* before those who have taken them captive, that they may have compassion on them

51 (<sup>a</sup>for they are Thy people and Thine inheritance which Thou hast brought forth from Egypt, <sup>b</sup>from the midst of the iron furnace),

36 <sup>a</sup>1 Sam. 12:23; Ps. 27:11 <sup>b</sup>1 Kin. 18:1, 41-45; Jer. 14:22

37 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *gates*  
<sup>a</sup>Lev. 26:16, 25, 26; Deut. 28:21-23, 38-42

38 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *who shall know each* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *plague* <sup>3</sup>Lit., *palms*

39 <sup>a</sup>1 Sam. 2:3; 16:7  
<sup>b</sup>1 Chr. 28:9; Jer. 17:10; John 2:24, 25

40 <sup>1</sup>Or., *revere* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *on the face of the land*

42 <sup>a</sup>Ex. 13:3; Deut. 3:24

43 <sup>1</sup>Or., *reverence* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *Thy name is called upon this house which I have built*  
<sup>a</sup>Josh. 4:23; 1 Sam. 17:46

44 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *his* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *in the way of*  
<sup>a</sup>2 Chr. 14:11, 12

45 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *right or justice*

46 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *their captors take them captive*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 130:3, 4; Prov. 20:9; 1 John 1:8-10 <sup>b</sup>Lev. 26:34-39; 2 Kin. 17:6, 18; 25:21

47 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *return to their heart*  
<sup>a</sup>Lev. 26:40-42; Neh. 9:2  
<sup>b</sup>Ezra 9:6, 7; Neh. 1:6

48 <sup>a</sup>Deut. 4:29; 1 Sam. 7:3, 4; Neh. 1:9 <sup>b</sup>Dan. 6:10; Jon. 2:4

49 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *judgment*

50 <sup>a</sup>2 Chr. 30:9; Acts 7:10

51 <sup>a</sup>Ex. 32:11, 12; Deut. 9:26-29 <sup>b</sup>Deut. 4:20; Jer. 11:4

52 <sup>a</sup>1 Kin. 8:2953 <sup>1</sup>YHWH, usually rendered LORD  
<sup>a</sup>Ex. 19:5, 6; Deut. 9:26-2954 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *palms*  
<sup>a</sup>2 Chr. 7:1 <sup>b</sup>2 Chr. 6:1355 <sup>a</sup>1 Kin. 8:14; Num. 6:23-2656 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *spoke* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *fallen*  
<sup>1</sup>Lit., *word*  
<sup>a</sup>Josh. 21:45; 23:14, 1557 <sup>1</sup>Josh. 1:5; 1 Sam. 12:22; Rom. 8:31; Heb. 13:558 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 119:36; Jer. 31:3359 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *judgment* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *the thing of a day in its day*60 <sup>a</sup>1 Kin. 8:43 <sup>b</sup>1 Kin. 18:39; Jer. 10:10-1261 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *complete with*  
<sup>a</sup>Deut. 18:13; 2 Kin. 20:362 <sup>a</sup>2 Chr. 7:4-10 <sup>b</sup>2 Sam. 6:17-19; Ezra 6:16, 1763 <sup>a</sup>Ezra 6:15-18; Neh. 12:2764 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *made*  
<sup>a</sup>2 Chr. 4:165 <sup>a</sup>1 Kin. 8:2; Lev. 23:34-42 <sup>b</sup>Num. 34:8; Josh. 13:5  
<sup>c</sup>Gen. 15:18; Ex. 23:31; Josh. 13:366 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *done*<sup>1</sup> Lit., *Solomon's desire which he was pleased to do*  
<sup>a</sup>2 Chr. 7:11 <sup>b</sup>1 Kin. 7:1, 2  
<sup>c</sup>2 Chr. 8:6

52 <sup>a</sup>that Thine eyes may be open to the supplication of Thy servant and to the supplication of Thy people Israel, to listen to them whenever they call to Thee.

53 "For Thou hast separated them from all the peoples of the earth as Thine inheritance, <sup>a</sup>as Thou didst speak through Moses Thy servant, when Thou didst bring our fathers forth from Egypt, O Lord <sup>1</sup>God."

54 <sup>a</sup>And it came about that when Solomon had finished praying this entire prayer and supplication to the LORD, <sup>b</sup>he arose from before the altar of the LORD, from kneeling on his knees with his <sup>1</sup>hands spread toward heaven.

55 And he stood and <sup>a</sup>blessed all the assembly of Israel with a loud voice, saying,

56 "Blessed be the LORD, who has given rest to His people Israel, according to all that He <sup>1</sup>promised; <sup>a</sup>not one word has <sup>2</sup>failed of all His good <sup>3</sup>promise, which He <sup>1</sup>promised through Moses His servant.

57 "May the LORD our God be with us, as He was with our fathers; <sup>a</sup>may He not leave us or forsake us,

58 that <sup>a</sup>He may incline our hearts to Himself, to walk in all His ways and to keep His commandments and His statutes and His ordinances, which He commanded our fathers.

59 "And may these words of mine, with which I have made supplication before the LORD, be near to the LORD our God day and night, that He may maintain the <sup>1</sup>cause of His servant and the <sup>1</sup>cause of His people Israel, <sup>2</sup>as each day requires,

60 so <sup>a</sup>that all the peoples of the earth may know that <sup>b</sup>the LORD is God; there is no one else.

61 "Let your heart therefore be <sup>1</sup>wholly devoted to the LORD our God, to walk in His statutes and to keep His commandments, as at this day."

62 <sup>a</sup>Now the king and all Israel with him <sup>b</sup>offered sacrifice before the LORD.

63 And Solomon offered for the sacrifice of peace offerings, which he offered to the LORD, 22,000 oxen and 120,000 sheep. <sup>a</sup>So the king and all the sons of Israel dedicated the house of the LORD.

64 On the same day the king consecrated the middle of the court that *was* before the house of the LORD, because there he <sup>1</sup>offered the burnt offering and the grain offering and the fat of the peace offerings; for <sup>a</sup>the bronze altar that *was* before the LORD *was* too small to hold the burnt offering and the grain offering and the fat of the peace offerings.

65 So <sup>a</sup>Solomon observed the feast at that time, and all Israel with him, a great assembly <sup>b</sup>from the entrance of Hamath <sup>c</sup>to the brook of Egypt, before the LORD our God, for seven days and seven *more* days, *even* fourteen days.

66 On the eighth day he sent the people away and they blessed the king. Then they went to their tents joyful and glad of heart for all the goodness that the LORD had <sup>1</sup>shown to David His servant and to Israel His people.

## CHAPTER 9

<sup>a</sup> **N**OW it came about when Solomon had finished building the house of the LORD, and <sup>b</sup>the king's house, and <sup>c</sup>all <sup>1</sup>that Solomon desired to do,

2 that <sup>a</sup>the LORD appeared to Solomon a second time, as He had appeared to him at Gibeon.

3 And the LORD said to him, "I have heard your prayer and your supplication, which you have made before Me; I have consecrated this house which you have built <sup>a</sup>by putting My name there forever, and <sup>b</sup>My eyes and My heart will be there perpetually.

4 "And as for you, <sup>a</sup>if you will walk before Me as your father David walked, in integrity of heart and uprightness, doing according to all that I have commanded you *and* will keep My statutes and My ordinances,

5 then <sup>a</sup>I will establish the throne of your kingdom over Israel forever, just as I <sup>1</sup>promised to your father David, saying, <sup>2</sup>'You shall not lack a man on the throne of Israel.'

6 "But if you or your sons shall indeed turn away from following Me, and shall not keep My commandments and My statutes which I have set before you and shall go and serve other gods and worship them,

7 <sup>a</sup>then I will cut off Israel from the land which I have given them, and <sup>b</sup>the house which I have consecrated for My name, I will <sup>1</sup>cast out of My sight. So <sup>c</sup>Israel will become a proverb and a byword among all peoples.

8 "And this house will become <sup>1</sup>a heap of ruins; everyone who passes by will be astonished and hiss and say, <sup>a</sup>'Why has the LORD done thus to this land and to this house?'

9 "And they will say, <sup>a</sup>'Because they forsook the LORD their God, who brought their fathers out of the land of Egypt, and adopted other gods and worshiped them and served them, therefore the LORD has brought all this adversity on them.' "

10 <sup>a</sup>And it came about <sup>b</sup>at the end of twenty years in which Solomon had built the two houses, the house of the LORD and the king's house

11 (Hiram king of Tyre had supplied Solomon with cedar and cypress timber and gold according to all his desire), then King Solomon gave Hiram twenty cities in the land of Galilee.

12 So Hiram came out from Tyre to see the cities which Solomon had given him, and they <sup>1</sup>did not please him.

13 And he said, "What are these cities which you have given me, my brother?" So <sup>1</sup>they were called the land of <sup>2a</sup>Cabul to this day.

14 <sup>a</sup>And Hiram sent to the king 120 talents of gold.

15 Now this is the account of the forced labor which King Solomon levied to build the house of the LORD, his own house, the <sup>1a</sup>Millo, the wall of Jerusalem, <sup>b</sup>Hazor, <sup>c</sup>Megiddo, and Gezer.

16 For Pharaoh king of Egypt had gone up and captured Gezer, and burned it with fire, and killed the <sup>a</sup>Canaanites who lived in the city, and had <sup>b</sup>given it as a dowry to his daughter, Solomon's wife.

17 So Solomon rebuilt Gezer and the lower <sup>a</sup>Beth-horon 18 and Baalath and Tamar in the wilderness, in the land of Judah,

19 and all the storage cities which Solomon had, even <sup>a</sup>the cities for <sup>1</sup>his chariots and the cities for <sup>1b</sup>his horsemen, and <sup>2c</sup>all that it pleased Solomon to build in Jerusalem, in Lebanon, and in all the land <sup>3</sup>under his rule.

2 <sup>a</sup>1 Kin. 3:5; 11:9

3 <sup>a</sup>1 Kin. 8:29 <sup>b</sup>Deut. 11:12; 2 Chr. 6:40

4 <sup>a</sup>1 Kin. 3:14; 11:4, 6, 8

5 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *spoke* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *There shall not be cut off to you a man*  
<sup>a</sup>1 Kin. 2:4; 6:12; 2 Sam. 7:12, 16

6 <sup>a</sup>2 Sam. 7:14-16; 1 Chr. 28:9

7 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *send*  
<sup>a</sup>Lev. 18:24-29; Deut. 4:26; 2 Kin. 17:23 <sup>b</sup>Jer. 7:4-14  
<sup>c</sup>Deut. 28:37; Jer. 24:9

8 <sup>1</sup>Heb., *high*  
<sup>a</sup>Deut. 29:24-26; Jer. 22:8, 9, 28

9 <sup>a</sup>Deut. 29:25-28; Jer. 2:10-13

10 <sup>a</sup>2 Chr. 8:1 <sup>b</sup>1 Kin. 9:1; 6:37, 38; 7:1

12 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *were not right in his sight*

13 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *he called them*  
<sup>2</sup>i.e., *As good as nothing*  
<sup>a</sup>Josh. 19:27

14 <sup>a</sup>1 Kin. 9:11

15 <sup>1</sup>i.e., *citadel*  
<sup>a</sup>1 Kin. 9:24; 2 Sam. 5:9  
<sup>b</sup>Josh. 11:1 <sup>c</sup>Josh. 17:11

16 <sup>a</sup>Josh. 16:10 <sup>b</sup>1 Kin. 3:1; 7:8

17 <sup>a</sup>Josh. 10:10

19 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *the* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *the desire of Solomon which he desired to build in Jerusalem* <sup>3</sup>Lit., *of*  
<sup>a</sup>1 Kin. 10:26; 2 Chr. 1:14  
<sup>b</sup>1 Kin. 4:26 <sup>c</sup>1 Kin. 9:1

21 <sup>a</sup>Judg. 1:21-29; 3:1  
<sup>b</sup>Josh. 15:63; 17:12, 13  
<sup>c</sup>Judg. 1:28, 35 <sup>d</sup>Gen. 9:25;  
 26; Ezra 2:55, 58

22 <sup>a</sup>Lev. 25:39

23 <sup>1</sup>Or, *officers of the deputies*  
<sup>a2</sup>Chr. 8:10 <sup>b1</sup>Kin. 5:16

24 <sup>a1</sup>Kin. 3:1; 7:8 <sup>b1</sup>Kin. 9:15; 11:27; 2 Chr. 32:5

25 <sup>a</sup>Ex. 23:14-17; Deut. 16:16

26 <sup>1</sup>Or, *Sea of Reeds*  
<sup>a1</sup>Kin. 22:48 <sup>b</sup>Num. 33:35;  
 Deut. 2:8

27 <sup>a1</sup>Kin. 5:6, 9; 10:11

28 <sup>a1</sup>Chr. 29:4

1 <sup>a2</sup>Chr. 9:1 <sup>b</sup>Matt. 12:42  
<sup>c</sup>Gen. 10:7, 28; Ps. 72:10, 15  
<sup>d</sup>Judg. 14:12-14; Ps. 49:4

2 <sup>a1</sup>Kin. 10:10

3 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *told her all her words*  
<sup>2</sup>Lit., *tell her*

5 <sup>1</sup>Or, *his burnt offering which he offered*  
<sup>a1</sup>Chr. 26:16

7 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *words*

20 As for all the people who were left of the Amorites, the Hittites, the Perizzites, the Hivites and the Jebusites, who were not of the sons of Israel,

21 <sup>a</sup>their descendants who were left after them in the land <sup>b</sup>whom the sons of Israel were unable to destroy utterly, <sup>c</sup>from them Solomon levied <sup>d</sup>forced laborers, even to this day.

22 But Solomon did not make slaves <sup>a</sup>of the sons of Israel; for they were men of war, his servants, his princes, his captains, his chariot commanders, and his horsemen.

23 These were the <sup>1</sup>chief officers who were over Solomon's work, <sup>a</sup>five hundred and fifty, <sup>b</sup>who ruled over the people doing the work.

24 As soon as <sup>a</sup>Pharaoh's daughter came up from the city of David to her house which Solomon had built for her, <sup>b</sup>then he built the Millo.

25 Now <sup>a</sup>three times in a year Solomon offered burnt offerings and peace offerings on the altar which he built to the LORD, burning incense with them on the altar which was before the LORD. So he finished the house.

26 <sup>a</sup>King Solomon also built a fleet of ships in <sup>b</sup>Ezion-geber, which is near Eloth on the shore of the <sup>1</sup>Red Sea, in the land of Edom.

27 <sup>a</sup>And Hiram sent his servants with the fleet, sailors who knew the sea, along with the servants of Solomon.

28 And they went to <sup>a</sup>Ophir, and took four hundred and twenty talents of gold from there, and brought it to King Solomon.

## CHAPTER 10

<sup>a</sup>NOW when the <sup>b</sup>queen of <sup>c</sup>Sheba heard about the fame of Solomon concerning the name of the LORD, she came <sup>d</sup>to test him with difficult questions.

2 So she came to Jerusalem with a very large retinue, with camels <sup>a</sup>carrying spices and very much gold and precious stones. When she came to Solomon, she spoke with him about all that was in her heart.

3 And Solomon <sup>1</sup>answered all her questions; nothing was hidden from the king which he did not <sup>2</sup>explain to her.

4 When the queen of Sheba perceived all the wisdom of Solomon, the house that he had built,

5 the food of his table, the seating of his servants, the attendance of his waiters and their attire, his cupbearers, and <sup>1a</sup>his stairway by which he went up to the house of the LORD, there was no more spirit in her.

6 Then she said to the king, "It was a true report which I heard in my own land about your words and your wisdom.

7 "Nevertheless I did not believe the <sup>1</sup>reports, until I came and my eyes had seen it. And behold, the half was not told me. You exceed in wisdom and prosperity the report which I heard.

8 "How blessed are your men, how blessed are these your servants who stand before you continually and hear your wisdom.

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9 <sup>a</sup>“Blessed be the LORD your God who delighted in you to set you on the throne of Israel; <sup>b</sup>because the LORD loved Israel forever, therefore He made you king, <sup>c</sup>to do justice and righteousness.”

10 And <sup>a</sup>she gave the king a hundred and twenty talents of gold, and a very great *amount* of spices and precious stones. Never again did such abundance of spices come in as that which the queen of Sheba gave King Solomon.

11 <sup>a</sup>And also the ships of Hiram, which brought gold from Ophir, brought in from Ophir a very great *number of* almug trees and precious stones.

12 And the king made of the almug trees supports for the house of the LORD and for the king's house, also lyres and harps for the singers; such almug trees have not come in *again*, nor have they been seen to this day.

13 And King Solomon gave to the queen of Sheba all her desire which she requested, besides what he gave her according to <sup>1</sup>his royal bounty. Then she turned and went to her own land <sup>2</sup>together with her servants.

14 <sup>a</sup>Now the weight of gold which came in to Solomon in one year was 666 talents of gold,

15 besides *that* from the traders and the <sup>1</sup>wares of the merchants and all the kings of the <sup>2</sup>Arabs and the governors of the country.

16 And <sup>a</sup>King Solomon made 200 large shields of beaten gold, <sup>1</sup>using 600 *shekels of* gold on each large shield.

17 And *he made* 300 shields of beaten gold, <sup>1</sup>using three minas of gold on each shield, and <sup>a</sup>the king put them in the house of the forest of Lebanon.

18 Moreover, the king made a great throne of <sup>a</sup>ivory and overlaid it with refined gold.

19 There *were* six steps to the throne and a round top to the throne at its rear, and <sup>1</sup>arms <sup>2</sup>on each side of the seat, and two lions standing beside the <sup>1</sup>arms.

20 And twelve lions were standing there on the six steps on the one side and on the other; nothing like *it* was made for any other kingdom.

21 And all King Solomon's drinking vessels *were of* gold, and all the vessels of the house of the forest of Lebanon *were of* pure gold. None was of silver; it was not considered <sup>1</sup>valuable in the days of Solomon.

22 For <sup>a</sup>the king had at sea the ships of Tarshish with the ships of Hiram; once every three years the ships of Tarshish came bringing gold and silver, ivory and apes and peacocks.

23 <sup>a</sup>So King Solomon became greater than all the kings of the earth in riches and in wisdom.

24 And all the earth was seeking the presence of Solomon, <sup>a</sup>to hear his wisdom which God had put in his heart.

25 And they brought every man his gift, articles of silver and gold, garments, weapons, spices, horses, and mules, so much year by year.

26 <sup>a</sup>Now Solomon gathered chariots and horsemen; and he had 1,400 chariots and 12,000 horsemen, and he <sup>1</sup>stationed them in the <sup>b</sup>chariot cities and with the king in Jerusalem.

9 <sup>1</sup> Kin. 5:7 <sup>b1</sup> Chr. 17:22; 2 Chr. 2:11 <sup>c2</sup> Sam. 8:15; 23:3

10 <sup>1</sup> Kin. 10:2

11 <sup>1</sup> Kin. 9:27, 28

13 <sup>1</sup> Lit., *the hand of King Solomon* <sup>2</sup> Lit., *she and*

14 <sup>2</sup> Chr. 9:13-28

15 <sup>1</sup> Or, *traffic* <sup>2</sup> Cf. 2 Chr. 9:14

16 <sup>1</sup> Lit., *he brought up* <sup>1</sup> Kin. 14:26-28; 2 Chr. 12:9, 10

17 <sup>1</sup> Lit., *he brought up* <sup>1</sup> Kin. 7:2

18 <sup>1</sup> Kin. 10:22; Ps. 45:8

19 <sup>1</sup> Lit., *hands* <sup>2</sup> Lit., *on this side and on this at the place of the seat*

21 <sup>1</sup> Lit., *anything* ...

22 <sup>1</sup> Kin. 9:26-28; 22:48

23 <sup>1</sup> Kin. 3:12, 13; 4:30

24 <sup>1</sup> Kin. 3:9, 12, 28

26 <sup>1</sup> So with ancient versions, cf. 2 Chr. 9:25; Heb., *led* <sup>1</sup> Kin. 4:26; 2 Chr. 1:14-17; 9:25 <sup>b1</sup> Kin. 9:19

27 <sup>1</sup>Lit. *shephelah*  
<sup>2</sup>Chr. 1:15

28 <sup>2</sup>Chr. 1:16; 9:28

29 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *came up and went out from* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *in like manner by their hand*  
<sup>3</sup>Heb., *Aram*  
<sup>2</sup>2 Kin. 7:6, 7

1 <sup>1</sup>Deut. 17:17; Neh. 13:23-27

2 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *go among*  
<sup>1</sup>Ex. 23:31-33; 34:12-16

3 <sup>2</sup>Sam. 3:2-5; 5:13-16

4 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *complete with*  
<sup>1</sup>1 Kin. 9:4

5 <sup>1</sup>Judg. 2:13; 10:6;  
<sup>1</sup>Sam. 7:3; 4 <sup>1</sup>1 Kin. 11:7

7 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *before*  
<sup>1</sup>Num. 21:29; Judg. 11:24;  
<sup>2</sup>2 Kin. 23:13 <sup>1</sup>Lev. 20:2-5;  
<sup>2</sup>2 Kin. 23:10; Acts 7:3

9 <sup>1</sup>1 Kin. 11:2; 4 <sup>1</sup>1 Kin. 3:5; 9:2

10 <sup>1</sup>1 Kin. 6:12; 9:6, 7

11 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *this is with you*  
<sup>1</sup>1 Kin. 11:29-31; 12:15, 16,  
20; 1 Sam. 2:30

13 <sup>2</sup>2 Sam. 7:15; 1 Chr. 17:13  
<sup>1</sup>1 Kin. 11:32, 36;  
12:20 <sup>1</sup>1 Kin. 8:29

14 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *king's seed*

27 <sup>a</sup>And the king made silver *as common* as stones in Jerusalem, and he made cedars as plentiful as sycamore trees that are in the <sup>1</sup>lowland.

28 <sup>a</sup>Also Solomon's import of horses was from Egypt and Kue, and the king's merchants procured *them* from Kue for a price.

29 And a chariot <sup>1</sup>was imported from Egypt for 600 *shekels* of silver, and a horse for 150; and <sup>2</sup>by the same means they exported them <sup>a</sup>to all the kings of the Hittites and to the kings of <sup>3</sup>Syria.

## CHAPTER 11

**N**OW <sup>a</sup>King Solomon loved many foreign women along with the daughter of Pharaoh: Moabite, Ammonite, Edomite, Sidonian, and Hittite women,

2 from the nations concerning which the LORD had said to the sons of Israel, "<sup>a</sup>You shall not <sup>1</sup>associate with them, neither shall they <sup>1</sup>associate with you, for they will surely turn your heart away after their gods." Solomon held fast to these in love.

3 <sup>a</sup>And he had seven hundred wives, princesses, and three hundred concubines, and his wives turned his heart away.

4 For it came about when Solomon was old, his wives turned his heart away after other gods; and <sup>a</sup>his heart was not <sup>1</sup>wholly devoted to the LORD his God, as the heart of David his father *had been*.

5 For Solomon went after <sup>a</sup>Ashtoreth the goddess of the Sidonians and after <sup>b</sup>Milcom the detestable idol of the Ammonites.

6 And Solomon did what was evil in the sight of the LORD, and did not follow the LORD fully, as David his father *had done*.

7 Then Solomon built a high place for <sup>a</sup>Chemosh the detestable idol of Moab, on the mountain which is <sup>1</sup>east of Jerusalem, and for <sup>b</sup>Molech the detestable idol of the sons of Ammon.

8 Thus also he did for all his foreign wives, who burned incense and sacrificed to their gods.

9 Now the LORD was angry with Solomon <sup>a</sup>because his heart was turned away from the LORD, the God of Israel, <sup>b</sup>who had appeared to him twice,

10 and <sup>a</sup>had commanded him concerning this thing, that he should not go after other gods; but he did not observe what the LORD had commanded.

11 So the LORD said to Solomon, "Because <sup>1</sup>you have done this, and you have not kept My covenant and My statutes, which I have commanded you, <sup>a</sup>I will surely tear the kingdom from you, and will give it to your servant.

12 "Nevertheless I will not do it in your days for the sake of your father David, *but* I will tear it out of the hand of your son.

13 "However, <sup>a</sup>I will not tear away all the kingdom, but <sup>b</sup>I will give one tribe to your son for the sake of My servant David and <sup>c</sup>for the sake of Jerusalem which I have chosen."

14 Then the LORD raised up an adversary to Solomon, Hadad the Edomite; he was of the <sup>1</sup>royal line in Edom.



15 For it came about, <sup>a</sup>when David was in Edom, and Joab the commander of the army had gone up to bury the slain, and had struck down every male in Edom

16 (for Joab and all Israel stayed there six months, until he had cut off every male in Edom),

17 that Hadad fled <sup>1</sup>to Egypt, he and certain Edomites of his father's servants with him, while Hadad was a young boy.

18 And they arose from Midian and came to <sup>a</sup>Paran; and they took men with them from Paran and came to Egypt, to Pharaoh king of Egypt, who gave him a house and assigned him food and gave him land.

19 Now Hadad found great favor <sup>1</sup>before Pharaoh, so that he gave him in marriage the sister of his own wife, the sister of Tahpenes the queen.

20 And the sister of Tahpenes bore his son Genubath, whom Tahpenes weaned in Pharaoh's house; and Genubath was in Pharaoh's house among the sons of Pharaoh.

21 But <sup>a</sup>when Hadad heard in Egypt that David slept with his fathers, and that Joab the commander of the army was dead, Hadad said to Pharaoh, "Send me away, that I may go to my own country."

22 Then Pharaoh said to him, "But what have you lacked with me, that behold, you are seeking to go to your own country?" And he answered, "Nothing; nevertheless you must surely <sup>1</sup>let me go."

23 <sup>a</sup>God also raised up *another* adversary to him, Rezon the son of Eliada, who had fled from his lord <sup>b</sup>Hadadezer king of Zobah.

24 And he gathered men to himself and became leader of a marauding band, <sup>a</sup>after David slew them of *Zobah*; and they went to Damascus and stayed <sup>1</sup>there, and reigned in Damascus.

25 So he was an adversary to Israel all the days of Solomon, along with the evil that Hadad *did*; and he abhorred Israel and reigned over <sup>1</sup>Syria.

26 Then <sup>a</sup>Jeroboam the son of Nebat, an Ephraimite of Zeredah, Solomon's servant, whose mother's name was Zeruah, a widow, <sup>b</sup>also <sup>1</sup>rebelled against the king.

27 Now this was the reason why he <sup>1</sup>rebelled against the king: <sup>a</sup>Solomon built the <sup>2</sup>Millo, *and* closed up the breach of the city of his father David.

28 Now the man Jeroboam was a valiant warrior, and when <sup>a</sup>Solomon saw that the young man was <sup>1</sup>industrious, he appointed him over all the <sup>2</sup>forced labor of the house of Joseph.

29 And it came about at that time, when Jeroboam went out of Jerusalem, that <sup>a</sup>the prophet Ahijah the Shilonite found him on the road. Now <sup>1</sup>Ahijah had clothed himself with a new cloak; and both of them were alone in the field.

30 Then <sup>a</sup>Ahijah took hold of the new cloak which was on him, and tore it into twelve pieces.

31 And he said to Jeroboam, "Take for yourself ten pieces; for thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, 'Behold, <sup>a</sup>I will tear the kingdom out of the hand of Solomon and give you ten tribes

32 (<sup>a</sup>but he will have one tribe, for the sake of My servant David and for the sake of Jerusalem, <sup>b</sup>the city which I have chosen from all the tribes of Israel),

15 <sup>a</sup>2 Sam. 8:14; 1 Chr. 18:12, 13

17 <sup>1</sup>Lit., to go into

18 <sup>a</sup>Num. 10:12; Deut. 1:1

19 <sup>1</sup>Lit., in the sight of

21 <sup>a</sup>1 Kin. 2:10

22 <sup>1</sup>Lit., send me away

23 <sup>a</sup>1 Kin. 11:14 <sup>b</sup>2 Sam. 8:3; 10:16

24 <sup>1</sup>Lit., in it  
<sup>a</sup>2 Sam. 10:8, 18

25 <sup>1</sup>Heb., Aram

26 <sup>1</sup>Lit., lifted up a hand  
<sup>a</sup>1 Kin. 11:11, 28; 12:2, 20;  
2 Chr. 13:6 <sup>b</sup>2 Sam. 20:21

27 <sup>1</sup>Lit., lifted up a hand  
<sup>2</sup>I.e., citadel  
<sup>a</sup>1 Kin. 9:15, 24

28 <sup>1</sup>Lit., a doer of work  
<sup>2</sup>Lit., burden  
<sup>a</sup>Prov. 22:29

29 <sup>1</sup>Lit., he  
<sup>a</sup>1 Kin. 12:15; 14:2; 2 Chr. 9:29

30 <sup>a</sup>1 Sam. 15:27, 28

31 <sup>a</sup>1 Kin. 11:11, 12

32 <sup>a</sup>1 Kin. 11:13; 12:21  
<sup>b</sup>1 Kin. 11:13; 14:21

33 <sup>a1</sup> Kin. 11:5-834 <sup>1</sup>Or, *prince*35 <sup>a1</sup> Kin. 11:12; 12:16, 1736 <sup>a1</sup> Kin. 11:13 <sup>b1</sup> Kin. 15:4; 2 Kin. 8:19 <sup>c1</sup> Kin. 11:1337 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *your soul desires*38 <sup>a</sup>Deut. 31:8; Josh. 1:5  
<sup>b2</sup> Sam. 7:11, 2739 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *seed*40 <sup>a1</sup> Kin. 14:25; 2 Chr. 12:2-941 <sup>a2</sup> Chr. 9:2943 <sup>a1</sup> Kin. 2:10 <sup>b1</sup> Kin. 14:211 <sup>a2</sup> Chr. 10:1 <sup>b</sup>Judg. 9:62 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *Jeroboam*  
<sup>a1</sup> Kin. 11:26, 404 <sup>a1</sup> Kin. 4:7, 22-25; 9:15;  
1 Sam. 8:11-185 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *yet three*  
<sup>a1</sup> Kin. 12:126 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *stood before*  
<sup>a1</sup> Kin. 4:1-6

33 because they have forsaken Me, and <sup>a</sup>have worshiped Ashtoreth the goddess of the Sidonians, Chemosh the god of Moab, and Milcom the god of the sons of Ammon; and they have not walked in My ways, doing what is right in My sight and *observing* My statutes and My ordinances, as his father David *did*.

34 'Nevertheless I will not take the whole kingdom out of his hand, but I will make him <sup>1</sup>ruler all the days of his life, for the sake of My servant David whom I chose, who observed My commandments and My statutes;

35 but <sup>a1</sup> I will take the kingdom from his son's hand and give it to you, *even* ten tribes.

36 'But <sup>a</sup>to his son I will give one tribe, <sup>b</sup>that My servant David may have a lamp always before Me in Jerusalem, <sup>c</sup>the city where I have chosen for Myself to put My name.

37 'And I will take you, and you shall reign over whatever <sup>1</sup>you desire, and you shall be king over Israel.

38 'Then it will be, that if you listen to all that I command you and walk in My ways, and do what is right in My sight by observing My statutes and My commandments, as My servant David did, then <sup>a</sup>I will be with you and <sup>b</sup>build you an enduring house as I built for David, and I will give Israel to you.

39 'Thus I will afflict the <sup>1</sup>descendants of David for this, but not always.'

40 Solomon sought therefore to put Jeroboam to death; but Jeroboam arose and fled to Egypt to <sup>a</sup>Shishak king of Egypt, and he was in Egypt until the death of Solomon.

41 <sup>a</sup>Now the rest of the acts of Solomon and whatever he did, and his wisdom, are they not written in the book of the acts of Solomon?

42 Thus the time that Solomon reigned in Jerusalem over all Israel was forty years.

43 And Solomon <sup>a</sup>slept with his fathers and was buried in the city of his father David, and his son <sup>b</sup>Rehoboam reigned in his place.

## CHAPTER 12

<sup>a</sup>**T**HEN Rehoboam went to Shechem, for all Israel had come to <sup>b</sup>Shechem to make him king.

2 Now it came about <sup>a</sup>when Jeroboam the son of Nebat heard *of it* (for he was yet in Egypt, where he had fled from the presence of King Solomon while <sup>1</sup>he was living in Egypt,

3 they sent and called him), that Jeroboam and all the assembly of Israel came and spoke to Rehoboam, saying,

4 "<sup>a</sup>Your father made our yoke hard; therefore lighten the hard service of your father and his heavy yoke which he put on us, and we will serve you."

5 Then he said to them, "<sup>a</sup>Depart <sup>1</sup>for three days, then return to me." So the people departed.

6 And King Rehoboam <sup>a</sup>consulted with the elders who had <sup>1</sup>served his father Solomon while he was still alive, saying, "How do you counsel *me* to answer this people?"

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7 Then they spoke to him, saying, "If you will be a servant to this people today, will serve them, <sup>1</sup>grant them their petition, and speak good words to them, then they will be your servants forever."

7 <sup>1</sup>Lit., answer them

8 But he forsook the counsel of the elders which they had given him, and consulted with the young men who grew up with him <sup>1</sup>and served him.

8 <sup>1</sup>Lit., who stood before

9 So he said to them, "What counsel do you give that we may answer this people who have spoken to me, saying, 'Lighten the yoke which your father put on us'?"

12 <sup>1</sup>Lit., spoken  
\*1 Kin. 12:5

10 And the young men who grew up with him spoke to him, saying, "Thus you shall say to this people who spoke to you, saying, 'Your father made our yoke heavy, now you make it lighter for us!' But you shall speak to them, 'My little finger is thicker than my father's loins!

13 <sup>1</sup>Lit., advised

11 'Whereas my father loaded you with a heavy yoke, I will add to your yoke; my father disciplined you with whips, but I will discipline you with scorpions.' "

14 \*Ex. 1:13, 14; 5:5-9, 16-18

12 Then Jeroboam and all the people came to Rehoboam on the third day as the king had <sup>1</sup>directed, saying, "<sup>a</sup>Return to me on the third day."

13 And the king answered the people harshly, for he forsook the advice of the elders which they had <sup>1</sup>given him,

15 \*1 Kin. 12:24; Deut. 2:30; Judg. 14:4 <sup>b1</sup> Kin. 11:11, 31

14 and he spoke to them according to the advice of the young men, saying, "<sup>a</sup>My father made your yoke heavy, but I will add to your yoke; my father disciplined you with whips, but I will discipline you with scorpions."

16 \*2 Sam. 20:1

15 So the king did not listen to the people; <sup>a</sup>for it was a turn of events from the LORD, <sup>b</sup>that He might establish His word, which the LORD spoke through Ahijah the Shilonite to Jeroboam the son of Nebat.

17 \*1 Kin. 11:13, 36

16 When all Israel <sup>1</sup>saw that the king did not listen to them, the people answered the king, saying, "What portion do we have in David?

*We have no inheritance in the son of Jesse;*

*<sup>a</sup>To your tents, O Israel!*

*Now look after your own house, David!"*

So Israel departed to their tents.

18 <sup>1</sup>Lit., with stones that he died  
\*1 Kin. 4:6; 5:14; 2 Sam. 20:24

17 But <sup>a</sup>as for the sons of Israel who lived in the cities of Judah, Rehoboam reigned over them.

19 \*2 Kin. 17:21

18 Then King Rehoboam sent <sup>a</sup>Adoram, who was over the forced labor, and all Israel stoned him <sup>1</sup>to death. And King Rehoboam made haste to mount his chariot to flee to Jerusalem.

19 <sup>a</sup>So Israel has been in rebellion against the house of David to this day.

20 \*1 Kin. 11:13, 32, 36

20 And it came about when all Israel heard that Jeroboam had returned, that they sent and called him to the assembly and made him king over all Israel. <sup>a</sup>None but the tribe of Judah followed the house of David.

21 \*2 Chr. 11:1

21 <sup>a</sup>Now when Rehoboam had come to Jerusalem, he assembled all the house of Judah and the tribe of Benjamin, 180,000 chosen men who were warriors, to fight against the house of Israel to restore the kingdom to Rehoboam the son of Solomon.

22 <sup>a</sup>Chr. 12:5-7

23 <sup>a</sup>1 Kin. 12:17

24 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *brothers*  
<sup>a</sup>1 Kin. 12:15

25 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *in it*  
<sup>a</sup>Judg. 9:45-49 <sup>b</sup>Gen. 32:30,  
31; Judg. 8:8, 17

27 <sup>a</sup>Deut. 12:5-7, 14

28 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *took counsel*  
<sup>a</sup>2 Kin. 10:29; 17:16; Hos.  
8:4-7 <sup>b</sup>Hos. 10:5 <sup>c</sup>Ex.  
32:4, 8

29 <sup>a</sup>Hos. 10:5 <sup>b</sup>Gen. 28:19  
<sup>c</sup>Judg. 18:26-31

30 <sup>a</sup>1 Kin. 13:34; 2 Kin.  
17:21

31 <sup>1</sup>Or., *extremities of*  
<sup>a</sup>1 Kin. 13:32 <sup>b</sup>1 Kin. 13:33;  
2 Kin. 17:32; 2 Chr. 13:9

32 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *made* <sup>2</sup>Or.,  
*offered upon*  
<sup>a</sup>Lev. 23:33, 34; Num.  
29:12 <sup>b</sup>Amos 7:10-13

33 <sup>1</sup>Or., *offered upon* <sup>2</sup>Lit.,  
*made* <sup>3</sup>Lit., *from* <sup>4</sup>Or.,  
*sacrifices*  
<sup>a</sup>1 Kin. 13:1

1 <sup>a</sup>1 Kin. 12:22; 2 Kin.  
23:17 <sup>b</sup>1 Kin. 12:33

2 <sup>a</sup>1 Kin. 13:32 <sup>b</sup>2 Kin.  
23:15, 16

3 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *wonder* <sup>2</sup>Lit.,  
*ashes of fat*  
<sup>a</sup>Ex. 4:1-5; Judg. 6:17

22 But the word of God came to <sup>a</sup>Shemaiah the man of God, saying,

23 "Speak to Rehoboam the son of Solomon, king of Judah, and to all the house of Judah and Benjamin and to the <sup>a</sup>rest of the people, saying,

24 "Thus says the LORD, "You must not go up and fight against your <sup>1</sup>relatives the sons of Israel; return every man to his house, <sup>a</sup>for this thing has come from Me."'" So they listened to the word of the LORD, and returned and went *their way* according to the word of the LORD.

25 Then <sup>a</sup>Jeroboam built Shechem in the hill country of Ephraim, and lived <sup>1</sup>there. And he went out from there and built <sup>b</sup>Penuel.

26 And Jeroboam said in his heart, "Now the kingdom will return to the house of David.

27 "<sup>a</sup>If this people go up to offer sacrifices in the house of the LORD at Jerusalem, then the heart of this people will return to their lord, *even* to Rehoboam king of Judah; and they will kill me and return to Rehoboam king of Judah."

28 So the king <sup>1</sup>consulted, and <sup>a</sup>made two golden <sup>b</sup>calves, and he said to them, "It is too much for you to go up to Jerusalem; <sup>c</sup>behold your gods, O Israel, that brought you up from the land of Egypt."

29 And he set <sup>a</sup>one in <sup>b</sup>Bethel, and the other he put in <sup>c</sup>Dan.

30 Now <sup>a</sup>this thing became a sin, for the people went to *worship* before the one as far as Dan.

31 And <sup>a</sup>he made houses on high places, and <sup>b</sup>made priests from among <sup>1</sup>all the people who were not of the sons of Levi.

32 And Jeroboam <sup>1</sup>instituted a feast in the eighth month on the fifteenth day of the month, <sup>a</sup>like the feast which is in Judah, and he <sup>2</sup>went up to the altar; thus he did in Bethel, sacrificing to the calves which he had made. And he stationed in Bethel <sup>b</sup>the priests of the high places which he had made.

33 Then he <sup>1</sup>went up to the altar which he had made in Bethel on the fifteenth day in the eighth month, even in the month which he had <sup>2</sup>devised <sup>3</sup>in his own heart; and he <sup>2</sup>instituted a feast for the sons of Israel, and <sup>1</sup>went up to the altar <sup>a</sup>to burn <sup>4</sup>incense.

CHAPTER 13

**N**OW behold, there came <sup>a</sup>a man of God from Judah to Bethel by the word of the LORD, while Jeroboam was standing by the altar <sup>b</sup>to burn incense.

2 And <sup>a</sup>he cried against the altar by the word of the LORD, and said, "O altar, altar, thus says the LORD, 'Behold, a son shall be born to the house of David, <sup>b</sup>Josiah by name; and on you he shall sacrifice the priests of the high places who burn incense on you, and human bones shall be burned on you.'"

3 Then he gave a <sup>1</sup>sign the same day, saying, "<sup>a</sup>This is the <sup>1</sup>sign which the LORD has spoken, 'Behold, the altar shall be split apart and the <sup>2</sup>ashes which are on it shall be poured out.'"

4 Now it came about when the king heard the saying of the man of God, which he cried against the altar in Bethel, that

Jeroboam stretched out his hand from the altar, saying, "Seize him." But his hand which he stretched out against him dried up, so that he could not draw it back to himself.

5 The altar also was split apart and the <sup>1</sup>ashes were poured out from the altar, according to the <sup>2</sup>sign which the man of God had given by the word of the LORD.

6 And the king answered and said to the man of God, "Please <sup>1a</sup>entreat the LORD your God, and pray for me, that my hand may be restored to me." So <sup>b</sup>the man of God <sup>2</sup>entreated the LORD, and the king's hand was restored to him, and it became as it was before.

7 Then the king said to the man of God, "Come home with me and refresh yourself, and <sup>a</sup>I will give you a reward."

8 But the man of God said to the king, "<sup>a</sup>If you were to give me half your house I would not go with you, nor would I eat bread or drink water in this place.

9 "For so <sup>1</sup>it was commanded me by the word of the LORD, saying, 'You shall eat no bread, nor drink water, nor return by the way which you came.'"

10 So he went another way, and did not return by the way which he came to Bethel.

11 Now an old prophet <sup>a</sup>was living in Bethel; and his <sup>1</sup>sons came and told him all the deeds which the man of God had done that day in Bethel; the words which he had spoken to the king, these also they related to their father.

12 And their father said to them, "<sup>1</sup>Which way did he go?" Now his sons <sup>2</sup>had seen the way which the man of God who came from Judah had gone.

13 Then he said to his sons, "Saddle the donkey for me." So they saddled the donkey for him and he rode away on it.

14 So he went after the man of God and found him sitting under <sup>1a</sup>an oak; and he said to him, "Are you the man of God who came from Judah?" And he said, "I am."

15 Then he said to him, "Come home with me and eat bread."

16 And he said, "<sup>a</sup>I cannot return with you, nor go with you, nor will I eat bread or drink water with you in this place.

17 "For a command *came* to me <sup>a</sup>by the word of the LORD, 'You shall eat no bread, nor drink water there; do not return by going the way which you came.'"

18 And he said to him, "I also am a prophet like you, and an angel spoke to me by the word of the LORD, saying, 'Bring him back with you to your house, that he may eat bread and drink water.'" But he lied to him.

19 So he went back with him, and ate bread in his house and drank water.

20 Now it came about, as they were sitting down at the table, that the word of the LORD came to the prophet who had brought him back;

21 and he cried to the man of God who came from Judah, saying, "Thus says the LORD, 'Because you have <sup>1</sup>disobeyed the <sup>2</sup>command of the LORD, and have not observed the commandment which the LORD your God commanded you,

22 but have returned and eaten bread and drunk water in

5 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *ashes of fat* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *wonder*

6 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *soften the face of*  
<sup>2</sup>Lit., *softened the face of*  
<sup>a</sup>Ex. 8:8, 28; 9:28; Acts 8:24  
<sup>b</sup>Luke 6:27, 28

7 <sup>a</sup>1 Sam. 9:7, 8; 2 Kin. 5:15

8 <sup>a</sup>1 Kin. 13:16, 17; Num. 22:18; 24:13

9 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *he commanded me*

11 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *son*  
<sup>a</sup>1 Kin. 13:25; 2 Kin. 23:18

12 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *Where is the way he went* <sup>2</sup>Some ancient versions read *showed him*

14 <sup>1</sup>Or, *a terebinth*

16 <sup>a</sup>1 Kin. 13:8, 9

17 <sup>a</sup>1 Kin. 20:35

21 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *rebelled against*  
<sup>2</sup>Lit., *mouth*

1 Kings 13, 14

24 <sup>a</sup>1 Kin. 20:36

25 <sup>a</sup>1 Kin. 13:11

26 <sup>1</sup>Lit., rebelled against  
<sup>2</sup>Lit., mouth

31 <sup>a</sup>2 Kin. 23:17, 18

32 <sup>a</sup>1 Kin. 13:2 <sup>b</sup>1 Kin.  
12:31 <sup>c</sup>1 Kin. 16:24

33 <sup>1</sup>Or, extremities of  
<sup>a</sup>Judg. 17:5

34 <sup>1</sup>Lit., by this thing he  
became  
<sup>a</sup>1 Kin. 12:30; 2 Kin. 17:21  
<sup>b</sup>1 Kin. 14:10; 15:29, 30

2 <sup>a</sup>1 Sam. 28:8; 2 Sam.  
14:2; 2 Chr. 18:29 <sup>b</sup>Josh.  
18:1 <sup>c</sup>1 Kin. 11:29-31

3 <sup>a</sup>1 Kin. 13:7; 1 Sam.  
9:7, 8; 2 Kin. 4:42

4 <sup>1</sup>Lit., set  
<sup>a</sup>1 Kin. 14:2 <sup>b</sup>1 Kin. 11:29  
<sup>c</sup>1 Sam. 3:2; 4:5

the place of which He said to you, "Eat no bread and drink no water"; your body shall not come to the grave of your fathers.' "

23 And it came about after he had eaten bread and after he had drunk, that he saddled the donkey for him, for the prophet whom he had brought back.

24 Now when he had gone, <sup>a</sup>a lion met him on the way and killed him, and his body was thrown on the road, with the donkey standing beside it; the lion also was standing beside the body.

25 And behold, men passed by and saw the body thrown on the road, and the lion standing beside the body; so they came and told it in the city where <sup>a</sup>the old prophet lived.

26 Now when the prophet who brought him back from the way heard it, he said, "It is the man of God, who <sup>1</sup>disobeyed the <sup>2</sup>command of the LORD; therefore the LORD has given him to the lion, which has torn him and killed him, according to the word of the LORD which He spoke to him."

27 Then he spoke to his sons, saying, "Saddle the donkey for me." And they saddled it.

28 And he went and found his body thrown on the road with the donkey and the lion standing beside the body; the lion had not eaten the body nor torn the donkey.

29 So the prophet took up the body of the man of God and laid it on the donkey, and brought it back and he came to the city of the old prophet to mourn and to bury him.

30 And he laid his body in his own grave, and they mourned over him, saying, "Alas, my brother!"

31 And it came about after he had buried him, that he spoke to his sons, saying, "When I die, bury me in the grave in which the man of God is buried; <sup>a</sup>lay my bones beside his bones.

32 <sup>a</sup>"For the thing shall surely come to pass which he cried by the word of the LORD against the altar in Bethel and <sup>b</sup>against all the houses of the high places which are in the cities of <sup>c</sup>Samaria."

33 After this event Jeroboam did not return from his evil way, but again he made priests of the high places from among <sup>1</sup>all the people; <sup>a</sup>any who would, he ordained, to be priests of the high places.

34 <sup>a</sup>And <sup>1</sup>this event became sin to the house of Jeroboam, <sup>b</sup>even to blot it out and destroy it from off the face of the earth.

CHAPTER 14

AT that time Abijah the son of Jeroboam became sick.

2 And Jeroboam said to his wife, "Arise now, and <sup>a</sup>disguise yourself so that they may not know that you are the wife of Jeroboam, and go to <sup>b</sup>Shiloh; behold, Ahijah the prophet is there, who <sup>c</sup>spoke concerning me *that I would be king over this people.*

3 <sup>a</sup>"And take ten loaves with you, *some* cakes and a jar of honey, and go to him. He will tell you what will happen to the boy."

4 And Jeroboam's wife did so, and arose and went to <sup>a</sup>Shiloh, and came to the house of <sup>b</sup>Ahijah. Now Ahijah could not see, <sup>c</sup>for his eyes were <sup>1</sup>dim because of his age.

5 Now the LORD had said to Ahijah, "Behold, the wife of Jeroboam is coming to inquire of you concerning her son, for he is sick. You shall say thus and thus to her, for it will be when she arrives that she will pretend to be another woman."

6 And it came about when Ahijah heard the sound of her feet coming in the doorway, that he said, "Come in, wife of Jeroboam, why do you pretend to be another woman? For I am sent to you with a harsh message.

7 "Go, say to Jeroboam, 'Thus says the LORD God of Israel, "Because I exalted you from among the people and made you leader over My people Israel,

8 and tore the kingdom away from the house of David and gave it to you—yet you have not been like My servant David, who kept My commandments and who followed Me with all his heart, to do only that which was right in My sight;

9 you also have done more evil than all who were before you, and have gone and made for yourself other gods and molten images to provoke Me to anger, and have cast Me behind your back—

10 therefore behold, I am bringing calamity on the house of Jeroboam, and will cut off from Jeroboam every male person, both bound and free in Israel, and I will make a clean sweep of the house of Jeroboam, as one sweeps away dung until it is all gone.

11 "Anyone belonging to Jeroboam who dies in the city the dogs will eat. And he who dies in the field the birds of the heavens will eat; for the LORD has spoken it."

12 "Now you arise, go to your house. When your feet enter the city the child will die.

13 "And all Israel shall mourn for him and bury him, for the alone of Jeroboam's family shall come to the grave, because in him something good was found toward the LORD God of Israel in the house of Jeroboam.

14 "Moreover, the LORD will raise up for Himself a king over Israel who shall cut off the house of Jeroboam this day and from now on.

15 "For the LORD will strike Israel, as a reed is shaken in the water; and He will uproot Israel from this good land which He gave to their fathers, and will scatter them beyond the Euphrates River, because they have made their Asherim, provoking the LORD to anger.

16 "And He will give up Israel on account of the sins of Jeroboam, which he committed and with which he made Israel to sin."

17 Then Jeroboam's wife arose and departed and came to Tirzah. As she was entering the threshold of the house, the child died.

18 And all Israel buried him and mourned for him, according to the word of the LORD which He spoke through His servant Ahijah the prophet.

19 Now the rest of the acts of Jeroboam, how he made war and how he reigned, behold, they are written in the Book of the Chronicles of the Kings of Israel.

20 And the time that Jeroboam reigned was twenty-two

5 <sup>1</sup>Lit., seek a word from  
<sup>2</sup>Sam. 14:2

7 <sup>1</sup>1 Kin. 11:28-31; 16:2

8 <sup>1</sup>1 Kin. 11:33, 38  
<sup>b</sup>1 Kin. 15:5

9 <sup>1</sup>1 Kin. 12:28; 2 Chr. 11:15  
<sup>b</sup>Ex. 34:17  
<sup>c</sup>Ps. 50:17; Ezek. 23:35

10 <sup>1</sup>Lit., him who unites against the wall  
<sup>a</sup>1 Kin. 21:21; 2 Kin. 9:8  
<sup>b</sup>Deut. 32:36; 2 Kin. 14:26  
<sup>c</sup>1 Kin. 15:29

11 <sup>1</sup>1 Kin. 16:4; 21:24

12 <sup>1</sup>1 Kin. 14:17

13 <sup>1</sup>Lit., the one

14 <sup>1</sup>Lit., and what even now?  
<sup>a</sup>1 Kin. 15:27-29

15 <sup>1</sup>I.e., wooden symbols of a female deity  
<sup>a</sup>Deut. 29:28; 2 Kin. 17:6  
<sup>b</sup>Josh. 23:15; 16  
<sup>c</sup>2 Kin. 15:29  
<sup>d</sup>Ex. 34:13, 14; Deut. 12:3, 4

16 <sup>1</sup>Lit., sinned  
<sup>a</sup>1 Kin. 12:30; 13:34

17 <sup>1</sup>1 Kin. 15:21, 33; 16:6, 9, 15, 23  
<sup>b</sup>1 Kin. 14:12

18 <sup>1</sup>1 Kin. 14:13

19 <sup>1</sup>1 Kin. 14:30; 2 Chr. 13:2-20

21 <sup>a</sup>2 Chr. 12:13 <sup>b1</sup> Kin. 11:32, 36

22 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *their* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *sinned*  
<sup>a</sup>2 Chr. 12:1, 14

23 <sup>1</sup>i.e., wooden symbols of a female deity  
<sup>a</sup>Deut. 12:2 <sup>b</sup>Deut. 16:22  
<sup>c1</sup> Kin. 14:15 <sup>d2</sup> Kin. 17:10;  
Is. 57:5; Jer. 2:20

24 <sup>a</sup>Deut. 23:17

25 <sup>a</sup>2 Chr. 12:2, 9-11

26 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *and he took away*  
<sup>a1</sup> Kin. 15:18 <sup>b1</sup> Kin. 10:17

27 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *hand* <sup>2</sup>Lit.,  
*runner*  
<sup>a1</sup> Sam. 8:11; 22:17

28 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *runners*

29 <sup>a</sup>2 Chr. 12:15, 16

30 <sup>a1</sup> Kin. 12:21-24; 15:6

31 <sup>a1</sup> Kin. 14:21

1 <sup>a</sup>2 Chr. 13:1

2 <sup>1</sup>Or, *Micaiah, the daughter of Uriel*; cf. 2 Chr. 13:2 <sup>2</sup>Or, *Absalom*; cf. 2 Chr. 11:20

3 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *complete with*  
<sup>a1</sup> Kin. 11:4

4 <sup>a1</sup> Kin. 11:36; 2 Sam. 21:17

5 <sup>a1</sup> Kin. 9:4; 14:8  
<sup>b2</sup> Sam. 11:4, 15-17; 12:9, 10

years; and he slept with his fathers, and Nadab his son reigned in his place.

21 <sup>a</sup>Now Rehoboam the son of Solomon reigned in Judah. Rehoboam was forty-one years old when he became king, and he reigned seventeen years in Jerusalem, <sup>b</sup>the city which the LORD had chosen from all the tribes of Israel to put His name there. And his mother's name was Naamah the Ammonitess.

22 <sup>a</sup>And Judah did evil in the sight of the LORD, and they provoked Him to jealousy more than all that their fathers had done, with <sup>1</sup>the sins which they <sup>2</sup>committed.

23 For they also built for themselves <sup>a</sup>high places and *sacred* <sup>b</sup>pillars and <sup>1c</sup>Asherim on every high hill and <sup>a</sup>beneath every luxuriant tree.

24 And there were also <sup>a</sup>male cult prostitutes in the land. They did according to all the abominations of the nations which the LORD dispossessed before the sons of Israel.

25 <sup>a</sup>Now it came about in the fifth year of King Rehoboam, that Shishak the king of Egypt came up against Jerusalem.

26 And he took away the treasures of the house of the LORD and the treasures of the king's house, and <sup>a</sup>he took everything, <sup>1b</sup>even taking all the shields of gold which Solomon had made.

27 So King Rehoboam made shields of bronze in their place, and <sup>a</sup>committed them to the <sup>1</sup>care of the commanders of the <sup>2</sup>guard who guarded the doorway of the king's house.

28 Then it happened as often as the king entered the house of the LORD, that the <sup>1</sup>guards would carry them and would bring them back into the <sup>1</sup>guards' room.

29 <sup>a</sup>Now the rest of the acts of Rehoboam and all that he did, are they not written in the Book of the Chronicles of the Kings of Judah?

30 <sup>a</sup>And there was war between Rehoboam and Jeroboam continually.

31 And Rehoboam slept with his fathers, and was buried with his fathers in the city of David; and <sup>a</sup>his mother's name was Naamah the Ammonitess. And Abijam his son became king in his place.

CHAPTER 15

<sup>a</sup>NOW in the eighteenth year of King Jeroboam, the son of Nebat, Abijam became king over Judah.

2 He reigned three years in Jerusalem; and his mother's name was <sup>1</sup>Maacah the daughter of <sup>2</sup>Abishalom.

3 And he walked in all the sins of his father which he had committed before him; and <sup>a</sup>his heart was not <sup>1</sup>wholly devoted to the LORD his God, like the heart of his father David.

4 But for David's sake the LORD his God gave him a <sup>a</sup>lamp in Jerusalem, to raise up his son after him and to establish Jerusalem;

5 <sup>a</sup>because David did what was right in the sight of the LORD, and had not turned aside from any thing that He commanded him all the days of his life, <sup>b</sup>except in the case of Uriah the Hittite.



6 <sup>a</sup>And there was war between Rehoboam and Jeroboam all the days of his life.

7 Now <sup>a</sup>the rest of the acts of Abijam and all that he did, are they not written in the Book of the Chronicles of the Kings of Judah? <sup>b</sup>And there was war between Abijam and Jeroboam.

8 <sup>a</sup>And Abijam slept with his fathers and they buried him in the city of David; and Asa his son became king in his place.

9 So in the twentieth year of Jeroboam the king of Israel, Asa began to reign as king of Judah.

10 And he reigned forty-one years in Jerusalem; and <sup>a</sup>his mother's name was Maacah the daughter of Abishalom.

11 And <sup>a</sup>Asa did what was right in the sight of the LORD, like David his father.

12 <sup>a</sup>He also put away the male cult prostitutes from the land, and <sup>b</sup>removed all the idols which his fathers had made.

13 <sup>a</sup>And <sup>b</sup>he also removed Maacah his mother from *being* queen mother, because she had made a horrid image <sup>2</sup>as an Asherah; and Asa cut down her horrid image and <sup>b</sup>burned it at the brook Kidron.

14 <sup>a</sup>But the high places were not taken away; nevertheless <sup>b</sup>the heart of Asa was <sup>1</sup>wholly devoted to the LORD all his days.

15 And <sup>a</sup>he brought into the house of the LORD the dedicated things of his father and his own dedicated things: silver and gold and utensils.

16 <sup>a</sup>Now there was war between Asa and Baasha king of Israel all their days.

17 <sup>a</sup>And Baasha king of Israel went up against Judah and <sup>b</sup>fortified Ramah <sup>c</sup>in order to prevent *anyone* from going out or coming in to Asa king of Judah.

18 Then <sup>a</sup>Asa took all the silver and the gold which were left in the treasuries of the house of the LORD and the treasuries of the king's house, and delivered them into the hand of his servants. And <sup>b</sup>King Asa sent them to Ben-hadad the son of Tabrimmon, the son of Hezion, king of <sup>1</sup>Syria, who lived in <sup>c</sup>Damascus, saying,

19 "Let there be a <sup>a</sup>treaty between <sup>1</sup>you and me, *as* between my father and your father. Behold, I have sent you a present of silver and gold; go, break your treaty with Baasha king of Israel so that he will withdraw from me."

20 So Ben-hadad listened to King Asa and sent the commanders of his armies against the cities of Israel, and <sup>1</sup>conquered <sup>a</sup>Ijon, <sup>b</sup>Dan, <sup>c</sup>Abel-beth-maacah and all <sup>d</sup>Chinneroth, besides all the land of Naphtali.

21 And it came about when Baasha heard of it that <sup>a</sup>he ceased <sup>1</sup>fortifying Ramah, and remained in <sup>b</sup>Tirzah.

22 Then King Asa made a proclamation to all Judah—none was exempt—and they carried away the stones of Ramah and its timber with which Baasha had built. And King Asa built with them <sup>a</sup>Geba of Benjamin and Mizpah.

23 <sup>a</sup>Now the rest of all the acts of Asa and all his might and all that he did and the cities which he built, are they not written in the Book of the Chronicles of the Kings of Judah? But in the time of his old age he was diseased in his feet.

24 And Asa slept with his fathers and was buried with his fathers in the city of David his father; and <sup>a</sup>Jehoshaphat his son reigned in his place.

6 <sup>a</sup>1 Kin. 14:30

7 <sup>a</sup>2 Chr. 13:2, 21, 22  
<sup>b</sup>2 Chr. 13:3-20

8 <sup>a</sup>2 Chr. 14:1

10 <sup>a</sup>1 Kin. 15:2

11 <sup>a</sup>2 Chr. 14:2

12 <sup>a</sup>1 Kin. 14:24; 22:46;  
Deut. 23:17 <sup>b</sup>1 Kin. 11:7, 8;  
14:23; 2 Chr. 14:2-5

13 <sup>1</sup>Lit., also Maacah his mother and he removed her <sup>2</sup>Or. for Asherah  
<sup>a</sup>2 Chr. 15:16-18 <sup>b</sup>Ex. 32:20

14 <sup>1</sup>Lit., complete with  
<sup>a</sup>1 Kin. 22:43; 2 Kin. 12:3  
<sup>b</sup>1 Kin. 15:3; 8:61

15 <sup>a</sup>1 Kin. 7:51

16 <sup>a</sup>1 Kin. 15:32

17 <sup>1</sup>Lit., built  
<sup>a</sup>2 Chr. 16:1-6 <sup>b</sup>1 Kin. 15:21, 22 <sup>c</sup>1 Kin. 12:26-29

18 <sup>1</sup>Heb., Aram  
<sup>a</sup>1 Kin. 15:15; 14:26 <sup>b</sup>2 Kin. 12:17, 18 <sup>c</sup>1 Kin. 11:23, 24;  
Gen. 14:15

19 <sup>1</sup>Lit., me and you  
<sup>a</sup>2 Chr. 16:7

20 <sup>1</sup>Lit., smote  
<sup>a</sup>2 Kin. 15:29 <sup>b</sup>1 Kin. 12:29  
<sup>c</sup>2 Kin. 15:29 <sup>d</sup>Josh. 11:2;  
12:3

21 <sup>1</sup>Lit., building  
<sup>a</sup>1 Kin. 15:17 <sup>b</sup>1 Kin. 14:17;  
16:15-18

22 <sup>a</sup>Josh. 18:24; 21:17

23 <sup>a</sup>2 Chr. 16:11-14

24 <sup>a</sup>1 Kin. 22:41-44; 2 Chr. 17:1

25 <sup>1</sup> Kin. 14:20

26 <sup>1</sup> Kin. 12:28-33; 13:33;  
<sup>34</sup> <sup>b1</sup> Kin. 15:30, 34; 14:16

27 <sup>1</sup> Kin. 14:14 <sup>b</sup>Josh.  
19:44; 21:23

29 <sup>1</sup>Lit., any breath  
<sup>a1</sup> Kin. 14:9-16

30 <sup>1</sup> Kin. 15:26

31 <sup>1</sup> Kin. 14:19

32 <sup>1</sup> Kin. 15:16

34 <sup>1</sup> Kin. 15:26

<sup>1</sup> <sup>1</sup> Kin. 16:7; 2 Chr.  
19:2; 20:34 <sup>2</sup> Chr. 16:7-10

<sup>2</sup> <sup>1</sup> Kin. 14:7 <sup>b1</sup> Kin.  
15:34

<sup>3</sup> <sup>1</sup> Kin. 14:10; 21:21  
<sup>b1</sup> Kin. 16:11 <sup>c1</sup> Kin. 15:29

<sup>4</sup> <sup>1</sup> Kin. 14:11; 21:24

<sup>5</sup> <sup>1</sup> Kin. 14:19; 15:31

<sup>6</sup> <sup>1</sup> Kin. 14:17; 15:21

<sup>7</sup> <sup>1</sup>Or, him  
<sup>a1</sup> Kin. 16:1 <sup>b1</sup> Kin. 14:14;  
15:27, 29

25 Now <sup>a</sup>Nadab the son of Jeroboam became king over Israel in the second year of Asa king of Judah, and he reigned over Israel two years.

26 And he did evil in the sight of the LORD, and <sup>a</sup>walked in the way of his father and <sup>bin</sup> his sin which he made Israel sin.

27 Then <sup>a</sup>Baasha the son of Ahijah of the house of Issachar conspired against him, and Baasha struck him down at <sup>b</sup>Gibbethon, which belonged to the Philistines, while Nadab and all Israel were laying siege to Gibbethon.

28 So Baasha killed him in the third year of Asa king of Judah, and reigned in his place.

29 And it came about, as soon as he was king, he struck down all the household of Jeroboam. He did not leave to Jeroboam <sup>1</sup>any persons alive, until he had destroyed them, <sup>a</sup>according to the word of the LORD, which He spoke by His servant Ahijah the Shilonite,

30 and because of the sins of Jeroboam which he sinned, and <sup>a</sup>which he made Israel sin, because of his provocation with which he provoked the LORD God of Israel, to anger.

31 <sup>a</sup>Now the rest of the acts of Nadab and all that he did, are they not written in the Book of the Chronicles of the Kings of Israel?

32 And there was war between Asa and Baasha king of Israel all their days.

33 In the third year of Asa king of Judah, Baasha the son of Ahijah became king over all Israel at Tirzah, and reigned twenty-four years.

34 And he did evil in the sight of the LORD, and <sup>a</sup>walked in the way of Jeroboam and in his sin which he made Israel sin.

CHAPTER 16

Now the word of the LORD came to <sup>a</sup>Jehu the son of <sup>b</sup>Hanani against Baasha, saying,

2 "Inasmuch as I <sup>a</sup>exalted you from the dust and made you leader over My people Israel, and <sup>b</sup>you have walked in the way of Jeroboam and have made My people Israel sin, provoking Me to anger with their sins,

3 behold, <sup>a</sup>I will consume <sup>b</sup>Baasha and his house, and <sup>c</sup>I will make your house like the house of Jeroboam the son of Nebat.

4 "Anyone of Baasha who dies in the city the dogs shall eat, and anyone of his who dies in the field the birds of the heavens will eat."

5 <sup>a</sup>Now the rest of the acts of Baasha and what he did and his might, are they not written in the Book of the Chronicles of the Kings of Israel?

6 And Baasha slept with his fathers and was buried in <sup>a</sup>Tirzah, and Elah his son became king in his place.

7 Moreover, the word of the LORD through <sup>a</sup>the prophet Jehu the son of Hanani also came against Baasha and his household, both because of all the evil which he did in the sight of the LORD, provoking Him to anger with the work of his hands, in being like the house of Jeroboam, and because <sup>b</sup>he struck <sup>1</sup>it.

8 In the twenty-sixth year of Asa king of Judah, Elah the

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son of Baasha became king over Israel at Tirzah, *and reigned* two years.

9 And his servant <sup>a</sup>Zimri, commander of half his chariots, conspired against him. Now he *was* at Tirzah drinking himself drunk in the house of Arza, <sup>b</sup>who *was* over the household at Tirzah.

10 Then Zimri went in and struck him and put him to death, in the twenty-seventh year of Asa king of Judah, and became king in his place.

11 And it came about, when he became king, as soon as he sat on his throne, that <sup>a</sup>he <sup>1</sup>killed all the household of Baasha; he did not leave <sup>2</sup>a single male, neither of his <sup>3</sup>relatives nor of his friends.

12 Thus Zimri destroyed all the household of Baasha, <sup>a</sup>according to the word of the LORD, which He spoke against Baasha through <sup>b</sup>Jehu the prophet,

13 for all the sins of Baasha and the sins of Elah his son, which they sinned and which they made Israel sin, <sup>a</sup>provoking the LORD God of Israel to anger with their <sup>1</sup>idols.

14 <sup>a</sup>Now the rest of the acts of Elah and all that he did, are they not written in the Book of the Chronicles of the Kings of Israel?

15 In the twenty-seventh year of Asa king of Judah, Zimri reigned seven days at Tirzah. Now the people were camped against <sup>a</sup>Gibbethon, which belonged to the Philistines.

16 And the people who were camped heard <sup>1</sup>it said, "Zimri has conspired and has also struck down the king." Therefore all Israel made Omri, the commander of the army, king over Israel that day in the camp.

17 Then Omri and all Israel with him went up from Gibbethon, and they besieged Tirzah.

18 And it came about, when Zimri saw that the city was taken, that he went into the citadel of the king's house and burned the king's house over him with fire, and <sup>a</sup>died,

19 because of his sins which he sinned, doing evil in the sight of the LORD, <sup>a</sup>walking in the way of Jeroboam, and in his sin which he did, making Israel sin.

20 <sup>a</sup>Now the rest of the acts of Zimri and his conspiracy which he <sup>1</sup>carried out, are they not written in the Book of the Chronicles of the Kings of Israel?

21 Then the people of Israel were divided into two parts: half of the people followed Tibni the son of Ginath, to make him king; the *other* half followed Omri.

22 But the people who followed Omri prevailed over the people who followed Tibni the son of Ginath. And Tibni died and Omri became king.

23 In the thirty-first year of Asa king of Judah, Omri became king over Israel, and reigned twelve years; he reigned six years at <sup>a</sup>Tirzah.

24 And he bought the hill <sup>1</sup>Samaria from Shemer for two talents of silver; and he built on the hill, and named the city which he built <sup>1a</sup>Samaria, after the name of Shemer, the owner of the hill.

25 And <sup>a</sup>Omri did evil in the sight of the LORD, and <sup>b</sup>acted more wickedly than all who *were* before him.

9 <sup>a</sup>2 Kin. 9:30-33 <sup>b</sup>1 Kin. 18:3; Gen. 24:2; 39:4

11 <sup>1</sup>Lit., smote <sup>2</sup>Lit., him who urinates against the wall <sup>3</sup>Lit., redeemers  
<sup>a</sup>1 Kin. 16:3; 15:29

12 <sup>a</sup>1 Kin. 16:3 <sup>b</sup>2 Chr. 19:2; 20:34

13 <sup>1</sup>Lit., vanities  
<sup>a</sup>1 Kin. 15:30; Deut. 32:21

14 <sup>a</sup>1 Kin. 16:5

15 <sup>a</sup>1 Kin. 15:27

16 <sup>1</sup>Lit., saying

18 <sup>a</sup>1 Sam. 31:4, 5; 2 Sam. 17:23

19 <sup>a</sup>1 Kin. 12:28; 14:16; 15:26

20 <sup>1</sup>Lit., conspired  
<sup>a</sup>1 Kin. 16:5, 14, 27

23 <sup>a</sup>1 Kin. 15:21

24 <sup>1</sup>Heb., Shomeron  
<sup>a</sup>1 Kin. 16:28, 29, 32

25 <sup>a</sup>Mic. 6:16 <sup>b</sup>1 Kin. 16:30-33; 14:9

26 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *vanities*  
<sup>a</sup>1 Kin. 16:19

27 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *did*

30 <sup>a</sup>1 Kin. 16:25; 14:9

31 <sup>a</sup>Deut. 7:1-5 <sup>b</sup>1 Kin.  
11:1-5; 2 Kin. 10:18; 17:16

32 <sup>a</sup>2 Kin. 10:21, 26, 27

33 <sup>1</sup>I.e., wooden symbol  
of a female deity  
<sup>a</sup>2 Kin. 13:6 <sup>b</sup>1 Kin. 16:29,  
30; 14:9

34 <sup>a</sup>Josh. 6:26

1 <sup>1</sup>Or, *Tishbe in Gilead*  
<sup>a</sup>Judg. 12:4 <sup>b</sup>1 Kin. 18:10;  
22:14; 2 Kin. 5:20 <sup>c</sup>1 Kin.  
18:1; Luke 4:25; James 5:17

3 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *before*

4 <sup>a</sup>1 Kin. 16:9

5 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *before*

9 <sup>a</sup>Obad. 20; Luke 4:26  
<sup>b</sup>1 Kin. 17:4

10 <sup>1</sup>Or, *vessel*  
<sup>a</sup>Gen. 24:17; John 4:7

26 For he <sup>a</sup>walked in all the way of Jeroboam the son of Nebat and in his sins which he made Israel sin, provoking the LORD God of Israel with their <sup>1</sup>idols.

27 Now the rest of the acts of Omri which he did and his might which he <sup>1</sup>showed, are they not written in the Book of the Chronicles of the Kings of Israel?

28 So Omri slept with his fathers, and was buried in Samaria; and Ahab his son became king in his place.

29 Now Ahab the son of Omri became king over Israel in the thirty-eighth year of Asa king of Judah, and Ahab the son of Omri reigned over Israel in Samaria twenty-two years.

30 And Ahab the son of Omri did evil in the sight of the LORD <sup>a</sup>more than all who were before him.

31 And it came about, as though it had been a trivial thing for him to walk in the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, that <sup>a</sup>he married Jezebel the daughter of Ethbaal king of the <sup>b</sup>Sidonians, and went to serve Baal and worshiped him.

32 So he erected an altar for Baal in <sup>a</sup>the house of Baal, which he built in Samaria.

33 And Ahab also made <sup>a</sup>the <sup>1</sup>Asherah. Thus <sup>b</sup>Ahab did more to provoke the LORD God of Israel than all the kings of Israel who were before him.

34 <sup>a</sup>In his days Hiel the Bethelite built Jericho; he laid its foundations with the *loss* of Abiram his first-born, and set up its gates with the *loss* of his youngest son Segub, according to the word of the LORD, which He spoke by Joshua the son of Nun.

## CHAPTER 17

**N**OW Elijah the Tishbite, who was of <sup>1a</sup>the settlers of Gilead, said to Ahab, <sup>b</sup>"As the LORD, the God of Israel lives, before whom I stand, surely <sup>c</sup>there shall be neither dew nor rain these years, except by my word."

2 And the word of the LORD came to him, saying,

3 "Go away from here and turn eastward, and hide yourself by the brook Cherith, which is <sup>1</sup>east of the Jordan.

4 "And it shall be that you shall drink of the brook, and <sup>a</sup>I have commanded the ravens to provide for you there."

5 So he went and did according to the word of the LORD, for he went and lived by the brook Cherith, which is <sup>1</sup>east of the Jordan.

6 And the ravens brought him bread and meat in the morning and bread and meat in the evening, and he would drink from the brook.

7 And it happened after a while, that the brook dried up, because there was no rain in the land.

8 Then the word of the LORD came to him, saying,

9 "Arise, go to <sup>a</sup>Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and stay there; behold, <sup>b</sup>I have commanded a widow there to provide for you."

10 So he arose and went to Zarephath, and when he came to the gate of the city, behold, a widow was there gathering sticks; and <sup>a</sup>he called to her and said, "Please get me a little water in a <sup>1</sup>jar, that I may drink."

11 And as she was going to get *it*, he called to her and said, "Please bring me a piece of bread in your hand."

12 But she said, "As the LORD your God lives, I have no bread, only a handful of flour in the bowl and a little oil in the jar; and behold, I am gathering a few sticks that I may go in and prepare for me and my son, that we may eat it and die."

13 Then Elijah said to her, "Do not fear; go, do as you have said, but make me a little bread cake from it first, and bring it out to me, and afterward you may make one for yourself and for your son.

14 "For thus says the LORD God of Israel, 'The bowl of flour shall not be exhausted, nor shall the jar of oil be empty, until the day that the LORD sends rain on the face of the earth.' "

15 So she went and did according to the word of Elijah, and she and he and her household ate for many days.

16 The bowl of flour was not exhausted nor did the jar of oil become empty, according to the word of the LORD which He spoke through Elijah.

17 Now it came about after these things, that the son of the woman, the mistress of the house, became sick; and his sickness was so severe, that there was no breath left in him.

18 So she said to Elijah, "What do I have to do with you, O man of God? You have come to me to bring my iniquity to remembrance, and to put my son to death!"

19 And he said to her, "Give me your son." Then he took him from her bosom and carried him up to the upper room where he was living, and laid him on his own bed.

20 And he called to the LORD and said, "O LORD my God, hast Thou also brought calamity to the widow with whom I am staying, by causing her son to die?"

21 Then he stretched himself upon the child three times, and called to the LORD, and said, "O LORD my God, I pray Thee, let this child's life return to him."

22 And the LORD heard the voice of Elijah, and the life of the child returned to him and he revived.

23 And Elijah took the child, and brought him down from the upper room into the house and gave him to his mother; and Elijah said, "See, your son is alive."

24 Then the woman said to Elijah, "Now I know that you are a man of God, and that the word of the LORD in your mouth is truth."

**CHAPTER 18**

**N**OW it came about after many days, that the word of the LORD came to Elijah in the third year, saying, "Go, show yourself to Ahab, and I will send rain on the face of the earth."

2 So Elijah went to show himself to Ahab. Now the famine was severe in Samaria.

3 And Ahab called Obadiah who was over the household. (Now Obadiah feared the LORD greatly;

4 for it came about, when Jezebel destroyed the prophets of the LORD, that Obadiah took a hundred prophets and hid them by fifties in a cave, and provided them with bread and water.)

5 Then Ahab said to Obadiah, "Go through the land to all the springs of water and to all the valleys; perhaps we will find

12 <sup>1</sup>Lit., cake <sup>2</sup>Lit., pitcher <sup>3</sup>Lit., two  
<sup>1</sup> 1 Kin. 17:1 <sup>2</sup> 2 Kin. 4:2-7

13 <sup>1</sup>Lit., there

14 <sup>1</sup>Lit., pitcher <sup>2</sup>Lit., lack

16 <sup>1</sup>Lit., pitcher <sup>2</sup>Lit., lack

18 <sup>1</sup>Or, Have you come ... death?  
<sup>2</sup> Sam. 16:10; 2 Kin. 3:13; John 2:4 <sup>1</sup> 1 Kin. 12:22

20 <sup>1</sup>Lit., sojourning

21 <sup>1</sup>Lit., upon his inward part  
<sup>2</sup> 2 Kin. 4:34, 35; Acts 20:10

22 <sup>1</sup>Lit., upon his inward part  
<sup>2</sup> Heb. 11:35

24 <sup>2</sup> John 2:11; 3:2"

1 <sup>1</sup> 1 Kin. 17:1

3 <sup>1</sup>Or, revered  
<sup>1</sup> 1 Kin. 16:9

4 <sup>1</sup>Lit., cut off  
<sup>1</sup> 1 Kin. 17:13

5 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *cut off*

6 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *pass through*

7 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *to meet*  
<sup>2</sup> Kin. 1:6-8

9 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *have I sinned*

10 <sup>1</sup> Kin. 17:1

12 <sup>1</sup>Or, *revered*  
<sup>2</sup> Kin. 2:16; Ezek. 3:12, 14;  
 Acts 8:39

13 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *a hundred men  
 of the prophets*  
<sup>1</sup> Kin. 18:4

15 <sup>1</sup> Kin. 17:1

17 <sup>1</sup> Kin. 21:20; Josh.  
 7:25

18 <sup>1</sup> Kin. 9:9; 2 Chr. 15:2  
<sup>1</sup> Kin. 16:31; 21:25, 26

19 <sup>2</sup> Josh. 19:26 <sup>2</sup> Kin. 2:25  
<sup>1</sup> Kin. 18:22 <sup>1</sup> Kin. 16:33

21 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *on the two  
 divided opinions*  
<sup>2</sup> Kin. 17:41; Matt. 6:24  
<sup>1</sup> Josh. 24:15

22 <sup>1</sup> Kin. 19:10, 14  
<sup>1</sup> Kin. 18:19

24 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *The matter is  
 good*  
<sup>1</sup> Kin. 18:38

grass and keep the horses and mules alive, and not <sup>1</sup>have to kill some of the cattle."

6 So they divided the land between them to <sup>1</sup>survey it; Ahab went one way by himself and Obadiah went another way by himself.

7 Now as Obadiah was on the way, behold, Elijah <sup>1</sup>met him, <sup>a</sup>and he recognized him and fell on his face and said, "Is this you, Elijah my master?"

8 And he said to him, "It is I. Go, say to your master, 'Behold, Elijah *is here*.'"

9 And he said, "What <sup>1</sup>sin have I committed, that you are giving your servant into the hand of Ahab, to put me to death?"

10 <sup>a</sup>As the LORD your God lives, there is no nation or kingdom where my master has not sent to search for you; and when they said, 'He is not *here*', he made the kingdom or nation swear that they could not find you.

11 "And now you are saying, 'Go, say to your master, 'Behold, Elijah *is here*.'"

12 "And it will come about when I leave you <sup>a</sup>that the Spirit of the LORD will carry you where I do not know; so when I come and tell Ahab and he cannot find you, he will kill me, although I your servant have <sup>1</sup>feared the LORD from my youth.

13 <sup>a</sup>Has it not been told to my master what I did when Jezebel killed the prophets of the LORD, that I hid <sup>1</sup>a hundred prophets of the LORD by fifties in a cave, and provided them with bread and water?

14 "And now you are saying, 'Go, say to your master, 'Behold, Elijah *is here*''; he will then kill me."

15 And Elijah said, <sup>a</sup>"As the LORD of hosts lives, before whom I stand, I will surely show myself to him today."

16 So Obadiah went to meet Ahab, and told him; and Ahab went to meet Elijah.

17 And it came about, when Ahab saw Elijah that <sup>a</sup>Ahab said to him, "Is this you, you troubler of Israel?"

18 And he said, "I have not troubled Israel, but you and your father's house *have*, because <sup>a</sup>you have forsaken the commandments of the LORD, and <sup>b</sup>you have followed the Baals.

19 "Now then send *and* gather to me all Israel at <sup>a</sup>Mount Carmel, <sup>b</sup>together with 450 prophets of Baal and 400 prophets of the Asherah, who eat at Jezebel's table."

20 So Ahab sent *a message* among all the sons of Israel, and brought the prophets together at Mount Carmel.

21 And Elijah came near to all the people and said, <sup>a</sup>"How long will you <sup>1</sup>hesitate between two opinions? <sup>b</sup>If the LORD is God, follow Him; but if Baal, follow him." But the people did not answer him a word.

22 Then Elijah said to the people, "I <sup>a</sup>alone am left a prophet of the LORD, but Baal's prophets are <sup>b</sup>450 men.

23 "Now let them give us two oxen; and let them choose one ox for themselves and cut it up, and place it on the wood, but put no fire *under it*; and I will prepare the other ox, and lay it on the wood, and I will not put a fire *under it*.

24 "Then you call on the name of your god, and I will call on the name of the LORD, and <sup>a</sup>the God who answers by fire, He is God." And all the people answered and said, "<sup>1</sup>That is a good idea."

25 So Elijah said to the prophets of Baal, "Choose one ox for yourselves and prepare it first for you are many, and call on the name of your god, but put no fire *under it*."

26 Then they took the ox which <sup>1</sup>was given them and they prepared it and called on the name of Baal from morning until noon saying, "O Baal, answer us." But there was no voice and no one answered. And they <sup>2</sup>leaped about the altar which <sup>3</sup>they made.

27 And it came about at noon, that Elijah mocked them and said, "Call out with a loud voice, for he is a god; either he is occupied or gone aside, or is on a journey, or perhaps he is asleep and needs to be awakened."

28 So they cried with a loud voice and <sup>a</sup>cut themselves according to their custom with swords and lances until the blood gushed out on them.

29 And it came about when midday was past, that they <sup>1</sup>raved <sup>a</sup>until the time of the offering of the *evening* sacrifice; but there was no voice, no one answered, and no <sup>2</sup>one paid attention.

30 Then Elijah said to all the people, "Come near to me." So all the people came near to him. And <sup>a</sup>he repaired the altar of the LORD which had been torn down.

31 And Elijah took twelve stones according to the number of the tribes of the sons of Jacob, to whom the word of the LORD had come, saying, "<sup>a</sup>Israel shall be your name."

32 So with the stones he built an altar in the name of the LORD, and he made a trench around the altar, large enough to hold two <sup>1</sup>measures of seed.

33 <sup>a</sup>Then he arranged the wood and cut the ox in pieces and laid it on the wood. And he said, "Fill four pitchers with water and pour it on the burnt offering and on the wood."

34 And he said, "Do it a second time," and they did it a second time. And he said, "Do it a third time," and they did it a third time.

35 And the water flowed around the altar, and he also filled the trench with water.

36 Then it came about <sup>a</sup>at the time of the offering of the *evening* sacrifice, that Elijah the prophet came near and said, "O LORD, the God of Abraham, Isaac and Israel, today let it be known that Thou art God in Israel, and that I am Thy servant, and <sup>c</sup>that I have done all these things at Thy word.

37 "Answer me, O LORD, answer me, that this people may know that Thou, O LORD, art God, and *that* Thou hast turned their heart back again."

38 Then <sup>a</sup>fire of the LORD fell, and consumed the burnt offering and the wood and the stones and the dust, and licked up the water that was in the trench.

39 And when all the people saw it, they fell on their faces; and they said, "<sup>a</sup>The LORD, He is God; the LORD, He is God."

40 Then Elijah said to them, "Seize the prophets of Baal; do not let one of them escape." So they seized them; and Elijah brought them down to <sup>a</sup>the brook Kishon, <sup>b</sup>and slew them there.

41 Now Elijah said to Ahab, "Go up, eat and drink; for there is the sound of the roar of a *heavy* shower."

26 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *he gave* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *limped*, i.e., a type of ceremonial dance <sup>3</sup>So some mss. and the ancient versions, M.T., *he*

28 <sup>a</sup>Lev. 19:28; Deut. 14:1; Mic. 6:7

29 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *prophesied* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *attentiveness* <sup>a</sup>Ex. 29:39, 41

30 <sup>a</sup>1 Kin. 19:10, 14; 2 Chr. 33:16

31 <sup>a</sup>Gen. 32:28; 35:10; 2 Kin. 17:34

32 <sup>1</sup>Heb., *seahs*; one seah equals approx. 11 qts.

33 <sup>a</sup>Gen. 22:9; Lev. 1:7, 8

36 <sup>a</sup>1 Kin. 18:29 <sup>b</sup>Ex. 3:6; 4:5 <sup>c</sup>Num. 16:28-32

38 <sup>a</sup>Gen. 15:17; Lev. 10:1, 2; 2 Kin. 1:12; Job 1:16

39 <sup>a</sup>1 Kin. 18:21, 24

40 <sup>a</sup>Judg. 4:7; 5:21 <sup>b</sup>Deut. 13:5; 18:20; 2 Kin. 10:24, 25

42 <sup>a</sup>1 Kin. 18:19, 20

44 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *Tie, harness*  
<sup>a</sup>Luke 12:54

45 <sup>a</sup>Josh. 17:16; Judg. 6:33

46 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *ran before*  
<sup>a2</sup> Kin. 3:15; Is. 8:11  
<sup>b2</sup> Kin. 4:29; Jer. 1:17;  
1 Pet. 1:13

1 <sup>1</sup> Lit., *all about how*  
<sup>a1</sup> Kin. 18:40

2 <sup>1</sup> Lit., *soul*  
<sup>a1</sup> Kin. 20:10; 2 Kin. 6:31

3 <sup>1</sup> Reading of many  
mss.; Heb. text may read,  
saw <sup>2</sup> Lit., *soul*  
<sup>a</sup> Gen. 21:31

4 <sup>1</sup> Or, *broom-tree* <sup>2</sup> Lit.,  
*soul*  
<sup>a</sup> Num. 11:15; Jer. 20:14-18;  
Jon. 4:3, 8

5 <sup>1</sup> Or, *broom-tree*  
<sup>a</sup> Gen. 28:11-15

8 <sup>a</sup> Ex. 24:18; 34:28;  
Deut. 9:9-11, 18; Matt. 4:2  
<sup>b</sup> Ex. 3:1; 4:27

9 <sup>a</sup> Ex. 33:21, 22

10 <sup>a</sup> Ex. 20:5; 34:14 <sup>b</sup> Rom.  
11:4

11 <sup>a</sup> Ex. 19:20; 24:12, 18

42 So Ahab went up to eat and drink. But Elijah went up to the top of <sup>a</sup>Carmel; and he crouched down on the earth, and put his face between his knees.

43 And he said to his servant, "Go up now, look toward the sea." So he went up and looked and said, "There is nothing." And he said, "Go back" seven times.

44 And it came about at the seventh *time*, that he said, "Behold, <sup>a</sup>a cloud as small as a man's hand is coming up from the sea." And he said, "Go up, say to Ahab, '<sup>1</sup>Prepare *your chariot* and go down, so that the *heavy* shower does not stop you.'"

45 So it came about in a little while, that the sky grew black with clouds and wind, and there was a heavy shower. And Ahab rode and went to <sup>a</sup>Jezeel.

46 Then <sup>a</sup>the hand of the LORD was on Elijah, and <sup>b</sup>he girded up his loins and <sup>l</sup>outran Ahab to Jezeel.

CHAPTER 19

**N**OW Ahab told Jezebel all that Elijah had done, and <sup>l</sup>how he had killed all the prophets with the sword.

2 Then Jezebel sent a messenger to Elijah, saying, "<sup>a</sup>So may the gods do to me and even more, if I do not make your <sup>1</sup>life as the <sup>1</sup>life of one of them by tomorrow about this time."

3 And he <sup>l</sup>was afraid and arose and ran for his <sup>2</sup>life and came to <sup>a</sup>Beersheba, which belongs to Judah, and left his servant there.

4 But he himself went a day's journey into the wilderness, and came and sat down under a <sup>1</sup>juniper tree; and <sup>a</sup>he requested for himself that he might die, and said, "It is enough; now, O LORD, take my <sup>2</sup>life, for I am not better than my fathers."

5 And he lay down and slept under a <sup>1</sup>juniper tree; and behold, there was <sup>a</sup>an angel touching him, and he said to him, "Arise, eat."

6 Then he looked and behold, there was at his head a bread cake *baked on* hot stones, and a jar of water. So he ate and drank and lay down again.

7 And the angel of the LORD came again a second time and touched him and said, "Arise, eat, because the journey is too great for you."

8 So he arose and ate and drank, and went in the strength of that food <sup>a</sup>forty days and <sup>b</sup>forty nights to <sup>b</sup>Horeb, the mountain of God.

9 Then he came there to a cave, and lodged there; and behold, <sup>a</sup>the word of the LORD *came* to him, and He said to him, "What are you doing here, Elijah?"

10 And he said, "<sup>a</sup>I have been very zealous for the LORD, the God of hosts; for the sons of Israel have forsaken Thy covenant, <sup>b</sup>torn down Thine altars and killed Thy prophets with the sword. And I alone am left; and they seek my life, to take it away."

11 So He said, "<sup>a</sup>Go forth, and stand on the mountain before the LORD." And behold, the LORD was passing by! And a great and strong wind was rending the mountains and break-



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ing in pieces the rocks before the LORD; *but* the LORD was not in the wind. And after the wind an earthquake, *but* the LORD was not in the earthquake.

12 And after the earthquake a fire, *but* the LORD was not in the fire; and after the fire <sup>a</sup>a sound of a gentle blowing.

13 And it came about when Elijah heard it, that <sup>a</sup>he wrapped his face in his mantle, and went out and stood in the entrance of the cave. And behold, <sup>b</sup>a voice *came* to him and said, "What are you doing here, Elijah?"

14 Then he said, "<sup>a</sup>I have been very zealous for the LORD, the God of hosts; for the sons of Israel have forsaken Thy covenant, torn down Thine altars and killed Thy prophets with the sword. And I alone am left; and they seek my life, to take it away."

15 And the LORD said to him, "Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus, and when you have arrived, <sup>a</sup>you shall anoint Hazael king over <sup>1</sup>Syria;

16 and <sup>a</sup>Jehu the son of Nimshi you shall anoint king over Israel; and <sup>b</sup>Elisha the son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah you shall anoint as prophet in your place.

17 "And it shall come about, the <sup>a</sup>one who escapes from the sword of Hazael, Jehu <sup>b</sup>shall put to death, and the one who escapes from the sword of Jehu, Elisha shall put to death.

18 "<sup>a</sup>Yet I will leave 7000 in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal and every mouth that has not <sup>b</sup>kissed him."

19 So he departed from there and found Elisha the son of Shaphat, while he was plowing with twelve pairs of oxen before him, and he with the twelfth. And Elijah passed over to him and threw <sup>a</sup>his mantle on him.

20 And he left the oxen and ran after Elijah and said, "Please <sup>a</sup>let me kiss my father and my mother, then I will follow you." And he said to him, "Go back again, for what have I done to you?"

21 So he returned from following him, and took the pair of oxen and sacrificed them and <sup>a</sup>boiled their flesh with the implements of the oxen, and gave it to the people and they ate. Then he arose and followed Elijah and <sup>b</sup>ministered to him.

**CHAPTER 20**

**N**OW <sup>a</sup>Ben-hadad king of Syria gathered all his army, <sup>b</sup>and there *were* thirty-two kings with him, and horses and chariots. And he went up and <sup>c</sup>besieged Samaria, and fought against it.

2 Then he sent messengers to the city to Ahab king of Israel, and said to him, "Thus says Ben-hadad,

3 'Your silver and your gold are mine; your most beautiful wives and children are also mine.'"

4 And the king of Israel answered and said, "It is according to your word, my lord, O king; I am yours, and all that I have."

5 Then the messengers returned and said, "Thus says <sup>1</sup>Ben-hadad, 'Surely, I sent to you saying, "You shall give me your silver and your gold and your wives and your children,"

6 but about this time tomorrow I will send my servants to

12 <sup>1</sup>Job 4:16; Zech. 4:6

13 <sup>a</sup>Ex. 3:6 <sup>b</sup>1 Kin. 19:9

14 <sup>a</sup>1 Kin. 19:10

15 <sup>1</sup>Heb., *Aram*  
<sup>2</sup> Kin. 8:8-15

16 <sup>a</sup>2 Kin. 9:1-10 <sup>b</sup>1 Kin. 19:19-21; 2 Kin. 2:9, 15

17 <sup>a</sup>2 Kin. 8:12; 13:3, 22  
<sup>b</sup>2 Kin. 9:14-10:25

18 <sup>a</sup>Rom. 11:4 <sup>b</sup>Hos. 13:2

19 <sup>a</sup>2 Kin. 2:8, 13, 14;  
1 Sam. 28:14

20 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 8:21, 22; Luke 9:61, 62; Acts 20:37

21 <sup>a</sup>2 Sam. 24:22 <sup>b</sup>1 Kin. 18:43; 2 Kin. 2:3

1 <sup>a</sup>1 Kin. 15:18, 20;  
2 Kin. 6:24 <sup>b</sup>1 Kin. 22:31  
<sup>c</sup>1 Kin. 16:24; 2 Kin. 6:24-29

5 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *Ben-hadad*,  
saying

6 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *all the desire of your eyes* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *but*

7 <sup>2</sup> Kin. 5:7

10 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *are at my feet*  
<sup>1</sup> Kin. 19:2; <sup>2</sup> Kin. 6:31

11 <sup>2</sup>Prov. 27:1

12 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *he and* <sup>2</sup>Or,  
*booths*  
<sup>1</sup> Kin. 16:9

13 <sup>1</sup> Kin. 20:28 <sup>b1</sup> Kin.  
18:36

14 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *bind* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *said*

16 <sup>1</sup>Or, *booths* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *he and the 32 kings*  
<sup>1</sup> Kin. 20:12

18 <sup>2</sup> Kin. 14:8-12

20 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *smote*

21 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *smote*

22 <sup>1</sup> Kin. 20:13 <sup>b1</sup> Kin.  
20:26; <sup>2</sup> Sam. 11:1

23 <sup>1</sup> Kin. 14:23

you, and they will search your house and the houses of your servants; and it shall come about, <sup>1</sup>whatever is desirable in your eyes, they will <sup>2</sup>take in their hand and carry away.'

**7** Then the king of Israel called all the elders of the land and said, "Please observe and <sup>2</sup>see how this man is looking for trouble; for he sent to me for my wives and my children and my silver and my gold, and I did not refuse him."

**8** And all the elders and all the people said to him, "Do not listen or consent."

**9** So he said to the messengers of Ben-hadad, "Tell my lord the king, 'All that you sent for to your servant at the first I will do, but this thing I cannot do.'" And the messengers departed and brought him word again.

**10** And Ben-hadad sent to him and said, "May <sup>2</sup>the gods do so to me and more also, if the dust of Samaria shall suffice for handfuls for all the people who <sup>1</sup>follow me."

**11** Then the king of Israel answered and said, "Tell *him*, '<sup>2</sup>Let not *him* who girds on *his armor* boast like him who takes it off.'" *h e* *h e*

**12** And it came about when Ben-hadad heard this message, as <sup>2</sup>he was drinking <sup>1</sup>with the kings in the <sup>2</sup>temporary shelters, that he said to his servants, "Station *yourselves*." So they stationed *themselves* against the city.

**13** Now behold, a prophet approached Ahab king of Israel and said, "Thus says the LORD, 'Have you seen all this great multitude? Behold, <sup>1</sup>I will deliver them into your hand today, and <sup>2</sup>you shall know that I am the LORD.'"

**14** And Ahab said, "By whom?" So he said, "Thus says the LORD, 'By the young men of the rulers of the provinces.'" Then he said, "Who shall <sup>1</sup>begin the battle?" And he <sup>2</sup>answered, "You."

**15** Then he mustered the young men of the rulers of the provinces, and there were 232; and after them he mustered all the people, *even* all the sons of Israel, 7,000.

**16** And they went out at noon, while <sup>2</sup>Ben-hadad was drinking himself drunk in the <sup>1</sup>temporary shelters <sup>2</sup>with the thirty-two kings who helped him.

**17** And the young men of the rulers of the provinces went out first; and Ben-hadad sent out and they told him, saying, "Men have come out from Samaria."

**18** <sup>2</sup>Then he said, "If they have come out for peace, take them alive; or if they have come out for war, take them alive."

**19** So these went out from the city, the young men of the rulers of the provinces, and the army which followed them.

**20** And they <sup>1</sup>killed each his man; and the Syrians fled, and Israel pursued them, and Ben-hadad king of Syria escaped on a horse with horsemen.

**21** And the king of Israel went out and <sup>1</sup>struck the horses and chariots, and <sup>1</sup>killed the Syrians with a great slaughter.

**22** Then <sup>2</sup>the prophet came near to the king of Israel, and said to him, "Go, strengthen yourself and observe and see what you have to do; for <sup>2</sup>at the turn of the year the king of Syria will come up against you."

**23** Now the servants of the king of Syria said to him, "<sup>2</sup>'Their gods are gods of the mountains, therefore they were

stronger than we; but rather let us fight against them in the plain, *and* surely we shall be stronger than they.

24 "And do this thing: remove the kings, each from his place, and put captains in their place,

25 and <sup>1</sup>muster an army like the army that you have lost, horse for horse, and chariot for chariot. Then we will fight against them in the plain, and surely we shall be stronger than they." And he listened to their voice and did so.

26 So it came about <sup>a</sup>at the turn of the year, that Ben-hadad mustered the Syrians and went up to <sup>b</sup>Aphek to fight against Israel.

27 And the sons of Israel were mustered and were provisioned and went to meet them; and the sons of Israel camped before them like two little flocks of goats, <sup>a</sup>but the Syrians filled the country.

28 Then <sup>a</sup>a man of God came near and spoke to the king of Israel and said, "Thus says the LORD, 'Because the Syrians have said, "<sup>b</sup>The LORD is a god of *the* mountains, but He is not a god of *the* valleys"; therefore I <sup>c</sup>will give all this great multitude into your hand, and you shall know that I am the LORD.' "

29 So they camped one over against the other seven days. And it came about that on the seventh day, the battle was joined, and the sons of Israel <sup>1</sup>killed of the Syrians 100,000 foot soldiers in one day.

30 But the rest fled to <sup>a</sup>Aphek into the city, and the wall fell on 27,000 men who were left. And Ben-hadad fled and came into the city <sup>b</sup>into an inner chamber.

31 And <sup>a</sup>his servants said to him, "Behold now, we have heard that the kings of the house of Israel are merciful kings, please let us <sup>b</sup>put sackcloth on our loins and ropes on our heads, and go out to the king of Israel; perhaps he will save your <sup>1</sup>life."

32 So <sup>a</sup>they girded sackcloth on their loins and <sup>b</sup>put ropes on their heads, and came to the king of Israel and said, "<sup>b</sup>Your servant Ben-hadad says, 'Please let me live.'" And he said, "Is he still alive? He is my brother."

33 Now the men <sup>1</sup>took this as an omen, and quickly <sup>2</sup>catching his word said, "Your brother Ben-hadad." Then he said, "Go, bring him." Then Ben-hadad came out to him, and he <sup>3</sup>took him up into the chariot.

34 And Ben-hadad said to him, "<sup>a</sup>The cities which my father took from your father I will restore, and you shall make streets for yourself in Damascus, as my father made in Samaria." Ahab said, "And I will let you go with this covenant." So he made a covenant with him and let him go.

35 Now a certain man of <sup>a</sup>the sons of the prophets said to <sup>1</sup>another <sup>b</sup>by the word of the LORD, "Please strike me." But the man refused to strike him.

36 Then he said to him, "Because you have not listened to the voice of the LORD, behold, as soon as you have departed from me, <sup>a</sup>a lion will <sup>1</sup>kill you." And as soon as he had departed from him a lion found him, and <sup>2</sup>killed him.

37 Then he found another man and said, "Please <sup>1</sup>strike me." And the man <sup>2</sup>struck him, <sup>3</sup>wounding him.

38 So the prophet departed and waited for the king by the way, and <sup>a</sup>disguised himself with a bandage over his eyes.

25 <sup>1</sup>Lit., number26 <sup>a</sup>1 Kin. 20:22 <sup>b</sup>2 Kin. 13:1727 <sup>a</sup>Judg. 6:3-5; 1 Sam. 13:5-828 <sup>a</sup>1 Kin. 17:18 <sup>b</sup>1 Kin. 20:23 <sup>c</sup>1 Kin. 20:1329 <sup>1</sup>smote30 <sup>a</sup>1 Kin. 20:26 <sup>b</sup>1 Kin. 22:25; 2 Chr. 18:2431 <sup>1</sup>Lit., soul  
<sup>a</sup>1 Kin. 20:23-26 <sup>b</sup>Gen. 37:34; 2 Sam. 3:3132 <sup>a</sup>1 Kin. 20:31 <sup>b</sup>1 Kin. 20:3-633 <sup>1</sup>Lit., divined <sup>2</sup>Lit., caught from him <sup>3</sup>Lit., caused him to come up34 <sup>a</sup>1 Kin. 15:2035 <sup>1</sup>Lit., his neighbor  
<sup>a</sup>2 Kin. 2:3-7 <sup>b</sup>1 Kin. 13:17, 1836 <sup>1</sup>Lit., smite <sup>2</sup>Lit., smote  
<sup>a</sup>1 Kin. 13:2437 <sup>1</sup>Lit., smite <sup>2</sup>Lit., smote  
<sup>3</sup>Lit., striking and wounding38 <sup>a</sup>1 Kin. 14:2

39 <sup>a2</sup> Kin. 10:2442 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *soul*  
<sup>a1</sup> Kin. 20:3943 <sup>a1</sup> Kin. 21:41 <sup>a1</sup> Kin. 18:45, 462 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *it is good in your eyes* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *this*  
<sup>a1</sup> Sam. 8:143 <sup>a</sup>Lev. 25:23; Num. 36:7; Ezek. 46:184 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *bread*  
<sup>a1</sup> Kin. 20:435 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *bread*7 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *exercise kingship*  
<sup>a1</sup> Sam. 8:148 <sup>a</sup>Esth. 3:12; 8:8, 10  
<sup>b1</sup> Kin. 20:710 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *so that he dies*

39 And as the king passed by, he cried to the king and said, "Your servant went out into the midst of the battle; and behold, a man turned aside and brought a man to me and said, 'Guard this man; if for any reason he is missing, <sup>a</sup>then your life shall be for his life, or else you shall pay a talent of silver.'

40 "And while your servant was busy here and there, he was gone." And the king of Israel said to him, "So shall your judgment be; you yourself have decided *it*."

41 Then he hastily took the bandage away from his eyes, and the king of Israel recognized him that he was of the prophets.

42 And he said to him, "Thus says the LORD, 'Because you have let go out of *your* hand the man whom I had devoted to destruction, therefore <sup>a</sup>your <sup>1</sup>life shall go for his <sup>1</sup>life, and your people for his people.'

43 So <sup>a</sup>the king of Israel went to his house sullen and vexed, and came to Samaria.

## CHAPTER 21

**N**OW it came about after these things, that Naboth the Jezreelite had a vineyard which was in <sup>a</sup>Jezreel beside the palace of Ahab king of Samaria.

2 And Ahab spoke to Naboth, saying, "<sup>a</sup>Give me your vineyard, that I may have it for a vegetable garden because it is close beside my house, and I will give you a better vineyard than it in its place; if <sup>1</sup>you like, I will give you the price of <sup>2</sup>it in money."

3 But Naboth said to Ahab, "The LORD forbid me <sup>a</sup>that I should give you the inheritance of my fathers."

4 <sup>a</sup>So Ahab came into his house sullen and vexed because of the word which Naboth the Jezreelite had spoken to him; for he said, "I will not give you the inheritance of my fathers." And he lay down on his bed and turned away his face and ate no <sup>1</sup>food.

5 But Jezebel his wife came to him and said to him, "How is it that your spirit is so sullen that you are not eating <sup>1</sup>food?"

6 So he said to her, "Because I spoke to Naboth the Jezreelite, and said to him, 'Give me your vineyard for money; or else, if it pleases you, I will give you a vineyard in its place.' But he said, 'I will not give you my vineyard.'"

7 And Jezebel his wife said to him, "<sup>a</sup>Do you now <sup>1</sup>reign over Israel? Arise, eat bread, and let your heart be joyful; I will give you the vineyard of Naboth the Jezreelite."

8 <sup>a</sup>So she wrote letters in Ahab's name and sealed them with his seal, and sent letters to <sup>b</sup>the elders and to the nobles who were living with Naboth in his city.

9 Now she wrote in the letters, saying, "Proclaim a fast, and seat Naboth at the head of the people;

10 and seat two worthless men before him, and let them testify against him, saying, 'You cursed God and the king.' Then take him out and stone him <sup>1</sup>to death."

11 So the men of his city, the elders and the nobles who lived in his city, did as Jezebel had sent *word* to them, just as it was written in the letters which she had sent them.

12 They proclaimed a fast and seated Naboth at the head of the people.

13 Then the two worthless men came in and sat before him; and the worthless men testified against him, even against Naboth, before the people, saying, "Naboth cursed God and the king." <sup>a</sup>So they took him outside the city and stoned him <sup>1</sup>to death with stones.

14 Then they sent *word* to Jezebel, saying, "Naboth has been stoned, and is dead."

15 And it came about when Jezebel heard that Naboth had been stoned and was dead, that Jezebel said to Ahab, "Arise, take possession of the vineyard of Naboth, the Jezreelite, which he refused to give you for money; for Naboth is not alive, but dead."

16 And it came about when Ahab heard that Naboth was dead, that Ahab arose to go down to the vineyard of Naboth the Jezreelite, to take possession of it.

17 Then the word of the LORD came to Elijah the Tishbite, saying,

18 "Arise, go down to meet Ahab king of Israel, <sup>a</sup>who is in Samaria; behold, he is in the vineyard of Naboth where he has gone down to take possession of it.

19 "And you shall speak to him, saying, 'Thus says the LORD, "Have you murdered, and also taken possession?"' And you shall speak to him, saying, 'Thus says the LORD, "<sup>a</sup>In the place where the dogs licked up the blood of Naboth the dogs shall lick up your blood, even yours.'"

20 And Ahab said to Elijah, "<sup>a</sup>Have you found me, O my enemy?" And he <sup>1</sup>answered, "I have found you, <sup>b</sup>because you have sold yourself to do evil in the sight of the LORD."

21 "Behold, I will bring evil upon you, and <sup>a</sup>will utterly sweep you away, and will cut off from Ahab every male, both bond and free in Israel;

22 and <sup>a</sup>I will make your house <sup>b</sup>like the house of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, and like the house of Baasha the son of Ahijah, because of the provocation with which you have provoked Me to anger, and *because* you <sup>c</sup>have made Israel sin.

23 "And of Jezebel also has the LORD spoken, saying, '<sup>a</sup>The dogs shall eat Jezebel <sup>b</sup>in the <sup>1</sup>district of Jezreel.'

24 "<sup>a</sup>The one belonging to Ahab, who dies in the city, the dogs shall eat, and the one who dies in the field the birds of heaven shall eat."

25 <sup>a</sup>Surely there was no one like Ahab who sold himself to do evil in the sight of the LORD, <sup>1</sup>because Jezebel his wife incited him.

26 And <sup>a</sup>he acted very abominably in following idols, <sup>b</sup>according to all that the Amorites had done, whom the LORD cast out before the sons of Israel.

27 And it came about when Ahab heard these words, that <sup>a</sup>he tore his clothes and put <sup>1</sup>on sackcloth and fasted, and he lay in sackcloth and went about <sup>2</sup>dependently.

28 Then the word of the LORD came to Elijah the Tishbite, saying,

29 "Do you see how Ahab has humbled himself before Me? Because he has humbled himself before Me, I will not bring the

13 <sup>1</sup>Lit., with stones so that he died  
<sup>2</sup>2 Kin. 9:26

18 <sup>a</sup>1 Kin. 10:29

19 <sup>a</sup>1 Kin. 22:38; 2 Kin. 9:26

20 <sup>1</sup>Lit., said  
<sup>a</sup>1 Kin. 18:17 <sup>b</sup>1 Kin. 21:25

21 <sup>a</sup>1 Kin. 14:10; 2 Kin. 9:8

22 <sup>a</sup>1 Kin. 15:29 <sup>b</sup>1 Kin. 16:3, 11 <sup>c</sup>1 Kin. 12:30; 13:34; 14:16

23 <sup>1</sup>Lit., portion; some mss. read, rampart  
<sup>2</sup>2 Kin. 9:10, 30-37 <sup>b</sup>2 Sam. 20:15

24 <sup>a</sup>1 Kin. 14:11; 16:4

25 <sup>1</sup>Or, whom Jezebel his wife incited  
<sup>a</sup>1 Kin. 21:20; 16:30-33

26 <sup>a</sup>1 Kin. 15:12; 2 Kin. 17:12 <sup>b</sup>Gen. 15:16; Lev. 18:25-30

27 <sup>1</sup>Lit., sackcloth on his flesh <sup>2</sup>Or, softly  
<sup>a</sup>2 Sam. 3:31; 2 Kin. 6:30

29 +2 Kin. 9:25-37

1 <sup>1</sup>Lit., they sat for three years

2 +2 Chr. 18:2 <sup>b1</sup> Kin. 15:24

3 <sup>1</sup>Lit., are silent so as not  
<sup>a1</sup> Kin. 4:13; Deut. 4:43; Josh. 21:38

4 +2 Kin. 3:7

5 <sup>1</sup>Lit., as the day

6 +1 Kin. 18:19

7 +2 Kin. 3:11

9 <sup>1</sup>Lit., Hasten Micaiah

10 +1 Kin. 22:6

11 +Zech. 1:18-21 <sup>b</sup>Deut. 33:17

14 +1 Kin. 18:10, 15  
<sup>b</sup>Num. 22:18; 24:13

15 <sup>1</sup>Lit., said to  
<sup>a1</sup> Kin. 22:12

evil in his days, *but* I will bring the evil upon his house <sup>a</sup>in his son's days."

CHAPTER 22

**AND** <sup>1</sup>three years passed without war between Syria and Israel.

<sup>2</sup> And it came about in the third year, that <sup>b</sup>Jehoshaphat the king of Judah came down to the king of Israel.

<sup>3</sup> Now the king of Israel said to his servants, "Do you know that <sup>a</sup>Ramoth-gilead belongs to us, and we <sup>1</sup>are still doing nothing to take it out of the hand of the king of Syria?"

<sup>4</sup> And he said to Jehoshaphat, "Will you go with me to battle at Ramoth-gilead?" And Jehoshaphat said to the king of Israel, "<sup>a</sup>I am as you are, my people as your people, my horses as your horses."

<sup>5</sup> Moreover, Jehoshaphat said to the king of Israel, "Please inquire <sup>1</sup>first for the word of the LORD."

<sup>6</sup> Then <sup>a</sup>the king of Israel gathered the prophets together, about four hundred men, and said to them, "Shall I go against Ramoth-gilead to battle or shall I refrain?" And they said, "Go up, for the Lord will give *it* into the hand of the king."

<sup>7</sup> But <sup>a</sup>Jehoshaphat said, "Is there not yet a prophet of the LORD here, that we may inquire of him?"

<sup>8</sup> And the king of Israel said to Jehoshaphat, "There is yet one man by whom we may inquire of the LORD, but I hate him, because he does not prophesy good concerning me, but evil. *He is Micaiah son of Imlah.*" But Jehoshaphat said, "Let not the king say so."

<sup>9</sup> Then the king of Israel called an officer and said, "<sup>1</sup>Bring quickly Micaiah son of Imlah."

<sup>10</sup> Now the king of Israel and Jehoshaphat king of Judah were sitting each on his throne, arrayed in *their* robes, at the threshing floor at the entrance of the gate of Samaria; and <sup>a</sup>all the prophets were prophesying before them.

<sup>11</sup> Then Zedekiah the son of Chenaanah made <sup>a</sup>horns of iron for himself and said, "Thus says the LORD, <sup>b</sup>With these you shall gore the Syrians until they are consumed."

<sup>12</sup> And all the prophets were prophesying thus, saying, "Go up to Ramoth-gilead and prosper, for the LORD will give *it* into the hand of the king."

<sup>13</sup> Then the messenger who went to summon Micaiah spoke to him saying, "Behold now, the words of the prophets are uniformly favorable to the king. Please let your word be like the word of one of them, and speak favorably."

<sup>14</sup> But Micaiah said, "<sup>a</sup>As the LORD lives, what <sup>b</sup>the LORD says to me, that I will speak."

<sup>15</sup> When he came to the king, the king said to him, "Micaiah, shall we go to Ramoth-gilead to battle, or shall we refrain?" And he <sup>1</sup>answered him, "<sup>a</sup>Go up and succeed, and the LORD will give *it* into the hand of the king."

<sup>16</sup> Then the king said to him, "How many times must I adjure you to speak to me nothing but the truth in the name of the LORD?"

<sup>17</sup> So he said,

"I saw all Israel  
Scattered on the mountains,  
<sup>a</sup>Like sheep which have no shepherd.  
And the LORD said, 'These have no master.  
Let each of them return to his house in peace.' "

18 Then the king of Israel said to Jehoshaphat, "<sup>a</sup>Did I not tell you that he would not prophesy good concerning me, but evil?"

19 And <sup>1</sup>Micaiah said, "Therefore, hear the word of the LORD. <sup>a</sup>I saw the LORD sitting on His throne, and <sup>b</sup>all the host of heaven standing by Him on His right and on His left.

20 "And the LORD said, 'Who will entice Ahab to go up and fall at Ramoth-gilead?' And one said this while another said that.

21 "Then a spirit came forward and stood before the LORD and said, 'I will entice him.'

22 "And the LORD said to him, 'How?' And he said, 'I will go out and <sup>a</sup>be a deceiving spirit in the mouth of all his prophets.' Then He said, 'You are to entice *him* and also prevail. Go and do so.'

23 "Now therefore, behold, the LORD has put a deceiving spirit in the mouth of all these your prophets; and the LORD has proclaimed disaster against you."

24 Then <sup>a</sup>Zedekiah the son of Chenaanah came near and struck Micaiah on the cheek and said, "How did the Spirit of the LORD pass from me to speak to you?"

25 And Micaiah said, "Behold, you shall see on that day when you <sup>a</sup>enter an inner room to hide yourself."

26 Then the king of Israel said, "Take Micaiah and return him to Amon the governor of the city and to Joash the king's son;

27 and say, 'Thus says the king, "<sup>a</sup>Put this man in prison, and feed him <sup>1</sup>sparingly with bread and water until I return safely.' "

28 And Micaiah said, "<sup>a</sup>If you indeed return safely the LORD has not spoken by me." And he said, "<sup>b</sup>Listen, all you people."

29 So <sup>a</sup>the king of Israel and Jehoshaphat king of Judah went up against Ramoth-gilead.

30 And the king of Israel said to Jehoshaphat, "<sup>a</sup>I will disguise myself and go into the battle, but you put on your robes." So the king of Israel disguised himself and went into the battle.

31 Now <sup>a</sup>the king of Syria had commanded the thirty-two captains of his chariots, saying, "Do not fight with small or great, but with the king of Israel alone."

32 So it came about, when the captains of the chariots saw Jehoshaphat, that they said, "Surely it is the king of Israel," and they turned aside to fight against him, and Jehoshaphat cried out.

33 Then it happened, when the captains of the chariots saw that it was not the king of Israel, that they turned back from pursuing him.

34 Now a certain man drew his bow at random and struck

17 <sup>a</sup>1 Kin. 22:34-36; Num. 27:17

18 <sup>a</sup>1 Kin. 22:8

19 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *he*  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 6:1; Ezek. 1:26-28; Dan. 7:9, 10 <sup>b</sup>Job 1:6; 2:1; Dan. 7:10

22 <sup>a</sup>Judg. 9:23; 1 Sam. 16:14; 18:10; 19:9

24 <sup>a</sup>1 Kin. 22:11; Matt. 5:39; Acts 23:2, 3

25 <sup>a</sup>1 Kin. 20:30

27 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *with bread of affliction and water of affliction*  
<sup>a</sup>2 Chr. 16:10; 18:25-27

28 <sup>a</sup>Deut. 18:22 <sup>b</sup>Mic. 1:2

29 <sup>a</sup>1 Kin. 22:3, 4

30 <sup>a</sup>2 Chr. 35:22

31 <sup>a</sup>1 Kin. 20:1, 16, 24; 2 Chr. 18:30

34 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *between the scale armor and the breastplate* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *your hand* <sup>1</sup>Lit., *camp*  
<sup>2</sup>Chr. 35:23

35 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *went up*

36 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *land*  
<sup>2</sup>Kin. 14:12

38 <sup>1</sup>Kin. 21:19

39 <sup>2</sup>Amos 3:15

41 <sup>2</sup>Chr. 20:31

43 <sup>2</sup>Chr. 17:3 <sup>b1</sup>Kin. 15:14; 2 Kin. 12:3

44 <sup>1</sup>Kin. 22:2; 2 Kin. 8:18; 2 Chr. 19:2

45 <sup>2</sup>Chr. 20:34

46 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *consumed*  
<sup>1</sup>Kin. 14:24; 15:12; Gen. 19:5; Deut. 23:17

47 <sup>2</sup>Sam. 8:14; 2 Kin. 3:9

48 <sup>1</sup>Kin. 10:22 <sup>b1</sup>Kin. 9:28 <sup>c1</sup>Kin. 9:26

50 <sup>2</sup>Chr. 21:1

51 <sup>1</sup>Kin. 22:40

52 <sup>1</sup>Kin. 15:26; 21:25

53 <sup>1</sup>Kin. 16:30-32

the king of Israel <sup>1</sup>in a joint of the armor. So he said to the driver of his chariot, "Turn <sup>2</sup>around, and take me out of the <sup>3</sup>fight; <sup>a</sup>for I am severely wounded."

35 And the battle <sup>1</sup>raged that day, and the king was propped up in his chariot in front of the Syrians, and died at evening, and the blood from the wound ran into the bottom of the chariot.

36 <sup>a</sup>Then a cry passed throughout the army close to sunset, saying, "Every man to his city and every man to his <sup>1</sup>country."

37 So the king died and was brought to Samaria, and they buried the king in Samaria.

38 And they washed the chariot by the pool of Samaria, and the dogs licked up his blood (now the harlots bathed themselves *there*), <sup>a</sup>according to the word of the LORD which He spoke.

39 Now the rest of the acts of Ahab and all that he did and <sup>a</sup>the ivory house which he built and all the cities which he built, are they not written in the Book of the Chronicles of the Kings of Israel?

40 So Ahab slept with his fathers, and Ahaziah his son became king in his place.

41 <sup>a</sup>Now Jehoshaphat the son of Asa became king over Judah in the fourth year of Ahab king of Israel.

42 Jehoshaphat was thirty-five years old when he became king, and he reigned twenty-five years in Jerusalem. And his mother's name was Azubah the daughter of Shilhi.

43 <sup>a</sup>And he walked in all the way of Asa his father; he did not turn aside from it, doing right in the sight of the LORD. <sup>b</sup>However, the high places were not taken away; the people still sacrificed and burnt incense on the high places.

44 <sup>a</sup>Jehoshaphat also made peace with the king of Israel.

45 Now the rest of the acts of Jehoshaphat, and his might which he showed and how he warred, are they not written <sup>a</sup>in the Book of the Chronicles of the Kings of Judah?

46 And the remnant of <sup>a</sup>the sodomites who remained in the days of his father Asa, he <sup>1</sup>expelled from the land.

47 Now <sup>a</sup>there was no king in Edom; a deputy was king.

48 Jehoshaphat made <sup>a</sup>ships of Tarshish to go to <sup>b</sup>Ophir for gold, but they did not go for the ships were broken at <sup>c</sup>Ezion-geber.

49 Then Ahaziah the son of Ahab said to Jehoshaphat, "Let my servants go with your servants in the ships." But Jehoshaphat was not willing.

50 <sup>a</sup>And Jehoshaphat slept with his fathers and was buried with his fathers in the city of his father David, and Jehoram his son became king in his place.

51 Ahaziah the son of Ahab <sup>a</sup>became king over Israel in Samaria in the seventeenth year of Jehoshaphat king of Judah, and he reigned two years over Israel.

52 And he did evil in the sight of the LORD and <sup>a</sup>walked in the way of his father and in the way of his mother and in the way of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, who caused Israel to sin.

53 <sup>a</sup>So he served Baal and worshiped him and provoked the LORD God of Israel to anger according to all that his father had done.



# THE SECOND BOOK OF THE KINGS

## Ahaziah's Messengers Meet Elijah.

NOW <sup>a</sup>Moab rebelled against Israel after the death of Ahab.

2 And Ahaziah fell through the lattice in his upper chamber which was in Samaria, and became ill. So he sent messengers and said to them, "Go, <sup>a</sup>inquire of Baal-zebub, the god of Ekron, <sup>b</sup>whether I shall recover from this sickness."

3 But the angel of the LORD said to <sup>a</sup>Elijah the Tishbite, "Arise, go up to meet the messengers of the king of Samaria and say to them, <sup>a</sup>Is it because there is no God in Israel *that* you are going to inquire of <sup>b</sup>Baal-zebub, the god of Ekron?"

4 "Now therefore thus says the LORD, <sup>a</sup>You shall not come down from the bed where you have gone up, but you shall surely die." Then Elijah departed.

5 When the messengers returned to him he said to them, "Why have you returned?"

6 And they said to him, "A man came up to meet us and said to us, 'Go, return to the king who sent you and say to him, "Thus says the LORD, 'Is it because there is no God in Israel *that* you are sending <sup>a</sup>to inquire of Baal-zebub, the god of Ekron? Therefore <sup>b</sup>you shall not come down from the bed where you have gone up, but shall surely die.''"

7 And he said to them, "What kind of man was he who came up to meet you and spoke these words to you?"

8 And they <sup>a</sup>answered him, "<sup>a</sup>He was <sup>a</sup>hairy man with a leather girdle <sup>b</sup>bound about his loins." And he said, "It is Elijah the Tishbite."

9 Then *the king* sent to him a captain of fifty with his fifty. And he went up to him, and behold, he was sitting on the top of the hill. And he said to him, "O man of God, the king says, 'Come down.'"

10 And Elijah answered and said to the captain of fifty, "If I am a man of God, <sup>a</sup>let fire come down from heaven and consume you and your fifty." <sup>b</sup>Then fire came down from heaven and consumed him and his fifty.

11 So he again sent to him another captain of fifty with his fifty. And he answered and said to him, "O man of God, thus says the king, 'Come down quickly.'"

12 And Elijah answered and said to them, "If I am a man of God, let fire come down from heaven and consume you and your fifty." Then the fire of God came down from heaven and consumed him and his fifty.

13 So he again sent the captain of a third fifty with his fifty. When the third captain of fifty went up, he came and bowed down on his knees before Elijah, and begged him and said to him, "O man of God, please let my life and the lives of these fifty servants of yours be precious in your sight.

14 "Behold fire came down from heaven, and consumed the first two captains of fifty with their fifties; but now let my <sup>a</sup>life be precious in your sight."

15 And <sup>a</sup>the angel of the LORD said to Elijah, "Go down

1 <sup>a</sup>2 Kin. 3:5; 2 Sam. 8:2

2 <sup>a</sup>2 Kin. 1:3, 6, 16; Matt. 10:25; Mark 3:22  
<sup>b</sup>2 Kin. 8:7-10

3 <sup>a</sup>1 Kin. 17:1; 21:17  
<sup>b</sup>2 Kin. 1:2

4 <sup>a</sup>Lit., *The bed where you went up, you shall not come down from it*  
<sup>a</sup>2 Kin. 1:6, 16

5 <sup>a</sup>Lit., *What is this that you have returned?*

6 <sup>a</sup>v. 4  
<sup>a</sup>2 Kin. 1:2

8 <sup>a</sup>Lit., *said* <sup>a</sup>Or, *girl*  
<sup>a</sup>Zech. 13:4; Matt. 3:4; Mark 1:6

10 <sup>a</sup>1 Kin. 18:36-38; Luke 9:54  
<sup>b</sup>Job 1:16

<sup>a</sup>4 <sup>a</sup>Lit., *soul*

15 <sup>a</sup>2 Kin. 1:3

16 <sup>1</sup>v. 4  
<sup>2</sup>2 Kin. 1:3

17 <sup>1</sup>I.e., Ahaziah  
<sup>2</sup>2 Kin. 3:1; 8:16

1 <sup>1</sup>Or, *windstorm*  
<sup>2</sup>Gen. 5:24; Heb. 11:5  
<sup>3</sup>1 Kin. 19:16-21 <sup>4</sup>Josh. 4:19

2 <sup>2</sup>Ruth 1:15 <sup>1</sup>1 Kin.  
 12:28, 29 <sup>2</sup>2 Kin. 4:6;  
 1 Sam. 1:26

3 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *your head*  
<sup>2</sup>2 Kin. 4:1, 38; 5:22

4 <sup>2</sup>2 Kin. 2:2 <sup>1</sup>Josh. 6:26  
<sup>2</sup>2 Kin. 2:2

5 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *your head* <sup>2</sup>Lit.,  
*said*  
<sup>2</sup>2 Kin. 2:3 <sup>1</sup>2 Kin. 2:3

6 <sup>2</sup>2 Kin. 2:2 <sup>1</sup>Josh. 3:8,  
 15-17

7 <sup>2</sup>2 Kin. 2:15, 16

8 <sup>1</sup>1 Kin. 19:13, 19  
<sup>2</sup>2 Kin. 2:14; Ex. 14:21, 22

11 <sup>1</sup>Or, *windstorm*  
<sup>2</sup>2 Kin. 6:17

with him; do not be afraid of him." So he arose and went down with him to the king.

16 Then he said to him, "Thus says the LORD, 'Because you have sent messengers <sup>a</sup>to inquire of Baal-zebub, the god of Ekron—is it because there is no God in Israel to inquire of His word?—therefore <sup>1</sup>you shall not come down from the bed where you have gone up, but shall surely die.' "

17 So <sup>1</sup>he died according to the word of the LORD which Elijah had spoken. And Jehoram became king in his place <sup>a</sup>in the second year of Jehoram the son of Jehoshaphat, king of Judah, because he had no son.

18 Now the rest of the acts of Ahaziah which he did, are they not written in the Book of the Chronicles of the Kings of Israel?

## CHAPTER 2

AND it came about when the LORD was about to <sup>a</sup>take up Elijah by a <sup>1</sup>whirlwind to heaven, that Elijah went with <sup>b</sup>Elisha from <sup>c</sup>Gilgal.

2 And Elijah said to Elisha, "<sup>a</sup>Stay here please, for the LORD has sent me as far as <sup>b</sup>Bethel." But Elisha said, "<sup>c</sup>As the LORD lives and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they went down to Bethel.

3 Then <sup>a</sup>the sons of the prophets who *were at* Bethel came out to Elisha and said to him, "Do you know that the LORD will take away your master from over <sup>1</sup>you today?" And he said, "Yes, I know; be still."

4 And Elijah said to him, "Elisha, please <sup>a</sup>stay here, for the LORD has sent me to <sup>b</sup>Jericho." But he said, "<sup>c</sup>As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they came to Jericho.

5 And <sup>a</sup>the sons of the prophets who *were at* Jericho approached Elisha and said to him, "<sup>b</sup>Do you know that the LORD will take away your master from over <sup>1</sup>you today?" And he <sup>2</sup>answered, "Yes, I know; be still."

6 Then Elijah said to him, "Please <sup>a</sup>stay here, for the LORD has sent me to <sup>b</sup>the Jordan." And he said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So the two of them went on.

7 Now <sup>a</sup>fifty men of the sons of the prophets went and stood opposite *them* at a distance, while the two of them stood by the Jordan.

8 And Elijah <sup>a</sup>took his mantle and folded it together and <sup>b</sup>struck the waters, and they were divided here and there, so that the two of them crossed over on dry ground.

9 Now it came about when they had crossed over, that Elijah said to Elisha, "Ask what I shall do for you before I am taken from you." And Elisha said, "Please, let a double portion of your spirit be upon me."

10 And he said, "You have asked a hard thing. *Nevertheless*, if you see me when I am taken from you, it shall be so for you; but if not, it shall not be so."

11 Then it came about as they were going along and talking, that behold, *there appeared* <sup>a</sup>a chariot of fire and horses of fire which separated the two of them. And Elijah went up by a <sup>1</sup>whirlwind to heaven.

**Elijah Taken to Heaven.  
His Spirit Rests on Elisha. Elisha Mocked.**

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12 And Elisha saw *it* and cried out, “<sup>a</sup>My father, my father, the <sup>1</sup>chariots of Israel and its horsemen!” And he saw him no more. Then <sup>b</sup>he took hold of his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.

13 He also took up the mantle of Elijah that fell from him, and returned and stood by the bank of the Jordan.

14 And he took the mantle of Elijah that fell from him, and struck the waters and said, “Where is the LORD, the God of Elijah?” And when he also had <sup>a</sup>struck the waters, they were divided here and there; and Elisha crossed over.

15 Now when <sup>a</sup>the sons of the prophets who *were* at Jericho opposite *him* saw him, they said, “The spirit of Elijah rests on Elisha.” And they came to meet him and bowed themselves to the ground before him.

16 And they said to him, “Behold now, there are with your servants fifty strong men, please let them go and search for your master; <sup>1</sup>perhaps <sup>a</sup>the Spirit of the LORD has taken him up and cast him on some mountain or into some valley.” And he said, “You shall not send.”

17 But when <sup>a</sup>they urged him until he was ashamed, he said, “Send.” They sent therefore fifty men; and they searched three days, but did not find him.

18 And they returned to him while he was staying at Jericho; and he said to them, “Did I not say to you, ‘Do not go?’”

19 Then the men of the city said to Elisha, “Behold now, the situation of this city is pleasant, as my lord sees; but the water is bad, and the land <sup>1</sup>is unfruitful.”

20 And he said, “Bring me a new jar, and put salt <sup>1</sup>in it.” So they brought *it* to him.

21 And he went out to the spring of water, and <sup>a</sup>threw salt <sup>1</sup>in it and said, “Thus says the LORD, ‘I have <sup>2</sup>purified these waters; there shall not be from there death or <sup>3</sup>unfruitfulness any longer.’”

22 So the waters have been <sup>1</sup>purified to this day, according to the word of Elisha which he spoke.

23 Then he went up from there to Bethel; and as he was going up by the way, young lads came out from the city and mocked him and said to him, “Go up, you baldhead; go up, you baldhead!”

24 When he looked behind him and saw them, he <sup>a</sup>cursed them in the name of the LORD. Then two female bears came out of the woods and tore up forty-two lads of <sup>1</sup>their number.

25 And he went from there to <sup>a</sup>Mount Carmel, and from there he returned to Samaria.

**CHAPTER 3**

**N**OW Jehoram the son of Ahab became king over Israel at Samaria <sup>a</sup>in the eighteenth year of Jehoshaphat king of Judah, and reigned twelve years.

2 And he did evil in the sight of the LORD, though not like his father and his mother; for <sup>a</sup>he put away the *sacred* pillar of Baal <sup>b</sup>which his father had made.

12 <sup>1</sup>Lit. *chariot*  
<sup>2</sup> Kin. 13:14 <sup>b</sup>Gen. 37:34;  
Job 1:20

14 <sup>a</sup>2 Kin. 2:8

15 <sup>a</sup>2 Kin. 2:7

16 <sup>1</sup>Lit. *lest*  
<sup>a</sup>1 Kin. 18:12; Acts 8:39

17 <sup>a</sup>2 Kin. 8:11

19 <sup>1</sup>Lit. *causes barrenness*

20 <sup>1</sup>Lit. *there*

21 <sup>1</sup>Lit. *there* <sup>2</sup>Lit. *healed* <sup>3</sup>Lit. *barrenness*  
<sup>a</sup>2 Kin. 4:41; 6:6; Ex. 15:25, 26

22 <sup>1</sup>Lit. *healed*

24 <sup>1</sup>Lit. *them*  
<sup>a</sup>Neh. 13:25-27

25 <sup>a</sup>2 Kin. 4:25; 1 Kin. 18:19, 20

1 <sup>a</sup>2 Kin. 1:17

2 <sup>a</sup>2 Kin. 10:18; 26:28;  
Ex. 23:24 <sup>b</sup>1 Kin. 16:31, 32

3 <sup>a</sup>1 Kin. 12:28-32 <sup>b1</sup> Kin. 14:9, 16

4 <sup>a</sup>2 Sam. 8:2; Is. 16:1, 2

5 <sup>a</sup>2 Kin. 1:1

6 <sup>a</sup>Lit., in that day

7 <sup>a</sup>1 Kin. 22:4

8 <sup>a</sup>Lit., said

9 <sup>a</sup>2 Kin. 3:1 <sup>b2</sup> Kin. 3:7  
<sup>c1</sup> Kin. 22:47

11 <sup>a1</sup> Kin. 22:7 <sup>b2</sup> Kin. 2:25  
<sup>c1</sup> Kin. 19:21; John 13:4, 5, 13, 14

13 <sup>a</sup>Ezek. 14:3-5 <sup>b1</sup> Kin. 18:19; 22:6-11, 22-25

14 <sup>a</sup>2 Kin. 5:16; 1 Kin. 17:1

15 <sup>a1</sup> Sam. 16:23; 1 Chr. 25:1  
<sup>b1</sup> Kin. 18:46; Ezek. 1:3

19 <sup>a</sup>2 Kin. 3:25

20 <sup>a</sup>Ex. 29:39, 40

3 Nevertheless, <sup>a</sup>he clung to the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, <sup>b</sup>which he made Israel sin; he did not depart from it.

4 Now Mesha king of Moab was a sheep breeder, and <sup>a</sup>used to pay the king of Israel 100,000 lambs and the wool of 100,000 rams.

5 But it came about, <sup>a</sup>when Ahab died, the king of Moab rebelled against the king of Israel.

6 And King Jehoram went out of Samaria <sup>1</sup>at that time and mustered all Israel.

7 Then he went and sent *word* to Jehoshaphat the king of Judah, saying, "The king of Moab has rebelled against me. Will you go with me to fight against Moab?" And he said, "I will go up; <sup>a</sup>I am as you are, my people as your people, my horses as your horses."

8 And he said, "Which way shall we go up?" And he <sup>1</sup>answered, "The way of the wilderness of Edom."

9 So <sup>a</sup>the king of Israel went with <sup>b</sup>the king of Judah and <sup>c</sup>the king of Edom; and they made a circuit of seven days' journey, and there was no water for the army or for the cattle that followed them.

10 Then the king of Israel said, "Alas! For the LORD has called these three kings to give them into the hand of Moab."

11 But Jehoshaphat said, "<sup>a</sup>Is there not a prophet of the LORD here, that we may inquire of the LORD by him?" And one of the king of Israel's servants answered and said, "<sup>b</sup>Elisha the son of Shaphat is here, <sup>c</sup>who used to pour water on the hands of Elijah."

12 And Jehoshaphat said, "The word of the LORD is with him." So the king of Israel and Jehoshaphat and the king of Edom went down to him.

13 Now <sup>a</sup>Elisha said to the king of Israel, "What do I have to do with you? <sup>b</sup>Go to the prophets of your father and to the prophets of your mother." And the king of Israel said to him, "No, for the LORD has called these three kings *together* to give them into the hand of Moab."

14 And Elisha said, "<sup>a</sup>As the LORD of hosts lives, before whom I stand, were it not that I regard the presence of Jehoshaphat the king of Judah, I would not look at you nor see you.

15 "But now <sup>a</sup>bring me a minstrel." And it came about, when the minstrel played, that <sup>b</sup>the hand of the LORD came upon him.

16 And he said, "Thus says the LORD, 'Make this valley full of trenches.'

17 "For thus says the LORD, 'You shall not see wind nor shall you see rain; yet that valley shall be filled with water, so that you shall drink, both you and your cattle and your beasts.

18 'And this is but a slight thing in the sight of the LORD; he shall also give the Moabites into your hand.

19 '<sup>a</sup>Then you shall strike every fortified city and every choice city, and fell every good tree and stop all springs of water, and mar every good piece of land with stones.'

20 And it happened in the morning <sup>a</sup>about the time of offering the sacrifice, that behold, water came by the way of Edom, and the country was filled with water.

21 Now all the Moabites heard that the kings had come up

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to fight against them. And all who were able to put on armor and older were summoned, and stood on the border.

22 And they rose early in the morning, and the sun shone on the water, and the Moabites saw the water opposite *them* as red as blood.

23 Then they said, "This is blood; the kings have surely fought together, and they have slain one another. Now therefore, Moab, to the spoil!"

24 But when they came to the camp of Israel, the Israelites arose and struck the Moabites, so that they fled before them; and they went forward into the land, slaughtering the Moabites.

25 Thus they destroyed the cities; and each one threw a stone on every piece of good land and filled it. So they stopped all the springs of water and felled all the good trees, until in Kir-hareseth only they left its stones; however, the slingers went about it and struck it.

26 When the king of Moab saw that the battle was too fierce for him, he took with him 700 men who drew swords, to break through to the king of Edom; but they could not.

27 Then he took his oldest son who was to reign in his place, and offered him as a burnt offering on the wall. And there came great wrath against Israel, and they departed from him and returned to their own land.

**CHAPTER 4**

**N**OW a certain woman of the wives of the sons of the prophets cried out to Elisha, "Your servant my husband is dead, and you know that your servant feared the LORD; and the creditor has come to take my two children to be his slaves."

2 And Elisha said to her, "What shall I do for you? Tell me, what do you have in the house?" And she said, "Your maidservant has nothing in the house except a jar of oil."

3 Then he said, "Go, borrow vessels at large for yourself from all your neighbors, even empty vessels; do not get a few.

4 "And you shall go in and shut the door behind you and your sons, and pour out into all these vessels; and you shall set aside what is full."

5 So she went from him and shut the door behind her and her sons; they were bringing the vessels to her and she poured.

6 And it came about when the vessels were full, that she said to her son, "Bring me another vessel." And he said to her, "There is not one vessel more." And the oil stopped.

7 Then she came and told the man of God. And he said, "Go, sell the oil and pay your debt, and you and your sons can live on the rest."

8 Now there came a day when Elisha passed over to Shunem, where there was a prominent woman, and she persuaded him to eat food. And so it was, as often as he passed by, he turned in there to eat food.

9 And she said to her husband, "Behold now, I perceive that this is a holy man of God passing by us continually.

10 "Please, let us make a little walled upper chamber and let us set a bed for him there, and a table and a chair and a

21 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *gird themselves with a belt*

24 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *into it* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *smiling*

25 <sup>2</sup>2 Kin. 3:19 <sup>b</sup>Is. 16:7; Jer. 48:31, 36

27 <sup>2</sup>Amos 2:1; Mic. 6:7

<sup>1</sup> <sup>1</sup>Lit., *Elisha, saying*  
<sup>2</sup>2 Kin. 2:3 <sup>b</sup>Lev. 25:39-41, 48; 1 Sam. 22:2; Neh. 5:2-5

7 <sup>1</sup>1 Kin. 12:22

8 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *great* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *bread*  
<sup>1</sup>Josh. 19:18 <sup>2</sup>2 Sam. 19:32

9 <sup>2</sup>2 Kin. 4:7

11 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *Now a day came that* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *lay there*

12 <sup>2</sup> Kin. 4:29-31; 5:20-27; 8:4, 5

13 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *fearful* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *fear* <sup>3</sup>Lit., *said*

14 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *said*

16 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *when the time revives*  
<sup>2</sup>Gen. 18:14 <sup>2</sup> Kin. 4:28

17 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *when the time revived*

20 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *knees*

21 <sup>2</sup> Kin. 4:32 <sup>2</sup> Kin. 4:7

23 <sup>2</sup>Num. 10:10; 28:11;  
1 Chr. 23:31

24 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *riding*

25 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *this Shunammite*  
<sup>2</sup> Kin. 2:25

26 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *said*

27 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *bitter*  
<sup>2</sup> Kin. 4:25

28 <sup>2</sup> Kin. 4:16

29 <sup>2</sup> Kin. 9:1; 1 Kin. 18:46 <sup>2</sup> Kin. 2:14; Ex. 4:17  
<sup>3</sup>Luke 10:4 <sup>4</sup>Ex. 7:19, 20;  
14:16

lampstand; and it shall be, when he comes to us, *that* he can turn in there."

11 <sup>1</sup>One day he came there and turned in to the upper chamber and <sup>2</sup>rested.

12 Then he said to <sup>a</sup>Gehazi his servant, "Call this Shunammite." And when he had called her, she stood before him.

13 And he said to him, "Say now to her, 'Behold, you have been <sup>1</sup>careful for us with all this <sup>2</sup>care; what can I do for you? Would you be spoken for to the king or to the captain of the army?' And she <sup>3</sup>answered, "I live among my own people."

14 So he said, "What then is to be done for her?" And Gehazi <sup>1</sup>answered, "Truly she has no son and her husband is old."

15 And he said, "Call her." When he had called her, she stood in the doorway.

16 Then he said, "<sup>a</sup>At this season <sup>1</sup>next year you shall embrace a son." And she said, "No, my lord, O man of God, <sup>b</sup>do not lie to your maidservant."

17 And the woman conceived and bore a son at that season <sup>1</sup>the next year, as Elisha had said to her.

18 When the child was grown, the day came that he went out to his father to the reapers.

19 And he said to his father, "My head, my head." And he said to his servant, "Carry him to his mother."

20 When he had taken him and brought him to his mother, he sat on her <sup>1</sup>lap until noon, and *then* died.

21 And she went up and <sup>a</sup>laid him on the bed of <sup>b</sup>the man of God, and shut *the door* behind him, and went out.

22 Then she called to her husband and said, "Please send me one of the servants and one of the donkeys, that I may run to the man of God and return."

23 And he said, "Why will you go to him today? It is neither <sup>a</sup>new moon nor Sabbath." And she said, "*It will be well.*"

24 Then she saddled a donkey and said to her servant, "Drive and go forward; do not slow down <sup>1</sup>the pace for me unless I tell you."

25 So she went and came to the man of God to <sup>a</sup>Mount Carmel. And it came about when the man of God saw her at a distance, that he said to Gehazi his servant, "Behold, <sup>1</sup>yonder is the Shunammite.

26 "Please run now to meet her and say to her, 'Is it well with you? Is it well with your husband? Is it well with the child?' " And she <sup>1</sup>answered, "It is well."

27 When she came to the man of God <sup>a</sup>to the hill, she caught hold of his feet. And Gehazi came near to push her away; but the man of God said, "Let her alone, for her soul is <sup>1</sup>troubled within her; and the LORD has hid it from me and has not told me."

28 Then she said, "Did I ask for a son from my lord? Did I not say, '<sup>a</sup>Do not deceive me'?"

29 Then he said to Gehazi, "<sup>a</sup>Gird up your loins and <sup>b</sup>take my staff in your hand, and go your way; if you meet any man, do not <sup>c</sup>salute him, and if anyone salutes you, do not answer him; and <sup>d</sup>lay my staff on the lad's face."

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30 And the mother of the lad said, "As the LORD lives and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." And he arose and followed her.

31 Then Gehazi passed on before them and laid the staff on the lad's face, but there was neither sound nor response. So he returned to meet him and told him, "The lad has not awakened."

32 When Elisha came into the house, behold the lad was dead and laid on his bed.

33 So he entered and shut the door behind them both, and prayed to the LORD.

34 And he went up and lay on the child, and put his mouth on his mouth and his eyes on his eyes and his hands on his hands, and he stretched himself on him; and the flesh of the child became warm.

35 Then he returned and walked in the house once back and forth, and went up and stretched himself on him; and the lad sneezed seven times and the lad opened his eyes.

36 And he called Gehazi and said, "Call this Shunammite." So he called her. And when she came in to him, he said, "Take up your son."

37 Then she went in and fell at his feet and bowed herself to the ground, and she took up her son and went out.

38 When Elisha returned to Gilgal, there was a famine in the land. As the sons of the prophets were sitting before him, he said to his servant, "Put on the large pot and boil stew for the sons of the prophets."

39 Then one went out into the field to gather herbs, and found a wild vine and gathered from it his lap full of wild gourds, and came and sliced them into the pot of stew, for they did not know what they were.

40 So they poured it out for the men to eat. And it came about as they were eating of the stew, that they cried out and said, "O man of God, there is death in the pot." And they were unable to eat.

41 But he said, "Now bring meal." And he threw it into the pot, and he said, "Pour it out for the people that they may eat." Then there was no harm in the pot.

42 Now a man came from Baal-shalishah, and brought the man of God bread of the first fruits, twenty loaves of barley and fresh ears of grain in his sack. And he said, "Give them to the people that they may eat."

43 And his attendant said, "What, shall I set this before a hundred men?" But he said, "Give them to the people that they may eat, for thus says the LORD, 'They shall eat and have some left over.'"

44 So he set it before them, and they ate and had some left over, according to the word of the LORD.

30 \*2 Kin. 2:2, 4

31 <sup>1</sup>Lit., attentiveness  
<sup>2</sup>Lit., him, saying

33 \*2 Kin. 4:4; Matt. 6:6;  
Luke 8:51

34 \*1 Kin. 17:21-23

37 \*Heb. 11:35

38 <sup>1</sup>Lit., And  
<sup>2</sup>2 Kin. 2:1 <sup>2</sup>2 Kin. 8:1  
<sup>3</sup>2 Kin. 2:3 <sup>4</sup>Luke 10:39;  
Acts 22:3 <sup>5</sup>Ezek. 11:3, 7, 11;  
24:3

41 \*2 Kin. 2:21; Ex. 15:25

42 \*Matt. 14:16-21; 15:32-38

<sup>1</sup> <sup>1</sup>Lit., before  
<sup>2</sup>Luke 4:27

**CHAPTER 5**

**N**OW <sup>a</sup>Naaman, captain of the army of the king of Syria, was a great man <sup>1</sup>with his master, and highly respected, because by him the LORD had given victory to Syria. The man was also a valiant warrior, *but he was a leper.*

2 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *was before*  
<sup>2</sup>Kin. 6:23; 13:20

3 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *before*

4 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *he*

5 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *enter*  
<sup>2</sup>Kin. 4:42; 1 Sam. 9:7  
<sup>2</sup>Kin. 5:22, 23; Judg.  
 14:12

7 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *an occasion*  
<sup>2</sup>Gen. 37:29 <sup>2</sup>Gen. 30:2;  
 1 Sam. 2:6 <sup>1</sup>Kin. 20:7;  
 Luke 11:54

8 <sup>1</sup>Kin. 12:22

10 <sup>2</sup>John 9:7

11 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *said*

12 <sup>1</sup>Another reading is  
*Amanah*

13 <sup>1</sup>Sam. 28:23 <sup>2</sup>Kin.  
 2:12; 6:21; 8:9

14 <sup>2</sup>Kin. 5:10; Job 33:25  
<sup>2</sup>Luke 4:27; 5:13

15 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *he and* <sup>2</sup>Lit.,  
*blessing*  
<sup>2</sup>Kin. 5:8; Josh. 2:9-16;  
 1 Sam. 17:46, 47  
<sup>1</sup>Sam. 25:27

16 <sup>2</sup>Kin. 3:14 <sup>2</sup>Kin.  
 20:26; Gen. 14:22, 23

17 <sup>2</sup>Ex. 20:24

2 Now the Syrians had gone out <sup>1</sup>in bands, and had taken captive a little girl from the land of Israel; and she <sup>1</sup>waited on Naaman's wife.

3 And she said to her mistress, "I wish that my master were <sup>1</sup>with the prophet who is in Samaria! Then he would cure him of his leprosy."

4 And <sup>1</sup>Naaman went in and told his master, saying, "Thus and thus spoke the girl who is from the land of Israel."

5 Then the king of Syria said, "Go <sup>1</sup>now, and I will send a letter to the king of Israel." And he departed and <sup>2</sup>took with him ten talents of silver and six thousand *shekels* of gold and ten <sup>2</sup>changes of clothes.

6 And he brought the letter to the king of Israel, saying, "And now as this letter comes to you, behold, I have sent Naaman my servant to you, that you may cure him of his leprosy."

7 And it came about when the king of Israel read the letter, that <sup>2</sup>he tore his clothes and said, "<sup>2</sup>Am I God, to kill and to make alive, that this man is sending *word* to me to cure a man of his leprosy? But <sup>2</sup>consider now, and see how he is seeking <sup>1</sup>a quarrel against me."

8 And it happened when Elisha <sup>2</sup>the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his clothes, that he sent *word* to the king, saying, "Why have you torn your clothes? Now let him come to me, and he shall know that there is a prophet in Israel."

9 So Naaman came with his horses and his chariots, and stood at the doorway of the house of Elisha.

10 And Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, "<sup>2</sup>Go and wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored to you and *you shall be clean*."

11 But Naaman was furious and went away and said, "Behold, I <sup>1</sup>thought, 'He will surely come out to me, and stand and call on the name of the LORD his God, and wave his hand over the place, and cure the leper.'

12 "Are not <sup>1</sup>Abanah and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them and be clean?" So he turned and went away in a rage.

13 <sup>2</sup>Then his servants came near and spoke to him and said, "<sup>2</sup>My father, had the prophet told you *to do some great thing*, would you not have done *it*? How much more *then*, when he says to you, 'Wash, and be clean?'"

14 So he went down and dipped *himself* seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of the man of God; and <sup>2</sup>his flesh was restored like the flesh of a little child, and <sup>2</sup>he was clean.

15 When he returned to the man of God <sup>1</sup>with all his company, and came and stood before him, he said, "Behold now, <sup>2</sup>I know that there is no God in all the earth, but in Israel; so please <sup>2</sup>take a <sup>2</sup>present from your servant now."

16 But he said, "<sup>2</sup>As the LORD lives, before whom I stand, <sup>2</sup>I will take nothing." And he urged him to take *it*, but he refused.

17 And Naaman said, "If not, please let your servant at least be given two mules' load of <sup>2</sup>earth; for your servant will no more offer burnt offering nor will he sacrifice to other gods, but to the LORD.



18 "In this matter may the LORD pardon your servant: when my master goes into the house of <sup>a</sup>Rimmon to worship there, and <sup>b</sup>he leans on my hand and I bow myself in the house of Rimmon, when I bow myself in the house of Rimmon, the LORD pardon your servant in this matter."

19 And he said to him, "<sup>a</sup>Go in peace." So he departed from him some distance.

20 But <sup>a</sup>Gehazi, the servant of Elisha the man of God, <sup>1</sup>thought, "Behold, my master has spared this Naaman the Syrian, <sup>2</sup>by not receiving from his hands what he brought. <sup>b</sup>As the LORD lives, I will run after him and take something from him."

21 So Gehazi pursued Naaman. When Naaman saw one running after him, he came down from the chariot to meet him and said, "Is all well?"

22 And he said, "<sup>a</sup>All is well. My master has sent me, saying, 'Behold, just now two young men of the sons of the prophets have come to me from <sup>b</sup>the hill country of Ephraim. Please give them a talent of silver and <sup>c</sup>two changes of clothes.'"

23 And Naaman said, "<sup>a</sup>Be pleased to take two talents." And he urged him, and bound two talents of silver in two bags with two changes of clothes, and gave them to two of his servants; and they carried *them* before him.

24 When he came to the <sup>1</sup>hill, he took them from their hand and <sup>a</sup>deposited them in the house, and he sent the men away, and they departed.

25 But he went in and stood before his master. And Elisha said to him, "Where have you been, Gehazi?" And he said, "<sup>a</sup>Your servant went nowhere."

26 Then he said to him, "Did not my heart go *with you*, when the man turned from his chariot to meet you? <sup>a</sup>Is it a time to receive money and to receive clothes and oliveyards and vineyards and sheep and oxen and male and female servants?"

27 "Therefore, the leprosy of Naaman shall cleave to you and to your <sup>1</sup>descendants forever." So he went out from his presence <sup>a</sup>a leper as *white* as snow.

CHAPTER 6

**N**OW <sup>a</sup>the sons of the prophets said to Elisha, "Behold now, the place before you where we are living is too limited for us.

2 "Please let us go to the Jordan, and each of us take from there a beam, and let us make a place there for ourselves where we may live." So he said, "Go."

3 Then one said, "Please be willing to go with your servants." And he <sup>1</sup>answered, "I shall go."

4 So he went with them; and when they came to the Jordan, they cut down trees.

5 But as one was felling a beam, <sup>1</sup>the axe head fell into the water; and he cried out and said, "Alas, my master! For it was borrowed."

6 Then the man of God said, "Where did it fall?" And when he showed him the place, <sup>a</sup>he cut off a stick, and threw it in there, and made the iron float.

18 <sup>a</sup>1 Kin. 15:18 <sup>b</sup>2 Kin. 7:2, 17

19 <sup>a</sup>Ex. 4:18; 1 Sam. 1:17; Mark 5:34

20 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *said* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *from* <sup>a</sup>2 Kin. 4:12, 31, 36 <sup>b</sup>2 Kin. 6:31; Ex. 20:7

22 <sup>a</sup>2 Kin. 4:26 <sup>b</sup>Josh. 24:33 <sup>c</sup>2 Kin. 5:5

23 <sup>a</sup>2 Kin. 6:3

24 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *Ophel* <sup>a</sup>Josh. 7:1, 11, 12, 21; 1 Kin. 21:16

25 <sup>a</sup>2 Kin. 5:22

26 <sup>a</sup>2 Kin. 5:16

27 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *seed* <sup>a</sup>Ex. 4:6; Num. 12:10

1 <sup>a</sup>2 Kin. 2:3

3 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *said*

5 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *as for the iron, it fell*

6 <sup>a</sup>2 Kin. 2:21; 4:41; Ex. 15:25

8 <sup>1</sup>Lit., took counsel

9 <sup>2</sup> Kin. 6:12; 4:1, 7

10 <sup>1</sup>Lit., not once or twice

13 <sup>a</sup>Gen. 37:17

15 <sup>1</sup>Lit., How

16 <sup>1</sup>Lit., said  
<sup>a</sup>Ex. 14:13 <sup>b2</sup> Chr. 32:7, 8;  
Rom. 8:31

17 <sup>a2</sup> Kin. 6:20 <sup>b2</sup> Kin. 2:11; Ps. 68:17; Zech. 6:1-7

18 <sup>1</sup>Lit., nation  
<sup>a</sup>Deut. 19:11

20 <sup>a2</sup> Kin. 6:17

21 <sup>1</sup>Lit., smite  
<sup>a2</sup> Kin. 2:12; 5:13; 8:9

22 <sup>1</sup>Lit., said <sup>2</sup>Lit., smite  
<sup>a</sup>Deut. 20:11-16; 2 Chr. 28:8-15 <sup>b</sup>Rom. 12:20

23 <sup>a2</sup> Kin. 5:2; 24:2

24 <sup>a1</sup> Kin. 20:1

7 And he said, "Take it up for yourself." So he put out his hand and took it.

8 Now the king of Syria was warring against Israel; and he <sup>1</sup>counseled with his servants saying, "In such and such a place shall be my camp."

9 And <sup>a</sup>the man of God sent *word* to the king of Israel saying, "Beware that you do not pass this place, for the Syrians are coming down there."

10 And the king of Israel sent to the place about which the man of God had told him; thus he warned him, so that he guarded himself there, <sup>1</sup>more than once or twice.

11 Now the heart of the king of Syria was enraged over this thing; and he called his servants and said to them, "Will you tell me which of us is for the king of Israel?"

12 And one of his servants said, "No, my lord, O king; but Elisha, the prophet who is in Israel, tells the king of Israel the words that you speak in your bedroom."

13 So he said, "Go and see where he is, that I may send and take him." And it was told him, saying, "Behold, he is in <sup>a</sup>Dothan."

14 And he sent horses and chariots and a great army there, and they came by night and surrounded the city.

15 Now when the attendant of the man of God had risen early and gone out, behold, an army with horses and chariots was circling the city. And his servant said to him, "Alas, my master! <sup>1</sup>What shall we do?"

16 So he <sup>1</sup>answered, "<sup>a</sup>Do not fear, for <sup>b</sup>those who are with us are more than those who are with them."

17 Then Elisha prayed and said, "<sup>a</sup>O LORD, I pray, open his eyes that he may see." And the LORD opened the servant's eyes, and he saw; and behold, the mountain was full of <sup>b</sup>horses and chariots of fire all around Elisha.

18 And when they came down to him, Elisha prayed to the LORD and said, "Strike this <sup>1</sup>people with blindness, I pray." So He <sup>a</sup>struck them with blindness according to the word of Elisha.

19 Then Elisha said to them, "This is not the way, nor is this the city; follow me and I will bring you to the man whom you seek." And he brought them to Samaria.

20 And it came about when they had come into Samaria, that Elisha said, "O <sup>a</sup>Lord, open the eyes of these *men*, that they may see." So the LORD opened their eyes, and they saw; and behold, they were in the midst of Samaria.

21 Then the king of Israel when he saw them, said to Elisha, "<sup>a</sup>My father, shall I <sup>1</sup>kill them? Shall I <sup>1</sup>kill them?"

22 And he <sup>1</sup>answered, "You shall not <sup>2</sup>kill *them*. Would you <sup>2a</sup>kill those you have taken captive with your sword and with your bow? <sup>b</sup>Set bread and water before them, that they may eat and drink and go to their master."

23 So he prepared a great feast for them; and when they had eaten and drunk he sent them away, and they went to their master. And <sup>a</sup>the marauding bands of Syria did not come again into the land of Israel.

24 Now it came about after this, that <sup>a</sup>Ben-hadad king of Syria gathered all his army and went up and besieged Samaria.

25 And there was a great famine in Samaria; and behold,

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Elisha Predicts Plenty of Food.**

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they besieged it, until a donkey's head was sold for eighty *shekels* of silver, and a fourth of a <sup>1</sup>kab of dove's dung for five *shekels* of silver.

26 And as the king of Israel was passing by on the wall a woman cried out to him, saying, "Help, my lord, O king!"

27 And he said, "If the LORD does not help you, from where shall I help you? From the threshing floor, or from the wine press?"

28 And the king said to her, "What <sup>1</sup>is the matter with you?" And she <sup>2</sup>answered, "This woman said to me, 'Give your son that we may eat him today, and we will eat my son tomorrow.'

29 "So we boiled my son and ate him; and I said to her on the next day, 'Give your son, that we may eat him'; but she has hidden her son."

30 And it came about when the king heard the words of the woman, that <sup>3</sup>he tore his clothes—now he was passing by on the wall—and the people looked, and behold, he had sackcloth <sup>1</sup>beneath on his <sup>2</sup>body.

31 Then he said, "May <sup>3</sup>God do so to me and more also, if the head of Elisha the son of Shaphat <sup>1</sup>remains on him today."

32 Now Elisha was sitting in his house, and <sup>3</sup>the elders were sitting with him. And *the king* sent a man from his presence; but before the messenger came to him, he said to the elders, "Do you <sup>b</sup>see how this son of a murderer has sent to take away my head? Look, when the messenger comes, shut the door and <sup>1</sup>hold the door shut against him. Is not the sound of his master's feet behind him?"

33 And while he was still talking with them, behold, the messenger came down to him, and he said, "<sup>3</sup>Behold, this evil is from the LORD; why should I wait for the LORD any longer?"

**CHAPTER 7**

**T**HEN Elisha said, "Listen to the word of the LORD; thus says the LORD, "Tomorrow about this time a <sup>1</sup>measure of fine flour shall be *sold* for a shekel, and two measures of barley for a shekel, in the gate of Samaria.' "

2 And <sup>3</sup>the royal officer on whose hand the king was leaning answered the man of God and said, "Behold, <sup>b</sup>if the LORD should make windows in heaven, could this thing be?" Then he said, "Behold you shall see it with your own eyes, but you shall not eat <sup>1</sup>of it."

3 Now there were four <sup>3</sup>leprous men at the entrance of the gate; and they said to one another, "Why do we sit here until we die?"

4 "If we say, 'We will enter the city,' then the famine is in the city and we shall die there; and if we sit here, we die also. Now therefore come, and let us <sup>1</sup>go over to <sup>2</sup>the camp of the Syrians. If they spare us, we shall live; and if they kill us, we shall but die."

5 And they arose at twilight to go to the camp of the Syrians; when they came to the outskirts of the camp of the Syrians, behold, there was no one there.

25 <sup>1</sup>L.e., one kab equals approx. 1 pint

27 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *No, let the LORD help you*

28 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *to you* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *said*

29 <sup>2</sup>Lev. 26:27-29; Deut. 28:52, 53, 57; Lam. 4:10

30 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *within* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *flesh*  
<sup>1</sup> Kin. 21:27

31 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *stands*  
<sup>2</sup>Ruth 1:17; 1 Kin. 19:2

32 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *press him with the door*  
<sup>2</sup>Ezek. 8:1; 14:1; 20:1  
<sup>3</sup>1 Kin. 18:4, 13, 14; 21:10, 13

33 <sup>3</sup>Is. 8:21; Jer. 2:25

1 <sup>1</sup>Heb., *seah*  
<sup>2</sup> Kin. 7:18

2 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *from there*  
<sup>2</sup> Kin. 7:17, 19; 5:18 <sup>3</sup>Gen. 7:11; Mal. 3:10

3 <sup>2</sup>Lev. 13:45, 46; Num. 5:2,4; 12:10-14

4 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *fall*  
<sup>2</sup> Kin. 6:24

6 <sup>a</sup>2 Sam. 5:24 <sup>b1</sup> Kin. 10:29 <sup>c2</sup> Chr. 12:2, 3; Is. 31:1; 36:9

8 <sup>a</sup> Josh. 7:21

9 <sup>1</sup> Lit., *find*  
<sup>a2</sup> Kin. 6:30

12 <sup>a2</sup> Kin. 6:25-29 <sup>b</sup> Josh. 8:4-12

13 <sup>1</sup> Lit., *in it*

16 <sup>1</sup> Heb., *seah*; i.e., one *seah* equals approx. 11 quarts  
<sup>a2</sup> Kin. 7:1

17 <sup>1</sup> Lit., *over the gate*  
<sup>a2</sup> Kin. 7:2 <sup>b2</sup> Kin. 6:32

18 <sup>1</sup> Heb., *seah*; i.e., one *seah* equals approx. 11 quarts

6 For <sup>a</sup>the Lord had caused the army of the Syrians to hear a sound of chariots and a sound of horses, *even* the sound of a great army, so that they said to one another, "Behold, the king of Israel has hired against us <sup>b</sup>the kings of the Hittites and <sup>c</sup>the kings of the Egyptians, to come upon us."

7 Therefore they arose and fled in the twilight, and left their tents and their horses and their donkeys, even the camp just as it was, and fled for their life.

8 When these lepers came to the outskirts of the camp, they entered one tent and ate and drank, and <sup>a</sup>carried from there silver and gold and clothes, and went and hid *them*; and they returned and entered another tent and carried from there *also*, and went and hid *them*.

9 Then they said to one another, "We are not doing right. This day is a day of good news, but we are keeping silent; if we wait until morning light, punishment will <sup>1</sup>overtake us. Now therefore come, let us go and <sup>a</sup>tell the king's household."

10 So they came and called to the gatekeepers of the city, and they told them, saying, "We came to the camp of the Syrians, and behold, there was no one there, nor the voice of man, only the horses tied and the donkeys tied, and the tents just as they were."

11 And the gatekeepers called, and told *it* within the king's household.

12 Then the king arose in the night and said to his servants, "I will now tell you what the Syrians have done to us. They know that <sup>a</sup>we are hungry; therefore they have gone from the camp <sup>b</sup>to hide themselves in the field, saying, 'When they come out of the city, we shall capture them alive and get into the city.'"

13 And one of his servants answered and said, "Please, let some *men* take five of the horses which remain, which are left <sup>1</sup>in the city. Behold, they *will be in any case* like all the multitude of Israel who are left in it; behold, they *will be in any case* like all the multitude of Israel who have already perished, so let us send and see."

14 They took therefore two chariots with horses, and the king sent after the army of the Syrians, saying, "Go and see."

15 And they went after them to the Jordan, and behold, all the way was full of clothes and equipment, which the Syrians had thrown away in their haste. Then the messengers returned and told the king.

16 So the people went out and plundered the camp of the Syrians. Then a <sup>1</sup>measure of fine flour *was sold* for a shekel and two <sup>1</sup>measures of barley for a shekel, <sup>a</sup>according to the word of the LORD.

17 Now the king appointed <sup>a</sup>the royal officer on whose hand he leaned <sup>1</sup>to have charge of the gate; but the people trampled on him at the gate, and he died just as the man of God had said, <sup>b</sup>who spoke when the king came down to him.

18 And it came about just as the man of God had spoken to the king, saying, "Two <sup>1</sup>measures of barley for a shekel and a <sup>1</sup>measure of fine flour for a shekel, shall be *sold* tomorrow about this time at the gate of Samaria."

19 Then the royal officer answered the man of God and

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said, "Now behold, <sup>a</sup>if the LORD should make windows in heaven, could such a thing be?" And he said, "Behold, you shall see it with your own eyes, but you shall not eat <sup>of</sup> it."

20 And so it happened to him, for the people trampled on him at the gate, and he died.

CHAPTER 8

**N**OW <sup>a</sup>Elisha spoke to the woman whose son he had restored to life, saying, "Arise and go <sup>1</sup>with your household, and sojourn wherever you can sojourn; for the <sup>b</sup>LORD has called for a famine, and <sup>c</sup>it shall even come on the land for seven years."

2 So the woman arose and did according to the word of the man of God, and she went with her household and sojourned in the land of the Philistines seven years.

3 And it came about at the end of seven years, that the woman returned from the land of the Philistines; and she went out to <sup>1</sup>appeal to the king for her house and for her field.

4 Now the king was talking with <sup>a</sup>Gehazi, the servant of the man of God, saying, "Please relate to me all the great things that Elisha has done."

5 And it came about, as he was relating to the king how he had restored to life the one who was dead, that behold, the woman whose son he had restored to life, <sup>1</sup>appealed to the king for her house and for her field. And Gehazi said, "My lord, O king, this is the woman and this is her son, whom Elisha restored to life."

6 When the king asked the woman, she related it to him. So the king appointed for her a certain officer, saying, "Restore all that was hers and all the produce of the field from the day that she left the land even until now."

7 Then Elisha came to <sup>a</sup>Damascus. Now <sup>b</sup>Ben-hadad king of Syria was sick, and it was told him, saying, "<sup>c</sup>The man of God has come here."

8 And the king said to <sup>a</sup>Hazael, "<sup>b</sup>Take a gift in your hand and go to meet the man of God, and <sup>c</sup>inquire of the LORD by him, saying, 'Will I recover from this sickness?'"

9 So Hazael went to meet him and took a gift in his hand, even every kind of good thing of Damascus, forty camels' loads; and he came and stood before him and said, "<sup>a</sup>Your son Ben-hadad king of Syria has sent me to you, saying, 'Will I recover from this sickness?'"

10 Then Elisha said to him, "<sup>a</sup>Go, say to him, 'You shall surely recover,' but the <sup>b</sup>LORD has shown me that he will certainly die."

11 And he <sup>1</sup>fixed his gaze steadily on him <sup>a</sup>until he was ashamed, and the man of God wept.

12 And Hazael said, "Why does my lord weep?" Then he <sup>1</sup>answered, "Because <sup>a</sup>I know the evil that you will do to the sons of Israel: their strongholds you will set on fire, and their young men you will kill with the sword, and their little ones you <sup>b</sup>will dash in pieces, and their women with child you will rip up."

13 Then Hazael said, "But what is your servant, <sup>a</sup>who is but a dog, that he should do this great thing?" And Elisha <sup>1</sup>answered, "<sup>b</sup>The Lord has shown me that you will be king over Syria."

19 <sup>1</sup>Lit., from there  
<sup>2</sup> Kin. 7:2

1 <sup>1</sup>Lit., you and your  
<sup>2</sup> Kin. 4:18, 31-35; <sup>b</sup>Ps.  
105:16; Hag. 1:11 <sup>c</sup>Gen.  
41:27, 54

3 <sup>1</sup>Lit., cry out

4 <sup>2</sup> Kin. 4:12, 5:20-27

5 <sup>1</sup>Lit., cried out

7 <sup>1</sup> Kin. 11:24 <sup>2</sup> Kin.  
6:24 <sup>2</sup> Kin. 5:20

8 <sup>1</sup> Kin. 19:15, 17  
<sup>b</sup>1 Kin. 14:3 <sup>2</sup> Kin. 1:2

9 <sup>2</sup> Kin. 5:13

10 <sup>2</sup> Kin. 8:14 <sup>2</sup> Kin.  
8:15

11 <sup>1</sup>Lit., made his face  
stand fast and he set  
<sup>2</sup> Kin. 2:17

12 <sup>1</sup>Lit., said  
<sup>2</sup> Kin. 10:32, 33; 12:17;  
13:3, 7 <sup>2</sup> Kin. 15:16; Nah.  
3:10

13 <sup>1</sup>Lit., said  
<sup>a</sup>1 Sam. 17:43; 2 Sam. 9:8  
<sup>b</sup>1 Kin. 19:15

**Ben-hadad Murdered by Hazael, Who Then Reigns.  
Jehoram Reigns over Judah, Succeeded by Ahaziah.**

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14 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *said*  
<sup>2</sup>2 Kin. 8:10

15 <sup>2</sup>2 Kin. 8:10

16 <sup>2</sup>2 Kin. 1:17; 3:1

17 <sup>2</sup>2 Chr. 21:5-10

18 <sup>2</sup>2 Kin. 8:27

19 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *said* <sup>2</sup>1.e.,  
descendant on the throne  
<sup>2</sup>2 Sam. 7:12-15; 1 Kin.  
11:36

20 <sup>2</sup>2 Kin. 8:22; 3:9, 26,  
27; 1 Kin. 22:47

21 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *the people*  
<sup>2</sup>2 Sam. 18:17; 19:8

22 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *from under the  
hand of*  
<sup>2</sup>2 Gen. 27:40 <sup>2</sup>2 Kin. 19:8;  
Josh. 21:13

24 <sup>2</sup>2 Chr. 21:20 <sup>2</sup>2 Chr.  
21:1, 7

25 <sup>2</sup>2 Chr. 22:1-6

28 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *smote*  
<sup>2</sup>2 Kin. 8:15 <sup>1</sup>1 Kin. 22:3,  
29

29 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *struck*  
<sup>2</sup>2 Kin. 9:15 <sup>2</sup>2 Kin. 8:28;  
2 Chr. 22:5, 6 <sup>2</sup>2 Kin. 9:16

1 <sup>2</sup>2 Kin. 2:3 <sup>2</sup>2 Kin. 4:29  
<sup>1</sup>1 Sam. 10:1; 16:1; 1 Kin.  
1:39 <sup>2</sup>2 Kin. 8:28, 29

<sup>2</sup> <sup>1</sup>Lit., *and look there  
for* <sup>2</sup>2 Lit., *cause him to*  
<sup>2</sup>2 Kin. 9:14, 20; 1 Kin.  
19:16, 17 <sup>2</sup>2 Kin. 9:5, 11

14 So he departed from Elisha and returned to his master, who said to him, "What did Elisha say to you?" And he answered, "He told me that <sup>a</sup>you would surely recover."

15 And it came about on the morrow, that he took the cover and dipped it in water and spread it on his face, <sup>a</sup>so that he died. And Hazael became king in his place.

16 Now in the fifth year of <sup>a</sup>Joram the son of Ahab king of Israel, Jehoshaphat being then the king of Judah, Jehoram the son of Jehoshaphat king of Judah became king.

17 He was <sup>a</sup>thirty-two years old when he became king, and he reigned eight years in Jerusalem.

18 And he walked in the way of the kings of Israel, just as the house of Ahab had done, for <sup>a</sup>the daughter of Ahab became his wife; and he did evil in the sight of the LORD.

19 However, the LORD was not willing to destroy Judah, for the sake of David His servant, <sup>a</sup>since He had <sup>1</sup>promised him to give a <sup>2</sup>lamp to him through his sons always.

20 In his days <sup>a</sup>Edom revolted from under the hand of Judah, and made a king over themselves.

21 Then Joram crossed over to Zair, and all his chariots with him. And it came about that he arose by night and struck the Edomites who had surrounded him and the captains of the chariots; <sup>a</sup>but *his* <sup>1</sup>army fled to their tents.

22 <sup>a</sup>So Edom revolted <sup>1</sup>against Judah to this day. Then <sup>b</sup>Libnah revolted at the same time.

23 And the rest of the acts of Joram and all that he did, are they not written in the Book of the Chronicles of the Kings of Judah?

24 So Joram slept with his fathers, and <sup>a</sup>was buried with his fathers in the city of David; and <sup>b</sup>Ahaziah his son became king in his place.

25 <sup>a</sup>In the twelfth year of Joram the son of Ahab king of Israel, Ahaziah the son of Jehoram king of Judah began to reign.

26 Ahaziah was twenty-two years old when he became king, and he reigned one year in Jerusalem. And his mother's name was Athaliah the granddaughter of Omri king of Israel.

27 And he walked in the way of the house of Ahab, and did evil in the sight of the LORD, like the house of Ahab *had done*, because he was a son-in-law of the house of Ahab.

28 Then he went with Joram the son of Ahab to war against <sup>a</sup>Hazael king of Syria at <sup>b</sup>Ramoth-gilead, and the Syrians <sup>1</sup>wounded Joram.

29 So <sup>a</sup>King Joram returned to be healed in Jezreel of the wounds which the Syrians had <sup>1</sup>inflicted on him at <sup>b</sup>Ramah, when he fought against Hazael king of Syria. Then <sup>c</sup>Ahaziah the son of Jehoram king of Judah went down to see Joram the son of Ahab in Jezreel because he was sick.

CHAPTER 9

**N**OW Elisha the prophet called one of <sup>a</sup>the sons of the prophets, and said to him, "<sup>b</sup>Gird up your loins, and <sup>c</sup>take this flask of oil in your hand, and go to <sup>d</sup>Ramoth-gilead.

2 "When you arrive there, <sup>1</sup>search out <sup>a</sup>Jehu the son of Jehoshaphat the son of Nimshi, and go in and <sup>2</sup><sup>b</sup>bid him arise from among his brothers, and bring him to an inner room.

**Jehu Reigns over Israel.  
He Conspires Against Joram.**

3 "Then take the flask of oil and pour it on his head and say, 'Thus says the LORD, "aI have anointed you king over Israel."' Then open the door and flee and do not wait."

3 \*2 Chr. 22:7

4 So <sup>a</sup>the young man, the servant of the prophet, went to Ramoth-gilead.

4 \*2 Kin. 9:1

5 When he came, behold, the captains of the army were sitting, and he said, "I have a word for you, O captain." And Jehu said, "IFor which *one* of us?" And he said, "For you, O captain."

5 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *To whom of us all?*

6 And he arose and went into the house, and he poured the oil on his head and said to him, "Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, 'aI have anointed you king over the people of the LORD, *even* over Israel.

6 \*2 Kin. 9:3

7 'And you shall strike the house of Ahab your master, <sup>a</sup>that I may avenge <sup>b</sup>the blood of My servants the prophets, and the blood of all the servants of the LORD, <sup>c</sup>at the hand of Jezebel.

7 \*Deut. 32:35, 43  
b<sup>1</sup> Kin. 18:4; 21:15, 21, 25  
c<sup>2</sup> Kin. 9:32-37

8 'For the whole house of Ahab shall perish, and <sup>a</sup>I will cut off from Ahab <sup>b</sup>every male person <sup>c</sup>both bound and free in Israel.

8 \*2 Kin. 10:17; 1 Kin. 21:21  
b<sup>1</sup> Sam. 25:22  
c<sup>2</sup> Kin. 14:26; Deut. 32:36

9 'And <sup>a</sup>I will make the house of Ahab like the house of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, and <sup>b</sup>like the house of Baasha the son of Ahijah.

9 \*1 Kin. 14:10, 11; 15:29  
b<sup>1</sup> Kin. 16:3-5, 11, 12

10 'And <sup>a</sup>the dogs shall eat Jezebel in the territory of Jezreel, and none shall bury *her*.'" Then he opened the door and fled.

10 \*2 Kin. 9:35, 36; 1 Kin. 21:23

11 Now Jehu came out to the servants of his master, and one said to him, "aIs all well? Why did this <sup>b</sup>mad fellow come to you?" And he said to them, "You know very well the man and his talk."

11 \*2 Kin. 9:17, 19, 22  
b<sup>1</sup> Jer. 29:26; Hos. 9:7; Mark 3:21

12 And they said, "It is a lie, tell us now." And he said, "Thus and thus he said to me, 'Thus says the LORD, "I have anointed you king over Israel."'"

13 Then <sup>a</sup>they hurried and each man took his clothes and placed it under him on the bare steps, and <sup>b</sup>blew the trumpet, saying, "Jehu is king!"

13 \*Matt. 21:7, 8; Mark 11:7, 8  
b<sup>2</sup> Sam. 15:10; 1 Kin. 1:34, 39

14 So Jehu the son of Jehoshaphat the son of Nimshi conspired against Joram. <sup>a</sup>Now Joram <sup>1</sup>with all Israel was <sup>2</sup>defending Ramoth-gilead against Hazael king of Syria,

14 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *he and* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *keeping*  
\*2 Kin. 8:28; 1 Kin. 22:3

15 but <sup>a</sup>King <sup>1</sup>Joram had returned to Jezreel to be healed of the wounds which the Syrians had <sup>2</sup>inflicted on him when he fought with Hazael king of Syria. So Jehu said, "If this is your mind, *then* let no one escape or <sup>3</sup>leave the city to go tell it in Jezreel."

15 <sup>1</sup>Heb., *Jehoram* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *struck* <sup>3</sup>Lit., *go out from*  
\*2 Kin. 8:29

16 Then Jehu rode in a chariot and went to Jezreel, for Joram was lying there. <sup>a</sup>And Ahaziah king of Judah had come down to see Joram.

16 \*2 Kin. 8:29

17 Now the watchman was standing on the tower in Jezreel and he saw the <sup>1</sup>company of Jehu as he came, and said, "I see a <sup>1</sup>company." And Joram said, "Take a horseman and send him to meet them and let him say, 'Is it peace?'"

17 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *multitude*

18 So a horseman went to meet him and said, "Thus says the king, 'Is it peace?'" And Jehu said, "aWhat have you to do with peace? Turn behind me." And the watchman <sup>1</sup>reported, "The messenger came to them, but he did not return."

18 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *told, saying*  
\*2 Kin. 9:19, 22

19 Then he sent out a second horseman, who came to them

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19 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *said*

20 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *told, saying*  
<sup>2</sup>Sam. 18:27 <sup>1</sup>Kin. 19:17

21 <sup>1</sup>Heb., *Jehoram* <sup>2</sup>Lit.,  
*Yoke the chariot* <sup>3</sup>Lit.,  
*portion*  
<sup>2</sup>Chr. 22:7 <sup>2</sup>Kin. 9:26;  
1 Kin. 21:1-7, 15-19

22 <sup>1</sup>Heb., *Jehoram* <sup>2</sup>Lit.,  
*said*  
<sup>1</sup>Kin. 16:30-33; 18:19;  
2 Chr. 21:13

23 <sup>1</sup>Heb., *Jehoram* <sup>2</sup>Lit.,  
*turned his hands*  
<sup>2</sup>Kin. 11:14

24 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *filled his hand*  
*with the bow* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *smote*  
<sup>3</sup>Heb., *Jehoram* <sup>4</sup>Lit., *out*  
*at*  
<sup>1</sup>Kin. 22:34

25 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *portion* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *I*  
*and you*  
<sup>1</sup>Kin. 21:1 <sup>1</sup>Kin. 21:19,  
24-29 <sup>1</sup>Is. 13:1

26 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *portion*  
<sup>1</sup>Kin. 21:13 <sup>2</sup>Kin. 9:21,  
25

27 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *smite*  
<sup>2</sup>Chr. 22:7, 9 <sup>1</sup>Josh. 17:11;  
Judg. 1:27

28 <sup>2</sup>Kin. 23:30

29 <sup>2</sup>Kin. 8:25

30 <sup>1</sup>Jer. 4:30; Ezek. 23:40

31 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *peace* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *his*  
<sup>2</sup>Kin. 9:18-22; 1 Kin. 16:9-20

34 <sup>1</sup>Kin. 21:25 <sup>1</sup>Kin.  
16:31

36 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *portion*  
<sup>1</sup>Kin. 21:23

and said, "Thus says the king, 'Is it peace?'" And Jehu answered, "What have you to do with peace? Turn behind me."

20 And the watchman reported, "He came even to them, and he did not return; and the driving is like the driving of Jehu the son of Nimshi, for he drives furiously."

21 Then Joram said, "Get ready." And they made his chariot ready. And Joram king of Israel and Ahaziah king of Judah went out, each in his chariot, and they went out to meet Jehu and found him in the property of Naboth the Jezreelite.

22 And it came about, when Joram saw Jehu, that he said, "Is it peace, Jehu?" And he answered, "What peace, so long as the harlotries of your mother Jezebel and her witchcrafts are so many?"

23 So Joram reined about and fled and said to Ahaziah, "There is treachery, O Ahaziah!"

24 And Jehu drew his bow with his full strength and shot Joram between his arms; and the arrow went through his heart, and he sank in his chariot.

25 Then Jehu said to Bidkar his officer, "Take him up and cast him into the property of the field of Naboth the Jezreelite, for I remember when you and I were riding together after Ahab his father, that the LORD laid this oracle against him:

26 'Surely I have seen yesterday the blood of Naboth and the blood of his sons,' says the LORD, 'and I will repay you in this property,' says the LORD. Now then, take and cast him into the property, according to the word of the LORD."

27 When Ahaziah the king of Judah saw this, he fled by the way of the garden house. And Jehu pursued him and said, "Shoot him too, in the chariot." So they shot him at the ascent of Gur, which is at Ibleam. But he fled to Megiddo and died there.

28 Then his servants carried him in a chariot to Jerusalem, and buried him in his grave with his fathers in the city of David.

29 Now in the eleventh year of Joram, the son of Ahab, Ahaziah became king over Judah.

30 When Jehu came to Jezreel, Jezebel heard of it, and she painted her eyes and adorned her head, and looked out the window.

31 And as Jehu entered the gate, she said, "Is it well, Zimri, your master's murderer?"

32 Then he lifted up his face to the window and said, "Who is on my side? Who?" And two or three officials looked down at him.

33 And he said, "Throw her down." So they threw her down, and some of her blood was sprinkled on the wall and on the horses, and he trampled her under foot.

34 When he came in, he ate and drank; and he said, "See now to this cursed woman and bury her, for she is a king's daughter."

35 And they went to bury her, but they found no more of her than the skull and the feet and the palms of her hands.

36 Therefore they returned and told him. And he said, "This is the word of the LORD, which He spoke by His servant Elijah the Tishbite, saying, 'In the property of Jezreel the dogs shall eat the flesh of Jezebel;



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37 and <sup>a</sup>the corpse of Jezebel shall be as dung on the face of the field in the <sup>1</sup>property of Jezeel, so they cannot say, "This is Jezebel."'"

37 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *portion*  
<sup>2</sup>Jer. 8:1-3

CHAPTER 10

1 <sup>1</sup>Kin. 16:24-29

NOW Ahab had seventy sons in <sup>a</sup>Samaria. And Jehu wrote letters and sent *them* to Samaria, to the rulers of Jezeel, the elders, and to the guardians of *the children* of Ahab, saying,

2 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *and with you the*

2 "And now, when this letter comes to you, since your master's sons are with you, <sup>1</sup>as well as the chariots and horses and a fortified city and the weapons,

3 select the best and <sup>1</sup>fittest of your master's sons, and set *him* on his father's throne, and fight for your master's house."

3 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *most upright*

4 But they feared greatly and said, "Behold, the two kings *did* not stand before him; how then can we stand?"

5 And the one who *was* over the household, and he who *was* over the city, the elders, and the guardians of *the children*, sent *word* to Jehu, saying, "<sup>a</sup>We are your servants, all that you say to us we will do, we will not make any man king; do what is good in your sight."

5 <sup>2</sup>Kin. 18:14; Josh. 9:8,  
11; 1 Kin. 20:4, 32

6 Then he wrote a letter to them a second time saying, "If you are on my side, and you will listen to my voice, take the heads of the men, your master's sons, and come to me at Jezeel tomorrow about this time." Now the king's sons, seventy persons, *were* with the great men of the city, *who* were rearing them.

7 <sup>2</sup>Kin. 11:1; Judg. 9:5

7 And it came about when the letter came to them, that they took the king's sons, and <sup>a</sup>slaughtered *them*, seventy persons, and put their heads in baskets, and sent *them* to him at Jezeel.

9 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *just* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *smote*  
<sup>2</sup>Kin. 9:14-24 <sup>b2</sup>Kin. 10:6

8 When the messenger came and told him, saying, "They have brought the heads of the king's sons," he said, "Put them in two heaps at the entrance of the gate until morning."

10 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *by the hand of*  
<sup>2</sup>Kin. 9:7-10 <sup>b1</sup>Kin. 21:19-29

9 Now it came about in the morning, that he went out and stood, and said to all the people, "You are <sup>1</sup>innocent; behold, <sup>a</sup>I conspired against my master and killed him, but <sup>b</sup>who <sup>2</sup>killed all these?"

11 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *smote*

10 "Know then that <sup>a</sup>there shall fall to the earth nothing of the word of the LORD, which the LORD spoke concerning the house of Ahab, for the LORD has done <sup>b</sup>what He spoke <sup>1</sup>through His servant Elijah."

12 <sup>1</sup>e., House of binding

11 So Jehu <sup>1</sup>killed all who remained of the house of Ahab in Jezeel, and all his great men and his acquaintances and his priests, until he left him without a survivor.

12 Then he arose and departed, and went to Samaria. On the way while he was at <sup>1</sup>Beth-eked of the shepherds,

13 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *found* <sup>2</sup>Lit.,  
*brothers* <sup>3</sup>Lit., *said* <sup>4</sup>Lit.,  
*about the welfare of*  
<sup>2</sup>Kin. 8:24, 29; 2 Chr.  
21:17; 22:8

13 <sup>a</sup>Jehu <sup>1</sup>met the <sup>2</sup>relatives of Ahaziah king of Judah and said, "Who are you?" And they <sup>3</sup>answered, "We are the <sup>2</sup>relatives of Ahaziah; and we have come down <sup>4</sup>to greet the sons of the king and the sons of the queen mother."

14 And he said, "Take them alive." So they took them alive, and killed them at the pit of Beth-eked, forty-two men; and he left none of them.

15 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *found* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *blessed* <sup>3</sup>Lit., *said*  
<sup>a</sup>Jer. 35:6-19 <sup>b1</sup> Chr. 2:55  
<sup>c</sup>Ezra 10:19; Ezek. 17:18

16 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *they*  
<sup>a1</sup> Kin. 19:10

17 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *smote*  
<sup>a2</sup> Kin. 9:8 <sup>b2</sup> Kin. 10:10

18 <sup>a1</sup> Kin. 16:31, 32

19 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *insidiousness*  
<sup>a1</sup> Kin. 18:19; 22:6

20 <sup>a</sup>Joel 1:14 <sup>b</sup>Ex. 32:4-6

21 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *in all*  
<sup>a2</sup> Kin. 11:18; 1 Kin. 16:32

22 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *over the*

24 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *his soul for his soul*  
<sup>a1</sup> Kin. 20:30-42

25 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *runners* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *smite* <sup>3</sup>Lit., *smote* <sup>4</sup>Lit., *city*  
<sup>a1</sup> Sam. 22:17 <sup>b1</sup> Kin. 18:40

26 <sup>a2</sup> Kin. 3:2; 1 Kin. 14:23

27 <sup>a</sup>Ezra 6:11; Dan. 2:5; 3:29

29 <sup>a1</sup> Kin. 12:28-30; 13:33, 34 <sup>b1</sup> Kin. 12:29

30 <sup>a2</sup> Kin. 15:12

31 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *did not watch*  
<sup>a2</sup> Kin. 10:29

15 Now when he had departed from there, he <sup>1</sup>met <sup>a</sup>Jehonadab the son of <sup>b</sup>Rechab *coming* to meet him; and he <sup>2</sup>greeted him and said to him, "Is your heart right, as my heart is with your heart?" And Jehonadab <sup>3</sup>answered, "It is." *Jehu* said, "If it is, <sup>c</sup>give *me* your hand." And he gave him his hand, and he took him up to him into the chariot.

16 And he said, "Come with me and <sup>a</sup>see my zeal for the LORD." So <sup>1</sup>he made him ride in his chariot.

17 And when he came to Samaria, <sup>a</sup>he <sup>1</sup>killed all who remained to Ahab in Samaria, until he had destroyed him, <sup>b</sup>according to the word of the LORD, which He spoke to Elijah.

18 Then Jehu gathered all the people and said to them, <sup>a</sup>"Ahab served Baal a little; Jehu will serve him much.

19 "And now, <sup>a</sup>summon all the prophets of Baal, all his worshipers and all his priests; let no one be missing, for I have a great sacrifice for Baal; whoever is missing shall not live." But Jehu did it in <sup>1</sup>cunning, in order that he might destroy the worshipers of Baal.

20 And Jehu said, <sup>a</sup>"Sanctify a solemn assembly for Baal." And <sup>b</sup>they proclaimed *it*.

21 Then Jehu sent <sup>1</sup>throughout Israel and all the worshipers of Baal came, so that there was not a man left who did not come. And when they went into <sup>a</sup>the house of Baal, the house of Baal was filled from one end to the other.

22 And he said to the one who *was* <sup>1</sup>in charge of the wardrobe, "Bring out garments for all the worshipers of Baal." So he brought out garments for them.

23 And Jehu went into the house of Baal with Jehonadab the son of Rechab; and he said to the worshipers of Baal, "Search and see that there may be here with you none of the servants of the LORD, but only the worshipers of Baal."

24 Then they went in to offer sacrifices and burnt offerings. Now Jehu had stationed for himself eighty men outside, and he had said, <sup>a</sup>"The one who permits any of the men whom I bring into your hands to escape, <sup>1</sup>shall give up his life in exchange."

25 Then it came about, as soon as he had finished offering the burnt offering, that Jehu said to the <sup>1</sup>guard and to the royal officers, <sup>b</sup>"Go in, <sup>2</sup>kill them; let none come out." And they <sup>3</sup>killed them with the edge of the sword; and the <sup>1</sup>guard and the royal officers threw *them* out, and went to the <sup>4</sup>inner room of the house of Baal.

26 And they brought out the *sacred* <sup>a</sup>pillars of the house of Baal, and burned them.

27 They also broke down the *sacred* pillar of Baal and broke down the house of Baal, and <sup>a</sup>made it a latrine to this day.

28 Thus Jehu eradicated Baal out of Israel.

29 However, <sup>a</sup>as for the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, which he made Israel sin, from these Jehu did not depart, *even* the <sup>b</sup>golden calves that *were* at Bethel and that *were* at Dan.

30 And the LORD said to Jehu, "Because you have done well in executing what is right in My eyes, *and* have done to the house of Ahab according to all that *was* in My heart, <sup>a</sup>your sons of the fourth generation shall sit on the throne of Israel."

31 But Jehu <sup>1</sup>was not careful to walk in the law of the LORD, the God of Israel, with all his heart; <sup>a</sup>he did not depart from the sins of Jeroboam, which he made Israel sin.

32 In those days the <sup>a</sup>Lord began to cut off *portions* <sup>1</sup>from Israel; and <sup>b</sup>Hazeal <sup>2</sup>defeated them throughout the territory of Israel:

33 from the Jordan eastward, all the land of Gilead, the Gadites and the Reubenites and the Manassites, from <sup>a</sup>Aroer, which is by the valley of the Arnon, even <sup>b</sup>Gilead and Bashan.

34 Now the rest of the acts of Jehu and all that he did and all his might, are they not written in the Book of the Chronicles of the Kings of Israel?

35 And Jehu slept with his fathers, and they buried him in Samaria. And Jehoahaz his son became king in his place.

36 Now the <sup>1</sup>time which Jehu reigned over Israel in Samaria was twenty-eight years.

## CHAPTER 11

<sup>1</sup>WHEN Athaliah the mother of Ahaziah saw that her son was dead, she rose and destroyed all the royal <sup>1</sup>offspring.

2 But Jehosheba, the daughter of King Joram, sister of Ahaziah, <sup>a</sup>took Joash the son of Ahaziah and stole him from among the king's sons who were being put to death, and placed him and his nurse in the bedroom. So they hid him from Athaliah, and he was not put to death.

3 So he was hid with her in the house of the LORD six years, while Athaliah was reigning over the land.

4 <sup>a</sup>Now in the seventh year Jehoiada sent and brought the captains of hundreds of <sup>b</sup>the Carites and of the <sup>1</sup>guard, and brought them to him in the house of the LORD. Then he made a covenant with them and put them under oath in the house of the LORD, and showed them to the king's son.

5 And he commanded them, saying, "This is the thing that you shall do: <sup>a</sup>one third of you, who come in on the sabbath and keep watch over the king's house

6 (one third also *shall be* at the gate Sur, and one third at the gate behind the <sup>1</sup>guards), <sup>2</sup>shall keep watch over the house for defense.

7 "And two parts of you, *even* all who go out on the sabbath, shall also keep watch over the house of the LORD for the king.

8 "Then you shall surround the king, each with his weapons in his hand; and whoever comes within the ranks shall be put to death. And <sup>a</sup>be with the king when he goes out and when he comes in."

9 So the captains of hundreds did according to all that Jehoiada the priest commanded. And each one of them took his men who were to come in on the sabbath, with those who were to go out on the sabbath, and came to Jehoiada the priest.

10 And <sup>a</sup>the priest gave to the captains of hundreds the spears and shields that had been King David's, which *were* in the house of the LORD.

11 And the <sup>1</sup>guards stood each with his weapons in his hand, from the right <sup>2</sup>side of the house to the left <sup>2</sup>side of the house, by the altar and by the house, around the king.

32 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *in* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *smote*  
<sup>2</sup> Kin. 13:25; 14:25 <sup>b2</sup> Kin.  
8:12; 13:22; 1 Kin. 19:17

33 <sup>a</sup>Deut. 2:36 <sup>b</sup>Amos  
1:3-5

36 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *days*

1 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *seed*  
<sup>2</sup> Chr. 22:10-12

2 <sup>2</sup> Kin. 11:21; 12:1

4 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *runners*  
<sup>2</sup> Chr. 23:1-21 <sup>b2</sup> Kin.  
11:19; 2 Sam. 20:23

5 <sup>1</sup> Chr. 9:25

6 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *runners* <sup>2</sup>Lit.,  
*and shall*

8 <sup>a</sup>Num. 27:16, 17

10 <sup>2</sup> Sam. 8:7; 1 Chr. 18:7

11 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *runners* <sup>2</sup>Lit.,  
*shoulder*

12 <sup>a</sup>2 Sam. 1:10 <sup>b</sup>Ex. 25:16; 31:18 <sup>c</sup>1 Sam. 10:24

14 <sup>1</sup>Lit., trumpets  
<sup>a</sup>2 Kin. 23:3; 2 Chr. 34:31  
<sup>b</sup>1 Kin. 1:39; 40 <sup>c</sup>Gen. 37:29; 44:13 <sup>d</sup>2 Kin. 9:23

15 <sup>1</sup>Lit., from within

16 <sup>1</sup>Lit., placed hands to her

17 <sup>a</sup>Josh. 24:25; 2 Chr. 15:12-14; 34:31 <sup>b</sup>1 Sam. 10:25; 2 Sam. 5:3

18 <sup>1</sup>Lit., offices  
<sup>a</sup>2 Kin. 10:26; 27 <sup>b</sup>Deut. 12:2, 3 <sup>c</sup>1 Kin. 18:40

19 <sup>1</sup>Lit., runners  
<sup>a</sup>2 Kin. 11:4 <sup>b</sup>2 Kin. 11:6

21 <sup>1</sup>Ch. 12:1 in Heb.  
<sup>a</sup>2 Chr. 24:1-14

3 <sup>a</sup>2 Kin. 14:4; 15:35

4 <sup>1</sup>Lit., which it comes into . . . to bring  
<sup>a</sup>2 Kin. 22:4 <sup>b</sup>Ex. 35:5, 22, 29; 1 Chr. 29:3-9

5 <sup>1</sup>Lit., breaches and so through v.12.

12 Then he brought the king's son out and <sup>a</sup>put the crown on him, and *gave him* <sup>b</sup>the testimony; and they made him king and anointed him, and they clapped their hands and said, "<sup>c</sup>Long live the king!"

13 When Athaliah heard the noise of the guard *and of the people*, she came to the people in the house of the LORD.

14 And she looked and behold, the king was standing <sup>a</sup>by the pillar, according to the custom, with the captains and the <sup>1</sup>trumpeters beside the king; and <sup>b</sup>all the people of the land rejoiced and blew trumpets. Then Athaliah <sup>c</sup>tore her clothes and cried, "<sup>d</sup>Treason! Treason!"

15 And Jehoiada the priest commanded the captains of hundreds who were appointed over the army, and said to them, "Bring her out <sup>1</sup>between the ranks, and whoever follows her put to death with the sword." For the priest said, "Let her not be put to death in the house of the LORD."

16 So they <sup>1</sup>seized her, and when she arrived at the horses' entrance of the king's house, she was put to death there.

17 Then <sup>a</sup>Jehoiada made a covenant between the LORD and the king and the people, that they should be the LORD's people, also <sup>b</sup>between the king and the people.

18 And all the people of the land went to <sup>a</sup>the house of Baal, and tore it down; <sup>b</sup>his altars and his images they broke in pieces thoroughly, and <sup>c</sup>killed Mattan the priest of Baal before the altars. And the priest appointed <sup>1</sup>officers over the house of the LORD.

19 And he took the captains of hundreds and the <sup>a</sup>Carites and the <sup>1</sup>guards and all the people of the land; and they brought the king down from the house of the LORD, and came by the way of <sup>b</sup>the gate of the <sup>1</sup>guards to the king's house. And he sat on the throne of the kings.

20 So all the people of the land rejoiced and the city was quiet. For they had put Athaliah to death with the sword at the king's house.

21 <sup>1a</sup>Jehoash was seven years old when he became king.

## CHAPTER 12

**I**N the seventh year of Jehu, Jehoash became king, and he reigned forty years in Jerusalem; and his mother's name was Zibiah of Beersheba.

2 And Jehoash did right in the sight of the LORD all his days in which Jehoiada the priest instructed him.

3 Only <sup>a</sup>the high places were not taken away; the people still sacrificed and burned incense on the high places.

4 Then Jehoash said to the priests, "All the money of the sacred things <sup>a</sup>which is brought into the house of the LORD, in current money *both* <sup>b</sup>the money of each man's assessment *and* all the money <sup>1</sup>which any man's heart prompts him to bring into the house of the LORD,

5 let the priests take it for themselves, each from his acquaintance; and they shall repair the <sup>1</sup>damages of the house wherever any damage may be found.

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6 But it came about that in the twenty-third year of King Jehoash the priests had not repaired the damages of the house.

7 Then King Jehoash called for Jehoiada the priest, and for the *other* priests and said to them, "Why do you not repair the damages of the house? Now therefore take no *more* money from your acquaintances, but pay it for the damages of the house."

8 So the priests agreed that they should take no *more* money from the people, or repair the damages of the house.

9 But <sup>a</sup>Jehoiada the priest took a chest and bored a hole in its lid, and put it beside the altar, on the right side as one comes into the house of the LORD; and the priests who guarded the threshold put in it all the money which was brought into the house of the LORD.

10 And when they saw that there was much money in the chest, <sup>a</sup>the king's scribe and the high priest came up and tied it in bags and counted the money which was found in the house of the LORD.

11 And they gave the money which was weighed out into the hands of those who did the work, who had the oversight of the house of the LORD; and they <sup>1</sup>paid it out to the carpenters and the builders, who worked on the house of the LORD;

12 and <sup>a</sup>to the masons and the stonecutters, and for buying timber and hewn stone to repair the damages to the house of the LORD, and for all that was <sup>1</sup>laid out for the house to repair it.

13 But <sup>a</sup>there were not made for the house of the LORD <sup>b</sup>silver cups, snuffers, bowls, trumpets, any vessels of gold, or vessels of silver from the money which was brought into the house of the LORD;

14 for they gave that to those who did the work, and with it they repaired the house of the LORD.

15 Moreover, <sup>a</sup>they did not require an accounting from the men into whose hand they gave the money to pay to those who did the work, for they dealt faithfully.

16 The <sup>a</sup>money from the guilt offerings and <sup>b</sup>the money from the sin offerings, was not brought into the house of the LORD; <sup>c</sup>it was for the priests.

17 Then <sup>a</sup>Hazael king of Syria went up and fought against Gath and captured it, and <sup>b</sup>Hazael set his face to go up to Jerusalem.

18 And <sup>a</sup>Jehoash king of Judah took all the sacred things that Jehoshaphat and Jehoram and Ahaziah, his fathers, kings of Judah, had dedicated, and <sup>b</sup>his own sacred things and all the gold that was found among the treasuries of the house of the LORD and of the king's house, and sent it to Hazael king of Syria. Then he went away from Jerusalem.

19 Now the rest of the acts of Joash and all that he did, are they not written in the Book of the Chronicles of the Kings of Judah?

20 <sup>a</sup>And his servants arose and made a conspiracy, and <sup>b</sup>struck down Joash at <sup>c</sup>the house of Millo as he was going down to Silla.

21 For Jozacar the son of Shimeath, and Jehozabad the son

9 <sup>a</sup>Mark 12:41; Luke 21:1

10 <sup>a</sup>2 Kin. 19:2; 22:3, 4, 12; 2 Sam. 8:17

11 <sup>1</sup>Lit., brought

12 <sup>1</sup>Lit., went out  
<sup>2</sup>2 Kin. 22:5, 6

13 <sup>a</sup>2 Chr. 24:14 <sup>b</sup>1 Kin. 7:48, 50

15 <sup>a</sup>2 Kin. 22:7

16 <sup>a</sup>Lev. 5:15-18 <sup>b</sup>Lev. 4:24, 29 <sup>c</sup>Lev. 7:7; Num. 18:19

17 <sup>a</sup>2 Kin. 8:12; 10:32, 33; 1 Kin. 19:17 <sup>b</sup>2 Chr. 24:23, 24

18 <sup>a</sup>2 Kin. 16:8; 18:15, 16; 1 Kin. 14:26; 15:18 <sup>b</sup>2 Kin. 12:4

20 <sup>a</sup>2 Chr. 24:25-27  
<sup>b</sup>2 Kin. 14:5 <sup>c</sup>Judg. 9:6; 2 Sam. 5:9; 1 Kin. 11:27

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21 <sup>a</sup>2 Chr. 24:26 <sup>b</sup>2 Kin. 14:1

2 <sup>a</sup>1 Kin. 12:26-33

3 <sup>a</sup>Judg. 2:14 <sup>b</sup>2 Kin. 12:17 <sup>c</sup>2 Kin. 13:24, 25

4 <sup>a</sup>Num. 21:7-9 <sup>b</sup>2 Kin. 14:26; Ex. 3:7, 9

5 <sup>1</sup>Or, savior <sup>2</sup>Lit., went out  
<sup>a</sup>2 Kin. 13:25; 14:25, 27; Neh. 9:27

6 <sup>1</sup>Lit., it  
<sup>a</sup>2 Kin. 13:2 <sup>b</sup>1 Kin. 16:33

7 <sup>1</sup>Lit., people  
<sup>a</sup>Amos 1:3

11 <sup>1</sup>Lit., it

12 <sup>a</sup>2 Kin. 13:14-19; 14:8-15

14 <sup>1</sup>Lit., was sick with his sickness <sup>2</sup>Lit., his face  
<sup>a</sup>2 Kin. 2:12

15 <sup>1</sup>Lit., took to himself

of <sup>a</sup>Shomer, his servants, struck *him*, and he died; and they buried him with his fathers in the city of David, and <sup>b</sup>Amaziah his son became king in his place.

CHAPTER 13

**I**N the twenty-third year of Joash the son of Amaziah, king of Judah, Jehoahaz the son of Jehu became king over Israel at Samaria, *and he reigned* seventeen years.

**2** And he did evil in the sight of the LORD, and followed the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, <sup>a</sup>with which he made Israel sin; he did not turn from them.

**3** <sup>a</sup>So the anger of the LORD was kindled against Israel, and He gave them continually into the hand of <sup>b</sup>Hazeal king of Syria, and into the hand of <sup>c</sup>Ben-hadad the son of Hazeal.

**4** Then <sup>a</sup>Jehoahaz entreated the favor of the LORD, and the LORD listened to him; for <sup>b</sup>He saw the oppression of Israel, how the king of Syria oppressed them.

**5** And the LORD gave Israel a <sup>1</sup>deliverer, so that they <sup>2</sup>escaped from under the hand of the Syrians; and the sons of Israel lived in their tents as formerly.

**6** Nevertheless they did not turn away from the sins of the house of Jeroboam, <sup>a</sup>with which he made Israel sin, but walked in <sup>1</sup>them; and <sup>b</sup>the Asherah also remained standing in Samaria.

**7** For he left to Jehoahaz of the <sup>1</sup>army not more than fifty horsemen and ten chariots and 10,000 footmen, for the king of Syria had destroyed them and <sup>a</sup>made them like the dust at threshing.

**8** Now the rest of the acts of Jehoahaz, and all that he did and his might, are they not written in the Book of the Chronicles of the Kings of Israel?

**9** And Jehoahaz slept with his fathers, and they buried him in Samaria; and Joash his son became king in his place.

**10** In the thirty-seventh year of Joash king of Judah, Jehoash the son of Jehoahaz, became king over Israel in Samaria, *and reigned* sixteen years.

**11** And he did evil in the sight of the LORD; he did not turn away from all the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, with which he made Israel sin, but he walked in <sup>1</sup>them.

**12** <sup>a</sup>Now the rest of the acts of Joash and all that he did and his might with which he fought against Amaziah king of Judah, are they not written in the Book of the Chronicles of the Kings of Israel?

**13** So Joash slept with his fathers, and Jeroboam sat on his throne; and Joash was buried in Samaria with the kings of Israel.

**14** When Elisha <sup>1</sup>became sick with the illness of which he was to die, Joash the king of Israel came down to him and wept over <sup>2</sup>him and said, <sup>a</sup>“My father, my father, the chariots of Israel and its horsemen!”

**15** And Elisha said to him, “Take a bow and arrows.” So he <sup>1</sup>took a bow and arrows.

**16** Then he said to the king of Israel, “Put your hand on the bow.” And he put his hand on *it*, then Elisha laid his hands on the king’s hands.

**17** And he said, “Open the window toward the east,” and

he opened it. Then Elisha said, "Shoot!" And he shot. And he said, "The LORD's arrow of victory, even the arrow of victory over Syria; for you shall <sup>1</sup>defeat the Syrians at <sup>a</sup>Aphek until you have <sup>2</sup>destroyed them."

18 Then he said, "Take the arrows," and he took them. And he said to the king of Israel, "Strike the ground," and he struck it three times and <sup>1</sup>stopped.

19 So <sup>a</sup>the man of God was angry with him and said, "You should have struck five or six times, then you would have struck Syria until you would have <sup>1</sup>destroyed it. But now you shall strike Syria <sup>b</sup>only three times."

20 And Elisha died, and they buried him. Now <sup>a</sup>the bands of the Moabites would invade the land in the spring of the year.

21 And as they were burying a man, behold, they saw a marauding band; and they cast the man into the grave of Elisha. And when the man touched the bones of Elisha he revived and stood up on his feet.

22 Now <sup>a</sup>Hazael king of Syria had oppressed Israel all the days of Jehoahaz.

23 But the <sup>a</sup>LORD was gracious to them and <sup>b</sup>had compassion on them and turned to them because of <sup>c</sup>His covenant with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, and would not destroy them or cast them from His presence until now.

24 When Hazael king of Syria died, Ben-hadad his son became king in his place.

25 Then <sup>a</sup>Jehoash the son of Jehoahaz took again from the hand of Ben-hadad the son of Hazael the cities which he had taken in war from the hand of Jehoahaz his father. <sup>b</sup>Three times Joash <sup>1</sup>defeated him and recovered the cities of Israel.

## CHAPTER 14

<sup>a</sup>**I**N the second year of Joash son of Joahaz king of Israel, <sup>b</sup>Amaziah the son of Joash king of Judah became king.

2 He was twenty-five years old when he became king, and he reigned twenty-nine years in Jerusalem. And his mother's name was Jehoaddin of Jerusalem.

3 And he did right in the sight of the LORD, yet not like David his father; he did according to all that Joash his father had done.

4 Only <sup>a</sup>the high places were not taken away; <sup>b</sup>the people still sacrificed and burned incense on the high places.

5 Now it came about, as soon as the kingdom was firmly in his hand, that he <sup>1</sup>killed his servants who had slain the king his father.

6 But the sons of the <sup>1</sup>slayers he did not put to death, according to what is written in the book of the law of Moses, as the LORD commanded, saying, "<sup>a</sup>The fathers shall not be put to death for the sons, nor the sons be put to death for the fathers; but <sup>b</sup>each shall be put to death for his own sin."

7 <sup>a</sup>Hc <sup>1</sup>killed of Edom <sup>b</sup>the Valley of Salt 10,000 and took <sup>c</sup>Sela by war, and named it <sup>d</sup>Joktheel to this day.

8 <sup>a</sup>Then Amaziah sent messengers to Jehoash, the son of Jehoahaz son of Jehu, king of Israel, saying, "<sup>b</sup>Come, let us face each other."

17 <sup>1</sup>Lit., smite <sup>2</sup>Lit., made an end of  
<sup>a</sup>1 Kin. 20:26

18 <sup>1</sup>Lit., stood

19 <sup>1</sup>Lit., made an end of  
<sup>a</sup>2 Kin. 5:20 <sup>b</sup>2 Kin. 13:25

20 <sup>a</sup>2 Kin. 3:7; 24:2

22 <sup>a</sup>2 Kin. 8:12, 13

23 <sup>a</sup>2 Kin. 14:27 <sup>b</sup>1 Kin. 8:28  
<sup>c</sup>Gen. 13:16, 17; 17:2-5

25 <sup>1</sup>Lit., smote  
<sup>a</sup>2 Kin. 10:32, 33; 14:25  
<sup>b</sup>2 Kin. 13:18, 19

1 <sup>a</sup>2 Chr. 25:1 <sup>b</sup>2 Kin. 13:10

4 <sup>a</sup>2 Kin. 12:3 <sup>b</sup>2 Kin. 16:4

5 <sup>1</sup>Lit., smote  
<sup>a</sup>2 Kin. 12:20

6 <sup>1</sup>Lit., smiters  
<sup>a</sup>Deut. 24:16 <sup>b</sup>Jer. 31:30; Ezek. 18:4, 20

7 <sup>1</sup>Lit., smote  
<sup>a</sup>2 Chr. 25:11 <sup>b</sup>2 Sam. 8:13; 1 Chr. 18:12 <sup>c</sup>Is. 16:1 <sup>d</sup>Josh. 15:38

8 <sup>a</sup>2 Chr. 25:17-24  
<sup>b</sup>2 Sam. 2:14-17

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9 <sup>a</sup>Judg. 9:8-15

10 <sup>1</sup>Lit., smitten <sup>2</sup>Lit., lifted you up  
<sup>a</sup>2 Kin. 14:7 <sup>b</sup>Deut. 8:14;  
2 Chr. 26:16

11 <sup>a</sup>2 Kin. 23:29 <sup>b</sup>Josh. 19:38

12 <sup>1</sup>Lit., before  
<sup>a</sup>2 Sam. 18:17

13 <sup>1</sup>One cubit equals approx. 18 in.  
<sup>a</sup>Neh. 8:16; 12:39 <sup>b</sup>2 Chr. 25:23

14 <sup>a</sup>2 Kin. 12:18; 1 Kin. 14:26

15 <sup>a</sup>2 Kin. 13:12, 13

17 <sup>a</sup>2 Chr. 25:25-28

19 <sup>a</sup>Josh. 10:31; 2 Kin. 18:14, 17

21 <sup>1</sup>In 2 Chr. 26:1, *Uzziah*

22 <sup>a</sup>2 Kin. 16:6; 1 Kin. 9:26; 2 Chr. 8:17

25 <sup>1</sup>Lit., by  
<sup>a</sup>2 Kin. 10:32; 13:25 <sup>b</sup>1 Kin. 8:65 <sup>c</sup>Deut. 3:17 <sup>d</sup>Jon. 1:1;  
Matt. 12:39, 40 <sup>e</sup>Josh. 19:13

9 And Jehoash king of Israel sent to Amaziah king of Judah, saying, <sup>a</sup>“The thorn bush which was in Lebanon sent to the cedar which was in Lebanon, saying, ‘Give your daughter to my son in marriage.’ But there passed by a wild beast that was in Lebanon, and trampled the thorn bush.

10 <sup>a</sup>“You have indeed <sup>1</sup>defeated Edom, and <sup>b</sup>your heart has <sup>2</sup>become proud. Enjoy your glory and stay at home; for why should you provoke trouble so that you, even you, should fall, and Judah with you?”

11 But Amaziah would not listen. So Jehoash king of Israel went up; <sup>a</sup>and he and Amaziah king of Judah faced each other at <sup>b</sup>Beth-shemesh, which belongs to Judah.

12 And Judah was defeated <sup>1</sup>by Israel, and <sup>a</sup>they fled each to his tent.

13 Then Jehoash king of Israel captured Amaziah king of Judah, the son of Jehoash the son of Ahaziah, at Beth-shemesh, and came to Jerusalem and tore down the wall of Jerusalem from <sup>a</sup>the Gate of Ephraim to <sup>b</sup>the Corner Gate, 400 <sup>1</sup>cubits.

14 And <sup>a</sup>he took all the gold and silver and all the utensils which were found in the house of the LORD, and in the treasuries of the king’s house, the hostages also, and returned to Samaria.

15 <sup>a</sup>Now the rest of the acts of Jehoash which he did, and his might and how he fought with Amaziah king of Judah, are they not written in the Book of the Chronicles of the Kings of Israel?

16 So Jehoash slept with his fathers and was buried in Samaria with the kings of Israel; and Jeroboam his son became king in his place.

17 <sup>a</sup>And Amaziah the son of Joash king of Judah lived fifteen years after the death of Jehoash son of Jehoahaz king of Israel.

18 Now the rest of the acts of Amaziah, are they not written in the Book of the Chronicles of the Kings of Judah?

19 And they conspired against him in Jerusalem, and he fled to <sup>a</sup>Lachish; but they sent after him to Lachish and killed him there.

20 Then they brought him on horses and he was buried at Jerusalem with his fathers in the city of David.

21 And all the people of Judah took <sup>1</sup>Azariah, who was sixteen years old, and made him king in the place of his father Amaziah.

22 <sup>a</sup>He built Elath and restored it to Judah, after the king slept with his fathers.

23 In the fifteenth year of Amaziah the son of Joash king of Judah, Jeroboam the son of Joash king of Israel became king in Samaria, and *reigned* forty-one years.

24 And he did evil in the sight of the LORD; he did not depart from all the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, which he made Israel sin.

25 <sup>a</sup>He restored the border of Israel from <sup>b</sup>the entrance of Hamath as far as <sup>c</sup>the Sea of the Arabah, according to the word of the LORD, the God of Israel, which He spoke <sup>1</sup>through His servant <sup>d</sup>Jonah the son of Amittai, the prophet, who was of <sup>e</sup>Gath-hepher.



**Azariah Becomes a Leper.**  
**Series of Kings of Israel.**

**2 Kings 14, 15**

26 For the <sup>a</sup>LORD saw the affliction of Israel, *which was* very bitter; for <sup>b</sup>there was neither bond nor free, nor was there any helper for Israel.

26 <sup>a</sup>2 Kin. 13:4 <sup>b</sup>Deut. 32:36

27 And the <sup>a</sup>LORD did not say that He would blot out the name of Israel from under heaven, but He saved them by the hand of Jeroboam the son of Joash.

27 <sup>a</sup>2 Kin. 13:23

28 Now the rest of the acts of Jeroboam and all that he did and his might, how he fought and how he recovered for Israel, <sup>a</sup>Damascus and <sup>b</sup>Hamath, *which had belonged* to Judah, are they not written in the Book of the Chronicles of the Kings of Israel?

28 <sup>a</sup>1 Kin. 11:24 <sup>b</sup>2 Chr. 8:3

29 And Jeroboam slept with his fathers, even with the kings of Israel, and Zechariah his son became king in his place.

1 <sup>a</sup>2 Kin. 14:17

CHAPTER 15

<sup>a</sup>  
IN the twenty-seventh year of Jeroboam king of Israel, Azariah son of Amaziah king of Judah became king.

2 He was <sup>a</sup>sixteen years old when he became king, and he reigned fifty-two years in Jerusalem; and his mother's name was <sup>1</sup>Jecoliah of Jerusalem.

2 <sup>1</sup>In 2 Chr. 26:3, *Jechiliah*  
<sup>2</sup>2 Chr. 26:3, 4

3 And he did right in the sight of the LORD, according to all that his father Amaziah had done.

4 Only <sup>a</sup>the high places were not taken away; the people still sacrificed and burned incense on the high places.

4 <sup>a</sup>2 Kin. 12:3

5 <sup>a</sup>And the LORD struck the king, so that he was a leper to the day of his death. And he <sup>b</sup>lived in a separate house, <sup>1</sup>while Jotham the king's son was over the household, judging the people of the land.

5 <sup>1</sup>Lit. and <sup>2</sup>2 Chr. 26:21-23 <sup>b</sup>Lev. 13:46; Num. 12:14

6 Now the rest of the acts of Azariah and all that he did, are they not written in the Book of the Chronicles of the Kings of Judah?

7 And Azariah slept with his fathers, and they buried him with his fathers in the city of David, and Jotham his son became king in his place.

8 <sup>a</sup>2 Kin. 15:1

8 <sup>a</sup>In the thirty-eighth year of Azariah king of Judah, Zechariah the son of Jeroboam became king over Israel in Samaria *for* six months.

9 And he did evil in the sight of the LORD, as his fathers had done; he did not depart from the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, which he made Israel sin.

10 Then Shallum the son of Jabesh conspired against him and <sup>a</sup>struck him before the people and <sup>1</sup>killed him, and reigned in his place.

10 <sup>1</sup>Lit. *smote*  
<sup>2</sup>Amos 7:9

11 Now the rest of the acts of Zechariah, behold they are written in the Book of the Chronicles of the Kings of Israel.

12 This is <sup>a</sup>the word of the LORD which He spoke to Jehu, saying, "Your sons to the fourth generation shall sit on the throne of Israel." And so it was.

12 <sup>a</sup>2 Kin. 10:30

13 Shallum son of Jabesh became king in the <sup>a</sup>thirty-ninth year of Uzziah king of Judah, and he reigned one month in <sup>b</sup>Samaria.

13 <sup>a</sup>2 Kin. 15:1, 8 <sup>b</sup>1 Kin. 16:24

14 Then Menahem son of Gadi went up from <sup>a</sup>Tirzah and came to Samaria, and struck Shallum son of Jabesh in Samaria, and killed him and became king in his place.

14 <sup>a</sup>1 Kin. 14:17

15 Now the rest of the acts of Shallum and his conspiracy

16 <sup>2</sup> Kin. 8:12

which he made, behold they are written in the Book of the Chronicles of the Kings of Israel.

16 Then Menahem struck Tiphseh and all who were in it and its borders from Tirzah, because they did not open *to him*, therefore he struck *it*; and he ripped up <sup>a</sup>all its women who were with child.

17 <sup>2</sup> Kin. 15:1, 8, 13

17 In the <sup>a</sup>thirty-ninth year of Azariah king of Judah, Menahem son of Gadi became king over Israel *and reigned* ten years in Samaria.

18 And he did evil in the sight of the LORD; he did not depart all his days from the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, which he made Israel sin.

19 <sup>a</sup>Pul king of Assyria came against the land, and Menahem gave Pul a thousand talents of silver so that his hand might be with him to strengthen the kingdom <sup>1</sup>under his rule.

19 <sup>1</sup>Lit., in his hand  
<sup>a</sup>1 Chr. 5:25, 26

20 Then Menahem exacted the money from Israel, even from all the mighty men of wealth, from each man fifty shekels of silver to pay the king of Assyria. So the king of Assyria returned and did not remain there in the land.

21 Now the rest of the acts of Menahem and all that he did, are they not written in the Book of the Chronicles of the Kings of Israel?

23 <sup>2</sup> Kin. 15:1, 8, 13, 17

22 And Menahem slept with his fathers, and Pekahiah his son became king in his place.

23 In <sup>a</sup>the fiftieth year of Azariah king of Judah, Pekahiah son of Menahem became king over Israel in Samaria, *and reigned* two years.

24 And he did evil in the sight of the LORD; he did not depart from the sins of Jeroboam son of Nebat, which he made Israel sin.

25 <sup>1</sup> Kin. 16:18

25 Then Pekah son of Remaliah, his officer, conspired against him and struck him in Samaria, in <sup>a</sup>the castle of the king's house with Argob and Arieah; and with him were fifty men of the Gileadites, and he killed him and became king in his place.

26 Now the rest of the acts of Pekahiah and all that he did, behold they are written in the Book of the Chronicles of the Kings of Israel.

27 <sup>2</sup> Kin. 15:23

27 In <sup>a</sup>the fifty-second year of Azariah king of Judah, Pekah son of Remaliah became king over Israel in Samaria, *and reigned* twenty years.

28 And he did evil in the sight of the LORD; he did not depart from the sins of Jeroboam son of Nebat, which he made Israel sin.

29 In the days of Pekah king of Israel, <sup>a</sup>Tiglath-pileser king of Assyria came and <sup>1</sup>captured Ijon and Abel-beth-maacah and Janoah and Kedesh and Hazor and Gilead and Galilee, all the land of Naphtali; and <sup>b</sup>he carried them captive to Assyria.

29 <sup>1</sup>Lit., took  
<sup>2</sup> Kin. 15:19 <sup>b</sup>2 Kin. 17:6

30 And Hoshea the son of Elah made a conspiracy against Pekah the son of Remaliah, and struck him and put him to death and became king in his place, in the twentieth year of Jotham the son of Uzziah.

31 Now the rest of the acts of Pekah and all that he did, behold, they are written in the Book of the Chronicles of the Kings of Israel.

**Reigns of Jotham and Ahaz over Judah.**  
**Ahaz Seeks Assyrian Aid against Syria and Israel.**

**2 Kings 15, 16**

**32** In the second year of Pekah the son of Remaliah king of Israel, Jotham the son of Uzziah king of Judah became king.

**33** <sup>a</sup>He was twenty-five years old when he became king, and he reigned sixteen years in Jerusalem; and his mother's name was Jerusha the daughter of Zadok.

**34** And <sup>a</sup>he did what was right in the sight of the LORD; he did according to all that his father Uzziah had done.

**35** Only <sup>a</sup>the high places were not taken away; the people still sacrificed and burned incense on the high places. <sup>b</sup>He built the upper gate of the house of the LORD.

**36** Now the rest of the acts of Jotham and all that he did, are they not written in the Book of the Chronicles of the Kings of Judah?

**37** In those days <sup>a</sup>the LORD began to send Rezin king of Syria and Pekah the son of Remaliah against Judah.

**38** And Jotham slept with his fathers, and he was buried with his fathers in the city of David his father; and Ahaz his son became king in his place.

CHAPTER 16

**I**N the seventeenth year of Pekah the son of Remaliah, Ahaz the son of Jotham, king of Judah, became king.

**2** <sup>a</sup>Ahaz was twenty years old when he became king, and he reigned sixteen years in Jerusalem; and he did not do what was right in the sight of the LORD his God, as his father David had done.

**3** But he walked in the way of the kings of Israel, <sup>a</sup>and even made his son pass through the fire, <sup>b</sup>according to the abominations of the nations whom the LORD had <sup>1</sup>driven out from before the sons of Israel.

**4** And he <sup>a</sup>sacrificed and burned incense on the high places and on the hills and under every green tree.

**5** Then <sup>a</sup>Rezin king of Syria and Pekah son of Remaliah, king of Israel, came up to Jerusalem to *wage* war; and they besieged Ahaz, <sup>b</sup>but could not <sup>1</sup>overcome him.

**6** At that time Rezin king of Syria recovered <sup>a</sup>Elath for Syria, and cleared the Judeans out of <sup>1</sup>Elath entirely; and the <sup>2</sup>Syrians came to Elath, and have lived there to this day.

**7** <sup>a</sup>So Ahaz sent messengers to <sup>b</sup>Tiglath-pileser king of Assyria, saying, "I am your servant and your son; come up and deliver me from the <sup>1</sup>hand of the king of Syria, and from the <sup>1</sup>hand of the king of Israel, who are rising up against me."

**8** And <sup>a</sup>Ahaz took the silver and gold that was found in the house of the LORD and in the treasuries of the king's house, and sent a present to the king of Assyria.

**9** <sup>a</sup>So the king of Assyria listened to him; and the king of Assyria went up against Damascus and <sup>b</sup>captured it, and carried *the people* of it away into exile to <sup>c</sup>Kir, and put Rezin to death.

**10** Now King Ahaz went to Damascus to meet <sup>a</sup>Tiglath-pileser king of Assyria, and saw the altar which was at Damascus; and King Ahaz sent to <sup>b</sup>Urijah the priest the <sup>1</sup>pattern of the altar and its model, according to all its workmanship.

**11** So Urijah the priest built an altar; according to all that

33 <sup>a2</sup> Chr. 27:1

34 <sup>a2</sup> Kin. 15:3, 4; 2 Chr. 26:4, 5

35 <sup>a2</sup> Kin. 12:3 <sup>b2</sup> Chr. 23:20; 27:3

37 <sup>a2</sup> Kin. 16:5; Is. 7:1

2 <sup>a2</sup> Chr. 28:1-4

3 <sup>1</sup>Or. *dispossessed*  
<sup>a2</sup> Kin. 17:17; 21:6; Lev. 18:21 <sup>b2</sup> Kin. 21:2, 11; Deut. 12:31

4 <sup>a2</sup> Kin. 14:4; Deut. 12:2

5 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *fight*  
<sup>a2</sup> Kin. 15:37; Is. 7:1  
<sup>b2</sup> Chr. 28:5, 6

6 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *Eloth* <sup>2</sup>So with some ancient versions; Heb., *Edomites*  
<sup>a2</sup> Kin. 14:22; 2 Chr. 26:2

7 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *palm*  
<sup>a2</sup> Chr. 28:16 <sup>b2</sup> Kin. 15:29

8 <sup>a2</sup> Kin. 12:17, 18; 18:15

9 <sup>a2</sup> Chr. 28:21 <sup>b</sup>Amos 1:3-5 <sup>c</sup>Is. 22:6; Amos 9:7

10 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *likeness*  
<sup>a2</sup> Kin. 15:29 <sup>b</sup>Is. 8:2

11 <sup>1</sup>Lit., until

12 <sup>1</sup>Or, offered on it

13 <sup>1</sup>Lit., offered in smoke

14 <sup>1</sup>Lit., he also  
<sup>a</sup>Ex. 40:6, 29  
<sup>b2</sup> Kin. 16:11

15 <sup>1</sup>Lit., commanded him,  
Urijah <sup>2</sup>Lit., offer in smoke  
<sup>a</sup>Ex. 29:39-41 <sup>b2</sup> Kin. 16:14

17 <sup>a1</sup> Kin. 7:27, 28, 38  
<sup>b1</sup> Kin. 7:23, 25

19 <sup>a2</sup> Chr. 28:26

20 <sup>a2</sup> Chr. 28:27

1 <sup>a2</sup> Kin. 15:30

3 <sup>a</sup>Hos. 10:14 <sup>b2</sup> Kin.  
18:9-12

5 <sup>a</sup>Hos. 13:16

6 <sup>1</sup>cf. 1 Chr. 5:26  
<sup>a</sup>Hos. 13:16 <sup>b</sup>Deut. 28:64;  
29:27, 28 <sup>c2</sup> Kin. 18:11;  
1 Chr. 5:26 <sup>d</sup>Is. 37:12 <sup>e</sup>Is.  
13:17; 21:2

King Ahaz had sent from Damascus, thus Urijah the priest made it, <sup>1</sup>before the coming of King Ahaz from Damascus.

12 And when the king came from Damascus, the king saw the altar; then the king approached the altar and <sup>1</sup>went up to it, <sup>13</sup> and <sup>1</sup>burned his burnt offering and his meal offering, and poured his drink offering and sprinkled the blood of his peace offerings on the altar.

14 And <sup>a</sup>the bronze altar, which was before the LORD, <sup>1</sup>he brought from the front of the house, from between <sup>b</sup>his altar and the house of the LORD, and he put it on the north side of his altar.

15 Then King Ahaz <sup>1</sup>commanded Urijah the priest, saying, "Upon the great altar <sup>2</sup>burn <sup>a</sup>the morning burnt offering and the evening meal offering and the king's burnt offering and his meal offering, with the burnt offering of all the people of the land and their meal offering and their drink offerings; and sprinkle on it all the blood of the burnt offering and all the blood of the sacrifice. But <sup>b</sup>the bronze altar shall be for me to inquire by."

16 So Urijah the priest did according to all that King Ahaz commanded.

17 Then King Ahaz <sup>a</sup>cut off the borders of the stands, and removed the laver from them; he also <sup>b</sup>took down the sea from the bronze oxen which were under it, and put it on a pavement of stone.

18 And the covered way for the sabbath which they had built in the house, and the outer entry of the king, he removed from the house of the LORD because of the king of Assyria.

19 Now the rest of the acts of Ahaz which he did, are they not written <sup>a</sup>in the Book of the Chronicles of the Kings of Judah?

20 So Ahaz slept with his fathers, and <sup>a</sup>was buried with his fathers in the city of David; and his son Hezekiah reigned in his place.

## CHAPTER 17

**I**N the twelfth year of Ahaz king of Judah, <sup>a</sup>Hoshea the son of Elah became king over Israel in Samaria, and reigned nine years.

2 And he did evil in the sight of the LORD, only not as the kings of Israel who were before him.

3 <sup>a</sup>Shalmaneser king of Assyria came up <sup>b</sup>against him, and Hoshea became his servant and paid him tribute.

4 But the king of Assyria found conspiracy in Hoshea, who had sent messengers to So king of Egypt and had offered no tribute to the king of Assyria, as he had done year by year; so the king of Assyria shut him up and bound him in prison.

5 Then the king of Assyria invaded the whole land and went up to Samaria and <sup>a</sup>besieged it three years.

6 In the ninth year of Hoshea, <sup>a</sup>the king of Assyria captured Samaria and <sup>b</sup>carried Israel away into exile to Assyria, and <sup>c</sup>settled them in Halah and <sup>1</sup>Habor, on the river of <sup>d</sup>Gozan, and <sup>e</sup>in the cities of the Medes.

7 Now <sup>a</sup>this came about, because the sons of Israel had sinned against the LORD their God, <sup>b</sup>who had brought them up from the land of Egypt from under the hand of Pharaoh, king of Egypt, <sup>c</sup>and they had <sup>d</sup>feared other gods

8 and <sup>a</sup>walked in the <sup>1</sup>customs of the nations whom the LORD had driven out before the sons of Israel, and *in the customs* <sup>b</sup>of the kings of Israel which they had <sup>2</sup>introduced.

9 And the sons of Israel <sup>1</sup>did things secretly which were not right, against the LORD their God. Moreover, they built for themselves high places in all their towns, from <sup>a</sup>watchtower to fortified city.

10 And <sup>a</sup>they set for themselves *sacred* pillars and <sup>1b</sup>Asherah-<sup>1111</sup> on every high hill and under every green tree,

11 and there they burned incense on all the high places as the nations did which the LORD had carried away to exile before them; and they did evil things provoking the LORD.

12 And they served idols, <sup>a</sup>concerning which the LORD had said to them, "You shall not do this thing."

13 Yet the <sup>a</sup>LORD warned Israel and Judah, <sup>b</sup>through all His prophets and <sup>c</sup>every seer, saying, "<sup>d</sup>Turn from your evil ways and keep My commandments, My statutes according to all the law which I commanded your fathers, and which I sent to you through My servants the prophets."

14 However, they did not listen, but <sup>a</sup>stiffened their neck <sup>1</sup>like their fathers, who did not believe in the LORD their God.

15 And <sup>a</sup>they rejected His statutes and <sup>b</sup>His covenant which He made with their fathers, and His warnings with which He warned them. And <sup>c</sup>they followed vanity and <sup>d</sup>became vain, and *went* after the nations which surrounded them, concerning which the <sup>c</sup>LORD had commanded them not to do like them.

16 And they forsook all the commandments of the LORD their God and made for themselves molten images, *even* <sup>a</sup>two calves, and <sup>b</sup>made an <sup>1</sup>Asherah and <sup>c</sup>worshiped all the host of heaven and <sup>d</sup>served Baal.

17 Then <sup>a</sup>they made their sons and their daughters pass through the fire, and <sup>b</sup>practiced divination and enchantments, and <sup>c</sup>sold themselves to do evil in the sight of the LORD, provoking Him.

18 So the LORD was very angry with Israel, and <sup>a</sup>removed them from His <sup>1</sup>sight; <sup>b</sup>none was left except the tribe of Judah.

19 Also <sup>a</sup>Judah did not keep the commandments of the LORD their God, but <sup>b</sup>walked in the <sup>1</sup>customs <sup>2</sup>which Israel had <sup>3</sup>introduced.

20 And the LORD rejected all the <sup>1</sup>descendants of Israel and afflicted them and <sup>a</sup>gave them into the hand of plunderers, until He had cast them <sup>2</sup>out of His sight.

21 When <sup>a</sup>He had torn Israel from the house of David, <sup>b</sup>they made Jeroboam the son of Nebat king. Then <sup>c</sup>Jeroboam drove Israel away from following the LORD, and made them <sup>1</sup>commit a great sin.

22 And the sons of Israel walked in all the sins of Jeroboam which he did; they did not depart from them,

23 <sup>a</sup>until the LORD removed Israel from His sight, <sup>bas</sup> He spoke through all His servants the prophets. <sup>c</sup>So Israel was carried away into exile from their own land to Assyria until this day.

7 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *revered*, and so throughout the chap.  
<sup>a</sup>Josh. 23:16 <sup>b</sup>Ex. 14:15-30  
<sup>c</sup>Judg. 6:10

8 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *statutes* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *made*  
<sup>a</sup>Lev. 18:3; Deut. 18:9  
<sup>b2</sup> Kin. 17:19; 16:3

9 <sup>1</sup>Or, *uttered words*  
*which*  
<sup>2</sup> Kin. 18:8

10 <sup>1</sup>i.e., wooden symbols of a female deity  
<sup>a</sup>Ex. 34:12-14 <sup>b1</sup> Kin. 14:23;  
Mic. 5:14

12 <sup>a</sup>Ex. 20:4

13 <sup>a</sup>Neh. 9:29, 30 <sup>b2</sup> Kin. 17:23 <sup>c1</sup> Sam. 9:9 <sup>d</sup>Jer. 7:3; 18:11; Ezek. 18:31

14 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *like the neck of*  
<sup>a</sup>Ex. 32:9; 33:3; Acts 7:51

15 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 8:9 <sup>b</sup>Ex. 24:6-8; Deut. 29:25 <sup>c</sup>Deut. 32:21  
<sup>d</sup>Jer. 2:5; Rom. 1:21-23  
<sup>e</sup>Deut. 12:30, 31

16 <sup>1</sup>i.e., a wooden symbol of a female deity  
<sup>a1</sup> Kin. 12:28 <sup>b1</sup> Kin. 14:15, 23 <sup>c2</sup> Kin. 21:3; Deut. 4:15, 19 <sup>d1</sup> Kin. 16:31

17 <sup>a2</sup> Kin. 16:3 <sup>b</sup>Lev. 19:26; Deut. 18:10-12  
<sup>c1</sup> Kin. 21:20

18 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *face*  
<sup>2</sup> Kin. 17:6 <sup>b1</sup> Kin.-11:13, 32, 36

19 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *statutes* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *of Israel which they* <sup>3</sup>Lit., *made*  
<sup>a1</sup> Kin. 14:22, 23 <sup>b2</sup> Kin. 16:3

20 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *seed* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *from His face*  
<sup>2</sup> Kin. 15:29

21 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *sin*  
<sup>a1</sup> Kin. 11:11, 31 <sup>b1</sup> Kin. 12:20 <sup>c1</sup> Kin. 12:28-33

23 <sup>a2</sup> Kin. 17:6 <sup>b2</sup> Kin. 17:13 <sup>c2</sup> Kin. 17:6

24 <sup>a</sup>Ezra 4:2, 10 <sup>b2</sup> Kin. 18:34 <sup>c1</sup> Kin. 8:65

27 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *exile from there*  
<sup>2</sup>Lit., *them*

29 <sup>a1</sup> Kin. 12:31; 13:32

30 <sup>a2</sup> Kin. 17:24

31 <sup>a2</sup> Kin. 17:17 <sup>b2</sup> Kin. 19:37 <sup>c2</sup> Kin. 17:24

32 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *made for themselves from among*  
<sup>a</sup>Zeph. 1:5 <sup>b1</sup> Kin. 12:31

34 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *do according to*  
<sup>a</sup>Gen. 32:28; 35:10

35 <sup>a</sup>Judg. 6:10 <sup>b</sup>Ex. 20:5

36 <sup>a</sup>Ex. 14:15-30 <sup>b</sup>Ex. 6:6; 9:15 <sup>c</sup>Lev. 19:32; Deut. 6:13

37 <sup>a</sup>Deut. 5:32

38 <sup>a</sup>Deut. 4:23; 6:12

41 <sup>1</sup>Or, *graven images*  
<sup>a</sup>Zeph. 1:5; Matt. 6:24

24 <sup>a</sup>And the king of Assyria brought *men* from Babylon and from Cuthah and from <sup>b</sup>Avva and from <sup>c</sup>Hamath and Sepharvaim, and settled *them* in the cities of Samaria in place of the sons of Israel. So they possessed Samaria and lived in its cities.

25 And it came about at the beginning of their living there, that they did not fear the LORD; therefore the LORD sent lions among them which killed some of them.

26 So they spoke to the king of Assyria, saying, "The nations whom you have carried away into exile in the cities of Samaria do not know the custom of the god of the land; so he has sent lions among them, and behold, they kill them because they do not know the custom of the god of the land."

27 Then the king of Assyria commanded, saying, "Take there one of the priests whom you carried away into <sup>1</sup>exile, and let <sup>2</sup>him go and live there; and let him teach them the custom of the god of the land."

28 So one of the priests whom they had carried away into exile from Samaria came and lived at Bethel, and taught them how they should fear the LORD.

29 But every nation still made gods of its own and put them <sup>a</sup>in the houses of the high places which the people of Samaria had made, every nation in their cities in which they lived.

30 And <sup>a</sup>the men of Babylon made Succoth-benoth, the men of Cuth made Nergal, the men of Hamath made Ashima,

31 and the Avvites made Nibhaz and Tartak; and <sup>a</sup>the Sepharvites burned their children in the fire to <sup>b</sup>Adrammelech and Anammelech the gods of <sup>c</sup>Sepharvaim.

32 <sup>a</sup>They also feared the LORD and <sup>1b</sup>appointed from among themselves priests of the high places, who acted for them in the houses of the high places.

33 They feared the LORD and served their own gods according to the custom of the nations from among whom they had been carried away into exile.

34 To this day they do according to the earlier customs: they do not fear the LORD, nor do they <sup>1</sup>follow their statutes or their ordinances or the law, or the commandments which the LORD commanded the sons of Jacob, <sup>a</sup>whom He named Israel;

35 with whom the LORD made a covenant and commanded them, saying, "<sup>a</sup>You shall not fear other gods, nor <sup>b</sup>bow down yourselves to them nor serve them nor sacrifice to them.

36 "But the LORD, <sup>a</sup>who brought you up from the land of Egypt with great power and with <sup>b</sup>an outstretched arm, <sup>c</sup>Him you shall fear, and to Him you shall bow yourselves down, and to Him you shall sacrifice.

37 "And the statutes and the ordinances and the law and the commandment, which He wrote for you, <sup>a</sup>you shall observe to do forever; and you shall not fear other gods.

38 "And the covenant that I have made with you, <sup>a</sup>you shall not forget, nor shall you fear other gods.

39 "But the LORD your God you shall fear; and He will deliver you from the hand of all your enemies."

40 However, they did not listen, but they did according to their earlier custom.

41 <sup>a</sup>So while these nations feared the LORD, they also served their <sup>1</sup>idols; their children likewise and their grandchildren, as their fathers did, so they do to this day.

CHAPTER 18

NOW it came about <sup>a</sup>in the third year of Hoshea, the son of Elah king of Israel, that <sup>b</sup>Hezekiah the son of Ahaz king of Judah became king.

2 He was <sup>a</sup>twenty-five years old when he became king, and he reigned twenty-nine years in Jerusalem; and his mother's name was Abi the daughter of Zechariah.

3 <sup>a</sup>And he did right in the sight of the LORD, according to all that his father David had done.

4 <sup>a</sup>He removed the high places and broke down the *sacred* pillars and cut down the <sup>1</sup>Asherah. He also broke in pieces <sup>b</sup>the bronze serpent that Moses had made, for until those days the sons of Israel burned incense to it; and it was called <sup>2</sup>Nehushtan.

5 <sup>a</sup>He trusted in the LORD, the God of Israel; <sup>b</sup>so that after him there was none like him among all the kings of Judah, nor *among those* who were before him.

6 For he clung to the LORD; he did not depart from following Him, but kept His commandments, which the LORD had commanded Moses.

7 <sup>a</sup>And the LORD was with him; wherever he went he prospered. And <sup>b</sup>he rebelled against the king of Assyria and did not serve him.

8 <sup>a</sup>He <sup>1</sup>defeated the Philistines as far as Gaza and its territory, from <sup>b</sup>watchtower to fortified city.

9 Now it came about in the fourth year of King Hezekiah, which was the seventh year of Hoshea son of Elah king of Israel, that <sup>a</sup>Shalmaneser king of Assyria came up against Samaria and besieged it.

10 And at the end of three years they captured it; in the sixth year of Hezekiah, which was the ninth year of Hoshea king of Israel, Samaria was captured.

11 Then the king of Assyria carried Israel away into exile to Assyria, and put them in Halah and on the Habor, the river of Gozan, and in the cities of the Medes,

12 because they did not obey the voice of the LORD their God, but transgressed His covenant, even all that Moses the servant of the LORD commanded; they would neither listen, nor do it.

13 <sup>a</sup>Now in the fourteenth year of King Hezekiah, Sennacherib king of Assyria came up against all the fortified cities of Judah and seized them.

14 Then Hezekiah king of Judah sent to the king of Assyria at Lachish, saying, "I have done wrong. <sup>1</sup>Withdraw from me; whatever you <sup>2</sup>impose on me I will bear." So the king of Assyria <sup>3</sup>required of Hezekiah king of Judah three hundred talents of silver and thirty talents of gold.

15 And <sup>a</sup>Hezekiah gave *him* all the silver which was found in the house of the LORD, and in the treasuries of the king's house.

16 At that time Hezekiah cut off *the gold from* the doors of the temple of the LORD, and *from* the doorposts which Hezekiah king of Judah had overlaid, and gave it to the king of Assyria.

1 <sup>a</sup>2 Kin. 16:2; 17:1  
<sup>b</sup>2 Chr. 28:27

2 <sup>a</sup>2 Chr. 29:1, 2

3 <sup>a</sup>2 Kin. 20:3; 2 Chr. 31:20

4 <sup>1</sup>I.e., a wooden symbol of a female deity <sup>2</sup>I.e., a piece of bronze  
<sup>a</sup>2 Kin. 18:22; 2 Chr. 31:1  
<sup>b</sup>Num. 21:8, 9

5 <sup>a</sup>2 Kin. 19:10 <sup>b</sup>2 Kin. 23:25

7 <sup>a</sup>Gen. 39:2, 3; 1 Sam. 18:14 <sup>b</sup>2 Kin. 16:7

8 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *smote*  
<sup>a</sup>2 Chr. 28:18; Is. 14:29  
<sup>b</sup>2 Kin. 17:9

9 <sup>a</sup>2 Kin. 17:3-7

13 <sup>a</sup>Is. 36:1-39: 8; 2 Chr. 32:1

14 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *Return* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *give*  
<sup>3</sup>Lit., *put on*  
<sup>a</sup>2 Kin. 18:7

15 <sup>a</sup>2 Kin. 12:18; 16:8;  
1 Kin. 15:18, 19

17 <sup>1</sup>I.e., launderer's  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 20:1 <sup>b2</sup> Kin. 20:20; Is.  
7:3

18 <sup>a2</sup> Kin. 19:2; Is. 22:20  
<sup>b</sup>Is. 22:15

19 <sup>1</sup>Lit., trust

20 <sup>1</sup>Lit., a word of the lips  
<sup>a2</sup> Kin. 18:7

21 <sup>1</sup>Lit., rely for yourself  
<sup>2</sup>Lit., palm  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 30:2, 3, 7; Ezek. 29:6, 7

22 <sup>a2</sup> Kin. 18:4; 2 Chr.  
31:1

23 <sup>1</sup>Lit., please exchange  
pledges

24 <sup>1</sup>Lit., turn away the  
face of <sup>2</sup>Or, governor <sup>3</sup>Lit.,  
rely for yourself

25 <sup>1</sup>Lit., without the  
LORD

26 <sup>1</sup>Lit., hear <sup>2</sup>I.e.,  
Hebrew  
<sup>a</sup>Ezra 4:7; Dan. 2:4

28 <sup>1</sup>Lit., and spoke,  
saying,

29 <sup>1</sup>Heb., his

31 <sup>1</sup>Lit., Make with me a  
blessing  
<sup>a1</sup> Kin. 4:20, 25

32 <sup>a</sup>Deut. 8:7-9; 11:12

17 Then the king of Assyria sent <sup>a</sup>Tartan and Rab-saris and Rabshakeh from Lachish to King Hezekiah with a large army to Jerusalem. So they went up and came to Jerusalem. And when they went up, they came and stood by the <sup>b</sup>conduit of the upper pool, which is on the highway of the <sup>1</sup>fuller's field.

18 When they called to the king, <sup>a</sup>Eliakim the son of Hilkiah, who was over the household, and <sup>b</sup>Shebna the scribe and Joah the son of Asaph the recorder, came out to them.

19 Then Rabshakeh said to them, "Say now to Hezekiah, 'Thus says the great king, the king of Assyria, "What is this confidence that you <sup>1</sup>have?"

20 "You say (but *they are* <sup>1</sup>only empty words), 'I have counsel and strength for the war.' Now on whom do you rely, <sup>a</sup>that you have rebelled against me?"

21 "Now behold, you <sup>1</sup>rely on the staff of this crushed reed, *even* on Egypt; on which if a man leans, it will go into his <sup>2</sup>hand and pierce it. So is Pharaoh king of Egypt to all who rely on him.

22 "But if you say to me, 'We trust in the LORD our God,' is it not He whose high places and <sup>a</sup>whose altars Hezekiah has taken away, and has said to Judah and to Jerusalem, 'You shall worship before this altar in Jerusalem?'

23 "Now therefore, <sup>1</sup>come, make a bargain with my master the king of Assyria, and I will give you two thousand horses, if you are able on your part to set riders on them.

24 "How then can you <sup>1</sup>repulse one <sup>2</sup>official of the least of my master's servants, and <sup>3</sup>rely on Egypt for chariots and for horsemen?"

25 "Have I now come up <sup>1</sup>without the LORD's approval against this place to destroy it? The LORD said to me, 'Go up against this land and destroy it.' " " " "

26 Then Eliakim the son of Hilkiah and Shebna and Joah, said to Rabshakeh, "Speak now to your servants in Aramaic, for we <sup>1</sup>understand it; and do not speak with us in <sup>2a</sup>Judean, in the hearing of the people who are on the wall."

27 But Rabshakeh said to them, "Has my master sent me only to your master and to you to speak these words, *and* not to the men who sit on the wall, *doomed* to eat their own dung and drink their own urine with you?"

28 Then Rabshakeh stood and cried with a loud voice in Judean, <sup>1</sup>saying, "Hear the word of the great king, the king of Assyria.

29 "Thus says the king, 'Do not let Hezekiah deceive you, for he will not be able to deliver you from <sup>1</sup>my hand;

30 nor let Hezekiah make you trust in the LORD, saying, "The LORD will surely deliver us, and this city shall not be given into the hand of the king of Assyria."

31 'Do not listen to Hezekiah, for thus says the king of Assyria, "Make your peace with me and come out to me, and eat <sup>a</sup>each of his vine and each of his fig tree and drink each of the waters of his own cistern,

32 until I come and take you away <sup>a</sup>to a land like your own land, a land of grain and new wine, a land of bread and vineyards, a land of olive trees and honey, that you may live and not die." But do not listen to Hezekiah, when he misleads you, saying, "The LORD will deliver us."



33 <sup>a</sup>Has any one of the gods of the nations delivered his land from the hand of the king of Assyria?

34 <sup>a</sup>Where are the gods of Hamath and <sup>b</sup>Arpad? Where are the gods of Sepharvaim, Hena and <sup>c</sup>Ivvah? Have they delivered Samaria from my hand?

35 'Who among all the gods of the lands <sup>1</sup>have delivered their land from my hand, that the LORD should deliver Jerusalem from my hand?'

36 But the people were silent and answered him not a word, for the king's commandment was, "Do not answer him."

37 Then <sup>a</sup>Eliakim the son of Hilkiah, who was over the household, and Shebna the scribe and Joah the son of Asaph, the recorder, came to Hezekiah <sup>b</sup>with their clothes torn and told him the words of Rabshakeh.

CHAPTER 19

<sup>a</sup>AND when King Hezekiah heard *it*, he <sup>b</sup>tore his clothes, <sup>c</sup>covered himself with sackcloth and entered the house of the LORD.

2 Then he sent Eliakim who was over the household with Shebna the scribe and the elders of the priests, <sup>a</sup>covered with sackcloth, to <sup>b</sup>Isaiah the prophet the son of Amoz.

3 And they said to him, "Thus says Hezekiah, 'This day is a day of distress, rebuke, and rejection; for children have come to birth, and there is no strength to <sup>1</sup>deliver.'

4 <sup>a</sup>Perhaps the LORD your God will hear all the words of Rabshakeh, whom his master the king of Assyria has sent <sup>b</sup>to reproach the living God, and will rebuke the words which the LORD your God has heard. Therefore, offer a prayer for <sup>c</sup>the remnant that is left.'"

5 So the servants of King Hezekiah came to Isaiah.

6 And Isaiah said to them, "Thus you shall say to your master, 'Thus says the LORD, "Do not be afraid because of the words that you have heard, with which the <sup>a</sup>servants of the king of Assyria <sup>b</sup>have blasphemed Me.

7 "Behold, I will put a spirit in him so that <sup>a</sup>he shall hear a rumor and return to his own land. And <sup>b</sup>I will make him fall by the sword in his own land.'"

8 Then Rabshakeh returned and found the king of Assyria fighting against <sup>a</sup>Libnah, for he had heard that <sup>1</sup>the king had left <sup>b</sup>Lachish.

9 When he heard *them* say concerning Tirhakah king of <sup>1</sup>Cush, "Behold, he has come out to fight against you," he sent messengers again to Hezekiah saying,

10 "Thus you shall say to Hezekiah king of <sup>1</sup>Judah, 'Do not <sup>a</sup>let your God in whom you trust deceive you saying, "<sup>b</sup>Jerusalem shall not be given into the hand of the king of Assyria."

11 'Behold, you have heard what the kings of Assyria have done to all the lands, destroying them completely. So will you be <sup>1</sup>spared?

12 <sup>a</sup>Did the gods of <sup>1</sup>those nations which my fathers destroyed deliver them, *even* <sup>b</sup>Gozan and <sup>c</sup>Haran and Rezep and <sup>d</sup>the sons of Eden who were in Telassar?

33 <sup>a</sup>2 Kin. 19:12; Is. 10:10, 11

34 <sup>a</sup>2 Kin. 19:13 <sup>b</sup>Is. 10:9 <sup>c</sup>2 Kin. 17:24

35 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *who have*

37 <sup>a</sup>2 Kin. 18:26 <sup>b</sup>2 Kin. 6:30

1 <sup>a</sup>2 Chr. 32:20-22 Is. 37:1-38 <sup>b</sup>2 Kin. 18:37 <sup>c</sup>1 Kin. 21:27

2 <sup>a</sup>2 Sam. 3:31 <sup>b</sup>Is. 1:1; 2:1

3 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *give birth*

4 <sup>a</sup>Josh. 14:12; 2 Sam. 16:12 <sup>b</sup>2 Kin. 18:35 <sup>c</sup>Is. 1:9

6 <sup>a</sup>2 Kin. 18:17 <sup>b</sup>2 Kin. 18:22-25; 30:35

7 <sup>a</sup>2 Kin. 7:6 <sup>b</sup>2 Kin. 19:37

8 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *he*  
<sup>a</sup>Josh. 10:29 <sup>b</sup>2 Kin. 18:14

9 <sup>1</sup>Or, *Ethiopia*

10 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *Judah, saying,*  
<sup>a</sup>2 Kin. 18:5 <sup>b</sup>2 Kin. 18:30

11 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *delivered*

12 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *the*  
<sup>a</sup>2 Kin. 18:33 <sup>b</sup>2 Kin. 17:6 <sup>c</sup>Gen. 11:31 <sup>d</sup>Is. 37:12

13 <sup>a</sup>2 Kin. 18:34

14 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *letters... read them* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *Hezekiah spread*  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 37:14

15 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *seated*  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 37:14 <sup>b2</sup> Kin. 5:15

16 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 31:2; Is. 37:17  
<sup>b1</sup> Kin. 8:29; 2 Chr. 6:40  
<sup>c2</sup> Kin. 19:4

18 <sup>a</sup>Is. 44:9-20; Acts 17:29

19 <sup>a1</sup> Kin. 8:42, 43 <sup>b2</sup> Kin. 19:15

20 <sup>a2</sup> Kin. 20:5

21 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 14:17; Lam. 2:13  
<sup>b</sup>Ps. 109:25; Matt. 27:39

22 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *on high*  
<sup>a2</sup> Kin. 19:4 <sup>b2</sup> Kin. 19:6  
<sup>c</sup>Is. 5:24; 30:11-15

23 <sup>1</sup>So with some ancient versions, M.T., *will cut... will enter*  
<sup>a2</sup> Kin. 18:17 <sup>b2</sup> Chr. 26:10; Is. 10:18

24 <sup>1</sup>So with some ancient versions, M.T., *will dry up*  
<sup>2</sup>Lit., *the besieged place*  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 19:6

25 <sup>a</sup>Is. 45:7 <sup>b</sup>Is. 10:5

13 <sup>a</sup>Where is the king of Hamath, the king of Arpad, the king of the city of Sepharvaim, and of Hena and Ivah?"

14 Then <sup>a</sup>Hezekiah took the <sup>1</sup>letter from the hand of the LORD messengers and read it, and he went up to the house of the LORD and <sup>2</sup>spread it out before the LORD.

15 And Hezekiah prayed before the LORD and said, "O LORD, the God of Israel, <sup>a</sup>who art <sup>1</sup>enthroned *above* the cherubim, <sup>b</sup>Thou art the God, Thou alone, of all the kingdoms of the earth. Thou hast made heaven and earth.

16 <sup>a</sup>"Incline Thine ear, O LORD, and hear; <sup>b</sup>open Thine eyes, O LORD, and see; and listen to the words of Sennacherib, which he has sent <sup>c</sup>to reproach the living God.

17 "Truly, O LORD, the kings of Assyria have devastated the nations and their lands

18 and have cast their gods into the fire, <sup>a</sup>for they were not gods but the work of men's hands, wood and stone. So they have destroyed them.

19 "And now, O LORD our God, I pray, deliver us from his hand <sup>a</sup>that all the kingdoms of the earth may know that Thou alone, O <sup>b</sup>LORD, art God."

20 Then Isaiah the son of Amoz sent to Hezekiah saying, "Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, 'Because you have prayed to Me about Sennacherib king of Assyria, <sup>a</sup>I have heard you.'

21 "This is the word that the LORD has spoken against him:

'She has despised you and mocked you,

<sup>a</sup>The virgin daughter of Zion;

She <sup>b</sup>has shaken *her* head behind you,

The daughter of Jerusalem!

22 'Whom have you <sup>a</sup>reproached and <sup>b</sup>blasphemed?

And against whom have you raised *your* voice,

And <sup>1</sup>haughtily lifted up your eyes?

Against the <sup>c</sup>Holy One of Israel!

23 <sup>a</sup>Through your messengers you have reproached the LORD,

And you have said, "With my many chariots

I came up to the heights of the mountains,

To the remotest parts of Lebanon;

And I <sup>1</sup>cut down its tall cedars *and* its choice cypresses.

And I <sup>1</sup>entered its farthest lodging place, its <sup>b</sup>thickest forest.

24 "I dug *wells* and drank foreign waters,

And with the sole of my feet I <sup>1</sup>dried up

All the rivers of <sup>2</sup>Egypt."

25 <sup>a</sup>Have you not heard?

Long ago I did it;

From ancient times I planned it.

<sup>b</sup>Now I have brought it to pass,

That you should turn fortified cities into ruinous heaps.

26 'Therefore their inhabitants were short of strength, They were dismayed and put to shame;

They were <sup>a</sup>as the vegetation of the field and as the green herb,  
As grass on the housetops is scorched before it is grown up.

27 <sup>a</sup>But I know your sitting down,  
And your going out and your coming in,  
And your raging against Me.

28 <sup>a</sup>Because of your raging against Me,  
And because your <sup>1</sup>arrogance has come up to My ears,  
Therefore I <sup>a</sup>will put My hook in your nose,  
And My bridle in your lips,  
And <sup>b1</sup>I will turn you back by the way which you came.

29 <sup>a</sup>Then this shall be <sup>a</sup>the sign for you: <sup>1</sup>you shall eat this year what grows of itself, in the second year what springs from the same, and in the third year sow, reap, plant vineyards, and eat their fruit.

30 <sup>a</sup>And the surviving remnant of the house of Judah shall again take root downward and bear fruit upward.

31 <sup>a</sup>For out of Jerusalem shall go forth a remnant, and <sup>a</sup>out of Mount Zion <sup>1</sup>survivors. <sup>b</sup>The zeal of <sup>2</sup>the LORD shall perform this.

32 <sup>a</sup>Therefore thus says the LORD concerning the king of Assyria, <sup>a</sup>"He shall not come to this city or shoot an arrow there; neither shall he come before it with a shield, nor throw up a mound against it.

33 <sup>a</sup>"By the way that he came, by the same he shall return, and he shall not come to this city,"' declares the LORD.

34 <sup>a</sup>For I will defend this city to save it for My own sake and <sup>b</sup>for My servant David's sake.'

35 <sup>a</sup>Then it happened that night that <sup>b</sup>the angel of the LORD went out, and struck 185,000 in the camp of the Assyrians; and when <sup>1</sup>men rose early in the morning, behold, all of them were <sup>2</sup>dead.

36 So <sup>a</sup>Sennacherib king of Assyria departed and returned home, and lived at <sup>b</sup>Nineveh.

37 And it came about as he was worshiping in the house of Nisroch his god, that <sup>1a</sup>Adrammelech and Sharezer killed him with the sword; and they escaped into <sup>b</sup>the land of Ararat. And <sup>c</sup>Esarhaddon his son became king in his place.

## CHAPTER 20

<sup>a</sup>**I**N those days Hezekiah became <sup>1</sup>mortally ill. And Isaiah the prophet the son of Amoz came to him and said to him, <sup>a</sup>"Thus says the LORD, <sup>b</sup>Set your house in order, for you shall die and not live."

2 Then he turned his face to the wall, and prayed to the LORD, saying,

3 <sup>a</sup>"Remember now, O LORD, I beseech Thee, <sup>b</sup>how I have walked before Thee in truth and with a whole heart, and have done what is good in Thy sight." And <sup>c</sup>Hezekiah wept <sup>1</sup>bitterly.

4 And it came about before Isaiah had gone out of the middle court, that the word of the LORD came to him, saying,

26 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 129:6

28 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *complacency*  
<sup>a</sup>Ezek. 19:9; 29:4 <sup>b2</sup> Kin. 19:33, 36

29 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *eating*  
<sup>a2</sup> Kin. 20:8, 9; Ex. 3:12

30 <sup>a2</sup> Kin. 19:4; 2 Chr. 32:22, 23

31 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *those who escape*  
<sup>2</sup>Some ancient mss. read, *the LORD of hosts*  
<sup>a1s.</sup> 10:20 <sup>b1s.</sup> 9:7

32 <sup>a1s.</sup> 8:7-10

33 <sup>a2</sup> Kin. 19:28

34 <sup>a2</sup> Kin. 20:6; Is. 31:5  
<sup>b1</sup> Kin. 11:12, 13

35 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *they? Lit., dead bodies*  
<sup>a2</sup> Chr. 32:21 <sup>b2</sup> Sam. 24:16

36 <sup>a2</sup> Kin. 19:7, 28, 33  
<sup>b</sup>Jon. 1:2

37 <sup>1</sup>Some ancient mss. read, *Adrammelech and Sharezer his sons smote him*  
<sup>a2</sup> Kin. 19:17, 31 <sup>b</sup>Gen. 8:4; Jer. 51:27 <sup>c</sup>Ezra 4:2

1 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *sick to the point of death*  
<sup>a2</sup> Chr. 32:24; Is. 38:1-22  
<sup>b2</sup> Sam. 17:23

3 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *great weeping*  
<sup>a</sup>Neh. 5:19; 13:14, 22, 31  
<sup>b2</sup> Kin. 18:3-6 <sup>c2</sup> Sam. 12:21, 22

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5 <sup>a</sup>1 Sam. 9:16; 10:1  
<sup>b</sup>2 Kin. 19:20 <sup>c</sup>Ps. 39:12

6 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *days*  
<sup>a</sup>2 Kin. 19:34

10 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *said*

11 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *steps*  
<sup>a</sup>Josh. 10:12-14

12 <sup>1</sup>Many mss. and  
ancient versions read,  
*Merodach-baladan*; cf. Is.  
39:1  
<sup>a</sup>2 Chr. 32:31; Is. 39:1-8

13 <sup>a</sup>2 Chr. 32:27

15 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *said*

17 <sup>a</sup>2 Kin. 24:13; 25:13-15;  
Jer. 52:17-19

18 <sup>a</sup>2 Kin. 24:12; 2 Chr.  
33:11 <sup>b</sup>Dan. 1:3-7

19 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *said*  
<sup>a</sup>1 Sam. 3:18

20 <sup>a</sup>2 Chr. 32:32

21 <sup>a</sup>2 Chr. 32:33

5 "Return and say to <sup>a</sup>Hezekiah the leader of My people, "Thus says the LORD, the God of your father David, "<sup>b</sup>I have heard your prayer, <sup>c</sup>I have seen your tears; behold, I will heal you. On the third day you shall go up to the house of the LORD.

6 "And I will add fifteen years to your <sup>1</sup>life, and I will deliver you and this city from the hand of the king of Assyria; and <sup>a</sup>I will defend this city for My own sake and for My servant David's sake." "

7 Then Isaiah said, "Take a cake of figs." And they took and laid it on the boil, and he recovered.

8 Now Hezekiah said to Isaiah, "What will be the sign that the LORD will heal me, and that I shall go up to the house of the LORD the third day?"

9 And Isaiah said, "This shall be the sign to you from the LORD, that the LORD will do the thing that He has spoken: shall the shadow go forward ten steps or go back ten steps?"

10 So Hezekiah <sup>1</sup>answered, "It is easy for the shadow to decline ten steps; no, but let the shadow turn backward ten steps."

11 And Isaiah the prophet cried to the LORD, and <sup>a</sup>He brought the shadow on the <sup>1</sup>stairway back ten steps by which it had gone down on the <sup>1</sup>stairway of Ahaz.

12 <sup>a</sup>At that time <sup>1</sup>Berodach-baladan a son of Baladan, king of Babylon, sent letters and a present to Hezekiah, for he heard that Hezekiah had been sick.

13 And Hezekiah listened to them, and showed them <sup>a</sup>all his treasure house, the silver and the gold and the spices and the precious oil and the house of his armor and all that was found in his treasuries. There was nothing in his house, nor in all his dominion, that Hezekiah did not show them.

14 Then Isaiah the prophet came to King Hezekiah and said to him, "What did these men say, and from where have they come to you?" And Hezekiah said, "They have come from a far country, from Babylon."

15 And he said, "What have they seen in your house?" So Hezekiah <sup>1</sup>answered, "They have seen all that is in my house; there is nothing among my treasuries that I have not shown them."

16 Then Isaiah said to Hezekiah, "Hear the word of the LORD.

17 'Behold, the days are coming when <sup>a</sup>all that is in your house, and all that your fathers have laid up in store to this day shall be carried to Babylon; nothing shall be left,' says the LORD.

18 'And some <sup>a</sup>of your sons who shall issue from you, whom you shall beget, shall be taken away; and they shall become <sup>b</sup>officials in the palace of the king of Babylon.' "

19 Then Hezekiah said to Isaiah, "The word of the LORD which you have spoken is <sup>a</sup>good." For he <sup>1</sup>thought, "Is it not so, if there shall be peace and truth in my days?"

20 <sup>a</sup>Now the rest of the acts of Hezekiah and all his might, and how he made the pool and the conduit, and brought water into the city, are they not written in the Book of the Chronicles of the Kings of Judah?

21 <sup>a</sup>So Hezekiah slept with his fathers, and Manasseh his son became king in his place.

CHAPTER 21

<sup>a</sup>MANASSEH was twelve years old when he became king, and he reigned fifty-five years in Jerusalem; and his mother's name was Hephzibah.

2 And he did evil in the sight of the LORD, <sup>a</sup>according to the abominations of the nations whom the LORD dispossessed before the sons of Israel.

3 For <sup>a</sup>he rebuilt the high places which Hezekiah his father had destroyed; and <sup>b</sup>he erected altars for Baal and made an <sup>1</sup>Asherah, as Ahab king of Israel had done, and <sup>c</sup>worshiped all the host of heaven and served them.

4 And <sup>a</sup>he built altars in the house of the LORD, of which the LORD had said, "<sup>b</sup>In Jerusalem I will put My name."

5 For he built altars for <sup>a</sup>all the host of heaven in <sup>b</sup>the two courts of the house of the LORD.

6 And <sup>a</sup>he made his son pass through the fire, <sup>b</sup>practiced witchcraft and used divination, and dealt with mediums and spiritists. He did much evil in the sight of the LORD provoking *Him to anger*.

7 Then <sup>a</sup>he set the carved image of Asherah that he had made, in the house of which the LORD said to David and to his son Solomon, "<sup>b</sup>In this house and in Jerusalem, which I have chosen from all the tribes of Israel, I will put My name forever.

8 "And I <sup>a</sup>will not make the feet of Israel wander any more from the land which I gave their fathers, if only they will observe to do according to all that I have commanded them, and according to all the law that My servant Moses commanded them."

9 But they did not listen, and Manasseh seduced them to do evil more than the nations whom the LORD destroyed before the sons of Israel.

10 Now the LORD spoke through His servants the prophets, saying,

11 "<sup>a</sup>Because Manasseh king of Judah has done these abominations, <sup>b</sup>having done wickedly more than all the Amorites did who *were* before him, and <sup>c</sup>has also made Judah sin <sup>d</sup>with his idols;

12 therefore thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, 'Behold, I am bringing *such* calamity on Jerusalem and Judah, that whoever hears of it, <sup>a</sup>both his ears shall tingle.

13 "<sup>a</sup>And I will stretch over Jerusalem the line of Samaria and the plummet of the house of Ahab, and I will wipe Jerusalem as one wipes a dish, wiping it and turning it upside down.

14 "And I will abandon the remnant of My inheritance and deliver them into the hand of their enemies, and they shall become as plunder and spoil to all their enemies;

15 because they have done evil in My sight, and have been provoking Me to anger, since the day their fathers came from Egypt, even to this day.' "

16 <sup>a</sup>Moreover, Manasseh shed very much innocent blood until he had filled Jerusalem from one end to another; besides his sin <sup>b</sup>with which he made Judah sin, in doing evil in the sight of the LORD.

1 <sup>2</sup> Chr. 33:1-9

2 <sup>2</sup> Kin. 16:3

3 <sup>1</sup> i.e., a wooden symbol of a female deity.  
<sup>2</sup> Kin. 18:4 <sup>1</sup> Kin. 16:31-33 <sup>2</sup> Kin. 17:16; 23:5; Deut. 17:2-5

4 <sup>2</sup> Kin. 16:10-16 <sup>1</sup> Kin. 8:29

5 <sup>2</sup> Kin. 23:4, 5 <sup>2</sup> Kin. 23:12; 1 Kin. 7:12

6 <sup>2</sup> Kin. 16:3; 17:17; Lev. 18:21 <sup>1</sup> Lev. 19:26, 31; Deut. 18:10-14

7 <sup>2</sup> Kin. 23:6; Deut. 16:21 <sup>1</sup> Kin. 8:29; 9:3

8 <sup>2</sup> Kin. 18:11, 12; 2 Sam. 7:10

11 <sup>2</sup> Kin. 21:2; 24:3, 4  
<sup>1</sup> Gen. 15:16; 1 Kin. 21:26  
<sup>2</sup> Kin. 21:16 <sup>2</sup> Kin. 21:21

12 <sup>1</sup> Sam. 3:11; Jer. 19:3

13 <sup>1</sup> Is. 34:11; Amos 7:7, 8

16 <sup>2</sup> Kin. 24:4 <sup>2</sup> Kin. 21:11

**Amon Reigns over Judah, Then Josiah.  
The Temple Repaired.**

**2 Kings 21, 22**

17 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *sinned*  
<sup>2</sup>Chr. 33:11-19

18 <sup>2</sup>Chr. 33:20 <sup>b2</sup> Kin.  
21:26

20 <sup>2</sup> Kin. 21:2-6, 11, 16

22 <sup>2</sup> Kin. 22:17; 1 Chr.  
28:9

23 <sup>2</sup> Kin. 12:20; 14:19

24 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *smote*  
<sup>2</sup> Kin. 14:5

26 <sup>2</sup> Kin. 21:18

1 <sup>2</sup> Chr. 34:1 <sup>b</sup>Josh.  
15:39

2 <sup>2</sup> Deut. 5:32; Josh. 1:7

4 <sup>1</sup> Or, *total*  
<sup>2</sup> Kin. 12:4, 9, 10

5 <sup>1</sup> Lit., *breach*  
<sup>2</sup> Kin. 12:11-14

7 <sup>2</sup> Kin. 12:15

8 <sup>2</sup> Deut. 31:24-26; 2 Chr.  
34:14, 15

17 <sup>a</sup>Now the rest of the acts of Manasseh and all that he did and his sin which he <sup>1</sup>committed, are they not written in the Book of the Chronicles of the Kings of Judah?

18 <sup>a</sup>And Manasseh slept with his fathers and was buried in the garden of his own house, <sup>b</sup>in the garden of Uzza, and Amon his son became king in his place.

19 Amon was twenty-two years old when he became king, and he reigned two years in Jerusalem; and his mother's name was Meshullemeth the daughter of Haruz of Jotbah.

20 And he did evil in the sight of the LORD, <sup>a</sup>as Manasseh his father had done.

21 For he walked in all the way that his father had walked, and served the idols that his father had served and worshiped them.

22 So <sup>a</sup>he forsook the LORD, the God of his fathers, and did not walk in the way of the LORD.

23 And <sup>a</sup>the servants of Amon conspired against him and killed the king in his own house.

24 Then <sup>a</sup>the people of the land <sup>1</sup>killed all those who had conspired against King Amon, and the people of the land made Josiah his son king in his place.

25 Now the rest of the acts of Amon which he did, are they not written in the Book of the Chronicles of the Kings of Judah?

26 And he was buried in his grave <sup>a</sup>in the garden of Uzza, and Josiah his son became king in his place.

CHAPTER 22

<sup>a</sup>**JOSIAH** was eight years old when he became king, and he reigned thirty-one years in Jerusalem; and his mother's name was Jedidah the daughter of Adaiah of <sup>b</sup>Bozath.

2 And he did right in the sight of the LORD and walked in all the way of his father David, nor did he <sup>a</sup>turn aside to the right or to the left.

3 Now it came about in the eighteenth year of King Josiah that the king sent Shaphan, the son of Azaliah the son of Meshullam the scribe, to the house of the LORD saying,

4 <sup>a</sup>"Go up to Hilkiah the high priest that he may <sup>1</sup>count the money brought in to the house of the LORD which the door-keepers have gathered from the people.

5 <sup>a</sup>"And let them deliver it into the hand of the workmen who have the oversight of the house of the LORD, and let them give it to the workmen who are in the house of the LORD to repair the <sup>1</sup>damages of the house,

6 to the carpenters and the builders and the masons and for buying timber and hewn stone to repair the house.

7 "Only <sup>a</sup>no accounting shall be made with them for the money delivered into their hands, for they deal faithfully."

8 Then Hilkiah the high priest said to Shaphan the scribe, <sup>a</sup>"I have found the book of the law in the house of the LORD." And Hilkiah gave the book to Shaphan who read it.

9 And Shaphan the scribe came to the king and brought back word to the king and said, "Your servants have emptied out the money that was found in the house, and have delivered it into the hand of the workmen who have the oversight of the house of the LORD."

**Hilkiah Finds the Book of Law.  
Huldah's Warning and Message.**

**2 Kings 22, 23**

10 Moreover, Shaphan the scribe told the king saying, "Hilkiah the priest has given me a book." And Shaphan read it in the presence of the king.

11 And it came about when the king heard the words of the book of the law, that <sup>a</sup>he tore his clothes.

12 Then the king commanded Hilkiah the priest, <sup>a</sup>Ahikam the son of Shaphan, <sup>b</sup>Achbor the son of Micaiah, Shaphan the scribe, and Asaiah the king's servant saying,

13 "Go, inquire of the LORD for me and the people and all Judah concerning the words of this book that has been found, for <sup>a</sup>great is the wrath of the LORD that burns against us, because our fathers have not listened to the words of this book, to do according to all that is written concerning us."

14 So Hilkiah the priest, Ahikam, Achbor, Shaphan, and Asaiah went to Huldah the prophetess, the wife of Shallum the son of <sup>1a</sup>Tikvah, the son of Harhas, keeper of the wardrobe (now she lived in Jerusalem in the <sup>b</sup>Second Quarter); and they spoke to her.

15 And she said to them, "Thus says the LORD God of Israel, 'Tell the man who sent you to me,

16 thus says the LORD, "Behold, I bring evil on this place and on its inhabitants, *even* all the words of the book which the king of Judah has read.

17 "<sup>a</sup>Because they have forsaken Me and have burned incense to other gods that they might provoke Me to anger with all the work of their hands, therefore My wrath burns against this place, and it shall not be quenched."

18 "But to the king of Judah who sent you to inquire of the LORD thus shall you say to him, 'Thus says the LORD God of Israel, "*Regarding* the words which you have heard,

19 <sup>a</sup>because your heart was tender and <sup>b</sup>you humbled yourself before the LORD when you heard what I spoke against this place and against its inhabitants that they should become <sup>c</sup>a desolation and a <sup>d</sup>curse, and you have <sup>e</sup>torn your clothes and wept before Me, I truly have heard you," declares the LORD.

20 "Therefore, behold, I will gather you to your fathers, and <sup>a</sup>you shall be gathered to your grave in peace, neither shall your eyes see all the evil which I will bring on this place.'" " So they brought back word to the king.

11 <sup>a</sup>Gen. 37:34; Josh. 7:6

12 <sup>1</sup>In 2 Chr. 34:20.  
*Abdon, son of Micaiah*  
<sup>2</sup>2 Kin. 25:22; Jer. 26:24  
<sup>b</sup>2 Chr. 34:20

13 <sup>a</sup>Deut. 29:23-28;  
31:17, 18

14 <sup>1</sup>In 2 Chr. 34:22,  
*Tokhath, son of Hasrah*  
<sup>2</sup>2 Chr. 34:22 <sup>b</sup>Zeph. 1:10

17 <sup>2</sup>2 Kin. 21:22; Deut.  
29:25, 26

19 <sup>1</sup>1 Sam. 24:5; Ps. 51:17  
<sup>b</sup>Ex. 10:3; 1 Kin. 21:29  
<sup>c</sup>Lev. 26:31 <sup>d</sup>Jer. 26:6  
<sup>e</sup>2 Kin. 22:11

20 <sup>2</sup>2 Kin. 23:30

1 <sup>2</sup>2 Chr. 34:29-32

CHAPTER 23

<sup>a</sup>**T**HEN the king sent, and they gathered to him all the elders of Judah and of Jerusalem.

2 And the king went up to the house of the LORD and all the men of Judah and all the inhabitants of Jerusalem with him, and the priests and the prophets and all the people, both small and great; and <sup>a</sup>he read in their hearing all the words of the book of the covenant, <sup>b</sup>which was found in the house of the LORD.

3 And <sup>a</sup>the king stood by the pillar and made a covenant before the LORD, <sup>b</sup>to walk after the LORD, and to keep His commandments and His testimonies and His statutes with all *his* heart and all *his* soul, to carry out the words of this covenant that were written in this book. And all the people <sup>1</sup>entered into the covenant.

2 <sup>a</sup>Deut. 31:10-13 <sup>b</sup>2 Kin. 22:8

3 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *took a stand in*  
<sup>2</sup>2 Kin. 11:14, 17 <sup>b</sup>Deut. 13:4

4 <sup>1</sup>Lit., keepers of the threshold <sup>2</sup>I.e., A wooden symbol of a female deity, and so throughout the chap.  
<sup>a</sup>2 Kin. 25:18; Jer. 52:24  
<sup>b</sup>2 Kin. 21:37 <sup>c</sup>2 Kin. 23:15

6 <sup>1</sup>Lit., sons of the people  
<sup>a</sup>2 Kin. 23:15 <sup>b</sup>2 Chr. 34:4

7 <sup>1</sup>Or, tents; lit., houses  
<sup>a</sup>1 Kin. 14:24; 15:12 <sup>b</sup>Ex. 35:25, 26; Ezek. 16:16

8 <sup>a</sup>Josh. 21:17; 1 Kin. 15:22

9 <sup>a</sup>Ezek. 44:10-14

10 <sup>1</sup>I.e., place of burning  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 30:33; Jer. 7:31, 32  
<sup>b</sup>Lev. 18:21 <sup>c</sup>1 Kin. 11:7

12 <sup>1</sup>Or, smashed them there  
<sup>a</sup>Jer. 19:13; Zeph. 1:5  
<sup>b</sup>2 Kin. 21:5 <sup>c</sup>2 Kin. 23:4, 6

13 <sup>a</sup>1 Kin. 11:7 <sup>b</sup>1 Kin. 11:5 <sup>c</sup>Num. 21:29

14 <sup>a</sup>Deut. 7:5, 25 <sup>b</sup>2 Kin. 23:16

15 <sup>1</sup>So the Gk.; Heb., burned the high place  
<sup>a</sup>1 Kin. 13:1 <sup>b</sup>1 Kin. 12:28-33 <sup>c</sup>2 Kin. 23:6

4 Then the king commanded Hilkiah the high priest and <sup>a</sup>the priests of the second order and the <sup>1</sup>doorkeepers, <sup>b</sup>to bring out of the temple of the LORD all the vessels that were made for Baal, for <sup>2</sup>Asherah, and for all the host of heaven; and <sup>c</sup>he burned them outside Jerusalem in the fields of the Kidron, and carried their ashes to Bethel.

5 And he did away with the idolatrous priests whom the kings of Judah had appointed to burn incense in the high places in the cities of Judah and in the surrounding area of Jerusalem, also those who burned incense to Baal, to the sun and to the moon and to the constellations and to all the host of heaven.

6 And he brought out the Asherah from the house of the LORD outside Jerusalem to the brook Kidron, and burned it at the brook Kidron, and <sup>a</sup>ground it to dust, and <sup>b</sup>threw its dust on the graves of the <sup>1</sup>common people.

7 He also broke down the houses of the <sup>a</sup>male cult prostitutes which *were* in the house of the LORD, where <sup>b</sup>the women were weaving <sup>1</sup>hangings for the Asherah.

8 Then he brought all the priests from the cities of Judah, and defiled the high places where the priests had burned incense, from <sup>a</sup>Geba to Beersheba; and he broke down the high places of the gates which *were* at the entrance of the gate of Joshua the governor of the city, which *were* on one's left at the city gate.

9 Nevertheless <sup>a</sup>the priests of the high places did not go up to the altar of the LORD in Jerusalem, but they ate unleavened bread among their brothers.

10 <sup>a</sup>He also defiled <sup>1</sup>Topheth, which is in the valley of the son of Hinnom, <sup>b</sup>that no man might make his son or his daughter pass through the fire for <sup>c</sup>Molech.

11 And he did away with the horses which the kings of Judah had given to the sun, at the entrance of the house of the LORD, by the chamber of Nathan-melech the official, which was in the precincts; and he burned the chariots of the sun with fire.

12 And <sup>a</sup>the altars which *were* on the roof, the upper chamber of Ahaz, which the kings of Judah had made, and <sup>b</sup>the altars which Manasseh had made in the two courts of the house of the LORD, the king broke down; and he <sup>1</sup>ran from there, and <sup>c</sup>threw their dust into the brook Kidron.

13 And the high places which *were* before Jerusalem, which *were* on the right of <sup>a</sup>the mount of destruction which Solomon the king of Israel had built for <sup>b</sup>Ashtoreth the abomination of the Sidonians, and for <sup>c</sup>Chemosh the abomination of Moab, and for Milcom the abomination of the sons of Ammon, the king defiled.

14 And <sup>a</sup>he broke in pieces the *sacred* pillars and cut down the Asherim and <sup>b</sup>filled their places with human bones.

15 Furthermore, <sup>a</sup>the altar that *was* at Bethel *and* the <sup>b</sup>high place which Jeroboam the son of Nebat, who made Israel sin, had made, even that altar and the high place he broke down. Then he <sup>1</sup>demolished its stones, ground them to dust, and burned the Asherah.

16 Now when Josiah turned, he saw the graves that *were* there on the mountain, and he sent and took the bones from



the graves and burned *them* on the altar and defiled it <sup>a</sup>according to the word of the LORD which the man of God proclaimed, who proclaimed these things.

17 Then he said, "What is this monument that I see?" And the men of the city told him, "<sup>a</sup>It is the grave of the man of God who came from Judah and proclaimed these things which you have done against the altar of Bethel."

18 And he said, "Let him alone; let no one disturb his bones." So they <sup>1</sup>left his bones undisturbed <sup>a</sup>with the bones of the prophet who came from Samaria.

19 And Josiah also removed all the houses of the high places which *were* <sup>a</sup>in the cities of Samaria, which the kings of Israel had made provoking <sup>1</sup>the LORD; and he did to them <sup>2</sup>just as he had done in Bethel.

20 And all the priests of the high places who *were* there <sup>a</sup>he slaughtered on the altars and burned human bones on them; then he returned to Jerusalem.

21 Then the king commanded all the people saying, "<sup>a</sup>Celebrate the Passover to the LORD your God <sup>b</sup>as it is written in this book of the covenant."

22 <sup>a</sup>Surely such a Passover had not been celebrated from the days of the judges who judged Israel, nor in all the days of the kings of Israel and of the kings of Judah.

23 But in the eighteenth year of King Josiah, this Passover was observed to the LORD in Jerusalem.

24 Moreover, Josiah <sup>1</sup>removed <sup>a</sup>the mediums and the spiritists and the <sup>b</sup>teraphim and <sup>c</sup>the idols and all the abominations that were seen in the land of Judah and in Jerusalem, <sup>d</sup>that he might <sup>2</sup>confirm the words of the law which were written <sup>e</sup>in the book that Hilkiah the priest found in the house of the LORD.

25 And before him there was no king <sup>a</sup>like him who turned to the LORD with all his heart and with all his soul and with all his might, according to all the law of Moses; nor did any like him arise after him.

26 However, the LORD did not turn from the fierceness of His great wrath with which His anger burned against Judah, <sup>a</sup>because of all the provocations with which Manasseh had provoked Him.

27 And the LORD said, "I will remove Judah also from My sight, <sup>a</sup>as I have removed Israel. And <sup>b</sup>I will cast off Jerusalem, this city which I have chosen, and the <sup>1</sup>temple of which I said, 'My name shall be there.' "

28 Now the rest of the acts of Josiah and all that he did, are they not written in the Book of the Chronicles of the Kings of Judah?

29 <sup>a</sup>In his days <sup>b</sup>Pharaoh Neco king of Egypt went up to the king of Assyria to the river Euphrates. And King Josiah went to meet him, and when *Pharaoh Neco* saw him he killed him at <sup>c</sup>Megiddo.

30 And <sup>a</sup>his servants drove <sup>1</sup>his body in a chariot from Megiddo, and brought him to Jerusalem and buried him in his own tomb. <sup>b</sup>Then the people of the land took Jehoahaz the son of Josiah and anointed him and made him king in place of his father.

16 <sup>a</sup>1 Kin. 13:2

17 <sup>1</sup>1 Kin. 13:1, 30, 31

18 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *let his bones escape with*  
<sup>a</sup>1 Kin. 13:11, 31

19 <sup>1</sup>So with ancient versions, <sup>2</sup>Lit., *according to all the acts*  
<sup>a</sup>2 Chr. 34:6, 7

20 <sup>a</sup>2 Kin. 10:25; 11:18

21 <sup>a</sup>2 Chr. 35:1-17 <sup>b</sup>Num. 9:2-4; Deut. 16:2-8

22 <sup>a</sup>2 Chr. 35:18, 19

24 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *consumed* <sup>2</sup>Or, *perform*  
<sup>a</sup>2 Kin. 21:6; Lev. 19:31  
<sup>b</sup>Gen. 31:19 <sup>c</sup>2 Kin. 21:11, 21  
<sup>d</sup>Deut. 18:10-22 <sup>e</sup>2 Kin. 22:8

25 <sup>a</sup>2 Kin. 18:5

26 <sup>a</sup>2 Kin. 21:11-13; Jer. 15:4

27 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *house*  
<sup>a</sup>2 Kin. 18:11 <sup>b</sup>2 Kin. 21:13, 14

29 <sup>a</sup>2 Chr. 35:20-24 <sup>b</sup>Jer. 46:2 <sup>c</sup>Judg. 5:19

30 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *him, dead*  
<sup>a</sup>2 Kin. 9:28 <sup>b</sup>2 Chr. 36:1-4

31 <sup>a</sup>1 Chr. 3:15; Jer. 22:11  
<sup>b</sup>2 Kin. 24:18

32 <sup>a</sup>2 Kin. 21:2-7

33 <sup>a</sup>2 Kin. 23:29 <sup>b</sup>2 Kin.  
25:6 <sup>c</sup>1 Kin. 8:65

34 <sup>1</sup>So with Gk. Heb., *he came*, cf. 2 Chr. 36:4  
<sup>a</sup>1 Chr. 3:15 <sup>b</sup>2 Kin. 24:17  
<sup>c</sup>Jer. 22:11, 12; Ezek.  
19:3, 4

35 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *mouth*  
<sup>a</sup>2 Kin. 23:33

36 <sup>a</sup>2 Chr. 36:5

37 <sup>a</sup>2 Kin. 23:32

1 <sup>a</sup>2 Chr. 36:6; Jer. 25:1

2 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 35:11 <sup>b</sup>2 Kin. 6:23  
<sup>c</sup>2 Kin. 13:20 <sup>d</sup>2 Kin. 23:27

3 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *mouth*  
<sup>a</sup>2 Kin. 18:25 <sup>b</sup>2 Kin. 23:26

4 <sup>a</sup>2 Kin. 21:16

6 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 22:18, 19

7 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 37:5-7 <sup>b</sup>Jer. 46:2  
<sup>c</sup>Gen. 15:18

8 <sup>a</sup>1 Chr. 3:16 <sup>b</sup>2 Chr.  
36:9

9 <sup>a</sup>2 Kin. 21:2-7

31 <sup>a</sup>Jehoahaz was twenty-three years old when he became king, and he reigned three months in Jerusalem; and his mother's name was <sup>b</sup>Hamutal the daughter of Jeremiah of Libnah.

32 And he did evil in the sight of the LORD, <sup>a</sup>according to all that his fathers had done.

33 And <sup>a</sup>Pharaoh Neco imprisoned him at <sup>b</sup>Riblah in the land of <sup>c</sup>Hamath, that he might not reign in Jerusalem; and he imposed on the land a fine of one hundred talents of silver and a talent of gold.

34 And Pharaoh Neco made <sup>a</sup>Eliakim the son of Josiah king in the place of Josiah his father, and <sup>b</sup>changed his name to Jehoiakim. But he took Jehoahaz away and <sup>1c</sup>brought *him* to Egypt, and he died there.

35 So Jehoiakim <sup>a</sup>gave the silver and gold to Pharaoh, but he taxed the land in order to give the money at the <sup>1</sup>command of Pharaoh. He exacted the silver and gold from the people of the land, each according to his valuation, to give it to Pharaoh Neco.

36 <sup>a</sup>Jehoiakim was twenty-five years old when he became king, and he reigned eleven years in Jerusalem; and his mother's name was Zebidah the daughter of Pedaiah of Rumah.

37 And he did evil in the sight of the LORD, <sup>a</sup>according to all that his fathers had done.

CHAPTER 24

<sup>a</sup>  
IN his days Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon came up, and Jehoiakim became his servant *for* three years; then he turned and rebelled against him.

2 And the LORD sent against him <sup>a</sup>bands of Chaldeans, <sup>b</sup>bands of Syrians, <sup>c</sup>bands of Moabites, and bands of Ammonites. So He sent them against Judah to destroy it, <sup>d</sup>according to the word of the LORD, which He had spoken through His servants the prophets.

3 <sup>a</sup>Surely at the <sup>1</sup>command of the LORD it came upon Judah, to remove *them* from His sight <sup>b</sup>because of the sins of Manasseh, according to all that he had done,

4 and <sup>a</sup>also for the innocent blood which he shed, for he filled Jerusalem with innocent blood; and the LORD would not forgive.

5 Now the rest of the acts of Jehoiakim and all that he did, are they not written in the Book of the Chronicles of the Kings of Judah?

6 So <sup>a</sup>Jehoiakim slept with his fathers, and Jehoiachin his son became king in his place.

7 And <sup>a</sup>the king of Egypt did not come out of his land again, <sup>b</sup>for the king of Babylon had taken all that belonged to the king of Egypt from <sup>c</sup>the brook of Egypt to the river Euphrates.

8 <sup>a</sup>Jehoiachin was <sup>b</sup>eighteen years old when he became king, and he reigned three months in Jerusalem; and his mother's name was Nehushta the daughter of Elnathan of Jerusalem.

9 And he did evil in the sight of the LORD, <sup>a</sup>according to all that his father had done.

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10 At that time the servants of Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon went up to Jerusalem, and the city came under siege.

11 And Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon came to the city, while his servants were besieging it.

12 And <sup>a</sup>Jehoiachin the king of Judah went out to the king of Babylon, he and his mother and his servants and his captains and his officials. So <sup>b</sup>the king of Babylon took him captive in the eighth year of his reign.

13 And <sup>a</sup>he carried out from there all the treasures of the house of the LORD, and the treasures of the king's house, and <sup>b</sup>cut in pieces all the vessels of gold <sup>c</sup>which Solomon king of Israel had made in the temple of the LORD, just as the LORD had said.

14 Then <sup>a</sup>he led away into exile all Jerusalem and all the captains and all the mighty men of valor, <sup>b</sup>ten thousand captives, and <sup>c</sup>all the craftsmen and the smiths. None remained <sup>d</sup>except the poorest people of the land.

15 So <sup>a</sup>he led Jehoiachin away into exile to Babylon; also the king's mother and the king's wives and his officials and the leading men of the land, he led away into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon.

16 And all the men of valor, <sup>a</sup>seven thousand, and the craftsmen and the smiths, one thousand, all strong and fit for war, and these the king of Babylon brought into exile to Babylon.

17 <sup>a</sup>Then the king of Babylon made <sup>b</sup>his uncle Mattaniah, king in his place, and changed his name to Zedekiah.

18 <sup>a</sup>Zedekiah was twenty-one years old when he became king, and he reigned eleven years in Jerusalem; and his mother's name was <sup>b</sup>Hamutal the daughter of Jeremiah of Libnah.

19 And he did evil in the sight of the LORD, <sup>a</sup>according to all that Jehoiakim had done.

20 For through the anger of the LORD *this* came about in Jerusalem and Judah until He cast them out from His presence. And <sup>a</sup>Zedekiah rebelled against the king of Babylon.

CHAPTER 25

<sup>a</sup>**N**OW it came about in the ninth year of his reign, on the tenth day of the tenth month, that <sup>b</sup>Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon came, he and all his army, against Jerusalem, camped against it, <sup>c</sup>and built a siege wall all around <sup>d</sup>it.

2 So the city was under siege until the eleventh year of King Zedekiah.

3 On the ninth day of the *fourth* month <sup>a</sup>the famine was so severe in the city that there was no food for the people of the land.

4 Then the city was broken into, and all the men of war fled by night by way of the gate between the two walls which was by <sup>a</sup>the king's garden, though the Chaldeans were all around the city. And <sup>b</sup>they went by way of the Arabah.

5 But the army of the Chaldeans pursued the king and overtook him in the plains of Jericho and all his army was scattered from him.

6 Then <sup>a</sup>they captured the king and <sup>b</sup>brought him to the king of Babylon at <sup>c</sup>Riblah, and <sup>d</sup>he passed sentence on him.

12 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 24:1; 29:1, 2  
<sup>b</sup>2 Chr. 36:10

13 <sup>a</sup>2 Kin. 20:17; Is. 39:6  
<sup>b</sup>2 Kin. 25:13-15 <sup>c</sup>1 Kin. 7:48-50

14 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 24:1 <sup>b</sup>2 Kin. 24:16;  
Jer. 52:28 <sup>c</sup>Jer. 24:1; 29:2  
<sup>d</sup>2 Kin. 25:12

15 <sup>a</sup>2 Chr. 36:10; Jer. 22:24-28

16 <sup>a</sup>2 Kin. 24:14

17 <sup>1</sup>i.e., Jehoiachin's uncle  
<sup>2</sup>2 Chr. 36:10-13

18 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 52:1 <sup>b</sup>2 Kin. 23:31

19 <sup>a</sup>2 Kin. 23:37

20 <sup>a</sup>2 Chr. 36:13

1 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *against it*  
<sup>2</sup>2 Chr. 36:17-20; Jer. 39:1-7  
<sup>b</sup>Jer. 34:1, 2; Ezek. 24:2  
<sup>c</sup>Ezek. 21:22

3 <sup>a</sup>2 Kin. 6:24, 25; Lam. 4:9, 10

4 <sup>1</sup>So some ancient mss. and versions. M.T., *he*  
<sup>2</sup>Neh. 3:15

6 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *they spoke judgment with him*  
<sup>a</sup>Jer. 34:21, 22 <sup>b</sup>Jer. 32:4  
<sup>c</sup>2 Kin. 23:33

7 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 39:6, 7 <sup>b</sup>Ezek. 12:13

8 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 52:12 <sup>b</sup>Jer. 39:8-12

9 <sup>a</sup>2 Chr. 36:19; Ps. 74:3-7 <sup>b</sup>Amos 2:5

10 <sup>a</sup>2 Kin. 14:13; Neh. 1:3

11 <sup>a</sup>2 Chr. 36:20

12 <sup>a</sup>2 Kin. 24:14; Jer. 40:7

13 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *bronze of them*  
<sup>2</sup>Chr. 36:18

14 <sup>a</sup>1 Kin. 7:47-50

16 <sup>a</sup>1 Kin. 7:47

17 <sup>1</sup>I.e., one cubit equals approx. 18 in.  
<sup>a</sup>1 Kin. 7:15-22

18 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *keepers of the door*  
<sup>a</sup>1 Chr. 6:14; Ezra 7:1 <sup>b</sup>Jer. 21:1; 29:25, 29

19 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *men of those seeing the king's face* <sup>2</sup>Or, *scribe, a captain*  
<sup>a</sup>Esth. 1:14

20 <sup>a</sup>2 Kin. 23:33

21 <sup>a</sup>2 Kin. 23:27; Deut. 28:64

22 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 39:14

23 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 40:7-9 <sup>b</sup>Josh. 18:26

7 And <sup>a</sup>they slaughtered the sons of Zedekiah before his eyes, then <sup>b</sup>put out the eyes of Zedekiah and bound him with bronze fetters and brought him to Babylon.

8 <sup>a</sup>Now on the seventh day of the <sup>b</sup>fifth month, which was the nineteenth year of King Nebuchadnezzar, king of Babylon, Nebuzaradan the captain of the guard, a servant of the king of Babylon, came to Jerusalem.

9 And <sup>a</sup>he burned the house of the LORD, <sup>b</sup>the king's house, and all the houses of Jerusalem; even every great house he burned with fire.

10 So all the army of the Chaldeans who *were with the captain of the guard* <sup>a</sup>broke down the walls around Jerusalem.

11 Then <sup>a</sup>the rest of the people who were left in the city and the deserters who had deserted to the king of Babylon and the rest of the multitude, Nebuzaradan the captain of the guard carried away into exile.

12 But the captain of the guard left some of <sup>a</sup>the poorest of the land to be vinedressers and plowmen.

13 <sup>a</sup>Now the bronze pillars which were in the house of the LORD, and the stands and the bronze sea which were in the house of the LORD, the Chaldeans broke in pieces and carried the <sup>1</sup>bronze to Babylon.

14 <sup>a</sup>And they took away the pots, the shovels, the snuffers, the spoons, and all the bronze vessels which were used in *temple* service.

15 The captain of the guard also took away the firepans and the basins, what was fine gold and what was fine silver.

16 The two pillars, the one sea, and the stands which Solomon had made for the house of the LORD—<sup>a</sup>the bronze of all these vessels was beyond weight.

17 <sup>a</sup>The height of the one pillar was eighteen <sup>1</sup>cubits, and a bronze capital was on it; the height of the capital was three <sup>1</sup>cubits, with a network and pomegranates on the capital all around, all of bronze. And the second pillar was like these with network.

18 Then the captain of the guard took <sup>a</sup>Seraiah the chief priest and <sup>b</sup>Zephaniah the second priest, with the three <sup>1</sup>officers of the temple.

19 And from the city he took one official who was overseer of the men of war, and <sup>a</sup>five <sup>1</sup>of the king's advisers who were found in the city; and the <sup>2</sup>scribe of the captain of the army, who mustered the people of the land; and sixty men of the people of the land who were found in the city.

20 And Nebuzaradan the captain of the guard took them and brought them to the king of Babylon at <sup>a</sup>Riblah.

21 Then the king of Babylon struck them down and put them to death at Riblah in the land of Hamath. <sup>a</sup>So Judah was led away into exile from its land.

22 Now *as for* the people who were left in the land of Judah, whom Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon had left, he appointed <sup>a</sup>Gedaliah the son of Ahikam, the son of Shaphan over them.

23 <sup>a</sup>When all the captains of the forces, they and *their* men, heard that the king of Babylon had appointed Gedaliah *governor*, they came to Gedaliah to <sup>b</sup>Mizpah, namely, Ishmael

the son of Nethaniah, and Johanan the son of Kareah, and Seraiah the son of Tanhumeth the Netophathite, and Jaazaniah the son of the Maacathite, they and their men.

24 And Gedaliah swore to them and their men and said to them, "Do not be afraid of the servants of the Chaldeans; live in the land and serve the king of Babylon, and it will be well with you."

25 <sup>a</sup>But it came about in the seventh month, that Ishmael the son of Nethaniah, the son of Elishama, of the royal <sup>1</sup>family, came <sup>2</sup>with ten men and struck Gedaliah down so that he died along with the Jews and the Chaldeans who were with him at Mizpah.

26 <sup>a</sup>Then all the people, both small and great, and the captains of the forces arose and went to Egypt; for they were afraid of the Chaldeans.

27 <sup>a</sup>Now it came about in the thirty-seventh year of <sup>b</sup>the exile of Jehoiachin king of Judah, in the twelfth month, on the twenty-seventh *day* of the month, that Evil-merodach king of Babylon, in the year that he became king, <sup>1c</sup>released Jehoiachin king of Judah from prison;

28 and he spoke kindly to him and set his throne above the throne of the kings who *were* with him in Babylon.

29 And Jehoiachin changed his prison clothes, and <sup>1a</sup>had his meals in the king's presence regularly all the days of his life;

30 and for his <sup>a</sup>allowance, a regular allowance was given him by the king, a portion for each day, all the days of his life.

25 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *seed* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *and ten men with him*  
<sup>a</sup>Jer. 41:1, 2

26 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 43:4-7

27 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *lifted up the head of*  
<sup>a</sup>Jer. 52:31-34 <sup>b</sup>2 Kin. 24:12, 15 <sup>c</sup>Gen. 40:13, 20

29 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *ate bread*  
<sup>a</sup>2 Sam. 9:7

30 <sup>a</sup>Neh. 11:23; 12:47

## THE FIRST BOOK OF THE CHRONICLES

### Descendants of Noah.

<sup>a</sup>ADAM, Seth, Enosh,

2 Kenan, Mahalalel, Jared,

3 Enoch, Methuselah, Lamech,

4 Noah, Shem, Ham and Japheth.

5 <sup>a</sup>The sons of Japheth *were* Gomer, Magog, Madai, Javan, Tubal, Meshech, and Tiras.

6 And the sons of Gomer *were* Ashkenaz, <sup>1</sup>Diphath, and Togarmah.

7 And the sons of Javan *were* Elishah, Tarshish, Kittim, and <sup>1</sup>Rodanim.

8 The sons of Ham *were* Cush, Mizraim, Put, and Canaan.

9 And the sons of Cush *were* Seba, Havilah, Sabta, Rama, and Sabteca; and the sons of Raamah *were* Sheba and Dedan.

10 And Cush <sup>1</sup>became the father of Nimrod; he began to be a mighty one in the earth.

11 <sup>a</sup>And Mizraim became the father of the people of Lud, Anam, Lehab, Naphtuh,

1 <sup>a</sup>Gen. 4:25-5:32

5 <sup>a</sup>Gen. 10:2-4

6 <sup>1</sup>In Gen. 10:3, *Riphath*

7 <sup>1</sup>In Gen. 10:4, *Dodanim*

10 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *begot*, and so throughout the chap.

11 <sup>a</sup>Gen. 10:13-18

12 <sup>1</sup>Or, *people of Pelisht*

17 <sup>1</sup>In Gen. 10:23, *Mash*  
<sup>a</sup>Gen. 10:22-29

22 <sup>1</sup>In Gen. 10:28, *Obal*

24 <sup>a</sup>Gen. 11:10-26; Luke  
3:34-36

29 <sup>a</sup>Gen. 25:13-16

32 <sup>a</sup>Gen. 25:1-4

34 <sup>a</sup>1 Chr. 1:28 <sup>b</sup>Gen.  
25:25, 26; 32:28

35 <sup>a</sup>Gen. 36:4-10

36 <sup>1</sup>In Gen. 36:11, *Zepho*

38 <sup>a</sup>Gen. 36:20-28

39 <sup>1</sup>In Gen. 36:22,  
*Hemam*

40 <sup>1</sup>In Gen. 36:23, *Alvan*  
<sup>2</sup>In Gen. 36:23, *Shepho*

41 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *sons* <sup>2</sup>In Gen.  
36:26, *Hemdan*

42 <sup>1</sup>Or, *and Akan*

43 <sup>a</sup>Gen. 36:31-43

12 Pathrus, Casluh, from which the <sup>1</sup>Philistines came, and Caphtor.

13 And Canaan became the father of Sidon, his first-born, Heth,

14 and the Jebusites, the Amorites, the Girgashites,

15 the Hivites, the Arkites, the Sinites,

16 the Arvadites, the Zemarites, and the Hamathites.

17 <sup>a</sup>The sons of Shem were Elam, Asshur, Arpachshad, Lud, Aram, Uz, Hul, Gether, and <sup>1</sup>Meshech.

18 And Arpachshad became the father of Shelah and Sheilah became the father of Eber.

19 And two sons were born to Eber, the name of the one was Peleg, for in his days the earth was divided, and his brother's name was Joktan.

20 And Joktan became the father of Almodad, Sheleph, Hazarmaveth, Jerah,

21 Hadoram, Uzal, Diklah,

22 <sup>1</sup>Ebal, Abimael, Sheba,

23 Ophir, Havilah, and Jobab; all these were the sons of Joktan.

24 <sup>a</sup>Shem, Arpachshad, Shelah,

25 Eber, Peleg, Reu,

26 Serug, Nahor, Terah,

27 Abram, that is Abraham.

28 The sons of Abraham were Isaac and Ishmael.

29 <sup>a</sup>These are their genealogies: the first-born of Ishmael was Nebaioth, then Kedar, Adbeel, Mibsam,

30 Mishma, Dumah, Massa, Hadad, Tema,

31 Jetur, Naphish and Kedemah; these were the sons of Ishmael.

32 And the sons of Keturah, Abraham's concubine, whom she bore, were Zimran, Jokshan, Medan, Midian, Ishbak, and Shuah. And the sons of Jokshan were Sheba and Dedan.

33 And the sons of Midian were Ephah, Epher, Hanoch, Abida, and Eldaah. All these were the sons of Keturah.

34 And <sup>a</sup>Abraham became the father of Isaac. The sons of Isaac were <sup>b</sup>Esau and Israel.

35 <sup>a</sup>The sons of Esau were Eliphaz, Reuel, Jeush, Jalam, and Korah.

36 The sons of Eliphaz were Teman, Omar, <sup>1</sup>Zephi, Gatam, Kenaz, Timna, and Amalek.

37 The sons of Reuel were Nahath, Zerah, Shammah, and Mizzah.

38 <sup>a</sup>And the sons of Seir were Lotan, Shobal, Zibeon, Anah, Dishon, Ezer, and Dishan.

39 And the sons of Lotan were Hori and <sup>1</sup>Homam; and Lotan's sister was Timna.

40 The sons of Shobal were <sup>1</sup>Alian, Manahath, Ebal, <sup>2</sup>Shephi, and Onam. And the sons of Zibeon were Aiah and Anah.

41 The <sup>1</sup>son of Anah was Dishon. And the sons of Dishon were <sup>2</sup>Hamran, Eshban, Ithran, and Cheran.

42 The sons of Ezer were Bilhan, and Zaavan, <sup>1</sup>Jaakan. The sons of Dishan were Uz and Aran.

43 <sup>a</sup>Now these are the kings who reigned in the land of

Edom before any king of the sons of Israel reigned. Bela was the son of Beor, and the name of his city was Dinhabah.

44 When Bela died, Jobab the son of Zerah of <sup>a</sup>Bozrah became king in his place.

45 When Jobab died, Husham of the land of <sup>a</sup>the Temanites became king in his place.

46 When Husham died, Hadad the son of Bedad, who <sup>1</sup>defeated Midian in the field of Moab, became king in his place; and the name of his city was Avith.

47 When Hadad died, Samlah of Masrekah became king in his place.

48 When Samlah died, Shaul of Rehoboth by the River became king in his place.

49 When Shaul died, Baal-hanan the son of Achbor became king in his place.

50 When Baal-hanan died, <sup>1</sup>Hadad became king in his place; and the name of his city was <sup>2</sup>Pai, and his wife's name was Mehtabel, the daughter of Matred, the daughter of Mezahab.

51 Then Hadad died. Now the chiefs of Edom were: chief Timna, chief <sup>1</sup>Aliah, chief Jetheth,

52 chief Oholibamah, chief Elah, chief Pinon,

53 chief Kenaz, chief Teman, chief Mibzar,

54 chief Magdiel, chief Iram. These were the chiefs of Edom.

CHAPTER 2

<sup>a</sup>THESE are the sons of Israel: Reuben, Simeon, Levi, Judah, Issachar, Zebulun,

2 Dan, Joseph, Benjamin, Naphtali, Gad, and Asher.

3 <sup>a</sup>The sons of Judah were Er, Onan, and Shelah; these three were born to him by Bath-shua the Canaanitess. And Er, Judah's first-born, was wicked in the sight of the LORD, so He put him to death.

4 And <sup>a</sup>Tamar his daughter-in-law bore him Perez and Zerah. Judah had five sons in all.

5 The sons of Perez were Hezron and Hamul.

6 And the sons of Zerah were <sup>1</sup>Zimri, Ethan, Heman, Calcol, and <sup>2</sup>Dara; five of them in all.

7 And the <sup>1</sup>son of Carmi was <sup>2</sup>Achar, the troubler of Israel, who violated the ban.

8 And the <sup>1</sup>son of Ethan was Azariah.

9 Now the sons of Hezron, who were born to him were Jerahmeel, Ram, and Chelubai.

10 And Ram <sup>1</sup>became the father of Amminadab, and Amminadab became the father of Nahshon, leader of the sons of Judah;

11 Nahshon became the father of Salma, Salma became the father of Boaz,

12 Boaz became the father of Obed, and Obed became the father of Jesse;

13 and Jesse became the father of Eliab his first-born, then Abinadab the second, Shimea the third,

14 Nethanel the fourth, Raddai the fifth,

15 Ozem the sixth, David the seventh;

44 <sup>1</sup>Is. 34:6

45 <sup>a</sup>Job 2:11

46 <sup>1</sup>Lit., smote

50 <sup>1</sup>In Gen. 36:39, *Hadar*  
<sup>2</sup>In Gen. 36:39, *Pau*

51 <sup>1</sup>In Gen. 36:40, *Alvah*

1 <sup>a</sup>Gen. 35:22-26; 46:8-25

3 <sup>a</sup>Gen. 38:2-10

4 <sup>a</sup>Gen. 38:13-30

6 <sup>1</sup>In Josh. 7:1, *Zabdi*  
<sup>2</sup>In 1 Kings 4:31, *Darda*

7 <sup>1</sup>Lit., sons <sup>2</sup>In Josh. 7:18, *Achan*

8 <sup>1</sup>Lit., sons

10 <sup>1</sup>Lit., begot, and so throughout the chap.

16 <sup>1</sup>in 2 Sam. 2:18,  
Abishai

16 and their sisters *were* Zeruiah and Abigail. And the three sons of Zeruiah *were* <sup>1</sup>Abshai, Joab, and Asahel.

17 And Abigail bore Amasa, and the father of Amasa was Jether the Ishmaelite.

18 Now Caleb the son of Hezron had sons by Azubah his wife, and by Jerioth; and these were her sons: Jeshur, Shobab, and Ardon.

19 When Azubah died, Caleb married Ephrath, who bore him Hur.

20 And Hur became the father of Uri, and Uri became the father of Bezalel.

21 Afterward Hezron went in to the daughter of Machir the father of Gilead, whom he married when he was sixty years old; and she bore him Segub.

22 And Segub became the father of Jair, who had twenty-three cities in the land of Gilead.

23 But Geshur and Aram took <sup>1</sup>the towns of Jair from them, with Kenath and its villages, *even* sixty cities. All these were the sons of Machir, the father of Gilead.

24 And after the death of Hezron in Caleb-ephrahah, Abijah, Hezron's wife, bore him Ashhur the father of Tekoa.

25 Now the sons of Jerahmeel the first-born of Hezron *were* Ram the first-born, then Bunah, Oren, Ozem, and Ahijah.

26 And Jerahmeel had another wife, whose name was Atarah; she was the mother of Onam.

27 And the sons of Ram, the first-born of Jerahmeel, were Maaz, Jamin, and Eker.

28 And the sons of Onam were Shammai and Jada. And the sons of Shammai *were* Nadab and Abishur.

29 And the name of Abishur's wife was Abihail, and she bore him Ahban and Molid.

30 And the sons of Nadab *were* Seled and Appaim, and Seled died without sons.

31 And the <sup>1</sup>son of Appaim was Ishi. And the <sup>1</sup>son of Ishi was Sheshan. And the <sup>1</sup>son of Sheshan was Ahlai.

32 And the sons of Jada the brother of Shammai *were* Jether and Jonathan, and Jether died without sons.

33 And the sons of Jonathan *were* Peleth and Zaza. These were the sons of Jerahmeel.

34 Now Sheshan had no sons but daughters. And Sheshan had an Egyptian servant whose name was Jarha.

35 And Sheshan gave his daughter to Jarha his servant in marriage, and she bore him Attai.

36 And Attai became the father of Nathan, and Nathan became the father of Zabad,

37 and Zabad became the father of Ephlal, and Ephlal became the father of Obed,

38 and Obed became the father of Jehu, and Jehu became the father of Azariah,

39 and Azariah became the father of Helez, and Helez became the father of Eleasah,

40 and Eleasah became the father of Sismai, and Sismai became the father of Shallum,

41 and Shallum became the father of Jekamiah, and Jekamiah became the father of Elishama.

23 <sup>1</sup>Or, Havvoth-jair

31 <sup>1</sup>Lit., sons



42 Now the sons of Caleb, the brother of Jerahmeel, were Meshah his first-born, who was the father of Ziph; and <sup>1</sup>his son was Mareshah, the father of Hebron.

42 <sup>1</sup>Lit., the sons of

43 And the sons of Hebron were Korah and Tappuah and Rekem and Shema.

44 And Shema became the father of Raham, the father of Jorkeam; and Rekem became the father of Shammai.

45 And the son of Shammai was Maon, and Maon was the father of Bethzur.

46 And Ephah, Caleb's concubine, bore Haran, Moza, and Gazez; and Haran became the father of Gazez.

50 <sup>1</sup>Lit., son

47 And the sons of Jahdai were Regem, Jotham, Geshan, Pelet, Ephah, and Shaaph.

48 Maacah, Caleb's concubine, bore Sheber and Tirhanah.

49 She also bore Shaaph the father of Madmannah, Sheva <sup>1</sup>father of Machbena and the father of Gibeaz; and the daughter of Caleb was Achsah.

50 These were the sons of Caleb.

The <sup>1</sup>sons of Hur, the first-born of Ephrathah, were Shobal the father of Kiriath-jearim,

51 Salma the father of Bethlehem and Hareph the father of Beth-gader.

1 +2 Sam. 3:2-5

52 And Shobal the father of Kiriath-jearim had sons: Haroeh, half of the Manahathites,

53 and the families of Kiriath-jearim: the Ithrites, the Puthites, the Shumathites, and the Mishraites; from these came the Zorathites and the Eshtaolites.

54 The sons of Salma were Bethlehem and the Netophathites, Atroth-beth-joab and half of the Manahathites, the Zorites.

55 And the families of scribes who lived at Jabez were the Tirathites, the Shimeathites, and the Sucathites. Those are the Kenites who came from Hammath, the father of the house of Rechab.

4 +2 Sam. 2:11; 5:4, 5

### CHAPTER 3

**N**OW these were the sons of David who were born to him in Hebron: the first-born was Amnon, by Ahinoam the Jezreelitess; the second was Daniel, by Abigail the Carmelitess;

2 the third was Absalom the son of Maacah, the daughter of Talmai king of Geshur; the fourth was Adonijah the son of Haggith;

3 the fifth was Shephatiah, by Abital; the sixth was Ithream, by his wife Eglah.

4 Six were born to him in Hebron, and <sup>a</sup>there he reigned seven years and six months. And in Jerusalem he reigned thirty-three years.

5 <sup>a</sup>And these were born to him in Jerusalem: Shimea, Shobab, Nathan, and <sup>b</sup>Solomon, four, by <sup>c</sup>Bath-shua the daughter of Ammiel;

6 and Ibhaz, Elishama, Eliphelet,

7 Nogah, Nepheg, and Japhia,

8 Elishama, Eliada, and Eliphelet, nine.

5 +1 Chr. 14:4-7; 2 Sam. 5:14-16 +2 Sam. 12:24, 25 +2 Sam. 11:3

9 <sup>2</sup> Sam. 13:1

9 All *these were* the sons of David, besides the sons of the concubines; and <sup>a</sup>Tamar *was* their sister.

10 Now Solomon's son *was* Rehoboam, Abijah *was* his son, Asa his son, Jehoshaphat his son,

11 Joram his son, Ahaziah his son, Joash his son,

12 Amaziah his son, Azariah his son, Jotham his son,

13 Ahaz his son, Hezekiah his son, Manasseh his son,

14 Amon his son, Josiah his son.

15 And the sons of Josiah *were* Jehohan the first-born, and the second *was* Jehoiakim, the third Zedekiah, the fourth Shallum.

16 And the sons of Jehoiakim *were* Jeconiah his son, Zedekiah his son.

17 And the sons of Jeconiah, the prisoner, *were* Shealtiel his son,

18 and Malchiram, Pedaiah, Shenazzar, Jekamiah, Hoshama, and Nedabiah.

19 And the sons of Pedaiah *were* Zerubbabel and Shimei. And the <sup>1</sup>sons of Zerubbabel *were* Meshullam and Hananiah, and Shelomith *was* their sister;

20 and Hashubah, Ohel, Berechiah, Hasadiah, and Jushabhesed, five.

21 And the <sup>1</sup>sons of Hananiah *were* Pelatiah and Jeshaiah, the sons of Rephaiah, the sons of Arnan, the sons of Obadiah, the sons of Shecaniah.

22 And the <sup>1</sup>son of Shecaniah *was* Shemaiah, and the sons of Shemaiah *were* Hattush, Igal, Bariah, Neariah, and Shaphat, six.

23 And the <sup>1</sup>sons of Neariah *were* Elioenai, Hizkiah, and Azrikam, three.

24 And the sons of Elioenai *were* Hodaviah, Eliashib, Pelaiah, Akkub, Johanan, Delaiah, and Anani, seven.

## CHAPTER 4

<sup>a</sup>THE sons of Judah *were* Perez, Hezron, Carmi, Hur, and Shobal.

2 And Reaiah the son of Shobal <sup>1</sup>became the father of Jahath, and Jahath became the father of Ahumai and Lahad. These *were* the families of the Zorathites.

3 And these *were* the <sup>1</sup>sons of Etam: Jezreel, Ishma, and Idbash; and the name of their sister *was* Hazzeleponi.

4 And Penuel *was* the father of Hador, and Ezer the father of Hushah. These *were* the sons of Hur, the first-born of Ephrathah, the father of Bethlehem.

5 And Ashhur, the father of Tekoa, had two wives, Helah and Naarah.

6 And Naarah bore him Ahuzzam, Hopher, Temeni, and Haahashtari. These *were* the sons of Naarah.

7 And the sons of Helah *were* Zereth, <sup>1</sup>Izhar and Ethnan.

8 And Koz became the father of Anub and Zobebah, and the families of Aharhel the son of Harum.

9 And Jabez *was* more honorable than his brothers, and his mother named him Jabez saying, "Because I bore *him* with pain."

19 <sup>1</sup>Lit., son21 <sup>1</sup>Lit., son22 <sup>1</sup>Lit., sons23 <sup>1</sup>Lit., son1 <sup>1</sup> Chr. 2:3

<sup>2</sup> <sup>1</sup>Lit., begot, and so throughout the chap.

<sup>3</sup> <sup>1</sup>So with some ancient versions, Heb., father

<sup>7</sup> <sup>1</sup>Another reading is Zohar

10 Now Jabez called on the God of Israel, saying, "Oh that Thou wouldst bless me indeed, and enlarge my border, and that Thy hand might be with me, and that Thou wouldst keep me from harm, that it may not pain me!" And God granted him what he requested.

11 And Chelub the brother of Shuhah became the father of Mehir, who was the father of Eshton.

12 And Eshton became the father of Beth-rapha and Paseah, and Tehinnah the father of <sup>1</sup>Ir-nahash. These are the men of Reccah.

13 Now the sons of Kenaz were Othniel and Seraiah. And the <sup>1</sup>son of Othniel was Hathath.

14 And Meonothai became the father of Ophrah, and Seraiah became the father of Joab the father of <sup>1</sup>Ge-harashim, for they were craftsmen.

15 And the sons of Caleb the son of Jephunneh were Iru, Eiah and Naam; and the <sup>1</sup>son of Elah was <sup>2</sup>Kenaz.

16 And the sons of Jehallelel were Ziph and Ziphah, Tiria and Asarel.

17 And the <sup>1</sup>sons of Ezrah were Jether, Mered, Epher, and Jalon. (<sup>2</sup>And these are the sons of Bithia the daughter of Pharaoh, whom Mered took) and she conceived and bore Miriam, Shammai, and Ishbah the father of Eshtemoa.

18 And his Jewish wife bore Jered the father of Gedor, and Heber the father of Soco, and Jekuthiel the father of Zanoah.

19 And the sons of the wife of Hodiah, the sister of Naham, were the <sup>1</sup>fathers of Keilah the Garmite and Eshtemoa the Maacathite.

20 And the sons of Shimon were Amnon and Rinnah, Benhanan and Tilon. And the sons of Ishi were Zoheth and Ben-zoheth.

21 The sons of Shelah the son of Judah were Er the father of Lecah and Laadah the father of Maresah, and the families of the house of the linen workers at Beth-ashbea;

22 and Jokim, the men of Cozeba, Joash, Saraph, who ruled in Moab, and Jaashubi-lehem. And the <sup>1</sup>records are ancient.

23 These were the potters and the inhabitants of Netaim and Cederah; they lived there with the king for his work.

24 The sons of Simeon were <sup>1</sup>Nemuel and Jamin, <sup>2</sup>Jarib, Zerah, Shaul;

25 Shallum his son, Mibsam his son, Mishma his son.

26 And the sons of Mishma were Hammuel his son, Zaccur his son, Shimei his son.

27 Now Shimei had sixteen sons and six daughters; but his brothers did not have many sons, nor did all their family multiply like the sons of Judah.

28 And they lived at Beersheba, Moladah, and Hazar-hual,

29 at Bilhah, Ezem, Tolad,

30 Bethuel, Hormah, Ziklag,

31 Beth-marcaboth, Hazar-susim, Beth-biri, and Shaaraim. These were their cities until the reign of David.

32 And their villages were Etam, Ain, Rimmon, Tochen, and Ashan, five cities;

33 and all their villages that were around the same cities as

12 <sup>1</sup>Or, the city of Nahash

13 <sup>1</sup>Lit., sons

14 <sup>1</sup>Or, valley of craftsmen

15 <sup>1</sup>Lit., sons <sup>2</sup>Lit., and Kenaz

17 <sup>1</sup>Lit., son <sup>2</sup>In the Heb. the words in ( ) are at the end of verse 18

19 <sup>1</sup>Lit., father

22 <sup>1</sup>Lit., words

24 <sup>1</sup>In Num. 26:12, Nemuel <sup>2</sup>In Num. 26:12, Jachin <sup>3</sup>In Gen. 46:10; Ex. 6:15, Zohar

33 <sup>1</sup>In Josh. 19:8, *Baalath*

40 <sup>2</sup>Judg. 18:7-10

41 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *smote*  
<sup>2</sup>1 Chr. 4:33-38

42 <sup>2</sup>Gen. 36:8, 9

43 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *smote*  
<sup>2</sup>1 Sam. 15:7, 8; 30:17

<sup>1</sup> <sup>2</sup>1 Chr. 2:1; Gen. 29:32  
<sup>3</sup>Gen. 35:22; 49:4 <sup>4</sup>Gen.  
48:15-22

<sup>2</sup> <sup>2</sup>Gen. 49:8-10 <sup>3</sup>Mic.  
5:2; Matt. 2:6

3 <sup>2</sup>Num. 26:5-9

4 <sup>2</sup>1 Chr. 5:8

6 <sup>1</sup>In 2 Kin. 15:29,  
*Tiglath-pileser*

7 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *brothers*  
<sup>2</sup>1 Chr. 5:17

8 <sup>2</sup>Num. 32:34; Josh.  
12:2

9 <sup>2</sup>Josh. 22:8, 9

10 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *dwelt in* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *all  
the face of the east*  
<sup>3</sup>1 Chr. 5:18-21

11 <sup>2</sup>Deut. 3:10

far as <sup>1</sup>Baal. These *were* their settlements, and they have their genealogy.

34 And Meshobab and Jamlech and Joshah the son of Amaziah,

35 and Joel and Jehu the son of Joshibiah, the son of Seraiah, the son of Asiel,

36 and Elioenai, Jaakobah, Jeshohaiah, Asaiah, Adiel, Jesimiel, Benaiah,

37 Ziza the son of Shiphi, the son of Allon, the son of Jedaiah, the son of Shimri, the son of Shemaiah;

38 these mentioned by name *were* leaders in their families; and their fathers' houses increased greatly.

39 And they went to the entrance of Gedor, even to the east side of the valley, to seek pasture for their flocks.

40 And they found rich and good pasture, and <sup>2</sup>the land was broad and quiet and peaceful; for those who lived there formerly *were* Hamites.

41 And <sup>2</sup>these, recorded by name, came in the days of Hezekiah king of Judah, and <sup>1</sup>attacked their tents, and the Meunites who were found there, and destroyed them utterly to this day, and lived in their place; because there was pasture for their flocks.

42 And from them, from the sons of Simeon, five hundred men went to <sup>2</sup>Mount Seir, with Pelatiah, Neariah, Rephaiah, and Uzziel, the sons of Ishi, as their leaders.

43 And <sup>2</sup>they <sup>1</sup>destroyed the remnant of the Amalekites who escaped, and have lived there to this day.

## CHAPTER 5

**N**OW the sons of Reuben the first-born of Israel (for <sup>2</sup>he was the first-born, but because <sup>3</sup>he defiled his father's bed, <sup>4</sup>his birthright was given to the sons of Joseph the son of Israel; so that he is not enrolled in the genealogy according to the birthright.

2 <sup>2</sup>Though Judah <sup>1</sup>prevailed over his brothers, and <sup>3</sup>from him *came* the leader, yet the birthright belonged to Joseph).

3 <sup>2</sup>the sons of Reuben the first-born of Israel *were* Hanoch and Pallu, Hezron and Carmi.

4 The sons of Joel *were* Shemaiah his son, Gog his son, <sup>2</sup>Shimei his son,

5 Micah his son, Reaiah his son, Baal his son,

6 Beerah his son, whom <sup>1</sup>Tiglath-pileser king of Assyria carried away into exile; he was leader of the Reubenites.

7 And his <sup>1</sup>kinsmen by their families, <sup>2</sup>in the genealogy of their generations, *were* Jeiel the chief, then Zechariah

8 and Bela the son of Azaz, the son of Shema, the son of Joel, who lived in <sup>2</sup>Aroer, even to Nebo and Baal-meon.

9 And to the east he settled as far as the entrance of the wilderness from the river Euphrates, <sup>2</sup>because their cattle had increased in the land of Gilead.

10 And in the days of Saul <sup>2</sup>they made war with the Hagarites, who fell by their hand, so that they <sup>1</sup>occupied their tents throughout <sup>2</sup>all the land east of Gilead.

11 Now the sons of Gad lived opposite them in the land of Bashan as far as <sup>2</sup>Salechah.

12 Joel *was* the chief, and Shapham the second, then Janai and Shaphat in Bashan.

13 And their 'kinsmen of their fathers' households *were* Michael, Meshullam, Sheba, Jorai, Jacan, Zia, and Eber, seven.

14 These *were* the sons of Abihail, the son of Huri, the son of Jaroah, the son of Gilead, the son of Michael, the son of Jcshishai, the son of Jahdo, the son of Buz;

15 Ahi the son of Abdiel, the son of Guni, *was* head of their fathers' households.

16 And they lived in Gilead, in Bashan and in its towns, and in all the pasture lands of <sup>a</sup>Sharon, as far as their 'borders.

17 All of these were enrolled in the genealogies in the days of <sup>a</sup>Jotham king of Judah and in the days of <sup>b</sup>Jeroboam king of Israel.

18 The sons of Reuben and the Gadites and the half-tribe of Manasseh, *consisting* of valiant men, men who bore shield and sword and shot with bow, and *were* skillful in battle, *were* 44,760, who <sup>a</sup>went to war.

19 And they made war against <sup>a</sup>the Hagarites, <sup>b</sup>Jetur, Napshish, and Nodab.

20 And they were helped against them, and the Hagarites and all who *were* with them were given into their hand; for <sup>a</sup>they cried out to God in the battle, and He was entreated for them, because <sup>b</sup>they trusted in Him.

21 And they took away their cattle: their 50,000 camels, 250,000 sheep, 2,000 donkeys, and 100,000 'men.

22 For many fell slain, because <sup>a</sup>the war *was* of God. And <sup>b</sup>they settled in their place until the <sup>c</sup>exile.

23 Now the sons of the half-tribe of Manasseh lived in the land; from Bashan to Baal-hermon and <sup>a</sup>Senir and Mount Hermon they were numerous.

24 And these were the heads of their fathers' households, even Ephraim, Ishi, Eliel, Azriel, Jeremiah, Hodaviah, and Jahdiel, mighty men of valor, famous men, heads of their fathers' households.

25 But they acted treacherously against the God of their fathers, and <sup>a</sup>played the harlot <sup>b</sup>after the gods of the peoples of the land, whom God had destroyed before them.

26 So the God of Israel stirred up the spirit of <sup>a</sup>Pul, king of Assyria, even the spirit of <sup>1</sup>Tilgath-pilneser king of Assyria, and he carried them away into exile, namely the Reubenites, the Gadites, and the half-tribe of Manasseh, and brought them to Halah, Habor, Hara, and to the river of Gozan, to this day.

CHAPTER 6

<sup>1a</sup>THE sons of Levi *were* <sup>2</sup>Gershon, Kohath and Merari.

2 And the sons of Kohath *were* Amram, Izhar, Hebron, and Uzziel.

3 And the children of Amram *were* Aaron, Moses, and Miriam. And the sons of Aaron *were* Nadab, Abihu, Eleazar, and Ithamar.

4 Eleazar <sup>1b</sup>became the father of Phinehas, *and* Phinehas became the father of Abishua,

13 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *brother*

16 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *goings out*  
<sup>a</sup>1 Chr. 27:29

17 <sup>a</sup>2 Kin. 15:5, 32 <sup>b</sup>2 Kin. 14:16, 28

18 <sup>a</sup>Num. 1:3

19 <sup>a</sup>1 Chr. 5:10 <sup>b</sup>1 Chr. 1:31

20 <sup>a</sup>2 Chr. 14:11-13 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 9:10; 20:7, 8

21 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *souls of men*

22 <sup>a</sup>Josh. 23:10; 2 Chr. 32:8 <sup>b</sup>1 Chr. 4:41 <sup>c</sup>2 Kin. 15:29; 17:6

23 <sup>a</sup>Deut. 3:9

25 <sup>a</sup>Ex. 34:15 <sup>b</sup>2 Kin., 17:7

26 <sup>1</sup>In 2 Kin. 15:29, *Tilgath-pilneser*  
<sup>2</sup>2 Kin. 15:19, 29; 1 Chr. 5:26

<sup>1</sup>1 Ch. 5:27 in Heb. <sup>2</sup>In vs. 16, *Gershom*  
<sup>a</sup>Ex. 6:16-25

<sup>4</sup><sup>1</sup>Lit., *begot* and so throughout the chap.

12 <sup>1</sup>In ch. 9:11,  
*Meshullam*

15 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *by the hand of*

16 <sup>1</sup>Chap. 6:1 in Heb. <sup>2</sup>In  
vs. 1, *Gershon*

28 <sup>1</sup>Cf. v. 33 and 1 Sam.  
8:2

31 <sup>a</sup>1 Chr. 15:16-22, 27;  
16:4-6 <sup>b</sup>1 Chr. 15:25- 16:1;  
2 Sam. 6:17

32 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *stood over*

5 and Abishua became the father of Bukki, and Bukki became the father of Uzzi,

6 and Uzzi became the father of Zerariah, and Zerariah became the father of Meraioth,

7 Meraioth became the father of Amariah, and Amariah became the father of Ahitub,

8 and Ahitub became the father of Zadok, and Zadok became the father of Ahimaaz,

9 and Ahimaaz became the father of Azariah, and Azariah became the father of Johanan,

10 and Johanan became the father of Azariah (it was he who served as the priest in the house which Solomon built in Jerusalem),

11 and Azariah became the father of Amariah, and Amariah became the father of Ahitub,

12 and Ahitub became the father of Zadok, and Zadok became the father of <sup>1</sup>Shallum,

13 and Shallum became the father of Hilkiah, and Hilkiah became the father of Azariah,

14 and Azariah became the father of Seraiah, and Seraiah became the father of Jehozadak;

15 and Jehozadak went *along* when the LORD carried Judah and Jerusalem away into exile <sup>1</sup>by Nebuchadnezzar.

16 <sup>1</sup>The sons of Levi were <sup>2</sup>Gershon, Kohath, and Merari

17 And these are the names of the sons of Gershon: Libni and Shimei.

18 And the sons of Kohath were Amram, Izhar, Hebron, and Uzziel.

19 The sons of Merari were Mahli and Mushi. And these are the families of the Levites according to their fathers' households.

20 Of Gershon: Libni his son, Jahath his son, Zimmah his son,

21 Joah his son, Iddo his son, Zerah his son, Jeatherai his son.

22 The sons of Kohath were Amminadab his son, Korah his son, Assir his son,

23 Elkanah his son, Ebiasaph his son, and Assir his son.

24 Tahath his son, Uriel his son, Uziah his son, and Shaul his son.

25 And the sons of Elkanah were Amasai and Ahimoth.

26 As for Elkanah, the sons of Elkanah were Zophai his son and Nahath his son,

27 Eliab his son, Jeroham his son, Elkanah his son.

28 And the sons of Samuel were <sup>1</sup>Joel, the first-born and Abijah, the second.

29 The sons of Merari were Mahli, Libni his son, Shimei his son, Uzzah his son,

30 Shimea his son, Haggiah his son, Asaiah his son.

31 <sup>a</sup>Now these are those whom David appointed over the service of song in the house of the LORD, <sup>b</sup>after the ark rested *there*.

32 And they ministered with song before the tabernacle of the tent of meeting, until Solomon had built the house of the LORD in Jerusalem; and they <sup>1</sup>served in their office according to their order.

33 And these are those who <sup>1</sup>served with their sons. From the sons of the Kohathites *were* Heman the singer, the son of Joel, the son of Samuel,  
 34 the son of Elkanah, the son of Jeroham, the son of Eliel, the son of Toah,  
 35 the son of Zuph, the son of Elkanah, the son of Mahath, the son of Amasai,  
 36 the son of Elkanah, the son of Joel, the son of Azariah, the son of Zephaniah,  
 37 the son of Tahath, the son of Assir, the son of Ebiasaph, the son of Korah,  
 38 the son of Izhar, the son of Kohath, the son of Levi, the son of Israel.  
 39 And *Heman's* brother Asaph stood at his right hand, even Asaph the son of Berechiah, the son of Shimea,  
 40 the son of Michael, the son of Baaseiah, the son of Malchijah,  
 41 the son of Ethni, the son of Zerah, the son of Adaiah,  
 42 the son of Ethan, the son of Zimmah, the son of Shimei,  
 43 the son of Jahath, the son of Gershom, the son of Levi.  
 44 And on the left hand *were* their <sup>1</sup>kinsmen the sons of Merari: Ethan the son of Kishi, the son of Abdi, the son of Malluch,  
 45 the son of Hashabiah, the son of Amaziah, the son of Ilkiah,  
 46 the son of Amzi, the son of Bani, the son of Shemer,  
 47 the son of Mahli, the son of Mushi, the son of Merari, the son of Levi.  
 48 And their <sup>1</sup>kinsmen the Levites were <sup>2</sup>appointed for all the service of the tabernacle of the house of God.  
 49 But Aaron and his sons <sup>1a</sup>offered on the altar of burnt offering and <sup>b</sup>on the altar of incense, for all the work of the most holy place, and <sup>c</sup>to make atonement for Israel, according to all that Moses the servant of God had commanded.  
 50 <sup>a</sup>And these are the sons of Aaron: Eleazar his son, Phinehas his son, Abishua his son,  
 51 Bukki his son, Uzzi his son, Zerahiah his son,  
 52 Meraioth his son, Amariah his son, Ahitub his son,  
 53 Zadok his son, Ahimaaz his son.  
 54 Now these are their settlements according to their camps within their borders. To the sons of Aaron of the families of the Kohathites (for theirs was the <sup>a</sup>first lot),  
 55 to them they gave <sup>a</sup>Hebron in the land of Judah, and its pasture lands around it;  
 56 <sup>a</sup>but the fields of the city and its villages, they gave to Caleb the son of Jephunneh.  
 57 And <sup>a</sup>to the sons of Aaron they gave the following cities of refuge: Hebron, Libnah also with its pasture lands, Jatir, Eshtemoa with its pasture lands,  
 58 <sup>1</sup>Hilen with its pasture lands, Debir with its pasture lands,  
 59 <sup>1</sup>Ashan with its pasture lands, and Beth-shemesh with its pasture lands;  
 60 and from the tribe of Benjamin: Geba with its pasture lands, <sup>1</sup>Allemeth with its pasture lands, and Anathoth with its

33 <sup>1</sup>Lit., stood

44 <sup>1</sup>Lit., brothers

48 <sup>1</sup>Lit., brothers <sup>2</sup>Lit., given

49 <sup>1</sup>Lit., offered up in smoke  
<sup>a</sup>Ex. 27:1-8 <sup>b</sup>Ex. 30:1-7 <sup>c</sup>Ex. 30:10-16

50 <sup>a</sup>1 Chr. 6:4-8

54 <sup>a</sup>Josh. 21:4,10

55 <sup>a</sup>Josh. 14:13

56 <sup>a</sup>Josh. 15:13

57 <sup>a</sup>Josh. 21:13, 19

58 <sup>1</sup>In Josh. 21:15, *Holon*

59 <sup>1</sup>In Josh. 21:16, *Ain*

60 <sup>1</sup>In Josh. 21:17, *Almon*

61 <sup>a</sup>1 Chr. 6:66-70; Josh. 21:5

pasture lands. All their cities throughout their families were thirteen cities.

61 <sup>a</sup>Then to the rest of the sons of Kohath *were given* by lot, from the family of the tribe, from the half-tribe, the half of Manasseh, ten cities.

62 And to the sons of Gershom, according to their families, *were given* from the tribe of Issachar and from the tribe of Asher, the tribe of Naphtali, and the tribe of Manasseh, thirteen cities in Bashan.

63 <sup>a</sup>To the sons of Merari *were given* by lot, according to their families, from the tribe of Reuben, the tribe of Gad, and the tribe of Zebulun, twelve cities.

64 <sup>a</sup>So the sons of Israel gave to the Levites the cities with their pasture lands.

65 And they gave by lot from the tribe of the sons of Judah, the tribe of the sons of Simeon, and the tribe of the sons of Benjamin, <sup>a</sup>these cities which are mentioned by name.

66 <sup>a</sup>Now some of the families of the sons of Kohath had cities of their territory from the tribe of Ephraim.

67 And they gave to them the *following* cities of refuge: Shechem in the hill country of Ephraim with its pasture lands, Gezer also with its pasture lands,

68 Jokmeam with its pasture lands, Beth-horon with its pasture lands,

69 Aijalon with its pasture lands, and Gath-rimmon with its pasture lands;

70 and from the half-tribe of Manasseh: Aner with its pasture lands and Bileam with its pasture lands, for the rest of the family of the sons of Kohath.

71 To the sons of Gershom *were given*, from the family of the half-tribe of Manasseh: Golan in Bashan with its pasture lands and Ashtaroth with its pasture lands;

72 and from the tribe of Issachar: Kedesh with its pasture lands, Daberath with its pasture lands,

73 and Ramoth with its pasture lands, Anem with its pasture lands;

74 and from the tribe of Asher: Mashal with its pasture lands, Abdon with its pasture lands,

75 Hukok with its pasture lands, and Rehob with its pasture lands;

76 and from the tribe of Naphtali: Kedesh in Galilee with its pasture lands, Hammon with its pasture lands, and Kiriathaim with its pasture lands.

77 To the rest of *the Levites*, the sons of Merari, *were given*, from the tribe of Zebulun: Rimmono with its pasture lands, Tabor with its pasture lands;

78 and beyond the Jordan at Jericho, on the east side of the Jordan, *were given them*, from the tribe of Reuben: Bezer in the wilderness with its pasture lands, Jahzah with its pasture lands,

79 Kedemoth with its pasture lands, and Mephaath with its pasture lands;

80 and from the tribe of Gad: Ramoth in Gilead with its pasture lands, Mahanaim with its pasture lands,

81 Heshbon with its pasture lands, and Jazer with its pasture lands.

63 <sup>a</sup>Josh. 21:7, 34-40

64 <sup>a</sup>Josh. 21:3, 41, 42

65 <sup>a</sup>1 Chr. 6:57-60

66 <sup>a</sup>Josh. 21:20-26



CHAPTER 7

**N**OW the sons of Issachar were four: Tola, <sup>1</sup>Puah, <sup>2</sup>Jashub, and Shimron.

**2** And the sons of Tola were Uzzi, Rephaiah, Jeriel, Jahmai, Ibsam, and Samuel, heads of their fathers' households. The sons of Tola were mighty men of valor in their generations; <sup>a</sup>their number in the days of David was 22,600.

**3** And the <sup>1</sup>son of Uzzi was Izrahiah. And the sons of Izrahiah were Michael, Obadiah, Joel, Isshiah; all five of them were chief men.

**4** And with them by their generations according to their fathers' households were 36,000 <sup>1</sup>troops of the army for war, for they had many wives and sons.

**5** And their <sup>1</sup>relatives among all the families of Issachar were mighty men of valor, enrolled by genealogy, in all 87,000.

**6** <sup>a</sup>The sons of Benjamin were three: Bela and Becher and Jediael.

**7** And the sons of Bela were five: Ezbon, Uzzi, Uzziel, Jerimoth, and Iri. They were heads of fathers' households, mighty men of valor, and were 22,034 enrolled by genealogy.

**8** And the sons of Becher were Zemirah, Joash, Eliezer, Elioenai, Omri, Jeremoth, Abijah, Anathoth, and Alemeth. All these were the sons of Becher.

**9** And they were enrolled by genealogy, according to their generations, heads of their fathers' households, 20,200 mighty men of valor.

**10** And the <sup>1</sup>son of Jediael was Bilhan. And the sons of Bilhan were Jeush, Benjamin, Ehud, Chenaanah, Zethan, Tarshish, and Ahishahar.

**11** All these were sons of Jediael, according to the heads of their fathers' households, 17,200 mighty men of valor, who were <sup>1</sup>ready to go out with the army to war.

**12** And <sup>1</sup>Shuppim and <sup>2</sup>Huppim were the sons of <sup>3</sup>Iri; Hushim was the <sup>4</sup>son of <sup>5</sup>Aher.

**13** The sons of Naphtali were <sup>1</sup>Jahziel, Guni, Jezer, and <sup>2</sup>Shallum, the sons of Bilhah.

**14** The sons of Manasseh were Asriel, whom his Aramaean concubine bore; she bore Machir the father of Gilead.

**15** And Machir took a wife for Huppim and Shuppim, <sup>1</sup>whose sister's name was Maacah. And the name of the second was Zelophehad, and Zelophehad had daughters.

**16** And Maacah the wife of Machir bore a son, and she named him Peresh; and the name of his brother was Sheresh, and his sons were Ulam and Rakem.

**17** And the <sup>1</sup>son of Ulam was Bedan. These were the sons of Gilead the son of Machir, the son of Manasseh.

**18** And his sister Hammolecheth bore Ishhod and <sup>1</sup>Abiezer and Mahlah.

**19** And the sons of Shemida were Ahian and Shechem and Likhi and Aniam.

**20** And <sup>a</sup>the sons of Ephraim were Shuthelah and Bered his son, Tahath his son, Eleadah his son, Tahath his son,

**21** Zabad his son, Shuthelah his son, and Ezer and Elead whom the men of Gath who were born in the land killed because they came down to take their livestock.

<sup>1</sup> <sup>1</sup>In Gen. 46:13, Puvah  
<sup>2</sup>In Gen. 46:13, Iob

<sup>2</sup> <sup>2</sup>2 Sam. 24:1-9

<sup>3</sup> <sup>1</sup>Lit., sons

<sup>4</sup> <sup>1</sup>Or, bands

<sup>5</sup> <sup>1</sup>Lit., brothers, and so throughout the chap.

<sup>6</sup> <sup>1</sup>1 Chr. 8:1-40

<sup>10</sup> <sup>1</sup>Lit., sons

<sup>11</sup> <sup>1</sup>Lit., going out

<sup>12</sup> <sup>1</sup>In Num. 26:30, Shephupham <sup>2</sup>In Num. 26:39, Hupham <sup>3</sup>In v. 7, Iri <sup>4</sup>Lit., sons <sup>5</sup>In Num. 26:38, Ahiram

<sup>13</sup> <sup>1</sup>In Gen. 46:24, Jahzeel  
<sup>2</sup>In Gen. 46:24, Num. 26:49, Shillem

<sup>15</sup> <sup>1</sup>Lit., and his

<sup>17</sup> <sup>1</sup>Lit., sons

<sup>18</sup> <sup>1</sup>In Num. 26:30, Iezer

<sup>20</sup> <sup>a</sup>Num. 26:35, 36

23 <sup>1</sup>I.e., on misfortune

24 <sup>a</sup>Josh. 16:3, 5

27 <sup>1</sup>In Ex. 33:11, *Nun*  
<sup>a</sup>Ex. 17:9-14; 24:13

28 <sup>1</sup>In Josh. 16:7, *Naarah*  
<sup>2</sup>Many mss. read, *Azzah*  
<sup>a</sup>Josh. 16:2

30 <sup>a</sup>Gen. 46:17; Num.  
26:44-46

32 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *begot* <sup>2</sup>In v. 34,  
*Shemer*

34 <sup>1</sup>In v. 32, *Shomer*

35 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *son*

<sup>1</sup> Lit., *begot*, and so  
throughout the chap.  
<sup>a1</sup> Chr. 7:6-12; Gen. 46:21  
<sup>b1</sup> Chr. 7:12

<sup>3</sup> In Gen. 46:21; Num.  
26:40, *Ard*

22 And their father Ephraim mourned many days, and his relatives came to comfort him.

23 Then he went in to his wife, and she conceived and bore a son, and he named him <sup>1</sup>Beriah, because misfortune had come upon his house.

24 And his daughter was Sheerah, <sup>a</sup>who built lower and upper Beth-horon, also Uzzen-sheerah.

25 And Rephah was his son *along* with Resheph, Telah his son, Tahan his son,

26 Ladan his son, Ammihud his son, Elishama his son,

27 <sup>1</sup>Non his son, and <sup>a</sup>Joshua his son.

28 And <sup>a</sup>their possessions and settlements *were* Bethel with its towns, and to the east <sup>1</sup>Naaran, and to the west Gezer with its towns, and Shechem with its towns as far as <sup>2</sup>Ayyah with its towns,

29 and along the borders of the sons of Manasseh, Bethshean with its towns, Taanach with its towns, Megiddo with its towns, Dor with its towns. In these lived the sons of Joseph the son of Israel.

30 <sup>a</sup>The sons of Asher *were* Imnah, Ishvah, and Ishvi, Beriah, and Serah their sister.

31 And the sons of Beriah *were* Heber and Malchiel, who was the father of Birzaith.

32 And Heber <sup>1</sup>became the father of Japhlet, <sup>2</sup>Shomer, and Hotham, and Shua their sister.

33 And the sons of Japhlet *were* Pasach, Bimhal, and Ashvath. These *were* the sons of Japhlet.

34 And the sons of <sup>1</sup>Shemer *were* Ahi and Rohgah, Jehubbah and Aram.

35 And the <sup>1</sup>sons of his brother Helem *were* Zophah, Imna, Shelesh, and Amal.

36 The sons of Zophah *were* Suah, Harnepher, Shual, Beri, and Imrah,

37 Bezer, Hod, Shamma, Shilshah, Ithran, and Beera.

38 And the sons of Jether *were* Jephunneh, Pispa, and Ara.

39 And the sons of Ulla *were* Arah, Hanniel, and Rizia.

40 All these *were* the sons of Asher, heads of the fathers' houses, choice and mighty men of valor, heads of the princes. And the number of them enrolled by genealogy for service in war was 26,000 men.

## CHAPTER 8

AND <sup>a</sup>Benjamin <sup>1</sup>became the father of Bela his first-born, Ashbel the second, <sup>b</sup>Aharah the third,

2 Nohah the fourth, and Rapha the fifth.

3 And Bela had sons: <sup>1</sup>Addar, Gera, Abihud,

4 Abishua, Naaman, Ahoah,

5 Gera, Shephuphan, and Huram.

6 And these are the sons of Ehud: these are the heads of fathers' households of the inhabitants of Geba, and they carried them into exile to Manahath,

7 namely, Naaman, Ahijah, and Gera—he carried them into exile; and he became the father of Uzza and Ahihud.

8 And Shaharaim became the father of children in the

<sup>1</sup>country of Moab, after he had <sup>2</sup>sent away Hushim and Baara his wives.

8 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *field* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *sent them away*

9 And by Hodesh his wife he became the father of Jobab, Zibia, Mesha, Malcam,

10 Jeuz, Sachia, Mirmah. These were his sons, heads of fathers' households.

14 <sup>1</sup>Or, *his brothers*

11 And by Hushim he became the father of Abitub and Elpaal.

12 And the sons of Elpaal were Eber, Misham, and Shemed, who built Ono and Lod, with its towns;

21 <sup>1</sup>In v. 13, *Shema*

13 and Beriah and Shema, who were heads of fathers' households of the inhabitants of Aijalon, who put to flight the inhabitants of Gath;

28 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *these*

14 and <sup>1</sup>Ahio, Shashak, and Jeremoth.

15 And Zebadiah, Arad, Eder,

16 Michael, Ishpah, and Joha were the sons of Beriah.

17 And Zebadiah, Meshullam, Hizki, Heber,

18 Ishmerai, Izliah, and Jobab were the sons of Elpaal.

19 And Jakim, Zichri, Zabdi,

20 Elienai, Zillethai, Eliel,

21 Adaiah, Beraiah, and Shimrath were the sons of <sup>1</sup>Shimei.

29 <sup>1</sup>1 Chr. 9:35-38

22 And Ishpan, Eber, Eliel,

23 Abdon, Zichri, Hanan,

24 Hananiah, Elam, Anthothijah,

25 Iphdeiah, and Penuel were the sons of Shashak.

26 And Shamsheraï, Shehariah, Athaliah,

27 Jareshiah, Elijah, and Zichri were the sons of Jeroham.

28 These were heads of the fathers' households according to their generations, chief men, <sup>1</sup>who lived in Jerusalem.

31 <sup>1</sup>In v. 9:37, *Zechariah*

29 <sup>a</sup>Now in Gibeon, *Jeiel*, the father of Gibeon lived, and his wife's name was Maacah;

32 <sup>1</sup>In v. 9:38, *Shimeam* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *brothers*

30 and his first-born son was Abdon, then Zur, Kish, Baal, Nadab,

31 Gedor, Ahio, and <sup>1</sup>Zecher.

32 And Mikloth became the father of <sup>1</sup>Shimeah. And they also lived with their <sup>2</sup>relatives in Jerusalem opposite their *other* <sup>2</sup>relatives.

33 <sup>1</sup>1 Sam. 14:49, *Ishvi* <sup>2</sup>In 2 Sam. 2:8, *Ishbosheth* <sup>1</sup>1 Chr. 9:39-44

33 <sup>a</sup>And Ner became the father of Kish, and Kish became the father of Saul, and Saul became the father of Jonathan, Malchi-shua, <sup>1</sup>Abinadab, and <sup>2</sup>Eshbaal.

34 And the son of Jonathan was <sup>1</sup>Merib-baal, and Merib-baal became the father of Micah.

34 <sup>1</sup>In 2 Sam. 4:4, *Mephibosheth*

35 And the sons of Micah were Pithon, Melech, <sup>1</sup>Tarea, and Ahaz.

35 <sup>1</sup>In 9:41, *Tahrea*

36 And Ahaz became the father of <sup>1</sup>Jehoaddah, and Jehoaddah became the father of Alemeth, Azmaveth, and Zimri; and Zimri became the father of Moza.

36 <sup>1</sup>In 9:42, *Jarah*

37 And Moza became the father of Binea; <sup>1</sup>Raphah was his son, Eleasah his son, Azel his son.

37 <sup>1</sup>In 9:43, *Rephaiah*

38 And Azel had six sons, and these were their names: Azrikam, Bocheru, Ishmael, Sheariah, Obadiah and Hanan. All these were the sons of Azel.

39 And the sons of Eshek his brother were Ulam his first-born, Jeush the second, and Eliphelet the third.

The People Who Returned from Babylon.  
Priests, Levites and Gatekeepers.

1 Chronicles 8, 9

1 <sup>1</sup>Chr. 5:25, 26

2 <sup>1</sup>Heb., *Nethinim*  
<sup>a</sup>Neh. 11:3-22 <sup>b</sup>Ezra 2:43,  
58; 8:20

6 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *brothers*, and so  
throughout the chap.

9 <sup>a</sup>Neh. 11:8

10 <sup>a</sup>Neh. 11:10-14

11 <sup>1</sup>In Neh. 11:11,  
*Seraiah*  
<sup>a</sup>Jer. 20:1

14 <sup>a</sup>Neh. 11:15-19

15 <sup>1</sup>In Neh. 11:17, *Zabdi*

16 <sup>1</sup>In Neh. 11:17, *Abda*  
<sup>2</sup>In Neh. 11:17, *Shammua*

17 <sup>1</sup>In v. 21,  
*Meshelemiah*; 26:14,  
*Shelemiah*; Neh. 12:25,  
*Meshullam*

18 <sup>a</sup>Ezek. 46:1, 2

40 And the sons of Ulam were mighty men of valor, archers, and had many sons and grandsons, 150 of *them*. All these *were* of the sons of Benjamin.

CHAPTER 9

SO all Israel was enrolled by genealogies; and behold, they are written in the Book of the Kings of Israel. And <sup>a</sup>Judah was carried away into exile to Babylon for their unfaithfulness.

2 <sup>a</sup>Now the first who lived in their possessions in their cities *were* Israel, the priests, the Levites and <sup>b</sup>the <sup>1</sup>temple servants.

3 And some of the sons of Judah, of the sons of Benjamin, and of the sons of Ephraim and Manasseh lived in Jerusalem:

4 Uthai the son of Ammihud, the son of Omri, the son of Imri, the son of Bani, from the sons of Perez the son of Judah.

5 And from the Shilonites *were* Asaiah the first-born and his sons.

6 And from the sons of Zerah *were* Jeuel and their <sup>1</sup>relatives, 690 of *them*.

7 And from the sons of Benjamin *were* Sallu the son of Meshullam, the son of Hodaviah, the son of Hassenuah,

8 and Ibneiah the son of Jeroham, and Elah the son of Uzzi, the son of Michri, and Meshullam the son of Shephatiah, the son of Reuel, the son of Ibnijah;

9 and their relatives according to their generations, <sup>a</sup>956. All these *were* heads of fathers' *households* according to their fathers' houses.

10 <sup>a</sup>And from the priests *were* Jedaiah, Jehoiarib, Jachin,

11 and <sup>1</sup>Azariah the son of Hilkiah, the son of Meshullam, the son of Zadok, the son of Meraioth, the son of Ahitub, <sup>a</sup>the chief officer of the house of God;

12 and Adaiah the son of Jeroham, the son of Pashhur, the son of Malchijah, and Maasai the son of Adiel, the son of Jahzerah, the son of Meshullam, the son of Meshillemith, the son of Immer;

13 and their relatives, heads of their fathers' households, 1,760 very able men for the work of the service of the house of God.

14 <sup>a</sup>And of the Levites *were* Shemaiah the son of Hasshub, the son of Azrikam, the son of Hashabiah, of the sons of Merari;

15 and Bakbakkar, Heresh and Galal and Mattaniah the son of Mica, the son of <sup>1</sup>Zichri, the son of Asaph,

16 and <sup>1</sup>Obadiah the son of <sup>2</sup>Shemaiah, the son of Galal, the son of Jeduthun, and Berechiah the son of Asa, the son of Elkanah, who lived in the villages of the Netophathites.

17 Now the gatekeepers *were* <sup>1</sup>Shallum and Akkub and Talmon and Ahiman and their relatives, (Shallum the chief

18 *being stationed* until now at <sup>a</sup>the king's gate to the east). These *were* the gatekeepers for the camp of the sons of Levi.

19 And Shallum the son of Kore, the son of Ebiasaph, the son of Korah, and his relatives, of his father's house, the Korahites, *were* over the work of the service, keepers of the thresholds of the tent; and their fathers had been over the camp of the LORD, keepers of the entrance.

## The Gatekeepers Who Returned. Residents of Gibeon.

## 1 Chronicles 9

20 And <sup>a</sup>Phinehas the son of Eleazar was ruler over them previously, *and* the LORD was with him.

21 <sup>a</sup>Zechariah the son of Meshelemiah was gatekeeper of the entrance of the tent of meeting.

22 All these who were chosen to be gatekeepers in the thresholds were 212. These were enrolled by genealogy in their villages, <sup>a</sup>whom David and Samuel the seer appointed <sup>b</sup>in their office of trust.

23 So they and their sons <sup>1</sup>had charge of the gates of the house of the LORD, *even* the house of the tent, as guards.

24 The gatekeepers were <sup>1</sup>on the four sides, to the east, west, north, and south.

25 And their relatives <sup>a</sup>in their villages <sup>b</sup>were to come in every seven days from time to time *to be* with <sup>1</sup>them;

26 for the four chief gatekeepers who *were* Levites, were in an office of trust, and were over the chambers and over the treasuries in the house of God.

27 And they spent the night around the house of God, <sup>a</sup>because the watch was <sup>1</sup>committed to them; and they *were* <sup>2</sup>in charge of opening *it* morning by morning.

28 Now some of them <sup>1</sup>had charge of the utensils of service, for <sup>2</sup>they counted them when they brought them in and when they took them out.

29 Some of them also were appointed over the furniture and over all the utensils of the sanctuary and <sup>a</sup>over the fine flour and the wine and the oil and the frankincense and the spices.

30 And some of <sup>a</sup>the sons of the priests prepared the mixing of the spices.

31 And Mattithiah, one of the Levites, who was the first-born of Shallum the Korahite, had <sup>a</sup>the <sup>1</sup>responsibility over the things which were baked in pans.

32 And some of their relatives of the sons of the Kohathites <sup>a</sup>were over the showbread to prepare *it* every sabbath.

33 Now these are <sup>a</sup>the singers, heads of fathers' *households* of the Levites, *who lived* in the chambers of *the temple* free from *other service*; for <sup>1</sup>they were engaged <sup>b</sup>in their work day and night.

34 These were heads of fathers' *households* of the Levites according to their generations, chief men, <sup>1</sup>who lived in Jerusalem.

35 <sup>a</sup>And in Gibeon Jeiel the father of Gibeon lived, and his wife's name was Maacah,

36 and his first-born son was Abdon, then Zur, Kish, Baal, Ner, Nadab,

37 Gedor, Ahio, Zechariah, and Mikloth.

38 And Mikloth became the father of Shimeam. And they also lived with their relatives in Jerusalem opposite their *other* relatives.

39 <sup>a</sup>And Ner became the father of Kish, and Kish became the father of Saul, and Saul became the father of Jonathan, Malchi-shua, Abinadab, and Eshbaal.

40 And the son of Jonathan was Merib-baal; and Merib-baal became the father of Micah.

41 And the sons of Micah were Pithon, Melech, Tahrea, *and Ahaz*.

20 <sup>a</sup>Num. 25:7-13

21 <sup>a</sup>1 Chr. 26:2, 14

22 <sup>a</sup>1 Chr. 26:1 <sup>b2</sup> Chr. 31:15, 18

23 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *were over the gates*

24 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *to the four winds*

25 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *these*  
<sup>a</sup>1 Chr. 10:16 <sup>b2</sup> Kin. 11:5, 7; 2 Chr. 23:8

27 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *on them* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *over the opening*  
<sup>a</sup>1 Chr. 23:30-32

28 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *were over the*  
<sup>2</sup>Lit., *by count they brought them in and by count they took them out*

29 <sup>a</sup>1 Chr. 23:29

30 <sup>a</sup>Ex. 30:23-25

31 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *office of trust*  
<sup>a</sup>1 Chr. 9:22

32 <sup>a</sup>Lev. 24:5-8

33 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *over them in the work*  
<sup>a</sup>1 Chr. 6:31-47; 25:1 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 134:1

34 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *these*

35 <sup>a</sup>1 Chr. 8:29-32

39 <sup>a</sup>1 Chr. 8:33-38

41 <sup>a</sup>1 Chr. 8:35-37

1 <sup>a</sup>1 Sam. 31:1-13

42 And Ahaz became the father of Jarah, and Jarah became the father of Alemeth, Azmaveth, and Zimri; and Zimri became the father of Moza,

43 and Moza became the father of Binea and Rephaiah his son, Eleasah his son, Azel his son.

44 And Azel had six sons whose names are these: Azrikam, Bocheru and Ishmael and Sheariah and Obadiah and Hanan. These were the sons of Azel.

2 <sup>1</sup>In 1 Sam. 14:49, *Ishvi*  
<sup>a</sup>1 Sam. 31:4

## CHAPTER 10

<sup>a</sup>NOW the Philistines fought against Israel; and the men of Israel fled before the Philistines, and fell slain on Mount Gilboa.

2 And the Philistines closely pursued Saul and his sons, and the Philistines struck down Jonathan, <sup>1a</sup>Abinadab and Malchi-shua, the sons of Saul.

3 And the battle became heavy against Saul, and the archers <sup>1</sup>overtook him; and he was wounded by the archers.

4 Then Saul said to his armor bearer, "Draw your sword and thrust me through with it, lest these uncircumcised come and abuse me." But his armor bearer would not, for he was greatly afraid. Therefore Saul took his sword and fell on it.

5 And when his armor bearer saw that Saul was dead, he likewise fell on his sword and died.

6 Thus Saul died with his three sons, and all *those* of his house died together.

7 When all the men of Israel who were in the valley saw that they had fled, and that Saul and his sons were dead, they forsook their cities and fled; and the Philistines came and lived in them.

8 And it came about the next day, when the Philistines came to strip the slain, that they found Saul and his sons fallen on Mount Gilboa.

9 So they stripped him and took his head and his armor and sent *messengers* around the land of the Philistines, to carry the good news to their idols and to the people.

10 And they put his armor in the house of their gods and fastened his head in the house of Dagon.

11 When all Jabesh-gilead heard all that the Philistines had done to Saul,

12 all the valiant men arose and took away the body of Saul and the bodies of his sons, and brought them to Jabesh and buried their bones under the oak in Jabesh, and fasted seven days.

13 <sup>a</sup>So Saul died for his trespass which he committed against the LORD, because of the word of the LORD which he did not keep; and also <sup>b</sup>because he asked counsel of a medium, making inquiry of it,

14 and did not inquire of the LORD. Therefore He killed him, and <sup>a</sup>turned the kingdom to David the son of Jesse.

## CHAPTER 11

<sup>a</sup>THEN all Israel gathered to David at Hebron <sup>1</sup>and said, "Behold, we are your bone and your flesh.

3 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *found him*13 <sup>a</sup>1 Sam. 13:13, 14;  
15:23 <sup>b</sup>1 Sam. 28:714 <sup>a</sup>1 Chr. 12:23; 1 Sam.  
15:281 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *saying*  
<sup>a</sup>2 Sam. 5:1, 3, 6-10

**David King of All Israel.  
He Captures Zion. His Mighty Men.**

**1 Chronicles 11**

2 "In times past, even when Saul was king, you *were* the one who led out and brought in Israel; and the LORD your God said to you, "You shall shepherd My people Israel, and you shall be prince over My people Israel.'"

2 <sup>2</sup>2 Sam. 5:2; 7:7

3 So all the elders of Israel came to the king at Hebron, and David made a covenant with them in Hebron before the LORD; and they anointed David king over Israel, according to the word of the LORD through Samuel.

3 <sup>1</sup>1 Sam. 16:1, 3, 12, 13

4 Then David and all Israel went to Jerusalem (that is, Jebus); and the Jebusites, the inhabitants of the land, were there.

4 <sup>1</sup>Josh. 15:8, 63; Judg. 1:21

5 And the inhabitants of Jebus said to David, "You shall not enter here." Nevertheless David captured the stronghold of Zion (that is, the city of David).

6 <sup>2</sup>2 Sam. 8:16

6 Now David had said, "Whoever strikes down a Jebusite first shall be chief and commander." And Joab the son of Zeruiah went up first, so he became chief.

8 <sup>1</sup>Or, fortified <sup>2</sup>I.e., citadel <sup>3</sup>Lit., revived

7 Then David dwelt in the stronghold; therefore it was called the city of David.

9 <sup>2</sup>2 Sam. 3:1

8 And he built the city all around, from the Millo even to the surrounding area; and Joab repaired the rest of the city.

9 And David became greater and greater, for the LORD of hosts was with him.

10 Now these are the heads of the mighty men whom David had, who gave him strong support in his kingdom, together with all Israel, to make him king, according to the word of the LORD concerning Israel.

10 <sup>2</sup>2 Sam. 23:8-39 <sup>1</sup>1 Chr. 11:3

11 And these constitute the list of the mighty men whom David had: Jashobeam, the son of a Hachmonite, the chief of the thirty; he lifted up his spear against three hundred whom he killed at one time.

11 <sup>1</sup>Lit., slain ones <sup>2</sup>2 Sam. 23:8 <sup>1</sup>1 Chr. 12:18

12 And after him was Eleazar the son of Dodo, the Ahohite, who was one of the three mighty men.

12 <sup>1</sup>Lit., among <sup>1</sup>1 Chr. 27:4

13 He was with David at Pasdammim when the Philistines were gathered together there to battle, and there was a plot of ground full of barley; and the people fled before the Philistines.

13 <sup>1</sup>In 1 Sam. 17:1, Ephesdammin <sup>2</sup>2 Sam. 23:11, 12

14 And they took their stand in the midst of the plot, and defended it, and struck down the Philistines; and the LORD saved them by a great victory.

14 <sup>1</sup>Or, salvation

15 Now three of the thirty chief men went down to the rock to David, into the cave of Adullam, while the army of the Philistines was camping in the valley of Rephaim.

16 And David was then in the stronghold, while the garrison of the Philistines was then in Bethlehem.

17 And David had a craving and said, "Oh that someone would give me water to drink from the well of Bethlehem, which is by the gate!"

15 <sup>1</sup>1 Chr. 14:9

18 So the three broke through the camp of the Philistines, and drew water from the well of Bethlehem which was by the gate, and took it and brought it to David; nevertheless David would not drink it, but poured it out to the LORD;

16 <sup>1</sup>1 Sam. 10:5

19 and he said, "Be it far from me before my God that I should do this. Shall I drink the blood of these men who went

19 <sup>1</sup>Lit., with their souls

20 <sup>1</sup>In 2 Sam. 23:18, *Abishai* <sup>2</sup>So Syriac; M.T., three <sup>3</sup>Lit., slain ones

22 <sup>1</sup>Or, two lion-like heroes of <sup>2</sup>Lit., smote <sup>2</sup>Sam. 8:18

23 <sup>1</sup>Lit., smote <sup>2</sup>One cubit equals approx. 18 in. <sup>1</sup>1 Sam. 17:7

27 <sup>1</sup>In 2 Sam. 23:25, *Shammah the Harodite* <sup>2</sup>In 2 Sam. 23:26, *Paltite*

29 <sup>1</sup>In 2 Sam. 23:27, *Mebunnai* <sup>2</sup>In 2 Sam. 23:28, *Zalmon*

30 <sup>1</sup>In 2 Sam. 23:29, *Heleb*

32 <sup>1</sup>In 2 Sam. 23:30, *Hiddai* <sup>2</sup>In 2 Sam. 23:31, *Abialbon*

34 <sup>1</sup>In 2 Sam. 23:32, *Jashen*

35 <sup>1</sup>In 2 Sam. 23:33, *Sharar* <sup>2</sup>In 2 Sam. 23:34, *Eliphelet the son of Ahasbai*

37 <sup>1</sup>In 2 Sam. 23:35, *Paarai the Arbite*

at the risk of their lives? For at the risk of their lives they brought it." Therefore he would not drink it. These things the three mighty men did.

20 As for <sup>1</sup>Abshai the brother of Joab, he was chief of the <sup>2</sup>thirty, and he swung his spear against three hundred <sup>3</sup>and killed them; and he had a name as well as the <sup>2</sup>thirty.

21 Of the three in the second *rank* he was the most honored, and became their commander; however, he did not attain to the *first* three.

22 <sup>1</sup>Benaiah the son of Jehoiada, the son of a valiant man of Kabzeel, mighty in deeds, struck down the <sup>1</sup>two sons of Ariel of Moab. He also went down and <sup>2</sup>killed a lion inside a pit on a snowy day.

23 And he <sup>1</sup>killed an Egyptian, a man of *great* stature five <sup>2</sup>cubits tall. Now in the Egyptian's hand *was* <sup>2</sup>a spear like a weaver's beam, but he went down to him with a club and snatched the spear from the Egyptian's hand, and <sup>1</sup>killed him with his own spear.

24 These *things* Benaiah the son of Jehoiada did, and had a name as well as the three mighty men.

25 Behold, he was honored among the thirty, but he did not attain to the three; and David appointed him over his guard.

26 Now the mighty men of the armies *were* Asahel the brother of Joab, Elhanan the son of Dodo of Bethlehem,

27 <sup>1</sup>Shammoth the Harorite, Helez the <sup>2</sup>Pelonite,

28 Ira the son of Ikesh the Tekoite, Abiezer the Anathothite,

29 <sup>1</sup>Sibbecai the Hushathite, <sup>2</sup>Ilai the Ahohite,

30 Maharai the Netophathite, <sup>1</sup>Heled the son of Baanah the Netophathite,

31 Ithai the son of Ribai of Gibeah of the sons of Benjamin, Benaiah the Pirathonite,

32 <sup>1</sup>Hurai of the brooks of Gaash, <sup>2</sup>Abiel the Arbathite,

33 Azmaveth the Baharumite, Eliahba the Shaalbonite,

34 the sons of <sup>1</sup>Hashem the Gizonite, Jonathan the son of Shagee the Hararite,

35 Ahiam the son of <sup>1</sup>Sacar the Hararite, <sup>2</sup>Eliphal the son of Ur,

36 Hopher the Mecherathite, Ahijah the Pelonite,

37 Hezro the Carmelite, <sup>1</sup>Naarai the son of Ezbai,

38 Joel the brother of Nathan, Mibhar the son of Hagri,

39 Zelek the Ammonite, Naharai the Berothite, the armor bearer of Joab the son of Zeruiah,

40 Ira the Ithrite, Gareb the Ithrite,

41 Uriah the Hittite, Zabad the son of Ahlai,

42 Adina the son of Shiza the Reubenite, a chief of the Reubenites, and thirty with him,

43 Hanan the son of Maacah and Joshaphat the Mithnite,

44 Uzzia the Ashterathite, Shama and Jeiel the sons of Hotham the Aroerite,

45 Jediael the son of Shimri and Joha his brother, the Tizite,

46 Eliel the Mahavite and Jeribai and Joshaviah, the sons of Elnaam, and Ithmah the Moabite,

47 Eliel and Obed and Jaasiel the Mezobaite.



## CHAPTER 12

1 <sup>a</sup>1 Sam. 27:2-6

<sup>a</sup>NOW these are the ones who came to David at Ziklag, while he was still restricted because of Saul the son of Kish; and they were among the mighty men who helped *him* in war.

2 They were equipped with bows, <sup>a</sup>using both the right hand and the left *to sling stones and to shoot arrows from the bow*; <sup>b</sup>*they were* Saul's kinsmen from Benjamin.

2 <sup>a</sup>Judg. 3:15; 20:16  
b1 Chr. 12:29

3 The chief was Ahiezer, then Joash, the sons of Shemaah the Gibeathite; and Jeziel and Pelet, the sons of Azmaveth, and Beracah and Jehu the Anathothite,

4 and Ishmaiah the Gibeonite, a mighty man among the <sup>c</sup>thirty, and over the thirty. <sup>1</sup>Then Jeremiah, Jahaziel, Johanan, Jozabad the Gederathite,

4 <sup>1</sup>In Heb. the beginning of v. 5, making 41 vs. in chap.

5 Eluzai, Jerimoth, Bealiah, Shemariah, Shephatiah the Haruphite,

6 Elkanah, Isshiah, Azarel, Joezer, Jashobeam, the Korahites,

8 <sup>1</sup>Lit., separated themselves  
22 Sam. 2:18

7 and Joelah and Zebadiah, the sons of Jeroham of Cedor.

8 And from the Gadites there <sup>1</sup>came over to David in the stronghold in the wilderness, mighty men of valor, men trained for war, who could handle shield and spear, and whose faces were like the faces of lions, and <sup>a</sup>*they were* as swift as the gazelles on the mountains.

14 <sup>1</sup>Or, chiefs  
2Deut. 32:30

9 Ezer *was* the first, Obadiah the second, Eliab the third,

10 Mishmannah the fourth, Jeremiah the fifth,

11 Attai the sixth, Eliel the seventh,

12 Johanan the eighth, Elzabad the ninth,

13 Jeremiah the tenth, Machbannai the eleventh.

14 These of the sons of Gad were <sup>1</sup>captains of the army; <sup>a</sup>he who was least was equal to a hundred and the greatest to a thousand.

15 <sup>a</sup>Josh. 3:15; 4:18

15 <sup>a</sup>These are the ones who crossed the Jordan in the first month when it was overflowing all its banks and they put to flight all those in the valleys, both to the east and to the west.

17 <sup>1</sup>Lit., violence

16 Then some of the sons of Benjamin and Judah came to the stronghold to David.

17 And David went out to meet them, and answered and said to them, "If you come peacefully to me to help me, my heart shall be united with you; but if to betray me to my adversaries, since there is no <sup>1</sup>wrong in my hands, may the God of our fathers look on *it* and decide."

18 <sup>1</sup>Lit., clothed <sup>2</sup>Or, chiefs  
<sup>a</sup>Judg. 3:10; 6:34 <sup>b</sup>1 Chr. 2:17  
<sup>c</sup>1 Sam. 25:5, 6

18 Then <sup>a</sup>the Spirit <sup>1</sup>came upon <sup>b</sup>Amasai, who was the chief of the thirty, *and he said,*

"We are yours, O David,  
And with you, O son of Jesse!

<sup>c</sup>Peace, peace to you,  
And peace to him who helps you;  
Indeed, your God helps you!"

Then David received them and made them <sup>2</sup>captains of the band.

19 <sup>a</sup>1 Sam. 29:2-9

19 <sup>a</sup>From Manasseh also some defected to David, when he was about to go to battle with the Philistines against Saul. But

20 <sup>1</sup>Or, chiefs

they did not help them, for the lords of the Philistines after consultation sent him away, saying, "At the cost of our heads he may defect to his master Saul."

21 <sup>1</sup>Sam. 30:1

20 As he went to Ziklag, there defected to him from Manasseh: Adnah, Jozabad, Jediael, Michael, Jozabad, Elihu, and Zillethai, <sup>1</sup>captains of thousands who belonged to Manasseh.

21 And they helped David against <sup>a</sup>the band of raiders, for they were all mighty men of valor, and were captains in the army.

22 <sup>a</sup>Gen. 32:2; Josh. 5:13-15

22 For day by day *men* came to David to help him, until there was a great army <sup>a</sup>like the army of God.

23 Now these are the numbers of the <sup>1</sup>divisions equipped for war, <sup>a</sup>who came to David at Hebron, <sup>b</sup>to turn the kingdom of Saul to him, <sup>c</sup>according to the <sup>2</sup>word of the LORD.

24 The sons of Judah who bore shield and spear *were* 6,800, equipped for war.

23 <sup>1</sup>Lit., heads <sup>2</sup>Lit., mouth  
<sup>a</sup>2 Sam. 2:3, 4 <sup>b</sup>1 Chr. 10:14  
<sup>c</sup>1 Chr. 11:10

25 Of the sons of Simeon, mighty men of valor for war, 7,100.

26 Of the sons of Levi 4,600.

27 Now Jehoiada was the leader of *the house of Aaron*, and with him were 3,700,

28 also <sup>a</sup>Zadok, a young man mighty of valor, and of his father's house twenty-two captains.

28 <sup>1</sup>Chr. 6:8, 53; 2 Sam. 8:17

29 And of the sons of Benjamin, <sup>a</sup>Saul's kinsmen, 3,000; for until now <sup>b</sup>the greatest part of them had kept their allegiance to the house of Saul.

30 And of the sons of Ephraim 20,800, mighty men of valor, famous men in their fathers' households.

29 <sup>1</sup>Chr. 12:2 <sup>b</sup>2 Sam. 2:8, 9

31 And of the half-tribe of Manasseh 18,000, who were designated by name to come and make David king.

32 And of the sons of Issachar, <sup>a</sup>men who understood the times, with knowledge of what Israel should do, their chiefs were two hundred; and all their kinsmen were at their command.

32 <sup>a</sup>Esth. 1:13

33 Of Zebulun, there were 50,000 who went out in the army, who could draw up in battle formation with all kinds of weapons of war and helped David <sup>1</sup>with <sup>a</sup>an undivided heart.

34 And of Naphtali *there were* 1,000 captains, and with them 37,000 with shield and spear.

33 <sup>1</sup>Lit., not of double heart  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 12:2

35 And of the Danites who could draw up in battle formation, *there were* 28,600.

36 And of Asher *there were* 40,000 who went out in the army to draw up in battle formation.

37 And from the other side of the Jordan, of the Reubenites and the Gadites and of the half-tribe of Manasseh, *there were* 120,000 with all *kinds* of weapons of war for the battle.

38 <sup>1</sup>Chr. 13:33; 2 Sam. 5:1-3

38 All these, being men of war, who could draw up in battle formation, came to Hebron with <sup>a</sup>a perfect heart, to make David king over all Israel; and all the rest also of Israel were of one mind to make David king.

39 And they were there with David three days, eating and drinking; for their kinsmen had prepared for them.

40 Moreover those who were near to them, *even* as far as

**The Ark Brought to Obed-edom's House.  
David's Family Enlarges.**

**1 Chronicles 12, 13, 14**

Issachar and Zebulun and Naphtali, <sup>a</sup>brought food on donkeys, camels, mules, and on oxen, great quantities of flour cakes, fig cakes and bunches of raisins, wine, oil, oxen and sheep. There was joy indeed in Israel.

CHAPTER 13

**T**HEN David consulted with the captains of the thousands and the hundreds, even with every leader.

2 And David said to all the assembly of Israel, "If it seems good to you, and if it is from the LORD our God, let us send everywhere to our kinsmen who remain in all the land of Israel, also to the priests and Levites who are with them in their cities with pasture lands, that they may meet with us;

3 and let us bring back the ark of our God to us, <sup>a</sup>for we did not seek it in the days of Saul."

4 Then all the assembly said that they would do so, for the thing was right in the eyes of all the people.

5 <sup>a</sup>So David assembled all Israel together, from the Shihor of Egypt even to the entrance of Hamath, <sup>b</sup>to bring the ark of God from Kiriath-jearim.

6 <sup>a</sup>And David and all Israel went up to <sup>b</sup>Baalath, *that is*, to Kiriath-jearim, which belongs to Judah, to bring up from there the ark of God, the LORD <sup>c</sup>who is enthroned *above* the cherubim, where His name is called.

7 And they <sup>1</sup>carried the ark of God on a new cart from <sup>a</sup>the house of Abinadab, and Uzza and Ahio drove the cart.

8 And David and all Israel were celebrating before God with all *their* might, <sup>a</sup>even with songs and with lyres, harps, tambourines, cymbals, and with trumpets.

9 When they came to <sup>a</sup>the threshing floor of Chidon, Uzza put out his hand to hold the ark, because the oxen nearly upset it.

10 And the anger of the LORD burned against Uzza, so He struck him down <sup>a</sup>because he put out his hand to the ark; <sup>b</sup>and he died there before God.

11 Then David became angry because <sup>1</sup>of the LORD's outburst against Uzza; and he called that place <sup>2</sup>Perez-uzza to this day.

12 And David was afraid of God that day, saying, "How can I bring the ark of God *home* to me?"

13 So David did not take the ark with him to the city of David, but took it aside <sup>a</sup>to the house of Obed-edom the Gittite.

14 Thus the ark of God remained with the family of Obed-edom in his house three months; and <sup>a</sup>the LORD blessed the family of Obed-edom with all that he had.

CHAPTER 14

**N**OW Hiram king of Tyre sent messengers to David with cedar trees, masons, and carpenters, to build a house for him.

2 And David realized that the LORD had established him as king over Israel, *and* that his kingdom was highly exalted, for the sake of His people Israel.

40 <sup>a</sup>1 Sam. 25:18

3 <sup>a</sup>1 Sam. 7:1, 2

5 <sup>a</sup>1 Chr. 15:3; 2 Sam. 6:1; 1 Kin. 8:65 <sup>b</sup>1 Sam. 6:21; 7:1

6 <sup>a</sup>2 Sam. 6:2-11 <sup>b</sup>Josh. 15:9 <sup>c</sup>2 Kin. 19:15

7 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *caused to ride*  
<sup>a</sup>1 Sam. 7:1

8 <sup>a</sup>1 Chr. 15:16

9 <sup>a</sup>2 Sam. 6:6

10 <sup>a</sup>1 Chr. 15:13, 15 <sup>b</sup>Lev. 10:2

11 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *the Lord had broken through a breakthrough* <sup>2</sup>i.e., the breakthrough of Uzza

13 <sup>a</sup>2 Chr. 25

14 <sup>a</sup>1 Chr. 26:4, 5

1 <sup>a</sup>2 Sam. 5:11

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3 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *begot*

4 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *were to*  
<sup>1</sup>Chr. 3:5-8

9 <sup>1</sup>Chr. 15:13; 11:15

11 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *smote* <sup>2</sup>I.e., the  
master of break-through

13 <sup>1</sup>Chr. 15:9

14 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *from upon* <sup>2</sup>Or,  
*baka shrubs*

16 <sup>1</sup>In 2 Sam. 5:25, *Geba*

17 <sup>1</sup>Ex. 15:14-16; Deut.  
2:25

1 <sup>1</sup>Chr. 15:3; 16:1;  
17:1-5

2 <sup>1</sup>Num. 4:15

3 <sup>1</sup>Chr. 13:5; 1 Kin. 8:1  
<sup>1</sup>Chr. 15:1, 12; 2 Sam.  
6:12, 17

4 <sup>1</sup>Chr. 6:16-30; 12:26-  
28

5 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *brothers*, i.e.,  
fellow tribesmen, and so  
throughout the chap.

3 Then David took more wives at Jerusalem, and David <sup>1</sup>became the father of more sons and daughters.

4 <sup>2</sup>And these are the names of the children <sup>1</sup>born to him in Jerusalem: Shammua, Shobab, Nathan, Solomon,

5 Ibhaz, Elishua, Elpelet,

6 Nogah, Nepheg, Japhia,

7 Elishama, Beeliada and Eliphelet.

8 When the Philistines heard that David had been anointed king over all Israel, all the Philistines went up in search of David; and David heard of it and went out against them.

9 Now the Philistines had come and <sup>2</sup>made a raid in the valley of Rephaim.

10 And David inquired of God, saying, "Shall I go up against the Philistines? And wilt Thou give them into my hand?" Then the LORD said to him, "Go up, for I will give them into your hand."

11 So they came up to Baal-perazim, and David <sup>1</sup>defeated them there; and David said, "God has broken through my enemies by my hand, like the break-through of waters." Therefore they named that place <sup>2</sup>Baal-perazim.

12 And they abandoned their gods there; so David gave the order and they were burned with fire.

13 And the Philistines made <sup>2</sup>yet another raid in the valley.

14 And David inquired again of God, and God said to him, "You shall not go up after them; circle around <sup>1</sup>behind them, and come at them in front of the <sup>2</sup>balsam trees.

15 "And it shall be when you hear the sound of marching in the tops of the balsam trees, then you shall go out to battle, for God will have gone out before you to strike the army of the Philistines."

16 And David did just as God had commanded him, and they struck down the army of the Philistines from <sup>1</sup>Gibeon even as far as Gezer.

17 Then the fame of David went out into all the lands; and <sup>2</sup>the LORD brought the fear of him on all the nations.

CHAPTER 15

**N**OW David built houses for himself in the city of David; and he prepared a place for the ark of God, and <sup>2</sup>pitched a tent for it.

2 Then David said, "<sup>2</sup>No one is to carry the ark of God but the Levites; for the LORD chose them to carry the ark of God, and to minister to Him forever."

3 And <sup>2</sup>David assembled all Israel at Jerusalem, to bring up the ark of the LORD <sup>1</sup>to its place, which he had prepared for it.

4 And David gathered together the sons of Aaron, and <sup>2</sup>the Levites;

5 of the sons of Kohath, Uriel the chief, and 120 of his <sup>1</sup>relatives;

6 of the sons of Merari, Asaiah the chief, and 220 of his relatives;

7 of the sons of Gershon, Joel the chief, and 130 of his relatives;

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8 of the sons of Elizaphan, Shemaiah the chief, and 200 of his relatives;

9 of the sons of Hebron, Eliel the chief, and 80 of his relatives;

10 of the sons of Uzziel, Amminadab the chief, and 112 of his relatives.

11 Then David called for <sup>a</sup>Zadok and <sup>b</sup>Abiathar the priests, and for the Levites, for Uriel, Asaiah, Joel, Shemaiah, Eliel, and Amminadab,

12 and said to them, "You are the heads of the fathers' households of the Levites; <sup>a</sup>consecrate yourselves both you and your relatives, that you may bring up the ark of the LORD God of Israel, <sup>b</sup>to the place that I have prepared for it.

13 "Because you did not carry it at the first, the LORD our God made an outburst on us, for we did not seek Him according to the ordinance."

14 <sup>a</sup>So the priests and the Levites consecrated themselves to bring up the ark of the LORD God of Israel.

15 And the sons of <sup>a</sup>the Levites carried the ark of God on their shoulders, with the poles thereon as Moses had commanded according to the word of the LORD.

16 Then David spoke to the chiefs of the Levites <sup>a</sup>to appoint their relatives the singers, with instruments of music, harps, lyres, loud-sounding cymbals, to raise sounds of joy.

17 So <sup>a</sup>the Levites appointed Heman the son of Joel, and from his relatives, Asaph the son of Berechiah; and from the sons of Merari their relatives, Ethan the son of Kushaiah,

18 and with them their relatives of the second rank, Zechariah, <sup>1</sup>Ben, Jaaziel, Shemiramoth, Jehiel, Unni, Eliab, Benaiah, Maaseiah, Mattithiah, Eliphelehu, Mikneiah, Obed-edom, and Jeiel, the gatekeepers.

19 So the singers, Heman, Asaph, and Ethan were appointed to sound aloud cymbals of bronze;

20 and Zechariah, Aziel, Shemiramoth, Jehiel, Unni, Eliab, Maaseiah, and Benaiah, with <sup>1</sup>harps tuned to <sup>a</sup>alamoth;

21 and Mattithiah, Eliphelehu, Mikneiah, Obed-edom, Jeiel, and Azariah, to lead with <sup>1</sup>lyres tuned to <sup>a</sup>the sheminith.

22 And Chenaniah, chief of the Levites, was in charge of the singing; he gave instruction in singing because he was skillful.

23 And Berechiah and Elkanah were gatekeepers for the ark.

24 And Shebaniah, Joshaphat, Nethanel, Amasai, Zechariah, Benaiah, and Eliezer, the priests, <sup>a</sup>blew the trumpets before the ark of God. Obed-edom and Jehiah also were gatekeepers for the ark.

25 <sup>a</sup>So it was David, with the elders of Israel and the captains over thousands, who went to bring up the ark of the covenant of the LORD from <sup>b</sup>the house of Obed-edom with joy.

26 And it came about because God was helping the Levites who were carrying the ark of the covenant of the LORD, that they sacrificed <sup>a</sup>seven bulls and seven rams.

27 Now David was clothed with a robe of fine linen with all the Levites who were carrying the ark, and the singers and Chenaniah the leader of the singing with the singers. David also wore an ephod of linen.

11 <sup>a</sup>1 Chr. 12:28 <sup>b</sup>1 Sam. 22:20-23; 1 Kin. 2:26, 35

12 <sup>a</sup>Ex. 19:14, 15; 2 Chr. 35:6 <sup>b</sup>1 Chr. 15:1, 3

13 <sup>a</sup>1 Chr. 13:7; 2 Sam. 6:3

14 <sup>a</sup>1 Chr. 15:12

15 <sup>a</sup>Ex. 25:14; Num. 4:5

16 <sup>a</sup>1 Chr. 13:8; 25:1

17 <sup>a</sup>1 Chr. 25:1

18 <sup>1</sup>Omitted in Gk. and many mss.

20 <sup>1</sup>Or, harps of maiden-like tone  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 46:title

21 <sup>1</sup>Or, octave harps  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 6:title

24 <sup>a</sup>1 Chr. 15:28; 16:6

25 <sup>a</sup>2 Sam. 6:12, 15  
<sup>b</sup>1 Chr. 13:13

26 <sup>a</sup>Num. 23:1-4, 29

1 <sup>a</sup>1 Chr. 15:15 <sup>1</sup>Or, *Jaaziel*, 1 Chr. 15:187 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *by the hand of Asaph* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *brothers*  
<sup>a2</sup> Sam. 22:1; 23:18 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 105:1-15 <sup>b1</sup> Kin. 8:43; <sup>2</sup> Kin. 19:199 <sup>1</sup>Or, *Meditate on* <sup>2</sup>I.e., *wonderful acts*10 <sup>1</sup>Or, *Boast*11 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 24:612 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 103:2 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 78:43-6814 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 48:1016 <sup>a</sup>Gen. 17:2; 22:16-18; 26:317 <sup>a</sup>Gen. 35:11, 1218 <sup>a</sup>Gen. 13:1519 <sup>a</sup>Gen. 34:30; Deut. 7:7

28 Thus all Israel brought up the ark of the covenant of the LORD with shouting, and with sound of the horn, with trumpets, with loud-sounding cymbals, with harps and lyres.

29 And it happened when the ark of the covenant of the LORD came to the city of David, that Michal the daughter of Saul looked out of the window, and saw King David leaping and making merry; and she despised him in her heart.

## CHAPTER 16

AND they brought in the ark of God and <sup>a</sup>placed it inside the tent which David had pitched for it, and they offered burnt offerings and peace offerings before God.

2 When David had finished offering the burnt offering and the peace offerings, he blessed the people in the name of the LORD.

3 And he distributed to every one of Israel, both man and woman, to every one a loaf of bread and a portion of *meat* and a raisin cake.

4 And he appointed some of the Levites *as* ministers before the ark of the LORD, even to celebrate and to thank and praise the LORD God of Israel:

5 Asaph the chief, and second to him Zechariah, *then* <sup>1</sup>Jehiel, Shemiramoth, Jehiel, Mattithiah, Eliab, Benaiah, Obed-edom, and Jeiel, with musical instruments, harps, lyres; also Asaph *played* loud-sounding cymbals,

6 and Benaiah and Jahaziel the priests *blew* trumpets continually before the ark of the covenant of God.

7 Then on that day David <sup>a</sup>first assigned <sup>1</sup>Asaph and his <sup>2</sup>relatives to give thanks to the LORD.

8 <sup>a</sup>Oh give thanks to the LORD, call upon His name;  
<sup>b</sup>Make known His deeds among the peoples.

9 Sing to Him, sing praises to Him;  
<sup>1</sup>Speak of all His <sup>2</sup>wonders.

10 <sup>1</sup>Glory in His holy name;  
Let the heart of those who seek the LORD be glad.

11 <sup>a</sup>Seek the LORD and His strength;  
Seek His face continually.

12 <sup>a</sup>Remember His wonderful deeds which He has done,  
<sup>b</sup>His marvels and the judgments from His mouth,

13 O seed of Israel His servant,  
Sons of Jacob, His chosen ones!

14 He is the LORD our God;  
<sup>a</sup>His judgments are in all the earth.

15 Remember His covenant forever,  
The word which He commanded to a thousand generations,

16 <sup>a</sup>*The covenant* which He made with Abraham,  
And His oath to Isaac.

17 <sup>a</sup>He also confirmed it to Jacob for a statute,  
To Israel as an everlasting covenant,

18 Saying, "aTo you I will give the land of Canaan,  
As the portion of your inheritance."

19 <sup>a</sup>When they were only a few in number,  
Very few, and strangers in it,

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Ministers of the Services.**

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20	And they wandered about from nation to nation, And from <i>one</i> kingdom to another people,	21 <sup>a</sup> Gen. 12:17; 20:3; Ex. 7:15-18
21	He permitted no man to oppress them, And <sup>a</sup> He reprov'd kings for their sakes, <i>saying</i> ,	22 <sup>a</sup> Gen. 20:7
22	"Do not touch My anointed ones, And <sup>a</sup> do My prophets no harm."	23 <sup>a</sup> Ps. 96:1-13
23	<sup>a</sup> Sing to the LORD, all the earth; Proclaim good tidings of His salvation from day to day.	25 <sup>a</sup> Ps. 144:3-6 <sup>b</sup> Ps. 89:7
24	Tell of His glory among the nations, His wonderful deeds among all the peoples.	26 <sup>1</sup> Or, <i>non-existent things</i> <sup>a</sup> Lev. 19:4 <sup>b</sup> Ps. 102:25
25	For <sup>a</sup> great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised; He also is <sup>b</sup> to be feared above all gods.	29 <sup>1</sup> Or, <i>grain offering</i> <sup>2</sup> Or, <i>the splendor of holiness</i> <sup>a</sup> Ps. 29:2
26	For all the gods of the peoples are <sup>1</sup> idols, <sup>b</sup> But the LORD made the heavens.	31 <sup>a</sup> Is. 44:23; 49:13 <sup>b</sup> Ps. 93:1; 96:10
27	Splendor and majesty are before Him, Strength and joy are in His place.	32 <sup>1</sup> Or, <i>thunder</i> <sup>2</sup> Lit., <i>its fulness</i> <sup>a</sup> Ps. 98:7
28	Ascribe to the LORD, O families of the peoples, Ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.	34 <sup>a</sup> Ps. 106:1; 136:1
29	Ascribe to the LORD the glory due His name; Bring an <sup>1</sup> offering, and come before Him; <sup>a</sup> Worship the LORD in <sup>2</sup> holy array.	35 <sup>1</sup> Lit., <i>boast</i> <sup>a</sup> Ps. 106:47, 48
30	Tremble before Him, all the earth; Indeed, the world is firmly established, it will not be moved.	36 <sup>a</sup> 1 Kin. 8:15, 56; Ps. 72:18 <sup>b</sup> Deut. 27:15; Neh. 8:6
31	<sup>a</sup> Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice; And let them say among the nations, " <sup>b</sup> The LORD reigns."	37 <sup>1</sup> Lit., <i>brothers</i> <sup>a</sup> 1 Chr. 16:4, 5 <sup>b</sup> 2 Chr. 8:14; Ezra 3:4
32	<sup>a</sup> Let the sea <sup>1</sup> roar, and <sup>2</sup> all it contains; Let the field exult, and all that is in it.	38 <sup>1</sup> Lit., <i>their brothers</i> , 68 <sup>a</sup> 1 Chr. 13:14 <sup>b</sup> 1 Chr. 26:10
33	Then the trees of the forest will sing for joy before the LORD; For He is coming to judge the earth.	39 <sup>1</sup> Lit., <i>brothers</i> <sup>2</sup> Lit., <i>dwelling place</i> <sup>a</sup> 1 Chr. 15:11 <sup>b</sup> 1 Kin. 3:4
34	<sup>a</sup> O give thanks to the LORD, for <i>He is good</i> ; For His lovingkindness is everlasting.	40 <sup>a</sup> Ex. 29:38-42; Num. 28:3, 4
35	<sup>a</sup> Then say, "Save us, O God of our salvation, And gather us and deliver us from the nations, To give thanks to Thy holy name, And <sup>1</sup> glory in Thy praise."	
36	<sup>a</sup> Blessed be the LORD, the God of Israel, From everlasting even to everlasting.	
Then all the people <sup>b</sup> said, "Amen," and praised the LORD.		
37	So he left Asaph and his <sup>1</sup> relatives there <sup>a</sup> before the ark of the covenant of the LORD, to minister before the ark continually, <sup>b</sup> as every day's work required;	
38	and <sup>a</sup> Obed-edom with <sup>1</sup> his 68 relatives; Obed-edom, also the son of Jeduthun, and <sup>b</sup> Hosah as gatekeepers.	
39	And <i>he left</i> <sup>a</sup> Zadok the priest and his <sup>1</sup> relatives the priests <sup>b</sup> before the <sup>2</sup> tabernacle of the LORD in the high place which was at Gibeon,	
40	to offer burnt offerings to the LORD on the altar of burnt offering continually morning and evening, <sup>a</sup> even according to all that is written in the law of the LORD, which He commanded Israel.	

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41 <sup>a</sup>1 Chr. 6:33 <sup>b1</sup> Chr. 25:1-6 <sup>c2</sup> Chr. 5:13

41 And with them *were* <sup>a</sup>Heman and Jeduthun, and <sup>b</sup>the rest who were chosen, who were designated by name, to <sup>c</sup>give thanks to the LORD, because His lovingkindness is everlasting.

42 And with them *were* Heman and Jeduthun *with* trumpets and cymbals for those who should sound aloud, and *with* instruments *for* <sup>a</sup>the songs of God, and the sons of Jeduthun for the gate.

42 <sup>a1</sup> Chr. 25:7; 2 Chr. 7:6; 29:27

43 Then all the people departed each to his house, and David returned to bless his household.

CHAPTER 17

1 <sup>a2</sup> Sam. 7:1-29

<sup>a</sup>AND it came about, when David dwelt in his house, that David said to Nathan the prophet, "Behold, I am dwelling in a house of cedar, but the ark of the covenant of the LORD is under curtains."

2 Then Nathan said to David, "Do all that is in your heart, for God is with you."

4 <sup>a1</sup> Chr. 28:2, 3

3 And it came about the same night, that the word of God came to Nathan, saying,

4 "Go and tell David My servant, "Thus says the LORD, <sup>a</sup>"You shall not build a house for Me to dwell in;

5 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *been*  
<sup>a</sup>Ex. 40:2, 3; 2 Sam. 7:6

5 for I have not dwelt in a house since the day that I brought up Israel to this day, <sup>a</sup>but I have <sup>1</sup>gone from tent to tent and from *one* dwelling place to *another*.

6 "In all places where I have walked with all Israel, have I spoken a word <sup>a</sup>with any of the judges of Israel, whom I commanded to shepherd My people, saying, 'Why have you not built for Me a house of cedar?'"

6 <sup>a2</sup> Sam. 7:7

7 "Now, therefore, thus shall you say to My servant David, "Thus says the LORD of hosts, "I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep, that you should be leader over My people Israel.

8 "And I have been with you wherever you have gone, and have cut off all your enemies from before you; and I will make you a name like the name of the great ones who are in the earth.

9 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *sons of wickedness*

9 "And I will appoint a place for My people Israel, and will plant them, that they may dwell in their own place and be moved no more; neither shall the <sup>1</sup>wicked waste them any more as formerly,

10 even from the day that I commanded judges *to be* over My people Israel. And I will subdue all your enemies. Moreover, I tell you that the LORD will build a house for you.

11 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *seed*

11 "And it shall come about when your days are fulfilled that you must go *to be* with your fathers, that I will set up *one of* your <sup>1</sup>descendants after you, who shall be of your sons; and I will establish his kingdom.

13 <sup>a</sup>Heb. 1:5 <sup>b1</sup> Chr. 10:14

12 "He shall build for Me a house, and I will establish his throne forever.

13 "<sup>a</sup>I will be his father, and he shall be My son; and I will not take My lovingkindness away from him, <sup>bas</sup> as I took it from him who was before you.

14 "But I will settle him in My house and in My kingdom forever, and his throne shall be established forever."

15 According to all these words and according to all this vision, so Nathan spoke to David.



16 Then David the king went in and sat before the LORD and said, "Who am I, O LORD God, and what is my house that Thou hast brought me thus far?"

17 "And this was a small thing in Thine eyes, O God; but Thou hast spoken of Thy servant's house for a great while to come, and hast regarded me according to the standard of a man of high degree, O LORD God.

18 "What more can David still say to Thee concerning the honor bestowed on Thy servant? For Thou knowest Thy servant.

19 "O LORD, <sup>a</sup>for Thy servant's sake, and according to Thine own heart, Thou hast wrought all this greatness, to make known all these great things.

20 "O LORD, there is none like Thee, neither is there any God besides Thee, according to all that we have heard with our ears.

21 "And what one nation in the earth is like Thy people Israel, whom God went to redeem for Himself as a people, to make Thee a name by great and terrible things, in driving out nations from before Thy people, whom Thou didst redeem out of Egypt?"

22 "<sup>a</sup>For Thy people Israel Thou didst make Thine own people forever, and Thou, O LORD, didst become their God.

23 "And now, O LORD, let the word that Thou hast spoken concerning Thy servant and concerning his house, be established forever, and do as Thou hast spoken.

24 "And let Thy name be established and magnified forever, saying, 'The LORD of hosts is the God of Israel, *even* a God to Israel; and the house of David Thy servant is established before Thee.'

25 "For Thou, O my God, hast revealed to Thy servant that Thou wilt build for him a house; therefore Thy servant hath found *courage* to pray before Thee.

26 "And now, O LORD, Thou art God, and hast <sup>1</sup>promised this good thing to Thy servant.

27 "And now it hath pleased Thee to bless the house of Thy servant, that it may <sup>1</sup>continue forever before Thee; for Thou, O LORD, hast blessed, and it is blessed forever."

## CHAPTER 18

NOW after this <sup>a</sup>it came about that David <sup>1</sup>defeated the Philistines and subdued them and took Gath and its towns from the hand of the Philistines.

2 And he defeated Moab, and the Moabites became servants to David, bringing tribute.

3 David also defeated Hadadezer king of Zobah as far as Hamath, as he went to establish his <sup>1</sup>rule to the Euphrates River.

4 And David took from him 1,000 chariots and 7,000 horsemen and 20,000 foot soldiers, and David hamstringed all the chariot horses, but reserved *enough* of them for 100 chariots.

5 When <sup>1</sup>the Syrians of <sup>2</sup>Damascus came to help Hadad-czer king <sup>a</sup>of Zobah, David <sup>3</sup>killed 22,000 men of <sup>1</sup>the Syrians.

19 <sup>2</sup>Sam. 7:21; Is. 37:3522 <sup>a</sup>Ex. 19:5, 626 <sup>1</sup>Lit., said27 <sup>1</sup>Lit., be

<sup>1</sup> <sup>1</sup>Lit., smote and so in v. 1-3  
<sup>2</sup>Sam. 8:1-18

3 <sup>1</sup>Lit., hand

<sup>5</sup> <sup>1</sup>Heb., Aram <sup>2</sup>Heb., Darneseq <sup>3</sup>Lit., smote  
<sup>a</sup>1 Chr. 19:6

6 <sup>1</sup>Heb., Aram <sup>2</sup>Heb., Darneseq

7 <sup>1</sup>Lit., on

9 <sup>1</sup>In 2 Sam. 8:10, Toi  
<sup>2</sup>Lit., smitten

10 <sup>1</sup>In 2 Sam. 8:10, Joram  
<sup>2</sup>Lit., ask him of his welfare  
<sup>3</sup>Lit., smitten

12 <sup>1</sup>Lit., smote

14 <sup>1</sup>Lit., was doing

15 <sup>1</sup>Chr. 11:6

1 <sup>2</sup>Sam. 10:1-19

3 <sup>1</sup>Lit., In your eyes is David honoring your father because

5 <sup>1</sup>Lit., Return to

6 Then David put *garrisons* in <sup>1</sup>Syria of <sup>2</sup>Damascus; and <sup>1</sup>the Syrians became servants to David, bringing tribute. And the LORD helped David wherever he went.

7 And David took the shields of gold which were <sup>1</sup>carried by the servants of Hadadezer, and brought them to Jerusalem.

8 Also from Tibhath and from Cun, cities of Hadadezer, David took a very large amount of bronze, with which Solomon made the bronze sea and the pillars and the bronze utensils.

9 Now when <sup>1</sup>Tou king of Hamath heard that David had <sup>2</sup>defeated all the army of Hadadezer king of Zobah,

10 he sent <sup>1</sup>Hadoram his son to King David, to <sup>2</sup>greet him and to bless him, because he had fought against Hadadezer and had <sup>3</sup>defeated him; for Hadadezer had been at war with Tou. And *Hadoram brought* all kinds of articles of gold and silver and bronze.

11 King David also dedicated these to the LORD with the silver and the gold which he had carried away from all the nations: from Edom, Moab, the sons of Ammon, the Philistines, and from Amalek.

12 Moreover Abishai the son of Zeruiah <sup>1</sup>defeated 18,000 Edomites in the Valley of Salt.

13 Then he put garrisons in Edom, and all the Edomites became servants to David. And the LORD helped David wherever he went.

14 So David reigned over all Israel; and he <sup>1</sup>administered justice and righteousness for all his people.

15 And <sup>1</sup>Joab the son of Zeruiah *was* over the army, and Jehoshaphat the son of Ahilud *was* recorder;

16 and Zadok the son of Ahitub and Abimelech the son of Abiathar *were* priests, and Shavsha *was* secretary;

17 and Benaiah the son of Jehoiada *was* over the Cherethites and the Pelethites, and the sons of David *were* chiefs at the king's side.

#### CHAPTER 19

<sup>a</sup>**N**OW it came about after this, that Nahash the king of the sons of Ammon died, and his son became king in his place.

2 Then David said, "I will show kindness to Hanun the son of Nahash, because his father showed kindness to me." So David sent messengers to console him concerning his father. And David's servants came into the land of the sons of Ammon to Hanun, to console him.

3 But the princes of the sons of Ammon said to Hanun, "Do you think that David is honoring your father, in that he has sent comforters to you? Have not his servants come to you to search and to overthrow and to spy out the land?"

4 So Hanun took David's servants and shaved them, and cut off their garments in the middle as far as their hips, and sent them away.

5 Then *certain persons* went and told David about the men. And he sent to meet them, for the men were greatly humiliated. And the king said, "<sup>1</sup>Stay at Jericho until your beards grow, and *then* return."

6 When the sons of Ammon saw that they had made themselves odious to David, Hanun and the sons of Ammon

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sent 1,000 talents of silver to hire for themselves chariots and horsemen from Mesopotamia, from Aram-maacah, and <sup>a</sup>from Zobah.

7 So they hired for themselves 32,000 chariots, and the king of Maacah and his people, who came and camped before <sup>a</sup>Medeba. And the sons of Ammon gathered together from their cities and came to battle.

8 When David heard of it, he sent Joab and all the army, the mighty men.

9 And the sons of Ammon came out and drew up in battle array at the entrance of the city, and the kings who had come were by themselves in the field.

10 Now when Joab saw that the <sup>1</sup>battle was set against him in front and in the rear, he selected from all the choice men of Israel and they arrayed themselves against the Syrians.

11 But the remainder of the people he placed in the hand of <sup>1</sup>Abshai his brother; and they arrayed themselves against the sons of Ammon.

12 And he said, "If the Syrians are too strong for me, then you shall help me; but if the sons of Ammon are too strong for you, then I will help you.

13 "Be strong, and let us show ourselves courageous for the sake of our people and for the cities of our God; and may the LORD do what is good in His sight."

14 So Joab and the people who were with him drew near to the battle against the Syrians, and they fled before him.

15 When the sons of Ammon saw that the Syrians fled, they also fled before Abshai his brother, and entered the city. Then Joab came to Jerusalem.

16 When the Syrians saw that they had been <sup>1</sup>defeated by Israel, they sent messengers, and brought out the Syrians who were beyond the <sup>2</sup>River, with Shophach the commander of the army of Hadadezer <sup>3</sup>leading them.

17 When it was told David, he gathered all Israel together and crossed the Jordan, and came upon them and drew up in formation against them. And when David drew up in battle array against the Syrians, they fought against him.

18 And the Syrians fled before Israel, and David killed of the Syrians 7,000 charioteers and 40,000 foot soldiers, and put to death Shophach the commander of the army.

19 So when the servants of Hadadezer saw that they were <sup>1</sup>defeated by Israel, they made peace with David and served him. Thus the Syrians were not willing to help the sons of Ammon any more.

**CHAPTER 20**

<sup>a</sup>**T**HEN it happened <sup>1</sup>in the spring, at the time when kings go out to battle, that Joab led out the army and ravaged the land of the sons of Ammon, and came and besieged Rabbah. But David stayed at Jerusalem. And <sup>b</sup>Joab struck Rabbah and overthrew it.

2 <sup>a</sup>And David took the crown of <sup>1</sup>their king from his head, and he found it to weigh a talent of gold, and there was a precious stone in it; and it was placed on David's head. And he brought out the spoil of the city, a very great amount.

6 <sup>a</sup>1 Chr. 18:5, 9

7 <sup>a</sup>Num. 21:30; Josh. 13:9, 16

10 <sup>1</sup>Lit., the face of the battle

11 <sup>1</sup>In 2 Sam. 10:10, Abishai

16 <sup>1</sup>Lit., smitten before <sup>2</sup>i.e., Euphrates <sup>3</sup>Lit., before

19 <sup>1</sup>Lit., smitten before

1 <sup>1</sup>Lit., at the return of the year  
<sup>2</sup>2 Sam. 11:1 <sup>b</sup>2 Sam. 12:26

2 <sup>1</sup>In Zeph. 1:5, Malcam  
<sup>2</sup>2 Sam. 12:30, 31

1 Chronicles 20, 21

3 \*2 Sam. 12:31

4 <sup>1</sup>Lit., stood up <sup>2</sup>In 2 Sam. 21:18, Gob <sup>3</sup>Lit., smote <sup>4</sup>Heb., Raphah, and so in vs. 6, 8  
\*2 Sam. 21:18-22

5 <sup>1</sup>Lit., smote  
\*2 Sam. 21:19 <sup>1</sup> Chr. 11:23; 1 Sam. 17:7

7 <sup>1</sup>Lit., smote

1 \*2 Sam. 24:1-25

2 \*1 Chr. 27:23, 24

3 \*Deut. 1:11

5 <sup>1</sup>Lit., muster <sup>2</sup>Lit., numbering  
\*2 Sam. 24:9

6 <sup>1</sup>Lit., muster <sup>2</sup>Lit., word  
\*1 Chr. 27:24

7 <sup>1</sup>Lit., it was evil in the sight of God

8 \*2 Sam. 12:13

9 \*1 Chr. 29:29; 2 Sam. 24:11 <sup>1</sup> Chr. 9:9

10 <sup>1</sup>Lit., stretch out to

12 \*2 Sam. 24:13

3 And he brought out the people who *were* in it, <sup>a</sup>and cut *them* with saws and with sharp instruments and with axes. And thus David did to all the cities of the sons of Ammon. Then David and all the people returned to Jerusalem.

4 <sup>a</sup>Now it came about after this, that war <sup>1</sup>broke out at <sup>2</sup>Gezer with the Philistines; then Sibbecai the Hushathite <sup>3</sup>killed Sippai, one of the descendants of the <sup>4</sup>giants, and they were subdued.

5 And there was war with the Philistines again, and Elhanan the son of <sup>a</sup>Jair <sup>1</sup>killed Lahmi the brother of Goliath the Gittite, the <sup>b</sup>shaft of whose spear was like a weaver's beam.

6 And again there was war at Gath, where there was a man of *great* stature who had twenty-four fingers and toes, six *fingers on each hand* and six *toes on each foot*; and he also was descended from the giants.

7 And when he taunted Israel, Jonathan the son of Shimea, David's brother, <sup>1</sup>killed him.

8 These were descended from the giants in Gath, and they fell by the hand of David and by the hand of his servants.

CHAPTER 21

<sup>a</sup>**T**HEN Satan stood up against Israel and moved David to number Israel.

2 So David said to Joab and to the princes of the people, <sup>a</sup>"Go, number Israel from Beersheba even to Dan, and bring me word that I may know their number."

3 And Joab said, <sup>a</sup>"May the LORD add to His people a hundred times as many as they are! But, my lord the king, are they not all my lord's servants? Why does my lord seek this thing? Why should he be a cause of guilt to Israel?"

4 Nevertheless, the king's word prevailed against Joab. Therefore, Joab departed and went throughout all Israel, and came to Jerusalem.

5 And Joab gave the <sup>1</sup>number of the <sup>2</sup>census of all the people to David. And <sup>a</sup>all Israel *were* 1,100,000 men who drew the sword; and Judah *was* 470,000 men who drew the sword.

6 <sup>a</sup>But he did not <sup>1</sup>number Levi and Benjamin among them, for the king's <sup>2</sup>command was abhorrent to Joab.

7 And <sup>1</sup>God was displeased with this thing, so He struck Israel.

8 And David said to God, "I have sinned greatly, in that I have done this thing. <sup>a</sup>But now, please take away the iniquity of Thy servant, for I have done very foolishly."

9 And the LORD spoke to <sup>a</sup>Gad, David's <sup>b</sup>seer, saying,

10 "Go and speak to David, saying, 'Thus says the LORD, "I <sup>1</sup>offer you three things; choose for yourself one of them, that I may do it to you."'"

11 So Gad came to David and said to him, "Thus says the LORD, 'Take for yourself

12 <sup>a</sup>either three years of famine, or three months to be swept away before your foes, while the sword of your enemies overtakes you, or else three days of the sword of the LORD, even pestilence in the land, and the angel of the LORD destroying throughout all the territory of Israel.' Now, therefore, consider what answer I shall return to Him who sent me."

## A Pestilence Sent.

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13 And David said to Gad, "I am in great distress; please let me fall into the hand of the LORD, <sup>a</sup>for His mercies are very great. But do not let me fall into the hand of man."

14 <sup>a</sup>So the LORD <sup>1</sup>sent a pestilence on Israel; 70,000 men of Israel fell.

15 And God sent an angel to Jerusalem to destroy it; but as he was about to destroy it, the LORD saw and <sup>a</sup>was sorry over the calamity, and said to the destroying angel, "It is enough; now relax your hand." And the angel of the LORD was standing by the threshing floor of <sup>1</sup>Ornan the Jebusite.

16 Then David lifted up his eyes and saw the angel of the LORD standing between earth and heaven, with his drawn sword in his hand stretched out over Jerusalem. Then David and the elders, <sup>a</sup>covered with sackcloth, fell on their faces.

17 And David said to God, "Is it not I who <sup>1</sup>commanded to count the people? Indeed, I am the one who has sinned and done very wickedly, <sup>a</sup>but these sheep, what have they done? O LORD my God, please let Thy hand be against me and my father's household, but not against Thy people that they should be plagued."

18 <sup>a</sup>Then the angel of the LORD <sup>1</sup>commanded Gad to say to David, that David should go up and build an altar to the LORD on the threshing floor of Ornan the Jebusite.

19 So David went up at the word of Gad, which he spoke in the name of the LORD.

20 Now Ornan turned back and saw the angel, and his four sons *who were* with him hid themselves. And Ornan was threshing wheat.

21 And as David came to Ornan, Ornan looked and saw David, and went out from the threshing floor, and prostrated himself <sup>1</sup>before David with his face to the ground.

22 Then David said to Ornan, "Give me the <sup>1</sup>site of *this* threshing floor, that I may build on it an altar to the LORD; for the full price you shall give it to me, that the plague may be restrained from the people."

23 And Ornan said to David, "Take it for yourself; and let my lord the king do what is good in his sight. See, I will give the oxen for burnt offerings and the threshing sledges for wood and the wheat for the grain offering; I will give it all."

24 But King David said to Ornan, "No, but I will surely buy it for the full price; for I will not take what is yours for the LORD, or offer a burnt offering <sup>1</sup>which costs me nothing."

25 So <sup>a</sup>David gave Ornan 600 shekels of gold by weight for the <sup>1</sup>site.

26 Then David built an altar to the LORD there, and offered burnt offerings and peace offerings. And he called to the LORD and <sup>a</sup>He answered him with fire from heaven on the altar of burnt offering.

27 And the LORD commanded the angel, and he put his sword back in its sheath.

28 At that time, when David saw that the LORD had answered him on the threshing floor of Ornan the Jebusite, he offered sacrifice there.

29 <sup>a</sup>For the tabernacle of the LORD, which Moses had made in the wilderness, and the altar of burnt offering *were* in the high place at Gibeon at that time.

13 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 51:1; 130:4, 7

14 <sup>1</sup>Lit., gave  
<sup>a</sup>1 Chr. 27:24

15 <sup>1</sup>In 2 Sam. 24:16,  
*Araunah*  
<sup>a</sup>Ex. 32:14; 1 Sam. 15:11;  
Jon. 3:10

16 <sup>a</sup>1 Kin. 21:27

17 <sup>1</sup>Lit., said  
<sup>a</sup>2 Sam. 7:8; Ps. 74:1

18 <sup>1</sup>Lit., said  
<sup>a</sup>2 Chr. 3:1

21 <sup>1</sup>Lit., to

22 <sup>1</sup>Lit., place

24 <sup>1</sup>Lit., gratuitously

25 <sup>1</sup>Lit., place  
<sup>a</sup>2 Sam. 24:24

26 <sup>a</sup>Lev. 9:24; Judg. 6:21

29 <sup>a</sup>1 Chr. 16:39; 1 Kin. 3:4

1 <sup>a</sup>1 Chr. 21:18-28; 2 Chr. 3:1

2 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *said to*  
<sup>a</sup>1 Kin. 9:20, 21; 2 Chr. 2:17  
<sup>b</sup>1 Kin. 5:17, 18

3 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *for*  
<sup>a</sup>1 Chr. 29:27 <sup>b</sup>1 Chr. 22:14

4 <sup>a</sup>1 Kin. 5:6-10

5 <sup>a</sup>1 Chr. 29:1; 1 Kin. 3:7

7 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *as for me, it was in my heart*  
<sup>a</sup>1 Chr. 17:1; 2 Sam. 7:2, 3

8 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *made*  
<sup>a</sup>1 Chr. 28:3

9 <sup>1</sup>I.e., *Peaceful*  
<sup>a</sup>1 Kin. 4:20, 25 <sup>b</sup>2 Sam. 12:24, 25

10 <sup>a</sup>1 Chr. 17:12; 2 Sam. 7:13, 14

11 <sup>a</sup>1 Chr. 22:16

12 <sup>a</sup>1 Kin. 3:9-12; 2 Chr. 1:10

13 <sup>a</sup>1 Chr. 28:7 <sup>b</sup>Josh. 1:6-9

14 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *in my affliction*  
<sup>2</sup>Lit., *it is*  
<sup>a</sup>1 Chr. 29:4 <sup>b</sup>1 Chr. 22:3

30 But David could not go before it to inquire of God, for he was terrified by the sword of the angel of the LORD.

CHAPTER 22

THEN David said, "This is the house of the LORD God, and this is the altar of burnt offering for Israel."

2 So David <sup>1</sup>gave orders to gather <sup>a</sup>the foreigners who were in the land of Israel, and <sup>b</sup>he set stonecutters to hew out stones to build the house of God.

3 And David <sup>a</sup>prepared large quantities of iron <sup>1</sup>to make the nails for the doors of the gates and for the clamps, and more <sup>b</sup>bronze than could be weighed;

4 and timbers of cedar logs beyond number, for <sup>a</sup>the Sidonians and Tyrians brought large quantities of cedar timber to David.

5 And David said, "My son <sup>a</sup>Solomon is young and inexperienced, and the house that is to be built for the LORD shall be exceedingly magnificent, famous and glorious throughout all lands. Therefore I will make preparation for it." So David made ample preparations before his death.

6 Then he called for his son Solomon, and charged him to build a house for the LORD God of Israel.

7 And David said to Solomon, "<sup>a</sup>My son, <sup>1</sup>I had intended to build a house to the name of the LORD my God.

8 "But the word of the LORD came to me, saying, '<sup>a</sup>You have shed much blood, and have <sup>1</sup>waged great wars; you shall not build a house to My name, because you have shed so much blood on the earth before Me.

9 'Behold, a son shall be born to you, who shall be a man of rest; and <sup>a</sup>I will give him rest from all his enemies on every side; for <sup>b</sup>his name shall be <sup>1</sup>Solomon, and I will give peace and quiet to Israel in his days.

10 <sup>a</sup>He shall build a house for My name, and he shall be My son, and I will be his father; and I will establish the throne of his kingdom over Israel forever.'

11 "Now, my son, <sup>a</sup>the LORD be with you that you may be successful, and build the house of the LORD your God just as He has spoken concerning you.

12 "<sup>a</sup>Only the LORD give you discretion and understanding, and give you charge over Israel, so that you may keep the law of the LORD your God.

13 "<sup>a</sup>Then you shall prosper, if you are careful to observe the statutes and the ordinances which the LORD commanded Moses concerning Israel. <sup>b</sup>Be strong and courageous, do not fear nor be dismayed.

14 "Now behold, <sup>1</sup>with great pains I have prepared for the house of the LORD <sup>a</sup>100,000 talents of gold and 1,000,000 talents of silver, and <sup>b</sup>bronze and iron beyond weight, for <sup>2</sup>they are in great quantity; also timber and stone I have prepared, and you may add to them.

15 "Moreover, there are many workmen with you, stonecutters and masons of stone and carpenters, and all men who are skillful in every kind of work.

16 "Of the gold, the silver and the bronze and the iron, there is no limit. Arise and work, and may <sup>a</sup>the LORD be with you."

17 <sup>a</sup>David also commanded all the leaders of Israel to help his son Solomon, *saying*,

18 "Is not the LORD your God with you? And <sup>a</sup>has He not given you rest on every side? For He has given the inhabitants of the land into my hand, and the land is subdued before the LORD and before His people.

19 "Now <sup>a</sup>set your heart and your soul to seek the LORD your God; arise, therefore, and build the sanctuary of the LORD God, <sup>b</sup>so that you may bring the ark of the covenant of the LORD, and the holy vessels of God into the house that is to be built <sup>c</sup>for the name of the LORD."

## CHAPTER 23

NOW when David <sup>1</sup>reached old age, <sup>b</sup>he made his son Solomon king over Israel.

2 And he gathered together all the leaders of Israel with the priests and the Levites.

3 And <sup>a</sup>the Levites were numbered from thirty years old and upward, and <sup>b</sup>their number by <sup>1</sup>census of men was 38,000.

4 Of these, 24,000 were <sup>a</sup>to oversee the work of the house of the LORD; and 6,000 were <sup>b</sup>officers and judges,

5 and 4,000 were gatekeepers, and <sup>a</sup>4,000 were praising the LORD with the instruments which <sup>1</sup>David made for giving praise.

6 And David divided them into divisions <sup>a</sup>according to the sons of Levi: Gershon, Kohath, and Merari.

7 Of the Gershonites were <sup>1</sup>Ladan and Shimei.

8 The sons of Ladan were Jehiel the first and Zetham and Joel, three.

9 The sons of Shimei were Shelomoth and Haziel and Haran, three. These were the heads of the fathers' households of Ladan.

10 And the sons of Shimei were Jahath, <sup>1</sup>Zina, Jeush, and Beriah. These four were the sons of Shimei.

11 And Jahath was the first, and Zizah the second; but Jeush and Beriah did not have many sons, so they became a father's household, one <sup>1</sup>class.

12 The sons of Kohath were four: Amram, Izhar, Hebron and Uzziel.

13 <sup>a</sup>The sons of Amram were Aaron and Moses. And <sup>b</sup>Aaron was set apart to sanctify him as most holy, he and his sons forever, <sup>c</sup>to burn incense before the LORD, to minister to Him and to bless in His name forever.

14 But *as for* <sup>a</sup>Moses the man of God, his sons were named among the tribe of Levi.

15 The sons of Moses were Gershom and Eliezer.

16 The <sup>1</sup>son of Gershom was <sup>2</sup>Shebuel the chief.

17 And the <sup>1</sup>son of Eliezer was Rehabiah the chief; and Eliezer had no other sons, but the sons of Rehabiah were very many.

18 The <sup>1</sup>son of Izhar was <sup>2</sup>Shelomith the chief.

19 The sons of Hebron were Jeriah the first, Amariah the second, Jahaziel the third and Jekameam the fourth.

16 <sup>a1</sup> Chr. 22:11

17 <sup>a1</sup> Chr. 28:1-6

18 <sup>a1</sup> Chr. 22:9; 23:25

19 <sup>a1</sup> Chr. 28:9 <sup>b1</sup> Kin. 8:6, 21; 2 Chr. 5:7 <sup>c1</sup> Chr. 22:7

<sup>1</sup> <sup>1</sup>Lit., *became old and sated with days*  
<sup>a1</sup> Chr. 29:28 <sup>b1</sup> Chr. 28:5; 29:22

<sup>3</sup> <sup>1</sup>Lit., *their heads*  
<sup>a</sup>Num. 4:3-49 <sup>b1</sup> Chr. 23:24; Num. 4:48

<sup>4</sup> <sup>a</sup>Ezra 3:8, 9 <sup>b1</sup> Chr. 26:29

<sup>5</sup> <sup>1</sup>Lit., *I made*  
<sup>a1</sup> Chr. 15:16

<sup>6</sup> <sup>a1</sup> Chr. 6:1

<sup>7</sup> <sup>1</sup>In Ex. 6:17, *Libni*

<sup>10</sup> <sup>1</sup>In v. 11, *Zizah*

<sup>11</sup> <sup>1</sup>Lit., *musterung*

<sup>13</sup> <sup>a</sup>Ex. 6:20 <sup>b</sup>Ex. 28:1  
<sup>c</sup>Ex. 30:6-10

<sup>14</sup> <sup>a</sup>Deut. 33:1; Ps. 90: title

<sup>16</sup> <sup>1</sup>Lit., *sons* <sup>2</sup>In Ch. 24:20, *Shubael*

<sup>17</sup> <sup>1</sup>Lit., *sons... were*

<sup>18</sup> <sup>1</sup>Lit., *sons* <sup>2</sup>In ch. 24:22, *Shelomoth*

24 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *mustered* <sup>2</sup>Lit.,  
heads  
<sup>a</sup>Num. 10:17, 21 <sup>b1</sup> Chr.  
23:3

25 <sup>a1</sup> Chr. 22:18

26 <sup>a</sup>Num. 4:5, 15; 7:9

28 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *at the hand of*

29 <sup>a</sup>Lev. 24:5-9 <sup>b</sup>Lev. 6:20  
<sup>c1</sup> Chr. 9:31 <sup>d</sup>Lev. 6:21  
<sup>e</sup>Lev. 19:35, 36

31 <sup>a</sup>Is. 1:13, 14 <sup>b</sup>Lev.  
23:24

32 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *brothers*  
<sup>a1</sup> Chr. 9:27; Num. 1:53  
<sup>b</sup>Num. 3:6-9, 38

1 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *sons*  
<sup>a</sup>Ex. 6:23

2 <sup>1</sup>Or, *children*  
<sup>a</sup>Lev. 10:2

3 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *in their service*  
<sup>a1</sup> Chr. 3:31; 6:8

4 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *sons*

5 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *sons*  
<sup>a1</sup> Chr. 24:31

20 The sons of Uzziel *were* Micah the first and Isshiah the second.

21 The sons of Merari *were* Mahli and Mushi. The sons of Mahli *were* Eleazar and Kish.

22 And Eleazar died and had no sons, but daughters only, so their brothers, the sons of Kish, took them *as wives*.

23 The sons of Mushi *were* three: Mahli, Eder, and Jeremoth.

24 <sup>a</sup>These were the sons of Levi according to their fathers' households, *even* the heads of the fathers' households of those of them who were <sup>1</sup>counted, in the number of names by their <sup>2</sup>census, doing the work for the service of the house of the LORD, <sup>b</sup>from twenty years old and upward.

25 For David said, "The LORD God of Israel <sup>a</sup>has given rest to His people, and He dwells in Jerusalem forever.

26 "And also, <sup>a</sup>the Levites will no longer need to carry the tabernacle and all its utensils for its service."

27 For by the last words of David the sons of Levi *were* numbered, from twenty years old and upward.

28 For their office is <sup>1</sup>to assist the sons of Aaron with the service of the house of the LORD, in the courts and in the chambers and in the purifying of all holy things, even the work of the service of the house of God,

29 <sup>a</sup>and with the showbread, and <sup>b</sup>the fine flour for a grain offering, and unleavened wafers, or <sup>c</sup>what is baked in the pan, or <sup>d</sup>what is well-mixed, and <sup>e</sup>all measures of volume and size.

30 And they are to stand every morning to thank and to praise the LORD, and likewise at evening,

31 and to offer all burnt offerings to the LORD, <sup>a</sup>on the sabbaths, the new moons and <sup>b</sup>the fixed festivals in the number set by the ordinance concerning them, continually before the LORD.

32 Thus <sup>a</sup>they are to keep charge of the tent of meeting, and charge of the holy place, and <sup>b</sup>charge of the sons of Aaron their <sup>1</sup>relatives, for the service of the house of the LORD.

## CHAPTER 24

**N**OW the divisions of the <sup>1</sup>descendants of Aaron *were these*. <sup>a</sup>The sons of Aaron *were* Nadab, Abihu, Eleazar, and Ithamar.

2 <sup>a</sup>But Nadab and Abihu died before their father and had no <sup>1</sup>sons. So Eleazar and Ithamar served as priests.

3 And David, with <sup>a</sup>Zadok of the sons of Eleazar and Ahimelech of the sons of Ithamar, divided them according to their offices <sup>1</sup>for their ministry.

4 Since more chief men were found from the <sup>1</sup>descendants of Eleazar than the <sup>1</sup>descendants of Ithamar, they divided them thus: *there were* sixteen heads of fathers' households of the <sup>1</sup>descendants of Eleazar, and eight of the <sup>1</sup>descendants of Ithamar according to their fathers' households.

5 <sup>a</sup>Thus they were divided by lot, the one as the other; for they were officers of the sanctuary and officers of God, both from the <sup>1</sup>descendants of Eleazar and the <sup>1</sup>descendants of Ithamar.



6 And Shemaiah, the son of Nethanel the scribe, from the Levites, recorded them in the presence of the king, the princes, Zadok the priest, <sup>a</sup>Ahimelech the son of Abiathar, and the heads of the fathers' households of the priests and of the Levites; one fathers' household taken for Eleazar and one taken for Ithamar.

7 Now the first lot came out for Jehoiarib, the second for Jedaiah,

8 the third for Harim, the fourth for Seorim,

9 the fifth for Malchijah, the sixth for Mijamin,

10 the seventh for Hakkoz, the eighth for <sup>a</sup>Abijah,

11 the ninth for Jeshua, the tenth for Shecaniah,

12 the eleventh for Eliashib, the twelfth for Jakim,

13 the thirteenth for Huppah, the fourteenth for Jeshebeab,

14 the fifteenth for Bilgah, the sixteenth for Immer,

15 the seventeenth for Hezir, the eighteenth for Happizez,

16 the nineteenth for Pethahiah, the twentieth for Jehzekel,

17 the twenty-first for Jachin, the twenty-second for Camul,

18 the twenty-third for Delaiah, the twenty-fourth for Maziah.

19 <sup>a</sup>These were their offices for their ministry, when they came in to the house of the LORD according to the ordinance given to them through Aaron their father, just as the LORD God of Israel had commanded him.

20 Now for the rest of the sons of Levi: of the sons of Amram, <sup>1</sup>Shubael; of the sons of Shubael, Jehdeiah.

21 Of Rehabiah: of the sons of Rehabiah, Isshiah the first.

22 Of the Izharites, <sup>1</sup>Shelomoth; of the sons of Shelomoth, Jahath.

23 And the sons <sup>a</sup>of Hebron: Jeriah the first, Amariah the second, Jahaziel the third, Jekameam the fourth.

24 Of the sons of Uzziel, Micah; of the sons of Micah, Shamir.

25 The brother of Micah, Isshiah; of the sons of Isshiah, Zechariah.

26 The sons of Merari, Mahli and Mushi; the sons of Jaaziah, Beno.

27 The sons of Merari: by Jaaziah were Beno, Shoham, Zaccur, and Ibrì.

28 By Mahli: Eleazar, who had no sons.

29 By Kish: the sons of Kish, Jerahmeel.

30 And the sons of Mushi: Mahli, Eder, and Jerimoth. These were the sons of the Levites according to their fathers' households.

31 <sup>a</sup>These also cast lots just as their <sup>1</sup>relatives the sons of Aaron in the presence of David the king, <sup>b</sup>Zadok, Ahimelech, and the heads of the fathers' households of the priests and of the Levites—the head of fathers' households as well as those of his younger brother.

6 <sup>a</sup>1 Chr. 18:16

10 <sup>a</sup>Neh. 12:4; Luke 1:5

19 <sup>a</sup>1 Chr. 9:25

20 <sup>1</sup>In 23:16, *Shebuel*

22 <sup>1</sup>In 23:18, *Shelomith*

23 <sup>a</sup>1 Chr. 23:19

31 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *brothers*  
<sup>a</sup>1 Chr. 24:5, 6 <sup>1</sup>1 Chr. 24:6

## CHAPTER 25

<sup>1</sup> Lit., *workmen according to their service*  
<sup>a</sup>1 Chr. 6:33, 39 <sup>b</sup>2 Kin. 3:15 <sup>c</sup>1 Chr. 15:16

<sup>2</sup> In v. 14, *Jesharelah*  
 Lit., *hand(s)*

<sup>3</sup> In v. 11, *Izri* <sup>2</sup>So with mss. and ancient versions, cf. v. 17 <sup>3</sup>Lit., *hands*  
<sup>a</sup>1 Chr. 16:41, 42

<sup>4</sup> In v. 18, *Azarel* <sup>2</sup>In v. 20, *Shubael*

<sup>5</sup> Lit., *lift up the horn*  
<sup>a</sup>1 Chr. 21:9; 2 Sam. 24:11

<sup>6</sup> Lit., *hands*  
<sup>a</sup>1 Chr. 15:16 <sup>b</sup>1 Chr. 15:19

<sup>7</sup> Lit., *brothers*, and so throughout the chap.  
<sup>a</sup>1 Chr. 23:5

<sup>8</sup> <sup>a</sup>1 Chr. 26:13

**MOREOVER**, David and the commanders of the army set apart for the service *some* of the sons of <sup>a</sup>Asaph and of Heman and of Jeduthun, who *were* to <sup>b</sup>prophesy with lyres, <sup>c</sup>harps, and cymbals; and the number of <sup>1</sup>those who performed their service was:

**2** of the sons of Asaph: Zaccur, Joseph, Nethaniah, and <sup>1</sup>Asharelah; the sons of Asaph *were* under the <sup>2</sup>direction of Asaph, who prophesied under the <sup>2</sup>direction of the king.

**3** <sup>a</sup>Of Jeduthun, the sons of Jeduthun: Gedaliah, <sup>1</sup>Zeri, Jeshaiiah, <sup>2</sup>Shimei, Hashabiah, and Mattithiah, six, under the <sup>3</sup>direction of their father Jeduthun with the harp, who prophesied in giving thanks and praising the LORD.

**4** Of Heman, the sons of Heman: Bukkiah, Mattaniah, <sup>1</sup>Uzziel, <sup>2</sup>Shebuel and Jerimoth, Hananiah, Hanani, Eliathah, Giddalti and Romamti-ezer, Joshbekashah, Mallothi, Hothir, Mahazioth.

**5** All these *were* the sons of Heman <sup>a</sup>the king's seer to <sup>1</sup>exalt him according to the words of God, for God gave fourteen sons and three daughters to Heman.

**6** All these were under the <sup>1</sup>direction of their father to sing in the house of the LORD, <sup>a</sup>with cymbals, harps and lyres, for the service of the house of God. <sup>b</sup>Asaph, Jeduthun and Heman *were* under the <sup>1</sup>direction of the king.

**7** And their number who were trained in singing to the LORD, with their <sup>1</sup>relatives, all who were skillful, *was* <sup>a</sup>288.

**8** And <sup>a</sup>they cast lots for their duties, all alike, the small as well as the great, the teacher *as well* as the pupil.

**9** Now the first lot came out for Asaph to Joseph, the second for Gedaliah, he with his relatives and sons *were* twelve;

**10** the third to Zaccur, his sons and his relatives, twelve;

**11** the fourth to Izri, his sons and his relatives, twelve;

**12** the fifth to Nethaniah, his sons and his relatives, twelve;

**13** the sixth to Bukkiah, his sons and his relatives, twelve;

**14** the seventh to Jesharelah, his sons and his relatives, twelve;

**15** the eighth to Jeshaiiah, his sons and his relatives, twelve;

**16** the ninth to Mattaniah, his sons and his relatives, twelve;

**17** the tenth to Shimei, his sons and his relatives, twelve;

**18** the eleventh to Azarel, his sons and his relatives, twelve;

**19** the twelfth to Hashabiah, his sons and his relatives, twelve;

**20** for the thirteenth, Shubael, his sons and his relatives, twelve;

**21** for the fourteenth, Mattithiah, his sons and his relatives, twelve;

**22** for the fifteenth to Jerimoth, his sons and his relatives, twelve;

**23** for the sixteenth to Hananiah, his sons and his relatives, twelve;

**24** for the seventeenth to Joshbekashah, his sons and his relatives, twelve;

**25** for the eighteenth to Hanani, his sons and his relatives, twelve;

- 26 for the nineteenth to Mallothi, his sons and his relatives, twelve;
- 27 for the twentieth to Eliathah, his sons and his relatives, twelve;
- 28 for the twenty-first to Hothir, his sons and his relatives, twelve;
- 29 for the twenty-second to Giddalti, his sons and his relatives, twelve;
- 30 for the twenty-third to Mahazioth, his sons and his relatives, twelve;
- 31 for the twenty-fourth to Romamti-ezer, his sons and his relatives, twelve.

1 <sup>1</sup>In vs. 14, *Shelemiah*  
2 <sup>1</sup>In 9:19, *Ebiasaph*

CHAPTER 26

FOR the divisions of the gatekeepers *there were* of the Korahites, <sup>1</sup>Meshelemiah the son of Kore, of the sons of <sup>1</sup>Asaph.

2 And Meshelemiah had sons: Zechariah the first-born, Jediael the second, Zebadiah the third, Jathniel the fourth,

3 Elam the fifth, Johanan the sixth, Eliehoenai the seventh.

4 And Obed-edom had sons: Shemaiah the first-born, Jehozabad the second, Joah the third, Sacar the fourth, Nathanel the fifth,

5 Ammiel the sixth, Issachar the seventh, *and* Peullethai the eighth; God had indeed blessed him.

6 Also to his son Shemaiah sons were born who ruled over the house of their father, for they were mighty men of valor.

7 The sons of Shemaiah *were* Othni, Rephael, Obed, and Elzabad, whose brothers, Elihu and Semachiah, were valiant men.

8 All these *were* of the sons of Obed-edom; they and their sons and their <sup>1</sup>relatives *were* able men with strength for the service, 62 from Obed-edom.

9 And Meshelemiah had sons and relatives, 18 valiant men.

10 Also <sup>2</sup>Hosah, *one* of the sons of Merari had sons: Shimri the first (although he was not the first-born, his father made him first),

11 Hilkiyah the second, Tebaliah the third, Zechariah the fourth; all the sons and relatives of Hosah *were* 13.

12 To these divisions of the gatekeepers, the chief men, *were* given duties like their relatives to minister in the house of the LORD.

13 <sup>2</sup>And they cast lots, the small and the great alike, according to their fathers' households, for every gate.

14 And the lot to the east fell to Shelemiah. Then they cast lots for his son Zechariah, a counselor with insight, and his lot came out to the north.

15 For Obed-edom *it fell* to the south, and to his sons went the storehouse.

16 For Shuppim and Hosah *it was* to the west, by the gate of Shallecheth, on the ascending highway. Guard corresponded to guard.

8 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *brothers*, and so throughout the chap.

10 <sup>2</sup>1 Chr. 16:38

13 <sup>2</sup>1 Chr. 24:5, 31; 25:8

18 <sup>1</sup>Possibly court or  
colonnade  
<sup>2</sup>2 Kin. 23:11

20 <sup>1</sup>So Gk.; Heb., *As for  
the Levites, Ahijah had*  
<sup>2</sup>Lit., *were over*  
<sup>1</sup>1 Chr. 26:22, 24, 26; 28:12;  
Ezra 2:69

22 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *were over*

26 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *were over*  
<sup>2</sup>2 Sam. 8:11

27 <sup>1</sup>Heb., *from the battles  
and from the spoil*

28 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *under the hand*  
<sup>2</sup>Heb., *Shelomith*

29 <sup>a</sup>Neh. 11:16 <sup>b</sup>1 Chr.  
23:4

30 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *beyond the  
Jordan westward*  
<sup>1</sup>1 Chr. 27:17

31 <sup>1</sup>Heb., *according to  
the Hebronites. . . father's  
households*  
<sup>1</sup>1 Chr. 23:19 <sup>b</sup>1 Chr. 6:81

32 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *every matter of  
God and matter of the  
king.*  
<sup>2</sup>2 Chr. 19:11

17 On the east there were six Levites, on the north four daily, on the south four daily, and at the storehouse two by two.

18 At the <sup>1a</sup>Parbar on the west *there were* four at the highway and two at the Parbar.

19 These were the divisions of the gatekeepers of the sons of Korah and of the sons of Merari.

20 <sup>1</sup>And the Levites, their relatives, <sup>2</sup>had <sup>a</sup>charge of the treasures of the house of God, and of the treasures of the dedicated gifts.

21 The sons of Ladan, the sons of the Gershonites belonging to Ladan, *namely*, the Jehielites, *were* the heads of the fathers' *households*, belonging to Ladan the Gershonite.

22 The sons of Jehieli, Zetham and Joel his brother, <sup>1</sup>had charge of the treasures of the house of the LORD.

23 As for the Amramites, the Izharites, the Hebronites, and the Uzzielites,

24 Shebuel the son of Gershom, the son of Moses, was officer over the treasures.

25 And his relatives by Eliezer *were* Rehabiah his son, Jeshaiah his son, Joram his son, Zichri his son, and Shelomoth his son.

26 This Shelomoth and his relatives <sup>1</sup>had charge of all the treasures of the dedicated gifts, <sup>a</sup>which King David and the heads of the fathers' *households*, the commanders of thousands and hundreds, and commanders of the army, had dedicated.

27 They dedicated <sup>1</sup>part of the spoil won in battles to repair the house of the LORD.

28 And all that Samuel the seer had dedicated and Saul the son of Kish, Abner the son of Ner and Joab the son of Zeruiah, every one who had dedicated *any thing*, *all of this* was <sup>1</sup>in the care of <sup>2</sup>Shelomoth and his relatives.

29 As for the Izharites, Chenaniah and his sons <sup>a</sup>were *assigned* to outside duties for Israel, as <sup>b</sup>officers and judges.

30 As for the Hebronites, <sup>a</sup>Hashabiah and his relatives, 1,700 capable men, had charge of the affairs of Israel <sup>1</sup>west of the Jordan, for all the work of the LORD and the service of the king.

31 As for the Hebronites, <sup>a</sup>Jerijah the chief <sup>1</sup>(these Hebronites were investigated according to their genealogies and fathers' *households*, in the fortieth year of David's reign, and men of outstanding capability were found among them at <sup>b</sup>Jazer of Gilead)

32 and his relatives, capable men, *were* 2,700 in number, heads of fathers' *households*. And King David made them overseers over the Reubenites, the Gadites and the half-tribe of the Manassites <sup>a</sup>concerning <sup>1</sup>all the affairs of God and of the king.

## CHAPTER 27

**N**OW *this* is the enumeration of the sons of Israel, the heads of fathers' *households*, the commanders of thousands and of hundreds, and their officers who served the king in all the affairs of the divisions which came in and went out month by month

throughout all the months of the year, each division *numbering* 24,000.

2 Jashobeam the son of Zabdiel <sup>1a</sup>had charge of the first division for the first month; and in his division *were* 24,000.

3 *He was* from the sons of Perez, *and was* chief of all the commanders of the army for the first month.

4 Dodai the Ahohite and his division had charge of the division for the second month, Mikloth *being* the chief officer; and in his division *were* 24,000.

5 The third commander of the army for the third month *was* Benaiah, the son of Jehoiada the priest, *as* chief; and in his division *were* 24,000.

6 This Benaiah *was* the mighty man of the thirty, and had charge of thirty; and over his division *was* Ammizabad his son.

7 The fourth for the fourth month *was* Asahel the brother of Joab, and Zebadiah his son after him; and in his division *were* 24,000.

8 The fifth for the fifth month *was* the commander Shamhuth the Izrahite; and in his division *were* 24,000.

9 The sixth for the sixth month *was* Ira the son of Ikkesh the Tekoite; and in his division *were* 24,000.

10 The seventh for the seventh month *was* Helez the Pelonite of the sons of Ephraim; and in his division *were* 24,000.

11 The eighth for the eighth month *was* Sibbecai the Hushathite of the Zerahites; and in his division *were* 24,000.

12 The ninth for the ninth month *was* Abiezer the Anathothite of the Benjamites; and in his division *were* 24,000.

13 The tenth for the tenth month *was* Maharai the Netophathite of the Zerahites; and in his division *were* 24,000.

14 The eleventh for the eleventh month *was* Benaiah the Pirathonite of the sons of Ephraim; and in his division *were* 24,000.

15 The twelfth for the twelfth month *was* Heldai the Netophathite of Othniel; and in his division *were* 24,000.

16 Now in charge of the tribes of Israel: chief officer for the Reubenites *was* Eliezer the son of Zichri; for the Simeonites, Shephatiah the son of Maacah;

17 for Levi, Hashabiah the son of Kenuel; for Aaron, Zadok;

18 for Judah, Elihu, *one* of David's brothers; for Issachar, Omri the son of Michael;

19 for Zebulun, Ishmaiah the son of Obadiah; for Naphtali, Jeremoth the son of Azriel;

20 for the sons of Ephraim, Hoshea the son of Azaziah; for the half-tribe of Manasseh, Joel the son of Pedaiah;

21 for the half-tribe of Manasseh in Gilead, Iddo the son of Zechariah; for Benjamin, Jaasiel the son of Abner;

22 for Dan, Azarel the son of Jeroham. <sup>a</sup>These *were* the princes of the tribes of Israel.

23 But David did not <sup>1</sup>count those twenty years of age and under, <sup>a</sup>because the LORD had said he would multiply Israel <sup>b</sup>as the stars of heaven.

24 Joab the son of Zeruiah had begun to count *them*, but did not finish; and because of <sup>a</sup>this, wrath came upon Israel, and

<sup>2</sup> <sup>1</sup>Lit., *was over*, and so throughout the chap.  
<sup>a</sup>1 Chr. 11:11-31; 2 Sam. 23:8-30

22 <sup>a</sup>1 Chr. 28:1

23 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *take their number from*  
<sup>a</sup>1 Chr. 21:2-5 <sup>b</sup>Gen. 15:5

24 <sup>a</sup>1 Chr. 21:1-7; 2 Sam. 24:12-15

26 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *doers of the work of the field for the tilling of...*

27 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *what was in the vineyards of the storehouses of wine*

28 <sup>1</sup>Or, *lowlands*  
<sup>a1</sup> Kin. 10:27; 2 Chr. 1:15

29 <sup>a1</sup> Chr. 5:16

31 <sup>1</sup>Or, *rulers*  
<sup>a1</sup> Chr. 5:10

32 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *was with*

33 <sup>a2</sup> Sam. 15:12 <sup>b2</sup> Sam. 15:32, 37

34 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *after*  
<sup>a1</sup> Chr. 27:5 <sup>b1</sup> Kin. 1:7  
<sup>c1</sup> Chr. 11:6

1 <sup>a1</sup> Chr. 23:2; 27:1-31  
<sup>b1</sup> Chr. 11:10-47

2 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *in my heart* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *house of rest*  
<sup>a1</sup> Chr. 17:1, 2 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 132:7;  
Is. 66:1

3 <sup>a1</sup> Chr. 22:8

4 <sup>a1</sup> Sam. 16:6-13 <sup>b1</sup> Chr. 17:23, 27 <sup>a1</sup> Chr. 5:2; Gen. 49:8-10 <sup>a1</sup> Sam. 16:1

5 <sup>a1</sup> Chr. 3:1-9; 14:3-7  
<sup>b1</sup> Chr. 22:9, 10

6 <sup>a2</sup> Sam. 7:13, 14

the number was not included in the account of the chronicles of King David.

25 Now Azmaveth the son of Adiel had charge of the king's storehouses. And Jonathan the son of Uzziah had charge of the storehouses in the country, in the cities, in the villages, and in the towers.

26 And Ezri the son of Chelub had charge of the agricultural workers who tilled the soil.

27 And Shimei the Ramathite had charge of the vineyards; and Zabdi the Shiphmite had charge of the produce of the vineyards stored in the wine cellars.

28 And Baal-hanan the Gederite had charge of the olive and sycamore trees in the Shephelah; and Joash had charge of the stores of oil.

29 And Shitrai the Sharonite had charge of the cattle which were grazing in Sharon; and Shaphat the son of Adlai had charge of the cattle in the valleys.

30 And Obil the Ishmaelite had charge of the camels; and Jehdeiah the Meronothite had charge of the donkeys.

31 And Jaziz the Hagrite had charge of the flocks. All these were overseers of the property which belonged to King David.

32 Also Jonathan, David's uncle, was a counselor, a man of understanding, and a scribe; and Jehiel the son of Hachmoni tutored the king's sons.

33 And Ahithophel was counselor to the king; and Hushai the Archite was the king's friend.

34 And Jehoiada the son of Benaiah, and Abiathar succeeded Ahithophel; and Joab was the commander of the king's army.

CHAPTER 28

Now David assembled at Jerusalem all the officials of Israel, the princes of the tribes, and the commanders of the divisions that served the king, and the commanders of thousands, and the commanders of hundreds, and the overseers of all the property and livestock belonging to the king and his sons, with the officials and the mighty men, even all the valiant men.

2 Then King David rose to his feet and said, "Listen to me, my brethren and my people; I had intended to build a permanent home for the ark of the covenant of the LORD and for the footstool of our God. So I had made preparations to build it.

3 "But God said to me, 'You shall not build a house for My name because you are a man of war and have shed blood.'

4 "Yet, the LORD, the God of Israel, chose me from all the house of my father to be king over Israel forever. For He has chosen Judah to be a leader; and in the house of Judah, my father's house, and among the sons of my father He took pleasure in me to make me king over all Israel.

5 "And of all my sons (for the LORD has given me many sons), He has chosen my son Solomon to sit on the throne of the kingdom of the LORD over Israel.

6 "And He said to me, 'Your son Solomon is the one who

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shall build My house and My courts; for I have chosen him to be a son to Me, and I will be a father to him.

7 'And I will establish his kingdom forever, <sup>a</sup>if he resolutely performs My commandments and My ordinances, as <sup>1</sup>is done now.'

8 "So now, in the sight of all Israel, the assembly of the LORD, and in the hearing of our God, observe and seek after all the commandments of the LORD your God in order that you may possess the good land and bequeath it to your sons after you forever.

9 "As for you, my son Solomon, know the God of your father, and <sup>a</sup>serve Him with <sup>1a</sup> a whole heart and a willing <sup>2</sup>mind; <sup>b</sup>for the LORD searches all hearts, and understands every intent of the thoughts. <sup>c</sup>If you seek Him, He will let you find Him; but if you forsake Him, He will reject you forever.

10 "Consider now, for the LORD has chosen you to build a house for the sanctuary; <sup>a</sup>be courageous and act."

11 Then David gave to his son Solomon <sup>a</sup>the plan of <sup>b</sup>the porch of the temple, its buildings, its storehouses, its upper rooms, its inner rooms, and <sup>c</sup>the room for the mercy seat;

12 and the plan of all that he had in <sup>1</sup>mind, for the courts of the house of the LORD, and for all the surrounding rooms, for <sup>a</sup>the storehouses of the house of God, and for the storehouses of the dedicated things;

13 also for <sup>a</sup>the divisions of the priests and <sup>b</sup>the Levites and for all the work of the service of the house of the LORD and for all the utensils of service in the house of the LORD;

14 for the golden *utensils*, the weight of gold for all utensils for every kind of service; for the silver utensils, the weight of silver for all utensils for every kind of service;

15 and the weight of *gold* for the <sup>a</sup>golden lampstands and their golden lamps, with the weight of each lampstand and its lamps; and *the weight of silver* for the silver lampstands, with the weight of each lampstand and its lamps according to the use of each lampstand;

16 and the gold by weight for the tables of showbread, for each table; and silver for the silver tables;

17 and the forks, the basins, and the pitchers of pure gold; and for the golden bowls with the weight for each bowl; and for the silver bowls with the weight for each bowl;

18 and for <sup>a</sup>the altar of incense refined gold by weight; and gold for the model of the chariot, *even* <sup>b</sup>the cherubim, that spread out *their wings*, and covered the ark of the covenant of the LORD.

19 "All this," said David, "the LORD made me understand in writing by His hand upon me, <sup>a</sup>all the <sup>1</sup>details of this pattern."

20 Then David said to his son Solomon, "<sup>a</sup>Be strong and courageous, and act; do not fear nor be dismayed, for the LORD God, my God, is with you. <sup>b</sup>He will not fail you nor forsake you until all the work for the service of the house of the LORD is finished.

21 "Now behold, <sup>a</sup>there are the divisions of the priests and the Levites for all the service of the house of God, and <sup>b</sup>every willing man of any skill will be with you in all the work for all

7 <sup>1</sup>Lit., at this day  
<sup>1</sup> Chr. 22:13

9 <sup>1</sup>Or, the same <sup>2</sup>Lit.,  
soul  
<sup>1</sup> Chr. 29:17-19; 1 Kin.  
8:61 <sup>b</sup>1 Sam. 16:7 <sup>c</sup>2 Chr.  
15:2; Jer. 29:13

10 <sup>1</sup> Chr. 22:13

11 <sup>1</sup> Chr. 28:12, 19; Ex.  
25:40 <sup>b</sup>1 Kin. 6:3 <sup>c</sup>Ex.  
25:17-22

12 <sup>1</sup>Lit., the spirit with  
him  
<sup>1</sup> Chr. 26:20, 28

13 <sup>1</sup> Chr. 24:1 <sup>b</sup>1 Chr.  
23:6

15 <sup>a</sup>Ex. 25:31-39

18 <sup>a</sup>Ex. 30:1-10 <sup>b</sup>Ex. 25:  
18-22

19 <sup>1</sup>Lit., works  
<sup>1</sup> Chr. 28:11, 12

20 <sup>1</sup> Chr. 22:13 <sup>b</sup>Josh.  
1:5; Heb. 13:5

21 <sup>1</sup> Chr. 28:13 <sup>b</sup>Ex.  
35:25-35; 36:1, 2

<sup>1</sup> Lit., *palace*  
<sup>a1</sup> Chr. 22:5 <sup>b1</sup> Chr. 29:19

<sup>2</sup> <sup>a1</sup> Chr. 22:3-5

<sup>3</sup> Lit., *house*

<sup>4</sup> Lit., *houses*  
<sup>a1</sup> Chr. 22:14 <sup>b1</sup> Kin. 9:28

<sup>5</sup> Lit., *by the hand of the craftsmen* <sup>2</sup> Lit., *to fill his hand*

<sup>6</sup> <sup>a1</sup> Chr. 27:1; 28:1  
<sup>b1</sup> Chr. 27:25-31

<sup>7</sup> <sup>a</sup> Ezra 2:69; Neh. 7:70

<sup>8</sup> Lit., *those with whom were found* <sup>2</sup> Lit., *under the hand of*  
<sup>a1</sup> Chr. 23:8

<sup>9</sup> <sup>a1</sup> Kin. 8:61; 2 Cor. 9:7

<sup>11</sup> <sup>a</sup> Rev. 5:13

<sup>12</sup> <sup>a2</sup> Chr. 1:12 <sup>b2</sup> Chr. 20:6

<sup>14</sup> Lit., *retain strength*

kinds of service. The officials also and all the people will be entirely at your command."

## CHAPTER 29

**T**HEN King David said to the entire assembly, "My son Solomon, whom alone God has chosen, <sup>a</sup>is still young and inexperienced and the work is great; for <sup>b</sup>the <sup>1</sup>temple is not for man, but for the LORD God.

<sup>2</sup> "Now <sup>a</sup>with all my ability I have provided for the house of my God the gold for the *things* of gold, and the silver for the *things* of silver, and the bronze for the *things* of bronze, the iron for the *things* of iron, and wood for the *things* of wood, onyx stones and inlaid *stones*, stones of antimony, and stones of various colors, and all kinds of precious stones, and alabaster in abundance.

<sup>3</sup> "And moreover, in my delight in the house of my God, the treasure I have of gold and silver, I give to the house of my God, over and above all that I have already provided for the holy <sup>1</sup>temple,

<sup>4</sup> *namely*, <sup>a3</sup>,000 talents of gold, of <sup>b</sup>the gold of Ophir, and 7,000 talents of refined silver, to overlay the walls of the <sup>1</sup>buildings;

<sup>5</sup> of gold for the *things* of gold, and of silver for the *things* of silver, that is, for all the work <sup>1</sup>done by the craftsmen. Who then is willing <sup>2</sup>to consecrate himself this day to the LORD?"

<sup>6</sup> Then <sup>a</sup>the rulers of the fathers' *households*, and the princes of the tribes of Israel, and the commanders of thousands and of hundreds, with <sup>b</sup>the overseers over the king's work, offered willingly;

<sup>7</sup> and for the service for the house of God they gave 5,000 talents and 10,000 <sup>a</sup>darics of gold, and 10,000 talents of silver, and 18,000 talents of brass, and 100,000 talents of iron.

<sup>8</sup> And <sup>1</sup>whoever possessed *precious* stones gave them to the treasury of the house of the LORD, <sup>2</sup>in care of <sup>a</sup>Jehiel the Gershonite.

<sup>9</sup> Then the people rejoiced because they had offered so willingly, for they made their offering to the LORD <sup>a</sup>with a whole heart, and King David also rejoiced greatly.

<sup>10</sup> So David blessed the LORD in the sight of all the assembly; and David said, "Blessed art Thou, O LORD God of Israel our father, forever and ever.

<sup>11</sup> "<sup>a</sup>Thine, O LORD, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the victory and the majesty, indeed everything that is in the heavens and the earth; Thine is the dominion, O LORD, and Thou dost exalt Thyself as head over all.

<sup>12</sup> "<sup>a</sup>Both riches and honor *come* from Thee and Thou dost rule over all, and <sup>b</sup>in Thy hand is power and might; and it lies in Thy hand to make great, and to strengthen everyone.

<sup>13</sup> "Now therefore, our God, we thank Thee, and praise Thy glorious name.

<sup>14</sup> "But who am I and who are my people that we should <sup>1</sup>be able to offer as generously as this? For all things come from Thee, and from Thy hand we have given Thee.



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Solomon Made King. David's Reign and Death.**

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15 "For <sup>a</sup>we are sojourners before Thee, and tenants, as all our fathers were; <sup>b</sup>our days on the earth are like a shadow, and there is no hope.

16 "O LORD our God, all this abundance that we have provided to build Thee a house for Thy holy name, it is from Thy hand, and all is Thine.

17 "Since I know, O my God, that <sup>a</sup>Thou triest the heart and <sup>b</sup>delightest in uprightness, I, in the integrity of my heart, have willingly offered all these *things*; so now with joy I have seen Thy people, who are present here, make *their* offerings willingly to Thee.

18 "O LORD, the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, our fathers, preserve this forever in the <sup>1</sup>intentions of the heart of Thy people, and direct their heart to Thee;

19 "and <sup>a</sup>give to my son Solomon a perfect heart to keep Thy commandments, Thy testimonies, and Thy statutes, and to do *them* all, and <sup>b</sup>to build the <sup>1</sup>temple, for which I have made provision."

20 Then David said to all the assembly, "Now bless the LORD your God." And <sup>a</sup>all the assembly blessed the LORD, the God of their fathers, and <sup>b</sup>bowed low and did homage to the LORD and to the king.

21 And on the next day <sup>a</sup>they <sup>1</sup>made sacrifices to the LORD and offered burnt offerings to the LORD, 1,000 bulls, 1,000 rams and 1,000 lambs, with their drink offerings and sacrifices in abundance for all Israel.

22 So they ate and drank that day before the LORD with great gladness.

And they made Solomon the son of David king <sup>a</sup>a second time, and they <sup>b</sup>anointed *him* as ruler for the LORD and Zadok as priest.

23 Then Solomon sat on the throne of the LORD as king instead of David his father; and he prospered, and all Israel obeyed him.

24 And all the officials, the mighty men, and also all the sons of King David <sup>1</sup>pledged allegiance to King Solomon.

25 And <sup>a</sup>the LORD highly exalted Solomon in the sight of all Israel, and <sup>b</sup>bestowed on him royal majesty which had not been on any king before him in Israel.

26 Now <sup>a</sup>David the son of Jesse reigned over all Israel.

27 <sup>a</sup>And the period which he reigned over Israel was forty years; he reigned in Hebron seven years and <sup>1</sup>in Jerusalem thirty-three years.

28 Then he died in <sup>a</sup>a <sup>1</sup>ripe old age, <sup>b</sup>full of days, riches and honor; and his son Solomon reigned in his place.

29 Now the acts of King David, from first to last, are written in the chronicles of <sup>a</sup>Samuel the seer, in the chronicles of <sup>b</sup>Nathan the prophet, and in the chronicles of <sup>c</sup>Gad the seer,

30 with all his reign, his power, and <sup>a</sup>the circumstances which came on him, on Israel, and on all the kingdoms of the lands.

15 <sup>a</sup>Lev. 25:23 <sup>b</sup>Job 14:2, 10-12

17 <sup>a</sup>1 Chr. 28:9 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 15:2

18 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *intent of the thoughts of the heart*

19 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *palace*  
<sup>a</sup>1 Chr. 28:9; Ps. 72:1  
<sup>b</sup>1 Chr. 29:1, 2

20 <sup>a</sup>Josh. 22:33 <sup>b</sup>Ex. 4:31

21 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *sacrificed*  
<sup>a</sup>1 Kin. 8:62, 63

22 <sup>a</sup>1 Chr. 23:1 <sup>b</sup>1 Kin. 1:33-39

24 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *put a hand under Solomon*

25 <sup>a</sup>2 Chr. 1:1 <sup>b</sup>1 Kin. 3:13; 2 Chr. 1:12

26 <sup>a</sup>1 Chr. 18:14

27 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *he reigned in*  
<sup>a</sup>2 Sam. 5:4, 5; 1 Kin. 2:11

28 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *good*  
<sup>a</sup>Gen. 15:15; Acts 13:36  
<sup>b</sup>1 Chr. 23:1

29 <sup>a</sup>1 Sam. 9:9 <sup>b</sup>2 Sam. 7:2-4; 12:1-7 <sup>c</sup>1 Sam. 22:5

30 <sup>a</sup>Dan. 4:23, 25

# THE SECOND BOOK OF THE CHRONICLES

Solomon Worships at Gibeon. His Prayer for  
Wisdom. His Wealth.

1 <sup>a</sup>1 Kin. 2:12, 46 <sup>b</sup>1 Chr. 29:25

2 <sup>a</sup>1 Chr. 28:1

3 <sup>a</sup>1 Kin. 3:4 <sup>b</sup>Ex. 36:8

4 <sup>1</sup>Lit., where David had prepared for it  
<sup>a</sup>1 Chr. 15:25-28

5 <sup>1</sup>Lit., he put  
<sup>a</sup>Ex. 31:9; 38:1-7

6 <sup>a</sup>1 Kin. 3:4

7 <sup>a</sup>1 Kin. 3:5-14

8 <sup>a</sup>1 Chr. 28:5

9 <sup>1</sup>Lit., word  
<sup>a</sup>2 Sam. 7:12-16 <sup>b</sup>Gen. 13:16; 22:17

10 <sup>a</sup>2 Sam. 5:2

11 <sup>1</sup>Lit., this was in your heart

12 <sup>1</sup>Lit., which was not so to the kings who were before you  
<sup>2</sup>Lit., be  
<sup>a</sup>2 Chr. 9:22; 1 Chr. 29:25

13 <sup>1</sup>Lit., to  
<sup>a</sup>2 Chr. 1:3

14 <sup>a</sup>1 Kin. 10:26-29 <sup>b</sup>1 Kin. 4:26 <sup>c</sup>1 Kin. 9:19

15 <sup>1</sup>Or, shephelah

**N**OW <sup>a</sup>Solomon the son of David established himself securely over his kingdom, and the LORD his God was with him and <sup>b</sup>exalted him greatly.

2 And Solomon spoke to all Israel, <sup>a</sup>to the commanders of thousands and of hundreds and to the judges and to every leader in all Israel, the heads of the fathers' *households*.

3 Then Solomon, and all the assembly with him, went to <sup>a</sup>the high place which was at Gibeon; <sup>b</sup>for God's tent of meeting was there, which Moses the servant of the LORD had made in the wilderness.

4 However, David had brought up <sup>a</sup>the ark of God from Kiriath-jearim <sup>1</sup>to the place he had prepared for it; for he had pitched a tent for it in Jerusalem.

5 Now <sup>a</sup>the bronze altar, which Bezalel the son of Uri, the son of Hur, had made, <sup>1</sup>was there before the tabernacle of the LORD, and Solomon and the assembly sought it out.

6 And Solomon went up there before the LORD to the bronze altar which was at the tent of meeting, and <sup>a</sup>offered a thousand burnt offerings on it.

7 <sup>a</sup>In that night God appeared to Solomon and said to him, "Ask what I shall give you."

8 And Solomon said to God, "Thou hast dealt with my father David with great lovingkindness, and <sup>a</sup>hast made me king in his place.

9 "Now, O LORD God, <sup>a</sup>Thy <sup>1</sup>promise to my father David is fulfilled; for Thou hast made me king over <sup>ba</sup> a people as numerous as the dust of the earth.

10 "Give me now wisdom and knowledge, <sup>a</sup>that I may go out and come in before this people; for who can rule this great people of Thine?"

11 And God said to Solomon, "Because <sup>1</sup>you had this in mind, and did not ask for riches, wealth, or honor, or the life of those who hate you, nor have you even asked for long life, but you have asked for yourself wisdom and knowledge, that you may rule My people, over whom I have made you king,

12 wisdom and knowledge have been granted to you. And <sup>a</sup>I will give you riches and wealth and honor, <sup>1</sup>such as none of the kings who were before you has possessed, nor those who will <sup>2</sup>come after you."

13 <sup>a</sup>So Solomon went <sup>1</sup>from the high place which was at Gibeon, from the tent of meeting, to Jerusalem, and he reigned over Israel.

14 <sup>a</sup>And Solomon amassed chariots and horsemen. <sup>b</sup>He had 1,400 chariots, and 12,000 horsemen, and he stationed them in <sup>c</sup>the chariot cities and with the king at Jerusalem.

15 And the king made silver and gold as plentiful in Jerusalem as stones, and he made cedars as plentiful as sycamores in the <sup>1</sup>lowland.

16 And Solomon's horses were imported from Egypt and from Kue; the king's traders procured them from Kue for a price.

17 And they <sup>1</sup>imported chariots from Egypt for 600 *shekels* of silver apiece, and horses for 150 apiece, and <sup>2</sup>by the same means they <sup>3</sup>exported them to all the kings of the Hittites and the kings of Aram.

## CHAPTER 2

<sup>1a</sup> NOW Solomon <sup>2</sup>decided to build a house for the name of the LORD, and a <sup>3</sup>royal palace for himself.

2 <sup>1</sup>So <sup>2</sup>Solomon <sup>3</sup>assigned 70,000 men to carry loads, and 80,000 men to quarry *stone* in the mountains, and 3,600 to supervise them.

3 <sup>a</sup>Then Solomon sent *word* to <sup>1</sup>Hiram the king of Tyre, saying, <sup>b</sup>"As you dealt with David my father, and sent him cedars to build him a house to dwell in, so do for me.

4 "Behold, I am about to build a house for the name of the LORD my God, dedicating it to Him, <sup>a</sup>to burn fragrant incense before Him, and *to set out* <sup>b</sup>the showbread continually, and to offer <sup>c</sup>burnt offerings morning and evening, <sup>d</sup>on sabbaths and on new moons and on the appointed feasts of the LORD our God, this *being required* forever in Israel.

5 "And the house which I am about to build *will be* great; for <sup>a</sup>greater is our God than all the gods.

6 "But <sup>a</sup>who is able to build a house for Him, for the heavens and the highest heavens cannot contain Him? So who am I, that I should build a house for Him, except to <sup>1</sup>burn incense before Him?

7 "And now <sup>a</sup>send me a skilled man to work in gold, silver, brass and iron, and in purple, crimson and violet *fabrics*, and who knows how to make engravings, to *work* with the skilled men <sup>1b</sup>whom I have in Judah and Jerusalem, whom David my father provided.

8 "Send me also cedar, cypress and algum timber from Lebanon, for I know that your servants know how to cut timber of Lebanon; and indeed, <sup>a</sup>my servants *will work* with your servants,

9 to prepare timber in abundance for me, for the house which I am about to build *will be* great and wonderful.

10 "Now behold, I will give to your servants, the woodsmen who cut the timber, 20,000 <sup>1</sup>kors of crushed wheat, and 20,000 <sup>1</sup>kors of barley, and 20,000 baths of wine, and 20,000 baths of oil."

11 Then Hiram, king of Tyre, <sup>1</sup>answered in a letter sent to Solomon: <sup>a</sup>"Because the LORD loves His people, He has made you king over them."

12 Then Hiram <sup>1</sup>continued, "Blessed be <sup>a</sup>the LORD, the God of Israel, who has made heaven and earth, who has given King David a wise son, <sup>2</sup>endowed with discretion and understanding, <sup>b</sup>who will build a house for the LORD and a <sup>3</sup>royal palace for himself.

13 "And now I am sending a skilled man, <sup>1</sup>endowed with understanding, Hiram-abi,

17 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *brought up and brought out* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *and in like manner by their hand* <sup>3</sup>Lit., *brought out*

1 <sup>1</sup>Ch. 1:18 in Heb. <sup>2</sup>Lit., *said* <sup>3</sup>Lit., *house for his royalty* <sup>a</sup>1 Kin. 5:5

2 <sup>1</sup>Ch. 2:1 in Heb. <sup>2</sup>Lit., *numbered* <sup>a</sup>2 Chr. 2:18; 1 Kin. 5:15, 16

3 <sup>1</sup>In 1 Kin. 5:18, *Hiram* <sup>a</sup>1 Kin. 5:2-11 <sup>b</sup>1 Chr. 14:1

4 <sup>a</sup>Ex. 30:7 <sup>b</sup>Ex. 25:30 <sup>c</sup>Ex. 29:38-42 <sup>d</sup>Num. 28:9, 10

5 <sup>a</sup>Ex. 15:11; 1 Chr. 16:25

6 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *offer up in smoke* <sup>a</sup>2 Chr. 6:18; 1 Kin. 8:27

7 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *who are with me* <sup>a</sup>2 Chr. 2:13, 14; Ex. 31:3-5 <sup>b</sup>1 Chr. 22:15

8 <sup>a</sup>2 Chr. 9:10,11

10 <sup>1</sup>A kor equals approx. 10 bu.

11 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *said . . . and he sent* <sup>a</sup>2 Chr. 9:8; 1 Kin. 10:9

12 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *said* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *knowing discretion* <sup>3</sup>Lit., *house for his royalty* <sup>a</sup>Ps. 33:6; 102:25 <sup>b</sup>2 Chr. 2:1

13 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *knowing understanding*

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14 <sup>1</sup>Lit., a woman of the daughters of Dan <sup>2</sup>Lit., whose father is a Tyrean man <sup>3</sup>Lit., devise any device <sup>4</sup>Lit., skilled men  
<sup>a</sup>1 Kin. 7:14

15 <sup>a</sup>2 Chr. 2:10

16 <sup>a</sup>1 Kin. 5:8, 9

17 <sup>1</sup>Lit., numbering <sup>2</sup>Lit., numbered of them  
<sup>a</sup>1 Chr. 22:2

18 <sup>a</sup>2 Chr. 2:2

1 <sup>a</sup>1 Kin. 6:1 <sup>b</sup>1 Chr. 21:18

2 <sup>1</sup>Lit., in

3 <sup>1</sup>Lit., founding of Solomon to build <sup>2</sup>i.e., approx. 18 inches

4 <sup>1</sup>1 Kin. 6:3

5 <sup>1</sup>Lit., great house <sup>2</sup>Lit., put on it palm trees  
<sup>a</sup>1 Kin. 6:17

6 <sup>1</sup>Lit., overlaid . . . for beauty <sup>2</sup>Or, country of gold

7 <sup>a</sup>1 Kin. 6:20-22 <sup>b</sup>1 Kin. 6:29-35

8 <sup>1</sup>Lit., house  
<sup>a</sup>Ex. 26:33; 1 Kin. 6:16

9 <sup>a</sup>1 Chr. 28:11

10 <sup>1</sup>Lit., cherubim of sculptured work  
<sup>a</sup>1 Kin. 6:23-28

12 <sup>1</sup>Lit., other

14 <sup>a</sup>the son of a <sup>1</sup>Danite woman and <sup>2a</sup>a Tyrian father, who knows how to work in gold, silver, bronze, iron, stone and wood, *and* in purple, violet, linen and crimson fabrics, and *who knows how* to make all kinds of engravings and to <sup>3</sup>execute any design which may be assigned to him, *to work* with your skilled men, and with <sup>4</sup>those of my lord David your father.

15 "Now then, let my lord send to his servants wheat and barley, oil and wine, of <sup>a</sup>which he has spoken.

16 "And <sup>a</sup>we will cut whatever timber you need from Lebanon, and bring it to you on rafts by sea to Joppa, so that you may carry it up to Jerusalem."

17 And Solomon numbered all the aliens who *were* in the land of Israel, <sup>a</sup>following the <sup>1</sup>census which his father David had <sup>2</sup>taken; and 153,600 were found.

18 <sup>a</sup>And he appointed 70,000 of them to carry loads, and 80,000 to quarry *stones* in the mountains, and 3,600 supervisors to make the people work.

CHAPTER 3

<sup>a</sup>**T**HEN Solomon began to build the house of the LORD in Jerusalem on Mount Moriah, where *the LORD* had appeared to his father David, at the place that David had prepared, <sup>b</sup>on the threshing floor of Ornan the Jebusite.

2 And he began to build on the second *day* in the second month <sup>1</sup>of the fourth year of his reign.

3 Now these are the <sup>1</sup>foundations which Solomon laid for building the house of God. The length in <sup>2</sup>cubits, according to the old standard *was* sixty cubits, and the width twenty cubits.

4 And the porch which was in front of the house <sup>1</sup>was as long as the width of the house, twenty cubits, and the height 120; and inside he overlaid it with pure gold.

5 And he overlaid <sup>a</sup>the <sup>1</sup>main room with cypress wood and overlaid it with fine gold, and <sup>2</sup>ornamented it with palm trees and chains.

6 Further, he <sup>1</sup>adorned the house with precious stones; and the gold was gold from <sup>2</sup>Parvaim.

7 <sup>a</sup>He also overlaid the house with gold—the beams, the thresholds, and its walls, and its doors; and he <sup>b</sup>carved cherubim on the walls.

8 Now he made <sup>a</sup>the <sup>1</sup>room of the holy of holies: its length, across the width of the house, *was* twenty cubits, and its width *was* twenty cubits; and he overlaid it with fine gold, *amounting* to 600 talents.

9 And the weight of the nails was fifty shekels of gold. He also overlaid <sup>a</sup>the upper rooms with gold.

10 <sup>a</sup>Then he made two <sup>1</sup>sculptured cherubim in the room of the holy of holies and overlaid them with gold.

11 And the wingspan of the cherubim *was* twenty cubits; the wing of one, of five cubits, touched the wall of the house, and *its* other wing, of five cubits, touched the wing of the other cherub.

12 And the wing of the other cherub, of five cubits, touched the wall of the house; and *its* other wing of five cubits, was attached to the wing of the <sup>1</sup>first cherub.

13 The wings of these cherubim extended twenty cubits, and they stood on their feet <sup>1</sup>facing the *main* room.

13 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *and their faces to*

14 <sup>a</sup>And he made the veil of violet, purple, crimson and fine linen, and he worked cherubim on it.

14 <sup>a</sup>Ex. 26:31

15 <sup>a</sup>He also made two pillars for the front of the house, thirty-five cubits <sup>1</sup>high, and the capital on the top of each was five cubits.

15 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *long*  
<sup>a1</sup> Kin. 7:15-20

16 And he made chains in the inner sanctuary, and placed *them* on the tops of the pillars; and he made one hundred pomegranates and placed *them* on the chains.

17 <sup>a1</sup> Kin. 7:21

17 <sup>a</sup>And he erected the pillars in front of the temple, one on the right and the other on the left, and named the one on the right Jachin and the one on the left Boaz.

1 <sup>a</sup>Ex. 27:1, 2; 2 Kin. 16:14

CHAPTER 4

**T**HEN <sup>a</sup>he made a bronze altar, twenty cubits in length and twenty cubits in width and ten cubits in height.

2 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *a line of 30 cubits encircling it round about*  
<sup>a1</sup> Kin. 7:23-26

2 <sup>a</sup>Also he made the cast-metal sea, ten cubits from brim to brim, circular in form, and its height was five cubits and <sup>1</sup>its circumference thirty cubits.

3 Now figures like oxen were under it *and* all around it, ten cubits, entirely encircling the sea. The oxen were in two rows, cast <sup>1</sup>in one piece.

3 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *in its casting*

4 It stood on twelve oxen, three facing the north, three facing west, three facing south, and three facing east; and the sea was set on top of them, and all their hindquarters turned inwards.

5 <sup>a1</sup> Kin. 7:26

5 And it was a handbreadth thick, and its brim was made like the brim of a cup, *like* a lily blossom; it <sup>a</sup>could hold 3,000 baths.

6 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *in which to*  
<sup>a1</sup> Kin. 7:38, 40

6 <sup>a</sup>He also made ten basins in which to wash, and he set five on the right side and five on the left, <sup>1</sup>to rinse things for the burnt offering; but the sea was for the priests to wash in.

7 <sup>a1</sup> Kin. 7:49

7 Then <sup>a</sup>he made the ten golden lampstands in the way prescribed for them, and he set them in the temple, five on the right side and five on the left.

8 <sup>a1</sup> Kin. 7:48

8 He also made <sup>a</sup>ten tables and placed them in the temple, five on the right side and five on the left. And he made one hundred golden bowls.

9 <sup>a1</sup> Kin. 6:36 <sup>b2</sup> Kin. 21:5

9 Then he made <sup>a</sup>the court of the priests and <sup>b</sup>the great court and doors for the court, and overlaid their doors with bronze.

10 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *shoulder*  
<sup>a1</sup> Kin. 7:39

10 And <sup>a</sup>he set the sea on the right <sup>1</sup>side of the house toward the southeast.

11 <sup>a</sup>Huram also made the pails, the shovels, and the bowls. So Hiram finished doing the work which he performed for King Solomon in the house of God:

11 <sup>a1</sup> Kin. 7:40-51

12 the two pillars, the bowls and the two capitals on top of the pillars, and the two networks to cover the two bowls of the capitals which were on top of the pillars,

13 <sup>a1</sup> Kin. 7:20

13 and <sup>a</sup>the four hundred pomegranates for the two networks, two rows of pomegranates for each network to cover the two bowls of the capitals which were on the pillars.

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14 <sup>a</sup>1 Kin. 7:27-43

16 <sup>a</sup>2 Chr. 2:13; 1 Kin. 7:14

18 <sup>a</sup>1 Kin. 7:47

19 <sup>a</sup>2 Chr. 5:8

20 <sup>a</sup>2 Chr. 5:7; Ex. 25:31-37

<sup>1</sup> Lit., *dedicated things of David*,

2 <sup>a</sup>1 Kin. 8:1-9 <sup>b</sup>2 Chr. 1:4

4 <sup>a</sup>2 Chr. 5:7

6 <sup>1</sup> Lit., *sheep . . . numbered for multitude*

8 <sup>1</sup> Lit., *poles above*

9 <sup>1</sup> Lit., *it is*  
<sup>a</sup>1 Kin. 8:8, 9

10 <sup>a</sup>Deut. 10:2-5; Heb. 9:4

14 <sup>a</sup>He also made the stands and he made the basins on the stands,

15 *and* the one sea with the twelve oxen under it.

16 And the pails, the shovels, the forks, and all its utensils, <sup>a</sup>Huram-abi made of polished bronze for King Solomon for the house of the LORD.

17 On the plain of the Jordan the king cast them, in the clay ground between Succoth and Zeredah.

18 <sup>a</sup>Thus Solomon made all these utensils in great quantities, for the weight of the bronze could not be found out.

19 Solomon also made all the things that *were* in the house of God: even the golden altar, <sup>a</sup>the tables with the bread of the Presence on them,

20 the lampstands with their lamps of pure gold, <sup>a</sup>to burn in front of the inner sanctuary in the way prescribed;

21 the flowers, the lamps, and the tongs of gold, of purest gold;

22 and the snuffers, the bowls, the spoons, and the firepans of pure gold; and the entrance of the house, its inner doors for the holy of holies, and the doors of the house, *that is*, of the nave, of gold.

CHAPTER 5

THUS all the work that Solomon performed for the house of the LORD was finished. And Solomon brought in the <sup>1</sup>things that David his father had dedicated, even the silver and the gold and all the utensils, *and put them* in the treasuries of the house of God.

2 <sup>a</sup>Then Solomon assembled to Jerusalem the elders of Israel and all the heads of the tribes, the leaders of the fathers' households of the sons of Israel, to bring up the ark of the covenant of the LORD out <sup>b</sup>of the city of David, which is Zion.

3 And all the men of Israel assembled themselves to the king at the feast, that is *in* the seventh month.

4 Then all the elders of Israel came, and <sup>a</sup>the Levites took up the ark.

5 And they brought up the ark and the tent of meeting and all the holy utensils which *were* in the tent; the Levitical priests brought them up.

6 And King Solomon and all the congregation of Israel who were assembled with him before the ark were sacrificing <sup>1</sup>so many sheep and oxen, that they could not be counted or numbered.

7 Then the priests brought the ark of the covenant of the LORD to its place, into the inner sanctuary of the house, to the holy of holies, under the wings of the cherubim.

8 For the cherubim spread their wings over the place of the ark, so that the cherubim made a covering over the ark and its <sup>1</sup>poles.

9 And the poles were so long that <sup>a</sup>the ends of the poles of the ark could be seen in front of the inner sanctuary, but they could not be seen outside; and <sup>1</sup>they are there to this day.

10 <sup>a</sup>There was nothing in the ark except the two tablets

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which Moses put *there* at Horeb, where the LORD made a covenant with the sons of Israel, when they came out of Egypt.

11 And when the priests came forth from the holy place (for all the priests who were present had sanctified themselves, without regard <sup>a</sup>to divisions),

12 and all the Levitical singers, <sup>a</sup>Asaph, Heman, Jeduthun, and their sons and kinsmen, clothed in fine linen, <sup>b</sup>with cymbals, harps, and lyres, standing east of the altar, and with them one hundred and twenty priests <sup>c</sup>blowing trumpets

13 in unison when the trumpeters and the singers were to make themselves heard with one voice to praise and to glorify the LORD, and when they lifted up their voice <sup>a</sup>accompanied by trumpets and cymbals and instruments of music, and when they praised the LORD *saying*, "<sup>b</sup>He indeed is good for His loving-kindness is everlasting," then the house, the house of the LORD, was filled with a cloud,

14 so that the priests could not stand to minister because of the cloud, for <sup>a</sup>the glory of the LORD filled the house of God.

CHAPTER 6

<sup>a</sup>THEN Solomon said,

"The LORD has said that He would dwell in the thick cloud.

2 "I have built Thee a lofty house,  
And a place for Thy dwelling forever."

3 Then the king <sup>1</sup> faced about and blessed all the assembly of Israel, while all the assembly of Israel was standing.

4 And he said, "Blessed be the LORD, the God of Israel, who spoke with His mouth to my father David and has fulfilled it with His hands, saying,

5 'Since the day that I brought My people from the land of Egypt, I did not choose a city out of all the tribes of Israel in which to build a house that My name might be there, nor did I choose any man for a leader over My people Israel;

6 but <sup>a</sup>I have chosen Jerusalem that My name might be there, and I <sup>b</sup>have chosen David to be over My people Israel.'

7 "<sup>a</sup>Now it was <sup>1</sup>in the heart of my father David to build a house for the name of the LORD, the God of Israel.

8 "But the LORD said to my father David, 'Because it was <sup>1</sup>in your heart to build a house for My name, you did well that it was <sup>1</sup>in your heart.

9 'Nevertheless you shall not build the house, but your son who <sup>1</sup>shall be born to you, he shall build the house for My name.'

10 "Now the LORD has fulfilled His word which He spoke; for I have risen in the place of my father David and sit on the throne of Israel, as the LORD <sup>1</sup>promised, and have built the house for the name of the LORD, the God of Israel.

11 "And there I have set the ark, <sup>a</sup>in which is the covenant of the LORD, which He made with the sons of Israel."

12 Then he stood before the altar of the LORD in the presence of all the assembly of Israel and spread out his hands.

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11 <sup>a</sup>1 Chr. 24:1-5

12 <sup>a</sup>1 Chr. 25:1-4 <sup>b</sup>1 Chr. 13:8; 15:16, 24 <sup>c</sup>2 Chr. 7:6

13 <sup>a</sup>1 Chr. 16:42 <sup>b</sup>2 Chr. 7:3; 1 Chr. 16:34

14 <sup>a</sup>1 Kin. 8:11

1 <sup>a</sup>1 Kin. 8:12-50

3 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *turned his face about*

6 <sup>a</sup>2 Chr. 12:13 <sup>b</sup>1 Chr. 28:4

7 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *with*  
<sup>a</sup>1 Kin. 5:3

8 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *with*

9 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *is to come forth from your loins*

10 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *spoke*

11 <sup>a</sup>2 Chr. 5:7, 10

13 <sup>a</sup>Neh. 8:4 <sup>b</sup>1 Kin. 8:54

13 <sup>a</sup>Now Solomon had made a bronze platform, five cubits long, five cubits wide, and three cubits high, and had set it in the midst of the court; and he stood on it, <sup>b</sup>knelt on his knees in the presence of all the assembly of Israel, and spread out his hands toward heaven.

14 <sup>a</sup>Ex. 15:11; Deut. 3:24  
<sup>b</sup>Deut. 7:9

14 And he said, "O LORD, the God of Israel, <sup>a</sup>there is no god like Thee in heaven or on earth, <sup>b</sup>keeping covenant and showing lovingkindness to Thy servants who walk before Thee with all their heart;

15 <sup>1</sup>Lit., spoken to  
<sup>a</sup>1 Chr. 22:9, 10

15 <sup>a</sup>who has kept with Thy servant David, my father, that which Thou hast <sup>1</sup>promised him; indeed, Thou hast spoken with Thy mouth, and hast fulfilled it with Thy hand, as it is this day.

16 <sup>1</sup>Lit., spoken to <sup>2</sup>Lit., there shall not be cut off to you a man from before Me  
<sup>a</sup>2 Chr. 7:18; 1 Kin. 2:4

16 "Now therefore, O LORD, the God of Israel, keep with Thy servant David, my father, that which Thou hast <sup>1</sup>promised him, saying, <sup>2a</sup>You shall not lack a man to sit on the throne of Israel, if only your sons take heed to their way, to walk in My law as you have walked before Me.'

18 <sup>1</sup>Lit., heaven of heavens  
<sup>a</sup>2 Chr. 2:6

17 "Now therefore, O LORD, the God of Israel, let Thy word be confirmed which Thou hast spoken to Thy servant David.

18 "But will God indeed dwell with mankind on the earth? Behold, <sup>a</sup>heaven and the <sup>1</sup>highest heaven cannot contain Thee; how much less this house which I have built.

21 <sup>a</sup>Mic. 7:18

19 "Yet have regard to the prayer of Thy servant and to his supplication, O LORD my God, to listen to the cry and to the prayer which Thy servant prays before Thee;

20 that Thine eyes may be open toward this house day and night, toward the place of which Thou hast said that *Thou wouldst* put Thy name there, to listen to the prayer which Thy servant shall pray toward this place.

23 <sup>1</sup>Lit., returning

21 "And listen to the supplications of Thy servant and of Thy people Israel, when they pray toward this place; hear Thou from Thy dwelling place, from heaven; <sup>a</sup>hear Thou and forgive.

22 "If a man sins against his neighbor, and is made to take an oath, and he comes *and* takes an oath before Thine altar in this house;

24 <sup>1</sup>Lit., smitten

23 then hear Thou from heaven and act and judge Thy servants, <sup>1</sup>punishing the wicked by bringing his way on his own head and justifying the righteous by giving him according to his righteousness.

24 "And if Thy people Israel <sup>1</sup>are defeated before an enemy, because they have sinned against Thee, and they return *to Thee* and confess Thy name, and pray and make supplication before Thee in this house;

25 then hear Thou from heaven and forgive the sin of Thy people Israel, and bring them back to the land which Thou hast given to them and to their fathers.

26 "When the heavens are shut up and there is no rain because they have sinned against Thee, and they pray toward this place and confess Thy name, and turn from their sin when Thou dost afflict them;

27 then hear Thou in heaven and forgive the sin of Thy servants and Thy people Israel, indeed, teach them the good way in which they should walk. And send rain on Thy land, which Thou hast given to Thy people for an inheritance.



28 "If there is famine in the land, if there is pestilence, if there is blight or mildew, if there is locust or grasshopper, if their enemies besiege them in the land of their <sup>1</sup>cities, whatever plague or whatever sickness *there is*,

29 whatever prayer or supplication is made by any man or by all Thy people Israel, <sup>1</sup>each knowing his own affliction and his own pain, and spreading his hands toward this house,

30 then hear Thou from heaven Thy dwelling place, and forgive, and render to each according to all his ways, whose heart Thou knowest <sup>a</sup>for Thou alone dost know the hearts of the sons of men,

31 that they may <sup>1</sup>fear Thee, to walk in Thy ways <sup>2</sup>as long as they live in the land which Thou hast given to our fathers.

32 "Also concerning the foreigner who is not from Thy people Israel, when he comes from a far country for Thy great name's sake and Thy mighty hand and Thine outstretched arm, when they come and pray toward this house,

33 then hear Thou from heaven, from Thy dwelling place, and do according to all for which the foreigner calls to Thee, in order that all the peoples of the earth may know Thy name, and <sup>1</sup>fear Thee, as *do* Thy people Israel, and that they may know that <sup>2</sup>this house which I have built is <sup>a</sup>called by Thy name.

34 "When Thy people go out to battle against their enemies, by whatever way Thou shalt send them, and they pray to Thee toward this city which Thou hast chosen, and the house which I have built for Thy name,

35 then hear Thou from heaven their prayer and their supplication, and maintain their cause.

36 "When they sin against Thee (<sup>a</sup>for there is no man who does not sin) and Thou art angry with them and dost deliver them to an enemy, so that <sup>1</sup>they take them away captive to a land far off or near,

37 if they <sup>1</sup>take thought in the land where they are taken captive, and repent and make supplication to Thee in the land of their captivity, saying, 'We have sinned, we have committed iniquity, and have acted wickedly';

38 if they return to Thee with all their heart and with all their soul in the land of their captivity, where they have been taken captive, and pray toward their land which Thou hast given to their fathers, and the city which Thou hast chosen, and toward the house which I have built for Thy name,

39 then hear from heaven, from Thy dwelling place, their prayer and supplications, and maintain their cause, and forgive Thy people who have sinned against Thee.

40 "Now, O my God, I pray Thee, <sup>a</sup>let Thine eyes be open, and <sup>b</sup>Thine ears attentive to the prayer *offered* in this place.

41 "<sup>a</sup>Now therefore arise, O LORD God, to Thy resting place, Thou and the ark of Thy might; let Thy priests, O LORD God, be clothed with salvation, and let Thy godly ones rejoice in what is good.

42 "O LORD God, do not turn away the face of Thine anointed; remember *Thy* lovingkindness to Thy servant David."

28 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *gates*

29 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *whoever shall know*

30 <sup>a</sup>1 Sam. 16:7; 1 Chr. 28:9

31 <sup>1</sup>Or, *reverence* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *all the days that they live on the face of the land*

33 <sup>1</sup>Or, *reverence* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *Thy name is called upon this house*  
<sup>2</sup>Chr. 7:14

36 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *their captors take them captive*  
<sup>a</sup>Job 15:14-16; James 3:2; 1 John 1:8-10

37 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *return to their heart*

40 <sup>2</sup>Chr. 7:15; Neh. 1:6, 11 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 17:1

41 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 132:8, 9

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1 <sup>a</sup>1 Kin. 8:54 <sup>b</sup>1 Kin. 18:24, 38

3 <sup>a</sup>2 Chr. 5:13; 20:21

4 <sup>a</sup>1 Kin. 8:62, 63

6 <sup>1</sup>Lit., David <sup>2</sup>Lit., hand  
<sup>a</sup>1 Chr. 15:16-21 <sup>b</sup>2 Chr. 5:12

7 <sup>a</sup>1 Kin. 8:64-66

8 <sup>a</sup>1 Kin. 8:65

9 <sup>a</sup>Lev. 23:36

11 <sup>1</sup>Lit., came upon the  
heart of Solomon to do  
<sup>a</sup>1 Kin. 9:1-9

12 <sup>a</sup>Deut. 12:5, 11

13 <sup>a</sup>2 Chr. 6:26-28

14 <sup>1</sup>Lit., over whom My  
name is called  
<sup>a</sup>2 Chr. 6:37-39

15 <sup>1</sup>Lit., prayer of this  
place  
<sup>a</sup>2 Chr. 6:20, 40

16 <sup>a</sup>2 Chr. 7:12

<sup>a</sup>**N**OW when Solomon had finished praying, <sup>b</sup>fire came down from heaven and consumed the burnt offering and the sacrifices; and the glory of the LORD filled the house.

**2** And the priests could not enter into the house of the LORD, because the glory of the LORD filled the LORD's house.

**3** And all the sons of Israel, seeing the fire come down and the glory of the LORD upon the house, bowed down on the pavement with their faces to the ground, and they worshiped and gave praise to the LORD, *saying*, "<sup>a</sup>Truly He is good, truly His lovingkindness is everlasting."

**4** <sup>a</sup>Then the king and all the people offered sacrifice before the LORD.

**5** And King Solomon offered a sacrifice of 22,000 oxen, and 120,000 sheep. Thus the king and all the people dedicated the house of God.

**6** And the priests stood at their posts and <sup>a</sup>the Levites, with the instruments of music to the LORD, which King David had made for giving praise to the LORD—"for His lovingkindness is everlasting"—whenever <sup>1</sup>he gave praise by their <sup>2</sup>means, while <sup>b</sup>the priests on the other side blew trumpets; and all Israel was standing.

**7** <sup>a</sup>Then Solomon consecrated the middle of the court that was before the house of the LORD, for there he offered the burnt offerings and the fat of the peace offerings, because the bronze altar which Solomon had made was not able to contain the burnt offering, the grain offering, and the fat.

**8** So Solomon observed the feast at that time for seven days, and all Israel with him, a very great assembly, *who came* <sup>a</sup>from the entrance of Hamath to the brook of Egypt.

**9** And on the eighth day they held <sup>a</sup>a solemn assembly, for the dedication of the altar they observed seven days, and the feast seven days.

**10** Then on the twenty-third day of the seventh month he sent the people to their tents, rejoicing and happy of heart because of the goodness that the LORD had shown to David and to Solomon and to His people Israel.

**11** <sup>a</sup>Thus Solomon finished the house of the LORD and the king's palace, and successfully completed all that <sup>1</sup>he had planned on doing in the house of the LORD and in his palace.

**12** Then the LORD appeared to Solomon at night and said to him, "I have heard your prayer, and <sup>a</sup>have chosen this place for Myself as a house of sacrifice.

**13** <sup>a</sup>"If I shut up the heavens so that there is no rain, or if I command the locust to devour the land, or if I send pestilence among My people,

**14** <sup>a</sup>and My people <sup>1</sup>who are called by My name humble themselves and pray, and seek My face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, will forgive their sin, and will heal their land.

**15** <sup>a</sup>"Now My eyes shall be open and My ears attentive to the <sup>1</sup>prayer *offered* in this place.

**16** "For <sup>a</sup>now I have chosen and consecrated this house that My name may be there forever, and My eyes and My heart will be there perpetually.

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17 "And as for you, if you walk before Me as your father David walked even to do according to all that I have commanded you and will keep My statutes and My ordinances,

18 then I will establish your royal throne as I covenanted with your father David, saying, <sup>a</sup>"You shall not lack a man to be ruler in Israel."

19 <sup>a</sup>"But if you turn away and forsake My statutes and My commandments which I have set before you and shall go and serve other gods and worship them,

20 <sup>a</sup>then I will uproot you from My land which I have given you, and this house which I have consecrated for My name I will cast out of My sight, and I will make it <sup>b</sup>a proverb and a byword among all peoples.

21 "As for this house, which was exalted, every one who passes by it will be astonished and say, <sup>a</sup>"Why has the LORD done thus to this land and to this house?"

22 "And they will say, 'Because they forsook the LORD, the God of their fathers, who brought them from the land of Egypt, and they adopted other gods and worshiped them and served them, therefore He has brought all this adversity on them.'"

**CHAPTER 8**

<sup>a</sup>**N**OW it came about at the end of the twenty years in which Solomon had built the house of the LORD and his own house

2 that he built the cities which Hiram had given to <sup>1</sup>him, and settled the sons of Israel there.

3 Then Solomon went to Hamath-zobah and captured it.

4 And he built Tadmor in the wilderness and all the storage cities which he had built in Hamath.

5 He also built upper <sup>a</sup>Beth-horon and lower Beth-horon, <sup>b</sup>fortified cities with walls, gates, and bars;

6 and Baalath and all the storage cities that Solomon had, and all the cities for <sup>1</sup>his chariots and cities for <sup>1</sup>his horsemen, and all that it pleased Solomon to build in Jerusalem, in Lebanon, and in all the land <sup>2</sup>under his rule.

7 <sup>a</sup>All of the people who were left of the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites, who were not of Israel,

8 namely, from their descendants who were left after them in the land whom the sons of Israel had not destroyed, <sup>a</sup>them Solomon raised as forced laborers to this day.

9 But Solomon did not make slaves for his work from the sons of Israel; they were men of war, his chief captains, and commanders of his chariots and his horsemen.

10 And these were the chief <sup>1</sup>officers of King Solomon, two hundred and fifty who ruled over the people.

11 <sup>a</sup>Then Solomon brought Pharaoh's daughter up from the city of David to the house which he had built for her; for he said, "My wife shall not dwell in the house of David king of Israel, because <sup>1</sup>the places are holy where the ark of the LORD has entered."

12 Then Solomon offered burnt offerings to the LORD on <sup>a</sup>the altar of the LORD which he had built before the porch;

<sup>16</sup> <sup>1</sup>Lit., there shall not be cut off to you a man  
<sup>2</sup>Chr. 6:16

<sup>19</sup> <sup>a</sup>Lev. 26:14, 33; Deut. 28:15

<sup>20</sup> <sup>1</sup>Ancient versions, Heb. read, them  
<sup>a</sup>Deut. 29:28; 1 Kin. 14:15  
<sup>b</sup>Deut. 28:37

<sup>21</sup> <sup>a</sup>Deut. 29:24, 25

<sup>1</sup> <sup>a</sup>1 Kin. 9:1-28

<sup>2</sup> <sup>1</sup>Lit., Solomon

<sup>5</sup> <sup>a</sup>1 Chr. 7:24 <sup>b</sup>2 Chr. 14:7

<sup>6</sup> <sup>1</sup>Lit., the <sup>2</sup>Lit., of

<sup>7</sup> <sup>a</sup>Gen. 15:18-21

<sup>8</sup> <sup>a</sup>1 Kin. 4:6; 9:21

<sup>10</sup> <sup>1</sup>Or, deputies

<sup>11</sup> <sup>1</sup>Lit., they are  
<sup>a</sup>1 Kin. 3:1; 7:8

<sup>12</sup> <sup>a</sup>2 Chr. 4:1

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13 <sup>a</sup>Ex. 29:30-42 <sup>b</sup>Num. 28:3 <sup>c</sup>Ex. 23:14-17

14 <sup>a1</sup> Chr. 24:1 <sup>b1</sup> Chr. 25:1 <sup>c1</sup> Chr. 26:1 <sup>d</sup>Neh. 12:24, 36

16 <sup>1</sup>So ancient versions; M.T., as far as

17 <sup>a1</sup> Kin. 9:26 <sup>b2</sup> Kin. 14:22

18 <sup>a2</sup> Chr. 9:10, 13

1 <sup>a1</sup> Kin. 10:1-13; Matt. 12:42; Luke 11:31

2 <sup>1</sup>Lit., told her all her words <sup>2</sup>Lit., tell

4 <sup>1</sup>Or, his burnt offering which he offered

7 <sup>1</sup>Or, happy

8 <sup>a1</sup> Chr. 28:5; 29:23  
<sup>b2</sup> Chr. 2:11; Deut. 7:8

13 and <sup>a</sup>did so according to the daily rule, offering *them* up <sup>b</sup>according to the commandment of Moses, for the sabbaths, the new moons, and the <sup>c</sup>three annual feasts—the Feast of Unleavened Bread, the Feast of Weeks, and the Feast of Booths.

14 Now according to the ordinance of his father David, he appointed <sup>a</sup>the divisions of the priests for their service, and <sup>b</sup>the Levites for their duties of praise and ministering before the priests according to the daily rule, and <sup>c</sup>the gatekeepers by their divisions at every gate; for <sup>d</sup>David the man of God had so commanded.

15 And they did not depart from the commandment of the king to the priests and Levites in any manner or concerning the storehouses.

16 Thus all the work of Solomon was carried out <sup>1</sup>from the day of the foundation of the house of the LORD, and until it was finished. So the house of the LORD was completed.

17 Then Solomon went to <sup>a</sup>Ezion-geber and to <sup>b</sup>Eloth on the seashore in the land of Edom.

18 And Huram by his servants sent him ships and servants who knew the sea; and they went with Solomon's servants to Ophir, and <sup>a</sup>took from there four hundred and fifty talents of gold, and brought them to King Solomon.

CHAPTER 9

<sup>a</sup>NOW when the queen of Sheba heard of the fame of Solomon, she came to Jerusalem to test Solomon with difficult questions. She had a very large retinue, with camels carrying spices, and a large amount of gold and precious stones; and when she came to Solomon, she spoke with him about all that was on her heart.

2 And Solomon <sup>1</sup>answered all her questions; nothing was hidden from Solomon which he did not <sup>2</sup>explain to her.

3 And when the queen of Sheba had seen the wisdom of Solomon, the house which he had built,

4 the food at his table, the seating of his servants, the attendance of his ministers and their attire, his cupbearers and their attire, and <sup>1</sup>his stairway by which he went up to the house of the LORD, she was breathless.

5 Then she said to the king, "It was a true report which I heard in my own land about your words and your wisdom.

6 "Nevertheless I did not believe their reports until I came and my eyes had seen it. And behold, the half of the greatness of your wisdom was not told me. You surpass the report that I heard.

7 "How <sup>1</sup>blessed are your men, how <sup>1</sup>blessed are these your servants who stand before you continually and hear your wisdom.

8 "Blessed be the LORD your God who delighted in you, <sup>a</sup>setting you on His throne as king for the LORD your God; <sup>b</sup>because your God loved Israel establishing them forever, therefore He made you king over them, to do justice and righteousness."

9 Then she gave the king one hundred and twenty talents of gold, and a very great *amount of* spices and precious stones;

there had never been spice like that which the queen of Sheba gave to King Solomon.

10 <sup>2</sup> Chr. 8:18

10 And the servants of Hiram and the servants of Solomon <sup>a</sup>who brought gold from Ophir, also brought alnum trees and precious stones.

13 <sup>1</sup> Kin. 10:14-28

11 And from the alnum the king made steps for the house of the LORD and for the king's palace, and lyres and harps for the singers; and none like that was seen before in the land of Judah.

15 <sup>1</sup> Lit., he brought up

12 And King Solomon gave to the queen of Sheba all her desire which she requested besides *a return* for what she had brought to the king. Then she turned and went to her own land with her servants.

16 <sup>1</sup> Lit., he brought up

13 <sup>a</sup>Now the weight of gold which came to Solomon in one year was 666 talents of gold,

14 besides that which the traders and merchants brought; and all the kings of Arabia and the governors of the country brought gold and silver to Solomon.

18 <sup>1</sup> Lit., hands <sup>2</sup> Lit., on this side and on this at the place of the seat

15 And King Solomon made 200 large shields of beaten gold, <sup>1</sup>using 600 *shekels* of beaten gold on each large shield.

16 And *he made* 300 shields of beaten gold, <sup>1</sup>using three hundred shekels of gold on each shield, and the king put them in the house of the forest of Lebanon.

20 <sup>1</sup> Lit., anything

17 Moreover, the king made a great throne of ivory and overlaid it with pure gold.

18 And *there were* six steps to the throne and a footstool in gold attached to the throne, and <sup>1</sup>arms <sup>2</sup>on each side of the seat, and two lions standing beside the <sup>1</sup>arms.

21 <sup>2</sup> Chr. 20:36, 37

19 And twelve lions were standing there on the six steps on the one side and on the other; nothing like *it* was made for any *other* kingdom.

22 <sup>2</sup> Chr. 1:12; 1 Kin. 3:13

20 And all King Solomon's drinking vessels *were* of gold, and all the vessels of the house of the forest of Lebanon *were* of pure gold; silver was not considered <sup>1</sup>valuable in the days of Solomon.

21 <sup>a</sup>For the king had ships which went to Tarshish with the servants of Hiram; once every three years the ships of Tarshish came bringing gold and silver, ivory and apes and peacocks.

25 <sup>2</sup> Chr. 1:14; 1 Kin. 4:26; 10:26; Deut. 17:16

22 <sup>a</sup>So King Solomon became greater than all the kings of the earth in riches and wisdom.

23 And all the kings of the earth were seeking the presence of Solomon, to hear his wisdom which God had put in his heart.

24 And they brought every man his gift, articles of silver and gold, garments, weapons, spices, horses, and mules, so much year by year.

26 <sup>1</sup> Kin. 4:21, 24

25 Now Solomon had <sup>a</sup>4,000 stalls for horses and chariots and 12,000 horsemen, and he stationed them in the chariot cities and with the king in Jerusalem.

27 <sup>1</sup> Or, *shephelah* <sup>2</sup> Chr. 1:15-17

26 <sup>a</sup>And he was the ruler over all the kings from the Euphrates River even to the land of the Philistines, and as far as the border of Egypt.

27 <sup>a</sup>And the king made silver *as common* as stones in Jerusalem, and he made cedars as plentiful as sycamore trees that are in the <sup>1</sup>lowland.

28 +2 Chr. 1:16

28 <sup>a</sup>And they were bringing horses for Solomon from Egypt and from all countries.

29 <sup>1</sup>Lit., words <sup>2</sup>Heb.,  
Jedo  
<sup>a1</sup> Kin. 11:41-43 <sup>b1</sup> Chr.  
29:29

29 <sup>a</sup>Now the rest of the acts of Solomon, from first to last, <sup>b</sup>are they not written in the <sup>1</sup>records of Nathan the prophet, and in the prophecy of Ahijah the Shilonite, and in the visions of <sup>2</sup>Iddo the seer concerning Jeroboam the son of Nebat?

30 And Solomon reigned forty years in Jerusalem over all Israel.

31 And Solomon slept with his fathers and was buried in <sup>a</sup>the city of his father David; and his son Rehoboam reigned in his place.

## CHAPTER 10

31 +1 Kin. 2:10

<sup>a</sup>**T**HEN Rehoboam went to Shechem, for all Israel had come to Shechem to make him king.

2 And it came about when Jeroboam the son of Nebat heard of it (for <sup>a</sup>he was in Egypt where he had fled from the presence of King Solomon), that Jeroboam returned from Egypt.

1 +1 Kin. 12:1-20

3 So they sent and summoned him. When Jeroboam and all Israel came, they spoke to Rehoboam, saying,

4 "Your father made our yoke hard; now therefore lighten the hard service of your father and his heavy yoke which he put on us, and we will serve you."

2 +1 Kin. 11:40

5 And he said to them, "Return to me again in three days." So the people departed.

6 Then King Rehoboam consulted with the elders who had <sup>1</sup>served his father Solomon while he was still alive, saying, "How do you counsel *me* to answer this people?"

6 <sup>1</sup>Lit., stood before

7 And they spoke to him, saying, "If you will be kind to this people and please them and speak good words to them, then they will be your servants forever."

8 But he forsook the counsel of the elders which they had given him, and consulted with the young men who grew up with him <sup>1</sup>and served him.

8 <sup>1</sup>Lit., who stood before

9 So he said to them, "What counsel do you give that we may answer this people, who have spoken to me, saying, 'Lighten the yoke which your father put on us?'"

10 And the young men who grew up with him spoke to him, saying, "Thus you shall say to the people who spoke to you, saying, 'Your father made our yoke heavy, but you make it lighter for us.' Thus you shall say to them, 'My little finger is thicker than my father's loins!'"

12 <sup>1</sup>Lit., spoken

11 'Whereas my father loaded you with a heavy yoke, I will add to your yoke; my father disciplined you with whips, but I *will discipline you with scorpions.*'"

12 So Jeroboam and all the people came to Rehoboam on the third day as the king had <sup>1</sup>directed, saying, "Return to me on the third day."

13 And the king answered them harshly, and King Rehoboam forsook the counsel of the elders.

14 And he spoke to them according to the advice of the young men, saying, "<sup>1</sup>My father made your yoke heavy, but I will add to it; my father disciplined you with whips, but I *will discipline you with scorpions.*"

14 <sup>1</sup>Many mss. read, I  
have made

15 So the king did not listen to the people, <sup>a</sup>for it was a turn of events from God <sup>b</sup>that the LORD might establish His word, which He spoke through Ahijah the Shilonite to Jeroboam the son of Nebat.

16 And when all Israel saw that the king did not listen to them the people answered the king, saying, "<sup>a</sup>What portion do we have in David? *We have* no inheritance in the son of Jesse.

Every man to your tents, O Israel;  
Now look after your own house, David."

<sup>b</sup>So all Israel departed to their tents.

17 But as for the sons of Israel who lived in the cities of Judah, Rehoboam reigned over them.

18 Then King Rehoboam sent <sup>a</sup>Hadoram, who was over the forced labor, and the sons of Israel stoned him <sup>1</sup>to death. And King Rehoboam made haste to mount his chariot to flee to Jerusalem.

19 So Israel has been in rebellion against the house of David to this day.

CHAPTER 11

<sup>a</sup>  
**N**OW when Rehoboam had come to Jerusalem, he assembled the house of Judah and Benjamin, 180,000 chosen men who were warriors, to fight against Israel to restore the kingdom to Rehoboam.

2 But the word of the LORD came to <sup>a</sup>Shemaiah the man of God, saying,

3 "Speak to Rehoboam the son of Solomon, king of Judah, and to all Israel in Judah and Benjamin, saying,

4 "Thus says the LORD, "You shall not go up or fight against <sup>a</sup>your <sup>1</sup>relatives; return every man to his house, <sup>b</sup>for this thing is from Me."'" So they listened to the words of the LORD and returned from going against Jeroboam.

5 Rehoboam lived in Jerusalem and <sup>a</sup>built cities for defense in Judah.

6 Thus he built Bethlehem, Etam, Tekoa,

7 Beth-zur, Soco, Adullam,

8 Gath, Mareshah, Ziph,

9 Adoraim, Lachish, Azekah,

10 Zorah, Aijalon, and Hebron, which are fortified cities in Judah and in Benjamin.

11 He also strengthened the fortresses and put officers in them and stores of food, oil and wine.

12 And *he put* shields and spears in every city and strengthened them greatly. So he held Judah and Benjamin.

13 Moreover, the priests and the Levites who were in all Israel stood with him from all their districts.

14 For <sup>a</sup>the Levites left their pasture lands and their property and came to Judah and Jerusalem, for <sup>b</sup>Jeroboam and his sons had excluded them from serving as priests to the LORD.

15 And <sup>a</sup>he set up priests of his own for the high places, for the satyrs, and for the calves which he had made.

16 And <sup>a</sup>those from all the tribes of Israel who set their hearts on seeking the LORD God of Israel, <sup>1</sup>followed them to Jerusalem to sacrifice to the LORD God of their fathers.

17 <sup>a</sup>And they strengthened the kingdom of Judah and

15 <sup>a2</sup> Chr. 25:16-20  
<sup>b1</sup> Kin. 11:29-39

16 <sup>a2</sup> Sam. 20:1 <sup>b2</sup> Chr. 10:19

18 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *with stones that he died*  
<sup>a1</sup> Kin. 4:6; 5:14

1 <sup>a1</sup> Kin. 12:21-24

2 <sup>a2</sup> Chr. 12:5-7, 15

4 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *brothers*  
<sup>a2</sup> Chr. 28:8-11 <sup>b2</sup> Chr. 10:15

5 <sup>a2</sup> Chr. 11:23; 8:2-6

14 <sup>a</sup>Num. 35:2-5 <sup>b2</sup> Chr. 13:9; 1 Kin. 12:28-33

15 <sup>a1</sup> Kin. 12:31; 13:33

16 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *came after*  
<sup>a2</sup> Chr. 15:9

17 <sup>a2</sup> Chr. 12:1

18 <sup>a</sup>1 Sam. 16:621 <sup>a</sup>Deut. 17:1722 <sup>a</sup>Deut. 21:15-1723 <sup>1</sup>Lit., from all1 <sup>2</sup>Chr. 12:13; 11:17  
<sup>b2</sup>Chr. 26:13-162 <sup>1</sup>Kin. 14:25 <sup>b1</sup>Kin.  
11:403 <sup>2</sup>Chr. 16:8; Nah. 3:94 <sup>2</sup>Chr. 11:5-125 <sup>1</sup>Lit., in the hand of  
<sup>a2</sup>Chr. 11:2 <sup>b2</sup>Chr. 15:2;  
Deut. 28:156 <sup>a</sup>Ex. 9:27; Dan. 9:147 <sup>1</sup>Kin. 21:29 <sup>b2</sup>Chr.  
34:25-27; Ps. 78:388 <sup>a</sup>Deut. 28:47, 489 <sup>1</sup>Kin. 14:26-28  
<sup>b2</sup>Chr. 9:15, 1610 <sup>1</sup>Lit., hands <sup>2</sup>Lit.,  
runners

supported Rehoboam the son of Solomon for three years, for they walked in the way of David and Solomon for three years.

**18** Then Rehoboam took as a wife Mahalath the daughter of Jerimoth the son of David *and of* Abihail the daughter of <sup>a</sup>Eliab the son of Jesse,

**19** and she bore him sons: Jeush, Shemariah, and Zaham.

**20** And after her he took Maacah the daughter of Absalom, and she bore him Abijah, Attai, Ziza, and Shelomith.

**21** And Rehoboam loved Maacah the daughter of Absalom more than all his *other* wives and concubines. For <sup>a</sup>he had taken eighteen wives and sixty concubines and fathered twenty-eight sons and sixty daughters.

**22** And <sup>a</sup>Rehoboam appointed Abijah the son of Maacah as head and leader among his brothers, for he *intended* to make him king.

**23** And he acted wisely and distributed <sup>1</sup>some of his sons through all the territories of Judah and Benjamin to all the fortified cities, and he gave them food in abundance. And he sought many wives for *them*.

## CHAPTER 12

**I**T took place <sup>a</sup>when the kingdom of Rehoboam was established and strong that <sup>b</sup>he and all Israel with him forsook the law of the LORD.

**2** <sup>a</sup>And it came about in King Rehoboam's fifth year, because they had been unfaithful to the LORD, that <sup>b</sup>Shishak king of Egypt came up against Jerusalem

**3** with 1,200 chariots and 60,000 horsemen. And the people who came with him from Egypt were without number: <sup>a</sup>the Lubim, the Sukkiim, and the Ethiopians.

**4** And he captured <sup>a</sup>the fortified cities of Judah and came as far as Jerusalem.

**5** Then <sup>a</sup>Shemaiah the prophet came to Rehoboam and the princes of Judah who had gathered at Jerusalem because of Shishak, and he said to them, "Thus says the LORD, <sup>b</sup>You have forsaken Me, so I also have forsaken you <sup>1</sup>to Shishak."

**6** So the princes of Israel and the king humbled themselves and said, "The <sup>a</sup>LORD is righteous."

**7** And when the LORD saw that they humbled themselves, the word of the LORD came to Shemaiah, saying, "<sup>a</sup>They have humbled themselves so I will not destroy them, but I will grant them some *measure* of deliverance, and <sup>b</sup>My wrath shall not be poured out on Jerusalem by means of Shishak.

**8** "But they will become his slaves so <sup>a</sup>that they may learn *the difference between* My service and the service of the kingdoms of the countries."

**9** <sup>a</sup>So Shishak king of Egypt came up against Jerusalem, and took the treasures of the house of the LORD and the treasures of the king's palace. He took everything; <sup>b</sup>he even took the golden shields which Solomon had made.

**10** Then King Rehoboam made shields of bronze in their place, and committed them to the <sup>1</sup>care of the commanders of the <sup>2</sup>guard who guarded the door of the king's house.

**11** And it happened as often as the king entered the house



of the LORD, the <sup>1</sup>guards came and carried them and *then* brought them back into the <sup>1</sup>guards' room.

12 And <sup>a</sup>when he humbled himself, the anger of the LORD turned away from him, so as not to destroy *him* completely; and also conditions <sup>b</sup>were good in Judah.

13 <sup>a</sup>So King Rehoboam strengthened himself in Jerusalem, and reigned. Now Rehoboam was forty-one years old when he began to reign, and he reigned seventeen years in Jerusalem, the city which the LORD had chosen from all the tribes of Israel, to put His name there. And his mother's name was Naamah the Ammonitess.

14 And he did evil <sup>a</sup>because he did not set his heart to seek the LORD.

15 <sup>a</sup>Now the acts of Rehoboam, from first to last, are they not written in the <sup>1</sup>records of <sup>b</sup>Shemaiah the prophet and of <sup>c</sup>Iddo the seer, according to genealogical enrollment? And *there were* wars between Rehoboam and Jeroboam continually.

16 And Rehoboam slept with his fathers, and was buried in the city of David; and his son <sup>a</sup>Abijah became king in his place.

CHAPTER 13

<sup>a</sup>**I**N the eighteenth year of King Jeroboam Abijah became king over Judah.

2 He reigned three years in Jerusalem; and his mother's name was <sup>a</sup>Micaiah the daughter of Uriel of Gibeah. <sup>b</sup>And there was war between Abijah and Jeroboam.

3 And Abijah began the battle with an army of valiant warriors, 400,000 chosen men, while Jeroboam drew up in battle formation against him with 800,000 chosen men *who were* valiant warriors.

4 Then Abijah stood on Mount <sup>a</sup>Zemaraim, which is in the hill country of Ephraim, and said, "Listen to me, Jeroboam and all Israel:

5 "Do you not know that <sup>a</sup>the LORD God of Israel gave the rule over Israel forever to David <sup>1</sup>and his sons by <sup>b</sup>a covenant of salt?

6 "Yet <sup>a</sup>Jeroboam the son of Nebat, the servant of Solomon the son of David, rose up and rebelled against his <sup>1</sup>master,

7 and worthless men gathered about him, scoundrels, who proved too strong for Rehoboam, the son of Solomon, when <sup>1a</sup>he was young and timid and could not hold his own against them.

8 "So now you intend to resist the kingdom of the LORD <sup>1</sup>through the sons of David, <sup>2</sup>being a great multitude and *having* with you <sup>a</sup>the golden calves which Jeroboam made for gods for you.

9 "<sup>a</sup>Have you not driven out the priests of the LORD, the sons of Aaron and the Levites, and made for yourselves priests like the peoples of *other* lands? Whoever comes <sup>b</sup>to consecrate himself with a young bull and seven rams, even he may become a priest of *what are* <sup>c</sup>no gods.

10 "But as for us, the LORD is our God, and we have not forsaken Him; and the sons of Aaron are ministering to the LORD as priests, and the Levites <sup>1</sup>attend to their work.

11 <sup>1</sup>Lit., runners

12 <sup>a2</sup> Chr. 12:6, 7 <sup>b2</sup> Chr. 19:3

13 <sup>a1</sup> Kin. 14:21

14 <sup>a2</sup> Chr. 19:3

15 <sup>1</sup>Lit., words  
<sup>a1</sup> Kin. 14:29 <sup>b2</sup> Chr. 12:5  
<sup>c2</sup> Chr. 9:29

16 <sup>a2</sup> Chr. 11:20

1 <sup>a1</sup> Kin. 15:1, 2

2 <sup>a2</sup> Chr. 11:20 <sup>b1</sup> Kin. 15:7

4 <sup>a</sup>Josh. 18:22

5 <sup>1</sup>Lit., to him and to his sons  
<sup>a2</sup> Sam. 7:12-16 <sup>b</sup>Lev. 2:13;  
Num. 18:19

6 <sup>1</sup>Or, lord  
<sup>a1</sup> Kin. 11:26

7 <sup>1</sup>Lit., Rehoboam  
<sup>a2</sup> Chr. 12:13

8 <sup>1</sup>Lit., in the hands of  
<sup>2</sup>Lit., and you are a  
<sup>a2</sup> Chr. 11:15; 1 Kin. 12:28

9 <sup>a2</sup> Chr. 11:14 <sup>b</sup>Ex. 29:29-33 <sup>c</sup>Jer. 2:11; 5:7

10 <sup>1</sup>Lit., in the work

11 <sup>1</sup>Lit., offer up in smoke  
<sup>2</sup>Chr. 2:4; Ex. 29:38 <sup>b</sup>Ex.  
25:30-39; Lev. 24:5-9

12 <sup>a</sup>Num. 10:8, 9

13 <sup>a</sup>Josh. 8:4-9

14 <sup>1</sup>Lit., the battle was  
before and behind them  
<sup>2</sup>Chr. 14:11

15 <sup>1</sup>Lit., smote  
<sup>2</sup>Chr. 14:12

16 <sup>2</sup>Chr. 16:8

18 <sup>1</sup>Lit., were strong  
<sup>2</sup>Chr. 14:11

19 <sup>1</sup>Another reading is,  
Ephraim

20 <sup>1</sup>Sam. 25:38 <sup>b1</sup> Kin.  
14:20

22 <sup>1</sup>Heb., midrash  
<sup>2</sup>Chr. 24:27 <sup>b2</sup> Chr. 9:29

1 <sup>1</sup>Heb. 13:23  
<sup>1</sup> Kin. 15:8

2 <sup>1</sup>Heb. 14:1

3 <sup>1</sup>I.e., wooden symbols  
of a female deity  
<sup>a</sup>Deut. 7:5 <sup>b1</sup> Kin. 15:12-14  
<sup>c</sup>Ex. 34:13

5 <sup>2</sup>Chr. 34:4, 7

6 <sup>1</sup>Lit., there was not  
with him war  
<sup>2</sup>Chr. 11:5 <sup>b2</sup> Chr. 15:15

11 "And every morning <sup>a</sup>they <sup>1</sup>burn to the LORD burnt offerings and fragrant incense, and <sup>b</sup>the showbread is set on the clean table, and the golden lampstand with its lamps is ready to light every evening; for we keep the charge of the LORD our God, but you have forsaken Him.

12 "Now behold, God is with us at *our* head and <sup>a</sup>His priests with the signal trumpets to sound the alarm against you. O sons of Israel, do not fight against the LORD God of your fathers, for you will not succeed."

13 But Jeroboam <sup>a</sup>had set an ambush to come from the rear, so that *Israel* was in front of Judah, and the ambush was behind them.

14 When Judah turned around, behold, <sup>1</sup>they were attacked both front and rear; so <sup>a</sup>they cried to the LORD, and the priests blew the trumpets.

15 Then the men of Judah raised a war cry, and when the men of Judah raised the war cry, then it was that God <sup>1a</sup>routed Jeroboam and all Israel before Abijah and Judah.

16 And when the sons of Israel fled before Judah, <sup>a</sup>God gave them into their hand.

17 And Abijah and his people defeated them with a great slaughter, so that 500,000 chosen men of Israel fell slain.

18 Thus the sons of Israel were subdued at that time, and the sons of Judah <sup>1</sup>conquered <sup>a</sup>because they trusted in the LORD, the God of their fathers.

19 And Abijah pursued Jeroboam, and captured from him several cities, Bethel with its villages, Jeshanah with its villages, and <sup>1</sup>Ephron with its villages.

20 And Jeroboam did not again recover strength in the days of Abijah; and the <sup>a</sup>LORD struck him and <sup>b</sup>he died.

21 But Abijah became powerful, and took fourteen wives to himself; and became the father of twenty-two sons and sixteen daughters.

22 Now the rest of the acts of Abijah, and his ways and his words are written in <sup>a</sup>the <sup>1</sup>treatise of <sup>b</sup>the prophet Iddo.

CHAPTER 14

<sup>1a</sup>  
**S**O Abijah slept with his fathers, and they buried him in the city of David, and his son Asa became king in his place. The land was undisturbed for ten years during his days.

2 <sup>1</sup>And Asa did good and right in the sight of the LORD his God,

3 for he removed <sup>a</sup>the foreign altars and <sup>b</sup>high places, tore down the *sacred* pillars, cut down the <sup>1c</sup>Asherim,

4 and commanded Judah to seek the LORD God of their fathers and to observe the law and the commandment.

5 He also removed the high places and the <sup>a</sup>incense altars from all the cities of Judah. And the kingdom was undisturbed under him.

6 And <sup>a</sup>he built fortified cities in Judah, since the land was undisturbed, and <sup>1</sup>there was no one at war with him during those years, <sup>b</sup>because the LORD had given him rest.

7 For he said to Judah, "Let us build these cities and surround them with walls and towers, gates and bars. The land is still ours, because we have sought the LORD our God; we have sought Him, and He has given us rest on every side." So they built and prospered.

8 Now Asa had an army of 300,000 from Judah, bearing large shields and spears, and 280,000 from Benjamin, bearing shields and wielding bows; all of them were valiant warriors.

9 Now Zerah the Ethiopian came out against them with an army of a million men and 300 chariots, and he came to Mareshah.

10 So Asa went out to meet him, and they drew up in battle formation in the valley of Zephathah at Mareshah.

11 Then Asa called to the LORD his God, and said, "Lord, there is no one besides Thee to help in the battle between the powerful and those who have no strength; so help us, O LORD our God, for we trust in Thee, and in Thy name have come against this multitude. O LORD, Thou art our God; let not man prevail against Thee."

12 So the LORD routed the Ethiopians before Asa and before Judah, and the Ethiopians fled.

13 And Asa and the people who were with him pursued them as far as Gerar; and so many Ethiopians fell that they could not recover, for they were shattered before the LORD, and before His army. And they carried away very much plunder.

14 And they destroyed all the cities around Gerar, for the dread of the LORD had fallen on them; and they despoiled all the cities, for there was much plunder in them.

15 They also struck down those who owned livestock, and they carried away large numbers of sheep and camels. Then they returned to Jerusalem.

CHAPTER 15

Now the Spirit of God came on Azariah the son of Oded,

2 and he went out to meet Asa and said to him, "Listen to me, Asa, and all Judah and Benjamin: the LORD is with you when you are with Him. And if you seek Him, He will let you find Him; but if you forsake Him, He will forsake you.

3 "And for many days Israel was without the true God and without teaching priest and without law.

4 "But in their distress they turned to the LORD God of Israel, and they sought Him, and He let them find Him.

5 "And in those times there was no peace to him who went out or to him who came in, for many disturbances afflicted all the inhabitants of the lands.

6 "And nation was crushed by nation, and city by city, for God troubled them with every kind of distress.

7 "But you, be strong and do not lose courage, for there is reward for your work."

8 Now when Asa heard these words and the prophecy which Azariah the son of Oded the prophet spoke, he took courage and removed the abominable idols from all the land of Judah and Benjamin and from the cities which he had captured in the hill country of Ephraim. He then restored the altar of the LORD which was in front of the porch of the LORD.

7 <sup>1</sup>Lit., before us  
<sup>2</sup>Chr. 8:5

8 <sup>2</sup>Chr. 13:3

9 <sup>2</sup>Chr. 12:2, 3; 16:8  
<sup>b2</sup>Chr. 11:8

10 <sup>1</sup>Lit., before him

11 <sup>2</sup>Chr. 13:14 <sup>b2</sup>Chr. 13:18

12 <sup>1</sup>Lit., struck  
<sup>2</sup>Chr. 13:15

13 <sup>1</sup>Or, there was none left alive  
<sup>a</sup>Gen. 10:19

14 <sup>1</sup>Lit., smote  
<sup>2</sup>Chr. 17:10

15 <sup>1</sup>Lit., tents of livestock

1 <sup>2</sup>Chr. 20:14; 24:20

2 <sup>1</sup>Lit., before Asa  
<sup>2</sup>Chr. 20:17 <sup>b2</sup>Chr. 15:4, 15

3 <sup>1</sup>Kin. 12:28-33  
<sup>b2</sup>Chr. 17:9; Lev. 10:8-11

4 <sup>a</sup>Deut. 4:29

5 <sup>1</sup>Lit., were on  
<sup>a</sup>Judg. 5:6

7 <sup>1</sup>Lit., let your hands drop  
<sup>a</sup>Josh. 1:7, 9

8 <sup>1</sup>With several ancient versions; Heb., the prophecy, Oded the prophet  
<sup>2</sup>Chr. 13:19 <sup>b2</sup>Chr. 4:1; 8:12

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9 +2 Chr. 11:16

11 +2 Chr. 14:13-15

12 +2 Chr. 23:16

13 +Ex. 22:20; Deut. 13:6-9

15 <sup>1</sup>Lit., with their whole desire  
+2 Chr. 14:7

16 <sup>1</sup>Or, for Asherah  
<sup>a</sup>1 Kin. 15:13-15 <sup>b</sup>Ex. 34:13  
+2 Chr. 14:2-5

1 <sup>1</sup>Lit., built  
<sup>a</sup>1 Kin. 15:17-22

2 <sup>1</sup>Heb., Aram

3 <sup>1</sup>Lit., me and you

4 <sup>1</sup>Lit., smote <sup>2</sup>Lit., storage places of the cities  
<sup>a</sup>Ex. 1:11

5 <sup>1</sup>Lit., building

6 <sup>1</sup>Lit., built

7 <sup>1</sup>Heb., Aram  
<sup>a</sup>2 Chr. 19:2; 1 Kin. 16:1  
<sup>b</sup>2 Chr. 14:11; 32:7, 8

9 And he gathered all Judah and Benjamin and those from Ephraim, Manasseh, and Simeon <sup>a</sup>who resided with them, for many defected to him from Israel when they saw that the LORD his God was with him.

10 So they assembled at Jerusalem in the third month of the fifteenth year of Asa's reign.

11 And <sup>a</sup>they sacrificed to the LORD that day 700 oxen and 7,000 sheep from the spoil they had brought.

12 And <sup>a</sup>they entered into the covenant to seek the LORD God of their fathers with all their heart and soul;

13 and whoever would not seek the LORD God of Israel <sup>a</sup>should be put to death, whether small or great, man or woman.

14 Moreover, they made an oath to the LORD with a loud voice, with shouting, with trumpets, and with horns.

15 And all Judah rejoiced concerning the oath, for they had sworn with their whole heart and had sought Him <sup>1</sup>earnestly, and He let them find Him. So <sup>a</sup>the LORD gave them rest on every side.

16 <sup>a</sup>And he also removed Maacah, the mother of King Asa, from the *position* of queen mother, because she had made a horrid image <sup>1</sup>as <sup>b</sup>an Asherah, and <sup>c</sup>Asa cut down her horrid image, crushed it and burned it at the brook Kidron.

17 But the high places were not removed from Israel; nevertheless Asa's heart was blameless all his days.

18 And he brought into the house of God the dedicated things of his father and his own dedicated things: silver and gold and utensils.

19 And there was no more war until the thirty-fifth year of Asa's reign.

CHAPTER 16

<sup>a</sup>**I**N the thirty-sixth year of Asa's reign Baasha king of Israel came up against Judah and <sup>1</sup>fortified Ramah in order to prevent *anyone* from going out or coming in to Asa king of Judah.

2 Then Asa brought out silver and gold from the treasuries of the house of the LORD and the king's house, and sent them to Ben-hadad king of <sup>1</sup>Syria, who lived in Damascus, saying,

3 "Let there be a treaty between <sup>1</sup>you and me, as between my father and your father. Behold, I have sent you silver and gold; go, break your treaty with Baasha king of Israel so that he will withdraw from me."

4 So Ben-hadad listened to King Asa and sent the commanders of his armies against the cities of Israel, and they <sup>1</sup>conquered Ijon, Dan, Abel-maim, and all <sup>a</sup>the <sup>2</sup>store cities of Naphtali.

5 And it came about when Baasha heard of it that he ceased <sup>1</sup>fortifying Ramah and stopped his work.

6 Then King Asa brought all Judah, and they carried away the stones of Ramah and its timber with which Baasha had been building, and with them he <sup>1</sup>fortified Geba and Mizpah.

7 At that time <sup>a</sup>Hanani the seer came to Asa king of Judah and said to him, "<sup>b</sup>Because you have relied on the king of <sup>1</sup>Syria and have not relied on the LORD your God, therefore the army of the king of <sup>1</sup>Syria has escaped out of your hand.

8 "Were not <sup>a</sup>the Ethiopians and the Lubim <sup>ban</sup>immense army with very many chariots and horsemen? Yet, <sup>c</sup>because you relied on the LORD, He delivered them into your hand.

9 "For <sup>a</sup>the eyes of the LORD move to and fro throughout the earth that He may strongly support those <sup>b</sup>whose heart is completely His. You have acted foolishly in this. Indeed, from now on you will surely have wars."

10 Then Asa was angry with the seer and put him in <sup>1</sup>prison, for he was enraged at him for this. And Asa oppressed some of the people at the same time.

11 <sup>a</sup>And now, the acts of Asa from first to last, behold, they are written in the Book of the Kings of Judah and Israel.

12 And in the thirty-ninth year of his reign Asa became diseased in his feet. His disease was severe, yet even in his disease he did not seek the LORD but the physicians.

13 So Asa slept with his fathers, <sup>1</sup>having died in the forty-first year of his reign.

14 And they buried him in his own tomb which he had cut out for himself in the city of David, and they laid him in the resting place which he had filled <sup>a</sup>with spices of various kinds blended by the perfumers' art; and <sup>b</sup>they made a very great fire for him.

CHAPTER 17

<sup>a</sup>**J**EHOSHAPHAT his son then became king in his place, and made his position over Israel firm.

2 He placed troops in all <sup>a</sup>the fortified cities of Judah, and set garrisons in the land of Judah, and in the cities of Ephraim <sup>b</sup>which Asa his father had captured.

3 And the LORD was with Jehoshaphat because he <sup>1</sup>followed the example of his father David's earlier days and did not seek the Baals,

4 but sought the God of his father, <sup>1</sup>followed His commandments, <sup>a</sup>and did not act as Israel did.

5 So the LORD established the kingdom in his <sup>1</sup>control, and all Judah brought tribute to Jehoshaphat, and <sup>a</sup>he had great riches and honor.

6 And <sup>1</sup>he took great pride in the ways of the LORD and again <sup>a</sup>removed the high places and the Asherim from Judah.

7 Then in the third year of his reign he sent his officials, Ben-hail, Obadiah, Zechariah, Nethanel, and Micaiah, <sup>a</sup>to teach in the cities of Judah;

8 and with them <sup>a</sup>the Levites, Shemaiah, Nethaniah, Zebadiah, Asahel, Shemiramoth, Jehonathan, Adonijah, Tobiah, and Tobadonijah, the Levites; and with them Elishama and Jehoram, the priests.

9 And they taught in Judah, <sup>having</sup> <sup>a</sup>the book of the law of the LORD with them; and they went throughout all the cities of Judah and taught among the people.

10 Now <sup>a</sup>the dread of the LORD was on all the kingdoms of the lands which <sup>were</sup> around Judah, so that they did not make war against Jehoshaphat.

11 And <sup>a</sup>some of the Philistines brought gifts and silver as tribute to Jehoshaphat; the Arabians also brought him flocks, 7,700 rams and 7,700 male goats.

8 <sup>a</sup>2 Chr. 14:9 <sup>b</sup>2 Chr. 12:3 <sup>c</sup>2 Chr. 13:16, 18

9 <sup>a</sup>Prov. 15:3; Zech. 4:10 <sup>b</sup>2 Chr. 15:17

10 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *house of the stocks*

11 <sup>a</sup>1 Kin. 15:23, 24

13 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *and*

14 <sup>a</sup>Gen. 50:2; John 12:7; 19:39, 40 <sup>b</sup>2 Chr. 21:19

1 <sup>a</sup>1 Kin. 15:24

2 <sup>a</sup>2 Chr. 11:5 <sup>b</sup>2 Chr. 15:8

3 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *walked in the earlier ways of his father*

4 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *walked in* <sup>a</sup>1 Kin. 12:28

5 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *hand* <sup>a</sup>2 Chr. 18:1

6 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *his heart was high* <sup>a</sup>2 Chr. 15:17

7 <sup>a</sup>2 Chr. 15:3; 35:3

8 <sup>a</sup>2 Chr. 19:8

9 <sup>a</sup>Deut. 6:4-9

10 <sup>a</sup>2 Chr. 14:14

11 <sup>a</sup>2 Chr. 9:14; 26:8

16 <sup>a</sup>Judg. 5:2, 9; 1 Chr. 29:9

12 So Jehoshaphat grew greater and greater, and he built fortresses and store cities in Judah.

13 And he had large supplies in the cities of Judah, and warriors, valiant men, in Jerusalem.

14 And this was their muster according to their fathers' households: of Judah, commanders of thousands, Adnah was the commander, and with him 300,000 valiant warriors;

19 <sup>a</sup>2 Chr. 17:2

15 and next to him was Johanan the commander, and with him 280,000;

16 and next to him Amasiah the son of Zichri, <sup>a</sup>who volunteered for the LORD, and with him 200,000 valiant warriors;

17 and of Benjamin, Eliada a valiant warrior, and with him 200,000 armed with bow and shield;

18 and next to him Jehozabad, and with him 180,000 equipped for war.

1 <sup>a</sup>2 Chr. 17:5

19 These are they who served the king, apart from <sup>a</sup>those whom the king put in the fortified cities through all Judah.

CHAPTER 18

**N**OW <sup>a</sup>Jehoshaphat had great riches and honor; and he allied himself by marriage with Ahab.

2 <sup>a</sup>1 Kin. 22:2-35

2 <sup>a</sup>And some years later he went down to *visit* Ahab at Samaria. And Ahab slaughtered many sheep and oxen for him and the people who were with him, and induced him to go up against Ramoth-gilead.

3 And Ahab king of Israel said to Jehoshaphat king of Judah, "Will you go with me *against* Ramoth-gilead?" And he said to him, "I am as you are, and my people as your people, and *we will be* with you in the battle."

4 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *as the day*

4 Moreover, Jehoshaphat said to the king of Israel, "Please inquire <sup>1</sup>first for the word of the LORD."

5 Then the king of Israel assembled the prophets, four hundred men, and said to them, "Shall we go *against* Ramoth-gilead to battle, or shall I refrain?" And they said, "Go up, for God will give *it* into the hand of the king."

8 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *Hasten*

6 But Jehoshaphat said, "Is there not yet a prophet of the LORD here that we may inquire of him?"

7 And the king of Israel said to Jehoshaphat, "There is yet one man by whom we may inquire of the LORD, but I hate him, for he never prophesies good concerning me but always evil. He is Micaiah, son of Imla." But Jehoshaphat said, "Let not the king say so."

9 <sup>a</sup>Ruth 4:1

8 Then the king of Israel called an officer and said, "<sup>1</sup>Bring quickly Micaiah, Imla's son."

9 Now the king of Israel and Jehoshaphat the king of Judah were sitting each on his throne, arrayed in *their* robes, and *they* were sitting <sup>a</sup>at the threshing floor at the entrance of the gate of Samaria; and all the prophets were prophesying before them.

10 And Zedekiah the son of Chenaanah made horns of iron for himself and said, "Thus says the LORD, 'With these you shall gore the Syrians, until they are consumed.'"

11 And all the prophets were prophesying thus, saying, "Go

up to Ramoth-gilead and succeed, for the LORD will give it into the hand of the king."

12 Then the messenger who went to summon Micaiah spoke to him saying, "Behold, the words of the prophets are uniformly favorable to the king. So please let your word be like one of them and speak favorably."

13 But Micaiah said, "As the LORD lives, <sup>a</sup>what my God says, that I will speak."

14 And when he came to the king, the king said to him, "Micaiah, shall we go to Ramoth-gilead to battle, or shall I refrain?" He said, "Go up and succeed, for they will be given into your hand."

15 Then the king said to him, "How many times must I adjure you to speak to me nothing but the truth in the name of the LORD?"

16 So he said,

"I saw all Israel

Scattered on the mountains,

<sup>a</sup>Like sheep which have no shepherd;

And the LORD said,

'These have no master.

Let each of them return to his house in peace.' "

17 Then the king of Israel said to Jehoshaphat, "Did I not tell you that he would not prophesy good concerning me, but evil?"

18 And Micaiah said, "Therefore, hear the word of the LORD. <sup>a</sup>I saw the LORD sitting on His throne, and all the host of heaven standing on His right and on His left.

19 "And the LORD said, 'Who will entice Ahab king of Israel to go up and fall at Ramoth-gilead?' And one said this while another said that.

20 "Then a spirit came forward and stood before the LORD and said, 'I will entice him.' And the LORD said to him, 'How?'

21 "And he said, 'I will go and be a deceiving spirit in the mouth of all his prophets.' Then He said, 'You are to entice *him* and prevail also. Go and do so.'

22 "Now therefore, the LORD has put a deceiving spirit in the mouth of these your prophets; for the LORD has proclaimed disaster against you."

23 Then Zedekiah the son of Chenaanah came near and struck Micaiah on the cheek and said, "<sup>1</sup>How did the Spirit of the LORD pass from me to speak to you?"

24 And Micaiah said, "Behold, you shall see on that day, when you enter an inner room to hide yourself."

25 Then the king of Israel said, "<sup>a</sup>Take Micaiah and return him to Amon <sup>b</sup>the governor of the city, and to Joash the king's son;

26 and say, 'Thus says the king, "<sup>a</sup>Put this *man* in prison, and feed him <sup>1</sup>sparingly with bread and water until I return safely.'"

27 And Micaiah said, "If you indeed return safely, the LORD has not spoken by me." And he said, "<sup>a</sup>Listen, all you people."

28 So the king of Israel and Jehoshaphat king of Judah went up against Ramoth-gilead.

29 And the king of Israel said to Jehoshaphat, "I will

13 <sup>a</sup>Num. 22:18-20, 35

16 <sup>a</sup>Num. 27:17; Ezek. 35:5-8; Matt. 9:36

18 <sup>a</sup>Is. 6:1-5; Dan. 7:9, 10

23 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *Which way*

25 <sup>a</sup>2 Chr. 18:8 <sup>b</sup>2 Chr. 34:8

26 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *with bread of affliction and water of affliction*  
<sup>a</sup>2 Chr. 16:10

27 <sup>a</sup>Mic. 1:2

31 <sup>a</sup>2 Chr. 13:14, 15

33 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *between the scale armor and the breastplate* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *your hand* <sup>3</sup>Lit., *camp*

2 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *by this*  
<sup>a</sup>2 Chr. 20:34; 1 Kin. 16:1  
<sup>b</sup>2 Chr. 18:1, 3 <sup>c</sup>2 Chr. 24:18

3 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *good things are found* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *wooden pillars*  
<sup>a</sup>2 Chr. 12:12 <sup>b</sup>2 Chr. 17:6  
<sup>c</sup>2 Chr. 12:14

4 <sup>a</sup>2 Chr. 15:8-13

5 <sup>a</sup>Deut. 16:18-20

6 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *in the word of judgment*  
<sup>a</sup>Lev. 19:15; Deut. 1:17

7 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *be careful and do* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *there is not with the LORD God*  
<sup>a</sup>Gen. 18:25; Deut. 32:4  
<sup>b</sup>Deut. 10:17, 18

8 <sup>1</sup>So the versions. Heb. reads *disputes. And they returned to Jerusalem. Or, And they lived in Jerusalem*  
<sup>a</sup>2 Chr. 17:8, 9

10 <sup>a</sup>Deut. 17:8 <sup>b</sup>2 Chr. 19:2

disguise myself and go into battle, but you put on your robes." So the king of Israel disguised himself, and they went into battle.

30 Now the king of Syria had commanded the captains of his chariots, saying, "Do not fight with small or great, but with the king of Israel alone."

31 So it came about when the captains of the chariots saw Jehoshaphat, that they said, "It is the king of Israel," and they turned aside to fight against him. But Jehoshaphat <sup>a</sup>cried out, and the LORD helped him, and God diverted them from him.

32 Then it happened when the captains of the chariots saw that it was not the king of Israel, that they turned back from pursuing him.

33 And a certain man drew his bow at random and struck the king of Israel <sup>1</sup>in a joint of the armor. So he said to the driver of the chariot, "Turn <sup>2</sup>around, and take me out of the <sup>3</sup>fight; for I am severely wounded."

34 And the battle raged that day, and the king of Israel propped himself up in his chariot in front of the Syrians until the evening; and at sunset he died.

#### CHAPTER 19

**T**HEN Jehoshaphat the king of Judah returned in safety to his house in Jerusalem.

2 And <sup>a</sup>Jehu the son of Hanani the seer went out to meet him and said to King Jehoshaphat, "<sup>b</sup>Should you help the wicked and love those who hate the LORD and <sup>1</sup>so *bring* wrath on yourself from the LORD?"

3 "But <sup>1a</sup>there is *some* good in you, for <sup>b</sup>you have removed the <sup>2</sup>Asheroth from the land and you <sup>c</sup>have set your heart to seek God."

4 So Jehoshaphat lived in Jerusalem and went out again among the people from Beersheba to the hill country of Ephraim and <sup>a</sup>brought them back to the LORD, the God of their fathers.

5 And he appointed <sup>a</sup>judges in the land in all the fortified cities of Judah, city by city.

6 And he said to the judges, "Consider what you are doing, for <sup>a</sup>you do not judge for man but for the LORD who is with you <sup>1</sup>when you render judgment.

7 "Now then let the fear of the LORD be upon you; <sup>1</sup>be very careful what you do, for <sup>2</sup>the LORD our God will <sup>a</sup>have no part in unrighteousness, <sup>b</sup>or partiality, or the taking of a bribe."

8 And in Jerusalem also Jehoshaphat appointed some <sup>a</sup>of the Levites and priests, and some of the heads of the fathers' *households* of Israel, for the judgment of the LORD and to judge <sup>1</sup>disputes among the inhabitants of Jerusalem.

9 Then he charged them saying, "Thus you shall do in the fear of the LORD, faithfully and wholeheartedly.

10 "<sup>a</sup>And whenever any dispute comes to you from your brethren who live in their cities, between blood and blood, between law and commandment, statutes and ordinances, you shall warn them that they may not be guilty before the LORD, and <sup>b</sup>wrath may *not* come on you and your brethren. Thus you shall do and you will not be guilty.

11 "And behold, Amariah the chief priest will be over you



in <sup>1</sup>all that pertains to the LORD; and Zebadiah the son of Ishmael, the ruler of the house of Judah, in <sup>1</sup>all that pertains to the king. Also the Levites shall be officers before you. <sup>2</sup><sup>b</sup>Act resolutely, and the LORD be with the upright.”

CHAPTER 20

**N**OW it came about after this that the sons of Moab and the sons of Ammon, together with some of the <sup>1</sup>Meunites, came to make war against Jehoshaphat.

**2** Then some came and reported to Jehoshaphat, saying, “A great multitude is coming against you from beyond the sea, out of <sup>1</sup>Syria and behold, they are in <sup>a</sup>Hazazon-tamar (that is En-gedi).”

**3** And Jehoshaphat was afraid and <sup>1</sup>turned his attention to seek the LORD; and <sup>b</sup>proclaimed a fast throughout all Judah.

**4** So Judah gathered together to seek help from the LORD; they even came from all the cities of Judah to seek the LORD.

**5** Then Jehoshaphat stood in the assembly of Judah and Jerusalem, in the house of the LORD before the new court,

**6** and he said, “O LORD, the God of our fathers, <sup>a</sup>art Thou not God in the heavens? And <sup>b</sup>art Thou not ruler over all the kingdoms of the nations? Power and might are in Thy hand so that no one can stand against Thee.

**7** “Didst Thou not, O our God, drive out the inhabitants of this land before Thy people Israel, and <sup>a</sup>give it to the descendants of Abraham Thy friend forever?

**8** “And they lived in it, and have built Thee a sanctuary there for Thy name, saying,

**9** <sup>a</sup>Should evil come upon us, the sword, or judgment, or pestilence, or famine, we will stand before this house and before Thee (for <sup>b</sup>Thy name is in this house) and cry to Thee in our distress, and Thou wilt hear and deliver us.”

**10** “And now behold, <sup>a</sup>the sons of Ammon and Moab and Mount Seir, <sup>b</sup>whom Thou didst not let Israel invade when they came out of the land of Egypt (they turned aside from them and did not destroy them),

**11** behold *how* they are rewarding us, by coming to drive us out from Thy possession which Thou hast given us as an inheritance.

**12** “O our God, <sup>a</sup>wilt Thou not judge them? For we are powerless before this great multitude who are coming against us; nor do we know what to do, but <sup>b</sup>our eyes are on Thee.”

**13** And all Judah was standing before the LORD, with their infants, their wives, and their children.

**14** Then in the midst of the assembly the Spirit of the LORD <sup>a</sup>came upon Jahaziel the son of Zechariah, the son of Benaiah, the son of Jeiel, the son of Mattaniah, the Levite of the sons of Asaph;

**15** and he said, “Listen, all Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem and King Jehoshaphat: thus says the LORD to you, <sup>a</sup>Do not fear or be dismayed because of this great multitude, for <sup>b</sup>the battle is not yours but God’s.

**16** “Tomorrow go down against them. Behold, they will

<sup>11</sup> <sup>1</sup>Lit., every matter of  
<sup>2</sup>Lit., Be strong and do  
<sup>2</sup>Chr. 19:8 <sup>b1</sup> Chr. 28:20

<sup>1</sup> <sup>1</sup>So with Gk., Heb.,  
Ammonites, 1 Chr. 4:41;  
<sup>2</sup> Chr. 26:7

<sup>2</sup> <sup>1</sup>Another reading is  
Edom  
<sup>a</sup>Gen. 14:7

<sup>3</sup> <sup>1</sup>Lit., set his face  
<sup>2</sup> Chr. 19:3 <sup>b1</sup> Sam. 7:6;  
Ezra 8:21

<sup>6</sup> <sup>a</sup>Deut. 4:39 <sup>b1</sup> Chr.  
29:11

<sup>7</sup> <sup>a</sup>Is. 41:8

<sup>9</sup> <sup>a2</sup> Chr. 6:28-30 <sup>b2</sup> Chr.  
6:20

<sup>10</sup> <sup>a2</sup> Chr. 20:1, 22 <sup>b</sup>Num.  
20:17-21

<sup>12</sup> <sup>a</sup>Judg. 11:27 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 25:15;  
121:1, 2

<sup>14</sup> <sup>a2</sup> Chr. 15:1; 24:20

<sup>15</sup> <sup>a2</sup> Chr. 32:7, 8; Ex.  
14:13 <sup>b1</sup> Sam. 17:47

17 <sup>a</sup>Ex. 14:13 <sup>b2</sup> Chr. 15:2

come up by the ascent of Ziz, and you will find them at the end of the valley in front of the wilderness of Jeruel.

19 <sup>a2</sup> Chr. 7:3

17 'You *need* not fight in this *battle*; station yourselves, <sup>a</sup>stand and see the salvation of the LORD on your behalf, O Judah and Jerusalem.' Do not fear or be dismayed; tomorrow go out to face them, <sup>b</sup>for the LORD is with you.'

20 <sup>a</sup>Is. 7:9

18 And Jehoshaphat bowed his head with *his* face to the ground, and all Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem fell down before the LORD, worshiping the LORD.

21 <sup>a1</sup> Chr. 16:29; Ps. 29:2  
<sup>b1</sup> Chr. 16:34

19 And the Levites, from the sons <sup>a</sup>of the Kohathites and of the sons of the Korahites, stood up to praise the LORD God of Israel, with a very loud voice.

22 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *struck down*  
<sup>a2</sup> Chr. 13:13 <sup>b2</sup> Chr. 20:10

20 And they rose early in the morning and went out to the wilderness of Tekoa; and when they went out, Jehoshaphat stood and said, "Listen to me, O Judah and inhabitants of Jerusalem, <sup>a</sup>put your trust in the LORD your God, and you will be established. Put your trust in His prophets and succeed."

23 <sup>a</sup>Judg. 7:22; 1 Sam. 14:20

21 And when he had consulted with the people, he appointed those who sang to the LORD and those who <sup>a</sup>praised *Him* in holy attire, as they went out before the army and said, "<sup>b</sup>Give thanks to the LORD, for His lovingkindness is everlasting."

25 <sup>1</sup>So several ancient mss.; others read, *corpses*

22 And when they began singing and praising, the LORD <sup>a</sup>set ambushes against the sons of <sup>b</sup>Ammon, Moab, and Mount Seir, who had come against Judah; so they were <sup>1</sup>routed.

26 <sup>1</sup>I.e., *Blessing*

23 For the sons of Ammon and Moab rose up against the inhabitants of Mount Seir destroying *them* completely, and when they had finished with the inhabitants of Seir, <sup>a</sup>they helped to destroy one another.

29 <sup>a2</sup> Chr. 14:6, 7; 15:15

24 When Judah came to the lookout of the wilderness, they looked toward the multitude; and behold, they *were* corpses lying on the ground, and no one had escaped.

30 <sup>a1</sup> Kin. 22:41-43

25 And when Jehoshaphat and his people came to take their spoil, they found much among them, *including* goods, <sup>1</sup>garments, and valuable things which they took for themselves, more than they could carry. And they were three days taking the spoil because there was so much.

31 <sup>a2</sup> Chr. 17:6

26 Then on the fourth day they assembled in the valley of Beracah, for there they blessed the LORD. Therefore they have named that place "The Valley of <sup>1</sup>Beracah" until today.

27 And every man of Judah and Jerusalem returned with Jehoshaphat at their head, returning to Jerusalem with joy, for the LORD had made them to rejoice over their enemies.

28 And they came to Jerusalem with harps, lyres, and trumpets to the house of the LORD.

29 And <sup>a</sup>the dread of God was on all the kingdoms of the lands when they heard that the LORD had fought against the enemies of Israel.

30 So the kingdom of Jehoshaphat was at peace, <sup>a</sup>for his God gave him rest on all sides.

31 <sup>a</sup>Now Jehoshaphat reigned over Judah. He was thirty-five years old when he became king, and he reigned in Jerusalem twenty-five years. And his mother's name was Azubah the daughter of Shilhi.

32 And he walked in the way of his father Asa and did not depart from it, doing right in the sight of the LORD.

33 <sup>a</sup>The high places, however, were not removed; <sup>b</sup>the people had not yet directed their hearts to the God of their fathers.

34 Now the rest of the acts of Jehoshaphat, first <sup>1</sup>to last, behold, they are written in the annals of <sup>a</sup>Jehu the son of Hanani, <sup>b</sup>which is <sup>2</sup>recorded in the Book of the Kings of Israel.

35 <sup>a</sup>And after this Jehoshaphat king of Judah allied himself with Ahaziah king of Israel. He acted wickedly <sup>1</sup>in so doing.

36 So he allied himself with him to make ships to go <sup>a</sup>to Tarshish, and they made the ships in Ezion-geber.

37 Then Eliezer the son of Dodavahu of Mareshah prophesied against Jehoshaphat saying, "Because you have allied yourself with Ahaziah, the LORD has destroyed your works." So the ships were broken and could not go to Tarshish.

CHAPTER 21

**T**HEN Jehoshaphat slept with his fathers and was buried with his fathers in the city of David, and Jehoram his son became king in his place.

2 And he had brothers, the sons of Jehoshaphat: Azariah, Jehiel, Zechariah, Azariah, Michael, and Shephatiah. All these were the sons of Jehoshaphat king <sup>a</sup>of Israel.

3 And their father gave them many gifts of silver, gold and precious things, <sup>a</sup>with fortified cities in Judah, but he gave the kingdom to Jehoram because he was the first-born.

4 Now when Jehoram had <sup>1</sup>taken over the kingdom of his father and made himself <sup>2</sup>secure, he killed all his brothers with the sword, and some of the rulers of Israel also.

5 <sup>a</sup>Jehoram was thirty-two years old when he became king, and he reigned eight years in Jerusalem.

6 <sup>a</sup>And he walked in the way of the kings of Israel, just as the house of Ahab did (<sup>b</sup>for Ahab's daughter was his wife), and he did evil in the sight of the LORD.

7 Yet the LORD was not willing to destroy the house of David because of the covenant which he had made with David, <sup>a</sup>and since He had promised to give a lamp to him and his sons forever.

8 In his days <sup>a</sup>Edom revolted <sup>1</sup>against the rule of Judah, and set up a king over themselves.

9 Then Jehoram crossed over with his commanders and all his chariots with him. And it came about that he arose by night and struck down the Edomites who were surrounding him and the commanders of the chariots.

10 So Edom revolted <sup>1</sup>against Judah to this day. Then Libnah revolted at the same time <sup>2</sup>against his rule, because he had forsaken the LORD God of his fathers.

11 Moreover, <sup>a</sup>he made high places in the mountains of Judah, and caused the inhabitants of Jerusalem <sup>b</sup>to play the harlot and led Judah astray.

12 Then a letter came to him from Elijah the prophet saying, "Thus says the LORD God of your father David, 'Because <sup>a</sup>you have not walked in the ways of Jehoshaphat your father <sup>b</sup>and the ways of Asa king of Judah,

33 <sup>a2</sup> Chr. 17:6 <sup>b2</sup> Chr. 19:3

34 <sup>1</sup>Lit., and <sup>2</sup>Lit., taken up  
<sup>a2</sup> Chr. 19:2 <sup>b1</sup> Kin. 16:1, 7

35 <sup>1</sup>Lit., to do  
<sup>a1</sup> Kin. 22:48, 49

36 <sup>a2</sup> Chr. 9:21

1 <sup>a1</sup> Kin. 22:50

2 <sup>a2</sup> Chr. 12:6; 23:2

3 <sup>a2</sup> Chr. 11:5

4 <sup>1</sup>Lit., risen up <sup>2</sup>Lit., strong

5 <sup>a2</sup> Kin. 8:17-22

6 <sup>a1</sup> Kin. 12:28-30  
<sup>b2</sup> Chr. 18:1

7 <sup>a2</sup> Sam. 7:12-17; 1 Kin. 11:13

8 <sup>1</sup>Lit., from under the hand of  
<sup>a2</sup> Chr. 21:10; 20:22, 23

10 <sup>1</sup>Lit., from under the hand of <sup>2</sup>Lit., from under his hand

11 <sup>a1</sup> Kin. 11:7 <sup>b</sup>Lev. 20:5

12 <sup>a2</sup> Chr. 17:3, 4 <sup>b2</sup> Chr. 14:2-5

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13 <sup>1</sup>Lit., your father's house  
<sup>2</sup>Chr. 21:6 <sup>b1</sup> Kin. 16:31-33 <sup>c2</sup> Chr. 21:4

14 <sup>1</sup>Lit., blow

15 <sup>1</sup>Lit., in many sicknesses  
<sup>2</sup>Chr. 21:18, 19

16 <sup>1</sup>Lit., were at the hand of  
<sup>2</sup>Chr. 33:11 <sup>b2</sup> Chr. 17:11; 22:1

17 <sup>1</sup>In 2 Chr. 22:1, Ahaziah  
<sup>2</sup>Chr. 25:23

18 <sup>2</sup>Chr. 21:15

19 <sup>2</sup>Chr. 16:14

20 <sup>1</sup>Lit., without desire  
<sup>a</sup>Jer. 22:18, 28 <sup>b2</sup> Chr. 24:25; 28:27

<sup>1</sup> In 2 Chr. 21:17, Jehoahaz  
<sup>2</sup> Kin. 8:24-29 <sup>b2</sup> Chr. 21:16

<sup>2</sup> So some versions and 2 Kin. 8:26; Heb., 42 years  
<sup>2</sup>Lit., daughter  
<sup>2</sup> Chr. 21:6

<sup>5</sup> <sup>1</sup>So with 2 Kin. 8:28; Heb., archers <sup>2</sup>Lit., smote

<sup>6</sup> <sup>1</sup>Lit., with which. . . smitten <sup>2</sup>So with 2 Kin. 8:29; Heb., Azariah

<sup>7</sup> <sup>1</sup>Lit., to go <sup>2</sup>I.e., Jehoram  
<sup>2</sup> Chr. 10:15 <sup>b2</sup> Kin. 9:21 <sup>c2</sup> Kin. 9:6, 7

<sup>8</sup> <sup>2</sup> Kin. 10:11-14

13 but <sup>a</sup>have walked in the way of the kings of Israel, and have caused Judah and the inhabitants of Israel to play the harlot <sup>b</sup>as the house of Ahab played the harlot, and you <sup>c</sup>have also killed your brothers, <sup>1</sup>your own family, who were better than you,

14 behold, the LORD is going to strike your people, your sons, your wives, and all your possessions with a great <sup>1</sup>calamity;

15 and <sup>a</sup>you <sup>1</sup>will suffer severe sickness, a disease of your bowels, until your bowels come out because of the sickness, day by day.' "

16 Then <sup>a</sup>the LORD stirred up against Jehoram the spirit of the Philistines and <sup>b</sup>the Arabs who <sup>1</sup>bordered the Ethiopians;

17 and they came against Judah and invaded it, and carried away all the possessions found in the king's house together with his sons and his wives, so that no son was left to him except <sup>1a</sup>Jehoahaz, the youngest of his sons.

18 So after all this the LORD smote him <sup>a</sup>in his bowels with an incurable sickness.

19 Now it came about in the course of time, at the end of two years, that his bowels came out because of his sickness and he died in great pain. And his people made no fire for him like <sup>a</sup>the fire for his fathers.

20 He was thirty-two years old when he became king, and he reigned in Jerusalem eight years; and he departed <sup>1a</sup>with no one's regret, and they buried him in the city of David, <sup>b</sup>but not in the tombs of the kings.

CHAPTER 22

<sup>a</sup>  
**T**HEN the inhabitants of Jerusalem made <sup>1</sup>Ahaziah, his youngest son, king in his place, for the band of men who came with <sup>b</sup>the Arabs to the camp had slain all the older sons. So Ahaziah the son of Jehoram king of Judah began to reign.

2 Ahaziah was <sup>1</sup>twenty-two years old when he became king, and he reigned one year in Jerusalem. And his mother's name was <sup>a</sup>Athaliah, the <sup>2</sup>granddaughter of Omri.

3 He also walked in the ways of the house of Ahab, for his mother was his counselor to do wickedly.

4 And he did evil in the sight of the LORD like the house of Ahab, for they were his counselors after the death of his father, to his destruction.

5 He also walked according to their counsel, and went with Jehoram the son of Ahab king of Israel to wage war against Hazael king of Syria at Ramoth-gilead. But the <sup>1</sup>Syrians <sup>2</sup>wounded Joram.

6 So he returned to be healed in Jezreel of the wounds <sup>1</sup>which they had inflicted on him at Ramah, when he fought against Hazael king of Syria. And <sup>2</sup>Ahaziah, the son of Jehoram king of Judah, went down to see Jehoram the son of Ahab in Jezreel, because he was sick.

7 Now <sup>a</sup>the destruction of Ahaziah was from God, in that <sup>1</sup>he went to <sup>2</sup>Joram. For when he came, <sup>b</sup>he went out with Jehoram against Jehu the son of Nimshi, <sup>c</sup>whom the LORD had anointed to cut off the house of Ahab.

8 <sup>a</sup>And it came about when Jehu was executing judgment on the house of Ahab, he found the princes of Judah and the

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sons of Ahaziah's brothers, ministering to Ahaziah, and slew them.

9 <sup>a</sup>He also sought Ahaziah, and they caught him while he was hiding in Samaria; they brought him to Jehu, put him to death, and buried him. For they said, "He is the son of Jehoshaphat, who sought the LORD with all his heart." So there was no one of the house of Ahaziah to retain the power of the kingdom.

10 <sup>a</sup>Now when Athaliah the mother of Ahaziah saw that her son was dead, she rose and <sup>1</sup>destroyed all the royal <sup>2</sup>offspring of the house of Judah.

11 But Jehoshabeath the king's daughter took Joash the son of Ahaziah, and stole him from among the king's sons who were being put to death, and placed him and his nurse in the *bedroom*. So Jehoshabeath, the daughter of King Jehoram, the wife of Jehoiada the priest (for she was the sister of Ahaziah), hid him from Athaliah so that she would not put him to death.

12 And he was hidden with them in the house of God six years while Athaliah reigned over the land.

CHAPTER 23

<sup>a</sup>**N**OW in the seventh year Jehoiada strengthened himself, and took captains of hundreds: Azariah the son of Jeroham, Ishmael the son of Johanan, Azariah the son of Obed, Maaseiah the son of Adaiah, and Elishaphat the son of Zichri, and they entered into a covenant with him.

2 And they went throughout Judah and gathered the Levites from all the cities of Judah, and the heads of the fathers' households of Israel, and they came to Jerusalem.

3 Then all the assembly made a covenant with the king in the house of God. And <sup>1</sup>Jehoiada said to them, "Behold, the king's son shall reign, <sup>a</sup>as the LORD has spoken concerning the sons of David.

4 "This is the thing which you shall do: one third of you, of the priests and Levites <sup>a</sup>who come in on the sabbath, shall be gatekeepers,

5 and one third shall be at the king's house, and a third at the Gate of the Foundation; and all the people shall be in the courts of the house of the LORD.

6 "But let no one enter the house of the LORD except the priests and <sup>a</sup>the ministering Levites; they may enter, for they are holy. And let all the people keep the charge of the LORD.

7 "And the Levites will surround the king, each man with his weapons in his hand; and whoever enters the house, let him be killed. Thus be with the king when he comes in and when he goes out."

8 So the Levites and all Judah did according to all that Jehoiada the priest commanded. And each one of them took his men who were to come in on the sabbath, with those who were to go out on the sabbath, for Jehoiada the priest did not dismiss any of <sup>a</sup>the divisions.

9 Then Jehoiada the priest gave to the captains of hundreds the spears and the large and small shields which had been King David's, which were in the house of God.

10 And he stationed all the people, each man with his

9 <sup>a2</sup> Kin. 9:27 <sup>b2</sup> Kin. 9:28 <sup>c2</sup> Chr. 17:4

10 <sup>1</sup>So with 2 Kin. 11:1; Heb., said <sup>2</sup>Lit., seed <sup>2</sup> Kin. 11:1-3

1 <sup>a2</sup> Kin. 11:4-20

2 <sup>a2</sup> Chr. 21:2; 11:13-17

3 <sup>1</sup>Lit., he <sup>a2</sup> Chr. 21:7

4 <sup>a1</sup> Chr. 9:25

6 <sup>a1</sup> Chr. 23:28-32

8 <sup>a1</sup> Chr. 24:1

10 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *shoulder*

11 <sup>a</sup>Ex. 25:16, 21 <sup>b1</sup> Sam. 10:24

13 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *trumpets* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *and leading for praising*

14 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *from within*

15 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *placed hands to her*  
<sup>a</sup>Neh. 3:28; Jer. 31:40  
<sup>b2</sup> Chr. 22:10

17 <sup>a</sup>Deut. 13:6-9; 1 Kin. 18:40

18 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *hand* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *hands of*  
<sup>a2</sup> Chr. 5:5; 1 Chr. 23:6, 25-31  
<sup>b1</sup> Chr. 9:22 <sup>c2</sup> Kin. 11:21; 12:1-15

19 <sup>a2</sup> Chr. 26:4, 5

1 <sup>a2</sup> Kin. 11:21; 12:1-15

2 <sup>a2</sup> Chr. 26:4, 5

weapon in his hand, from the right <sup>1</sup>side of the house to the left <sup>1</sup>side of the house, by the altar and by the house, around the king.

11 Then they brought out the king's son and put the crown on him, and *gave him* <sup>a</sup>the testimony, and made him king. And Jehoiada and his sons anointed him and said, "<sup>b</sup>Long live the king!"

12 When Athaliah heard the noise of the people running and praising the king, she came into the house of the LORD to the people.

13 And she looked, and behold, the king was standing by his pillar at the entrance, and the captains and the <sup>1</sup>trumpeters *were* beside the king. And all the people of the land rejoiced and blew trumpets, the singers with *their* musical instruments <sup>2</sup>leading the praise. Then Athaliah tore her clothes and said, "Treason! Treason!"

14 And Jehoiada the priest brought out the captains of hundreds who were appointed over the army, and said to them, "Bring her out <sup>1</sup>between the ranks; and whoever follows her, put to death with the sword." For the priest said, "Let her not be put to death in the house of the LORD."

15 So they <sup>1</sup>seized her, and when she arrived at <sup>a</sup>the entrance of the Horse Gate of the king's house, they <sup>b</sup>put her to death there.

16 Then Jehoiada made a covenant between himself and all the people and the king, that they should be the LORD's people.

17 And all the people went to the house of Baal, and tore it down, and they broke in pieces his altars and his images, and <sup>a</sup>killed Mattan the priest of Baal before the altars.

18 Moreover, Jehoiada placed the offices of the house of the LORD under the <sup>1</sup>authority of <sup>a</sup>the Levitical priests, <sup>b</sup>whom David had assigned over the house of the LORD, to offer the burnt offerings of the LORD, as it is written in the law of Moses—<sup>c</sup>with rejoicing and singing according to the <sup>2</sup>order of David.

19 And he stationed <sup>a</sup>the gatekeepers of the house of the LORD, so that no one should enter *who was* in any way unclean.

20 And he took the captains of hundreds, the nobles, the rulers of the people, and all the people of the land, and brought the king down from the house of the LORD, and came through the upper gate to the king's house. And they placed the king upon the royal throne.

21 So all of the people of the land rejoiced and the city was quiet. For they had put Athaliah to death with the sword.

## CHAPTER 24

<sup>a</sup>JOASH was seven years old when he became king, and he reigned forty years in Jerusalem; his mother's name was Zibiah from Beersheba.

2 And <sup>a</sup>Joash did what was right in the sight of the LORD all the days of Jehoiada the priest.

3 And Jehoiada took two wives for him, and he became the father of sons and daughters.

4 Now it came about after this that Joash <sup>1</sup>decided <sup>a</sup>to restore the house of the LORD.

4 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *was with a heart*  
<sup>2</sup>Chr. 24:7

5 And he gathered the priests and Levites, and said to them, "Go out to the cities of Judah, and collect money from all <sup>a</sup>Israel to <sup>1</sup>repair the house of your God <sup>2</sup>annually, and you shall do the matter quickly." But the Levites did not act quickly.

5 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *to strengthen*  
<sup>2</sup>Lit., *from year to year*  
<sup>2</sup>Chr. 21:2

6 So the king summoned Jehoiada the chief *priest* and said to him, "Why have you not required the Levites to bring in from Judah and from Jerusalem <sup>a</sup>the levy *fixed* by Moses the servant of the LORD on the congregation of Israel <sup>b</sup>for the tent of the testimony?"

6 <sup>a</sup>Ex. 30:12-16 <sup>b</sup>Num. 1:50

7 For <sup>a</sup>the sons of the wicked Athaliah had broken into the house of God and even <sup>1</sup>used the holy things of the house of the LORD for the Baals.

7 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *made*  
<sup>2</sup>Chr. 21:17

8 So the king commanded, and they made a chest and set it outside by the gate of the house of the LORD.

9 And <sup>a</sup>they made a proclamation in Judah and Jerusalem to bring to the LORD <sup>b</sup>the levy *fixed* by Moses the servant of God on Israel in the wilderness.

9 <sup>a</sup>2 Chr. 36:22 <sup>b</sup>2 Chr. 24:6

10 And all the officers and all the people rejoiced and brought in their levies and <sup>1</sup>dropped *them* into the chest until they had finished.

10 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *threw*

11 And it came about whenever the chest was brought in to the king's officer by the Levites, and when they saw that there was much money, then the king's scribe and the chief priest's officer would come, empty the chest, take it, and return it to its place. Thus they did daily and collected much money.

12 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *to strengthen*

12 And the king and Jehoiada gave it to those who did the work of the service of the house of the LORD; and they hired masons and carpenters to restore the house of the LORD, and also workers in iron and bronze to <sup>1</sup>repair the house of the LORD.

13 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *set up* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *upon its proportion*

13 So the workmen labored, and the repair work progressed in their hands, and they <sup>1</sup>restored the house of God <sup>2</sup>according to its specifications, and strengthened it.

15 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *became old and satisfied with days*

14 And when they had finished, they brought the rest of the money before the king and Jehoiada; and it was made into utensils for the house of the LORD, utensils for the service and the burnt offering, and pans and utensils of gold and silver. And they offered burnt offerings in the house of the LORD continually all the days of Jehoiada.

16 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *with*  
<sup>2</sup>Chr. 21:20 <sup>b</sup>2 Chr. 21:2

15 Now when Jehoiada <sup>1</sup>reached a ripe old age he died; he was one hundred and thirty years old at his death.

18 <sup>1</sup>i.e., wooden symbols of a female deity  
<sup>2</sup>Chr. 24:4 <sup>b</sup>Ex. 34:12-14  
<sup>c</sup>Josh. 22:20

16 And they buried him <sup>a</sup>in the city of David among the kings, because he had done well in <sup>b</sup>Israel and <sup>1</sup>to God and His house.

17 But after the death of Jehoiada the officials of Judah came and bowed down to the king, and the king listened to them.

19 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 7:25

18 And <sup>a</sup>they abandoned the house of the LORD, the God of their fathers, and <sup>b</sup>served the <sup>1</sup>Asherim and the idols; so <sup>c</sup>wrath came upon Judah and Jerusalem for this their guilt.

19 Yet <sup>a</sup>He sent prophets to them to bring them back to the LORD; though they testified against them, they would not listen.

**Zechariah Rebukes Apostasy, and Is Stoned.  
Joash Assassinated. Amaziah's Reign.**

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20 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *clothed*  
<sup>a</sup>2 Chr. 20:14 <sup>b</sup>Num. 14:41

21 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *with stones*  
<sup>a</sup>2 Chr. 15:2

22 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *seek, or require*  
<sup>a</sup>Neh. 9:26; Matt. 23:34, 35

23 <sup>a</sup>Gen. 9:5

24 <sup>a</sup>2 Kin. 12:17 <sup>b</sup>2 Chr.  
16:7, 8

25 <sup>1</sup>So some ancient  
versions; Heb., *sons*  
<sup>a</sup>2 Kin. 12:20, 21

27 <sup>1</sup>Or, *burdens upon*  
<sup>2</sup>Lit., *founding* <sup>3</sup>Heb.,  
*midrash*  
<sup>a</sup>2 Chr. 24:12 <sup>b</sup>2 Chr. 13:22

1 <sup>a</sup>2 Kin. 14:1-6

2 <sup>a</sup>2 Chr. 25:14

3 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *firm upon him*

4 <sup>a</sup>Deut. 24:16

5 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *mustered*  
<sup>a</sup>Num. 1:3 <sup>b</sup>2 Chr. 26:13

20 <sup>a</sup>Then the Spirit of God <sup>1</sup>came on Zechariah the son of Jehoiada the priest; and he stood above the people and said to them, "Thus God has said, 'Why do you transgress the commandments of the LORD and do not prosper? <sup>b</sup>Because you have forsaken the LORD, He has also forsaken you.' "

21 So <sup>a</sup>they conspired against him and at the command of the king they stoned him <sup>1</sup>to death in the court of the house of the LORD.

22 Thus Joash the king did not remember the kindness which his father Jehoiada had shown him, but he murdered his son. And as he died he said, "May <sup>a</sup>the LORD see and <sup>1</sup>avenge!"

23 Now it came about at the turn of the year that <sup>a</sup>the army of the Syrians came up against him; and they came to Judah and Jerusalem, destroyed all the officials of the people from among the people, and sent all their spoil to the king of Damascus.

24 Indeed the army of the Syrians came with a small number of men; yet <sup>a</sup>the LORD delivered a very great army into their hands, <sup>b</sup>because they had forsaken the LORD, the God of their fathers. Thus they executed judgment on Joash.

25 <sup>a</sup>And when they had departed from him (for they left him very sick), his own servants conspired against him because of the blood of the <sup>1</sup>son of Jehoiada the priest, and murdered him on his bed. So he died, and they buried him in the city of David, but they did not bury him in the tombs of the kings.

26 Now these are those who conspired against him: Zabad the son of Shimeath the Ammonitess, and Jehozabad the son of Shimrith the Moabite.

27 As to his sons and the many <sup>1</sup>oracles against him and <sup>a</sup>the <sup>2</sup>rebuilding of the house of God, behold, they are written in the <sup>3</sup>book of the Kings. Then Amaziah his son became king in his place.

CHAPTER 25

<sup>a</sup>**A**MAZIAH was twenty-five years old when he became king, and he reigned twenty-nine years in Jerusalem. And his mother's name was Jehoaddan of Jerusalem.

2 And he did right in the sight of the LORD, <sup>a</sup>yet not with a whole heart.

3 Now it came about as soon as the kingdom was <sup>1</sup>firmly in his grasp, that he killed his servants who had slain his father the king.

4 However, he did not put their children to death, but *did* as it is written in the law in the book of Moses, which the LORD commanded, saying, "<sup>a</sup>Fathers shall not be put to death for sons, nor sons be put to death for fathers, but each shall be put to death for his own sin."

5 Moreover, Amaziah assembled Judah and appointed them according to *their fathers'* households under commanders of thousands and commanders of hundreds throughout Judah and Benjamin; and he <sup>1</sup>took a census of those <sup>a</sup>from twenty years old and upward, and found them to be <sup>b</sup>300,000 choice men, *able to go to war and handle spear and shield.*



## Edomites Conquered. The King Falls Into Idolatry.

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6 He hired also 100,000 valiant warriors out of Israel for one hundred talents of silver.

7 But <sup>a</sup>a man of God came to him saying, "O king, do not let the army of Israel go with you, for the LORD is not with Israel *nor with any of the sons of Ephraim.*

8 "But if you do go, do it, be strong for the battle; yet God will <sup>1</sup>bring you down before the enemy, <sup>2</sup>for God has power to help and to <sup>1</sup>bring down."

9 And Amaziah said to the man of God, "But what *shall we do for the hundred talents which I have given to the troops of Israel?*" And the man of God answered, "The LORD has much more to give you than this."

10 Then Amaziah <sup>1</sup>dismissed them, the troops which came to him from Ephraim, to go home; so their anger burned against Judah and they returned <sup>2</sup>home in fierce anger.

11 Now Amaziah strengthened himself, and led his people forth, and went to <sup>a</sup>the Valley of Salt, and struck down 10,000 of the sons of Seir.

12 The sons of Judah also captured 10,000 alive and brought them to the top of the cliff, and threw them down from the top of the cliff so that they were all dashed to pieces.

13 But the <sup>1</sup>troops whom Amaziah sent back from going with him to battle, raided the cities of Judah, <sup>2</sup>from Samaria to Beth-horon, and struck down 3,000 of them, and plundered much spoil.

14 Now it came about after Amaziah came from slaughtering the Edomites that <sup>a</sup>he brought the gods of the sons of Seir, set them up as his gods, bowed down before them, and burned incense to them.

15 Then the anger of the LORD burned against Amaziah, and He sent him a prophet who said to him, "Why have you sought the gods of the people <sup>a</sup>who have not delivered their own people from your hand?"

16 And it came about as he was talking with him that <sup>1</sup>the king said to him, "Have we appointed you a royal counselor? Stop! Why should you be struck down?" Then the prophet stopped and said, "I know that God has planned to destroy you, because you have done this, and have not listened to my counsel."

17 <sup>a</sup>Then Amaziah king of Judah took counsel and sent to Joash the son of Jehohaz the son of Jehu, the king of Israel, saying, "Come, let us face each other."

18 And Joash the king of Israel sent to Amaziah king of Judah, saying, "<sup>a</sup>The thorn bush which was in Lebanon sent to the cedar which was in Lebanon, saying, 'Give your daughter to my son in marriage.' But there passed by a wild beast that was in Lebanon, and trampled the thorn bush.

19 "You said, 'Behold, you have <sup>1</sup>defeated Edom.' And <sup>a</sup>your heart has <sup>2</sup>become proud in boasting. Now stay at home; for why should you provoke trouble that you, even you, should fall and Judah with you?"

20 But Amaziah would not listen, for it was from God, that He might deliver them into the hand of Joash because they had sought the gods of Edom.

21 So Joash king of Israel went up, and he and Amaziah

7 <sup>a</sup>2 Kin. 4:9

8 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *cause to stumble*  
<sup>2</sup>Chr. 14:11; 20:6

10 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *separated* <sup>2</sup>Lit.,  
*to their own place*

11 <sup>a</sup>2 Kin. 14:7

13 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *sons of the troops*  
<sup>2</sup>Chr. 19:4

14 <sup>a</sup>2 Chr. 28:23

15 <sup>a</sup>2 Chr. 25:11, 12

16 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *he*

17 <sup>a</sup>2 Kin. 14:8-14

18 <sup>a</sup>Judg. 9:8-15

19 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *smitten* <sup>2</sup>Lit.,  
*lifted you up to boast*  
<sup>a</sup>2 Chr. 26:16; 32:25

22 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *before*

23 <sup>1</sup>One cubit equals approximately 18 inches  
<sup>2</sup>Chr. 21:17; 22:1

24 <sup>1</sup>Chr. 26:15

25 <sup>2</sup>2 Kin. 14:17-22

<sup>1</sup>In 2 Kin. 14:20,  
*Azariah*

<sup>3</sup>In 2 Kin. 15:2,  
*Jecoliah*  
<sup>2</sup>2 Kin. 15:2, 3

<sup>5</sup>Many mss. read in the  
*fear of God* <sup>2</sup>Lit., in the  
*days of his seeking*  
<sup>2</sup>Chr. 24:2 <sup>b</sup>Dan. 1:17  
<sup>c</sup>2 Chr. 15:2

6 <sup>a</sup>Is. 14:29

7 <sup>2</sup>2 Chr. 21:16

8 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *name went to  
the entering of Egypt*  
<sup>2</sup>2 Chr. 17:11

9 <sup>2</sup>2 Chr. 25:23 <sup>b</sup>Neh.  
2:13, 15; 3:13

10 <sup>1</sup>Or, *shephelah*  
<sup>a</sup>Gen. 26:18-21

king of Judah faced each other at Beth-shemesh, which belonged to Judah.

22 And Judah was defeated <sup>1</sup>by Israel, and they fled each to his tent.

23 Then Joash king of Israel captured Amaziah king of Judah, the son of Joash the son of <sup>a</sup>Jehoahaz, at Beth-shemesh, and brought him to Jerusalem, and tore down the wall of Jerusalem from the Gate of Ephraim to the Corner Gate, 400 <sup>1</sup>cubits.

24 And *he took* all the gold and silver, and all the utensils which were found in the house of God with <sup>a</sup>Obed-edom, and the treasures of the king's house, the hostages also, and returned to Samaria.

25 <sup>a</sup>And Amaziah, the son of Joash king of Judah, lived fifteen years after the death of Joash, son of Jehoahaz, king of Israel.

26 Now the rest of the acts of Amaziah, from first to last, behold, are they not written in the Book of the Kings of Judah and Israel?

27 And from the time that Amaziah turned away from following the LORD they conspired against him in Jerusalem, and he fled to Lachish; but they sent after him to Lachish and killed him there.

28 Then they brought him on horses and buried him with his fathers in the city of Judah.

#### CHAPTER 26

AND all the people of Judah took <sup>1</sup>Uzziah, who was sixteen years old, and made him king in the place of his father Amaziah.

2 He built Eloth and restored it to Judah after the king slept with his fathers.

3 Uzziah was <sup>a</sup>sixteen years old when he became king, and he reigned fifty-two years in Jerusalem; and his mother's name was <sup>1</sup>Jechiliah of Jerusalem.

4 And he did right in the sight of the LORD according to all that his father Amaziah had done.

5 And <sup>a</sup>he continued to seek God in the days of Zechariah, <sup>b</sup>who had understanding <sup>1</sup>through the vision of God; and <sup>2c</sup>as long as he sought the LORD, God prospered him.

6 Now he went out and <sup>a</sup>warred against the Philistines, and broke down the wall of Gath and the wall of Jabneh and the wall of Ashdod; and he built cities in *the area of Ashdod* and among the Philistines.

7 And <sup>a</sup>God helped him against the Philistines, and against the Arabians who lived in Gur-baal, and the Meunites.

8 <sup>a</sup>The Ammonites also gave tribute to Uzziah, and his <sup>1</sup>fame extended to the border of Egypt, for he became very strong.

9 Moreover, Uzziah built towers in Jerusalem at <sup>a</sup>the Corner Gate and at the Valley Gate and at <sup>b</sup>the corner-buttruss and fortified them.

10 And he built towers in the wilderness and <sup>a</sup>hewed many cisterns, for he had much livestock, both in the <sup>1</sup>lowland and in

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the plain. *He also had* plowmen and vinedressers in the hill country and the fertile fields, for he loved the soil.

11 Moreover, Uzziah had an army ready for battle, which entered combat by divisions, according to the number of their muster, prepared by Jeiel the scribe and Maaseiah the official, under the direction of Hananiah, one of the king's officers.

12 The total number of the heads of the households, of valiant warriors, was 2,600.

13 And under their direction was an elite army of 307,500, who could wage war with great power, to help the king against the enemy.

14 Moreover, Uzziah prepared for all the army shields, spears, helmets, body armor, bows and sling stones.

15 And in Jerusalem he made engines of war invented by skillful men to be on the towers and on the corners, for the purpose of shooting arrows and great stones. Hence his fame spread afar, for he was marvelously helped until he was strong.

16 But when he became strong, his heart was so proud that he acted corruptly, and he was unfaithful to the LORD his God, for he entered the temple of the LORD to burn incense on the altar of incense.

17 Then Azariah the priest entered after him and with him eighty priests of the LORD, valiant men.

18 And they opposed Uzziah the king and said to him, "It is not for you, Uzziah, to burn incense to the LORD, but for the priests, the sons of Aaron who are consecrated to burn incense. Get out of the sanctuary, for you have been unfaithful, and will have no honor from the LORD God."

19 But Uzziah, with a censer in his hand for burning incense, was enraged; and while he was enraged with the priests, the leprosy broke out on his forehead before the priests in the house of the LORD, beside the altar of incense.

20 And Azariah the chief priest and all the priests looked at him, and behold, he was leprous on his forehead; and they hurried him out of there, and he himself also hastened to get out because the LORD had smitten him.

21 And King Uzziah was a leper to the day of his death; and he lived in a separate house, being a leper, for he was cut off from the house of the LORD. And Jotham his son was over the king's house judging the people of the land.

22 Now the rest of the acts of Uzziah, first to last, the prophet Isaiah, the son of Amoz, has written.

23 So Uzziah slept with his fathers, and they buried him with his fathers in the field of the grave which belonged to the kings, for they said, "He is a leper." And Jotham his son became king in his place.

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**CHAPTER 27**

JOTHAM was twenty-five years old when he became king, and he reigned sixteen years in Jerusalem. And his mother's name was Jerushah the daughter of Zadok.

2 And he did right in the sight of the LORD, according to all that his father Uzziah had done; however he did not enter the temple of the LORD. But the people continued acting corruptly.

11 <sup>1</sup>Lit., goes out to <sup>2</sup>Lit., by the hand of

12 <sup>1</sup>Lit., fathers' houses; i.e., clans

13 <sup>1</sup>Lit., powerful  
<sup>2</sup>Chr. 25:5

14 <sup>1</sup>Lit., for them, for all

15 <sup>1</sup>Lit., name

16 <sup>1</sup>Lit., lifted up  
<sup>a</sup>Chr. 25:19; Deut. 32:15  
<sup>b</sup>1 Kin. 13:1-4

17 <sup>a</sup>1 Chr. 6:10

18 <sup>a</sup>2 Chr. 19:2 <sup>b</sup>Num. 16:39, 40 <sup>c</sup>Ex. 30:7, 8

19 <sup>a</sup>2 Kin. 5:25-27

21 <sup>a</sup>2 Kin. 15:5-7 <sup>b</sup>Lev. 13:46

22 <sup>a</sup>Is. 1:1

23 <sup>a</sup>2 Chr. 21:20, 28-27

1 <sup>a</sup>2 Kin. 15:33-35

2 <sup>a</sup>2 Chr. 26:16

3 <sup>a</sup>2 Chr. 33:14; Neh. 3:26

4 <sup>a</sup>2 Chr. 11:5

5 <sup>1</sup>1A kor equals approx. 10 bu.

6 <sup>a</sup>2 Chr. 26:5

7 <sup>a</sup>2 Kin. 15:36

8 <sup>a</sup>2 Chr. 27:1

1 <sup>a</sup>2 Kin. 16:2-4 <sup>b</sup>2 Chr. 27:2

2 <sup>a</sup>2 Chr. 22:3 <sup>b</sup>Ex. 34:17

3 <sup>a</sup>Josh. 15:8 <sup>b</sup>2 Chr. 33:6; Lev. 18:21 <sup>c</sup>2 Chr. 33:2

4 <sup>a</sup>2 Chr. 28:25

5 <sup>1</sup>Lit., smote <sup>2</sup>Lit., smote him with a great smiting  
<sup>a</sup>2 Chr. 24:24

6 <sup>a</sup>2 Kin. 16:5

8 <sup>1</sup>Lit., plundered  
<sup>a</sup>Deut. 28:25, 41 <sup>b</sup>2 Chr. 11:4

9 <sup>a</sup>2 Chr. 25:15 <sup>b</sup>Is. 47:6  
<sup>c</sup>Ezra 9:6; Rev. 18:5

3 He built the upper gate of the house of the LORD, and he built extensively the wall of <sup>a</sup>Ophel.

4 Moreover, he built <sup>a</sup>cities in the hill country of Judah, and he built fortresses and towers on the wooded *hills*.

5 He fought also with the king of the Ammonites and prevailed over them so that the Ammonites gave him during that year one hundred talents of silver, ten thousand <sup>1</sup>kors of wheat and ten thousand of barley. The Ammonites also paid him this *amount* in the second and in the third year.

6 <sup>a</sup>So Jotham became mighty because he ordered his ways before the LORD his God.

7 <sup>a</sup>Now the rest of the acts of Jotham, even all his wars and his acts, behold, they are written in the Book of the Kings of Israel and Judah.

8 He was <sup>a</sup>twenty-five years old when he became king, and he reigned sixteen years in Jerusalem.

9 And Jotham slept with his fathers, and they buried him in the city of David; and Ahaz his son became king in his place.

CHAPTER 28

<sup>a</sup>AHAZ was twenty years old when he became king, and he reigned sixteen years in Jerusalem; and <sup>b</sup>he did not do right in the sight of the LORD as David his father *had done*.

2 <sup>a</sup>But he walked in the ways of the kings of Israel; he also <sup>b</sup>made molten images for the Baals.

3 Moreover, <sup>a</sup>he burned incense in the valley of Ben-hinnom, and <sup>b</sup>burned his sons in fire, <sup>c</sup>according to the abominations of the nations whom the LORD had driven out before the sons of Israel.

4 And he sacrificed and <sup>a</sup>burned incense on the high places, on the hills, and under every green tree.

5 Wherefore, <sup>a</sup>the LORD his God delivered him into the hand of the king of Syria; and they <sup>1</sup>defeated him and carried away from him a great number of captives, and brought *them* to Damascus. And he was also delivered into the hand of the king of Israel, who <sup>2</sup>inflicted him with heavy casualties.

6 For <sup>a</sup>Pekah the son of Remaliah slew in Judah 120,000 in one day, all valiant men, because they had forsaken the LORD God of their fathers.

7 And Zichri, a mighty man of Ephraim, slew Maaseiah the king's son, and Azrikam the ruler of the house and Elkanah the second to the king.

8 And <sup>a</sup>the sons of Israel carried away captive of <sup>b</sup>their brethren 200,000 women, sons, and daughters; and <sup>1</sup>took also a great deal of spoil from them, and they brought the spoil to Samaria.

9 But a prophet of the LORD was there, whose name was Oded; and <sup>a</sup>he went out to meet the army which came to Samaria and said to them, "Behold, because the LORD, the God of your fathers, <sup>b</sup>was angry with Judah, He has delivered them into your hand, and you have slain them in a rage <sup>c</sup>which has even reached heaven.

10 "And now you are proposing to subjugate for yourselves the people of Judah and Jerusalem for male and female slaves.

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Surely, *do* you not *have* transgressions of your own against the LORD your God?

11 "Now therefore, listen to me and return the captives whom you captured from your brothers, for the burning anger of the LORD is against you."

12 Then some of the heads of the sons of Ephraim—Azariah the son of Johanan, Berechiah the son of Meshillemoth, Jehizkiah the son of Shallum, and Amasa the son of Hadlai—arose against those who were coming from the battle,

13 and said to them, "You must not bring the captives in here, for you are proposing to *bring* upon us guilt against the LORD adding to our sins and our guilt; for our guilt is great so that *His* burning anger is against Israel."

14 So the armed men left the captives and the spoil before the officers and all the assembly.

15 Then <sup>a</sup>the men who were designated by name arose, took the captives, and they clothed all their naked ones from the spoil; and they gave them clothes and sandals, led them and <sup>b</sup>gave them drink, anointed them *with oil*, led all their feeble ones on donkeys, and brought them to Jericho, <sup>c</sup>the city of palm trees, to their brothers; then they returned to Samaria.

16 <sup>a</sup>At that time King Ahaz sent to the <sup>1</sup>kings of Assyria for help.

17 <sup>a</sup>For again the Edomites had come and attacked Judah, and carried away captives.

18 <sup>a</sup>The Philistines also had invaded the cities of the <sup>1</sup>lowland and of the Negev of Judah, and had taken Bethshemesh, Aijalon, Gederoth, and Soco with its villages, Timnah with its villages, and Gimzo with its villages, and they settled there.

19 For the LORD humbled Judah because of Ahaz king of <sup>a</sup>Israel, for he had brought about a lack of restraint in Judah and was very unfaithful to the LORD.

20 So <sup>a</sup>Tilgath-pilneser king of Assyria came against him and afflicted him instead of strengthening him.

21 <sup>a</sup>And Ahaz took a portion out of the house of the LORD and out of the palace of the king and of the princes, and gave it to the king of Assyria; but it did not help him.

22 Now in the time of his distress this same King Ahaz became yet more unfaithful to the LORD.

23 <sup>a</sup>For he sacrificed to the gods of Damascus which had <sup>1</sup>defeated him, and said, "<sup>b</sup>Because the gods of the kings of Syria helped them, I will sacrifice to them that they may help me." But they became the <sup>2</sup>downfall of him and all Israel.

24 Moreover, when Ahaz gathered together the utensils of the house of God, he <sup>a</sup>cut the utensils of the house of God in pieces; and he <sup>b</sup>closed the doors of the house of the LORD, and <sup>c</sup>made altars for himself in every corner of Jerusalem.

25 And in every city of Judah he made high places to burn incense to other gods, and provoked the LORD, the God of his fathers, to anger.

26 <sup>a</sup>Now the rest of his acts and all his ways, from first to last, behold, they are written in the Book of the Kings of Judah and Israel.

27 So Ahaz slept with his fathers, and they buried him in

11 <sup>a</sup>2 Chr. 28:8

15 <sup>a</sup>2 Chr. 28:12 <sup>b</sup>2 Kin. 6:22; Prov. 25:21, 22 <sup>c</sup>Deut. 34:3

16 <sup>1</sup>Ancient versions read *king*  
<sup>2</sup>2 Kin. 16:7

17 <sup>a</sup>Obad. 10, 14

18 <sup>1</sup>Or, *shephelah*  
<sup>2</sup>Ezek. 16:57

19 <sup>a</sup>2 Chr. 21:2

20 <sup>1</sup>1 Chr. 5:26

21 <sup>a</sup>2 Kin. 16:8, 9

22 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *smitten* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *stumbling*  
<sup>a</sup>2 Chr. 25:14 <sup>b</sup>Jer. 44:17, 18

24 <sup>a</sup>2 Kin. 16:17 <sup>b</sup>2 Chr. 29:7 <sup>c</sup>2 Chr. 30:14; 33:3-5

26 <sup>a</sup>2 Kin. 16:19, 20

27 <sup>a</sup>2 Chr. 24:25 <sup>b</sup>2 Chr. 21:2

1 <sup>a</sup>2 Kin. 18:1-3

2 <sup>a</sup>2 Chr. 28:1; 34:2

3 <sup>a</sup>2 Chr. 29:7; 28:24

5 <sup>a</sup>2 Chr. 29:15, 34; 35:6

<sup>6</sup> <sup>1</sup>Lit., given  
<sup>a</sup>Ezek. 8:16

8 <sup>a</sup>2 Chr. 24:15 <sup>b</sup>2 Chr. 28:5  
<sup>c</sup>Deut. 28:25 <sup>d</sup>Jer. 25:9, 18

9 <sup>a</sup>2 Chr. 28:5-8, 17

10 <sup>a</sup>2 Chr. 23:16

11 <sup>a</sup>Num. 3:6; 8:6

12 <sup>a</sup>2 Chr. 31:13 <sup>b</sup>Num. 3:19, 20

13 <sup>1</sup>Or, *Jeucl*

14 <sup>1</sup>Or, *Jehuel*, 1 Chr. 15:18, 20

15 <sup>a</sup>2 Chr. 29:5; <sup>b</sup>1 Chr. 23:28 <sup>c</sup>2 Chr. 30:12

16 <sup>1</sup>Or, *wadi*  
<sup>a</sup>2 Chr. 15:16

the city, in Jerusalem, <sup>a</sup>for they did not bring him into the tombs of the kings of <sup>b</sup>Israel; and Hezekiah his son reigned in his place.

## CHAPTER 29

<sup>a</sup>**H**ZEKIAH became king *when he was* twenty-five years old; and he reigned twenty-nine years in Jerusalem. And his mother's name was Abijah, the daughter of Zechariah.

2 And <sup>a</sup>he did right in the sight of the LORD, according to all that his father David had done.

3 In the first year of his reign, in the first month, he <sup>a</sup>opened the doors of the house of the LORD and repaired them.

4 And he brought in the priests and the Levites, and gathered them into the square on the east.

5 Then he said to them, "Listen to me, O Levites. <sup>a</sup>Consecrate yourselves now, and consecrate the house of the LORD, the God of your fathers, and carry the uncleanness out from the holy place.

6 "For our fathers have been unfaithful and have done evil in the sight of the LORD our God, and have forsaken Him and <sup>a</sup>turned their faces away from the dwelling place of the LORD, and have <sup>1</sup>turned *their* backs.

7 "They have also shut the doors of the porch and put out the lamps, and have not burned incense or offered burnt offerings in the holy place to the God of Israel.

8 "Therefore <sup>a</sup>the wrath of the LORD was against Judah and Jerusalem, and <sup>b</sup>He has made them an <sup>c</sup>object of terror, of horror, and of <sup>d</sup>hissing, as you see with your own eyes.

9 "For behold, <sup>a</sup>our fathers have fallen by the sword, and our sons and our daughters and our wives are in captivity for this.

10 "Now it is in my heart <sup>a</sup>to make a covenant with the LORD God of Israel, that His burning anger may turn away from us.

11 "My sons, do not be negligent now, for <sup>a</sup>the LORD has chosen you to stand before Him, to minister to Him, and to be His ministers and burn incense."

12 Then the Levites arose: <sup>a</sup>Mahath, the son of Amasai and Joel the son of Azariah, from the sons of <sup>b</sup>the Kohathites; and from the sons of Merari, Kish the son of Abdi and Azariah the son of Jehallelel; and from the Gershonites, Joah the son of Zimmah and Eden the son of Joah;

13 and from the sons of Elizaphan, Shimri and <sup>1</sup>Jeucl; and from the sons of Asaph, Zechariah and Mattaniah;

14 and from the sons of Heman, <sup>1</sup>Jehiel and Shimei; and from the sons of Jeduthun, Shemaiah and Uzziel.

15 And they assembled their brothers, <sup>a</sup>consecrated themselves, and went in <sup>b</sup>to cleanse the house of the LORD, according to the commandment of the king <sup>c</sup>by the words of the LORD.

16 So the priests went in to the inner part of the house of the LORD to cleanse *it*, and every unclean thing which they found in the temple of the LORD they brought out to the court of the house of the LORD. Then the Levites received *it* to carry out to <sup>a</sup>the Kidron <sup>1</sup>valley.

17 Now they began <sup>1</sup>the consecration <sup>2</sup>on the first *day* of the first month, and on the eighth day of the month they entered the porch of the LORD. Then they consecrated the house of the LORD in eight days, and finished on the sixteenth day of the first month.

<sup>17</sup> <sup>1</sup>Lit., to consecrate  
<sup>2</sup> Chr. 29:3

18 Then they went in to King Hezekiah and said, "We have cleansed the whole house of the LORD, the altar of burnt offering with all of its utensils, and the table of showbread with all of its utensils.

19 <sup>2</sup> Chr. 28:24

19 "Moreover, <sup>2</sup>all the utensils which King Ahaz had discarded during his reign in his unfaithfulness, we have prepared and consecrated; and behold, they are before the altar of the LORD."

21 <sup>1</sup> Lev. 4:3-14

20 Then King Hezekiah arose early and assembled the princes of the city and went up to the house of the LORD.

22 <sup>1</sup> Lev. 4:18

21 And they brought seven bulls, seven rams, seven lambs, and seven male goats <sup>2</sup>for a sin offering for the kingdom, the sanctuary, and Judah. And he ordered the priests, the sons of Aaron, to offer *them* on the altar of the LORD.

23 <sup>1</sup> Lev. 4:15

22 So they slaughtered the bulls, and the priests took the blood and sprinkled it on the altar. They also slaughtered the rams and sprinkled the blood on the altar; they slaughtered the lambs also and <sup>2</sup>sprinkled the blood on the altar.

24 <sup>1</sup> Lev. 4:26

23 Then they brought the male goats of the sin offering before the king and the assembly, and <sup>2</sup>they laid their hands on them.

24 And the priests slaughtered them and purged the altar with their blood <sup>2</sup>to atone for all Israel, for the king ordered the burnt offering and the sin offering for all Israel.

25 <sup>1</sup> Chr. 25:6 <sup>2</sup> Chr. 8:14 <sup>2</sup> Sam. 24:11 <sup>2</sup> Sam. 7:2

25 <sup>2</sup>He then stationed the Levites in the house of the LORD with cymbals, with harps, and with lyres, <sup>3</sup>according to the command of David and of <sup>4</sup>Gad the king's seer, and of <sup>5</sup>Nathan the prophet; for the command was from the LORD through His prophets.

26 <sup>1</sup> Chr. 23:5 <sup>2</sup> Chr. 5:12

26 And the Levites stood with <sup>2</sup>the *musical* instruments of David, and <sup>3</sup>the priests with the trumpets.

27 Then Hezekiah gave the order to offer the burnt offering on the altar. When the burnt offering began, <sup>2</sup>the song to the LORD also began with the trumpets, <sup>1</sup>accompanied by the instruments of David, king of Israel.

27 <sup>1</sup> Lit., and according to the authority of the instruments  
<sup>2</sup> Chr. 23:18

28 While the whole assembly worshiped, the singers also sang and the trumpets sounded; all this *continued* until the burnt offering was finished.

29 Now at the completion of the burnt offerings, <sup>2</sup>the king and all who were present with him bowed down and worshiped.

29 <sup>2</sup> Chr. 20:18

30 Moreover, King Hezekiah and the officials ordered the Levites to sing praises to the LORD with the words of David and Asaph the seer. So they sang praises with joy, and bowed down and worshiped.

31 <sup>1</sup> Lit., filled your hands  
<sup>2</sup> Lit., willing of heart  
<sup>2</sup> Chr. 13:9 <sup>2</sup> Ex. 35:5, 22

31 Then Hezekiah answered and said, "<sup>2</sup>Now *that* you have <sup>1</sup>consecrated yourselves to the LORD, come near and bring sacrifices and thank offerings to the house of the LORD." And the assembly brought sacrifices and thank offerings, and <sup>3</sup>all those who <sup>2</sup>were willing *brought* burnt offerings.

32 And the number of the burnt offerings which the assem-

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34 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *upright of heart*  
<sup>2</sup>Chr. 35:11 <sup>3</sup>2 Chr. 30:3

35 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *the burnt offerings to an abundance*  
<sup>2</sup>Chr. 29:32  
<sup>b</sup>Lev. 3:16 <sup>c</sup>Num. 15:5-10

1 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *do, so in v. 2, 3,*  
5, 13, 21, 23

2 <sup>2</sup>Chr. 30:13, 15;  
Num. 9:10, 11

3 <sup>2</sup>Chr. 29:17, 34

4 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *in the sight of all*

5 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *voice* <sup>2</sup>Lit.,  
*written*  
<sup>a</sup>Judg. 20:1

6 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *runners* <sup>2</sup>Lit.,  
*palm*  
<sup>a</sup>Esth. 8:14; Job 9:25; Jer.  
51:31 <sup>b2</sup>Chr. 28:20

7 <sup>2</sup>Ezek. 20:13 <sup>b2</sup>Chr.  
29:8

8 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *give a hand*  
<sup>a</sup>Ex. 32:9 <sup>b2</sup>Chr. 29:10

9 <sup>a</sup>Deut. 30:2 <sup>b</sup>Ex. 34:6;  
7; Mic. 7:18

bly brought was 70 bulls, 100 rams, and 200 lambs: all these were for a burnt offering to the LORD.

33 And the consecrated things were 600 bulls and 3,000 sheep.

34 But the priests were too few, so that they were unable to skin all the burnt offerings; <sup>a</sup>therefore their brothers the Levites helped them until the work was completed, and until the *other* priests had consecrated themselves. For <sup>b</sup>the Levites were <sup>1</sup>more conscientious to consecrate themselves than the priests.

35 And there *were* also <sup>1a</sup>many burnt offerings with <sup>b</sup>the fat of the peace offerings and with <sup>c</sup>the libations for the burnt offerings. Thus the service of the house of the LORD was established *again*.

36 Then Hezekiah and all the people rejoiced over what God had prepared for the people, because the thing came about suddenly.

CHAPTER 30

**N**OW Hezekiah sent to all Israel and Judah and wrote letters also to Ephraim and Manasseh, that they should come to the house of the LORD at Jerusalem to <sup>1</sup>celebrate the Passover to the LORD God of Israel.

2 For the king and his princes and all the assembly in Jerusalem had decided <sup>a</sup>to celebrate the Passover in the second month,

3 since they could not celebrate it <sup>a</sup>at that time, because the priests had not consecrated themselves in sufficient numbers, nor had the people been gathered to Jerusalem.

4 Thus the thing was right in the sight of the king and <sup>1</sup>all the assembly.

5 So they established a decree to circulate a <sup>1</sup>proclamation throughout all Israel <sup>a</sup>from Beersheba even to Dan, that they should come to celebrate the Passover to the LORD God of Israel at Jerusalem. For they had not celebrated *it* in great numbers as it was <sup>2</sup>prescribed.

6 And <sup>a</sup>the <sup>1</sup>couriers went throughout all Israel and Judah with the letters from the hand of the king and his princes, even according to the command of the king, saying, "O sons of Israel, return to the LORD God of Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, that He may return to those of you who escaped *and* are left from <sup>b</sup>the <sup>2</sup>hand of the kings of Assyria.

7 "And do not be like your fathers and your brothers, who were unfaithful to the LORD God of their fathers, so that <sup>b</sup>He made them a horror, as you see.

8 "Now do not <sup>a</sup>stiffen your neck like your fathers, but <sup>1</sup>yield to the LORD and enter His sanctuary which He has consecrated forever, and serve the LORD your God, <sup>b</sup>that His burning anger may turn away from you.

9 "For <sup>a</sup>if you return to the LORD, your brothers and your sons *will find* compassion before those who led them captive, and will return to this land. <sup>b</sup>For the LORD your God is gracious and compassionate, and will not turn *His* face away from you if you return to Him."



10 So the <sup>1</sup>couriers passed from city to city through the country of Ephraim and Manasseh, and as far as Zebulun, but <sup>a</sup>they laughed them to scorn, and mocked them.

11 Nevertheless <sup>a</sup>some men of Asher, Manasseh, and Zebulun humbled themselves and came to Jerusalem.

12 The hand of God was also on Judah to give them one heart to do what the king and the princes commanded by the word of the LORD.

13 Now many people were gathered at Jerusalem to celebrate the Feast of Unleavened Bread <sup>a</sup>in the second month, a very large assembly.

14 And they arose and removed the altars which *were* in Jerusalem; they also <sup>a</sup>removed all the incense altars and <sup>b</sup>cast them into the brook Kidron.

15 Then <sup>a</sup>they slaughtered the Passover lambs on the fourteenth of the second month. And <sup>b</sup>the priests and Levites were ashamed of themselves and consecrated themselves, and brought burnt offerings to the house of the LORD.

16 And <sup>a</sup>they stood at their stations after their custom, according to the law of Moses the man of God; the priests sprinkled the blood *which they received* from the hand of the Levites.

17 For *there were* many in the assembly who had not consecrated themselves; therefore, <sup>a</sup>the Levites *were* over the slaughter of the Passover lambs for every one who *was* unclean, in order to consecrate *them* to the LORD.

18 For a multitude of the people, <sup>a</sup>even many from Ephraim and Manasseh, Issachar and Zebulun, had not purified themselves, <sup>b</sup>yet they ate the Passover <sup>c</sup>otherwise than <sup>1</sup>prescribed. For Hezekiah prayed for them, saying, "May the good LORD pardon

19 <sup>a</sup>everyone who prepares his heart to seek God, the LORD God of his fathers, though not according to the purification rules of the sanctuary."

20 So the LORD heard Hezekiah and healed the people.

21 And the sons of Israel present in Jerusalem <sup>a</sup>celebrated the Feast of Unleavened Bread for seven days with great joy, and the Levites and the priests praised the LORD day after day with loud instruments to the LORD.

22 Then Hezekiah <sup>a</sup>spoke <sup>1</sup>encouragingly to all the Levites who showed good insight *in the things* of the LORD. So they ate for the appointed seven days, sacrificing peace offerings and <sup>b</sup>giving thanks to the LORD God of their fathers.

23 Then the whole assembly <sup>a</sup>decided to celebrate *the feast* another seven days, so they celebrated the seven days with joy.

24 For <sup>a</sup>Hezekiah king of Judah had contributed to the assembly 1,000 bulls and 7,000 sheep, and the princes had contributed to the assembly 1,000 bulls and 10,000 sheep; and <sup>b</sup>a large number of priests consecrated themselves.

25 And all the assembly of Judah rejoiced, with the priests and the Levites, and <sup>a</sup>all the assembly that came from Israel, both the sojourners who came from the land of Israel and those living in Judah.

26 So there was great joy in Jerusalem, because there was

10 <sup>1</sup>Lit., runners  
<sup>2</sup>Chr. 36:16

11 <sup>2</sup>Chr. 30:18, 21, 25

13 <sup>2</sup>Chr. 30:2

14 <sup>2</sup>Chr. 28:24 <sup>b2</sup>Chr. 29:16

15 <sup>2</sup>Chr. 30:2, 3 <sup>b2</sup>Chr. 29:34

16 <sup>2</sup>Chr. 35:10, 15

17 <sup>2</sup>Chr. 29:34

18 <sup>1</sup>Lit., written  
<sup>2</sup>Chr. 30:11, 25 <sup>b</sup>Num. 9:10 <sup>c</sup>Ex. 12:43-49

19 <sup>2</sup>Chr. 19:3

21 <sup>a</sup>Ex. 12:15; 13:6

22 <sup>1</sup>Lit., to the heart of  
<sup>2</sup>Chr. 32:6 <sup>b</sup>Ezra 10:11

23 <sup>1</sup>1 Kin. 8:65

24 <sup>2</sup>Chr. 35:7, 8 <sup>b2</sup>Chr. 30:3; 29:34

25 <sup>2</sup>Chr. 30:11, 18

26 \*2 Chr. 7:8-10

27 \*2 Chr. 23:18 <sup>b</sup>Num.  
6:23 <sup>c</sup>Deut. 26:15; Ps. 68:51 <sup>1</sup>I.e., wooden symbols  
of a female deity <sup>2</sup>Lit.,  
even to completion  
<sup>2</sup>2 Kin. 18:42 \*1 Chr. 24:1 <sup>b1</sup> Chr.  
23:28-313 \*2 Chr. 35:7 <sup>b</sup>Num.  
28:1-29, 404 <sup>1</sup>Lit., said to  
<sup>a</sup>Num. 18:85 <sup>1</sup>Lit., word  
<sup>a</sup>Neh. 13:126 <sup>1</sup>Lit., consecrated  
things  
<sup>2</sup>Lev. 27:30; Deut. 14:287 <sup>1</sup>Lit., found10 <sup>1</sup>Lit., him, and he said  
<sup>a1</sup> Chr. 6:8, 9 <sup>b</sup>Mal. 3:10

11 \*1 Kin. 6:5, 8

12 \*2 Chr. 35:9

nothing like this in Jerusalem <sup>a</sup>since the days of Solomon the son of David, king of Israel.

27 Then <sup>a</sup>the Levitical priests arose and <sup>b</sup>blessed the people; and their voice was heard and their prayer came to <sup>c</sup>His holy dwelling place, to heaven.

## CHAPTER 31

**N**OW when all this was finished, all Israel who were present went out to the cities of Judah, <sup>a</sup>broke the pillars in pieces, cut down the <sup>1</sup>Asherim, and pulled down the high places and the altars throughout all Judah and Benjamin, as well as in Ephraim and Manasseh, <sup>2</sup>until they had destroyed them all. Then all the sons of Israel returned to their cities, each to his possession.

2 And Hezekiah appointed <sup>a</sup>the divisions of the priests and the Levites by their divisions, each according to his service, *both* the priests and the Levites, <sup>b</sup>for burnt offerings and for peace offerings, to minister and to give thanks and to praise in the gates of the camp of the LORD.

3 *He also appointed* <sup>a</sup>the king's portion of his goods for the burnt offerings, *namely*, for the morning and evening burnt offerings, and the burnt offerings for the sabbaths and for the new moons and for the fixed festivals, <sup>b</sup>as it is written in the law of the LORD.

4 Also he <sup>1</sup>commanded the people who lived in Jerusalem to give <sup>a</sup>the portion due to the priests and the Levites, that they might devote themselves to the law of the LORD.

5 And as soon as the <sup>1</sup>order spread, the sons of Israel provided in abundance the first fruits of grain, new wine, oil, honey, and of all the produce of the field; and they brought in abundantly <sup>a</sup>the tithe of all.

6 And the sons of Israel and Judah who lived in the cities of Judah, also brought in the tithe of oxen and sheep, and <sup>a</sup>the tithe of <sup>1</sup>sacred gifts which were consecrated to the LORD their God, and placed *them* in heaps.

7 In the third month they began to <sup>1</sup>make the heaps, and finished *them* by the seventh month.

8 And when Hezekiah and the rulers came and saw the heaps, they blessed the LORD and His people Israel.

9 Then Hezekiah questioned the priests and the Levites concerning the heaps.

10 And Azariah the chief priest <sup>a</sup>of the house of Zadok said to <sup>1</sup>him, <sup>b</sup>"Since the contributions began to be brought into the house of the LORD, we have had enough to eat with plenty left over, for the LORD has blessed His people, and this great quantity is left over."

11 Then Hezekiah commanded *them* to prepare <sup>a</sup>rooms in the house of the LORD, and they prepared *them*.

12 And they faithfully brought in the contributions and the tithes and the consecrated things; and Conaniah the Levite was the officer in charge <sup>a</sup>of them and his brother Shimei was second.

13 And Jehiel, Azaziah, Nahath, Asahel, Jerimoth, Jozabad, Eliel, Ismachiah, Mahath, and Benaiah were overseers

<sup>1</sup>under the authority of Conaniah and Shimei his brother by the appointment of King Hezekiah, and <sup>a</sup>Azariah was the chief officer of the house of God.

14 And Kore the son of Imnah the Levite, the keeper of the eastern gate, was over the freewill offerings of God, to apportion the contributions for the LORD and the most holy things.

15 And <sup>1</sup>under his authority were <sup>a</sup>Eden, Miniamin, Jeshua, Shemaiah, Amariah, and Shecaniah in <sup>b</sup>the cities of the priests, to distribute <sup>c</sup>faithfully their portions to their brothers by divisions, whether great or small,

16 without regard to their genealogical enrollment, to the males from <sup>1</sup>thirty years old and upward—everyone who entered the house of the LORD <sup>a</sup>for his daily obligations—for their work in their duties according to their divisions;

17 as well as the priests who were enrolled genealogically according to their fathers' households, and the Levites <sup>a</sup>from twenty years old and upwards, by their duties and their divisions.

18 And the genealogical enrollment included <sup>1</sup>all their little children, their wives, their sons, and their daughters, for the whole assembly, for they consecrated themselves <sup>2</sup>faithfully in holiness.

19 Also for the sons of Aaron the priests who were in <sup>a</sup>the pasture lands of their cities, or in each and every city, <sup>b</sup>there were men who were designated by name to distribute portions to every male among the priests and to everyone genealogically enrolled among the Levites.

20 And thus Hezekiah did throughout all Judah; and <sup>a</sup>he did what was good, right, and true before the LORD his God.

21 And every work which he began in the service of the house of God in law and in commandment, seeking his God, he did with all his heart and prospered.

## CHAPTER 32

<sup>a</sup>AFTER these <sup>1</sup>acts of faithfulness Sennacherib king of Assyria came and invaded Judah and besieged the fortified cities, and <sup>2</sup>thought to break into them for himself.

2 Now when Hezekiah saw that Sennacherib had come, and that <sup>1</sup>he intended to make war on Jerusalem,

3 he decided with his officers and his warriors to cut off the supply of water from the springs which were outside the city, and they helped him.

4 So many people assembled <sup>a</sup>and stopped up all the springs and <sup>b</sup>the stream which flowed <sup>1</sup>through the region, saying, "Why should the kings of Assyria come and find abundant water?"

5 And he took courage and <sup>a</sup>rebuilt all the wall that had been broken down, and <sup>1</sup>erected towers on it, and built <sup>b</sup>another outside wall, and strengthened <sup>c</sup>Millo in the city of David, and made weapons and shields in great number.

6 And he appointed military officers over the people, and gathered them to him in the square at the city gate, and <sup>a</sup>spoke <sup>1</sup>encouragingly to them, saying,

<sup>13</sup> <sup>1</sup>Lit., from the hand of  
<sup>2</sup> Chr. 31:10

<sup>15</sup> <sup>1</sup>Lit., over his hand  
<sup>2</sup> Chr. 29:12 <sup>b</sup>Josh. 21:9-19  
<sup>c</sup>1 Chr. 9:22

<sup>16</sup> <sup>1</sup>Heb., three; cf. 1 Chr. 23:3  
<sup>a</sup>Ezra 3:4

<sup>17</sup> <sup>1</sup>1 Chr. 23:24

<sup>18</sup> <sup>1</sup>Lit., with all <sup>2</sup>Lit., in their faithfulness

<sup>19</sup> <sup>a</sup>Lev. 25:34; Num. 35:2-5 <sup>b</sup>2 Chr. 31:12-15

<sup>20</sup> <sup>a</sup>2 Kin. 20:3; 22:2

<sup>1</sup> <sup>1</sup>Lit., things and this faithfulness <sup>2</sup>Lit., said  
<sup>2</sup> Kin. 18:13-19, 37; Is. 36:1-37:38

<sup>2</sup> <sup>1</sup>Lit., his face for war against

<sup>4</sup> <sup>1</sup>Lit., in the midst of the land  
<sup>2</sup> Kin. 20:20 <sup>b</sup>2 Chr. 32:30

<sup>5</sup> <sup>1</sup>Lit., raised on the towers  
<sup>2</sup> Chr. 25:23 <sup>b</sup>2 Kin. 25:4  
<sup>c</sup>1 Kin. 9:24

<sup>6</sup> <sup>1</sup>Lit., upon their hearts  
<sup>2</sup> Chr. 30:22

7 <sup>a</sup>1 Chr. 22:13 <sup>b2</sup> Kin. 6:16

8 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 17:5 <sup>b2</sup> Chr. 20:17

9 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *against*

11 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *palm*

12 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *Jerusalem, saying*, <sup>2</sup>Lit., *offer up in smoke*  
<sup>2</sup> Chr. 31:1

14 <sup>1</sup>Is. 10:9-11

17 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *who have*  
<sup>2</sup> Chr. 32:14

19 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *to*

21 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *in shame of face*

22 <sup>1</sup>Another reading is  
*gave them rest*

23 <sup>2</sup> Sam. 8:10

7 <sup>a</sup>Be strong and courageous, do not fear or be dismayed because of the king of Assyria, nor because of all the multitude which is with him; <sup>b</sup>for the one with us is greater than the one with him.

8 "With him is *only* <sup>a</sup>an arm of flesh, but <sup>b</sup>with us is the LORD our God to help us and to fight our battles." And the people relied on the words of Hezekiah king of Judah.

9 After this Sennacherib king of Assyria sent his servants to Jerusalem while he was <sup>1</sup>besieging Lachish with all his forces with him, against Hezekiah king of Judah and against all Judah who *were* at Jerusalem, saying,

10 "Thus says Sennacherib king of Assyria, 'On what are you trusting that you are remaining in Jerusalem under siege?

11 'Is not Hezekiah misleading you to give yourselves over to die by hunger and by thirst, saying, "The LORD our God will deliver us from the <sup>1</sup>hand of the king of Assyria"?

12 <sup>a</sup>Has not the same Hezekiah taken away His high places and His altars, and said to Judah and <sup>1</sup>Jerusalem, "You shall worship before one altar, and on it you shall <sup>2</sup>burn incense"?

13 'Do you not know what I and my fathers have done to all the peoples of the lands? Were the gods of the nations of the lands able at all to deliver their land from my hand?

14 <sup>a</sup>Who was *there* among all the gods of those nations which my fathers utterly destroyed who could deliver his people out of my hand, that your God should be able to deliver you from my hand?

15 'Now therefore, do not let Hezekiah deceive you or mislead you like this, and do not believe him, for no god of any nation or kingdom was able to deliver his people from my hand or from the hand of my fathers. How much less shall your God deliver you from my hand?"

16 And his servants spoke further against the LORD God and against His servant Hezekiah.

17 He also wrote letters to insult the LORD God of Israel, and to speak against Him, saying, "<sup>a</sup>As the gods of the nations of the lands <sup>1</sup>have not delivered their people from my hand, so the God of Hezekiah shall not deliver His people from my hand."

18 And they called this out with a loud voice in the language of Judah to the people of Jerusalem who were on the wall, to frighten and terrify them, so that they might take the city.

19 And they spoke <sup>1</sup>of the God of Jerusalem as of the gods of the peoples of the earth, the work of men's hands.

20 But King Hezekiah and Isaiah the prophet, the son of Amoz, prayed about this and cried out to heaven.

21 And the LORD sent an angel who destroyed every mighty warrior, commander and officer in the camp of the king of Assyria. So he returned <sup>1</sup>in shame to his own land. And when he had entered the temple of his god, some of his own children killed him there with the sword.

22 So the LORD saved Hezekiah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem from the hand of Sennacherib the king of Assyria, and from the hand of all *others*, and <sup>1</sup>guided them on every side.

23 And <sup>a</sup>many were bringing gifts to the LORD at Jerusalem

and choice presents to Hezekiah king of Judah, so that he was exalted in the sight of all nations thereafter.

24 <sup>a</sup>In those days Hezekiah became <sup>1</sup>mortally ill; and he prayed to the LORD, and <sup>2</sup>the LORD spoke to him and gave him a sign.

25 But Hezekiah gave no return for the benefit <sup>1</sup>he received, <sup>a</sup>because his heart was <sup>2</sup>proud; <sup>b</sup>therefore wrath came on him and on Judah and Jerusalem.

26 However, <sup>a</sup>Hezekiah <sup>1</sup>humbled the pride of his heart, both he and the inhabitants of Jerusalem, so that the wrath of the LORD did not come on them in the days of Hezekiah.

27 Now Hezekiah had immense riches and honor; and he made for himself treasuries for silver, gold, precious stones, spices, shields and all kinds of valuable articles,

28 storehouses also for the produce of grain, wine and oil, pens for all kinds of cattle and <sup>1</sup>sheepfolds for the flocks.

29 And he made cities for himself, and acquired flocks and herds in abundance; for God had given him very great <sup>1</sup>wealth.

30 It was Hezekiah who <sup>a</sup>stopped the upper outlet of the waters of <sup>b</sup>Gihon and directed them to the west side of the city of David. And Hezekiah prospered in all that he did.

31 And even *in the matter of* <sup>a</sup>the envoys of the rulers of Babylon, who sent to him to inquire of <sup>b</sup>the wonder that had happened in the land, God left him *alone only* <sup>c</sup>to test him, that He might know all that was in his heart.

32 Now the rest of the acts of Hezekiah and his deeds of devotion, behold, they are written in the vision of Isaiah the prophet, the son of Amoz, in the Book of the Kings of Judah and Israel.

33 So Hezekiah slept with his fathers, and they buried him in the <sup>1</sup>upper section of the tombs of the sons of David; and all Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem honored him at his death. And his son Manasseh became king in his place.

CHAPTER 33

<sup>a</sup>**M**ANASSEH was twelve years old when he became king, and he reigned fifty-five years in Jerusalem.

2 And he did evil in the sight of the LORD <sup>a</sup>according to the abominations of the nations whom the LORD dispossessed before the sons of Israel.

3 For <sup>a</sup>he rebuilt the high places which Hezekiah his father had broken down; <sup>b</sup>he also erected altars for the Baals and made <sup>1</sup>Asherim, and worshiped all the host of heaven and served them.

4 And <sup>a</sup>he built altars in the house of the LORD of which the LORD had said, "My name shall be <sup>b</sup>in Jerusalem forever."

5 For he built altars for all the host of heaven in <sup>a</sup>the two courts of the house of the LORD.

6 And <sup>a</sup>he made his sons pass through the fire in the valley of Ben-hinnom; and he practiced witchcraft, used divination, practiced sorcery, and <sup>b</sup>dealt with mediums and spiritists. He did much evil in the sight of the LORD, provoking Him *to anger*.

7 Then he put <sup>a</sup>the carved image of the idol which he had made in the house of God, of which God had said to David and to Solomon his son, "<sup>b</sup>In this house and in Jerusalem, which I

24 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *sick to the point of death*; <sup>2</sup>Lit., *He*  
<sup>2</sup>2 Kin. 20:1-11; Is. 38:1-8

25 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *to him* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *high*  
<sup>2</sup>2 Chr. 32:31; 26:16 <sup>b2</sup> Chr. 24:18

26 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *humbled himself*  
*in*  
<sup>a</sup>Jer. 26:18, 19

28 <sup>1</sup>So ancient versions;  
Heb., *flocks for the sheepfolds*

29 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *possessions*,  
*property*

30 <sup>a2</sup> Kin. 20:20 <sup>b1</sup> Kin. 1:33

31 <sup>a2</sup> Kin. 20:12; Is. 39:1  
<sup>b2</sup> Chr. 32:24; Is. 38:7, 8  
<sup>c</sup>Deut. 8:16

33 <sup>1</sup>Or., *ascent to*

1 <sup>a2</sup> Kin. 21:1-9

2 <sup>a2</sup> Chr. 28:3

3 <sup>1</sup>i.e., wooden symbols of a female deity  
<sup>a2</sup> Chr. 31:1 <sup>b</sup>Deut. 16:21;  
<sup>2</sup> Kin. 23:5, 6

4 <sup>a2</sup> Chr. 28:24 <sup>b2</sup> Chr. 7:16

5 <sup>a2</sup> Chr. 4:9

6 <sup>a2</sup> Chr. 28:3 <sup>b</sup>Lev. 19:31; 20:27

7 <sup>a2</sup> Chr. 33:15 <sup>b2</sup> Chr. 33:4

8 \*2 Sam. 7:10

11 <sup>1</sup>I.e., thongs put through the nose  
\*Deut. 28:36 \*2 Chr. 36:6

12 \*2 Chr. 32:26

13 \*1 Chr. 20; Ezra 8:23  
\*Dan. 4:32

14 \*1 Kin. 1:33 \*Neh. 3:3  
\*2 Chr. 27:3

15 \*2 Chr. 33:3-7

17 \*2 Chr. 32:12

18 \*2 Chr. 33:12, 13  
\*2 Chr. 33:10 \*2 Chr. 21:2

19 <sup>1</sup>Gk. reads *seers*  
\*2 Chr. 33:13 \*2 Chr. 33:3

21 \*2 Kin. 21:19-24

22 \*2 Chr. 33:2-7 \*2 Chr. 34:3, 4

23 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *humbled himself*  
\*2 Chr. 33:12, 19

24 \*2 Chr. 25:27

have chosen from all the tribes of Israel, I will put My name forever;

8 and I will not again remove the foot of Israel from the land <sup>a</sup>which I have appointed for your fathers, if only they will observe to do all that I have commanded them according to all the law, the statutes, and the ordinances *given* through Moses."

9 Thus Manasseh misled Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem to do more evil than the nations whom the LORD destroyed before the sons of Israel.

10 And the LORD spoke to Manasseh and his people, but they paid no attention.

11 <sup>a</sup>Therefore the LORD brought the commanders of the army of the king of Assyria against them, and they captured Manasseh with <sup>1</sup>hooks, <sup>b</sup>bound him with bronze *chains*, and took him to Babylon.

12 And when he was in distress, he entreated the LORD his God and <sup>a</sup>humbled himself greatly before the God of his fathers.

13 When he prayed to Him, <sup>a</sup>He was moved by his entreaty and heard his supplication, and brought him again to Jerusalem to his kingdom. Then Manasseh <sup>b</sup>knew that the LORD *was* God.

14 Now after this he built the outer wall of the city of David on the west side of <sup>a</sup>Gihon, in the valley, even to the entrance of the <sup>b</sup>Fish Gate; and he encircled the <sup>c</sup>Ophel *with it* and made it very high. Then he put army commanders in all the fortified cities of Judah.

15 He also <sup>a</sup>removed the foreign gods and the idol from the house of the LORD, as well as all the altars which he had built on the mountain of the house of the LORD and in Jerusalem, and he threw *them* outside the city.

16 And he set up the altar of the LORD and sacrificed peace offerings and thank offerings on it; and he ordered Judah to serve the LORD God of Israel.

17 Nevertheless <sup>a</sup>the people still sacrificed in the high places, *although* only to the LORD their God.

18 Now the rest of the acts of Manasseh even <sup>a</sup>his prayer to his God, and the words of <sup>b</sup>the seers who spoke to him in the name of the LORD God of Israel, behold, they are among the records of the kings of <sup>c</sup>Israel.

19 His prayer also and <sup>a</sup>how God was entreated by him, and all his sin, his unfaithfulness, and <sup>b</sup>the sites on which he built high places and erected the Asherim and the carved images, before he humbled himself, behold, they are written in the records of the <sup>1</sup>Hozai.

20 So Manasseh slept with his fathers, and they buried him in his own house. And Amon his son became king in his place.

21 <sup>a</sup>Amon was twenty-two years old when he became king, and he reigned two years in Jerusalem.

22 And he did evil in the sight of the LORD as Manasseh his father <sup>a</sup>had done, and Amon sacrificed to all <sup>b</sup>the carved images which his father Manasseh had made, and he served them.

23 Moreover, he did not humble himself before the LORD <sup>a</sup>as his father Manasseh had <sup>1</sup>done, but Amon multiplied guilt.

24 Finally <sup>a</sup>his servants conspired against him and put him to death in his own house.

25 But the people of the land killed all the conspirators against King Amon, and the people of the land made Josiah his son king in his place.

CHAPTER 34

<sup>a</sup>JOSIAH was eight years old when he became king, and he reigned thirty-one years in Jerusalem.

2 And <sup>a</sup>he did right in the sight of the LORD, and walked in the ways of his father David and did not turn aside to the right or to the left.

3 For in the eighth year of his reign while he was still a youth, he began to seek the God of his father David; and in the twelfth year he began <sup>a</sup>to purge Judah and Jerusalem of the high places, the Asherim, the carved images, and the molten images.

4 And they tore down the altars of the Baals in his presence, and <sup>a</sup>the incense altars that were high above them he chopped down; also the Asherim, the carved images, and the molten images he broke in pieces and <sup>b</sup>ground to powder and scattered *it* on the graves of those who had sacrificed to them.

5 Then <sup>a</sup>he burned the bones of the priests on their altars, and purged Judah and Jerusalem.

6 And <sup>a</sup>in the cities of Manasseh, Ephraim, Simeon even as far as Naphtali, in their surrounding ruins,

7 he also tore down the altars and <sup>a</sup>beat the Asherim and the carved images into powder, and chopped down all the incense altars throughout the land of Israel. Then he returned to Jerusalem.

8 <sup>a</sup>Now in the eighteenth year of his reign, when he had purged the land and the house, he sent Shaphan the son of Azaliah, and Maaseiah <sup>b</sup>an official of the city, and Joah the son of Joahaz the recorder, to repair the house of the LORD his God.

9 And they came to <sup>a</sup>Hilkiah the high priest and delivered the money that was brought into the house of God, which the Levites, the <sup>1</sup>doorkeepers, had collected <sup>2</sup>from <sup>b</sup>Manasseh and Ephraim, and from all the remnant of Israel, and from all Judah and Benjamin and the inhabitants of Jerusalem.

10 Then they gave *it* into the hands of the workmen who had the oversight of the house of the LORD, and the workmen who were working in the house of the LORD <sup>1</sup>used it to restore and repair the house.

11 They in turn gave *it* to the carpenters and to the builders to buy quarried stone and timber for couplings and to make beams for the houses <sup>a</sup>which the kings of Judah had let go to ruin.

12 And the men did the work faithfully with foremen over them to supervise: Jahath and Obadiah, the Levites of the sons of Merari, Zechariah and Meshullam of the sons of the Kohathites, and <sup>a</sup>the Levites, all who were skillful with musical instruments.

13 *They were* also over <sup>a</sup>the burden bearers, and supervised all the workmen from job to job; and *some* of the Levites *were* scribes and officials and gatekeepers.

25 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *smote*

1 <sup>2</sup> Kin. 22:1, 2

2 <sup>2</sup> Chr. 29:2

3 <sup>2</sup> Chr. 33:22

4 <sup>2</sup> Kin. 23:4, 5, 11 <sup>b</sup>Ex. 32:20

5 <sup>2</sup> Kin. 23:20

6 <sup>2</sup> Kin. 23:15, 19

7 <sup>2</sup> Chr. 31:1

8 <sup>2</sup> Kin. 22:3-20 <sup>b2</sup> Chr. 18:25

9 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *guardians of the threshold* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *from the hand of*  
<sup>2</sup> Chr. 35:8 <sup>b2</sup> Chr. 30:10, 18

10 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *gave*

11 <sup>2</sup> Chr. 33:4-7

12 <sup>1</sup> Chr. 25:1

13 <sup>2</sup> Chr. 8:10; Neh. 4:10

14 <sup>a</sup>2 Chr. 34:916 <sup>1</sup>Lit., returned <sup>2</sup>Lit.,  
given into the hand of19 <sup>a</sup>Josh. 7:620 <sup>1</sup>In 2 Kin. 22:12,  
Achbor, son of Micaiah21 <sup>a</sup>2 Chr. 29:822 <sup>1</sup>So with Ck. <sup>2</sup>In 2 Kin.  
22:14 Tikvah, son of  
Harhas24 <sup>a</sup>2 Chr. 36:14-20 <sup>b</sup>Deut.  
28:15-6825 <sup>a</sup>2 Chr. 33:327 <sup>1</sup>Cf. 2 Kin. 22:19  
<sup>2</sup>Chr. 12:7; 32:2629 <sup>a</sup>2 Kin. 23:1-3

14 When they were bringing out the money which had been brought into the house of the LORD, <sup>a</sup>Hilkiah the priest found the book of the law of the LORD *given* by Moses.

15 And Hilkiah responded and said to Shaphan the scribe, "I have found the book of the law in the house of the LORD." And Hilkiah gave the book to Shaphan.

16 Then Shaphan brought the book to the king and <sup>1</sup>reported further word to the king, saying, "Everything that was <sup>2</sup>entrusted to your servants they are doing.

17 "They have also emptied out the money which was found in the house of the LORD, and have delivered it into the hands of the supervisors and the workmen."

18 Moreover, Shaphan the scribe told the king saying, "Hilkiah the priest gave me a book." And Shaphan read from it in the presence of the king.

19 And it came about when the king heard the words of the law that <sup>a</sup>he tore his clothes.

20 Then the king commanded Hilkiah, Ahikam the son of Shaphan, <sup>1</sup>Abdon the son of Micah, Shaphan the scribe, and Asaiah the king's servant, saying,

21 "Go, inquire of the LORD for me and for those who are left in Israel and in Judah, concerning the words of the book which has been found; for <sup>a</sup>great is the wrath of the LORD which is poured out on us because our fathers have not observed the word of the LORD, to do according to all that is written in this book."

22 So Hilkiah and *those* whom the king <sup>1</sup>had told went to Huldah the prophetess, the wife of Shallum the son of <sup>2</sup>Tokhath, the son of Hasrah, the keeper of the wardrobe (now she lived in Jerusalem in the Second Quarter); and they spoke to her regarding this.

23 And she said to them, "Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, 'Tell the man who sent you to Me,

24 thus says the LORD, "Behold, <sup>a</sup>I am bringing evil on this place and on its inhabitants, *even* all <sup>b</sup>the curses written in the book which they have read in the presence of the king of Judah.

25 "Because they have forsaken Me and have burned incense to other gods, that they might provoke Me to anger with all the works of their hands, therefore My wrath will be poured out on this place, and it shall not be quenched."

26 "But to the king of Judah who sent you to inquire of the LORD, thus you will say to him, 'Thus says the LORD God of Israel *regarding* the words which you have heard,

27 "Because your heart was tender and you humbled yourself before God, when you heard <sup>1</sup>His words against this place and against its inhabitants, and *because* you humbled yourself before Me, tore your clothes, and wept before Me, I truly have heard you," declares the LORD.

28 "Behold, I will gather you to your fathers and you shall be gathered to your grave in peace, so your eyes shall not see all the evil which I will bring on this place and on its inhabitants."'" And they brought back word to the king.

29 <sup>a</sup>Then the king sent and gathered all the elders of Judah and Jerusalem.



30 And the king went up to the house of the LORD and <sup>a</sup>all the men of Judah, the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the priests, the Levites, and all the people, from the greatest to the least; and he read in their hearing all the words of the book of the covenant which was found in the house of the LORD.

30 <sup>a</sup>Neh. 8:1-3

31 Then the king <sup>a</sup>stood in his <sup>1</sup>place and <sup>b</sup>made a covenant before the LORD to walk after the LORD, and to keep His commandments and His testimonies and His statutes with all his heart and with all his soul, to perform the words of the covenant written in this book.

31 <sup>1</sup>So with some versions, cf. 2 Kin. 23:3  
<sup>2</sup>2 Chr. 30:16; 2 Kin. 11:14  
<sup>b2</sup>2 Chr. 23:16; 29:10

32 Moreover, he made all who were present in Jerusalem and Benjamin to stand *with him*. So the inhabitants of Jerusalem did according to the covenant of God, the God of their fathers.

33 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *days*  
<sup>2</sup>2 Chr. 34:3-7

33 And Josiah <sup>a</sup>removed all the abominations from all the lands belonging to the sons of Israel, and made all who were present in Israel to serve the LORD their God. Throughout his <sup>1</sup>lifetime they did not turn from following the LORD God of their fathers.

1 <sup>2</sup>2 Kin. 23:21 <sup>b</sup>Ex. 12:6; Num. 9:3

CHAPTER 35

**T**HEN Josiah <sup>a</sup>celebrated the Passover to the LORD in Jerusalem, and <sup>b</sup>they slaughtered the Passover *animals* on the fourteenth *day* of the first month.

2 <sup>2</sup>2 Chr. 29:11

2 And he set the priests in their offices and <sup>a</sup>encouraged them in the service of the house of the LORD.

3 <sup>2</sup>2 Chr. 17:8, 9; Neh. 8:7 <sup>1</sup>1 Chr. 23:26

3 He also said to <sup>a</sup>the Levites who taught all Israel *and* who were holy to the LORD, "Put the holy ark in the house which Solomon the son of David king of Israel built; <sup>b</sup>it will be a burden on *your* shoulders no longer. Now serve the LORD your God and His people Israel.

4 <sup>1</sup>1 Chr. 9:10-13 <sup>b2</sup>2 Chr. 8:14

4 "And <sup>a</sup>prepare *yourselves* by your fathers' households in your divisions, according to the writing of David king of Israel and <sup>b</sup>according to the writing of his son Solomon.

5 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *sons of the people*, and so throughout the chap.  
<sup>a</sup>Ezra 6:18

5 "Moreover, <sup>a</sup>stand in the holy place according to the sections of the fathers' households of your brethren the <sup>1</sup>lay people, and according to the Levites, by division of a father's household.

6 <sup>2</sup>2 Chr. 35:1 <sup>b2</sup>2 Chr. 29:5

6 "Now <sup>a</sup>slaughter the Passover *animals*, <sup>b</sup>sanctify yourselves, and prepare for your brethren to do according to the word of the LORD by Moses."

7 And Josiah contributed to the lay people, to all who were present, flocks of lambs and kids, all for the Passover offerings, numbering 30,000 plus 3,000 bulls; these were from the king's possessions.

8 <sup>2</sup>2 Chr. 31:13

8 His officers also contributed a freewill offering to the people, the priests, and the Levites. Hilkiah and Zechariah and Jehiel, <sup>a</sup>the officials of the house of God, gave to the priests for the Passover offerings 2,600 *from the flocks* and 300 bulls.

9 <sup>2</sup>2 Chr. 31:12

9 <sup>a</sup>Conaniah also, and Shemaiah and Nethanel, his brothers, and Hashabiah and Jeiel and Jozabad, the officers of the Levites, contributed to the Levites for the Passover offerings 5,000 *from the flocks* and 500 bulls.

10 <sup>a</sup>2 Chr. 35:511 <sup>1</sup>I.e., the Levites <sup>2</sup>So with the GK.  
<sup>a</sup>2 Chr. 35:1, 6 <sup>b</sup>2 Chr. 29:22 <sup>c</sup>2 Chr. 29:3413 <sup>a</sup>Ex. 12:8, 9 <sup>b</sup>Lev. 6:2515 <sup>a</sup>1 Chr. 25:1 <sup>b</sup>1 Chr. 26:12-1917 <sup>a</sup>2 Chr. 30:2118 <sup>a</sup>2 Chr. 30:5; 2 Kin. 23:2120 <sup>1</sup>Lit., house  
<sup>a</sup>2 Kin. 23:29, 30 <sup>b</sup>Is. 10:9; Jer. 46:221 <sup>1</sup>Lit., he  
<sup>a</sup>2 Chr. 25:1922 <sup>1</sup>Lit., his face  
<sup>a</sup>2 Chr. 18:29 <sup>b</sup>2 Chr. 35:21  
<sup>c</sup>Judg. 5:1924 <sup>1</sup>Lit., and  
<sup>a</sup>Zech. 12:11; Lam. 4:20

**10** So the service was prepared, and <sup>a</sup>the priests stood at their stations and the Levites by their divisions according to the king's command.

**11** And <sup>1a</sup>they slaughtered the Passover *animals*, and while <sup>b</sup>the priests sprinkled <sup>2</sup>the blood *received* from their hand, <sup>c</sup>the Levites skinned them.

**12** Then they removed the burnt offerings that *they* might give them to the sections of the fathers' households of the lay people to present to the LORD, as it is written in the book of Moses. They did this also with the bulls.

**13** So <sup>a</sup>they roasted the Passover *animals* on the fire according to the ordinance, and they boiled <sup>b</sup>the holy things in pots, in kettles, in pans, and carried *them* speedily to all the lay people.

**14** And afterwards they prepared for themselves and for the priests, because the priests, the sons of Aaron, *were* offering the burnt offerings and the fat until night; therefore the Levites prepared for themselves and for the priests, the sons of Aaron.

**15** The singers, the sons of Asaph, *were* also at their stations <sup>a</sup>according to the command of David, Asaph, Heman, and Jeduthun the king's seer; and <sup>b</sup>the gatekeepers at each gate did not have to depart from their service, because the Levites their brethren prepared for them.

**16** So all the service of the LORD was prepared on that day to celebrate the Passover, and to offer burnt offerings on the altar of the LORD according to the command of King Josiah.

**17** Thus the sons of Israel who were present celebrated the Passover at that time, and <sup>a</sup>the Feast of Unleavened Bread seven days.

**18** And <sup>a</sup>there had not been celebrated a Passover like it in Israel since the days of Samuel the prophet; nor had any of the kings of Israel celebrated such a Passover as Josiah did with the priests, the Levites, all Judah and Israel who were present, and the inhabitants of Jerusalem.

**19** In the eighteenth year of Josiah's reign this Passover was celebrated.

**20** <sup>a</sup>After all this, when Josiah had set the <sup>1</sup>temple in order, Neco king of Egypt came up to make war at <sup>b</sup>Carchemish on the Euphrates, and Josiah went out to engage him.

**21** But <sup>1</sup>Neco sent messengers to him, saying, "<sup>a</sup>What have we to do with each other, O King of Judah? *I am not coming against you today but against the house with which I am at war, and God has ordered me to hurry. Stop for your own sake from interfering with God who is with me, that He may not destroy you.*"

**22** However, Josiah would not turn <sup>1</sup>away from him, but <sup>a</sup>disguised himself in order to make war with him; nor did he listen to the words of Neco <sup>b</sup>from the mouth of God, but came to make war on the plain of <sup>c</sup>Megiddo.

**23** And the archers shot King Josiah, and the king said to his servants, "Take me away, for I am badly wounded."

**24** So his servants took him out of the chariot and carried him in the second chariot which he had, and brought him to Jerusalem <sup>1</sup>where he died and was buried in the tombs of his fathers. <sup>a</sup>And all Judah and Jerusalem mourned for Josiah.

25 Then <sup>a</sup>Jeremiah chanted a lament for Josiah. And all the male and female singers speak about Josiah in their lamentations to this day. And they made them an ordinance in Israel; behold, they are also written in the Lamentations.

26 Now the rest of the acts of Josiah and his deeds of devotion as written in the law of the LORD,

27 and his acts, first to last, behold, they are written in the Book of the Kings of Israel and Judah.

CHAPTER 36

<sup>a</sup>THEN the people of the land took <sup>1b</sup>Joahaz the son of Josiah, and made him king in place of his father in Jerusalem.

2 Joahaz was twenty-three years old when he became king, and he reigned three months in Jerusalem.

3 Then the king of Egypt deposed him at Jerusalem, and imposed on the land a fine of one hundred talents of silver and one talent of gold.

4 And the king of Egypt made Eliakim his brother king over Judah and Jerusalem, and changed his name to Jehoiakim. But <sup>a</sup>Neco took Joahaz his brother and brought him to Egypt.

5 <sup>a</sup>Jehoiakim was twenty-five years old when he became king, and he reigned eleven years in Jerusalem; and he did evil in the sight of the LORD his God.

6 Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon came up <sup>a</sup>against him and <sup>b</sup>bound him with bronze chains <sup>c</sup>to take him to Babylon.

7 <sup>a</sup>Nebuchadnezzar also brought *some* of the articles of the house of the LORD to Babylon and put them in his temple at Babylon.

8 <sup>a</sup>Now the rest of the acts of Jehoiakim and <sup>1</sup>the abominations which he did, and what was found against him, behold, they are written in the Book of the Kings of Israel and Judah. And Jehoiachin his son became king in his place.

9 <sup>a</sup>Jehoiachin was eight years old when he became king, and he reigned three months and ten days in Jerusalem, and he did evil in the sight of the LORD.

10 And <sup>a</sup>at the turn of the year King Nebuchadnezzar sent and brought him to Babylon with the valuable articles of the house of the LORD, and he made his kinsman <sup>b</sup>Zedekiah king over Judah and Jerusalem.

11 <sup>a</sup>Zedekiah was twenty-one years old when he became king, and he reigned eleven years in Jerusalem.

12 And he did evil in the sight of the LORD his God; <sup>a</sup>he did not humble himself <sup>b</sup>before Jeremiah the prophet <sup>1</sup>who spoke for the LORD.

13 And <sup>a</sup>he also rebelled against King Nebuchadnezzar who had made him swear *allegiance* by God. But <sup>b</sup>he stiffened his neck and hardened his heart against turning to the LORD God of Israel.

14 Furthermore, all the officials of the priests and the people were very unfaithful *following* all the abominations of the nations; and they defiled the house of the LORD which He had sanctified in Jerusalem.

15 And the LORD, the God of their fathers, <sup>a</sup>sent word to

25 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 22:10

1 <sup>1</sup>I.e., short form of Jehoahaz  
<sup>a</sup>2 Kin. 23:30-34 <sup>b</sup>Jer. 22:11

4 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 22:10-12

5 <sup>a</sup>2 Kin. 23:36, 37; Jer. 22:13-19

6 <sup>a</sup>2 Kin. 24:1 <sup>b</sup>2 Chr. 33:11 <sup>c</sup>Jer. 22:19, 20

7 <sup>a</sup>2 Kin. 24:13

8 <sup>1</sup>Lit., his  
<sup>a</sup>2 Kin. 24:5

9 <sup>a</sup>2 Kin. 24:8-17

10 <sup>a</sup>2 Sam. 11:1 <sup>b</sup>Jer. 37:1

11 <sup>a</sup>2 Kin. 24:18-20; Jer. 52:1

12 <sup>1</sup>Lit., from the mouth of the LORD  
<sup>a</sup>2 Chr. 33:23 <sup>b</sup>Jer. 21:3-7

13 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 52:3; Ezek. 17:15  
<sup>b</sup>2 Chr. 30:8

15 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 7:13; 25:3

16 <sup>a</sup>2 Chr. 30:10; Jer. 5:12,  
13 <sup>b</sup>Prov. 1:24-32 <sup>c</sup>Ezra  
5:12

17 <sup>a</sup>2 Kin. 25:1-7

18 <sup>a</sup>2 Chr. 36:7, 10

19 <sup>a</sup>2 Kin. 25:9; Jer. 52:13

20 <sup>a</sup>2 Kin. 25:11 <sup>b</sup>Jer. 27:7

21 <sup>1</sup>Lit., to fulfill seventy  
years  
<sup>a</sup>Jer. 29:10 <sup>b</sup>Lev. 26:33  
<sup>c</sup>Lev. 25:4

22 <sup>a</sup>Ezra 1:1-3 <sup>b</sup>Jer. 25:12;  
29:10 <sup>c</sup>Is. 44:28

them again and again by His messengers, because He had compassion on His people and on His dwelling place;

16 but they continually <sup>a</sup>mocked the messengers of God, <sup>b</sup>despised His words and scoffed at His prophets, <sup>c</sup>until the wrath of the LORD arose against His people, until there was no remedy.

17 <sup>a</sup>Therefore He brought up against them the king of the Chaldeans who slew their young men with the sword in the house of their sanctuary, and had no compassion on young man or virgin, old man or infirm; He gave them all into his hand.

18 And <sup>a</sup>all the articles of the house of God, great and small, and the treasures of the house of the LORD, and the treasures of the king and of his officers, he brought them all to Babylon.

19 Then <sup>a</sup>they burned the house of God, and broke down the wall of Jerusalem and burned all its fortified buildings with fire, and destroyed all its valuable articles.

20 And those who had escaped from the sword he <sup>a</sup>carried away to Babylon; and <sup>b</sup>they were servants to him and to his sons until the rule of the kingdom of Persia,

21 <sup>a</sup>to fulfill the word of the LORD by the mouth of Jeremiah, until <sup>b</sup>the land had enjoyed its sabbaths. <sup>c</sup>All the days of its desolation it kept sabbath <sup>1</sup>until seventy years were complete.

22 <sup>a</sup>Now in the first year of Cyrus king of Persia—in order to fulfill the word of the LORD <sup>b</sup>by the mouth of Jeremiah—the LORD <sup>c</sup>stirred up the spirit of Cyrus king of Persia, so that he sent a proclamation throughout his kingdom, and also put it in writing, saying,

23 “Thus says Cyrus king of Persia, ‘The LORD, the God of heaven, has given me all the kingdoms of the earth, and He has appointed me to build Him a house in Jerusalem, which is in Judah. Whoever there is among you of all His people, may the LORD his God be with him, and let him go up!’”

## THE BOOK OF EZRA

### Cyrus' Proclamation.

1 <sup>a</sup>2 Chr. 36:22 <sup>b</sup>Ezra  
5:13

2 <sup>a</sup>Is. 44:28; 45:1, 12, 13

3 <sup>a</sup>Dan. 6:26

<sup>a</sup> NOW in the first year of Cyrus king of Persia, in order to fulfill the word of the LORD by the mouth of Jeremiah, the LORD stirred up the spirit of Cyrus king of Persia, so that he <sup>b</sup>sent a proclamation throughout all his kingdom, and also put it in writing, saying,

2 “Thus says Cyrus king of Persia, ‘The LORD, the God of heaven, has given me all the kingdoms of the earth, and <sup>a</sup>He has appointed me to build Him a house in Jerusalem, which is in Judah.

3 ‘Whoever there is among you of all His people, may his God be with him! Let him go up to Jerusalem which is in Judah, and rebuild the house of the LORD, the God of Israel; <sup>a</sup>He is the God who is in Jerusalem.

**Proclamation About the Temple.  
List of Those Returned from Babylon.**

**Ezra 1, 2**

4 'And every survivor, at whatever place he may <sup>1</sup>live, let the men of <sup>2</sup>that place support him with silver and gold, with goods and cattle, together with a freewill offering for the house of God which is in Jerusalem.' "

5 Then the heads of fathers' households of Judah and Benjamin and the priests and the Levites arose, <sup>a</sup>even everyone whose spirit God had stirred to go up and rebuild the house of the LORD which is in Jerusalem.

6 And all those about them <sup>1a</sup>encouraged them with articles of silver, with gold, with goods, with cattle, and with valuables, aside from all that was given as a freewill offering.

7 <sup>a</sup>Also King Cyrus brought out the articles of the house of the LORD, <sup>b</sup>which Nebuchadnezzar had carried away from Jerusalem and put in the house of his gods;

8 and Cyrus, king of Persia, had them brought out by the hand of Mithredath the treasurer, and he counted them out to <sup>a</sup>Sheshbazzar, the prince of Judah.

9 Now this was their number: <sup>a</sup>30 gold dishes, 1,000 silver dishes, <sup>29</sup> <sup>1</sup>duplicates;

10 30 gold bowls, 410 silver bowls of a second kind, and 1,000 other articles.

11 All the articles of gold and silver *numbered* 5,400. Sheshbazzar brought them all up with the exiles who went up from Babylon to Jerusalem.

CHAPTER 2

<sup>a</sup> NOW these are the <sup>1</sup>people of the province who came up out of the captivity of the exiles whom Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon had carried away to Babylon, and returned to Jerusalem and Judah, each to his city.

2 <sup>1</sup>These came with Zerubbabel, Jeshua, Nehemiah, <sup>2</sup>Se-  
raiah, <sup>3</sup>Reclaiiah, Mordecai, Bilshan, <sup>4</sup>Mispar, Bigvai, <sup>5</sup>Rehum,  
and Baanah.

The number of the men of the people of Israel:

3 the sons of Parosh, 2,172;

4 the sons of Shephatiah, 372;

5 the sons of Arah, 775;

6 the sons of Pahath-moab of the sons of Jeshua and Joab,  
2,812;

7 the sons of Elam, 1,254;

8 the sons of Zattu, 945;

9 the sons of Zaccai, 760;

10 the sons of <sup>1</sup>Bani, 642;

11 the sons of Bebai, 623;

12 the sons of Azgad, 1,222;

13 the sons of Adonikam, 666;

14 the sons of Bigvai, 2,056;

15 the sons of Adin, 454;

16 the sons of Ater of Hezekiah, 98;

17 the sons of Bezai, 323;

18 the sons of <sup>1</sup>Jorah, 112;

19 the sons of Hashum, 223;

20 the sons of <sup>1</sup>Gibbar, 95;

21 the <sup>1</sup>men of Bethlehem, 123;

4 <sup>1</sup>Or, *reside as an alien*  
<sup>2</sup>Lit., *his*

5 <sup>a</sup>Ezra 1:1

6 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *strengthened their hands*  
<sup>a</sup>Neh. 6:22; Is. 35:3

7 <sup>a</sup>Ezra 5:14; 6:5 <sup>b2</sup>Chr. 36:7

8 <sup>a</sup>Ezra 5:14

9 <sup>1</sup>Heb. obscure, other possible meanings are *knives, censers*  
<sup>a</sup>Ezra 8:27

1 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *sons*  
<sup>a</sup>Neh. 7:6-73

2 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *Who* <sup>2</sup>In Neh. 7:7, *Azariah* <sup>3</sup>In Neh. 7:7, *Raamiah* <sup>4</sup>In Neh. 7:7, *Mispereth* <sup>5</sup>In Neh. 7:7, *Nehum*

10 <sup>1</sup>In Neh. 7:1, *Binnui*

18 <sup>1</sup>In Neh. 7:24, *Hariph*

20 <sup>1</sup>In Neh. 7:25, *Gibeon*

21 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *sons*

24 <sup>1</sup>In Neh. 7:28, *Beth-azmaveth*

25 <sup>1</sup>In Neh. 7:29, *Kiriath-jearim*

34 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *sons*

36 <sup>1</sup>In Chr. 24:7-18

38 <sup>1</sup>In Chr. 9:12

40 <sup>1</sup>In Neh. 7:43, *Judah*  
<sup>2</sup>In Neh. 7:43, *Hodevah*

44 <sup>1</sup>In Neh. 7:47, *Sia*

50 <sup>1</sup>In Neh. 7:52, *Nephusesim*

52 <sup>1</sup>In Neh. 7:54, *Bazlith*

55 <sup>1</sup>In Neh. 7:57, *Sophereth* <sup>2</sup>In Neh. 7:57, *Penda*

57 <sup>1</sup>In Neh. 7:59, *Amon*

22 the men of Netophah, 56;

23 the men of Anathoth, 128;

24 the sons of <sup>1</sup>Azmaveth, 42;

25 the sons of <sup>1</sup>Kiriath-arim, Chephirah, and Beeroth, 743;

26 the sons of Ramah and Geba, 621;

27 the men of Michmas, 122;

28 the men of Bethel and Ai, 223;

29 the sons of Nebo, 52;

30 the sons of Magbish, 156;

31 the sons of the other Elam, 1,254;

32 the sons of Harim, 320;

33 the sons of Lod, Hadid, and Ono, 725;

34 the <sup>1</sup>men of Jericho, 345;

35 the sons of Senaah, 3,630.

36 <sup>a</sup>The priests: the sons of Jedaiah of the house of Jeshua, 973;

37 the sons of Immer, 1,052;

38 <sup>a</sup>the sons of Pashhur, 1,247;

39 the sons of Harim, 1,017.

40 The Levites: the sons of <sup>1</sup>Jeshua and Kadmiel, of the sons of <sup>2</sup>Hodaviah, 74.

41 The singers: the sons of Asaph, 128.

42 The sons of the gatekeepers: the sons of Shallum, the sons of Ater, the sons of Talmon, the sons of Akkub, the sons of Hatita, the sons of Shobai, in all 139.

43 The temple servants: the sons of Ziha, the sons of Hasupha, the sons of Tabbaoth,

44 the sons of Keros, the sons of <sup>1</sup>Siaha, the sons of Padon,

45 the sons of Lebanah, the sons of Hagabah, the sons of Akkub,

46 the sons of Hagab, the sons of Shalmal, the sons of Hanan,

47 the sons of Giddel, the sons of Gahar, the sons of Reaiah,

48 the sons of Rezin, the sons of Nekoda, the sons of Gazzam,

49 the sons of Uzza, the sons of Paseah, the sons of Besai,

50 the sons of Asnah, the sons of Meunim, the sons of <sup>1</sup>Nephisim,

51 the sons of Bakbuk, the sons of Hakupha, the sons of Harhur,

52 the sons of <sup>1</sup>Bazluth, the sons of Mehida, the sons of Harsha,

53 the sons of Barkos, the sons of Sisera, the sons of Temah,

54 the sons of Nezhiah, the sons of Hatipha.

55 The sons of Solomon's servants: the sons of Sotai, the sons of <sup>1</sup>Hassophereth, the sons of <sup>2</sup>Peruda,

56 the sons of Jaalah, the sons of Darkon, the sons of Giddel,

57 the sons of Shephatiah, the sons of Hattil, the sons of Pochereth-hazzebaim, the sons of <sup>1</sup>Ami.

58 All the temple servants, and the sons of Solomon's servants, were 392.

59 Now these are those who came up from Tel-melah, Tel-

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harsha, Cherub, <sup>1</sup>Addan, and Immer, but they were not able to <sup>2</sup>give evidence of their fathers' households, and their <sup>3</sup>descendants, whether they were of Israel:

60 the sons of Delaiah, the sons of Tobiah, the sons of Nekoda, 652.

61 And of the sons of the priests: the sons of <sup>1</sup>Habaiah, the sons of Hakkoz, the sons of <sup>a</sup>Barzillai, who took a wife from the daughters of Barzillai the Gileadite, and he was called by their name.

62 These searched *among* their ancestral registration, but they could not be located; <sup>a</sup>therefore they were considered unclean and *were excluded* from the priesthood.

63 And the <sup>1</sup>governor said to them <sup>a</sup>that they should not eat from the most holy things until a priest stood up with <sup>b</sup>Urim and Thummim.

64 The whole assembly <sup>1</sup>numbered 42,360,

65 besides their male and female servants, <sup>1</sup>who numbered 7,337; and they had 200 <sup>a</sup>singing men and women.

66 Their horses were 736; their mules, 245;

67 their camels, 435; *their* donkeys, 6,720.

68 And some of the heads of fathers' *households*, when they arrived at the house of the LORD which is in Jerusalem, offered willingly for the house of God to <sup>1</sup>restore it on its foundation.

69 According to their ability they gave <sup>a</sup>to the treasury for the work 61,000 gold drachmas, and 5,000 silver minas, and 100 priestly <sup>1</sup>garments.

70 Now the priests and the Levites, some of the people, the singers, the gatekeepers, and the temple servants lived in their cities, and all Israel in their cities.

CHAPTER 3

<sup>a</sup>**N**OW when the seventh month came, and the sons of Israel *were* in the cities, the people gathered together as one man to Jerusalem.

2 Then <sup>a</sup>Jeshua the son of Jozadak and his brothers the priests, and <sup>b</sup>Zerubbabel the son <sup>c</sup>of Shealtiel, and his brothers arose and built the altar of the God of Israel, to offer burnt offerings on it, <sup>d</sup>as it is written in the law of Moses, the man of God.

3 So they set up the altar on its foundation, for <sup>1</sup>they were terrified because of the peoples of the lands; and they <sup>b</sup>offered burnt offerings on it to the LORD, burnt offerings morning and evening.

4 <sup>a</sup>And they celebrated the Feast of <sup>1</sup>Booths, <sup>b</sup>as it is written, and <sup>c</sup>offered <sup>2</sup>the fixed number of burnt offerings daily, <sup>c</sup>according to the ordinance, as each day required;

5 and afterward *there was* a continual burnt offering, also <sup>a</sup>for the new moons and <sup>b</sup>for all the fixed festivals of the LORD that were consecrated, and from every one who offered a freewill offering to the LORD.

6 From the first day of the seventh month they began to offer burnt offerings to the LORD, but the foundation of the temple of the LORD had not been laid.

7 Then they gave money to the masons and carpenters,

<sup>59</sup> <sup>1</sup>In Neh. 7:61, *Addon*  
<sup>2</sup>Lit., *tell* <sup>3</sup>Lit., *seed*

<sup>61</sup> <sup>1</sup>In Neh. 7:63, *Hobaiah*  
<sup>2</sup>Sam. 17:27

<sup>62</sup> <sup>a</sup>Num. 16:39, 40

<sup>63</sup> <sup>1</sup>Heb., *Tirshatha*, a Persian title.  
<sup>2</sup>Lev. 2:3, 10 <sup>b</sup>Ex. 28:30

<sup>64</sup> <sup>1</sup>Lit., *together was*

<sup>65</sup> <sup>1</sup>Lit., *they were*  
<sup>2</sup>Chr. 35:25

<sup>68</sup> <sup>1</sup>Lit., *establish*

<sup>69</sup> <sup>1</sup>Or, *tunics*  
<sup>2</sup>Ezra 8:25-34

<sup>1</sup> <sup>a</sup>Neh. 7:73; 8:1

<sup>2</sup> <sup>a</sup>Neh. 12:1, 8 <sup>b</sup>Ezra 2:2  
<sup>1</sup>Chr. 3:17 <sup>d</sup>Deut. 12:5, 6

<sup>3</sup> <sup>1</sup>Lit., *terror was upon them*  
<sup>2</sup>Ezra 4:4 <sup>b</sup>Num. 28:2

<sup>4</sup> <sup>1</sup>Or, *Tabernacles* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *by number*  
<sup>a</sup>Neh. 8:14 <sup>b</sup>Ex. 23:16  
<sup>c</sup>Num. 29:12

<sup>5</sup> <sup>a</sup>Num. 28:11 <sup>b</sup>Num. 29:39

Ezra 3, 4

7 <sup>1</sup>Lit., of  
<sup>2</sup>Chr. 2:10 <sup>b2</sup>Chr. 2:16  
<sup>c</sup>Ezra 1:2; 6:3

8 <sup>a</sup>Ezra 3:2; 4:3 <sup>b1</sup>Chr.  
23:4, 24

9 <sup>1</sup>In Ezra 2:40,  
*Hodaviah*

10 <sup>1</sup>So with the Gk. and  
some mss., M.T., *they set*  
*the priests* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *hands*  
<sup>a1</sup>Chr. 6:31; 25:1

11 <sup>a</sup>Neh. 12:24, 40 <sup>b1</sup>Chr.  
16:34

12 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *house*  
<sup>a</sup>Hag. 2:3

1 <sup>a</sup>Ezra 4:7-10 <sup>b</sup>Ezra 1:11

2 <sup>a2</sup>Kin. 17:32 <sup>b2</sup>Kin.  
19:37

3 <sup>a</sup>Neh. 2:20 <sup>b</sup>Ezra 1:1, 2

4 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *weakened the*  
*hands of*  
<sup>a</sup>Ezra 3:3

6 <sup>1</sup>Or, *Xerxes*, Heb.,  
*Ahash-verosh*  
<sup>a</sup>Esth. 1:1; Dan. 9:1

and <sup>a</sup>food, drink, and oil to the Sidonians and to the Tyrians, <sup>b</sup>to bring cedar wood from Lebanon to the sea at Joppa, <sup>c</sup>according to the permission they had <sup>1</sup>from Cyrus king of Persia.

8 Now in the second year of their coming to the house of God at Jerusalem in the second month, <sup>a</sup>Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel and Jeshua the son of Jozadak and the rest of their brothers the priests and the Levites, and all who came from the captivity to Jerusalem, began *the work* and <sup>b</sup>appointed the Levites from twenty years and older to oversee the work of the house of the LORD.

9 Then Jeshua *with* his sons and brothers stood united *with* Kadmiel and his sons, the sons of <sup>1</sup>Judah *and* the sons of Henadad *with* their sons and brothers the Levites, to oversee the workmen in the temple of God.

10 Now when the builders had laid the foundation of the temple of the LORD, <sup>1</sup>the priests stood in their apparel with trumpets, and the Levites, the sons of Asaph, with cymbals, to praise the LORD <sup>a</sup>according to the <sup>2</sup>directions of King David of Israel.

11 And <sup>a</sup>they sang, praising and giving thanks to the LORD, *saying*, “<sup>b</sup>For He is good, for His lovingkindness is upon Israel forever.” And all the people shouted with a great shout when they praised the LORD because the foundation of the house of the LORD was laid.

12 Yet many of the priests and Levites and heads of fathers’ *households*, <sup>a</sup>the old men who had seen the first <sup>1</sup>temple, wept with a loud voice when the foundation of this house was laid before their eyes, while many shouted aloud for joy;

13 so that the people could not distinguish the sound of the shout of joy from the sound of the weeping of the people, for the people shouted with a loud shout, and the sound was heard far away.

CHAPTER 4

**N**OW when <sup>a</sup>the enemies of Judah and Benjamin heard that <sup>b</sup>the people of the exile were building a temple to the LORD God of Israel,

2 they approached Zerubbabel and the heads of fathers’ *households*, and said to them, “Let us build with you, for we, like you, seek your God; <sup>a</sup>and we have been sacrificing to Him since the days of <sup>b</sup>Esar-haddon king of Assyria, who brought us up here.”

3 But Zerubbabel and Jeshua and the rest of the heads of fathers’ *households* of Israel said to them, “<sup>a</sup>You have nothing in common with us in building a house to our God; but we ourselves will together build to the LORD God of Israel, <sup>b</sup>as King Cyrus, the king of Persia has commanded us.”

4 Then <sup>a</sup>the people of the land <sup>d</sup>discouraged the people of Judah, and frightened them from building,

5 and hired counselors against them to frustrate their counsel all the days of Cyrus king of Persia, even until the reign of Darius king of Persia.

6 Now in the reign of <sup>1a</sup>Ahasuerus, in the beginning of his



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reign, they wrote an accusation against the inhabitants of Judah and Jerusalem.

7 And in the days of <sup>1</sup>Artaxerxes, Bishlam, Mithredath, Tabeel, and the rest of his colleagues, wrote to Artaxerxes king of Persia; and the <sup>2</sup>text of the letter was written in Aramaic and translated <sup>3</sup>from Aramaic.

8 <sup>1</sup>Rehum the commander and Shimshai the scribe wrote a letter against Jerusalem to King Artaxerxes, as follows—

9 then wrote Rehum the commander and Shimshai the scribe and <sup>a</sup>the rest of their colleagues, the judges and <sup>b</sup>the lesser governors, the officials, the secretaries, the men of Erech, the Babylonians, the men of Susa, that is, the Elamites,

10 and the rest of the nations which the great and honorable <sup>1</sup>Osnappar deported and settled in the city of Samaria, and in the rest of the region beyond the <sup>2</sup>River. <sup>a</sup>And now

11 this is the copy of the letter which they sent to him: "To King Artaxerxes: Your servants, the men in the region beyond the River, and now

12 let it be known to the king, that the Jews who came up from you have come to us at Jerusalem; they are rebuilding <sup>a</sup>the rebellious and evil city, and <sup>b</sup>are finishing the walls and repairing the foundations.

13 "Now let it be known to the king, that if that city is rebuilt and the walls are finished, <sup>a</sup>they will not pay tribute, custom, or toll, and it will damage the revenue of the kings.

14 "Now because we <sup>1</sup>are in the service of the palace, and it is not fitting for us to see the king's dishonor, therefore we have sent and informed the king,

15 so that a search may be made in the record books of your fathers. And you will discover in the record books, and learn that that city is a rebellious city and damaging to kings and provinces, and that they have incited revolt within it in past days; therefore that city was laid waste.

16 "We inform the king that, if that city is rebuilt and the walls finished, as a result you will have <sup>no</sup> possession in *the province* beyond the River."

17 Then the king sent an answer to Rehum the commander, to Shimshai the scribe, and to the rest of their colleagues who live in Samaria and in the rest of *the provinces* beyond the River: "Peace. And now

18 the document which you sent to us has been <sup>1a</sup>translated and read before me.

19 "And a decree has been <sup>1</sup>issued by me, and a search has been made and it has been discovered that that city has risen up against the kings in past days, that rebellion and revolt have been perpetrated in it,

20 <sup>a</sup>that mighty kings have <sup>1</sup>ruled over Jerusalem, governing all *the provinces* beyond the River, and that <sup>b</sup>tribute, custom, and toll were paid to them.

21 "So, now issue a decree to make these men stop *work*, that the city may not be rebuilt until a decree is issued by me.

22 "And beware of being negligent in carrying out this *matter*; why should damage increase to the detriment of the kings?"

23 Then as soon as the copy of King Artaxerxes' document was read before Rehum and Shimshai the scribe and their

7 <sup>1</sup>Heb. *Artah-shashta*  
<sup>2</sup>Lit., *written*  
<sup>a2</sup> Kin. 18:26; Dan. 2:4

8 <sup>1</sup>Ch. 4:8-6:18 is in Aramaic

9 <sup>a2</sup> Kin. 17:24 <sup>b</sup>Ezra 5:6; 6:6

10 <sup>1</sup>i.e., probably Ashurbanipal <sup>2</sup>i.e., Euphrates River and so throughout the chap.  
<sup>a</sup>Ezra 4:11, 17; 7:12

12 <sup>a2</sup> Chr. 36:13 <sup>b</sup>Ezra 5:3, 9

13 <sup>a</sup>Ezra 4:20

14 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *eat the salt*

18 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *plainly read before*  
<sup>a</sup>Neh. 8:8

19 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *put forth*

20 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *been*  
<sup>a1</sup> Kin. 4:21; 1 Chr. 18:3  
<sup>b</sup>Ezra 4:13, 7:24

1 <sup>a</sup>Hag. 1:1 <sup>b</sup>Zech. 1:1

2 <sup>a</sup>Ezra 3:2 <sup>b</sup>Ezra 6:14;  
Hag. 2:4; Zech. 3:1

3 <sup>1</sup>I.e., Euphrates River,  
and so throughout the  
chap. <sup>2</sup>Lit., house, and so  
throughout the chap.  
<sup>a</sup>Ezra 6:6, 13 <sup>b</sup>Ezra 5:9; 1:3

4 <sup>a</sup>Ezra 5:10

5 <sup>a</sup>Ezra 7:6, 28

6 <sup>a</sup>Ezra 5:3 <sup>b</sup>Ezra 4:9

8 <sup>1</sup>Lit., timber is

11 <sup>1</sup>Lit., returned us the  
word  
<sup>a</sup>1 Kin. 6:1, 38

12 <sup>a</sup>2 Chr. 36:16, 17

13 <sup>a</sup>Ezra 1:1

14 <sup>1</sup>Lit., that was in  
<sup>a</sup>Ezra 1:7; 6:5; Dan. 5:2  
<sup>b</sup>Ezra 5:16; 1:8

colleagues, they went in haste to Jerusalem to the Jews and stopped them by force of arms.

24 Then work on the house of God in Jerusalem ceased, and it was stopped until the second year of the reign of Darius king of Persia.

## CHAPTER 5

WHEN the prophets, <sup>a</sup>Haggai the prophet and <sup>b</sup>Zechariah the son of Iddo, prophesied to the Jews who were in Judah and Jerusalem, in the name of the God of Israel, who was over them,

2 then <sup>a</sup>Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel and Jeshua the son of Jozadak arose and began to rebuild the house of God which is in Jerusalem; and <sup>b</sup>the prophets of God were with them supporting them.

3 At that time <sup>a</sup>Tattenai, the governor of the province beyond the <sup>1</sup>River, and Shethar-bozenai and their colleagues came to them and spoke to them thus, "<sup>b</sup>Who issued you a decree to rebuild this <sup>2</sup>temple and to finish this structure?"

4 <sup>a</sup>Then we told them accordingly what the names of the men were who were reconstructing this building.

5 But <sup>a</sup>the eye of their God was on the elders of the Jews, and they did not stop them until a report should come to Darius, and then a written reply be returned concerning it.

6 This is the copy of the letter which <sup>a</sup>Tattenai, the governor of the province beyond the River, and Shethar-bozenai and his colleagues <sup>b</sup>the officials, who were beyond the River, sent to Darius the king.

7 They sent a report to him in which it was written thus: "To Darius the king, all peace.

8 "Let it be known to the king, that we have gone to the province of Judah, to the house of the great God, which is being built with huge stones, and <sup>1</sup>beams are being laid in the walls; and this work is going on with great care and is succeeding in their hands.

9 "Then we asked those elders and said to them thus, 'Who issued you a decree to rebuild this temple and to finish this structure?'

10 "We also asked them their names so as to inform you, and that we might write down the names of the men who were at their head.

11 "And thus they <sup>1</sup>answered us, saying, 'We are the servants of the God of heaven and earth and are rebuilding the temple that was built many years ago, <sup>a</sup>which a great king of Israel built and finished.

12 'But <sup>a</sup>because our fathers had provoked the God of heaven to wrath, He gave them into the hand of Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon, the Chaldean, who destroyed this temple and deported the people to Babylon.

13 However, <sup>a</sup>in the first year of Cyrus king of Babylon, King Cyrus issued a decree to rebuild this house of God.

14 'And also <sup>a</sup>the gold and silver utensils of the house of God which Nebuchadnezzar had taken from the temple <sup>1</sup>in Jerusalem, and brought them to the temple of Babylon, these King Cyrus took from the temple of Babylon, and they were given to one <sup>b</sup>whose name was Sheshbazzar, whom he had appointed governor.

15 'And he said to him, "Take these utensils, go *and* deposit them in the temple <sup>1</sup>in Jerusalem, and let the house of God be rebuilt in its place."

16 'Then that Sheshbazzar came *and* <sup>a</sup>laid the foundations of the house of God <sup>1</sup>in Jerusalem; and from then until now it has been under construction, and it is <sup>b</sup>not yet completed.'

17 "And now, if it pleases the king <sup>a</sup>let a search be conducted in the king's treasure house, which is there in Babylon, if it be that a decree was issued by King Cyrus to rebuild this house of God at Jerusalem; and let the king send to us his decision concerning this *matter*."

CHAPTER 6

**T**HEN King Darius issued a decree, and <sup>a</sup>search was made in the <sup>1</sup>archives, where the treasures were stored in Babylon.

2 And in <sup>1</sup>Ecbatana in the fortress, which is <sup>a</sup>in the province of Media, a scroll was found and there was written in it as follows: "Memorandum—

3 "<sup>a</sup>In the first year of King Cyrus, Cyrus the king issued a decree: 'Concerning the house of God at Jerusalem, let the temple, the place where sacrifices are offered, be rebuilt and let its foundations be <sup>1</sup>retained, its height being 60 cubits and its width 60 cubits;

4 <sup>a</sup>with three layers of huge stones, and <sup>1</sup>one layer of timbers. And let the cost be paid from the <sup>2</sup>royal treasury.

5 'And also let <sup>a</sup>the gold and silver utensils of the temple of God, which Nebuchadnezzar took from the temple in Jerusalem and brought to Babylon, be returned and <sup>1</sup>brought to their places in the temple in Jerusalem; and you shall put *them* in the house of God.'

6 "Now therefore, <sup>a</sup>Tattenai, governor of *the province* beyond the <sup>1</sup>River, Shethar-bozenai, and <sup>2</sup>your colleagues, the officials of *the provinces* beyond the <sup>1</sup>River, <sup>3</sup>keep away from there.

7 "Leave this work on the house of God alone; let the governor of the Jews and the elders of the Jews rebuild this house of God on its site.

8 "Moreover, <sup>a</sup>I issue a decree concerning what you are to do for these elders of Judah in the rebuilding of this house of God: the full cost is to be paid to these people from the royal treasury out of the taxes of *the provinces* beyond the River, and that without delay.

9 "And whatever is needed, both young bulls, rams, and lambs for a burnt offering to the God of heaven, and wheat, salt, wine, and anointing oil, as the priests in Jerusalem request, it is to be given to them daily without fail,

10 that they may offer <sup>1</sup>acceptable sacrifices to the God of heaven and <sup>a</sup>pray for the life of the king and his sons.

11 "And I issued a decree that <sup>a</sup>any man who violates this edict, a timber shall be drawn from his house and he shall be impaled on it and <sup>b</sup>his house shall be made a refuse heap on account of this.

12 "And may the God who <sup>a</sup>has caused His name to dwell there overthrow any king or people who <sup>1</sup>attempts to change it,

15 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *that is in*

16 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *that is in*  
<sup>a</sup>Ezra 3:8, 10 <sup>b</sup>Ezra 6:15

17 <sup>a</sup>Ezra 6:1, 2

1 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *house of the books*  
<sup>a</sup>Ezra 5:17

2 <sup>1</sup>Aramaic, *Achmetha*  
<sup>a</sup>2 Kin. 17:6

3 <sup>1</sup>Or, *fixed, laid*  
<sup>a</sup>Ezra 1:1; 5:13

4 <sup>1</sup>So Gk.; Aramaic, *a layer of new timber* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *king's house*  
<sup>a</sup>1 Kin. 6:36

5 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *go*  
<sup>a</sup>Ezra 1:7; 5:14

6 <sup>1</sup>i.e., Euphrates River, and so throughout the chap. <sup>2</sup>Aram., *their* <sup>3</sup>Lit., *be distant*  
<sup>a</sup>Ezra 6:13

8 <sup>a</sup>Ezra 6:4; 7:14-22

10 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *pleasing or sweet-smelling sacrifices*  
<sup>a</sup>Ezra 7:23

11 <sup>a</sup>Ezra 7:26 <sup>b</sup>Dan. 2:5; 3:29

12 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *sends his hand*  
<sup>a</sup>Deut. 12:5, 11

13 <sup>a</sup>Ezra 6:6

14 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *were building and succeeding* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *built and finished*  
<sup>a</sup>Ezra 5:1, 2 <sup>b</sup>Ezra 1:1 <sup>c</sup>Ezra 6:12 <sup>d</sup>Ezra 7:1

15 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *until*  
<sup>a</sup>Esth. 3:7

16 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *sons of the captivity*  
<sup>a</sup>2 Chr. 7:5

17 <sup>a</sup>Ezra 8:35

18 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *which is in*  
<sup>a</sup>2 Chr. 35:5 <sup>b</sup>1 Chr. 23:6  
<sup>c</sup>Num. 3:6; 8:9

19 <sup>a</sup>Ezra 1:11 <sup>b</sup>Ex. 12:6

20 <sup>a</sup>2 Chr. 29:34; 30:15  
<sup>b</sup>2 Chr. 35:11

21 <sup>a</sup>Neh. 9:2; 10:28 <sup>b</sup>Ezra 9:11

22 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *strengthen their hands*  
<sup>a</sup>Ex. 12:15 <sup>b</sup>Ezra 7:27 <sup>c</sup>Ezra 1:1; 6:1

1 <sup>a</sup>1 Chr. 6:4-14 <sup>b</sup>Ezra 7:12, 21; Neh. 2:1

6 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *his request*  
<sup>a</sup>Ezra 7:11, 12, 21 <sup>b</sup>Ezra 7:9, 28

7 <sup>a</sup>Ezra 8:1-20

so as to destroy this house of God in Jerusalem. I, Darius, have issued *this* decree, let it be carried out with all diligence!"

13 Then <sup>a</sup>Tattenai, the governor of *the province* beyond the River, Shethar-bozenai, and their colleagues carried out *the decree* with all diligence, just as King Darius had sent.

14 And <sup>a</sup>the elders of the Jews <sup>1</sup>were successful in building through the prophesying of Haggai the prophet and Zechariah the son of Iddo. And <sup>2</sup>they finished building according to the command of the God of Israel and the decree <sup>b</sup>of Cyrus, <sup>c</sup>Darius, and <sup>d</sup>Artaxerxes king of Persia.

15 And this temple was completed <sup>1</sup>on the third day of the <sup>a</sup>month Adar; it was the sixth year of the reign of King Darius.

16 And the sons of Israel, the priests, the Levites, and the rest of the <sup>1</sup>exiles, <sup>a</sup>celebrated the dedication of this house of God with joy.

17 And they offered for the dedication of this temple of God 100 bulls, 200 rams, 400 lambs, and as a sin offering for all Israel <sup>a</sup>12 male goats, corresponding to the number of the tribes of Israel.

18 Then they appointed the priests to <sup>a</sup>their divisions and the Levites in <sup>b</sup>their orders for the service of God <sup>1</sup>in Jerusalem, <sup>c</sup>as it is written in the book of Moses.

19 And <sup>a</sup>the exiles observed the Passover on <sup>b</sup>the fourteenth of the first month.

20 <sup>a</sup>For the priests and the Levites had purified themselves together; all of them were pure. Then <sup>b</sup>they slaughtered the Passover *lamb* for all the exiles, both for their brothers the priests and for themselves.

21 And the sons of Israel who returned from exile and <sup>a</sup>all those who had separated themselves from <sup>b</sup>the impurity of the nations of the land to *join* them, to seek the LORD God of Israel, ate *the Passover*.

22 And <sup>a</sup>they observed the Feast of Unleavened Bread seven days with joy, for the LORD had caused them to rejoice, and <sup>b</sup>had turned the heart of <sup>c</sup>the king of Assyria toward them to <sup>1</sup>encourage them in the work of the house of God, the God of Israel.

## CHAPTER 7

<sup>a</sup>  
**N**OW after these things, in the reign of <sup>b</sup>Artaxerxes king of Persia, *there went up* Ezra son of Seraiah, son of Azariah, son of Hilkiah,

2 son of Shallum, son of Zadok, son of Ahitub,

3 son of Amariah, son of Azariah, son of Meraioth,

4 son of Zerariah, son of Uzzi, son of Bukki,

5 son of Abishua, son of Phinehas, son of Eleazar, son of

Aaron the chief priest.

6 This Ezra went up from Babylon, and he was a <sup>a</sup>scribe skilled in the law of Moses, which the LORD God of Israel had given; and the king granted him all <sup>1</sup>he requested <sup>b</sup>because the hand of the LORD his God *was* upon him.

7 And <sup>a</sup>some of the sons of Israel and some of the priests, the Levites, the singers, the gatekeepers, and the temple servants went up to Jerusalem in the seventh year of King Artaxerxes.

## Letter of Artaxerxes to Ezra.

8 And he came to Jerusalem in the fifth month, which was in the seventh year of the king.

9 For on the first of the first month <sup>1</sup>he began to go up from Babylon; and on the first of the fifth month he came to Jerusalem, <sup>a</sup>because the good hand of his God *was* upon him.

10 For Ezra had set his heart to <sup>1</sup>study the law of the LORD, and to practice *it*, and <sup>a</sup>to teach *His* statutes and ordinances in Israel.

11 Now this is the copy of the decree which King Artaxerxes gave to Ezra the priest, the scribe, <sup>1</sup>learned in the words of the commandments of the LORD and *His* statutes to Israel:

12 <sup>1</sup>"Artaxerxes, <sup>a</sup>king of kings, to Ezra the priest, the scribe of the law of the God of heaven, perfect *peace*. And now

13 <sup>a</sup>I have issued a decree that any of the people of Israel and their priests and the Levites in my kingdom who are willing to go to Jerusalem, may go with you.

14 "Forasmuch as you are sent <sup>1</sup>by the king and his <sup>a</sup>seven counselors to inquire concerning Judah and Jerusalem according to the law of your God which is in your hand,

15 and to bring the silver and gold, which the king and his counselors have freely offered to the God of Israel, <sup>a</sup>whose dwelling is in Jerusalem,

16 with <sup>a</sup>all the silver and gold which you shall find in the whole province of Babylon, along <sup>b</sup>with the freewill offering of the people and of the priests, who offered willingly for the house of their God which is in Jerusalem;

17 with this money, therefore, you shall diligently buy bulls, rams, and lambs, <sup>a</sup>with their grain offerings and their libations and <sup>b</sup>offer them on the altar of the house of your God which is in Jerusalem.

18 "And whatever seems good to you and to your brothers to do with the rest of the silver and gold, you may do according to the will of your God.

19 "Also the utensils which are given to you for the service of the house of your God, deliver in full before the God of Jerusalem.

20 "And the rest of the needs for the house of your God, for which you may have occasion to provide, <sup>a</sup>provide *for it* from the royal treasury.

21 "And I, even I King Artaxerxes, issue a decree to all the treasurers who are *in the provinces* beyond the <sup>1</sup>River, that whatever Ezra the priest, <sup>a</sup>the scribe of the law of the God of heaven, may require of you, it shall be done diligently,

22 *even up to 100 talents of silver, 100 <sup>1</sup>kors of wheat, 100 baths of wine, 100 baths of oil, and salt <sup>2</sup>as needed.*

23 "Whatever is <sup>1</sup>commanded by the God of heaven, let it be done with zeal for the house of the God of heaven, <sup>a</sup>lest there be wrath against the kingdom of the king and his sons.

24 "We also inform you that <sup>a</sup>it is not allowed to <sup>1</sup>impose tax, tribute or toll <sup>b</sup>on any of the priests, Levites, singers, doorkeepers, Nethinim, or servants of this house of God.

25 "And you, Ezra, according to the wisdom of your God which is in your hand, <sup>a</sup>appoint magistrates and judges that they may judge all the people who are *in the province* beyond the River, *even* all those who know the laws of your God; and you may <sup>b</sup>teach anyone who is ignorant of *them*.

9 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *was the foundation*  
<sup>a</sup>Ezra 7:6

10 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *seek*  
<sup>a</sup>Ezra 7:25; Neh. 8:1

11 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *the scribe of*

12 <sup>1</sup>Ch. 7:12-26 is in Aramaic  
<sup>a</sup>Ezek. 26:7; Dan. 2:37

13 <sup>a</sup>Ezra 6:1

14 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *from before*  
<sup>a</sup>Ezra 7:15, 28; 8:25

15 <sup>a</sup>Ezra 6:12

16 <sup>a</sup>Ezra 8:25 <sup>b</sup>Ezra 1:4, 6

17 <sup>a</sup>Num. 15:4-13 <sup>b</sup>Deut. 12:5-11

20 <sup>a</sup>Ezra 6:4

21 <sup>1</sup>Euphrates River and so throughout the chap.  
<sup>a</sup>Ezra 7:6

22 <sup>1</sup>One kor equals approx. ten bushels <sup>2</sup>Lit., *without prescription*

23 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *from the decree of*  
<sup>a</sup>Ezra 6:10

24 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *throw on them*  
<sup>a</sup>Ezra 4:13, 20 <sup>b</sup>Ezra 7:7

25 <sup>a</sup>Ex. 18:21; Deut. 16:18  
<sup>b</sup>Ezra 7:10

26 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *rooting out*  
<sup>a</sup>Ezra 6:11, 12

26 "And <sup>a</sup>whoever will not observe the law of your God and the law of the king, let judgment be executed upon him strictly, whether for death or for <sup>1</sup>banishment or for confiscation of goods or for imprisonment."

27 <sup>a</sup>Ezra 6:22

27 Blessed be the LORD, the God of our fathers, <sup>a</sup>who has put *such a thing* as this in the king's heart, to adorn the house of the LORD which is in Jerusalem,

28 and <sup>a</sup>has extended lovingkindness to me before the king and his counselors and before all the king's mighty princes. Thus I was strengthened according to the hand of the LORD my God upon me, and I gathered <sup>1</sup>leading men from Israel to go up with me.

28 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *heads*  
<sup>a</sup>Ezra 9:9

## CHAPTER 8

NOW these are the heads of their fathers' *households* and the genealogical enrollment of those who went up with me from Babylon in the reign of King Artaxerxes:

2 of the sons of Phinehas, Gershom; of the sons of Ithamar, Daniel; of the sons of David, Hattush;

3 of the sons of Shecaniah *who was* of the sons of Parosh, Zechariah and with him 150 males *who were in* the genealogical list;

4 of the sons of Pahath-moab, Eliehoenai the son of Zeremiah and 200 males with him;

5 of the sons of Shecaniah, the son of Jahaziel and 300 males with him;

6 and of the sons of Adin, Ebed the son of Jonathan and 50 males with him;

7 and of the sons of Elam, Jeshaiah the son of Athaliah and 70 males with him;

8 and of the sons of Shephatiah, Zebadiah the son of Michael and 80 males with him;

9 of the sons of Joab, Obadiah the son of Jehiel and 218 males with him;

10 and of the sons of Shelomith, the son of Josiphiah and 160 males with him;

11 and of the sons of Bebai, Zechariah the son of Bebai and 28 males with him;

12 and of the sons of Azgad, Johanan the son of Hakkatan and 110 males with him;

13 and of the sons of Adonikam, the last ones, these being their names, Eliphelet, Jeuel, and Shemaiah and 60 males with them;

14 and of the sons of Bigvai, Uthai and <sup>1</sup>Zabbud and 70 males with <sup>2</sup>them.

15 Now I assembled them at <sup>a</sup>the river that runs to Ahava, where we camped for three days; and when I observed the people and the priests, I <sup>b</sup>did not find any Levites there.

16 So I sent for Eliezer, Ariel, Shemaiah, Elnathan, Jarib, Elnathan, Nathan, Zechariah, and Meshullam, <sup>1</sup>leading men, and for Joiarib and Elnathan, teachers.

17 And I sent them to Iddo the <sup>1</sup>leading man at the place Casiphia; and I <sup>2</sup>told them what to say to <sup>3</sup>Iddo *and* his brothers, <sup>a</sup>the temple servants at the place Casiphia, *that is*, to bring ministers to us for the house of our God.

14 <sup>1</sup>Or, *Zakkur* <sup>2</sup>Or, *him*

15 <sup>a</sup>Ezra 8:21, 31 <sup>b</sup>Ezra 8:2; 7:7

16 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *heads*

17 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *head* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *put words in their mouth to say* <sup>3</sup>So Gk.; Heb., *Iddo his brother*  
<sup>a</sup>Ezra 2:43

**Prayer for Safe Journey.  
Gifts for the Temple.**

18 And <sup>a</sup>according to the good hand of our God upon us they brought us a man of insight of the sons of Mahli, the son of Levi, the son of Israel, namely Sherebiah, and his sons and brothers, 18 men;

19 and Hashabiah and <sup>1</sup>Jeshaiah of the sons of Merari, with his brothers and their sons, 20 men;

20 and 220 of <sup>a</sup>the temple servants, whom David and the princes had given for the service of the Levites, all of them designated by name.

21 Then I proclaimed <sup>a</sup>a fast there at <sup>b</sup>the river of Ahava, that we might humble ourselves before our God to seek from Him a <sup>1</sup>safe journey for us, our little ones, and all our possessions.

22 For I was ashamed to request from the king troops and horsemen to <sup>1</sup>protect us from the enemy on the way, because we had said to the king, <sup>a</sup>"The hand of our God is <sup>2</sup>favorably disposed to all those who seek Him, but <sup>b</sup>His power and His anger are against all those who forsake Him."

23 So we fasted and sought our God concerning this matter, and He <sup>1</sup>listened to our entreaty.

24 Then I set apart twelve of the leading priests, <sup>a</sup>Sher-ebiah, Hashabiah, and with them ten of their brothers;

25 and I <sup>a</sup>weighed out to them <sup>b</sup>the silver, the gold, and the utensils, the offering for the house of our God which the king and <sup>c</sup>his counselors and his princes, and all Israel present there, had offered.

26 <sup>a</sup>Thus I weighed into their hands 650 talents of silver, and silver utensils worth 100 talents, and gold talents,

27 and 20 gold bowls, worth 1,000 darics; and two utensils of fine shiny bronze, precious as gold.

28 Then I said to them, <sup>a</sup>"You are holy to the LORD, and the <sup>b</sup>utensils are holy; and the silver and the gold are a freewill offering to the LORD God of your fathers.

29 "Watch and keep *them* until you weigh *them* before the leading priests, the Levites, and the heads of the fathers' households of Israel at Jerusalem, in the chambers of the house of the LORD."

30 So the priests and the Levites <sup>a</sup>accepted the weighed out silver and gold and the utensils, to bring *them* to Jerusalem to the house of our God.

31 Then we journeyed from <sup>a</sup>the river Ahava on <sup>b</sup>the twelfth of the first month to go to Jerusalem; and <sup>c</sup>the hand of our God was over us, and He delivered us from the hand of the enemy and the ambushes by the way.

32 <sup>a</sup>Thus we came to Jerusalem and remained there three days.

33 And on the fourth day the silver and the gold and the utensils <sup>a</sup>were weighed out in the house of our God into the hand of <sup>b</sup>Meremoth the son of Uriah the priest, and with him was Eleazar the son of Phinehas; and with them were the Levites, Jozabad the son of Jeshua and Noadiah the son of Binnui.

34 Everything was numbered and weighed, and all the weight was recorded at that time.

35 <sup>a</sup>The exiles who had come from the captivity offered burnt offerings to the God of Israel: <sup>b</sup>12 bulls for all Israel, 96

18 <sup>a</sup>Ezra 7:6

19 <sup>1</sup>So Gk.; Heb., with him *Jeshaiah*

20 <sup>a</sup>Ezra 2:43; 7:7

21 <sup>1</sup>Lit., straight way  
<sup>a</sup>1 Sam. 7:6; 2 Chr. 20:3  
<sup>b</sup>Ezra 8:15, 31

22 <sup>1</sup>Lit., help <sup>2</sup>Lit., upon all... for good  
<sup>a</sup>Ezra 7:6, 9, 28  
<sup>b</sup>Josh. 22:16

23 <sup>1</sup>Lit., was entreated by us

24 <sup>a</sup>Ezra 8:18, 19

25 <sup>a</sup>Ezra 8:33 <sup>b</sup>Ezra 7:15, 16  
<sup>c</sup>Ezra 7:14

26 <sup>a</sup>Ezra 1:9-11

28 <sup>a</sup>Lev. 21:6-8 <sup>b</sup>Lev. 22:2, 3

29 <sup>a</sup>Ezra 8:33, 34

30 <sup>a</sup>Ezra 1:9

31 <sup>a</sup>Ezra 8:15, 21 <sup>b</sup>Ezra 7:9  
<sup>c</sup>Ezra 8:22

32 <sup>a</sup>Neh. 2:11

33 <sup>a</sup>Ezra 8:30 <sup>b</sup>Neh. 3:4, 21

35 <sup>a</sup>Ezra 2:1 <sup>b</sup>Ezra 6:17

**Ezra 8, 9**

36 <sup>1</sup>i.e. Euphrates River  
<sup>a</sup>Ezra 7:21-24 <sup>b</sup>Ezra 4:7; 5:6

1 <sup>a</sup>Ezra 6:21; Neh. 9:2  
<sup>b</sup>Lev. 18:24-30

2 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *seed*  
<sup>a</sup>Ezra 10:2, 18 <sup>b</sup>Ex. 22:31  
<sup>c</sup>Neh. 13:3

3 <sup>a</sup>2 Kin. 18:37 <sup>b</sup>Neh. 1:4

4 <sup>a</sup>Ezra 10:3 <sup>b</sup>Ex. 29:39

5 <sup>1</sup>Or, *fasting* <sup>2</sup>Lit.,  
*palms*  
<sup>a</sup>Ex. 9:29

6 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *multiplied over  
the head*  
<sup>a</sup>Ezra 9:13, 15; 2 Chr. 28:9;  
Rev. 18:5

7 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *shame of faces*  
<sup>a</sup>2 Chr. 29:6 <sup>b</sup>Dan. 9:7

8 <sup>a</sup>Ezra 9:13-15 <sup>b</sup>Is. 22:23

9 <sup>a</sup>Neh. 9:36 <sup>b</sup>Ezra 7:28

11 <sup>a</sup>Ezra 6:21

rams, 77 lambs, 12 male goats for a sin offering, all as a burnt offering to the LORD.

36 Then <sup>a</sup>they delivered the king's edicts to <sup>b</sup>the king's satraps, and to the governors *in the provinces* beyond the <sup>1</sup>River, and they supported the people and the house of God.

CHAPTER 9

**N**OW when these things had been completed, the princes approached me, saying, "The people of Israel and the priests and the Levites have not <sup>a</sup>separated themselves from the peoples of the lands, <sup>b</sup>according to their abominations, *those of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Perizzites, the Jebusites, the Ammonites, the Moabites, the Egyptians, and the Amorites.*

2 "For <sup>a</sup>they have taken some of their daughters *as wives* for themselves and for their sons, so that <sup>b</sup>the holy <sup>1</sup>race has <sup>c</sup>intermingled with the peoples of the lands; indeed, the hands of the princes and the rulers have been foremost in this unfaithfulness."

3 And when I heard about this matter, I <sup>a</sup>tore my garment and my robe, and pulled some of the hair from my head and my beard, and <sup>b</sup>sat down appalled.

4 Then <sup>a</sup>everyone who trembled at the words of the God of Israel on account of the unfaithfulness of the exiles gathered to me, and I sat appalled until <sup>b</sup>the evening offering.

5 But at the evening offering I arose from my <sup>1</sup>humiliation, even with my garment and my robe torn, and I fell on my knees and <sup>a</sup>stretched out my <sup>2</sup>hands to the LORD my God;

6 and I said, "O my God, I am ashamed and embarrassed to lift up my face to Thee, my God, for our iniquities have <sup>1</sup>risen above our heads, and our <sup>a</sup>guilt has grown even to the heavens.

7 "Since the days of our fathers to this day *we have been* in great guilt, and on account of our iniquities we, our kings *and* our priests have been given into the hand of the kings of the lands, to the sword, to captivity, and to plunder and to <sup>1</sup>open shame, as *it is* this day.

8 "But now for a brief moment grace has been *shown* from the LORD our God, <sup>a</sup>to leave us an escaped remnant and to give us a <sup>b</sup>peg in His holy place, that our God may enlighten our eyes and grant us a little reviving in our bondage.

9 "For we are slaves; yet in our bondage, our God has not forsaken us, but <sup>b</sup>has extended lovingkindness to us in the sight of the kings of Persia, to give us reviving to raise up the house of our God, to restore its ruins, and to give us a wall in Judah and Jerusalem.

10 "And now, our God, what shall we say after this? For we have forsaken Thy commandments,

11 which Thou hast commanded by Thy servants the prophets, saying, "The land which you are entering to take possession of it is an unclean land with the uncleanness of the peoples of the lands, with their abominations which have filled it from end to end and <sup>a</sup>with their impurity.



12 'So now do not <sup>a</sup>give your daughters to their sons nor take their daughters to your sons, and never seek their peace or their prosperity, that you may be strong and eat the good *things* of the land and <sup>b</sup>leave it as an inheritance to your sons forever.'

13 "And after all that has come upon us for our evil deeds and <sup>a</sup>our great guilt, since Thou our God hast required us less than our iniquities *deserve*, and hast given us <sup>b</sup>an escaped remnant as this,

14 <sup>a</sup>shall we again break Thy commandments and intermarry with the peoples who commit these abominations? <sup>b</sup>Wouldst Thou not be angry with us <sup>1</sup>to the point of destruction, until there is no remnant nor any who escape?

15 "O LORD God of Israel, <sup>a</sup>Thou art righteous, for we have been left an escaped remnant, as *it is* this day; behold, we are before Thee in <sup>b</sup>our guilt, for <sup>c</sup>no one can stand before Thee because of this."

CHAPTER 10

NOW <sup>a</sup>while Ezra was praying and making confession, weeping and prostrating himself <sup>b</sup>before the house of God, a very large assembly, men, women, and children, gathered to him from Israel; for the people wept bitterly.

2 And Shecaniah the son of Jehiel, one of the sons of Elam, answered and said to Ezra, "<sup>a</sup>We have been unfaithful to our God, and have <sup>1</sup>married foreign women from the peoples of the land; yet now there is hope for Israel in spite of this.

3 "So now <sup>a</sup>let us make a covenant with our God to put away all the wives and <sup>b</sup>their children, according to the counsel of <sup>2</sup>my lord and of <sup>c</sup>those who tremble at the commandment of our God; and let it be done <sup>d</sup>according to the law.

4 "Arise! For *this* matter is <sup>1</sup>your responsibility, but we will be with you; <sup>a</sup>be courageous and act."

5 Then Ezra rose and <sup>a</sup>made the leading priests, the Levites, and all Israel, take oath that they would do according to this <sup>1</sup>proposal; so they took the oath.

6 Then Ezra <sup>a</sup>rose from before the house of God and went into the chamber of Jehohanan the son of Eliashib. Although he went there, <sup>b</sup>he did not eat bread, nor drink water, for he was mourning over the unfaithfulness of the exiles.

7 And they made a proclamation throughout Judah and Jerusalem to all the exiles, that they should assemble at Jerusalem,

8 and that whoever would not come within three days, according to the counsel of the leaders and the elders, all his possessions should be forfeited and he himself excluded from the assembly of the exiles.

9 So all the men of Judah and Benjamin assembled at Jerusalem within the three days. It was the ninth month on the twentieth of the month, and all the people sat in the open square *before* the house of God, <sup>a</sup>trembling because of this matter and the heavy rain.

10 Then Ezra the priest stood up and said to them, "You have been unfaithful and have married foreign wives adding to the guilt of Israel.

12 <sup>a</sup>Ezra 9:2 <sup>b</sup>Prov. 13:22

13 <sup>a</sup>Ezra 9:6, 7 <sup>b</sup>Ezra 9:8

14 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *to destroy*  
<sup>a</sup>Ezra 9:2 <sup>b</sup>Deut. 9:8, 14

15 <sup>a</sup>Neh. 9:33; Dan. 9:7  
<sup>b</sup>Ezra 9:6 <sup>c</sup>Job 9:2

1 <sup>a</sup>Dan. 9:4, 20 <sup>b2</sup>Chr. 20:9

2 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *given dwelling to*  
<sup>a</sup>Ezra 9:2

3 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *that which is born of them* <sup>2</sup>Or, *the Lord*  
<sup>a2</sup>Chr. 34:31 <sup>b</sup>Ezra 10:44  
<sup>c</sup>Ezra 9:4 <sup>d</sup>Deut. 7:2, 3

4 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *upon you*  
<sup>a1</sup>Chr. 28:10

5 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *word, thing*  
<sup>a</sup>Neh. 5:12; 13:25

6 <sup>a</sup>Ezra 10:1 <sup>b</sup>Deut. 9:18

9 <sup>a</sup>Ezra 10:3; 9:4

11 <sup>a</sup>Lev. 26:40 <sup>b</sup>Ezra 10:3

11 "Now, therefore, <sup>a</sup>make confession to the LORD God of your fathers, and do His will; and <sup>b</sup>separate yourselves from the peoples of the land and from the foreign wives."

12 Then all the assembly answered and said with a loud voice, "That's right! As you have said, so it is <sup>1</sup>our duty to do.

13 "But there are many people, it is the rainy season, and we are not able to stand in the open. Nor can the task be done in one or two days, for we have transgressed greatly in this matter.

14 "Let our leaders <sup>1</sup>represent the whole assembly and let all those in our cities who have married foreign wives come at appointed times, together with the elders and judges of each city, until the <sup>a</sup>fierce anger of our God on account of this matter is turned away from us."

15 Only Jonathan the son of Asahel and Jahzeiah the son of Tikvah <sup>1</sup>opposed this, with Meshullam and Shabbethai the Levite supporting them.

16 But the exiles did so. And Ezra the priest <sup>1</sup>selected men *who were heads of fathers' households* for each of their father's *households*, all of them by name. So they <sup>2</sup>convened on the first day of the tenth month to investigate the matter.

17 And they finished *investigating* all the men who had married foreign wives by the first of the first month.

18 And among the sons of the priests who had married foreign wives were found of the sons of Jeshua the son of Jozadak, and his brothers: Maaseiah, Eliezer, Jarib, and Gedaliah.

19 And they <sup>1a</sup>pledged to put away their wives, and being guilty, <sup>b</sup>*they offered* a ram of the flock for their offense.

20 And of the sons of Immer *there were* Hanani and Zebadiah;

21 and of the sons of Harim: Maaseiah, Elijah, Shemaiah, Jehiel, and Uziah;

22 and of the sons of Pashhur: Elioenai, Maaseiah, Ishmael, Nethanel, Jozabad, and Elasa.

23 And of Levites *there were* Jozabad, Shimei, Kelaiah (that is, Kelita), Pethahiah, Judah, and Eliezer.

24 And of the singers *there was* Eliashib; and of the gatekeepers: Shallum, Telem, and Uri.

25 And of Israel, of the sons of Parosh *there were* Ramiah, Izziah, Malchijah, Mijamin, Eleazar, Malchijah, and Benaiah;

26 and of the sons of Elam: Mattaniah, Zechariah, Jehiel, Abdi, Jeremoth, and Elijah;

27 and of the sons of Zattu: Elioenai, Eliashib, Mattaniah, Jeremoth, Zabad, and Aziza;

28 and of the sons of Bebai: Jehohanan, Hananiah, Zabbai, and Athlai;

29 and of the sons of Bani: Meshullam, Malluch, and Adaiah, Jashub, Sheal, and Jeremoth;

30 and of the sons of Pahath-moab: Adna, Chelal, Benaiah, Maaseiah, Mattaniah, Bezalel, Binnui, and Manasseh;

31 and of the sons of Harim: Eliezer, Isshijah, Malchijah, Shemaiah, Shimeon,

32 Benjamin, Malluch, and Shemariah;

33 of the sons of Hashum: Mattenai, Mattattah, Zabad, Eliphelet, Jeremai, Manasseh, and Shimei;

34 of the sons of Bani: Maadai, Amram, Uel,

12 <sup>1</sup>Lit., upon us

14 <sup>1</sup>Lit., stand for  
<sup>2</sup>Chr. 29:10; 30:8

15 <sup>1</sup>Lit., stood against

16 <sup>1</sup>Heb. reads, *there were set apart Ezra the priest, men...* <sup>2</sup>Lit., sat

19 <sup>1</sup>Lit., gave their hand  
<sup>2</sup>Kin. 10:15 <sup>b</sup>Lev. 5:15;  
6:6

- 35 Benaiah, Bedeiah, Chelubi,  
 36 Vaniah, Meremoth, Eliashib,  
 37 Mattaniah, Mattenai, Jaasu,  
 38 Bani, Binnui, Shimei,  
 39 Shelemiah, Nathan, Adaiah,  
 40 Machnadebai, Shashai, Sharai,  
 41 Azarel, Shelemiah, Shemariah,  
 42 Shallum, Amariah, and Joseph.  
 43 Of the sons of Nebo *there were* Jeiel, Mattithiah,  
 Zabab, Zebina, Jaddai, Joel, and Benaiah.  
 44 All these had married foreign wives, and <sup>a</sup>some of them  
 had wives *by whom* they had children.

## THE BOOK OF NEHEMIAH

### Nehemiah's Grief for Exiles.

THE words of <sup>a</sup>Nehemiah the son of Hacaliah.

Now it happened in <sup>b</sup>the month Chislew, <sup>c</sup>in the twentieth year, while I was in <sup>d</sup>Susa the <sup>1</sup>capitol,

2 that <sup>a</sup>Hanani, one of my brothers, and <sup>1</sup>some men from Judah came; and I asked them concerning the Jews who had escaped *and* had survived the captivity, and about Jerusalem.

3 And they said to me, "The remnant there in the <sup>a</sup>province who survived the captivity are in great distress and <sup>b</sup>reproach, and <sup>c</sup>the wall of Jerusalem is broken down and <sup>d</sup>its gates are burned with fire."

4 Now it came about when I heard these words, <sup>a</sup>I sat down and wept and mourned for days; and I was fasting and praying before <sup>b</sup>the God of heaven.

5 And I said, "I beseech Thee, O LORD God of heaven, <sup>a</sup>the great and awesome God, who preserves the covenant and lovingkindness for those who love Him and keep His commandments,

6 <sup>a</sup>let Thine ear now be attentive and Thine eyes open to hear the prayer of Thy servant which I am praying before Thee now, day and night, on behalf of the sons of Israel Thy servants, <sup>b</sup>confessing the sins of the sons of Israel which we have sinned against Thee; <sup>c</sup>and my father's house have sinned.

7 "<sup>a</sup>We have acted very corruptly against Thee and have not kept the commandments, nor the statutes, nor the ordinances <sup>b</sup>which Thou didst command Thy servant Moses.

8 "Remember the word which Thou didst command Thy servant Moses, saying, '<sup>a</sup>If you are unfaithful I will scatter you among the peoples;

9 <sup>a</sup>but if you return to Me and keep My commandments and do them, though those of you who have been scattered were in the most remote part of the heavens, I <sup>b</sup>will gather them from there and will bring them <sup>c</sup>to the place where I have chosen to cause My name to dwell.'

10 "And <sup>a</sup>they are Thy servants and Thy people whom Thou

44 <sup>a</sup>Ezra 10:3

1 <sup>1</sup>Or, *palace or citadel*  
<sup>a</sup>Neh. 10:1 <sup>b</sup>Zech. 7:1  
<sup>c</sup>Neh. 2:1 <sup>d</sup>Esth. 1:2; Dan. 8:2

2 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *he and some*  
<sup>a</sup>Neh. 7:2

3 <sup>a</sup>Neh. 7:6 <sup>b</sup>Neh. 2:17  
<sup>c</sup>Neh. 2:17 <sup>d</sup>Neh. 2:3

4 <sup>a</sup>Ezra 9:3; 10:1 <sup>b</sup>Neh. 2:4

5 <sup>a</sup>Neh. 4:14; 9:32

6 <sup>a</sup>Dan. 9:17 <sup>b</sup>Ezra 10:1;  
 Dan. 9:20 <sup>c</sup>Chr. 29:6

7 <sup>a</sup>Dan. 9:5 <sup>b</sup>Deut. 28:14

8 <sup>a</sup>Lev. 26:33

9 <sup>a</sup>Deut. 30:2, 3 <sup>b</sup>Deut. 30:4 <sup>c</sup>Deut. 12:5

10 <sup>a</sup>Ex. 32:11; Deut. 9:29

11 <sup>1</sup>Or, *fear*  
<sup>a</sup>Neh. 1:6 <sup>b</sup>Neh. 2:1; Gen.  
 40:21

1 <sup>a</sup>Neh. 1:1 <sup>b</sup>Ezra 7:1  
<sup>c</sup>Neh. 1:11

2 <sup>a</sup>Prov. 15:13

3 <sup>a</sup>Dan. 2:4 <sup>b</sup>Neh. 1:3

4 <sup>a</sup>Neh. 1:4

6 <sup>a</sup>Neh. 5:14; 13:6

7 <sup>a</sup>Ezra 7:21; 8:36

8 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *house*  
<sup>a</sup>Eccles. 2:5, 6 <sup>b</sup>Neh. 7:2  
<sup>c</sup>Neh. 2:18; Ezra 7:6

9 <sup>a</sup>Neh. 2:7 <sup>b</sup>Ezra 8:22

10 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *servant*  
<sup>a</sup>Neh. 2:19; 4:1

12 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *heart*

13 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *Gate of Ash-  
 heaps*  
<sup>a</sup>Neh. 3:13 <sup>b</sup>Neh. 1:3 <sup>c</sup>Neh.  
 2:3, 17

14 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *the animal under  
 me*  
<sup>a</sup>Neh. 3:15 <sup>b</sup>2 Kin. 20:20

didst redeem by Thy great power and by Thy strong hand.

11 "O Lord, I beseech Thee, <sup>a</sup>may Thine ear be attentive to the prayer of Thy servant and the prayer of Thy servants who delight to <sup>1</sup>revere Thy name, and make Thy servant successful today, and grant him compassion before this man."

Now I was the <sup>b</sup>cupbearer to the king.

## CHAPTER 2

AND it came about in the month Nisan, <sup>a</sup>in the twentieth year of King <sup>b</sup>Artaxerxes, that wine was before him, and <sup>c</sup>I took up the wine and gave it to the king. Now I had not been sad in his presence.

2 So the king said to me, "Why is your face sad though you are not sick? <sup>a</sup>This is nothing but sadness of heart." Then I was very much afraid.

3 And I said to the king, "<sup>a</sup>Let the king live forever. Why should my face not be sad <sup>b</sup>when the city, the place of my fathers' tombs, lies desolate and its gates have been consumed by fire?"

4 Then the king said to me, "What would you request?"  
<sup>a</sup>So I prayed to the God of heaven.

5 And I said to the king, "If it please the king, and if your servant has found favor before you, send me to Judah, to the city of my fathers' tombs, that I may rebuild it."

6 Then the king said to me, the queen sitting beside him, "How long will your journey be, and when will you return?" So it pleased the king to send me, and <sup>a</sup>I gave him a definite time.

7 And I said to the king, "If it please the king, let letters be given me <sup>a</sup>for the governors of the provinces beyond the River, that they may allow me to pass through until I come to Judah,

8 and a letter to Asaph the keeper of the king's <sup>a</sup>forest, that he may give me timber to make beams for the gates of <sup>b</sup>the fortress which is by the <sup>1</sup>temple, for the wall of the city, and for the house to which I will go." And the king granted *them* to me because <sup>c</sup>the good hand of my God was on me.

9 Then I came to <sup>a</sup>the governors of the provinces beyond the River and gave them the king's letters. Now <sup>b</sup>the king had sent with me officers of the army and horsemen.

10 And when <sup>a</sup>Sanballat the Horonite and Tobiah the Ammonite <sup>1</sup>official heard *about it*, it was very displeasing to them that someone had come to seek the welfare of the sons of Israel.

11 So I came to Jerusalem and was there three days.

12 And I arose in the night, I and a few men with me. I did not tell any one what my God was putting into my <sup>1</sup>mind to do for Jerusalem and there was no animal with me except the animal on which I was riding.

13 So I went out at night by <sup>a</sup>the Valley Gate in the direction of the Dragon's Well and *on* to the <sup>1</sup>Refuse Gate, inspecting the walls of Jerusalem <sup>b</sup>which were broken down and its <sup>c</sup>gates which were consumed by fire.

14 Then I passed on to <sup>a</sup>the Fountain Gate and <sup>b</sup>the King's Pool, but there was no place for <sup>1</sup>my mount to pass.

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15 So I went up at night by the ravine and inspected the wall. Then I entered the Valley Gate again and returned.

16 And the officials did not know where I had gone or what I had done; nor had I as yet told the Jews, the priests, the nobles, the officials, or the rest who did the work.

17 Then I said to them, "You see the bad situation we are in, that <sup>a</sup>Jerusalem is desolate and its gates burned by fire. Come, let us rebuild the wall of Jerusalem that we may no longer be a reproach."

18 And I told them how the hand of my God had been favorable to me, and also about the king's words which he had spoken to me. Then they said, "Let us arise and build." <sup>a</sup>So they put their hands to the good work.

19 But when Sanballat the Horonite, and Tobiah the Ammonite <sup>1</sup>official, and <sup>a</sup>Geshem the Arab heard it, <sup>b</sup>they mocked us and despised us and said, "What is this thing you are doing? <sup>c</sup>Are you rebelling against the king?"

20 So I answered them and said to them, "<sup>a</sup>The God of heaven will give us success; therefore we His servants will arise and build, but you have no portion, right, or memorial in Jerusalem."

CHAPTER 3

**T**HEN <sup>a</sup>Eliashib the high priest arose with his brothers the priests and built <sup>b</sup>the Sheep Gate; they consecrated it and <sup>c</sup>hung its doors. They consecrated <sup>1</sup>the wall to <sup>d</sup>the Tower of the Hundred and <sup>e</sup>the Tower of Hananel.

2 And next to him <sup>a</sup>the men of Jericho built, and next to <sup>1</sup>them Zaccur the son of Imri built.

3 Now the sons of Hassenaah built <sup>a</sup>the Fish Gate; they laid its beams and hung its doors with its bolts and bars.

4 And next to them Meremoth the son of Uriah, the son of Hakkoz made repairs. And next to him Meshullam the son of Berechiah the son of Meshezabel made repairs. And next to <sup>1</sup>him Zadok the son of Baana also made repairs.

5 Moreover, next to <sup>1</sup>him the Tekoites made repairs, but their nobles did not <sup>2</sup>support the work of their masters.

6 And Joiada the son of Paseah and Meshullam the son of Besodeiah repaired <sup>a</sup>the Old Gate; they laid its beams and hung its doors, with its bolts and its bars.

7 Next to them Melatiah the Gibeonite and Jadon the Meronothite, the men of Gibeon and of Mizpah, <sup>1</sup>also <sup>a</sup>made repairs for the official seat of the governor of the province beyond the River.

8 Next to him Uzziel the son of Harhaiah of the <sup>a</sup>goldsmiths made repairs. And next to him Hananiah, one of the perfumers, made repairs, and they restored Jerusalem as far as <sup>b</sup>the Broad Wall.

9 And next to them Rephaiah the son of Hur, <sup>a</sup>the official of half the district of Jerusalem, made repairs.

10 Next to them Jedaiah the son of Harumaph made repairs opposite his house. And next to him Hattush the son of Hashabneiah made repairs.

11 Malchijah the son of Harim and Hasshub the son of

17 <sup>a</sup>Neh. 1:3

18 <sup>a</sup>2 Sam. 2:7

19 <sup>1</sup>Lit., servant  
<sup>a</sup>Neh. 6:6 <sup>b</sup>Neh. 4:1 <sup>c</sup>Neh. 6:6

20 <sup>a</sup>Neh. 2:4

1 <sup>1</sup>Lit., it  
<sup>a</sup>Neh. 3:20; 13:28 <sup>b</sup>Neh. 3:32; 12:39 <sup>c</sup>Neh. 6:1; 7:1  
<sup>d</sup>Neh. 12:39 <sup>e</sup>Jer. 31:38

2 <sup>1</sup>Lit., him  
<sup>a</sup>Neh. 7:36

3 <sup>a</sup>Neh. 12:39

4 <sup>1</sup>Lit., them

5 <sup>1</sup>Lit., them <sup>2</sup>Lit., bring their neck to

6 <sup>a</sup>Neh. 12:39

7 <sup>1</sup>Or, which was under the jurisdiction of the governor of the province beyond the River, also made repairs  
<sup>a</sup>Neh. 2:7

8 <sup>a</sup>Neh. 31:32 <sup>b</sup>Neh. 12:38

9 <sup>a</sup>Neh. 3:12, 17

11 <sup>a</sup>Neh. 12:38

12 <sup>a</sup>Neh. 3:9

13 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *Gate of Ash-heaps*  
<sup>a</sup>Neh. 2:13

14 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *Gate of Ash-heaps*  
<sup>a</sup>Jer. 6:1 <sup>b</sup>Neh. 2:13

15 <sup>a</sup>Neh. 2:17 <sup>b2</sup> Kin. 25:4  
<sup>c</sup>Neh. 12:37

16 <sup>a</sup>Neh. 3:9, 12, 17  
<sup>b2</sup> Kin. 20:20; Is. 7:3

19 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *a second measure*, so in v. 20, 21, 24, 30.  
<sup>a</sup>Neh. 3:15 <sup>b2</sup> Chr. 26:9

20 <sup>a</sup>Neh. 3:1

21 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *Eliashib's*

22 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *circle*; i.e., lower Jordan valley  
<sup>a</sup>Neh. 12:28

23 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *him*

24 <sup>a</sup>Neh. 3:19

25 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 32:2

26 <sup>a</sup>Neh. 7:46 <sup>b</sup>Neh. 11:21  
<sup>c</sup>Neh. 8:1

27 <sup>a</sup>Neh. 3:5

28 <sup>a2</sup> Kin. 11:16; 2 Chr. 23:15; Jer. 31:40

29 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *him*

Pahath-moab repaired another section and <sup>a</sup>the Tower of Furnaces.

12 And next to him Shallum the son of Hallohesh, <sup>a</sup>the official of half the district of Jerusalem, made repairs, he and his daughters.

13 Hanun and the inhabitants of Zanoah repaired <sup>a</sup>the Valley Gate. They built it and hung its doors with its bolts and its bars, and a thousand cubits of the wall to the <sup>1</sup>Refuse Gate.

14 And Malchijah the son of Rechab, the official of the district of <sup>a</sup>Beth-haccherem repaired the <sup>1b</sup>Refuse Gate. He built it and hung its doors with its bolts and its bars.

15 Shallum the son of Col-hozeh, the official of the district of Mizpah, repaired <sup>a</sup>the Fountain Gate. He built it, covered it, and hung its doors with its bolts and its bars, and the wall of the Pool of Shelah at <sup>b</sup>the King's Garden as far as <sup>c</sup>the steps that descend from the city of David.

16 After him Nehemiah the son of Azbuk, <sup>a</sup>official of half the district of Beth-zur, made repairs as far as *a point* opposite the tombs of David, and as far as <sup>b</sup>the Artificial Pool and the House of the Mighty Men.

17 After him the Levites carried out repairs *under* Rehum the son of Bani. Next to him Hashabiah, the official of half the district of Keilah, carried out repairs for his district.

18 After him their brothers carried out repairs *under* Bavvai the son of Henadad, official of *the other* half of the district of Keilah.

19 And next to him Ezer the son of Jeshua, <sup>a</sup>the official of Mizpah, repaired <sup>1</sup>another section, in front of the ascent of the armory <sup>b</sup>at the Angle.

20 After him Baruch the son of Zabbai zealously repaired another section, from the Angle to the doorway of the house of <sup>a</sup>Eliashib the high priest.

21 After him Meremoth the son of Uriah, the son of Hakkoz repaired another section, from the doorway of Eliashib's house even as far as the end of <sup>1</sup>his house.

22 And after him the priests, <sup>a</sup>the men of the <sup>1</sup>valley, carried out repairs.

23 After <sup>1</sup>them Benjamin and Hasshub carried out repairs in front of their house. After <sup>1</sup>them Azariah the son of Maaseiah, son of Ananiah carried out repairs beside his house.

24 After him Binnui the son of Henadad repaired another section, from the house of Azariah as far as <sup>a</sup>the Angle and as far as the corner.

25 Palal the son of Uzai *made repairs* in front of the Angle and the tower projecting from the upper house of the king, which is by <sup>a</sup>the court of the guard. After him Pedaiah the son of Parosh *made repairs*.

26 And <sup>a</sup>the temple servants living in <sup>b</sup>Ophel *made repairs* as far as the front of <sup>c</sup>the Water Gate toward the east and the projecting tower.

27 After him <sup>a</sup>the Tekoites repaired another section in front of the great projecting tower and as far as the wall of Ophel.

28 Above <sup>a</sup>the Horse Gate the priests carried out repairs, each in front of his house.

29 After <sup>1</sup>them Zadok the son of Immer carried out repairs

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in front of his house. And after him Shemaiah the son of Shecaniah, the keeper of the East Gate, carried out repairs.

30 After him Hananiah the son of Shelemiah, and Hanan the sixth son of Zalaph, repaired another section. After him Meshullam the son of Berechiah carried out repairs in front of <sup>a</sup>his own <sup>1</sup>quarters.

31 After him Malchijah <sup>1</sup>one of <sup>a</sup>the goldsmiths, carried out repairs as far as the house of the temple servants and of the merchants, in front of the <sup>2</sup>Inspection Gate and as far as the upper room of the corner.

32 And between the upper room of the corner and <sup>a</sup>the Sheep Gate the goldsmiths and the merchants carried out repairs.

30 <sup>1</sup>Or, *cell*  
<sup>a</sup>Neh. 13:7

31 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *son of* <sup>2</sup>Or, *Mustering*  
<sup>a</sup>Neh. 3:8, 32

32 <sup>a</sup>Neh. 3:1

<sup>1</sup>Ch. 3:33 in Heb.  
<sup>a</sup>Neh. 2:10

CHAPTER 4

**N**OW it came about that when <sup>a</sup>Sanballat heard that we were rebuilding the wall, he became furious and very angry and mocked the Jews.

2 And he spoke in the presence of his brothers and <sup>a</sup>the <sup>1</sup>wealthy *men* of Samaria and said, "What are these feeble Jews doing? Are they going to restore it for themselves? Can they offer sacrifices? Can they finish in a day? Can they revive the stones from the <sup>2b</sup>dusty rubble even the burned ones?"

3 Now Tobiah the Ammonite *was* near him and he said, "Even what they are building—<sup>a</sup>if a fox should <sup>1</sup>jump on it, he would break their stone wall down!"

4 <sup>a</sup>Hear, O our God, how we are despised! <sup>b</sup>Return their reproach on their own heads and give them up for plunder in a land of captivity.

5 Do not <sup>1a</sup>forgive their iniquity and let not their sin be blotted out before Thee, for they have <sup>2</sup>demoralized the builders.

6 So we built the wall and the whole wall was joined together to half its *height*, for the people had a <sup>1</sup>mind to work.

7 <sup>1</sup>Now it came about when Sanballat, Tobiah, the Arabs, the Ammonites, and the Ashdodites heard that the <sup>2</sup>repair of the walls of Jerusalem went on, *and* that the breaches began to be closed, they were very angry.

8 And all of them conspired together to come *and* fight against Jerusalem and to cause a disturbance in it.

9 But we prayed to our God, and because of them we <sup>a</sup>set up a guard against them day and night.

10 Thus <sup>1</sup>in Judah it was said,  
"The strength of the burden bearers is failing,  
Yet there is much <sup>2</sup>rubbish;  
And we ourselves are unable  
To rebuild the wall."

11 And our enemies said, "They will not know or see until we come among them, kill them, and put a stop to the work."

12 And it came about when the Jews who lived near them came and told us ten times, "<sup>1</sup>They will come up against us from every place where you may turn,"

13 then I stationed *men* in the lowest parts of the space behind the wall, the <sup>1</sup>exposed places, and I <sup>a</sup>stationed the people in families with their swords, spears, and bows.

<sup>2</sup>Or, *army* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *heaps of dust*  
<sup>a</sup>Ezra 4:9, 10 <sup>b</sup>Neh. 4:10

<sup>3</sup> <sup>1</sup>Lit., *go up*  
<sup>a</sup> Lam. 5:18

4 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 123:3, 4 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 79:12

5 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *cover* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *offended against*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 69:27, 28; Jer. 18:23

6 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *heart*

7 <sup>1</sup>Ch. 4:1 in Heb. <sup>2</sup>Lit., *healing*

9 <sup>a</sup>Neh. 4:11

10 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *Judah said* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *dust*

12 <sup>1</sup>Ck., Heb. omits *they . . . up*

13 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *bare*  
<sup>a</sup>Neh. 4:17, 18

14 \*Num. 14:9; Deut. 1:29, 30 <sup>b</sup>2 Sam. 10:12

15 \*2 Sam. 17:14

18 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *he who sounded the trumpet*

20 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *assemble yourselves*  
\*Ex. 14:14; Deut. 1:30

21 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *rising of the dawn* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *came out*

1 \*Lev. 25:35; Deut. 15:7

4 \*Ezra 4:13; 7:24

5 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *there is not to the power in our hands*  
\*Gen. 37:27 <sup>b</sup>Lev. 25:39

7 \*Ex. 22:25; Lev. 25:36

8 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *bought*  
\*Lev. 25:48

14 When I *saw their fear*, I rose and spoke to the nobles, the officials, and the rest of the people: “<sup>a</sup>Do not be afraid of them; remember the Lord who is great and awesome, and <sup>b</sup>fight for your brothers, your sons, your daughters, your wives, and your houses.”

15 And it happened when our enemies heard that it was known to us, and that <sup>a</sup>God had frustrated their plan, then all of us returned to the wall, each one to his work.

16 And it came about from that day on, that half of my servants carried on the work while half of them held the spears, the shields, the bows, and the breastplates; and the captains *were* behind the whole house of Judah.

17 Those who were rebuilding the wall and those who carried burdens took *their* load with one hand doing the work and the other holding a weapon.

18 As for the builders, each *wore* his sword girded at his side as he built, while <sup>1</sup>the trumpeter *stood* near me.

19 And I said to the nobles, the officials, and the rest of the people, “The work is great and extensive, and we are separated on the wall far from one another.

20 “At whatever place you hear the sound of the trumpet, <sup>1</sup>rally to us there. <sup>a</sup>Our God will fight for us.”

21 So we carried on the work with half of them holding spears from <sup>1</sup>dawn until the stars <sup>2</sup>appeared.

22 At that time I also said to the people, “Let each man with his servant spend the night within Jerusalem so that they may be a guard for us by night and a laborer by day.”

23 So neither I, my brothers, my servants, nor the men of the guard who followed me, none of us removed our clothes, each *took* his weapon *even* to the water.

## CHAPTER 5

**N**OW <sup>a</sup>there was a great outcry of the people and of their wives against their Jewish brothers.

2 For there were those who said, “We, our sons and our daughters, are many; therefore let us get grain that we may eat and live.”

3 And there were others who said, “We are mortgaging our fields, our vineyards, and our houses that we might get grain because of the famine.”

4 Also there were those who said, “We have borrowed money <sup>a</sup>for the king’s tax on our fields and our vineyards.

5 “And now <sup>a</sup>our flesh is like the flesh of our brothers, our children like their children. Yet behold, <sup>b</sup>we are forcing our sons and our daughters to be slaves, and some of our daughters are forced into bondage *already*, and <sup>1</sup>we are helpless because our fields and vineyards belong to others.”

6 Then I was very angry when I had heard their outcry and these words.

7 And I consulted with myself, and contended with the nobles and the rulers and said to them, “<sup>a</sup>You are exacting usury, each from his brother!” Therefore, I held a great assembly against them.

8 And I said to them, “We according to our ability <sup>a</sup>have <sup>1</sup>redeemed our Jewish brothers who were sold to the nations;



now would you even sell your brothers that they may be sold to us?" Then they were silent and could not find a word to say.

9 Again I said, "The thing which you are doing is not good; should you not walk in the fear of our God because of the reproach of the nations, our enemies?"

10 "And likewise I, my brothers and my servants, are lending them money and grain. Please, let us leave off this usury.

11 "Please, give back to them this very day their fields, their vineyards, their olive groves, and their houses, also the hundredth *part* of the money and of the grain, the new wine, and the oil that you are exacting from them."

12 Then they said, "We <sup>a</sup>will give it back and <sup>b</sup>will require nothing from them; we will do exactly as you say." So I called the priests and <sup>c</sup>took an oath from them that they would do according to this <sup>1</sup>promise.

13 I <sup>a</sup>also shook out the <sup>1</sup>front of my garment and said, "Thus may God shake out every man from his house and from his possessions who does not fulfill this <sup>2</sup>promise; even thus may he be shaken out and emptied." And <sup>b</sup>all the assembly said, "Amen!" And they praised the LORD. Then the people did according to this <sup>2</sup>promise.

14 Moreover, from the day that I was appointed to be their governor in the land of Judah, from <sup>a</sup>the twentieth year to the <sup>b</sup>thirty-second year of King Artaxerxes, for twelve years, neither <sup>c</sup>I nor my <sup>1</sup>kinsmen have eaten the governor's food *allowance*.

15 But the former governors who were before me <sup>1</sup>laid burdens on the people and took from them bread and wine besides forty shekels of silver; even their servants domineered the people. But I did not do so <sup>a</sup>because of the fear of God.

16 And I also <sup>1</sup>applied myself to the work on this wall; we did not buy any land, and all my servants were gathered there for the work.

17 Moreover, <sup>a</sup>there were at my table one hundred and fifty Jews and officials, besides those who came to us from the nations that were around us.

18 Now <sup>a</sup>that which was prepared for each day was one ox and six choice sheep, also birds were prepared for me; and once in ten days all sorts of wine were *furnished* in abundance. Yet for all this <sup>b</sup>I did not demand the governor's food *allowance*, because the servitude was heavy on this people.

19 <sup>a</sup>Remember me, O my God, for good, *according to all that I have done for this people.*

CHAPTER 6

**N**OW it came about when it was reported to Sanballat, Tobiah, to Geshem the Arab, and to the rest of our enemies that I had rebuilt the wall, and *that* no breach remained in it <sup>a</sup>although at that time I had not set up the doors in the gates,

2 that Sanballat and Geshem sent *a message* to me, saying, "Come, let us meet together at <sup>1</sup>Chephirim in the plain of <sup>a</sup>Ono." But they were planning to <sup>2</sup>harm me.

3 So I sent messengers to them, saying, "I am doing a great work and I cannot come down. Why should the work stop while I leave it and come down to you?"

9 <sup>a</sup>Neh. 4:4

12 <sup>1</sup>Lit., word  
<sup>a</sup>2 Chr. 28:15 <sup>b</sup>Neh. 10:31  
<sup>c</sup>Ezra 10:5

13 <sup>1</sup>Lit., bosom <sup>2</sup>Lit., word  
<sup>a</sup>Acts 18:6 <sup>b</sup>Neh. 8:6

14 <sup>1</sup>Lit., brothers  
<sup>a</sup>Neh. 1:1 <sup>b</sup>Neh. 13:6 <sup>c</sup>Ezra 4:13, 14

15 <sup>1</sup>Lit., made heavy  
<sup>a</sup>Neh. 5:9

16 <sup>1</sup>Or, held fast

17 <sup>a</sup>1 Kin. 18:19

18 <sup>a</sup>1 Kin. 4:22, 23  
<sup>b</sup>2 Thess. 3:8

19 <sup>a</sup>Neh. 13:14, 22, 31

1 <sup>a</sup>Neh. 3:1, 3

2 <sup>1</sup>Another reading is, one of the villages <sup>2</sup>Lit., do evil to me  
<sup>a</sup>1 Chr. 8:12

6 <sup>1</sup>In v. 1 and elsewhere  
Geshem  
<sup>a</sup>Neh. 2:19

7 <sup>1</sup>Lit., you, saying

8 <sup>1</sup>Lit., from your heart

9 <sup>1</sup>Lit., saying, <sup>2</sup>Lit.,  
Their hands will drop from

10 <sup>1</sup>Lit., shut up  
<sup>a</sup>Jer. 36:5

11 <sup>1</sup>Lit., and live

12 <sup>1</sup>Lit., and behold God

13 <sup>a</sup>Neh. 6:6

14 <sup>a</sup>Neh. 13:29 <sup>b</sup>Ezek.  
13:17

15 <sup>a</sup>Neh. 4:1, 2

16 <sup>1</sup>Lit., fell exceedingly  
in their own eyes <sup>2</sup>Lit.,  
from our God  
<sup>a</sup>Neh. 2:10; 4:1, 7 <sup>b</sup>Ex.  
14:25

1 <sup>a</sup>Neh. 6:1, 15

4 And they sent *messages* to me four times in this manner, and I answered them in the same way.

5 Then Sanballat sent his servant to me in the same manner a fifth time with an open letter in his hand.

6 In it was written, "It is reported among the nations, and <sup>1</sup>Gashmu says, that <sup>a</sup>you and the Jews are planning to rebel; therefore you are rebuilding the wall. And you are to be their king, according to these reports.

7 "And you have also appointed prophets to proclaim in Jerusalem concerning <sup>1</sup>you, 'A king is in Judah!' And now it will be reported to the king according to these reports. So come now, let us take counsel together."

8 Then I sent a *message* to him saying, "Such things as you are saying have not been done, but you are inventing them <sup>1</sup>in your own mind."

9 For all of them were *trying* to frighten us, <sup>1</sup>thinking, "<sup>2</sup>They will become discouraged with the work and it will not be done." But now, O God, strengthen my hands.

10 And when I entered the house of Shemaiah the son of Delaiah, son of Mehetabel, <sup>a</sup>who was <sup>1</sup>confined at home, he said, "Let us meet together in the house of God, within the temple, and let us close the doors of the temple, for they are coming to kill you, and they are coming to kill you at night."

11 But I said, "Should a man like me flee? And could one such as I go into the temple <sup>1</sup>to save his life? I will not go in."

12 Then I perceived <sup>1</sup>that surely God had not sent him, but he uttered *his* prophecy against me because Tobiah and Sanballat had hired him.

13 He was hired for this reason, <sup>a</sup>that I might become frightened and act accordingly and sin, so that they might have an evil report in order that they could reproach me.

14 <sup>a</sup>Remember, O my God, Tobiah and Sanballat according to these works of theirs, and also Noadiah <sup>b</sup>the prophetess and the rest of the prophets who were *trying* to frighten me.

15 So <sup>a</sup>the wall was completed on the twenty-fifth of *the month* Elul, in fifty-two days.

16 And it came about <sup>a</sup>when all our enemies heard of it, and all the nations surrounding us saw it, they <sup>1</sup>lost their confidence; for <sup>b</sup>they recognized that this work had been accomplished <sup>2</sup>with the help of our God.

17 Also in those days many letters went from the nobles of Judah to Tobiah, and Tobiah's *letters* came to them.

18 For many in Judah were bound by oath to him because he was the son-in-law of Shecaniah the son of Arah, and his son Jehohanan had married the daughter of Meshullam the son of Berechiah.

19 Moreover, they were speaking about his good deeds in my presence and reported my words to him. Then Tobiah sent letters to frighten me.

CHAPTER 7

**N**OW it came about when <sup>a</sup>the wall was rebuilt and I had set up the doors, and the gatekeepers and the singers and the Levites were appointed,

2 that I put <sup>a</sup>Hanani my brother, and <sup>b</sup>Hananiah the commander of the fortress, in charge of Jerusalem, for he was <sup>a</sup>a faithful man and feared God more than many.

3 Then I said to them, "Do not let the gates of Jerusalem be opened until the sun is hot, and while they are standing *guard*, let them shut and bolt the doors. Also appoint guards from the inhabitants of Jerusalem, each at his post, and each in front of his own house."

4 Now the city was large and spacious but the people in it were few and the houses were not built.

5 Then my God put it into my heart to assemble the nobles, the officials, and the people to be enrolled by genealogies. Then I found the book of the genealogy of those who came up first <sup>1</sup>in which I found the following record:

6 <sup>a</sup>These are the people of the province who came up from the captivity of the exiles whom Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon had carried away, and who returned to Jerusalem and Judah, each to his city,

7 who came with Zerubbabel, Jeshua, Nehemiah, <sup>1</sup>Azariah, <sup>2</sup>Raamiah, Nahamani, Mordecai, Bilshan, <sup>3</sup>Mispereth, Bigvai, <sup>4</sup>Nehum, Baanah.

The number of men of the people of Israel:

8 the sons of Parosh, 2,172;

9 the sons of Shephatiah, 372;

10 the sons of Arah, 652;

11 the sons of Pahath-moab of the sons of Jeshua and Joab, 2,818;

12 the sons of Elam, 1,254;

13 the sons of Zattu, 845;

14 the sons of Zaccai, 760;

15 the sons of <sup>1</sup>Binnui, 648;

16 the sons of Bebai, 628;

17 the sons of Azgad, 2,322;

18 the sons of Adonikam, 667;

19 the sons of Bigvai, 2,067;

20 the sons of Adin, 655;

21 the sons of Ater, of Hezekiah, 98;

22 the sons of Hashum, 328;

23 the sons of Bezai, 324;

24 the sons of <sup>1</sup>Hariph, 112;

25 the sons of <sup>1</sup>Gibeon, 95;

26 the men of Bethlehem and Netophah, 188;

27 the men of Anathoth, 128;

28 the men of <sup>1</sup>Beth-azmaveth, 42;

29 the men of <sup>1</sup>Kiriath-jearim, Chephirah, and Beeroth, 743;

30 the men of Ramah and Geba, 621;

31 the men of Michmas, 122;

32 the men of Bethel and Ai, 123;

33 the men of the other Nebo, 52;

34 the sons of the other Elam, 1,254;

35 the sons of Harim, 320;

36 the <sup>1</sup>men of Jericho, 345;

37 the sons of Lod, Hadid, and Ono, 721;

38 the sons of Senaah, 3,930.

<sup>2</sup> Neh. 1:2 <sup>b</sup> Neh. 10:23  
<sup>c</sup> Neh. 2:8 <sup>d</sup> Neh. 13:13

<sup>5</sup> <sup>1</sup> Lit., and I found written in it

6 <sup>a</sup> Ezra 2:1-70

7 <sup>1</sup> In Ezra 2:2, *Seraiah*  
<sup>2</sup> In Ezra 2:2, *Reelaiah* <sup>3</sup> In  
Ezra 2:2, *Mispar* <sup>4</sup> In Ezra  
2:2, *Rehum*

15 <sup>1</sup> In Ezra 2:10, *Bani*

24 <sup>1</sup> In Ezra 2:18, *Jorah*

25 <sup>1</sup> In Ezra 2:20, *Gibbar*

28 <sup>1</sup> In Ezra 2:24,  
*Azmareth*

29 <sup>1</sup> In Ezra 2:25, *Kiriath-  
arim*

36 <sup>1</sup> Lit., sons

43 <sup>1</sup>In Ezra 2:40,  
*Hodariah*

47 <sup>1</sup>In Ezra 2:44, *Siaha*

52 <sup>1</sup>In Ezra 2:50,  
*Nephisim*

54 <sup>1</sup>In Ezra 2:52, *Bazluth*

57 <sup>1</sup>In Ezra 2:55,  
*Hassophereth* <sup>2</sup>In Ezra  
2:55, *Peruda*

59 <sup>1</sup>In Ezra 2:57, *Ami*

61 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *seed*

65 <sup>1</sup>Heb. *Tirshathah*, a  
Persian title  
<sup>2</sup>Neh. 8:9; 10:1

67 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *these*

- 39** The priests: the sons of Jedaiah of the house of Jeshua, 973;  
**40** the sons of Immer, 1,052;  
**41** the sons of Pashhur, 1,247;  
**42** the sons of Harim, 1,017.  
**43** The Levites: the sons of Jeshua, of Kadmiel, of the sons of <sup>1</sup>Hodevah, 74.  
**44** The singers: the sons of Asaph, 148.  
**45** The gatekeepers: the sons of Shallum, the sons of Ater, the sons of Talmon, the sons of Akkub, the sons of Hatita, the sons of Shobai, 138.  
**46** The temple servants: the sons of Ziha, the sons of Hasupha, the sons of Tabbaoth,  
**47** the sons of Keros, the sons of <sup>1</sup>Sia, the sons of Padon,  
**48** the sons of Lebana, the sons of Hagaba, the sons of Shalmai,  
**49** the sons of Hanan, the sons of Giddel, the sons of Gahar,  
**50** the sons of Reaiah, the sons of Rezin, the sons of Nekoda,  
**51** the sons of Gazzam, the sons of Uzza, the sons of Paseah,  
**52** the sons of Besai, the sons of Meunim, the sons of <sup>1</sup>Nephuseshim,  
**53** the sons of Bakbuk, the sons of Hakupha, the sons of Harhur,  
**54** the sons of <sup>1</sup>Bazlith, the sons of Mehida, the sons of Harsha,  
**55** the sons of Barkos, the sons of Sisera, the sons of Temah,  
**56** the sons of Neziah, the sons of Hatipha.  
**57** The sons of Solomon's servants: the sons of Sotai, the sons of <sup>1</sup>Sophereth, the sons of <sup>2</sup>Perida,  
**58** the sons of Jaala, the sons of Darkon, the sons of Giddel,  
**59** the sons of Shephathiah, the sons of Hattil, the sons of Pochereth-hazzebaim, the sons of <sup>1</sup>Amon.  
**60** All the temple servants and the sons of Solomon's servants, *were* 392.  
**61** And these *were* they who came up from Tel-melah, Tel-harsha, Cherub, Addon, and Immer; but they could not show their fathers' houses or their <sup>1</sup>descendants, whether they were of Israel:  
**62** the sons of Delaiah, the sons of Tobiah, the sons of Nekoda, 642.  
**63** And of the priests: the sons of Hobaiah, the sons of Hakkoz, the sons of Barzillai, who took a wife of the daughters of Barzillai, the Gileadite, and was named after them.  
**64** These searched *among* their ancestral registration, but it could not be located; therefore they were considered unclean and *excluded* from the priesthood.  
**65** And <sup>2</sup>the <sup>1</sup>governor said to them that they should not eat from the most holy things until a priest arose with Urim and Thummim.  
**66** The whole assembly together *was* 42,360,  
**67** besides their male and their female servants, <sup>1</sup>of whom *there were* 7,337; and they had 245 male and female singers.

**Ezra Reads the Law to the People.**  
**"This Day Is Holy."**

68 <sup>1</sup>Their horses were 736; their mules, 245;  
69 *their* camels, 435; *their* donkeys, 6,720.  
70 And some from among the heads of fathers' households gave to the work. The <sup>1a</sup>governor gave to the treasury 1,000 gold drachmas, 50 basins, 530 priests' garments.  
71 And some of the heads of fathers' households gave into the treasury of the work 20,000 gold drachmas, and 2,200 silver minas.  
72 And that which the rest of the people gave was 20,000 gold drachmas and 2,000 silver minas, and 67 priests' garments.  
73 Now the priests, the Levites, the gatekeepers, the singers, some of the people, the temple servants, and all Israel, lived in their cities.  
<sup>a</sup>And when the seventh month came, the sons of Israel *were* in their cities.

CHAPTER 8

AND all the people gathered as one man at the square which was in front of <sup>a</sup>the Water Gate, and they <sup>1</sup>asked <sup>b</sup>Ezra the scribe to bring <sup>c</sup>the book of the law of Moses which the LORD had <sup>2</sup>given to Israel.

2 Then <sup>a</sup>Ezra the priest brought the law before the assembly of men, women, and all who *could* listen with understanding, on <sup>b</sup>the first day of the seventh month.

3 And he read from it before the square which was in front of <sup>a</sup>the Water Gate from <sup>1</sup>early morning until midday, in the presence of men and women, those who could understand; and all the people were attentive to the book of the law.

4 And Ezra the scribe stood at a wooden podium which they had made for the purpose. And beside him stood Mattithiah, Shema, Anaijah, Uriah, Hilkiah, and Maaseiah on his right hand; and Pedaiah, Mishael, Malchijah, Hashum, Hashbaddanah, Zechariah, and Meshullam on his left hand.

5 And Ezra opened <sup>a</sup>the book in the sight of all the people for he was standing above all the people; and when he opened it, all the people stood up.

6 Then Ezra blessed the LORD the great God. And all the people answered, "Amen, Amen!" <sup>b</sup>while lifting up their hands; then <sup>c</sup>they bowed low and worshiped the LORD with *their* faces to the ground.

7 Also Jeshua, Bani, Sherebiah, Jamin, Akkub, Shabbethai, Hodiah, Maaseiah, Kelita, Azariah, Jozabad, Hanan, Pelaiah, and the Levites, explained the law to the people while the people *remained* in their place.

8 And they read from the book, from the law of God, <sup>1</sup>translating to give the sense so that they understood the reading.

9 Then Nehemiah, who was the <sup>1a</sup>governor, and Ezra <sup>b</sup>the priest *and* scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, "This day is holy to the LORD your God; do not <sup>d</sup>mourn or weep." For all the people were weeping when they heard the words of the law.

10 Then he said to them, "Go, eat of the fat, drink of the

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68 <sup>1</sup>So with some ancient mss. and Gk.; Ezra 2:66

70 <sup>1</sup>Heb. *Tirshathah*, a Persian title  
<sup>a</sup>Neh. 7:65; 8:9

73 <sup>a</sup>Ezra 3:1

1 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *said* to <sup>2</sup>Lit., *commanded*  
<sup>a</sup>Neh. 3:26 <sup>b</sup>Ezra 7:6  
<sup>c</sup>2 Chr. 34:15

2 <sup>a</sup>Neh. 8:9; Deut. 31:9-11  
<sup>b</sup>Lev. 23:24

3 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *the light*  
<sup>a</sup>Neh. 8:1

5 <sup>a</sup>Neh. 8:3

6 <sup>a</sup>Neh. 5:13 <sup>b</sup>Gen. 14:22  
<sup>c</sup>Ex. 4:31

8 <sup>1</sup>Or, *explaining*

9 <sup>1</sup>Heb., *Tirshatha*, a Persian title  
<sup>a</sup>Neh. 7:65; 70 <sup>b</sup>Neh. 12:26  
<sup>c</sup>Neh. 8:2 <sup>d</sup>Deut. 12:7, 12

10 <sup>a</sup>Deut. 26:11-1312 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *make a great rejoicing*  
<sup>a</sup>Neh. 8:10 <sup>b</sup>Neh. 8:7, 814 <sup>a</sup>Lev. 23:34, 40, 4215 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *And that they will cause to be heard*  
<sup>2</sup>Heb., *oil tree*, species unknown  
<sup>a</sup>Lev. 23:4 <sup>b</sup>Deut. 16:16  
<sup>c</sup>Lev. 23:4016 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 32:29 <sup>b</sup>Neh. 8:1  
<sup>c</sup>Neh. 12:39; 2 Kin. 14:1317 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *the booths*  
<sup>a2</sup>Chr. 7:8; 8:13 <sup>b2</sup>Chr. 30:2118 <sup>a</sup>Deut. 31:11 <sup>b</sup>Lev. 23:36  
<sup>c</sup>Num. 29:351 <sup>a</sup>Neh. 8:2 <sup>b</sup>Ezra 8:23  
<sup>c1</sup>Sam. 4:122 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *seed*3 <sup>a</sup>Neh. 8:44 <sup>a</sup>Neh. 8:7

sweet, and <sup>a</sup>send portions to him who has nothing prepared; for this day is holy to our Lord. Do not be grieved, for the joy of the LORD is your strength."

11 So the Levites calmed all the people, saying, "Be still, for the day is holy, do not be grieved."

12 And all the people went away to eat, to drink, <sup>a</sup>to send portions and to <sup>1</sup>celebrate a great festival, <sup>b</sup>because they understood the words which had been made known to them.

13 Then on the second day the heads of fathers' *households* of all the people, the priests, and the Levites were gathered to Ezra the scribe that they might gain insight into the words of the law.

14 And they found written in the law how the LORD had commanded through Moses that the sons of Israel <sup>a</sup>should live in booths during the feast of the seventh month.

15 <sup>1a</sup>So they proclaimed and circulated a proclamation in all their cities and <sup>b</sup>in Jerusalem, saying, "Go out to the hills, and bring olive branches, and <sup>2</sup>wild olive branches, myrtle branches, palm branches, and branches of *other* leafy trees, to make booths, as it is written."

16 So the people went out and brought *them* and made booths for themselves, each <sup>a</sup>on his roof, and in their courts, and in the courts of the house of God, and in the square at <sup>b</sup>the Water Gate, and in the square at <sup>c</sup>the Gate of Ephraim.

17 And the entire assembly of those who had returned from the captivity made booths and lived in <sup>1</sup>them. The sons of Israel <sup>a</sup>had indeed not done so from the days of Joshua the son of Nun to that day. And <sup>b</sup>there was great rejoicing.

18 And <sup>a</sup>he read from the book of the law of God daily, from the first day to the last day. And they <sup>b</sup>celebrated the feast seven days, and on <sup>c</sup>the eighth day *there was* a solemn assembly according to the ordinance.

## CHAPTER 9

**N**OW on the twenty-fourth day of <sup>a</sup>this month the sons of Israel assembled <sup>b</sup>with fasting, in sackcloth, and with <sup>c</sup>dirt upon them.

2 And the <sup>1</sup>descendants of Israel separated themselves from all foreigners, and stood and confessed their sins and the iniquities of their fathers.

3 While <sup>a</sup>they stood in their place, they read from the book of the law of the LORD their God for a fourth of the day; and for *another* fourth they confessed and worshiped the LORD their God.

4 <sup>a</sup>Now on the Levites' platform stood Jeshua, Bani, Kadmiel, Shebaniah, Bunni, Sherebiah, Bani, and Chenani, and cried with a loud voice to the LORD their God.

5 Then the Levites, Jeshua, Kadmiel, Bani, Hashabneiah, Sherebiah, Hodiah, Shebaniah, and Pethahiah, said, "Arise, bless the LORD your God forever and ever!

O may Thy glorious name be blessed

And exalted above all blessing and praise!

- 6 <sup>a</sup>“Thou alone art the LORD.  
<sup>b</sup>Thou hast made the heavens,  
 The heaven of heavens with all their host,  
 The earth and all that is on it,  
 The seas and all that is in them.  
<sup>c</sup>Thou dost give life to all of them  
 And the heavenly host bows down before Thee.
- 7 “Thou art the LORD God,  
<sup>a</sup>Who chose Abram  
 And brought him out from <sup>b</sup>Ur of the Chaldees,  
 And <sup>c</sup>gave him the name Abraham.
- 8 “And Thou didst find <sup>a</sup>his heart faithful before Thee,  
 And didst make a covenant with him  
 To give *him* the land of the Canaanite,  
 Of the Hittite and the Amorite,  
 Of the Perizzite, the Jebusite, and the Girgashite—  
 To give *it* to his <sup>1</sup>descendants.  
 And Thou <sup>b</sup>hast fulfilled Thy promise,  
 For Thou art righteous.
- 9 <sup>a</sup>“Thou didst see the affliction of our fathers in Egypt,  
 And didst <sup>b</sup>hear their cry by the <sup>1</sup>Red Sea.
- 10 “Then Thou didst perform signs and wonders against  
 Pharaoh,  
 Against all his servants and all the people of his land;  
 For Thou didst know that <sup>a</sup>they acted arrogantly toward  
 them,  
 And <sup>b</sup>didst make a name for Thyself as *it is* this day.
- 11 “And <sup>a</sup>Thou didst divide the sea before them,  
 So they passed through the midst of the sea on dry  
 ground;  
 And <sup>b</sup>their pursuers Thou didst hurl into the depths,  
 Like a stone into <sup>1</sup>raging waters.
- 12 “And with a pillar of cloud <sup>a</sup>Thou didst lead them by day,  
 And with a pillar of fire by night  
 To light for them the way  
 In which they were to go.
- 13 “Then <sup>a</sup>Thou didst come down on Mount Sinai,  
 And didst <sup>b</sup>speak with them from heaven;  
 Thou didst give to them <sup>c</sup>just ordinances and true laws,  
 Good statutes and commandments.
- 14 “So Thou didst make known to them <sup>a</sup>Thy holy sabbath,  
 And didst lay down for them commandments, statutes,  
 and law,  
 Through Thy servant Moses.
- 15 “Thou didst <sup>a</sup>provide bread from heaven for them for  
 their hunger,  
 Thou didst <sup>b</sup>bring forth water from a rock for them for  
 their thirst,  
 And Thou didst <sup>c</sup>tell them to enter in order to possess  
 The land which Thou didst <sup>1</sup>swear to give them.
- 16 “But they, our fathers, <sup>a</sup>acted arrogantly;  
 They <sup>b</sup>became stubborn and would not listen to Thy  
 commandments.
- 17 “And they refused to listen,

6 <sup>a</sup>Deut. 6:4; 2 Kin. 19:15  
<sup>b</sup>Gen. 1:1 <sup>c</sup>Col. 1:17

7 <sup>a</sup>Gen. 12:1 <sup>b</sup>Gen. 11:31  
<sup>c</sup>Gen. 17:5

8 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *seed*  
<sup>a</sup>Gen. 15:6, 18-21 <sup>b</sup>Josh.  
 21:43-45

9 <sup>1</sup>Or, *Sea of Reeds*  
<sup>a</sup>Ex. 3:7 <sup>b</sup>Ex. 14:10-12; 7:8,  
 14, 31

10 <sup>a</sup>Ex. 5:2 <sup>b</sup>Ex. 9:16

11 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *strong, mighty*  
<sup>a</sup>Ex. 14:21 <sup>b</sup>Ex. 15:1, 5, 10

12 <sup>a</sup>Ex. 13:21, 22

13 <sup>a</sup>Ex. 19:11, 18-20 <sup>b</sup>Ex.  
 20:1 <sup>c</sup>Ps. 19:7-9

14 <sup>a</sup>Ex. 16:23; 20:8

15 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *lift up Thy hand*  
<sup>a</sup>Ex. 16:4, 14, 15 <sup>b</sup>Ex. 17:6;  
 Num. 20:7-13 <sup>c</sup>Deut. 1:8

16 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *stiffened their  
 neck*; so also v. 17.  
<sup>a</sup>Neh. 9:10 <sup>b</sup>Neh. 9:29;  
 Deut. 31:27

17 <sup>1</sup>So Ck. and some Heb. mss.; Heb. reads, in their rebellion  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 78:11, 42-55 <sup>b</sup>Num. 14:4 <sup>c</sup>Ex. 34:6, 7

18 <sup>1</sup>Lit., acts of contempt  
<sup>a</sup>Ex. 32:4-8, 31

19 <sup>a</sup>Neh. 9:27, 31 <sup>b</sup>Neh. 9:12

20 <sup>a</sup>Neh. 9:30; Num. 11:17; Is. 63:11-14

21 <sup>a</sup>Deut. 2:7

22 <sup>1</sup>Lit., side, corner <sup>2</sup>So the Ck. and the Latin. Heb. reads, and the land of the king of Heshbon  
<sup>a</sup>Num. 21:21-35

23 <sup>a</sup>Gen. 15:5

24 <sup>1</sup>Lit., according to their desire  
<sup>a</sup>Josh. 21:43 <sup>b</sup>Josh. 18:1

25 <sup>1</sup>Lit., fat  
<sup>a</sup>Deut. 3:5 <sup>b</sup>Num. 13:20  
<sup>c</sup>Deut. 6:11 <sup>d</sup>Deut. 32:15  
<sup>e</sup>1 Kin. 8:66

26 <sup>1</sup>Lit., acts of contempt  
<sup>a</sup>Judg. 2:11 <sup>b</sup>1 Kin. 14:9  
<sup>c</sup>2 Chr. 36:16 <sup>d</sup>Neh. 9:30  
<sup>e</sup>Neh. 9:18

And <sup>a</sup>did not remember Thy wondrous deeds which Thou hadst performed among them;  
 So they became stubborn and <sup>b</sup>appointed a leader to return to their slavery <sup>1</sup>in Egypt.

But Thou art a God <sup>c</sup>of forgiveness, Gracious and compassionate, Slow to anger, and abounding in lovingkindness; And Thou didst not forsake them.

18 "Even when they <sup>a</sup>made for themselves A calf of molten metal And said, 'This is your God

Who brought you up from Egypt,' And committed great <sup>1</sup>blasphemies,

19 <sup>a</sup>Thou, in Thy great compassion, Didst not forsake them in the wilderness; <sup>b</sup>The pillar of cloud did not leave them by day, To guide them on their way, Nor the pillar of fire by night, to light for them the way in which they were to go.

20 "And <sup>a</sup>Thou didst give Thy good Spirit to instruct them, Thy manna Thou didst not withhold from their mouth, And Thou didst give them water for their thirst.

21 "Indeed, <sup>a</sup>forty years Thou didst provide for them in the wilderness *and* they were not in want, Their clothes did not wear out, nor did their feet swell.

22 "Thou didst also give them kingdoms and peoples, And Thou didst allot *them* to them as a <sup>1</sup>boundary. <sup>a</sup>And they took possession of the land of Sihon <sup>2</sup>the king of Heshbon, And the land of Og the king of Bashan.

23 "And Thou didst make their sons numerous as <sup>a</sup>the stars of heaven, And Thou didst bring them into the land Which Thou hadst told their fathers to enter and possess.

24 "<sup>a</sup>So their sons entered and possessed the land. And <sup>b</sup>Thou didst subdue before them the inhabitants of the land, the Canaanites, And Thou didst give them into their hand, with their kings, and the peoples of the land, To do with them <sup>1</sup>as they desired.

25 "And <sup>a</sup>they captured fortified cities and a <sup>1</sup>fertile land. They took possession of <sup>c</sup>houses full of every good thing,

Hewn cisterns, vineyards, olive groves, Fruit trees in abundance.

So they ate, were filled, and <sup>d</sup>grew fat, And <sup>e</sup>reveled in Thy great goodness.

26 "<sup>a</sup>But they became disobedient and rebelled against Thee,

And <sup>b</sup>cast Thy law behind their backs And <sup>c</sup>killed Thy prophets who had <sup>d</sup>admonished them So that they might return to Thee, And <sup>e</sup>they committed great <sup>1</sup>blasphemies.



- 27 "Therefore Thou didst <sup>a</sup>deliver them into the hand of their oppressors who oppressed them,  
 But when they cried to Thee <sup>b</sup>in the time of their distress,  
 Thou didst hear from heaven, and according to Thy great compassion  
 Thou didst <sup>c</sup>give them deliverers who delivered them from the hand of their oppressors.
- 28 "But <sup>a</sup>as soon as they had rest, they did evil again before Thee;  
 Therefore Thou didst abandon them to the hand of their enemies, so that they ruled over them.  
 When they cried again to Thee, Thou didst hear from heaven,  
 And <sup>b</sup>many times Thou didst rescue them according to Thy compassion,
- 29 And <sup>a</sup>admonished them in order to turn them back to Thy law.  
 Yet <sup>b</sup>they acted arrogantly and did not listen to Thy commandments but sinned against Thy ordinances,  
 By <sup>c</sup>which if a man observes them he shall live.  
 And they <sup>d</sup>turned a stubborn shoulder and stiffened their neck, and would not listen.
- 30 "<sup>a</sup>However, Thou didst bear with them for many years, And <sup>b</sup>admonished them by <sup>c</sup>Thy Spirit through Thy prophets,  
 Yet they would not give ear.  
 Therefore Thou didst give them into the hand of the peoples of the lands.
- 31 "Nevertheless, in Thy great compassion Thou <sup>a</sup>didst not make an end of them or forsake them,  
 For Thou art <sup>b</sup>a gracious and compassionate God.
- 32 "Now therefore, our God, <sup>a</sup>the great, the mighty, and the awesome God, who dost keep covenant and loving-kindness,  
 Do not let all the hardship seem insignificant before Thee,  
 Which has come upon us, our kings, our princes, our priests, our prophets, our fathers, and on all Thy people,  
<sup>b</sup>From the days of the kings of Assyria to this day.
- 33 "However, <sup>a</sup>Thou art just in all that hast come upon us; For Thou hast dealt faithfully, but we have acted wickedly.
- 34 "For our kings, our leaders, our priests, and our fathers have not kept Thy law  
 Or paid attention to Thy commandments and Thy <sup>1</sup>admonitions with which Thou hast <sup>2</sup>admonished them.
- 35 "But <sup>a</sup>they, in their own kingdom,  
<sup>b</sup>With Thy great goodness which Thou didst give them, With the broad and rich land which Thou didst set before them,  
 Did not serve Thee or turn from their evil deeds.

27 <sup>a</sup>Judg. 2:14 <sup>b</sup>Deut. 4:29  
<sup>c</sup>Judg. 2:16

28 <sup>a</sup>Judg. 3:11 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 106:43

29 <sup>1</sup>Lit. gave  
<sup>a</sup>Neh. 9:26, 30 <sup>b</sup>Neh. 9:10,  
 16 <sup>c</sup>Lev. 18:5 <sup>d</sup>Zech. 7:11

30 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 95:10; Acts 13:18  
<sup>b</sup>Neh. 9:26, 29 <sup>c</sup>Neh. 9:20

31 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 4:27 <sup>b</sup>Neh. 9:17

32 <sup>a</sup>Neh. 1:5 <sup>b2</sup> Kin. 15:19

33 <sup>a</sup>Gen. 18:25; Jer. 12:1

34 <sup>1</sup>Lit., testimonies <sup>2</sup>Or, witnessed

35 <sup>a</sup>Deut. 28:47 <sup>b</sup>Neh. 9:25

36 <sup>a</sup>Deut. 28:48

36 "Behold, <sup>a</sup>we are slaves today,  
And as to the land which Thou didst give to our fathers  
to eat of its fruit and its bounty,  
Behold, we are slaves on it.

37 <sup>a</sup>Deut. 28:33

37 "And <sup>a</sup>its abundant produce is for the kings  
Whom Thou hast set over us because of our sins;  
They also rule over our bodies  
And over our cattle as they please,  
So we are in great distress.

38 <sup>1</sup>"Now because of all this  
<sup>a</sup>We are making an agreement in writing;  
And on the <sup>b</sup>sealed document *are the names of our  
leaders, our Levites and our priests.*"

## CHAPTER 10

**N**OW on the <sup>a</sup>sealed document *were the names of:* Nehe-  
miah the <sup>2</sup>governor, the son of Hacaliah, and Zedekiah,

2 Seraiah, Azariah, Jeremiah,

3 Pashhur, Amariah, Malchijah,

4 Hattush, Shebaniah, Malluch,

5 Harim, Meremoth, Obadiah,

6 Daniel, Ginnethon, Baruch,

7 Meshullam, Abijah, Mijamin,

8 Maaziah, Bilgai, Shemaiah. These *were* the priests.

9 And the Levites: Jeshua the son of Azaniah, Binnui of

the sons of Henadad, Kadmiel;

10 also their brothers Shebaniah, Hodiah, Kelita, Pelaiah,  
Hanan,

11 Mica, Rehob, Hashabiah,

12 Zaccur, Sherebiah, Shebaniah,

13 Hodiah, Bani, Beninu.

14 The leaders of the people: Parosh, Pahath-moab, Elam,  
Zattu, Bani,

15 Bunni, Azgad, Bebai,

16 Adonijah, Bigvai, Adin,

17 Ater, Hezekiah, Azzur,

18 Hodiah, Hashum, Bezai,

19 Hariph, Anathoth, Nebai,

20 Magpiash, Meshullam, Hezir,

21 Meshezabel, Zadok, Jaddua,

22 Pelatiah, Hanan, Anaiah,

23 Hoshea, Hananiah, Hasshub,

24 Hallohesh, Pilha, Shobek,

25 Rehum, Hashabnah, Maaseiah,

26 Ahiah, Hanan, Anan,

27 Malluch, Harim, Baanah.

28 Now <sup>a</sup>the rest of the people, the priests, the Levites, the  
gatekeepers, the singers, the temple servants, and <sup>b</sup>all those who  
had separated themselves from the peoples of the lands to the  
law of God, their wives, their sons and their daughters, all those  
who had knowledge and understanding,

29 are joining with their <sup>1</sup>kinsmen, their nobles, and are  
<sup>2</sup>taking on themselves a curse and an oath to walk in God's law,  
which was given through Moses, God's servant, and to keep and  
to observe all the commandments of <sup>3</sup>God our Lord, and His  
ordinances and His statutes;

38 <sup>1</sup>Ch. 10:1 in Heb.  
<sup>a</sup>Neh. 10:29 <sup>b</sup>Neh. 10:11 <sup>1</sup>Ch. 10:2 in Heb.  
<sup>2</sup>Heb., *Tirshatha*, a Persian  
title  
<sup>a</sup>Neh. 9:3828 <sup>a</sup>Ezra 2:36-58 <sup>b</sup>Neh. 9:229 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *brothers* <sup>2</sup>Lit.,  
*entering into a* <sup>3</sup>YHWH,  
usually rendered *Lord*  
<sup>a</sup>Neh. 5:12

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30 and <sup>a</sup>that we will not give our daughters to the peoples of the land or take their daughters for our sons.

31 As <sup>a</sup>for the peoples of the land who bring wares or any grain on the sabbath day to sell, we will not buy from them on the sabbath or a holy day; and we will forego *the crops* the <sup>b</sup>seventh year and the <sup>c</sup>exaction of every debt.

32 We also <sup>1</sup>placed ourselves under obligation to contribute yearly <sup>a</sup>one third of a shekel for the service of the house of our God:

33 for the showbread, for the continual grain offering, for the continual burnt offering, the sabbaths, the new moon, for the appointed times, for the holy things and for the sin offerings to make atonement for Israel, and all the work of the house of our God.

34 Likewise <sup>a</sup>we cast lots <sup>b</sup>for the supply of wood *among* the priests, the Levites, and the people in order that they might bring it to the house of our God, according to our fathers' households, at fixed times annually, to burn on the altar of the LORD our God as it is written in the law;

35 and in order that they might bring the first fruits of our ground and <sup>a</sup>the first fruits of all the fruit of every tree to the house of the LORD annually,

36 and bring to the house of our God the first-born of our sons and of our cattle, and the first-born of our herds and our flocks <sup>a</sup>as it is written in the law, for the priests who are ministering in the house of our God.

37 <sup>a</sup>We will also bring the first of our <sup>1</sup>dough, our contributions, the fruit of every tree, the new wine and the oil <sup>b</sup>to the priests at the chambers of the house of our God, and the <sup>c</sup>tithe of our ground to the Levites, for the Levites are they who receive the tithes in all the rural towns.

38 And <sup>a</sup>the priest, the son of Aaron, shall be with the Levites when the Levites receive tithes, and the Levites shall bring up the tenth of the tithes to the house of our God, to the chambers of <sup>b</sup>the storehouse.

39 For the sons of Israel and the sons of Levi shall bring the <sup>a</sup>contribution of the grain, the new wine and the oil, to the chambers; there are the utensils of the sanctuary, the priests who are ministering, the gatekeepers, and the singers. Thus <sup>b</sup>we will not <sup>1</sup>neglect the house of our God.

### CHAPTER 11

NOW <sup>a</sup>the leaders of the people lived in Jerusalem, but the rest of the people <sup>b</sup>cast lots to bring one out of ten to live in Jerusalem, <sup>c</sup>the holy city, while nine-tenths *remained* in the *other* cities.

2 And the people blessed all the men who volunteered to live in Jerusalem.

3 <sup>a</sup>Now these are the heads of the provinces who lived in Jerusalem, but in the cities of Judah <sup>b</sup>each lived on his own property in their cities—the <sup>1</sup>Israelites, the priests, the Levites, the <sup>2</sup>temple servants and the <sup>3</sup>descendants of Solomon's servants.

4 And some of the sons of Judah and some of the sons of Benjamin lived in Jerusalem. From the sons of Judah: Athaiah

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30 <sup>a</sup>Ex. 34:16; Deut. 7:3

31 <sup>a</sup>Neh. 13:15-22 <sup>b</sup>Ex. 23:10, 11 <sup>c</sup>Deut. 15:1, 2

32 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *imposed commandments on us* <sup>a</sup>Ex. 30:11-16; Matt. 17:24

34 <sup>a</sup>Neh. 11:1 <sup>b</sup>Neh. 13:31

35 <sup>a</sup>Ex. 23:19

36 <sup>a</sup>Ex. 13:2

37 <sup>1</sup>Or, *coarse meal* <sup>a</sup>Lev. 23:17 <sup>b</sup>Neh. 13:5, 9 <sup>c</sup>Lev. 27:30

38 <sup>a</sup>Num. 18:26 <sup>b</sup>Neh. 13:12, 13

39 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *forsake* <sup>a</sup>Deut. 12:6 <sup>b</sup>Neh. 13:10, 11

1 <sup>a</sup>Neh. 7:4 <sup>b</sup>Neh. 10:34 <sup>c</sup>Neh. 11:18; Is. 48:2

3 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *Israel* <sup>2</sup>Heb., *Nathanim* <sup>3</sup>Lit., *sons* <sup>a</sup>1 Chr. 9:2-34 <sup>b</sup>Neh. 11:20 <sup>c</sup>Ezra 2:43 <sup>d</sup>Neh. 7:57

9 <sup>1</sup>Lit., over

12 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *brothers*, and so through the chap. <sup>2</sup>Lit., *house*

14 <sup>1</sup>Or, *the great ones*

16 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *heads* <sup>2</sup>Lit., over <sup>1</sup>Chr. 26:29

17 <sup>1</sup>In 1 Chr. 9:15, *Zichri* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *head* <sup>3</sup>In 1 Chr. 9:16, *Obadiah* <sup>4</sup>In 1 Chr. 9:16, *Shematah*

18 <sup>a</sup>Neh. 11:1

20 <sup>a</sup>Neh. 11:3

21 <sup>1</sup>Lit., over <sup>a</sup>Neh. 3:26; 2 Chr. 27:3

22 <sup>1</sup>Or, *work* <sup>a</sup>Neh. 11:9, 14

23 <sup>a</sup>Ezra 6:8; 7:20 <sup>b</sup>Neh. 12:47

24 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *hand*

the son of Uzziah, the son of Zechariah, the son of Amariah, the son of Shephatiah, the son of Mahalalel, of the sons of Perez;

5 and Maaseiah the son of Baruch, the son of Col-hozeh, the son of Hazaiah, the son of Adaiah, the son of Joiarib, the son of Zechariah, the son of the Shilonite.

6 All the sons of Perez who lived in Jerusalem were 468 able men.

7 Now these are the sons of Benjamin: Sallu the son of Meshullam, the son of Joed, the son of Pedaiah, the son of Kolaiah, the son of Maaseiah, the son of Ithiel, the son of Jeshaiiah;

8 and after him Gabbai *and* Sallai, 928.

9 And Joel the son of Zichri was their overseer, and Judah the son of Hassenuah was second <sup>1</sup>in command of the city.

10 From the priests: Jedaiah the son of Joiarib, Jachin,

11 Seraiah the son of Hilkiah, the son of Meshullam, the son of Zadok, the son of Meraioth, the son of Ahitub, the leader of the house of God,

12 and their <sup>1</sup>kinsmen who performed the work of the <sup>2</sup>temple, 822; and Adaiah the son of Jeroham, the son of Pelaliah, the son of Amzi, the son of Zechariah, the son of Pashhur, the son of Malchijah,

13 and his kinsmen, heads of fathers' *households*, 242; and Amashsai the son of Azarel, the son of Ahzai, the son of Meshillemoth, the son of Immer,

14 and their brothers, valiant warriors, 128. And their overseer was Zabdiel, the son of <sup>1</sup>Haggadolim.

15 Now from the Levites: Shemaiah the son of Hasshub, the son of Azrikam, the son of Hashabiah, the son of Bunni;

16 and Shabbethai and Jozabad, from the <sup>1</sup>leaders of the Levites, who <sup>2</sup>were in charge of <sup>a</sup>the outside work of the house of God;

17 and Mattaniah the son of Mica, the son of <sup>1</sup>Zabdi, the son of Asaph, who was the <sup>2</sup>leader in beginning the thanksgiving at prayer, and Bakbukiah, the second among his brethren; and <sup>3</sup>Abda the son of <sup>4</sup>Shammua, the son of Galal, the son of Jeduthun.

18 All the Levites in <sup>a</sup>the holy city were 284.

19 Also the gatekeepers, Akkub, Talmon, and their brethren, who kept watch at the gates, were 172.

20 And the rest of Israel, of the priests, *and* of the Levites, were in all the cities of Judah, each <sup>a</sup>on his own inheritance.

21 But <sup>a</sup>the temple servants were living in Ophel, and Ziha and Gishpa were <sup>1</sup>in charge of the temple servants.

22 Now <sup>a</sup>the overseer of the Levites in Jerusalem was Uzzi the son of Bani, the son of Hashabiah, the son of Mattaniah, the son of Mica, from the sons of Asaph, who were the singers for the <sup>1</sup>service of the house of God.

23 <sup>a</sup>For *there was* a commandment from the king concerning them and a firm regulation for the song leaders <sup>b</sup>day by day.

24 And Pethahiah the son of Meshezabel, of the sons of Zerah the son of Judah, was the king's <sup>1</sup>representative in all matters concerning the people.

25 Now as for the villages with their fields, some of the sons

of Judah lived in <sup>a</sup>Kiriath-arba and its <sup>1</sup>towns, in <sup>b</sup>Dibon and its <sup>1</sup>towns, and in Jekabzeel and its villages,

26 and in Jeshua, in Moladah and Beth-pelet,

27 and in Hazar-shual, in Beersheba and its towns,

28 and in Ziklag, in Meconah and in its towns,

29 and in En-rimmon, in Zorah and in Jarmuth,

30 Zanoah, Adullam, and their villages, Lachish and its fields, Azekah and its towns. So they encamped from Beersheba as far as the valley of Hinnom.

31 The sons of Benjamin also lived from Geba onward, at Michmash and Aiija, at Bethel and its towns,

32 at Anathoth, Nob, Ananiah,

33 Hazor, Ramah, Gittaim,

34 Hadid, Zeboim, Neballat,

35 Lod and Ono, the valley of craftsmen.

36 And from the Levites, *some* divisions in Judah belonged to Benjamin.

25 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *daughters*, and so throughout the chap.  
<sup>a</sup>Josh. 14:15 <sup>b</sup>Josh. 13:9, 17

1 <sup>a</sup>Ezra 2:1; 7:7

7 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *brothers*

CHAPTER 12

**N**OW these are <sup>a</sup>the priests and the Levites who came up with Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, and Jeshua: Seraiah, Jeremiah, Ezra,

2 Amariah, Malluch, Hattush,

3 Shecaniah, Rehum, Meremoth,

4 Iddo, Ginnethoi, Abijah,

5 Mijamin, Maadiah, Bilgah,

6 Shemaiah and Joiarib, Jedaiah,

7 Sallu, Amok, Hilkiah, and Jedaiah. These were the heads of the priests and their <sup>1</sup>kinsmen in the days of Jeshua.

8 And the Levites *were* Jeshua, Binnui, Kadmiel, Sherebiah, Judah, *and* Mattaniah *who was* <sup>1</sup>in charge of the songs of thanksgiving, he and his brothers.

9 Also Bakbukiah and Unni, their brothers, stood opposite them <sup>a</sup>in *their* service divisions.

10 And Jeshua <sup>1</sup>became the father of Joiakim, and Joiakim <sup>1</sup>became the father of Eliashib, and Eliashib <sup>1</sup>became the father of Joiada,

11 and Joiada became the father of Jonathan, and Jonathan became the father of Jaddua.

12 Now in the days of Joiakim the priests, the heads of fathers' households were: of Seraiah, Meraiah; of Jeremiah, Hananiah;

13 of Ezra, Meshullam; of Amariah, Jehohanan;

14 of <sup>1</sup>Malluchi, Jonathan; of Shebaniah, Joseph;

15 of Harim, Adna; of Meraioth, Helkai;

16 of Iddo, Zechariah; of Ginnethon, Meshullam;

17 of Abijah, Zichri; of Miniamin, of Moadiah, Piltai;

18 of Bilgah, Shammua; of Shemaiah, Jehonathan;

19 of Joiarib, Mattenai; of Jedaiah, Uzzi;

20 of Sallai, Kallai; of Amok, Eber;

21 of Hilkiah, Hashabiah; of Jedaiah, Nethanel.

22 As for the Levites, the heads of fathers' households were registered in the days of Eliashib, Joiada, and Johanan, and Jaddua; so *were* the priests in the reign of Darius the Persian.

8 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *over*

9 <sup>a</sup>Neh. 12:24

10 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *begot* and so in v. 11, 12

14 <sup>1</sup>In Neh. 12:2, *Malluch*

24 <sup>1</sup>Lit., in the commandment of  
<sup>a</sup>Neh. 11:17 <sup>b</sup>Neh. 12:9

25 <sup>a</sup>1 Chr. 26:15

26 <sup>a</sup>Neh. 8:9

27 <sup>a</sup>1 Chr. 15:16, 28

28 <sup>a</sup>1 Chr. 9:16

30 <sup>a</sup>Neh. 13:22, 30

31 <sup>1</sup>Lit., thanksgiving  
choirs <sup>2</sup>Heb. reads and  
processions to the  
right . . . cf. v. 38  
<sup>a</sup>Neh. 12:38 <sup>b</sup>Neh. 2:13

36 <sup>1</sup>Lit., brothers  
<sup>a</sup>Neh. 12:24

37 <sup>a</sup>Neh. 2:14 <sup>b</sup>Neh. 3:15  
<sup>c</sup>Neh. 3:26

38 <sup>1</sup>Lit., thanksgiving  
choir <sup>2</sup>Lit., front  
<sup>a</sup>Neh. 12:31 <sup>b</sup>Neh. 3:11  
<sup>c</sup>Neh. 3:8

39 <sup>a</sup>Neh. 8:16 <sup>b</sup>Neh. 3:6  
<sup>c</sup>Neh. 3:3 <sup>d</sup>Neh. 3:1 <sup>e</sup>Neh.  
3:25

23 The sons of Levi, the heads of fathers' households, were registered in the Book of the Chronicles up to the days of Johanan the son of Eliashib.

24 And the heads of the Levites were Hashabiah, Sherubiah, and Jeshua the son of Kadmiel, with their brothers opposite them, <sup>a</sup>to praise and give thanks, <sup>1</sup>as prescribed by David the man of God, <sup>b</sup>division corresponding to division.

25 Mattaniah, and Bakbukiah, Obadiah, Meshullam, Talmon, and Akkub were gatekeepers keeping watch at <sup>a</sup>the storehouses of the gates.

26 These served in the days of Joiakim the son of Jeshua, the son of Jozadak, and in the days of <sup>a</sup>Nehemiah the governor and of Ezra the priest and scribe.

27 Now at the dedication of the wall of Jerusalem they sought out the Levites from all their places, to bring them to Jerusalem so that they might celebrate the dedication with gladness, with hymns of thanksgiving and with songs <sup>a</sup>to the accompaniment of cymbals, harps, and lyres.

28 So the sons of the singers were assembled from the district around Jerusalem, and from <sup>a</sup>the villages of the Netophathites,

29 from Beth-gilgal, and from their fields in Geba and Azmaveth, for the singers had built themselves villages around Jerusalem.

30 And the priests and the Levites purified themselves; they also purified the people, the gates, and the wall.

31 Then I had the leaders of Judah come up on top of the wall, and I appointed two great <sup>1</sup>choirs, <sup>2</sup>the first proceeding to the right on top of the wall toward <sup>b</sup>the Refuse Gate.

32 Hoshaiah and half of the leaders of Judah followed them,

33 with Azariah, Ezra, Meshullam,

34 Judah, Benjamin, Shemaiah, Jeremiah,

35 and some of the sons of the priests with trumpets; and Zechariah the son of Jonathan, the son of Shemaiah, the son of Mattaniah, the son of Micaiah, the son of Zaccur, the son of Asaph,

36 and his <sup>1</sup>kinsmen, Shemaiah, Azarel, Milalai, Gilalai, Maai, Nethanel, Judah and Hanani, <sup>a</sup>with the musical instruments of David the man of God. And Ezra the scribe went before them.

37 And at <sup>a</sup>the Fountain Gate they went directly up <sup>b</sup>the steps of the city of David by the stairway of the wall above the house of David to <sup>c</sup>the Water Gate on the east.

38 <sup>a</sup>The second <sup>1</sup>choir proceeded to the <sup>2</sup>left, while I followed them with half of the people on the wall, <sup>b</sup>above the Tower of Furnaces, to <sup>c</sup>the broad wall,

39 and above <sup>a</sup>the Gate of Ephraim, by <sup>b</sup>the Old Gate, by the <sup>c</sup>Fish Gate, <sup>d</sup>the Tower of Hananel, and the Tower of the Hundred, as far as the Sheep Gate, and they stopped at <sup>e</sup>the Gate of the Guard.

40 Then the two choirs took their stand in the house of God. So did I and half of the officials with me;

41 and the priests, Eliakim, Maaseiah, Miniamin, Micaiah, Elioenai, Zechariah, and Hananiah, with the trumpets;

42 and Maaseiah, Shemaiah, Eleazar, Uzzi, Jehohanan,

**For the Temple Service.  
Foreigners Excluded. Tobiah Expelled.**

**Nehemiah 12, 13**

Malchijah, Elam, and Ezer. And the singers <sup>1</sup>sang, with Jezrahiah *their* leader,

43 and on that day they offered great sacrifices and rejoiced because God had given them great joy, even the women and children rejoiced, so that the joy of Jerusalem was heard from afar.

44 On that day <sup>a</sup>men were also appointed over the chambers for the stores, the contributions, the first fruits, and the tithes, to gather into them from the fields of the cities the portions required by the law for the priests and Levites; for Judah rejoiced over the priests and Levites who <sup>1</sup>served.

45 For they performed the <sup>1</sup>worship of their God and the service of purification, together with the singers and the gatekeepers <sup>a</sup>in accordance with the command of David *and* of his son Solomon.

46 For in the days of David and <sup>a</sup>Asaph, in ancient times, *there were* <sup>1</sup>leaders of the singers, songs of praise and hymns of thanksgiving to God.

47 And so all Israel in the days of Zerubbabel and Nehemiah gave the portions due the singers and the gatekeepers <sup>a</sup>as each day required, and <sup>b</sup>set apart the consecrated *portion* for the Levites, and the Levites set apart the consecrated *portion* for the sons of Aaron.

CHAPTER 13

ON that day <sup>a</sup>they read aloud from the book of Moses in the hearing of the people; and there was found written in it that <sup>b</sup>no Ammonite or Moabite should ever enter the assembly of God,

2 because they did not meet the sons of Israel with bread and water, but <sup>a</sup>hired Balaam against them to curse them. However, our God turned the curse into a blessing.

3 So it came about, that when they heard the law, <sup>a</sup>they excluded all foreigners from Israel.

4 Now prior to this, Eliashib the priest, <sup>a</sup>who was appointed over the chambers of the house of our God, being <sup>1</sup>related to <sup>b</sup>Tobiah,

5 had prepared a large <sup>1</sup>room for him, where formerly they put the grain offerings, the frankincense, the utensils, and the tithes of grain, wine and oil <sup>a</sup>prescribed for the Levites, the singers and the gatekeepers, and the <sup>2</sup>contributions for the priests.

6 But during all this *time* I was not in Jerusalem, for in <sup>a</sup>the thirty-second year of <sup>b</sup>Artaxerxes king of Babylon I had gone to the king. After some time, however, I asked leave from the king,

7 and I came to Jerusalem and <sup>1</sup>learned about the evil that Eliashib had done for Tobiah, <sup>a</sup>by preparing a <sup>2</sup>room for him in the courts of the house of God.

8 And it was very displeasing to me, so I threw all of Tobiah's household goods out of the room.

9 Then I gave an order and <sup>a</sup>they cleansed the rooms; and I returned there the utensils of the house of God with the grain offerings and the frankincense.

42 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *caused their voices to be heard*

44 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *stood* cf. 2 Chr. 29:11  
<sup>a</sup>Neh. 13:5, 12, 13

45 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *service*  
<sup>a</sup>1 Chr. 25:1; 26:1

46 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *heads*, cf. 1 Chr. 9:33  
<sup>a</sup>2 Chr. 29:30

47 <sup>a</sup>Neh. 11:23 <sup>b</sup>Num. 18:21

1 <sup>a</sup>Neh. 9:3 <sup>b</sup>Neh. 13:23; Deut. 23:3-5

2 <sup>a</sup>Num. 22:3-11

3 <sup>a</sup>Neh. 9:2

4 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *close to*  
<sup>a</sup>Ex. 12:38 <sup>b</sup>Neh. 12:44

5 <sup>1</sup>Or, *chamber* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *heave offerings*  
<sup>a</sup>Neh. 2:10; 6:1, 17, 18

6 <sup>a</sup>Neh. 5:14 <sup>b</sup>Ezra 6:22

7 <sup>1</sup>Or, *understood* <sup>2</sup>Or, *chamber*, and so in v. 8, 9  
<sup>a</sup>Neh. 13:5

9 <sup>a</sup>2 Chr. 29:5, 15, 16

## Tithes Brought In. Sabbath Breaking Forbidden. Mixed Marriages Condemned.

### Nehemiah 13

10 <sup>1</sup>Or, *knew* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *fled*  
<sup>a</sup>Neh. 10:37 <sup>b</sup>Neh. 12:28,  
29

11 <sup>1</sup>Or, *contended with*  
<sup>a</sup>Neh. 13:17, 25 <sup>b</sup>Neh.  
10:39

12 <sup>a</sup>Neh. 10:37; 12:44

13 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *on them to* <sup>2</sup>Lit.,  
*brothers*  
<sup>a</sup>Neh. 7:2

14 <sup>a</sup>Neh. 13:22, 31; Neh.  
5:19

15 <sup>a</sup>Ex. 20:8; 34:21 <sup>b</sup>Neh.  
10:31 <sup>c</sup>Neh. 13:21; 9:29

16 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *in it*

17 <sup>1</sup>Or, *contended with*  
<sup>2</sup>Lit., *and*  
<sup>a</sup>Neh. 13:11, 25

18 <sup>a</sup>Ezra 9:13; Jer. 17:21

19 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *and commanded*  
<sup>a</sup>Lev. 23:32

21 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *witnessed against*  
<sup>2</sup>Lit., *send a hand against*  
<sup>a</sup>Neh. 13:15

22 <sup>a</sup>Neh. 12:30; 1 Chr.  
15:12 <sup>b</sup>Neh. 13:14, 31

23 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *given dwelling to*  
<sup>a</sup>Neh. 10:30; Ezra 9:2  
<sup>b</sup>Neh. 4:7 <sup>c</sup>Neh. 13:1; Ezra  
9:1

24 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *according to the*  
*tongue of people and*  
*people*

25 <sup>a</sup>Neh. 13:11, 17 <sup>b</sup>Deut.  
25:2 <sup>c</sup>Neh. 10:29, 30

10 I also <sup>1</sup>discovered that <sup>a</sup>the portions of the Levites had not been given *them*, so that the Levites and the singers who performed the service had <sup>2</sup>gone away, <sup>b</sup>each to his own field.

11 So I <sup>1a</sup>reprimanded the officials and said, “<sup>b</sup>Why is the house of God forsaken?” Then I gathered them together and restored them to their posts.

12 All Judah then brought <sup>a</sup>the tithe of the grain, wine, and oil into the storehouses.

13 And in charge of the storehouses I appointed Shelemiah the priest, Zadok the scribe, and Pedaiah of the Levites, and in addition to them was Hanan the son of Zaccur, the son of Mattaniah; for <sup>a</sup>they were considered reliable, and it was <sup>1</sup>their task to distribute to their <sup>2</sup>kinsmen.

14 <sup>a</sup>Remember me for this, O my God, and do not blot out my loyal deeds which I have performed for the house of my God and its services.

15 In those days I saw in Judah some who were treading wine presses <sup>a</sup>on the sabbath, and bringing in sacks of grain and loading *them* on donkeys, as well as wine, grapes, figs, and all kinds of loads, <sup>b</sup>and they brought *them* into Jerusalem on the sabbath day. So <sup>c</sup>I admonished *them* on the day they sold food.

16 Also men of Tyre were living <sup>1</sup>there *who* imported fish and all kinds of merchandise, and sold *them* to the sons of Judah on the sabbath, even in Jerusalem.

17 Then <sup>a</sup>I <sup>1</sup>reprimanded the nobles of Judah and said to them, “What is this evil thing you are doing, <sup>2</sup>by profaning the sabbath day?”

18 “<sup>a</sup>Did not your fathers do the same so that our God brought on us, and on this city, all this trouble? Yet you are adding to the wrath on Israel by profaning the sabbath.”

19 <sup>a</sup>And it came about that just as it grew dark at the gates of Jerusalem before the sabbath, I commanded that the doors should be shut <sup>1</sup>and that they should not open them until after the sabbath. Then I stationed some of my servants at the gates *that* no load should enter on the sabbath day.

20 Once or twice the traders and merchants of every kind of merchandise spent the night outside Jerusalem.

21 Then <sup>a</sup>I <sup>1</sup>warned them and said to them, “Why do you spend the night in front of the wall? If you do so again, I will <sup>2</sup>use force against you.” From that time on they did not come on the sabbath.

22 And I commanded the Levites that <sup>a</sup>they should purify themselves and come as gatekeepers to sanctify the sabbath day. *For* this also <sup>b</sup>remember me, O my God, and have compassion on me according to the greatness of Thy lovingkindness.

23 In those days I also saw that the Jews had <sup>1a</sup>married women from <sup>b</sup>Ashdod, <sup>c</sup>Ammon, *and* Moab.

24 As for their children, half spoke in the language of Ashdod, and none of them was able to speak the language of Judah, but <sup>1</sup>the language of his own people.

25 So <sup>a</sup>I contended with them and cursed them and <sup>b</sup>struck some of them and pulled out their hair, and <sup>c</sup>made them swear by God, “You shall not give your daughters to their sons, nor take of their daughters for your sons or for yourselves.



26 <sup>a</sup>“Did not Solomon king of Israel sin regarding these things? <sup>b</sup>Yet among the many nations there was no king like him, and he was loved by his God, and God made him king over all Israel; nevertheless the foreign women caused even him to sin.

27 <sup>1</sup>“Do we then hear about you that you have committed all this great evil <sup>a</sup>by acting unfaithfully against our God by <sup>2</sup>marrying foreign women?”

28 Even one of the sons of Joiada, the son Eliashib the high priest, was a son-in-law of <sup>a</sup>Sanballat the Horonite, so I drove him away from me.

29 <sup>a</sup>Remember them, O my God, <sup>1</sup>because they have defiled the priesthood and the <sup>b</sup>covenant of the priesthood and the Levites.

30 <sup>a</sup>Thus I purified them from everything foreign and appointed duties for the priests and the Levites, each in his task,

31 and I *arranged* <sup>a</sup>for the supply of wood at appointed times and for the first fruits. <sup>b</sup>Remember me, O my God, for good.

26 <sup>a</sup>1 Kin. 11:1 <sup>b</sup>1 Kin. 3:13; 2 Chr. 1:12

27 <sup>1</sup>Or, *Is it reported*  
<sup>2</sup>Lit., *giving dwelling to*  
<sup>a</sup>Neh. 13:23; Ezra 10:2

28 <sup>a</sup>Neh. 2:10, 19

29 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *for the deflings*  
*of*  
<sup>a</sup>Neh. 6:14 <sup>b</sup>Num. 25:13

30 <sup>a</sup>Neh. 10:30

31 <sup>a</sup>Neh. 10:34 <sup>b</sup>Neh. 13:14, 22

## THE BOOK OF ESTHER

### The Banquets of Ahasuerus.

**N**OW it took place in the days of <sup>a</sup>Ahasuerus, the Ahasuerus who reigned <sup>b</sup>from India to <sup>1</sup>Ethiopia over <sup>c</sup>127 provinces,

2 in those days as King Ahasuerus sat on his royal throne which was in <sup>a</sup>Susa the capital,

3 in the third year of his reign, <sup>a</sup>he gave a banquet for all his princes and attendants, the army *officers* of Persia and Media, the nobles, and the princes of his provinces being in his presence,

4 when he displayed the riches of his royal glory and the splendor of his great majesty for many days, 180 days.

5 And when these days were completed, the king gave a banquet lasting seven days for all the people who were present in Susa the capital, from the greatest to the least, in the court of <sup>a</sup>the garden of the king's palace.

6 *There were hangings* of fine white and violet linen held by cords of fine purple linen on silver rings and marble columns, <sup>a</sup>and couches of gold and silver on a mosaic pavement of porphyry, marble, mother-of-pearl, and precious stones.

7 Drinks were served in golden vessels of various kinds, and the royal wine was plentiful <sup>a</sup>according to the king's <sup>1</sup>bounty.

8 And the drinking was *done* according to the law, there was no compulsion, for so the king had given orders to each official of his household that he should do according to the desires of each person.

1 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *Cush*  
<sup>a</sup>Ezra 4:6; Dan. 9:1 <sup>b</sup>Esth. 8:9 <sup>c</sup>Esth. 9:30

2 <sup>a</sup>Neh. 1:1

3 <sup>a</sup>Esth. 2:8

5 <sup>a</sup>Esth. 7:7-8

6 <sup>a</sup>Ezek. 23:41; Amos 6:4

7 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *hand*  
<sup>a</sup>Esth. 2:18

Esther 1, 2

9 <sup>1</sup>Lit., royal house

10 <sup>2</sup>Judg. 16:25

11 <sup>2</sup>Esth. 2:17; 6:8

13 <sup>2</sup>Jer. 10:7; Dan. 2:2  
<sup>1</sup>Chr. 12:32

14 <sup>1</sup>Lit., saw the face of  
the king  
<sup>2</sup>2 Kin. 25:19; Matt. 18:10

15 <sup>1</sup>Lit., do

17 <sup>1</sup>Lit., go forth <sup>2</sup>Lit., to  
despise . . . in their eyes

19 <sup>1</sup>Lit., word go forth  
from <sup>2</sup>Lit., pass away <sup>3</sup>Lit.,  
her neighbor  
<sup>2</sup>Esth. 8:8; Dan. 6:8

20 <sup>1</sup>Lit., for great is it  
<sup>2</sup>Eph. 5:22; Col. 3:18

21 <sup>1</sup>Lit., according to the  
word of

22 <sup>2</sup>Esth. 3:12; 8:9

1 <sup>2</sup>Esth. 7:10 <sup>1</sup>Esth. 1:19,  
20

9 Queen Vashti also gave a banquet for the women in the <sup>1</sup>palace which belonged to King Ahasuerus.

10 On the seventh day, when the heart of the king was <sup>2</sup>merry with wine, he commanded Mehuman, Biztha, Harbona, Bigtha, Abagtha, Zethar, and Carkas, the seven eunuchs who served in the presence of King Ahasuerus,

11 to bring Queen Vashti before the king with *her* royal <sup>2</sup>crown in order to display her beauty to the people and the princes, for she was beautiful.

12 But Queen Vashti refused to come at the king's command delivered by the eunuchs. Then the king became very angry and his wrath burned within him.

13 Then the king said to <sup>2</sup>the wise men <sup>1</sup>who understood the times—for it was the custom of the king so to *speak* before all who knew law and justice,

14 and were close to him: Carshena, Shethar, Admatha, Tarshish, Meres, Marsena, and Memucan, the seven princes of Persia and Media <sup>2</sup>who <sup>1</sup>had access to the king's presence and sat in the first place in the kingdom—

15 “According to law, what is to be done with Queen Vashti, because she did not <sup>1</sup>obey the command of King Ahasuerus *delivered* by the eunuchs?”

16 And in the presence of the king and the princes, Memucan said, “Queen Vashti has wronged not only the king but *also* all the princes, and all the peoples who are in all the provinces of King Ahasuerus.

17 “For the queen's conduct will <sup>1</sup>become known to all the women causing them <sup>2</sup>to look with contempt on their husbands by saying, ‘King Ahasuerus commanded Queen Vashti to be brought in to his presence, but she did not come.’

18 “And this day the ladies of Persia and Media who have heard of the queen's conduct will speak *the same way* to all the king's princes, and there will be plenty of contempt and anger.

19 “If it pleases the king, let a royal <sup>1</sup>edict be issued by him and let it be written in the laws of Persia and Media so <sup>2</sup>that it cannot <sup>2</sup>be repealed, that Vashti should come no more into the presence of King Ahasuerus, and let the king give her royal position to <sup>3</sup>another who is more worthy than she.

20 “And when the king's edict which he shall make is heard throughout all his kingdom, <sup>1</sup>great as it is, then <sup>2</sup>all women will give honor to their husbands, great and small.”

21 And *this* word pleased the king and the princes, and the king did <sup>1</sup>as Memucan proposed.

22 So he sent letters to all the king's provinces, <sup>2</sup>to each province according to its script and to every people according to their language, that every man should be the master in his own house and the one who speaks in the language of his own people.

CHAPTER 2

**A**FTER these things <sup>2</sup>when the anger of King Ahasuerus had subsided, he remembered Vashti and what she had done and <sup>1</sup>what had been decreed against her.

**A Replacement for Vashti Is Sought.  
Esther Finds Favor.**

2 Then the king's attendants, who served him, said, "Let beautiful young virgins be sought for the king.

3 <sup>a</sup>Esth. 1:1, 2 <sup>b</sup>Esth. 2:8,  
15 <sup>c</sup>Esth. 2:9, 12

3 "And let the king appoint overseers in <sup>a</sup>all the provinces of his kingdom that they may gather every beautiful young virgin to Susa the capital, to the harem, into the custody of <sup>b</sup>Hegai, the king's eunuch, who was in charge of the women; and <sup>c</sup>let their cosmetics be given *them*.

5 <sup>a</sup>Esth. 3:2

4 "Then let the young lady who pleases the king be queen in place of Vashti." And the matter pleased the king, and he did accordingly.

5 Now there was a Jew in Susa the capital whose name was <sup>a</sup>Mordecai, the son of Jair, the son of Shimei, the son of Kish, a Benjamite,

6 <sup>a</sup>2 Kin. 24:14, 15

6 <sup>a</sup>who had been taken into exile from Jerusalem with the captives who had been exiled with Jeconiah king of Judah, whom Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon had exiled.

7 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *good of appearance*  
<sup>a</sup>Esth. 2:15

7 And he was bringing up Hadassah, that is <sup>a</sup>Esther, his uncle's daughter, for she had neither father nor mother. Now the young lady was beautiful of form and <sup>1</sup>face, and when her father and her mother died, Mordecai took her as his own daughter.

8 So it came about when the command and decree of the king were heard and <sup>a</sup>many young ladies were gathered to Susa the capital into the custody of <sup>b</sup>Hegai, that Esther was taken to the king's <sup>1</sup>palace into the custody of Hegai, who was in charge of the women.

8 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *house*  
<sup>a</sup>Esth. 2:3 <sup>b</sup>Esth. 2:3, 15

9 Now the young lady pleased him and found favor with him. So he quickly provided her with her <sup>a</sup>cosmetics and <sup>1</sup>food, gave her seven choice maids from the king's palace, and transferred her and her maids to the best place in the harem.

9 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *portions*  
<sup>a</sup>Esth. 2:3, 12

10 <sup>a</sup>Esther did not make known her people or her kindred, for Mordecai had instructed her that she should not make *them* known.

10 <sup>a</sup>Esth. 2:20

11 And every day Mordecai walked back and forth in front of the court of the harem to learn how Esther was and how she fared.

12 Now when the turn of each young lady came to go in to King Ahasuerus, after the end of her twelve months under the regulations for the women—for the days of their beautification were completed as follows: six months with oil of myrrh and six months with spices and the cosmetics for women—

13 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *said*

13 the young lady would go in to the king in this way: anything that she <sup>1</sup>desired was given her to take with her from the harem to the king's palace.

14 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *hand*

14 In the evening she would go in and in the morning she would return to the second harem, to the <sup>1</sup>custody of Shaash-gaz, the king's eunuch who was in charge of the concubines. She would not again go in to the king unless the king delighted in her and she was summoned by name.

15 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *said*  
<sup>a</sup>Esth. 2:7; 9:29 <sup>b</sup>Esth. 2:3, 8

15 Now when the turn of Esther, <sup>a</sup>the daughter of Abihail the uncle of Mordecai who had taken her as his daughter, came to go in to the king, she did not request anything except what <sup>b</sup>Hegai, the king's eunuch who was in charge of the women, <sup>1</sup>advised. And Esther found favor in the eyes of all who saw her.

16 So Esther was taken to King Ahasuerus to his royal

## Esther Is Crowned Queen. Mordecai Saves the King. Refuses Homage to Haman.

### Esther 2, 3

17 <sup>a</sup>Esth. 1:11

18 <sup>a</sup>Esth. 1:3 <sup>b</sup>Esth. 1:7

19 <sup>a</sup>Esth. 2:3, 4 <sup>b</sup>Esth. 2:21; 3:2

20 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *the word of Mordecai*  
<sup>a</sup>Esth. 2:10 <sup>b</sup>Esth. 2:7

21 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *send a hand against*  
<sup>a</sup>Esth. 6:2

22 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *matter*, so also v.  
23 <sup>2</sup>Lit., *told*  
<sup>a</sup>Esth. 6:1, 2

23 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *tree*  
<sup>a</sup>Esth. 10:2

1 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *set his seat*  
<sup>a</sup>Esth. 5:11 <sup>b</sup>Esth. 3:10; 8:3  
<sup>c</sup>Esth. 5:11

2 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *and prostrated themselves before*  
<sup>a</sup>Esth. 5:9

3 <sup>a</sup>Esth. 2:19 <sup>b</sup>Esth. 3:2

6 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *despised in his eyes*  
<sup>2</sup>Lit., *send a hand against*

7 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *he cast Pur . . . before* <sup>2</sup>Ck., *and the lot fell on the thirteenth day of*  
<sup>a</sup>Esth. 9:24-26 <sup>b</sup>Ezra 6:15

8 <sup>a</sup>Ezra 4:12-15; Acts 16:20, 21

palace in the tenth month which is the month Tebeth, in the seventh year of his reign.

17 And the king loved Esther more than all the women, and she found favor and kindness with him more than all the virgins, so that <sup>a</sup>he set the royal crown on her head and made her queen instead of Vashti.

18 Then <sup>a</sup>the king gave a great banquet, Esther's banquet, for all his princes and his servants; he also made a holiday for the provinces and gave gifts <sup>b</sup>according to the king's bounty.

19 And <sup>a</sup>when the virgins were gathered together the second time, then Mordecai <sup>b</sup>was sitting at the king's gate.

20 <sup>a</sup>Esther had not yet made known her kindred or her people, even as Mordecai had commanded her, for Esther did <sup>1</sup>what Mordecai told her as she had done <sup>b</sup>when under his care.

21 In those days, while Mordecai was sitting at the king's gate, <sup>a</sup>Bigthan and Teresh, two of the king's officials from those who guarded the door, became angry and sought to <sup>1</sup>lay hands on King Ahasuerus.

22 But the <sup>1</sup>plot became known to Mordecai, and <sup>a</sup>he told Queen Esther, and Esther <sup>2</sup>informed the king in Mordecai's name.

23 Now when the plot was investigated and found *to be so*, they were both hanged on a <sup>1</sup>gallows; and it was written in <sup>a</sup>the Book of the Chronicles in the king's presence.

### CHAPTER 3

**A**<sup>F</sup>**T**<sup>E</sup>**R** these events King Ahasuerus <sup>a</sup>promoted Haman, the son of Hammedatha <sup>b</sup>the Agagite, and <sup>c</sup>advanced him and <sup>1</sup>established his authority over all the princes who *were* with him.

2 And all the king's servants who were at the king's gate bowed down <sup>1</sup>and paid homage to Haman; for so the king had commanded concerning him. But <sup>a</sup>Mordecai neither bowed down nor paid homage.

3 Then the king's servants who were at <sup>a</sup>the king's gate said to Mordecai, "<sup>b</sup>Why are you transgressing the king's command?"

4 Now it was when they had spoken daily to him and he would not listen to them, that they told Haman to see whether Mordecai's reason would stand; for he had told them that he was a Jew.

5 When Haman saw that Mordecai neither bowed down nor paid homage to him, Haman was filled with rage.

6 But he <sup>1</sup>disdained to <sup>2</sup>lay hands on Mordecai alone, for they had told him *who* the people of Mordecai *were*; therefore Haman sought to destroy all the Jews, the people of Mordecai, who *were* throughout the whole kingdom of Ahasuerus.

7 In the first month, which is the month Nisan, in the twelfth year of King Ahasuerus, <sup>1</sup>Pur, that is the lot, was <sup>a</sup>cast before Haman from day to day and from month *to month*, <sup>2</sup>until the twelfth month, that is <sup>b</sup>the month Adar.

8 Then Haman said to King Ahasuerus, "There is a certain people scattered and dispersed among the peoples in all the provinces of your kingdom; <sup>a</sup>their laws are different from

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those of all other people, and they do not observe the king's laws, so it is not in the king's interest to let them remain.

9 "If it is pleasing to the king, let it be <sup>1</sup>decreed that they be destroyed, and I will pay ten thousand talents of silver into the hands of those who carry on the king's business, to put into the king's treasuries."

10 Then <sup>a</sup>the king took his signet ring from his hand and gave it to Haman, the son of Hammedatha <sup>b</sup>the Agagite, the enemy of <sup>c</sup>the Jews.

11 And the king said to Haman, "The silver is <sup>1</sup>yours, and the people *also*, to do with them as you please."

12 <sup>a</sup>Then the king's scribes were summoned on the thirteenth day of the first month, and it was written just as Haman commanded to <sup>b</sup>the king's satraps, to the governors who were over each province, and to the princes of each people, each province according to its script, each people according to its language, being written <sup>c</sup>in the name of King Ahasuerus and sealed with the king's signet ring.

13 And letters were sent by <sup>a</sup>couriers to all the king's provinces <sup>b</sup>to destroy, to kill, and to annihilate all the Jews, both young and old, women and children, <sup>c</sup>in one day, the thirteenth day of the twelfth month, which is the month Adar, and to <sup>d</sup>seize their possessions as plunder.

14 <sup>a</sup>A copy of the edict to be <sup>b</sup>issued as law in every province was published to all the peoples so that they should be ready for this day.

15 The couriers went out impelled by the king's command while the decree was <sup>1</sup>issued in Susa the capital; and while the king and Haman sat down to drink, <sup>a</sup>the city of Susa was in confusion.

### CHAPTER 4

WHEN Mordecai learned <sup>a</sup>all that had been done, <sup>1</sup>he tore his clothes, put on sackcloth and ashes, and went out into the midst of the city and wailed loudly and bitterly.

2 And he went as far as the king's gate, for no one was to enter the king's gate clothed in sackcloth.

3 And in each and every province where the command and decree of the king came, there was great mourning among the Jews, with <sup>a</sup>fasting, weeping, and wailing; and many lay on sackcloth and ashes.

4 Then Esther's maidens and her eunuchs came and told her, and the queen writhed in great anguish. And she sent garments to clothe Mordecai that he might remove his sackcloth from him, but he did not accept *them*.

5 Then Esther summoned Hathach from the king's eunuchs, whom <sup>1</sup>the king had appointed to attend her, and ordered him *to go* to Mordecai to learn what this *was* and why it *was*.

6 So Hathach went out to Mordecai to the city square in front of the king's gate.

7 And Mordecai told him all that had happened to him, and <sup>a</sup>the exact amount of money that Haman had promised to pay to the king's treasuries for the destruction of the Jews.

8 He also gave him <sup>a</sup>a copy of the text of the edict which

9 <sup>1</sup>Lit., written

10 <sup>a</sup>Esth. 8:2; Gen. 41:42  
<sup>b</sup>Esth. 3:1 <sup>c</sup>Esth. 7:6

11 <sup>1</sup>Lit., given to you

12 <sup>a</sup>Esth. 8:9 <sup>b</sup>Ezra 8:36  
<sup>c</sup>Esth. 8:8, 10; 1 Kin. 21:8

13 <sup>a</sup>Esth. 8:10, 14; 2 Chr. 30:6  
<sup>b</sup>Esth. 7:4 <sup>c</sup>Esth. 8:12  
<sup>d</sup>Esth. 8:11; 9:10

14 <sup>1</sup>Lit., given  
<sup>a</sup>Esth. 8:13, 14

15 <sup>1</sup>Lit., given  
<sup>a</sup>Esth. 8:15

1 <sup>1</sup>Lit., Mordecai  
<sup>a</sup>Esth. 3:8-10; 2 Sam. 1:11;  
Jon. 3:5,6

3 <sup>a</sup>Esth. 4:16

5 <sup>1</sup>Lit., he

7 <sup>a</sup>Esth. 3:9

8 <sup>a</sup>Esth. 3:14

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11 <sup>a</sup>Esth. 5:1; 6:4 <sup>b</sup>Dan. 2:9 <sup>c</sup>Esth. 5:2; 8:4

16 <sup>a</sup>Esth. 5:1

1 <sup>1</sup>Lit., house <sup>2</sup>Lit., royal house  
<sup>a</sup>Esth. 4:16 <sup>b</sup>Esth. 4:11; 6:4

2 <sup>a</sup>Esth. 2:9 <sup>b</sup>Esth. 4:11; 8:4

3 <sup>a</sup>Esth. 7:2; Mark 6:23

5 <sup>1</sup>Lit., the word of Esther  
<sup>a</sup>Esth. 6:14

6 <sup>1</sup>Lit., at the banquet of wine  
<sup>a</sup>Esth. 7:2 <sup>b</sup>Esth. 5:3

had been issued in Susa for their destruction, that he might show Esther and inform her, and to order her to go in to the king to implore his favor and to plead with him for her people.

9 And Hathach came back and related Mordecai's words to Esther.

10 Then Esther spoke to Hathach and ordered him *to reply* to Mordecai:

11 "All the king's servants and the people of the king's provinces know that for any man or woman who <sup>a</sup>comes to the king to the inner court who is not summoned, <sup>b</sup>he has but one law, that he be put to death, unless the king holds out <sup>c</sup>to him the golden scepter so that he may live. And I have not been summoned to come to the king for these thirty days."

12 And they related Esther's words to Mordecai.

13 Then Mordecai told *them* to reply to Esther, "Do not imagine that you in the king's palace can escape any more than all the Jews.

14 "For if you remain silent at this time, relief and deliverance will arise for the Jews from another place and you and your father's house will perish. And who knows whether you have not attained royalty for such a time as this?"

15 Then Esther told *them* to reply to Mordecai,

16 "Go, assemble all the Jews who are found in Susa, and fast for me; do not eat or drink for <sup>a</sup>three days, night or day. I and my maidens also will fast in the same way. And thus I will go in to the king, which is not according to the law; and if I perish, I perish."

17 So Mordecai went away and did just as Esther had commanded him.

CHAPTER 5

**N**OW it came about <sup>a</sup>on the third day that Esther put on her royal robes and stood <sup>b</sup>in the inner court of the king's palace in front of the king's <sup>1</sup>rooms, and the king was sitting on his royal throne in the <sup>2</sup>throne room, opposite the entrance to the palace.

2 And it happened when the king saw Esther the queen standing in the court, <sup>a</sup>she obtained favor in his sight; and <sup>b</sup>the king extended to Esther the golden scepter which was in his hand. So Esther came near and touched the top of the scepter.

3 Then the king said to her, "What is *troubling* you, Queen Esther? And what is your request? <sup>a</sup>Even to half of the kingdom it will be given to you."

4 And Esther said, "If it please the king, may the king and Haman come this day to the banquet that I have prepared for him."

5 Then the king said, "<sup>a</sup>Bring Haman quickly that we may do <sup>1</sup>as Esther desires." So the king and Haman came to the banquet which Esther had prepared.

6 And, <sup>1</sup>as they drank their wine at the banquet, <sup>a</sup>the king said to Esther, "<sup>b</sup>What is your petition, for it shall be granted to you. And what is your request? Even to half of the kingdom it shall be done."

7 So Esther answered and said, "My petition and my request is:

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8 <sup>a</sup>if I have found favor in the sight of the king, and if it please the king to grant my petition and do <sup>1</sup>what I request, may the king and Haman come to <sup>b</sup>the banquet which I shall prepare for them, and tomorrow I will do <sup>2</sup>as the king says.”

8 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *my request* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *according to the word of the king*  
<sup>a</sup>Esth. 7:3; 8:5 <sup>b</sup>Esth. 6:14

9 Then Haman went out that day glad and pleased of heart; but when Haman saw Mordecai <sup>a</sup>in the king's gate, and <sup>b</sup>that he did not stand up or <sup>1</sup>tremble before him, Haman was filled with anger against Mordecai.

9 <sup>1</sup>Or, *move for*  
<sup>a</sup>Esth. 2:19 <sup>b</sup>Esth. 3:5

10 Haman controlled himself, however, went to his house, and <sup>1</sup>sent for his friends and his wife <sup>a</sup>Zeresh.

10 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *sent and brought*  
<sup>a</sup>Esth. 6:13

11 Then Haman recounted to them the glory of his riches, and the <sup>1a</sup>number of his sons, and every *instance* where the king had magnified him, and how he had <sup>2b</sup>promoted him above the princes and servants of the king.

11 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *multitude* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *lifted*  
<sup>a</sup>Esth. 9:7-10 <sup>b</sup>Esth. 3:1

12 Haman also said, “Even Esther the queen let no one but me come with the king to the banquet which she had prepared; and <sup>a</sup>tomorrow also I am <sup>1</sup>invited by her with the king.

12 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *summoned to her*  
<sup>a</sup>Esth. 5:8

13 “Yet all of this <sup>1</sup>does not satisfy me every time I see Mordecai the Jew sitting at <sup>a</sup>the king's gate.”

14 Then Zeresh his wife and all his friends said to him, “Have a <sup>1</sup>gallows fifty cubits high made and in the morning ask the king to have Mordecai hanged on it, then go joyfully with the king to the banquet.” And the <sup>2</sup>advice pleased Haman, so he had the gallows made.

13 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *is not suitable to me*  
<sup>a</sup>Esth. 5:9

**CHAPTER 6**

<sup>a</sup>**DURING** that night <sup>1</sup>the king <sup>b</sup>could not sleep so he gave an order to bring <sup>c</sup>the book of records, the chronicles, and they were read before the king.

14 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *tree* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *thing*  
<sup>a</sup>Esth. 6:4; 7:9, 10

2 And it was found written what <sup>a</sup>Mordecai had reported concerning Bigthana and Teresh, two of the king's eunuchs who were doorkeepers, that they had sought to lay hands on King Ahasuerus.

1 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *the king's sleep fled*  
<sup>a</sup>Esth. 5:8 <sup>b</sup>Dan. 6:18 <sup>c</sup>Esth. 2:23; 10:2

3 And the king said, “What honor or dignity has been bestowed on Mordecai for this?” Then the king's servants who attended him said, “Nothing has been done for him.”

2 <sup>a</sup>Esth. 2:21, 22

4 So the king said, “Who is in the court?” Now Haman had just <sup>a</sup>entered the outer court of the king's palace in order to speak to the king about <sup>b</sup>hanging Mordecai on the gallows which he had prepared for him.

4 <sup>a</sup>Esth. 4:11; 5:1 <sup>b</sup>Esth. 5:14

5 And the king's servants said to him, “Behold, Haman is standing in the court.” And the king said, “Let him come in.”

6 So Haman came in and the king said to him, “What is to be done for the man <sup>a</sup>whom the king desires to honor?” And Haman said <sup>1</sup>to himself, “Whom would the king desire to honor more than me?”

6 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *in his heart*  
<sup>a</sup>Esth. 6:7, 9, 11

7 Then Haman said to the king, “For the man whom the king desires to honor,

8 let them bring a royal robe which the king has worn, and <sup>a</sup>the horse on which the king has ridden, and on whose head <sup>ba</sup>royal crown has been placed;

8 <sup>a</sup>1 Kin. 1:33 <sup>b</sup>Esth. 1:11; 2:17

9 and let the robe and the horse be handed over to one of the king's most noble princes and let them array the man whom the king desires to honor and lead him on horseback

9 <sup>a</sup>Gen. 41:43

10 <sup>a</sup>Esth. 5:5

12 <sup>a</sup>2 Sam. 15:30

13 <sup>1</sup>Lit., from the seed of the Jews  
<sup>a</sup>Esth. 5:10

14 <sup>a</sup>Esth. 5:8

2 <sup>1</sup>Lit., at the banquet of wine  
<sup>a</sup>Esth. 5:6; 9:12 <sup>b</sup>Esth. 5:3

3 <sup>a</sup>Esth. 5:8; 8:5

4 <sup>1</sup>Or, enemy could not compensate for the loss  
<sup>2</sup>Or, damage  
<sup>a</sup>Esth. 3:19 <sup>b</sup>Esth. 3:13

5 <sup>1</sup>Lit., said and said to  
<sup>2</sup>Lit., whose heart has been filled

6 <sup>a</sup>Esth. 3:10

7 <sup>1</sup>Lit., the banquet of wine  
<sup>a</sup>Esth. 1:12 <sup>b</sup>Esth. 1:5

8 <sup>1</sup>Lit., house of the banquet of wine  
<sup>a</sup>Esth. 1:6

9 <sup>a</sup>Esth. 5:14 <sup>b</sup>Esth. 2:22

through the city square, <sup>a</sup>and proclaim before him, "Thus it shall be done to the man whom the king desires to honor."

10 Then the king said to Haman, <sup>a</sup>"Take quickly the robes and the horse as you have said, and do so for Mordecai the Jew, who is sitting at the king's gate; do not fall short in anything of all that you have said."

11 So Haman took the robe and the horse, and arrayed Mordecai, and led him *on horseback* through the city square, and proclaimed before him, "Thus it shall be done to the man whom the king desires to honor."

12 Then Mordecai returned to the king's gate. But Haman hurried home, mourning, <sup>a</sup>with his head covered.

13 And Haman recounted <sup>a</sup>to Zeresh his wife and all his friends everything that had happened to him. Then his wise men and Zeresh his wife said to him, "If Mordecai, before whom you have begun to fall, is <sup>1</sup>of Jewish origin, you will not overcome him, but will surely fall before him."

14 While they were still talking with him, the king's eunuchs arrived and hastily <sup>a</sup>brought Haman to the banquet which Esther had prepared.

## CHAPTER 7

**N**OW the king and Haman came to drink *wine* with Esther the queen.

2 And the king said to Esther on the second day also <sup>1</sup>as they drank their wine at the banquet, <sup>a</sup>"What is your petition, Queen Esther? It shall be granted you. And what is your request? <sup>b</sup>Even to half of the kingdom it shall be done."

3 Then Queen Esther answered and said, <sup>a</sup>"If I have found favor in your sight, O king, and if it please the king, let my life be given me as my petition, and my people as my request;

4 for <sup>a</sup>we have been sold, I and my people, to be destroyed, <sup>b</sup>to be killed and to be annihilated. Now if we had only been sold as slaves, men and women, I would have remained silent, for the <sup>1</sup>trouble would not be commensurate with the <sup>2</sup>annoyance to the king."

5 Then King Ahasuerus <sup>1</sup>asked Queen Esther, "Who is he, and where is he, <sup>2</sup>who would presume to do thus?"

6 And Esther said, <sup>a</sup>"A foe and an enemy, is this wicked Haman!" Then Haman became terrified before the king and queen.

7 And the king arose <sup>a</sup>in his anger from <sup>1</sup>drinking wine and went into <sup>b</sup>the palace garden; but Haman stayed to beg for his life from Queen Esther, for he saw that harm had been determined against him by the king.

8 Now when the king returned from the palace garden into the <sup>1</sup>place where they were drinking wine, Haman was falling on <sup>a</sup>the couch where Esther was. Then the king said, "Will he even assault the queen with me in the house?" As the word went out of the king's mouth, they covered Haman's face.

9 Then Harbonah, one of the eunuchs who were before the king said, "Behold indeed, <sup>a</sup>the gallows standing at Haman's house fifty cubits high, which Haman made for Mordecai <sup>b</sup>who



spoke good on behalf of the king!" And the king said, "Hang him on it."

10 <sup>a</sup>So they hanged Haman on the <sup>1</sup>gallows which he had prepared for Mordecai, <sup>b</sup>and the king's anger subsided.

CHAPTER 8

ON that day King Ahasuerus gave the house of Haman, the enemy of <sup>a</sup>the Jews, to Queen Esther; and Mordecai came before the king, for Esther had disclosed <sup>b</sup>what he was to her.

2 <sup>a</sup>And the king took off his signet ring which he had taken away from Haman, and gave it to Mordecai. And Esther set Mordecai over the house of Haman.

3 Then Esther spoke again to the king, fell at his feet, wept, and implored him to avert the evil *scheme* of Haman the Agagite and his plot which he had devised against the Jews.

4 <sup>a</sup>And the king extended the golden scepter to Esther. So Esther arose and stood before the king.

5 Then she said, "If it pleases the king and if I have found favor before him and the matter *seems* proper to the king and I am pleasing in his sight, let it be written to revoke the <sup>b</sup>letters devised by Haman, the son of Hammedatha the Agagite, which he wrote to destroy the Jews who are in all the king's provinces.

6 "For <sup>a</sup>how can I endure to see the calamity which shall befall my people, and how can I endure to see the destruction of my kindred?"

7 So King Ahasuerus said to Queen Esther and to Mordecai the Jew, "Behold, <sup>a</sup>I have given the house of Haman to Esther, and him they have hanged on the gallows because he had stretched out his hands against the Jews.

8 "Now you write to the Jews <sup>1</sup>as you see fit, in the king's name, and <sup>a</sup>seal it with the king's signet ring; for a decree which is written in the name of the king and sealed with the king's signet ring <sup>b</sup>may not be revoked."

9 <sup>a</sup>So the king's scribes were called at that time in the third month (that is, the month Sivan), on the twenty-third <sup>1</sup>day; and it was written according to all that Mordecai commanded to the Jews, the satraps, the governors, and the princes of the provinces which *extended* <sup>b</sup>from India to <sup>2</sup>Ethiopia, 127 provinces, to <sup>c</sup>every province according to its script, and to every people according to their language, as well as to the Jews according to their script and their language.

10 And he wrote in the name of King Ahasuerus, and sealed it with the king's signet ring, and sent letters by couriers on <sup>a</sup>horses, riding on steeds sired by the royal stud.

11 <sup>1</sup>In them the king granted the Jews who were in each and every city *the right* <sup>a</sup>to assemble and to defend their lives, <sup>b</sup>to destroy, to kill, and to annihilate the entire army of any people or province which might attack them, including children and women, and <sup>c</sup>to plunder their spoil,

12 on one day in all the provinces of King Ahasuerus, the thirteenth *day* of the twelfth month (that is, the month Adar).

13 <sup>a</sup>A copy of the edict to be <sup>b</sup>issued as law in each and every province, was published to all the peoples, so that the Jews

<sup>10</sup> <sup>1</sup>Lit., tree  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 7:16; 94:23 <sup>b</sup>Esth. 7:7, 8

<sup>1</sup> <sup>a</sup>Esth. 7:6 <sup>b</sup>Esth. 2:7, 15

<sup>2</sup> <sup>a</sup>Esth. 3:10

<sup>4</sup> <sup>a</sup>Esth. 4:11; 5:2

<sup>5</sup> <sup>a</sup>Esth. 5:8; 7:3 <sup>b</sup>Esth. 3:13

<sup>6</sup> <sup>a</sup>Esth. 7:4; 9:1

<sup>7</sup> <sup>a</sup>Esth. 8:1

<sup>8</sup> <sup>1</sup>Lit., according to the good in your eyes  
<sup>a</sup>Esth. 8:10; 3:12 <sup>b</sup>Esth. 1:19

<sup>9</sup> <sup>1</sup>Lit., in it <sup>2</sup>Lit., Cush  
<sup>a</sup>Esth. 3:12 <sup>b</sup>Esth. 1:1  
<sup>c</sup>Esth. 1:22; 3:12

<sup>10</sup> <sup>a</sup>1 Kin. 4:28

<sup>11</sup> <sup>1</sup>Lit., Which  
<sup>a</sup>Esth. 9:2 <sup>b</sup>Esth. 3:13  
<sup>c</sup>Esth. 9:10

<sup>13</sup> <sup>1</sup>Lit., given  
<sup>a</sup>Esth. 3:14

15 <sup>1</sup>Or, violet  
<sup>a</sup>Esth. 5:11; Gen. 41:42  
<sup>b</sup>Esth. 3:15

17 <sup>1</sup>Lit., good day  
<sup>a</sup>Esth. 9:19 <sup>b</sup>Esth. 9:27

1 <sup>1</sup>Lit., day in it <sup>2</sup>Lit.,  
drew near  
<sup>a</sup>Esth. 8:12 <sup>b</sup>Esth. 9:17  
<sup>c</sup>Esth. 3:13

2 <sup>a</sup>Esth. 9:15-18; 8:11  
<sup>b</sup>Esth. 8:17

3 <sup>1</sup>Lit., lifted up  
<sup>a</sup>Ezra 8:36

4 <sup>a</sup>2 Sam. 3:1

5 <sup>1</sup>Lit., the stroke of  
<sup>a</sup>Esth. 3:13

10 <sup>a</sup>Esth. 5:11 <sup>b</sup>Esth. 8:11

11 <sup>1</sup>Lit., came

12 <sup>a</sup>Esth. 7:2

13 <sup>a</sup>Esth. 9:15; 8:11

should be ready for this day to avenge themselves on their enemies.

14 The couriers, hastened and impelled by the king's command, went out, riding on the royal steeds; and the decree was given out in Susa the capital.

15 Then Mordecai went out from the presence of the king <sup>a</sup>in royal robes of <sup>1</sup>blue and white, with a large crown of gold and <sup>b</sup>a garment of fine linen and purple; and the city of Susa shouted and rejoiced.

16 For the Jews there was light and gladness and joy and honor.

17 And in each and every province, and in each and every city, wherever the king's commandment and his decree arrived, there was gladness and joy for the Jews, a feast and a <sup>1</sup>holiday. And <sup>b</sup>many among the peoples of the land became Jews, for the dread of the Jews had fallen on them.

CHAPTER 9

NOW <sup>a</sup>in the twelfth month (that is, the month Adar), on <sup>b</sup>the thirteenth <sup>1</sup>day <sup>c</sup>when the king's command and edict <sup>2</sup>were about to be executed, on the day when the enemies of the Jews hoped to gain the mastery over them, it was turned to the contrary so that the Jews themselves gained the mastery over those who hated them.

2 <sup>a</sup>The Jews assembled in their cities throughout all the provinces of King Ahasuerus to lay hands on those who sought their harm; and no one could stand before them, <sup>b</sup>for the dread of them had fallen on all the peoples.

3 Even all the princes of the provinces, <sup>a</sup>the satraps, the governors, and those who were doing the king's business <sup>1</sup>assisted the Jews, because the dread of Mordecai had fallen on them.

4 Indeed, Mordecai was great in the king's house, and his fame spread throughout all the provinces; for the man Mordecai <sup>a</sup>became greater and greater.

5 Thus <sup>a</sup>the Jews struck all their enemies with <sup>1</sup>the sword, killing and destroying; and they did what they pleased to those who hated them.

6 And in Susa the capital the Jews killed and destroyed five hundred men,

7 and Parshandatha, Dalphon, Aspatha,

8 Poratha, Adalia, Aridatha,

9 Parmashta, Arisai, Aridai, and Vaizatha,

10 <sup>a</sup>the ten sons of Haman the son of Hammedatha, the Jews' enemy; but they did not lay their hands <sup>b</sup>on the plunder.

11 On that day the number of those who were killed in Susa the capital <sup>1</sup>was reported to the king.

12 And the king said to Queen Esther, "The Jews have killed and destroyed five hundred men and the ten sons of Haman in Susa the capital. What then have they done in the rest of the king's provinces! <sup>a</sup>Now what is your petition? It shall even be granted you. And what is your further request? It shall also be done."

13 Then said Esther, "If it pleases the king, <sup>a</sup>let tomorrow also be granted to the Jews who are in Susa to do according to

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the edict of today; and let Haman's ten sons be hanged on the gallows."

14 So the king commanded that it should be done so; and an edict was issued in Susa, and Haman's ten sons were hanged.

15 And the Jews who were in Susa assembled also on the fourteenth day of the month Adar and killed <sup>a</sup>three hundred men in Susa, but they did not lay their hands <sup>b</sup>on the plunder.

16 Now <sup>a</sup>the rest of the Jews who *were* in the king's provinces assembled, to defend their lives and <sup>1</sup>rid themselves of their enemies, and kill 75,000 of those who hated them; but they did not lay their hands on the plunder.

17 *This was done* on <sup>a</sup>the thirteenth day of the month Adar, and <sup>b</sup>on the fourteenth <sup>1</sup>day they rested and made it a day of feasting and rejoicing.

18 But the Jews who were in Susa <sup>a</sup>assembled on the thirteenth and <sup>b</sup>the fourteenth <sup>1</sup>of the same month, and they rested on the fifteenth <sup>1</sup>day and made it a day of feasting and rejoicing.

19 Therefore the Jews of the rural areas, who live in <sup>a</sup>the rural towns, make the fourteenth day of the month Adar a <sup>1</sup>holiday for rejoicing and feasting and <sup>c</sup>sending portions of food to one another.

20 Then Mordecai recorded these events, and he sent letters to all the Jews who were in all the provinces of King Ahasuerus, both near and far,

21 obliging them to celebrate the fourteenth day of the month Adar, and the fifteenth day <sup>1</sup>of the same month, annually,

22 because on those days the Jews <sup>1</sup>rid themselves of their enemies, and *it was a month* which was turned for them from sorrow into gladness and from mourning into a <sup>2</sup>holiday; that they should make them days of feasting and rejoicing and sending portions of food to one another and gifts to the poor.

23 Thus the Jews undertook what they had started to do, and what Mordecai had written to them.

24 For Haman the son of Hammedatha, the Agagite, the adversary of all the Jews, had schemed against the Jews to destroy them, and <sup>a</sup>had cast Pur, that is the lot, to disturb them and destroy them.

25 But <sup>a</sup>when it came <sup>1</sup>to the king's attention, he commanded by letter <sup>b</sup>that his wicked scheme which he had <sup>2</sup>devised against the Jews, <sup>c</sup>should return on his own head, and that he and his sons should be hanged on the <sup>3</sup>gallows.

26 Therefore they called these days Purim after the name of Pur. <sup>1</sup>And <sup>a</sup>because of the instructions in this letter, both what they had seen in this regard and what had happened to them,

27 the Jews established and <sup>1</sup>made a custom for themselves, and for their <sup>2</sup>descendants, and for <sup>a</sup>all those who allied themselves with them, so that <sup>3</sup>they should not fail <sup>b</sup>to celebrate these two days according to their <sup>4</sup>regulation, and according to their appointed time annually.

28 So these days were to be remembered and celebrated throughout every generation, every family, every province, and every city; and these days of Purim were not to <sup>1</sup>fail from among the Jews, or their memory <sup>2</sup>fade from their <sup>3</sup>descendants.

15 <sup>a</sup>Esth. 9:12 <sup>b</sup>Esth. 9:10

16 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *have rest from*  
<sup>a</sup>Esth. 9:2

17 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *in it*  
<sup>a</sup>Esth. 9:1 <sup>b</sup>Esth. 9:21

18 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *in it*  
<sup>a</sup>Esth. 9:2; 8:11 <sup>b</sup>Esth. 9:21

19 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *good day*  
<sup>a</sup>Deut. 3:5; Zech. 2:4 <sup>b</sup>Esth. 9:22 <sup>c</sup>Neh. 8:10

21 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *in it*

22 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *had rest from*  
<sup>2</sup>Lit., *good day*

24 <sup>a</sup>Esth. 3:7

25 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *before the king,*  
*he* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *schemed* <sup>3</sup>Lit.,  
*tree*  
<sup>a</sup>Esth. 7:4-10 <sup>b</sup>Esth. 3:6-15  
<sup>c</sup>Ps. 7:16

26 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *Therefore*  
*because of all the words*  
<sup>a</sup>Esth. 9:20

27 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *received* <sup>2</sup>Lit.,  
*seed* <sup>3</sup>Lit., *it should not*  
*pass away* <sup>4</sup>Lit., *writing*  
<sup>a</sup>Esth. 8:17 <sup>b</sup>Esth. 9:20, 21

28 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *pass away* <sup>2</sup>Lit.,  
*end* <sup>3</sup>Lit., *seed*

**Esth. 9, 10, Job 1**

29 <sup>a</sup>Esth. 2:15 <sup>b</sup>Esth. 9:20,  
21

30 <sup>a</sup>Esth. 1:1

31 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *seed* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *words*  
<sup>a</sup>Esth. 4:3

32 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *words*  
<sup>a</sup>Esth. 9:26

1 <sup>a</sup>Is. 11:11; 24:15

2 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *doings* <sup>2</sup>Lit.,  
*made him great*  
<sup>a</sup>Esth. 8:15; 9:4 <sup>b</sup>Esth. 2:23

3 <sup>a</sup>Gen. 41:43, 44 <sup>b</sup>Neh.  
2:10

1 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 25:20; Lam. 4:21  
<sup>b</sup>Ezek. 14:14, 20; James  
5:11 <sup>c</sup>Gen. 6:9; 17:1; Deut.  
18:13 <sup>d</sup>Gen. 22:12; 42:18;  
Ex. 18:21 <sup>e</sup>Job 28:28

2 <sup>a</sup>Job 42:13

3 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *sons*  
<sup>a</sup>Job 42:12 <sup>b</sup>Job 29:25;  
31:37

5 <sup>a</sup>Job 42:8 <sup>b</sup>Job 8:4

6 <sup>1</sup>i.e., the adversary; so  
through chaps. 1 & 2

7 <sup>a</sup>1 Pet. 5:8

**29** Then Queen Esther, <sup>a</sup>daughter of Abihail, with Mordecai the Jew, wrote with full authority to confirm <sup>b</sup>this second letter about Purim.

**30** And he sent letters to all the Jews, <sup>a</sup>to the 127 provinces of the kingdom of Ahasuerus, namely, words of peace and truth,

**31** to establish these days of Purim at their appointed times, just as Mordecai the Jew and Queen Esther had established for them, and just as they had established for themselves and for their <sup>1</sup>descendants with <sup>2</sup>instructions <sup>a</sup>for their times of fasting and their lamentations.

**32** And the command of Esther established these <sup>1</sup>customs for <sup>a</sup>Purim, and it was written in the book.

CHAPTER 10

**N**OW King Ahasuerus laid a tribute on the land and on the <sup>a</sup>coastlands of the sea.

**2** And all the <sup>1</sup>accomplishments of his authority and strength, and the full account of the greatness of Mordecai, <sup>a</sup>to which the king <sup>2</sup>advanced him, are they not written in <sup>b</sup>the Book of the Chronicles of the Kings of Media and Persia?

**3** For Mordecai the Jew was <sup>a</sup>second *only* to King Ahasuerus and great among the Jews, and in favor with the multitude of his kinsmen, <sup>b</sup>one who sought the good of his people and one who spoke for the welfare of his whole nation.

THE BOOK OF JOB

Job's Character and Wealth.

**T**HERE was a man in the land of <sup>a</sup>Uz, whose name was <sup>b</sup>Job, and that man was <sup>c</sup>blameless, upright, <sup>d</sup>fearing God, and <sup>e</sup>turning away from evil.

**2** <sup>a</sup>And seven sons and three daughters were born to him.

**3** <sup>a</sup>His possessions also were 7,000 sheep, 3,000 camels, 500 yoke of oxen, 500 female donkeys, and very many servants; and that man was <sup>b</sup>the greatest of all the <sup>1</sup>men of the east.

**4** And his sons used to go and hold a feast in the house of each one on his day, and they would send and invite their three sisters to eat and drink with them.

**5** And it came about, when the days of feasting had completed their cycle, that Job would send and consecrate them, rising up early in the morning and offering <sup>a</sup>burnt offerings *according* to the number of them all; for Job said, "<sup>b</sup>Perhaps my sons have sinned and cursed God in their hearts." Thus Job did continually.

**6** Now there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the LORD, <sup>1</sup>Satan also came among them.

**7** And the LORD said to Satan, "From where do you come?" Then Satan answered the LORD and said, "<sup>a</sup>From roaming about on the earth and walking around on it."

**Satan Allowed to Test Job.  
Job's Afflictions Multiply.**

8 And the LORD said to Satan, "Have you <sup>1</sup>considered <sup>a</sup>My servant Job? For there is no one like him on the earth, <sup>b</sup>a blameless and upright man, <sup>2</sup>fearing God and turning away from evil."

9 Then Satan answered the <sup>1</sup>LORD, "Does Job fear God for nothing?"

10 "Hast Thou not made a hedge about him and his house and all that he has, on every side? <sup>b</sup>Thou hast blessed the work of his hands, and his <sup>c</sup>possessions have increased in the land.

11 "But put forth Thy hand now and <sup>b</sup>touch all that he has; he will surely curse Thee to Thy face."

12 Then the LORD said to Satan, "Behold, all that he has is in your <sup>1</sup>power, only do not put forth your hand on him." So Satan departed from the presence of the LORD.

13 Now it happened on the day when his sons and his daughters were eating and drinking wine in their oldest brother's house,

14 that a messenger came to Job and said, "The oxen were plowing and the <sup>1</sup>donkeys feeding beside them,

15 and <sup>1</sup>the <sup>a</sup>Sabeans <sup>2</sup>attacked and took them. They also <sup>3</sup>slew the servants with the edge of the sword, and <sup>4</sup>I alone have escaped to tell you."

16 While he was still speaking, another also came and said, "The fire of God fell from heaven and burned up the sheep and the servants and consumed them; and I alone have escaped to tell you."

17 While he was still speaking, another also came and said, "The <sup>a</sup>Chaldeans formed three bands and made a raid on the camels and took them and <sup>1</sup>slew the servants with the edge of the sword; and I alone have escaped to tell you."

18 While he was still speaking, another also came and said, "Your sons and your daughters were eating and drinking wine in their oldest brother's house,

19 and behold, a great wind came from across the wilderness and struck the four corners of the house, and it fell on the young people and they died; and I alone have escaped to tell you."

20 Then Job arose and <sup>a</sup>tore his robe and shaved his head, and he fell to the ground and worshiped.

21 And he said,

"Naked I came from my mother's womb,

And naked I shall return there.

The <sup>b</sup>LORD gave and the LORD has taken away.

Blessed be the name of the LORD."

22 <sup>a</sup>Through all this Job did not sin nor did he <sup>1</sup>blame God.

**CHAPTER 2**

<sup>a</sup>**AGAIN** there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the LORD, and Satan also came among them to present himself before the LORD.

2 And the LORD said to Satan, "Where have you come from?" Then Satan answered the LORD and said, "From roaming about on the earth, and walking around on it."

8 <sup>1</sup>Lit., set your heart to  
<sup>2</sup>Or, revering  
<sup>a</sup>Num. 12:7; Josh. 1:2, 7;  
Job 7:8 <sup>b</sup>Job 1:1

9 <sup>1</sup>Lit., Lord and said

10 <sup>a</sup>Job 29:2-6 <sup>b</sup>Job 31:25  
<sup>c</sup>Job 1:3; 31:25

11 <sup>a</sup>Job 2:5 <sup>b</sup>Job 19:21

12 <sup>1</sup>Lit., hand

14 <sup>1</sup>Lit., female donkeys

15 <sup>1</sup>Lit., Sheba <sup>2</sup>Lit., fell upon  
<sup>3</sup>Lit., smote <sup>4</sup>Lit., only I alone so also v. 16, 17, 19  
<sup>a</sup>Job 6:19

16 <sup>a</sup>Gen. 19:24; Lev. 10:2;  
Num. 11:1-3

17 <sup>1</sup>Lit., smote  
<sup>a</sup>Gen. 11:28, 31

20 <sup>a</sup>Gen. 37:29, 34; Josh. 7:6

21 <sup>a</sup>Eccles. 5:15 <sup>b</sup>Job 2:10;  
1 Sam. 2:7, 8

22 <sup>1</sup>Lit., ascribe unseemliness to  
<sup>a</sup>Job 2:10

1 <sup>a</sup>Job 1:6-8

3 <sup>1</sup>Lit., set your heart to  
<sup>2</sup>Or, revering <sup>3</sup>Lit., swallow  
him up

5 <sup>1</sup>Job 1:11

6 <sup>1</sup>Lit., hand

7 <sup>1</sup>Job 7:5; 13:28; 30:17,  
18, 30; Deut. 28:35

8 <sup>1</sup>Job 42:6; Jer. 6:26;  
Jon. 3:6

10 <sup>1</sup>Job 1:21 <sup>2</sup>Job 1:22

11 <sup>1</sup>Job 6:19

12 <sup>1</sup>Job 1:20 <sup>2</sup>Josh. 7:6;  
Lam. 2:10

13 <sup>1</sup>Ezek. 3:15

1 <sup>1</sup>Lit., his day

2 <sup>1</sup>Lit., answered and  
said

3 <sup>1</sup>Lit., man-child  
<sup>1</sup>Jer. 20:14-18

8 <sup>1</sup>Or, skillful  
<sup>1</sup>Job 41:25

3 And the LORD said to Satan, "Have you <sup>1</sup>considered My servant Job? For there is no one like him on the earth, a blameless and upright man <sup>2</sup>fearing God and turning away from evil. And he still holds fast his integrity, although you incited Me against him, to <sup>3</sup>ruin him without cause."

4 And Satan answered the LORD and said, "Skin for skin! Yes, all that a man has he will give for his life.

5 "However, put forth Thy hand, now, and touch his bone and his flesh; he will curse Thee to Thy face."

6 So the LORD said to Satan, "Behold, he is in your <sup>1</sup>power, only spare his life."

7 Then Satan went out from the presence of the LORD, and smote Job with <sup>2</sup>sore boils from the sole of his foot to the crown of his head.

8 And he took a potsherd to scrape himself while <sup>2</sup>he was sitting among the ashes.

9 Then his wife said to him, "Do you still hold fast your integrity? Curse God and die!"

10 But he said to her, "You speak as one of the foolish women speaks. <sup>2</sup>Shall we indeed accept good from God and not accept adversity?" <sup>3</sup>In all this Job did not sin with his lips.

11 Now when Job's three friends heard of all this adversity that had come upon him, they came each one from his own place, Eliphaz the <sup>2</sup>Temanite, Bildad the Shuhite, and Zophar the Naamathite; and they made an appointment together to come to sympathize with him and comfort him.

12 And when they lifted up their eyes at a distance, and did not recognize him, they raised their voices and wept. And each of them <sup>2</sup>tore his robe, and they <sup>3</sup>threw dust over their heads toward the sky.

13 <sup>2</sup>Then they sat down on the ground with him for seven days and seven nights with no one speaking a word to him, for they saw that *his* pain was very great.

CHAPTER 3

**A**FTERWARD Job opened his mouth and cursed <sup>1</sup>the day of his *birth*.

2 And Job <sup>1</sup>said,

3 "Let the day perish on which I was to be born,  
And the night *which* said, 'A <sup>1</sup>boy is conceived.'

4 "May that day be darkness;  
Let not God above care for it,  
Nor light shine on it.

5 "Let darkness and black gloom claim it;  
Let a cloud settle on it;  
Let the blackness of the day terrify it.

6 "As for that night, let darkness seize it;  
Let it not rejoice among the days of the year;  
Let it not come into the number of the months.

7 "Behold, let that night be barren;  
Let no joyful shout enter it.

8 "Let those curse it who curse the day,  
Who are <sup>1</sup>prepared to <sup>2</sup>rouse Leviathan.

- 9 "Let the stars of its twilight be darkened;  
Let it wait for light but have none,  
Neither let it see the <sup>1a</sup>breaking dawn;
- 10 Because it did not shut the opening of my *mother's*  
womb,  
Or hide trouble from my eyes.
- 11 "Why did I not die <sup>1a</sup>at birth,  
Come forth from the womb and expire?
- 12 "Why did the knees receive me,  
And why the breasts, that I should suck?
- 13 "For now I <sup>a</sup>would have lain down and been quiet;  
I would have slept then, I would have been at rest,
- 14 With <sup>a</sup>kings and with <sup>b</sup>counselors of the earth,  
Who rebuilt <sup>c</sup>ruins for themselves;
- 15 Or with <sup>a</sup>princes <sup>b</sup>who had gold,  
Who were filling their houses with silver.
- 16 "Or like a miscarriage which is <sup>1</sup>discarded, I would not be,  
As infants that never saw light.
- 17 "There the wicked cease from raging,  
And there the <sup>1</sup>wearry are at <sup>a</sup>rest.
- 18 "The prisoners are at ease together;  
They do not hear the voice of the taskmaster.
- 19 "The small and the great are there,  
And the slave is free from his master.
- 20 "Why is light given to him who suffers,  
And life to the bitter of soul;
- 21 Who <sup>1</sup>long for death, but there is none,  
And dig for it more than for hidden treasures;
- 22 Who rejoice greatly,  
They exult when they find the grave?
- 23 "Why is light given to a man <sup>a</sup>whose way is hidden,  
And whom <sup>b</sup>God has hedged in?
- 24 "For <sup>a</sup>my groaning comes at the sight of my food,  
And <sup>b</sup>my cries pour out like water.
- 25 "For <sup>1a</sup>what I fear comes upon me,  
And what I dread befalls me.
- 26 "I <sup>a</sup>am not at ease, nor am I quiet,  
And I am not at rest, but turmoil comes."

9 <sup>1</sup>Lit., eyelids  
<sup>a</sup>Job 41:18

11 <sup>1</sup>Lit., from the womb  
<sup>a</sup>Job 10:18, 19

13 <sup>a</sup>Job 3:13-19; 7:8-10, 21;  
10:21, 22; 14:10-15, 20-22;  
16:22; 17:13-16; 19:25-27;  
21:13, 23-26; 24:19, 20;  
26:5, 6; 34:22

14 <sup>a</sup>Job 12:18 <sup>b</sup>Job 12:17  
<sup>c</sup>Job 15:28; Is. 58:12

15 <sup>a</sup>Job 12:21 <sup>b</sup>Job 27:16,  
17

16 <sup>1</sup>Lit., hidden

17 <sup>1</sup>Lit., weary of strength  
<sup>a</sup>Job 17:16

21 <sup>1</sup>Lit., wait

23 <sup>a</sup>Job 19:6, 8, 12 <sup>b</sup>Job  
19:8; Ps. 88:8

24 <sup>a</sup>Job 6:7; 33:20 <sup>b</sup>Job  
30:16; Ps. 42:4

25 <sup>1</sup>Lit., the fear I fear  
and  
<sup>a</sup>Job 9:28; 30:15

26 <sup>a</sup>Job 7:13, 14

1 <sup>1</sup>Lit., answered and  
said

2 <sup>1</sup>Lit., in words  
<sup>a</sup>Job 32:18-20

3 <sup>a</sup>Job 4:3, 4; 29:15, 16,  
21, 25

4 <sup>1</sup>Lit., caused <sup>2</sup>Lit.,  
bowing

5 <sup>a</sup>Job 6:14 <sup>b</sup>Job 19:21

6 <sup>1</sup>Or, reverence  
<sup>a</sup>Job 1:1

CHAPTER 4

THEN Eliphaz the Temanite <sup>1</sup>answered,

- 2 "If one ventures a word with you, will you become  
impatient?  
But <sup>a</sup>who can refrain <sup>1</sup>from speaking?
- 3 "Behold, <sup>a</sup>you have admonished many,  
And you have strengthened weak hands.
- 4 "Your words have <sup>1</sup>helped the tottering to stand,  
And you have strengthened <sup>2</sup>feeble knees.
- 5 "But now it has come to you, and you <sup>a</sup>are impatient;  
It <sup>b</sup>touches you, and you are dismayed.
- 6 "Is not your <sup>1a</sup>fear of God your confidence,  
And the integrity of your ways your hope?"

**Eliphaz Affirms Man's Insignificance.  
"Man is Born for Trouble."**

**Job 4, 5**

7 \*Job 8:20; 36:6, 7; Ps. 37:25

8 \*Job 15:31, 35; Prov. 22:8; Hos. 10:13; Gal. 6:7

9 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *wind*  
\*Job 15:30; Is. 11:4; 30:33;  
2 Thess. 2:8 \*Job 40:11-13

10 \*Job 5:15; Ps. 58:6

11 \*Job 29:17 \*Job 5:4;  
20:10; 27:14

12 \*Job 4:12-17; 33:15-18  
\*Job 26:14

14 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *the multitude of*

15 <sup>1</sup>Or, *breath passed over*

17 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *from*  
\*Job 9:2; 25:4 \*Job 31:15;  
32:22; 35:10; 36:3

18 \*Job 15:15

19 \*Job 10:9; 33:6 \*Job  
22:16; Gen. 2:7; 3:19

20 \*Job 14:2 \*Job 14:20;  
20:7

21 \*Job 8:22 \*Job 18:21;  
36:12

1 \*Job 15:15

2 \*Prov. 12:16; 27:3

3 \*Jer. 12:2 \*Job 24:18;  
31:30

4 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *crushed*  
\*Job 4:11

5 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *Whose* <sup>2</sup>Ancient  
versions read, *thirsty*  
\*Job 18:8-10; 22:10

6 \*Job 15:35

7 \*Job 14:1

8 \*Job 13:2, 3

- 7 "Remember now, <sup>a</sup>who *ever* perished being innocent?  
Or where were the upright destroyed?
- 8 "According to what I have seen, <sup>a</sup>those who plow iniquity  
And those who sow trouble harvest it.
- 9 "By <sup>a</sup>the breath of God they perish,  
And <sup>b</sup>by the <sup>1</sup>blast of His anger they come to an end.
- 10 "The <sup>a</sup>roaring of the lion and the voice of the *fierce* lion,  
And the teeth of the young lions are broken.
- 11 "The <sup>a</sup>lion perishes for lack of prey,  
And the <sup>b</sup>whelps of the lioness are scattered.
- 12 "Now a word <sup>a</sup>was brought to me stealthily,  
And my ear received a <sup>b</sup>whisper of it.
- 13 "Amid disquieting thoughts from the visions of the night,  
When deep sleep falls on men,  
14 Dread came upon me, and trembling,  
And made <sup>1</sup>all my bones shake.
- 15 "Then a <sup>1</sup>spirit passed by my face;  
The hair of my flesh bristled up.
- 16 "It stood still, but I could not discern its appearance;  
A form *was* before my eyes;  
*There was* silence, then I heard a voice:
- 17 'Can <sup>a</sup>mankind be just <sup>1</sup>before God?  
Can a man be pure <sup>1</sup>before his <sup>b</sup>Maker?
- 18 '<sup>a</sup>He puts no trust even in His servants;  
And against His angels He charges error.
- 19 'How much more those who dwell in <sup>a</sup>houses of clay,  
Whose <sup>b</sup>foundation is in the dust,  
Who are crushed before the moth!
- 20 '<sup>a</sup>Between morning and evening they are broken in  
pieces;  
Unobserved, they <sup>b</sup>perish forever.
- 21 'Is not their <sup>a</sup>tent-cord plucked up within them?  
They die, yet <sup>b</sup>without wisdom.'

CHAPTER 5

- "CALL now, is there anyone who will answer you?  
And to which of the <sup>a</sup>holy ones will you turn?
- 2 "For <sup>a</sup> vexation slays the foolish man,  
And anger kills the simple.
- 3 "I have seen the <sup>a</sup>foolish taking root,  
And I <sup>b</sup>cursed his abode immediately.
- 4 "His <sup>a</sup>sons are far from safety,  
They are even <sup>1</sup>oppressed in the gate,  
Neither is there a deliverer.
- 5 "His harvest the hungry devour,  
And take it to a *place of thorns*;  
And the <sup>2</sup>aschemer is eager for their wealth.
- 6 "For <sup>a</sup>affliction does not come from the dust,  
Neither does trouble sprout from the ground,
- 7 For <sup>a</sup>man is born for trouble,  
As sparks fly upward.
- 8 "But as for me, I would <sup>a</sup>seek God,  
And I would place my cause before God;



- 9 Who <sup>a</sup>does great and unsearchable things,  
<sup>1</sup>Wonders without number.
- 10 "He <sup>a</sup>gives rain on the earth,  
 And sends water on the fields,  
 11 So that <sup>a</sup>He sets on high those who are lowly,  
 And those who mourn are lifted to safety.  
 12 "He <sup>a</sup>frustrates the plotting of the shrewd,  
 So that their hands cannot attain success.  
 13 "He <sup>a</sup>captures the wise by their own shrewdness  
 And the advice of the cunning is quickly thwarted.  
 14 "By day they <sup>a</sup>meet with darkness,  
 And grope at noon as in the night.  
 15 "But He saves from <sup>a</sup>the sword of their mouth,  
 And <sup>b</sup>the poor from the hand of the mighty.  
 16 "So the helpless has hope,  
 And <sup>a</sup>unrighteousness must shut its mouth.
- 17 "Behold, how <sup>a</sup>happy is the man whom God reproves,  
 So do not despise the <sup>b</sup>discipline of <sup>1</sup>the Almighty.  
 18 "For <sup>a</sup>He inflicts pain, and <sup>1</sup>gives relief;  
 He wounds, and His hands *also* heal.  
 19 "<sup>1</sup>From six troubles He will deliver you,  
 Even in seven evil will not touch you.  
 20 "In <sup>a</sup>famine He will redeem you from death,  
 And <sup>b</sup>in war from the power of the sword.  
 21 "You will be <sup>a</sup>hidden from the scourge of the tongue,  
<sup>b</sup>Neither will you be afraid of violence when it comes.  
 22 "You will <sup>a</sup>laugh at violence and famine,  
<sup>b</sup>Neither will you be afraid of <sup>1</sup>wild beasts.  
 23 "For you will be in league with the stones of the field;  
 And <sup>a</sup>the beasts of the field will be at peace with you.  
 24 "And you will know that your <sup>a</sup>tent is secure,  
 For you will visit your abode and fear no loss.  
 25 "You will know also that your <sup>1a</sup>descendants will be  
 many,  
 And <sup>b</sup>your offspring as the grass of the earth.  
 26 "You will <sup>a</sup>come to the grave in full vigor,  
 Like the stacking of grain in its season.  
 27 "Behold this, we have investigated it, thus it is;  
 Hear it, and know for yourself."

9 <sup>1</sup>Or, *Miracles*  
<sup>a</sup>Job 9:10; 37:14, 16; 42:3

10 <sup>a</sup>Job 36:27-29; 37:6-11;  
 38:26

11 <sup>a</sup>Job 22:29; 36:7

12 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 33:10

13 <sup>a</sup>Job 37:24; 1 Cor. 3:19

14 <sup>a</sup>Job 12:25; 15:30;  
 18:18; 20:26; 24:13

15 <sup>a</sup>Job 4:10, 11; Ps. 35:10  
<sup>b</sup>Job 29:17; 34:28; 36:6, 15;  
 38:15

16 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 107:42

17 <sup>1</sup>Heb., *Shaddai*, and so  
 throughout chap. 6  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 94:12 <sup>b</sup>Job 36:15, 16;  
 Prov. 3:11; Heb. 12:5-11

18 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *binds*  
<sup>a</sup>Deut. 32:39; 1 Sam. 2:6; Is.  
 30:26; Hos. 6:1

19 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *In*

20 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 33:19; 37:19 <sup>b</sup>Ps.  
 144:10

21 <sup>a</sup>Job 5:15; Ps. 31:20  
<sup>b</sup>Ps. 91:5, 6

22 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *beasts of the  
 earth*  
<sup>a</sup>Job 8:21 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 91:13; Ezek.  
 34:25; Hos. 2:18

23 <sup>a</sup>Is. 11:6-9; 65:25

24 <sup>a</sup>Job 8:6

25 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *seed*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 112:2 <sup>b</sup>Is. 44:3, 4; 48:19

26 <sup>a</sup>Job 42:17

1 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *answered and  
 said*

2 <sup>a</sup>Job 31:6

3 <sup>a</sup>Job 23:2

4 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *Whose*  
<sup>a</sup>Job 16:13; Ps. 38:2 <sup>b</sup>Job  
 20:16; 21:20 <sup>c</sup>Job 30:15

5 <sup>a</sup>Job 39:5-8

6 <sup>1</sup>Heb., *hallamuth*,  
 meaning uncertain. Perhaps  
 the juice of a plant.

CHAPTER 6

THEN Job <sup>1</sup>answered,

- 2 "<sup>a</sup>Oh that my vexation were actually weighed,  
 And laid in the balances together with my iniquity!  
 3 "For then it would be <sup>a</sup>heavier than the sand of the seas,  
 Therefore my words have been rash.  
 4 "For the <sup>a</sup>arrows of the Almighty are within me;  
<sup>1</sup>Their <sup>b</sup>poison my spirit drinks;  
 The <sup>c</sup>terrors of God are arrayed against me.  
 5 "Does the <sup>a</sup>wild donkey bray over *his* grass,  
 Or does the ox low over his fodder?  
 6 "Can something tasteless be eaten without salt,  
 Or is there any taste in the <sup>1</sup>white of an egg?"

**The Deceltfulness of His Friends.  
"Show Me How I Have Erred."**

**Job 6**

7 \*Job 3:24; 33:20

9 \*Job 7:16; 9:21; 10:1;  
Num. 11:15; 1 Kin. 19:4

10 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *hidden*  
\*Job 22:22; 23:11, 12

11 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *prolong my soul*  
\*Job 21:4

13 <sup>1</sup>So ancient versions  
\*Job 26:2 <sup>2</sup>Job 26:3

14 <sup>1</sup>Or, *reverence*  
\*Job 4:5 <sup>2</sup>Job 1:5; 15:4

15 <sup>1</sup>Or, *brook*  
\*Jer. 15:18

16 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *hides itself*

17 <sup>1</sup>Or, *cease*  
\*Job 24:19

18 <sup>1</sup>Or, *caravans turn from their course, they go up into the waste and perish.*

19 \*Gen. 25:15; Is. 21:14;  
Jer. 25:23 <sup>2</sup>Job 1:15

20 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *ashamed*  
\*Jer. 14:3

25 <sup>1</sup>Or, *in what way . . . ?*

26 \*Job 8:2; 15:2; 16:3

27 \*Joel 3:3; Nah. 3:10  
<sup>2</sup>Job 22:9; 24:3, 9 <sup>2</sup>Pet. 2:3

28 \*Job 27:4; 33:3; 36:4

29 \*Job 13:18; 19:6; 23:10;  
27:5, 6; 34:5; 42:1-6

30 <sup>1</sup>Or, *words*  
\*Job 12:11

7 "My soul <sup>a</sup>refuses to touch *them*;  
They are like loathsome food to me.

8 "Oh that my request might come to pass,  
And that God would grant my longing!

9 "Would that God were <sup>a</sup>willing to crush me;  
That He would loose His hand and cut me off!

10 "But it is still my consolation,  
And I rejoice in unsparing pain,  
That I <sup>a</sup>have not <sup>1</sup>denied the words of the Holy One.

11 "What is my strength, that I should wait?  
And what is my end, that I should <sup>1a</sup>endure?

12 "Is my strength the strength of stones,  
Or is my flesh bronze?

13 "Is it that my <sup>a</sup>help is not within me,  
And that <sup>1b</sup>deliverance is driven from me?

14 "For the <sup>a</sup>despairing man *there should be* kindness from  
his friend;

Lest he <sup>b</sup>forsake the <sup>1</sup>fear of the Almighty.

15 "My brothers have acted <sup>a</sup>deceitfully like a <sup>1</sup>wadi,  
Like the torrents of <sup>1</sup>wadis which vanish,

16 Which are turbid because of ice,  
And into which the snow <sup>1</sup>melts.

17 "When <sup>a</sup>they become waterless, they <sup>1</sup>are silent,  
When it is hot, they vanish from their place.

18 "The <sup>1</sup>paths of their course wind along,  
They go up into nothing and perish.

19 "The caravans of <sup>a</sup>Tema looked,  
The travelers of <sup>b</sup>Sheba hoped for them.

20 "They <sup>a</sup>were <sup>1</sup>disappointed for they had trusted,  
They came there and were confounded.

21 "Indeed, you have now become such,  
You see a terror and are afraid.

22 "Have I said, 'Give me *something*,'  
Or, 'Offer a bribe for me from your wealth,'

23 Or, 'Deliver me from the hand of the adversary,'  
Or, 'Redeem me from the hand of the tyrants'?

24 "Teach me, and I will be silent;  
And show me how I have erred.

25 "Honest words are <sup>1</sup>not painful,  
But what does your argument prove?

26 "Do you intend to reprove *my* words,  
When the <sup>a</sup>words of one in despair belong to the wind?

27 "You would even <sup>a</sup>cast *lots* for <sup>b</sup>the orphans,  
And <sup>c</sup>barter over your friend.

28 "And now please look at me,  
And *see* if I <sup>a</sup>lie to your face.

29 "Desist now, let there be no injustice;  
Even desist, <sup>a</sup>my righteousness is yet in it.

30 "Is there injustice on my tongue?  
Cannot <sup>a</sup>my palate discern <sup>1</sup>calamities?

## CHAPTER 7

- 1 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *Has not man compulsory labor*  
<sup>a</sup>Job 5:7; 10:17; 14:1, 14  
<sup>b</sup>Job 14:6
- 1 <sup>1</sup>Is not man <sup>a</sup>forced to labor on earth,  
 And *are not* his days like the days of <sup>b</sup>a hired man?
- 2 "As a slave who pants for the shade,  
 And as a hired man who eagerly waits for his wages,
- 3 So am I allotted months of vanity,  
 And <sup>a</sup>nights of trouble are appointed me.
- 4 "When I <sup>a</sup>lie down I say,  
 'When shall I arise?'  
 But the night continues,  
 And I am <sup>1</sup>continually tossing until dawn.
- 5 "My <sup>a</sup>flesh is clothed with worms and a crust of dirt;  
 My skin hardens and runs.
- 6 "My days are <sup>a</sup>swifter than a weaver's shuttle,  
 And come to an end <sup>b</sup>without hope.
- 7 "Remember that my life <sup>a</sup>is *but* breath,  
 My eye will <sup>b</sup>not again see good.
- 8 "The <sup>a</sup>eye of him who sees me will behold me no more;  
 Thine eyes *will be* on me, but <sup>b</sup>I will not be.
- 9 "When a <sup>a</sup>cloud vanishes, it is gone,  
 So <sup>b</sup>he who goes down to <sup>c</sup>Sheol does not come up.
- 10 "He will not return again to his house,  
 Nor will <sup>a</sup>his place know him any more.
- 11 "Therefore, <sup>a</sup>I will not restrain <sup>a</sup>my mouth;  
 I will speak in the anguish of my spirit,  
 I will complain in the bitterness of my soul.
- 12 "Am I the sea, or <sup>a</sup>the sea monster,  
 That Thou dost set a guard over me?
- 13 "If I say, <sup>a</sup>'My bed will comfort me,  
 My couch will <sup>1</sup>ease my complaint,'
- 14 Then Thou dost frighten me with dreams  
 And terrify me by visions;
- 15 So that my soul would choose suffocation,  
 Death rather than my <sup>1</sup>pains.
- 16 "I <sup>1</sup>waste away; I will not live forever.  
 Leave me alone, <sup>b</sup>for my days are *but* a breath.
- 17 "<sup>a</sup>What is man that Thou dost magnify him,  
 And that Thou <sup>1</sup>art concerned about him,
- 18 That <sup>a</sup>Thou dost examine him every morning,  
 And try him every moment?
- 19 "<sup>a</sup>Wilt Thou never turn Thy gaze away from me,  
 Nor let me alone until I swallow my spittle?
- 20 "<sup>a</sup>Have I sinned? What have I done to Thee,  
 O watcher of men?  
 Why hast Thou set me as Thy target,  
 So that I am a burden to myself?
- 21 "Why then <sup>a</sup>dost Thou not pardon my transgression  
 And take away my iniquity?  
 For now I will <sup>b</sup>lie down in the dust;  
 And Thou wilt seek me, <sup>c</sup>'but I will not be.'"
- 3 <sup>a</sup>Job 16:7
- 4 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *sated with*  
<sup>a</sup>Job 7:13, 14; Deut. 28:67
- 5 <sup>a</sup>Job 2:7
- 6 <sup>a</sup>Job 9:25 <sup>b</sup>Job 13:15;  
 14:19; 17:15, 16; 19:10
- 7 <sup>a</sup>Job 7:16 <sup>b</sup>Job 9:25
- 8 <sup>a</sup>Job 8:18; 20:9 <sup>b</sup>Job  
 7:21
- 9 <sup>a</sup>Job 30:15 <sup>b</sup>Job 3:13-19  
<sup>c</sup>Job 11:8; 14:13; 17:13, 16
- 10 <sup>a</sup>Job 8:18; 20:9; 27:21,  
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- 11 <sup>a</sup>Job 10:1; 21:4; 23:2
- 12 <sup>a</sup>Ezek. 32:2, 3
- 13 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *bear*  
<sup>a</sup>Job 7:4; Ps. 6:6
- 15 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *bones*
- 16 <sup>1</sup>Or, *loathe my life*  
<sup>a</sup>Job 6:9; 9:21; 10:1 <sup>b</sup>Job 7:7
- 17 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *shouldst set Thy heart on*  
<sup>a</sup>Job 22:2; Ps. 8:4; 144:3;  
 Heb. 2:6
- 18 <sup>a</sup>Job 14:3
- 19 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *How long wilt Thou not*  
<sup>a</sup>Job 9:18; 10:20; 14:6
- 20 <sup>a</sup>Job 35:3, 6
- 21 <sup>a</sup>Job 9:28; 10:14 <sup>b</sup>Job  
 10:9 <sup>c</sup>Job 7:8

1 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *answered and said*

2 <sup>2</sup>Job 6:26

3 <sup>3</sup>Heb., *Shaddai*  
<sup>a</sup>Job 34:10, 12; 36:23; 37:23;  
<sup>b</sup>Gen. 18:25; Deut. 32:4;  
<sup>c</sup>2 Chr. 19:7; Rom. 3:5

4 <sup>4</sup>Lit., *hand*  
<sup>a</sup>Job 1:5, 18, 19

5 <sup>5</sup>Heb., *Shaddai*  
<sup>a</sup>Job 5:17-27

6 <sup>6</sup>Lit., *place*  
<sup>a</sup>Job 22:27; 34:28; Ps. 7:6  
<sup>b</sup>Job 5:24

7 <sup>a</sup>Job 42:12

8 <sup>a</sup>Job 15:18; 20:4; Deut.  
4:32; 32:7

9 <sup>a</sup>Job 14:2

12 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *reed*

13 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 9:17 <sup>b</sup>Job 11:20;  
13:16; 15:34; 20:5; 27:8

14 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *house*  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 59:5, 6

15 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *leans on*  
<sup>a</sup>Job 8:22; 27:18; Ps. 49:11

16 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *is lush*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 37:35; Jer. 11:16 <sup>b</sup>Ps.  
80:11

17 <sup>1</sup>Heb., *sees*

18 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *swallowed up*  
<sup>a</sup>Job 7:10 <sup>b</sup>Job 7:8

19 <sup>a</sup>Job 20:5

20 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *strengthen the hand of*  
<sup>a</sup>Job 4:7 <sup>b</sup>Job 21:30

21 <sup>a</sup>Job 5:22; Ps. 126:1, 2  
<sup>b</sup>Ps. 132:16

22 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 132:18 <sup>b</sup>Job 8:15;  
15:34; 18:14; 21:28

1 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *answered and said*

2 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *with*  
<sup>a</sup>Job 4:17; 25:4

3 <sup>a</sup>Job 10:2; 13:19; 23:6;  
40:2 <sup>b</sup>Job 15:32

- THEN Bildad the Shuhite <sup>1</sup>answered,  
2 "How long will you say these *things*,  
And the <sup>a</sup>words of your mouth be a mighty wind?  
3 "Does <sup>a</sup>God pervert justice  
Or does <sup>1</sup>the Almighty pervert what is right?  
4 "<sup>a</sup>If your sons sinned against Him,  
Then He delivered them into the <sup>1</sup>power of their trans-  
gression.  
5 "If you would <sup>a</sup>seek God  
And implore the compassion of <sup>1</sup>the Almighty,  
6 If you are pure and upright,  
Surely now <sup>a</sup>He would rouse Himself for you  
And restore your righteous <sup>1</sup>estate.  
7 "Though your beginning was insignificant,  
Yet your <sup>a</sup>end will increase greatly.  
8 "Please <sup>a</sup>inquire of past generations,  
And consider the things searched out by their fathers.  
9 "For we are *only* of yesterday and know nothing,  
Because <sup>a</sup>our days on earth are as a shadow.  
10 "Will they not teach you *and* tell you,  
And bring forth words from their minds?  
11 "Can the papyrus grow up without marsh?  
Can the rushes grow without water?  
12 "While it is still green *and* not cut down,  
Yet it withers before any *other* <sup>1</sup>plant.  
13 "So are the paths of <sup>a</sup>all who forget God,  
And the <sup>b</sup>hope of the godless will perish,  
14 Whose confidence is fragile,  
And whose trust a <sup>a</sup>spider's <sup>1</sup>web.  
15 "He <sup>1</sup>trusts in his <sup>a</sup>house, but it does not stand;  
He holds fast to it, but it does not endure.  
16 "He <sup>1</sup>thrives before the sun,  
And his <sup>b</sup>shoots spread out over his garden.  
17 "His roots wrap around a rock pile,  
He <sup>1</sup>grasps a house of stones.  
18 "If he is <sup>1</sup>removed from <sup>a</sup>his place,  
Then it will deny him, *saying*, "I never saw you."  
19 "Behold, <sup>a</sup>this is the joy of His way;  
And out of the dust others will spring.  
20 "Lo, <sup>a</sup>God will not reject *a man of integrity*,  
Nor <sup>b</sup>will He <sup>1</sup>support the evildoers.  
21 "He will yet fill <sup>a</sup>your mouth with laughter,  
And your lips with <sup>b</sup>shouting.  
22 "Those who hate you will be <sup>a</sup>clothed with shame;  
And the <sup>b</sup>tent of the wicked will be no more."

- THEN Job <sup>1</sup>answered,  
2 "In truth I know that this is so,  
But how can a <sup>a</sup>man be in the right <sup>1</sup>before God?  
3 "If one wished to <sup>a</sup>dispute with Him,  
He could not <sup>b</sup>answer Him once in a thousand *times*."

- 4 "aWise in heart and <sup>b</sup>mighty in strength,  
Who has <sup>1</sup>defied Him <sup>2</sup>without harm?
- 5 "aIt is God who removes the mountains, they know not  
*how*,  
When He overturns them in His anger;  
6 Who <sup>a</sup>shakes the earth out of its place,  
And its <sup>b</sup>pillars tremble;  
7 Who commands the <sup>a</sup>sun <sup>1</sup>not to shine,  
And sets a seal upon the stars;  
8 Who alone <sup>a</sup>stretches out the heavens,  
And <sup>1b</sup>tramples down the waves of the sea;  
9 Who makes the <sup>a</sup>Bear, Orion, and the Pleiades,  
And the <sup>b</sup>chambers of the south;  
10 Who <sup>a</sup>does great things, <sup>1</sup>unfathomable,  
And wondrous works without number.  
11 "Were He to pass by me, <sup>a</sup>I would not see Him;  
Were He to move past *me*, I would not perceive Him.  
12 "Were He to snatch away, who could <sup>a</sup>restrain Him?  
Who could say to Him, <sup>b</sup>"What art Thou doing?"
- 13 "God will not turn back His anger;  
Beneath Him crouch the helpers of <sup>a</sup>Rahab.  
14 "How then can <sup>a</sup>I <sup>1</sup>answer Him,  
And choose my words <sup>2</sup>before Him?  
15 "For <sup>a</sup>though I were right, I could not <sup>1</sup>answer;  
I would have to <sup>b</sup>implore the mercy of my judge.  
16 "If I called and He answered me,  
I could not believe that He was listening to my voice.  
17 "For He <sup>a</sup>bruises me with a tempest,  
And multiplies my wounds without cause.  
18 "He will <sup>a</sup>not allow me to get my breath,  
But saturates me with <sup>b</sup>bitterness.  
19 "If it is a matter of power, <sup>a</sup>behold, *He* is the strong one!  
And if it is a matter of justice, who can summon <sup>1</sup>Him?  
20 "aThough I am righteous, my mouth will <sup>b</sup>condemn me;  
Though I am guiltless, He will declare me guilty.  
21 "I am <sup>a</sup>guiltless;  
I do not take notice of myself;  
I <sup>b</sup>despise my life.  
22 "It is *all* one; therefore I say,  
'He <sup>a</sup>destroys the guiltless and the wicked.'  
23 "If the scourge kills suddenly,  
He <sup>a</sup>mocks the despair of the innocent.  
24 "The earth <sup>a</sup>is given into the hand of the wicked;  
He <sup>b</sup>covers the faces of its judges.  
If it is not *He*, then who is it?
- 25 "Now <sup>a</sup>my days are swifter than a runner;  
They flee away, <sup>b</sup>they see no good.  
26 "They slip by like <sup>a</sup>reed boats,  
Like an <sup>b</sup>eagle that swoops on <sup>1</sup>its prey.  
27 "Though I say, 'I will forget <sup>a</sup>my complaint,  
I will leave off my *sad* countenance and be cheerful,'  
28 I am <sup>a</sup>afraid of all my pains,  
I know that <sup>b</sup>Thou wilt not acquit me.  
29 "I am accounted <sup>a</sup>wicked,  
Why then should I toil in vain?

4 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *stiffened his neck against* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *and remained safe*  
<sup>a</sup>Job 11:6; 12:13; 28:23; 38:36, 37 <sup>b</sup>Job 9:19; 23:6  
<sup>c</sup>2 Chr. 13:12; Prov. 29:1

5 <sup>a</sup>Job 9:5-10; 26:6-14; 41:11

6 <sup>a</sup>Is. 2:19, 21; 13:13; Hag. 2:6 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 75:3

7 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *and it does not shine*  
<sup>1s.</sup> Is. 13:10; Ezek. 32:7, 8

8 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *treads upon the heights of*  
<sup>a</sup>Job 37:18; Gen. 1:1; Ps. 104:2; Is. 40:22 <sup>b</sup>Job 38:16; Ps. 77:19

9 <sup>a</sup>Job 38:31, 32; Amos 5:8 <sup>b</sup>Job 37:9

10 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *until there is no searching out*  
<sup>a</sup>Job 5:9

11 <sup>a</sup>Job 23:8, 9; 35:14

12 <sup>a</sup>Job 10:7; 11:10 <sup>b</sup>Is. 45:9

13 <sup>a</sup>Job 26:12; Ps. 89:10; Is. 30:7; 51:9

14 <sup>1</sup>Or, *plead my case*  
<sup>2</sup>Lit., *with*  
<sup>a</sup>Job 9:3, 32

15 <sup>1</sup>Or, *plead my case*  
<sup>a</sup>Job 9:20, 21; 10:15 <sup>b</sup>Job 6:5

17 <sup>a</sup>Job 16:12, 14; 30:22

18 <sup>a</sup>Job 7:19; 10:20 <sup>b</sup>Job 13:26; 27:2

19 <sup>1</sup>So with Gk. Heb., *me*  
<sup>a</sup>Job 9:4

20 <sup>a</sup>Job 9:15 <sup>b</sup>Job 9:29; 15:6

21 <sup>a</sup>Job 1:1; 12:4; 13:18  
<sup>b</sup>Job 7:16

22 <sup>a</sup>Job 10:7, 8

23 <sup>a</sup>Job 24:12

24 <sup>a</sup>Job 10:3; 12:6; 16:11  
<sup>b</sup>Job 12:17

25 <sup>a</sup>Job 7:6 <sup>b</sup>Job 7:7

26 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *food*  
<sup>1s.</sup> Is. 18:2 <sup>b</sup>Job 39:29; Hab. 1:8

27 <sup>a</sup>Job 7:11

28 <sup>a</sup>Job 3:25 <sup>b</sup>Job 7:21; 10:14

29 <sup>a</sup>Job 10:2; Ps. 37:33

30 \*Jer. 2:22 bJob 31:7

31 \*Job 7:17

32 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *judgment*  
\*Job 9:3

33 \*Job 9:19; 1 Sam. 2:25;  
Is. 1:18

34 \*Job 13:21

35 \*Job 13:22

<sup>1</sup> Lit., *My soul*  
\*Job 7:16 bJob 7:11

<sup>2</sup> \*Job 9:29

<sup>3</sup> <sup>1</sup>Lit., *good* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *you shine forth*  
\*Job 9:22-24; 16:11; 19:6;  
27:2 bJob 10:8; 14:15; Ps.  
138:8; Is. 64:8 \*Job 21:16;  
22:18

<sup>4</sup> \*Job 28:24; 34:21;  
1 Sam. 16:7

<sup>5</sup> \*Job 36:26

<sup>6</sup> \*Job 14:16

<sup>7</sup> \*Job 9:21; 13:18 bJob  
9:12; 23:13; 27:22

<sup>8</sup> <sup>1</sup>Lit., *together round about*  
\*Job 10:3 Ps. 119:73 bJob  
9:22

<sup>9</sup> \*Job 4:19; 33:6 bJob  
7:21

<sup>12</sup> \*Job 33:4

<sup>13</sup> \*Job 23:13

<sup>14</sup> \*Job 7:20 bJob 7:21;  
9:28

<sup>15</sup> <sup>1</sup>Lit., *see*  
\*Job 10:7 bJob 6:29

<sup>16</sup> \*Is. 38:13; Lam. 3:10;  
Hos. 13:7 bJob 5:9

<sup>17</sup> \*Job 16:8; Ruth 1:21  
bJob 7:1

- 30 “If I should <sup>a</sup>wash myself with snow  
And cleanse <sup>b</sup>my hands with lye,  
31 Yet Thou wouldst plunge me into the pit,  
And <sup>a</sup>my own clothes would abhor me.  
32 “For *He is* not a man as I am that <sup>a</sup>I may answer Him,  
That we may go to <sup>1</sup>court together.  
33 “There is no <sup>a</sup>umpire between us,  
Who may lay his hand upon us both.  
34 “Let Him <sup>a</sup>remove his rod from me,  
And let not dread of Him terrify me.  
35 “*Then* I <sup>a</sup>would speak and not fear Him;  
But I am not like that in myself.

CHAPTER 10

- “<sup>1a</sup> I LOATHE my own life;  
I will give full vent to <sup>b</sup>my complaint;  
I will speak in the bitterness of my soul.  
2 “I will say to God, <sup>a</sup>Do not condemn me;  
Let me know why Thou dost contend with me.  
3 ‘Is it <sup>1</sup>right for Thee indeed to <sup>a</sup>oppress,  
To reject <sup>b</sup>the labor of Thy hands,  
And <sup>2</sup>to look favorably on <sup>c</sup>the schemes of the wicked?  
4 ‘Hast Thou eyes of flesh?  
Or dost Thou <sup>a</sup>see as a man sees?  
5 ‘Are Thy days as the days of a mortal,  
Or <sup>a</sup>Thy years as man’s years,  
6 That <sup>a</sup>Thou shouldst seek for my guilt,  
And search after my sin?  
7 ‘According to Thy knowledge <sup>a</sup>I am indeed not guilty;  
Yet there is <sup>b</sup>no deliverance from Thy hand.  
8 ‘<sup>a</sup>Thy hands fashioned and made me <sup>1</sup>altogether,  
<sup>b</sup>And wouldst Thou destroy me?  
9 ‘Remember now, that Thou hast made me as <sup>a</sup>clay;  
And wouldst Thou <sup>b</sup>turn me into dust again?  
10 ‘Didst Thou not pour me out like milk,  
And curdle me like cheese;  
11 Clothe me with skin and flesh,  
And knit me together with bones and sinews?  
12 ‘Thou hast <sup>a</sup>granted me life and lovingkindness;  
And Thy care has preserved my spirit.  
13 ‘Yet <sup>a</sup>these things Thou hast concealed in Thy heart;  
I know that this is within Thee:  
14 If I sin, then Thou wouldst <sup>a</sup>take note of me,  
And <sup>b</sup>wouldst not acquit me of my guilt.  
15 ‘If <sup>a</sup>I am wicked, woe to me!  
And <sup>b</sup>if I am righteous, I dare not lift up my head.  
*I am* sated with disgrace and <sup>1</sup>conscious of my misery.  
16 ‘And should *my head* be lifted up, <sup>a</sup>Thou wouldst hunt  
me like a lion;  
And again Thou wouldst show Thy <sup>b</sup>power against me.  
17 ‘Thou dost renew <sup>a</sup>Thy witnesses against me,  
And increase Thine anger toward me,  
<sup>b</sup>Hardship after hardship is with me.

- 18 <sup>a</sup>Why then hast Thou brought me out of the womb?  
Would that I had died and no eye had seen me!
- 19 'I should have been as though I had not been,  
Carried from womb to tomb.'
- 20 "Would He not let <sup>a</sup>my few days alone?  
<sup>b</sup>Withdraw from me that I may have a little cheer
- 21 Before I go—<sup>a</sup>and I shall not return—  
To the land of darkness and <sup>b</sup>deep shadow;
- 22 The land of utter gloom as darkness *itself*,  
Of deep shadow without order,  
And which shines as the darkness."

18 <sup>a</sup>Job 3:11-13

20 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *Put*  
<sup>a</sup>Job 14:1 <sup>b</sup>Job 7:19

21 <sup>a</sup>Job 3:13-19; 16:22;  
2 Sam. 12:23 <sup>b</sup>Job 10:22;  
34:22; 38:17

1 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *answered and said*

2 <sup>a</sup>Job 8:2; 15:2; 18:2

3 <sup>a</sup>Job 17:2; 21:3

4 <sup>a</sup>Job 6:10 <sup>b</sup>Job 10:7

6 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *is double* <sup>2</sup>Lit.,  
*causes to be forgotten for you*  
<sup>a</sup>Job 9:4 <sup>b</sup>Job 15:5; 22:5

7 <sup>a</sup>Job 33:12, 13; 36:26;  
37:5, 23

8 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *the heights of heaven* <sup>2</sup>i.e., *the nether world*  
<sup>a</sup>Job 22:12; 35:5 <sup>b</sup>Job 26:6;  
38:17

10 <sup>a</sup>Job 9:12

11 <sup>1</sup>Or, *even He does not consider*  
<sup>a</sup>Job 34:21-23 <sup>b</sup>Job 24:23;  
28:24; 31:4

12 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *a hollow man*  
<sup>2</sup>Lit., *donkey*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 39:5, 11; 62:9; 144:4;  
Eccles. 1:2; 10:11 <sup>b</sup>Job 39:5

13 <sup>a</sup>Job 11:13-20; 5:17-27  
<sup>b</sup>Ps. 78:8 <sup>c</sup>Job 22:27; Ps.  
88:9; 143:6

14 <sup>a</sup>Job 22:23

15 <sup>a</sup>Job 22:26 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 27:3;  
46:2

16 <sup>a</sup>Is. 65:16 <sup>b</sup>Job 22:11

17 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *duration of life*  
<sup>2</sup>Lit., *above noonday*  
<sup>a</sup>Job 22:26

19 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *face*  
<sup>a</sup>Lev. 26:6; Is. 17:2; Zeph.  
3:13; Mic. 4:4 <sup>b</sup>Is. 45:14

CHAPTER 11

- THEN Zophar the Naamathite <sup>1</sup>answered,
- 2 "Shall a multitude of words go unanswered,  
And a <sup>a</sup>talkative man be acquitted?
- 3 "Shall your boasts silence me?  
And shall you <sup>a</sup>scoff and none rebuke?
- 4 "For <sup>a</sup>you have said, 'My teaching is pure,  
And <sup>b</sup>I am innocent in your eyes.'
- 5 "But would that God might speak,  
And open His lips against you,
- 6 And show you the secrets of wisdom!  
For sound wisdom <sup>1a</sup>has two sides.  
Know then that God <sup>2</sup>forgets a part of <sup>b</sup>your iniquity.
- 7 "<sup>a</sup>Can you discover the depths of God?  
Can you discover the limits of the Almighty?
- 8 "*It is* <sup>a</sup>high as <sup>1</sup>the heavens, what can you do?  
Deeper than <sup>2b</sup>Sheol, what can you know?
- 9 "Its measure is longer than the earth,  
And broader than the sea.
- 10 "If He passes by or shuts up,  
Or calls an assembly, <sup>a</sup>who can restrain Him?
- 11 "For <sup>a</sup>He knows false men,  
And He <sup>b</sup>sees iniquity <sup>1</sup>without investigating.
- 12 "And <sup>1a</sup>an idiot will become intelligent  
When the <sup>2</sup>foal of a <sup>b</sup>wild donkey is born a man.
- 13 "<sup>a</sup>If you would <sup>b</sup>direct your heart right,  
And <sup>c</sup>spread out your hand to Him;
- 14 If iniquity is in your hand, <sup>a</sup>put it far away,  
And do not let wickedness dwell in your tents.
- 15 "Then, indeed, you could <sup>a</sup>lift up your face without  
*moral defect*,  
And you would be steadfast and <sup>b</sup>not fear.
- 16 "For you would <sup>a</sup>forget *your* trouble,  
As <sup>b</sup>waters that have passed by, you would remember *it*.
- 17 "And your <sup>1</sup>life would be <sup>2a</sup>brighter than noonday;  
Darkness would be like the morning.
- 18 "Then you would trust, because there is hope;  
And you would look around and rest securely.
- 19 "You would <sup>a</sup>lie down and none would disturb you,  
And many would <sup>b</sup>entreat your <sup>1</sup>favor.

**Job's Fourth Speech. He Chides His Accusers,  
Again Speaks of Power of God.**

**Job 11, 12**

20 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *escape has perished from them* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *the expiring of the soul*  
<sup>a</sup>Job 17:5; <sup>b</sup>Deut. 28:65 <sup>b</sup>Job 27:22; 34:22 <sup>c</sup>Job 8:13 <sup>d</sup>Job 6:9

1 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *answered and said*

2 <sup>a</sup>Job 2:3; 16:1, 2; 17:10

3 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *with whom is there not like these?*  
<sup>a</sup>Job 13:2

4 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *his*  
<sup>a</sup>Job 17:6; 30:1, 9, 10; 34:7  
<sup>b</sup>Job 6:29

5 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *Contempt for calamity is the thought of him who is at ease*

6 <sup>1</sup>Or, *He who brings God into his hand*  
<sup>a</sup>Job 9:24; 21:9 <sup>b</sup>Job 24:23  
<sup>c</sup>Job 22:18

9 <sup>a</sup>Is. 41:20

10 <sup>a</sup>Acts 17:28 <sup>b</sup>Job 27:3; 33:4

11 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *tastes food for itself*  
<sup>a</sup>Job 34:3

12 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *length of days*  
<sup>a</sup>Job 15:10; 32:7

13 <sup>a</sup>Job 9:4 <sup>b</sup>Job 9:4 <sup>c</sup>Job 11:6; 26:12; 32:8; 36:5; 38:36

14 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *shuts against*  
<sup>2</sup>Lit., *it is not opened*  
<sup>a</sup>Job 19:10; <sup>b</sup>Is. 25:2 <sup>b</sup>Job 37:7

15 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *overture*  
<sup>a</sup>Deut. 11:17; <sup>b</sup>1 Kin. 8:35; 17:1 <sup>b</sup>Gen. 7:11-24

16 <sup>a</sup>Job 13:7, 9

17 <sup>1</sup>Or, *stripped*  
<sup>a</sup>Job 3:14 <sup>b</sup>Job 19:9 <sup>c</sup>Job 9:24

18 <sup>1</sup>Or, *discipline*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 116:16

19 <sup>1</sup>Or, *stripped*  
<sup>a</sup>Job 21:7; 22:8; 24:22; 34:24-28; 35:9

20 <sup>a</sup>Job 17:4; 32:9

21 <sup>a</sup>Job 34:19; <sup>b</sup>Ps. 107:40  
<sup>b</sup>Job 12:18

22 <sup>a</sup>Dan. 2:22; <sup>b</sup>1 Cor. 4:5

23 <sup>1</sup>Or, *spreads out*  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 9:3; 26:15

- 20 "But the <sup>a</sup>eyes of the wicked will fail,  
And <sup>1</sup>there will <sup>b</sup>be no escape for them;  
And their <sup>c</sup>hope is <sup>2d</sup>to breathe their last."

CHAPTER 12

- T**HEN Job <sup>1</sup>responded,  
2 "Truly then <sup>a</sup>you are the people,  
And with you wisdom will die!  
3 "But <sup>a</sup>I have intelligence as well as you;  
I am not inferior to you.  
And <sup>1</sup>who does not know such things as these?  
4 "I am a <sup>a</sup>joke to <sup>1</sup>my friends.  
The one who called on God, and He answered him;  
The just *and blameless man* is a joke.  
5 "<sup>1</sup>He who is at ease holds calamity in contempt,  
As prepared for those whose feet slip.  
6 "The <sup>a</sup>tents of the destroyers prosper,  
And those who provoke God <sup>b</sup>are secure,  
<sup>1</sup>Whom God brings <sup>c</sup>into his power.  
7 "But now ask the beasts, and let them teach you;  
And the birds of the heavens, and let them tell you.  
8 "Or speak to the earth, and let it teach you;  
And let the fish of the sea declare to you.  
9 "Who among all these does not know  
That <sup>a</sup>the hand of the LORD has done this,  
10 <sup>a</sup>In whose hand is the life of every living thing,  
And <sup>b</sup>the breath of all mankind?  
11 "Does not <sup>a</sup>the ear test words,  
As the palate <sup>1</sup>tastes its food?  
12 "Wisdom is with <sup>a</sup>aged men,  
*With* <sup>1</sup>long life is understanding.  
13 "With Him are <sup>a</sup>wisdom and <sup>b</sup>might;  
To Him belong counsel and <sup>c</sup>understanding.  
14 "Behold, He <sup>a</sup>tears down, and it cannot be rebuilt;  
He <sup>1b</sup>imprisons a man, and <sup>2</sup>there can be no release.  
15 "Behold, He <sup>a</sup>restrains the waters, and they dry up;  
And He <sup>b</sup>sends them out, and they <sup>1</sup>inundate the earth.  
16 "With Him are strength and sound wisdom,  
The <sup>a</sup>misled and the misleader belong to Him.  
17 "He makes <sup>a</sup>counselors walk <sup>1b</sup>barefoot,  
And makes fools of <sup>c</sup>judges.  
18 "He <sup>a</sup>loosens the <sup>1b</sup>bond of kings,  
And binds their loins with a girdle.  
19 "He makes priests walk <sup>1b</sup>barefoot,  
And overthrows <sup>a</sup>the secure ones.  
20 "He deprives the trusted ones of speech,  
And <sup>a</sup>takes away the discernment of the elders.  
21 "He <sup>a</sup>pours contempt on nobles,  
And <sup>b</sup>loosens the belt of the strong.  
22 "He <sup>a</sup>reveals mysteries from the darkness,  
And brings the deep darkness into light.  
23 "He <sup>a</sup>makes the nations great, then destroys them;  
He <sup>1</sup>enlarges the nations, then leads them away.



- 24 "He <sup>a</sup>deprives of intelligence the chiefs of the earth's people,  
And makes them wander in a pathless waste.  
25 "They <sup>a</sup>grope in darkness with no light,  
And He makes them <sup>b</sup>stagger like a drunken man.

24 <sup>a</sup>Job 12:2025 <sup>a</sup>Job 5:14 <sup>b</sup>Is. 24:201 <sup>a</sup>Job 12:92 <sup>a</sup>Job 12:3

## CHAPTER 13

“<sup>a</sup>BEHOLD, my eye has seen all *this*,  
My ear has heard and understood it.

- 2 “<sup>a</sup>What you know I also know.  
I am not inferior to you.

3 <sup>1</sup>Heb., *Shaddai*  
<sup>a</sup>Job 13:22; 23:4 <sup>b</sup>Job 13:15

- 3 “But <sup>a</sup>I would speak to the <sup>1</sup>Almighty,  
And I desire to <sup>b</sup>argue with God.

4 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 119:69 <sup>b</sup>Jer. 23:32

- 4 “But you <sup>a</sup>smear with lies;  
You are all <sup>b</sup>worthless physicians.

5 <sup>a</sup>Job 13:13; 21:5

- 5 “O that you would <sup>a</sup>be completely silent,  
And that it would become your wisdom!

7 <sup>a</sup>Job 27:4

- 6 “Please hear my argument,  
And listen to the contentions of my lips.

8 <sup>a</sup>Lev. 19:15

- 7 “Will you <sup>a</sup>speak what is unjust for God,  
And speak what is deceitful for Him?

9 <sup>a</sup>Job 12:16

- 8 “Will you <sup>a</sup>show partiality for Him?  
Will you contend for God?

- 9 “Will it be well when He examines you?  
Or <sup>a</sup>will you deceive Him as one deceives a man?

10 <sup>a</sup>Job 13:8; 32:21; 34:19

- 10 “He will surely reprove you,  
If you secretly <sup>a</sup>show partiality.

11 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *exaltation*  
<sup>a</sup>Job 31:23

- 11 “Will not <sup>a</sup>His <sup>1</sup>majesty terrify you,  
And the dread of Him fall on you?

12 <sup>a</sup>Job 27:1; 29:1

- 12 “Your memorable sayings are <sup>a</sup>proverbs of ashes,  
Your defenses are defenses of clay.

13 <sup>a</sup>Job 13:5

- 13 “<sup>a</sup>Be silent before me so that I may speak;  
Then let what may come on me.

14 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *palm*

- 14 “Why should I take my flesh in my teeth,  
And put my life in my <sup>1</sup>hands?

- 15 “<sup>a</sup>Though He slay me,  
I <sup>b</sup>will hope in Him.

15 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *to His face*  
<sup>a</sup>Job 7:6 <sup>b</sup>Job 27:5

- Nevertheless I will argue my ways <sup>1</sup>before Him.

- 16 “This also will be my <sup>a</sup>salvation,  
For <sup>b</sup>a godless man may not come before His presence.

16 <sup>a</sup>Job 23:7 <sup>b</sup>Job 34:21-23

- 17 “Listen carefully to my speech,  
And let my declaration *fill* your ears.

18 <sup>a</sup>Job 6:29; 23:4 <sup>b</sup>Job 9:21; 10:7; 12:4

- 18 “Behold now, I have <sup>a</sup>prepared my case;  
I know that <sup>b</sup>I will be vindicated.

19 <sup>a</sup>Job 7:21; 10:8

- 19 “Who will contend with me?  
For then I would be silent and <sup>a</sup>die.

21 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *palm*  
<sup>a</sup>Job 9:34; Ps. 39:10

- 20 “Only two things do not do to me,  
Then I will not hide from Thy face:

- 21 <sup>a</sup>Remove Thy <sup>1</sup>hand from me,  
And let not the dread of Thee terrify me.

22 <sup>a</sup>Job 9:16; 14:15

- 22 “Then call, and <sup>a</sup>I will answer;  
Or let me speak, then reply to me.

Job 13, 14

23 <sup>1</sup>Or, *transgression*  
<sup>a</sup>Job 7:21

24 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 13:1; 44:24; 88:14  
<sup>b</sup>Job 19:11; 33:10

25 <sup>a</sup>Lev. 26:36 <sup>b</sup>Job 21:18

26 <sup>a</sup>Job 9:18

27 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *carve for*  
<sup>a</sup>Job 33:11

28 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *he*  
<sup>a</sup>Job 2:7

1 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *short of days*  
<sup>a</sup>Job 5:7

2 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 90:5, 6; 103:15; Is.  
40:6, 7 <sup>b</sup>Job 8:9

3 <sup>1</sup>So with some ancient  
versions; M.T., *me*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 8:4; 144:3

4 <sup>a</sup>Job 15:14; 25:4

5 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *made*  
<sup>a</sup>Job 21:21

6 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *cease* <sup>2</sup>Lit.,  
*makes acceptable*  
<sup>a</sup>Job 7:19

7 <sup>1</sup>Or, *cease*

10 <sup>a</sup>Job 14:10-15; 3:13  
<sup>b</sup>Job 13:9

11 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *disappears*  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 19:5

12 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *They* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *their*  
<sup>a</sup>Job 3:13

13 <sup>1</sup>i.e., *the nether world*  
<sup>a</sup>Job 3:13 <sup>b</sup>Is. 26:20

15 <sup>a</sup>Job 10:3

- 23 “How many are my iniquities and sins?  
Make known to me my <sup>1</sup>rebellion and my sin.
- 24 “Why dost Thou <sup>a</sup>hide Thy face,  
And consider me <sup>b</sup>Thine enemy?
- 25 “Wilt Thou cause a <sup>a</sup>driven leaf to tremble?  
Or wilt Thou pursue the dry <sup>b</sup>chaff?
- 26 “For Thou dost write <sup>a</sup>bitter things against me,  
And dost make me to inherit the iniquities of my  
youth.
- 27 “Thou <sup>a</sup>dost put my feet in the stocks,  
And dost watch all my paths;  
Thou dost <sup>1</sup>set a limit for the soles of my feet,
- 28 While <sup>1</sup>I am decaying like a <sup>a</sup>rotten thing,  
Like a garment that is moth-eaten.

CHAPTER 14

- “<sup>a</sup>MAN, who is born of woman,  
Is <sup>1</sup>short-lived and full of turmoil.
- 2 “<sup>a</sup>Like a flower he comes forth and withers.  
He also flees like <sup>a</sup>shadow and does not remain.
- 3 “Thou also dost <sup>a</sup>open Thine eyes on him,  
And bring <sup>1</sup>him into judgment with Thyself.
- 4 “<sup>a</sup>Who can make the clean out of the unclean?  
No one!
- 5 “Since his days are determined,  
The <sup>a</sup>number of his months is with Thee,  
And his limits Thou hast <sup>1</sup>set so that he cannot pass.
- 6 “<sup>a</sup>Turn your gaze from him that he may <sup>1</sup>rest,  
Until he <sup>2</sup>fulfills his day like a hired man.
- 7 “For there is hope for a tree,  
When it is cut down, that it will sprout again,  
And its shoots will not <sup>1</sup>fail.
- 8 “Though its roots grow old in the ground,  
And its stump dies in the dry soil,
- 9 At the scent of water it will flourish  
And put forth sprigs like a plant.
- 10 “But <sup>a</sup>man <sup>b</sup>dies and lies prostrate.  
Man expires, and where is he?
- 11 “As <sup>a</sup>water <sup>1</sup>evaporates from the sea,  
And a river becomes parched and dried up,
- 12 So <sup>a</sup>man lies down and does not rise.  
Until the heavens be no more,  
<sup>1</sup>He will not awake nor be aroused out of <sup>2</sup>his sleep.
- 13 “Oh that Thou wouldst <sup>a</sup>hide me in <sup>1</sup>Sheol,  
That Thou wouldst conceal me <sup>b</sup>until Thy wrath re-  
turns to *Thee*,  
That Thou wouldst set a limit for me and remember  
me!
- 14 “If a man dies, will he live *again*?  
All the days of my struggle I will wait,  
Until my change comes.
- 15 “Thou wilt call, and I will answer Thee;  
Thou wilt long for <sup>a</sup>the work of Thy hands.

- 16 "For now Thou dost <sup>a</sup>number my steps,  
Thou dost not <sup>b</sup>observe my sin,  
17 "My transgression is <sup>a</sup>sealed up in a bag,  
And Thou dost <sup>l</sup>wrap up my iniquity.
- 18 "But the falling mountain <sup>l</sup>crumbles away,  
And the rock moves from its place;  
19 Water wears away stones,  
Its torrents wash away the dust of the earth;  
So Thou dost <sup>a</sup>destroy man's hope.  
20 "Thou dost forever overpower him and he <sup>a</sup>departs;  
*Thou* dost change his appearance and send him away.  
21 "His sons achieve honor, but he does not know *it*;  
Or they become insignificant, but he does not perceive  
it.  
22 "But his <sup>l</sup>body pains him,  
And he mourns only for himself."

16 <sup>a</sup>Job 31:4; 34:21 <sup>b</sup>Job 10:6

17 <sup>l</sup>Lit., *plaster or glue together*  
<sup>a</sup>Deut. 32:32-34

18 <sup>l</sup>Lit., *withers*

19 <sup>a</sup>Job 7:6

20 <sup>a</sup>Job 4:20; 20:7

22 <sup>l</sup>Lit., *flesh*

1 <sup>l</sup>Lit., *answered and said*

CHAPTER 15

- T**HEN Eliphaz the Temanite <sup>l</sup>responded,  
2 "Should a wise man answer with windy knowledge,  
<sup>a</sup>And fill <sup>l</sup>himself with the east wind?  
3 "Should he argue with useless talk,  
Or with words which are not profitable?  
4 "Indeed, you do away with <sup>l</sup>reverence,  
And hinder meditation before God.  
5 "For <sup>a</sup>your guilt teaches your mouth,  
And you choose the language of <sup>b</sup>the crafty.  
6 "Your <sup>a</sup>own mouth condemns you, and not I;  
And your own lips testify against you.
- 7 "Were you the first man to be born,  
Or <sup>a</sup>were you brought forth before the hills?  
8 "Do you hear the <sup>a</sup>secret counsel of God,  
And limit wisdom to yourself?  
9 "<sup>a</sup>What do you know that we do not know?  
*What* do you understand that <sup>l</sup>we do not?  
10 "Both the <sup>a</sup>gray-haired and the aged are among us,  
Older than your father.  
11 "Are <sup>a</sup>the consolations of God too small for you,  
Even the <sup>b</sup>word *spoken* gently with you?  
12 "Why does your <sup>a</sup>heart carry you away?  
And why do your eyes flash,  
13 That you should turn your spirit against God,  
And allow *such* words to go out of your mouth?  
14 "What is man, that <sup>a</sup>he should be pure,  
Or <sup>b</sup>he who is born of a woman, that he should be  
righteous?  
15 "Behold, He puts no trust in His <sup>a</sup>holy ones,  
And the <sup>b</sup>heavens are not pure in His sight;  
16 How much less one who is <sup>a</sup>detestable and corrupt,  
Man, who <sup>b</sup>drinks iniquity like water!
- 17 "I will tell you, listen to me;  
And what I have seen I will also declare;

2 <sup>l</sup>Lit., *his belly*  
<sup>a</sup>Job 6:26

4 <sup>l</sup>Lit., *fear*

5 <sup>a</sup>Job 22:5 <sup>b</sup>Job 5:12, 13

6 <sup>a</sup>Job 18:7

7 <sup>a</sup>Job 38:4, 21

8 <sup>a</sup>Job 29:4; Rom. 11:34

9 <sup>l</sup>Lit., *is not within us?*  
<sup>a</sup>Job 12:3; 13:2

10 <sup>a</sup>Job 12:12; 32:6, 7

11 <sup>a</sup>Job 5:17-19; 36:15, 16  
<sup>b</sup>Job 6:10; 23:12

12 <sup>a</sup>Job 11:13; 36:13

14 <sup>a</sup>Job 14:4 <sup>b</sup>Job 25:4

15 <sup>a</sup>Job 5:1 <sup>b</sup>Job 25:5

16 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 14:1 <sup>b</sup>Job 34:7

18 <sup>a</sup>Job 8:8; 20:4

20 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *the number of years are*  
<sup>a</sup>Job 15:24 <sup>b</sup>Job 24:1; 27:13

21 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *A sound of terrors*  
<sup>a</sup>Job 15:24; 18:11; 20:25; 24:17; 27:20 <sup>b</sup>Job 20:21; 1 Thess. 5:3

22 <sup>a</sup>Job 15:30 <sup>b</sup>Job 19:29; 27:14; 33:18; 36:12

23 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *ready at his hand*  
<sup>a</sup>Job 15:22, 30

25 <sup>1</sup>Heb., *Shaddai*  
<sup>a</sup>Job 36:9

26 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *with a stiff neck*  
<sup>2</sup>Lit., *the thick-bossed shields*

27 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 17:10; 73:7; 119:70

28 <sup>1</sup>Or, *heaps*  
<sup>a</sup>Job 3:14; Is. 5:8, 9

29 <sup>a</sup>Job 27:16, 17

30 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *turn aside*  
<sup>a</sup>Job 15:22; 5:14 <sup>b</sup>Job 15:34; 20:26; 22:20; 31:12 <sup>c</sup>Job 4:9

31 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *exchange*  
<sup>a</sup>Job 35:13; Is. 59:4

32 <sup>a</sup>Job 22:16; Eccles. 7:17  
<sup>b</sup>Job 18:16

33 <sup>a</sup>Job 14:2

34 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *bribe*  
<sup>a</sup>Job 8:13 <sup>b</sup>Job 8:22

35 <sup>1</sup>Or, *pain* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *belly*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 7:14; Is. 59:4

1 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *answered and said*

2 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *Comforters of trouble*  
<sup>a</sup>Job 13:4; 21:34

3 <sup>a</sup>Job 6:26

4 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *your soul were in place of my soul*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 22:7; 109:25; Zeph. 2:15; Matt. 27:39

6 <sup>a</sup>Job 9:27, 28

**"Emptiness Will Be His Reward."  
Job Answers. Sorry Comforters.**

- 18 What wise men have told,  
And have not concealed from <sup>a</sup>their fathers,  
19 To whom alone the land was given,  
And no alien passed among them.  
20 "The wicked man writhes <sup>a</sup>in pain all *his* days,  
And <sup>a</sup>numbered are the years <sup>b</sup>stored up for the ruthless.  
21 "Sounds of <sup>a</sup>terror are in his ears,  
<sup>b</sup>While at peace the destroyer comes upon him.  
22 "He does not believe that he will <sup>a</sup>return from darkness,  
And he is destined for <sup>b</sup>the sword.  
23 "He wanders about for food, saying, 'Where is it?'  
He knows that a day of <sup>a</sup>darkness is <sup>1</sup>at hand.  
24 "Distress and anguish terrify him,  
They overpower him like a king ready for the attack,  
25 Because he has stretched out his hand against God,  
And conducts himself <sup>a</sup>arrogantly against <sup>1</sup>the Almighty.

- 26 "He rushes <sup>1</sup>headlong at Him  
With <sup>2</sup>his massive shield.  
27 "For he has <sup>a</sup>covered his face with his fat,  
And made his thighs heavy with flesh.  
28 "And he has <sup>a</sup>lived in desolate cities,  
In houses no one would inhabit,  
Which are destined to become <sup>1</sup>ruins.  
29 "He <sup>a</sup>will not become rich, nor will his wealth endure;  
And his grain will not bend down to the ground.  
30 "He will <sup>a</sup>not <sup>1</sup>escape from darkness;  
The <sup>b</sup>flame will wither his shoots,  
And by <sup>c</sup>the breath of His mouth he will go away.  
31 "Let him not <sup>a</sup>trust in emptiness, deceiving himself;  
For emptiness will be his <sup>1</sup>reward.  
32 "It will be accomplished <sup>a</sup>before his time,  
And his palm <sup>b</sup>branch will not be green.  
33 "He will drop off his unripe grape like the vine,  
And will <sup>a</sup>cast off his flower like the olive tree.  
34 "For the company of <sup>a</sup>the godless is barren,  
And fire consumes <sup>b</sup>the tents of <sup>1</sup>the corrupt.  
35 "They <sup>a</sup>conceive <sup>1</sup>mischiefs and bring forth iniquity,  
And their <sup>2</sup>mind prepares deception."

CHAPTER 16

- T**HEN Job <sup>1</sup>answered,  
2 "I have heard many such things;  
<sup>1a</sup>Sorry comforters are you all.  
3 "Is there *no* limit to <sup>a</sup>windy words?  
Or what plagues you that you answer?  
4 "I too could speak like you,  
If <sup>1</sup>I were in your place.  
I could compose words against you,  
And <sup>a</sup>shake my head at you.  
5 "I could strengthen you with my mouth,  
And the solace of my lips could lessen *your pain*.  
6 "If I speak, <sup>a</sup>my pain is not lessened,  
And if I hold back, what has left me?"

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| <p>7 “But now He has <sup>a</sup>exhausted me;<br/>Thou hast laid <sup>b</sup>waste all my company.</p> <p>8 “And Thou hast shriveled me up,<br/><sup>a</sup>It has become a witness;<br/>And my <sup>b</sup>leanness rises up against me,<br/>It testifies to my face.</p> <p>9 “His anger has <sup>a</sup>torn me and <sup>b</sup>hunted me down,<br/>He has <sup>b</sup>gnashed at me with His teeth;<br/>My <sup>c</sup>adversary <sup>2</sup>glares at me.</p> <p>10 “They have <sup>a</sup>gaped at me with their mouth,<br/>They have <sup>b</sup>slapped me on the cheek with contempt;<br/>They have <sup>c</sup>massed themselves against me.</p> <p>11 “God hands me over to ruffians,<br/>And tosses me into the hands of the wicked.</p> <p>12 “I was at ease, but <sup>a</sup>He shattered me,<br/>And He has grasped me by the neck and shaken me to<br/>pieces;<br/>He has also set me up as His <sup>b</sup>target.</p> <p>13 “His <sup>a</sup>arrows surround me.<br/>Without mercy He splits my kidneys open;<br/>He pours out <sup>b</sup>my gall on the ground.</p> <p>14 “He <sup>a</sup>breaks through me with breach after breach;<br/>He <sup>b</sup>runs at me like a warrior.</p> <p>15 “I have sewed <sup>a</sup>sackcloth over my skin,<br/>And thrust my <sup>b</sup>horn in the dust.</p> <p>16 “My face is flushed from <sup>a</sup>weeping,<br/><sup>b</sup>And deep darkness is on my eyelids,</p> <p>17 Although there is no <sup>a</sup>violence in my hands,<br/>And <sup>b</sup>my prayer is pure.</p> <p>18 “O earth, do not cover my blood,<br/>And let there be no <i>resting</i> place for my cry.</p> <p>19 “Even now, behold, <sup>a</sup>my witness is in heaven,<br/>And my <sup>b</sup>advocate is <sup>b</sup>on high.</p> <p>20 “My <sup>a</sup>friends are my scoffers;<br/><sup>b</sup>My eye <sup>1</sup>weeps to God.</p> <p>21 “O that a man might plead with God<br/>As a man with his neighbor!</p> <p>22 “For when a few years are past,<br/>I shall go the way <sup>a</sup>of no return.</p> | <p>7 <sup>a</sup>Job 7:3 <sup>b</sup>Job 16:20;<br/>19:13-15</p> <p>8 <sup>a</sup>Job 10:17 <sup>b</sup>Job 19:20;<br/>Ps. 109:24</p> <p>9 <sup>1</sup>Lit., <i>borne a grudge<br/>against me</i> <sup>2</sup>Lit., <i>sharpens<br/>his eyes</i><br/><sup>a</sup>Job 19:11; Hos. 6:1 <sup>b</sup>Ps.<br/>35:16; Lam. 2:16; Acts 7:54<br/><sup>c</sup>Job 13:24; 33:10</p> <p>10 <sup>1</sup>Lit., <i>struck</i><br/><sup>a</sup>Ps. 22:13 <sup>b</sup>Is. 50:6; Lam.<br/>3:30; Acts 23:2 <sup>c</sup>Job 30:12;<br/>Ps. 35:15</p> <p>12 <sup>a</sup>Job 9:17 <sup>b</sup>Job 7:20;<br/>Lam. 3:12</p> <p>13 <sup>a</sup>Job 6:4; 19:12; 25:3<br/><sup>b</sup>Job 20:25</p> <p>14 <sup>a</sup>Job 9:17 <sup>b</sup>Joel 2:7</p> <p>15 <sup>a</sup>Job 2:8; Gen. 37:34;<br/>Ps. 69:11 <sup>b</sup>Job 19:9; Lam.<br/>2:3</p> <p>16 <sup>a</sup>Job 16:20 <sup>b</sup>Job 24:17</p> <p>17 <sup>a</sup>Is. 59:6; Jan. 3:8 <sup>b</sup>Job<br/>27:4</p> <p>19 <sup>1</sup>Or, <i>witness</i><br/><sup>a</sup>Job 19:25-27; Gen. 31:50;<br/>Phil. 1:8 <sup>b</sup>Job 31:2</p> <p>20 <sup>1</sup>Or, <i>drips</i><br/><sup>a</sup>Job 16:7 <sup>b</sup>Job 17:7</p> <p>22 <sup>a</sup>Job 3:13</p> <p>1 <sup>1</sup>Lit., <i>graves</i><br/><sup>a</sup>Ps. 88:3, 4</p> <p>2 <sup>1</sup>Lit., <i>lodges</i><br/><sup>a</sup>Job 17:6; 12:4</p> <p>3 <sup>1</sup>Lit., <i>strike hands with<br/>me</i><br/><sup>a</sup>Ps. 119:122; Is. 38:14</p> <p>4 <sup>1</sup>Lit., <i>hidden</i><br/><sup>a</sup>Job 12:20</p> <p>5 <sup>a</sup>Lev. 19:13; 16 <sup>b</sup>Job<br/>11:20</p> |
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CHAPTER 17

- “MY spirit is broken, my days are extinguished,  
The <sup>1</sup>grave is *ready* for me.
- 2 “Surely mockers are with me,  
And my eye <sup>1</sup>gazes on their provocation.
- 3 “Lay down, now, a pledge <sup>a</sup>for me with Thyself;  
Who is there that will <sup>1</sup>be my guarantor?
- 4 “For Thou hast <sup>1</sup>kept their heart from understanding;  
Therefore Thou wilt not exalt *them*.
- 5 “He who <sup>a</sup>informs against friends for a share of *the spoil*,  
The <sup>b</sup>eyes of his children also shall languish.

**Job Feels Like One Spilt Upon. Bildad Speaks.  
"The Light of the Wicked Goes Out."**

**Job 17, 18**

- 6 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *a spitting to the faces*  
<sup>a</sup>Job 17:2 <sup>b</sup>Job 30:10
- 7 <sup>a</sup>Job 16:16 <sup>b</sup>Job 16:8
- 8 <sup>a</sup>Job 22:19
- 9 <sup>a</sup>Prov. 4:18 <sup>b</sup>Job 22:30; 31:7
- 10 <sup>1</sup>With some ancient mss. and versions; M.T., *them*  
<sup>a</sup>Job 12:2
- 11 <sup>a</sup>Job 7:6
- 13 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *spread out*  
<sup>a</sup>Job 3:13
- 14 <sup>a</sup>Job 7:5 13:28; 30:18; 30 <sup>b</sup>Job 21:26; 25:6
- 15 <sup>a</sup>Job 7:6
- 16 <sup>1</sup>So the Gk.; Heb. possibly, *Let my limbs sink down to Sheol, since there is rest in the dust for all.*  
<sup>a</sup>Job 3:17; 21:33
- 1 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *answered and said*
- 3 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 73:22
- 4 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *he . . . tears himself . . . his*
- 5 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *spark*  
<sup>a</sup>Job 21:17; Prov. 13:9; 20:20; 24:20
- 6 <sup>a</sup>Job 12:25
- 7 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *steps of his strength*  
<sup>a</sup>Job 15:6
- 8 <sup>a</sup>Job 22:10; Ps. 9:15; 35:8; Is. 24:17, 18
- 11 <sup>a</sup>Job 15:21 <sup>b</sup>Job 18:18; 20:8
- 12 <sup>1</sup>Is. 8:21
- 13 <sup>1</sup>Heb., *It eats parts of his skin* <sup>2</sup>Or, *parts*  
<sup>a</sup>Zech. 14:12
- 14 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *His tent his trust*  
<sup>2</sup>Or, *you or she shall march*  
<sup>a</sup>Job 18:6; 8:22; 27:18 <sup>b</sup>Job 15:21

- 6 "But He has made me a <sup>a</sup>byword of the people,  
And I am <sup>1</sup>one at whom men <sup>b</sup>spit.
- 7 "My eye has also grown <sup>a</sup>dim because of grief,  
And all my <sup>b</sup>members are as a shadow.
- 8 "The upright shall be appalled at this,  
And the <sup>a</sup>innocent shall stir up himself against the  
godless.
- 9 "Nevertheless <sup>a</sup>the righteous shall hold to his way,  
And <sup>b</sup>he who has clean hands shall grow stronger and  
stronger.
- 10 "But come again all of <sup>1</sup>you now,  
For I <sup>a</sup>do not find a wise man among you.
- 11 "My <sup>a</sup>days are past, my plans are torn apart,  
*Even* the wishes of my heart.
- 12 "They make night into day, *saying*,  
'The light is near,' in the presence of darkness.
- 13 "If I look for <sup>a</sup>Sheol as my home,  
I <sup>1</sup>make my bed in the darkness;
- 14 If I call to the <sup>a</sup>pit, 'You are my father';  
To the <sup>b</sup>worm, 'my mother and my sister';
- 15 Where now is <sup>a</sup>my hope?  
And who regards my hope?
- 16 "Will it go down with me to Sheol?  
Shall we together <sup>a</sup>go down into the dust?"

CHAPTER 18

- T**HEN Bildad the Shuhite <sup>1</sup>responded,
- 2 "How long will you hunt for words?  
Show understanding and then we can talk.
- 3 "Why are we <sup>a</sup>regarded as beasts,  
As stupid in your eyes?
- 4 "O <sup>1</sup>you who tear yourself in your anger—  
For your sake is the earth to be abandoned,  
Or the rock to be moved from its place?
- 5 "Indeed, the <sup>a</sup>light of the wicked goes out,  
And the <sup>1</sup>flame of his fire gives no light.
- 6 "The light in his tent is <sup>a</sup>darkened,  
And his lamp goes out above him.
- 7 "His <sup>1</sup>vigorous stride is shortened,  
And his <sup>a</sup>own scheme brings him down.
- 8 "For he is <sup>a</sup>thrown into the net by his own feet,  
And he steps on the webbing.
- 9 "A snare seizes *him* by the heel,  
And a trap snaps shut on him.
- 10 "A noose for him is hid in the ground,  
And a trap for him on the path.
- 11 "All around <sup>a</sup>terrors frighten him,  
And <sup>b</sup>harry him at every step.
- 12 "His strength is <sup>a</sup>famished,  
And calamity is ready at his side.
- 13 "His skin is devoured by disease,  
The first-born of death <sup>a</sup>devours his <sup>2</sup>limbs.
- 14 "He is <sup>a</sup>torn from <sup>1</sup>the security of his tent,  
And <sup>2</sup>they march him before the king of <sup>b</sup>terrors.

- 15 "There dwells in his tent nothing of his;  
 aBrimstone is scattered on his habitation.
- 16 "His aroots are dried below,  
 And his bbranch is cut off above.
- 17 "aMemory of him perishes from the earth,  
 And he has no name abroad.
- 18 "He is driven from light ainto darkness,  
 And bchased from the inhabited world.
- 19 "He has no aoffspring or posterity among his people,  
 Nor any survivor where he sojourned.
- 20 "Those l<sup>1</sup>in the west are appalled at ahis 2fate,  
 And those 3in the east are seized with horror.
- 21 "Surely such are the adwellings of the wicked,  
 And this is the place of him who does not know God."

CHAPTER 19

THEN Job lresponded,

- 2 "How long will you torment lme,  
 And crush me with words?
- 3 "These ten times you have insulted me,  
 You are not ashamed to wrong me.
- 4 "Even if I have truly erred,  
 My error lodges with me.
- 5 "If indeed you avaunt yourselves against me,  
 And prove my disgrace to me,
- 6 Know then that aGod has wronged me,  
 And has closed bHis net around me.
- 7 "Behold, aI cry, 'Violence!' but I get no answer;  
 I shout for help, but there is no justice.
- 8 "He has awalled up my way so that I cannot pass;  
 And He has put bdarkness on my paths.
- 9 "He has astripped my honor from me,  
 And removed the bcrown from my head.
- 10 "He abreaks me down on every side, and I am gone;  
 And He has uprooted my bhope clike a tree.
- 11 "He has also akindled His anger against me,  
 And bconsidered me as His enemy.
- 12 "His a troops come together,  
 And bbuild up their lway against me,  
 And camp around my tent.
- 13 "He has aremoved my brothers far from me,  
 And my bacquaintances are completely estranged from me.
- 14 "My relatives have failed,  
 And my aintimate friends have forgotten me.
- 15 "Those who live in my house and my maids consider me  
 a stranger.  
 I am a foreigner in their sight.
- 16 "I call to my servant, but he does not answer,  
 I have to implore him with my mouth.
- 17 "My breath is loffensive to my wife,  
 And I am loathsome to my own brothers.

15 <sup>1</sup>A suggested reading is,  
*Fire dwells in his tent*  
 aPs. 11:6

16 aIs. 5:24; Hos. 9:16;  
 Amos 2:9; Mal. 4:1 bJob  
 15:30, 32

17 aJob 24:20; Ps. 34:16;  
 Prov. 10:7

18 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *They drive  
 him . . . And chase him*  
 aJob 5:14, Is. 8:21; 15:30;  
 20:8 bJob 27:21-23

19 aJob 27:14, 15; Is.  
 14:22

20 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *who come after*  
<sup>2</sup>Lit., *day* <sup>3</sup>Lit., *who have  
 gone before*  
 aPs. 37:13; Jer. 50:27;  
 Obad. 12

21 aJob 21:28

1 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *answered and  
 said*

2 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *my soul*

5 aPs. 35:26; 38:16; 55:12

6 aJob 16:11; 27:2 bJob  
 18:8-10; Ps. 66:11; Lam.  
 1:13

7 aJob 9:24; 30:20, 24;  
 Hab. 1:2

8 aJob 3:23; Lam. 3:7, 9  
 bJob 30:26

9 aJob 12:17, 19; Ps.  
 89:44 bJob 16:15; Ps. 89:39;  
 Lam. 5:16

10 aJob 12:14 bJob 7:6  
 cJob 24:20

11 aJob 16:9 bJob 13:24;  
 33:10

12 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *siege work*  
 aJob 16:13 bJob 30:12

13 aJob 16:7; Ps. 69:8 bJob  
 16:20; Ps. 88:8, 18

14 aJob 19:19

17 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *strange*

**Job 19, 20**

18 <sup>a</sup>Job 12:4

19 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *the men of my council*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 38:11; 55:13

20 <sup>a</sup>Job 16:8; 33:21; Ps. 102:5; Lam. 4:8

21 <sup>a</sup>Job 1:11; Ps. 38:2

22 <sup>a</sup>Job 19:6; 13:24, 25; Ps. 69:26; 16:11

23 <sup>a</sup>Is. 30:8; Jer. 36:2

25 <sup>1</sup>Or, *Vindicator, defender*; lit., *kinsman* <sup>2</sup>Or, *as the Last* <sup>3</sup>Lit., *dust*  
<sup>a</sup>Job 16:19; Ps. 78:35; Prov. 23:11; Is. 43: 14; Jer. 50:34

26 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *they are flayed thus* <sup>2</sup>Or, *from*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 17:15; Matt. 5:8; 1 Cor. 13:12; 1 John 3:2

27 <sup>1</sup>Or, *on my side* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *kidneys* <sup>3</sup>Lit., *in my loins*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 73:26

28 <sup>1</sup>Or, *the root of the matter is found in him*  
<sup>a</sup>Job 19:22

29 <sup>a</sup>Job 15:22 <sup>b</sup>Job 22:4; Ps. 1:5; 9:7; Eccles. 12:14

1 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *answered and said*

2 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *return* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *haste within me*

3 <sup>a</sup>Job 19:3

4 <sup>a</sup>Job 8:8

5 <sup>a</sup>Job 8:12, 13; Ps. 37:35, 36 <sup>b</sup>Job 8:13

6 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *goes up to*  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 14:13, 14; Obad. 3:4

7 <sup>a</sup>Job 4:20; 14:20 <sup>b</sup>Job 7:10; 8:18

8 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 73:20; 90:5 <sup>b</sup>Job 18:18; 27:21-23

9 <sup>a</sup>Job 7:8; 8:18 <sup>b</sup>Job 7:10

10 <sup>1</sup>Or, *seek the favor of*  
<sup>a</sup>Job 5:4; 27:14 <sup>b</sup>Job 20:18; 27:16, 17

11 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *on*  
<sup>a</sup>Job 21:23, 24

12 <sup>a</sup>Job 15:16

13 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *has compassion on* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *palate*  
<sup>a</sup>Job 20:23; Num. 11:20, 33

18 "Even young children <sup>a</sup>despise me;  
I rise up and they speak against me.

19 "All <sup>1</sup>my <sup>a</sup>associates abhor me,  
And those I love have turned against me.

20 "My <sup>a</sup>bone clings to my skin and my flesh,  
And I have escaped *only* by the skin of my teeth.

21 "Pity me, pity me, O you my friends,  
For the <sup>a</sup>hand of God has struck me.

22 "Why do you <sup>a</sup>persecute me as God *does*,  
And are not satisfied with my flesh?

23 "Oh that my words were written!  
Oh that they were <sup>a</sup>inscribed in a book!

24 "That with an iron stylus and lead  
They were engraved in the rock forever!

25 "And as for me, I know that <sup>a</sup>my <sup>1</sup>Redeemer lives,  
And <sup>2</sup>at the last He will take His stand on the <sup>3</sup>earth.

26 "Even after my skin <sup>1</sup>is flayed,  
Yet <sup>2</sup>without my flesh I shall <sup>a</sup>see God;

27 Whom I <sup>1</sup>myself shall behold,  
And whom my eyes shall see and not another.  
My <sup>2</sup>heart <sup>a</sup>faints <sup>3</sup>within me.

28 "If you say, 'How shall we <sup>a</sup>persecute him?'  
And <sup>1</sup>What pretext for a case against him can we find?'

29 *Then* be afraid of <sup>a</sup>the sword for yourselves,  
For wrath *brings* the punishment of the sword,  
So that you may know <sup>b</sup>there is judgment."

CHAPTER 20

**T**HEN Zophar the Naamathite <sup>1</sup>answered,

2 "Therefore my disquieting thoughts make me <sup>1</sup>respond,  
Even because of my <sup>2</sup>inward agitation.

3 "I listened to <sup>a</sup>the reproof which insults me,  
And the spirit of my understanding makes me answer.

4 "Do you know this from <sup>a</sup>of old,  
From the establishment of man on earth,  
5 That the <sup>a</sup>triumphing of the wicked is short,  
And <sup>b</sup>the joy of the godless momentary?

6 "Though his loftiness <sup>1</sup>reaches the heavens,  
And his head touches the clouds,

7 He <sup>a</sup>perishes forever like his refuse;  
Those who have seen him <sup>b</sup>will say, 'Where is he?'

8 "He flies away like a <sup>a</sup>dream, and they cannot find him;  
Even like a vision of the night he is <sup>b</sup>chased away.

9 "The <sup>a</sup>eye which saw him sees him no more,  
And <sup>b</sup>his place no longer beholds him.

10 "His <sup>a</sup>sons <sup>1</sup>favor the poor,  
And his hands <sup>b</sup>give back his wealth.

11 "His <sup>a</sup>bones are full of his youthful vigor,  
But it lies down with him <sup>1</sup>in the dust.

12 "Though <sup>a</sup>evil is sweet in his mouth,  
And he hides it under his tongue,

13 *Though* he <sup>1</sup>desires it and will not let it go,  
But holds it <sup>a</sup>in his <sup>2</sup>mouth,



- 14 Yet his food in his stomach is changed  
To the <sup>1</sup>venom of cobras within him.
- 15 "He swallows riches,  
But will <sup>a</sup>vomit them up;  
God will expel them out of his belly.
- 16 "He sucks <sup>a</sup>the poison of cobras;  
The viper's tongue slays him.
- 17 "He does not look at <sup>a</sup>the streams,  
The rivers flowing with honey and curds.
- 18 "He <sup>a</sup>returns what he has attained  
And cannot swallow it;  
As to the riches of his trading,  
He cannot even enjoy *them*.
- 19 "For he has <sup>a</sup>oppressed *and* forsaken the poor;  
He has seized a house which he has not built.
- 20 "Because he knew no quiet <sup>1</sup>within him  
He does <sup>a</sup>not retain anything he desires.
- 21 "Nothing remains <sup>1</sup>for him to devour,  
Therefore <sup>a</sup>his prosperity does not endure.
- 22 "In <sup>a</sup>the fulness of his plenty he will be cramped;  
The <sup>b</sup>hand of everyone who suffers will come *against*  
him.
- 23 "When he <sup>a</sup>fills his belly,  
God will send His fierce anger on him  
And will <sup>b</sup>rain it on him <sup>1</sup>while he is eating.
- 24 "He may flee from the iron weapon,  
But the bronze bow will pierce him.
- 25 "It is drawn forth and comes out of his back,  
Even the glittering point from <sup>a</sup>his gall.  
<sup>b</sup>Terrors come upon him,
- 26 Complete <sup>a</sup>darkness is held in reserve for his treasures,  
And unfanned <sup>b</sup>fire will devour him;  
It will consume the survivor in his tent.
- 27 "The <sup>a</sup>heavens will reveal his iniquity,  
And the earth will rise up against him.
- 28 "The <sup>a</sup>increase of his house will depart;  
*His possessions* will flow away <sup>b</sup>in the day of His anger.
- 29 "This is the wicked man's <sup>a</sup>portion from God,  
Even the heritage decreed to him by God."

CHAPTER 21

- T**HEN Job <sup>1</sup>answered,
- 2 "Listen carefully to my speech,  
And let this be your *way* of consolation.
- 3 "Bear with me that I may speak;  
Then after I have spoken, you may <sup>a</sup>mock.
- 4 "As for me, is <sup>a</sup>my complaint <sup>1</sup>to man?  
And <sup>b</sup>why should <sup>2</sup>I not be impatient?
- 5 "Look at me, and be astonished,  
And <sup>a</sup>put your hand over your mouth.
- 6 "Even when I remember, I am disturbed,  
And <sup>a</sup>horror takes hold of my flesh.
- 7 "Why <sup>a</sup>do the wicked *still* live,  
Continue on, also become very <sup>b</sup>powerful?

- 14 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *gall*
- 15 <sup>a</sup>Job 20:10; 20:20, 21
- 16 <sup>a</sup>Deut. 32:24, 33
- 17 <sup>a</sup>Job 29:6; Deut. 32:13, 14
- 18 <sup>a</sup>Job 20:10, 15
- 19 <sup>a</sup>Job 24:2-4; 35:9
- 20 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *in his belly*  
<sup>a</sup>Eccles. 5:13-15
- 21 <sup>1</sup>Or, *of what he devours*  
<sup>a</sup>Job 15:29
- 22 <sup>a</sup>Job 15:21 <sup>b</sup>Job 5:5
- 23 <sup>1</sup>Or, *as his food*  
<sup>a</sup>Job 20:13, 14 <sup>b</sup>Num. 11:20, 33; Ps. 78:30, 31
- 25 <sup>a</sup>Job 16:13 <sup>b</sup>Job 18:11, 14
- 26 <sup>a</sup>Job 18:18 <sup>b</sup>Job 15:30
- 27 <sup>a</sup>Deut. 31:28
- 28 <sup>a</sup>Deut. 28:31 <sup>b</sup>Job 20:15, 21:30
- 29 <sup>a</sup>Job 27:13; 31:2, 3
- 1 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *answered and said*
- 3 <sup>a</sup>Job 11:3; 17:2
- 4 <sup>1</sup>Or, *against* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *my spirit*  
<sup>a</sup>Job 7:11 <sup>b</sup>Job 6:11
- 5 <sup>a</sup>Job 13:5; 29:9; 40:4; Judg. 18:19
- 6 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 55:5
- 7 <sup>a</sup>Job 9:24 Ps. 73:3; Jer. 12:1; Hab. 1:13 <sup>b</sup>Job 12:19

8 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *seed*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 17:14

9 <sup>a</sup>Job 12:6

10 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *and does not fail*

12 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *lifted up the voice*

13 <sup>1</sup>So with most versions. M.T., *are shattered by Sheol.* <sup>2</sup>I.e., the nether world  
<sup>a</sup>Job 21:23; 36:11

14 <sup>a</sup>Job 22:17

15 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *What* <sup>2</sup>Heb., *Shaddai*  
<sup>a</sup>Job 22:17; 34:9

16 <sup>a</sup>Job 22:18

17 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *He*  
<sup>a</sup>Job 18:5, 6 <sup>b</sup>Job 31:2, 3

18 <sup>a</sup>Job 13:25; Ps. 83:13  
<sup>b</sup>Ps. 1:4; 35:5; Is. 17:13; Hos. 13:3

19 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *his* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *Him*  
<sup>a</sup>Ex. 20:5; Jer. 31:29; Ezek. 18:2

20 <sup>1</sup>Heb., *Shaddai*  
<sup>a</sup>Num. 14:28-32; Jer. 31:30; Ezek. 18:4 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 60:3; Is. 51:17; Jer. 25:15; Rev. 14:10

21 <sup>1</sup>I.e., *after he dies*

22 <sup>a</sup>Job 35:11; 36:22; Is. 40:14; Rom. 11:34 <sup>b</sup>Job 4:18; 15:15; Ps. 82:1

23 <sup>1</sup>Or, *quiet*  
<sup>a</sup>Job 21:13; 20:11

24 <sup>1</sup>So with Syr.; Heb. uncertain. Some render as, *his pails are full of milk*  
<sup>a</sup>Prov. 3:8

25 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *eating*

26 <sup>a</sup>Job 3:13; 20:11; Eccles. 9:2 <sup>b</sup>Job 24:20; Is. 14:11

28 <sup>a</sup>Job 1:3; 31:37 <sup>b</sup>Job 8:22; 18:21

29 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *signs*

30 <sup>a</sup>Job 20:29; Prov. 16:4; 2 Pet. 2:9 <sup>b</sup>Job 17:20; 40:11

31 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *declare his way to his face*

8 "Their <sup>1a</sup>descendants are established with them in their sight,  
 And their offspring before their eyes,  
 9 Their houses <sup>a</sup>are safe from fear,  
 Neither is the rod of God on them.

10 "His ox mates <sup>1</sup>without fail;  
 His cow calves and does not abort.

11 "They send forth their little ones like the flock,  
 And their children skip about.

12 "They <sup>1</sup>sing to the timbrel and harp  
 And rejoice at the sound of the flute.

13 "They <sup>a</sup>spend their days in prosperity,  
 And <sup>1</sup>suddenly they go down to <sup>2</sup>Sheol.

14 "And they say to God, <sup>a</sup>Depart from us!  
 We do not even desire the knowledge of Thy ways.

15 <sup>1</sup>Who is <sup>2</sup>the Almighty, that we should serve Him,  
 And <sup>a</sup>what would we gain if we entreat Him?"

16 "Behold, their prosperity is not in their hand;  
 The <sup>a</sup>counsel of the wicked is far from me.

17 "How often is <sup>a</sup>the lamp of the wicked put out,  
 Or their <sup>b</sup>calamity fall on them?  
 Does <sup>1</sup>God apportion destruction in His anger?"

18 "Are they as <sup>a</sup>straw before the wind,  
 And like <sup>b</sup>chaff which the storm carries away?"

19 "You say, <sup>a</sup>God stores away <sup>1a</sup>a man's iniquity for his sons,  
 Let <sup>2</sup>God repay him so that he may know it.

20 "Let his <sup>a</sup>own eyes see his decay,  
 And let him <sup>b</sup>drink of the wrath of <sup>1</sup>the Almighty.

21 "For what does he care for his household <sup>1</sup>after him,  
 When the number of his months is cut off?"

22 "Can anyone <sup>a</sup>teach God knowledge,  
 In that He <sup>b</sup>judges those on high?"

23 "One <sup>a</sup>dies in his full strength,  
 Being wholly at ease and <sup>1</sup>satisfied;

24 His <sup>1</sup>sides are filled out with fat,  
 And the <sup>a</sup>marrow of his bones is moist,

25 While another dies with a bitter soul,  
 Never even <sup>1</sup>tasting *anything* good.

26 "Together they <sup>a</sup>lie down in the dust,  
 And <sup>b</sup>worms cover them.

27 "Behold, I know your thoughts,  
 And the plans by which you would wrong me.

28 "For you say, 'Where is the house of <sup>a</sup>the nobleman,  
 And where is the <sup>b</sup>tent, the dwelling places of the wicked?'

29 "Have you not asked wayfaring men,  
 And do you not recognize their <sup>1</sup>witness?"

30 "For the <sup>a</sup>wicked is reserved for the day of calamity;  
 They will be led forth at <sup>b</sup>the day of fury.

31 "Who will <sup>1</sup>confront him with his actions,  
 And who will repay him for what he has done?"

32 "While he is carried to the grave,  
 Men will keep watch over *his* tomb.

- 33 "The <sup>a</sup>clouds of the valley will <sup>l</sup>gently cover him;  
Moreover, <sup>b</sup>all men will <sup>2</sup>follow after him,  
While countless ones go before him.  
34 "How then will you vainly <sup>a</sup>comfort me,  
For your answers remain *full of* <sup>l</sup>falsehood?"

CHAPTER 22

- T**HEN Eliphaz the Temanite <sup>l</sup>responded,  
2 "Can a vigorous <sup>a</sup>man be of use to God,  
Or a wise man be useful to himself?  
3 "Is there any pleasure to <sup>l</sup>the Almighty if you are right-  
eous,  
Or profit if you make your ways perfect?  
4 "Is it because of your <sup>l</sup>reverence that He reproves you,  
That He <sup>a</sup>enters into judgment against you?  
5 "Is not <sup>a</sup>your wickedness great,  
And your iniquities without end?  
6 "For you have <sup>a</sup>taken pledges of your brothers without  
cause,  
And <sup>b</sup>stripped <sup>l</sup>men naked.  
7 "To the weary you have <sup>a</sup>given no water to drink,  
And from the hungry you have <sup>b</sup>withheld bread.  
8 "But the earth <sup>b</sup>belongs to the <sup>b</sup>mighty man,  
And <sup>c</sup>the honorable man dwells in it.  
9 "You have sent <sup>a</sup>widows away empty,  
And the <sup>l</sup>strength of the <sup>b</sup>orphans has been crushed.  
10 "Therefore <sup>a</sup>snarers surround you,  
And sudden <sup>b</sup>dread terrifies you,  
11 Or <sup>a</sup>darkness, so that you can not see,  
And an <sup>b</sup>abundance of water covers you.  
12 "Is not God <sup>a</sup>in the height of heaven?  
Look also at the <sup>l</sup>distant stars, how high they are!  
13 "And you say, '<sup>a</sup>What does God know?  
Can He judge through the thick darkness?  
14 "<sup>a</sup>Clouds are a hiding place for Him, so that He cannot  
see;  
And He walks on the <sup>l</sup>vault of heaven.'  
15 "Will you keep to the ancient path  
Which <sup>a</sup>wicked men have trod,  
16 Who were snatched away <sup>b</sup>before their time,  
Whose <sup>b</sup>foundations were <sup>l</sup>washed away by a river?  
17 "They <sup>a</sup>said to God, 'Depart from us!  
And 'What can <sup>l</sup>the Almighty do to them?'  
18 "Yet He <sup>a</sup>filled their houses with good *things*;  
But <sup>b</sup>the counsel of the wicked is far from me.  
19 "The <sup>a</sup>righteous see and are glad,  
And the innocent mock them,  
20 *Saying*, 'Truly our adversaries are cut off,  
And their <sup>l</sup>abundance <sup>a</sup>the fire has consumed.'  
21 "<sup>l</sup>Yield now and be at peace with Him;  
Thereby good will come to you.  
22 "Please receive <sup>l</sup>instruction from His mouth,  
And establish His words in your heart.

33 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *be sweet to him*  
<sup>2</sup>Lit., *draw*  
<sup>a</sup>Job 3:22; 17:16 <sup>b</sup>Job 3:19;  
24:24

34 <sup>1</sup>Or, *faithlessness*  
<sup>a</sup>Job 16:2

1 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *answered and said*

2 <sup>a</sup>Job 35:7; Luke 17:10

3 <sup>1</sup>Heb., *Shaddai*

4 <sup>1</sup>Or, *fear*  
<sup>a</sup>Job 14:3; 19:29

5 <sup>a</sup>Job 11:6; 15:5

6 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *clothing of the naked*  
<sup>a</sup>Job 24:3, 9; Ex. 22:26;  
Deut. 24:6, 17; Ezek. 18:16  
<sup>b</sup>Job 31:19, 20

7 <sup>a</sup>Job 31:16, 17 <sup>b</sup>Job 31:31

8 <sup>a</sup>Job 9:24 <sup>b</sup>Job 12:19  
<sup>c</sup>Is. 3:3; 9:15

9 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *arms*  
<sup>a</sup>Job 24:3, 21; 29:13; 31:16,  
18 <sup>b</sup>Job 6:27

10 <sup>a</sup>Job 18:8 <sup>b</sup>Job 15:21

11 <sup>a</sup>Job 5:14 <sup>b</sup>Job 38:34;  
Ps. 69:2; 124:5; Lam. 3:54

12 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *head, top-most*  
<sup>a</sup>Job 11:7-9

13 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 10:11; 59:7; 64:5;  
94:7; Is. 29:15; Ezek. 8:12

14 <sup>1</sup>lit., *circle*  
<sup>a</sup>Job 26:9

15 <sup>a</sup>Job 34:36

16 <sup>1</sup>lit., *poured out*  
<sup>a</sup>Job 15:32; 21:13, 18 <sup>b</sup>Job 14:19; Ps. 90:5; Is. 28:2;  
Matt. 7:26, 27

17 <sup>1</sup>Heb., *Shaddai*  
<sup>a</sup>Job 21:14, 15

18 <sup>a</sup>Job 12:6 <sup>b</sup>Job 21:16

19 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 52:6; 58:10; 107:42

20 <sup>1</sup>Or, *excess*  
<sup>a</sup>Job 15:30

21 <sup>1</sup>Or, *Know intimately*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 34:10

22 <sup>1</sup>Or, *law*  
<sup>a</sup>Job 6:10; 23:12; Prov. 2:6

23 <sup>1</sup>Heb., *Shaddai* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *built up*  
<sup>3</sup>Job 8:5; 11:13; Is. 19:22;  
 31:6; Zech. 1:3 <sup>4</sup>Job 11:14

24 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *ore*  
<sup>2</sup>Job 31:24, 25

25 <sup>1</sup>I.e., *Shaddai* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *ore*

26 <sup>1</sup>I.e., *Shaddai*  
<sup>2</sup>Job 27:10; Ps. 37:4; Is.  
 58:14

27 <sup>1</sup>Job 11:13; 33:26; Is.  
 58:9 <sup>2</sup>Job 34:28

28 <sup>1</sup>Job 11:17; Ps. 112:4

29 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *they cast you down* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *pride* <sup>3</sup>Lit., *lowly of eyes*  
<sup>4</sup>Job 5:11; 36:7; Matt.  
 23:12; James 4:6; 1 Pet. 5:5

30 <sup>1</sup>Job 42:7, 8; Ps. 18:20;  
 24:3, 4

1 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *answered and said*

2 <sup>1</sup>So with Cr. and Syr.  
 M.T., *My*  
<sup>2</sup>Job 7:11 <sup>3</sup>Job 6:2, 3; Ps.  
 32:4

4 <sup>1</sup>Job 13:18

5 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *answer me*

6 <sup>1</sup>Job 9:4

7 <sup>1</sup>Or, *bring forth my justice forever*  
<sup>2</sup>Job 13:3 <sup>3</sup>Job 23:10; 13:16

8 <sup>1</sup>Job 9:11; 35:14

10 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *way with me*  
<sup>2</sup>Job 7:18; Ps. 7:9; 11:5;  
 66:10; Zech. 13:9; 1 Pet. 1:7

11 <sup>1</sup>Job 31:7; Ps. 17:5;  
 44:18

12 <sup>1</sup>Or, with some versions, *in my breast* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *prescribed portion*  
<sup>3</sup>Job 6:10; 22:22

16 <sup>1</sup>Job 27:2; Deut. 20:3;  
 Jer. 51:46

**“Return to the Almighty.”**  
**Job: “Oh That I Knew Where I Might Find Him!”**

- 23 “If you <sup>a</sup>return to <sup>1</sup>the Almighty, you will be <sup>2</sup>restored;  
 If you <sup>b</sup>remove unrighteousness far from your tent,  
 24 And <sup>a</sup>place *your* <sup>1</sup>gold in the dust,  
 And *the gold of Ophir* among the stones of the brooks,  
 25 Then <sup>1</sup>the Almighty will be your <sup>2</sup>gold  
 And choice silver to you.  
 26 “For then you will <sup>a</sup>delight in <sup>1</sup>the Almighty,  
 And lift up your face to God.  
 27 “You will <sup>a</sup>pray to Him, and <sup>b</sup>He will hear you;  
 And you will pay your vows.  
 28 “You will also decree a thing, and it will be established  
 for you;  
 And <sup>a</sup>light will shine on your ways.  
 29 “When <sup>1</sup>you are cast down, you will speak with <sup>2</sup>confidence  
 And the <sup>3a</sup>humble person He will save.  
 30 “He will deliver one who is not innocent,  
 And he will be <sup>a</sup>delivered through the cleanness of your  
 hands.”

CHAPTER 23

- T**HEN Job <sup>1</sup>replied,  
 2 “Even today my <sup>a</sup>complaint is rebellion;  
<sup>1</sup>His hand is <sup>b</sup>heavy despite my groaning.  
 3 “Oh that I knew where I might find Him,  
 That I might come to His seat!  
 4 “I would <sup>a</sup>present *my* case before Him  
 And fill my mouth with arguments.  
 5 “I would learn the words *which* He would <sup>1</sup>answer,  
 And perceive what He would say to me.  
 6 “Would He contend with me by <sup>a</sup>the greatness of *His*  
 power?  
 No, surely He would pay attention to me.  
 7 “There the upright would <sup>a</sup>reason with Him;  
 And I <sup>1</sup>would be <sup>b</sup>delivered forever from my Judge.  
 8 “Behold, I go forward but He is not *there*,  
 And backward, but I <sup>a</sup>cannot perceive Him;  
 9 When He acts on the left, I cannot behold *Him*;  
 He turns on the right, I cannot see Him.  
 10 “But He knows the <sup>1</sup>way I take;  
*When* He has <sup>a</sup>tried me, I shall come forth as gold.  
 11 “My foot has <sup>a</sup>held fast to His path;  
 I have kept His way and not turned aside.  
 12 “I have not departed from the command of His lips;  
 I have treasured the <sup>a</sup>words of His mouth <sup>1</sup>more than my  
<sup>2</sup>necessary food.  
 13 “But He is unique and who can turn Him?  
 And *what* His soul desires, that He does.  
 14 “For He performs what is appointed for me,  
 And many such *decrees* are with Him.  
 15 “Therefore, I would be dismayed at His presence;  
*When* I consider, I am terrified of Him.  
 16 “*It is God who* has made my <sup>a</sup>heart faint,  
 And the Almighty *who* has dismayed me,

17 But I <sup>a</sup>am not silenced by the darkness,  
Nor <sup>b</sup>deep gloom *which* covers *me*.

CHAPTER 24

“WHY are <sup>1</sup>times not stored up by the Almighty,  
And why do those who know Him not see <sup>a</sup>His days?  
2 “Some <sup>a</sup>remove the landmarks;  
They seize and <sup>2</sup>devour flocks.  
3 “They drive away the donkeys of the <sup>a</sup>orphans;  
They take the <sup>b</sup>widow’s ox for a pledge.  
4 “They push <sup>a</sup>the needy aside from the road;  
The <sup>b</sup>poor of the land are made to hide themselves  
altogether.  
5 “Behold as <sup>a</sup>wild donkeys in the wilderness  
They <sup>b</sup>go forth seeking food in their activity,  
As <sup>1</sup>bread for *their* children in the desert.  
6 “They harvest their fodder in the field,  
And they glean the vineyard of the wicked.  
7 “They spend the night naked, without clothing,  
And have no covering against the cold.  
8 “They are wet with the mountain rains,  
And they <sup>a</sup>hug the rock for want of a shelter.  
9 “Others snatch the <sup>a</sup>orphan from the breast,  
And against the poor they take a pledge.  
10 “They cause *the poor* to go about naked without cloth-  
ing,  
And they take away the sheaves from the hungry.  
11 “Within the walls they produce oil;  
They tread wine presses but thirst.  
12 “From the city men groan,  
And the souls of the wounded cry out;  
Yet God <sup>a</sup>does not pay attention to folly.  
13 “Others have been with those who rebel against the  
light;  
They do not want to know its ways,  
Nor abide in its paths.  
14 “The murderer <sup>a</sup>arises at dawn;  
He <sup>b</sup>kills the poor and the needy,  
And at night he is as a thief.  
15 “And the eye of the <sup>a</sup>adulterer waits for the twilight,  
Saying, ‘No eye will see me.’  
And he <sup>1</sup>disguises his face.  
16 “In the dark they <sup>a</sup>dig into houses,  
They shut themselves up by day;  
They do not know the light.  
17 “For the morning is the same to him as thick darkness,  
For he is familiar with the <sup>a</sup>terrors of thick darkness.  
18 “They are <sup>1a</sup>insignificant on the surface of the water;  
Their portion is <sup>b</sup>curSED on the earth.  
They do not turn <sup>2</sup>toward the <sup>c</sup>vineyards.  
19 “Drought and heat <sup>1a</sup>consume the snow waters,  
So *does* <sup>2b</sup>Sheol *those who* have sinned.

17 <sup>a</sup>Job 10:18, 19 <sup>b</sup>Job 19:8

1 <sup>1</sup>I.e., times of judgment  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 2:12; Jer. 46:10; Obad. 15; Zeph. 1:7

2 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *They* <sup>2</sup>Or, *pasture*  
<sup>a</sup>Deut. 19:14; 27:17

3 <sup>a</sup>Job 6:27 <sup>b</sup>Job 22:9

4 <sup>a</sup>Job 24:14; 29:16; 30:25; 31:19 <sup>b</sup>Job 29:12; Ps. 41:1; Prov. 14:31; Amos 8:4

5 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *his bread*  
<sup>a</sup>Job 39:5-8 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 104:23

8 <sup>a</sup>Lam. 4:5

9 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *They*  
<sup>a</sup>Job 6:27

12 <sup>a</sup>Job 9:23, 24

13 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *They*

14 <sup>a</sup>Mic. 2:1 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 10:8

15 <sup>1</sup>Or, *puts a covering on his face*  
<sup>a</sup>Prov. 7:9

16 <sup>a</sup>Ex. 22:2; Matt. 6:19

17 <sup>a</sup>Job 15:21

18 <sup>1</sup>Or, *light or swift*  
<sup>2</sup>Lit., *to the path of*  
<sup>a</sup>Job 22:11, 16; 27:20 <sup>b</sup>Job 5:3 <sup>c</sup>Job 24:6, 11

19 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *seize* <sup>2</sup>I.e., *nether world*  
<sup>a</sup>Job 6:16, 17 <sup>b</sup>Job 21:13

20 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *womb*  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 49:15 <sup>b</sup>Job 21:26 <sup>c</sup>Job 18:17; Ps. 34:16; Prov. 10:7  
<sup>d</sup>Job 19:10; Dan. 4:14

21 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *barren who does not bear*  
<sup>a</sup>Job 22:9

22 <sup>a</sup>Job 9:4 <sup>b</sup>Job 18:20

23 <sup>a</sup>Job 12:6 <sup>b</sup>Job 10:4; 11:11

24 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 37:10 <sup>b</sup>Job 14:21

25 <sup>a</sup>Job 6:28; 27:4

1 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *answered and said*

2 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *are with Him*  
<sup>a</sup>Job 9:4; 36:5, 22; 37:23;  
42:2 <sup>b</sup>Job 16:19; 31:2

3 <sup>a</sup>Job 16:13

4 <sup>a</sup>Job 4:17; 9:2 <sup>b</sup>Job 14:4

5 <sup>a</sup>Job 31:26 <sup>b</sup>Job 15:15

6 <sup>a</sup>Job 7:17 <sup>b</sup>Job 17:14

1 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *responded and said*

2 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *no power*  
<sup>a</sup>Job 6:11, 12 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 71:9

3 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *made known*

4 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *breath has gone forth*

5 <sup>1</sup>Or, *shades*; Heb., *Rephaim*  
<sup>a</sup>Job 3:13, Ps. 88:10

6 <sup>1</sup>I.e., the nether world  
<sup>2</sup>I.e., place of destruction  
<sup>a</sup>Job 26:6-14; 9:5-10; 38:17;  
41:11 <sup>b</sup>Job 28:22; 31:12

7 <sup>a</sup>Job 9:8

8 <sup>a</sup>Job 37:11; Prov. 30:4

9 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *covers* <sup>2</sup>Or, *throne*  
<sup>a</sup>Job 22:14; Ps. 97:2; 105:39

10 <sup>a</sup>Job 38:1-11; Prov. 8:29  
<sup>b</sup>Job 38:19, 20, 24

- 20 "A <sup>1</sup>mother will forget him;  
The <sup>b</sup>worm feeds sweetly till he is remembered <sup>c</sup>no more.  
And wickedness will be broken <sup>d</sup>like a tree.
- 21 "He wrongs the <sup>1</sup>barren woman,  
And does no good for <sup>a</sup>the widow.
- 22 "But He drags off the valiant by <sup>a</sup>His power;  
He rises, but <sup>b</sup>no one has assurance of life.
- 23 "He provides them <sup>a</sup>with security, and they are supported;  
And His <sup>b</sup>eyes are on their ways.
- 24 "They are exalted a <sup>1</sup>little while, then they are gone;  
Moreover, they are <sup>b</sup>brought low and like everything gathered up;  
Even like the heads of grain they are cut off.
- 25 "Now if it is not so, <sup>a</sup>who can prove me a liar,  
And make my speech worthless?"

CHAPTER 25

- THEN Bildad the Shuhite <sup>1</sup>answered,
- 2 "aDominion and awe <sup>1</sup>belong to Him  
Who establishes peace in <sup>b</sup>His heights.
- 3 "Is there any number to <sup>a</sup>His troops?  
And upon whom does His light not rise?
- 4 "How then can a man be <sup>a</sup>just with God?  
Or how can he be <sup>b</sup>clean who is born of woman?
- 5 "If even <sup>a</sup>the moon has no brightness  
And the <sup>b</sup>stars are not pure in His sight,
- 6 How much less <sup>a</sup>man, *that* <sup>b</sup>maggot,  
And the son of man, *that* worm!"

CHAPTER 26

- THEN Job <sup>1</sup>responded,
- 2 "What a help you are to <sup>1a</sup>the weak!  
How you have saved the arm <sup>b</sup>without strength!
- 3 "What counsel you have given to *one* without wisdom!  
What helpful insight you have abundantly <sup>1</sup>provided!
- 4 "To whom have you uttered words?  
And whose <sup>1</sup>spirit was expressed through you?
- 5 "The <sup>1a</sup>departed spirits tremble  
Under the waters and their inhabitants.
- 6 "Naked is <sup>1a</sup>Sheol before Him  
And <sup>2b</sup>Abaddon has no covering.
- 7 "He <sup>a</sup>stretches out the north over empty space,  
And hangs the earth on nothing.
- 8 "He <sup>a</sup>wraps up the waters in His clouds;  
And the cloud does not burst under them.
- 9 "He <sup>1a</sup>obscurates the face of the <sup>2</sup>full moon,  
And spreads His cloud over it.
- 10 "He has inscribed a <sup>a</sup>circle on the surface of the waters,  
At the <sup>b</sup>boundary of light and darkness.
- 11 "The pillars of heaven tremble,  
And are amazed at His rebuke.

- 12 "He quieted the sea with His power,  
And by His understanding He shattered Rahab.  
13 "By His breath the heavens are cleared;  
His hand has pierced the fleeing serpent.  
14 "Behold, these are the fringes of His ways;  
And how faint a word we hear of Him!  
But His mighty thunder, who can understand?"

CHAPTER 27

- T**HEN Job continued his discourse and said,  
2 "As God lives, who has taken away my right,  
And the Almighty, who has embittered my soul,  
3 For as long as life is in me,  
And the breath of God is in my nostrils,  
4 My lips certainly will not speak unjustly,  
Nor will my tongue mutter deceit.  
5 "Far be it from me that I should declare you right;  
Till I die I will not put away my integrity from me.  
6 "I hold fast my righteousness and will not let it go.  
My heart does not reproach any of my days.  
7 "May my enemy be as the wicked,  
And my opponent as the unjust.  
8 "For what is the hope of the godless when he is cut off,  
When God requires his life?  
9 "Will God hear his cry,  
When distress comes upon him?  
10 "Will he take delight in the Almighty,  
Will he call on God at all times?  
11 "I will instruct you in the power of God;  
What is with the Almighty I will not conceal.  
12 "Behold, all of you have seen it;  
Why then do you act foolishly?  
13 "This is the portion of a wicked man from God,  
And the inheritance which tyrants receive from the  
Almighty.  
14 "Though his sons are many, they are destined for the  
sword;  
And his descendants will not be satisfied with bread.  
15 "His survivors will be buried because of the plague,  
And their widows will not be able to weep.  
16 "Though he piles up silver like dust,  
And prepares garments as plentiful as the clay;  
17 He may prepare it, but the just will wear it,  
And the innocent will divide the silver.  
18 "He has built his house like the spider's web,  
Or as a hut which the watchman has made.  
19 "He lies down rich, but never again;  
He opens his eyes, and it is no more.  
20 "Terrors overtake him like a flood;  
A tempest steals him away in the night.  
21 "The east wind carries him away, and he is gone,  
For it whirls him away from his place.

12 <sup>a</sup>Is. 51:15; Jer. 31:35  
<sup>b</sup>Job 12:13 <sup>c</sup>Job 9:13

13 <sup>1</sup>Lit., made beautiful  
<sup>a</sup>Job 9:8 <sup>b</sup>Is. 27:1

14 <sup>a</sup>Job 4:12 <sup>b</sup>Job 36:29;  
37:4, 5

1 <sup>1</sup>Or, again took up  
<sup>a</sup>Job 13:12; 29:1

2 <sup>a</sup>Job 16:11; 34:5 <sup>b</sup>Job  
9:18

3 <sup>1</sup>Lit., breath <sup>2</sup>Or, spirit  
<sup>a</sup>Job 32:8; 33:4

4 <sup>a</sup>Job 6:28; 33:3

5 <sup>a</sup>Job 6:29

6 <sup>a</sup>Job 2:3; 13:18

7 <sup>1</sup>Lit., he who rises up  
against me

8 <sup>1</sup>Or, though he gains  
<sup>2</sup>Lit., soul  
<sup>a</sup>Job 8:13; 11:20 <sup>b</sup>Job 12:10

9 <sup>a</sup>Job 35:12, 13; Ps.  
18:41; Prov. 1:28; Is. 1:15;  
Jer. 14:12; Mic. 3:4 <sup>b</sup>Prov.  
1:27

10 <sup>a</sup>Job 22:26, 27; Ps. 37:4;  
Is. 58:14

11 <sup>1</sup>Lit., hand  
<sup>a</sup>Job 27:13

12 <sup>1</sup>Or, speak vanity

13 <sup>a</sup>Job 20:29 <sup>b</sup>Job 15:20

14 <sup>1</sup>Lit., the sword is for  
them  
<sup>a</sup>Job 15:22; 18:19 <sup>b</sup>Job  
20:10

15 <sup>1</sup>So ancient versions;  
Heb., his  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 78:64

17 <sup>a</sup>Job 20:18-21

18 <sup>1</sup>So ancient versions;  
Heb., moth  
<sup>a</sup>Job 8:15; 18:14

19 <sup>1</sup>So ancient versions;  
Heb., will be gathered  
<sup>a</sup>Job 7:8, 21; 20:7

20 <sup>a</sup>Job 15:21 <sup>b</sup>Job 20:8;  
34:20

21 <sup>a</sup>Job 21:18 <sup>b</sup>Job 7:10

22 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *hand*  
<sup>a</sup>Jer. 13:14; Ezek. 5:11;  
24:14 <sup>b</sup>Job 11:20

23 <sup>a</sup>Job 18:18; 20:8

<sup>1</sup>Or, *source* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *for gold they refine*

<sup>4</sup>Lit., *breaks open*  
<sup>2</sup>Lit., *sojourning*

<sup>6</sup>Or, *place*

<sup>8</sup>Lit., *sons of pride*

<sup>9</sup>Lit., *roots*

11 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *weeping*

12 <sup>a</sup>Job 28:23, 28

17 <sup>a</sup>Prov. 8:10; 16:16

18 <sup>a</sup>Prov. 8:11

19 <sup>a</sup>Prov. 8:19

20 <sup>a</sup>Job 28:23, 28

<sup>22</sup> I.e., *Destruction*  
<sup>a</sup>Job 26:6; Prov. 8:22-36

- 22 "For it will hurl at him <sup>a</sup>without sparing;  
He will surely try to <sup>b</sup>flee from its <sup>1</sup>power.
- 23 "Men will clap their hands at him,  
And will <sup>a</sup>hiss him from his place.

CHAPTER 28

- "SURELY there is a <sup>1</sup>mine for silver,  
And a place <sup>2</sup>where they refine gold.
- 2 "Iron is taken from the dust,  
And from rock copper is smelted.
- 3 "Man puts an end to darkness,  
And to the farthest limit he searches out  
The rock in gloom and deep shadow.
- 4 "He <sup>1</sup>sinks a shaft far from <sup>2</sup>habitation,  
Forgotten by the foot;  
They hang and swing to and fro far from men.
- 5 "The earth, from it comes food,  
And underneath it is turned up as fire.
- 6 "Its rocks are the <sup>1</sup>source of sapphires,  
And its dust *contains* gold.
- 7 "The path no bird of prey knows,  
Nor has the falcon's eye caught sight of it.
- 8 "The <sup>1</sup>proud beasts have not trodden it,  
Nor has the *fierce* lion passed over it.
- 9 "He puts his hand on the flint;  
He overturns the mountains at the <sup>1</sup>base.
- 10 "He hews out channels through the rocks;  
And his eye sees anything precious.
- 11 "He dams up the streams from <sup>1</sup>flowing;  
And what is hidden he brings out to the light.
- 12 "But <sup>a</sup>where can wisdom be found?  
And where is the place of understanding?
- 13 "Man does not know its value,  
Nor is it found in the land of the living.
- 14 "The deep says, 'It is not in me';  
And the sea says, 'It is not with me.'
- 15 "Pure gold cannot be given in exchange for it,  
Nor can silver be weighed as its price.
- 16 "It cannot be valued in the gold of Ophir,  
In precious onyx, or sapphire.
- 17 "<sup>a</sup>Gold or glass cannot equal it,  
Nor can it be exchanged for articles of fine gold.
- 18 "Coral and crystal are not to be mentioned;  
And the acquisition of <sup>a</sup>wisdom is above *that of* pearls.
- 19 "The topaz of Ethiopia cannot equal it,  
Nor can it be valued in <sup>a</sup>pure gold.
- 20 "<sup>a</sup>Where then does wisdom come from?  
And where is the place of understanding?
- 21 "Thus it is hidden from the eyes of all living,  
And concealed from the birds of the sky.
- 22 "<sup>1a</sup>Abaddon and Death say,  
'With our ears we have heard a report of it.'



- 23 "God understands its way;  
And He knows its place.  
24 "For He looks to the ends of the earth,  
And sees everything under the heavens.  
25 "When He imparted weight to the wind,  
And meted out the waters by measure,  
26 When He set a limit for the rain,  
And a course for the thunderbolt,  
27 Then He saw it and declared it;  
He established it and also searched it out.  
28 "And to man He said, 'Behold, the fear of the Lord, that  
is wisdom;  
And to depart from evil is understanding.'

23 <sup>a</sup>Job 9:4; Prov. 8:22-36

24 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 11:4; 33:13, 14;  
66:7; Prov. 15:3

25 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 135:7 <sup>b</sup>Job 12:15;  
38:8-11

26 <sup>a</sup>Job 37:6, 11, 12;  
38:26-28 <sup>b</sup>Job 37:3; 38:25

28 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 111:10; Prov. 1:7;  
9:10

1 <sup>a</sup>Job 13:12; 27:1; Num.  
23:7; 24:3

2 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 31:28

3 <sup>a</sup>Job 11:17

4 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *the days of my  
autumn* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *counsel*  
<sup>a</sup>Job 15:8; Ps. 25:14; Prov.  
3:32

5 <sup>1</sup>Heb., *Shaddai*

6 <sup>a</sup>Job 20:17; Deut. 32:14  
<sup>b</sup>Deut. 32:13

7 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *sat up*  
<sup>a</sup>Job 31:21

9 <sup>a</sup>Job 29:21 <sup>b</sup>Job 21:5

10 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *hidden*  
<sup>a</sup>Job 29:22

11 <sup>a</sup>Job 4:3, 4

12 <sup>a</sup>Job 24:4, 9; 34:28 <sup>b</sup>Job  
31:17, 21

13 <sup>a</sup>Job 31:19 <sup>b</sup>Job 22:9

14 <sup>a</sup>Job 27:5, 6; Ps. 132:9;  
Is. 59:17; 61:10; Eph. 6:14

16 <sup>a</sup>Job 24:4

17 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 3:7

18 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *said* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *with*

19 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 17:8 <sup>b</sup>Hos. 14:5

20 <sup>a</sup>Gen. 49:24; Ps. 18:34

CHAPTER 29

AND Job again took up his discourse and said,

- 2 "Oh that I were as in months gone by,  
As in the days when God watched over me;  
3 When His lamp shone over my head,  
And by His light I walked through darkness;  
4 As I was in the prime of my days,  
When the friendship of God was over my tent;  
5 When the Almighty was yet with me,  
And my children were around me;  
6 When my steps were bathed in butter,  
And the brock poured out for me streams of oil!  
7 "When I went out to the gate of the city,  
When I took my seat in the square;  
8 The young men saw me and hid themselves,  
And the old men arose and stood.  
9 "The princes stopped talking,  
And put their hands on their mouths;  
10 The voice of the nobles was hushed,  
And their tongue stuck to their palate.  
11 "For when the ear heard, it called me blessed;  
And when the eye saw, it gave witness of me,  
12 Because I delivered the poor who cried for help,  
And the orphan who had no helper.  
13 "The blessing of the one ready to perish came upon me,  
And I made the widow's heart sing for joy.  
14 "I put on righteousness, and it clothed me;  
My justice was like a robe and a turban.  
15 "I was eyes to the blind,  
And feet to the lame.  
16 "I was a father to the needy,  
And I investigated the case which I did not know.  
17 "And I broke the jaws of the wicked,  
And snatched the prey from his teeth.  
18 "Then I thought, 'I shall die in my nest,  
And I shall multiply my days as the sand.  
19 'My root is spread out to the waters,  
And dew lies all night on my branch.  
20 'My glory is ever new with me,  
And my bow is renewed in my hand.'

21 <sup>a</sup>Job 29:9; 4:3

22 <sup>a</sup>Job 29:10 <sup>b</sup>Deut. 32:2

25 <sup>a</sup>Job 1:3; 31:37 <sup>b</sup>Job 4:4; 16:5

1 <sup>a</sup>Job 12:4

4 <sup>1</sup>I.e., plant of the salt marshes (Job 24:24) cf. Job 30:4

6 <sup>1</sup>Or, wadis

7 <sup>1</sup>Or, bray

8 <sup>1</sup>Lit., Sons of fools  
<sup>2</sup>Lit., sons

9 <sup>1</sup>Lit., song  
<sup>a</sup>Job 12:4

10 <sup>1</sup>Lit., withhold spit from my face  
<sup>a</sup>Job 17:6; Num. 12:14; Deut. 25:9; Is. 50:6; Matt. 26:67

11 <sup>1</sup>Or, they <sup>2</sup>Some mss. read, my <sup>3</sup>Or, cord  
<sup>a</sup>Ruth 1:21; Ps. 88:7 <sup>b</sup>Pss. 32:9

12 <sup>1</sup>Possibly sprout or offspring  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 140:4, 5 <sup>b</sup>Job 19:12

13 <sup>1</sup>Lit., for  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 3:12

14 <sup>1</sup>Lit., Under

15 <sup>1</sup>Or, nobility <sup>2</sup>Or, welfare  
<sup>a</sup>Job 3:25; 31:23; Ps. 55:3-5 <sup>b</sup>Job 7:9; Hos. 13:3

16 <sup>1</sup>Lit., upon  
<sup>a</sup>Job 3:24; Ps. 22:14; 42:4; Is. 53:12

17 <sup>1</sup>Lit., from upon  
<sup>a</sup>Job 30:30

21 "To me <sup>a</sup>they listened and waited,  
And kept silent for my counsel.

22 "After my words they did not <sup>a</sup>speak again,  
And <sup>b</sup>my speech dropped on them.

23 "And they waited for me as for the rain,  
And opened their mouth as for the spring rain.

24 "I smiled on them when they did not believe,  
And the light of my face they did not cast down.

25 "I chose a way for them and sat as <sup>a</sup>chief,  
And dwelt as a king among the troops,  
As one who <sup>b</sup>comforted the mourners.

## CHAPTER 30

"**B**UT now those younger than I <sup>a</sup>mock me,  
Whose fathers I disdained to put with the dogs of my flock.

2 "Indeed, what *good was* the strength of their hands to me?

Vigor had perished from them.

3 "From want and famine they are gaunt  
Who gnaw the dry ground by night in waste and desolation,

4 Who pluck <sup>1</sup>mallow by the bushes,  
And whose food is the root of the broom shrub.

5 "They are driven from the community;  
They shout against them as *against* a thief,

6 So that they dwell in dreadful <sup>1</sup>valleys,  
In holes of the earth and of the rocks.

7 "Among the bushes they <sup>1</sup>cry out;  
Under the nettles they are gathered together.

8 "<sup>1</sup>Fools, even <sup>2</sup>those without a name,  
They were scourged from the land.

9 "And now I have become their <sup>1</sup>taunt,  
I have even become a byword to them.

10 "They abhor me *and* stand aloof from me,  
And they do not <sup>1</sup>refrain from <sup>a</sup>spitting at my face.

11 "Because <sup>1</sup>He has loosed <sup>2</sup>His <sup>3</sup>bowstring and <sup>a</sup>afflicted me,

They have cast off <sup>b</sup>the bridle before me.

12 "On the right hand their <sup>1</sup>brood arises;  
They <sup>a</sup>thrust aside my feet <sup>b</sup>and build up against me their ways of destruction.

13 "They <sup>a</sup>break up my path,  
They profit <sup>1</sup>from my destruction,  
No one restrains them.

14 "As *through* a wide breach they come,  
<sup>1</sup>Amid the tempest they roll on.

15 "<sup>a</sup>Terrors are turned against me,  
They pursue my <sup>1</sup>honor as the wind,  
And my <sup>2</sup>prosperity has passed away <sup>b</sup>like a cloud.

16 "And now <sup>a</sup>my soul is poured out <sup>1</sup>within me;  
Days of affliction have seized me.

17 "At night it pierces <sup>a</sup>my bones <sup>1</sup>within me,  
And my gnawing *pains* take no rest.

- 18 "By a great force my garment is <sup>a</sup>distorted;  
It binds me about as the collar of my coat.
- 19 "He has cast me into the <sup>a</sup>mire,  
And I have become like dust and ashes.
- 20 "I <sup>a</sup>cry out to Thee for help, but Thou dost not answer  
me;  
I stand up, and Thou dost turn Thy attention against  
me.
- 21 "Thou hast <sup>1</sup>become cruel to me;  
With the might of Thy hand Thou dost <sup>a</sup>persecute me.
- 22 "Thou dost <sup>a</sup>lift me up to the wind *and* cause me to ride;  
And Thou dost dissolve me in a storm.
- 23 "For I know that Thou <sup>a</sup>wilt bring me to death  
And to the <sup>b</sup>house of meeting for all living.
- 24 "Yet does not one in a heap of ruins stretch out *his* hand,  
Or in his disaster therefore <sup>a</sup>cry out for help?
- 25 "Have I not <sup>a</sup>wept for the <sup>1</sup>one whose life is hard?  
Was not my soul grieved for <sup>b</sup>the needy?
- 26 "When I <sup>a</sup>expected good, then evil came,  
When I waited for light, <sup>b</sup>then darkness came.
- 27 "I am seething <sup>a</sup>within, and cannot relax;  
Days of affliction confront me.
- 28 "I go about <sup>1a</sup>mourning without comfort;  
I stand up in the assembly *and* <sup>b</sup>cry out for help.
- 29 "I have become a brother to <sup>a</sup>jackals,  
And a companion of ostriches.
- 30 "My <sup>a</sup>skin turns black <sup>1</sup>on me,  
And my <sup>b</sup>bones burn with <sup>2</sup>fever.
- 31 "Therefore my <sup>a</sup>harp <sup>1</sup>is turned to mourning,  
And my flute to the sound of those who weep.

CHAPTER 31

- "I HAVE made a covenant with my <sup>a</sup>eyes;  
How then could I gaze at a virgin?
- 2 "And what is <sup>a</sup>the portion of God from above  
Or the heritage of the Almighty from on high?
- 3 "Is it not <sup>a</sup>calamity to the unjust,  
And disaster to <sup>b</sup>those who work iniquity?
- 4 "Does He not <sup>a</sup>see my ways,  
And <sup>b</sup>number all my steps?
- 5 "If I have <sup>a</sup>walked with falsehood,  
And my foot has hastened after deceit,
- 6 Let Him <sup>a</sup>weigh me with <sup>1</sup>accurate scales,  
And let God know <sup>b</sup>my integrity.
- 7 "If my step has <sup>a</sup>turned from the way,  
Or my heart <sup>1</sup>followed my eyes,  
Or if any <sup>b</sup>spot has stuck to my hands,
- 8 Let me <sup>a</sup>sow and another eat,  
And let my <sup>1b</sup>crops be uprooted.
- 9 "If my heart has been <sup>a</sup>enticed by a woman,  
Or I have lurked at my neighbor's doorway,
- 10 May my wife <sup>a</sup>grind for another,  
And let <sup>b</sup>others <sup>1</sup>kneel down over her.

- 18 <sup>a</sup>Job 2:7
- 19 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 69:2, 14
- 20 <sup>a</sup>Job 19:7
- 21 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *turned to be*  
<sup>a</sup>Job 10:3; 16:9, 14; 19:6, 22
- 22 <sup>a</sup>Job 9:17; 27:21
- 23 <sup>a</sup>Job 9:22; 10:8 <sup>b</sup>Job  
3:19; Eccles. 12:5
- 24 <sup>a</sup>Job 19:7
- 25 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *hard of day*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 35:13, 14; Rom. 12:15  
<sup>b</sup>Job 24:4
- 26 <sup>a</sup>Job 3:25, 26; Jer. 8:15  
<sup>b</sup>Job 19:8
- 27 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *My inward parts  
are boiling*  
<sup>a</sup>Lam. 2:11
- 28 <sup>1</sup>Or, *blackened, but  
not by the heat of the sun*  
<sup>a</sup>Job 30:30; Ps. 38:6; 42:9;  
43:2 <sup>b</sup>Job 19:7
- 29 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 44:19; Mic. 1:8
- 30 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *from upon* <sup>2</sup>Lit.,  
*heat*  
<sup>a</sup>Job 2:7 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 102:3
- 31 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *become*  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 24:8
- 1 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 5:28
- 2 <sup>a</sup>Job. 20:29
- 3 <sup>a</sup>Job 18:12; 21:30  
<sup>b</sup>34:22
- 4 <sup>a</sup>Job 24:23; 28:24;  
34:21; 36:7; 2 Chr. 16:9;  
Prov. 5:21; 15:3 <sup>b</sup>Job 31:37;  
14:16
- 5 <sup>a</sup>Job 15:31; Mic. 2:11
- 6 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *just*  
<sup>a</sup>Job 6:2,3 <sup>b</sup>Job 23:10;  
27:5, 6
- 7 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *walked after*  
<sup>a</sup>Job 23:11 <sup>b</sup>Job 9:30
- 8 <sup>1</sup>Or, *offspring*  
<sup>a</sup>Job 20:18; Lev. 26:16; Mic.  
6:15 <sup>b</sup>Job 31:12
- 9 <sup>a</sup>Job 31:1; 24:15
- 10 <sup>1</sup>Lit. *sexual relations*  
<sup>a</sup>Judg. 16:21; Is. 47:2  
<sup>b</sup>Deut. 28:30; Jer. 8:10

11 <sup>a</sup>Lev. 20:10; Deut. 22:24 <sup>b</sup>Job 31:28

12 <sup>1</sup>i.e., place of destruction <sup>2</sup>Or, yield  
<sup>a</sup>Job 15:30 <sup>b</sup>Job 26:6 <sup>c</sup>Job 31:8; 20:28

13 <sup>a</sup>Deut. 24:14, 15

15 <sup>a</sup>Job 10:3

16 <sup>a</sup>Job 5:16; 20:19 <sup>b</sup>Job 22:9; Ex. 22:22-24

17 <sup>1</sup>Lit., eaten from it  
<sup>a</sup>Job 22:7 <sup>b</sup>Job 29:12

18 <sup>1</sup>Lit., my mother's womb <sup>2</sup>Cf. v. 16

19 <sup>a</sup>Job 22:6; 29:13 <sup>b</sup>Job 24:4

20 <sup>1</sup>Lit., blessed

21 <sup>1</sup>Lit., my help  
<sup>a</sup>Job 31:17; 29:12 <sup>b</sup>Job 29:7

22 <sup>1</sup>Lit., shoulder or back  
<sup>2</sup>Lit., from the bone of the upper arm  
<sup>a</sup>Job 38:15

23 <sup>1</sup>Lit., exaltation  
<sup>a</sup>Job 31:3 <sup>b</sup>Job 13:11

24 <sup>a</sup>Job 22:24; Mark 10:24

25 <sup>a</sup>Job 1:3, 10; Ps. 62:10

26 <sup>1</sup>Lit., light  
<sup>a</sup>Deut. 4:19; 17:3; Ezek. 8:16

27 <sup>1</sup>Lit., kissed my mouth

28 <sup>1</sup>Lit., judges  
<sup>a</sup>Job 31:11; Deut. 17:2-7  
<sup>b</sup>Josh. 24:27; Is. 59:13

29 <sup>1</sup>Lit., lifted myself up  
<sup>a</sup>Prov. 17:5; 24:17; Obad. 12

30 <sup>1</sup>Lit., And <sup>2</sup>Lit., given my palate  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 7:4 <sup>b</sup>Job 5:3

31 <sup>1</sup>Lit., give  
<sup>a</sup>Job 22:7

32 <sup>1</sup>M.T., way

33 <sup>1</sup>Or, mankind  
<sup>a</sup>Gen. 3:10; Prov. 28:13

- 11 "For that would be a <sup>a</sup>lustful crime;  
Moreover, it would be <sup>b</sup>an iniquity *punishable* by judges.
- 12 "For it would be <sup>a</sup>fire that consumes to <sup>1b</sup>Abaddon,  
And would <sup>c</sup>uproot all my <sup>2</sup>increase.
- 13 "If I have <sup>a</sup>despised the claim of my male or female slaves  
When they filed a complaint against me,
- 14 What then could I do when God arises,  
And when He calls me to account, what will I answer Him?
- 15 "Did not <sup>a</sup>He who made me in the womb make him,  
And the same one fashion us in the womb?
- 16 "If I have kept <sup>a</sup>the poor from *their* desire,  
Or have caused the eyes of <sup>b</sup>the widow to fail,
- 17 Or have <sup>a</sup>eaten my morsel alone,  
And <sup>b</sup>the orphan has not <sup>1</sup>shared it
- 18 (But from my youth he grew up with me as with a father,  
And from <sup>1</sup>infancy I guided <sup>2</sup>her),
- 19 If I have seen anyone perish <sup>a</sup>for lack of clothing,  
Or that <sup>b</sup>the needy had no covering,
- 20 If his loins have not <sup>1</sup>thanked me,  
And if he has not been warmed with the fleece of my sheep,
- 21 If I have lifted up my hand against <sup>a</sup>the orphan,  
Because I saw <sup>1</sup>I had support <sup>1in</sup> the gate,
- 22 Let my shoulder fall from the <sup>1</sup>socket,  
And my <sup>a</sup>arm be broken off <sup>2</sup>at the elbow.
- 23 "For <sup>a</sup>calamity from God is a terror to me,  
And because of <sup>b</sup>His <sup>1</sup>majesty I can do nothing.
- 24 "If I have put my confidence *in* <sup>a</sup>gold,  
And called fine gold my trust,
- 25 If I have <sup>a</sup>gloated because my wealth was great,  
And because my hand had secured so much;
- 26 If I have <sup>a</sup>looked at the <sup>1</sup>sun when it shone,  
Or the moon going in splendor,
- 27 And my heart became secretly enticed,  
And my hand <sup>1</sup>threw a kiss from my mouth,
- 28 That too would have been <sup>a</sup>an iniquity *calling for*  
<sup>1</sup>judgment,  
For I would have <sup>b</sup>denied God above.
- 29 "Have I <sup>a</sup>rejoiced at the extinction of my enemy,  
Or <sup>1</sup>exulted when evil befell him?
- 30 "<sup>1</sup>No, <sup>a</sup>I have not <sup>2</sup>allowed my mouth to sin  
By asking for his life in <sup>b</sup>a curse.
- 31 "Have the men of my tent not said,  
'Who can <sup>1</sup>find one who has not been <sup>a</sup>satisfied with his meat?'
- 32 "The alien has not lodged outside,  
For I have opened my doors to the <sup>1</sup>traveler.
- 33 "Have I <sup>a</sup>covered my transgressions like <sup>1</sup>Adam,  
By hiding my iniquity in my bosom,

- 34 Because I <sup>a</sup>fear<sup>d</sup> the great multitude,  
And the contempt of families terrified me,  
And kept silent and did not go out of doors?
- 35 "Oh that I had one to hear me!  
Behold, here is my <sup>1</sup>signature;  
<sup>a</sup>Let the Almighty answer me!  
And the indictment which my <sup>b</sup>adversary has written,
- 36 Surely I would carry it on my shoulder;  
I would bind it to myself like a crown.
- 37 "I would declare to Him <sup>a</sup>the number of my steps;  
Like <sup>b<sub>a</sub></sup> a prince I would approach Him.
- 38 "If my <sup>a</sup>land cries out against me,  
And its furrows weep together;  
39 If I have <sup>a</sup>eaten its <sup>1</sup>fruit without money,  
Or have <sup>b</sup>caused <sup>2</sup>its owners to lose their lives,  
40 Let <sup>a</sup>briars <sup>1</sup>grow instead of wheat,  
And stinkweed instead of barley."
- The words of Job are ended.

CHAPTER 32

**T**HEN these three men ceased answering Job, because he was <sup>a</sup>righteous in his own eyes.

2 But the anger of Elihu the son of Barachel the Buzite, of the family of Ram burned; against Job his anger burned, <sup>a</sup>because he justified himself <sup>1b</sup>before God.

3 And his anger burned against his three friends because they had found no answer, and yet had condemned Job.

4 Now Elihu had waited <sup>1</sup>to speak to Job because they were years older than he.

5 And when Elihu saw that there was no answer in the mouth of the three men his anger burned.

6 So Elihu the son of Barachel the Buzite <sup>1</sup>spoke out and said,

"I am young in years and you are <sup>a</sup>old;  
Therefore I was shy and afraid to tell you <sup>2</sup>what I think.

7 "I <sup>1</sup>thought <sup>2</sup>age should speak,  
And <sup>3</sup>increased years should teach wisdom.

8 "But it is a spirit in man,  
And the <sup>a</sup>breath of the Almighty gives them <sup>b</sup>understanding.

9 "The <sup>1</sup>abundant *in years* may not be wise,  
Nor may <sup>a</sup>elders understand justice.

10 "So I <sup>1</sup>say, 'Listen to me,  
I too will tell <sup>2</sup>what I think.'

11 "Behold, I waited for your words,  
I listened to your reasonings,  
While you <sup>1</sup>pondered what to say.

12 "I even paid close attention to you,  
<sup>1</sup>Indeed, there was no one who refuted Job,  
Not one of you who answered his words.

13 "'Do not say,  
'We have found wisdom;  
God will <sup>2</sup>rout him, not man.'

34 <sup>a</sup>Ex. 23:2

35 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *mark*  
<sup>a</sup>Job. 19:7; 30:20, 24, 28;  
35:14 <sup>b</sup>Job 27:7

37 <sup>a</sup>Job 31:4 <sup>b</sup>Job 1:3;  
29:25

38 <sup>a</sup>Job 24:2

39 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *strength* <sup>2</sup>Lit.,  
*the soul of its owners to*  
*expire*  
<sup>a</sup>Job 24:6, 10-12; James 5:4  
<sup>b</sup>1 Kin. 21:19

40 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *come forth*  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 5:6; Job 32:13

1 <sup>a</sup>Job 10:7; 13:18; 27:2;  
31:6

2 <sup>1</sup>Or, *more than*  
<sup>a</sup>Job 27:5, 6 <sup>b</sup>Job 30:21

4 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *for Job with*  
*words, or possibly, while*  
*they were speaking with*  
*Job*

6 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *answered* <sup>2</sup>Lit.,  
*my knowledge*  
<sup>a</sup>Job 15:10

7 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *said* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *days*  
<sup>1</sup>Lit., *many*

8 <sup>a</sup>Job 33:4 <sup>b</sup>Job 38:36

9 <sup>1</sup>Or, *nobles*  
<sup>a</sup>Job 32:7

10 <sup>1</sup>Or, *said* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *my*  
*knowledge*

11 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *searched out*  
*words*

12 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *Behold*

13 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *Lest you say*  
<sup>2</sup>Lit., *drive away*

14 <sup>1</sup>Lit., words

15 <sup>1</sup>Lit., moved away from

16 <sup>1</sup>Lit., stand

21 <sup>a</sup>Job 13:8, 10; 34:19; Lev. 19:15

2 <sup>1</sup>Lit., palate

3 <sup>a</sup>Job 6:28; 27:4; 36:4

4 <sup>1</sup>Heb., Shaddai  
<sup>a</sup>Job 10:3; 32:8 <sup>b</sup>Job 27:3

5 <sup>a</sup>Job 33:32

6 <sup>1</sup>Lit., cut out of  
<sup>a</sup>Job 4:19

9 <sup>a</sup>Job 6:10; 9:21; 10:7; 13:18; 16:17 <sup>b</sup>Job 7:21; 13:23; 14:17 <sup>c</sup>Job 10:14

10 <sup>1</sup>Lit., finds  
<sup>a</sup>Job 13:24

11 <sup>a</sup>Job 13:27

12 <sup>1</sup>Lit., answer

13 <sup>a</sup>Job 40:2; Is. 45:9

14 <sup>a</sup>Job 33:29; 40:5; Ps. 62:11

15 <sup>a</sup>Job 33:15-18; 4:12-17

- 14 "For he has not arranged *his* words against me;  
Nor will I reply to him with your <sup>1</sup>arguments.
- 15 "They are dismayed, they answer no more;  
Words have <sup>1</sup>failed them.
- 16 "And shall I wait, because they do not speak,  
Because they <sup>1</sup>stop *and* answer no more?
- 17 "I too will answer my share,  
I also will tell my opinion.
- 18 "For I am full of words;  
The spirit within me constrains me.
- 19 "Behold, my belly is like unvented wine,  
Like new wineskins it is about to burst.
- 20 "Let me speak that I may get relief;  
Let me open my lips and answer.
- 21 "Let me now <sup>a</sup>be partial to no one;  
Nor flatter *any* man.
- 22 "For I do not know how to flatter,  
*Else* my Maker would soon take me away.

CHAPTER 33

- "HOWEVER now, Job, please hear my speech,  
And listen to all my words.
- 2 "Behold now, I open my mouth,  
My tongue in my <sup>1</sup>mouth speaks.
- 3 "My words are *from* the uprightness of my heart;  
And my lips speak <sup>a</sup>knowledge sincerely.
- 4 "The <sup>a</sup>Spirit of God has made me,  
And the <sup>b</sup>breath of <sup>1</sup>the Almighty gives me life.
- 5 "<sup>a</sup>Refute me if you can;  
Array yourselves before me, take your stand.
- 6 "Behold, I belong to God like you;  
I too have been <sup>1</sup>formed out of the <sup>a</sup>clay.
- 7 "Behold, no fear of me should terrify you,  
Nor should my pressure weigh heavily on you.
- 8 "Surely you have spoken in my hearing,  
And I have heard the sound of *your* words:
- 9 'I am <sup>a</sup>pure, <sup>b</sup>without transgression;  
I am innocent and there <sup>c</sup>is no guilt in me.
- 10 'Behold, He <sup>1</sup>invents pretexts against me;  
He <sup>a</sup>counts me as His enemy.
- 11 'He <sup>a</sup>puts my feet in the stocks;  
He watches all my paths.'
- 12 "Behold, let me <sup>1</sup>tell you, you are not right in this,  
For God is greater than man.
- 13 "Why do you <sup>a</sup>complain against Him,  
That He does not give an account of all His doings?
- 14 "Indeed <sup>a</sup>God speaks once,  
Or twice, *yet* no one notices it.
- 15 "In a <sup>a</sup>dream, a vision of the night,  
When sound sleep falls on men,  
While they slumber in their beds,

**Elihu: "Man Is Chastened."  
"Choose for Ourselves What Is Right."**

**Job 33, 34**

- 16 Then <sup>a</sup>He opens the ears of men,  
And seals their instruction,  
17 That He may turn man aside *from his* conduct,  
And <sup>l</sup>keep man from pride;  
18 He <sup>a</sup>keeps back his soul from the pit,  
And his life from <sup>l</sup>passing over <sup>b</sup>into Sheol.
- 19 "Man is also chastened with <sup>a</sup>pain on his bed,  
And with unceasing complaint in his bones;  
20 So that his life <sup>a</sup>loathes bread,  
And his soul favorite food.  
21 "His <sup>a</sup>flesh wastes away from sight,  
And his <sup>b</sup>bones which were not seen stick out.  
22 "Then <sup>a</sup>his soul draws near to the pit,  
And his life to those who bring death.
- 23 "If there is an angel *as* <sup>a</sup>mediator for him,  
One out of a thousand,  
To remind a man what is <sup>l</sup>right for him,  
24 Then let him be gracious to him, and say,  
'Deliver him from <sup>a</sup>going down to the pit,  
I have found a <sup>b</sup>ransom;'  
25 Let his flesh become fresher than in youth,  
Let him return to the days of his youthful vigor;  
26 Then he will <sup>a</sup>pray to God, and He will accept him,  
That <sup>b</sup>he may see His face with joy,  
And He may restore His righteousness to man.  
27 "He will <sup>a</sup>sing to men and say,  
'I <sup>b</sup>have sinned and perverted what is right,  
And it is not <sup>c</sup>proper for me.  
28 'He has redeemed my soul from going to the pit,  
And my life shall <sup>a</sup>see the light.'
- 29 "Behold, God does <sup>a</sup>all these <sup>l</sup>oftentimes with men,  
30 To <sup>a</sup>bring back his soul from the pit,  
That he may be enlightened with the light of life.  
31 "Pay attention, O Job, listen to me;  
Keep silent and let me speak.  
32 "Then if <sup>l</sup>you have anything to say, answer me;  
Speak, for I desire to justify you.  
33 "If not, listen to me;  
Keep silent, and I will teach you wisdom."

CHAPTER 34

- T**HEN Elihu continued and said,  
2 "Hear my words, you wise men,  
And listen to me, you who know.  
3 "For <sup>a</sup>the ear tests words,  
As the palate tastes food.  
4 "Let us choose for ourselves what is right;  
Let us know among ourselves what is good.  
5 "For Job has said, '<sup>a</sup>I am righteous,  
But <sup>b</sup>God has taken away my right;

16 <sup>a</sup>Job 36:10, 15

17 <sup>l</sup>Lit., *hide*

18 <sup>l</sup>M.T., *perishing by the sword*  
<sup>a</sup>Job 33:22, 24, 28, 30 <sup>b</sup>Job 15:22

19 <sup>l</sup>Lit., *He*  
<sup>a</sup>Job 30:17

20 <sup>a</sup>Job 3:24; 6:7; Ps. 107:18

21 <sup>a</sup>Job 16:8 <sup>b</sup>Job 19:20; Ps. 22:17

22 <sup>a</sup>Job 33:18, 28

23 <sup>l</sup>Lit., *his uprightness*  
<sup>a</sup>Gen. 40:8

24 <sup>a</sup>Job 33:18, 28; Is. 38:17 <sup>b</sup>Job 36:18; Ps. 49:7

26 <sup>a</sup>Job 22:27; 34:28 <sup>b</sup>Job 22:26

27 <sup>a</sup>Job 8:21 <sup>b2</sup> Sam. 12:13; Luke 15:21 <sup>c</sup>Rom. 6:21

28 <sup>a</sup>Job 22:28

29 <sup>l</sup>Lit., *twice, three times*  
<sup>a</sup>Eph. 1:11; Phil. 2:13

30 <sup>a</sup>Job 33:18

32 <sup>l</sup>Lit., *there are words*

3 <sup>a</sup>Job 12:11

5 <sup>a</sup>Job 13:18 <sup>b</sup>Job 27:2

6 <sup>1</sup>Or, *Although I am right I am accounted a liar*  
<sup>2</sup>Lit., *arrow*  
<sup>3</sup>Job 6:4

7 <sup>4</sup>Job 15:16

8 <sup>5</sup>Job 22:15

9 <sup>1</sup>Or, *takes delight in God*  
<sup>2</sup>Job 21:15; 35:3; Ps. 50:18

10 <sup>6</sup>Job 34:12; 8:3

11 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *a man*  
<sup>2</sup>Job 34:25; Ps. 62:12; Prov. 24:12; Jer. 32:19; Ezek. 33:20; Matt. 16:27; Rom. 2:6; 2 Cor. 5:10; Rev. 22:12

12 <sup>7</sup>Job 34:10

13 <sup>8</sup>Job 38:4 <sup>9</sup>Job 38:5

14 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *set His mind on Himself*  
<sup>2</sup>Job 12:10; Ps. 104:29

15 <sup>3</sup>Job 9:22; Gen. 7:21  
<sup>4</sup>Job 10:9; Gen. 3:19

17 <sup>5</sup>Job 34:30; 2 Sam. 23:3  
<sup>6</sup>Job 40:8

19 <sup>1</sup>Lev. 19:15; Deut. 10:17; 2 Chr. 19:7; Acts 10:34; Rom. 2:11; Gal. 2:6; Eph. 6:9; Col. 3:25; 1 Pet. 1:17 <sup>2</sup>Job 10:3

20 <sup>3</sup>Job 34:25; Job 36:20;  
<sup>4</sup>Ex. 12:29 <sup>5</sup>Job 12:19

21 <sup>6</sup>Job 29:23; 31:4; Prov. 5:21; 15:3; Jer. 16:17

22 <sup>7</sup>Ps. 139:11, 12; Amos 9:2, 3

23 <sup>8</sup>Job 11:11

24 <sup>9</sup>Job 12:19

25 <sup>10</sup>Job 34:11 <sup>11</sup>Job 34:20

26 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *In the place of the ones seeing*  
<sup>2</sup>Ps. 9:5; 11:5

27 <sup>3</sup>1 Sam. 15:11 <sup>4</sup>Job 21:14

28 <sup>5</sup>Job 35:9 <sup>6</sup>Job 22:27;  
<sup>7</sup>Ex. 22:23

6 <sup>1</sup>Should I lie concerning my right?  
 My <sup>2</sup>wound is incurable, *though I am* without transgression.'

7 "What man is like Job,  
 Who <sup>3</sup>drinks up derision like water,

8 Who goes <sup>4</sup>in company with the workers of iniquity,  
 And walks with wicked men?

9 "For he has said, '<sup>5</sup>It profits a man nothing  
 When he <sup>1</sup>is pleased with God.'

10 "Therefore, listen to me, you men of understanding.  
 Far be it from God to <sup>6</sup>do wickedness,  
 And from the Almighty to do wrong.

11 "For He pays a man according to <sup>7</sup>his work,  
 And makes <sup>1</sup>him find it according to his way.

12 "Surely, <sup>8</sup>God will not act wickedly,  
 And the Almighty will not pervert justice.

13 "Who <sup>9</sup>gave Him authority over the earth?  
 And who <sup>2</sup>has laid on Him the whole world?

14 "If He should <sup>3</sup>determine to do so,  
 If He should <sup>4</sup>gather to Himself His spirit and His  
 breath,

15 All <sup>5</sup>flesh would perish together,  
 And man would <sup>6</sup>return to dust.

16 "But if you *have* understanding, hear this;  
 Listen to the sound of my words.

17 "Shall <sup>7</sup>one who hates justice rule?  
 And <sup>8</sup>will you condemn a righteous mighty one,

18 Who says to a king, 'Worthless one,'  
 To nobles, 'Wicked ones';

19 Who shows no <sup>9</sup>partiality to princes,  
 Nor regards the rich above the poor,  
 For they all are the <sup>10</sup>work of His hands?

20 "In a moment they die, and <sup>11</sup>at midnight  
 People are shaken and pass away,  
 And <sup>12</sup>the mighty are taken away without a hand.

21 "For <sup>13</sup>His eyes are upon the ways of a man,  
 And He sees all his steps.

22 "There is <sup>14</sup>no darkness or deep shadow  
 Where the workers of iniquity may hide themselves.

23 "For He does not <sup>15</sup>need to consider a man further,  
 That he should go before God in judgment.

24 "He breaks in pieces <sup>16</sup>mighty men without inquiry,  
 And sets others in their place.

25 "Therefore He <sup>17</sup>knows their works,  
 And <sup>18</sup>He overthrows *them* in the night,  
 And they are crushed.

26 "He <sup>19</sup>strikes them like the wicked  
<sup>20</sup>In a public place,

27 Because they <sup>21</sup>turned aside from following Him,  
 And <sup>22</sup>had no regard for any of His ways;

28 So that they caused <sup>23</sup>the cry of the poor to come to Him,  
 And that He might <sup>24</sup>hear the cry of the afflicted—

29 When He keeps quiet, who then can condemn?



- And when He hides His face, who then can behold Him,  
That is, in regard to both nation and man?—
- 30 So that <sup>a</sup>godless men should not rule,  
Nor be snares of the people.
- 31 "For has any one said to God,  
'I have <sup>a</sup>borne *chastisement*;  
I will not offend *any more*;  
32 Teach Thou me what I do not see;  
If I have <sup>a</sup>done iniquity,  
I will do it no more'?
- 33 "Shall He <sup>a</sup>recompense on your terms, because you have  
rejected it?  
For you must choose, and not I;  
Therefore declare what you know.
- 34 "Men of understanding will say to me,  
And a wise man who hears me,  
35 'Job <sup>a</sup>speaks without knowledge,  
And his words are without wisdom.  
36 'Job ought to be tried <sup>1</sup>to the limit,  
Because he answers <sup>a</sup>like wicked men.  
37 'For he adds <sup>a</sup>rebellion to his sin;  
He <sup>b</sup>claps his hands among us,  
And multiplies his words against God.' "

30 <sup>a</sup>Job 34:17; 5:15; 20:5

31 <sup>a</sup>Job 33:27

32 <sup>a</sup>Job 33:27

33 <sup>a</sup>Job 41:11

35 <sup>a</sup>Job 35:16

36 <sup>1</sup>Or, *to the end*  
<sup>a</sup>Job 22:15

37 <sup>a</sup>Job 23:2 <sup>b</sup>Job 27:23

2 <sup>a</sup>Job 27:2

3 <sup>1</sup>Or, *you*  
<sup>a</sup>Job 34:9 <sup>b</sup>Job 9:30, 31

CHAPTER 35

- THEN Elihu continued and said,
- 2 "Do you think this is according to <sup>a</sup>justice?  
Do you say, 'My righteousness is more than God's'?
- 3 "For you say, <sup>a</sup>'What advantage will it be to <sup>1</sup>You?  
<sup>b</sup>'What profit shall I have, more than if I had sinned'?
- 4 "I will answer you,  
And your friends with you.
- 5 <sup>a</sup>'Look at the heavens and see;  
And behold <sup>b</sup>the clouds—they are higher than you.
- 6 "If you have sinned, <sup>a</sup>what do you accomplish against  
Him?  
And if your transgressions are many, what do you do to  
Him?
- 7 "If you are righteous, <sup>a</sup>what do you give to Him?  
Or what does He receive from your hand?
- 8 "Your wickedness is for a man like yourself,  
And your righteousness is for a son of man.
- 9 "Because of the multitude of oppressions they cry out;  
They cry for help because of the arm <sup>a</sup>of the mighty.
- 10 "But <sup>a</sup>no one says, 'Where is God my Maker,  
Who <sup>b</sup>gives songs in the night,  
11 Who <sup>a</sup>teaches us more than the beasts of the earth,  
And makes us wiser than the birds of the heavens?'
- 12 "There they cry out, but He does not answer  
Because of the pride of evil men.
- 13 "Surely <sup>a</sup>God will not listen to <sup>1</sup>an empty cry,  
Nor will the Almighty regard it.

5 <sup>a</sup>Gen. 15:5; Ps. 8:3  
<sup>b</sup>Job 22:12

6 <sup>a</sup>Job 7:20; Prov. 8:36;  
Jer. 7:19

7 <sup>a</sup>Job 22:2, 3; Prov. 9:12;  
Luke 17:10

9 <sup>a</sup>Job 12:19

10 <sup>a</sup>Job 24:14; 27:10; 36:13  
<sup>b</sup>Job 8:21; Ps. 42:8; 77:6;  
149:5; Acts 16:25

11 <sup>a</sup>Job 36:22; Ps. 94:12;  
Jer. 32:33

13 <sup>1</sup>Or, *falsehood*  
<sup>a</sup>Job 27:9; Prov. 15:29; Is.  
1:15; Jer. 11:11; Mic. 3:4

14 <sup>a</sup>Job 9:11; 23:8, 9 <sup>b</sup>Job 31:35

15 <sup>1</sup>Or, *arrogance*

16 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *vainly*  
<sup>a</sup>Job 34:35

2 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *are yet words for God*

3 <sup>a</sup>Job 8:3; 37:23

4 <sup>a</sup>Job 33:3 <sup>b</sup>Job 37:16

5 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 22:24; 69:33;  
102:17 <sup>b</sup>Job 12:13

6 <sup>a</sup>Job 8:22; 34:26 <sup>b</sup>Job 5:15

7 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 33:18; 34:15 <sup>b</sup>Job 5:11; Ps. 113:8

8 <sup>a</sup>Job 36:15, 21

9 <sup>a</sup>Job 15:25

10 <sup>a</sup>Job 36:15; 33:16 <sup>b</sup>Job 36:21; 2 Kin. 17:13; Jon. 3:8

12 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *pass away*  
<sup>a</sup>Job 15:22 <sup>b</sup>Job 4:21

14 <sup>1</sup>Or, *Their soul dies*  
<sup>a</sup>Deut. 23:17

15 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *his* <sup>2</sup>Or, *in adversity*  
<sup>a</sup>Job 36:8, 21 <sup>b</sup>Job 36:10

16 <sup>1</sup>Or, *rich food*  
<sup>a</sup>Hos. 2:14

17 <sup>a</sup>Job 22:5, 10, 11

18 <sup>a</sup>Job 34:33; Jon. 4:4, 9  
<sup>b</sup>Job 33:24

19 <sup>1</sup>Or, *cry*

20 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *go up*  
<sup>a</sup>Job 34:20, 25

- 14 "How much less when <sup>a</sup>you say you do not behold Him,  
The <sup>b</sup>case is before Him, and you must wait for Him!  
15 "And now, because He has not visited *in* His anger,  
Nor has He acknowledged <sup>1</sup>transgression well,  
16 So Job opens his mouth <sup>1</sup>emptily;  
He multiplies words <sup>a</sup>without knowledge."

CHAPTER 36

- T**HEN Elihu continued and said,  
2 "Wait for me a little, and I will show you  
That there <sup>1</sup>is yet more to be said in God's behalf.  
3 "I will fetch my knowledge from afar,  
And I will ascribe <sup>a</sup>righteousness to my Maker.  
4 "For truly <sup>a</sup>my words are not false;  
One who is <sup>b</sup>perfect in knowledge is with you.  
5 "Behold, God is mighty but does not <sup>a</sup>despise *any*;  
*He is* <sup>b</sup>mighty in strength of understanding.  
6 "He does not <sup>a</sup>keep the wicked alive,  
But gives justice to <sup>b</sup>the afflicted.  
7 "He does not <sup>a</sup>withdraw His eyes from the righteous;  
But <sup>b</sup>with kings on the throne  
He has seated them forever, and they are exalted.  
8 "And if they are bound in fetters,  
And are caught in the cords of <sup>a</sup>affliction,  
9 Then he declares to them their work  
And their transgressions, that they have <sup>a</sup>magnified  
themselves.  
10 "And <sup>a</sup>He opens their ear to instruction,  
And <sup>b</sup>commands that they return from evil.  
11 "If they hear and serve *Him*,  
They shall end their days in prosperity,  
And their years in pleasures.  
12 "But if they do not hear, they shall <sup>1</sup>perish <sup>a</sup>by the sword,  
And they shall <sup>b</sup>die without knowledge.  
13 "But the godless in heart lay up anger;  
They do not cry for help when He binds them.  
14 "They die in youth,  
And their life *perishes* among the <sup>a</sup>cult prostitutes.  
15 "He delivers the afflicted in <sup>1</sup>their <sup>a</sup>affliction,  
And <sup>b</sup>opens their ear <sup>2</sup>in *time of oppression*.  
16 "Then indeed, He <sup>a</sup>enticed you from the mouth of  
distress,  
Instead of it, a broad place with no constraint;  
And that which was set on your table was full of <sup>1</sup>fatness.  
17 "But you were full of <sup>a</sup>judgment on the wicked;  
Judgment and justice take hold of *you*.  
18 "*Beware* lest <sup>a</sup>wrath entice you to scoffing;  
And do not let the greatness of the <sup>b</sup>ransom turn you  
aside.  
19 "Will your <sup>1</sup>riches keep you from distress,  
Or all the forces of <sup>your</sup> strength?  
20 "Do not long for <sup>a</sup>the night,  
When people <sup>1</sup>vanish in their place.

- 21 "Be careful, do <sup>a</sup>not turn to evil;  
For you have preferred this to <sup>b</sup>affliction.
- 22 "Behold, God is exalted in His power;  
Who is a <sup>a</sup>teacher like Him?
- 23 "Who has appointed Him His way,  
And who has said, <sup>a</sup>"Thou hast done wrong'?
- 24 "Remember that you should exalt His work,  
Of which men have <sup>a</sup>sung.
- 25 "All men have seen it;  
Man beholds from afar.
- 26 "Behold, God is <sup>a</sup>exalted, and we do not know *Him*;  
The <sup>b</sup>number of His years is unsearchable.
- 27 "For <sup>a</sup>He draws up the drops of water,  
They distill rain from <sup>1</sup>the <sup>2</sup>mist,
- 28 Which the clouds pour down,  
They drip upon man abundantly.
- 29 "Can anyone understand the <sup>a</sup>spreading of the clouds,  
The <sup>b</sup>thundering of His <sup>1</sup>pavilion?
- 30 "Behold, He spreads His <sup>1</sup>lightning about Him,  
And He covers the depths of the sea.
- 31 "For by these He <sup>a</sup>judges peoples;  
He <sup>b</sup>gives food in abundance.
- 32 "He covers *His* hands with the <sup>1</sup>lightning,  
And <sup>a</sup>commands it to strike the mark.
- 33 "Its <sup>a</sup>noise declares <sup>1</sup>His presence;  
The cattle also, concerning what is coming up.

CHAPTER 37

- "**A**T this also my heart trembles,  
And leaps from its place.
- 2 "Listen closely to the <sup>a</sup>thunder of His voice,  
And the rumbling that goes out from His mouth.
- 3 "Under the whole heaven He lets it loose,  
And His <sup>1</sup>lightning to the <sup>a</sup>ends of the earth.
- 4 "After it, a voice roars;  
He thunders with His majestic voice;  
And He does not restrain <sup>1</sup>*the lightnings* when His voice  
is heard.
- 5 "God <sup>a</sup>thunders with His voice wondrously,  
Doing <sup>b</sup>great things which we cannot comprehend.
- 6 "For to <sup>a</sup>the snow He says, 'Fall on the earth,'  
And to the <sup>1</sup>downpour and the rain, 'Be strong.'
- 7 "He <sup>a</sup>seals the hand of every man,  
That all men may know His work.
- 8 "Then the beast goes into its <sup>a</sup>lair,  
And remains in its <sup>1</sup>den.
- 9 "Out of the <sup>1</sup>south comes the storm,  
And out of the <sup>2</sup>north the cold.
- 10 "From the breath of God <sup>a</sup>ice is made,  
And the expanse of the waters is frozen.
- 11 "Also with moisture He <sup>a</sup>loads the thick cloud;  
He <sup>b</sup>disperses <sup>c</sup>the cloud of His <sup>1</sup>lightning.
- 12 "And it changes direction, turning around by His guid-  
ance,

- 21 <sup>a</sup>Job 36:10; Ps. 31:6;  
66:18 <sup>b</sup>Job 36:8, 15
- 22 <sup>a</sup>Job 35:11
- 23 <sup>a</sup>Job 8:3
- 24 <sup>a</sup>Ex. 15:1; Judg. 5:1;  
1 Chr. 16:9; Ps. 59:16; 138:5
- 26 <sup>a</sup>Job 11:7-9; 37:23 <sup>b</sup>Job  
10:5; Ps. 90:2; 102:24; 27
- 27 <sup>1</sup>Lit., its <sup>2</sup>Or, flood  
<sup>a</sup>Job 36:26-29; 5:10; 37:6,  
11; 38:28; Ps. 147:8
- 29 <sup>1</sup>Lit., booth  
<sup>a</sup>Job 37:11, 16 <sup>b</sup>Job 26:14
- 30 <sup>1</sup>Lit., light
- 31 <sup>a</sup>Job 37:13 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 104:27;  
136:25; Acts 14:17
- 32 <sup>1</sup>Lit., light  
<sup>a</sup>Job 37:11, 12, 15
- 33 <sup>1</sup>Lit., concerning *Him*  
<sup>a</sup>Job 37:2
- 2 <sup>a</sup>Job 36:33; 37:4, 5; Ps.  
29:3-9
- 3 <sup>1</sup>Lit., light  
<sup>a</sup>Job 37:12; 28:24, 38:13
- 4 <sup>1</sup>Lit., them
- 5 <sup>a</sup>Job 26:14 <sup>b</sup>Job 37:14,  
16, 23; 5:9
- 6 <sup>1</sup>Lit., shower of rain  
and shower of rains  
<sup>a</sup>Job 38:22 <sup>b</sup>Job 36:27
- 7 <sup>a</sup>Job 12:14
- 8 <sup>1</sup>Lit., dens  
<sup>a</sup>Job 38:40; Ps. 104:22
- 9 <sup>1</sup>Lit., chamber <sup>2</sup>Lit.,  
scattering winds  
<sup>a</sup>Job 9:9
- 10 <sup>a</sup>Job 38:29; Ps. 147:17
- 11 <sup>1</sup>Lit., light  
<sup>a</sup>Job 36:27 <sup>b</sup>Job 36:29 <sup>c</sup>Job  
37:15

**Elihu Exhorts Job to Consider the Wonders of God.  
God Speaks of Job's Ignorance.**

**Job 37, 38**

12 <sup>1</sup>Lit., they <sup>2</sup>Lit., them  
<sup>a</sup>Job 36:32; Ps. 148:8 <sup>b</sup>Is.  
14:21; 27:6

13 <sup>1</sup>Lit., the rod <sup>2</sup>Lit., be  
found  
<sup>a</sup>Ex. 9:18, 23; 1 Sam. 12:18,  
19 <sup>b</sup>Job 38:26, 27 <sup>c</sup>1 Kin.  
18:45

15 <sup>1</sup>Lit., light

16 <sup>a</sup>Job 37:5, 14, 23 <sup>b</sup>Job  
36:4

18 <sup>a</sup>Job 9:8; Ps. 104:2; Is.  
45:12; Jer. 10:12; Zech. 12:1

19 <sup>a</sup>Job 9:14; Rom. 8:26

20 <sup>1</sup>Or, If a man speak,  
surely he shall be  
swallowed up

21 <sup>1</sup>Lit., they

23 <sup>a</sup>Job 11:7, 8; Rom.  
11:13; 1 Tim. 8:16 <sup>b</sup>Job 9:4;  
36:5 <sup>c</sup>Is. 63:9; Nah. 1:12;  
Lam. 3:33 <sup>d</sup>Job 8:3

24 <sup>a</sup>Job 5:13; 1 Cor. 1:26

1 <sup>a</sup>Job 40:6

2 <sup>a</sup>Job 35:16; 42:3

3 <sup>a</sup>Job 40:7 <sup>b</sup>Job 42:4

4 <sup>1</sup>Lit., know  
understanding  
<sup>a</sup>Job 15:7; Ps. 104:5; Prov.  
30:4

5 <sup>a</sup>Prov. 8:29; Is. 40:12

6 <sup>a</sup>Job. 26:7

7 <sup>a</sup>Job 1:6

10 <sup>1</sup>Lit., broke My decree  
on it  
<sup>a</sup>Gen. 1:9; Ps. 33:7; 104:9;  
Prov. 8:29; Jer. 5:22

- That <sup>1</sup>it may do whatever He <sup>a</sup>commands <sup>2</sup>it  
On the <sup>b</sup>face of the inhabited earth.
- 13 "Whether for <sup>1a</sup>correction, or for <sup>b</sup>His world,  
Or for <sup>c</sup>lovingkindness, He causes it to <sup>2</sup>happen.
- 14 "Listen to this, O Job,  
Stand and consider the wonders of God.
- 15 "Do you know how God establishes them,  
And makes the <sup>1</sup>lightning of His cloud to shine?
- 16 "Do you know about the layers of the thick clouds,  
The <sup>a</sup>wonders of one <sup>b</sup>perfect in knowledge,
- 17 You whose garments are hot,  
When the land is still because of the south wind?
- 18 "Can you, with Him, <sup>a</sup>spread out the skies,  
Strong as a molten mirror?
- 19 "Teach us what we shall say to Him;  
We <sup>a</sup>cannot arrange *our case* because of darkness.
- 20 "Shall it be told Him that I would speak?  
<sup>1</sup>Or should a man say that he would be swallowed up?
- 21 "And now <sup>1</sup>men do not see the light which is bright in the  
skies;  
But the wind has passed and cleared them.
- 22 "Out of the north comes golden *splendor*;  
Around God is awesome majesty.
- 23 "The Almighty—<sup>a</sup>we cannot find Him;  
He is <sup>b</sup>exalted in power;  
And <sup>c</sup>He will not do violence <sup>d</sup>to justice and abundant  
righteousness.
- 24 "Therefore men fear Him;  
He does not <sup>a</sup>regard any who are wise of heart."

CHAPTER 38

- T**HEN the LORD <sup>a</sup>answered Job out of the whirlwind and said,
- 2 "Who is this that <sup>a</sup>darkens counsel  
By words without knowledge?
- 3 "Now <sup>a</sup>gird up your loins like a man,  
And <sup>b</sup>I will ask you, and you instruct Me!
- 4 "Where were you <sup>a</sup>when I laid the foundation of the  
earth!  
Tell Me, if you <sup>1</sup>have understanding,
- 5 Who set its <sup>a</sup>measurements, since you know?  
Or who stretched the line on it?
- 6 "On what <sup>a</sup>were its bases sunk?  
Or who laid its cornerstone,
- 7 When the morning stars sang together,  
And all the <sup>a</sup>sons of God shouted for joy?
- 8 "Or *who* enclosed the sea with doors,  
When, bursting forth, it went out from the womb;
- 9 When I made a cloud its garment,  
And thick darkness its swaddling band,
- 10 And I <sup>1a</sup>placed boundaries on it,  
And I set a bolt and doors,

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| <p>11 And I said, 'Thus far you shall come, but no farther;<br/>And here shall your proud waves stop?'</p>                           | <p>12 <sup>1</sup>Lit., <i>from your days</i></p>  |
| <p>12 "Have you <sup>1</sup>ever in your life commanded the morning,<br/>And caused the dawn to know its place;</p>                  | <p>13 <sup>a</sup>Job 28:24; 37:3 <sup>b</sup>Job 34:25, 26; 36:6</p>                                    |
| <p>13 That it might take hold of <sup>a</sup>the ends of the earth,<br/>And <sup>b</sup>the wicked be shaken out of it?</p>          | <p>15 <sup>a</sup>Job 5:14 <sup>b</sup>Num. 15:30; Ps. 10:15; 37:17</p>                                  |
| <p>14 "It is changed like clay <i>under</i> the seal;<br/>And they stand forth like a garment.</p>                                   | <p>16 <sup>1</sup>Or, <i>in search of</i><br/><sup>a</sup>Gen. 7:11; 8:2; Prov. 8:24, 28</p>             |
| <p>15 "And <sup>a</sup>from the wicked their light is withheld,<br/>And the <sup>b</sup>uplifted arm is broken.</p>                  | <p>17 <sup>a</sup>Job 10:21; 26:6; 34:22</p>   |
| <p>16 "Have you entered into <sup>a</sup>the springs of the sea?<br/>Or have you walked <sup>1</sup>in the recesses of the deep?</p> | <p>18 <sup>1</sup>Or, <i>width</i><br/><sup>a</sup>Job 28:24</p>   |
| <p>17 "Have the gates of death been revealed to you?<br/>Or have you seen the gates of <sup>a</sup>deep darkness?</p>                | <p>20 <sup>1</sup>Lit., <i>house</i><br/><sup>a</sup>Job 26:10</p>                                       |
| <p>18 "Have you understood the <sup>1</sup>expanse of <sup>a</sup>the earth?<br/>Tell Me, if you know all this.</p>                  | <p>21 <sup>a</sup>Job 15:7</p>   |
| <p>19 "Where is the way to the dwelling of light?<br/>And darkness, where is its place,</p>  | <p>22 <sup>a</sup>Job 37:6 <sup>b</sup>Ex. 9:18; Josh. 10:11; Is. 30:30; Ezek. 13:11, 13; Rev. 16:21</p> |
| <p>20 That you may take it to <sup>a</sup>its territory,<br/>And that you may discern the paths to its <sup>1</sup>home?</p>         | <p>24 <sup>a</sup>Job 26:10</p>  |
| <p>21 "You know, for <sup>a</sup>you were born then,<br/>And the number of your days is great!</p>                                   | <p>26 <sup>1</sup>Lit., <i>man</i><br/><sup>a</sup>Job 36:27</p>   |
| <p>22 "Have you entered the storehouses <sup>a</sup>of the snow,<br/>Or have you seen the storehouses of the <sup>b</sup>hail,</p>   | <p>27 <sup>1</sup>Or, <i>growth</i><br/><sup>a</sup>Ps. 104:13, 14</p>                                   |
| <p>23 Which I have reserved for the time of distress,<br/>For the day of war and battle?</p>   | <p>28 <sup>a</sup>Job 36:27, 28; Ps. 147:8; Jer. 14:22</p>   |
| <p>24 "Where is the way that <sup>a</sup>the light is divided,<br/>Or the east wind scattered on the earth?</p>                      | <p>29 <sup>a</sup>Job 37:10; Ps. 147:17</p>  |
| <p>25 "Who has cleft a channel for the flood,<br/>Or a way for the thunderbolt;</p>  | <p>30 <sup>1</sup>Lit., <i>hides itself</i></p>  |
| <p>26 To bring <sup>a</sup>rain on a land without <sup>1</sup>people,<br/>On a desert without a man in it,</p>                       | <p>31 <sup>a</sup>Job 9:9; Amos 5:8</p>  |
| <p>27 To <sup>a</sup>satisfy the waste and desolate land,<br/>And to make the <sup>1</sup>seeds of grass to sprout?</p>              | <p>32 <sup>1</sup>Lit., <i>Mazzaroth</i> <sup>2</sup>Lit., <i>sons</i></p>                               |
| <p>28 "Has <sup>a</sup>the rain a father?<br/>Or who has begotten the drops of dew?</p>  | <p>33 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 148:6; Jer. 31:35, 36</p>  |
| <p>29 "From whose womb has come the <sup>a</sup>ice?<br/>And the frost of heaven, who has given it birth?</p>                        | <p>34 <sup>a</sup>Job 38:37; 22:11; 36:27, 28</p>  |
| <p>30 "Water <sup>1</sup>becomes hard like stone,<br/>And the surface of the deep is imprisoned.</p>                                 | <p>35 <sup>a</sup>Job 36:32; 37:3</p>  |
| <p>31 "Can you bind the chains of the <sup>a</sup>Pleiades,<br/>Or loose the cords of Orion?</p>                                     |  |
| <p>32 "Can you lead forth a <sup>1</sup>constellation in its season,<br/>And guide the Bear with her <sup>2</sup>satellites?</p>     |  |
| <p>33 "Do you know the <sup>a</sup>ordinances of the heavens,<br/>Or fix their rule over the earth?</p>                              |  |
| <p>34 "Can you lift up your voice to the clouds,<br/>So that an <sup>a</sup>abundance of water may cover you?</p>                    |  |
| <p>35 "Can you <sup>a</sup>send forth lightnings that they may go<br/>And say to you, 'Here we are?'</p>                             |  |

36 <sup>1</sup>Or, *cock*  
<sup>a</sup>Job 9:4; Ps. 51:6; Eccles.  
 2:26 <sup>b</sup>Job 32:8

37 <sup>a</sup>Job 38:34

39 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 104:21

40 <sup>a</sup>Job 37:8

41 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 147:9; Matt 6:26;  
 Luke 12:24

<sup>1</sup> Lit., *goats of the rock*  
<sup>a</sup>Deut. 14:5; 1 Sam. 24:2;  
 Ps. 104:18 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 29:9

<sup>5</sup> Job 6:5; 11:12; 24:5;  
 Ps. 104:11

<sup>6</sup> Job 24:5; Jer. 2:24;  
 Hos. 8:9

<sup>9</sup> Num. 23:22; Deut.  
 33:17; Ps. 22:21; 29:6;  
 92:10; Is. 34:7

10 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *his rope*

12 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *seed*

13 <sup>1</sup>Or, *a stork*

15 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *it*

16 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *without fear*  
<sup>a</sup>Lam. 4:3

- 36 "Who has <sup>a</sup>put wisdom in the innermost being,  
 Or has given <sup>b</sup>understanding to the <sup>1</sup>mind?  
 37 "Who can count the clouds by wisdom,  
 Or <sup>a</sup>tip the water jars of the heavens,  
 38 When the dust hardens into a mass,  
 And the clods stick together?  
 39 "Can you hunt the <sup>a</sup>prey for the lion,  
 Or satisfy the appetite of the young lions,  
 40 When they <sup>a</sup>crouch in *their* dens,  
 And lie in wait in *their* lair?  
 41 "Who prepares for <sup>a</sup>the raven its nourishment,  
 When its young cry to God,  
 And wander about without food?

## CHAPTER 39

- "DO you know the time the <sup>1a</sup>mountain goats give birth?  
 Do you observe the calving of the <sup>b</sup>deer?  
 2 "Can you count the months they fulfill,  
 Or do you know the time they give birth?  
 3 "They kneel down, they bring forth their young,  
 They get rid of their labor pains.  
 4 "Their offspring become strong, they grow up in the open  
 field;  
 They leave and do not return to them.  
 5 "Who sent out the <sup>a</sup>wild donkey free?  
 And who loosed the bonds of the swift donkey,  
 6 To whom I gave <sup>a</sup>the wilderness for a home,  
 And the salt land for his dwelling place?  
 7 "He scorns the tumult of the city,  
 The shoutings of the driver he does not hear.  
 8 "He explores the mountains for his pasture,  
 And he searches after every green thing.  
 9 "Will the <sup>a</sup>wild ox consent to serve you?  
 Or will he spend the night at your manger?  
 10 "Can you bind the wild ox in a furrow with <sup>1</sup>ropes?  
 Or will he harrow the valleys after you?  
 11 "Will you trust him because his strength is great  
 And leave your labor to him?  
 12 "Will you have faith in him that he will return your  
<sup>1</sup>grain,  
 And gather *it from* your threshing floor?  
 13 "The ostriches' wings flap joyously  
 With the pinion and plumage of <sup>1</sup>love,  
 14 For she abandons her eggs to the earth,  
 And warms them in the dust,  
 15 And she forgets that a foot may crush <sup>1</sup>them,  
 Or that a wild beast may trample <sup>1</sup>them.  
 16 "She treats her young <sup>a</sup>cruelly, as if *they* were not hers;  
 Though her labor be in vain, *she* is <sup>1</sup>unconcerned;  
 17 Because God has made her forget wisdom,  
 And has not given her a share of understanding.

- 18 "When she lifts herself <sup>1</sup>on high,  
She laughs at the horse and his rider.
- 19 "Do you give the horse *his* might?  
Do you clothe his neck with a mane?  
20 "Do you make him <sup>a</sup>leap like the locust?  
His majestic <sup>b</sup>snorting is terrible.
- 21 "<sup>1</sup>He paws in the valley, and rejoices in *his* strength;  
He <sup>a</sup>goes out to meet the weapons.
- 22 "He laughs at fear and is not dismayed;  
And he does not turn back from the sword.
- 23 "The quiver rattles against him,  
The flashing spear and javelin.
- 24 "With shaking and rage he <sup>1</sup>races over the ground;  
And he does not stand still at the voice of the trumpet.
- 25 "As often as the trumpet *sounds* he says, 'Aha!'  
And he scents the battle from afar,  
And thunder of the captains, and the war cry.

18 <sup>1</sup>Or, *to flee*

20 <sup>a</sup>Joel 2:5 <sup>b</sup>Jer. 8:16

21 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *They paw*  
<sup>a</sup>Jer. 8:6

24 <sup>1</sup>Or, *swallows up*

27 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *mouth*  
<sup>a</sup>Jer. 49:16; Obad. 4

29 <sup>a</sup>Job 9:26

- 26 "Is it by your understanding that the hawk soars,  
Stretching his wings toward the south?  
27 "Is it at your <sup>1</sup>command that the eagle mounts up,  
And makes <sup>a</sup>his nest on high?  
28 "On the cliff he dwells and lodges,  
Upon the rocky crag, an inaccessible place.
- 29 "From there he <sup>a</sup>spies out food;  
His eyes see *it* from afar.
- 30 "His young ones also suck up blood;  
And <sup>a</sup>where the slain are, there is he."

30 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 24:28; Luke 17:37

2 <sup>a</sup>Job 9:3; 10:2; 33:13  
<sup>b</sup>Job 13:3; 23:4; 31:35

4 <sup>a</sup>Job 21:5; 29:9

CHAPTER 40

- T**HEN the LORD said to Job,
- 2 "Will the faultfinder <sup>a</sup>contend with the Almighty?  
Let him who <sup>b</sup>reproves God answer it."
- 3 Then Job answered the LORD and said,
- 4 "Behold, I am insignificant; what can I reply to Thee?  
I <sup>a</sup>lay my hand on my mouth.
- 5 "Once I have spoken, and <sup>a</sup>I will not answer;  
Even twice, and I will add no more."
- 6 Then the <sup>a</sup>LORD answered Job out of the storm, and said,
- 7 "Now <sup>a</sup>gird up your loins like a man;  
I will <sup>b</sup>ask you, and you instruct Me.
- 8 "Will you really annul My judgment?  
Will you <sup>a</sup>condemn Me <sup>b</sup>that you may be justified?  
9 "Or do you have an arm like God,  
And can you <sup>a</sup>thunder with a voice like His?
- 10 "Adorn yourself with eminence and dignity;  
And clothe yourself with honor and majesty.
- 11 "Pour out <sup>a</sup>the overflowings of your anger;  
And look on everyone who is <sup>b</sup>proud, and make him low.
- 12 "Look on everyone who is proud, *and* <sup>a</sup>humble him;  
And <sup>b</sup>tread down the wicked <sup>1</sup>where they stand.

5 <sup>a</sup>Job 9:3, 15

6 <sup>a</sup>Job 38:1

7 <sup>a</sup>Job 38:3 <sup>b</sup>Job 38:3;  
42:4

8 <sup>a</sup>Job 10:3, 7; 16:11;  
19:6; 27:2 <sup>b</sup>Job 13:18; 27:6

9 <sup>a</sup>Job 37:5

11 <sup>a</sup>Is. 42:25; Nah. 1:6, 8  
<sup>b</sup>Is. 2:12; Dan. 4:37

12 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *under them*  
<sup>a</sup>1 Sam. 2:7; Is. 13:11 <sup>b</sup>Is.  
63:3

13 <sup>1</sup>Or, *their faces*  
<sup>2</sup>Is. 2:10-12

14 <sup>1</sup>Or, *praise you*

15 <sup>1</sup>Or, *the hippopotamus*  
<sup>2</sup>Lit., *with*  
<sup>3</sup>Job 40:19

18 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *bones*

19 <sup>2</sup>Job 41:33 <sup>b</sup>Job 40:15

20 <sup>2</sup>Ps. 104:26

22 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *his shade*

23 <sup>1</sup>Or, *oppresses*

24 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *in his eyes* <sup>2</sup>Lit.,  
*snares*

1 <sup>1</sup>Ch. 40:25 in Heb.  
<sup>2</sup>Or, *the crocodile*  
<sup>3</sup>Job 3:8; Ps. 74:14; 104:26;  
Is. 27:1

2 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *rope of rushes*  
<sup>2</sup>Or, *thorn, or ring*  
<sup>3</sup>2 Kin. 19:28 Is. 37:29

6 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *partners*

8 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *do not add*

9 <sup>1</sup>Chap. 41:1 in Heb.  
<sup>2</sup>Lit., *his* <sup>3</sup>Lit., *he*

10 <sup>2</sup>Job 3:8

11 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *anticipated*  
<sup>2</sup>Job 9:5-10; 26:6-14; 28:24;  
Ex. 19:5; Deut. 10:14; Ps.  
24:1; 50:12; 1 Cor. 10:26

12 <sup>1</sup>Or, *graceful*

13 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *uncover the face*  
*of his garment* <sup>2</sup>So Gk.;  
Heb., *bridle*

13 <sup>a</sup>Hide them in the dust together;  
Bind <sup>1</sup>them in the hidden *place*.

14 "Then I will also <sup>1</sup>confess to you,  
That your own right hand can save you.

15 "Behold now, <sup>1</sup>Behemoth, which <sup>a</sup>I made <sup>2</sup>as well as you;  
He eats grass like an ox.

16 "Behold now, his strength in his loins,  
And his power in the muscles of his belly.

17 "He bends his tail like a cedar;  
The sinews of his thighs are knit together.

18 "His bones are tubes of bronze;  
His <sup>1</sup>limbs are like bars of iron.

19 "He is the <sup>a</sup>first of the ways of God;  
Let his <sup>b</sup>maker bring near his sword.

20 "Surely the mountains bring him food,  
And all the beasts of the field <sup>a</sup>play there.

21 "Under the lotus plants he lies down,  
In the covert of the reeds and the marsh.

22 "The lotus plants cover him with <sup>1</sup>shade;  
The willows of the brook surround him.

23 "If a river <sup>1</sup>rages, he is not alarmed;  
He is confident, though the Jordan rushes to his mouth.

24 "Can anyone capture him <sup>1</sup>when he is on watch,  
With <sup>2</sup>barbs can anyone pierce *his nose*?

## CHAPTER 41

<sup>41</sup>CAN you draw out <sup>2a</sup>Leviathan with a fishhook?  
Or press down his tongue with a cord?

2 "Can you <sup>a</sup>put a <sup>1</sup>rope in his nose?  
Or pierce his jaw with a <sup>2</sup>hook?

3 "Will he make many supplications to you?  
Or will he speak to you soft words?

4 "Will he make a covenant with you?  
Will you take him for a servant forever?

5 "Will you play with him as with a bird?  
Or will you bind him for your maidens?

6 "Will the <sup>1</sup>traders bargain over him?  
Will they divide him among the merchants?

7 "Can you fill his skin with harpoons,  
Or his head with fishing spears?

8 "Lay your hand on him;  
Remember the battle; <sup>1</sup>you will not do it again!

9 "Behold, <sup>2</sup>your expectation is false;  
Will <sup>3</sup>you be laid low even at the sight of him?

10 "No one is so fierce that he dares to <sup>a</sup>arouse him;  
Who then is he that can stand before Me?

11 "Who has <sup>1</sup>given to Me that I should repay *him*?  
*Whatever* is <sup>a</sup>under the whole heaven is Mine.

12 "I will not keep silence concerning his limbs,  
Or his mighty strength, or his <sup>1</sup>orderly frame.

13 "Who can <sup>1</sup>strip off his outer armor?  
Who can come within his double <sup>2</sup>mail?



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| <p>14 "Who can open the doors of his face?<br/>Around his teeth there is terror.</p> <p>15 "His <sup>1</sup>strong scales are <i>his</i> pride,<br/>Shut up <i>as with</i> a tight seal.</p> <p>16 "One is so near to another,<br/>That no air can come between them.</p> <p>17 "They are joined one to another;<br/>They clasp each other and cannot be separated.</p> <p>18 "His sneezes flash forth light,<br/>And his eyes are like the <sup>a</sup>eyelids of the morning.</p> <p>19 "Out of his mouth go burning torches;<br/>Sparks of fire leap forth.</p> <p>20 "Out of his nostrils smoke goes forth,<br/>As <i>from</i> a boiling pot and <i>burning</i> rushes.</p> <p>21 "His breath kindles coals,<br/>And a flame goes forth from his mouth.</p> <p>22 "In his neck lodges strength,<br/>And dismay leaps before him.</p> <p>23 "The folds of his flesh are joined together,<br/>Firm on him and immovable.</p> <p>24 "His heart is as hard as a stone;<br/>Even as hard as a lower millstone.</p> <p>25 "When he raises himself up, the <sup>1</sup>mighty fear;<br/>Because of the crashing they are bewildered.</p> <p>26 "The sword that reaches him cannot avail;<br/>Nor the spear, the dart, or the javelin.</p> <p>27 "He regards iron as straw,<br/>Bronze as rotten wood.</p> <p>28 "The <sup>1</sup>arrow cannot make him flee;<br/>Slingstones are turned into stubble for him.</p> <p>29 "Clubs are regarded as stubble;<br/>He laughs at the rattling of the javelin.</p> <p>30 "His underparts are <i>like</i> sharp potsherd;<br/>He <sup>1</sup>spreads out <i>like</i> a threshing sledge on the mire.</p> <p>31 "He makes the depths boil like a pot;<br/>He makes the sea like a jar of ointment.</p> <p>32 "Behind him he makes a wake to shine;<br/>One would think the deep to be gray-haired.</p> <p>33 "Nothing on <sup>1</sup>earth is like him,<br/>One made without fear.</p> <p>34 "He looks on everything that is high;<br/>He is king over all the <sup>a</sup>sons of pride."</p> | <p>15 <sup>1</sup>Lit., rows of shields</p> <p>18 <sup>a</sup>Job 3:9</p> <p>25 <sup>1</sup>Or, gods</p> <p>28 <sup>1</sup>Lit., son of the bow</p> <p>30 <sup>1</sup>Or, moves across</p> <p>33 <sup>1</sup>Lit., dust<br/><sup>a</sup>Job 40:19</p> <p>34 <sup>1</sup>Job 41:26 in Heb.<br/><sup>a</sup>Job 28:8</p> <p>3 <sup>a</sup>Job 38:2 bPs. 40:5;<br/>131:1; 139:6</p> |
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CHAPTER 42

- THEN Job answered the LORD, and said,
- 2 "I know that Thou canst do all things,  
And that no purpose of Thine can be thwarted.
- 3 "Who is this that <sup>a</sup>hides counsel without knowledge?"  
"Therefore I have declared that which I did not understand,  
Things <sup>b</sup>too wonderful for me, which I did not know."
- 4 "Hear, now, and I will speak;  
I will <sup>a</sup>ask Thee, and do Thou instruct me."

4 <sup>a</sup>Job 38:3; 40:7

**God Condemns the Friends, Restores Job to Prosperity.**

**Job 42**

5 <sup>a</sup>Job 26:14 <sup>b</sup>Is. 6:5

5 "I have <sup>a</sup>heard of Thee by the hearing of the ear;  
But now my <sup>b</sup>eye sees Thee;  
6 Therefore I retract,  
And I repent in dust and ashes."

7 <sup>a</sup>Job 42:1-6; 40:3-5

7 And it came about after the LORD had spoken these words to Job, that the LORD said to Eliphaz the Temanite, "My wrath is kindled against you and against your two friends, because you have not spoken of Me what is right <sup>a</sup>as My servant Job has.

8 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *lift up his face*  
<sup>a</sup>Job 1:5 <sup>b</sup>Job 22:30

8 "Now therefore, take for yourselves seven bulls and seven rams, and go to My servant Job, and offer up a <sup>a</sup>burnt offering for yourselves, and My servant Job will pray for you. <sup>b</sup>For I will <sup>1</sup>accept him so that I may not do with you *according to your* folly, because you have not spoken of Me what is right, as My servant Job has."

9 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *lifted up the face of*

9 So Eliphaz the Temanite and Bildad the Shuhite *and* Zophar the Naamathite went and did as the LORD told them; and the LORD <sup>1</sup>accepted Job.

10 And the LORD <sup>a</sup>restored the fortunes of Job when he prayed for his friends, and the LORD increased all that Job had twofold.

10 <sup>a</sup>Deut. 30:3; Ps. 14:7;  
85:1-3; 126:1-6

11 Then all his <sup>a</sup>brothers, and all his sisters, and all who had known him before, came to him, and they ate bread with him in his house; and they <sup>b</sup>consoled him and comforted him for all the evil that the LORD had brought on him. And each one gave him one <sup>1</sup>piece of money, and each a ring of gold.

12 <sup>a</sup>And the LORD blessed the latter *days* of Job more than his beginning, <sup>b</sup>and he had 14,000 sheep, and 6,000 camels, and 1,000 yoke of oxen, and 1,000 female donkeys.

11 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *Qesitah*  
<sup>a</sup>Job 19:13 <sup>b</sup>Job 2:11

13 And <sup>a</sup>he had seven sons and three daughters.

14 And he named the first Jemimah, and the second Keziah, and the third Keren-happuch.

15 And in all the land no women were found so fair as Job's daughters; and their father gave them inheritance among their brothers.

16 And after this Job lived 140 years, and saw his sons, and his grandsons, four generations.

12 <sup>a</sup>Job 1:10 <sup>b</sup>Job 1:3

17 <sup>a</sup>And Job died, an old man and full of days.

13 <sup>a</sup>Job 1:2

17 <sup>a</sup>Job 5:26; Gen. 15:15;  
25:8; 38:29

# THE PSALMS

## BOOK 1

### PSALM 1

The Righteous and the Wicked Contrasted.

How blessed is the man who <sup>a</sup>does not walk in the <sup>b</sup>counsel of the wicked,

Nor stand in the <sup>c</sup>path of sinners,  
Nor <sup>d</sup>sit in the seat of scoffers!

2 But his <sup>a</sup>delight is in the law of the LORD,  
And in His law he meditates <sup>b</sup>day and <sup>c</sup>night.

3 And he will be like <sup>a</sup>a tree *firmly* planted by <sup>1</sup>streams of water,

Which yields its fruit in its season,  
And its <sup>2</sup>leaf does not wither;  
And <sup>3</sup>in whatever he does, <sup>b</sup>he prospers.

4 The wicked are not so,  
But they are like <sup>a</sup>chaff which the wind drives away.

5 Therefore <sup>a</sup>the wicked will not stand in the <sup>b</sup>judgment,  
Nor sinners in <sup>c</sup>the assembly of the righteous.

6 For the LORD <sup>1</sup>knows the way of the righteous,  
But the way of <sup>b</sup>the wicked will perish.

### PSALM 2

The Reign of the LORD'S Anointed.

Why are <sup>a</sup>the <sup>1</sup>nations in an uproar,  
And the peoples <sup>b</sup>devising a vain thing?

2 The <sup>a</sup>kings of the earth take their stand,  
And the rulers take counsel together  
<sup>b</sup>Against the LORD and against His <sup>1</sup>Anointed:

3 "Let us <sup>a</sup>tear their fetters apart,  
And cast away their cords from us!"

4 He who <sup>1</sup>sits in the heavens <sup>a</sup>laughs,  
The Lord <sup>b</sup>scoffs at them.

5 Then He will speak to them in His <sup>a</sup>anger  
And <sup>b</sup>terrify them in His fury:

6 "But as for Me, I have <sup>1</sup>installed <sup>a</sup>My King  
Upon Zion, <sup>b</sup>My holy mountain."

7 "I will surely tell of the <sup>1</sup>decree of the LORD:  
He said to Me, 'Thou art <sup>a</sup>My Son,  
Today I have begotten Thee.

8 'Ask of Me, and <sup>a</sup>I will surely give <sup>b</sup>the <sup>1</sup>nations as Thine inheritance,  
And the very <sup>c</sup>ends of the earth as Thy possession.

9 'Thou shalt <sup>1</sup>break them with a <sup>2</sup>rod of iron, ..  
Thou shalt <sup>b</sup>shatter them like <sup>3</sup>earthenware.' ..

10 Now therefore, O kings, <sup>a</sup>show discernment;  
Take <sup>b</sup>warning, O <sup>1</sup>judges of the earth.

1 <sup>1</sup>Or, way  
<sup>a</sup>Prov. 4:14 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 5:9, 10;  
10:2-11; 36:1-4 <sup>c</sup>Ps. 17:4;  
119:104 <sup>d</sup>Ps. 26:5; Jer. 15:17

2 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 119:14, 16 <sup>b</sup>Ps.  
25:5 <sup>c</sup>Ps. 63:5, 6

3 <sup>1</sup>Or, canals <sup>2</sup>Or,  
foliage <sup>3</sup>Or, all that he  
does prospers  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 92:12-14; Jer. 17:8;  
Ezek. 19:10 <sup>b</sup>Gen. 39:2, 3,  
23; Ps. 128:2

4 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 35:5; Is. 17:13; Job  
21:18

5 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 5:5 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 9:7, 8, 16  
<sup>c</sup>Ps. 89:5, 7

6 <sup>1</sup>Or, approves; or, has  
regard to  
<sup>a</sup>Nah. 1:7; John 10:14;  
2 Tim. 2:19 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 9:5, 6; 11:6

1 <sup>1</sup>Or, Gentiles  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 46:6, 83:2-5; Acts 4:25;  
26 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 21:11

2 <sup>1</sup>Or, Messiah  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 48:4-6 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 74:18, 23

3 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 5:5

4 <sup>1</sup>Or, is enthroned  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 37:13 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 59:8

5 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 21:8, 9; 76:7 <sup>b</sup>Ps.  
78:49, 50

6 <sup>1</sup>Or, consecrated  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 45:6 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 48:1, 2

7 <sup>1</sup>Or, ... decree: The  
LORD said ...  
<sup>a</sup>Acts 13:33; Heb. 1:5; 5:5

8 <sup>1</sup>Or, Gentiles  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 21:1, 2 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 22:27 <sup>c</sup>Ps.  
65:2, 67:7

9 <sup>1</sup>Another reading is,  
rule <sup>2</sup>Or, scepter; or, staff  
<sup>3</sup>Lit., potter's ware  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 110:5, 6; Rev. 2:37;  
12:5; 19:15 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 28:5; 52:5;  
72:4

10 <sup>1</sup>Or, leaders  
<sup>a</sup>Prov. 8:15; 27:11 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 32:8

**Psalms 2, 3, 4**

11 <sup>1</sup>Or, *Serve* <sup>2</sup>Or, *fear*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 5:7 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 119:119, 120

12 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *Kiss*; some ancient versions read, *Do homage purely, or, Lay hold of instruction* <sup>2</sup>Or, *quickly, suddenly, easily*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 2:7 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 5:11; 34:22

<sup>†</sup> 2 Sam. 15:13-17, 29

1 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 69:4; 2 Sam. 15:12

2 <sup>1</sup>Or, *to* <sup>2</sup>Or, *salvation*  
<sup>3</sup>Selah may mean: *Pause, Crescendo or Musical interlude*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 22:7, 8; 71:11

3 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 5:12 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 62:7 <sup>c</sup>Ps. 9:13; 27:6

4 <sup>1</sup>Or, *hill*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 4:3 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 2:6; 15:1; 43:3

5 <sup>1</sup>Or, *As for me, I*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 4:8; Prov. 3:24

6 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 23:4; 27:3 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 118:10-13

7 <sup>1</sup>Or, *dost smite* <sup>2</sup>Or, *dost shatter*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 7:6 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 6:4; 22:21 <sup>c</sup>Job 16:10 <sup>d</sup>Ps. 57:4; 58:6

8 <sup>1</sup>Or, *Deliverance* <sup>2</sup>Or, *is*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 28:8; 35:3 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 29:11

<sup>†</sup> I.e., *Belonging to the choir director's anthology*

1 <sup>1</sup>I.e., *who maintainest my right* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *made room for*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 3:4; 17:6 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 18:6 <sup>c</sup>Ps. 18:18, 19 <sup>d</sup>Ps. 25:16 <sup>e</sup>Ps. 17:6; 39:12

2 <sup>1</sup>Or, *glory* <sup>2</sup>Selah may mean: *Pause, Crescendo or Musical interlude*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 3:3 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 69:7-10, 19, 20 <sup>c</sup>Ps. 12:2; 31:6 <sup>d</sup>Ps. 31:18

3 <sup>1</sup>Another reading is, *dealt wonderfully with*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 135:4 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 31:23; 50:5; 79:2 <sup>c</sup>Ps. 6:8, 9; 17:6

4 <sup>1</sup>I.e., *with anger or fear* <sup>2</sup>Or, *but* <sup>3</sup>Lit., *Speak*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 99:1 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 119:11; Eph. 4:26 <sup>c</sup>Ps. 77:6

- 11 <sup>1</sup>Worship the LORD with <sup>2a</sup>reverence,  
 And rejoice with <sup>b</sup>trembling.  
 12 <sup>1</sup>Do homage to <sup>a</sup>the Son, lest He become angry, and you  
 perish *in* the way,  
 For His wrath may <sup>2</sup>soon be kindled.  
 How blessed are all who <sup>b</sup>take refuge in Him!

PSALM 3

Morning Prayer of Trust in God.

A Psalm of David, when <sup>†</sup>he fled from Absalom his son.

- O** LORD, how <sup>a</sup>my adversaries have increased!  
 Many are rising up against me.  
 2 Many are saying <sup>1</sup>of my soul,  
 "There is no <sup>2a</sup>deliverance for him in God." [<sup>3</sup>Selah.  
 3 But Thou, O LORD, art <sup>a</sup>a shield about me,  
 My <sup>b</sup>glory, and the One who <sup>c</sup>lifts my head.  
 4 I was crying to the LORD with my voice,  
 And He <sup>a</sup>answered me from <sup>b</sup>His holy <sup>1</sup>moun-  
 tain. [<sup>2</sup>Selah.  
 5 <sup>1</sup>I <sup>a</sup>lay down and slept;  
 I awoke, for the LORD sustains me.  
 6 I will <sup>a</sup>not be afraid of ten thousands of people  
 Who have <sup>b</sup>set themselves against me round about.  
 7 <sup>a</sup>Arise, O LORD; <sup>b</sup>save me, O my God!  
 For Thou <sup>1</sup>hast <sup>c</sup>smitten all my enemies on the <sup>2</sup>cheek;  
 Thou <sup>3</sup>hast <sup>d</sup>shattered the teeth of the wicked.  
 8 <sup>1a</sup>Salvation belongs to the LORD;  
 Thy <sup>b</sup>blessing <sup>2</sup>be upon Thy people! [<sup>3</sup>Selah.

PSALM 4

Evening Prayer of Trust in God.

<sup>†</sup>For the choir director; on stringed instruments.  
 A Psalm of David.

- <sup>a</sup>**A**NSWER me when <sup>b</sup>I call, O God <sup>1</sup>of my righteousness!  
 Thou hast <sup>2c</sup>relieved me in my distress;  
 Be <sup>d</sup>gracious to me and <sup>e</sup>hear my prayer.  
 2 O sons of men, how long will <sup>a</sup>my <sup>1</sup>honor become <sup>ba</sup>  
 reproach?  
*How long* will you love <sup>c</sup>what is worthless and aim at  
<sup>d</sup>deception? [<sup>2</sup>Selah.  
 3 But know that the LORD has <sup>1a</sup>set apart the <sup>b</sup>godly man  
 for Himself;  
 The LORD <sup>c</sup>hears when I call to Him.  
 4 <sup>1a</sup>Tremble, <sup>2b</sup>and do not sin;  
<sup>3c</sup>Meditate in your heart upon your bed, and be  
 still. [<sup>2</sup>Selah.

- 5 Offer <sup>1</sup>the <sup>a</sup>sacrifices of righteousness,  
And <sup>b</sup>trust in the LORD.
- 6 Many are saying, "Who will show us *any* good?"  
<sup>b</sup>Lift up the light of Thy countenance upon us, O LORD!
- 7 Thou hast put <sup>a</sup>gladness in my heart,  
More than <sup>b</sup>when their grain and new wine abound.
- 8 In peace I will <sup>1</sup>both <sup>a</sup>lie down and sleep,  
For Thou alone, O LORD, dost make me to <sup>b</sup>dwell in  
safety.

## PSALM 5

Prayer for Protection from the Wicked.

For the choir director; for <sup>f</sup>flute  
accompaniment. A Psalm of David.

- <sup>a</sup>GIVE ear to my words, O LORD,  
Consider my <sup>1</sup><sup>b</sup>groaning.
- 2 Heed <sup>a</sup>the sound of my cry for help, <sup>b</sup>my King and my  
God,  
For to Thee do I pray.
- 3 In the morning, O LORD, <sup>1</sup>Thou wilt hear my voice;  
In the <sup>a</sup>morning I will order *my* <sup>2</sup>*prayer* to Thee and  
*eagerly* <sup>b</sup>watch.
- 4 For Thou art not a God <sup>a</sup>who takes pleasure in wicked-  
ness;  
<sup>b</sup>No evil <sup>1</sup>dwells with Thee.
- 5 The <sup>a</sup>boastful shall not <sup>b</sup>stand before Thine eyes;  
Thou <sup>c</sup>dost hate all who do iniquity.
- 6 Thou <sup>a</sup>dost destroy those who speak falsehood;  
The LORD abhors <sup>b</sup>the man of bloodshed and deceit.
- 7 But as for me, <sup>a</sup>by Thine abundant lovingkindness I will  
enter Thy house,  
<sup>1</sup>At Thy holy temple I will <sup>b</sup>bow in <sup>c</sup>reverence for Thee.
- 8 O LORD, <sup>a</sup>lead me <sup>b</sup>in Thy righteousness <sup>c</sup>because of <sup>1</sup>my  
foes;  
Make Thy way <sup>2</sup>straight before me.
- 9 There is <sup>a</sup>nothing <sup>1</sup>reliable in <sup>2</sup>what they say;  
Their <sup>b</sup>inward part is destruction *itself*;  
Their <sup>c</sup>throat is an open grave;  
They <sup>3</sup>flatter with their tongue.
- 10 Hold them guilty, O God;  
<sup>a</sup>By their own devices let them fall!  
In the multitude of their transgressions <sup>b</sup>thrust them  
out,  
For they are <sup>c</sup>rebellious against Thee.
- 11 But let all who <sup>a</sup>take refuge in Thee <sup>b</sup>be glad,  
Let them ever sing for joy;  
And <sup>1</sup>mayest Thou <sup>c</sup>shelter them,  
That those who <sup>d</sup>love Thy name may exult in Thee.

5 <sup>1</sup>Or, *righteous  
sacrifices*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 51:19; Deut. 33:19 <sup>b</sup>Ps.  
37:3, 5; 62:8

6 <sup>a</sup>Job 7:7; 9:25 <sup>b</sup>Num.  
6:26; Ps. 80:3, 7, 19

7 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 97:11, 12 <sup>b</sup>Ps.  
119:14, 72

8 <sup>1</sup>Or, *at the same time*  
<sup>a</sup>Job 11:19; Ps. 3:5 <sup>b</sup>Deut.  
12:10; Ps. 16:9

<sup>f</sup> Heb., *Nehiloth*

1 <sup>1</sup>Or, *meditation*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 54:2 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 104:34

2 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 140:6 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 84:3

3 <sup>1</sup>Or, *mayest Thou hear*  
<sup>2</sup>Or, *sacrifice*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 88:13 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 130:5

4 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *sojourns*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 11:5; 34:16 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 92:15

5 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 73:3; 75:4 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 1:5  
<sup>c</sup>Ps. 11:5; 45:7

6 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 52:4, 5 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 55:23

7 <sup>1</sup>Or, *Toward*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 69:13 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 138:2 <sup>c</sup>Ps.  
115:11, 13

8 <sup>1</sup>Or, *those who lie in  
wait for me* <sup>2</sup>Or, *smooth*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 31:3 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 31:1 <sup>c</sup>Ps.  
27:11

9 <sup>1</sup>Or, *true* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *his  
mouth* <sup>3</sup>Or, *make their  
tongue smooth*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 52:3 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 7:14 <sup>c</sup>Rom.  
3:13

10 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 9:16 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 36:12 <sup>c</sup>Ps.  
107:10, 11

11 <sup>1</sup>Or, *Thou dost shelter*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 2:12 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 33:1; 64:10  
<sup>c</sup>Ps. 12:7 <sup>d</sup>Ps. 69:36

## Psalms 5, 6, 7

12 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 29:11 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 32:7, 10

<sup>†</sup> Or, according to a lower octave (Heb., *Sheminith*)

1 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 38:1; Ps. 118:18

2 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 102:4, 11 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 41:4; 147:3 <sup>c</sup>Ps. 22:14; 31:10

3 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 88:3; John 12:27 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 90:13

4 <sup>1</sup>Or, *life*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 17:13

5 <sup>1</sup>Or, *remembrance*  
<sup>2</sup>I.e., the nether world  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 30:9; 88:10-12; 115:17; Eccles. 9:10; Is. 38:16

6 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 69:3 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 42:3

7 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 31:9; 38:10

8 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 119:115 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 28:6

9 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 116:1 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 66:19, 20

10 <sup>1</sup>Or, *again be ashamed suddenly*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 71:24 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 73:19

<sup>†</sup> I.e., Dithyrambic rhythm, or, wild passionate song  
<sup>\*</sup> Or, concerning the words of

1 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 31:1; 71:1 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 31:15

2 <sup>1</sup>Or, *me* <sup>2</sup>Or, *Rending it in pieces, while*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 57:4

3 <sup>a</sup>1 Sam. 24:11

4 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *him who was at peace with me* <sup>2</sup>Or, *my adversary without cause*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 109:4, 5 <sup>b</sup>1 Sam. 24:7; 26:9

5 <sup>1</sup>Or, *me* <sup>2</sup>Or, *me*  
<sup>1</sup>*Selah* may mean: *Pause, Crescendo or Musical interlude*

- 12 For it is Thou who dost <sup>a</sup>bless the righteous man, O LORD,  
Thou dost <sup>b</sup>surround him with favor as with a shield.

### PSALM 6

Prayer for Mercy in Time of Trouble.

For the choir director; with stringed instruments, <sup>†</sup>upon an eight-stringed *lyre*.  
A Psalm of David.

- O LORD, <sup>a</sup>do not rebuke me in Thine anger,  
Nor chasten me in Thy wrath.  
2 Be gracious to me, O LORD, for I *am* <sup>a</sup>pining away;  
<sup>b</sup>Heal me, O LORD, for <sup>c</sup>my bones are dismayed.  
3 And my <sup>a</sup>soul is greatly dismayed;  
But Thou, O LORD —<sup>b</sup>how long?  
4 Return, O LORD, <sup>a</sup>rescue my <sup>1</sup>soul;  
Save me because of Thy lovingkindness.  
5 For <sup>a</sup>there is no <sup>1</sup>mention of Thee in death;  
In <sup>2</sup>Sheol who will give Thee thanks?  
6 I am <sup>a</sup>weary with my sighing;  
Every night I make my bed swim,  
I dissolve my couch with <sup>b</sup>my tears.  
7 My <sup>a</sup>eye has wasted away with grief;  
It has become old because of all my adversaries.  
8 <sup>a</sup>Depart from me, all you who do iniquity,  
For the LORD <sup>b</sup>has heard the voice of my weeping.  
9 The LORD <sup>a</sup>has heard my supplication,  
The LORD <sup>b</sup>receives my prayer.  
10 All my enemies shall <sup>a</sup>be ashamed and greatly dismayed;  
They shall <sup>1</sup>turn back, they shall <sup>b</sup>suddenly be ashamed.

### PSALM 7

The LORD Implored to Defend the Psalmist against the Wicked.

A <sup>†</sup>Shiggaion of David, which he sang to the Lord  
<sup>\*</sup>concerning Cush, a Benjamite.

- O LORD my God, <sup>a</sup>in Thee I have taken refuge;  
Save me from all those who pursue me, and <sup>b</sup>deliver me,  
2 Lest he tear <sup>1</sup>my soul <sup>a</sup>like a lion,  
<sup>2</sup>Dragging me away, while there is none to deliver.  
3 O LORD my God, if I have done this,  
If there is <sup>a</sup>injustice in my hands,  
4 If I have <sup>a</sup>rewarded evil to <sup>1</sup>my friend,  
Or have <sup>b</sup>plundered <sup>2</sup>him who without cause was my  
adversary,  
5 Let the enemy pursue <sup>1</sup>my soul and overtake <sup>2</sup>it;  
And let him trample my life down to the ground,  
And lay my glory in the dust. [<sup>3</sup>*Selah*.]

- 6 <sup>a</sup>Arise, O LORD, in Thine anger;  
<sup>b</sup>Lift up Thyself against <sup>c</sup>the rage of my adversaries,  
 And <sup>d</sup>arouse Thyself <sup>1</sup>for me; Thou hast appointed  
 judgment.
- 7 And let the assembly of the <sup>a</sup>peoples encompass Thee;  
 And over <sup>1</sup>them return Thou on high.
- 8 The LORD <sup>a</sup>judges the peoples;  
<sup>1b</sup>Vindicate me, O LORD, according to my righteousness  
 and my integrity that is in me.
- 9 O let <sup>a</sup>the evil of the wicked come to an end, but  
<sup>b</sup>establish the righteous;  
 For the righteous, God <sup>c</sup>tries the hearts and <sup>1</sup>minds.
- 10 My <sup>a</sup>shield is <sup>1</sup>with God,  
 Who <sup>b</sup>saves the upright in heart.
- 11 God is a <sup>a</sup>righteous judge,  
 And a God who has <sup>b</sup>indignation every day.
- 12 If <sup>1a</sup> a man <sup>a</sup>does not repent, He will <sup>b</sup>sharpen His sword;  
 He has <sup>c</sup>bent His bow and <sup>2</sup>made it ready.
- 13 He has also prepared <sup>1</sup>for Himself deadly weapons;  
 He makes His <sup>a</sup>arrows fiery shafts.
- 14 Behold, he travails with wickedness,  
 And he <sup>a</sup>conceives mischief, and brings forth falsehood.
- 15 He has dug a pit and hollowed it out,  
 And has <sup>a</sup>fallen into the hole which he made.
- 16 His <sup>a</sup>mischief will return upon his own head,  
 And his <sup>b</sup>violence will descend upon <sup>1</sup>his own pate.
- 17 I will give thanks to the LORD <sup>a</sup>according to His right-  
 eousness,  
 And will <sup>b</sup>sing praise to the name of the LORD Most  
 High.

## PSALM 8

The LORD'S Glory and Man's Dignity.

For the choir director; on the Gittith.

A Psalm of David.

- O LORD, our Lord,  
 How majestic is Thy name in all the earth,  
 Who hast <sup>1a</sup>displayed Thy splendor above the heavens!
- 2 <sup>a</sup>From the mouth of infants and nursing babes Thou  
 hast established <sup>1b</sup>strength,  
 Because of Thine adversaries,  
 To make <sup>c</sup>the enemy and the revengeful cease.
- 3 When I <sup>1</sup>consider <sup>a</sup>Thy heavens, the work of Thy  
 fingers,  
 The <sup>b</sup>moon and the stars, which Thou hast <sup>2</sup>ordained;
- 4 <sup>a</sup>What is man, that Thou <sup>1</sup>dost take thought of him?  
 And the son of man, that Thou dost care for him?
- 5 Yet Thou hast made him a <sup>a</sup>little lower than <sup>1</sup>God,  
 And <sup>b</sup>dost crown him with <sup>c</sup>glory and majesty!

6 <sup>1</sup>One ancient version  
 reads, O my God  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 3:7 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 94:2 <sup>c</sup>Ps. 138:7  
<sup>d</sup>Ps. 35:23

7 <sup>1</sup>Lit. it  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 22:27

8 <sup>1</sup>Lit. Judge  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 96:13; 98:9 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 26:1;  
 35:24; 43:1

9 <sup>1</sup>Lit. kidneys,  
 figurative for inner man  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 34:21; 94:23 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 37:23;  
 40:2 <sup>c</sup>Ps. 11:4, 5; Jer. 11:20

10 <sup>1</sup>Lit. upon  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 18:2, 30 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 97:10, 11

11 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 50:6 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 90:9

12 <sup>1</sup>Lit. he <sup>2</sup>Lit. fixed it  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 58:4; 5 <sup>b</sup>Deut. 32:41  
<sup>c</sup>Ps. 64:7

13 <sup>1</sup>Or. His deadly  
 weapons  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 18:14; 45:5

14 <sup>a</sup>Job 15:35; Is. 59:4;  
 James 1:15

15 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 57:6

16 <sup>1</sup>I.e., the crown of his  
 own head  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 140:9 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 140:11

17 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 71:15, 16 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 9:2;  
 66:1, 2, 4

1 <sup>1</sup>Or. set  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 57:5, 11; 148:13

2 <sup>1</sup>Or. a bulwark  
<sup>a</sup>Matt. 21:16 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 29:1;  
 118:14 <sup>c</sup>Ps. 44:16

3 <sup>1</sup>Or. see <sup>2</sup>Or.  
 appointed, fixed  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 89:11; 144:5 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 136:9

4 <sup>1</sup>Or. dost remember  
 him  
<sup>a</sup>Job 7:17; Ps. 144:3; Heb.  
 2:6-8

5 <sup>1</sup>Or. the angels; Heb.,  
 Elohim  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 82:6; Gen. 1:26 <sup>b</sup>Ps.  
 103:4 <sup>c</sup>Ps. 21:5

## Psalms 8, 9

6 <sup>a</sup>Gen. 1:26, 28 <sup>b</sup>1 Cor. 15:27

7 <sup>1</sup>Or, *animals*

<sup>4</sup> I.e., "Death to the Son"

1 <sup>1</sup>Or, *miracles*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 86:12 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 26:7

2 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 104:34 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 66:2, 4  
<sup>c</sup>Ps. 92:1

3 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 27:2

4 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *my right and my cause* <sup>2</sup>Or, *a righteous judge*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 140:12 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 50:6

5 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 119:21 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 69:28

6 <sup>1</sup>Or, *O enemy, desolations are finished forever, And their cities Thou hast plucked up.*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 40:15 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 34:16

7 <sup>1</sup>Or, *sits as king*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 10:16 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 89:14

8 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 96:13; 98:9

9 <sup>1</sup>Or, *Let the Lord also be*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 59:9, 16, 17

10 <sup>1</sup>Or, *let those . . . name put*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 91:14 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 37:28; 94:14

11 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 76:2 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 105:1

12 <sup>1</sup>I.e., *avenges bloodshed*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 72:14; Gen. 9:5 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 9:18

13 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 38:19 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 30:3; 86:13

14 <sup>1</sup>Or, *deliverance*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 106:2 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 13:5; 20:5; 35:9; 51:12

- 6 Thou dost make him to <sup>a</sup>rule over the works of Thy hands;  
Thou hast <sup>b</sup>put all things under his feet,  
7 All sheep and oxen,  
And also the <sup>1</sup>beasts of the field,  
8 The birds of the heavens, and the fish of the sea,  
Whatever passes through the paths of the seas.  
9 O LORD, our Lord,  
How majestic is Thy name in all the earth!

### PSALM 9

A Psalm of Thanksgiving for God's Justice.

For the choir director; on <sup>4</sup>Muth-labben.

A Psalm of David.

- I WILL give thanks to the LORD with all <sup>a</sup>my heart;  
I will <sup>b</sup>tell of all Thy <sup>1</sup>wonders.  
2 I will be glad and <sup>a</sup>exult in Thee;  
I will <sup>b</sup>sing praise to Thy name, O <sup>c</sup>Most High.  
3 When my enemies turn back,  
They stumble and <sup>a</sup>perish before Thee.  
4 For Thou hast <sup>a</sup>maintained <sup>1</sup>my just cause;  
Thou dost sit on the throne <sup>2b</sup>judging righteously.  
5 Thou hast <sup>a</sup>rebuked the nations, Thou hast destroyed  
the wicked;  
Thou hast <sup>b</sup>blotted out their name forever and ever.  
6 <sup>1</sup>The enemy has come to an end in <sup>a</sup>perpetual ruins,  
And Thou hast uprooted the cities;  
The very <sup>b</sup>memory of them has perished.  
7 But the <sup>a</sup>LORD <sup>1</sup>abides forever;  
He has established His <sup>b</sup>throne for judgment,  
8 And He will <sup>a</sup>judge the world in righteousness;  
He will execute judgment for the peoples with equity.  
9 <sup>1</sup>The LORD also will be a <sup>a</sup>stronghold for the oppressed,  
A stronghold in times of trouble,  
10 And <sup>1</sup>those who <sup>a</sup>know Thy name will put their trust in  
Thee;  
For Thou, O LORD, hast not <sup>b</sup>forsaken those who seek  
Thee.  
11 Sing praises to the LORD, who <sup>a</sup>dwells in Zion;  
<sup>b</sup>Declare among the peoples His deeds.  
12 For <sup>a</sup>He who <sup>1</sup>requires blood remembers them;  
He does not forget <sup>b</sup>the cry of the afflicted.  
13 Be gracious to me, O LORD;  
Behold my affliction from those <sup>a</sup>who hate me,  
Thou who <sup>b</sup>dost lift me up from the gates of death;  
14 That I may tell of <sup>a</sup>all Thy praises,  
That in the gates of the daughter of Zion  
I may <sup>b</sup>rejoice in Thy <sup>1</sup>salvation.



- 15 The nations have sunk down <sup>a</sup>in the pit which they have made;  
In the <sup>b</sup>net which they hid, their own foot has been caught.
- 16 The LORD has made Himself known;  
He has <sup>a</sup>executed judgment.  
In the work of his own hands the wicked is snared. [Higgaion <sup>2</sup>Selah.]
- 17 The wicked will <sup>1a</sup>return to <sup>2</sup>Sheol,  
Even all the nations who <sup>b</sup>forget God.
- 18 For the <sup>a</sup>needy will not always be forgotten,  
Nor the <sup>b</sup>hope of the afflicted perish forever.
- 19 <sup>a</sup>Arise, O LORD, do not let man prevail;  
Let the nations be <sup>b</sup>judged before Thee.
- 20 Put them <sup>a</sup>in fear, O LORD;  
Let the nations know that they are <sup>b</sup>but men. [Selah.]

PSALM 10

A Prayer for the Overthrow of the Wicked.

- WHY <sup>a</sup>dost Thou stand afar off, O LORD?  
Why <sup>b</sup>dost Thou hide <sup>1</sup>Thyself in times of trouble?
- 2 In <sup>a</sup>pride the wicked <sup>1</sup>hotly pursues the afflicted;  
<sup>2</sup>Let them be <sup>b</sup>caught in the plots which they have devised.
- 3 For the wicked <sup>a</sup>boasts of his <sup>b</sup>heart's desire,  
And <sup>1</sup>the greedy man curses and <sup>c</sup>spurns the LORD.
- 4 The wicked, in the haughtiness of his countenance,  
<sup>a</sup>does not seek Him.  
All his <sup>1</sup>thoughts are, "<sup>b</sup>There is no God."
- 5 His ways <sup>1a</sup>prosper at all times;  
Thy judgments are on high, <sup>b</sup>out of his sight;  
As for all his adversaries, he snorts at them.
- 6 He says to himself, "<sup>a</sup>I shall not be moved;  
<sup>1</sup>Throughout all generations I shall not be in adversity."
- 7 His <sup>a</sup>mouth is full of curses and deceit and <sup>b</sup>oppression;  
<sup>c</sup>Under his tongue is mischief and wickedness.
- 8 He sits in the <sup>a</sup>lurking places of the villages;  
In the hiding places he <sup>b</sup>kills the innocent;  
His eyes <sup>1</sup>stealthily watch for the <sup>2c</sup>unfortunate.
- 9 He lurks in a hiding place as <sup>a</sup>a lion in his <sup>1</sup>lair;  
He <sup>b</sup>lurks to catch <sup>c</sup>the afflicted;  
He catches the afflicted when he draws him into his <sup>d</sup>net.
- 10 He <sup>1</sup>crouches, he <sup>2</sup>bows down,  
And the <sup>3</sup>unfortunate fall <sup>4</sup>by his mighty ones.
- 11 He <sup>a</sup>says to himself, "God has forgotten;  
He has hidden His face; He will never see it."
- 12 Arise, O LORD; O God, <sup>a</sup>lift up Thy hand.  
<sup>b</sup>Do not forget the afflicted.
- 13 Why has the wicked <sup>a</sup>spurned God?  
He has said to himself, "Thou wilt not require it."

15 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 7:15 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 57:6

16 <sup>1</sup>Perhaps, resounding music, or meditation  
<sup>2</sup>Selah may mean: Pause, Crescendo or Musical interlude  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 9:4

17 <sup>1</sup>Or, turn <sup>2</sup>i.e., the nether world  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 49:14 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 50:22

18 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 9:12 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 62:5; 71:5

19 <sup>a</sup>Num. 10:35 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 9:5

20 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 14:5 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 62:9

1 <sup>1</sup>Or, Thine eyes  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 22:1 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 13:1; 55:1

2 <sup>1</sup>Lit., burns <sup>2</sup>Or, They will be caught  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 73:6, 8 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 9:16

3 <sup>1</sup>Or, blesses the greedy man  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 49:6; 94:3, 4 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 112:10 <sup>c</sup>Ps. 10:13

4 <sup>1</sup>Or, plots  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 10:13; Ps. 36:2 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 14:1; 36:1

5 <sup>1</sup>Lit., are strong  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 52:7 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 28:5

6 <sup>1</sup>Lit., To  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 49:11

7 <sup>a</sup>Rom. 3:14 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 73:8  
<sup>c</sup>Ps. 140:3; Job 20:12

8 <sup>1</sup>Lit., lie in wait <sup>2</sup>Or, poor  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 11:2 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 94:6 <sup>c</sup>Ps. 72:12

9 <sup>1</sup>Or, thicker  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 17:12 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 59:3; Mic. 7:2 <sup>c</sup>Ps. 10:2 <sup>d</sup>Ps. 140:5

10 <sup>1</sup>Or, is crushed <sup>2</sup>Or, is bowed down <sup>3</sup>Or, poor  
<sup>4</sup>Or, into his claws

11 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 10:4

12 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 17:7; Mic. 5:9 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 9:12

13 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 10:3

14 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *put, give* <sup>2</sup>Or, *poor*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 10:7 <sup>b</sup>Pss. 22:11 <sup>c</sup>Ps. 68:5

15 <sup>1</sup>Or, *Mayest Thou seek*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 37:17 <sup>b</sup>Pss. 140:11

16 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 29:10 <sup>b</sup>Deut. 8:20

17 <sup>1</sup>Or, *afflicted*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 9:18 <sup>b</sup>1 Chr. 29:18 <sup>c</sup>Ps. 34:15

18 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *judge*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 146:9 <sup>b</sup>Pss. 9:9; 74:21  
<sup>c</sup>Is. 29:20

1 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 2:12 <sup>b</sup>Pss. 121:1

2 <sup>1</sup>Or, *fixed*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 7:12; 37:14 <sup>b</sup>Pss. 64:3  
<sup>c</sup>Ps. 64:4

3 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 87:1; 119:152

4 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *LORD, His throne*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 18:6; Mic. 1:2; Hab. 2:20 <sup>b</sup>Pss. 103:19; Is. 66:1;  
 Matt. 5:34; Rev. 4:2 <sup>c</sup>Ps. 34:15, 16

5 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 34:19; Gen. 22:1;  
 James 1:12 <sup>b</sup>Pss. 5:5

6 <sup>1</sup>Or, *coals of fire*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 18:13, 14 <sup>b</sup>Gen. 19:24;  
 Ezek. 38:22 <sup>c</sup>Jer. 4:11, 12  
<sup>d</sup>Ps. 75:8

7 <sup>1</sup>Or, *righteous deeds*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 7:9, 11 <sup>b</sup>Pss. 33:5  
<sup>c</sup>Ps. 16:11; 17:15

<sup>4</sup> Or, *according to a lower octave* (Heb., *Sheminitih*)

1 <sup>a</sup>Is. 57:1; Mic. 7:2

2 <sup>1</sup>Or, *emptiness* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *lip*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 41:6 <sup>b</sup>Pss. 28:3; 55:21;  
 Jer. 9:8; Rom. 16:18

3 <sup>a</sup>Dan. 7:8; Rev. 13:5

4 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *with us*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 73:8, 9

- 14 Thou hast seen *it*, for Thou hast beheld <sup>a</sup>mischief and vexation to <sup>1</sup>take it into Thy hand.  
 The <sup>2</sup>unfortunate commits *himself* to Thee;  
 Thou hast been the <sup>c</sup>helper of the orphan.
- 15 <sup>a</sup>Break the arm of the wicked and the evildoer,  
<sup>b</sup>Seek out his wickedness until Thou dost find none.
- 16 The LORD is <sup>a</sup>King forever and ever;  
<sup>b</sup>Nations have perished from His land.
- 17 O LORD, Thou hast heard the <sup>a</sup>desire of the <sup>1</sup>humble;  
 Thou wilt <sup>b</sup>strengthen their heart, <sup>c</sup>Thou wilt incline  
 Thine ear
- 18 To <sup>1</sup>vindicate the <sup>a</sup>orphan and the <sup>b</sup>oppressed,  
 That man who is of the earth may cause <sup>c</sup>terror no more.

**PSALM 11**

The LORD a Refuge and Defense.

For the choir director. A Psalm of David.

- I**N the LORD I <sup>a</sup>take refuge;  
 How can you say to my soul, "Flee as a bird to your  
<sup>b</sup>mountain;
- 2 For, behold, the wicked <sup>a</sup>bend the bow,  
 They <sup>1</sup>make ready their arrow upon the string,  
 To <sup>c</sup>shoot in darkness at the upright in heart;
- 3 If the <sup>a</sup>foundations are destroyed,  
 What can the righteous do?"
- 4 The LORD is in His <sup>a</sup>holy temple, the <sup>1</sup>LORD's <sup>b</sup>throne is  
 in heaven;  
 His <sup>c</sup>eyes behold, His eyelids test the sons of men.
- 5 The LORD <sup>a</sup>tests the righteous and <sup>b</sup>the wicked,  
 And the one who loves violence His soul hates.
- 6 Upon the wicked He will <sup>a</sup>rain <sup>1</sup>snares;  
<sup>b</sup>Fire and brimstone and <sup>c</sup>burning wind will be the  
 portion of <sup>d</sup>their cup.
- 7 For the LORD is <sup>a</sup>righteous; <sup>b</sup>He loves <sup>1</sup>righteousness;  
 The upright will <sup>c</sup>behold His face.

**PSALM 12**

God a Helper against the Treacherous.

For the choir director; <sup>4</sup>upon an eight-  
 stringed lyre. A Psalm of David.

- H**ELP, LORD, for <sup>a</sup>the godly man ceases to be,  
 For the faithful disappear from among the sons of men.
- 2 They <sup>a</sup>speak <sup>1</sup>falsehood to one another;  
 With <sup>b</sup>flattering <sup>2</sup>lips and with a double heart they  
 speak.
- 3 May the LORD cut off all flattering lips,  
 The tongue that <sup>a</sup>speaks great things;
- 4 Who <sup>a</sup>have said, "With our tongue we will prevail;  
 Our lips are <sup>1</sup>our own; who is lord over us?"

- 5 "Because of the <sup>a</sup>devastation of the afflicted, because of the groaning of the needy, Now <sup>b</sup>I will arise," says the LORD; "I will <sup>c</sup>set him in the safety for which he longs."
- 6 The <sup>a</sup>words of the LORD are pure words; As silver <sup>b</sup>tried in a furnace on the earth, refined seven times.
- 7 Thou, O LORD, wilt keep them; Thou wilt <sup>a</sup>preserve him from this generation forever.
- 8 The <sup>a</sup>wicked strut about on every side, When <sup>b</sup>vileness is exalted among the sons of men.

5 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 9:9; 10:18 <sup>b</sup>Is. 33:10 <sup>c</sup>Ps. 34:6; 35:10

6 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 119:140; 19:8, 10 <sup>b</sup>Prov. 30:5

7 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 37:28; 97:10

8 <sup>1</sup>Or, *worthlessness* <sup>a</sup>Ps. 55:10, 11 <sup>b</sup>Is. 32:5

## PSALM 13

Prayer for Help in Trouble.

For the choir director. A Psalm of David.

How long, O LORD? Wilt Thou <sup>a</sup>forget me forever?

- How long <sup>b</sup>wilt Thou hide Thy face from me?
- 2 How long shall I <sup>a</sup>take counsel in my soul, *Having* <sup>b</sup>sorrow in my heart all the day? How long will my enemy be exalted over me?

- 3 <sup>a</sup>Consider *and* answer me, O LORD, my God; <sup>b</sup>Enlighten my eyes, lest I sleep the *sleep* of death,
- 4 Lest my enemy <sup>a</sup>say, "I have overcome him," *Lest* <sup>b</sup>my adversaries rejoice when I am shaken.

- 5 But I have <sup>a</sup>trusted in Thy lovingkindness; My heart shall <sup>b</sup>rejoice in Thy salvation.
- 6 I will <sup>a</sup>sing to the LORD, Because He has <sup>b</sup>dealt bountifully with me.

1 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 44:24 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 89:46

2 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 42:4 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 42:9

3 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 5:1 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 18:28; 1 Sam. 14:29; Ezra 9:8; Job 33:30

4 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 12:4 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 25:2; 38:16

5 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 52:8 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 9:14

6 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 96:1, 2 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 116:7; 119:17; 142:7

## PSALM 14

Folly and Wickedness of Men.

For the choir director. A Psalm of David.

THE fool has <sup>a</sup>said in his heart, "There is no God."

They are corrupt, they have committed abominable <sup>1</sup>deeds;

- There is <sup>b</sup>no one who does good.
- 2 The LORD has <sup>a</sup>looked down from heaven upon the sons of men, To see if there are any who <sup>b</sup>understand, Who <sup>c</sup>seek after God.
- 3 They have all <sup>a</sup>turned aside; together they have become corrupt; There is <sup>b</sup>no one who does good, not even one.

- 4 Do all the workers of wickedness <sup>a</sup>not know, Who <sup>b</sup>beat up my people *as* they eat bread, And <sup>c</sup>do not call upon the Lord?
- 5 There they are in great dread, For God is with the <sup>a</sup>righteous generation.

1 <sup>1</sup>Lit, *doings* <sup>a</sup>Ps. 10:4; 53:1 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 14:1-3; Rom. 3:10-12; Ps. 130:3

2 <sup>1</sup>Or, *act wisely* <sup>a</sup>Ps. 33:13, 14; 102:19 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 92:6 <sup>c</sup>1 Chr. 22:19

3 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 58:3 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 143:2

4 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 82:5 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 27:2; Jer. 10:25; Amos 8:4; Mic. 3:3 <sup>c</sup>Ps. 79:6; Is. 64:7

5 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 73:15; 112:2

6 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 42:3, 10 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 40:17; 46:1; 142:5

7 <sup>1</sup>Or, *restores the fortunes of His people*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 53:6 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 85:1, 2

1 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *sojourn*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 27:5, 6; 61:4 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 24:3

2 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 24:4; Is. 33:15  
<sup>b</sup>Zech. 8:16; Eph. 4:25

3 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *according to*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 50:20 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 28:3 <sup>c</sup>Ex. 23:1

4 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *his* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *he*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 53:5; Ps. 73:20 <sup>b</sup>Acts 28:10 <sup>c</sup>Judg. 11:35

5 <sup>1</sup>I.e., to a fellow Israelite  
<sup>a</sup>Ex. 22:25; Lev. 25:36; Deut. 23:20; Ezek. 18:8  
<sup>b</sup>Ex. 23:8; Deut. 16:19

<sup>f</sup> Possibly, *Epigrammatic Poem, or Atonement Psalm*

1 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 17:8 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 7:1

2 <sup>1</sup>Or, *O my soul, you said* <sup>2</sup>Or, *the Lord*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 73:25

3 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *holy ones; i.e., the godly* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *And the majestic ones . . . delight*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 101:6 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 119:63

4 <sup>1</sup>I.e., sorrows due to idolatry <sup>2</sup>Or, *hastened to*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 32:10 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 106:37, 38  
<sup>c</sup>Ex. 23:13; Josh. 23:7

5 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 73:26; 119:57; 142:5; Lam. 3:24 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 23:5  
<sup>c</sup>Ps. 125:3

6 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 78:55 <sup>b</sup>Jer. 3:19

7 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *kidneys, figurative for inner man*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 73:24 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 77:6

8 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 16:8-11; Acts 2:25-28  
<sup>b</sup>Ps. 27:8; 123:1, 2 <sup>c</sup>Ps. 73:23; 110:5; 121:5 <sup>d</sup>Ps. 112:6

9 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 4:7; 13:5 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 30:12; 57:8; 108:1 <sup>c</sup>Ps. 4:8

6 You would <sup>a</sup>put to shame the counsel of the afflicted,  
But the LORD is his <sup>b</sup>refuge.

7 O that <sup>a</sup>the salvation of Israel would come out of Zion!  
When the LORD <sup>1b</sup>restores His captive people,  
Jacob will rejoice, Israel will be glad.

**PSALM 15**

Description of a Citizen of Zion.

A Psalm of David.

- O** LORD, who may <sup>1a</sup>abide <sup>a</sup>in Thy tent?  
Who may dwell on Thy <sup>b</sup>holy hill?
- 2 He who <sup>a</sup>walks with integrity, and works righteousness,  
And <sup>b</sup>speaks truth in his heart.
- 3 He <sup>a</sup>does not slander <sup>1</sup>with his tongue,  
Nor <sup>b</sup>does evil to his neighbor,  
Nor <sup>c</sup>takes up a reproach against his friend;
- 4 In <sup>1</sup>whose eyes a <sup>a</sup>reprobate is despised,  
But <sup>2</sup>who <sup>b</sup>honors those who fear the LORD;  
He <sup>c</sup>swears to his own hurt, and does not change;
- 5 He <sup>a</sup>does not put out his money <sup>1a</sup>at interest,  
Nor <sup>b</sup>does he take a bribe against the innocent.  
He who does these things will never be shaken.

**PSALM 16**

The LORD the Psalmist's Portion in Life and Deliverer in Death.

<sup>f</sup>Mikhtam of David.

- <sup>a</sup>**P**RESERVE me, O God, for <sup>b1</sup>I take refuge in Thee.
- 2 <sup>1</sup>I said to the LORD, "Thou art <sup>2</sup>my LORD;  
I <sup>a</sup>have no good besides Thee."
- 3 As for the <sup>1a</sup>saints who are in the earth,  
<sup>2</sup>They are the majestic ones <sup>b</sup>in whom is all my delight.
- 4 The <sup>1a</sup>sorrows of those who have <sup>2</sup>bartered for another  
*god* will be multiplied;  
I shall not pour out their drink offerings of <sup>b</sup>blood,  
Nor shall I <sup>c</sup>take their names upon my lips.
- 5 The LORD is the <sup>a</sup>portion of my inheritance and my  
<sup>b</sup>cup;  
Thou dost support my <sup>c</sup>lot.
- 6 The <sup>a</sup>lines have fallen to me in pleasant places;  
Indeed, my heritage is <sup>b</sup>beautiful to me.
- 7 I will bless the LORD who has <sup>a</sup>counseled me;  
Indeed, my <sup>1b</sup>mind instructs me in the night.
- 8 <sup>a</sup>I have <sup>b</sup>set the LORD continually before me;  
Because He is <sup>c</sup>at my right hand, <sup>d</sup>I will not be shaken.
- 9 Therefore <sup>a</sup>my heart is glad, and <sup>b</sup>my glory rejoices;  
My flesh also will <sup>c</sup>dwell securely.

- 10 For Thou <sup>a</sup>wilt not abandon my soul to <sup>1</sup>Sheol;  
Neither wilt Thou <sup>2</sup>allow Thy <sup>3</sup>Holy One to <sup>4</sup>see the  
pit.
- 11 Thou wilt make known to me <sup>a</sup>the path of life;  
In <sup>b</sup>Thy presence is fulness of joy;  
In Thy right hand there are <sup>c</sup>pleasures forever.

## PSALM 17

Prayer for Protection against Oppressors.

A Prayer of David.

- H**EAR <sup>a</sup>a just cause, O LORD, <sup>b</sup>give heed to my cry;  
<sup>c</sup>Give ear to my prayer, which is not from <sup>d</sup>deceitful lips.
- 2 Let <sup>a</sup>my <sup>1</sup>judgment come forth from Thy presence;  
Let Thine eyes look with <sup>b</sup>equity.
- 3 Thou hast <sup>a</sup>tried my heart;  
Thou hast visited *me* by night;  
Thou hast <sup>b</sup>tested me and <sup>c</sup>dost find <sup>1</sup>nothing;  
I have <sup>d</sup>purposed that my mouth will not transgress.
- 4 As for the deeds of men, <sup>a</sup>by the word of Thy lips  
I have kept from the <sup>b</sup>paths of the violent.
- 5 My <sup>a</sup>steps have held fast to Thy <sup>1</sup>paths.  
My <sup>b</sup>feet have not slipped.
- 6 I have <sup>a</sup>called upon Thee, for Thou wilt answer me, O  
God;  
<sup>b</sup>Incline Thine ear to me, hear my speech.
- 7 <sup>a</sup>Wondrously show Thy lovingkindness,  
O <sup>b</sup>Savior of those who take refuge <sup>1</sup>at Thy right hand  
From those who rise up *against them*.
- 8 Keep me as <sup>1</sup>the <sup>a</sup>apple of the eye;  
Hide me <sup>b</sup>in the shadow of Thy wings,
- 9 From the <sup>a</sup>wicked who despoil me,  
My <sup>b</sup>deadly enemies, who surround me.
- 10 They have <sup>a</sup>closed their <sup>1</sup>unfeeling *heart*;  
With their mouth they <sup>b</sup>speak proudly.
- 11 They have now <sup>a</sup>surrounded us in our steps;  
They set their eyes <sup>b</sup>to cast us down to the ground.
- 12 He is <sup>a</sup>like a lion that is eager to tear,  
And as a young lion <sup>b</sup>lurking in hiding places.
- 13 <sup>a</sup>Arise, O LORD, confront him, <sup>b</sup>bring him low;  
<sup>c</sup>Deliver my soul from the wicked with <sup>d</sup>Thy sword,
- 14 From men with <sup>a</sup>Thy hand, O LORD,  
From men <sup>1</sup>of the world, <sup>b</sup>whose portion is in *this* life;  
And whose belly Thou <sup>c</sup>dost fill with Thy treasure;  
They are satisfied with children,  
And leave their abundance to their babes.
- 15 As for me, I shall <sup>a</sup>behold Thy face in righteousness;  
I will be satisfied <sup>1</sup>with Thy <sup>b</sup>likeness when I awake.

10 <sup>1</sup>I.e., the nether world  
<sup>2</sup>Lit., give <sup>3</sup>Or, godly one  
<sup>4</sup>Or, undergo decay  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 49:15; 86:13 <sup>b</sup>Acts  
13:35

11 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 139:24; Matt. 7:14  
<sup>b</sup>Ps. 21:6; 43:4 <sup>c</sup>Ps. 36:7, 8;  
46:4

1 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 9:4 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 61:1; 142:6  
<sup>c</sup>Ps. 88:2 <sup>d</sup>Is. 29:13

2 <sup>1</sup>I.e., vindication  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 103:6 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 98:9; 99:4

3 <sup>1</sup>Or, no evil device in  
*me; My mouth*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 26:1, 2 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 66:10;  
Zech. 13:9; 1 Pet. 1:7 <sup>c</sup>Jer.  
50:20 <sup>d</sup>Ps. 39:1

4 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 119:9, 101 <sup>b</sup>Ps.  
10:5-11

5 <sup>1</sup>Lit., tracks  
<sup>a</sup>Job 23:11; Ps. 44:18 <sup>b</sup>Ps.  
18:36; 37:31

6 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 86:7 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 88:2

7 <sup>1</sup>Or, from those who  
rise up . . . at Thy right  
hand  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 31:21 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 20:6

8 <sup>1</sup>Lit., the pupil, the  
daughter of the eye  
<sup>a</sup>Deut. 32:10; Zech. 2:8  
<sup>b</sup>Ruth 2:12; Ps. 36:7; 57:1;  
61:4; 63:7; 91:1, 4

9 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 31:20 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 27:12

10 <sup>1</sup>Lit., fat  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 73:7; Job 15:27 <sup>b</sup>1 Sam.  
2:3; Ps. 31:18; 73:8

11 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 88:17 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 37:14

12 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 7:2 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 10:9

13 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 3:7 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 55:23 <sup>c</sup>Ps.  
22:20 <sup>d</sup>Ps. 7:12

14 <sup>1</sup>Or, whose portion in  
life is of the world  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 17:7 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 73:3-7; Luke  
16:25 <sup>c</sup>Ps. 49:6

15 <sup>1</sup>Or, with beholding  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 11:7, 16:11; 140:13  
<sup>b</sup>Num. 12:8

<sup>1</sup> 2 Sam. 22:1-51

1 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 59:17

2 <sup>1</sup>Or, *crag*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 18:31, 46; Deut. 32:18;  
 1 Sam. 2:2; Ps. 28:1; 31:3;  
 42:9; 71:3; 78:15 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 144:2  
<sup>c</sup>Ps. 19:14 <sup>d</sup>Ps. 28:7; 33:20;  
 59:11; 84:9, 11; Prov. 30:5  
<sup>e</sup>Ps. 75:10 <sup>f</sup>Ps. 59:9

3 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 48:1; 96:4; 145:3  
<sup>b</sup>Ps. 34:6

4 <sup>1</sup>Or, *destruction*; Heb.,  
*Belial* <sup>2</sup>Or, *were assailing,*  
*or terrifying*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 116:3 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 69:2;  
 124:3, 4

5 <sup>1</sup>I.e., the nether world  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 116:3

6 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 50:15; 120:1 <sup>b</sup>Ps.  
 3:4 <sup>c</sup>Ps. 34:15

7 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 68:7, 8; Judg. 5:4;  
 Is. 13:13; Hag. 2:6 <sup>b</sup>Ps.  
 114:4, 6

8 <sup>1</sup>Or, *in His wrath*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 50:3

9 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 144:5 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 97:2

10 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 80:1; 99:1 <sup>b</sup>Ps.  
 104:3

11 <sup>1</sup>Or, *pavilion*  
<sup>a</sup>Deut. 4:11

12 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 104:2 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 140:10;  
 Hab. 3:5

13 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 29:3; 104:7

14 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *confused*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 144:6; Hab. 3:11

15 <sup>1</sup>Or, *uncovered*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 106:9 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 76:6 <sup>c</sup>Ps.  
 18:8

16 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 144:7 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 32:6

**PSALM 18**

The LORD Praised for Giving Deliverance.

For the choir director. A Psalm of David the servant of the LORD, <sup>1</sup>who spoke to the LORD the words of this song in the day that the LORD delivered him from the hand of all his enemies and from the hand of Saul.

And he said,

“**I** LOVE Thee, O LORD, <sup>a</sup>my strength.”

2 The LORD is <sup>a</sup>my <sup>1</sup>rock and <sup>b</sup>my fortress and my <sup>c</sup>deliv-  
 erer,

My God, my rock, in whom I take refuge;  
 My <sup>d</sup>shield and the <sup>e</sup>horn of my salvation, my <sup>f</sup>strong-  
 hold.

3 I call upon the LORD, who is <sup>a</sup>worthy to be praised,  
 And I am <sup>b</sup>saved from my enemies.

4 The <sup>a</sup>cords of death encompassed me,  
 And the <sup>b</sup>torrents of <sup>1</sup>ungodliness <sup>2</sup>terrified me.

5 The <sup>a</sup>cords of <sup>1</sup>Sheol surrounded me;  
 The snares of death confronted me.

6 In my <sup>a</sup>distress I called upon the LORD,  
 And cried to my God for help;  
 He heard my voice <sup>b</sup>out of His temple,  
 And my <sup>c</sup>cry for help before Him came into His ears.

7 Then the <sup>a</sup>earth shook and quaked;  
 And the <sup>b</sup>foundations of the mountains were trembling  
 And were shaken, because He was angry.

8 Smoke went up <sup>1</sup>out of His nostrils,  
 And <sup>a</sup>fire from His mouth devoured;  
 Coals were kindled by it.

9 He <sup>a</sup>bowed the heavens also, and came down  
 With thick <sup>b</sup>darkness under His feet.

10 And He rode upon a <sup>a</sup>cherub and flew;  
 And He sped upon the <sup>b</sup>wings of the wind.

11 He made <sup>a</sup>darkness His hiding place, His <sup>1</sup>canopy  
 around Him,  
 Darkness of waters, thick clouds of the skies.

12 From the <sup>a</sup>brightness before Him passed His thick  
 clouds,  
 Hailstones and <sup>b</sup>coals of fire.

13 The LORD also <sup>a</sup>thundered in the heavens,  
 And the Most High uttered His voice,  
 Hailstones and coals of fire.

14 And He <sup>a</sup>sent out His arrows, and scattered them,  
 And lightning flashes in abundance, and <sup>1</sup>routed them.

15 Then the <sup>a</sup>channels of water appeared,  
 And the foundations of the world were <sup>1</sup>laid bare  
 At Thy <sup>b</sup>rebuke, O LORD,  
 At the blast of the <sup>c</sup>breath of Thy nostrils.

16 He <sup>a</sup>sent from on high, He took me;  
 He drew me out of <sup>b</sup>many waters.

17 He <sup>a</sup>delivered me from my strong enemy,  
 And from those who hated me, for they were <sup>b</sup>too  
 mighty for me.

18 They confronted me in <sup>a</sup>the day of my calamity,  
 But <sup>b</sup>the LORD was my stay.

19 He brought me forth also into a <sup>a</sup>broad place;  
 He rescued me, because <sup>b</sup>He delighted in me.

20 The LORD has <sup>a</sup>rewarded me according to my righteous-  
 ness;  
 According to the <sup>b</sup>cleanness of my hands He has recom-  
 pensed me.

21 For I have <sup>a</sup>kept the ways of the LORD,  
 And have <sup>b</sup>not wickedly departed from my God.

22 For all <sup>a</sup>His ordinances were before me,  
 And I did not put away His <sup>b</sup>statutes from me.

23 I was also <sup>1a</sup>blameless with Him,  
 And I <sup>b</sup>kept myself from my iniquity.

24 Therefore the LORD has <sup>a</sup>recompensed me according to  
 my righteousness;  
 According to the cleanness of my hands in His eyes.

25 With <sup>a</sup>the kind Thou dost show Thyself kind;  
 With the <sup>1b</sup>blameless <sup>b</sup>Thou dost show Thyself blame-  
 less;

26 With the pure Thou dost show Thyself <sup>a</sup>pure;  
 And with the crooked <sup>b</sup>Thou dost show Thyself <sup>1a</sup>astute.

27 For Thou dost <sup>a</sup>save an afflicted people;  
 But <sup>b</sup>haughty eyes Thou dost abase.

28 For Thou dost <sup>a</sup>light my lamp;  
 The LORD my God <sup>b</sup>illuminates my darkness.

29 For by Thee I can <sup>1a</sup>run upon a troop;  
 And by my God I can <sup>b</sup>leap over a wall.

30 As for God, His way is <sup>1a</sup>blameless;  
 The <sup>b</sup>word of the LORD is tried;  
 He is a <sup>c</sup>shield to all who take refuge in Him.

31 For <sup>a</sup>who is God, but the LORD?  
 And who is a <sup>b</sup>rock, except our God,

32 The God who <sup>a</sup>girds me with strength,  
 And <sup>1m</sup>makes my way <sup>2b</sup>blameless?

33 He <sup>a</sup>makes my feet like hinds' feet,  
 And sets me upon my high places.

34 He <sup>a</sup>trains my hands for battle,  
 So that my arms can <sup>b</sup>bend a bow of bronze.

35 Thou hast also given me <sup>a</sup>the shield of Thy salvation,  
 And Thy <sup>b</sup>right hand upholds me;  
 And <sup>c</sup>Thy <sup>1g</sup>gentleness makes me great.

36 Thou dost <sup>a</sup>enlarge my steps under me,  
 And my <sup>1b</sup>feet have not slipped.

37 I <sup>a</sup>pursued my enemies and overtook them,  
 And I did not turn back <sup>b</sup>until they were consumed.

38 I shattered them, so that they were <sup>a</sup>not able to rise;  
 They fell <sup>b</sup>under my feet.

17 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 59:1 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 35:10;  
 142:6

18 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 59:16 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 16:8

19 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 4:1; 31:8; 118:5  
<sup>b</sup>Ps. 37:23; 41:11

20 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 7:8; Job 33:26 <sup>b</sup>Ps.  
 24:4; Job 22:30

21 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 37:34; 119:33;  
 Prov. 8:32 <sup>b2</sup> Chr. 34:33;  
 Ps. 119:102

22 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 119:30 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 119:83

23 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *complete*; or,  
*having integrity*; or, *perfect*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 18:32 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 19:12, 13;  
 25:11; 66:18

24 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 18:20

25 <sup>1</sup>Note v. 23  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 62:12; Matt. 5:7 <sup>b</sup>Ps.  
 18:30

26 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *twisted*  
<sup>a</sup>Job 25:5; Hab. 1:13 <sup>b</sup>Lev.  
 26:23, 24; Prov. 3:34

27 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 72:12 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 101:5;  
 Prov. 6:17

28 <sup>a1</sup> Kin. 15:4; Job 18:6;  
 Ps. 132:17 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 27:1

29 <sup>1</sup>Or, *crush a troop*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 118:10-12 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 18:33;  
 Ps. 40:2

30 <sup>1</sup>Note v. 23  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 19:7; 145:17 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 12:6  
<sup>c</sup>Ps. 91:4

31 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 86:8-10; Is. 45:5  
<sup>b</sup>Ps. 18:2; 62:2; Deut. 32:31

32 <sup>1</sup>Or, *has made* <sup>2</sup>Lit.,  
*complete*; or, *having*  
*integrity*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 18:39; Is. 45:5 <sup>b</sup>Ps.  
 18:23

33 <sup>a</sup>Hab. 3:19

34 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 144:1 <sup>b</sup>Job 29:20

35 <sup>1</sup>Or, *condescension*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 33:20 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 63:8;  
 119:117 <sup>c</sup>Ps. 138:6

36 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *ankles*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 18:33 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 66:9

37 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 44:5 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 37:20

38 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 36:12 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 47:3

39 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *caused to bow down*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 18:32 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 18:47

40 <sup>1</sup>Or, *silenced*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 21:12 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 94:23

41 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 50:22 <sup>b</sup>Job 27:9;  
 Prov. 1:28

42 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 83:13

43 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 35:1; 2 Sam. 3:1;  
 19:9 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 89:27 <sup>c</sup>Is. 55:5

44 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *deceive me*; i.e.,  
 give feigned obedience  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 66:3

45 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *fastnesses*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 37:2 <sup>b</sup>Mic. 7:17

46 <sup>a</sup>Job 19:25 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 18:2  
<sup>c</sup>Ps. 51:14

47 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 94:1 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 18:43;  
 47:3; 144:2

48 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 3:7 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 27:6 <sup>c</sup>Ps.  
 11:5

49 <sup>a</sup>Rom. 15:9 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 108:1

50 I.e., *victories*; lit.,  
*salvations* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *seed*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 21:1 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 28:8 <sup>c</sup>Ps. 89:4

1 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 8:1; 50:6; Rom.  
 1:19, 20 <sup>b</sup>Gen. 1:6, 7

2 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 74:16 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 139:12

4 <sup>1</sup>Another reading is,  
*sound*  
<sup>a</sup>Rom. 10:18 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 104:2

6 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *the* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *the*  
*ends*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 113:3

- 39 For Thou hast <sup>a</sup>girded me with strength for battle;  
 Thou hast <sup>1b</sup>subdued under me those who rose up  
 against me.
- 40 Thou hast also made my enemies <sup>a</sup>turn their backs to  
 me,  
 And I <sup>1b</sup>destroyed those who hated me.
- 41 They cried for help, but there was <sup>a</sup>none to save,  
 Even to the LORD, but <sup>b</sup>He did not answer them.
- 42 Then I beat them fine as the <sup>a</sup>dust before the wind;  
 I emptied them out as the mire of the streets.
- 43 Thou hast delivered me from the <sup>a</sup>contentions of the  
 people;  
 Thou hast placed me as <sup>b</sup>head of the nations;  
 A <sup>c</sup>people whom I have not known serve me.
- 44 As soon as they hear, they obey me;  
 Foreigners <sup>1a</sup>submit to me.
- 45 Foreigners <sup>a</sup>fade away,  
 And <sup>b</sup>come trembling out of their <sup>1</sup>fortresses.
- 46 The LORD <sup>a</sup>lives, and blessed be <sup>b</sup>my rock;  
 And exalted be <sup>c</sup>the God of my salvation,  
 47 The God who <sup>a</sup>executes vengeance for me,  
 And <sup>b</sup>subdues peoples under me.
- 48 He <sup>a</sup>delivers me from my enemies;  
 Surely Thou <sup>b</sup>dost lift me above those who rise up  
 against me;  
 Thou dost rescue me from the <sup>c</sup>violent man.
- 49 Therefore I will <sup>a</sup>give thanks to Thee among the na-  
 tions, O LORD,  
 And I will <sup>b</sup>sing praises to Thy name.
- 50 He gives great <sup>1a</sup>deliverance to His king,  
 And shows lovingkindness to <sup>b</sup>His anointed,  
 To David and <sup>c</sup>his <sup>2</sup>descendants forever.

PSALM 19

The Works and the Word of God.

For the choir director. A Psalm of David.

- THE <sup>a</sup>heavens are telling of the glory of God;  
 And their <sup>b</sup>expanse is declaring the work of His hands.
- 2 Day to <sup>a</sup>day pours forth speech,  
 And <sup>b</sup>night to night reveals knowledge.
- 3 There is no speech, nor are there words;  
 Their voice is not heard.
- 4 Their <sup>1a</sup>line has gone out through all the earth,  
 And their utterances to the end of the world.  
 In them He has <sup>b</sup>placed a tent for the sun,
- 5 Which is as a bridegroom coming out of his chamber;  
 It rejoices as a strong man to run his course.
- 6 Its <sup>a</sup>rising is from <sup>1</sup>one end of the heavens,  
 And its circuit to the <sup>2</sup>other end of them;  
 And there is nothing hidden from its heat.



- 7 The law of the LORD is <sup>1</sup>perfect, <sup>b</sup>restoring the soul;  
The testimony of the LORD is <sup>c</sup>sure, making <sup>d</sup>wise the simple.
- 8 The precepts of the LORD are <sup>a</sup>right, <sup>b</sup>rejoicing the heart;  
The commandment of the LORD is <sup>c</sup>pure, <sup>d</sup>enlightening the eyes.
- 9 The fear of the LORD is clean, enduring forever;  
The judgments of the LORD are <sup>a</sup>true; they are <sup>b</sup>brighteous altogether.
- 10 They are more desirable than <sup>a</sup>gold, yes, than much fine gold;  
<sup>b</sup>Sweeter also than honey and the drippings of the honeycomb.
- 11 Moreover, by them <sup>a</sup>Thy servant is warned;  
In keeping them there is great <sup>b</sup>reward.
- 12 Who can <sup>a</sup>discern *his* errors? <sup>b</sup>Acquit me of <sup>c</sup>hidden faults.
- 13 Also keep back Thy servant <sup>a</sup>from presumptuous sins;  
Let them not <sup>b</sup>rule over me;  
Then I shall be <sup>1c</sup>blameless,  
And I shall be acquitted of <sup>d</sup>great transgression.
- 14 Let the words of my mouth and <sup>a</sup>the meditation of my heart  
Be acceptable in Thy sight,  
O LORD, <sup>b</sup>my rock and my <sup>c</sup>redeemer.

PSALM 20

Prayer for Victory over Enemies.

For the choir director. A Psalm of David.

- MAY** the LORD answer you <sup>a</sup>in the day of trouble!  
May the <sup>b</sup>name of the <sup>c</sup>God of Jacob set you *securely*  
on high!
- 2 May He send you help <sup>a</sup>from the sanctuary,  
And <sup>b</sup>support you from Zion!
- 3 May He <sup>a</sup>remember all your meal offerings,  
And <sup>b</sup>find your burnt offering <sup>1</sup>acceptable! [<sup>2</sup>Selah.]
- 4 May He grant you your <sup>a</sup>heart's desire,  
And <sup>b</sup>fulfill all your <sup>1</sup>counsel!
- 5 <sup>1</sup>We will <sup>a</sup>sing for joy over your <sup>2</sup>victory,  
And in the name of our God we will <sup>b</sup>set up our banners.  
May the LORD <sup>c</sup>fulfill all your petitions.
- 6 Now <sup>a</sup>I know that the LORD saves His anointed;  
He will <sup>b</sup>answer him from His holy heaven,  
With the <sup>1c</sup>saving strength of His right hand.
- 7 Some <sup>1</sup>boast in chariots, and some in <sup>a</sup>horses;  
But <sup>b</sup>we <sup>2</sup>will boast in the name of the LORD, our God.
- 8 They have <sup>a</sup>bowed down and fallen;  
But we have <sup>b</sup>risen and stood upright.
- 9 <sup>1a</sup>Save, O LORD;  
May the <sup>b</sup>King answer us in the day we call.

7 <sup>1</sup>i.e., blameless  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 119:160 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 23:3 <sup>c</sup>Ps. 93:5 <sup>d</sup>Ps. 119:98-100

8 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 119:128 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 119:14 <sup>c</sup>Ps. 12:6 <sup>d</sup>Ps. 36:9

9 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 119:142 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 119:138

10 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 119:72, 127 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 119:103

11 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 17:4 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 24:5, 6; Prov. 29:18

12 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 40:12; 139:6 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 51:1, 2 <sup>c</sup>Ps. 90:8; 139:23, 24

13 <sup>1</sup>Lit., complete  
<sup>a</sup>Num. 15:30 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 119:133 <sup>c</sup>Ps. 18:32 <sup>d</sup>Ps. 25:11

14 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 104:34 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 18:2 <sup>c</sup>Ps. 31:5

1 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 50:15 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 91:14 <sup>c</sup>Ps. 46:7, 11

2 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 3:4 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 110:2

3 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *fat* <sup>2</sup>Selah may mean: Pause, Crescendo or Musical interlude  
<sup>a</sup>Acts 10:4 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 51:19

4 <sup>1</sup>Or, purpose  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 21:2 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 145:19

5 <sup>1</sup>Or, Let us sing <sup>2</sup>Or, salvation  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 9:14 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 60:4 <sup>c</sup>1 Sam. 1:17

6 <sup>1</sup>Or, mighty deeds of the victory of His right hand  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 41:11 <sup>b</sup>Is. 58:9 <sup>c</sup>Ps. 28:8

7 <sup>1</sup>Or, praise chariots, or, trust, or, are strong through  
<sup>2</sup>Lit., make mention of; or, praise the name  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 33:17 <sup>b</sup>2 Chr. 32:8

8 <sup>a</sup>Is. 2:11, 17 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 37:24; Mic. 7:8

9 <sup>1</sup>Or, O LORD, save the king; answer us...  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 3:7 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 17:6

<sup>1</sup> Or, victory  
\*Ps. 59:16, 17

<sup>2</sup> *Selah* may mean:  
Pause, Crescendo or  
Musical interlude  
\*Ps. 20:4; 37:4

<sup>3</sup> \*Ps. 59:10 <sup>b2</sup> Sam.  
12:30

<sup>4</sup> \*Ps. 61:6; 133:3 <sup>bPs.</sup>  
91:16

<sup>5</sup> Or, victory  
\*Ps. 9:14; 20:5 <sup>bPs.</sup> 8:5; 96:6

<sup>6</sup> Lit., blessings  
\*1 Chr. 17:27 <sup>bPs.</sup> 43:4

<sup>7</sup> \*Ps. 125:1 <sup>bPs.</sup> 112:6

<sup>8</sup> \*Is. 10:10

<sup>9</sup> Or, of your presence  
\*Mal. 4:1 <sup>bLam.</sup> 2:2 <sup>cPs.</sup>  
50:3

<sup>10</sup> Lit., fruit <sup>2</sup>Lit., seed  
\*Ps. 37:28

<sup>11</sup> Lit., stretched out  
\*Ps. 2:1-3 <sup>bPs.</sup> 10:2

<sup>12</sup> Lit., make ready  
\*Ps. 18:40 <sup>bPs.</sup> 7:12, 13

<sup>13</sup> \*Ps. 59:16; 81:1

<sup>4</sup> Lit., the hind of the  
morning

<sup>1</sup> Or, Why art Thou so  
far from helping me, and  
from the words of my  
groaning? <sup>2</sup>Lit., roaring  
\*Matt. 27:46; Mark 15:34  
<sup>bPs.</sup> 10:1 <sup>cPs.</sup> 6:6; 32:3;  
38:8; Job 3:24

<sup>2</sup> Lit., there is no  
silence for me  
\*Ps. 42:3; 88:1

<sup>3</sup> Or, dost inhabit the  
praises  
\*Ps. 99:9 <sup>bPs.</sup> 148:14

<sup>4</sup> \*Ps. 78:53 <sup>bPs.</sup> 107:6

**PSALM 21**

Praise for Deliverance.

For the choir director. A Psalm of David.

- O** LORD, in Thy strength the king will <sup>a</sup>be glad,  
And in Thy <sup>1</sup>salvation how greatly he will rejoice!  
**2** Thou hast <sup>a</sup>given him his heart's desire,  
And Thou hast not withheld the request of his  
lips. [<sup>1</sup>Selah.  
**3** For Thou <sup>a</sup>dost meet him with the blessings of good  
things;  
Thou dost set a <sup>b</sup>crown of fine gold on his head.  
**4** He asked life of Thee,  
Thou <sup>a</sup>didst give it to him,  
<sup>b</sup>Length of days forever and ever.  
**5** His <sup>a</sup>glory is great through Thy <sup>1</sup>salvation,  
<sup>b</sup>Splendor and majesty Thou dost place upon him.  
**6** For Thou dost make him <sup>1</sup>most <sup>a</sup>blessed forever;  
Thou dost make him joyful <sup>b</sup>with gladness in Thy  
presence.  
**7** For the king <sup>a</sup>trusts in the LORD,  
And through the lovingkindness of the Most High <sup>b</sup>he  
will not be shaken.  
**8** Your hand will <sup>a</sup>find out all your enemies;  
Your right hand will find out those who hate you.  
**9** You will make them <sup>a</sup>as a fiery oven in the time <sup>1</sup>of your  
anger;  
The LORD will <sup>b</sup>swallow them up in His wrath,  
And <sup>c</sup>fire will devour them.  
**10** Their <sup>1</sup>offspring Thou wilt destroy from the earth,  
And their <sup>2a</sup>descendants from among the sons of men.  
**11** Though they <sup>1a</sup>intended evil against Thee,  
And <sup>b</sup>devised a plot,  
They will not succeed.  
**12** For Thou wilt <sup>a</sup>make them turn their back;  
Thou wilt <sup>1a</sup>aim <sup>b</sup>with Thy bowstrings at their faces.  
**13** Be Thou exalted, O LORD, in Thy strength;  
We will <sup>a</sup>sing and praise Thy power.

**PSALM 22**

A Cry of Anguish and a Song of Praise.

For the choir director; upon <sup>4</sup>aijeleth  
hashshahar. A Psalm of David.

- <sup>a</sup>**M**Y God, my God, why hast Thou forsaken me?  
<sup>1b</sup>Far from my deliverance are the words of my <sup>2c</sup>groan-  
ing.  
**2** O my God, I <sup>a</sup>cry by day, but Thou dost not answer;  
And by night, but <sup>1</sup>I have no rest.  
**3** Yet <sup>a</sup>Thou art holy,  
O Thou who <sup>1</sup>art enthroned upon <sup>b</sup>the praises of Israel.  
**4** In Thee our fathers <sup>a</sup>trusted;  
They trusted, and Thou didst <sup>b</sup>deliver them.

5 To Thee they cried out, and were delivered;  
In Thee they trusted, and were not <sup>1</sup>disappointed.

6 But I am a <sup>a</sup>worm, and not a man,  
A <sup>b</sup>reproach of men, and <sup>c</sup>despised by the people.

7 All who see me <sup>1a</sup>sneer at me;  
They <sup>2</sup>separate with the lip, they <sup>b</sup>wag the head, *saying*,

8 *"Commit yourself to the LORD; let Him deliver him;  
Let Him rescue him, because He delights in him."*

9 Yet Thou art He who <sup>a</sup>didst bring me forth from the  
womb;  
Thou didst make me trust *when* upon my mother's  
breasts.

10 Upon Thee I was cast <sup>a</sup>from <sup>1</sup>birth;  
Thou hast been my God from my mother's womb.

11 <sup>a</sup>Be not far from me, for <sup>1</sup>trouble is near;  
For there is <sup>b</sup>none to help.

12 Many <sup>a</sup>bulls have surrounded me;  
Strong *bulls* of <sup>b</sup>Bashan have encircled me.

13 They <sup>a</sup>open wide their mouth at me,  
As a ravening and a roaring <sup>b</sup>lion.

14 I am <sup>a</sup>poured out like water,  
And all my <sup>b</sup>bones are out of joint;  
My <sup>c</sup>heart is like wax;  
It is melted within <sup>1</sup>me.

15 My <sup>a</sup>strength is dried up like a potsherd,  
And my tongue cleaves to my jaws;  
And Thou dost <sup>b</sup>blay me <sup>1</sup>in the dust of death.

16 For <sup>a</sup>dogs have surrounded me;  
<sup>1</sup>A band of evildoers has encompassed me;  
<sup>2</sup>They <sup>b</sup>pierced my hands and my feet.

17 I can count all my bones.  
They look, they stare at me;

18 They <sup>a</sup>divide my garments among them,  
And for my clothing they cast lots.

19 But Thou, O LORD, <sup>a</sup>be not far off;  
O Thou my help, <sup>b</sup>hasten to my assistance.

20 Deliver my <sup>1</sup>soul from <sup>a</sup>the sword,  
My <sup>b</sup>only *life* from the <sup>2</sup>power of the dog.

21 Save me from the <sup>a</sup>lion's mouth;  
And from the horns of the <sup>b</sup>wild oxen Thou dost <sup>c</sup>answer  
me.

22 I will <sup>a</sup>tell of Thy name to my brethren;  
In the midst of the assembly I will praise Thee.

23 <sup>a</sup>You who fear the LORD, praise Him;  
All you <sup>1</sup>descendants of Jacob, <sup>b</sup>glorify Him,  
And <sup>c</sup>stand in awe of Him, all you <sup>1</sup>descendants of Israel.

24 For He has <sup>a</sup>not despised nor abhorred the affliction of  
the afflicted;  
Neither has He <sup>b</sup>hidden His face from him;  
But <sup>c</sup>when he cried to Him for help, He heard.

5 <sup>1</sup>Or, *ashamed*

6 <sup>a</sup>Job 25:6; Is. 41:14 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 31:11 <sup>c</sup>Is. 49:7

7 <sup>1</sup>Or, *mock me* <sup>2</sup>I.e., *make mouths at me*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 79:4; Is. 53:3 <sup>b</sup>Matt. 27:39; Mark 15:29

8 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *Roll*; another reading is, *He committed himself*  
<sup>a</sup>Matt. 27:43

9 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 71:5, 6

10 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *a womb*  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 46:3; 49:1

11 <sup>1</sup>Or, *distress*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 71:12 <sup>b2</sup>Kin. 14:26; Ps. 72:12; Is. 63:5

12 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 22:21; 68:30  
<sup>b</sup>Deut. 32:14; Amos 4:1

13 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 35:21; Job 16:10; Lam. 2:16; 3:46 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 10:9; 17:12

14 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *my inward parts*  
<sup>a</sup>Job 30:16 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 31:10; Dan. 5:6 <sup>c</sup>Ps. 73:26; Josh. 7:5; Job 23:16; Nah. 2:10

15 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *to*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 38:10 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 104:29

16 <sup>1</sup>Or, *An assembly*  
<sup>2</sup>Another reading is, *Like a lion, my ...*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 59:6, 7 <sup>b</sup>Matt. 27:35; John 20:25

18 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 27:35; Luke 23:34; John 19:24

19 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 22:11 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 70:5

20 <sup>1</sup>Or, *life* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *paw*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 37:14 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 35:17

21 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 22:13 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 22:12  
<sup>c</sup>Ps. 34:4; 118:5; 120:1

22 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 40:10; Heb. 2:12

23 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *seed*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 135:20 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 86:12 <sup>c</sup>Ps. 33:8

24 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 69:33 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 27:9; 69:17; 102:2 <sup>c</sup>Ps. 31:22; Heb. 5:7

**Psalms 22, 23, 24**

25 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 35:18; 40:9, 10 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 61:8

26 <sup>1</sup>Or, *poor*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 107:9 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 40:16 <sup>c</sup>Ps. 69:32

27 <sup>1</sup>Some versions read, *Him*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 2:8; 82:8 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 86:9

28 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 47:7; Obad. 21;  
Zech. 14:9 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 47:8

29 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *fat ones* <sup>2</sup>Or, *did not*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 17:10; Is. 10:16; Hab. 1:16 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 28:1 <sup>c</sup>Ps. 89:48

30 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *A seed*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 102:28 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 102:18

31 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 40:9; 71:18 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 78:6

<sup>1</sup> Or, *do*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 78:52; 80:1; Is. 40:11; Jer. 31:10; Ezek. 34:11-13; John 10:11; 1 Pet. 2:25 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 34:9, 10

<sup>2</sup> Lit., *waters of rest*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 65:11-13; Ezek. 34:14 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 36:8; 46:4

<sup>3</sup> Lit., *tracks*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 19:7 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 5:8; 31:3 <sup>c</sup>Ps. 85:13; Prov. 4:11; 8:20

<sup>4</sup> Or, *valley of deep darkness* <sup>2</sup>Or, *harm*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 107:14 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 27:1 <sup>c</sup>Ps. 16:8; Is. 43:2 <sup>d</sup>Mic. 7:14

<sup>5</sup> Or, *dost anoint*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 78:19 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 92:10; Luke 7:46 <sup>c</sup>Ps. 16:5

<sup>6</sup> Or, *Only* <sup>2</sup>Another reading is, *return* <sup>3</sup>Lit., *for length of days*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 25:7, 10 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 27:4-6

<sup>1</sup> Lit., *its fulness*  
<sup>a</sup>1 Cor. 10:26 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 89:11

<sup>2</sup> <sup>a</sup>Ps. 104:3, 5; 136:6

- 25 From Thee *comes* <sup>a</sup>my praise in the great assembly; I shall <sup>b</sup>pay my vows before those who fear Him.
- 26 The <sup>1</sup>afflicted shall eat and <sup>a</sup>be satisfied; Those who seek Him will <sup>b</sup>praise the LORD. Let your <sup>c</sup>heart live forever!
- 27 All the <sup>a</sup>ends of the earth will remember and turn to the LORD, And all the <sup>b</sup>families of the nations will worship before <sup>1</sup>Thee.
- 28 For the <sup>a</sup>kingdom is the LORD's, And He <sup>b</sup>rules over the nations.
- 29 All the <sup>1a</sup>prosperous of the earth will eat and worship, All those who <sup>b</sup>go down to the dust will bow before Him, Even he who <sup>2c</sup>cannot keep his soul alive.
- 30 <sup>1a</sup>Posterity will serve Him; It will be told of the Lord to <sup>b</sup>the *coming* generation.
- 31 They will come and <sup>a</sup>will declare His righteousness To a people <sup>b</sup>who will be born, that He has performed *it*.

PSALM 23

The LORD, the Psalmist's Shepherd.

A Psalm of David.

- T**HE LORD is my <sup>a</sup>shepherd, I <sup>1</sup>shall <sup>b</sup>not want.
- 2 He makes me lie down in <sup>a</sup>green pastures; He leads me beside <sup>1b</sup>quiet waters.
- 3 He <sup>a</sup>restores my soul; He <sup>b</sup>guides me in the <sup>1c</sup>paths of righteousness For His name's sake.
- 4 Even though I <sup>a</sup>walk through the <sup>1</sup>valley of the shadow of death, I <sup>b</sup>fear no <sup>2</sup>evil; for <sup>c</sup>Thou art with me; Thy <sup>d</sup>rod and Thy staff, they comfort me.
- 5 Thou dost <sup>a</sup>prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; Thou <sup>1</sup>hast <sup>b</sup>anointed my head with oil; My <sup>c</sup>cup overflows.
- 6 <sup>1</sup>Surely <sup>a</sup>goodness and lovingkindness will follow me all the days of my life, And I will <sup>2b</sup>dwell in the house of the LORD <sup>3</sup>forever.

PSALM 24

The King of Glory Entering Zion.

A Psalm of David.

- T**HE <sup>a</sup>earth is the LORD's, and <sup>1</sup>all it contains, The <sup>b</sup>world, and those who dwell in it.
- 2 For He has <sup>a</sup>founded it upon the seas, And established it upon the rivers.

- 3 Who may <sup>a</sup>ascend into the <sup>b</sup>hill of the LORD?  
And who may stand in His holy <sup>c</sup>place?
- 4 He who has <sup>a</sup>clean hands and a <sup>b</sup>pure heart,  
Who has not <sup>a</sup>lifted up his soul <sup>1</sup>to falsehood,  
And has not <sup>a</sup>sworn deceitfully.
- 5 He shall receive a <sup>a</sup>blessing from the LORD  
And <sup>1</sup>brighteousness from the God of his salvation.
- 6 <sup>1</sup>This is the generation of those who <sup>a</sup>seek Him,  
Who seek Thy face—even Jacob. [<sup>2</sup>Selah.]
- 7 <sup>a</sup>Lift up your heads, O gates,  
And be lifted up, O <sup>1</sup>ancient doors,  
That the King of <sup>b</sup>glory may come in!
- 8 Who is the King of glory?  
The LORD <sup>a</sup>strong and mighty,  
The LORD <sup>b</sup>mighty in battle.
- 9 Lift up your heads, O gates,  
And lift them up, O <sup>1</sup>ancient doors,  
That the King of <sup>a</sup>glory may come in!
- 10 Who is this King of glory?  
The LORD of <sup>a</sup>hosts,  
He is the King of glory. [<sup>2</sup>Selah.]

## PSALM 25

Prayer for Protection, Guidance and Pardon.

A Psalm of David.

- T**O Thee, O LORD, I <sup>a</sup>lift up my soul.
- 2 O my God, in Thee <sup>a</sup>I trust,  
Do not let me <sup>b</sup>be ashamed;  
Do not let my <sup>c</sup>enemies exult over me.
- 3 Indeed, <sup>a</sup>none of those who wait for Thee will be  
ashamed;  
<sup>1</sup>Those who <sup>b</sup>deal treacherously without cause will be  
ashamed.
- 4 <sup>a</sup>Make me know Thy ways, O LORD;  
Teach me Thy paths.
- 5 Lead me in <sup>a</sup>Thy truth and teach me,  
For Thou art the <sup>b</sup>God of my salvation;  
For Thee I <sup>c</sup>wait all the day.
- 6 <sup>a</sup>Remember, O LORD, Thy compassion and Thy lov-  
ingkindnesses,  
For they have been <sup>1</sup>from of old.
- 7 Do not remember the <sup>a</sup>sins of my youth or my transgres-  
sions;  
<sup>b</sup>According to Thy lovingkindness remember Thou me,  
For Thy <sup>c</sup>goodness' sake, O LORD.
- 8 <sup>a</sup>Good and <sup>b</sup>pure is the LORD;  
Therefore He <sup>c</sup>instructs sinners in the way.
- 9 He <sup>a</sup>leads the <sup>1</sup>humble in justice,  
And He <sup>b</sup>teaches the <sup>1</sup>humble His way.
- 10 All the paths of the LORD are <sup>a</sup>lovingkindness and truth  
To <sup>b</sup>those who keep His covenant and His testimonies.

3 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 15:1 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 2:6 <sup>c</sup>Ps. 65:4; Deut. 12:54 <sup>1</sup>Or, in vain  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 26:6; Job 17:9; 22:30  
<sup>b</sup>Ps. 51:10; 73:1; Matt. 5:8  
<sup>c</sup>Ezek. 18:15 <sup>d</sup>Ps. 15:45 <sup>1</sup>I.e., as vindicated  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 115:13 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 36:106 <sup>1</sup>Or, Such <sup>2</sup>Selah may  
mean: Pause, Crescendo or  
Musical interlude  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 27:4, 87 <sup>1</sup>Lit., everlasting  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 118:20; Is. 26:2 <sup>b</sup>Ps.  
29:2, 9; 97:6; Acts 7:2;  
1 Cor. 2:88 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 96:7; Deut. 4:34  
<sup>b</sup>Ps. 76:3-6; Ex. 15:3, 69 <sup>1</sup>Lit., everlasting  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 26:8; 57:1110 <sup>a</sup>Gen. 32:2; Josh. 5:14;  
2 Sam. 5:10; Neh. 9:61 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 86:4; 143:82 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 31:1 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 25:20;  
31:1 <sup>c</sup>Ps. 41:113 <sup>1</sup>Or, Let those . . . be  
ashamed  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 37:9; 40:1; Is. 49:23  
<sup>b</sup>Ps. 119:158; Is. 21:2; Hab.  
1:134 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 27:11; 86:115 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 25:10; 43:3 <sup>b</sup>Ps.  
79:9 <sup>c</sup>Ps. 40:16 <sup>1</sup>Or, everlasting  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 98:3 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 103:177 <sup>a</sup>Job 13:26; 20:11 <sup>b</sup>Ps.  
51:1 <sup>c</sup>Ps. 31:198 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 86:5 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 92:15 <sup>c</sup>Ps.  
32:89 <sup>1</sup>Or, afflicted  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 23:3 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 27:1110 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 40:11 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 103:18

## Psalms 25, 26

11 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 79:9 <sup>b</sup>Ex. 34:9

12 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 31:19 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 25:8

13 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *good* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *seed*  
<sup>3</sup>Or, *earth*  
<sup>a</sup>Prov. 1:33; Jer. 23:6 <sup>b</sup>Ps.  
37:11; 69:36

14 <sup>1</sup>Or, *counsel*, or,  
*intimacy* <sup>2</sup>Or, *And His*  
*covenant, to make them*  
*know it.*  
<sup>a</sup>Job 29:4; Prov. 3:32 <sup>b</sup>Gen.  
17:1, 2

15 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *bring out*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 123:2 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 31:4; 124:7

16 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 69:16 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 143:4

17 <sup>1</sup>Some commentators  
read, *Relieve the troubles*  
*of my heart*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 40:12 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 107:6

18 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *toil*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 31:7 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 103:3

19 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 3:1 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 9:13

20 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 86:2 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 25:2

21 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 41:12 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 25:3

22 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 130:8

1 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *Judge* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *I do*  
*not slide*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 7:8 <sup>b</sup>Prov. 20:7 <sup>c</sup>Ps.  
13:5 <sup>d</sup>Heb. 10:23

2 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *kidneys*,  
figurative for inner man  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 139:23 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 7:9

3 <sup>a</sup>Or, *faithfulness*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 48:9 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 86:11

4 <sup>1</sup>Or, *worthless men*;  
lit., *men of falsehood* <sup>2</sup>Or,  
*dissemblers, hypocrites*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 1:1 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 28:3

5 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 31:6; 139:21

6 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 73:13 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 43:3, 4

7 <sup>1</sup>Or, *miracles*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 9:1

8 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *of the tabernacle*  
*of Thy glory*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 27:4 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 24:7

9 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *gather*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 139:19

10 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 37:7 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 15:5

11 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 26:1 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 44:26;  
69:18

11 For <sup>a</sup>Thy name's sake, O LORD,  
<sup>b</sup>Pardon my iniquity, for it is great.

12 Who is the man who <sup>a</sup>fears the LORD?  
He will <sup>b</sup>instruct him in the way he should choose.

13 His soul will <sup>a</sup>abide in <sup>1</sup>prosperity,  
And his <sup>2</sup>descendants will <sup>b</sup>inherit the <sup>3</sup>land.

14 The <sup>1a</sup>secret of the LORD is for those who fear Him,  
<sup>2</sup>And He will <sup>b</sup>make them know His covenant.

15 My <sup>a</sup>eyes are continually toward the LORD,  
For He will <sup>b</sup>pluck my feet out of the net.

16 <sup>a</sup>Turn to me and be gracious to me,  
For I am <sup>b</sup>lonely and afflicted.

17 <sup>1</sup>The <sup>a</sup>troubles of my heart are enlarged;  
Bring me <sup>b</sup>out of my distresses.

18 Look upon my <sup>a</sup>affliction and my <sup>1</sup>trouble,  
And <sup>b</sup>forgive all my sins.

19 Look upon my enemies, for they <sup>a</sup>are many;  
And they <sup>b</sup>hate me with violent hatred.

20 <sup>a</sup>Guard my soul and deliver me;  
Do not let me <sup>b</sup>be ashamed, for I take refuge in Thee.

21 Let <sup>a</sup>integrity and uprightness preserve me,  
For <sup>b</sup>I wait for Thee.

22 <sup>a</sup>Redeem Israel, O God,  
Out of all his troubles.

### PSALM 26

Protestation of Integrity and Prayer for Protection.

A Psalm of David.

<sup>1a</sup>VINDICATE me, O LORD, for I have <sup>b</sup>walked in my integrity;  
And I have <sup>c</sup>trusted in the LORD <sup>2d</sup>without wavering.

2 <sup>a</sup>Examine me, O LORD, and try me;  
<sup>b</sup>Test my <sup>1</sup>mind and my heart.

3 For Thy <sup>a</sup>lovingkindness is before my eyes,  
And I have <sup>b</sup>walked in Thy <sup>1</sup>truth.

4 I do not <sup>a</sup>sit with <sup>1</sup>deceitful men,  
Nor will I go with <sup>2b</sup>pretenders.

5 I <sup>a</sup>hate the assembly of evildoers,  
And I will not sit with the wicked.

6 I shall <sup>a</sup>wash my hands in innocence,  
And I will go about <sup>b</sup>Thine altar, O LORD,

7 That I may proclaim with the voice of <sup>a</sup>thanksgiving,  
And declare all Thy <sup>1</sup>wonders.

8 O LORD, I <sup>a</sup>love the habitation of Thy house,  
And the place <sup>1</sup>where Thy <sup>b</sup>glory dwells.

9 Do not <sup>1</sup>take my soul away *along* with sinners,  
Nor my life with <sup>a</sup>men of bloodshed,

10 In whose hands is a <sup>a</sup>wicked scheme,  
And whose right hand is full of <sup>b</sup>bribes.

11 But as for me, I shall <sup>a</sup>walk in my integrity;  
<sup>b</sup>Redeem me, and be gracious to me.

- 12 My foot stands on a <sup>a</sup>level place;  
In the <sup>b</sup>congregations I shall bless the LORD.

## PSALM 27

A Psalm of Fearless Trust in God.

A Psalm of David.

- T**HE LORD is my <sup>a</sup>light and my <sup>b</sup>salvation;  
Whom shall I fear?  
The LORD is the <sup>1c</sup>defense of my life;  
<sup>d</sup>Whom shall I dread?
- 2 When evildoers came upon me to <sup>a</sup>devour my flesh,  
My adversaries and my enemies, they <sup>b</sup>stumbled and  
fell.
- 3 Though a <sup>a</sup>host encamp against me,  
My heart will not fear;  
Though war arise against me,  
In *spite* of this I <sup>1</sup>shall be <sup>b</sup>confident.
- 4 One thing I have asked from the LORD, that I shall seek;  
That I may <sup>a</sup>dwell in the house of the LORD all the days  
of my life,  
To behold <sup>b</sup>the <sup>1</sup>beauty of the LORD,  
And to <sup>2c</sup>meditate in His temple.
- 5 For in the <sup>a</sup>day of trouble He will <sup>b</sup>conceal me in His  
<sup>1</sup>tabernacle;  
In the secret place of His tent He will <sup>c</sup>hide me;  
He will <sup>d</sup>lift me up on a rock.
- 6 And now <sup>a</sup>my head will be lifted up above my enemies  
around me;  
And I will offer in His tent <sup>b</sup>sacrifices <sup>1</sup>with shouts of joy;  
I will <sup>c</sup>sing, yes, I will sing praises to the LORD.
- 7 <sup>a</sup>Hear, O LORD, when I cry with my voice,  
And be gracious to me and <sup>b</sup>answer me.
- 8 *When Thou didst say, "aSeek My face,"* my heart said  
to Thee,  
"Thy face, O LORD, <sup>b</sup>I shall seek."
- 9 <sup>a</sup>Do not hide Thy face from me,  
Do not turn Thy servant away in <sup>b</sup>anger;  
Thou hast been <sup>c</sup>my help;  
<sup>d</sup>Do not abandon me nor <sup>e</sup>forsake me,  
O God of my salvation!
- 10 <sup>1</sup>For my father and <sup>a</sup>my mother have forsaken me,  
But <sup>b</sup>the LORD will take me up.
- 11 <sup>a</sup>Teach me Thy way, O LORD,  
And lead me in a <sup>b</sup>level path,  
Because of <sup>1</sup>my foes.
- 12 Do not deliver me over to the <sup>1a</sup>desire of my adversaries;  
For <sup>b</sup>false witnesses have risen against me,  
And such as <sup>c</sup>breathe out violence.

12 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 27:11 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 22:22

<sup>1</sup> <sup>1</sup>Or, *refuge*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 18:28; Is. 60:20; Mic.  
7:8 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 62:7; 118:14; Ex.  
15:2; Is. 33:2; Jon. 2:9 <sup>c</sup>Ps.  
28:8 <sup>d</sup>Ps. 118:6

2 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 14:4 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 9:3

<sup>3</sup> <sup>1</sup>Lit., *am confident*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 3:6 <sup>b</sup>Job 4:6

<sup>4</sup> <sup>1</sup>Lit., *delightfulness*  
<sup>2</sup>Lit., *inquire*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 23:6 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 90:17 <sup>c</sup>Ps.  
18:6

<sup>5</sup> <sup>1</sup>Or, *shelter*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 50:15 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 31:20 <sup>c</sup>Ps.  
17:8 <sup>d</sup>Ps. 40:2

<sup>6</sup> <sup>1</sup>Lit., *of shouts*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 3:3 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 107:22 <sup>c</sup>Ps.  
13:6

7 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 4:3; 61:1 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 13:3

8 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 105:4; Amos 5:6  
<sup>b</sup>Ps. 34:4

9 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 69:17 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 6:1 <sup>c</sup>Ps.  
40:17 <sup>d</sup>Ps. 94:14 <sup>e</sup>Ps. 37:28

<sup>10</sup> <sup>1</sup>Or, *If my  
father . . . forsake me, Then  
the LORD*  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 49:15 <sup>b</sup>Is. 40:11

<sup>11</sup> <sup>1</sup>Or, *those who lie in  
wait for me*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 25:4; 86:11 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 5:8;  
26:12

<sup>12</sup> <sup>1</sup>Lit., *soul*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 41:2 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 35:11; Deut.  
19:18; Matt. 26:60 <sup>c</sup>Acts 9:1

13 <sup>1</sup>Or, *Surely I believed*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 31:19 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 52:5; 116:9;  
 142:5; Job 28:13; Is. 38:11;  
 Jer. 11:19

14 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 25:3; 37:34; 40:1;  
 62:5; 130:5; Prov. 20:22; Is.  
 25:9 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 31:24

1 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 18:2 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 35:22;  
 39:12; 83:1 <sup>c</sup>Ps. 88:4; 143:7;  
 Prov. 1:12

2 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *the innermost  
 place of Thy sanctuary*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 140:6 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 134:2; 141:2;  
 Lam. 2:19; 1 Tim. 2:8 <sup>c</sup>Ps.  
 5:7; 138:2 <sup>d</sup>1 Kin. 6:5

3 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 26:9 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 12:2;  
 55:21; 62:4; Jer. 9:8

4 <sup>1</sup>Or, *dealings*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 62:12; 2 Tim. 4:14

5 <sup>a</sup>Is. 5:12

6 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 28:2

7 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 59:17 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 3:3 <sup>c</sup>Ps.  
 13:5; 112:7 <sup>d</sup>Ps. 16:9 <sup>e</sup>Ps.  
 40:3; 69:30

8 <sup>1</sup>A few mss. and  
 ancient versions read, *the  
 strength of His people* <sup>2</sup>Or,  
*refuge of salvation*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 89:17 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 27:1; 140:7

9 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 106:47 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 33:12;  
 106:40; Deut. 9:29; 32:9;  
 1 Kin. 8:51 <sup>c</sup>Ps. 80:1 <sup>d</sup>Deut.  
 1:31; Is. 40:11; 46:3; 63:9

1 <sup>1</sup>Or, *sons of gods*  
<sup>a</sup>1 Chr. 16:28, 29; Ps. 96:7-9

2 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *of His name* <sup>2</sup>Or,  
*the majesty of holiness*  
<sup>a</sup>2 Chr. 20:21; Ps. 110:3

3 <sup>1</sup>Or, *great*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 104:7 <sup>b</sup>Job 37:4, 5; Ps.  
 18:13 <sup>c</sup>Ps. 18:16; 107:23

- 13 <sup>1</sup>I would have *despaired* unless I had believed that I  
 would see the <sup>a</sup>goodness of the LORD  
 In the <sup>b</sup>land of the living.  
 14 <sup>a</sup>Wait for the LORD;  
 Be <sup>b</sup>strong, and let your heart take courage;  
 Yes, wait for the LORD.

PSALM 28

A Prayer for Help, and Praise for Its Answer.

A Psalm of David.

- T**O Thee, O LORD, I call;  
 My <sup>a</sup>rock, do not be deaf to me,  
 Lest, if Thou <sup>b</sup>be silent to me,  
 I become like those who <sup>c</sup>go down to the pit.  
 2 Hear the <sup>a</sup>voice of my supplications when I cry to Thee  
 for help,  
 When I <sup>b</sup>lift up my hands <sup>c</sup>toward <sup>1</sup>Thy holy <sup>d</sup>sanctuary.  
 3 <sup>a</sup>Do not drag me away with the wicked  
 And with those who work iniquity;  
 Who <sup>b</sup>speak peace with their neighbors,  
 While evil is in their hearts.  
 4 Requite them <sup>a</sup>according to their work and according to  
 the evil of their practices;  
 Requite them according to the deeds of their hands;  
 Repay them their <sup>1</sup>recompense.  
 5 Because they <sup>a</sup>do not regard the works of the LORD  
 Nor the deeds of His hands,  
 He will tear them down and not build them up.  
 6 Blessed be the LORD,  
 Because He <sup>a</sup>has heard the voice of my supplication.  
 7 The LORD is my <sup>a</sup>strength and my <sup>b</sup>shield;  
 My heart <sup>c</sup>trusts in Him, and I am helped;  
 Therefore <sup>d</sup>my heart exults,  
 And with <sup>e</sup>my song I shall thank Him.  
 8 The LORD is <sup>1</sup>their <sup>a</sup>strength,  
 And He is a <sup>2</sup><sup>b</sup>saving defense to His anointed.  
 9 <sup>a</sup>Save Thy people, and bless <sup>b</sup>Thine inheritance;  
 Be their <sup>c</sup>shepherd also, and <sup>d</sup>carry them forever.

PSALM 29

The Voice of the LORD in the Storm.

A Psalm of David.

- A**SCRIBE to the LORD, O <sup>1</sup>sons of the mighty,  
 Ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.  
 2 Ascribe to the LORD the glory <sup>1</sup>due to His name;  
 Worship the LORD <sup>a</sup>in <sup>2</sup>holy array.  
 3 The <sup>a</sup>voice of the LORD is upon the waters;  
 The God of glory <sup>b</sup>thunders,  
 The LORD is over <sup>1</sup>many waters.



- 4 The voice of the LORD is <sup>a</sup>powerful,  
The voice of the LORD is majestic.
- 5 The voice of the LORD breaks the cedars;  
Yes, the LORD breaks in pieces <sup>a</sup>the cedars of Lebanon.
- 6 And He makes Lebanon <sup>a</sup>skip like a calf,  
And <sup>b</sup>Sirion like a young wild ox.
- 7 The voice of the LORD hews out <sup>1</sup>flames of fire.
- 8 The voice of the LORD <sup>1</sup>shakes the wilderness;  
The LORD shakes the wilderness of <sup>a</sup>Kadesh.
- 9 The voice of the LORD makes <sup>a</sup>the deer to calve,  
And strips the forests bare,  
And <sup>bin</sup> His temple everything says, "Glory!"
- 10 The LORD sat *as King* at the <sup>a</sup>flood;  
Yes, the LORD sits as <sup>b</sup>King forever.
- 11 <sup>1</sup>The LORD will give <sup>a</sup>strength to His people;  
<sup>2</sup>The LORD will bless His people with <sup>b</sup>peace.

## PSALM 30

Thanksgiving for Deliverance from Death.

A Psalm; a Song at the Dedication of the  
House. A *Psalm* of David.

- I** WILL <sup>a</sup>extol Thee, O LORD, for Thou hast <sup>b</sup>lifted me up,  
And hast not let my <sup>c</sup>enemies rejoice over me.
- 2 O LORD my God,  
I <sup>a</sup>cried to Thee for help, and Thou didst <sup>b</sup>heal me.
- 3 O LORD, Thou hast <sup>a</sup>brought up my soul from <sup>1</sup>Sheol;  
Thou hast kept me alive, <sup>2</sup>that I should not <sup>b</sup>go down  
to the pit.
- 4 <sup>a</sup>Sing praise to the LORD, you <sup>b</sup>His godly ones,  
And <sup>c</sup>give thanks to His holy <sup>1</sup>name.
- 5 For <sup>a</sup>His anger is but for a moment,  
His <sup>b</sup>favor is for a lifetime;  
Weeping may <sup>c</sup>last for the night,  
But a shout of joy *comes* in the morning.
- 6 Now as for me, <sup>a</sup>I said in my prosperity,  
"I will <sup>b</sup>never be moved."
- 7 O LORD, by Thy favor Thou hast made my mountain to  
stand strong;  
Thou didst <sup>a</sup>hide Thy face, I was dismayed.
- 8 To Thee, O LORD, I called,  
And to the LORD I made supplication:
- 9 "What profit is there in my blood, if I <sup>a</sup>go down to the  
pit?  
Will the <sup>b</sup>dust praise Thee? Will it declare Thy faith-  
fulness?"
- 10 "Hear, O LORD, and be gracious to me;  
O LORD, be Thou my <sup>b</sup>helper."
- 11 Thou hast turned for me <sup>a</sup>my mourning into dancing;  
Thou hast <sup>b</sup>loosed my sackcloth and girded me with  
<sup>c</sup>gladness;

4 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 68:335 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 104:16; Judg. 9:15;  
1 Kin. 5:6; Is. 2:13; 14:86 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 114:4, 6 <sup>b</sup>Deut. 3:97 <sup>1</sup>i.e., lightning8 <sup>1</sup>Or, *causes . . . to whirl*  
<sup>a</sup>Num. 13:269 <sup>a</sup>Job 39:1 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 26:810 <sup>a</sup>Gen. 6:17 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 10:1611 <sup>1</sup>Or, *May the LORD*  
*give . . .* <sup>2</sup>Or, *May the LORD*  
*bless . . .*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 28:8; 68:35; Is. 40:29  
<sup>b</sup>Ps. 37:111 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 118:28; 145:1 <sup>b</sup>Ps.  
3:3 <sup>c</sup>Ps. 25:2; 35:19, 242 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 88:13 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 6:2;  
103:33 <sup>1</sup>i.e., the nether world  
<sup>2</sup>Some mss. read, *from*  
*among those who go down*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 86:13 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 28:14 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *memorial*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 149:1 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 50:5 <sup>c</sup>Ps.  
97:12 <sup>d</sup>Ex. 3:15; Ps. 135:13;  
Hos. 12:55 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 103:9; Is. 26:20;  
54:7, 8 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 118:1 <sup>c</sup>Ps.  
126:5; 2 Cor. 4:176 <sup>a</sup>Job 29:18 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 10:6;  
62:2, 67 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 104:29; 143:7;  
Deut. 31:179 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 28:1 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 6:510 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 4:1; 27:7 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 27:9;  
54:411 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 6:8; Eccles. 3:4;  
Jer. 31:4, 13 <sup>b</sup>Is. 20:2 <sup>c</sup>Ps.  
4:7

12 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *glory*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 16:9; 57:8; 108:1 <sup>b</sup>Ps.  
 44:8

1 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 31:1-3; 71:1-3 <sup>b</sup>Ps.  
 25:2 <sup>c</sup>Ps. 143:1

2 <sup>1</sup>Or, *refuge, protection*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 17:6; 86:1; 102:2 <sup>b</sup>Ps.  
 18:2; 71:3

3 <sup>1</sup>Or, *crag*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 18:2 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 25:11

4 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 25:15 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 46:1

5 <sup>1</sup>Or, *faithfulness*  
<sup>a</sup>Luke 23:46; Acts 7:59 <sup>b</sup>Ps.  
 55:18; 71:23 <sup>c</sup>Ps. 71:22;  
 Deut. 32:4

6 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *empty vanities*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 144:11; Jon. 2:8 <sup>b</sup>Ps.  
 52:8

7 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 90:14 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 10:14

8 <sup>a</sup>Deut. 32:30; Ps. 37:33  
<sup>b</sup>Ps. 4:1

9 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 66:14; 69:17 <sup>b</sup>Ps.  
 6:7 <sup>c</sup>Ps. 63:1

10 <sup>1</sup>Or, *bones, substance*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 13:2 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 39:11 <sup>c</sup>Ps.  
 32:3; 38:3; 102:3

11 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 69:19 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 38:11;  
 88:8, 18; Job 19:13

12 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 88:5

13 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *whispering*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 50:20; Jer. 20:10 <sup>b</sup>Ps.  
 62:4; Matt. 27:1 <sup>c</sup>Ps. 41:7

14 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 140:6

15 <sup>a</sup>Job 14:5; 24:1 <sup>b</sup>Ps.  
 143:9

12 That my <sup>1</sup>soul may sing praise to Thee, and not be  
 silent.  
 O LORD my God, I will <sup>b</sup>give thanks to Thee forever.

PSALM 31

A Psalm of Complaint and of Praise.

For the choir director. A Psalm of David.

<sup>a</sup>**I**N Thee, O LORD, I have taken refuge;  
 Let me never <sup>b</sup>be ashamed;  
<sup>c</sup>In Thy righteousness deliver me.

2 <sup>a</sup>Incline Thine ear to me, rescue me quickly;  
 Be Thou to me a <sup>b</sup>rock of <sup>1</sup>strength,  
 A stronghold to save me.

3 For Thou art my <sup>1</sup>rock and <sup>a</sup>my fortress;  
 For <sup>b</sup>Thy name's sake Thou wilt lead me and guide me.

4 Thou wilt <sup>a</sup>pull me out of the net which they have  
 secretly laid for me;  
 For Thou art my <sup>b</sup>strength.

5 <sup>a</sup>Into Thy hand I commit my spirit;  
 Thou hast <sup>b</sup>ransomed me, O LORD, <sup>c</sup>God of <sup>1</sup>truth.

6 I hate those who <sup>a</sup>regard <sup>1</sup>vain idols;  
 But I <sup>b</sup>trust in the LORD.

7 I will <sup>a</sup>rejoice and be glad in Thy lovingkindness,  
 Because Thou hast <sup>b</sup>seen my affliction;  
 Thou hast known the troubles of my soul,

8 And Thou hast not <sup>a</sup>given me over into the hand of the  
 enemy;  
 Thou hast set my feet <sup>b</sup>in a large place.

9 Be gracious to me, O LORD, for <sup>a</sup>I am in distress;  
 My <sup>b</sup>eye is wasted away from grief, <sup>c</sup>my soul and my  
 body *also*.

10 For my life is spent with <sup>a</sup>sorrow,  
 And my years with sighing;  
 My <sup>b</sup>strength has failed because of my iniquity,  
 And <sup>c</sup>my <sup>1</sup>body has wasted away.

11 Because of all my adversaries, I have become a <sup>a</sup>re-  
 proach,  
 Especially to my <sup>b</sup>neighbors,  
 And an object of dread to my acquaintances;  
 Those who see me in the street flee from me.

12 I am <sup>a</sup>forgotten as a dead man, out of mind,  
 I am like a broken vessel.

13 For I have heard the <sup>1</sup>aslander of many,  
 Terror is on every side;  
 While they <sup>b</sup>took counsel together against me,  
 They <sup>c</sup>schemed to take away my life.

14 But as for me, I trust in Thee, O LORD,  
 I say, "<sup>a</sup>Thou art my God."

15 My <sup>a</sup>times are in Thy hand;  
<sup>b</sup>Deliver me from the hand of my enemies, and from  
 those who persecute me.

- 16 Make Thy <sup>a</sup>face to shine upon Thy servant;  
<sup>b</sup>Save me in Thy lovingkindness.
- 17 Let me not be <sup>a</sup>put to shame, O LORD, for I call upon Thee;  
Let the <sup>b</sup>wicked be put to shame, let them <sup>c</sup>be silent in <sup>1</sup>Sheol.
- 18 Let the <sup>a</sup>lying lips be dumb,  
Which <sup>b</sup>speak arrogantly against the righteous,  
With <sup>c</sup>pride and contempt.
- 19 How great is Thy <sup>a</sup>goodness,  
Which Thou hast stored up for those who fear Thee,  
Which Thou hast wrought for those who <sup>b</sup>take refuge in Thee,  
<sup>c</sup>Before the sons of men!
- 20 Thou dost hide them in the <sup>a</sup>secret place of Thy presence from the <sup>b</sup>conspiracies of man;  
Thou dost keep them secretly in a <sup>1</sup>shelter from the <sup>c</sup>strife of tongues.
- 21 <sup>a</sup>Blessed be the LORD,  
For He has made <sup>b</sup>marvelous His lovingkindness to me in a <sup>c</sup>besieged city.
- 22 As for me, <sup>a</sup>I said in my alarm,  
"I am <sup>b</sup>cut off from before Thine eyes;"  
Nevertheless Thou didst <sup>c</sup>hear the voice of my supplications  
When I cried to Thee.
- 23 O love the LORD, all you <sup>a</sup>His godly ones!  
The LORD <sup>b</sup>preserves the faithful,  
And fully <sup>c</sup>recompenses the proud doer.
- 24 <sup>a</sup>Be strong, and let your heart take courage,  
All you who <sup>b</sup>hope in the LORD.

## PSALM 32

Blessedness of Forgiveness and of Trust in God.

A Psalm of David. A <sup>4</sup>Maskil.

- <sup>a</sup>How blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven,  
Whose sin is covered!
- 2 How blessed is the man to whom the LORD <sup>a</sup>does not impute iniquity,  
And in whose spirit there is <sup>b</sup>no deceit!
- 3 When <sup>a</sup>I kept silent *about my sin*, <sup>b</sup>my <sup>1</sup>body wasted away  
Through my <sup>2</sup>groaning all day long.
- 4 For day and night <sup>a</sup>Thy hand was heavy upon me;  
My <sup>b</sup>vitality was drained away *as with the fever-heat of summer*. [<sup>2</sup>Selah.]
- 5 I <sup>a</sup>acknowledged my sin to Thee,  
And my iniquity I <sup>b</sup>did not hide;  
I said, "<sup>c</sup>I will confess my transgressions to the LORD";  
And Thou <sup>d</sup>didst forgive the <sup>1</sup>guilt of my sin. [<sup>2</sup>Selah.]

16 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 4:6; 80:3; Num. 6:25 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 6:417 <sup>1</sup>I.e., the nether world <sup>a</sup>Ps. 25:20 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 25:3 <sup>c</sup>Ps. 94:17; 115:17; 1 Sam. 2:918 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 109:2; 120:2 <sup>b</sup>1 Sam. 2:3; Jude 15 <sup>c</sup>Ps. 94:419 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 65:4; 145:7; Rom. 2:4; 11:22 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 5:11 <sup>c</sup>Ps. 23:520 <sup>1</sup>Or, *pavilion* <sup>a</sup>Ps. 27:5 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 37:12 <sup>c</sup>Ps. 31:13; Job 5:2121 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 28:6 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 17:7 <sup>c</sup>Ps. 87:5; 1 Sam. 2:3722 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 116:11 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 88:5; Is. 38:11, 12; Lam. 3:54 <sup>c</sup>Ps. 18:6; 66:19; 145:1923 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 30:4; 37:28; 50:5 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 145:20; Rev. 2:10 <sup>c</sup>Ps. 94:2; Deut. 32:4124 <sup>1</sup>Or, *wait for* <sup>a</sup>Ps. 27:14<sup>4</sup> Possibly, *Contemplative, or Didactic, or Skillful Psalm*1 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 85:2; 103:3; Rom. 4:7, 82 <sup>a</sup>2 Cor. 5:19 <sup>b</sup>Joh 1:473 <sup>1</sup>Or, *bones, substance* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *roaring* <sup>a</sup>Ps. 39:2, 3 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 31:10 <sup>c</sup>Ps. 38:84 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *life juices were turned into the drought of summer* <sup>2</sup>Selah may mean: *Pause, Crescendo or Musical Interlude* <sup>a</sup>Ps. 38:2; 39:10; 1 Sam. 5:6; Job 23:2; 33:7 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 22:155 <sup>1</sup>Or, *iniquity* <sup>a</sup>Lev. 26:40 <sup>b</sup>Job 31:33 <sup>c</sup>Ps. 38:18; Prov. 28:13; 1 John 1:9 <sup>d</sup>Ps. 103:12

6 <sup>1</sup>Lit., in a time of finding out  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 69:13 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 46:1-3; 69:1; 124:5; 144:7; Is. 43:2

7 <sup>1</sup>Or, shouts  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 31:20; 91:1; 119:114  
<sup>b</sup>Ps. 121:7 <sup>c</sup>Ps. 40:3; Ex. 15:1; Judg. 5:1

8 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 25:8 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 33:18

9 <sup>a</sup>Prov. 26:3

10 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 16:4; Prov. 13:21; Rom. 2:9 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 5:11, 12

11 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 64:10; 68:3; 97:12  
<sup>b</sup>Ps. 7:10; 64:10

1 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 32:11; Phil. 3:1; 4:4  
<sup>b</sup>Ps. 92:1; 147:1

2 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 71:22; 147:7 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 144:9

3 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 40:3; 96:1; 98:1; 144:9; Is. 42:10; Rev. 5:9  
<sup>b</sup>Ps. 98:4

4 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 19:8 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 119:90

5 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 11:7; 37:28 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 119:64

6 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 148:5; Gen. 1:6; Heb. 11:3 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 104:30  
<sup>c</sup>Gen. 2:1

7 <sup>1</sup>Some versions read, in a water skin; i.e., container  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 78:13; Ex. 15:8; Josh. 3:16

8 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 67:7 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 96:9

9 <sup>1</sup>Or, stood forth  
<sup>a</sup>Gen. 1:3; Ps. 148:5

10 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 2:1-3; Is. 8:10; 19:3

11 <sup>a</sup>Job 23:13; Prov. 19:21  
<sup>b</sup>Ps. 40:5; 92:5; 139:17; Is. 55:8

12 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 144:15 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 28:9; Deut. 7:6

13 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 14:2; Job 28:24  
<sup>b</sup>Ps. 11:4

- 6 Therefore, let everyone who is godly pray to Thee <sup>1</sup>in a time when Thou mayest be found; Surely <sup>b</sup>in a flood of great waters they shall not reach him.
- 7 Thou art <sup>a</sup>my hiding place; Thou <sup>b</sup>dost preserve me from trouble; Thou dost surround me with <sup>1</sup>songs of deliverance. [Selah.]
- 8 I will <sup>a</sup>instruct you and teach you in the way which you should go; I will counsel you <sup>b</sup>with My eye upon you.
- 9 Do not be <sup>a</sup>as the horse or as the mule which have no understanding, Whose trappings include bit and bridle to hold them in check, *Otherwise* they will not come near to you.
- 10 Many are the <sup>a</sup>sorrows of the wicked; But <sup>b</sup>he who trusts in the LORD, lovingkindness shall surround him.
- 11 Be <sup>a</sup>glad in the LORD and rejoice you righteous ones, And shout for joy all you who are <sup>b</sup>upright in heart.

**PSALM 33**

Praise to the Creator and Preserver.

- <sup>a</sup>SING for joy in the LORD, O you righteous ones; Praise is <sup>b</sup>becoming to the upright.
- 2 Give thanks to the LORD with the <sup>a</sup>lyre; Sing praises to Him with a <sup>b</sup>harp of ten strings.
- 3 Sing to Him a <sup>a</sup>new song; Play skillfully with <sup>b</sup>a shout of joy.
- 4 For the word of the LORD <sup>a</sup>is upright; And all His work is *done* <sup>b</sup>in faithfulness.
- 5 He <sup>a</sup>loves righteousness and justice; The <sup>b</sup>earth is full of the lovingkindness of the LORD.
- 6 By the <sup>a</sup>word of the LORD the heavens were made, And <sup>b</sup>by the breath of His mouth <sup>c</sup>all their host.
- 7 He gathers the <sup>a</sup>waters of the sea together <sup>1</sup>as a heap; He lays up the deeps in storehouses.
- 8 Let <sup>a</sup>all the earth fear the LORD; Let all the inhabitants of the world <sup>b</sup>stand in awe of Him.
- 9 For <sup>a</sup>He spoke, and it was done; He commanded, and it <sup>1</sup>stood fast.
- 10 The LORD <sup>a</sup>nullifies the counsel of the nations; He frustrates the plans of the peoples.
- 11 The <sup>a</sup>counsel of the LORD stands forever, The <sup>b</sup>plans of His heart from generation to generation.
- 12 Blessed is the <sup>a</sup>nation whose God is the LORD, The people whom He has <sup>b</sup>chosen for His own inheritance.
- 13 The LORD <sup>a</sup>looks from heaven; He <sup>b</sup>sees all the sons of men;

- 14 From <sup>a</sup>His dwelling place He looks out  
On all the inhabitants of the earth,  
15 He who <sup>a</sup>fashions <sup>1</sup>the hearts of them all,  
He who <sup>b</sup>understands all their works.  
16 <sup>a</sup>The king is not saved by a mighty army;  
A warrior is not delivered by great strength.  
17 A <sup>a</sup>horse is a false hope for victory;  
Nor does it deliver anyone by its great strength.
- 18 Behold, <sup>a</sup>the eye of the LORD is on those who fear Him,  
On those who <sup>1</sup>hope for His lovingkindness,  
19 To <sup>a</sup>deliver their soul from death,  
And to keep them alive <sup>b</sup>in famine.  
20 Our soul <sup>a</sup>waits for the LORD;  
He is our <sup>b</sup>help and our shield.  
21 For our <sup>a</sup>heart rejoices in Him,  
Because we trust in His holy name.  
22 Let Thy lovingkindness, O LORD, be upon us,  
According as we have <sup>1</sup>hoped in Thee.

## PSALM 34

The LORD a Provider and Deliverer.

A Psalm of David when he <sup>f</sup>eigned  
madness before <sup>a</sup>Abimelech, who drove him  
away and he departed.

- I WILL <sup>a</sup>bless the LORD at all times;  
His <sup>b</sup>praise shall continually be in my mouth.  
2 My soul shall <sup>a</sup>make its boast in the LORD;  
The <sup>b</sup>humble shall hear it and rejoice.  
3 O <sup>a</sup>magnify the LORD with me,  
And let us <sup>b</sup>exalt His name together.
- 4 I <sup>a</sup>sought the LORD, and He answered me,  
And <sup>b</sup>delivered me from all my fears.  
5 They <sup>a</sup>looked to Him and were radiant,  
And their faces shall <sup>b</sup>never be ashamed.  
6 This <sup>1</sup>poor man cried and <sup>a</sup>the LORD heard him;  
And saved him out of all his troubles.  
7 The <sup>a</sup>angel of the LORD encamps around those who fear  
Him,  
And rescues them.
- 8 O <sup>a</sup>taste and see that the LORD is good;  
How <sup>b</sup>blessed is the man who takes refuge in Him!  
9 O fear the LORD, you <sup>a</sup>His saints;  
For to those who fear Him, there is <sup>b</sup>no want.  
10 The young lions do lack and suffer hunger;  
But they who seek the LORD shall <sup>a</sup>not be in want of any  
good thing.  
11 <sup>a</sup>Come, you children, listen to me;  
I will teach you <sup>b</sup>the fear of the LORD.  
12 <sup>a</sup>Who is the man who desires life,  
And loves *length of days* that he may <sup>b</sup>see good?

14 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 102:19; 1 Kin. 8:39,  
4315 <sup>1</sup>Or, *their heart  
together*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 119:73; Job 10:8  
<sup>b</sup>2 Chr. 16:9; Job 34:2116 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 44:6; 60:1117 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 20:7; 147:10; Prov.  
21:3118 <sup>1</sup>Or, *wait*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 32:8; 34:15; Job 36:7;  
1 Pet. 3:12 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 32:10;  
147:1119 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 56:13; Acts 12:11  
<sup>b</sup>Ps. 37:19; Job 5:2020 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 62:1; 130:6; Is. 8:17  
<sup>b</sup>Ps. 115:921 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 13:5; 28:7; Zech.  
10:7; John 16:2222 <sup>1</sup>Or, *waited for*<sup>f</sup> Or, *changed his  
behavior* • Possibly a title  
of King Achish of Gath.  
See 1 Sam. 21:10-151 <sup>a</sup>Eph. 5:20; 1 Thess.  
5:18 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 71:62 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 44:8; Jer. 9:24;  
1 Cor. 1:31 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 69:323 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 35:27; 69:30; Luke  
1:46 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 18:464 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 9:10; 2 Chr. 15:2;  
Matt. 7:7 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 34:6, 17, 195 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 36:9; Is. 60:5 <sup>b</sup>Ps.  
25:36 <sup>1</sup>Or, *afflicted*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 34:47 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 91:11; Dan. 6:228 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 119:103; Heb. 6:5;  
1 Pet. 2:3 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 2:129 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 31:23 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 23:110 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 84:1111 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 66:16 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 111:1012 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 34:12, 16; 1 Pet.  
3:10-12 <sup>b</sup>Eccles. 3:13

13 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 141:3; Prov. 13:3;  
James 1:26 <sup>b1</sup> Pet. 2:22

14 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 37:27; Is. 1:16, 17  
<sup>b</sup>Rom. 14:19; Heb. 12:14

15 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 33:18

16 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 44:11; Amos 9:4  
<sup>b</sup>Ps. 9:6; Ps. 109:15; Job  
18:17

17 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 34:6

18 <sup>1</sup>Or, *contrite*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 145:18 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 147:3; Is.  
61:1 <sup>c</sup>Ps. 51:17; Is. 57:15

19 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 71:20; 2 Tim. 3:11,  
12 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 34:4, 6, 17

21 <sup>1</sup>Or, *held guilty*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 94:23; 140:11; Prov.  
24:16

22 <sup>1</sup>Note, v. 21  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 71:23 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 37:40

1 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 18:43; Is. 49:25  
<sup>b</sup>Ps. 56:2

2 <sup>1</sup>I.e., *small shield*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 91:4 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 44:26

3 <sup>1</sup>Or, *close up the path*  
*against those*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 62:2

4 <sup>1</sup>Or, *soul*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 70:2 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 40:14; 129:5

5 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 83:13; Job 21:18;  
Is. 29:5

6 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 73:18; Jer. 23:12

7 <sup>1</sup>Pit has been  
transposed from line above  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 69:4; 109:3; 140:5

8 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 55:23; Is. 47:11;  
1 Thess. 5:3 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 9:15 <sup>c</sup>Ps.  
73:18

9 <sup>a</sup>Is. 61:10 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 9:14;  
13:5; Luke 1:47

13 Keep <sup>a</sup>your tongue from evil,  
And your lips from speaking <sup>b</sup>deceit.

14 <sup>a</sup>Depart from evil, and do good;  
Seek peace, and <sup>b</sup>pursue it.

15 The <sup>a</sup>eyes of the LORD are toward the righteous,  
And His ears are *open* to their cry.

16 The <sup>a</sup>face of the LORD is against evildoers,  
To <sup>b</sup>cut off the memory of them from the earth.

17 *The righteous* <sup>a</sup>cry and the LORD hears,  
And delivers them out of all their troubles.

18 The LORD <sup>a</sup>is near to the <sup>b</sup>brokenhearted,  
And saves those who are <sup>1c</sup>crushed in spirit.

19 Many are the <sup>a</sup>afflictions of the righteous;  
But the LORD <sup>b</sup>delivers him out of them all.

20 He keeps all his bones;  
Not one of them is broken.

21 <sup>a</sup>Evil shall slay the wicked;  
And those who hate the righteous will be <sup>1</sup>condemned.

22 The LORD <sup>a</sup>redeems the soul of His servants;  
And none of those who <sup>b</sup>take refuge in Him will be  
<sup>1</sup>condemned.

PSALM 35

Prayer for Rescue from Enemies.

*A Psalm of David.*

CONTEND, O LORD, with those who <sup>a</sup>contend with me;  
Fight against those who <sup>b</sup>fight against me.

2 Take hold of <sup>1a</sup>buckler and shield,  
And rise up for <sup>b</sup>my help.

3 Draw also the spear and <sup>1</sup>the battle-axe to meet those  
who pursue me;

Say to my soul, "I am <sup>a</sup>your salvation."

4 Let those be <sup>a</sup>ashamed and dishonored who seek my  
<sup>1</sup>life;

Let those be <sup>b</sup>turned back and humiliated who devise  
evil against me.

5 Let them be <sup>a</sup>like chaff before the wind,  
With the angel of the LORD driving *them* on.

6 Let their way be dark and <sup>a</sup>slippery,  
With the angel of the LORD pursuing them.

7 For <sup>a</sup>without cause they hid their net for me;  
Without cause they dug a <sup>1</sup>pit for my soul.

8 Let <sup>a</sup>destruction come upon him unawares;  
And <sup>b</sup>let the net which he hid catch himself;  
Into that very <sup>c</sup>destruction let him fall.

9 And my soul shall <sup>a</sup>rejoice in the LORD;  
It shall <sup>b</sup>exult in His salvation.

10 All my <sup>a</sup>bones will say, "LORD, <sup>b</sup>who is like Thee,  
Who delivers the afflicted from him <sup>c</sup>who is too strong  
for him,  
And <sup>d</sup>the afflicted and the needy from him who robs  
him?"

11 <sup>a</sup>Malicious witnesses rise up;  
They ask me of things that I do not know.

12 They <sup>a</sup>repay me evil for good,  
To the bereavement of my soul.

13 But as for me, <sup>a</sup>when they were sick, my <sup>b</sup>clothing was  
sackcloth;  
I <sup>c</sup>humbled my soul with fasting;  
And my <sup>d</sup>prayer kept returning to my bosom.

14 I went about as though it were my friend or brother;  
I <sup>a</sup>bowed down <sup>1</sup>mourning, as one who sorrows for a  
mother.

15 But <sup>a</sup>at my <sup>1</sup>stumbling they rejoiced, and gathered  
themselves together;  
The <sup>2</sup>bsmiters whom I did not know gathered together  
against me,  
They <sup>3</sup>cslandered me without ceasing.

16 Like godless jesters at a feast,  
They <sup>a</sup>gnashed at me with their teeth.

17 Lord, <sup>a</sup>how long wilt Thou look on?  
Rescue my soul <sup>b</sup>from their ravages,  
My <sup>c</sup>only life from the lions.

18 I will <sup>a</sup>give Thee thanks in the great congregation;  
I will <sup>b</sup>praise Thee among a mighty throng.

19 <sup>a</sup>Do not let those who are wrongfully <sup>b</sup>my enemies  
rejoice over me;  
Neither let those <sup>c</sup>who hate me without cause <sup>1</sup>d wink  
maliciously.

20 For they do not speak peace,  
But they devise <sup>a</sup>deceitful words against those who are  
quiet in the land.

21 And they <sup>a</sup>opened their mouth wide against me;  
They said, "<sup>b</sup>Aha, aha, our eyes have seen it!"

22 <sup>a</sup>Thou hast seen it, O LORD, <sup>b</sup>do not keep silent;  
O Lord, <sup>c</sup>do not be far from me.

23 <sup>a</sup>Stir up Thyself, and awake to my right,  
And to my cause, my God and my Lord.

24 <sup>a</sup>Judge me, O LORD my God, according to Thy right-  
eousness;  
And <sup>b</sup>do not let them rejoice over me.

25 Do not let them say in their heart, "<sup>a</sup>Aha, our desire!"  
Do not let them say, "<sup>b</sup>We have <sup>1</sup>swallowed him up!"

26 Let <sup>a</sup>those be ashamed and humiliated altogether who  
rejoice at my distress;  
Let those be clothed with shame and dishonor who  
<sup>b</sup>magnify themselves over me.

27 Let them <sup>a</sup>shout for joy and rejoice, who favor <sup>b</sup>my  
vindication;  
And <sup>c</sup>let them say continually, "The LORD be magnified,  
Who <sup>d</sup>delights in the prosperity of His servant."

10 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 51:8 <sup>b</sup>Ex. 15:11;  
Ps. 86:8; Mic. 7:18 <sup>c</sup>Ps.  
18:17 <sup>d</sup>Ps. 37:14; 109:16

11 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 27:12

12 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 38:20; 109:5; Jer.  
18:20; John 10:32

13 <sup>a</sup>Job 30:25 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 69:11  
<sup>c</sup>Ps. 69:10 <sup>d</sup>Matt. 10:13;  
Luke 10:6

14 <sup>1</sup>Or, *dressed in black*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 38:6

15 <sup>1</sup>Or, *limping* <sup>2</sup>Or,  
*smitten ones* <sup>3</sup>Lit., *tore*  
<sup>a</sup>Obad. 12 <sup>b</sup>Job 30:1, 8, 12  
<sup>c</sup>Ps. 7:2

16 <sup>a</sup>Job 16:9; Ps. 37:12;  
Lam. 2:16

17 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 13:1; Hab. 1:13  
<sup>b</sup>Ps. 35:7 <sup>c</sup>Ps. 22:20, 21

18 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 22:22 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 22:25

19 <sup>1</sup>Or, *wink the eye*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 13:4; 30:1; 38:16 <sup>b</sup>Ps.  
38:19; 69:4; 119:78 <sup>c</sup>John  
15:25 <sup>d</sup>Prov. 6:13; 10:10

20 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 55:21; Jer. 9:8;  
Mic. 6:12

21 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 22:13; Job 16:10  
<sup>b</sup>Ps. 40:15; 70:3

22 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 10:14; Ex. 3:7 <sup>b</sup>Ps.  
28:1 <sup>c</sup>Ps. 10:1; 22:11; 38:21;  
71:12

23 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 7:6; 44:23; 59:4;  
80:2

24 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 9:4; 26:1; 43:1 <sup>b</sup>Ps.  
35:19

25 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 35:21 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 56:1;  
124:3; Prov. 1:12; Lam.  
2:16

26 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 40:14 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 38:16;  
Job 19:5

27 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 32:11 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 9:4 <sup>c</sup>Ps.  
40:16; 70:4 <sup>d</sup>Ps. 147:11;  
149:4

28 \*Ps. 51:14; 71:15, 24

1 <sup>1</sup>Another reading is,  
*my heart*  
\*Rom. 3:18

2 <sup>1</sup>Or, *he flatters himself*  
\*Deut. 29:19; Ps. 10:11;  
49:18

3 <sup>1</sup>Or, *understand to do good*  
\*Ps. 10:7; 12:2 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 94:8;  
Jer. 4:22

4 \*Prov. 4:16; Mic. 2:1  
<sup>b</sup>Is. 65:2 \*Ps. 52:3; Rom.  
12:9

5 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *is in*  
\*Ps. 57:10; 103:11; 108:4

6 <sup>1</sup>Or, *mighty mountains*  
\*Ps. 71:19 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 77:19; Job  
11:8; Rom. 11:33 <sup>c</sup>Ps.  
104:14, 15; 145:16; Neh. 9:6

7 \*Ps. 40:5; 139:17 <sup>b</sup>Ps.  
57:1; 91:4; Ruth 2:12

8 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *fatness*  
\*Ps. 63:5; Is. 25:6; Jer.  
31:12-14 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 46:4; Job  
20:17; Rev. 22:1

9 \*Jer. 2:13

10 \*Jer. 22:16 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 24:5

12 \*Ps. 140:10; Is. 26:14

1 \*Prov. 23:17; 24:19 <sup>b</sup>Ps.  
73:3; Prov. 3:31

2 \*Job 14:2; Ps. 90:6; 92:7  
<sup>b</sup>Ps. 129:6

3 <sup>1</sup>Or, *feed securely*; or,  
*feed on His faithfulness*  
\*Ps. 62:8 <sup>b</sup>Deut. 30:20 <sup>c</sup>Is.  
40:11; Ezek. 34:13, 14

4 \*Ps. 94:19; Job 22:26;  
Is. 58:14 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 21:2; 145:19;  
Matt. 7:7, 8

5 \*Ps. 55:22; Prov. 16:3;  
1 Pet. 5:7

28 And <sup>a</sup>my tongue shall declare Thy righteousness  
And Thy praise all day long.

**PSALM 36**

Wickedness of Men and Lovingkindness of God.

For the choir director. A *Psalm* of David  
the servant of the LORD.

**T**RANSGRESSION speaks to the ungodly within <sup>1</sup>his heart;  
There is <sup>a</sup>no fear of God before his eyes.  
2 For <sup>1</sup>it <sup>a</sup>flatters him in his *own* eyes,  
Concerning the discovery of his iniquity *and* the hatred  
*of it.*  
3 The <sup>a</sup>words of his mouth are wickedness and deceit;  
He has <sup>a</sup>ceased to <sup>1</sup>be wise *and* to do good.  
4 He <sup>a</sup>plans wickedness upon his bed;  
He sets himself on a <sup>b</sup>path that is not good;  
He <sup>c</sup>does not despise evil.  
5 Thy <sup>a</sup>lovingkindness, O LORD, <sup>1</sup>extends to the heavens,  
Thy faithfulness *reaches* to the skies.  
6 Thy <sup>a</sup>righteousness is like the <sup>1</sup>mountains of God;  
Thy <sup>b</sup>judgments are *like* a great deep.  
O LORD, Thou <sup>c</sup>preservest man and beast.  
7 How <sup>a</sup>precious is Thy lovingkindness, O God!  
And the children of men <sup>b</sup>take refuge in the shadow of  
Thy wings.  
8 They <sup>a</sup>drink their fill of the <sup>1</sup>abundance of Thy house;  
And Thou dost give them to drink of the <sup>b</sup>river of Thy  
delights.  
9 For with Thee is the <sup>a</sup>fountain of life;  
In Thy light we see light.  
10 O continue Thy lovingkindness to <sup>a</sup>those who know  
Thee,  
And Thy <sup>b</sup>righteousness to the upright in heart.  
11 Let not the foot of pride come upon me,  
And let not the hand of the wicked drive me away.  
12 There the doers of iniquity have fallen;  
They have been thrust down and <sup>a</sup>cannot rise.

**PSALM 37**

Security of Those Who Trust in the LORD, and Insecurity of the Wicked.

A *Psalm* of David.

<sup>a</sup>**F**RET not yourself because of evildoers,  
Be not <sup>b</sup>envious toward wrongdoers.  
2 For they will <sup>a</sup>wither quickly like the grass,  
And <sup>b</sup>fade like the green herb.  
3 <sup>a</sup>Trust in the LORD, and do good;  
<sup>b</sup>Dwell in the land and <sup>1c</sup>cultivate faithfulness.  
4 <sup>a</sup>Delight yourself in the LORD;  
And He will <sup>b</sup>give you the desires of your heart.  
5 <sup>a</sup>Commit your way to the LORD,  
Trust also in Him, and He will do it.



- 6 And He will bring forth <sup>a</sup>your righteousness as the light,  
And your judgment <sup>b</sup>as the noonday.
- 7 <sup>1a</sup>Rest in the LORD and <sup>b</sup>wait <sup>2</sup>patiently for Him;  
<sup>c</sup>Fret not yourself because of him who <sup>d</sup>prosperes in his  
way,  
Because of the man who carries out wicked schemes.
- 8 Cease from anger, and <sup>a</sup>forsake wrath;  
Fret not yourself, *it leads* only to evildoing.
- 9 For <sup>a</sup>evildoers will be cut off,  
But those who wait for the LORD, they will <sup>b</sup>inherit the  
land.
- 10 Yet <sup>a</sup>a little while and the wicked man will be no more;  
And you will look carefully for <sup>b</sup>his place, and he will not  
be *there*.
- 11 But <sup>a</sup>the humble will inherit the land,  
And will delight themselves in <sup>b</sup>abundant prosperity.
- 12 The wicked <sup>a</sup>plots against the righteous,  
And <sup>b</sup>gnashes at him with his teeth.
- 13 The LORD <sup>a</sup>laughs at him;  
For He sees <sup>b</sup>his day is coming.
- 14 The wicked have drawn the sword and <sup>a</sup>bent their bow,  
To cast down the <sup>b</sup>afflicted and the needy,  
To <sup>c</sup>slay those who are upright in conduct.
- 15 Their sword will enter their own heart,  
And their <sup>a</sup>bows will be broken.
- 16 <sup>a</sup>Better is the little of the righteous  
Than the abundance of many wicked.
- 17 For the <sup>a</sup>arms of the wicked will be broken;  
But the LORD <sup>b</sup>sustains the righteous.
- 18 The LORD <sup>a</sup>knows the days of the <sup>1</sup>blameless;  
And their <sup>b</sup>inheritance will be forever.
- 19 They will not be ashamed in the time of evil;  
And <sup>a</sup>in the days of famine they will have abundance.
- 20 But the <sup>a</sup>wicked will perish;  
And the enemies of the LORD will be <sup>b</sup>like the <sup>1</sup>glory of  
the pastures,  
They vanish—<sup>c</sup>like smoke they vanish away.
- 21 The wicked borrows and does not pay back,  
But the righteous <sup>a</sup>is gracious and gives.
- 22 For those blessed by Him will <sup>a</sup>inherit the land;  
But those <sup>b</sup>curSED by Him will be cut off.
- 23 <sup>a</sup>The steps of a man are established by the LORD;  
And He <sup>b</sup>delights in his way.
- 24 When <sup>a</sup>he falls, he shall not be hurled headlong;  
Because <sup>b</sup>the LORD is the One <sup>1</sup>who holds his hand.
- 25 I have been young, and now I am old;  
Yet <sup>a</sup>I have not seen the righteous forsaken,  
Or <sup>b</sup>his <sup>1</sup>descendants begging bread.
- 26 All day long <sup>a</sup>he is gracious and lends;  
And <sup>b</sup>his <sup>1</sup>descendants are a blessing.
- 27 <sup>a</sup>Depart from evil, and do good,  
<sup>1</sup>So you will abide <sup>b</sup>forever.

6 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 97:11; Is. 58:8, 10;  
Mic. 7:9 <sup>b</sup>Job 11:17

7 <sup>1</sup>Or, *Be still* <sup>2</sup>Or,  
*longingly*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 62:5 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 40:1 <sup>c</sup>Ps. 37:1,  
8 <sup>d</sup>Jer. 12:1

8 <sup>a</sup>Eph. 4:31; Col. 3:8

9 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 37:2, 22 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 25:13;  
Prov. 2:21; Is. 60:21

10 <sup>a</sup>Job 24:24 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 37:35,  
36; Job 7:10

11 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 5:5 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 72:7

12 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 31:13, 20 <sup>b</sup>Ps.  
35:16

13 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 2:4 <sup>b</sup>1 Sam. 26:10;  
Job 18:20

14 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 11:2; Lam. 2:4 <sup>b</sup>Ps.  
35:10; 86:1 <sup>c</sup>Ps. 11:2

15 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 46:9; 1 Sam. 2:4

16 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 4:7; Prov. 15:16;  
16:8

17 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 10:15; Job 38:15;  
Ezek. 30:21 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 71:6;  
145:14

18 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *complete*; or,  
*perfect*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 1:6; 31:7 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 37:27, 29

19 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 33:19; Job 5:20

20 <sup>1</sup>i.e., *flowers*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 73:27 <sup>b</sup>Lev. 3:11 <sup>c</sup>Ps.  
68:2; 102:3

21 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 112:5

22 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 37:9 <sup>b</sup>Job 5:3

23 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 40:2; 66:9; 119:5;  
1 Sam. 2:9 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 147:11

24 <sup>1</sup>Or, *who sustains him*  
*with His hand*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 145:14; Prov. 24:16;  
Mic. 7:8 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 147:6

25 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *seed*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 37:28; Is. 41:17; Heb.  
13:5 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 109:10

26 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *seed*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 37:21 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 147:13

27 <sup>1</sup>Or, *And dwell forever*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 34:14 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 37:18;  
102:28

28 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *judgment* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *seed*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 11:7; 33:5 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 37:25  
<sup>c</sup>Ps. 31:23 <sup>d</sup>Ps. 37:9; Ps.  
 21:10; Prov. 2:22; Is. 14:20

29 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 37:9 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 37:18

30 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 49:3; Prov. 10:13  
<sup>b</sup>Ps. 101:1; 119:13

31 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 40:8; 119:11; Deut.  
 6:6; Is. 51:7; Jer. 31:33 <sup>b</sup>Ps.  
 37:23; 26:1

32 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 10:8; 17:11 <sup>b</sup>Ps.  
 37:14

33 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 31:8; 2 Pet. 2:9  
<sup>b</sup>Ps. 34:22; 109:31

34 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 37:9; 27:14 <sup>b</sup>Ps.  
 52:5, 6; 91:8

35 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *native*, Heb.  
*obscure*  
<sup>a</sup>Job 5:3; Jer. 12:2 <sup>b</sup>Job 8:16

36 <sup>1</sup>Ancient versions read,  
*I passed by*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 37:10; Job 20:5

37 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *complete*; or,  
*perfect* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *end*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 37:18 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 7:10 <sup>c</sup>Is.  
 57:1, 2

38 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *end*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 37:20, 28 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 37:9;  
 73:17

39 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 3:8; 62:1 <sup>b</sup>Ps.  
 37:19; 9:9

40 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 54:4 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 22:4;  
 Dan. 3:17; 6:23 <sup>c</sup>Ps. 34:22

1 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 6:1

2 <sup>a</sup>Job 6:4 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 32:4

3 <sup>a</sup>Is. 1:6 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 102:10 <sup>c</sup>Ps.  
 6:2; 31:10; Job 33:19

4 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 40:12; Ezra 9:6

5 <sup>1</sup>Or, *stripes*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 69:5

6 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 35:14 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 42:9;  
 43:2; Job 30:28

7 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 102:3 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 38:3

8 <sup>1</sup>Or, *greatly* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *roar*  
<sup>3</sup>Lit., *growing*  
<sup>a</sup>Lam. 1:13; 5:17 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 22:1;  
 32:3; Job 3:24

- 28 For the LORD <sup>a</sup>loves <sup>1</sup>justice,  
 And <sup>b</sup>does not forsake His godly ones;  
 They are <sup>c</sup>preserved forever;  
 But the <sup>2d</sup>descendants of the wicked will be cut off.
- 29 The righteous will <sup>a</sup>inherit the land,  
 And <sup>b</sup>dwell in it forever.
- 30 The mouth of the righteous <sup>a</sup>utters wisdom,  
 And his tongue <sup>b</sup>speaks justice.
- 31 The <sup>a</sup>law of his God is in his heart;  
 His <sup>b</sup>steps do not slip.
- 32 The <sup>a</sup>wicked spies upon the righteous,  
 And <sup>b</sup>seeks to kill him.
- 33 The LORD will <sup>a</sup>not leave him in his hand,  
 Or <sup>b</sup>let him be condemned when he is judged.
- 34 <sup>a</sup>Wait for the LORD, and keep His way,  
 And He will exalt you to inherit the land;  
 When the <sup>b</sup>wicked are cut off, you will see it.
- 35 I have <sup>a</sup>seen a violent, wicked man  
 Spreading himself like a <sup>b</sup>luxuriant <sup>1</sup>tree in its native soil.
- 36 Then <sup>1</sup>he passed away, and lo, he <sup>a</sup>was no more;  
 I sought for him, but he could not be found.
- 37 Mark the <sup>1</sup>blameless man, and behold the <sup>b</sup>upright;  
 For the man of peace will have a <sup>2c</sup>posterity.
- 38 But transgressors will be altogether <sup>a</sup>destroyed;  
 The <sup>1</sup>posterity of the wicked will be <sup>b</sup>cut off.
- 39 But the <sup>a</sup>salvation of the righteous is from the LORD;  
 He is their strength <sup>b</sup>in time of trouble.
- 40 And <sup>a</sup>the LORD helps them, and delivers them;  
 He <sup>b</sup>delivers them from the wicked, and saves them,  
 Because they <sup>c</sup>take refuge in Him.

**PSALM 38**

Prayer of a Suffering Penitent.

A Psalm of David, for a memorial.

- O** LORD, <sup>a</sup>rebuke me not in Thy wrath;  
 And chasten me not in Thy burning anger.
- 2 For Thine <sup>a</sup>arrows have sunk deep into me,  
 And <sup>b</sup>Thy hand has pressed down on me.
- 3 There is <sup>a</sup>no soundness in my flesh <sup>b</sup>because of Thine  
 indignation;  
 There is no health <sup>c</sup>in my bones because of my sin.
- 4 For my <sup>a</sup>iniquities are gone over my head;  
 As a heavy burden they weigh too much for me.
- 5 My <sup>1</sup>wounds grow foul *and* fester.  
 Because of <sup>a</sup>my folly,
- 6 I am bent over and <sup>a</sup>greatly bowed down;  
 I <sup>b</sup>go mourning all day long.
- 7 For my loins are filled with <sup>a</sup>burning;  
 And there is <sup>b</sup>no soundness in my flesh.
- 8 I am <sup>a</sup>benumbed and <sup>1</sup>badly crushed;  
 I <sup>2b</sup>groan because of the <sup>3</sup>agitation of my heart.

- 9 Lord, all <sup>a</sup>my desire is <sup>1</sup>before Thee;  
And my <sup>b</sup>sighing is not hidden from Thee.
- 10 My heart throbs, <sup>a</sup>my strength fails me;  
And the <sup>b</sup>light of my eyes, even <sup>1</sup>that <sup>2</sup>has gone from me.
- 11 My <sup>1a</sup>loved ones and my friends stand aloof from my  
plague;  
And my kinsmen <sup>b</sup>stand afar off.
- 12 Those who <sup>a</sup>seek my life <sup>b</sup>lay snares *for me*;  
And those who <sup>c</sup>seek to injure me have <sup>1d</sup>threatened  
destruction,  
And they <sup>e</sup>devise treachery all day long.
- 13 But I, like a deaf man, do not hear;  
And I am like a <sup>a</sup>dumb man who does not open his  
mouth.
- 14 Yes, I am like a man who does not hear,  
And in whose mouth are no arguments.
- 15 For <sup>a</sup>I <sup>1</sup>hope in Thee, O LORD;  
Thou <sup>b</sup>wilt answer, O Lord my God.
- 16 For I said, "May they not rejoice over me,  
*Who*, when my foot slips, <sup>a</sup>would magnify themselves  
against me."
- 17 For I am <sup>a</sup>ready to fall,  
And <sup>b</sup>my <sup>1</sup>sorrow is continually before me.
- 18 For I <sup>1a</sup>confess my iniquity;  
I am full of <sup>b</sup>anxiety because of my sin.
- 19 But my <sup>a</sup>enemies are vigorous *and* <sup>1</sup>strong;  
And many are those who <sup>b</sup>hate me wrongfully.
- 20 And those who <sup>a</sup>repay evil for good,  
They <sup>b</sup>oppose me, because I follow what is good.
- 21 Do not forsake me, O LORD;  
O my God, <sup>a</sup>do not be far from me!
- 22 Make <sup>a</sup>haste to help me,  
O Lord, <sup>b</sup>my salvation!

**PSALM 39**

The Vanity of Life.

For the choir director, for <sup>4</sup>Jeduthun.  
A Psalm of David.

- I SAID**, "I will <sup>a</sup>guard my ways,  
That I <sup>b</sup>may not sin with my tongue;  
I will guard <sup>c</sup>my mouth as with a muzzle,  
While the wicked are in my presence."
- 2 I was <sup>a</sup>dumb *and* <sup>1</sup>silent,  
I <sup>2</sup>refrained *even* from good;  
And my <sup>3</sup>sorrow grew worse.
- 3 My <sup>a</sup>heart was hot within me;  
While I was musing the fire burned;  
*Then* I spoke with my tongue:
- 4 "LORD, make me to know <sup>a</sup>my end,  
And what is the extent of my days,  
Let me know how <sup>b</sup>transient I am.

9 <sup>1</sup>Or, known to Thee  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 10:17 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 6:6; 102:5

10 <sup>1</sup>Lit. they <sup>2</sup>Lit. is not  
with me  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 31:10 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 6:7; 69:3;  
88:9

11 <sup>1</sup>Or, lovers  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 31:11; 88:18 <sup>b</sup>Luke  
23:49

12 <sup>1</sup>Lit. spoken  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 54:3 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 140:5 <sup>c</sup>Ps.  
35:4 <sup>d</sup>Eccles. 10:13; Mic.  
7:3 <sup>e</sup>Ps. 35:20

13 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 39:2, 9

15 <sup>1</sup>Or, wait for  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 39:7 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 17:6

16 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 35:26

17 <sup>1</sup>Lit. pain  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 35:15 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 13:2

18 <sup>1</sup>Or, declare  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 32:5 <sup>b2</sup> Cor. 7:9, 10

19 <sup>1</sup>Or, numerous  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 18:17 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 35:19

20 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 35:12 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 109:4;  
1 John 3:12

21 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 22:19; 35:22

22 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 40:13, 17 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 27:1

<sup>f</sup> 1 Chr. 16:41

1 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 119:9; 1 Kin. 2:4;  
2 Kin. 10:31 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 34:13; Job  
2:10; James 3:5-12 <sup>c</sup>Ps.  
141:3; James 3:2

2 <sup>1</sup>Lit. with silence <sup>2</sup>Lit.,  
kept silence <sup>3</sup>Lit. pain  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 38:13

3 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 32:4; Jer. 20:9;  
Luke 24:32

4 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 90:12; 119:84; Job  
6:11 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 78:39; 103:14

5 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *standing firm*  
<sup>2</sup>Or, *altogether vanity*  
<sup>3</sup>Selah may mean: *Pause, Crescendo or Musical interlude*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 89:47 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 144:4 <sup>c</sup>Ps. 62:9; Job 14:2; Eccles. 6:12

6 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *an image*  
<sup>a</sup>1 Cor. 7:31; James 1:10, 11; 1 Pet. 1:24 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 127:2; Eccles. 5:17 <sup>c</sup>Ps. 49:10; Eccles. 2:26; 5:14; Luke 12:20

7 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 38:15

8 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 51:9, 14; 79:9 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 44:13; 79:4; 119:22

9 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 39:2 <sup>b2</sup> Sam. 16:10; Job 2:10

10 <sup>1</sup>Or, *wasting away*  
<sup>a</sup>Job 9:34; 13:21 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 32:4

11 <sup>a</sup>Ezek. 5:15; 2 Pet. 2:16 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 90:7; Job 13:28; Is. 50:9 <sup>c</sup>Ps. 39:5

12 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 102:1; 143:1 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 56:8; 2 Kin. 20:5 <sup>c</sup>Lev. 25:23; 1 Chr. 29:15; Ps. 119:19; Heb. 11:13; 1 Pet. 2:11

13 <sup>1</sup>Or, *become cheerful*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 102:24; Job 7:19; 14:6

1 <sup>1</sup>Or, *intently*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 25:5; 27:14; 37:7 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 34:15

2 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *mud of the mire*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 69:2; Jer. 38:6 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 27:5 <sup>c</sup>Ps. 37:23

3 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 32:7; 33:3 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 52:6; 64:9

4 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *regard*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 84:12 <sup>b</sup>Job 37:24 <sup>c</sup>Ps. 125:5

5 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 136:4; Job 5:9 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 139:17; Is. 55:8 <sup>c</sup>Ps. 71:15; 139:18

6 <sup>1</sup>i.e., *Blood sacrifice*  
<sup>2</sup>Lit., *dug*, or possibly, *pierced*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 51:16; 1 Sam. 15:22; Is. 1:11; Jer. 6:20; 7:22, 23; Amos 5:22; Mic. 6:6-8; Heb. 10:5-7

- 5 "Behold, Thou hast made <sup>a</sup>my days *as* handbreadths,  
 And my <sup>b</sup>lifetime *as* nothing in Thy sight,  
 Surely every man <sup>1</sup>at his best is <sup>2</sup>a mere <sup>c</sup>breath. [<sup>3</sup>Selah.
- 6 "Surely every man <sup>a</sup>walks about *as* <sup>1</sup>a phantom;  
 Surely they make <sup>a</sup>uproar for nothing;  
 He <sup>c</sup>amasses *riches*, and does not know who will gather  
 them.
- 7 "And now, Lord, for what do I wait?  
 My <sup>a</sup>hope is in Thee.
- 8 "aDeliver me from all my transgressions;  
 Make me not the <sup>b</sup>reproach of the foolish.
- 9 "I have become <sup>a</sup>dumb, I do not open my mouth,  
 Because it is <sup>b</sup>Thou who hast done *it*.
- 10 "aRemove Thy plague from me;  
 Because of <sup>b</sup>the opposition of Thy hand, I am <sup>1</sup>perish-  
 ing.
- 11 "With <sup>a</sup>reproofs Thou dost chasten a man for iniquity;  
 Thou dost <sup>b</sup>consume *as* a moth what is precious to him;  
 Surely <sup>c</sup>every man is a mere breath. [<sup>3</sup>Selah.
- 12 "aHear my prayer, O LORD, and give ear to my cry;  
 Do not be silent <sup>b</sup>at my tears;  
 For I am <sup>c</sup>a stranger with Thee,  
 A sojourner like all my fathers.
- 13 "aTurn Thy gaze away from me, that I may <sup>1</sup>smile *again*,  
 Before I depart and am no more."

**PSALM 40**

God Sustains His Servant.

For the choir director. A Psalm of David.

- I <sup>a</sup>WAITED <sup>1</sup>patiently for the LORD;  
 And He inclined to me, and <sup>b</sup>heard my cry.
- 2 He brought me up out of the <sup>a</sup>pit of destruction, out of  
 the <sup>1</sup>miry clay;  
 And <sup>b</sup>He set my feet upon a rock <sup>c</sup>making my footsteps  
 firm.
- 3 And He put a <sup>a</sup>new song in my mouth, a song of praise  
 to our God;  
 Many will <sup>b</sup>see and fear,  
 And will trust in the LORD.
- 4 How <sup>a</sup>blessed is the man who has made the LORD his  
 trust,  
 And <sup>b</sup>has not <sup>1</sup>turned to the proud, nor to those who  
<sup>c</sup>lapse into falsehood.
- 5 Many, O LORD my God, are <sup>a</sup>the wonders which Thou  
 hast done,  
 And Thy <sup>b</sup>thoughts toward us;  
 There is none to compare with Thee;  
 If I would declare and speak of them,  
 They <sup>c</sup>would be too numerous to count.
- 6 <sup>1</sup>aSacrifice and meal offering Thou hast not desired;  
 My ears Thou hast <sup>2</sup>opened;  
 Burnt offering and sin offering Thou hast not required.

- 7 Then I said, "Behold, I come;  
In the scroll of the book it is <sup>1</sup>written of me;
- 8 I delight to do Thy will, O my God;  
<sup>a</sup>Thy Law is within my heart."
- 9 I have <sup>a</sup>proclaimed glad tidings of righteousness in the  
great congregation;  
Behold, I will <sup>b</sup>not restrain my lips,  
O LORD, <sup>c</sup>Thou knowest.
- 10 I have <sup>a</sup>not hidden Thy righteousness within my heart;  
I have <sup>b</sup>spoken of Thy faithfulness and Thy salvation;  
I have not concealed Thy lovingkindness and Thy truth  
from the great congregation.
- 11 Thou, O LORD, wilt not withhold Thy compassion from  
me;  
<sup>1</sup>Thy <sup>a</sup>lovingkindness and Thy truth will continually  
preserve me.
- 12 For evils beyond number have <sup>a</sup>surrounded me;  
My <sup>b</sup>iniquities have overtaken me, so that I am not able  
to see;  
They are <sup>c</sup>more numerous than the hairs of my head;  
And my <sup>d</sup>heart has <sup>1</sup>failed me.
- 13 Be pleased, O LORD, to deliver me;  
Make <sup>a</sup>haste, O LORD, to help me.
- 14 Let those be <sup>a</sup>ashamed and humiliated together  
Who <sup>b</sup>seek my <sup>1</sup>life to destroy it;  
Let those be turned back and dishonored  
Who delight <sup>2</sup>in my hurt.
- 15 Let those <sup>a</sup>be <sup>1</sup>appalled because of their shame  
Who <sup>b</sup>say to me, "Aha, aha!"
- 16 Let all who seek Thee rejoice and be glad in Thee;  
Let those who love Thy salvation <sup>a</sup>say continually,  
"The LORD be magnified!"
- 17 Since <sup>a</sup>I am afflicted and needy,  
<sup>1b</sup>Let the Lord be mindful of me;  
Thou art my help and my deliverer;  
Do not delay, O my God.

**PSALM 41**

The Psalmist in Sickness Complains of Enemies and False Friends.

For the choir director. A Psalm of David.

- H**ow blessed is he who <sup>a</sup>considers the <sup>1</sup>helpless;  
The LORD will deliver him <sup>b</sup>in a day of <sup>2</sup>trouble.
- 2 The LORD will <sup>a</sup>protect him, and keep him alive,  
And he shall <sup>1b</sup>be called <sup>b</sup>blessed upon the earth;  
And <sup>c</sup>do not give him over to the desire of his enemies.
- 3 The LORD will sustain him upon his <sup>a</sup>sickbed;  
In his illness, Thou dost <sup>1</sup>restore him to health.
- 4 As for me, I said, "O LORD, be gracious to me;  
<sup>a</sup>Heal my soul, for <sup>b</sup>I have sinned against Thee."
- 5 My enemies <sup>a</sup>speak evil against me,  
"When will he die, and his name perish?"

- 7 <sup>1</sup>Or, *prescribed for*
- 8 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 37:31; 2 Cor. 3:3
- 9 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 22:25 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 119:13  
<sup>c</sup>Ps. 139:4; Josh. 22:22
- 10 <sup>a</sup>Acts 20:20, 27 <sup>b</sup>Ps.  
89:1
- 11 <sup>1</sup>Or, *May . . . preserve*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 43:3; 57:3; 61:7; Prov.  
20:28
- 12 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *forsaken*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 18:5; 116:3 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 38:4;  
65:3 <sup>c</sup>Ps. 69:4 <sup>d</sup>Ps. 73:26
- 13 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 22:19; 71:12
- 14 <sup>1</sup>Or, *soul* <sup>2</sup>Or, *to injure*  
*me*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 35:4, 26; 70:2; 71:13  
<sup>b</sup>Ps. 63:9
- 15 <sup>1</sup>Or, *desolated*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 70:3 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 35:21; 70:3
- 16 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 35:27
- 17 <sup>1</sup>Or, *The Lord is*  
*mindful*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 70:5; 86:1; 109:22 <sup>b</sup>Ps.  
40:5; 1 Pet. 5:7
- 1 <sup>1</sup>Or, *poor* <sup>2</sup>Or, *evil*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 82:3, 4; Prov. 14:21  
<sup>b</sup>Ps. 27:5; 37:19
- 2 <sup>1</sup>Or, *be blessed*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 37:28 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 37:22 <sup>c</sup>Ps.  
27:12
- 3 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *turn all his bed*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 6:6
- 4 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 6:2; 103:3; 147:3  
<sup>b</sup>Ps. 51:4
- 5 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 38:12

6 <sup>1</sup>Or, *if he* <sup>2</sup>Or, *emptiness*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 12:2; 62:4; Prov. 26:24-26

7 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 56:5

8 <sup>1</sup>Or, *within*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 71:10, 11

9 <sup>a</sup>Job 19:13, 19; Ps. 55:12, 13, 20; Jer. 20:10; Mic. 7:5; John 13:18

10 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 3:3

11 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 37:23; 147:11 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 25:2

12 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 18:32; 37:17; 63:8  
<sup>b</sup>Ps. 21:6; Job 36:7

13 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 72:18, 19; 89:52; 106:48; 150:6

<sup>£</sup> Possibly, *Contemplative*, or *Didactic*, or *Skillful Psalm*

1 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *longs for*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 119:131

2 <sup>1</sup>Some mss. read, *see the face of God*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 63:1; 84:2; 143:6 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 84:2; Josh. 3:10; Jer. 10:10; Dan. 6:26; Matt. 26:63; Rom. 9:26; 1 Thess. 1:9  
<sup>c</sup>Ps. 43:4; 84:7; Ex. 23:17

3 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 80:5; 102:9 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 79:10; 115:2; Joel 2:17; Mic. 7:10

4 <sup>1</sup>Or, *move slowly with them*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 62:8; 1 Sam. 1:15; Job 30:16; Lam. 2:19 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 55:14; 122:1; Is. 30:29 <sup>c</sup>Ps. 100:4

5 <sup>1</sup>Or, *sunk down* <sup>2</sup>Or, *Wait for* <sup>3</sup>Or, *still* <sup>4</sup>Some ancient versions read, *Him, the help of my countenance and my God*  
<sup>5</sup>Or, *saving acts of*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 38:6; Matt. 26:38 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 77:3 <sup>c</sup>Ps. 71:14; Lam. 3:24  
<sup>d</sup>Ps. 44:3

6 <sup>1</sup>Or, *sunk down* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *Hermons*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 61:2 <sup>b</sup>2 Sam. 17:22  
<sup>c</sup>Deut. 3:8

7 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 69:1, 2; 88:7; Jon. 2:3

- 6 And <sup>1</sup>when he comes to see *me*, he <sup>a</sup>speaks <sup>2</sup>falsehood; His heart gathers wickedness to itself; When he goes outside, he tells it.
- 7 All who hate me whisper together against me; Against me they <sup>a</sup>devise my hurt, *saying*,
- 8 "A wicked thing is poured out <sup>1</sup>upon him, That when he lies down, he will <sup>a</sup>not rise up again."
- 9 Even my <sup>a</sup>close friend, in whom I trusted, Who ate my bread, Has lifted up his heel against me.

- 10 But Thou, O LORD, be gracious to me, and <sup>a</sup>raise me up, That I may repay them.
- 11 By this I know that <sup>a</sup>Thou art pleased with me, Because <sup>b</sup>my enemy does not shout in triumph over me.
- 12 As for me, <sup>a</sup>Thou dost uphold me in my integrity, And Thou dost set me <sup>b</sup>in Thy presence forever.
- 13 <sup>a</sup>Blessed be the LORD, the God of Israel, From everlasting to everlasting. Amen, and Amen.

**BOOK 2**

**PSALM 42**

Thirsting for God in Trouble and Exile.

For the choir director.

A <sup>£</sup>Maskil of the sons of Korah.

- AS** the deer <sup>1</sup>pants for the water brooks, So my soul <sup>1a</sup>pants for Thee, O God.
- 2 My soul <sup>a</sup>thirsts for God, for the <sup>b</sup>living God; When shall I come and <sup>1c</sup>appear before God?
- 3 My <sup>a</sup>tears have been my food day and night, While *they* <sup>b</sup>say to me all day long, "Where is your God?"
- 4 These things I remember, and I <sup>a</sup>pour out my soul within me. For I <sup>b</sup>used to go along with the throng *and* <sup>1</sup>lead them in procession to the house of God, With the voice of <sup>c</sup>joy and thanksgiving, a multitude keeping festival.
- 5 Why are you <sup>1a</sup>in despair, O my soul? And *why* have you become <sup>b</sup>disturbed within me? <sup>2c</sup>Hope in God, for I shall <sup>3</sup>again praise <sup>4</sup>Him For the <sup>5d</sup>help of His presence.
- 6 O my God, my soul is <sup>1</sup>in despair within me; Therefore I <sup>a</sup>remember Thee from <sup>b</sup>the land of the Jordan, And the <sup>2</sup>peaks of <sup>c</sup>Hermon, from Mount Mizar.
- 7 Deep calls to deep at the sound of Thy waterfalls; All Thy <sup>a</sup>breakers and Thy waves have rolled over me.

- 8 The LORD will <sup>a</sup>command His lovingkindness in the daytime;  
And His song will be with me <sup>b</sup>in the night,  
A prayer to <sup>c</sup>the God of my life.
- 9 I will say to God <sup>a</sup>my rock, "Why hast Thou forgotten me?  
Why do I go <sup>b</sup>mourning <sup>1</sup>because of the <sup>c</sup>oppression of the enemy?"
- 10 As a shattering of my bones, my adversaries revile me,  
While they <sup>a</sup>say to me all day long, "Where is your God?"
- 11 Why are you <sup>1a</sup>in despair, O my soul?  
And why have you become disturbed within me?  
<sup>2</sup>Hope in God, for I shall yet praise Him,  
The <sup>3</sup>help of my countenance, and my God.

8 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 57:3; 133:3 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 16:7; 63:6; 77:6; 149:5; Job 35:10 <sup>c</sup>Eccles. 5:18; 8:15

9 <sup>1</sup>Or, *while the enemy oppresses*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 18:2 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 38:6 <sup>c</sup>Ps. 17:9

10 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 42:3

11 <sup>1</sup>Or, *sunk down* <sup>2</sup>Or, *Wait for* <sup>3</sup>Or, *saving acts of*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 42:5

**PSALM 43**

Prayer for Deliverance.

1 <sup>1</sup>Or, *Mayest Thou*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 26:1; 35:24 <sup>b</sup>1 Sam. 24:15 <sup>c</sup>Ps. 5:6; 38:12

2 <sup>1</sup>Or, *while the enemy oppresses*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 18:1; 28:7; 31:4 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 44:9; 88:14 <sup>c</sup>Ps. 42:9

3 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 36:9 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 2:6; 42:4; 46:4 <sup>c</sup>Ps. 84:1

4 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *the gladness of my joy*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 26:6 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 21:6 <sup>c</sup>Ps. 33:2; 49:4; 57:8; 71:22

5 <sup>1</sup>Or, *sunk down* <sup>2</sup>Or, *Wait for* <sup>3</sup>Or, *still* <sup>4</sup>Or, *saving acts of*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 42:11

<sup>†</sup> Possibly, *Contemplative, or Didactic, or Skillful Psalm*

1 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 78:3; Ex. 12:26, 27; Deut. 6:20; Judg. 6:13 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 78:12 <sup>c</sup>Ps. 77:5; Deut. 32:7; Is. 51:9; 63:9

- <sup>a</sup>VINDICATE me, O God, and <sup>b</sup>plead my case against an ungodly nation;  
<sup>1</sup>O deliver me from <sup>c</sup>the deceitful and unjust man!
- 2 For Thou art the <sup>a</sup>God of my strength; why hast Thou <sup>b</sup>rejected me?  
Why do I go <sup>c</sup>mourning <sup>1</sup>because of the oppression of the enemy?
- 3 O send out Thy <sup>a</sup>light and Thy truth, let them lead me;  
Let them bring me to Thy <sup>b</sup>holy hill,  
And to Thy <sup>c</sup>dwelling places.
- 4 Then I will go to <sup>a</sup>the altar of God,  
To God <sup>1</sup>my exceeding <sup>b</sup>joy;  
And upon the <sup>c</sup>lyre I shall praise Thee, O God, my God.
- 5 Why are you <sup>1a</sup>in despair, O my soul?  
And why are you disturbed within me?  
<sup>2</sup>Hope in God, for I shall <sup>3</sup>again praise Him,  
The <sup>4</sup>help of my countenance, and my God.

**PSALM 44**

Former Deliverances and Present Troubles.

For the choir director.  
A <sup>†</sup>Maskil of the sons of Korah.

- O** GOD, we have heard with our ears,  
Our <sup>a</sup>fathers have told us,  
The <sup>b</sup>work that Thou didst in their days,  
In the <sup>c</sup>days of old.

**Psalms 44**

2 \*Ps. 78:55; 80:8; Josh. 3:10; Neh. 9:24 <sup>b</sup>Ex. 15:17; 2 Sam. 7:10; Jer. 24:6; Amos 9:15 <sup>c</sup>Ps. 135:10-12 <sup>d</sup>Ps. 80:9-11; Zech. 2:6

3 \*Josh. 24:12 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 77:15 <sup>c</sup>Ps. 4:6; 89:15 <sup>d</sup>Ps. 106:4; Deut. 4:37; 7:7, 8; 10:15

4 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *salvation*  
\*Ps. 74:12 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 42:8

5 \*Ps. 60:12; Deut. 33:17; Dan. 8:4 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 108:13; Zech. 10:5

6 \*Ps. 33:16; 1 Sam. 17:47; Hos. 1:7

7 \*Ps. 136:24 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 53:5

8 <sup>1</sup>*Selah* may mean:  
*Pause, Crescendo or Musical interlude*  
\*Ps. 34:2 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 30:12

9 \*Ps. 43:2; 60:1, 10; 74:1; 89:38; 108:11 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 69:19 <sup>c</sup>Ps. 60:10; 108:11

10 \*Ps. 89:43; Lev. 26:17; Josh. 7:8, 12 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 89:41

11 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *for food*  
\*Ps. 44:22 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 106:27; Lev. 26:33; Deut. 4:27; 28:64; Ezek. 20:23

12 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *for no wealth*  
<sup>2</sup>Or, *set a high price on them*  
\*Deut. 32:30; Judg. 2:14; 3:8; Jer. 15:13

13 \*Ps. 79:4; 89:41 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 80:6; Ezek. 23:32

14 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *shaking of the head*  
\*Ps. 69:11; Job 17:6; Jer. 24:9 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 109:25; 2 Kin. 19:21

15 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *the shame of my face has covered me*  
\*Ps. 69:7; 2 Chr. 32:21

16 \*Ps. 74:10 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 8:2

17 \*Ps. 78:7; 119:61, 83, 109, 141, 153, 176 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 78:57

18 \*Ps. 78:57 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 119:51, 157; Job 23:11

19 \*Ps. 51:8; 94:5 <sup>b</sup>Job 30:29; Is. 13:22; Jer. 9:11 <sup>c</sup>Job 3:5

20 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *palms*  
\*Ps. 78:11 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 81:9

21 \*Ps. 139:1, 2; Jer. 17:10

22 \*Rom. 8:36 <sup>b</sup>Is. 53:7; Jer. 12:3

2 Thou with Thine own hand didst <sup>a</sup>drive out the nations;  
Then Thou didst <sup>b</sup>plant them;  
Thou didst <sup>c</sup>afflict the peoples,  
Then Thou didst <sup>d</sup>spread them abroad.

3 For by their own sword they <sup>a</sup>did not possess the land;  
And their own arm did not save them;  
But Thy right hand, and Thine <sup>b</sup>arm, and the <sup>c</sup>light of Thy presence,  
For Thou didst <sup>d</sup>favor them.

4 Thou art <sup>a</sup>my King, O God;  
<sup>b</sup>Command <sup>c</sup>victories for Jacob.

5 Through Thee we will <sup>a</sup>push back our adversaries;  
Through Thy name we will <sup>b</sup>trample down those who rise up against us.

6 For I will <sup>a</sup>not trust in my bow,  
Nor will my sword save me.

7 But Thou <sup>a</sup>hast saved us from our adversaries,  
And Thou hast <sup>b</sup>put to shame those who hate us.

8 In God we have <sup>a</sup>boasted all day long,  
And we will <sup>b</sup>give thanks to Thy name forever. [<sup>1</sup>*Selah*.

9 Yet Thou <sup>a</sup>hast rejected us and brought us to <sup>b</sup>dishonor,  
And <sup>c</sup>dost not go out with our armies.

10 Thou dost cause us to <sup>a</sup>turn back from the adversary;  
And those who hate us <sup>b</sup>have taken spoil for themselves.

11 Thou dost give us as <sup>a</sup>sheep <sup>1</sup>to be eaten,  
And hast <sup>b</sup>scattered us among the nations.

12 Thou dost <sup>a</sup>sell Thy people <sup>1</sup>cheaply,  
And hast not <sup>2</sup>profited by their sale.

13 Thou dost make us a <sup>a</sup>reproach to our neighbors,  
A scoffing and a <sup>b</sup>derision to those around us.

14 Thou dost make us <sup>a</sup>a byword among the nations,  
A <sup>1</sup>laughingstock among the peoples.

15 All day long my dishonor is before me,  
And <sup>1</sup>my <sup>a</sup>humiliation has overwhelmed me,

16 Because of the voice of him who <sup>a</sup>reproaches and reviles,  
Because of the presence of the <sup>b</sup>enemy and the avenger.

17 All this has come upon us, but we have <sup>a</sup>not forgotten Thee,

And we have not <sup>b</sup>dealt falsely with Thy covenant.  
18 Our heart has not <sup>a</sup>turned back,

And our steps <sup>b</sup>have not deviated from Thy way,  
19 Yet Thou hast <sup>a</sup>crushed us in a place of <sup>b</sup>jackals,

And covered us with <sup>c</sup>the shadow of death.

20 If we had <sup>a</sup>forgotten the name of our God,  
Or extended our <sup>1</sup>hands to <sup>b</sup>a strange god;

21 Would not God <sup>a</sup>find this out?  
For He knows the secrets of the heart.

22 But <sup>a</sup>for Thy sake we are killed all day long;  
We are considered as <sup>b</sup>sheep to be slaughtered.



- 23 <sup>a</sup>Arouse Thyself, why <sup>b</sup>dost Thou sleep, O Lord?  
Awake, <sup>c</sup>do not reject us forever.
- 24 Why dost Thou <sup>a</sup>hide Thy face,  
And <sup>b</sup>forget our affliction and our oppression?
- 25 For our <sup>a</sup>soul has sunk down into the dust;  
Our body cleaves to the earth.
- 26 <sup>a</sup>Rise up, be our help,  
And <sup>b</sup>redeem us for the sake of Thy lovingkindness.

## PSALM 45

A Song Celebrating the King's Marriage.

For the choir director; according to the  
<sup>2</sup>Shoshannim. A <sup>a</sup>Maskil of the sons of  
Korah. A Song of Love.

- M**y heart <sup>1</sup>overflows with a good theme;  
I <sup>2</sup>address my <sup>3</sup>verses to the <sup>4</sup>King;  
My tongue is the pen of <sup>a</sup>a ready writer.
- 2 Thou art fairer than the sons of men;  
Grace is poured <sup>1</sup>upon Thy lips;  
Therefore God has <sup>a</sup>blessed Thee forever.
- 3 Gird Thy sword on *Thy* thigh, O <sup>1a</sup>Mighty One,  
*In* Thy splendor and Thy majesty!
- 4 And in Thy majesty ride on victoriously,  
For the cause of truth and <sup>a</sup>meekness *and* righteousness;  
Let Thy <sup>b</sup>bright hand teach Thee <sup>1</sup>awesome things.
- 5 Thy <sup>a</sup>arrows are sharp;  
The <sup>b</sup>peoples fall under Thee;  
*Thy arrows are* <sup>c</sup>in the heart of the King's enemies.
- 6 <sup>a</sup>Thy throne, O God, is forever and ever;  
A scepter of <sup>b</sup>uprightness is the scepter of Thy kingdom.
- 7 Thou hast <sup>a</sup>loved righteousness, and hated wickedness;  
Therefore God, Thy God, has <sup>b</sup>anointed Thee  
With the oil of joy above Thy fellows.
- 8 All Thy garments are fragrant with <sup>a</sup>myrrh and aloes *and*  
cassia;  
Out of ivory palaces <sup>b</sup>stringed instruments have made  
Thee glad.
- 9 Kings' daughters arc among <sup>a</sup>Thy noble ladies;  
At Thy <sup>b</sup>bright hand stands the queen in <sup>c</sup>gold from  
Ophir.
- 10 Listen, O daughter, give attention and incline your ear;  
<sup>a</sup>Forget your people and your father's house;
- 11 Then the King will desire your beauty;  
Because He is your <sup>a</sup>Lord, <sup>b</sup>bow down to Him.
- 12 And the daughter of <sup>a</sup>Tyre *will come* with a gift;  
The <sup>b</sup>rich among the people will entreat your favor.

23 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 7:6 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 78:65 <sup>c</sup>Ps. 77:724 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 88:14; Job 13:24  
<sup>b</sup>Ps. 42:9; Lam. 5:2025 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 119:2526 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 35:2 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 6:4; 25:22

<sup>4</sup> Or possibly, *Lilies*  
• Possibly, *Contemplative,*  
or *Didactic,* or *Skillful*  
*Psalm*

<sup>1</sup> <sup>1</sup>Lit., *is astir* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *am saying* <sup>3</sup>Lit., *works*  
<sup>4</sup>Probably refers to Solomon as a type of Christ.  
<sup>a</sup>Ezra 7:6

<sup>2</sup> <sup>1</sup>Or, *through*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 21:6

<sup>3</sup> <sup>1</sup>Or, *warrior*  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 9:6

<sup>4</sup> <sup>1</sup>Or, *fearful*  
<sup>a</sup>Zeph. 2:3 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 21:8

<sup>5</sup> <sup>a</sup>Ps. 18:14; 120:4; Is. 5:28; 7:13 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 92:9 <sup>c</sup>2 Sam. 18:14

<sup>6</sup> <sup>a</sup>Ps. 93:2; Heb. 1:8, 9  
<sup>b</sup>Ps. 98:9

<sup>7</sup> <sup>a</sup>Ps. 11:7; 33:5 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 2:2

<sup>8</sup> <sup>a</sup>Song of Sol. 4:14;  
John 19:39 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 150:4

<sup>9</sup> <sup>a</sup>Song of Sol. 6:8  
<sup>b</sup>1 Kin. 2:19 <sup>c</sup>1 Kin. 9:28; Is. 13:12

<sup>10</sup> <sup>a</sup>Deut. 21:13; Ruth 1:16, 17

<sup>11</sup> <sup>a</sup>Gen. 18:12; 1 Pet. 3:6  
<sup>b</sup>Eph. 5:33

<sup>12</sup> <sup>a</sup>Ps. 87:4 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 22:29;  
68:29; 72:10, 11

**Psalms 45, 46**

13 <sup>a</sup>Ex. 39:2, 3

14 <sup>a</sup>Song of Sol. 1:4  
<sup>b</sup>Judg. 5:30; Ezek. 16:10  
<sup>c</sup>Ps. 45:9

17 <sup>a</sup>Mal. 1:11 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 138:4

<sup>f</sup> Possibly, for soprano voices

<sup>1</sup> Or, *Abundantly available for help* <sup>2</sup>Or, *tight places*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 14:6; 62:7, 8 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 145:18; Deut. 4:7 <sup>c</sup>Ps. 9:9

<sup>2</sup> <sup>1</sup>Lit., *seas*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 23:4; 27:1 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 82:5 <sup>c</sup>Ps. 18:7

<sup>3</sup> <sup>1</sup>*Selah* may mean: *Pause, Crescendo or Musical interlude*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 93:3, 4; Jer. 5:22

<sup>4</sup> <sup>a</sup>Ps. 36:8; 65:9; Is. 8:6; Rev. 22:1 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 48:1; 87:3; 101:8; Is. 60:14; Rev. 3:12  
<sup>c</sup>Ps. 43:3

<sup>5</sup> <sup>1</sup>Lit., *at the turning of the morning*  
<sup>a</sup>Deut. 23:14; Is. 12:6; Ezek. 43:7, 9; Hos. 11:9; Joel 2:27; Zech. 2:5 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 37:40; Is. 41:14; Luke 1:54

<sup>6</sup> <sup>1</sup>Or, *Gentiles* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *gave forth*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 2:1, 2 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 18:13; 68:33; Jer. 25:30; Joel 2:11; Amos 1:2 <sup>c</sup>Amos 9:5; Mic. 1:4; Nah. 1:5

<sup>7</sup> <sup>a</sup>Num. 14:9; 2 Chr. 13:12 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 9:9; 48:3

<sup>8</sup> <sup>1</sup>Or, *Which He has wrought as desolations*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 66:5 <sup>b</sup>Is. 61:4; Jer. 51:43

<sup>9</sup> <sup>a</sup>Is. 2:4; Mic. 4:3 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 76:3; 1 Sam. 2:4 <sup>c</sup>Is. 9:5; Ezek. 39:9

<sup>10</sup> <sup>1</sup>Or, *Let go, relax* <sup>2</sup>Or, *Gentiles*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 100:3 <sup>b</sup>Is. 2:11, 17

- 13 The King's daughter is all glorious within;  
Her clothing is <sup>a</sup>interwoven with gold.
- 14 She will be <sup>a</sup>led to the King <sup>b</sup>in embroidered work;  
The <sup>c</sup>virgins, her companions who follow her,  
Will be brought to Thee.
- 15 They will be led forth with gladness and rejoicing;  
They will enter into the King's palace.
- 16 In place of Thy fathers will be Thy sons;  
Thou shalt make them princes in all the earth.
- 17 I will cause <sup>a</sup>Thy name to be remembered in all generations;  
Therefore the peoples <sup>b</sup>will give Thee thanks forever and ever.

**PSALM 46**

God the Refuge of His People.

For the choir director. A *Psalm* of the sons of Korah, <sup>f</sup>set to Alamoth. A Song.

- G**OD is our <sup>a</sup>refuge and strength,  
<sup>1</sup>A very <sup>b</sup>present help <sup>c</sup>in <sup>2</sup>trouble.
- 2 Therefore we will <sup>a</sup>not fear, though <sup>b</sup>the earth should change,  
And though <sup>c</sup>the mountains slip into the heart of the <sup>1</sup>sea;
- 3 Though its <sup>a</sup>waters roar *and* foam,  
Though the mountains quake at its swelling pride. [<sup>1</sup>*Selah*.]
- 4 There is a <sup>a</sup>river whose streams make glad the <sup>b</sup>city of God,  
The holy <sup>c</sup>dwelling places of the Most High.
- 5 God is <sup>a</sup>in the midst of her, she will not be moved;  
God will <sup>b</sup>help her <sup>1</sup>when morning dawns.
- 6 The <sup>1</sup>nations <sup>a</sup>made an uproar, the kingdoms tottered;  
He <sup>2</sup><sup>b</sup>raised His voice, the earth <sup>c</sup>melted.
- 7 The LORD of hosts <sup>a</sup>is with us;  
The God of Jacob is <sup>b</sup>our stronghold. [*Selah*.]
- 8 Come, <sup>a</sup>behold the works of the LORD,  
<sup>1</sup>Who has wrought <sup>b</sup>desolations in the earth.
- 9 He <sup>a</sup>makes wars to cease to the end of the earth;  
He <sup>b</sup>breaks the bow and cuts the spear in two;  
He <sup>c</sup>burns the chariots with fire.
- 10 <sup>1</sup>"Cease *striving* and <sup>a</sup>know that I am God;  
I will be <sup>b</sup>exalted among the <sup>2</sup>nations, I will be exalted in the earth."
- 11 The LORD of hosts is with us;  
The God of Jacob is our stronghold. [*Selah*.]

## PSALM 47

God the King of the Earth.

For the choir director.

A Psalm of the sons of Korah.

- O <sup>a</sup>CLAP your hands, all peoples;  
 Shout to God with the voice of <sup>b</sup>joy.  
 2 For the LORD Most High is to be <sup>a</sup>feared,  
 A <sup>b</sup>great King over all the earth.  
 3 He <sup>a</sup>subdues peoples under us,  
 And nations under our feet.  
 4 He chooses our <sup>a</sup>inheritance for us,  
 The <sup>b</sup>glory of Jacob whom He loves. [<sup>1</sup>Selah.
- 5 God has <sup>a</sup>ascended <sup>1</sup>with a shout,  
 The LORD, <sup>1</sup>with the <sup>b</sup>sound of a trumpet.  
 6 <sup>a</sup>Sing praises to God, sing praises;  
 Sing praises to <sup>b</sup>our King, sing praises.  
 7 For God is the <sup>a</sup>King of all the earth;  
 Sing praises <sup>b</sup>with a <sup>1</sup>skillful psalm.  
 8 God <sup>a</sup>reigns over the nations,  
 God <sup>1</sup>sits on <sup>b</sup>His holy throne.  
 9 The <sup>1</sup>princes of the people have assembled themselves  
 as the <sup>b</sup>people of the God of Abraham;  
 For the <sup>c</sup>shields of the earth belong to God;  
 He <sup>2</sup>is <sup>d</sup>highly exalted.

## PSALM 48

The Beauty and Glory of Zion.

A Song; a Psalm of the sons of Korah.

- <sup>a</sup>GREAT is the LORD, and greatly to be praised,  
 In the <sup>b</sup>city of our God, His <sup>c</sup>holy mountain.  
 2 <sup>a</sup>Beautiful in elevation, <sup>b</sup>the joy of the whole earth,  
 Is Mount Zion in the far north,  
 The <sup>c</sup>city of the great King.  
 3 God, in her palaces,  
 Has made Himself known as a <sup>a</sup>stronghold.  
 4 For, lo, the <sup>a</sup>kings assembled themselves,  
 They passed by together.  
 5 They saw it, then they were amazed;  
 They were <sup>a</sup>terrified, they <sup>1</sup>fled in alarm.  
 6 <sup>1</sup>Panic seized them there,  
 Anguish, as of <sup>a</sup>a woman in childbirth.  
 7 With the <sup>a</sup>east wind  
 Thou <sup>b</sup>dost break the <sup>c</sup>ships of Tarshish.  
 8 As we have heard, so have we seen  
 In the city of the LORD of hosts, in the city of our God;  
 God will <sup>a</sup>establish her forever. [<sup>1</sup>Selah.
- 9 We have thought on <sup>a</sup>Thy lovingkindness, O God,  
 In the midst of Thy temple.

1 <sup>1</sup>Or, a ringing cry  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 98:8 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 106:47

2 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 66:3, 5; 68:35;  
 Deut. 7:21; Neh. 1:5 <sup>b</sup>Mal.  
 1:14

3 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 18:47

4 <sup>1</sup>Selah may mean:  
 Pause, Crescendo or  
 Musical interlude  
<sup>a</sup>1 Pet. 1:4 <sup>b</sup>Amos 6:8; 8:7;  
 Nah. 2:2

5 <sup>1</sup>Or, amid  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 68:18, 25 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 98:6

6 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 68:4 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 89:18

7 <sup>1</sup>Heb., Maskil  
<sup>a</sup>Zech. 14:9 <sup>b</sup>1 Cor. 14:15

8 <sup>1</sup>Or, has taken His  
 seat  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 22:28; 1 Chr. 16:31 <sup>b</sup>Ps.  
 97:2

9 <sup>1</sup>Or, nobles <sup>2</sup>Lit., has  
 greatly exalted Himself  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 72:11; 102:22; Is. 49:7,  
 23 <sup>b</sup>Rom. 4:11, 12 <sup>c</sup>Ps.  
 89:18 <sup>d</sup>Ps. 97:9

1 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 96:4; 145:3; 1 Chr.  
 16:25 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 46:4 <sup>c</sup>Ps. 2:6;  
 87:1; Is. 2:3; Mic. 4:1;  
 Zech. 8:3

2 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 50:2 <sup>b</sup>Lam. 2:15  
<sup>c</sup>Matt. 5:35

3 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 46:7

4 <sup>a</sup>2 Sam. 10:6-19

5 <sup>1</sup>Lit., were hurried  
 away  
<sup>a</sup>Ex. 15:15

6 <sup>1</sup>Lit., Trembling  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 13:8

7 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 18:17 <sup>b</sup>1 Kin.  
 22:48 <sup>c</sup>1 Kin. 10:22; Ezek.  
 27:25

8 <sup>1</sup>Selah may mean:  
 Pause, Crescendo or  
 Musical interlude  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 87:5

9 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 26:3; 40:10

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10 <sup>a</sup>Deut. 28:58; Josh. 7:9;  
Mal. 1:11 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 65:1, 2;  
100:1 <sup>c</sup>Is. 41:10

11 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 97:8

12 <sup>a</sup>Neh. 3:1, 11, 25-27

13 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 122:7 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 78:5-7

14 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *this* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *upon*.  
Some mss. and the Greek  
version read, *forever*.  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 23:4; Is. 58:11

1 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 78:1; Is. 1:2; Mic.  
1:2 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 33:8

2 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 62:9

3 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 37:30 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 119:130

4 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *open up*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 78:2 <sup>b2</sup> Kin. 3:15  
<sup>c</sup>Num. 12:8

5 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *supplanters*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 23:4; 27:1

6 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 52:7; Job 31:24;  
Prov. 11:28; Mark 10:24

7 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 25:8, 9 <sup>b</sup>Job  
36:18, 19

8 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *their*

9 <sup>1</sup>Or, *undergo decay*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 22:29 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 16:10; 89:48

10 <sup>a</sup>Eccles. 2:16 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 92:6;  
94:8 <sup>c</sup>Ps. 39:6; Eccles. 2:18,  
21; Luke 12:20

11 <sup>1</sup>Some versions read,  
*graves are their houses*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 64:6 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 10:6 <sup>c</sup>Deut.  
3:14

12 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *honor* <sup>2</sup>Or,  
*animals* <sup>3</sup>Lit., *are destroyed*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 49:20

13 <sup>1</sup>*Selah* may mean:  
*Pause, Crescendo or*  
*Musical interlude*  
<sup>a</sup>Jer. 17:11 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 49:18

- 10 As is Thy <sup>a</sup>name, O God,  
So is Thy <sup>b</sup>praise to the ends of the earth;  
Thy <sup>c</sup>right hand is full of righteousness.
- 11 Let Mount <sup>a</sup>Zion be glad,  
Let the <sup>a</sup>daughters of Judah rejoice,  
Because of Thy judgments.
- 12 Walk about Zion, and go around her;  
Count her <sup>a</sup>towers;
- 13 Consider her <sup>a</sup>ramparts;  
Go through her palaces;  
That you may <sup>b</sup>tell it to the next generation.
- 14 For <sup>1</sup>such is God,  
Our God forever and ever;  
He will <sup>a</sup>guide us <sup>2</sup>until death.

**PSALM 49**

The Folly of Trusting in Riches.

For the choir director.

A Psalm of the sons of Korah.

- <sup>a</sup>**H**EAR this, all peoples;  
Give ear, all <sup>b</sup>inhabitants of the world,  
2 Both <sup>a</sup>low and high,  
Rich and poor together.
- 3 My mouth will <sup>a</sup>speak wisdom;  
And the meditation of my heart *will be* <sup>b</sup>understanding.
- 4 I will incline my ear to <sup>a</sup>a proverb;  
<sup>b</sup>I will <sup>1</sup>express my <sup>c</sup>riddle on the harp.
- 5 Why should I <sup>a</sup>fear in days of adversity,  
When the iniquity of my <sup>1</sup>foes surrounds me,
- 6 Even those who <sup>a</sup>trust in their wealth,  
And boast in the abundance of their riches?
- 7 No man can by any means <sup>a</sup>redeem *his* brother,  
Or give to God a <sup>b</sup>ransom for him—
- 8 For the redemption of <sup>1</sup>his soul is costly,  
And he should cease *trying* forever—
- 9 That he should <sup>a</sup>live on eternally;  
That he should not <sup>1b</sup>see the pit.
- 10 For he sees *that even* <sup>a</sup>wise men die;  
The <sup>b</sup>stupid and the senseless alike perish,  
And <sup>c</sup>leave their wealth to others.
- 11 Their <sup>1a</sup>inner thought is, *that* their houses <sup>b</sup>are forever,  
And their dwelling places to all generations;  
They have <sup>c</sup>called their lands after their own names.
- 12 But <sup>a</sup>man in *his* <sup>1</sup>pomp will not endure;  
He is like the <sup>2</sup>beasts that <sup>3</sup>perish.
- 13 This is the <sup>a</sup>way of those who are foolish,  
And of those after them who <sup>b</sup>approve their  
words. [Selah.]

- 14 As sheep they are appointed <sup>a</sup>for <sup>1</sup>Sheol;  
Death shall be their shepherd;  
And the <sup>b</sup>upright shall rule over them in the morning;  
And their form shall be for <sup>1</sup>Sheol <sup>c</sup>to consume,  
<sup>2</sup>So that they have no habitation.
- 15 But God will <sup>a</sup>redeem my soul from the <sup>1</sup>power of  
<sup>2</sup>Sheol;  
For <sup>b</sup>He will receive me. [Selah.]
- 16 Do not be afraid <sup>a</sup>when a man becomes rich,  
When the <sup>1</sup>glory of his house is increased;
- 17 For when he dies he will <sup>a</sup>carry nothing away;  
His <sup>1</sup>glory will not descend after him.
- 18 Though while he lives he <sup>a</sup>congratulates <sup>1</sup>himself—  
And though *men* praise you when you do well for  
yourself—
- 19 <sup>1</sup>He shall <sup>a</sup>go to the generation of his fathers;  
They shall never see <sup>b</sup>the light.
- 20 <sup>a</sup>Man in *his* <sup>1</sup>pomp, yet without understanding,  
Is like the <sup>2</sup>beasts that <sup>3</sup>perish.

## PSALM 50

God the Judge of the Righteous and the Wicked.

A Psalm of Asaph.

- <sup>a</sup>**T**HE Mighty One, God, the LORD, has spoken,  
And summoned the earth <sup>b</sup>from the rising of the sun to  
its setting.
- 2 Out of Zion, <sup>a</sup>the perfection of beauty,  
God <sup>b</sup>has shone forth.
- 3 May our God <sup>a</sup>come and not keep silence;  
<sup>b</sup>Fire devours before Him,  
And it is very <sup>c</sup>tempestuous around Him.
- 4 He <sup>a</sup>summons the heavens above,  
And the earth, to judge His people:
- 5 "Gather My <sup>a</sup>godly ones to Me,  
Those who have made a <sup>b</sup>covenant with Me by <sup>c</sup>sacri-  
fice."
- 6 And the <sup>a</sup>heavens declare His righteousness,  
For <sup>b</sup>God Himself is judge. [Selah.]
- 7 "Hear, O My people, and I will speak;  
O Israel, I will testify <sup>a</sup>against you;  
I am God, <sup>b</sup>your God.
- 8 "I do <sup>a</sup>not reprove you for your sacrifices,  
And your burnt offerings are continually before Me.
- 9 "I shall take no <sup>a</sup>young bull out of your house,  
Nor male goats out of your folds.
- 10 "For <sup>a</sup>every beast of the forest is Mine,  
The cattle on a thousand hills.
- 11 "I know every <sup>a</sup>bird of the mountains,  
And everything that moves in the field is <sup>1</sup>Mine.
- 12 "If I were hungry, I would not tell you;  
For the <sup>a</sup>world is Mine, and <sup>1</sup>all it contains.

14 <sup>1</sup>Lit., the nether world  
<sup>2</sup>Lit., Away from his  
habitation  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 9:17 <sup>b</sup>Dan. 7:18; Mal.  
4:3; 1 Cor. 6:2; Rev. 2:26  
<sup>c</sup>Job 24:19

15 <sup>1</sup>Lit., hand <sup>2</sup>Lit., the  
nether world  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 16:10; 56:13; Hos.  
13:14 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 16:11; 73:24;  
Gen. 5:24

16 <sup>1</sup>Or, wealth  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 37:7

17 <sup>1</sup>Or, wealth  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 17:14; 1 Tim. 6:7

18 <sup>1</sup>Lit., his soul  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 10:3; 6; Deut. 29:19;  
Luke 12:19

19 <sup>1</sup>Lit., You, or, It  
<sup>a</sup>Gen. 15:15 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 56:13; Job  
33:30

20 <sup>1</sup>Lit., honor <sup>2</sup>Or,  
animals <sup>3</sup>Lit., are destroyed  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 49:12

1 <sup>a</sup>Josh. 22:22 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 113:3

2 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 48:2; Lam. 2:15  
<sup>b</sup>Ps. 80:1; 94:1; Deut. 33:2

3 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 96:13 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 97:3;  
Lev. 10:2; Num. 16:35;  
Dan. 7:10 <sup>c</sup>Ps. 18:12, 13

4 <sup>a</sup>Deut. 4:26; 31:28;  
32:1; Is. 1:2

5 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 30:4; 37:28; 52:9;  
<sup>b</sup>Ps. 25:10; Ex. 24:7; 2 Chr.  
6:11 <sup>c</sup>Ps. 50:8

6 <sup>1</sup>Selah may mean:  
Pause, Crescendo or  
Musical interlude—  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 89:5; 97:6 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 96:13

7 <sup>1</sup>Or, to  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 49:1; 81:8 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 48:14;  
Ex. 20:2

8 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 40:6; 51:16; Is.  
1:11; Hos. 6:6

9 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 69:31

10 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 104:24

11 <sup>1</sup>Or, in My mind, lit.  
with Me  
<sup>a</sup>Matt. 6:26

12 <sup>1</sup>Lit., its fulness  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 24:1; Ex. 19:5; Deut.  
10:14

13 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *strong ones*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 50:9

14 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 27:6; 69:30; 107:22; 116:17; Hos. 14:2; Rom. 12:1; Heb. 13:15 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 22:25; 56:12; 61:8; 65:1; 76:11; Num. 30:2; Deut. 23:21

15 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 91:15; 107:6, 13; Zech. 13:9 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 81:7 <sup>c</sup>Ps. 22:23

16 <sup>a</sup>Is. 29:13

17 <sup>a</sup>Prov. 5:12; 12:1; Rom. 2:21, 22 <sup>b1</sup> Kin. 14:9; Neh. 9:26

18 <sup>1</sup>Some ancient versions read, *run together* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *your part is with*  
<sup>a</sup>Rom. 1:32 <sup>b1</sup> Tim. 5:22

19 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *send*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 10:7 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 36:3; 52:2

20 <sup>a</sup>Job 19:18; Matt. 10:21

21 <sup>a</sup>Eccles. 8:11; Is. 42:14; 57:11 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 90:8

22 <sup>a</sup>Job 8:13; Ps. 9:17 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 7:2

23 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *sets*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 50:14 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 85:13 <sup>c</sup>Ps. 91:16

<sup>4</sup> 2 Sam. 12:1

1 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 4:1; 109:26 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 69:16; 106:45 <sup>c</sup>Ps. 51:9; Is. 43:25; 44:22; Acts 3:19; Col. 2:14

2 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 51:7; Is. 1:16; 4:4; Jer. 4:14; Acts 22:16; Rev. 1:5 <sup>b</sup>Jer. 33:8; Ezek. 36:33; Heb. 9:14; 1 John 1:7,9

3 <sup>1</sup>Or, *I myself know*  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 59:12

4 <sup>1</sup>Or, *mayest be in the right* <sup>2</sup>Many mss. read, in Thy words <sup>3</sup>Lit., *pure*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 41:4; Gen. 20:6; 39:9; 2 Sam. 12:13 <sup>b</sup>Luke 15:21 <sup>c</sup>Rom. 3:4

5 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 58:3; Job 14:4; 15:14; Eph. 2:3

6 <sup>1</sup>Or, *inward parts*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 15:2; Job 38:36 <sup>b</sup>Prov. 2:6; Eccles. 2:26; James 1:5

7 <sup>1</sup>Or, *Mayest Thou purify . . . that I may be clean* <sup>2</sup>Or, *Mayest Thou wash*  
<sup>a</sup>Ex. 12:22; Lev. 14:4; Num. 19:18; Heb. 9:19 <sup>b</sup>Is. 1:18

- 13 "Shall I eat the flesh of <sup>1a</sup>bulls,  
 Or drink the blood of male goats?
- 14 "Offer to God <sup>a</sup>a sacrifice of thanksgiving,  
 And <sup>b</sup>pay your vows to the Most High;
- 15 And <sup>a</sup>call upon Me in the day of trouble;  
 I shall <sup>b</sup>rescue you, and you will <sup>c</sup>honor Me."
- 16 But to the wicked God says,  
 "What right have you to tell of My statutes,  
 And to take <sup>a</sup>My covenant in your mouth?
- 17 "For you <sup>a</sup>hate discipline,  
 And you <sup>b</sup>cast My words behind you.
- 18 "When you see a thief, you <sup>1a</sup>are pleased with him,  
 And <sup>2</sup>you <sup>b</sup>associate with adulterers.
- 19 "You <sup>1a</sup>let your mouth loose in evil,  
 And your <sup>b</sup>tongue frames deceit.
- 20 "You sit and <sup>a</sup>speak against your brother;  
 You slander your own mother's son.
- 21 "These things you have done, and <sup>a</sup>I kept silence;  
 You thought that I was just like you;  
 I will <sup>b</sup>reprove you, and state *the case* in order before  
 your eyes.
- 22 "Now consider this, you who <sup>a</sup>forget God,  
 Lest I <sup>b</sup>tear you in pieces, and there be none to deliver.
- 23 "He who <sup>a</sup>offers a sacrifice of thanksgiving honors Me;  
 And to him who <sup>1b</sup>orders *his way aright*  
 I shall <sup>c</sup>show the salvation of God."

**PSALM 51**

A Contrite Sinner's Prayer for Pardon.

For the choir director. A Psalm of David,  
 when <sup>4</sup>Nathan the prophet came to him,  
 after he had gone in to Bathsheba.

- <sup>a</sup>**B**E gracious to me, O God, according to Thy lovingkindness;  
 According to the greatness of <sup>b</sup>Thy compassion <sup>c</sup>blot  
 out my transgressions.
- 2 <sup>a</sup>Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,  
 And <sup>b</sup>cleanse me from my sin.
- 3 For <sup>1</sup>I <sup>a</sup>know my transgressions,  
 And my sin is ever before me.
- 4 <sup>a</sup>Against Thee, Thee only, I have sinned,  
 And done what is <sup>b</sup>evil in Thy sight,  
 So that <sup>c</sup>Thou <sup>1a</sup>art justified <sup>2</sup>when Thou dost speak,  
 And <sup>3</sup>blameless when Thou dost judge.
- 5 Behold, I was <sup>a</sup>brought forth in iniquity,  
 And in sin my mother conceived me.
- 6 Behold, Thou dost desire <sup>a</sup>truth in the <sup>1</sup>innermost be-  
 ing,  
 And in the hidden part Thou wilt <sup>b</sup>make me know  
 wisdom.
- 7 <sup>1</sup>Purify me <sup>a</sup>with hyssop, and I shall be clean;  
<sup>2</sup>Wash me, and I shall be <sup>b</sup>whiter than snow.

- 8 <sup>1</sup>Make me to hear <sup>a</sup>joy and gladness,  
Let the <sup>b</sup>bones which Thou hast broken rejoice.
- 9 <sup>a</sup>Hide Thy face from my sins,  
And blot out all my iniquities.
- 10 <sup>a</sup>Create <sup>1</sup>in me a <sup>b</sup>clean heart, O God,  
And renew <sup>2a</sup> <sup>c</sup>steadfast spirit within me.
- 11 <sup>a</sup>Do not cast me away from Thy presence,  
And do not take Thy <sup>b</sup>Holy Spirit from me.
- 12 Restore to me the <sup>a</sup>joy of Thy salvation,  
And sustain me with a <sup>b</sup>willing spirit.
- 13 *Then* I will <sup>a</sup>teach transgressors Thy ways,  
And sinners will <sup>1</sup>be <sup>b</sup>converted to Thee.
- 14 Deliver me from <sup>a</sup>bloodguiltiness, O God, Thou <sup>b</sup>God  
of my salvation;  
*Then* my <sup>c</sup>tongue will joyfully sing of Thy righteousness.
- 15 O LORD, <sup>1a</sup>open my lips,  
That my mouth may <sup>b</sup>declare Thy praise.
- 16 For Thou <sup>a</sup>dost not delight in sacrifice, otherwise I  
would give it;  
Thou art not pleased with burnt offering.
- 17 The sacrifices of God are a <sup>a</sup>broken spirit;  
A broken and a contrite heart, O God, Thou wilt not  
despise.
- 18 <sup>a</sup>By Thy favor do good to Zion;  
<sup>1b</sup>Build the walls of Jerusalem.
- 19 *Then* Thou wilt delight in <sup>1a</sup>righteous sacrifices,  
In <sup>b</sup>burnt offering and whole burnt offering;  
*Then* <sup>2</sup>young bulls will be offered on Thine altar.

## PSALM 52

## Futility of Boastful Wickedness.

For the choir director. A <sup>c</sup>Maskil of David,  
<sup>a</sup>when Doeg the Edomite came and told Saul,  
and said to him, "David has come to the  
house of Ahimelech."

- WHY do you <sup>a</sup>boast in evil, O mighty man?  
The <sup>b</sup>lovingkindness of God *endures* all day long.
- 2 Your tongue devises <sup>a</sup>destruction,  
Like a <sup>b</sup>sharp razor, <sup>c</sup>O worker of deceit.
- 3 You <sup>a</sup>love evil more than good,  
<sup>b</sup>Falsehood more than speaking what is right. [<sup>1</sup>Selah.]
- 4 You love all words that devour,  
O <sup>a</sup>deceitful tongue.
- 5 <sup>1</sup>But God will break you down forever;  
He will snatch you up, and <sup>a</sup>tear you away from your  
tent,  
And <sup>b</sup>uproot you from the <sup>c</sup>land of the living. [Selah.]
- 6 And the righteous will <sup>a</sup>see and fear,  
And will <sup>b</sup>laugh at him, *saying*,
- 7 "Behold, the man who would not make God his refuge,  
But <sup>a</sup>trusted in the abundance of his riches,  
And <sup>b</sup>was strong in <sup>1</sup>his *evil* desire."

8 <sup>1</sup>Or, *Mayest Thou*  
*make*<sup>a</sup>Is. 35:10; Joel 1:16 <sup>b</sup>Ps.  
35:109 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 16:1710 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *for* <sup>2</sup>Or, *an*  
*upright*<sup>a</sup>Eph. 2:10 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 24:4; Matt.  
5:8; Acts 15:9 <sup>c</sup>Ps. 78:3711 <sup>a</sup>2 Kin. 13:23; 24:20;  
Jer. 7:15 <sup>b</sup>Is. 63:10, 1112 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 13:5 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 110:313 <sup>1</sup>Or, *turn back*<sup>a</sup>Acts 9:21, 22 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 22:2714 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 26:9; 2 Sam. 12:9  
<sup>b</sup>Ps. 25:5 <sup>c</sup>Ps. 35:28; 71:1515 <sup>1</sup>Or, *mayest Thou*  
*open*<sup>a</sup>Ex. 4:15 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 9:1416 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 40:617 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 34:1818 <sup>1</sup>Or, *Mayest Thou*  
*build*<sup>a</sup>Ps. 69:35; Is. 51:3 <sup>b</sup>Ps.  
102:16; 147:219 <sup>1</sup>Or, *sacrifices of*  
*righteousness* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *they*  
*will offer young bulls*<sup>a</sup>Ps. 4:5 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 66:13, 15<sup>c</sup> Possibly, *Contemplative,*  
*or Didactic, or Skillful*  
*Psalm* • 1 Sam. 22:91 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 94:4 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 52:82 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 5:9 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 57:4; 59:7  
<sup>c</sup>Ps. 101:73 <sup>1</sup>Selah may mean:  
*Pause, Crescendo or**Musical interlude*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 36:4 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 58:3; Jer. 9:54 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 120:35 <sup>1</sup>Or, *Also*<sup>a</sup>Is. 22:18, 19 <sup>b</sup>Prov. 2:22  
<sup>c</sup>Ps. 27:136 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 37:34; 40:3 <sup>b</sup>Job  
22:197 <sup>1</sup>Or, *his destruction*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 49:6 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 10:6

8 \*Ps. 92:12; 128:3; Jer. 11:16 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 13:5

9 \*Ps. 30:12 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 54:6

<sup>†</sup> I.e., sickness, a sad tone  
• Possibly, *Contemplative*,  
or *Didactic*, or *Skillful*  
*Psalm*

1 \*Ps. 53:1-6; Ps. 14:1-7

2 <sup>1</sup>Or, *acts wisely*

5 <sup>1</sup>Or, *dread* <sup>2</sup>Or  
possibly, *those*  
<sup>a</sup>Lev. 26:17, 36; Prov. 28:1  
<sup>b</sup>Ps. 141:7; Jer. 8:1, 2; Ezek.  
6:5 <sup>c</sup>Ps. 44:7 <sup>d2</sup> Kin. 17:20;  
Jer. 6:30; Lam. 5:22

6 <sup>1</sup>Or, *restores the*  
*fortunes of His people* <sup>2</sup>Or,  
*Jacob will rejoice, Israel*  
*will be glad*

<sup>†</sup> Possibly, *Contemplative*,  
or *Didactic*, or *Skillful*  
*Psalm* • 1 Sam. 23:19

1 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *judge*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 20:1 <sup>b2</sup> Chr. 20:6

2 \*Ps. 17:6; 55:1 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 5:1

3 <sup>1</sup>Or, *soul* <sup>2</sup>*Selah* may  
mean: *Pause, Crescendo* or  
*Musical interlude*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 86:14 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 18:48; 86:14;  
140:1, 4, 11 <sup>c1</sup> Sam. 20:1;  
25:29; Ps. 40:14; 63:9; 70:2  
<sup>d</sup>Ps. 36:1

4 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *as those who*  
*sustain*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 30:10; 37:40; 118:7 <sup>b</sup>Ps.  
37:17, 24; 41:12; 51:12;  
145:14; Is. 41:10

- 8 But as for me, I am like a <sup>a</sup>green olive tree in the house of God;  
I <sup>b</sup>trust in the lovingkindness of God forever and ever.  
9 I will <sup>a</sup>give Thee thanks forever, because Thou hast done *it*,  
And I will wait on Thy name, <sup>b</sup>for *it* is good, in the presence of Thy godly ones.

**PSALM 53**

Folly and Wickedness of Men.

For the choir director; according to <sup>†</sup>*mahalath*.  
A \**Maskil* of David.

- <sup>a</sup>**T**HE fool has said in his heart, "There is no God,"  
They are corrupt, and have committed abominable injustice;  
There is no one who does good.  
2 God has looked down from heaven upon the sons of men,  
To see if there is anyone who <sup>1</sup>understands,  
Who seeks after God.  
3 Every one of them has turned aside; together they have become corrupt;  
There is no one who does good, not even one.  
4 Have the workers of wickedness no knowledge,  
Who eat up My people *as though* they ate bread,  
And have not called upon God?  
5 There they were in great <sup>1</sup>fear <sup>a</sup>*where* no <sup>1</sup>fear had been;  
For God <sup>b</sup>scattered the bones of <sup>2</sup>him who encamped against you;  
You <sup>c</sup>put *them* to shame, because <sup>d</sup>God had rejected them.  
6 O that the salvation of Israel would come out of Zion!  
When God <sup>1</sup>restores His captive people,  
<sup>2</sup>Let Jacob rejoice, let Israel be glad.

**PSALM 54**

Prayer for Defense against Enemies.

For the choir director; on stringed instruments. A <sup>†</sup>*Maskil* of David, \*when the Ziphites came and said to Saul, "Is not David hiding himself among us?"

- S**AVE me, O God, by <sup>a</sup>Thy name,  
And <sup>1</sup>vindicate me by <sup>b</sup>Thy power.  
2 <sup>a</sup>Hear my prayer, O God;  
<sup>b</sup>Give ear to the words of my mouth.  
3 For strangers have <sup>a</sup>risen against me,  
And <sup>b</sup>violent men have <sup>c</sup>sought my <sup>1</sup>life;  
They have <sup>d</sup>not set God before them. [<sup>2</sup>*Selah*.  
4 Behold, <sup>a</sup>God is my helper;  
The Lord is <sup>1</sup>the <sup>b</sup>sustainer of my soul.



- 5 <sup>1</sup>He will <sup>a</sup>recompense the evil to <sup>2</sup>my foes;  
<sup>b</sup>Destroy them <sup>c</sup>in Thy <sup>4</sup>faithfulness.
- 6 <sup>1a</sup>Willingly I will sacrifice to Thee;  
I will give <sup>b</sup>thanks to Thy name, O LORD, for it is good.
- 7 For <sup>1</sup>He has <sup>a</sup>delivered me from all <sup>2</sup>trouble;  
And my eye has <sup>b</sup>looked *with satisfaction* upon my  
enemies.

## PSALM 55

Prayer for the Destruction of the Treacherous.

For the choir director; on stringed  
instruments. A <sup>4</sup>Maskil of David.

- <sup>a</sup>GIVE ear to my prayer, O God;  
And <sup>b</sup>do not hide Thyself from my supplication.
- 2 Give <sup>a</sup>heed to me, and answer me;  
I am restless in my <sup>b</sup>complaint and <sup>1c</sup>am surely dis-  
tracted,
- 3 Because of the voice of the enemy,  
Because of the <sup>a</sup>pressure of the wicked;  
For they <sup>b</sup>bring down <sup>1</sup>trouble upon me,  
And in anger they <sup>c</sup>bear a grudge against me.
- 4 My <sup>a</sup>heart is in anguish within me,  
And the terrors of <sup>b</sup>death have fallen upon me.
- 5 Fear and <sup>a</sup>trembling come upon me;  
And <sup>b</sup>horror has overwhelmed me.
- 6 And I said, "O that I had wings like a dove!  
I would fly away and <sup>1a</sup>be at rest.
- 7 "Behold, I would wander far away,  
I would <sup>a</sup>lodge in the wilderness. [<sup>1</sup>Selah.
- 8 "I would hasten to my place of refuge  
From the <sup>a</sup>stormy wind *and* tempest."
- 9 <sup>1</sup>Confuse, O Lord, <sup>a</sup>divide their tongues,  
For I have seen <sup>b</sup>violence and strife in the city.
- 10 Day and night they go around her upon her walls;  
And iniquity and mischief are in her midst.
- 11 <sup>a</sup>Destruction is in her midst;  
<sup>b</sup>Oppression and deceit do not depart from her <sup>1</sup>streets.
- 12 For it is not an enemy who reproaches me,  
Then I could bear it;  
Nor is it one who hates me who <sup>a</sup>has exalted himself  
against me,  
Then I could hide myself from him.
- 13 But it is you, a man <sup>1</sup>my equal,  
My companion and my <sup>2a</sup>familiar friend.
- 14 We who had sweet <sup>1</sup>fellowship together,  
<sup>a</sup>Walked in the house of God in the throng.
- 15 Let <sup>1</sup>death come <sup>a</sup>deceitfully upon them;  
Let them <sup>b</sup>go down alive to <sup>2</sup>Sheol,  
For evil is in their dwelling, in their midst.

5 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *The evil will return* <sup>2</sup>Or, *those who lie in wait for me* <sup>3</sup>Or, *Put to silence* <sup>4</sup>Or, *truth*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 94:23 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 143:12 <sup>c</sup>Ps. 89:49; 96:13; Is. 42:3

6 <sup>1</sup>Or, *With a freewill offering*  
<sup>a</sup>Num. 15:3; Pss. 116:17 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 50:14

7 <sup>1</sup>Or, *it, i.e., His name*  
<sup>2</sup>Or, *distress*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 34:6 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 59:10; 92:11; 112:8; 118:7

<sup>f</sup> Possibly, *Contemplative, or Didactic, or Skillful Psalm*

1 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 54:2; 61:1; 86:6  
<sup>b</sup>Ps. 27:9

2 <sup>1</sup>Or, *I must moan*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 66:19; 86:6, 7 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 64:1; 77:3; 142:2; 1 Sam. 1:16; Job 9:27 <sup>c</sup>Is. 38:14; 59:11; Ezek. 7:16

3 <sup>1</sup>Or, *wickedness*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 17:9 <sup>b</sup>2 Sam. 16:7, 8  
<sup>c</sup>Ps. 71:11; 143:3

4 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 38:8 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 18:4, 5; 116:3

5 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *shuddering*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 119:120 <sup>b</sup>Job 21:6; Is. 21:4; Ezek. 7:18

6 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *settle down*  
<sup>a</sup>Job 3:13

7 <sup>1</sup>Selah may mean:  
*Pause, Crescendo or Musical interlude*  
<sup>a</sup>1 Sam. 23:14

8 <sup>a</sup>Is. 4:6; 25:4; 29:6

9 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *Swallow up*  
<sup>a</sup>Gen. 11:9 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 11:5; Jer. 6:7

11 <sup>1</sup>Or, *plaza*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 5:9 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 10:7; 17:9

12 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 35:26

13 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *according to my valuation* <sup>2</sup>Or, *acquaintance*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 41:9; Job 19:14

14 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *counsel, or, intimacy*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 42:4

15 <sup>1</sup>Another reading is, *desolations be upon them*  
<sup>2</sup>i.e., *the nether world*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 64:7; Prov. 6:15; Is. 47:11; 1 Thess. 5:3 <sup>b</sup>Num. 16:30, 33

16 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 57:2, 3

17 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 141:2; Dan. 6:10; Acts 3:1; 10:3, 30 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 5:3; 88:13; 92:2 <sup>c</sup>Acts 10:9

18 <sup>1</sup>Or, *so that none may approach me*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 103:4 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 56:2

19 <sup>1</sup>Or, *afflict* <sup>2</sup>Or, *abides from* <sup>3</sup>Lit., *are no changes*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 78:59 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 90:2; 93:2; Deut. 33:27 <sup>c</sup>Job 10:17 <sup>d</sup>Ps. 36:1

20 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *profaned*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 7:4; 120:7 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 89:34; Num. 30:2

21 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *mouth*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 12:2; 28:3; Prov. 5:3, 4 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 57:4; 59:7

22 <sup>1</sup>Or, *what He has given you* <sup>2</sup>Or, *totter*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 37:5; 1 Pet. 5:7 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 15:5; 112:6

23 <sup>1</sup>Or, *lowest pit*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 73:18; Is. 38:17; Ezek. 28:8 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 5:6 <sup>c</sup>Job 15:32; Prov. 10:27 <sup>d</sup>Ps. 25:2; 56:3

<sup>£</sup> Or, *The silent dove of those who are far off, or, The dove of the distant terebinths.*

<sup>\*</sup> Possibly, *Epigrammatic Poem, or Atonement Psalm*  
<sup>Δ</sup> 1 Sam. 21:10, 11

1 <sup>1</sup>Or, *snapped at* <sup>2</sup>Or, *A fighting man*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 57:3 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 17:9

2 <sup>1</sup>Or, *snapped at* <sup>2</sup>Or, *many are fighting*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 35:25; 57:3; 124:3 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 35:1

3 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *In the day* <sup>2</sup>Or, *I am one who puts*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 55:4, 5 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 11:1

4 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *flesh*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 56:10, 11 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 118:6; Heb. 13:6

5 <sup>1</sup>Or, *trouble my affairs* <sup>2</sup>Or, *purposes*  
<sup>a</sup>2 Pet. 3:16 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 41:7

6 <sup>1</sup>Or, *stir up strife* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *heels* <sup>3</sup>Lit., *soul*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 59:3; 140:2; Is. 54:15 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 17:11 <sup>c</sup>Ps. 71:10

7 <sup>1</sup>Or, *will they have escape?*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 36:12; Prov. 19:5; Ezek. 17:15; Rom. 2:3 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 55:23

8 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 139:3 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 39:12; 2 Kin. 20:5 <sup>c</sup>Mal. 3:16

- 16 As for me, I shall <sup>a</sup>call upon God,  
And the LORD will save me.
- 17 <sup>a</sup>Evening and <sup>b</sup>morning and at <sup>c</sup>noon, I will complain  
and murmur,  
And He will hear my voice.
- 18 He will <sup>a</sup>redeem my soul in peace <sup>1</sup>from the battle *which*  
*is against me,*  
For they are <sup>b</sup>many *who strive* with me.
- 19 God will <sup>a</sup>hear and <sup>1</sup>answer them—  
Even the one <sup>b</sup>who <sup>2</sup>sits enthroned from of old— [Selah.  
With whom there <sup>3</sup>is no <sup>c</sup>change,  
And who <sup>d</sup>do not fear God.
- 20 He has put forth his hands against <sup>a</sup>those who were at  
peace with him;  
He has <sup>1</sup>violated his covenant.
- 21 His <sup>1</sup>speech was <sup>a</sup>smoother than butter,  
But his heart was war;  
His words were <sup>a</sup>softer than oil,  
Yet they were drawn <sup>b</sup>swords.
- 22 <sup>a</sup>Cast <sup>1</sup>your burden upon the LORD, and He will sustain  
you;  
He will never allow the righteous to <sup>2</sup>be shaken.
- 23 But Thou, O God, wilt bring them down to the <sup>1</sup>pit of  
destruction;  
<sup>b</sup>Men of bloodshed and deceit will <sup>c</sup>not live out half  
their days.  
But I will <sup>d</sup>trust in Thee.

PSALM 56

Supplication for Deliverance, and Grateful Trust in God.

For the choir director; according to <sup>£</sup>Jonath  
elem rehokim. A <sup>\*</sup>Mikhtam of David, <sup>Δ</sup>when  
the Philistines seized him in Gath.

- BE** gracious, O God, for man has <sup>1</sup>trampled upon me;  
<sup>2</sup>Fighting all day long he <sup>b</sup>oppresses me.
- 2 My foes have <sup>1</sup>trampled upon me all day long,  
For <sup>2</sup>they are many who <sup>b</sup>fight proudly against me.
- 3 <sup>1</sup>When I am <sup>a</sup>afraid,  
<sup>2</sup>I will <sup>b</sup>put my trust in Thee.
- 4 <sup>a</sup>In God, whose word I praise,  
In God I have put my trust;  
I shall not be afraid.  
<sup>b</sup>What can *mere* <sup>1</sup>man do to me?
- 5 All day long they <sup>1</sup>distort my words;  
All their <sup>2</sup>thoughts are against me for evil.
- 6 They <sup>1</sup>attack, they lurk,  
They <sup>b</sup>watch my <sup>2</sup>steps,  
As they have <sup>c</sup>waited to *take* my <sup>3</sup>life.
- 7 Because of wickedness, <sup>1</sup>cast them forth,  
In anger <sup>b</sup>put down the peoples, O God!
- 8 Thou <sup>a</sup>hast taken account of my wanderings;  
Put my <sup>b</sup>tears in Thy bottle;  
Are *they* not in <sup>c</sup>Thy book?

- 9 Then my enemies will <sup>a</sup>turn back <sup>bin</sup> the day when I call;  
This I know, <sup>1</sup>that <sup>c</sup>God is for me.
- 10 In God, *whose* word I praise,  
In the LORD, *whose* word I praise,
- 11 In God I have put my <sup>1</sup>trust, I shall not be afraid.  
What can man do to me?
- 12 Thy <sup>a</sup>vows are *binding* upon me, O God;  
I will render thank offerings to Thee.
- 13 For *Thou hast* <sup>a</sup>delivered my soul from death,  
<sup>1</sup>Indeed <sup>b</sup>my feet from stumbling,  
So that I may <sup>c</sup>walk before God  
In the <sup>d</sup>light of the <sup>2</sup>living.

## PSALM 57

Prayer for Rescue from Persecutors.

For the choir director; *set* to <sup>k</sup>Al-tashheth.  
A <sup>•</sup>Mikhtam of David, <sup>Δ</sup>when he fled from  
Saul, in the cave.

- BE** gracious to me, O God, be gracious to me,  
For my soul <sup>a</sup>takes refuge in Thee;  
And in the <sup>b</sup>shadow of Thy wings I will take refuge,  
Until destruction <sup>c</sup>passes by.
- 2 I will cry to God Most High,  
To God who <sup>a</sup>accomplishes *all things* for me.
- 3 He will <sup>a</sup>send from heaven and save me;  
He reproaches him who <sup>1b</sup>tramples upon me. [<sup>2</sup>Selah.  
God will send forth His <sup>c</sup>lovingkindness and His <sup>3</sup>truth.
- 4 My soul is among <sup>a</sup>lions;  
I must lie among those who breathe forth fire,  
*Even* the sons of men, whose <sup>b</sup>teeth are spears and  
arrows,  
And their <sup>c</sup>tongue a sharp sword.
- 5 <sup>a</sup>Be exalted above the heavens, O God;  
*Let* Thy glory *be* above all the earth.
- 6 They have <sup>1</sup>prepared a <sup>a</sup>net for my steps;  
My soul is <sup>b</sup>bowed down;  
They <sup>c</sup>dug a pit before me;  
They *themselves* have <sup>d</sup>fallen into the midst of it. [<sup>2</sup>Selah.
- 7 <sup>a</sup>My <sup>b</sup>heart is steadfast, O God, my heart is steadfast;  
I will sing, yes, I will sing praises!
- 8 Awake, <sup>a</sup>my glory;  
Awake, <sup>b</sup>harp and lyre,  
I will awaken the dawn!
- 9 I will give thanks to Thee, O Lord, among the peoples;  
I will sing praises to Thee among the <sup>1</sup>nations.
- 10 For Thy <sup>a</sup>lovingkindness is great to the heavens,  
And Thy <sup>1</sup>truth to the clouds.
- 11 Be exalted above the heavens, O God;  
*Let* Thy glory *be* above all the earth.

9 <sup>1</sup>Or, *because*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 9:3 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 102:2 <sup>c</sup>Ps.  
41:11; 118:6; Rom. 8:31

11 <sup>1</sup>Or, *trust without fear*

12 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 50:14

13 <sup>1</sup>Or, *Hast Thou not  
delivered* <sup>2</sup>Or, *life*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 33:19; 49:15; 86:13 <sup>b</sup>Ps.  
116:8 <sup>c</sup>Ps. 116:9 <sup>d</sup>Job 33:30

<sup>k</sup> Lit., *Do Not Destroy*  
<sup>•</sup> Possibly, *Epigrammatic  
Poem, or Atonement  
Psalm*  
<sup>Δ</sup> 1 Sam. 22:1; 24:3

1 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 2:12; 34:22 <sup>b</sup>Ps.  
17:8; 36:7; 63:7; 91:4; Ruth  
2:12 <sup>c</sup>Is. 26:20

2 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 138:8

3 <sup>1</sup>Or, *snaps at* <sup>2</sup>Selah  
may mean: *Pause,  
Crescendo or Musical  
interlude* <sup>3</sup>Or, *faithfulness*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 18:16; 144:5; 7 <sup>b</sup>Ps.  
56:2 <sup>c</sup>Ps. 25:10; 40:11

4 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 35:17; 58:6 <sup>b</sup>Prov.  
30:14 <sup>c</sup>Ps. 55:21; 59:7; 64:3;  
Prov. 12:18

5 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 57:11; Ps. 108:5

6 <sup>1</sup>Or, *spread*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 10:9; 31:4; 35:7; 140:5  
<sup>b</sup>Ps. 145:14 <sup>c</sup>Ps. 7:15 <sup>d</sup>Prov.  
26:27; 28:10; Eccles. 10:8

7 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 57:7-11; Ps. 108:1-5  
<sup>b</sup>Ps. 112:7

8 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 16:9; 30:12 <sup>b</sup>Ps.  
150:3

9 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *peoples*

10 <sup>1</sup>Or, *faithfulness*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 36:5

<sup>1</sup> Lit., *Do Not Destroy*  
• Possibly, *Epigrammatic*  
*Poem, or Atonement*  
*Psalm*

1 <sup>1</sup>Another reading is,  
*speak righteousness in*  
*silence* <sup>2</sup>Or, *mighty ones,*  
*or, judges* <sup>3</sup>Or, *uprightly*  
*the sons of men*  
<sup>4</sup>Ps. 82:2

2 <sup>1</sup>Mal. 3:15 <sup>2</sup>bPs. 94:20;  
Is. 10:1

3 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *the womb*  
<sup>2</sup>Ps. 51:5; Is. 48:8 <sup>3</sup>bPs. 53:3

4 <sup>1</sup>Ps. 140:3; Deut. 32:33

5 <sup>1</sup>Or, *whisperers*  
<sup>2</sup>Ps. 81:11; Jer. 8:17  
<sup>3</sup>Eccles. 10:11

6 <sup>1</sup>Ps. 3:7; Job 4:10

7 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *bends* <sup>2</sup>Lit.,  
*though they were cut off*  
<sup>3</sup>Ps. 112:10; Josh. 2:11; 7:5;  
Is. 13:7; Ezek. 21:7 <sup>4</sup>bPs.  
64:3

8 <sup>1</sup>I.e., *secretes slime*  
<sup>2</sup>Job 3:16; Eccles. 6:3

9 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *living*  
<sup>2</sup>Ps. 118:12; Eccles. 7:6 <sup>3</sup>bPs.  
83:15; Job 27:21; Prov.  
10:25

10 <sup>1</sup>Ps. 32:11; 64:10;  
107:42; Job 22:19 <sup>2</sup>bPs. 91:8;  
Deut. 32:43; Jer. 11:20;  
20:12 <sup>3</sup>Ps. 68:23

11 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *fruit* <sup>2</sup>Or, *in*  
<sup>3</sup>Ps. 18:20; 19:11; Is. 3:10;  
Luke 6:23, 35 <sup>4</sup>bPs. 9:8; 67:4;  
75:7; 94:2

<sup>1</sup> Lit., *Do Not Destroy*  
• Possibly, *Epigrammatic*  
*Poem, or Atonement*  
*Psalm*

<sup>2</sup> 1 Sam. 19:11

1 <sup>1</sup>Or, *Mayest Thou put*  
*me in an inaccessibly high*  
*place*  
<sup>2</sup>Ps. 143:9 <sup>3</sup>bPs. 20:1; 69:29

2 <sup>1</sup>Ps. 14:4; 28:3; 36:12;  
53:4; 92:7; 94:16; <sup>2</sup>bPs. 26:9;  
139:19; Prov. 29:10

3 <sup>1</sup>Or, *lain in wait* <sup>2</sup>Lit.,  
*soul* <sup>3</sup>Or, *Strong* <sup>4</sup>Or, *stir*  
*up strife*  
<sup>5</sup>Ps. 56:6 <sup>6</sup>bPs. 7:3, 4; 69:4;  
1 Sam. 24:11

4 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *Without guilt*  
<sup>2</sup>Lit., *meet*  
<sup>3</sup>Ps. 35:19 <sup>4</sup>bPs. 7:6; 35:23

**PSALM 58**

Prayer for the Punishment of the Wicked.

For the choir director; *set to* <sup>1</sup>Al-tashheth.  
A <sup>2</sup>Mikhtam of David.

- D**O you indeed <sup>1</sup>speak righteousness, O <sup>2</sup>gods?  
Do you <sup>3</sup>judge <sup>4</sup>uprightly, O sons of men?  
2 No, in heart you <sup>5</sup>work unrighteousness;  
On earth you <sup>6</sup>weigh out the violence of your hands.  
3 The wicked are estranged <sup>7</sup>from the womb;  
These who speak lies <sup>8</sup>go astray from <sup>1</sup>birth.  
4 They have venom like the <sup>9</sup>venom of a serpent;  
Like a deaf cobra that stops up its ear,  
5 So that it <sup>10</sup>does not hear the voice of <sup>11</sup>charmners,  
Or a skillful caster of spells.  
6 O God, <sup>12</sup>shatter their teeth in their mouth;  
Break out the fangs of the young lions, O LORD.  
7 Let them <sup>13</sup>flow away like water that runs off;  
When he <sup>14</sup>baims his arrows, let them be as <sup>15</sup>headless  
shafts.  
8 *Let them be* as a snail which <sup>16</sup>melts away as it goes along,  
Like the <sup>17</sup>miscarriages of a woman which never see the  
sun.  
9 Before your <sup>18</sup>pots can feel *the fire of thorns*,  
He will <sup>19</sup>sweep them away with a whirlwind, the <sup>20</sup>green  
and the burning alike.

- 10 The <sup>21</sup>righteous will rejoice when he <sup>22</sup>sees the vengeance;  
He will <sup>23</sup>wash his feet in the blood of the wicked.  
11 And men will say, "Surely there is a <sup>24</sup>reward for the  
righteous;  
Surely there is a God who <sup>25</sup>judges <sup>26</sup>on earth!"

**PSALM 59**

Prayer for Deliverance from Enemies.

For the choir director; *set to* <sup>1</sup>Al-tashheth. A  
<sup>2</sup>Mikhtam of David, <sup>3</sup>when Saul sent *men*,  
and they watched the house in order to kill  
him.

- D**ELIVER me from my enemies, O my God;  
<sup>1</sup>Set me *securely* on high away from those who rise up  
against me.  
2 Deliver me from <sup>4</sup>those who do iniquity,  
And save me from <sup>5</sup>men of bloodshed.  
3 For behold, they <sup>6</sup>have <sup>7</sup>set an ambush for my <sup>8</sup>life;  
<sup>9</sup>Fierce men <sup>10</sup>launch an attack against me,  
<sup>11</sup>Not for my transgression nor for my sin, O LORD,  
4 <sup>12</sup>For no guilt of *mine*, they run and set themselves  
against me.  
<sup>13</sup>Arouse Thyself to <sup>14</sup>help me, and see!

- 5 And Thou, <sup>a</sup>O LORD God of hosts, the God of Israel,  
Awake to <sup>b</sup>punish all the nations;  
<sup>c</sup>Do not be gracious to any *who are* treacherous in  
iniquity. [<sup>2</sup>Selah.]
- 6 They return at evening, they howl like a <sup>a</sup>dog,  
And go around the city.
- 7 Behold, they <sup>a</sup>belch forth with their mouth;  
<sup>b</sup>Swords are in their lips,  
For, *they say*, "<sup>c</sup>Who hears?"
- 8 But Thou, O LORD, dost <sup>a</sup>laugh at them;  
Thou dost <sup>b</sup>scoff at all the nations.
- 9 *Because of* <sup>1</sup>his <sup>a</sup>strength I will watch for Thee,  
For God is my <sup>b</sup>stronghold.
- 10 <sup>1</sup>My God <sup>a</sup>in His lovingkindness will meet me;  
God will let me <sup>b</sup>look *triumphantly* upon <sup>2</sup>my foes,
- 11 Do not slay them, <sup>a</sup>lest my people forget;  
<sup>b</sup>Scatter them by Thy power, and bring them down,  
O Lord, <sup>c</sup>our shield.
- 12 <sup>1</sup>On *account of* the <sup>a</sup>sin of their mouth *and* the words  
of their lips,  
Let them even be <sup>b</sup>caught in their pride,  
And on account of <sup>c</sup>curses and <sup>2</sup>lies which they utter.
- 13 <sup>1a</sup>Destroy *them* in wrath, <sup>1</sup>destroy *them*, that they may  
be no more;  
That *men* may <sup>b</sup>know that God <sup>2</sup>rules in Jacob,  
To the ends of the earth. [<sup>2</sup>Selah.]
- 14 And they <sup>a</sup>return at evening, they howl like a dog,  
And go around the city.
- 15 They wander about <sup>1</sup>for food,  
And <sup>2</sup>growl if they are not satisfied.
- 16 But as for me, I shall <sup>a</sup>sing of Thy strength;  
Yes, I shall <sup>b</sup>joyfully sing of Thy lovingkindness in the  
<sup>c</sup>morning,  
For Thou hast been my <sup>d</sup>stronghold,  
And a <sup>c</sup>refuge in the day of my distress.
- 17 <sup>a</sup>O my strength, I will sing praises to Thee;  
For God is my <sup>b</sup>stronghold, the <sup>1</sup>God who shows me  
lovingkindness.

## PSALM 60

Lament over Defeat in Battle, and Prayer for Help.

For the choir director; according to  
<sup>2</sup>Shushan Eduth. <sup>a</sup>Mikhtam of David, to  
teach; <sup>4</sup>when he struggled with Aram-  
naharaim and with Aram-zobah, and Joab  
returned, and smote twelve thousand of  
Edom in the Valley of Salt.

- O GOD, <sup>a</sup>Thou hast rejected us. Thou hast <sup>b</sup>broken us;  
Thou hast been <sup>c</sup>angry; O, <sup>d</sup>restore us.
- 2 Thou hast made the <sup>1a</sup>land quake, Thou hast split it  
open;  
<sup>b</sup>Heal its breaches, for it totters.

5 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *visit* <sup>2</sup>*Selah* may  
mean: *Pause, Crescendo or*  
*Musical interlude*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 69:6; 80:4; 84:8 <sup>b</sup>Ps.  
9:5; Is. 26:14 <sup>c</sup>Is. 2:9; Jer.  
18:23

6 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 22:16

7 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 94:4; Prov. 15:2, 28  
<sup>b</sup>Ps. 57:4 <sup>c</sup>Ps. 10:11; 73:11;  
94:7; Job 22:13

8 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 37:13 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 2:4

9 <sup>1</sup>Many mss. and the  
ancient versions read, *My*  
*strength*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 18:17 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 9:9

10 <sup>1</sup>Many mss. and some  
ancient versions read, *The*  
*God of my lovingkindness*  
<sup>2</sup>Lit., *those who lie in wait*  
*for me*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 21:3 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 54:7

11 <sup>1</sup>Or, *Make them*  
*wander*  
<sup>a</sup>Deut. 4:9; 6:12 <sup>b</sup>Ps.  
106:27; 144:6; Is. 33:3 <sup>c</sup>Ps.  
84:9

12 <sup>1</sup>Or, *The sin of their*  
*mouth is the word of their*  
*lips*, <sup>2</sup>Lit., *lying*  
<sup>a</sup>Prov. 12:13 <sup>b</sup>Zeph. 3:11  
<sup>c</sup>Ps. 10:7

13 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *Bring to an end*  
<sup>2</sup>Or, *is Ruler*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 104:35 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 83:18

14 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 59:6

15 <sup>1</sup>Or, *to devour*  
<sup>2</sup>Another reading is, *tarry*  
*all night*

16 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 21:13 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 101:1,  
<sup>c</sup>Ps. 5:3; 88:13 <sup>d</sup>Ps. 59:9 <sup>e</sup>Ps.  
46:1; 2 Sam. 22:3

17 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *God of my*  
*lovingkindness*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 59:9 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 59:10

<sup>4</sup> Lit., *The lily of*  
*testimony*.  
• Possibly, *Epigrammatic*  
*Poem, or Atonement*  
*Psalm*  
<sup>a</sup> 2 Sam. 8:3, 13; 1 Chr.  
18:12

<sup>1</sup> Or, *broken out upon*  
*us*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 44:9 <sup>b</sup>2 Sam. 5:20 <sup>c</sup>Ps.  
79:5 <sup>d</sup>Ps. 80:3

<sup>2</sup> Or, *earth*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 18:7 <sup>b</sup>2 Chr. 7:14; Is.  
30:26

3 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *caused Thy people to see* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *wine of staggering*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 66:12; 71:20 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 75:8; Is. 51:17, 22; Jer. 25:15

4 <sup>1</sup>*Selah* may mean: *Pause, Crescendo or Musical interlude*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 20:5; Is. 5:26; 11:12; 13:2

5 <sup>1</sup>Some authorities read, *me*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 60:5-12; Ps. 108:6-13  
<sup>b</sup>Ps. 127:2; Deut. 33:12; Is. 5:1; Jer. 11:15 <sup>c</sup>Ps. 17:7

6 <sup>1</sup>Or, *sanctuary*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 89:35 <sup>b</sup>Gen. 12:6; 33:18; Josh. 17:7 <sup>c</sup>Gen. 33:17; Josh. 13:27

7 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *protection* <sup>2</sup>Or, *lawgiver*  
<sup>a</sup>Josh. 13:31 <sup>b</sup>Deut. 33:17 <sup>c</sup>Gen. 49:10

8 <sup>a2</sup> Sam. 8:2 <sup>b2</sup> Sam. 8:14 <sup>c2</sup> Sam. 8:1

9 <sup>1</sup>Or, *has led*

10 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 60:1 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 44:9

11 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *of*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 146:3

12 <sup>1</sup>Or, *In, or, With*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 118:16; Num. 24:18  
<sup>b</sup>Ps. 44:5; Is. 63:3

1 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 64:1 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 86:6

2 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 42:6 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 77:3 <sup>c</sup>Ps. 18:2; 94:22

3 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *from*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 62:7 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 59:9; Prov. 18:10

4 <sup>1</sup>Or, *sojourn* <sup>2</sup>*Selah* may mean: *Pause, Crescendo or Musical interlude*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 23:6; 27:4 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 17:8; 91:4

5 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 56:12; Job 22:27  
<sup>b</sup>Ps. 86:11; 102:15; Deut. 28:58; Neh. 1:11; Is. 59:19; Mal. 2:5; 4:2

6 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *add days* to <sup>2</sup>Lit., *days*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 21:4

7 <sup>1</sup>Or, *sit enthroned*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 41:12 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 40:11

8 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 30:4; 33:2; 71:22; Judg. 5:3 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 65:1; Is. 19:21

- 3 Thou hast <sup>1a</sup>made Thy people experience hardship; Thou hast given us <sup>2</sup>wine to <sup>b</sup>drink that makes us stagger.
- 4 Thou hast given a <sup>a</sup>banner to those who fear Thee, That it may be displayed because of the truth. [<sup>1</sup>*Selah*.]
- 5 <sup>a</sup>That Thy <sup>b</sup>beloved may be delivered, <sup>c</sup>Save with Thy right hand, and answer <sup>1</sup>us!
- 6 God has spoken in His <sup>1a</sup>holiness:  
 "I will exult, I will portion out <sup>b</sup>Shechem and measure out the valley of <sup>c</sup>Succoth.
- 7 <sup>a</sup>Gilead is Mine, and Manasseh is Mine; <sup>b</sup>Ephraim also is the <sup>1</sup>helmet of My head; Judah is My <sup>2c</sup>scepter.
- 8 <sup>a</sup>Moab is My washbowl; Over <sup>b</sup>Edom I shall throw My shoe; Shout loud, O <sup>c</sup>Philistia, because of Me!"
- 9 Who will bring me into the besieged city? Who <sup>1</sup>will lead me to Edom?
- 10 Hast not Thou Thyself, O God, <sup>a</sup>rejected us? And <sup>b</sup>wilt Thou not go forth with our armies, O God?
- 11 O give us help against the adversary, For <sup>a</sup>deliverance <sup>1</sup>by man is in vain.
- 12 <sup>1</sup>Through God we shall <sup>a</sup>do valiantly, And it is He who will <sup>b</sup>tread down our adversaries.

**PSALM 61**

Confidence in God's Protection.

For the choir director; on a stringed instrument. *A Psalm of David.*

- <sup>a</sup>**H**EAR my cry, O God;  
<sup>b</sup>Give heed to my prayer.
- 2 From the <sup>a</sup>end of the earth I call to Thee, when my heart is <sup>b</sup>faint;  
 Lead me to <sup>c</sup>the rock that is higher than I.
- 3 For Thou hast been a <sup>a</sup>refuge for me,  
 A <sup>b</sup>tower of strength <sup>1</sup>against the enemy.
- 4 Let me <sup>1a</sup>adwell in Thy tent forever;  
 Let me <sup>b</sup>take refuge in the shelter of Thy wings. [<sup>2</sup>*Selah*.]
- 5 For Thou hast heard my <sup>a</sup>vows, O God;  
 Thou hast given *me* the inheritance of those who <sup>b</sup>feared Thy name.
- 6 Thou wilt <sup>1a</sup>prolong the king's <sup>2</sup>life;  
 His years will be as many generations.
- 7 He will <sup>1</sup>abide <sup>a</sup>before God forever;  
 Appoint <sup>b</sup>lovingkindness and truth, that they may preserve him.
- 8 So I will <sup>a</sup>sing praise to Thy name forever,  
 That I may <sup>b</sup>pay my vows day by day.

## PSALM 62

God Alone a Refuge from Treachery and Oppression.

For the choir director; <sup>f</sup>according to  
Jeduthun. A Psalm of David.

- M**Y soul *w*aits in silence for God only;  
From Him <sup>a</sup>is my salvation.
- 2 He only is my <sup>a</sup>rock and my salvation,  
My <sup>b</sup>stronghold; I shall not be greatly shaken.
- 3 How long will you assail a man,  
That you may murder *him*, all of you,  
Like a <sup>a</sup>leaning wall, like a tottering fence?
- 4 They have counseled only to thrust him down from his  
high position;  
They <sup>a</sup>delight in falsehood;  
They <sup>b</sup>bless with <sup>1</sup>their mouth,  
But inwardly they curse. [<sup>2</sup>Selah.
- 5 My soul, <sup>a</sup>wait in silence for God only,  
For my hope is from Him.
- 6 He only is <sup>a</sup>my rock and my salvation,  
My stronghold; I shall not be shaken.
- 7 On God my <sup>a</sup>salvation and my glory *rest*;  
The rock of my strength, my <sup>b</sup>refuge is in God.
- 8 <sup>a</sup>Trust in Him at all times, O people;  
<sup>b</sup>Pour out your heart before Him;  
God is a refuge for us. [Selah.
- 9 Men of <sup>a</sup>low degree are only <sup>b</sup>vanity, and men of rank  
are a <sup>c</sup>lie;  
In the <sup>d</sup>balances they go up;  
They are together lighter than breath.
- 10 <sup>a</sup>Do not trust in oppression,  
And do not <sup>1</sup>vainly hope in <sup>b</sup>robbery;  
If riches increase, <sup>c</sup>do not set your heart *upon them*.
- 11 <sup>1</sup>Once God has <sup>a</sup>spoken;  
<sup>2</sup>Twice I have heard this:  
That <sup>b</sup>power belongs to God;
- 12 And lovingkindness <sup>a</sup>is Thine, O Lord,  
For Thou <sup>b</sup>dost recompense a man according to his  
work.

## PSALM 63

The Thirsting Soul Satisfied in God.

A Psalm of David, <sup>f</sup>when he was in the  
wilderness of Judah.

- O** GOD, <sup>a</sup>Thou art my God; I shall seek Thee <sup>1</sup>earnestly;  
My soul <sup>b</sup>thirsts for Thee, my flesh <sup>2</sup>yearns for Thee,  
In a <sup>c</sup>dry and weary land where there is no water.
- 2 Thus I have <sup>a</sup>beheld Thee in the sanctuary,  
To see Thy power and Thy glory.

<sup>f</sup> Cf. Ps. 39 and 77 titles;  
1 Chr. 16:41

1 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 37:39

2 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 89:26 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 59:17;  
62:6

3 <sup>a</sup>Is. 30:13

4 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *his* <sup>2</sup>Selah may  
mean: *Pause, Crescendo or  
Musical interlude*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 4:2 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 28:3; 55:21

5 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 62:1

6 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 62:2

7 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 85:9 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 46:1

8 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 37:3; 5; 52:8; Is.  
26:4 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 42:4; 1 Sam. 1:15;  
Lam. 2:19

9 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 49:2 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 39:5; Job  
7:16; Is. 40:17 <sup>c</sup>Ps. 116:11  
<sup>d</sup>Is. 40:15

10 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *become vain in  
robbery*  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 30:12 <sup>b</sup>Is. 61:8; Ezek.  
22:29; Nah. 3:1 <sup>c</sup>Ps. 49:6;  
52:7; Job 31:25; Mark  
10:24; Luke 12:15; 1 Tim.  
6:10

11 <sup>1</sup>Or, *One thing* <sup>2</sup>Or,  
*These two things I have  
heard*  
<sup>a</sup>Job 33:14; 40:5 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 59:17;  
Rev. 19:1

12 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 86:5; 103:8; 130:7  
<sup>b</sup>Ps. 28:4; Job 34:11; 1 Cor.  
3:8

<sup>f</sup> 1 Sam. 23:14

1 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *early* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *faints*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 118:28 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 42:2; 84:2;  
Matt. 5:6 <sup>c</sup>Ps. 143:6

2 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 27:4

3 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 69:16

4 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 104:33; 146:2 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 28:2; 143:6

5 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *fat*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 36:8 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 71:23

6 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 4:4 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 16:7; 42:8; 119:55

7 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 27:9 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 17:8

8 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *after*  
<sup>a</sup>Num. 32:12; Deut. 1:36;  
Hos. 6:3 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 18:35; 41:12

9 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *soul* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *lowest places*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 40:14 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 55:15

10 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *They will pour him out* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *poured out by* <sup>3</sup>Lit., *portion*  
<sup>a</sup>Jer. 18:21; Ezek. 35:5  
<sup>b</sup>Lam. 5:18

11 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 21:1 <sup>b</sup>Deut. 6:13;  
Is. 45:23; 65:16 <sup>c</sup>Job 5:16;  
Ps. 107:42; Rom. 3:19

1 <sup>1</sup>Or, *concern*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 55:2 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 140:1

2 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 56:6 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 59:2

3 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 140:3 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 58:7

4 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *in*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 10:8; 11:2 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 55:19

5 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *make firm* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *tell of*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 140:5 <sup>b</sup>Job 22:13

6 <sup>1</sup>Or, *search out* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *complete* <sup>3</sup>Or, *inward part*  
<sup>a</sup>Or, *unsearchable*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 49:11

7 <sup>1</sup>Or, *shot* <sup>2</sup>Or, *they were wounded*; lit., *their wounds occurred*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 7:12, 13

8 <sup>1</sup>Or, *they make their tongue a stumbling for themselves* <sup>2</sup>Or, *made*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 9:3 <sup>b</sup>Prov. 12:13; 18:7  
<sup>c</sup>Ps. 22:7; 44:14; Jer. 18:16; 48:27; Lam. 2:15

9 <sup>1</sup>Or, *feared* <sup>2</sup>Or, *declared* <sup>3</sup>Or, *considered*  
<sup>a</sup>Lit., *His work*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 40:3

10 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 32:11; Job 22:19  
<sup>b</sup>Ps. 111:1; 25:20

- 3 Because Thy <sup>a</sup>lovingkindness is better than life,  
My lips will praise Thee.  
4 So I will bless Thee <sup>a</sup>as long as I live;  
I will <sup>b</sup>lift up my hands in Thy name.  
5 My soul is <sup>a</sup>satisfied as with <sup>1</sup>marrow and fatness,  
And my mouth offers <sup>b</sup>praises with joyful lips.  
6 When I remember Thee <sup>a</sup>on my bed,  
I meditate on Thee in the <sup>b</sup>night watches,  
7 For <sup>a</sup>Thou hast been my help,  
And in the <sup>b</sup>shadow of Thy wings I sing for joy.  
8 My soul <sup>a</sup>clings <sup>1</sup>to Thee;  
Thy bright hand upholds me.

- 9 But those who <sup>a</sup>seek my <sup>1</sup>life, to destroy it,  
Will go into the <sup>2</sup>depths of the earth.  
10 <sup>1</sup>They will be <sup>2a</sup>delivered over to the power of the sword;  
They will be a <sup>3b</sup>prey for foxes.  
11 But the <sup>a</sup>king will rejoice in God;  
Everyone who <sup>b</sup>swears by Him will glory,  
For the <sup>c</sup>mouths of those who speak lies will be stopped.

PSALM 64

Prayer for Deliverance from Secret Enemies.

For the choir director. A Psalm of David.

- H**EAR my voice, O God, in <sup>a</sup>my <sup>1</sup>complaint;  
<sup>b</sup>Preserve my life from dread of the enemy.  
2 Hide me from the <sup>a</sup>secret counsel of evildoers,  
From the tumult of <sup>b</sup>those who do iniquity,  
3 Who <sup>a</sup>have sharpened their tongue like a sword.  
They <sup>b</sup>aimed bitter speech *as* their arrow,  
4 To <sup>a</sup>shoot <sup>1</sup>from concealment at the blameless;  
Suddenly they shoot at him, and <sup>b</sup>do not fear.  
5 They <sup>1</sup>hold fast to themselves an evil purpose;  
They <sup>2</sup>talk of <sup>a</sup>laying snares secretly;  
They say, “<sup>b</sup>Who can see them?”  
6 They <sup>1</sup>devise injustices, *saying*,  
“We are <sup>2</sup>ready with a well-conceived plot”;  
For the <sup>3a</sup>inward thought and the heart of a man are  
<sup>4</sup>deep.  
7 But <sup>a</sup>God <sup>1</sup>will shoot at them with an arrow;  
Suddenly <sup>2</sup>they will be wounded.  
8 So <sup>1</sup>they <sup>2</sup>will <sup>a</sup>make him stumble;  
<sup>b</sup>Their own tongue is against them;  
All who see them will <sup>c</sup>shake the head.  
9 Then all men <sup>1</sup>will <sup>a</sup>fear,  
And <sup>2</sup>will declare the work of God,  
And <sup>3</sup>will consider <sup>4</sup>what He has done.  
10 The righteous man will be <sup>a</sup>glad in the LORD, and will  
<sup>b</sup>take refuge in Him;  
And all the upright in heart will glory.



## PSALM 65

God's Abundant Favor to Earth and Man.

For the choir director. A Psalm of David.  
A Song.

THERE will be silence <sup>1</sup>before Thee, *and* praise in Zion, O God;

And to Thee the <sup>a</sup>vow will be performed.

2 O Thou who dost hear prayer,  
To Thee <sup>a</sup>all <sup>1</sup>men come.

3 <sup>1a</sup>Iniquities prevail against me;  
As for our transgressions, Thou dost <sup>2b</sup>forgive them.

4 How <sup>a</sup>blessed is the one whom Thou dost choose, and  
bring near to *Thee*,  
To dwell in Thy courts.  
We will be <sup>b</sup>satisfied with the goodness of Thy house,  
Thy holy temple.

5 By <sup>a</sup>awesome *deeds* Thou dost answer us in righteousness,  
O <sup>b</sup>God of our salvation,  
Thou who art the trust of all the <sup>c</sup>ends of the earth and  
of the farthest <sup>1d</sup>sea;

6 Who dost <sup>a</sup>establish the mountains by His strength,  
Being <sup>b</sup>girded with might;

7 Who dost <sup>a</sup>still the roaring of the seas,  
The roaring of their waves,  
And the <sup>b</sup>tumult of the peoples.

8 And they who dwell in the <sup>a</sup>ends of *the earth* stand in  
awe of Thy signs;  
Thou dost make the <sup>1</sup>dawn and the sunset shout for joy.

9 Thou dost visit the earth, and <sup>a</sup>cause it to overflow;  
Thou dost greatly <sup>b</sup>enrich it;  
The <sup>1c</sup>stream of God is full of water;  
Thou dost prepare their <sup>a</sup>grain, for thus Thou dost  
prepare <sup>2</sup>the earth.

10 Thou dost water its furrows abundantly;  
Thou dost <sup>1</sup>settle its ridges;  
Thou dost soften it <sup>a</sup>with showers;  
Thou dost bless its growth.

11 Thou hast crowned the year <sup>1</sup>with Thy <sup>2a</sup>abundance,  
And Thy <sup>3</sup>paths <sup>b</sup>drip with fatness.

12 <sup>a</sup>The pastures of the wilderness drip,  
And the <sup>b</sup>hills gird themselves with rejoicing.

13 The meadows are <sup>a</sup>clothed with flocks,  
And the valleys are <sup>b</sup>covered with grain;  
They <sup>c</sup>shout for joy, yes, they sing.

1 <sup>1</sup>Lit., to  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 116:18

2 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *flesh*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 86:9; 145:21; Is. 66:23

3 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *Words of iniquities* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *cover over, atone for*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 38:4; 40:12 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 79:9

4 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 33:12; 84:4 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 36:8

5 <sup>1</sup>Or, *seas*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 45:4; 66:3 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 85:4 <sup>c</sup>Ps. 22:27; 48:10 <sup>d</sup>Ps. 107:23

6 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 95:4 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 93:1

7 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 89:9; 93:3, 4; 107:29; Matt. 8:26 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 2:1; 74:23; Is. 17:12, 13

8 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *the outgoings of the morning and evening*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 2:8; 139:9; Is. 24:16

9 <sup>1</sup>Or, *channel* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *it*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 68:9; 104:13; 147:8; Lev. 26:4; Job 5:10 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 104:24 <sup>c</sup>Ps. 46:4 <sup>d</sup>Ps. 104:14; 147:14

10 <sup>1</sup>Or, *smooth*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 72:6; 147:8; Deut. 32:2

11 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *of* <sup>2</sup>Or, *goodness*  
<sup>3</sup>*e.*, *wagon tracks*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 104:28 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 147:14; Job 36:28

12 <sup>a</sup>Job 38:26, 27; Joel 2:22 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 98:8; Is. 55:12

13 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 144:13; Is. 30:23  
<sup>b</sup>Ps. 72:16 <sup>c</sup>Ps. 98:8; Is. 44:23

Praise for God's Mighty Deeds and for His Answer to Prayer.

For the choir director. A Song. A Psalm.

1 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 81:1; 95:1; 98:4; 100:1

2 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 79:9; Is. 42:8 <sup>b</sup>Is. 42:12

3 <sup>a</sup>Lit., *deceive*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 47:2; 65:5; 145:6 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 18:44; 81:15

4 <sup>a</sup>*Selah* may mean:  
*Pause, Crescendo or Musical interlude*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 22:27; 67:7; 86:9; Zech. 14:16 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 67:4

5 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 46:8 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 106:22

6 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 106:9; Ex. 14:21  
<sup>b</sup>Ps. 114:3; Josh. 3:16 <sup>c</sup>Ps. 105:43

7 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 145:13 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 11:4  
<sup>c</sup>Ps. 140:8

8 <sup>a</sup>Lit., *cause to hear the sound of His praise*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 98:4

9 <sup>a</sup>Lit., *puts our soul in life* <sup>2</sup>Or, *dodder, stumble*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 30:3 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 121:3

10 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 7:9; 17:3; 26:2; Job 23:10 <sup>b</sup>Is. 48:10; Zech. 13:9; Mal. 3:3; 1 Pet. 1:7

11 <sup>a</sup>Lam. 1:13; Ezek. 12:13

12 <sup>a</sup>Is. 51:23 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 78:21; Is. 43:2 <sup>c</sup>Ps. 18:19

13 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 96:8; Jer. 17:26  
<sup>b</sup>Ps. 22:25; 116:14

14 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 18:6

15 <sup>1</sup>Or, *cattle*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 51:19 <sup>b</sup>Num. 6:14

16 <sup>1</sup>Or, *reverse*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 34:11 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 71:15, 24

17 <sup>1</sup>Or, *praise was under my tongue*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 30:1

18 <sup>1</sup>Or, *had regarded* <sup>2</sup>Or, *would* <sup>3</sup>Or, *have heard*  
<sup>a</sup>Job 36:21 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 18:41; Job 27:9; Prov. 1:28; 28:9; Is. 1:15; James 4:3

19 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 18:6; 116:1, 2

20 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 68:35 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 22:24

- <sup>a</sup>SHOUT joyfully to God, all the earth;
- 2 Sing the <sup>a</sup>glory of His name;  
Make His <sup>b</sup>praise glorious.
- 3 Say to God, "How <sup>a</sup>awesome are Thy works!  
Because of the greatness of Thy power Thine enemies  
will <sup>1</sup>give feigned obedience to Thee.
- 4 "All the earth will worship Thee,  
And will <sup>b</sup>sing praises to Thee;  
They will sing praises to Thy name." [<sup>1</sup>*Selah*.
- 5 <sup>a</sup>Come and see the works of God,  
*Who is* <sup>b</sup>awesome in *His* deeds toward the sons of men.
- 6 He <sup>a</sup>turned the sea into dry land;  
They passed through <sup>b</sup>the river on foot;  
There let us <sup>c</sup>rejoice in Him!
- 7 He <sup>a</sup>rules by His might forever;  
His <sup>b</sup>eyes keep watch on the nations;  
Let not the rebellious <sup>c</sup>exalt themselves. [*Selah*.
- 8 Bless our God, O peoples,  
And <sup>1</sup>sound His praise abroad,
- 9 Who <sup>1</sup>keeps us in life,  
And <sup>b</sup>does not allow our feet to <sup>2</sup>slip.
- 10 For Thou hast <sup>a</sup>tried us, O God;  
Thou hast <sup>b</sup>refined us as silver is refined.
- 11 Thou <sup>a</sup>didst bring us into the net;  
Thou didst lay an oppressive burden upon our loins.
- 12 Thou didst make men <sup>a</sup>ride over our heads;  
We went through <sup>b</sup>fire and through water;  
Yet Thou <sup>c</sup>didst bring us out into *a place of* abundance.
- 13 I shall <sup>a</sup>come into Thy house with burnt offerings;  
I shall <sup>b</sup>pay Thee my vows,
- 14 Which my lips uttered  
And my mouth spoke when I was <sup>a</sup>in distress.
- 15 I shall <sup>a</sup>offer to Thee burnt offerings of fat beasts,  
With the smoke of <sup>b</sup>rams;  
I shall make *an offering of* <sup>1</sup>bulls with male goats. [*Selah*.
- 16 <sup>a</sup>Come *and* hear, all who <sup>1</sup>fear God,  
And I will <sup>b</sup>tell of what He has done for my soul.
- 17 I cried to Him with my mouth,  
And <sup>1</sup>He was <sup>a</sup>extolled with my tongue.
- 18 If I <sup>1</sup>regard wickedness in my heart,  
The <sup>b</sup>Lord <sup>2</sup>will not <sup>3</sup>hear;
- 19 But certainly <sup>a</sup>God has heard;  
He has given heed to the voice of my prayer.
- 20 <sup>a</sup>Blessed be God,  
Who <sup>b</sup>has not turned away my prayer,  
Nor His lovingkindness from me.

## PSALM 67

The Nations Exhorted to Praise God.

For the choir director; with stringed instruments. A Psalm. A Song.

- GOD be gracious to us and <sup>a</sup>bless us,  
 And <sup>b</sup>cause His face to shine <sup>1</sup>upon us— [2Selah.  
 2 That <sup>a</sup>Thy way may be known on the earth,  
 Thy salvation among all nations.  
 3 Let the <sup>a</sup>peoples praise Thee, O God;  
 Let all the peoples praise Thee.  
 4 Let the <sup>a</sup>nations be glad and sing for joy;  
 For Thou wilt <sup>b</sup>judge the peoples with uprightness,  
 And <sup>c</sup>guide the nations on the earth. [Selah.  
 5 Let the <sup>a</sup>peoples praise Thee, O God;  
 Let all the peoples praise Thee.  
 6 The <sup>a</sup>earth has yielded its produce;  
 God, our God, <sup>b</sup>blesses us.  
 7 God blesses us,  
<sup>1</sup>That <sup>a</sup>all the ends of the earth may fear Him.

## PSALM 68

The God of Sinai and of the Sanctuary.

For the choir director. A Psalm of David.  
A Song.

- LET <sup>a</sup>God arise, <sup>2</sup>let His enemies be scattered;  
 And <sup>3</sup>let those who hate Him flee before Him.  
 2 As <sup>a</sup>smoke is driven away, so drive *them* away;  
 As <sup>b</sup>wax melts before the fire,  
 So let the <sup>c</sup>wicked perish before God.  
 3 But let the <sup>a</sup>righteous be glad; let them exult before  
 God;  
 Yes, let them rejoice with gladness.  
 4 Sing to God, <sup>a</sup>sing praises to His name;  
<sup>b</sup>Cast up a highway for Him who <sup>c</sup>rides through the  
 deserts,  
 Whose <sup>d</sup>name is <sup>1</sup>the LORD, and exult before Him.  
 5 A <sup>a</sup>father of the fatherless and a <sup>b</sup>judge <sup>1</sup>for the widows,  
 Is God in His <sup>c</sup>holy habitation.  
 6 God <sup>1a</sup>makes a home for the lonely;  
 He <sup>b</sup>leads out the prisoners into prosperity,  
 Only <sup>c</sup>the rebellious dwell in a parched land.  
 7 O God, when Thou <sup>a</sup>didst go forth before Thy people,  
 When Thou didst <sup>b</sup>march through the wilder-  
 ness, [1Selah.  
 8 The <sup>a</sup>earth quaked;  
 The <sup>b</sup>heavens also dropped *rain* at the presence of God;  
<sup>1c</sup>Sinai itself *quaked* at the presence of God, the God of  
 Israel.

1 <sup>1</sup>Lit., with <sup>2</sup>Selah may mean: *Pause, Crescendo or Musical interlude*  
<sup>a</sup>Num. 6:25 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 4:6; 31:16; 80:3, 7, 19; 119:135

2 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 98:2; Acts 18:25; Titus 2:11

3 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 66:4

4 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 100:1, 2 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 9:8; 96:10, 13; 98:9 <sup>c</sup>Ps. 47:8

5 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 67:3

6 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 85:12; Lev. 26:4; Ezek. 34:27; Zech. 8:12 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 29:11; 115:12

7 <sup>1</sup>Or, *And let . . . earth fear Him*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 22:27; 33:8

1 <sup>1</sup>Or, *God shall* <sup>2</sup>Or, *His enemies shall* <sup>3</sup>Or, *those who hate Him shall*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 12:5; 132:8; Num. 10:35

2 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 37:20; Is. 9:18; Hos. 13:3 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 22:14; 97:5; Mic. 1:4 <sup>c</sup>Ps. 9:3; 37:20; 80:16

3 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 32:11; 64:10; 97:12

4 <sup>1</sup>Heb., *YAH*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 66:2 <sup>b</sup>Is. 57:14; 62:10 <sup>c</sup>Ps. 68:33; 18:10; Is. 40:3 <sup>d</sup>Ps. 83:18

5 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *of*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 10:14; 146:9 <sup>b</sup>Deut. 10:18 <sup>c</sup>Deut. 26:15

6 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *makes the solitary to dwell in a house*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 113:9 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 69:33; 102:20; 107:10, 14; 146:7; Acts 12:7; 16:26 <sup>c</sup>Ps. 78:17; 107:34, 40

7 <sup>1</sup>Selah may mean: *Pause, Crescendo or Musical interlude*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 78:14; Ex. 13:21; Hab. 3:13 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 78:52; Judg. 5:4

8 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *This is Sinai* which  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 77:18; Ex. 19:18; Judg. 5:4; 2 Sam. 22:8; Jer. 10:10 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 18:9; Judg. 5:4; Is. 45:8 <sup>c</sup>Ex. 19:18; Judg. 5:5

9 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *weary*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 78:24; Lev. 26:4; Job  
 5:10; Ezek. 34:26

10 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 65:9; 74:19; 78:20;  
 107:9

11 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *word*  
<sup>a</sup>Ex. 15:20; 1 Sam. 18:6

12 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 135:11; Judg. 5:19  
<sup>b</sup>Judg. 5:30; 1 Sam. 30:24

13 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *If* <sup>2</sup>Or,  
*cookingstones, or, saddle*  
*bags*  
<sup>a</sup>Gen. 49:14; Judg. 5:16

14 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *in it*  
<sup>a</sup>Josh. 10:10 <sup>b</sup>Judg. 9:48

15 <sup>1</sup>Or, *mighty mountain*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 36:6

16 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 87:1, 2; 132:13;  
 Deut. 12:5 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 132:14

17 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *twice ten*  
*thousand* <sup>2</sup>Another reading,  
*The Lord came from Sinai*  
*into the sanctuary*  
<sup>a</sup>2 Kin. 6:17; Hab. 3:8  
<sup>b</sup>Deut. 33:2; Dan. 7:10

18 <sup>1</sup>Heb., *YAH*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 7:7; 47:5; Eph. 4:8  
<sup>b</sup>Judg. 5:12

19 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 55:22; Is. 46:4 <sup>b</sup>Ps.  
 65:5

20 <sup>1</sup>YHWH, usually  
 rendered LORD <sup>2</sup>i.e., in  
 view of; lit., for  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 106:43 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 49:15;  
 56:13

21 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 110:6; Heb. 3:13

22 <sup>1</sup>Or, *says*  
<sup>a</sup>Amos 9:1-3

23 <sup>1</sup>Some versions render,  
*you may bathe your foot*  
*in blood*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 58:10 <sup>b</sup>1 Kin. 21:19;  
 Jer. 15:3

24 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *goings* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *in*  
*the sanctuary; or, in*  
*holiness*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 77:13 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 63:2

25 <sup>1</sup>Or, *The maidens in*  
*the midst*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 47:5; 1 Chr. 13:8; 15:6  
<sup>b</sup>Ex. 15:20; Judg. 11:34

26 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 22:22, 23; 26:12  
<sup>b</sup>Deut. 33:28; Is. 48:1

27 <sup>1</sup>Or, *smallest* <sup>2</sup>Or, *their*  
*ruler*  
<sup>a</sup>Judg. 5:14; 1 Sam. 9:21  
<sup>b</sup>Judg. 5:18

- 9 Thou didst <sup>a</sup>shed abroad a plentiful rain, O God;  
 Thou didst confirm Thine inheritance, when it was  
<sup>1</sup>parched.
- 10 Thy creatures settled in it;  
 Thou didst <sup>a</sup>provide in Thy goodness for the poor, O  
 God.
- 11 The Lord gives the <sup>1</sup>command;  
 The <sup>a</sup>women who proclaim the good tidings are a great  
 host:
- 12 <sup>a</sup>"Kings of armies flee, they flee,  
 And she who remains at home will <sup>b</sup>divide the spoil!"
- 13 <sup>1</sup>When you lie down <sup>a</sup>among the <sup>2</sup>sheepfolds,  
*You are like* the wings of a dove covered with silver,  
 And its pinions with glistening gold.
- 14 When the Almighty <sup>a</sup>scattered the kings <sup>1</sup>there,  
 It was snowing in <sup>b</sup>Zalmon.
- 15 A <sup>1a</sup>mountain of God is the mountain of Bashan;  
 A mountain of *many* peaks is the mountain of Bashan.
- 16 Why do you look with envy, O mountains with *many*  
 peaks,  
 At the mountain which God has <sup>a</sup>desired for His abode?  
 Surely, <sup>b</sup>the LORD will dwell *there* forever.
- 17 The <sup>a</sup>chariots of God are <sup>1</sup>myriads, <sup>b</sup>thousands upon  
 thousands;  
<sup>2</sup>The Lord is among them *as at* Sinai, in holiness.
- 18 Thou hast <sup>a</sup>ascended on high, Thou hast <sup>b</sup>led captive  
*Thy* captives;  
 Thou hast received gifts among men,  
 Even *among* the rebellious also, that <sup>1</sup>the LORD God  
 may dwell *there*.
- 19 Blessed be the Lord, who daily <sup>a</sup>bears our burden,  
<sup>b</sup>The God *who* is our salvation. [Selah.]
- 20 God is to us a <sup>a</sup>God of deliverances;  
 And <sup>b</sup>to <sup>1</sup>God the Lord belong escapes <sup>2</sup>from death.
- 21 Surely God will <sup>a</sup>shatter the head of His enemies,  
 The hairy crown of him who goes on in his guilty deeds.
- 22 The Lord <sup>1</sup>said, <sup>a</sup>"I will bring *them* back from Bashan.  
 I will bring *them* back from the depths of the sea;
- 23 That <sup>1a</sup>your foot may shatter *them* in blood,  
 The tongue of your <sup>b</sup>dogs *may have* its portion from  
*your enemies*."
- 24 They have seen <sup>a</sup>Thy <sup>1</sup>procession, O God,  
 The <sup>1</sup>procession of my God, my King, <sup>2b</sup>into the sanc-  
 tuary.
- 25 The <sup>a</sup>singers went on, the musicians after *them*,  
<sup>1</sup>In the midst of the <sup>b</sup>maidens beating tambourines.
- 26 <sup>a</sup>Bless God in the congregations,  
*Even the LORD, you who are of the* <sup>b</sup>fountain of Israel.
- 27 There is <sup>a</sup>Benjamin, the <sup>1</sup>youngest, <sup>2</sup>ruling them,  
 The princes of Judah *in* their throng,  
 The princes of <sup>b</sup>Zebulun, the princes of Naphtali.

- 28 <sup>1</sup>Your God has <sup>a</sup>commanded your strength;  
Show Thyself strong, O God, <sup>b</sup>who hast acted <sup>2</sup>on our behalf.
- 29 <sup>1</sup>Because of Thy temple at Jerusalem  
<sup>a</sup>Kings will bring gifts to Thee.
- 30 Rebuke the <sup>a</sup>beasts <sup>1</sup>in the reeds,  
The herd of <sup>b</sup>bulls with the calves of the peoples,  
Trampling under foot the pieces of silver;  
He has <sup>c</sup>scattered the peoples who delight in war.
- 31 Envoys will come out of <sup>a</sup>Egypt;  
<sup>1b</sup>Ethiopia will quickly stretch out her hands to God.
- 32 Sing to God, O <sup>a</sup>kingdoms of the earth;  
<sup>b</sup>Sing praises to the Lord, [Selah.
- 33 To Him who <sup>a</sup>rides upon the <sup>1b</sup>highest heavens, which  
are from ancient times;  
Behold, <sup>c</sup>He <sup>2</sup>speaks forth with His voice, a <sup>d</sup>mighty voice.
- 34 <sup>a</sup>Ascribe strength to God;  
His majesty is over Israel,  
And <sup>b</sup>His strength is in the <sup>1</sup>skies.
- 35 <sup>1</sup>O God, *Thou art* <sup>a</sup>awesome from Thy <sup>2</sup>sanctuary.  
The God of Israel Himself <sup>b</sup>gives strength and power to the people.  
<sup>c</sup>Blessed be God!

## PSALM 69

A Cry of Distress and Imprecation on Adversaries.

For the choir director; according to  
<sup>4</sup>Shoshannim. A Psalm of David.

- SAVE me, O God,  
For <sup>a</sup>the waters have come up to my soul.
- 2 I have sunk in deep <sup>a</sup>mire, and there is no foothold;  
I have come into deep waters, and a <sup>1b</sup>flood overflows me.
- 3 I am <sup>a</sup>weary with my crying; my throat is parched;  
My <sup>b</sup>eyes fail while I wait for my God.
- 4 Those <sup>a</sup>who hate me without a cause are more than the  
hairs of my head;  
Those who would <sup>1</sup>destroy me <sup>b</sup>are powerful,  
<sup>c</sup>What I did not steal, I then have to restore.
- 5 O God, it is Thou who dost know <sup>a</sup>my folly,  
And <sup>b</sup>my wrongs are not hidden from Thee.
- 6 May those who wait for Thee not <sup>a</sup>be ashamed through  
me, O Lord <sup>1</sup>God of hosts;  
May those who seek Thee not be dishonored through  
me, O God of Israel,
- 7 Because <sup>a</sup>for Thy sake I have borne reproach;  
<sup>b</sup>Dishonor has covered my face.
- 8 I have become <sup>a</sup>estranged <sup>1</sup>from my brothers,  
And an alien to my mother's sons.

28 <sup>1</sup>Some mss. read,  
*Command God* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *for us*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 29:11; 44:4 <sup>b</sup>Is. 26:12

29 <sup>1</sup>Or, *From Thy temple*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 45:12; 72:10; 1 Kin. 10:10, 25; 2 Chr. 32:23; Is. 18:7

30 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *of*  
<sup>a</sup>Job 40:21; Ezek. 29:3 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 22:12 <sup>c</sup>Ps. 18:14; 89:10

31 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *Cush*  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 19:19, 21 <sup>b</sup>Is. 45:14; Zeph. 3:10

32 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 102:22 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 67:4

33 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *heaven of heavens of old* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *gives forth*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 18:10; 104:3; Deut. 33:26 <sup>b</sup>Deut. 10:14; 1 Kin. 8:27 <sup>c</sup>Ps. 46:6 <sup>d</sup>Ps. 29:4

34 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *clouds*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 29:1 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 150:1

35 <sup>1</sup>Or, *Awesome is God from your sanctuary* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *holy places*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 47:2; 66:5; Deut. 7:21; 10:17 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 29:11; Is. 40:29 <sup>c</sup>Ps. 66:20; 2 Cor. 1:3

<sup>4</sup> Or possibly, *Lilies*

<sup>1</sup> <sup>a</sup>Ps. 69:14, 15; Ps. 32:6; 42:7; Job 22:11

<sup>2</sup> <sup>1</sup>Lit., *flowing stream*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 40:2 <sup>b</sup>Jon. 2:3

<sup>3</sup> <sup>a</sup>Ps. 6:6 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 38:10; 119:82, 123; Deut. 28:32; Is. 38:14

<sup>4</sup> <sup>1</sup>Or, *silence*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 35:19; John 15:25 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 35:19; 38:19; 59:3 <sup>c</sup>Ps. 35:11; Jer. 15:10

<sup>5</sup> <sup>a</sup>Ps. 38:5 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 44:21

<sup>6</sup> <sup>1</sup>YHWH, usually rendered LORD  
<sup>2</sup> Sam. 12:14

<sup>7</sup> <sup>a</sup>Jer. 15:15 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 44:15; Is. 50:6; Jer. 51:51

<sup>8</sup> <sup>1</sup>Lit., *to*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 31:11; 38:11; Job 19:13-15

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9 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 119:139; John 2:17  
<sup>b</sup>Ps. 89:41, 50; Rom. 15:3

10 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 35:13

11 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 35:13; 1 Kin. 20:31  
<sup>b</sup>Ps. 44:14; 1 Kin. 9:7; Job  
17:6; Jer. 24:9

12 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *songs*  
<sup>a</sup>Gen. 19:1; Ruth 4:1 <sup>b</sup>Job  
30:9

13 <sup>1</sup>Or, *the faithfulness of  
Thy salvation*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 124:4, 5 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 49:8; 2 Cor.  
6:2 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 51:1

14 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *those who hate  
me* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *deep places of  
water*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 69:2 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 144:7; <sup>c</sup>Ps.  
69:2

15 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *stream*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 124:4, 5 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 28:1;  
141:7; Num. 16:33

16 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 63:3; 109:21 <sup>b</sup>Ps.  
51:1; 106:45 <sup>c</sup>Ps. 25:16;  
86:16

17 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 27:9; 102:2; 143:7  
<sup>b</sup>Ps. 31:9; 66:14

18 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 26:11; 49:15;  
2 Sam. 4:9 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 119:134

19 <sup>1</sup>Or, *known to Thee*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 22:6; 31:11

20 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 23:9 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 142:4  
<sup>c</sup>Job 16:2

21 <sup>1</sup>Or, *poison* <sup>2</sup>Or, *in*  
<sup>a</sup>Deut. 29:18 <sup>b</sup>Matt. 27:34,  
48; Mark 15:23; Luke  
23:36; John 19:28-30

22 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *for those who are  
secure*  
<sup>a</sup>Rom. 11:9, 10 <sup>b</sup>1 Thess.  
5:3

23 <sup>a</sup>Is. 6:10 <sup>b</sup>Dan. 5:6

24 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 79:6; Jer. 10:25;  
Ezek. 20:8; Hos. 5:10

25 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *encampment*  
<sup>a</sup>Matt. 23:38; Luke 13:35;  
Acts 1:20

26 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *pierced*  
<sup>a</sup>2 Chr. 28:9; Zech. 1:15 <sup>b</sup>Is.  
53:4 <sup>c</sup>Ps. 109:22

27 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 109:14; Neh. 4:5;  
Rom. 1:28 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 103:17

28 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *written*  
<sup>a</sup>Ex. 32:33; Rev. 3:5 <sup>b</sup>Phil.  
4:3; Rev. 13:8; 20:15 <sup>c</sup>Ps.  
87:6; Ezek. 13:9; Luke  
10:20; Heb. 12:23

- 9 For <sup>a</sup>zeal for Thy house has consumed me,  
And <sup>b</sup>the reproaches of those who reproach Thee have  
fallen on me.
- 10 When I wept <sup>a</sup>in my soul with fasting,  
It became my reproach.
- 11 When I made <sup>a</sup>sackcloth my clothing,  
I became <sup>b</sup>a byword to them.
- 12 Those who <sup>a</sup>sit in the gate talk about me,  
And I *am* the <sup>1</sup><sup>b</sup>song of the drunkards.
- 13 But as for me, my prayer is to Thee, O LORD, <sup>a</sup>at an  
acceptable time;  
O God, in the <sup>b</sup>greatness of Thy lovingkindness,  
Answer me with <sup>1</sup>Thy saving truth.
- 14 Deliver me from the <sup>a</sup>mire, and do not let me sink;  
May I be <sup>b</sup>delivered from <sup>1</sup>my foes, and from the <sup>2</sup><sup>c</sup>deep  
waters.
- 15 May the <sup>1</sup>a flood of water not overflow me,  
And may the deep not swallow me up,  
And may the <sup>b</sup>pit not shut its mouth on me.
- 16 Answer me, O LORD, for <sup>a</sup>Thy lovingkindness is good;  
<sup>b</sup>According to the greatness of Thy compassion, <sup>c</sup>turn to  
me,
- 17 And <sup>a</sup>do not hide Thy face from Thy servant,  
For I am <sup>b</sup>in distress; answer me quickly.
- 18 Oh draw near to my soul *and* <sup>a</sup>redeem it;  
<sup>b</sup>Ransom me because of my enemies!
- 19 Thou dost know my <sup>a</sup>reproach and my shame and my  
dishonor;  
All my adversaries are <sup>1</sup>before Thee.
- 20 Reproach has <sup>a</sup>broken my heart, and I am so sick.  
And <sup>b</sup>I looked for sympathy, but there was none,  
And for <sup>c</sup>comforters, but I found none.
- 21 They also gave me <sup>1</sup>aggall <sup>2</sup>for my food,  
And for my thirst they <sup>b</sup>gave me vinegar to drink.
- 22 May <sup>a</sup>their table before them become a snare;  
And <sup>1</sup><sup>b</sup>when they are in peace, *may it become* a trap.
- 23 May their <sup>a</sup>eyes grow dim so that they cannot see,  
And make their <sup>b</sup>loins shake continually.
- 24 <sup>a</sup>Pour out Thine indignation on them,  
And may Thy burning anger overtake them.
- 25 May their <sup>1</sup>camp be desolate;  
May none dwell in their tents.
- 26 For they have <sup>a</sup>persecuted him whom <sup>b</sup>Thou Thyself  
hast smitten,  
And they tell of the pain of those whom <sup>c</sup>Thou hast  
<sup>1</sup>wounded.
- 27 Do Thou add <sup>a</sup>iniquity to their iniquity,  
And may they not come into <sup>b</sup>Thy righteousness.
- 28 May they be <sup>a</sup>blotted out of the <sup>b</sup>book of life,  
And may they not be <sup>1</sup>recorded with the righteous.

- 29 But I am <sup>a</sup>afflicted and in pain;  
<sup>1</sup>May Thy salvation, O God, <sup>b</sup>set me *securely* on high.
- 30 I will <sup>a</sup>praise the name of God with song,  
 And shall <sup>b</sup>magnify Him with <sup>c</sup>thanksgiving.
- 31 And it will <sup>a</sup>please the LORD better than an ox  
 Or a young bull with horns and hoofs.
- 32 The <sup>a</sup>humble <sup>1</sup>have seen *it* <sup>and</sup> are glad;  
 You who seek God, <sup>b</sup>let your heart <sup>2</sup>revive.
- 33 For <sup>a</sup>the LORD hears the needy,  
 And <sup>b</sup>does not despise His *who are* prisoners.
- 34 Let <sup>a</sup>heaven and earth praise Him,  
 The seas and everything that moves in them.
- 35 For God will <sup>a</sup>save Zion and <sup>b</sup>build the cities of Judah,  
 That they may dwell there and <sup>c</sup>possess it.
- 36 And the <sup>1a</sup>descendants of His servants will inherit it,  
 And those who love His name <sup>b</sup>will dwell in it.

## PSALM 70

Prayer for Help against Persecutors.

For the choir director. A Psalm of David;  
for a memorial.

- <sup>a</sup>O GOD, *hasten* to deliver me;  
 O LORD, hasten to my help!
- 2 Let those be ashamed and humiliated  
 Who seek my <sup>1</sup>life;  
 Let those be turned back and dishonored  
 Who delight <sup>2</sup>in my hurt.
- 3 Let those be <sup>1</sup>turned back because of their shame  
 Who say, "Aha, aha!"
- 4 Let all who seek Thee rejoice and be glad in Thee;  
 And let those who love Thy salvation say continually,  
 "Let God be magnified."
- 5 But I am afflicted and needy;  
<sup>a</sup>Hasten to me, O God!  
 Thou art my help and my deliverer;  
 O LORD, do not delay.

## PSALM 71

Prayer of an Old Man for Deliverance.

- <sup>a</sup>IN Thee, O LORD, I have taken refuge;  
 Let me never be ashamed.
- 2 In Thy righteousness deliver me, and rescue me;  
 Incline Thine ear to me, and save me.
- 3 Be Thou to me a rock of <sup>a</sup>habitation, to which I may  
 continually come;  
 Thou hast given <sup>b</sup>commandment to save me,  
 For Thou art <sup>c</sup>my <sup>1</sup>rock and my fortress.
- 4 <sup>a</sup>Rescue me, O my God, out of the hand of the wicked,  
 Out of the <sup>1</sup>grasp of the wrongdoer and ruthless man,

29 <sup>1</sup>Or, *Thy salvation, O God, will set . . .*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 70:5 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 20:1; 59:130 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 28:7 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 34:3 <sup>c</sup>Ps. 50:1431 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 50:13, 14; 51:1632 <sup>1</sup>Some mss. and ancient versions read, *will see* <sup>2</sup>Or, *live*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 34:2 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 22:2633 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 12:5 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 68:634 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 96:11; 98:7; 148:1-13; Is. 44:23; 49:1335 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 46:5; 51:18 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 147:2; Is. 44:26 <sup>c</sup>Obad. 1736 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *seed*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 25:13; 102:28 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 37:291 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 70:1-5; 40:13-172 <sup>1</sup>Or, *soul* <sup>2</sup>Or, *to injure me*3 <sup>1</sup>Some mss. read, *appalled*; cf. Ps. 40:155 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 141:11 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 71:1-3; 31:1-33 <sup>1</sup>Or, *crag*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 90:1; 91:9; Deut. 33:27  
<sup>b</sup>Ps. 7:6; 42:8 <sup>c</sup>Ps. 18:24 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *palm*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 140:1, 4

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5 <sup>1</sup>YHWH, usually rendered LORD  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 39:7; Jer. 14:8; 17:7, 13, 17; 50:7 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 22:9

6 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *Upon Thee I have been supported* <sup>2</sup>Lit., in  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 22:10; Is. 46:3 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 22:9; Job 10:18 <sup>c</sup>Ps. 34:1

7 <sup>a</sup>Is. 8:18; 1 Cor. 4:9  
<sup>b</sup>Ps. 61:3

8 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 63:5 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 96:6; 104:1

9 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 71:18; 92:14; Is. 46:4

10 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *with reference to* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *soul*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 56:6 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 31:13; 83:3; Matt. 27:1

11 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 3:2 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 7:2

12 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 10:1; 22:11; 35:22; 38:21 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 38:22; 40:13; 70:5

13 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *my injury*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 35:4, 26; 40:14 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 109:29 <sup>c</sup>Ps. 71:24; Esth. 9:2

14 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *add upon all Thy praise*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 130:7 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 71:8

15 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *numbers*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 35:28 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 96:2 <sup>c</sup>Ps. 40:5

16 <sup>1</sup>YHWH, usually rendered LORD  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 106:2 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 51:14

17 <sup>a</sup>Deut. 4:5; 6:7 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 26:7; 40:5; 119:27

18 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *arm*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 71:9 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 22:31; 78:4, 6

19 <sup>1</sup>Or. *And* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *height*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 36:6; 57:10 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 126:2; Luke 1:49 <sup>c</sup>Ps. 35:10; Deut. 3:24

20 <sup>1</sup>Another reading is, *us*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 60:3 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 80:18; 85:6; 119:25; 138:7; Hos. 6:2 <sup>c</sup>Ps. 86:13

21 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 18:35 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 23:4; 86:17; Is. 12:1; 49:13

22 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *an instrument of a harp* <sup>2</sup>Or. *faithfulness*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 33:2; 81:2; 144:9 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 33:2; 147:7 <sup>c</sup>Ps. 78:41; 89:18; Is. 1:4

5 For Thou art my <sup>a</sup>hope;  
 O Lord <sup>1</sup>God, *Thou art* my <sup>b</sup>confidence from my youth.  
 6 <sup>1</sup>By Thee I have been <sup>a</sup>sustained from *my* birth;  
 Thou art He who <sup>b</sup>took me from my mother's womb;  
 My <sup>c</sup>praise is continually <sup>2</sup>of Thee.

7 I have become a <sup>a</sup>marvel to many;  
 For Thou art <sup>b</sup>my strong refuge.  
 8 My <sup>a</sup>mouth is filled with Thy praise,  
 And with <sup>b</sup>Thy glory all day long.  
 9 Do not cast me off in the <sup>a</sup>time of old age;  
 Do not forsake me when my strength fails.  
 10 For my enemies have spoken <sup>1</sup>against me;  
 And those who <sup>a</sup>watch for my <sup>2</sup>life <sup>b</sup>have consulted together,  
 11 Saying, "aGod has forsaken him;  
 Pursue and seize him, for there is <sup>b</sup>no one to deliver."

12 O God, <sup>a</sup>do not be far from me;  
 O my God, <sup>b</sup>hasten to my help!  
 13 Let those who are adversaries of my soul be <sup>a</sup>ashamed and consumed;  
 Let them be <sup>b</sup>covered with reproach and dishonor, who <sup>c</sup>seek <sup>1</sup>to injure me.  
 14 But as for me, I will <sup>a</sup>hope continually,  
 And will <sup>b</sup>praise Thee yet more and more.  
 15 My <sup>a</sup>mouth shall tell of Thy righteousness,  
 And of <sup>b</sup>Thy salvation all day long;  
 For I <sup>c</sup>do not know the <sup>1</sup>sum of them.  
 16 I will come <sup>a</sup>with the mighty deeds of the Lord <sup>1</sup>God;  
 I will <sup>b</sup>make mention of Thy righteousness, Thine alone.

17 O God, Thou <sup>a</sup>hast taught me from my youth;  
 And I still <sup>b</sup>declare Thy wondrous deeds.  
 18 And even when *I am* <sup>a</sup>old and gray, O God, do not forsake me,  
 Until I <sup>b</sup>declare Thy <sup>1</sup>strength to *this* generation,  
 Thy power to all who are to come.  
 19 <sup>1</sup>For Thy <sup>a</sup>righteousness, O God, *reaches* to the <sup>2</sup>heavens,  
 Thou who hast <sup>b</sup>done great things;  
 O God, <sup>c</sup>who is like Thee?

20 Thou, who hast <sup>a</sup>shown <sup>1</sup>me many troubles and distresses,  
 Wilt <sup>b</sup>revive <sup>1</sup>me again,  
 And wilt bring <sup>1</sup>me up again <sup>c</sup>from the depths of the earth.  
 21 Mayest Thou increase my <sup>a</sup>greatness,  
 And turn *to* <sup>b</sup>comfort me.

22 I will also praise Thee with <sup>1a</sup>a harp,  
 Even Thy <sup>2</sup>truth, O my God;  
 To Thee I will sing praises with the <sup>b</sup>lyre,  
 O Thou <sup>c</sup>Holy One of Israel.



- 23 My lips will <sup>a</sup>shout for joy when I sing praises to Thee;  
And my <sup>b</sup>soul, which Thou hast redeemed.
- 24 My <sup>a</sup>tongue also will utter Thy righteousness all day  
long;  
For they are <sup>b</sup>ashamed, for they are humiliated who seek  
<sup>1</sup>my hurt.

## PSALM 72

The Reign of the Righteous King.

A Psalm of Solomon.

- G**IVE the king <sup>a</sup>Thy judgments, O God,  
And <sup>b</sup>Thy righteousness to the king's son.
- 2 <sup>1</sup>May <sup>2</sup>he <sup>a</sup>judge Thy people with righteousness,  
And <sup>3b</sup>Thine afflicted with justice.
- 3 <sup>1</sup>Let the mountains bring <sup>2a</sup>peace to the people,  
And the hills in righteousness.
- 4 <sup>1</sup>May he <sup>a</sup>vindicate the <sup>2</sup>afflicted of the people,  
Save the children of the needy,  
And crush the oppressor.
- 5 <sup>1</sup>Let them fear Thee <sup>a</sup>while the sun endures,  
And <sup>2</sup>as long as the moon, throughout all generations.
- 6 <sup>1</sup>May he come down <sup>a</sup>like rain upon the mown grass,  
Like <sup>b</sup>showers that water the earth.
- 7 In his days <sup>1</sup>may the <sup>a</sup>righteous flourish,  
And abundance of peace till the moon is no more.
- 8 May he also rule <sup>a</sup>from sea to sea,  
And from the river to the ends of the earth.
- 9 <sup>1</sup>Let <sup>a</sup>the nomads of the desert <sup>b</sup>bow before him;  
And his enemies <sup>c</sup>lick the dust.
- 10 <sup>1</sup>Let the kings of <sup>a</sup>Tarshish and of the <sup>2b</sup>islands bring  
presents;  
The kings of <sup>c</sup>Sheba and <sup>d</sup>Seba <sup>e</sup>offer <sup>3</sup>gifts.
- 11 <sup>1</sup>And let all <sup>a</sup>kings bow down before him,  
All <sup>b</sup>nations serve him.
- 12 For he will <sup>a</sup>deliver the needy when he cries for help,  
The <sup>1</sup>afflicted also, and him who has no helper.
- 13 He will have <sup>a</sup>compassion on the poor and needy,  
And the <sup>1</sup>lives of the needy he will save.
- 14 He will <sup>1a</sup>rescue their <sup>2</sup>life from oppression and violence;  
And their blood will be <sup>b</sup>precious in his sight;
- 15 So may he live; and may the <sup>a</sup>gold of Sheba be given to  
him;  
And let <sup>1</sup>them pray for him continually;  
Let <sup>1</sup>them bless him all day long.
- 16 May there be abundance of grain in the earth on top of  
the mountains;  
Its fruit will wave like *the cedars of* <sup>a</sup>Lebanon;  
And may those from the city flourish like <sup>b</sup>vegetation of  
the earth.

23 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 5:11; 32:11; 132:9,  
16 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 34:22; 55:18; 103:424 <sup>1</sup>Or, to injure me  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 35:28 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 71:13<sup>1</sup> <sup>a</sup>1 Chr. 22:13; 1 Kin.  
3:9 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 24:5<sup>2</sup> <sup>1</sup>Or, He will judge  
<sup>2</sup>Many of the pronouns in  
this Psalm may be  
rendered He since the  
typical reference is to the  
Messiah. <sup>1</sup>Or, Thy humble  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 9:7; 11:2-5; 32:1 <sup>b</sup>Ps.  
82:3<sup>3</sup> <sup>1</sup>Or, The mountains  
will bring <sup>2</sup>Or, prosperity  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 2:4; 9:5; 6; Mic. 4:3, 4;  
Zech. 9:10<sup>4</sup> <sup>1</sup>Or, He will vindicate  
<sup>2</sup>Or, humble  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 11:4<sup>5</sup> <sup>1</sup>Or, They will fear  
<sup>2</sup>Lit., before the moon  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 89:36, 37<sup>6</sup> <sup>1</sup>Or, He will come  
down  
<sup>a</sup>Deut. 32:2; 2 Sam. 23:4;  
Hos. 6:3 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 65:10<sup>7</sup> <sup>1</sup>Or, The righteous will  
flourish  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 92:12<sup>8</sup> <sup>a</sup>Ex. 23:31; Zech. 9:10<sup>9</sup> <sup>1</sup>Or, The  
nomads . . . will bow  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 74:14; Is. 23:13 <sup>b</sup>Ps.  
22:29 <sup>c</sup>Is. 49:23; Mic. 1:7<sup>10</sup> <sup>1</sup>Or, The kings . . . will  
bring <sup>2</sup>Or, coastlands <sup>3</sup>Or,  
tribute  
<sup>a</sup>2 Chr. 9:21; Ps. 48:7 <sup>b</sup>Ps.  
97:1; Is. 42:4, 10; Zeph. 2:11  
<sup>c</sup>1 Kin. 10:1; Job 6:19; Is.  
60:6 <sup>d</sup>Gen. 10:7; Is. 43:3  
<sup>e</sup>Ps. 45:12; 68:29<sup>11</sup> <sup>1</sup>Or, All kings will bow  
down  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 138:4; Is. 49:23 <sup>b</sup>Ps.  
86:9<sup>12</sup> <sup>1</sup>Or, humble  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 72:4; Job 29:12<sup>13</sup> <sup>1</sup>Lit., souls  
<sup>a</sup>Prov. 19:17; 28:8<sup>14</sup> <sup>1</sup>Lit., redeem <sup>2</sup>Lit.,  
soul  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 69:18 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 116:15;  
1 Sam. 26:21<sup>15</sup> <sup>1</sup>Lit., him  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 60:6<sup>16</sup> <sup>a</sup>Ps. 104:16 <sup>b</sup>Job 5:25

17 <sup>1</sup>Or, *sprout forth* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *before the sun*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 135:13; Ex. 3:15 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 89:36 <sup>c</sup>Gen. 12:3; 22:18  
<sup>d</sup>Luke 1:48

18 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 41:13; 89:52;  
 106:48 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 77:14; 86:10;  
 136:4; Ex. 15:11; Job 5:9

19 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 96:8; Neh. 9:5  
<sup>b</sup>Num. 14:21 <sup>c</sup>Ps. 41:13

1 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 86:5 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 24:4;  
 51:10; Matt. 5:8

2 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *were caused to slip*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 94:18

3 <sup>1</sup>Or, *boasters*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 37:1; Prov. 23:17 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 37:7; Jer. 12:1

4 <sup>1</sup>Or, *belly*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 10:5

5 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *in the trouble of men* <sup>2</sup>Or, *mortals* <sup>3</sup>Lit., *with*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 73:12; Job 21:9 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 73:14

6 <sup>a</sup>Gen. 41:42; Prov. 1:9  
<sup>b</sup>Ps. 109:18

7 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *goes forth* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *overflow*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 17:10; Job 15:27

8 <sup>1</sup>Or, *they speak in wickedness; From on high they speak of oppression.*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 1:1 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 17:10; 2 Pet. 2:18; Jude 16

9 <sup>1</sup>Or, *in* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *walks*

10 <sup>1</sup>Or, *His* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *drained out*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 23:5

11 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *in*  
<sup>a</sup>Job 22:13

12 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 49:6; 52:7 <sup>b</sup>Jer. 49:31; Ezek. 23:42

13 <sup>1</sup>Or, *cleansed my heart*  
<sup>a</sup>Job 21:15; 34:9; 35:3 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 26:6

14 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *my chastening*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 38:6 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 118:18; Job 33:19

15 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 14:5

16 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *labor, trouble*  
<sup>a</sup>Eccles. 8:17

17 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *sanctuaries*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 27:4; 77:13 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 37:38

- 17 May his <sup>a</sup>name endure forever;  
 May his name <sup>1</sup>increase <sup>2</sup>as long as the sun *shines*;  
 And let *men* <sup>c</sup>bless themselves by him;  
<sup>d</sup>Let all nations call him blessed.
- 18 <sup>a</sup>Blessed be the LORD God, the God of Israel,  
 Who alone <sup>b</sup>works wonders.
- 19 And blessed be His <sup>a</sup>glorious name forever;  
 And may the whole <sup>b</sup>earth be filled with His glory.  
<sup>c</sup>Amen, and Amen.
- 20 The prayers of David the son of Jesse are ended.

**BOOK 3**

**PSALM 73**

The End of the Wicked Contrasted with That of the Righteous.

A Psalm of Asaph.

- SURELY** God is <sup>a</sup>good to Israel,  
 To those who are <sup>b</sup>pure in heart!
- 2 But as for me, <sup>a</sup>my feet came close to stumbling;  
 My steps <sup>1</sup>had almost slipped.
- 3 For I was <sup>a</sup>envious of the <sup>1</sup>arrogant,  
 As I saw the <sup>b</sup>prosperity of the wicked.
- 4 For there are no pains in their death;  
 And their <sup>1</sup>body is <sup>a</sup>fat.
- 5 They are <sup>a</sup>not <sup>1</sup>in trouble *as other* <sup>2</sup>men;  
 Nor are they <sup>b</sup>plagued <sup>3</sup>like mankind.
- 6 Therefore pride is <sup>a</sup>their necklace;  
 The <sup>b</sup>garment of violence covers them.
- 7 Their eye <sup>1</sup>bulges from <sup>a</sup>fatness;  
 The imaginations of *their* heart <sup>2</sup>run riot.
- 8 They <sup>a</sup>mock, and <sup>1</sup>wickedly speak of oppression;  
 They <sup>b</sup>speak from on high.
- 9 They have set their mouth <sup>1</sup>against the heavens,  
 And their tongue <sup>2</sup>parades through the earth.
- 10 Therefore <sup>1</sup>his people return to this place;  
 And waters of <sup>a</sup>abundance are <sup>2</sup>drunk by them.
- 11 And they say, “<sup>a</sup>How does God know?  
 And is there knowledge <sup>1</sup>with the Most High?”
- 12 Behold, <sup>a</sup>these are the wicked;  
 And always <sup>b</sup>at ease, they have increased *in* wealth.
- 13 Surely <sup>a</sup>in vain I have <sup>1</sup>kept my heart pure,  
 And <sup>b</sup>washed my hands in innocence;
- 14 For I have been stricken <sup>a</sup>all day long,  
 And <sup>1</sup>chastened every morning.
- 15 If I had said, “I will speak thus”;  
 Behold, I should have betrayed the <sup>a</sup>generation of Thy children.
- 16 When I <sup>a</sup>pondered to understand this,  
 It was <sup>1</sup>troublesome in my sight
- 17 Until I came into the <sup>1</sup>sanctuary of God;  
 Then I perceived their <sup>b</sup>bend.

- 18 Surely Thou dost set them in <sup>a</sup>slippery places;  
Thou dost cast them down to <sup>b</sup>destruction.
- 19 How they are <sup>1a</sup>destroyed in a moment!  
They are utterly swept away by <sup>b</sup>sudden terrors!
- 20 Like a <sup>a</sup>dream when one awakes,  
O Lord, when <sup>b</sup>aroused, Thou wilt <sup>c</sup>despise their <sup>1</sup>form.
- 21 When my <sup>a</sup>heart was embittered,  
And I was <sup>b</sup>pierced <sup>1</sup>within,
- 22 Then I was <sup>a</sup>senseless and ignorant;  
I was *like* a <sup>1b</sup>beast <sup>2</sup>before Thee.
- 23 Nevertheless <sup>a</sup>I am continually with Thee;  
Thou hast taken hold of my right hand.
- 24 With Thy counsel Thou wilt <sup>a</sup>guide me,  
And afterward <sup>b</sup>receive me <sup>1</sup>to glory.
- 25 <sup>a</sup>Whom have I in heaven *but Thee*?  
And <sup>1</sup>besides Thee, I desire nothing on earth.
- 26 My <sup>a</sup>flesh and my heart may fail;  
But God is the <sup>1</sup>strength of my heart and my <sup>b</sup>portion  
forever.
- 27 For, behold, those who are far from Thee will <sup>a</sup>perish;  
Thou hast <sup>1</sup>destroyed all those who <sup>2b</sup>are unfaithful to  
Thee.
- 28 But as for me, <sup>a</sup>the nearness of God is my good;  
I have made the Lord <sup>1</sup>God my <sup>b</sup>refuge,  
That I may <sup>c</sup>tell of all Thy works.

## PSALM 74

An Appeal against the Devastation of the Land by the Enemy.

A <sup>a</sup>Maskil of Asaph.

- O** GOD, why hast Thou <sup>a</sup>rejected us forever?  
Why does Thine anger <sup>b</sup>smoke against the <sup>c</sup>sheep of  
Thy <sup>1</sup>pasture?
- 2 Remember Thy congregation, which Thou hast <sup>a</sup>purchased  
of old,  
Which Thou hast <sup>b</sup>redeemed to be the <sup>c</sup>tribe of Thine  
inheritance;  
And Mount <sup>a</sup>Zion, where Thou hast dwelt.
- 3 <sup>1</sup>Turn Thy footsteps toward the <sup>a</sup>perpetual ruins,  
The enemy <sup>b</sup>has damaged everything within the sanctuary.
- 4 Thine adversaries have <sup>a</sup>roared in the midst of Thy  
meeting place;  
They have set up their <sup>b</sup>own <sup>1</sup>standards <sup>c</sup>for signs.
- 5 It seems as if one had lifted up  
*His* <sup>1a</sup>axe in a <sup>2</sup>forest of trees.
- 6 And now <sup>1</sup>all its <sup>a</sup>carved work  
They smash with hatchet and <sup>2</sup>hammers.
- 7 They have <sup>1a</sup>burned Thy sanctuary <sup>2</sup>to the ground;  
They have <sup>b</sup>defiled the dwelling place of Thy name.
- 8 They <sup>a</sup>said in their heart, "Let us <sup>1</sup>completely <sup>2</sup>subdue  
them."  
They have burned all the meeting places of God in the  
land.

18 <sup>1</sup>Lit., ruins  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 35:6 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 35:8; 36:1219 <sup>1</sup>Lit., become a  
desolation  
<sup>a</sup>Num. 16:21; Is. 47:11 <sup>b</sup>Job  
18:1120 <sup>1</sup>Or, image  
<sup>a</sup>Job 20:8 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 78:65  
<sup>c</sup>1 Sam. 2:3021 <sup>1</sup>Lit., in my kidneys  
<sup>a</sup>Judg. 10:16 <sup>b</sup>Acts 2:3722 <sup>1</sup>Or, animal <sup>2</sup>Lit., with  
Thee  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 49:10; 92:6 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 49:20;  
Job 18:3; Eccles. 3:1823 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 16:824 <sup>1</sup>Or, with honor  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 32:8; 48:14; Is. 58:11  
<sup>b</sup>Ps. 49:15; Gen. 5:2425 <sup>1</sup>Or, with  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 16:226 <sup>1</sup>Lit., rock  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 38:10; 40:12; 84:2;  
119:81 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 16:527 <sup>1</sup>Or, silenced <sup>2</sup>Lit., go  
to a whoring from  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 37:20 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 106:39; Ex.  
34:15; Num. 15:39; Hos.  
4:12; 9:128 <sup>1</sup>YHWH, usually  
rendered LORD  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 65:4; Heb. 10:22;  
James 4:8 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 14:6; 71:7  
<sup>c</sup>Ps. 40:5; 107:22; 118:17<sup>1</sup> Possibly, Contemplative,  
or Didactic, or Skillful  
Psalm1 <sup>1</sup>Or, pasturing  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 44:9; 77:7 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 18:8;  
89:46; Deut. 29:20 <sup>c</sup>Ps.  
79:13; 95:7; 100:32 <sup>a</sup>Ex. 15:16; Deut. 32:6  
<sup>b</sup>Ps. 77:15; 106:10; Ex.  
15:13; Is. 63:9 <sup>c</sup>Deut. 32:9;  
Is. 63:17; Jer. 10:16; 51:19  
<sup>d</sup>Ps. 9:11; 68:163 <sup>1</sup>Lit., Lift up  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 61:4 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 79:14 <sup>1</sup>Lit., signs  
<sup>a</sup>Lam. 2:7 <sup>b</sup>Num. 2:2 <sup>c</sup>Ps.  
74:95 <sup>1</sup>Lit., axes <sup>2</sup>Lit., thicket  
<sup>a</sup>Jer. 46:226 <sup>1</sup>Lit., altogether <sup>2</sup>Or,  
axes  
<sup>a</sup>1 Kin. 6:18, 29, 32, 357 <sup>1</sup>Lit., set on fire <sup>2</sup>Or,  
To the ground they ...  
<sup>a</sup>2 Kin. 25:9 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 89:39;  
Lam. 2:28 <sup>1</sup>Lit., altogether <sup>2</sup>Or,  
oppress  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 83:4

**Psalms 74, 75**

9 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 78:43 <sup>b1</sup> Sam. 3:1; Lam. 2:9; Ezek. 7:26; Amos 8:11 <sup>c</sup>Ps. 6:3; 79:5; 80:4

10 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 44:16; 79:12; 89:51 <sup>b</sup>Lev. 24:16

11 <sup>a</sup>Lam. 2:3 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 59:13

12 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 44:4

13 <sup>1</sup>Or, *Thou Thyself*  
<sup>2</sup>Lit., on  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 78:13; Ex. 14:21 <sup>b</sup>Is. 51:9 <sup>c</sup>Ps. 148:7; Jer. 51:34

14 <sup>1</sup>Or, *Thou Thyself*  
<sup>2</sup>Or, *sea monster* <sup>3</sup>Lit., *people*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 104:26; Job 41:1 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 72:9

15 <sup>1</sup>Or, *Thou Thyself*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 78:15; 105:41; 114:8; Ex. 17:5, 6; Num. 20:11; Is. 48:21 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 114:3; Ex. 14:21, 22; Josh. 2:10; 3:13

16 <sup>1</sup>Or, *Thou Thyself*  
<sup>2</sup>Or, *luminary*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 104:19; 136:7, 8; Gen. 1:14-18

17 <sup>1</sup>Or, *Thou Thyself*  
<sup>2</sup>Or, *formed*  
<sup>a</sup>Deut. 32:8; Acts 17:26 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 147:16-18

18 <sup>1</sup>Or, *that the enemy has reviled the LORD*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 74:10 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 39:8; Deut. 32:6; Ps. 14:1; 53:1

19 <sup>a</sup>Song of Sol. 2:14 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 9:18

20 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 106:45; Gen. 17:7 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 88:6; 143:3

21 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 103:6 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 35:10; Is. 41:17

22 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *Thy reproach from the foolish man*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 43:1; Is. 3:13; 43:26; Ezek. 20:35 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 14:1; 53:1; 74:18

23 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 74:10 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 65:7

<sup>£</sup> Lit., *Do Not Destroy*

1 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 79:13 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 145:18 <sup>c</sup>Ps. 26:7; 44:1; 71:17

2 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 102:13 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 9:8; 67:4; Is. 11:4

3 <sup>1</sup>Or, *totter* <sup>2</sup>*Selah* may mean: *Pause, Crescendo or Musical interlude*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 46:6; Is. 24:19 <sup>b1</sup> Sam. 2:8

- 9 We do not see our <sup>a</sup>signs,  
There is <sup>b</sup>no longer any prophet,  
Nor is there any among us who knows <sup>c</sup>how long.
- 10 How long, O God, will the adversary <sup>a</sup>revile,  
And the enemy <sup>b</sup>spurn Thy name forever?
- 11 Why <sup>a</sup>dost Thou withdraw Thy hand, even Thy right hand?  
From within Thy bosom, <sup>b</sup>destroy *them!*
- 12 Yet God is <sup>a</sup>my king from of old,  
Who works deeds of deliverance in the midst of the earth.
- 13 <sup>1</sup>Thou didst <sup>a</sup>divide the sea by Thy strength;  
<sup>1</sup>Thou <sup>b</sup>didst break the heads of the <sup>c</sup>sea-monsters <sup>2</sup>in the waters.
- 14 <sup>1</sup>Thou didst crush the heads of <sup>2a</sup>Leviathan;  
<sup>1</sup>Thou didst give him as food for the <sup>3</sup>creatures <sup>b</sup>of the wilderness.
- 15 <sup>1</sup>Thou didst <sup>a</sup>break open springs and torrents;  
<sup>1</sup>Thou didst <sup>b</sup>dry up ever-flowing streams.
- 16 Thine is the day, Thine is the night;  
<sup>1</sup>Thou hast <sup>a</sup>prepared the <sup>2</sup>light and the sun.
- 17 <sup>1</sup>Thou hast <sup>a</sup>established all the boundaries of the earth;  
<sup>1</sup>Thou hast <sup>2</sup>made <sup>b</sup>summer and winter.
- 18 Remember this, <sup>1</sup>O LORD, that the enemy has <sup>a</sup>reviled;  
And a <sup>b</sup>foolish people has spurned Thy name.
- 19 Do not deliver the soul of Thy <sup>a</sup>turtledove to the wild beast;  
<sup>b</sup>Do not forget the life of Thine afflicted forever.
- 20 Consider the <sup>a</sup>covenant;  
For the <sup>b</sup>dark places of the land are full of the habitations of violence.
- 21 Let not the <sup>a</sup>oppressed return dishonored;  
Let the <sup>b</sup>afflicted and needy praise Thy name.
- 22 Do arise, O God, *and* <sup>a</sup>plead Thine own cause;  
Remember <sup>1</sup>how the <sup>b</sup>foolish man reproaches Thee all day long.
- 23 Do not forget the voice of Thine <sup>a</sup>adversaries,  
The <sup>b</sup>uproar of those who rise against Thee which ascends continually.

**PSALM 75**

God Abases the Proud, but Exalts the Righteous.

For the choir director; *set to* <sup>£</sup>Al-tashheth.  
A Psalm of Asaph, a Song.

- W**E give thanks to Thee, O God, we give thanks,  
For Thy name is <sup>b</sup>near;  
Men declare <sup>c</sup>Thy wondrous works.
- 2 "When I select an <sup>a</sup>appointed time;  
It is I who <sup>b</sup>judge with equity.
- 3 "The <sup>a</sup>earth and all who dwell in it <sup>1</sup>melt;  
It is I who have firmly set its <sup>b</sup>pillars.

[<sup>2</sup>Selah.

- 4 "I said to the boastful, 'Do not boast,'  
And to the wicked, 'Do not lift up the horn;  
5 Do not lift up your horn on high,  
'Do not speak with insolent pride.' "
- 6 For not from the east, nor from the west,  
Nor from the <sup>1</sup>desert comes exaltation;  
7 But <sup>a</sup>God is the Judge;  
He <sup>b</sup>puts down one, and exalts another.  
8 For a <sup>a</sup>cup is in the hand of the LORD, and the wine  
foams;  
It is <sup>b</sup>well mixed, and He pours out of this;  
Surely all the wicked of the earth must drain *and* <sup>c</sup>drink  
down its dregs.
- 9 But as for me, I will <sup>a</sup>declare it forever,  
I will sing praises to the God of Jacob.  
10 And all the <sup>a</sup>horns of the wicked <sup>1</sup>He will cut off,  
But <sup>b</sup>the horns of the righteous will be lifted up.

## PSALM 76

The Victorious Power of the God of Jacob.

For the choir director; on stringed  
instruments. A Psalm of Asaph, a Song.

- G**OD is <sup>a</sup>known in Judah;  
His name is <sup>b</sup>great in Israel.  
2 And His <sup>1</sup>tabernacle is in <sup>b</sup>Salem,  
His <sup>c</sup>dwelling place also is in Zion.  
3 There He <sup>a</sup>broke the <sup>1</sup>flaming arrows,  
The shield, and the sword, and the <sup>2</sup>weapons of  
war. [<sup>3</sup>Selah.
- 4 Thou art resplendent,  
<sup>1</sup>More majestic than the mountains of prey.  
5 The <sup>a</sup>stouthearted were plundered;  
<sup>1</sup>They sank into sleep;  
And none of the <sup>2</sup>warriors could use his hands.  
6 At Thy <sup>a</sup>rebuke, O God of Jacob,  
Both <sup>b</sup>brider and horse were cast into a dead sleep.  
7 Thou, even Thou, art <sup>a</sup>to be feared;  
And <sup>b</sup>who may stand in Thy presence when once <sup>1</sup>Thou  
art angry?
- 8 Thou didst cause judgment to be heard from heaven;  
The earth <sup>a</sup>feared, and was still,  
9 When God <sup>a</sup>arose to judgment,  
To save all the humble of the earth. [<sup>3</sup>Selah.  
10 For the <sup>1</sup>awrath of man shall praise Thee;  
With a remnant of wrath Thou shalt gird Thyself.  
11 Make vows to the LORD your God and <sup>a</sup>fulfill them;  
Let all who are around Him <sup>b</sup>bring gifts to Him who is  
to be feared.

4 <sup>a</sup>Zech. 1:215 <sup>1</sup>Lit., neck  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 94:4; 1 Sam. 2:36 <sup>1</sup>Or, mountainous  
desert  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 3:3; 113:77 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 50:6 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 147:6;  
1 Sam. 2:7; Dan. 2:218 <sup>1</sup>Lit., full of mixture  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 11:6; 60:3; Job 21:20;  
Jer. 25:15 <sup>b</sup>Prov. 23:30  
<sup>c</sup>Obad. 169 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 22:22; 40:1010 <sup>1</sup>Heb., I  
<sup>a</sup>Jer. 48:25 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 89:17;  
92:10; 148:14; 1 Sam. 2:11 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 48:3 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 99:32 <sup>1</sup>Lit., shelter  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 27:5; Lam. 2:6 <sup>b</sup>Gen.  
14:18 <sup>c</sup>Ps. 9:11; 132:13;  
135:213 <sup>1</sup>Lit., fiery shafts of the  
bow <sup>2</sup>Lit., battle <sup>3</sup>Selah  
may mean: Pause,  
Crescendo or Musical  
interlude  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 46:94 <sup>1</sup>Or, Majestic from the  
mountains5 <sup>1</sup>Lit., They slumbered  
their sleep <sup>2</sup>Lit., men of  
might have found their  
hands  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 10:12; 46:126 <sup>1</sup>Lit., chariot  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 80:16 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 78:53; Ex.  
15:1, 217 <sup>1</sup>Lit., Thine anger is  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 89:7; 96:4; 1 Chr. 16:25  
<sup>b</sup>Ps. 130:3; Ezra 9:15; Nah.  
1:6; Mal. 3:2; Rev. 6:178 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 33:8; 1 Chr. 16:309 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 74:22; 82:810 <sup>1</sup>Lit., wraths  
<sup>a</sup>Ex. 9:16; Rom. 9:1711 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 50:14 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 68:29

12 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *awesome*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 47:2

1 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 3:4; 142:1

2 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *and did not grow numb*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 50:15; 86:7 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 63:6;  
<sup>c</sup>Is. 26:9 <sup>c</sup>Ps. 88:9; Job 11:13  
<sup>d</sup>Gen. 37:35

3 <sup>1</sup>*Selah* may mean:  
*Pause, Crescendo or Musical interlude*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 42:5, 11; 43:5 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 55:2;  
 142:2 <sup>c</sup>Ps. 61:2; 143:4

4 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *watching*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 39:9

5 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 44:1; 143:5; Deut. 32:7; Is. 51:9

6 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *searched*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 42:8 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 4:4

7 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 44:9 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 85:1, 5

8 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *word* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *from generation to generation*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 89:49 <sup>b2</sup> Pet. 3:9

9 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *shut up*  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 49:15 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 25:6; 40:11;  
 51:1

10 <sup>1</sup>Or, *infirmity, the years of the right hand of the Most High*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 31:22; 73:15 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 44:2, 3

11 <sup>1</sup>Heb., *YAH*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 105:5; 143:5

12 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 145:5

13 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 63:2; 73:17 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 71:19; 86:8; Ex. 15:11

14 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 72:18 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 106:8

15 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *arm*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 74:2; 78:42; Ex. 6:6;  
 Deut. 9:29 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 80:1

16 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 114:3; Ex. 14:21;  
 Hab. 3:8, 10

17 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *went*  
<sup>a</sup>Judg. 5:4 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 68:33 <sup>c</sup>Ps. 18:14

18 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 18:13; 104:7 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 97:4 <sup>c</sup>Ps. 18:7; Judg. 5:4

12 He will cut off the spirit of princes;  
 He is <sup>1a</sup>feared by the kings of the earth.

PSALM 77

Comfort in Trouble from Recalling God's Mighty Deeds.

For the choir director; according to  
 Jeduthun. A Psalm of Asaph.

**My** voice *rises* to God, and I will <sup>a</sup>cry aloud;  
 My voice *rises* to God, and He will hear me.

2 In the <sup>a</sup>day of my trouble I sought the Lord;  
<sup>b</sup>In the night my <sup>c</sup>hand was stretched out <sup>1</sup>without weariness;  
 My soul <sup>a</sup>refused to be comforted.

3 *When* I remember God, then I am <sup>a</sup>disturbed;  
*When* I <sup>b</sup>sigh, then <sup>c</sup>my spirit grows faint. [<sup>1</sup>Selah.]

4 Thou hast held my eyelids <sup>1open</sup>;  
 I am so troubled that I <sup>a</sup>cannot speak.

5 I have considered the <sup>a</sup>days of old,  
 The years of long ago.

6 I will remember my <sup>a</sup>song in the night;  
 I <sup>b</sup>will meditate with my heart;  
 And my spirit <sup>1</sup>ponders.

7 Will the Lord <sup>a</sup>reject forever?  
 And will He <sup>b</sup>never be favorable again?

8 Has His <sup>a</sup>lovingkindness ceased forever?  
 Has His <sup>1b</sup>promise come to an end <sup>2</sup>forever?

9 Has God <sup>a</sup>forgotten to be gracious?  
 Or has He in anger <sup>1</sup>withdrawn His <sup>b</sup>compassion? [<sup>1</sup>Selah.]

10 Then I said, "<sup>a</sup>It is my <sup>1</sup>grief,  
 That the <sup>b</sup>right hand of the Most High has changed."

11 I shall remember the <sup>a</sup>deeds of <sup>1</sup>the LORD;  
 Surely I will <sup>a</sup>remember Thy wonders of old.

12 I will <sup>a</sup>meditate on all Thy work,  
 And muse on Thy deeds.

13 Thy way, O God, is <sup>a</sup>holy;  
<sup>b</sup>What god is great like our God?

14 Thou art the <sup>a</sup>God who workest wonders;  
 Thou hast <sup>b</sup>made known Thy strength among the peoples.

15 Thou hast by Thy <sup>1</sup>power <sup>a</sup>redeemed Thy people,  
 The sons of Jacob and <sup>b</sup>Joseph. [<sup>1</sup>Selah.]

16 The <sup>a</sup>waters saw Thee, O God;  
 The waters saw Thee, they were in anguish;  
 The deeps also trembled.

17 The <sup>a</sup>clouds poured out water;  
 The skies <sup>b</sup>gave forth a sound;  
 Thy <sup>c</sup>arrows <sup>1</sup>flashed here and there.

18 The <sup>a</sup>sound of Thy thunder was in the whirlwind;  
 The <sup>b</sup>lightnings lit up the world;  
 The <sup>c</sup>earth trembled and shook,

- 19 Thy way was in the sea,  
And Thy paths in the mighty waters,  
And Thy footprints may not be known.  
20 Thou didst lead Thy people like a flock,  
By the hand of Moses and Aaron.

## PSALM 78

God's Guidance of His People in Spite of Their Unfaithfulness.

Maskil of Asaph.

- L**ISTEN, O my people, to my instruction;  
Incline your ears to the words of my mouth.  
2 I will open my mouth in a parable;  
I will utter dark sayings of old,  
3 Which we have heard and known,  
And our fathers have told us.  
4 We will not conceal them from their children,  
But tell to the generation to come the praises of the  
LORD,  
And His strength and His wondrous works that He has  
done.  
5 For He established a testimony in Jacob,  
And appointed a law in Israel,  
Which He commanded our fathers,  
That they should teach them to their children;  
6 That the generation to come might know, even the  
children yet to be born,  
That they may arise and tell them to their children,  
7 That they should put their confidence in God,  
And not forget the works of God,  
But keep His commandments,  
8 And not be like their fathers,  
A stubborn and rebellious generation,  
A generation that did not prepare its heart,  
And whose spirit was not faithful to God.  
9 The sons of Ephraim were archers equipped with  
bows,  
Yet they turned back in the day of battle.  
10 They did not keep the covenant of God,  
And refused to walk in His law;  
11 And they forgot His deeds,  
And His miracles that He had shown them.  
12 He wrought wonders before their fathers,  
In the land of Egypt, in the field of Zoan.  
13 He divided the sea, and caused them to pass through;  
And He made the waters stand up like a heap.  
14 Then He led them with the cloud by day,  
And all the night with a blight of fire.  
15 He split the rocks in the wilderness,  
And gave them abundant drink like the ocean depths.  
16 He brought forth streams also from the rock,  
And caused waters to run down like rivers.

19 Ps. 51:10; Hab. 3:15

20 Ps. 78:52; 80:1; Ex. 13:21; 14:19; Is. 63:11-13  
bPs. 105:26; Ex. 6:26f Possibly, Contemplative,  
or Didactic, or Skillful  
Psalm1 Or, law, teaching  
aIs. 51:4 bIs. 55:32 Ps. 49:4; Matt. 13:35  
bProv. 1:6

3 Ps. 44:1

4 Ps. 145:4; Ex. 12:26;  
Deut. 11:19; Job 15:18; Is. 38:19; Joel 1:3 bPs. 22:30  
cPs. 26:7; 71:17; Job 37:165 Lit., make them  
known  
aPs. 19:7; 81:5; Is. 8:20 bPs. 147:19 cDeut. 6:4-9 dDeut. 4:9

6 Ps. 22:31 bDeut. 11:19

7 Deut. 4:9; 6:12; 8:14  
bDeut. 4:2; 5:1, 29; 27:1;  
Josh. 22:58 Or, put right  
a2 Chr. 30:7; Ezek. 20:18  
bDeut. 9:7, 24; 31:27; Judg. 2:19; Is. 30:9 cPs. 78:37; Job 11:13 dPs. 51:109 Or, being  
a1 Chr. 12:2 bPs. 78:57;  
Judg. 20:39

10 Judg. 2:20; 1 Kin. 11:11; 2 Kin. 18:12 bPs. 119:1; Jer. 32:23; 44:7, 23

11 Or, wonderful works  
aPs. 106:1312 Ps. 106:22; Ex. 7:12  
bPs. 78:43; Num. 13:22; Is. 19:11; 30:4; Ezek. 30:14

13 Ps. 74:13; 136:13; Ex. 14:21 bPs. 33:7; Ex. 15:8

14 Ps. 105:39; Ex. 13:21  
bEx. 14:24

15 Ps. 105:41; 114:8; Ex. 17:6; Is. 48:21; 1 Cor. 10:4

16 Num. 20:8, 10, 11

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- 17 <sup>a</sup>Deut. 9:22; Is. 63:10
- 18 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 78:41, 56; 95:9; 106:14; Ex. 17:6; Deut. 6:16; 1 Cor. 10:9 <sup>b</sup>Num. 11:4
- 19 <sup>a</sup>Ex. 16:3; Num. 11:4; 20:3; 21:5
- 20 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *flesh*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 78:15, 16 <sup>b</sup>Num. 11:18
- 21 <sup>1</sup>Or, *became infuriated*  
<sup>a</sup>Num. 11:1
- 22 <sup>a</sup>Deut. 1:32; 9:23; Heb. 3:18
- 23 <sup>a</sup>Gen. 7:11; Mal. 3:10
- 24 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *grain*  
<sup>a</sup>Ex. 16:4 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 105:40; John 6:31
- 25 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *mighty ones* <sup>2</sup>Or, *provision* <sup>3</sup>Lit., *to satiation*  
<sup>a</sup>Ex. 16:3
- 26 <sup>1</sup>Or, *strength*  
<sup>a</sup>Num. 11:31
- 27 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *flesh*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 105:40; Ex. 16:13
- 28 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *His*
- 29 <sup>a</sup>Num. 11:19, 20
- 30 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *They were not estranged from*
- 31 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *among their fat ones* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *caused to bow down*  
<sup>a</sup>Num. 11:33, 34; Job 20:23  
<sup>b</sup>Is. 10:16
- 32 <sup>a</sup>Num. 14:16, 17  
<sup>b</sup>Num. 14:11; Ps. 78:11
- 33 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *vanity, a mere breath*  
<sup>a</sup>Num. 14:29, 35
- 34 <sup>a</sup>Num. 21:7; Hos. 5:15  
<sup>b</sup>Ps. 63:1
- 35 <sup>a</sup>Deut. 32:4 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 74:2; Ex. 15:13; Deut. 9:26
- 36 <sup>a</sup>Ex. 24:7, 8; Ezek. 33:31 <sup>b</sup>Ex. 32:7, 8; Is. 57:11
- 37 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 78:8; 51:10
- 38 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *covered over, atoned for* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *turned away*  
<sup>a</sup>Ex. 34:6 <sup>b</sup>Num. 14:20
- 39 <sup>1</sup>Or, *breath*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 103:14; Job 10:9 <sup>b</sup>Gen. 6:3 <sup>c</sup>Job 7:7; Ps. 103:14; James 4:14
- 17 Yet they still continued to sin against Him,  
To <sup>a</sup>rebel against the Most High in the desert.
- 18 And in their heart they <sup>a</sup>put God to the test  
By asking <sup>b</sup>food according to their desire.
- 19 Then they spoke against God;  
They said, “<sup>a</sup>Can God prepare a table in the wilderness?”
- 20 “Behold, He <sup>a</sup>struck the rock, so that waters gushed out,  
And streams were overflowing;  
Can He give bread also?  
Will He provide <sup>1</sup>meat for His people?”
- 21 Therefore the LORD heard and <sup>1</sup>was <sup>a</sup>full of wrath,  
And a fire was kindled against Jacob,  
And anger also mounted against Israel;
- 22 Because they <sup>a</sup>did not believe in God,  
And did not trust in His salvation.
- 23 Yet He commanded the clouds above,  
And <sup>a</sup>opened the doors of heaven;
- 24 And He <sup>a</sup>rained down manna upon them to eat,  
And gave them <sup>1</sup>food from heaven.
- 25 Man did eat the bread of <sup>1</sup>angels;  
He sent them <sup>2</sup>food <sup>3</sup>in abundance.
- 26 He <sup>a</sup>caused the east wind to blow in the heavens;  
And by His <sup>1</sup>power He directed the south wind.
- 27 When He rained <sup>1</sup>meat upon them like the dust,  
Even <sup>a</sup>winged fowl like the sand of the seas;
- 28 Then He let *them* fall in the midst of <sup>1</sup>their camp,  
Round about their dwellings.
- 29 So they <sup>a</sup>ate and were well filled;  
And their desire He gave to them.
- 30 <sup>1</sup>Before they had satisfied their desire,  
While their food was in their mouths,
- 31 The <sup>a</sup>anger of God rose against them,  
And killed <sup>1</sup>some of their <sup>b</sup>stoutest ones,  
And <sup>2</sup>subdued the choice men of Israel.
- 32 In spite of all this they <sup>a</sup>still sinned,  
And <sup>b</sup>did not believe in His wonderful works.
- 33 So He brought <sup>a</sup>their days to an end in <sup>1</sup>futility,  
And their years in sudden terror.
- 34 When He killed them, then they <sup>a</sup>sought Him,  
And returned and searched <sup>b</sup>diligently for God;
- 35 And they remembered that God was their <sup>a</sup>rock,  
And the Most High God their <sup>b</sup>redeemer.
- 36 But they <sup>a</sup>deceived Him with their mouth,  
And <sup>b</sup>lied to Him with their tongue.
- 37 For their heart was not <sup>a</sup>steadfast toward Him,  
Nor were they faithful in His covenant.
- 38 But He, being <sup>a</sup>compassionate, <sup>1</sup>forbore *their* iniquity,  
and did not destroy *them*;  
And often He <sup>2</sup>restrained His anger,  
And did not arouse all His wrath.
- 39 Thus <sup>a</sup>He remembered that they were but <sup>b</sup>flesh,  
A <sup>1</sup>wind that passes and does not return.



40 How often they <sup>a</sup>rebelled against Him in the wilderness,  
 And <sup>b</sup>grieved Him in the <sup>c</sup>desert!  
 41 And again and again they <sup>1a</sup>tempted God,  
 And pained the <sup>b</sup>Holy One of Israel.  
 42 They <sup>a</sup>did not remember <sup>b</sup>His <sup>1</sup>power,  
 The day when He <sup>c</sup>redeemed them from the adversary,  
 43 When He performed His <sup>a</sup>signs in Egypt,  
 And His <sup>b</sup>marvels in the field of Zoan,  
 44 And <sup>a</sup>turned their rivers to blood,  
 And their streams, they could not drink.  
 45 He sent among them swarms of <sup>a</sup>flies, which devoured  
 them,  
 And <sup>b</sup>frogs which destroyed them.  
 46 He gave also their crops to the <sup>a</sup>grasshopper,  
 And the product of their labor to the <sup>b</sup>locust.  
 47 He <sup>1</sup>destroyed their vines with <sup>a</sup>hailstones,  
 And their sycamore trees with frost.  
 48 He gave over their <sup>a</sup>cattle also to the hailstones,  
 And their herds to bolts of lightning.  
 49 He <sup>a</sup>sent upon them His burning anger,  
 Fury, and indignation, and trouble,  
<sup>1A</sup> A band of destroying angels.  
 50 He leveled a path for His anger;  
 He <sup>a</sup>did not spare their soul from death,  
 But <sup>b</sup>gave over their life to the plague,  
 51 And <sup>a</sup>smote all the first-born in Egypt,  
 The <sup>b</sup>first issue of their virility in the tents of <sup>c</sup>Ham.  
 52 But He <sup>a</sup>led forth His own people like sheep,  
 And guided them in the wilderness <sup>b</sup>like a flock;  
 53 And He led them <sup>a</sup>safely, so that they did not fear;  
 But <sup>b</sup>the sea engulfed their enemies.  
 54 So <sup>a</sup>He brought them to His holy <sup>1</sup>land,  
 To this <sup>2b</sup>hill country which His right hand had gained.  
 55 He also <sup>a</sup>drove out the nations before them,  
 And He <sup>b</sup>apportioned them for an inheritance by measurement,  
 And made the tribes of Israel dwell in their tents.  
 56 Yet they <sup>1a</sup>tempted and <sup>b</sup>rebelled against the Most High  
 God,  
 And did not keep His testimonies,  
 57 But turned back and <sup>a</sup>acted treacherously like their  
 fathers;  
 They turned aside like a treacherous bow.  
 58 For they <sup>a</sup>provoked Him with their <sup>b</sup>high places,  
 And <sup>c</sup>aroused His jealousy with their <sup>d</sup>graven images.  
 59 When God heard, He <sup>1</sup>was filled with <sup>a</sup>wrath,  
 And greatly <sup>b</sup>abhorred Israel;  
 60 So that He <sup>a</sup>abandoned the dwelling place at Shiloh,  
 The tent <sup>1</sup>which He had pitched among men;  
 61 And gave up His <sup>a</sup>strength to captivity,  
 And His glory <sup>b</sup>into the hand of the adversary.  
 62 He also <sup>a</sup>delivered His people to the sword,  
 And <sup>1</sup>was filled with wrath at His inheritance.

40 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 106:43; 107:11 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 95:10; Is. 63:10; Eph. 4:30  
<sup>c</sup>Ps. 106:14

41 <sup>1</sup>Or, put God to the test  
<sup>a</sup>Num. 14:22 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 89:18;  
 2 Kin. 19:22

42 <sup>1</sup>Lit., hand  
<sup>a</sup>Judg. 8:34 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 44:3 <sup>c</sup>Ps. 106:10

43 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 105:27 <sup>b</sup>Ex. 4:21;  
 7:3

44 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 105:29

45 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 105:31; Ex. 8:24  
<sup>b</sup>Ps. 105:30; Ex. 8:6

46 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 105:34; 1 Kin. 8:37  
<sup>b</sup>Ex. 10:14

47 <sup>1</sup>Lit., was killing  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 105:32; Ex. 9:23

48 <sup>a</sup>Ex. 9:19

49 <sup>1</sup>Lit., A deputation of  
 angels of evil  
<sup>a</sup>Ex. 15:7

50 <sup>a</sup>Job 27:22 <sup>b</sup>Ex. 12:29;  
 30

51 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 105:36; 135:8;  
 136:10 <sup>b</sup>Gen. 49:3 <sup>c</sup>Ps. 105:23, 27; 106:22

52 <sup>a</sup>Ex. 15:22 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 77:20

53 <sup>a</sup>Ex. 14:19, 20 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 106:11; Ex. 14:27, 28

54 <sup>1</sup>Lit., border, territory  
<sup>2</sup>Or, mountain  
<sup>a</sup>Ex. 15:17 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 68:16; Is. 11:9

55 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 44:2 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 105:11;  
 135:12; Josh. 23:4

56 <sup>1</sup>Or, put to the test  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 78:18 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 78:40

57 <sup>a</sup>Ezek. 20:28

58 <sup>a</sup>Deut. 4:25; 1 Kin. 14:9; Is. 65:3 <sup>b</sup>Lev. 26:30;  
 1 Kin. 3:2; 2 Kin. 16:4; Jer. 17:3 <sup>c</sup>Deut. 32:16, 21;  
 1 Kin. 14:22 <sup>d</sup>Ex. 20:4; Lev. 26:1; Deut. 4:25

59 <sup>1</sup>Or, became infuriated  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 106:40; Deut. 1:34;  
 9:19 <sup>b</sup>Lev. 26:30; Deut. 32:19; Amos 6:8

60 <sup>1</sup>Some ancient versions  
 read, where He dwelt  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 78:67; 1 Sam. 4:11; Jer. 7:12, 14; 26:6

61 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 63:2; 132:8 <sup>b</sup>1 Sam. 4:17

62 <sup>1</sup>Or, became infuriated  
<sup>a</sup>Judg. 20:21; 1 Sam. 4:10

63 <sup>1</sup>Or, *their*  
<sup>a</sup>Num. 11:1; 21:28; Is.  
 26:11; Jer. 48:45 <sup>b</sup>Jer. 7:34;  
 16:9; Lam. 2:21

64 <sup>1</sup>Or, *their*  
<sup>a</sup>1 Sam. 4:17; 22:18 <sup>b</sup>Job  
 27:15; Ezek. 24:23

65 <sup>1</sup>Or, *sobered up from*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 44:23; 73:20 <sup>b</sup>Is. 42:13

66 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *smote*  
<sup>a</sup>1 Sam. 5:6

67 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 78:60

68 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 87:2; 132:13

69 <sup>a</sup>1 Kin. 6:1-38

70 <sup>a</sup>1 Sam. 16:12

71 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *following* <sup>2</sup>Lit.,  
*ewes which gave suck,*  
*He . . .*  
<sup>a</sup>2 Sam. 7:8 <sup>b</sup>Gen. 33:13  
<sup>c</sup>2 Sam. 5:2; 1 Chr. 11:2; Ps.  
 28:9 <sup>d</sup>1 Sam. 10:1

72 <sup>a</sup>1 Kin. 9:4

<sup>1</sup> Lit., *come into*  
<sup>a</sup>Lam. 1:10 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 74:2 <sup>c</sup>Ps.  
 74:3, 7 <sup>d</sup>2 Kin. 25:9, 10; Jer.  
 26:18; Mic. 3:12

<sup>2</sup> <sup>a</sup>Deut. 28:26; Jer. 7:33;  
 16:4; 19:7; 34:20

<sup>3</sup> <sup>a</sup>Jer. 14:16; 16:4

<sup>4</sup> <sup>a</sup>Ps. 44:13; 80:6; Dan.  
 9:16

<sup>5</sup> <sup>a</sup>Ps. 13:1; 74:1, 10; 85:5;  
 89:46 <sup>b</sup>Deut. 29:20; Ezek.  
 36:5; 38:19 <sup>c</sup>Ps. 89:46

<sup>6</sup> <sup>a</sup>Ps. 69:24; Ezek. 21:31;  
 Zeph. 3:8 <sup>b</sup>1 Thess. 4:5;  
 2 Thess. 1:8 <sup>c</sup>Ps. 14:4; 53:4

<sup>7</sup> <sup>1</sup> Lit., *pasture*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 53:4 <sup>b</sup>2 Chr. 36:19; Jer.  
 39:8

<sup>8</sup> <sup>1</sup>Or, *our former*  
*iniquities*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 106:6; Is. 64:9 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 21:3  
<sup>c</sup>Ps. 116:6; 142:6; Deut.  
 28:43; Is. 26:5

63 <sup>a</sup>Fire devoured <sup>1</sup>His young men;  
 And <sup>1</sup>His <sup>b</sup>virgins had no wedding songs.

64 <sup>1</sup>His <sup>a</sup>priests fell by the sword;  
 And <sup>1</sup>His <sup>b</sup>widows could not weep.

65 Then the Lord <sup>a</sup>awoke as *if from* sleep,  
 Like a <sup>b</sup>warrior <sup>1</sup>overcome by wine.

66 And He <sup>1a</sup>drove His adversaries backward;  
 He put on them an everlasting reproach.

67 He also <sup>a</sup>rejected the tent of Joseph,  
 And did not choose the tribe of Ephraim,

68 But chose the tribe of Judah,  
 Mount <sup>a</sup>Zion which He loved.

69 And He <sup>a</sup>built His sanctuary like the heights,  
 Like the earth which He has founded forever.

70 He also <sup>a</sup>chose David His servant,  
 And took him from the sheepfolds;

71 From <sup>1a</sup>the care of the <sup>2</sup>ewes <sup>b</sup>with suckling lambs He  
 brought him,  
 To <sup>c</sup>shepherd Jacob His people,  
 And Israel <sup>d</sup>His inheritance.

72 So he shepherded them according to the <sup>a</sup>integrity of his  
 heart,  
 And guided them with his skillful hands.

PSALM 79

A Lament over the Destruction of Jerusalem, and Prayer for Help.

A Psalm of Asaph.

**O** GOD, the <sup>a</sup>nations have <sup>1</sup>invaded <sup>b</sup>Thine inheritance;  
 They have defiled Thy <sup>c</sup>holy temple;  
 They have <sup>d</sup>laid Jerusalem in ruins.

2 They have given the <sup>a</sup>dead bodies of Thy servants for  
 food to the birds of the heavens,  
 The flesh of Thy godly ones to the beasts of the earth.

3 They have poured out their blood like water round  
 about Jerusalem;  
 And there was <sup>a</sup>no one to bury them.

4 We have become a <sup>a</sup>reproach to our neighbors,  
 A scoffing and derision to those around us.

5 <sup>a</sup>How long, O LORD? Wilt Thou be angry forever?  
 Will Thy <sup>b</sup>jealousy <sup>c</sup>burn like fire?

6 <sup>a</sup>Pour out Thy wrath upon the nations which <sup>b</sup>do not  
 know Thee,  
 And upon the kingdoms which <sup>c</sup>do not call upon Thy  
 name.

7 For they have <sup>a</sup>deavored Jacob,  
 And <sup>b</sup>laid waste his <sup>1</sup>habitation.

8 <sup>a</sup>Do not remember <sup>1</sup>the iniquities of *our* forefathers  
 against us;  
 Let Thy compassion come quickly to <sup>b</sup>meet us;  
 For we are <sup>c</sup>brought very low.

- 9 <sup>a</sup>Help us, O God of our salvation, for the glory of <sup>b</sup>Thy name;  
And deliver us, and <sup>1c</sup>forgive our sins, for Thy name's sake.
- 10 <sup>a</sup>Why should the nations say, "Where is their God?"  
Let there be known among the nations in our sight,  
<sup>b</sup>Vengeance for the blood of Thy servants, which has been shed.
- 11 Let <sup>a</sup>the groaning of the prisoner come before Thee;  
According to the greatness of Thy <sup>1</sup>power preserve  
<sup>2</sup>those who are <sup>a</sup>doomed to die.
- 12 And return to our neighbors <sup>a</sup>sevenfold <sup>b</sup>into their bosom  
<sup>1</sup>The <sup>c</sup>reproach with which they have reproached Thee,  
O Lord.
- 13 So we Thy people and the <sup>a</sup>sheep of Thy <sup>1</sup>pasture  
Will <sup>b</sup>give thanks to Thee forever;  
To all generations we will <sup>c</sup>tell of Thy praise.

## PSALM 80

God Implored to Rescue His People from Their Calamities.

For the choir director; set to <sup>4</sup>EI  
Shoshannim; <sup>a</sup>Eduth.  
A Psalm of Asaph.

- O**H give ear, <sup>a</sup>Shepherd of Israel,  
Thou who dost lead <sup>b</sup>Joseph like a flock;  
Thou who <sup>c</sup>art enthroned *above* the cherubim, shine forth!
- 2 Before <sup>a</sup>Ephraim and Benjamin and Manasseh, <sup>b</sup>stir up Thy power,  
And come to save us!
- 3 O God, <sup>a</sup>restore us,  
And <sup>b</sup>cause Thy face to shine *upon us*, <sup>1</sup>and we will be saved.
- 4 O <sup>a</sup>LORD God of hosts,  
<sup>b</sup>How long wilt Thou <sup>1</sup>be angry with the prayer of Thy people?
- 5 Thou hast fed them with the <sup>a</sup>bread of tears,  
And Thou hast made them to drink tears in <sup>1</sup>large measure.
- 6 Thou dost make us <sup>1</sup>an object of contention <sup>a</sup>to our neighbors;  
And our enemies laugh among themselves.
- 7 O God of hosts, restore us,  
And <sup>a</sup>cause Thy face to shine *upon us*, <sup>1</sup>and we will be saved.
- 8 Thou didst remove <sup>a</sup>a vine from Egypt;  
Thou didst <sup>b</sup>drive out the <sup>1</sup>nations, and didst <sup>c</sup>plant it.
- 9 Thou didst <sup>a</sup>clear *the ground* before it,  
And it <sup>b</sup>took deep root and filled the land.
- 10 The mountains were covered with its shadow;  
And <sup>1</sup>the cedars of God with its <sup>a</sup>boughs.

9 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *cover over, atone for*  
<sup>2</sup>Chr. 14:11 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 31:3 <sup>c</sup>Ps. 25:11; 65:3

10 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 115:2 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 94:1, 2

11 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *arm* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *the children of death*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 102:20

12 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *Their*  
<sup>a</sup>Gen. 4:15; Lev. 26:21, 28; Ps. 12:6; 119:164; Prov. 6:31; 24:16; Is. 30:26 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 35:13; Is. 65:6, 7; Jer. 32:18; Luke 6:38 <sup>c</sup>Ps. 74:10, 22

13 <sup>1</sup>Or, *pasturing*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 74:1; 95:7; 100:3 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 44:8 <sup>c</sup>Ps. 89:1; Is. 43:21

<sup>4</sup> Possibly, *to the Lilies*  
<sup>1</sup>Lit., *A testimony*

1 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 23:1 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 77:15; 78:67; Amos 5:15 <sup>c</sup>Ps. 99:1; Ex. 25:22; 1 Sam. 4:4; 2 Sam. 6:2

2 <sup>a</sup>Num. 2:18-24 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 35:23

3 <sup>1</sup>Or, *that we may*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 80:7, 19; 60:1; 85:4; 126:1; Lam. 5:21 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 31:16; Num. 6:25

4 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *smoke against*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 59:5; 84:8 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 79:5; 85:5

5 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *a third part of a*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 42:3; 102:9

6 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *a strife to*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 44:13; 79:4

7 <sup>1</sup>Or, *that we may*

8 <sup>1</sup>Or, *Gentiles*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 80:15; Is. 5:2, 7; Jer. 2:21; 12:10; Ezek. 17:6; 19:10 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 44:2; Josh. 13:6; 2 Chr. 20:7; Acts 7:45 <sup>c</sup>Jer. 11:17; 32:41; Ezek. 17:23; Amos 9:15

9 <sup>a</sup>Ex. 23:28; Josh. 24:12; Is. 5:2 <sup>b</sup>Hos. 14:5

10 <sup>1</sup>Or, *its boughs are like the cedars of God*  
<sup>a</sup>Gen. 49:22

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11 \*Ps. 72:8

12 <sup>1</sup>Or, *walls, fences*  
\*Ps. 89:40; Is. 5:5 <sup>b</sup>Deut. 28:63

13 \*Jer. 5:6

14 \*Ps. 90:13 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 102:19;  
Is. 63:15

15 <sup>1</sup>Or, *root* <sup>2</sup>Or  
figuratively: *branch* <sup>3</sup>Or,  
*secured*  
\*Ps. 80:8

16 \*Ps. 74:8; 2 Chr. 36:19;  
Jer. 52:13 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 39:11; 76:6

17 \*Ps. 89:21 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 80:15

18 \*Is. 50:5 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 71:20

19 <sup>1</sup>Or, *that we may*  
\*Ps. 80:3

<sup>c</sup> Or, *according to*

<sup>1</sup> Ps. 51:14; 59:16; 95:1  
<sup>b</sup>Ps. 46:1 <sup>c</sup>Ps. 66:1; 95:2;  
98:4 <sup>d</sup>Ps. 84:8

<sup>2</sup> \*Ps. 149:3; Ex. 15:20  
<sup>b</sup>Ps. 92:3; 98:5; 147:7 <sup>c</sup>Ps.  
108:2; 144:9

<sup>3</sup> \*Num. 10:10 <sup>b</sup>Lev.  
23:24

<sup>5</sup> <sup>1</sup>Lit., *went out over*  
\*Ex. 11:4 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 114:1 Deut.  
28:49; Jer. 5:15

<sup>6</sup> <sup>1</sup>Lit., *removed his*  
*shoulder from* <sup>2</sup>Or, *brick*  
*load*  
\*Is. 9:4; 10:27

<sup>7</sup> *Selah* may mean:  
*Pause, Crescendo* or  
*Musical interlude*  
\*Ps. 50:15; Ex. 2:23; 14:10  
<sup>b</sup>Ex. 19:19; 20:18 <sup>c</sup>Ps. 95:8;  
Ex. 17:6, 7

<sup>8</sup> <sup>1</sup>Or, *bear witness*  
*against*  
\*Ps. 50:7 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 95:7

<sup>9</sup> \*Ps. 44:20; Ex. 20:3;  
Deut. 32:12; Is. 43:12

<sup>10</sup> \*Ex. 20:2 <sup>b</sup>Job 29:23  
<sup>c</sup>Ps. 37:4; 78:25; 107:9

<sup>11</sup> <sup>1</sup>Lit., *yield to*  
\*Ps. 106:25

- 11 It was sending out its branches <sup>a</sup>to the sea,  
And its shoots to the River.  
12 Why hast Thou <sup>a</sup>broken down its <sup>1</sup>hedges,  
So that all who pass *that way* <sup>b</sup>pick its *fruit*?  
13 A boar from the forest <sup>a</sup>eats it away,  
And whatever moves in the field feeds on it.

- 14 O God of hosts, <sup>a</sup>turn again now, we beseech Thee;  
<sup>b</sup>Look down from heaven and see, and take care of this  
vine,  
15 Even the <sup>1</sup>shoot which Thy right hand has planted,  
And on the <sup>2</sup>son whom Thou hast <sup>3</sup>strengthened for  
Thyself.  
16 It is <sup>a</sup>burned with fire, it is cut down;  
They perish at the <sup>b</sup>rebuke of Thy countenance.  
17 Let <sup>a</sup>Thy hand be upon the man of Thy right hand,  
Upon the son of man whom Thou <sup>b</sup>didst make strong  
for Thyself.  
18 Then we shall not <sup>a</sup>turn back from Thee;  
<sup>b</sup>Revive us, and we will call upon Thy name.  
19 O LORD God of hosts, <sup>a</sup>restore us;  
Cause Thy face to shine *upon us*, <sup>1</sup>and we will be saved.

## PSALM 81

God's Goodness and Israel's Waywardness.

For the choir director; <sup>c</sup>on the Gittith.

A Psalm of Asaph.

- <sup>a</sup> SING for joy to God our <sup>b</sup>strength;  
Shout <sup>c</sup>joyfully to the <sup>d</sup>God of Jacob.  
2 Raise a song, strike <sup>a</sup>the timbrel,  
The sweet sounding <sup>b</sup>lyre with the <sup>c</sup>harp.  
3 Blow the trumpet at the <sup>a</sup>new moon,  
At the full moon, on our <sup>b</sup>feast day.  
4 For it is a statute for Israel,  
An ordinance of the God of Jacob.  
5 He established it for a testimony in Joseph,  
When he <sup>1</sup>went throughout the land of Egypt.  
I heard a <sup>b</sup>language that I did not know:  
6 "I <sup>1</sup>relieved his shoulder of the burden,  
His hands were freed from the <sup>2</sup>basket.  
7 "You <sup>a</sup>called in trouble, and I rescued you;  
I <sup>b</sup>answered you in the hiding place of thunder;  
I proved you at the <sup>c</sup>waters of Meribah. [<sup>1</sup>Selah.  
8 "Hear, O My people, and I will <sup>1</sup>admonish you;  
O Israel, if you <sup>b</sup>would listen to Me!  
9 "Let there be no <sup>a</sup>strange god among you;  
Nor shall you worship any foreign god.  
10 "I, the LORD, am your God,  
Who brought you up from the land of Egypt;  
<sup>b</sup>Open your mouth wide and I will <sup>c</sup>fill it.  
11 "But My people <sup>a</sup>did not listen to My voice;  
And Israel did not <sup>1</sup>obey Me.

- 12 "So I <sup>a</sup>gave <sup>1</sup>them over to the stubbornness of their heart,  
To walk in their own devices.
- 13 "Oh that My people <sup>a</sup>would listen to Me,  
That Israel would <sup>b</sup>walk in My ways!
- 14 "I would quickly <sup>a</sup>subdue their enemies,  
And <sup>b</sup>turn My hand against their adversaries.
- 15 "Those who hate the LORD would <sup>a</sup>pretend obedience to  
Him;  
And their time of *punishment* would be forever.
- 16 "But I would feed you with the <sup>2a</sup>finest of the wheat;  
And with <sup>b</sup>honey from the rock I would satisfy you."

12 <sup>1</sup>Lit. *him*  
<sup>a</sup>Job 8:4; Acts 7:42; Rom. 1:24, 26

13 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 81:8; Deut. 5:29; Is. 48:18 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 128:1; Is. 42:24; Jer. 7:23

14 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 18:47; 47:3 <sup>b</sup>Amos 1:8

15 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 18:44; 66:3

16 <sup>1</sup>Lit. *He would feed him* <sup>2</sup>Lit. *fat*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 147:14; Deut. 32:14  
<sup>b</sup>Deut. 32:13

## PSALM 82

Unjust Judgments Rebuked.

A Psalm of Asaph.

1 <sup>1</sup>Lit. *the congregation of God* <sup>2</sup>Lit. *gods*  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 3:13 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 58:11 <sup>c</sup>Ex. 21:6; 22:8, 28

2 <sup>1</sup>*Selah* may mean: *Pause, Crescendo or Musical interlude*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 58:1 <sup>b</sup>Deut. 1:17; Prov. 18:5

3 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 10:18; Deut. 24:17; Is. 11:4; Jer. 22:16

4 <sup>a</sup>Job 29:12

5 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 14:4; Jer. 4:22; Mic. 3:1 <sup>b</sup>Prov. 2:13; Is. 59:9; Jer. 23:12 <sup>c</sup>Ps. 11:3

6 <sup>1</sup>Lit. *I, on my part*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 82:1; John 10:34 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 89:26

7 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 49:12; Job 21:32; Ezek. 31:14 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 83:11

8 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 12:5 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 58:11; 96:13 <sup>c</sup>Ps. 2:8; Rev. 11:15

1 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 28:1; 35:22 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 109:1

2 <sup>1</sup>Lit. *lifted up the head*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 2:1; Is. 17:12 <sup>b</sup>Judg. 8:28; Zech. 1:21

3 <sup>1</sup>Or. *consult* <sup>2</sup>Or. *hidden ones*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 64:2; Is. 29:15 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 27:5; 31:20

4 <sup>1</sup>Lit. *from*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 74:8; Esth. 3:6; Jer. 48:2 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 41:5

5 <sup>1</sup>Or. *consulted*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 2:2; Dan. 6:7

6 <sup>2</sup>Chr. 20:10; Ps. 137:7  
<sup>b</sup>Gen. 25:12-16 <sup>c</sup>2 Chr. 20:10 <sup>d</sup>Chr. 5:10

- GOD takes His <sup>a</sup>stand in <sup>1</sup>His own congregation;  
He <sup>b</sup>judges in the midst of the <sup>2c</sup>rulers.
- 2 How long will you <sup>a</sup>judge unjustly,  
And <sup>b</sup>show partiality to the wicked? [<sup>1</sup>Selah.]
- 3 <sup>a</sup>Vindicate the weak and fatherless;  
Do justice to the afflicted and destitute.
- 4 <sup>a</sup>Rescue the weak and needy;  
Deliver *them* out of the hand of the wicked.
- 5 They <sup>a</sup>do not know nor do they understand;  
They <sup>b</sup>walk about in darkness;  
All the <sup>c</sup>foundations of the earth are shaken.
- 6 <sup>1</sup>I <sup>a</sup>said, "You are gods,  
And all of you are <sup>b</sup>sons of the Most High.
- 7 "Nevertheless <sup>a</sup>you will die like men,  
And fall like *any* <sup>b</sup>one of the princes."
- 8 <sup>a</sup>Arise, O God, <sup>b</sup>judge the earth!  
For it is Thou who dost <sup>c</sup>possess all the nations.

## PSALM 83

God Implored to Confound His Enemies.

A Song, a Psalm of Asaph.

- O GOD, <sup>a</sup>do not remain quiet;  
<sup>b</sup>Do not be silent, and, O God, do not be still.
- 2 For, behold, Thine enemies <sup>a</sup>make an uproar;  
And those who hate Thee have <sup>1b</sup>exalted themselves.
- 3 They <sup>a</sup>make shrewd plans against Thy people,  
And <sup>1c</sup>conspire together against <sup>b</sup>Thy <sup>2</sup>treasured ones.
- 4 They have said, "Come, and <sup>a</sup>let us wipe them out <sup>1a</sup>as  
a nation;  
That the <sup>b</sup>name of Israel be remembered no more."
- 5 For they have <sup>1a</sup>conspired together with one mind;  
Against Thee do they make a covenant:
- 6 The tents of <sup>a</sup>Edom and the <sup>b</sup>Ishmaelites;  
<sup>c</sup>Moab, and the <sup>d</sup>Hagrites;

7 <sup>a</sup>Josh. 13:5; Ezek. 27:9  
<sup>b2</sup> Chr. 20:10 <sup>c1</sup> Sam. 15:2  
<sup>d1</sup> Sam. 4:1; 29:1 <sup>e</sup>Ezek.  
 27:3; Amos 1:9

8 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *an arm* <sup>2</sup>*Selah*  
 may mean: *Pause*,  
*Crescendo* or *Musical*  
*interlude*  
<sup>a2</sup> Kin. 15:19 <sup>b</sup>Deut. 2:9

9 <sup>a</sup>Judg. 7:22 <sup>b</sup>Judg. 4:22,  
 23

11 <sup>a</sup>Judg. 7:25 <sup>b</sup>Judg. 8:21

12 <sup>a2</sup> Chr. 20:11 <sup>b</sup>Ps.  
 132:13

13 <sup>1</sup>Or, *tumbleweed*  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 17:13 <sup>b</sup>Job 21:18; Is.  
 40:24; Jer. 13:24

14 <sup>a</sup>Is. 9:18 <sup>b</sup>Ex. 19:18;  
 Deut. 32:22

15 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 58:9; Job 9:17

16 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 109:29; 132:18; Job  
 10:15

17 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 35:4; 70:2

18 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 86:10; Is. 45:21  
<sup>b</sup>Ps. 9:2; 18:13; 97:9

<sup>f</sup> Or, *according to*

1 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 43:3; 132:5

2 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 42:2; 63:1 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 42:2

3 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 43:4 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 5:2

4 <sup>1</sup>*Selah* may mean:  
*Pause*, *Crescendo* or  
*Musical interlude*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 65:4 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 42:5, 11

5 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *their*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 81:1 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 86:11; 122:1;  
 Jer. 31:6

6 <sup>1</sup>Probably, *Weeping*,  
 or *Balsam trees* <sup>2</sup>Or, *place*  
*of springs*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 107:35; Joel 2:23

7 <sup>1</sup>Some ancient versions  
 read, *The God of gods will*  
*be seen in Zion*.  
<sup>a</sup>Prov. 4:18; Is. 40:31; John  
 1:16; 2 Cor. 3:18 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 42:2;  
 Ex. 34:23; Deut. 16:16

- 7 <sup>a</sup>Gebal, and <sup>b</sup>Ammon, and <sup>c</sup>Amalek;  
<sup>d</sup>Philistia with the inhabitants of <sup>e</sup>Tyre;
- 8 <sup>a</sup>Assyria also has joined with them;  
 They have become <sup>1a</sup> help to the <sup>b</sup>children of  
 Lot. [<sup>2</sup>*Selah*.]
- 9 Deal with them <sup>a</sup>as with Midian,  
 As <sup>b</sup>with Sisera *and* Jabin, at the torrent of Kishon,
- 10 Who were destroyed at En-dor,  
 Who became as dung for the ground.
- 11 Make their nobles like <sup>a</sup>Oreb and Zeeb,  
 And all their princes like <sup>b</sup>Zebah and Zalmunna,
- 12 Who said, “<sup>a</sup>Let us possess for ourselves  
 The <sup>b</sup>pastures of God.”
- 13 O my God, make them like the <sup>1a</sup>whirling dust;  
 Like <sup>b</sup>chaff before the wind.
- 14 Like <sup>a</sup>fire that burns the forest,  
 And like a flame that <sup>b</sup>sets the mountains on fire,
- 15 So pursue them <sup>a</sup>with Thy tempest,  
 And terrify them with Thy storm.
- 16 <sup>a</sup>Fill their faces with dishonor,  
 That they may seek Thy name, O LORD.
- 17 Let them be <sup>a</sup>ashamed and dismayed forever;  
 And let them be humiliated and perish,
- 18 That they may know that <sup>a</sup>Thou alone, whose name is  
 the LORD,  
 Art the <sup>b</sup>Most High over all the earth.

**PSALM 84**

Longing for the Temple Worship.

For the choir director; <sup>f</sup>on the Gittith.  
 A Psalm of the sons of Korah.

- How** lovely are Thy <sup>a</sup>dwelling places,  
 O LORD of hosts!
- 2 My <sup>a</sup>soul longed and even yearned for the courts of the  
 LORD;  
 My heart and my flesh sing for joy to the <sup>b</sup>living God.
- 3 The bird also has found a house,  
 And the swallow a nest for herself, where she may lay her  
 young,  
 Even Thine <sup>a</sup>altars, O LORD of hosts,  
<sup>b</sup>My King and my God.
- 4 How <sup>a</sup>blessed are those who dwell in Thy house!  
 They are <sup>b</sup>ever praising Thee. [<sup>1</sup>*Selah*.]
- 5 How blessed is the man whose <sup>a</sup>strength is in Thee;  
 In <sup>1</sup>whose heart are the <sup>b</sup>highways to Zion!
- 6 Passing through the valley of <sup>1</sup>Baca, they make it a  
<sup>2</sup>spring,  
 The <sup>a</sup>early rain also covers it with blessings.
- 7 They <sup>a</sup>go from strength to strength,  
<sup>1</sup>Every one of them <sup>b</sup>appears before God in Zion.

- 8 O <sup>a</sup>LORD God of hosts, hear my prayer;  
Give ear, O <sup>b</sup>God of Jacob! [Selah.]
- 9 Behold our <sup>a</sup>shield, O God,  
And look upon the face of <sup>b</sup>Thine anointed.
- 10 For <sup>a</sup>a day in Thy courts is better than a thousand  
*outside.*  
I would rather stand at the <sup>b</sup>threshold of the house of  
my God,  
Than dwell in the tents of wickedness.
- 11 For the LORD God is <sup>a</sup>a sun and shield;  
The LORD gives grace and <sup>b</sup>glory;  
No <sup>c</sup>good thing does He withhold <sup>1</sup>from those who walk  
<sup>2</sup>uprightly.
- 12 O LORD of hosts,  
How <sup>a</sup>blessed is the man who trusts in Thee!

## PSALM 85

Prayer for God's Mercy upon the Nation.

For the choir director.

A Psalm of the sons of Korah.

- O LORD, Thou didst show <sup>a</sup>favor to Thy land;  
Thou didst <sup>1</sup>restore the captivity of Jacob.
- 2 Thou didst <sup>a</sup>forgive the iniquity of Thy people;  
Thou didst <sup>b</sup>cover all their sin. [Selah.]
- 3 Thou didst <sup>a</sup>withdraw all Thy fury;  
Thou didst <sup>b</sup>turn away from Thy burning anger.
- 4 <sup>a</sup>Restore us, O God of our salvation,  
And <sup>b</sup>cause Thine indignation toward us to cease.
- 5 Wilt <sup>a</sup>Thou be angry with us forever?  
Wilt Thou prolong Thine anger to <sup>1</sup>all generations?
- 6 Wilt Thou not Thyself <sup>1</sup>revive us again,  
That Thy people may <sup>b</sup>rejoice in Thee?
- 7 Show us Thy lovingkindness, O LORD,  
And <sup>a</sup>grant us Thy salvation.
- 8 <sup>1</sup>I will hear what God the LORD will say;  
For He will <sup>a</sup>speak peace to His people, <sup>2</sup>to His godly  
ones;  
But let them not <sup>b</sup>turn back to <sup>3</sup>folly.
- 9 Surely <sup>a</sup>His salvation is near to those who <sup>1</sup>fear Him,  
That <sup>b</sup>glory may dwell in our land.
- 10 <sup>a</sup>Lovingkindness and <sup>1</sup>truth have met together;  
<sup>b</sup>Righteousness and peace have kissed each other.
- 11 <sup>1</sup>Truth <sup>a</sup>springs from the earth;  
And righteousness looks down from heaven.
- 12 Indeed, <sup>a</sup>the LORD will give what is good;  
And our <sup>b</sup>land will yield its produce.
- 13 <sup>a</sup>Righteousness will go before Him,  
And will make His footsteps into a way.

8 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 84:1; 59:5; 80:4  
<sup>b</sup>Ps. 81:19 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 3:3; 28:7; 59:11;  
115:9-11; Gen. 15:1 <sup>b</sup>Ps.  
2:2; 132:17; 1 Sam. 16:6;  
2 Sam. 19:2110 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 27:4 <sup>b</sup>1 Chr. 23:511 <sup>1</sup>Lit., with regard to  
<sup>2</sup>Lit., with integrity  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 60:19, 20; Mal. 4:2;  
Rev. 21:23 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 85:9 <sup>c</sup>Ps.  
34:1012 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 2:12; 40:41 <sup>1</sup>Or, restore the  
fortunes  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 77:7; 106:4 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 14:7;  
126:1; Ezra 1:11; Jer. 30:18;  
Ezek. 39:25; Hos. 6:11; Joel  
3:12 <sup>1</sup>Selah may mean:  
Pause, Crescendo or  
Musical interlude  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 78:38; 103:3; Num.  
14:19; 1 Kin. 8:34; Jer.  
31:34 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 32:13 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 78:38; 106:23 <sup>b</sup>Ps.  
106:23; Ex. 32:12; Deut.  
13:17; Jon. 3:94 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 80:3 <sup>b</sup>Dan. 9:165 <sup>1</sup>Lit., generation and  
generation  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 74:1; 79:5; 80:46 <sup>1</sup>Or, bring to life  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 71:20; 80:18 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 33:1;  
90:14; 149:27 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 106:48 <sup>1</sup>Or, Let me hear <sup>2</sup>Lit.,  
even to <sup>3</sup>Or, stupidity  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 29:11; Hag. 2:9; Zech.  
9:10 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 78:57; 2 Pet. 2:219 <sup>1</sup>Or, reverence  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 34:18; Is. 46:13 <sup>b</sup>Ps.  
84:11; Hag. 2:7; Zech. 2:5;  
John 1:1410 <sup>1</sup>Or, faithfulness  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 25:10; 89:14; Prov. 3:3  
<sup>b</sup>Ps. 72:3; Is. 32:1711 <sup>1</sup>Or, Faithfulness  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 45:812 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 84:11; James 1:17  
<sup>b</sup>Ps. 67:6; Lev. 26:4; Ezek.  
34:27; Zech. 8:1213 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 89:14

A Psalm of Supplication and Trust.

A Prayer of David.

1 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 17:6; 31:2; 71:2  
<sup>b</sup>Ps. 40:17; 70:5

2 <sup>1</sup>Or, *life*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 25:20 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 4:3; 50:5 <sup>c</sup>Ps. 25:2; 31:14; 56:4

3 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 4:1; 57:1 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 25:5; 88:9

4 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 25:1; 143:8

5 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 25:8 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 130:4 <sup>c</sup>Ps. 103:8; 145:8; Ex. 34:6; Neh. 9:17; Joel 2:13; Jon. 4:2

6 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 55:1

7 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 50:15; 77:2 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 17:6

8 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 89:6; Ex. 15:11; 2 Sam. 7:22; 1 Kin. 8:23; Jer. 10:6 <sup>b</sup>Deut. 3:24

9 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 22:27; 66:4; Is. 66:23; Rev. 15:4

10 <sup>1</sup>Or, *miracles*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 77:13 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 72:18; 77:14; 136:4; Ex. 15:11 <sup>c</sup>Ps. 83:18; Deut. 6:4; 32:39; Is. 37:16; 44:6, 8; Mark 12:29; 1 Cor. 8:4

11 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 25:5 <sup>b</sup>Jer. 32:39

12 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 111:1

13 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *lowest Sheol*  
<sup>2</sup>I.e., the nether world  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 30:3

14 <sup>1</sup>Or, *assembly* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *soul*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 54:3

15 <sup>1</sup>Or, *faithfulness*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 86:5

16 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 25:16 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 68:35  
<sup>c</sup>Ps. 116:16

17 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 119:122; Judg. 6:17  
<sup>b</sup>Ps. 112:10 <sup>c</sup>Ps. 118:13

- <sup>a</sup>INCLINE Thine ear, O LORD, *and* answer me;  
For I am <sup>b</sup>afflicted and needy.
- 2 <sup>a</sup>Do preserve my <sup>1</sup>soul, for I am a <sup>b</sup>godly man;  
O Thou my God, save Thy servant who <sup>c</sup>trusts in Thee.
- 3 Be <sup>a</sup>gracious to me, O LORD,  
For <sup>b</sup>to Thee I cry all day long.
- 4 Make glad the soul of Thy servant,  
For to Thee, O Lord, <sup>a</sup>I lift up my soul.
- 5 For Thou, Lord, art <sup>a</sup>good, and <sup>b</sup>ready to forgive,  
And <sup>c</sup>abundant in lovingkindness to all who call upon  
Thee.
- 6 <sup>a</sup>Give ear, O LORD, to my prayer;  
And give heed to the voice of my supplications!
- 7 In <sup>a</sup>the day of my trouble I shall call upon Thee,  
For <sup>b</sup>Thou wilt answer me.
- 8 There is <sup>a</sup>no one like Thee among the gods, O Lord;  
Nor are there any works <sup>b</sup>like Thine.
- 9 <sup>a</sup>All nations whom Thou hast made shall come and  
worship before Thee, O Lord;  
And they shall glorify Thy name.
- 10 For Thou art <sup>a</sup>great and <sup>b</sup>doest <sup>1</sup>wondrous deeds;  
Thou alone <sup>c</sup>art God.
- 11 <sup>a</sup>Teach me Thy way, O LORD;  
I will walk in Thy truth;  
<sup>b</sup>Unite my heart to fear Thy name.
- 12 I will <sup>a</sup>give thanks to Thee, O Lord my God, with all my  
heart,  
And will glorify Thy name forever.
- 13 For Thy lovingkindness toward me is great,  
And Thou hast <sup>a</sup>delivered my soul from the <sup>1</sup>depths of  
<sup>2</sup>Sheol.
- 14 O God, arrogant men have <sup>a</sup>risen up against me,  
And a <sup>1</sup>band of violent men have sought my <sup>2</sup>life,  
And they have not set Thee before them.
- 15 But Thou, O Lord, art a God <sup>a</sup>merciful and gracious,  
Slow to anger and abundant in lovingkindness and  
<sup>1</sup>truth.
- 16 <sup>a</sup>Turn to me, and be gracious to me;  
Oh <sup>b</sup>grant Thy strength to Thy servant,  
And save the <sup>c</sup>son of Thy handmaid.
- 17 <sup>a</sup>Show me a sign for good,  
That those who hate me may <sup>b</sup>see it, and be ashamed,  
Because Thou, O LORD, <sup>c</sup>hast helped me and comforted  
me.



## PSALM 87

The Privileges of Citizenship in Zion.

A Psalm of the sons of Korah. A Song.

- HIS** <sup>a</sup>foundation is in the holy mountains.  
 2 The LORD <sup>a</sup>loves the gates of Zion  
 More than all the *other* dwelling places of Jacob.  
 3 <sup>a</sup>Glorious things are spoken of you,  
 O <sup>b</sup>city of God. [1Selah.  
 4 "I shall mention <sup>1a</sup>Rahab and Babylon <sup>2</sup>among those who  
 know Me;  
 Behold, Philistia and <sup>b</sup>Tyre with <sup>3c</sup>Ethiopia:  
 "This one was born there."  
 5 But of Zion it shall be said, "This one and that one were  
 born in her";  
 And the Most High Himself will <sup>a</sup>establish her.  
 6 The LORD shall count when He <sup>a</sup>registers the peoples,  
 "This one was born there." [Selah.  
 7 Then those who <sup>a</sup>sing as well as those who <sup>1b</sup>play the  
 flutes *shall say*,  
 "All my <sup>c</sup>springs of joy are in you."

## PSALM 88

A Petition to be Saved from Death.

A Song. A Psalm of the sons of Korah.

For the choir director; according to  
 Mahalath Leannoth. <sup>a</sup>Maskil of Heman  
<sup>4</sup>the Ezrahite.

- O** LORD, the <sup>a</sup>God of my salvation,  
 I have <sup>b</sup>cried out by day and in the night before Thee.  
 2 Let my prayer <sup>a</sup>come before Thee;  
<sup>b</sup>Incline Thine ear to my cry!  
 3 For my <sup>a</sup>soul has <sup>1</sup>had enough troubles,  
 And <sup>b</sup>my life has drawn near to <sup>2</sup>Sheol.  
 4 I am reckoned among those who <sup>a</sup>go down to the pit;  
 I have become like a man <sup>b</sup>without strength,  
 5 <sup>1</sup>Forsaken <sup>a</sup>among the dead,  
 Like the slain who lie in the grave,  
 Whom Thou dost remember no more,  
 And they are <sup>b</sup>cut off from Thy hand.  
 6 Thou hast put me in <sup>a</sup>the lowest pit,  
 In <sup>b</sup>dark places, in the <sup>c</sup>depths.  
 7 Thy wrath <sup>a</sup>has rested upon me,  
 And Thou hast afflicted me with <sup>b</sup>all Thy waves. [1Selah.  
 8 Thou hast removed <sup>a</sup>my acquaintances far from me;  
 Thou hast made me an <sup>1b</sup>object of loathing to them;  
 I am <sup>c</sup>shut up and cannot go out.  
 9 My <sup>a</sup>eye has wasted away because of affliction;  
 I have <sup>b</sup>called upon Thee every day, O LORD;  
 I have <sup>c</sup>spread out my <sup>1</sup>hands to Thee.  
 10 Wilt Thou perform wonders for the dead?  
 Will <sup>a</sup>the <sup>1</sup>departed spirits rise and praise Thee? [Selah.

1 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 78:69; Is. 28:162 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 78:67, 683 <sup>1</sup>Selah may mean:  
*Pause, Crescendo or  
 Musical interlude*  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 60:1 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 46:4; 48:84 <sup>1</sup>L.e., Egypt <sup>2</sup>Or, as  
<sup>1</sup>Lit., Cush  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 89:10; Job 9:13; Is.  
 19:23-25 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 45:12 <sup>c</sup>Ps.  
 68:315 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 48:86 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 69:28; Is. 4:37 <sup>1</sup>Or, *dance*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 68:25; 149:3 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 30:11;  
 2 Sam. 6:14 <sup>c</sup>Ps. 36:9- Possibly, *Contemplative,*  
 or *Didactic, or Skillful*  
*Psalm* <sup>a</sup>Ps. 89:title; 1 Chr.  
 2:6; 1 Kin. 4:311 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 24:5; 27:9 <sup>b</sup>Ps.  
 22:2; 86:3; Luke 18:72 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 18:6 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 31:2; 86:13 <sup>1</sup>Or, *been satisfied*  
 with <sup>2</sup>L.e., the nether world  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 107:26 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 107:18;  
 116:34 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 28:1; 143:7 <sup>b</sup>Ps.  
 22:11; Job 29:125 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *A freed one*  
*among the dead*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 31:12 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 31:22;  
 Is. 53:86 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 86:13; Lam. 3:55  
<sup>b</sup>Ps. 143:3 <sup>c</sup>Ps. 69:157 <sup>1</sup>Selah may mean:  
*Pause, Crescendo or  
 Musical interlude*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 32:4; 39:10 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 42:78 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *abomination to*  
*them*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 31:11; 142:4; Job 19:13;  
 19 <sup>b</sup>Job 30:10 <sup>c</sup>Ps. 142:7;  
 Jer. 32:2; 36:59 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *palms*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 67; 31:9 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 22:2; 86:3  
<sup>c</sup>Ps. 143:6; Job 11:1310 <sup>1</sup>Or, *ghosts, shades*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 65; 30:9

11 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *Abaddon*

12 <sup>1</sup>I.e., faithfulness to His gracious promises  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 88:6; Job 10:21

13 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 30:2 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 5:3; 119:147

14 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 43:2; 44:9 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 13:1; 44:24; Job 13:24

15 <sup>1</sup>Or, *embarrassed*  
<sup>a</sup>Prov. 24:11 <sup>b</sup>Job 6:4; 31:23

16 <sup>1</sup>Or, *silenced*  
<sup>a2</sup> Chr. 28:11; Is. 13:13; Lam. 1:12 <sup>b</sup>Lam. 3:54; Ezek. 37:11

17 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 118:10-12 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 124:4 <sup>c</sup>Ps. 17:11; 22:12, 16

18 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 88:8; 31:11; 38:11; Job 19:13

• Possibly, *Contemplative, or Didactic, or Skillful Psalm* <sup>4</sup>Ps. 88:title

1 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 59:16; 101:1 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 40:10 <sup>c</sup>Ps. 89:5, 8, 24, 33, 49; 36:5; 88:11; 92:2; 119:90; Is. 25:1; Lam. 3:23

2 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 103:17 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 36:5

3 <sup>a1</sup> Kin. 8:16 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 132:11

4 <sup>1</sup>*Selah* may mean: *Pause, Crescendo or Musical interlude*  
<sup>a2</sup> Sam. 7:16 <sup>b1s</sup> Is. 9:7; Luke 1:33

5 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 19:1; 97:6 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 149:1 <sup>c</sup>Job 5:1

6 <sup>1</sup>Or, *sons of gods*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 86:8; 113:5 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 29:1; 82:1

7 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 47:2; 68:35 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 89:5 <sup>c</sup>Ps. 96:4

8 <sup>1</sup>YHWH, usually rendered LORD <sup>2</sup>Heb., *YAH*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 35:10; 71:19

9 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 65:7; 107:29

10 <sup>1</sup>I.e., Egypt <sup>2</sup>Lit., *an arm of might*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 87:4; Is. 30:7; 51:9 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 18:14; 68:1; 144:6

11 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *its fulness*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 96:5; Gen. 1:1; 1 Chr. 29:11 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 24:1

12 <sup>a</sup>Job 26:7 <sup>b</sup>Josh. 19:22; Judg. 4:6; Jer. 46:18 <sup>c</sup>Ps. 133:3; Deut. 3:8; Josh. 11:17; Song of Sol. 4:8 <sup>d</sup>Ps. 98:8

- 11 Will Thy lovingkindness be declared in the grave, Thy faithfulness in <sup>1</sup>the place of destruction?
- 12 Will Thy wonders be made known in the <sup>a</sup>darkness? And Thy <sup>1</sup>righteousness in the land of forgetfulness?
- 13 But I, O LORD, have cried out <sup>a</sup>to Thee for help, And <sup>b</sup>in the morning my prayer comes before Thee.
- 14 O LORD, why <sup>a</sup>dost Thou reject my soul? Why dost Thou <sup>b</sup>hide Thy face from me?
- 15 I was afflicted and <sup>a</sup>about to die from my youth on; I suffer <sup>b</sup>Thy terrors; I am <sup>1</sup>overcome.
- 16 Thy <sup>a</sup>burning anger has passed over me; Thy terrors have <sup>1b</sup>destroyed me.
- 17 They have <sup>a</sup>surrounded me <sup>b</sup>like water all day long; They have <sup>c</sup>encompassed me altogether.
- 18 Thou hast removed <sup>a</sup>lover and friend far from me; My acquaintances are *in* darkness.

**PSALM 89**

The LORD'S Covenant with David, and Israel's Afflictions.

A <sup>a</sup>Maskil of Ethan <sup>4</sup>the Ezrahite.

- I WILL <sup>a</sup>sing of the lovingkindness of the LORD forever; To all generations I will <sup>b</sup>make known Thy <sup>c</sup>faithfulness with my mouth.
- 2 For I have said, <sup>a</sup>“Lovingkindness will be built up forever; In the heavens Thou wilt establish Thy <sup>b</sup>faithfulness.”
- 3 “I have made a covenant with <sup>a</sup>My chosen; I have <sup>b</sup>sworn to David My servant,
- 4 I will establish your <sup>a</sup>seed forever, And build up your <sup>b</sup>throne to all generations.” [<sup>1</sup>*Selah*.
- 5 And the <sup>a</sup>heavens will praise Thy wonders, O LORD; Thy faithfulness also <sup>b</sup>in the assembly of the <sup>c</sup>holy ones.
- 6 For <sup>a</sup>who in the skies is comparable to the LORD? Who among the <sup>1b</sup>sons of the mighty is like the LORD,
- 7 A God <sup>a</sup>greatly feared in the council of the <sup>b</sup>holy ones, And <sup>a</sup>awesome above all those who are around Him?
- 8 O Lord <sup>1</sup>GOD of hosts, <sup>a</sup>who is like Thee, O mighty <sup>2</sup>LORD? Thy faithfulness also surrounds Thee.
- 9 Thou dost rule the swelling of the sea; When its waves rise, Thou <sup>a</sup>dost still them.
- 10 Thou Thyself didst crush <sup>1a</sup>Rahab like one who is slain; Thou didst <sup>b</sup>scatter Thine enemies with <sup>2</sup>Thy mighty arm.
- 11 The <sup>a</sup>heavens are Thine, the earth also is Thine; The <sup>b</sup>world and <sup>1</sup>all it contains, Thou hast founded them.
- 12 The <sup>a</sup>north and the south, Thou hast created them; <sup>b</sup>Tabor and <sup>c</sup>Hermon <sup>d</sup>shout for joy at Thy name.

- 13 Thou hast <sup>1</sup>a strong arm;  
Thy hand is mighty, Thy <sup>2</sup>right hand is exalted.
- 14 <sup>a</sup>Righteousness and justice are the foundation of Thy throne;  
<sup>b</sup>Lovingkindness and <sup>1</sup>truth go before Thee.
- 15 How blessed are the people who know the <sup>1</sup>joyful sound!  
O LORD, they walk in the <sup>b</sup>light of Thy countenance.
- 16 In <sup>a</sup>Thy name they rejoice all the day,  
And by Thy righteousness they are exalted.
- 17 For Thou art the glory of <sup>a</sup>their strength,  
And by Thy favor <sup>1</sup>our <sup>b</sup>horn is exalted.
- 18 For our <sup>a</sup>shield belongs to the LORD,  
<sup>1</sup>And <sup>2</sup>our king to the <sup>b</sup>Holy One of Israel.
- 19 <sup>1</sup>Once Thou didst speak in vision to Thy godly <sup>2</sup>ones,  
And didst say, "I have <sup>3</sup>given help to one who is <sup>a</sup>mighty;  
I have exalted one <sup>b</sup>chosen from the people.
- 20 "I have <sup>a</sup>found David My servant;  
With My holy <sup>b</sup>oil I have anointed him,
- 21 With whom <sup>a</sup>My hand will be established;  
My arm also will <sup>b</sup>strengthen him.
- 22 "The enemy will not <sup>1</sup>deceive him,  
Nor the <sup>2</sup>son of wickedness afflict him.
- 23 "But I shall <sup>a</sup>crush his adversaries before him,  
And strike those who hate him.
- 24 "And My <sup>a</sup>faithfulness and My lovingkindness will be with him,  
And in My name his <sup>b</sup>horn will be exalted.
- 25 "I shall also set his hand <sup>a</sup>on the sea,  
And his right hand on the rivers.
- 26 "He will cry to Me, 'Thou art <sup>a</sup>my Father,  
My God, and the <sup>b</sup>rock of my salvation.'
- 27 "I also shall make him My <sup>a</sup>first-born,  
The <sup>b</sup>highest of the kings of the earth.
- 28 "My <sup>a</sup>lovingkindness I will keep for him forever,  
And My <sup>b</sup>covenant shall be confirmed to him.
- 29 "So I will establish his <sup>1</sup>a descendants forever,  
And his <sup>b</sup>throne as the days of heaven.
- 30 "If his sons <sup>a</sup>forsake My law,  
And do not walk in My judgments,
- 31 If they <sup>1</sup>violate My statutes,  
And do not keep My commandments,
- 32 Then I will visit their transgression with the <sup>a</sup>rod,  
And their iniquity with stripes.
- 33 "But I will not break off <sup>a</sup>My lovingkindness from him,  
Nor deal falsely in My faithfulness.
- 34 "My <sup>a</sup>covenant I will not <sup>1</sup>violate,  
Nor will I <sup>b</sup>alter <sup>2</sup>the utterance of My lips.
- 35 "I once I have <sup>a</sup>sworn by My holiness;  
I will not lie to David.
- 36 "His <sup>1</sup>a descendants shall endure forever,  
And his <sup>b</sup>throne as the sun before Me.
- 37 "It shall be established forever <sup>a</sup>like the moon,  
And the <sup>b</sup>witness in the sky is faithful."

<sup>13</sup> <sup>1</sup>Lit., an arm with strength  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 98:1; 118:16

<sup>14</sup> <sup>1</sup>Or, faithfulness  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 97:2 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 85:13

<sup>15</sup> <sup>1</sup>Or, blast of the trumpet, shout of joy  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 98:6; Lev. 23:24; Num. 10:10 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 4:6; 44:3; 67:1; 80:3; 90:8

<sup>16</sup> <sup>a</sup>Ps. 105:3

<sup>17</sup> <sup>1</sup>Another reading is, Thou dost exalt our horn  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 28:8 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 75:10; 92:10; 148:14

<sup>18</sup> <sup>1</sup>Or, Even <sup>2</sup>Or, to the Holy One of Israel our King  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 47:9 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 71:22; 78:41

<sup>19</sup> <sup>1</sup>Or, At that time  
<sup>2</sup>Some mss. read, one <sup>3</sup>Lit., placed help upon  
<sup>a</sup>2 Sam. 17:10 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 78:70; 1 Kin. 11:34

<sup>20</sup> <sup>a</sup>Acts 13:22 <sup>b</sup>1 Sam. 16:13

<sup>21</sup> <sup>a</sup>Ps. 18:35; 80:17 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 18:32

<sup>22</sup> <sup>1</sup>Or, exact usury from him <sup>2</sup>Or, wicked man  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 125:3; 2 Sam. 7:10

<sup>23</sup> <sup>a</sup>Ps. 18:40; 2 Sam. 7:9

<sup>24</sup> <sup>a</sup>Ps. 89:1 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 132:17

<sup>25</sup> <sup>a</sup>Ps. 72:8

<sup>26</sup> <sup>a</sup>2 Sam. 7:14; 1 Chr. 22:10; Jer. 3:19 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 95:1; 2 Sam. 22:47

<sup>27</sup> <sup>a</sup>Ps. 2:7; Ex. 4:22; Jer. 31:9; Col. 1:15, 18 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 72:11; Num. 24:7; Rev. 19:16

<sup>28</sup> <sup>a</sup>Ps. 89:33 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 89:3, 34

<sup>29</sup> <sup>1</sup>Lit., seed  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 89:4, 36; 18:50 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 89:4; 132:12; 1 Kin. 2:4; Is. 9:7; Jer. 33:17

<sup>30</sup> <sup>a</sup>2 Sam. 7:14

<sup>31</sup> <sup>1</sup>Lit., profane

<sup>32</sup> <sup>a</sup>Job 9:34; 21:9

<sup>33</sup> <sup>a</sup>2 Sam. 7:15

<sup>34</sup> <sup>1</sup>Lit., profane <sup>2</sup>Lit., that which goes forth  
<sup>a</sup>Deut. 7:9; Jer. 33:20, 21 <sup>b</sup>Num. 23:19

<sup>35</sup> <sup>1</sup>Or, One thing  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 60:6; Amos 4:2

<sup>36</sup> <sup>1</sup>Lit., seed  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 89:29 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 72:5

<sup>37</sup> <sup>1</sup>Selah may mean: Pause, Crescendo or Musical interlude  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 72:5 <sup>b</sup>Job 16:19

38 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *with*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 44:9 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 89:20, 51; Ps.  
 20:6

39 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *to the ground*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 78:59; Lam. 2:7 <sup>b</sup>Ps.  
 74:7 <sup>c</sup>Lam. 5:16

40 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 80:12 <sup>b</sup>Lam. 2:2, 5

41 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 80:12 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 44:13;  
 69:9, 19; 79:4

42 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 13:2 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 80:6

43 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 44:10

44 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *clearness, luster*  
<sup>a</sup>Ezek. 28:7

45 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 102:23 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 44:15;  
 71:13; 109:29

46 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 13:1; 44:24 <sup>b</sup>Ps.  
 79:5; 80:4

47 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *of what duration*  
*I am* <sup>2</sup>Or, *hast*  
*Thou . . . men?*  
<sup>a</sup>Job 7:7; 10:9; 14:1 <sup>b</sup>Ps.  
 39:5; 62:9; Eccles. 1:2; 2:11

48 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *hand* <sup>2</sup>i.e., *the*  
*nether world*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 22:29; 49:9 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 49:15

49 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 30:9; Ezek. 34:23

50 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *My bearing in*  
*my bosom*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 69:9; 74:18, 22

51 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 74:10 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 89:38

52 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 41:13; 72:19;  
 106:48

<sup>c</sup>Deut. 33:1

<sup>1</sup> Or, *hiding place*;  
 some ancient mss. read,  
*place of refuge*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 71:3; 91:1; Deut. 33:27;  
 Ezek. 11:16

<sup>2</sup> Or, *And*  
<sup>a</sup>Job 15:7; Prov. 8:25 <sup>b</sup>Ps.  
 102:25; 104:5; Gen. 1:1 <sup>c</sup>Ps.  
 93:2; 102:24, 27; Jer. 10:10

<sup>3</sup> <sup>a</sup>Ps. 104:29; Gen. 3:19;  
 Job 34:14, 15

<sup>4</sup> Or, *And*  
<sup>a</sup>2 Pet. 3:8 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 39:5 <sup>c</sup>Ex.  
 14:24; Judg. 7:19

- 38 But Thou hast <sup>a</sup>cast off and rejected,  
 Thou hast been full of wrath <sup>1</sup>against Thine <sup>b</sup>anointed.
- 39 Thou hast <sup>a</sup>spurned the covenant of Thy servant;  
 Thou hast <sup>b</sup>profaned <sup>c</sup>his crown <sup>1</sup>in the dust.
- 40 Thou hast <sup>a</sup>broken down all his walls;  
 Thou hast <sup>b</sup>brought his strongholds to ruin.
- 41 <sup>a</sup>All who pass along the way plunder him;  
 He has become a <sup>b</sup>reproach to his neighbors.
- 42 Thou hast <sup>a</sup>exalted the right hand of his adversaries;  
 Thou hast <sup>b</sup>made all his enemies rejoice.
- 43 Thou dost also turn back the edge of his sword,  
 And hast <sup>a</sup>not made him stand in battle.
- 44 Thou hast made his <sup>1</sup>splendor to cease,  
 And cast his throne to the ground.
- 45 Thou hast <sup>a</sup>shortened the days of his youth;  
 Thou hast <sup>b</sup>covered him with shame. [Selah.]

- 46 <sup>a</sup>How long, O LORD?  
 Wilt Thou hide Thyself forever?  
 Will Thy <sup>b</sup>wrath burn like fire?
- 47 <sup>a</sup>Remember <sup>1</sup>what my span of life is;  
 For what <sup>b</sup>vanity <sup>2</sup>Thou hast created all the sons of men!
- 48 What man can live and not <sup>a</sup>see death?  
 Can he <sup>b</sup>deliver his soul from the <sup>1</sup>power of  
<sup>2</sup>Sheol? [Selah.]
- 49 Where are Thy former lovingkindnesses, O Lord,  
 Which Thou didst <sup>a</sup>swear to David in Thy faithfulness?
- 50 Remember, O Lord, the <sup>a</sup>reproach of Thy servants;  
<sup>1</sup>How I do bear in my bosom *the reproach of* all the  
 many peoples,
- 51 With which <sup>a</sup>Thine enemies have reproached, O LORD,  
 With which they have reproached the footsteps of  
<sup>b</sup>Thine anointed.
- 52 <sup>a</sup>Blessed be the LORD forever!  
 Amen and Amen.

**BOOK 4**

**PSALM 90**

God's Eternity and Man's Transitoriness.

A Prayer of <sup>c</sup>Moses the man of God.

- LORD**, Thou hast been our <sup>1</sup>adwelling place in all genera-  
 tions.
- 2 Before <sup>a</sup>the mountains were born,  
<sup>1</sup>Or Thou <sup>b</sup>didst give birth to the earth and the world,  
 Even <sup>c</sup>from everlasting to everlasting, Thou art God.
- 3 Thou dost <sup>a</sup>turn man back into dust,  
 And dost say, "Return, O children of men."
- 4 For <sup>a</sup>a thousand years in Thy sight  
 Are like <sup>b</sup>yesterday when it passes by,  
<sup>1</sup>Or as a <sup>c</sup>watch in the night.

- 5 Thou <sup>a</sup> hast <sup>1</sup> swept them away like a flood, they <sup>2b</sup> fall asleep;  
In the morning they are like <sup>c</sup> grass which <sup>3</sup> sprouts anew.
- 6 In the morning it <sup>a</sup> flourishes, and <sup>1</sup> sprouts anew;  
Towards evening it <sup>b</sup> fades, and <sup>c</sup> withers away.
- 7 For we have been <sup>a</sup> consumed by Thine anger,  
And by Thy wrath we have been <sup>1</sup> dismayed.
- 8 Thou hast <sup>a</sup> placed our iniquities before Thee,  
Our <sup>b</sup> secret sins in the light of Thy presence.
- 9 For <sup>a</sup> all our days have declined in Thy fury;  
We have finished our years like a <sup>1</sup> sigh.
- 10 As for the days of our <sup>1</sup> life, <sup>2</sup> they contain seventy years,  
Or if due to strength, <sup>a</sup> eighty years,  
Yet their pride is *but* <sup>b</sup> labor and sorrow;  
For soon it is gone and we <sup>c</sup> fly away.
- 11 Who <sup>1</sup> understands the <sup>a</sup> power of Thine anger,  
And Thy fury, according to the <sup>b</sup> fear <sup>2</sup> that is due Thee?
- 12 So <sup>a</sup> teach us to number our days,  
That we may <sup>1b</sup> present to Thee a heart of wisdom.
- 13 Do <sup>a</sup> return, O LORD; <sup>b</sup> how long will it be?  
And <sup>1b</sup> be sorry for Thy servants.
- 14 O <sup>a</sup> satisfy us in the morning with Thy lovingkindness,  
That we may <sup>b</sup> sing for joy and be glad all our days.
- 15 <sup>a</sup> Make us glad <sup>1</sup> according to the days Thou hast afflicted us,  
And the <sup>b</sup> years we have seen <sup>2</sup> evil.
- 16 Let Thy <sup>a</sup> work appear to Thy servants,  
And Thy <sup>b</sup> majesty <sup>1</sup> to their children.
- 17 And let the <sup>a</sup> favor of the Lord our God be upon us;  
And do <sup>1b</sup> confirm for us the work of our hands;  
Yes, <sup>1</sup> confirm the work of our hands.

## PSALM 91

Security of the One Who Trusts in the LORD.

- H**E who dwells in the <sup>a</sup> shelter of the Most High  
Will abide in the <sup>b</sup> shadow of the Almighty.
- 2 I will say to the LORD, "My <sup>a</sup> refuge and my <sup>b</sup> fortress,  
My God, in whom I <sup>c</sup> trust!"
- 3 For it is He who delivers you from the <sup>a</sup> snare of the trapper,  
And from the deadly <sup>b</sup> pestilence.
- 4 He will <sup>a</sup> cover you with His pinions,  
And <sup>b</sup> under His wings you may seek refuge;  
His <sup>c</sup> faithfulness is a <sup>d</sup> shield and bulwark.
- 5 You <sup>a</sup> will not be afraid of the <sup>b</sup> terror by night,  
Or of the <sup>c</sup> arrow that flies by day;  
6 Of the <sup>a</sup> pestilence that <sup>1</sup> stalks in darkness,  
Or of the <sup>b</sup> destruction that lays waste at noon.
- 7 A thousand may fall at your side,  
And ten thousand at your right hand;  
But <sup>a</sup> it shall not approach you.

5 <sup>1</sup>Or, flooded <sup>2</sup>Lit., become asleep <sup>3</sup>Or, passes away  
<sup>a</sup>Job 22:16; 27:20 <sup>b</sup>Job 14:12; 20:8; Ps. 76:5 <sup>c</sup>Ps. 103:15; Is. 40:6

6 <sup>1</sup>Or, passes away  
<sup>a</sup>Job 14:2 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 92:7; Matt. 6:30 <sup>c</sup>James 1:11

7 <sup>1</sup>Or, terrified  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 39:11

8 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 50:21; Jer. 16:17  
<sup>b</sup>Ps. 19:12; Eccles. 12:14

9 <sup>1</sup>Or, whisper  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 78:33

10 <sup>1</sup>Lit., years <sup>2</sup>Lit., in them are  
<sup>a</sup>2 Kin. 19:35 <sup>b</sup>Eccles. 12:2-7; Jer. 20:18 <sup>c</sup>Ps. 78:39; Job 20:8

11 <sup>1</sup>Or, knows <sup>2</sup>Lit., of Thee  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 76:7 <sup>b</sup>Neh. 5:9

12 <sup>1</sup>Or, gain, bring in  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 39:4; Deut. 32:29  
<sup>b</sup>Prov. 2:1-6

13 <sup>1</sup>Or, repent in regard to  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 6:4; 80:14 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 6:3; 74:10 <sup>c</sup>Ps. 106:45; 135:14; Ex. 32:12; Deut. 32:36; Amos 7:3, 6; Jon. 3:9

14 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 36:8; 65:4; 103:5; Jer. 31:14 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 31:7; 85:6

15 <sup>1</sup>Or, as many days as  
<sup>2</sup>Or, trouble  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 86:4; <sup>b</sup>Ps. 31:10; Deut. 2:14-16

16 <sup>1</sup>Or, upon  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 44:1; 77:12; 92:4; Deut. 32:4; Hab. 3:2 <sup>b</sup>1 Kin. 8:11; Is. 6:3

17 <sup>1</sup>Or, give permanence to  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 27:4 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 37:23; Is. 26:12; 1 Cor. 3:7

1 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 27:5; 31:20; 32:7  
<sup>b</sup>Ps. 17:8; 121:5; Is. 25:4; 32:2

2 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 91:9; 14:6; 94:22  
<sup>b</sup>Ps. 18:2; 31:3; Jer. 16:19  
<sup>c</sup>Ps. 25:2; 56:4

3 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 124:7; Prov. 6:5  
<sup>b</sup>Ps. 91:6; 1 Kin. 8:37;  
2 Chr. 20:9

4 <sup>a</sup>Is. 51:16 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 36:7; 57:1; 63:7 <sup>c</sup>Ps. 40:11 <sup>d</sup>Ps. 35:2

5 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 23:4; 27:1; Job 5:19-23 <sup>b</sup>Song of Sol. 3:8  
<sup>c</sup>Ps. 64:4

6 <sup>1</sup>Or, walks  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 91:10; 2 Kin. 19:35  
<sup>b</sup>Job 5:22

7 <sup>a</sup>Gen. 7:23; Josh. 14:10

## Psalms 91, 92

8 \*Ps. 37:34; 58:10

9 <sup>1</sup>Or, *For Thou O Lord art my Refuge; You have made the Most High your dwelling place.*

10 <sup>1</sup>Or, *dwelling*  
\*Prov. 12:21

11 \*Ps. 34:7; Matt. 4:6;  
Luke 4:10, 11

13 <sup>1</sup>Or, *dragon*  
\*Judg. 14:6; Dan. 6:22;  
Luke 10:19

14 \*Ps. 145:20 \*Ps. 59:1  
\*Ps. 9:10

15 <sup>1</sup>Or, *distress*  
\*Ps. 50:15; Job 12:4 \*1 Sam.  
2:30; John 12:26

16 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *length of days*  
<sup>2</sup>Or, *cause him to feast his eyes on*  
\*Ps. 21:4; Deut. 6:2 \*Ps.  
50:23

1 \*Ps. 147:1 \*Ps. 135:3

2 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *nights*  
\*Ps. 59:16 \*Ps. 89:1

3 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *Upon* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *by means of*  
\*Ps. 33:2; 1 Sam. 10:5;  
1 Chr. 13:8; Neh. 12:27

4 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *Thy working*  
\*Ps. 40:5; 90:16 \*Ps. 106:47  
\*Ps. 8:6; 111:7; 143:5

5 <sup>1</sup>Or, *purposes*  
\*Ps. 40:5; 111:2; Rev. 15:3  
\*Ps. 33:11; 40:5; 139:17 \*Ps.  
36:6; Rom. 11:33

6 \*Ps. 49:10; 94:8

7 \*Ps. 90:5 \*Ps. 94:4 \*Ps.  
37:38

8 \*Ps. 93:4; 113:5

9 \*Ps. 37:20 \*Ps. 68:1;  
89:10

10 <sup>1</sup>Or, *become moist*  
\*Ps. 75:10; 89:17; 112:9 \*Ps.  
23:5; 45:7

11 <sup>1</sup>Or, *those who lie in wait for me*  
\*Ps. 54:7; 91:8

- 8 You will only look on with your eyes,  
And <sup>a</sup>see the recompense of the wicked.
- 9 <sup>1</sup>For you have made the LORD, my refuge,  
Even the Most High, your dwelling place.
- 10 <sup>a</sup>No evil will befall you,  
Nor will any plague come near your <sup>1</sup>tent.
- 11 For He will give <sup>a</sup>His angels charge concerning you,  
To guard you in all your ways.
- 12 They will bear you up in their hands,  
Lest you strike your foot against a stone.
- 13 You will <sup>a</sup>tread upon the lion and cobra,  
The young lion and the <sup>1</sup>serpent you will trample down.
- 14 <sup>a</sup>"Because he has loved Me, therefore I will deliver him;  
I will <sup>b</sup>set him *securely* on high, because he has <sup>c</sup>known  
My name.
- 15 <sup>a</sup>"He will <sup>a</sup>call upon Me, and I will answer him;  
I will be with him in <sup>1</sup>trouble;  
I will rescue him, and <sup>b</sup>honor him.
- 16 <sup>a</sup>"With <sup>1a</sup> <sup>a</sup>long life I will satisfy him,  
And <sup>2b</sup>let him behold My salvation."

## PSALM 92

Praise for the LORD'S Goodness.

A Psalm, a Song for the Sabbath day.

- IT is <sup>a</sup>good to give thanks to the LORD,  
And to <sup>b</sup>sing praises to Thy name, O Most High;
- 2 To <sup>a</sup>declare Thy lovingkindness in the morning,  
And Thy <sup>b</sup>faithfulness <sup>1</sup>by night,
- 3 <sup>1</sup>With the <sup>a</sup>ten-stringed lute, and <sup>1</sup>with the <sup>a</sup>harp;  
<sup>1</sup>With resounding music <sup>2</sup>upon the <sup>a</sup>lyre.
- 4 For Thou, O LORD, hast made me glad by <sup>1</sup>what Thou  
<sup>a</sup>hast done,  
I will <sup>b</sup>sing for joy at the <sup>c</sup>works of Thy hands.
- 5 How <sup>a</sup>great are Thy works, O LORD!  
Thy <sup>1b</sup>thoughts are very <sup>c</sup>deep.
- 6 A <sup>a</sup>senseless man has no knowledge;  
Nor does a <sup>a</sup>stupid man understand this:
- 7 That when the wicked <sup>a</sup>sprouted up like grass,  
And all <sup>b</sup>who did iniquity flourished,  
It was *only* that they might be <sup>c</sup>destroyed forevermore.
- 8 But Thou, O LORD, art <sup>a</sup>on high forever.
- 9 For, behold, Thine enemies, O LORD,  
For, behold, <sup>a</sup>Thine enemies will perish;  
All who do iniquity will be <sup>b</sup>scattered.
- 10 But Thou hast exalted my <sup>a</sup>horn like *that of* the wild ox;  
I have <sup>1</sup>been <sup>b</sup>anointed with fresh oil.
- 11 And my eye has <sup>a</sup>looked *exultantly* upon <sup>1</sup>my foes,  
My ears hear of the evildoers who rise up against me.

- 12 The <sup>a</sup>righteous man will <sup>1</sup>flourish like the palm tree,  
He will grow like a <sup>b</sup>cedar in Lebanon.
- 13 <sup>a</sup>Planted in the house of the LORD,  
They will flourish <sup>b</sup>in the courts of our God.
- 14 They will still <sup>1</sup>yield fruit in old age;  
They shall be <sup>2</sup>full of sap and very green,
- 15 To <sup>1</sup>declare that <sup>a</sup>the LORD is upright;  
He is my <sup>b</sup>rock, and there is <sup>c</sup>no unrighteousness in Him.

## PSALM 93

The Majesty of the LORD.

- <sup>a</sup>THE LORD <sup>1</sup>reigns, He is <sup>b</sup>clothed with majesty;  
The LORD has <sup>c</sup>clothed and girded Himself with  
strength;  
Indeed, the <sup>d</sup>world is firmly established, it will not be  
moved.
- 2 Thy <sup>a</sup>throne is established from of old;  
Thou <sup>b</sup>art from everlasting.
- 3 The <sup>a</sup>floods have lifted up, O LORD,  
The floods have lifted up their voice;  
The floods lift up their pounding waves.
- 4 More than the sounds of many waters,  
Than the mighty breakers of the sea,  
The LORD <sup>a</sup>on high is mighty.
- 5 Thy <sup>a</sup>testimonies are fully confirmed;  
<sup>b</sup>Holiness befits Thy house,  
O LORD, <sup>1</sup>forevermore.

## PSALM 94

The LORD Implored to Avenge His People.

- O LORD, God of <sup>1</sup>vengeance;  
God of <sup>1</sup>vengeance, <sup>2</sup>shine forth!
- 2 <sup>a</sup>Rise up, O <sup>b</sup>Judge of the earth;  
Render recompense <sup>c</sup>to the proud.
- 3 How long shall the wicked, O LORD,  
How long shall the <sup>a</sup>wicked exult?
- 4 They pour forth words, they <sup>a</sup>speak arrogantly;  
All who do wickedness <sup>b</sup>vaunt themselves.
- 5 They <sup>a</sup>crush Thy people, O LORD,  
And <sup>b</sup>afflict Thy heritage.
- 6 They <sup>a</sup>slay the widow and the <sup>1</sup>stranger,  
And murder the orphans.
- 7 And <sup>a</sup>they have said, "The LORD does not see,  
Nor does the God of Jacob pay heed."
- 8 Pay heed, you <sup>a</sup>senseless among the people;  
And when will you understand, <sup>a</sup>stupid ones?
- 9 He who <sup>a</sup>planted the ear, <sup>1</sup>does He not hear?  
He who formed the eye, <sup>1</sup>does He not see?

12 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *sprout*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 1:3; 52:8; 72:7; Num. 24:6; Jer. 17:8; Hos. 14:5; 6  
<sup>b</sup>Ps. 104:16; Ezek. 31:3

13 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 80:15; Is. 60:21  
<sup>b</sup>Ps. 100:4; 116:19

14 <sup>1</sup>Or, *thrive in* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *fat and*  
<sup>a</sup>Prov. 11:30; Is. 37:31; John 15:2; James 3:18

15 <sup>1</sup>Or, *show forth*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 25:8; Job 34:10 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 18:2; 94:22 <sup>c</sup>Rom. 9:14

1 <sup>1</sup>Or, *has assumed kingship*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 96:10; 97:1; 99:1 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 104:1 <sup>c</sup>Ps. 65:6; Is. 51:9 <sup>d</sup>Ps. 96:10

2 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 45:6; Lam. 5:19  
<sup>b</sup>Ps. 90:2

3 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 96:11; 98:7, 8

4 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 65:7; 89:6, 9; 92:8

5 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *for length of days*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 19:7 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 29:2; 96:9; 1 Cor. 3:17

1 <sup>1</sup>Or, *avenging acts*  
<sup>2</sup>Or, *has shone forth*  
<sup>a</sup>Deut. 32:35; Is. 35:4; Nah. 1:2; Rom. 12:19 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 50:2; 80:1

2 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 7:6 <sup>b</sup>Gen. 18:25  
<sup>c</sup>Ps. 31:23

3 <sup>a</sup>Job 20:5

4 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 31:18; 75:5 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 10:3; 52:1

5 <sup>a</sup>Is. 3:15 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 79:1

6 <sup>1</sup>Or, *sojourner*  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 10:2

7 <sup>1</sup>Heb., *YAH*  
<sup>a</sup>Job 22:13

8 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 92:6

9 <sup>1</sup>Or, *can*  
<sup>a</sup>Ex. 4:11; Prov. 20:12

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10 <sup>1</sup>Or, *instructs*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 44:2 <sup>b</sup>Job 35:11; Is. 28:26

11 <sup>1</sup>Or, *For*  
<sup>a</sup>Job 11:11; 1 Cor. 3:20

12 <sup>1</sup>Heb. *Yaw*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 119:71; Deut. 8:5; Job 5:17; Prov. 3:11, 12; Heb. 12:5; 6 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 119:171

13 <sup>a</sup>Job 34:29; Hab. 3:16  
<sup>b</sup>Ps. 49:5 <sup>c</sup>Ps. 9:15; 55:23

14 <sup>a</sup>1 Sam. 12:22; Lam. 3:31; Rom. 11:2 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 37:28

15 <sup>1</sup>I.e., administration of justice <sup>2</sup>Lit., *will return to righteousness* <sup>3</sup>Lit., *will be after it*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 97:2; Is. 42:3; Mic. 7:9

16 <sup>a</sup>Num. 10:35; Is. 28:21; 33:10 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 17:13; 59:2

17 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 124:1, 2

18 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 38:16; 73:2

19 <sup>1</sup>Or, *are many*  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 57:18; 66:13

20 <sup>1</sup>Or, *tribunal* <sup>2</sup>Or, *trouble, misfortune*  
<sup>a</sup>Amos 6:3 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 50:16; 58:2

21 <sup>1</sup>Or, *soul* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *innocent blood*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 56:6; 59:3 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 106:38; Ex. 23:7; Prov. 17:15; Matt. 27:4

22 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 9:9; 59:9 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 18:2; 71:7

23 <sup>1</sup>Or, *silence*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 7:16; 140:9, 11 <sup>b</sup>Gen. 19:15

1 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 66:1; 81:1 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 89:26

2 <sup>1</sup>Or, *a song of thanksgiving* <sup>2</sup>Or, *songs (with instrumental accompaniment)*  
<sup>a</sup>Mic. 6:6 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 100:4; 147:7; Jon. 2:9 <sup>c</sup>Ps. 81:2; Eph. 5:19; James 5:13

3 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 48:1; 135:5; 145:3  
<sup>b</sup>Ps. 96:4; 97:9

4 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 135:6

5 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *Who has the sea*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 146:6; Gen. 1:9, 10; Jon. 1:9

6 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 96:9; 99:5, 9  
<sup>b</sup>Chr. 6:13; Dan. 6:10 <sup>c</sup>Ps. 100:3; 149:2; Is. 17:7; Hos. 8:14

7 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *pasturing* <sup>2</sup>Or, *O that you would obey*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 74:1 <sup>b</sup>Heb. 3:7-11, 15; 4:7

- 10 He who <sup>1</sup>chastens the nations, will He not rebuke,  
*Even* He who <sup>b</sup>teaches man knowledge?
- 11 The LORD <sup>a</sup>knows the thoughts of man,  
<sup>1</sup>That they are a *mere* breath.
- 12 Blessed is the man whom <sup>a</sup>Thou dost chasten, O <sup>1</sup>LORD,  
 And <sup>b</sup>dost teach out of Thy law;
- 13 That Thou mayest grant him <sup>a</sup>relief from the <sup>b</sup>days of  
 adversity,  
 Until <sup>c</sup>a pit is dug for the wicked.
- 14 For <sup>a</sup>the LORD will not abandon His people,  
 Nor will He <sup>b</sup>forsake His inheritance.
- 15 For <sup>1</sup>judgment <sup>2</sup>will again be righteous;  
 And all the upright in heart <sup>3</sup>will follow it.
- 16 Who will <sup>a</sup>stand up for me against evildoers?  
 Who will take his stand for me <sup>b</sup>against those who do  
 wickedness?
- 17 If <sup>a</sup>the LORD had not been my help,  
 My soul would soon have dwelt in *the abode* of silence.
- 18 If I should say, <sup>a</sup>"My foot has slipped,"  
 Thy lovingkindness, O LORD, will hold me up.
- 19 When my anxious thoughts <sup>1</sup>multiply within me,  
 Thy <sup>a</sup>consolations delight my soul.
- 20 Can a <sup>1</sup>throne of destruction be allied with Thee,  
 One <sup>b</sup>which devises <sup>2</sup>mischiefs by decree?
- 21 They <sup>a</sup>band themselves together against the <sup>1</sup>life of the  
 righteous,  
 And <sup>b</sup>condemn <sup>2</sup>the innocent to death.
- 22 But the LORD has been my <sup>a</sup>stronghold,  
 And my God the <sup>b</sup>rock of my refuge.
- 23 And He has <sup>a</sup>brought back their wickedness upon them,  
 And will <sup>b</sup>destroy them in their evil;  
 The LORD our God will <sup>1</sup>destroy them.

## PSALM 95

Praise to the LORD, and Warning against Unbelief.

- O** COME, let us <sup>a</sup>sing for joy to the LORD;  
 Let us shout joyfully to <sup>b</sup>the rock of our salvation.
- 2 Let us <sup>a</sup>come before His presence <sup>b</sup>with <sup>1</sup>thanksgiving;  
 Let us shout joyfully to Him <sup>c</sup>with <sup>2</sup>psalms.
- 3 For the LORD is a <sup>a</sup>great God,  
 And a great King <sup>b</sup>above all gods,
- 4 In whose hand are the <sup>a</sup>depths of the earth;  
 The peaks of the mountains are His also.
- 5 <sup>1</sup>The sea is His, for it was He <sup>a</sup>who made it;  
 And His hands formed the dry land.
- 6 Come, let us <sup>a</sup>worship and bow down;  
 Let us <sup>b</sup>kneel before the LORD our <sup>c</sup>Maker.
- 7 For He is our God,  
 And we are the people of His <sup>1</sup>pasture, and the sheep  
 of His hand.  
<sup>b</sup>Today, <sup>2</sup>if you would hear His voice,



- 8 Do not harden your hearts, as at <sup>1a</sup>Meribah,  
As in the day of <sup>2b</sup>Massah in the wilderness;
- 9 "When your fathers <sup>a</sup>tested Me,  
They tried Me, though they had seen My work.
- 10 "For <sup>a</sup>forty years I loathed *that* generation,  
And said they are a people who err in their heart,  
And they do not know My ways.
- 11 "Therefore I <sup>a</sup>swore in My anger,  
Truly they shall not enter into My <sup>b</sup>rest."

## PSALM 96

A Call to Worship the LORD the Righteous Judge.

- SING to the LORD a <sup>a</sup>new song;  
Sing to the LORD, all the earth.
- 2 Sing to the LORD, bless His name;  
<sup>a</sup>Proclaim good tidings of His salvation from day to day.
- 3 Tell of <sup>a</sup>His glory among the nations,  
His wonderful deeds among all the peoples.
- 4 For <sup>a</sup>great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised;  
He is to be <sup>b</sup>feared above all gods.
- 5 For <sup>a</sup>all the gods of the peoples are <sup>1</sup>idols,  
But <sup>b</sup>the LORD made the heavens.
- 6 <sup>a</sup>Splendor and majesty are before Him,  
Strength and beauty are in His sanctuary.
- 7 <sup>1</sup>Ascribe to the LORD, O <sup>a</sup>families of the peoples,  
<sup>1b</sup>Ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.
- 8 <sup>1</sup>Ascribe to the LORD the <sup>a</sup>glory of His name;  
Bring an <sup>2b</sup>offering, and come into His courts.
- 9 <sup>a</sup>Worship the LORD in <sup>1</sup>holy attire;  
<sup>b</sup>Tremble before Him, all the earth.
- 10 Say among the nations, "The LORD reigns;  
Indeed, the <sup>a</sup>world is firmly established, it will not be  
moved;  
He will <sup>b</sup>judge the peoples with <sup>1</sup>equity."
- 11 Let the <sup>a</sup>heavens be glad, and let the <sup>b</sup>earth rejoice;  
Let <sup>c</sup>the sea <sup>1</sup>roar, and <sup>2</sup>all it contains;
- 12 Let the <sup>a</sup>field exult, and all that is in it.  
Then all the <sup>b</sup>trees of the forest will sing for joy
- 13 Before the LORD, <sup>a</sup>for He is coming;  
For He is coming to judge the earth.  
He will judge the world in righteousness,  
And the peoples in His faithfulness.

## PSALM 97

The LORD'S Power and Dominion.

- <sup>a</sup>THE LORD <sup>1</sup>reigns; let the <sup>b</sup>earth rejoice;  
Let the many <sup>2</sup>islands be glad.
- 2 <sup>a</sup>Clouds and thick darkness surround Him;  
<sup>b</sup>Righteousness and justice are the foundation of His  
throne.

8 <sup>1</sup>Or, *place of strife*  
<sup>2</sup>Or, *temptation*  
<sup>a</sup>Ex. 17:7; Num. 20:13 <sup>b</sup>Ex. 17:7; Deut. 6:16

9 <sup>a</sup>Num. 14:22; 1 Cor. 10:9

10 <sup>a</sup>Acts. 7:36; 13:18; Heb. 3:17

11 <sup>a</sup>Num. 14:23; 28:30; Deut. 1:35; Heb. 4:3, 5 <sup>b</sup>Deut. 12:9

1 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 40:3

2 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 71:15

3 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 145:12

4 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 48:1 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 89:7

5 <sup>1</sup>Or, *non-existent things*  
<sup>a</sup>1 Chr. 16:26 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 115:15; Is. 42:5

6 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 104:1

7 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *Give*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 22:27 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 29:1, 2; 1 Chr. 16:28, 29

8 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *Give* <sup>2</sup>Or, *meal offering*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 79:9; 115:1 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 45:12; 72:10

9 <sup>1</sup>Or, *the splendor of holiness*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 29:2; 110:3; 1 Chr. 16:29; 2 Chr. 20:21 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 33:8; 114:7

10 <sup>1</sup>Or, *uprightness*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 93:1 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 9:8; 58:11; 67:4; 98:9

11 <sup>1</sup>Or, *thunder* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *its fulness*  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 49:13 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 97:1 <sup>c</sup>Ps. 98:7

12 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 65:13; Is. 35:1; 55:12, 13 <sup>b</sup>Is. 44:23

13 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 98:9

1 <sup>1</sup>Or, *has assumed Kingship* <sup>2</sup>Or, *coastlands*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 96:10 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 96:11 <sup>c</sup>Is. 42:10, 12

2 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 18:11; Ex. 19:9; Deut. 4:11; 1 Kin. 8:12 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 89:14

3 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 18:8; 50:3; Dan. 7:10; Hab. 3:5 <sup>b</sup>Mal. 4:1; Heb. 12:29

4 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 77:18 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 96:9; 104:32

5 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 46:6; Amos 9:5; Mic. 1:4; Nah. 1:5 <sup>b</sup>Josh. 3:11

6 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 50:6 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 98:2; Is. 6:3; 40:5; 66:18

7 <sup>1</sup>Or, *All the gods have worshiped Him* <sup>2</sup>Or, *supernatural powers*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 78:58; Is. 42:17; 44:9, 11; Jer. 10:14 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 106:36; Jer. 50:2; Hab. 2:18 <sup>c</sup>Heb. 1:6

8 <sup>1</sup>Or possibly, *hears and is glad*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 48:11; Zeph. 3:14

9 <sup>1</sup>Or, *supernatural powers*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 83:18 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 95:3; 96:4; 135:5; Ex. 18:11

10 <sup>a</sup>Prov. 8:13; Amos 5:15; Rom. 12:9 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 31:23; 145:20; Prov. 2:8 <sup>c</sup>Ps. 37:40; Jer. 15:21; Dan. 3:28

11 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 112:4; Job 22:28; Prov. 4:18 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 64:10

12 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *for the memory of His holiness*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 32:11 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 30:4

1 <sup>1</sup>Or, *accomplished salvation*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 33:3 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 40:5; 96:3 <sup>c</sup>Ex. 15:6 <sup>d</sup>Is. 52:10

2 <sup>1</sup>i.e., *faithfulness to His gracious promises*  
<sup>a</sup>Rom. 3:25

3 <sup>a</sup>Luke 1:54, 72 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 22:27

4 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 100:1 <sup>b</sup>Is. 44:23

5 <sup>1</sup>Or, *voice of song (accompanied by music)*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 92:3 <sup>b</sup>Is. 51:3

6 <sup>a</sup>Num. 10:10; 2 Chr. 15:14 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 66:1 <sup>c</sup>Ps. 47:7

7 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *its fulness*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 96:11 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 24:1

- 3 <sup>a</sup>Fire goes before Him,  
And <sup>b</sup>burns up His adversaries round about.
- 4 His <sup>a</sup>lightnings lit up the world;  
The earth saw and <sup>b</sup>trembled.
- 5 The mountains <sup>a</sup>melted like wax at the presence of the  
LORD,  
At the presence of the <sup>b</sup>Lord of the whole earth.
- 6 The <sup>a</sup>heavens declare His righteousness,  
And <sup>b</sup>all the peoples have seen His glory.
- 7 Let all those be ashamed who serve <sup>a</sup>graven images,  
Who boast themselves of <sup>b</sup>idols;  
<sup>1c</sup>Worship Him, all you <sup>2</sup>gods.
- 8 Zion <sup>1</sup>heard *this* and <sup>a</sup>was glad,  
And the daughters of Judah have rejoiced  
Because of Thy judgments, O LORD.
- 9 For Thou art the LORD <sup>a</sup>Most High over all the earth;  
Thou art exalted far <sup>b</sup>above all <sup>1</sup>gods.
- 10 <sup>a</sup>Hate evil, you who love the LORD,  
Who <sup>b</sup>preserves the souls of His godly ones;  
He <sup>c</sup>delivers them from the hand of the wicked.
- 11 <sup>a</sup>Light is sown *like seed* for the righteous,  
And <sup>b</sup>gladness for the upright in heart.
- 12 Be <sup>a</sup>glad in the LORD, you righteous ones;  
And <sup>b</sup>give thanks <sup>1</sup>to His holy name.

**PSALM 98**

A Call to Praise the LORD for His Righteousness.

A Psalm.

- O** SING to the LORD a <sup>a</sup>new song,  
For He has done <sup>b</sup>wonderful things,  
His <sup>c</sup>right hand and His <sup>d</sup>holy arm have <sup>1</sup>gained the  
victory for Him.
- 2 The LORD has made known His salvation;  
He has revealed His <sup>1a</sup>righteousness in the sight of the  
nations.
- 3 He has <sup>a</sup>remembered His lovingkindness and His faith-  
fulness to the house of Israel;  
<sup>b</sup>All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our  
God.
- 4 <sup>a</sup>Shout joyfully to the LORD, all the earth;  
<sup>b</sup>Break forth and sing for joy and sing praises.
- 5 Sing praises to the LORD with the <sup>a</sup>lyre;  
With the lyre and the <sup>1b</sup>sound of melody.
- 6 With <sup>a</sup>trumpets and the sound of the horn  
<sup>b</sup>Shout joyfully before <sup>c</sup>the King, the LORD.
- 7 Let the <sup>a</sup>sea roar and <sup>1</sup>all it contains,  
The <sup>b</sup>world and those who dwell in it.

- 8 Let the <sup>a</sup>rivers clap their hands;  
Let the <sup>b</sup>mountains sing together for joy
- 9 Before the LORD; for He is coming to <sup>a</sup>judge the earth;  
He will judge the world with righteousness,  
And <sup>b</sup>the peoples with <sup>1</sup>equity.

## PSALM 99

Praise to the LORD for His Fidelity to Israel.

- <sup>a</sup>THE LORD reigns, let the peoples tremble;  
He <sup>b</sup>is enthroned *above* the cherubim, let the earth  
shake!
- 2 The LORD <sup>1</sup>is <sup>a</sup>great in Zion,  
And He is <sup>b</sup>exalted above all the peoples.
- 3 Let them praise Thy <sup>a</sup>great and awesome name;  
<sup>b</sup>Holy is <sup>1</sup>He.
- 4 And the <sup>1</sup>strength of the King <sup>a</sup>loves <sup>2</sup>justice;  
Thou hast established <sup>3</sup>equity;  
Thou hast <sup>c</sup>executed <sup>2</sup>justice and righteousness in Jacob.
- 5 <sup>1a</sup>Exalt the LORD our God,  
And <sup>b</sup>worship at His footstool;  
<sup>c</sup>Holy is He.
- 6 <sup>a</sup>Moses and Aaron were among His <sup>b</sup>priests,  
And <sup>c</sup>Samuel was among those who <sup>d</sup>called on His  
name;  
They <sup>e</sup>called upon the LORD, and He answered them.
- 7 He <sup>a</sup>spoke to them in the pillar of cloud;  
They <sup>b</sup>kept His testimonies,  
And the statute that He gave them.
- 8 O LORD our God, Thou didst <sup>a</sup>answer them;  
Thou wast a <sup>b</sup>forgiving God to them,  
And yet an <sup>c</sup>avenger of their *evil* deeds.
- 9 Exalt the LORD our God,  
And worship at His holy hill;  
For holy is the LORD our God.

## PSALM 100

All Men Exhorted to Praise God.

A Psalm for <sup>t</sup>thanksgiving.

- <sup>a</sup>SHOUT joyfully to the LORD, all the earth.
- 2 <sup>a</sup>Serve the LORD with gladness;  
<sup>b</sup>Come before Him with joyful singing.
- 3 Know that <sup>a</sup>the LORD <sup>1</sup>Himself is God;  
It is He who has <sup>b</sup>made us, and <sup>2</sup>not we ourselves;  
We are <sup>c</sup>His people and the sheep of His pasture.
- 4 Enter His gates <sup>a</sup>with <sup>1</sup>thanksgiving,  
And His courts with praise.  
Give thanks to Him; <sup>b</sup>bless His name.
- 5 For <sup>a</sup>the LORD is good;  
His lovingkindness is everlasting,  
And His <sup>b</sup>faithfulness to all generations.

8 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 93:3; Is. 55:12 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 65:12, 89:129 <sup>1</sup>Or, *uprightness*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 96:13 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 96:101 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *sits*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 97:1 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 80:1; Ex. 25:22; 1 Sam. 4:42 <sup>1</sup>Or, *in Zion is great*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 48:1; Is. 12:6 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 97:9; 113:43 <sup>1</sup>Or, *it*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 76:1; Deut. 28:58 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 22:3; Lev. 19:2; Josh. 24:19; 1 Sam. 2:2; Is. 6:34 <sup>1</sup>Or, *Thou hast established in equity the strength of the King who loves justice* <sup>2</sup>Or, *judgment*  
<sup>3</sup>Or, *uprightness*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 11:7; 33:5 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 17:2; 98:9 <sup>c</sup>Ps. 103:6; 146:7; Jer. 23:55 <sup>1</sup>The verb is plural.  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 34:3; 107:32; 118:28 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 132:7 <sup>c</sup>Ps. 99:36 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 15:1 <sup>b</sup>Ex. 24:6-8; 29:26; 40:23-27; Lev. 8:1-30  
<sup>c</sup>Jer. 15:1 <sup>d</sup>Ps. 22:4, 5; 1 Sam. 7:9; 12:18 <sup>e</sup>Ex. 15:25; 32:30-347 <sup>a</sup>Ex. 33:9; Num. 12:5  
<sup>b</sup>Ps. 105:288 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 106:44 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 78:38; Num. 14:20 <sup>c</sup>Ps. 95:11; 107:12; Ex. 32:28; Num. 20:12<sup>t</sup> Or, *thank offering*1 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 98:4, 62 <sup>a</sup>Deut. 12:11, 12; 28:47  
<sup>b</sup>Ps. 95:23 <sup>1</sup>Or, *He* <sup>2</sup>Some mss. read, *His we are*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 46:10; Deut. 4:35; 1 Kin. 18:39 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 95:6; 119:73; Job 10:3, 8 <sup>c</sup>Ps. 74:1, 2; 95:7; Is. 40:11; Ezek. 34:30, 314 <sup>1</sup>Or, *a thank offering*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 95:2 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 96:25 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 25:8; 86:5; 106:1; Jer. 33:11; Nah. 1:7 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 119:90

1 <sup>1</sup>Or, *judgment*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 51:14; 89:1; 145:7

2 <sup>1</sup>Or, *behave prudently*  
 in <sup>2</sup>Or, *way of integrity*  
<sup>3</sup>Or, *blamelessness*  
<sup>a</sup>1 Sam. 18:5, 14 <sup>b</sup>1 Kin. 9:4

3 <sup>1</sup>Or, *practice of apostasy*  
<sup>a</sup>Deut. 15:9 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 40:4

4 <sup>a</sup>Prov. 11:20

5 <sup>1</sup>Or, *silence*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 50:20; Jer. 9:4 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 10:4; 18:27; Prov. 6:17

6 <sup>1</sup>Or, *way of integrity*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 119:1

7 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *be established before my eyes*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 43:1; 52:2 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 52:4, 5

8 <sup>1</sup>Or, *silence*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 75:10 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 118:10-12  
<sup>c</sup>Ps. 46:4

<sup>c</sup> Ps. 142:2

1 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 39:12; 61:1 <sup>b</sup>Ex. 2:23; 1 Sam. 9:16

2 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 69:17 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 31:2 <sup>c</sup>Ps. 69:17

3 <sup>1</sup>Or, *finished*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 37:20; James 4:14 <sup>b</sup>Job 30:30; Lam. 1:13

4 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *herbage*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 90:5, 6 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 37:2; Is. 40:7 <sup>c</sup>1 Sam. 1:7; 2 Sam. 12:17; Ezra 10:6; Job 33:20

5 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *voice* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *have cleaved*  
<sup>a</sup>Job 19:20; Lam. 4:8

**PSALM 101**

The Psalmist's Profession of Uprightness.

A Psalm of David.

- I** WILL <sup>a</sup>sing of lovingkindness and <sup>1</sup>justice,  
 To Thee, O LORD, I will sing praises.
- 2 I will <sup>1a</sup>give heed to the <sup>2b</sup>blameless way.  
 When wilt Thou come to me?  
 I will walk within my house in the <sup>3b</sup>integrity of my heart.
- 3 I will set no <sup>a</sup>worthless thing before my eyes;  
 I hate the <sup>1</sup>work of those who <sup>b</sup>fall away;  
 It shall not fasten its grip on me.
- 4 A <sup>a</sup>perverse heart shall depart from me;  
 I will know no evil.
- 5 Whoever secretly <sup>a</sup>slanders his neighbor, him I will <sup>1</sup>destroy;  
 No one who has a <sup>b</sup>haughty look and an arrogant heart will I endure.
- 6 My eyes shall be upon the faithful of the land, that they may dwell with me;  
 He who walks in a <sup>1a</sup>blameless way is the one who will minister to me.
- 7 He who <sup>a</sup>practices deceit shall not dwell within my house;  
 He who speaks falsehood <sup>b</sup>shall not <sup>1</sup>maintain his position before me.
- 8 Every morning I will <sup>1a</sup>destroy all the wicked of the land,  
 So as to <sup>b</sup>cut off from the <sup>c</sup>city of the LORD all those who do iniquity.

**PSALM 102**

Prayer of an Afflicted Man for Mercy on Himself and on Zion.

A Prayer of the Afflicted, when he is faint, and <sup>1</sup>pours out his complaint before the Lord.

- <sup>a</sup>**H**EAR my prayer, O LORD!  
 And let my cry for help <sup>b</sup>come to Thee.
- 2 <sup>a</sup>Do not hide Thy face from me in the day of my distress;  
<sup>b</sup>Incline Thine ear to me;  
 In the day when I call <sup>c</sup>answer me quickly.
- 3 For my days <sup>a</sup>have been <sup>1</sup>consumed in smoke,  
 And my <sup>b</sup>bones have been scorched like a hearth.
- 4 My heart <sup>a</sup>has been smitten like <sup>1</sup>grass and <sup>b</sup>withered away,  
 Indeed, I <sup>c</sup>forget to eat my bread.
- 5 Because of the <sup>1</sup>loudness of my groaning  
 My <sup>a</sup>bones <sup>2</sup>cling to my flesh.

6 I resemble a pelican of the wilderness;  
I have become like an owl of the waste places.

7 I lie awake,  
I have become like a lonely bird on a housetop.

8 My enemies have reproached me all day long;  
Those who deride me have used my name as a curse.

9 For I have eaten ashes like bread,  
And mingled my drink with weeping,

10 Because of Thine indignation and Thy wrath;  
For Thou hast lifted me up and cast me away.

11 My days are like a lengthened shadow;  
And I wither away like grass.

12 But Thou, O LORD, dost abide forever;  
And Thy name to all generations.

13 Thou wilt arise and have compassion on Zion;  
For it is time to be gracious to her,  
For the appointed time has come.

14 Surely Thy servants find pleasure in her stones,  
And feel pity for her dust.

15 So the nations will fear the name of the LORD,  
And all the kings of the earth Thy glory.

16 For the LORD has built up Zion;  
He has appeared in His glory.

17 He has regarded the prayer of the destitute,  
Nor has He despised their prayer.

18 This will be written for the generation to come;  
That a people yet to be created may praise the LORD.

19 For He looked down from His holy height;  
From heaven the LORD gazed upon the earth,

20 To hear the groaning of the prisoner;  
To set free those who were doomed to death;

21 That men may tell of the name of the LORD in Zion,  
And His praise in Jerusalem;

22 When the peoples are gathered together,  
And the kingdoms, to serve the LORD.

23 He has weakened my strength in the way;  
He has shortened my days.

24 I say, "O my God, do not take me away in the midst  
of my days,  
Thy years are throughout all generations.

25 "Of old Thou didst find the earth;  
And the heavens are the work of Thy hands.

26 "Even they will perish, but Thou dost endure;  
And all of them will wear out like a garment;  
Like clothing Thou wilt change them, and they will be  
changed.

27 "But Thou art the same,  
And Thy years will not come to an end.

6 <sup>1</sup>Lit., have become similar to  
<sup>2</sup>Is. 34:11; Zeph. 2:14

7 <sup>2</sup>Ps. 77:4

8 <sup>1</sup>Or, made a fool of  
<sup>2</sup>Lit., have sworn by me  
<sup>3</sup>Ps. 31:11 <sup>4</sup>Acts 26:11 <sup>5</sup>Is. 65:15; Jer. 29:22; 2 Sam. 16:5

9 <sup>2</sup>Ps. 42:3; 80:5

10 <sup>2</sup>Ps. 38:3 <sup>3</sup>Job 27:21; 30:22

11 <sup>1</sup>Lit., stretched out  
<sup>2</sup>Or, as for me, I  
<sup>3</sup>Lit., herbage  
<sup>4</sup>Ps. 109:23; Job 14:2 <sup>5</sup>Ps. 102:4

12 <sup>1</sup>Or, sit enthroned  
<sup>2</sup>Lit., memorial  
<sup>3</sup>Ps. 9:7; 10:16; Lam. 5:19  
<sup>4</sup>Ps. 135:13; Ex. 3:15

13 <sup>2</sup>Ps. 12:5; 44:26 <sup>3</sup>Is. 60:10; Zech. 1:12; <sup>4</sup>Ps. 119:126 <sup>5</sup>Ps. 75:2; Dan. 8:19

14 <sup>1</sup>Or, have found

15 <sup>1</sup>Or, And <sup>2</sup>Or, Gentiles, heathen  
<sup>3</sup>Ps. 67:7; 1 Kin. 8:43 <sup>4</sup>Ps. 138:4

16 <sup>2</sup>Ps. 147:2 <sup>3</sup>Is. 60:1, 2

17 <sup>1</sup>Or, naked  
<sup>2</sup>Ps. 22:24; Neh. 1:6

18 <sup>1</sup>Or, Let this be written  
<sup>2</sup>Or, And <sup>3</sup>Or, will  
<sup>4</sup>Heb., YAH  
<sup>5</sup>Deut. 31:19; 1 Cor. 10:11  
<sup>6</sup>Ps. 22:30; 48:13 <sup>7</sup>Ps. 22:31

19 <sup>1</sup>Lit., toward  
<sup>2</sup>Ps. 14:2; 53:2; Deut. 26:15  
<sup>3</sup>Ps. 33:13

20 <sup>1</sup>Lit., the sons of death  
<sup>2</sup>Ps. 79:11 <sup>3</sup>Ps. 146:7

21 <sup>2</sup>Ps. 22:22

22 <sup>2</sup>Ps. 22:27; 86:9; Is. 49:22, 23; 60:3; Zech. 8:20-23

23 <sup>2</sup>Ps. 39:5

24 <sup>1</sup>Lit., half  
<sup>2</sup>Ps. 39:13; Is. 38:10 <sup>3</sup>Ps. 102:12; 90:2; Job 36:26;  
Hab. 1:12

25 <sup>2</sup>Gen. 1:1; Neh. 9:6;  
Heb. 1:10-12 <sup>3</sup>Ps. 96:5

26 <sup>1</sup>Lit., They themselves  
<sup>2</sup>Is. 34:4; 51:6; Matt. 24:35;  
2 Pet. 3:10; Rev. 20:11

27 <sup>1</sup>Lit., He  
<sup>2</sup>Is. 41:4; 43:10; Mal. 3:6;  
James 1:17

28 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *seed*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 69:36 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 89:4

1 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 104:1, 35 <sup>b</sup>Ps.  
 33:21; 105:3; 145:21; Ezek.  
 36:21; 39:7

2 <sup>a</sup>Deut. 6:12; 8:11

3 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 86:5; 130:8; Ex.  
 34:7; Is. 43:25 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 30:2; Ex.  
 15:26; Jer. 30:17

4 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 49:15 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 5:12

5 <sup>1</sup>Or, *desire*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 107:9; 145:16 <sup>b</sup>Is. 40:31

6 <sup>1</sup>Or, *deeds of*  
*vindication*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 99:4; 146:7 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 12:5

7 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 99:7; 147:19; Ex.  
 33:13 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 78:11; 106:22

8 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 86:15; Ex. 34:6;  
 Num. 14:18; Neh. 9:17;  
 Jonah 4:2 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 145:8; Joel  
 2:13; Nah. 1:3

9 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 30:5; Is. 57:16 <sup>b</sup>Jer.  
 3:5, 12; Mic. 7:18

10 <sup>a</sup>Ezra 9:13; Lam. 3:22

11 <sup>1</sup>Or, *reverse*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 36:5; 57:10

12 <sup>a2</sup> Sam. 12:13; Is.  
 38:17; Zech. 3:9; Heb. 9:26

13 <sup>1</sup>Or, *reverse*  
<sup>a</sup>Mal. 3:17

14 <sup>1</sup>I.e., what we are  
 made of  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 29:16 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 78:39 <sup>c</sup>Gen.  
 3:19; Eccles. 12:7

15 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 90:5; Is. 40:6;  
 1 Pet. 1:24 <sup>b</sup>Job 14:2; James  
 1:10, 11

16 <sup>a</sup>Is. 40:7 <sup>b</sup>Job 7:10;  
 8:18; 20:9

17 <sup>1</sup>Or, *reverse* <sup>2</sup>I.e.,  
 faithfulness to His gracious  
 promises  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 25:6 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 105:8; Ex.  
 20:6; Deut. 5:10

18 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 25:10; Deut. 7:9

19 <sup>1</sup>Or, *kingdom* <sup>2</sup>I.e., the  
 universe  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 11:4 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 47:2, 8; Dan.  
 4:17

20 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 148:2 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 29:1;  
 78:25 <sup>c</sup>Matt. 6:10 <sup>d</sup>Ps.  
 91:11; Heb. 1:14

28 “The <sup>a</sup>children of Thy servants will continue,  
 And their <sup>b</sup>descendants will be established before  
 Thee.”

PSALM 103

Praise for the LORD'S Mercies.

A Psalm of David.

- <sup>a</sup>BLESS the LORD, O my soul;  
 And all that is within me, *ble*ss His <sup>b</sup>holy name.
- 2 Bless the LORD, O my soul,  
 And <sup>a</sup>forget none of His benefits;
- 3 Who <sup>a</sup>pardons all your iniquities;  
 Who <sup>b</sup>heals all your diseases;
- 4 Who <sup>a</sup>redeems your life from the pit;  
 Who <sup>b</sup>crowns you with lovingkindness and compassion;
- 5 Who <sup>a</sup>satisfies your <sup>1</sup>years with good things,  
 So *that* your youth is <sup>b</sup>renewed like the eagle.
- 6 The LORD <sup>a</sup>performs <sup>1</sup>righteous deeds,  
 And judgments for all who are <sup>b</sup>oppressed.
- 7 He <sup>a</sup>made known His ways to Moses,  
 His <sup>b</sup>acts to the sons of Israel.
- 8 The LORD is <sup>a</sup>compassionate and gracious,  
<sup>b</sup>Slow to anger and abounding in lovingkindness.
- 9 He <sup>a</sup>will not always strive *with us*;  
 Nor will He <sup>b</sup>keep *His anger* forever.
- 10 He has <sup>a</sup>not dealt with us according to our sins,  
 Nor rewarded us according to our iniquities.
- 11 For high <sup>a</sup>as the heavens are above the earth,  
 So great is His lovingkindness toward those who <sup>1</sup>fear  
 Him.
- 12 As far as the east is from the west,  
 So far has He <sup>a</sup>removed our transgressions from us.
- 13 Just <sup>a</sup>as a father has compassion on *his* children,  
 So the LORD has compassion on those who <sup>1</sup>fear Him.
- 14 For <sup>a</sup>He Himself knows <sup>1</sup>our frame;  
 He <sup>b</sup>is mindful that we are *but* <sup>c</sup>dust.
- 15 As for man, his days are <sup>a</sup>like grass;  
 As a <sup>b</sup>flower of the field, so he flourishes.
- 16 When the <sup>a</sup>wind has passed over it, it is no more;  
 And its <sup>b</sup>place acknowledges it no longer.
- 17 But the <sup>a</sup>lovingkindness of the LORD is from everlasting  
 to everlasting on those who <sup>1</sup>fear Him,  
 And His <sup>2</sup>righteousness <sup>b</sup>to children's children,
- 18 To <sup>a</sup>those who keep His covenant,  
 And who remember His precepts to do them.
- 19 The LORD has established His <sup>a</sup>throne in the heavens;  
 And His <sup>b</sup>sovereignty rules over <sup>2</sup>all.
- 20 Bless the LORD, you <sup>a</sup>His angels,  
<sup>b</sup>Mighty in strength, who <sup>c</sup>perform His word,  
<sup>d</sup>Obeying the voice of His word!

- 21 Bless the LORD, all you <sup>a</sup>His hosts,  
You <sup>b</sup>who serve Him, doing His will.  
22 Bless the LORD, <sup>a</sup>all you works of His,  
In all places of His dominion;  
Bless the LORD, O my soul!

## PSALM 104

The LORD'S Care over All His Works.

- <sup>a</sup>BLESS the LORD, O my soul!  
O LORD my God, Thou art very great;  
Thou art <sup>b</sup>clothed with splendor and majesty,  
2 Covering Thyself with <sup>a</sup>light as with a cloak,  
<sup>b</sup>Stretching out heaven like a *tent* curtain.  
3 <sup>1</sup>He <sup>a</sup>lays the beams of His upper chambers in the  
waters;  
<sup>1</sup>He makes the <sup>b</sup>clouds His chariot;  
<sup>1</sup>He walks upon the <sup>c</sup>wings of the wind;  
4 <sup>1</sup>He makes <sup>2a</sup>the winds His messengers,  
<sup>3</sup>Flaming <sup>b</sup>fire His ministers.  
5 He <sup>a</sup>established the earth upon its foundations,  
So that it will not <sup>1</sup>totter forever and ever.  
6 Thou <sup>a</sup>didst cover it with the deep as with a garment;  
The waters were standing above the mountains.  
7 At Thy <sup>a</sup>rebuke they fled;  
At the <sup>b</sup>sound of Thy thunder they hurried away.  
8 The mountains rose; the valleys sank down  
To the <sup>a</sup>place which Thou didst establish for them.  
9 Thou didst set a <sup>a</sup>boundary that they may not pass over;  
That they may not return to cover the earth.  
10 <sup>1</sup>He sends forth <sup>a</sup>springs in the valleys;  
They flow between the mountains;  
11 They <sup>a</sup>give drink to every beast of the field;  
The <sup>b</sup>wild donkeys quench their thirst.  
12 <sup>1</sup>Beside them the birds of the heavens <sup>a</sup>dwell;  
They <sup>2</sup>lift up *their* voice among the branches.  
13 <sup>1</sup>He <sup>a</sup>waters the mountains from His upper chambers;  
The earth is satisfied with the fruit of His works.  
14 <sup>1</sup>He causes the <sup>a</sup>grass to grow for the <sup>2</sup>cattle,  
And <sup>b</sup>vegetation for the <sup>3</sup>labor of man,  
So that <sup>a</sup>he may bring forth <sup>5</sup>food <sup>c</sup>from the earth,  
15 And <sup>a</sup>wine which makes man's heart glad,  
<sup>b</sup>So that he may make *his* face glisten with oil,  
And <sup>1</sup>food which <sup>c</sup>sustains man's heart.  
16 The trees of the LORD <sup>1</sup>drink their fill,  
The cedars of Lebanon which He planted,  
17 Where the <sup>a</sup>birds build their nests,  
And the <sup>b</sup>stork, *whose home* is the <sup>1</sup>fir trees.  
18 The high mountains are for the <sup>a</sup>wild goats;  
The <sup>b</sup>cliffs are a refuge for the <sup>c</sup>rock badgers.

21 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 148:2; 1 Kin. 22:19;  
Neh. 9:6; Luke 2:13 <sup>b</sup>Ps.  
104:422 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 145:101 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 103:22 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 93:12 <sup>a</sup>Dan. 7:9 <sup>b</sup>Is. 40:223 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *The one who*  
<sup>a</sup>Amos 9:6 <sup>b</sup>Is. 19:1 <sup>c</sup>Ps.  
18:104 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *Who* <sup>2</sup>Or, *His*  
*angels, spirits* <sup>3</sup>Or, *His*  
*ministers flames of fire*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 148:8; Heb. 1:7 <sup>b2</sup> Kin.  
2:11; 6:175 <sup>1</sup>Or, *move out of place*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 24:2; Job 38:46 <sup>a</sup>Gen. 1:27 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 18:15; 106:9; Is.  
50:2 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 29:3; 77:188 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 33:79 <sup>a</sup>Job 38:10, 11; Jer. 5:2210 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *The one who*  
*sends*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 107:35; Is. 41:1811 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 104:13 <sup>b</sup>Job 39:512 <sup>1</sup>Or, *Over, Above* <sup>2</sup>Lit.,  
*give forth*  
<sup>a</sup>Matt. 8:2013 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *Who*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 65:9; 147:814 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *Who* <sup>2</sup>Or, *beasts*  
<sup>3</sup>Or, *cultivation by; or,*  
*service of* <sup>4</sup>Or, *He* <sup>5</sup>Lit.,  
*bread*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 147:8; Job 38:27 <sup>b</sup>Gen.  
1:29 <sup>c</sup>Job 28:515 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *bread*  
<sup>a</sup>Judg. 9:13; Prov. 31:6;  
Eccles. 10:19 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 23:5;  
92:10; 141:5; Luke 7:46  
<sup>c</sup>Gen. 18:5; Judg. 19:5, 816 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *are satisfied*17 <sup>1</sup>Or, *cypress*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 104:12 <sup>b</sup>Lev. 11:1918 <sup>a</sup>Job 39:1 <sup>b</sup>Prov. 30:26  
<sup>c</sup>Lev. 11:5

19 <sup>a</sup>Gen. 1:14 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 19:6

20 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *creep*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 74:16; Is. 45:7 <sup>b</sup>Ps.  
 50:10; Is. 56:9; Mic. 5:8

21 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *And to seek*  
<sup>a</sup>Job 38:39 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 145:15; Joel  
 1:20

22 <sup>a</sup>Job 37:8

23 <sup>a</sup>Gen. 3:19

24 <sup>1</sup>Or, *With* <sup>2</sup>Or  
 possibly, *creatures*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 40:5 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 136:5; Prov.  
 3:19; Jer. 10:12; 51:15 <sup>c</sup>Ps.  
 65:9

25 <sup>1</sup>Or, *This* <sup>2</sup>Or, *broad*  
*of dimensions* (lit., *hands*)  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 8:8; 69:34

26 <sup>1</sup>Or, *a sea monster*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 107:23; Ezek. 27:9 <sup>b</sup>Ps.  
 74:14; Job 41:1

27 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *its appointed*  
*time*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 145:15 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 136:25;  
 147:9; Job 36:31; 38:41

28 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 145:16

29 <sup>1</sup>Or, *breath*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 30:7; Deut. 31:17 <sup>b</sup>Ps.  
 146:4; Job 34:14; Eccles.  
 12:7 <sup>c</sup>Ps. 90:3; Gen. 3:19;  
 Job 10:9

30 <sup>1</sup>Or, *breath*  
<sup>a</sup>Job 33:4; Ezek. 37:9

31 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 86:12; 111:10  
<sup>b</sup>Gen. 1:31

32 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *The one who*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 97:4, 5; 114:7; Judg. 5:5  
<sup>b</sup>Ps. 144:5; Ex. 19:18

33 <sup>1</sup>Or, *Let me sing* <sup>2</sup>Lit.,  
*in my lifetime* <sup>3</sup>Lit., *while I*  
*still am*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 63:4 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 146:2

34 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 19:14 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 9:2

35 <sup>1</sup>Or, *Hallelujah!* <sup>2</sup>Heb.,  
*Yah*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 59:13 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 37:10 <sup>c</sup>Ps.  
 104:1 <sup>d</sup>Ps. 105:45; 106:48

1 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 106:1; 1 Chr. 16:8-  
 22, 34; Is. 12:4 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 99:6  
<sup>c</sup>Ps. 145:12

2 <sup>1</sup>Or, *Meditate on* <sup>2</sup>I.e.,  
*wonderful acts*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 96:1; 98:5 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 77:12;  
 119:27; 145:5

3 <sup>1</sup>Or, *Boast*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 33:21

19 He made the moon <sup>a</sup>for the seasons;  
 The <sup>b</sup>sun knows the place of its setting.

20 Thou <sup>a</sup>dost appoint darkness and it becomes night,  
 In which all the <sup>b</sup>beasts of the forest <sup>1</sup>prowl about.

21 The <sup>a</sup>young lions roar after their prey,  
<sup>1</sup>And <sup>b</sup>seek their food from God.

22 *When* the sun rises they withdraw,  
 And lie down in their <sup>a</sup>dens.

23 Man goes forth to <sup>a</sup>his work  
 And to his labor until evening.

24 O LORD, how <sup>a</sup>many are Thy works!  
<sup>1</sup>In <sup>b</sup>wisdom Thou hast made them all;  
 The <sup>c</sup>earth is full of Thy <sup>2</sup>possessions.

25 <sup>1</sup>There is the <sup>a</sup>sea, great and <sup>2</sup>broad,  
 In which are swarms without number,  
 Animals both small and great.

26 There the <sup>a</sup>ships move along,  
 And <sup>1b</sup>Leviathan, which Thou hast formed to sport in it.

27 They all <sup>a</sup>wait for Thee,  
 To <sup>b</sup>give them their food in <sup>1</sup>due season.

28 Thou dost give to them, they gather *it* up;  
 Thou <sup>a</sup>dost open Thy hand, they are satisfied with good.

29 Thou <sup>a</sup>dost hide Thy face, they are dismayed;  
 Thou <sup>b</sup>dost take away their <sup>1</sup>spirit, they expire,  
 And <sup>c</sup>return to their dust.

30 Thou dost send forth Thy <sup>1a</sup>Spirit, they are created;  
 And Thou dost renew the face of the ground.

31 Let the <sup>a</sup>glory of the LORD endure forever;  
 Let the LORD <sup>b</sup>be glad in His works;

32 <sup>1</sup>He <sup>a</sup>looks at the earth, and it trembles;  
 He <sup>b</sup>touches the mountains, and they smoke.

33 <sup>1</sup>I will sing to the LORD <sup>2a</sup>as long as I live;  
<sup>1</sup>I will <sup>b</sup>sing praise to my God <sup>3</sup>while I have my being.

34 Let my <sup>a</sup>meditation be pleasing to Him;  
 As for me, I shall <sup>b</sup>be glad in the LORD.

35 Let sinners be <sup>a</sup>consumed from the earth,  
 And let the <sup>b</sup>wicked be no more.  
<sup>c</sup>Bless the LORD, O my soul.  
<sup>1d</sup>Praise <sup>2</sup>the LORD!

PSALM 105

The LORD'S Wonderful Works in Behalf of Israel.

**O**H <sup>a</sup>give thanks to the LORD, <sup>b</sup>call upon His name;  
<sup>c</sup>Make known His deeds among the peoples.

2 Sing to Him, <sup>a</sup>sing praises to Him;  
<sup>1b</sup>Speak of all His <sup>2</sup>wonders.

3 <sup>1</sup>Glory in His holy name;  
 Let the <sup>a</sup>heart of those who seek the LORD be glad.



- 4 Seek the LORD and <sup>a</sup>His strength;  
<sup>b</sup>Seek His face continually.
- 5 Remember His <sup>1a</sup>wonders which He has done,  
 His marvels, and the <sup>b</sup>judgments <sup>2</sup>uttered by His mouth,
- 6 O seed of <sup>a</sup>Abraham, His servant,  
 O sons of <sup>b</sup>Jacob, His <sup>c</sup>chosen ones!
- 7 He is the LORD our God;  
 His <sup>a</sup>judgments are in all the earth.
- 8 He has <sup>a</sup>remembered His covenant forever,  
 The word which He commanded to a <sup>b</sup>thousand genera-  
 tions,
- 9 *The <sup>a</sup>covenant* which He made with Abraham,  
 And His <sup>b</sup>oath to Isaac.
- 10 Then He <sup>a</sup>confirmed it to Jacob for a statute,  
 To Israel as an everlasting covenant,
- 11 Saying, “<sup>a</sup>To you I will give the land of Canaan  
 As the <sup>b</sup>portion of your inheritance,”
- 12 When they were only a <sup>a</sup>few men in number,  
 Very few, and <sup>b</sup>strangers in it.
- 13 And they wandered about from nation to nation,  
 From *one* kingdom to another people.
- 14 He <sup>a</sup>permitted no man to oppress them,  
 And He <sup>b</sup>reproved kings for their sakes:
- 15 “<sup>a</sup>Do not touch My anointed ones,  
 And do My prophets no harm.”
- 16 And He <sup>a</sup>called for a famine upon the land;  
 He <sup>b</sup>broke the whole staff of bread.
- 17 He <sup>a</sup>sent a man before them,  
 Joseph, who was <sup>b</sup>sold as a slave.
- 18 They afflicted his <sup>a</sup>feet with fetters;  
<sup>1</sup>He himself was laid in irons,
- 19 Until the time that his <sup>a</sup>word came to pass,  
 The word of the LORD <sup>1b</sup>tested him.
- 20 The <sup>a</sup>king sent and released him,  
 The ruler of peoples, and set him free.
- 21 He <sup>a</sup>made him lord of his house,  
 And ruler over all his possessions,
- 22 To <sup>1</sup>imprison his princes <sup>2a</sup>at will,  
 That he might teach his elders wisdom.
- 23 <sup>a</sup>Israel also came into Egypt;  
 Thus Jacob <sup>b</sup>sojourned in the land of Ham.
- 24 And He <sup>a</sup>caused His people to be very fruitful,  
 And made them stronger than their adversaries.
- 25 He <sup>a</sup>turned their heart to hate His people,  
 To <sup>b</sup>deal craftily with His servants.
- 26 He <sup>a</sup>sent Moses His servant,  
 And <sup>b</sup>Aaron whom He had chosen.
- 27 They <sup>1a</sup>performed His wondrous acts among them,  
 And miracles in the land of Ham.

4 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 63:2 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 27:8

5 <sup>1</sup>I.e., wonderful acts  
<sup>2</sup>Lit., of His mouth  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 40:5; 77:11 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 119:13

6 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 105:42 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 135:4  
<sup>c</sup>Ps. 106:5; 135:4; 1 Chr. 16:13

7 <sup>a</sup>Is. 26:9

8 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 105:42; 106:45;  
 Luke 1:72 <sup>b</sup>Deut. 7:9

9 <sup>a</sup>Gen. 17:2; 22:16-18;  
 Gal. 3:17 <sup>b</sup>Gen. 26:3

10 <sup>a</sup>Gen. 28:13-15

11 <sup>1</sup>Lit., measuring line  
<sup>a</sup>Gen. 13:15; 15:18 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 78:55; Josh. 23:4

12 <sup>a</sup>Gen. 34:30; Deut. 7:7  
<sup>b</sup>Gen. 23:4; Heb. 11:9

14 <sup>a</sup>Gen. 20:7; 35:5 <sup>b</sup>Gen. 12:17; 20:3, 7

15 <sup>a</sup>Gen. 26:11

16 <sup>a</sup>Gen. 41:54 <sup>b</sup>Lev. 26:26; Is. 3:1; Ezek. 4:16

17 <sup>a</sup>Gen. 45:5 <sup>b</sup>Gen. 37:28, 36; Acts 7:9

18 <sup>1</sup>Lit., His soul came  
 into  
<sup>a</sup>Gen. 39:20

19 <sup>1</sup>Or, refined  
<sup>a</sup>Gen. 40:20, 21 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 66:10

20 <sup>a</sup>Gen. 41:14

21 <sup>a</sup>Gen. 41:40-44

22 <sup>1</sup>Lit., bind <sup>2</sup>Lit., at his  
<sup>a</sup>Gen. 41:44

23 <sup>a</sup>Gen. 46:6; Acts 7:15  
<sup>b</sup>Acts 13:17

24 <sup>a</sup>Ex. 1:7, 9

25 <sup>a</sup>Ex. 1:8; 4:21 <sup>b</sup>Ex. 1:10; Acts 7:19

26 <sup>a</sup>Ex. 3:10; 4:12 <sup>b</sup>Ex. 4:14; Num. 16:5; 17:5-8

27 <sup>1</sup>Lit., set the words of  
 His signs  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 105:27-36; 78:43-51

28 \*Ex. 10:21, 22 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 99:7

29 \*Ex. 7:20, 21

30 \*Ex. 8:6 <sup>b</sup>Ex. 8:3

31 \*Ex. 8:21 <sup>b</sup>Ex. 8:16

32 <sup>1</sup>Or, *made their rain hail*  
\*Ex. 9:23-25

34 \*Ex. 10:12-15

36 \*Ps. 135:8; 136:10; Ex. 12:29; 13:15

37 \*Ex. 12:35, 36

38 \*Ex. 12:33 <sup>b</sup>Ex. 15:16

39 <sup>1</sup>Or, *curtain*  
\*Ps. 78:14; Ex. 13:21; Neh. 9:12; Is. 4:5 <sup>b</sup>Ex. 40:38

40 <sup>1</sup>Or, *One* <sup>2</sup>Or, *food*  
\*Ps. 78:18 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 78:27; Ex. 16:13; Num. 11:31 <sup>c</sup>Ps. 78:24; Ex. 16:15; Neh. 9:15; John 6:31

41 <sup>1</sup>Or, *boulder* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *They went*  
\*Ps. 78:15; 114:8; Ex. 17:6; Num. 20:11; Is. 48:21; 1 Cor. 10:4

42 \*Ps. 105:8

43 \*Ps. 106:12; Ex. 15:1

44 <sup>1</sup>Or, *Gentiles*  
\*Ps. 78:55; Josh. 13:7  
<sup>b</sup>Deut. 6:10, 11

45 <sup>1</sup>Or, *Hallelujah!* <sup>2</sup>Heb., *YAH*  
<sup>a</sup>Deut. 4:40

1 <sup>1</sup>Or, *Hallelujah!* <sup>2</sup>Heb., *YAH*  
\*Ps. 105:1; 107:1 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 100:5  
<sup>c</sup>1 Chr. 16:34, 41

2 \*Ps. 145:4, 12; 150:2

3 <sup>1</sup>Or, *judgment* <sup>2</sup>Many Heb. mss. read, *The one who performs*  
\*Ps. 15:2

4 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *of*  
\*Ps. 44:3; 119:132

- 28 He <sup>a</sup>sent darkness and made *it* dark;  
And they did not <sup>b</sup>rebel against His words.
- 29 He <sup>a</sup>turned their waters into blood,  
And caused their fish to die.
- 30 Their land swarmed with <sup>a</sup>frogs  
*Even* in the <sup>b</sup>chambers of their kings.
- 31 He spoke, and there came a <sup>a</sup>swarm of flies  
*And* <sup>b</sup>gnats in all their territory.
- 32 He <sup>1</sup>gave them <sup>a</sup>hail for rain,  
*And* flaming fire in their land.
- 33 He struck down their vines also and their fig trees,  
And shattered the trees of their territory.
- 34 He spoke, and <sup>a</sup>locusts came,  
And young locusts, even without number,
- 35 And ate up all vegetation in their land,  
And ate up the fruit of their ground.
- 36 He also <sup>a</sup>struck down all the first-born in their land,  
The first fruits of all their vigor.
- 37 Then He brought them out with <sup>a</sup>silver and gold;  
And among His tribes there was not one who stumbled.
- 38 Egypt was <sup>a</sup>glad when they departed;  
For the <sup>b</sup>dread of them had fallen upon them.
- 39 He spread a <sup>a</sup>cloud for a <sup>1</sup>covering,  
And <sup>b</sup>fire to illumine by night.
- 40 <sup>1</sup>They <sup>a</sup>asked, and He brought <sup>b</sup>quail,  
And satisfied them with the <sup>2c</sup>bread of heaven.
- 41 He opened the <sup>1</sup>rock, and <sup>a</sup>water flowed out;  
<sup>2</sup>It ran in the dry places *like* a river.
- 42 For He <sup>a</sup>remembered His holy word  
*With* Abraham His servant;
- 43 And He brought forth His people with joy,  
His chosen ones with a joyful <sup>a</sup>shout.
- 44 He <sup>a</sup>gave them also the lands of the <sup>1</sup>nations,  
That they <sup>b</sup>might take possession of *the fruit of the*  
peoples' labor,
- 45 So that they might <sup>a</sup>keep His statutes,  
And observe His laws,  
<sup>1</sup>Praise <sup>2</sup>the LORD!

**PSALM 106**

Israel's Rebelliousness and the LORD'S Deliverances.

- <sup>1</sup>PRAISE <sup>2</sup>the LORD!  
Oh <sup>a</sup>give thanks to the LORD, for He <sup>b</sup>is good;  
For <sup>c</sup>His lovingkindness is everlasting.
- 2 Who can speak of the <sup>a</sup>mighty deeds of the LORD,  
Or can show forth all His praise?
- 3 How blessed are those who keep <sup>1</sup>justice,  
<sup>2</sup>Who <sup>a</sup>practice righteousness at all times!
- 4 Remember me, O LORD, in *Thy* <sup>a</sup>favor <sup>1</sup>toward Thy  
people;  
Visit me with Thy salvation,

- 5 That I may see the <sup>a</sup>prosperity of Thy chosen ones,  
That I may <sup>b</sup>rejoice in the gladness of Thy nation,  
That I may <sup>c</sup>glory with Thine <sup>1</sup>inheritance.
- 6 <sup>a</sup>We have sinned <sup>1b</sup>like our fathers,  
We have committed iniquity, we have behaved wickedly.
- 7 Our fathers in Egypt did not understand Thy <sup>1</sup>wonders;  
They <sup>a</sup>did not remember <sup>2</sup>Thine abundant kindnesses,  
But <sup>b</sup>rebelled by the sea, at the <sup>3</sup>Red Sea.
- 8 Nevertheless He saved them <sup>a</sup>for the sake of His name,  
That He might <sup>b</sup>make His power known.
- 9 Thus He <sup>a</sup>rebuked the <sup>1</sup>Red Sea and it <sup>b</sup>dried up;  
And He <sup>c</sup>led them through the deeps, as through the wilderness.
- 10 So He <sup>a</sup>saved them from the <sup>1</sup>hand of the one who hated them,  
And <sup>b</sup>redeemed them from the <sup>1</sup>hand of the enemy.
- 11 And <sup>a</sup>the waters covered their adversaries;  
Not one of them was left.
- 12 Then they <sup>a</sup>believed His words;  
They <sup>b</sup>sang His praise.
- 13 They quickly <sup>a</sup>forgot His works;  
They <sup>b</sup>did not wait for His counsel,
- 14 But <sup>a</sup>craved intensely in the wilderness,  
And <sup>b</sup>tempted God in the desert.
- 15 So He <sup>a</sup>gave them their request,  
But <sup>b</sup>sent a <sup>1</sup>wasting disease among them.
- 16 When they became <sup>a</sup>envious of Moses in the camp,  
And of Aaron, the holy one of the LORD,  
17 The <sup>a</sup>earth opened and swallowed up Dathan,  
And engulfed the <sup>1</sup>company of Abiram.
- 18 And a <sup>a</sup>fire blazed up in their <sup>1</sup>company;  
The flame consumed the wicked.
- 19 They <sup>a</sup>made a calf in Horeb,  
And worshiped a molten image.
- 20 Thus they <sup>a</sup>exchanged their glory  
For the image of an ox that eats grass.
- 21 They <sup>a</sup>forgot God their Savior,  
Who had done <sup>b</sup>great things in Egypt,
- 22 <sup>1a</sup>Wonders in the land of Ham,  
And awesome things by the <sup>2</sup>Red Sea.
- 23 Therefore <sup>a</sup>He said that He would destroy them,  
Had not <sup>b</sup>Moses His chosen one stood in the breach before Him,  
To turn away His wrath from destroying them.
- 24 Then they <sup>a</sup>despised the <sup>b</sup>pleasant land;  
They <sup>c</sup>did not believe in His word,  
25 But <sup>a</sup>grumbled in their tents;  
They did not listen to the voice of the LORD.

<sup>5</sup> <sup>1</sup>i.e., people  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 1:3 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 118:15 <sup>c</sup>Ps. 105:3

<sup>6</sup> <sup>1</sup>Lit., with  
<sup>a</sup>1 Kin. 8:47; Ezra 9:7; Neh. 1:7; Jer. 3:25; Dan. 9:5 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 78:8, 57; 2 Chr. 30:7; Neh. 9:2; Zech. 1:4

<sup>7</sup> <sup>1</sup>i.e., wonderful acts  
<sup>2</sup>Lit., the multitude of Thy lovingkindnesses <sup>3</sup>Or, Sea of Reeds  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 78:11, 42; Judg. 3:7  
<sup>b</sup>Ps. 78:17; Ex. 14:11, 12

<sup>8</sup> <sup>a</sup>Ezek. 20:9 <sup>b</sup>Ex. 9:16

<sup>9</sup> <sup>1</sup>Or, Sea of Reeds  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 18:15; 78:13; Is. 50:2; Nah. 1:4 <sup>b</sup>Ex. 14:21; Is. 51:10 <sup>c</sup>Is. 63:11-13

<sup>10</sup> <sup>1</sup>Or, power  
<sup>a</sup>Ex. 14:30 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 78:42; 107:2

<sup>11</sup> <sup>a</sup>Ps. 78:53; Ex. 14:28; 15:5

<sup>12</sup> <sup>a</sup>Ex. 14:31 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 105:43; Ex. 15:1-21

<sup>13</sup> <sup>a</sup>Ex. 15:24; 16:2; 17:2  
<sup>b</sup>Ps. 107:11

<sup>14</sup> <sup>1</sup>Or, put God to the test  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 78:18; Num. 11:4; 1 Cor. 10:6 <sup>b</sup>Ex. 17:2; 1 Cor. 10:9

<sup>15</sup> <sup>1</sup>Or, leanness into their soul  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 78:29; Num. 11:31 <sup>b</sup>Is. 10:16

<sup>16</sup> <sup>a</sup>Num. 16:3

<sup>17</sup> <sup>1</sup>Or, assembly, band  
<sup>a</sup>Num. 16:32

<sup>18</sup> <sup>1</sup>Or, assembly, band  
<sup>a</sup>Num. 16:35

<sup>19</sup> <sup>a</sup>Ex. 32:4; Deut. 9:8; Acts 7:41

<sup>20</sup> <sup>a</sup>Jer. 2:11; Rom. 1:23

<sup>21</sup> <sup>a</sup>Ps. 106:7, 13; 78:11  
<sup>b</sup>Deut. 10:21

<sup>22</sup> <sup>1</sup>i.e., Wonderful acts  
<sup>2</sup>Or, Sea of Reeds  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 105:27

<sup>23</sup> <sup>a</sup>Ex. 32:10; Deut. 9:14; Ezek. 20:8, 13 <sup>b</sup>Ex. 32:11-14; Deut. 9:25-29

<sup>24</sup> <sup>a</sup>Num. 14:31 <sup>b</sup>Deut. 8:7; Jer. 3:19; Ezek. 20:6  
<sup>c</sup>Deut. 1:32; 9:23

<sup>25</sup> <sup>a</sup>Num. 14:2; Deut. 1:27

## Psalm 106

26 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *lifted up His hand*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 95:1; Num. 14:28-35;  
Ezek. 20:15; Heb. 3:11

27 <sup>a</sup>Deut. 4:27 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 44:11

28 <sup>1</sup>Or, *Baal of Peor*  
<sup>a</sup>Num. 25:3; Deut. 4:3;  
Hos. 9:10 <sup>b</sup>Num. 25:2

29 <sup>a</sup>Num. 25:4

30 <sup>a</sup>Num. 25:7 <sup>b</sup>Num.  
25:8

31 <sup>a</sup>Gen. 15:6; Num.  
25:11-13

32 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *strife*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 81:7; 95:9; Num. 20:2-  
13 <sup>b</sup>Num. 20:12

33 <sup>1</sup>Or, *his spirit*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 78:40; 107:11; Num.  
20:3, 10

34 <sup>a</sup>Judg. 1:21, 27-36  
<sup>b</sup>Deut. 7:2, 16

35 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *works*  
<sup>a</sup>Judg. 3:5, 6

36 <sup>a</sup>Judg. 2:12

37 <sup>a</sup>Deut. 12:31; 32:17;  
2 Kin. 17:17; Ezek. 16:20,  
21; 1 Cor. 10:20

38 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 94:21 <sup>b</sup>Deut. 18:10  
<sup>c</sup>Num. 35:33; Is. 24:5; Jer.  
3:1, 2

39 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *works*  
<sup>a</sup>Lev. 18:24; Ezek. 20:18  
<sup>b</sup>Lev. 17:7; Num. 15:39;  
Judg. 2:17; Hos. 4:12

40 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *people*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 78:59; Judg. 2:14 <sup>b</sup>Lev.  
26:30; Deut. 32:19

41 <sup>1</sup>Or, *Gentiles*  
<sup>a</sup>Judg. 2:14; Neh. 9:27

42 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *hand*  
<sup>a</sup>Judg. 4:3; 10:12

43 <sup>a</sup>Judg. 2:16-18 <sup>b</sup>Ps.  
81:12 <sup>c</sup>Judg. 6:6

44 <sup>a</sup>Judg. 3:9; 6:7; 10:10

45 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *was sorry*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 105:8; Lev. 26:42  
<sup>b</sup>Judg. 2:18

46 <sup>a</sup>1 Kin. 8:50; 2 Chr.  
30:9; Ezra 9:9; Neh. 1:11;  
Jer. 42:12

26 Therefore He <sup>1</sup>aswore to them,  
That He would cast them down in the wilderness,  
27 And that He would <sup>a</sup>cast their seed among the nations,  
And <sup>b</sup>scatter them in the lands.

28 They <sup>a</sup>joined themselves also to <sup>1</sup>Baal-peor,  
And ate <sup>b</sup>sacrifices offered to the dead.  
29 Thus they <sup>a</sup>provoked *Him* to anger with their deeds;  
And the plague broke out among them.  
30 Then Phinehas <sup>a</sup>stood up and interposed;  
And so the <sup>b</sup>plague was stayed.  
31 And it was <sup>a</sup>reckoned to him for righteousness,  
To all generations forever.

32 They also <sup>a</sup>provoked *Him* to wrath at the waters of  
<sup>1</sup>Meribah,  
So that it <sup>b</sup>went hard with Moses on their account;  
33 Because they <sup>a</sup>were rebellious against <sup>1</sup>His Spirit,  
He spoke rashly with his lips.

34 They <sup>a</sup>did not destroy the peoples,  
As <sup>b</sup>the LORD commanded them,  
35 But <sup>a</sup>they mingled with the nations,  
And learned their <sup>1</sup>practices,  
36 And <sup>a</sup>served their idols,  
Which became a snare to them.  
37 They even <sup>a</sup>sacrificed their sons and their daughters to  
the demons,  
38 And shed <sup>a</sup>innocent blood,  
The blood of their <sup>b</sup>sons and their daughters,  
Whom they sacrificed to the idols of Canaan;  
And the land was <sup>c</sup>polluted with the blood.  
39 Thus they became <sup>a</sup>unclean in their <sup>1</sup>practices,  
And <sup>b</sup>played the harlot in their deeds.

40 Therefore the <sup>a</sup>anger of the LORD was kindled against  
His people,  
And He <sup>b</sup>abhorred His <sup>1</sup>inheritance.  
41 Then <sup>a</sup>He gave them into the hand of the <sup>1</sup>nations;  
And those who hated them ruled over them.  
42 Their enemies also <sup>a</sup>oppressed them,  
And they were subdued under their <sup>1</sup>power.  
43 Many times He would <sup>a</sup>deliver them;  
They, however, were rebellious in their <sup>b</sup>counsel,  
And so <sup>c</sup>sank down in their iniquity.

44 Nevertheless He looked upon their distress,  
When He <sup>a</sup>heard their cry;  
45 And He <sup>a</sup>remembered His covenant for their sake,  
And <sup>b</sup>relented according to the greatness of His loving-  
kindness.  
46 He also made them <sup>a</sup>objects of compassion  
In the presence of all their captors.

- 47 <sup>a</sup>Save us, O LORD our God,  
And <sup>b</sup>gather us from among the nations,  
To give thanks to Thy holy name,  
And <sup>l</sup>glory in Thy praise.
- 48 <sup>a</sup>Blessed be the LORD, the God of Israel,  
From everlasting even to everlasting.  
And let all the people say, "Amen."  
<sup>1</sup>Praise <sup>2</sup>the LORD!

## BOOK 5

## PSALM 107

The LORD Delivers Men from Manifold Troubles.

- OH <sup>a</sup>give thanks to the LORD, for He is good;  
For His lovingkindness is everlasting.
- 2 Let <sup>a</sup>the redeemed of the LORD say so,  
Whom He has <sup>b</sup>redeemed from the hand of the adversary,
- 3 And <sup>a</sup>gathered from the lands,  
From the east and from the west,  
From the north and from the <sup>1</sup>south.
- 4 They <sup>a</sup>wandered in the wilderness in a <sup>1</sup>desert region;  
They did not find a way to <sup>2</sup>an inhabited <sup>b</sup>city.
- 5 They were hungry <sup>1</sup>and thirsty;  
Their <sup>a</sup>soul fainted within them.
- 6 Then they <sup>a</sup>cried out to the LORD in their trouble;  
He delivered them out of their distresses.
- 7 He led them also by a <sup>1a</sup>straight way,  
To go to <sup>2b</sup>an inhabited city.
- 8 <sup>a</sup>Let them give thanks to the LORD for His lovingkindness,  
And for His <sup>1</sup>wonders to the sons of men!
- 9 For He has <sup>a</sup>satisfied the <sup>1</sup>thirsty soul,  
And the <sup>b</sup>hungry soul He has filled with what is good.
- 10 There were those who <sup>a</sup>dwelt in darkness and in the shadow of death,  
<sup>b</sup>Prisoners in <sup>1</sup>misery and <sup>2</sup>chains,
- 11 Because they had <sup>a</sup>rebelled against the words of God,  
And <sup>b</sup>spurned the counsel of the Most High.
- 12 Therefore He humbled their heart with labor;  
They stumbled and there was <sup>a</sup>none to help.
- 13 Then they <sup>a</sup>cried out to the LORD in their trouble;  
He saved them out of their distresses.
- 14 He <sup>a</sup>brought them out of darkness and the shadow of death,  
And <sup>b</sup>broke their bands apart.
- 15 Let them give thanks to the LORD for His lovingkindness,  
And for His <sup>1</sup>wonders to the sons of men!

47 <sup>1</sup>Lit. *boast*  
<sup>a</sup>1 Chr. 16:35; 36 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 147:2  
<sup>c</sup>Ps. 47:1

48 <sup>1</sup>Or. *Hallelujah!* <sup>2</sup>Heb. *YAH*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 41:13; 72:18; 89:52

1 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 106:1

2 <sup>a</sup>Is. 35:9, 10; 62:12;  
63:4 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 78:42; 106:10

3 <sup>1</sup>Lit. *sea*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 106:47; Deut. 30:3;  
Neh. 1:9; Is. 11:12; 43:5;  
56:8; Ezek. 11:17; 20:34

4 <sup>1</sup>Lit. *waste* <sup>2</sup>Or. *a habitable city*; lit. *a city of habitation*  
<sup>a</sup>Num. 14:33; 32:13; Deut. 2:7; Josh. 5:6; 14:10 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 107:7, 36

5 <sup>1</sup>Lit. *also*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 77:3

6 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 107:13, 19, 28;  
50:15

7 <sup>1</sup>Or. *level* <sup>2</sup>Or. *a habitable city*; lit. *a city of habitation*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 5:8; Ezra 8:21; Jer. 31:9  
<sup>b</sup>Ps. 107:4, 36

8 <sup>1</sup>I.e., *wonderful acts*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 107:15, 21, 31

9 <sup>1</sup>Or. *perched*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 22:26; 63:5; 103:5 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 146:7; Matt. 5:6; Luke 1:53

10 <sup>1</sup>Lit. *affliction* <sup>2</sup>Lit. *irons*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 143:3; Is. 42:7; Mic. 7:8; Luke 1:79 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 102:20; Job 36:8

11 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 78:40; 106:7  
<sup>b</sup>Num. 15:31; 2 Chr. 36:16;  
Prov. 1:25; Is. 5:24

12 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 22:11; 72:12

13 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 107:6

14 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 107:10; 86:13 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 116:16; Jer. 2:20; 30:8; Nah. 1:13; Luke 13:16; Acts 12:7

15 <sup>1</sup>I.e., *wonderful acts*

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16 <sup>a</sup>Is. 45:1, 2

17 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *the way of their transgression*  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 65:6, 7; Jer. 30:14, 15; Ezek. 24:23

18 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 102:4; Job 33:20  
<sup>b</sup>Ps. 88:3; Job 33:22 <sup>c</sup>Ps. 9:13; Job 38:17

20 <sup>1</sup>Or, *pits*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 147:15, 18; Matt. 8:8  
<sup>b</sup>Ps. 30:2; 103:3; 147:3;  
2 Kin. 20:5 <sup>c</sup>Ps. 30:3; 49:15;  
56:13; 103:4; Job 33:28, 30

21 <sup>1</sup>I.e., wonderful acts

22 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 50:14; 116:17; Lev. 7:12 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 9:11; 73:28; 118:17

23 <sup>a</sup>Is. 42:10; Jonah 1:3

24 <sup>1</sup>I.e., wonderful acts

25 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *of it*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 105:31, 34 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 148:8;  
Jonah 1:4 <sup>c</sup>Ps. 93:3, 4

26 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 22:14; 119:28

27 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *all their wisdom was swallowed up*  
<sup>a</sup>Job 12:25; Is. 24:20

29 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *of it*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 65:7; 89:9; Matt. 8:26;  
Luke 8:24

31 <sup>1</sup>I.e., wonderful acts  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 78:4; 111:4

32 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 34:3; 99:5; Is. 25:1  
<sup>b</sup>Ps. 22:22, 25 <sup>c</sup>Ps. 35:18

33 <sup>1</sup>Or, *turns* <sup>2</sup>Or, *desert*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 74:15; Is. 42:15; 50:2

34 <sup>a</sup>Gen. 13:10; 14:3;  
19:24, 25; Deut. 29:23 <sup>b</sup>Job 39:6; Jer. 17:6

35 <sup>1</sup>Or, *turns* <sup>2</sup>Or, *desert*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 105:41; 114:8; Is. 35:6,  
7; 41:18

36 <sup>1</sup>Or, *a habitable city*;  
lit., *a city of habitation*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 107:4, 7

37 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *acquire fruits of yield*  
<sup>a</sup>2 Kin. 19:29; Is. 65:21;  
Amos 9:14

38 <sup>a</sup>Gen. 12:2; 17:20; Ex. 1:7; Deut. 1:10 <sup>b</sup>Deut. 7:14

16 For He has <sup>a</sup>shattered gates of bronze,  
And cut bars of iron asunder.

17 Fools, because of <sup>1</sup>their rebellious way,  
And <sup>a</sup>because of their iniquities, were afflicted.

18 Their <sup>a</sup>soul abhorred all kinds of food;  
And they <sup>b</sup>drew near to the <sup>c</sup>gates of death.

19 Then they cried out to the LORD in their trouble;  
He saved them out of their distresses.

20 He <sup>a</sup>sent His word and <sup>b</sup>healed them,  
And <sup>c</sup>delivered *them* from their <sup>1</sup>destructions.

21 Let them give thanks to the LORD for His lovingkind-  
ness,

And for His <sup>1</sup>wonders to the sons of men!

22 Let them also offer <sup>a</sup>sacrifices of thanksgiving,  
And <sup>b</sup>tell of His works with joyful singing.

23 Those who <sup>a</sup>go down to the sea in ships,  
Who do business on great waters;

24 They have seen the works of the LORD,  
And His <sup>1</sup>wonders in the deep.

25 For He <sup>a</sup>spoke and raised up a <sup>b</sup>stormy wind,  
Which <sup>c</sup>lifted up the waves <sup>1</sup>of the sea.

26 They rose up to the heavens, they went down to the  
depths;

Their soul <sup>a</sup>melted away in *their* misery.

27 They reeled and <sup>a</sup>staggered like a drunken man,  
And <sup>b</sup>were at their wits' end.

28 Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble,  
And He brought them out of their distresses.

29 He <sup>a</sup>caused the storm to be still,  
So that the waves <sup>1</sup>of the sea were hushed.

30 Then they were glad because they were quiet;  
So He guided them to their desired haven.

31 Let them give thanks to the LORD for His lovingkind-  
ness,

And for His <sup>1a</sup>wonders to the sons of men!

32 Let them <sup>a</sup>extol Him also <sup>b</sup>in the congregation of the  
people,

And <sup>c</sup>praise Him at the seat of the elders.

33 He <sup>1a</sup>changes rivers into a <sup>2</sup>wilderness,  
And springs of water into a thirsty ground;

34 A <sup>a</sup>fruitful land into a <sup>b</sup>salt waste,  
Because of the wickedness of those who dwell in it.

35 He <sup>1a</sup>changes a <sup>2</sup>wilderness into a pool of water,  
And a dry land into springs of water;

36 And there He makes the hungry to dwell,  
So that they may establish <sup>1a</sup>an inhabited city,

37 And sow fields, and <sup>a</sup>plant vineyards,  
And <sup>b</sup>gather a fruitful harvest.

38 Also He blesses them and they <sup>a</sup>multiply greatly;  
And He <sup>b</sup>does not let their cattle decrease.

- 39 When they are <sup>a</sup>diminished and <sup>b</sup>bowed down  
Through oppression, misery, and sorrow,  
40 He <sup>a</sup>pours contempt upon <sup>1</sup>princes,  
And <sup>b</sup>makes them wander <sup>c</sup>in a pathless waste.  
41 But He <sup>a</sup>sets the needy <sup>1</sup>securely on high away from  
affliction,  
And <sup>b</sup>makes *his* families like a flock.  
42 The <sup>a</sup>upright see it, and are glad;  
But all <sup>b</sup>unrighteousness shuts its mouth.  
43 Who is <sup>a</sup>wise? Let him give heed to these things;  
And consider the <sup>b</sup>lovingkindnesses of the LORD.

## PSALM 108

God Praised and Supplicated to Give Victory.

A Song, a Psalm of David.

- <sup>a</sup>MY heart is steadfast, O God;  
I will sing, I will sing praises, even with my <sup>1</sup>soul.  
2 Awake, harp and lyre;  
I will awaken the dawn!  
3 I will give thanks to Thee, O LORD, among the peoples;  
And I will sing praises to Thee among the nations.  
4 For Thy lovingkindness is great <sup>a</sup>above the heavens;  
And Thy truth *reaches* to the skies.  
5 Be exalted, O God, above the heavens,  
And Thy glory above all the earth.  
6 <sup>a</sup>That Thy beloved may be delivered,  
Save with Thy right hand, and answer me!
- 7 God has spoken in His <sup>1</sup>holiness:  
"I will exult, I will portion out Shechem,  
And measure out the valley of Succoth.  
8 "Gilead is Mine, Manasseh is Mine;  
Ephraim also is the <sup>1</sup>helmet of My head;  
Judah is My <sup>2</sup>scepter.  
9 "Moab is My washbowl;  
Over Edom I shall throw My shoe;  
Over Philistia I will shout aloud."
- 10 Who will bring me into the besieged city?  
Who <sup>1</sup>will lead me to Edom?  
11 Hast not Thou Thyself, O God, <sup>a</sup>rejected us?  
And wilt Thou not go forth with our armies, O God?  
12 Oh give us help against the adversary,  
For deliverance <sup>1</sup>by man is in vain.  
13 <sup>1</sup>Through God we shall do valiantly;  
And it is He who will tread down our adversaries.

39 <sup>a</sup>Ezek. 5:11; 29:15 <sup>b</sup>Ps.  
38:6; 44:25; 57:640 <sup>1</sup>Or, *nobles*  
<sup>a</sup>Job 12:21 <sup>b</sup>Job 12:24  
<sup>c</sup>Deut. 32:1041 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *in an*  
*inaccessibly high place*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 59:1; 113:7, 8; 1 Sam.  
2:8 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 113:9; Job 21:1142 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 52:6; Job 22:19  
<sup>b</sup>Ps. 63:11; Job 5:16; Rom.  
3:1943 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 64:9; Jer. 9:12;  
Hos. 14:9 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 107:11 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *glory*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 108:1-5; 57:7-114 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 113:46 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 108:6-13; 60:5-127 <sup>1</sup>Or, *sanctuary*8 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *protection* <sup>2</sup>Or,  
*lawgiver*10 <sup>1</sup>Or, *has led*11 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 44:912 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *of*13 <sup>1</sup>Or, *In, or, With*

Vengeance Invoked upon Adversaries.

For the choir director. A Psalm of David.

1 <sup>a</sup>Deut. 10:21 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 28:1; 83:1

2 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *wicked mouth and the deceitful* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *with*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 10:7; 52:4 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 120:2

3 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 69:4

4 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 38:20 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 69:13; 141:5

5 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *laid upon me*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 35:12; 38:20 <sup>b</sup>John 7:7; 10:32

6 <sup>1</sup>Or, *adversary, Satan*  
<sup>a</sup>Zech. 3:1

7 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 1:5 <sup>b</sup>Prov. 28:9

8 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 55:23 <sup>b</sup>Acts 1:20

9 <sup>a</sup>Ex. 22:24 <sup>b</sup>Jer. 18:21

10 <sup>1</sup>Or, *out of their desolate places*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 59:15; Gen. 4:12; Job 30:5-8 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 37:25

11 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *ensnare, strike at*  
<sup>a</sup>Job 20:15; Neh. 5:7 <sup>b</sup>Is. 1:7; Lam. 5:2; Ezek. 7:21

12 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *continue*  
<sup>a</sup>Ezra 7:28; 9:9 <sup>b</sup>Job 5:4; Is. 9:17

13 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *for cutting off*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 21:10; 37:28 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 9:5; Prov. 10:7

14 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *to*  
<sup>a</sup>Ex. 20:5; Num. 14:18; Is. 65:6, 7; Jer. 32:18 <sup>b</sup>Neh. 4:5; Jer. 18:23

15 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 90:8; Jer. 16:17  
<sup>b</sup>Ps. 34:16

16 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 37:14 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 37:32; 94:6

17 <sup>a</sup>Prov. 14:14; Ezek. 35:9; Matt. 7:2

18 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *his inward parts*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 109:29; 73:6; Ezek. 7:27 <sup>b</sup>Num. 5:22

19 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 109:29; 73:6; Ezek. 7:27 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 30:11; 2 Sam. 22:40; Is. 11:5

20 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *This is*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 54:5; 94:23; Is. 3:11; 2 Tim. 4:14 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 41:5; 71:10

- O** <sup>a</sup>GOD of my praise,  
<sup>b</sup>Do not be silent!
- 2 For they have opened the <sup>1</sup>wicked and <sup>a</sup>deceitful mouth against me;  
They have spoken <sup>2</sup>against me with a <sup>b</sup>lying tongue.
- 3 They have also surrounded me with words of hatred,  
And fought against me <sup>a</sup>without cause.
- 4 In return <sup>a</sup>for my love they act as my accusers;  
But <sup>b</sup>I am *in* prayer.
- 5 Thus they have <sup>1a</sup>repaid me evil for good,  
And <sup>b</sup>hatred for my love.
- 6 Appoint a wicked man over him;  
And let an <sup>1a</sup>accuser stand at his right hand.
- 7 When he is judged, let him <sup>a</sup>come forth guilty;  
And let his <sup>b</sup>prayer become sin.
- 8 Let <sup>a</sup>his days be few;  
Let <sup>b</sup>another take his office.
- 9 Let his <sup>a</sup>children be fatherless,  
And his <sup>b</sup>wife a widow.
- 10 Let his <sup>a</sup>children wander about and beg;  
And let them <sup>b</sup>seek *sustenance* <sup>1</sup>far from their ruined homes.
- 11 Let <sup>a</sup>the creditor <sup>1</sup>seize all that he has;  
And let <sup>b</sup>strangers plunder the product of his labor.
- 12 Let there be none to <sup>1a</sup>extend lovingkindness to him,  
Nor <sup>b</sup>any to be gracious to his fatherless children.
- 13 Let his <sup>a</sup>posterity be <sup>1</sup>cut off;  
In a following generation let their <sup>b</sup>name be blotted out.
- 14 Let <sup>a</sup>the iniquity of his fathers be remembered <sup>1</sup>before the LORD,  
And do not let the sin of his mother be <sup>b</sup>blotted out.
- 15 Let <sup>a</sup>them be before the LORD continually,  
That He may <sup>b</sup>cut off their memory from the earth;
- 16 Because he did not remember to show lovingkindness,  
But persecuted the <sup>a</sup>afflicted and needy man,  
And the despondent in heart, to <sup>b</sup>put *them* to death.
- 17 He also loved cursing, so <sup>a</sup>it came to him;  
And he did not delight in blessing, so it was far from him.
- 18 But he <sup>a</sup>clothed himself with cursing as with his garment,  
And it <sup>b</sup>entered into <sup>1</sup>his body like water,  
And like oil into his bones.
- 19 Let it be to him as <sup>a</sup>a garment with which he covers himself,  
And for a belt with which he constantly <sup>b</sup>girds himself.
- 20 <sup>1</sup>Let this be the <sup>a</sup>reward of my accusers from the LORD,  
And of those who <sup>b</sup>speak evil against my soul.



- 21 But Thou, O <sup>1</sup>GOD, the Lord, deal *kindly* with me <sup>a</sup>for Thy name's sake;  
Because <sup>b</sup>Thy lovingkindness is good, deliver me;
- 22 For <sup>a</sup>I am afflicted and needy,  
And <sup>1</sup>my heart is <sup>b</sup>wounded within me.
- 23 I am passing <sup>a</sup>like a shadow when it lengthens;  
I am shaken off <sup>b</sup>like the locust.
- 24 My <sup>a</sup>knees <sup>1</sup>are weak from <sup>b</sup>fasting;  
And my flesh has grown lean, without fatness.
- 25 I also have become a <sup>a</sup>reproach to them;  
When they see me, they <sup>b</sup>wag their head.
- 26 <sup>a</sup>Help me, O LORD my God;  
Save me according to Thy lovingkindness.
- 27 <sup>1</sup>And let them <sup>a</sup>know that this is Thy hand;  
Thou, LORD, hast done it.
- 28 <sup>a</sup>Let them curse, but do Thou bless;  
When they arise, they shall be ashamed,  
But Thy <sup>b</sup>servant shall be glad.
- 29 <sup>1</sup>Let <sup>a</sup>my accusers be clothed with dishonor,  
And <sup>2</sup>let them <sup>b</sup>cover themselves with their own shame  
as with a robe.
- 30 With my mouth I will give thanks abundantly to the  
LORD;  
And in the midst of many <sup>a</sup>I will praise Him.
- 31 For He stands <sup>a</sup>at the right hand of the needy,  
To save him from those who <sup>b</sup>judge his soul.

PSALM 110

The LORD Gives Dominion to the King.

A Psalm of David.

- <sup>a</sup>THE LORD says to my Lord:  
“<sup>b</sup>Sit at My right hand,  
Until I make <sup>c</sup>Thine enemies a footstool for Thy feet.”
- 2 The LORD will stretch forth Thy strong <sup>a</sup>scepter from  
Zion, *saying*,  
“<sup>b</sup>Rule in the midst of Thine enemies.”
- 3 Thy <sup>a</sup>people <sup>1</sup>will volunteer freely in the day of Thy  
<sup>2</sup>power;  
<sup>b</sup>In <sup>3</sup>holy array, from the womb of the dawn,  
<sup>4</sup>Thy youth are to Thee *as* the <sup>c</sup>dew.
- 4 <sup>a</sup>The LORD has sworn and will <sup>b</sup>not <sup>1</sup>change His mind,  
“Thou art a <sup>c</sup>priest forever  
According to the order of Melchizedek.”
- 5 The Lord is <sup>a</sup>at Thy right hand;  
He <sup>1</sup>will <sup>b</sup>shatter kings in the <sup>c</sup>day of His wrath.
- 6 He will <sup>a</sup>judge among the nations,  
He <sup>1</sup>will fill *them* with <sup>b</sup>corpses,  
He <sup>2</sup>will <sup>c</sup>shatter the <sup>3</sup>chief men over a broad country.
- 7 He will <sup>a</sup>drink from the brook by the wayside;  
Therefore He will <sup>b</sup>lift up *His* head.

21 <sup>1</sup>YHWH, usually rendered LORD  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 23:3; 25:11; 79:9; 106:8; Ezek. 36:22 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 69:16

22 <sup>1</sup>Lit., one has pierced my heart within me  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 40:17; 86:1 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 143:4; Job 24:12; Prov. 18:14

23 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 102:11 <sup>b</sup>Ex. 10:19; Job 39:20

24 <sup>1</sup>Or, totter  
<sup>a</sup>Heb. 12:12 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 35:13

25 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 22:6 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 22:7; Jer. 18:16; Lam. 2:15

26 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 119:86

27 <sup>1</sup>Or, That they may know  
<sup>a</sup>Job 37:7

28 <sup>a</sup>2 Sam. 16:11, 12 <sup>b</sup>Is. 65:14

29 <sup>1</sup>Or, My accusers will be <sup>2</sup>Or, they will cover  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 132:18; Job 8:22 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 35:26; Job 8:22

30 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 22:22

31 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 16:8; 73:23; 110:5; 121:5 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 37:33

1 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 22:44; Mark 12:36; Luke 20:42, 43; Acts 2:34, 35; Heb. 1:13 <sup>b</sup>Matt. 26:64; Eph. 1:20; Col. 3:1; Heb. 1:3; 8:1; 10:12; 12:2  
<sup>c</sup>1 Cor. 15:25; Eph. 1:22

2 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 45:6; Jer. 48:17; Ezek. 19:14 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 2:9; 72:8; Dan. 7:13, 14

3 <sup>1</sup>Lit., will be freewill offerings <sup>2</sup>Or, army <sup>3</sup>Or, the splendor of holiness  
<sup>a</sup>Or, The dew of Thy youth is Thine.  
<sup>a</sup>Judg. 5:2; Neh. 11:2 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 96:9; 1 Chr. 16:29 <sup>c</sup>2 Sam. 17:12; Mic. 5:7

4 <sup>1</sup>Lit., be sorry  
<sup>a</sup>Heb. 7:21 <sup>b</sup>Num. 23:19  
<sup>c</sup>Heb. 5:6, 10; 6:20; 7:17; Zech. 6:13

5 <sup>1</sup>Or, has shattered  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 109:31 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 68:14; 76:12 <sup>c</sup>Ps. 2:5, 12; Rom. 2:5; Rev. 6:17

6 <sup>1</sup>Or, has filled <sup>2</sup>Or, has shattered <sup>3</sup>Lit., head over  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 2:4; Joel 3:12; Mic. 4:3  
<sup>b</sup>Is. 66:24 <sup>c</sup>Ps. 68:21

7 <sup>a</sup>Judg. 7:5, 6 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 27:6

1 <sup>1</sup>Or, *Hallelujah!* I will... <sup>2</sup>Heb., *YAH*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 138:1 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 89:7; 149:1

2 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *sought out*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 92:5

3 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *Splendor and majesty*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 96:6; 145:5 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 112:3, 9; 119:142

4 <sup>1</sup>I.e., wonderful acts  
<sup>2</sup>Lit., *a memorial*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 86:15; 103:8; 145:8

5 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *prayer* <sup>2</sup>Or, *revere*  
<sup>a</sup>Matt. 6:31-33 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 105:8

7 <sup>1</sup>Or, *faithfulness* <sup>2</sup>Or, *trustworthy*  
<sup>a</sup>Rev. 15:3 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 19:7; 93:5

8 <sup>1</sup>Or, *faithfulness*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 119:160; Is. 40:8; Matt. 5:18 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 19:9

9 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *commanded* <sup>2</sup>I.e., inspiring reverence  
<sup>a</sup>Luke 1:68 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 99:3

10 <sup>1</sup>Or, *reverence for*  
<sup>2</sup>Lit., *do them*  
<sup>a</sup>Prov. 1:7; 9:10 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 119:98; Prov. 3:4 <sup>c</sup>Ps. 145:2

1 <sup>1</sup>Or, *Hallelujah!* Blessed... <sup>2</sup>Heb., *YAH* <sup>3</sup>Or, *reverses*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 128:1 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 1:2; 119:14

2 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *seed* <sup>2</sup>Or, *in the land*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 127:4 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 128:4

3 <sup>a</sup>Prov. 3:16; 8:18

4 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 97:11; Job 11:17  
<sup>b</sup>Ps. 37:26

5 <sup>1</sup>Or, *conduct his affairs with justice*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 37:21

6 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *for an eternal remembrance*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 15:5; 55:22 <sup>b</sup>Prov. 10:7

7 <sup>a</sup>Prov. 1:33 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 57:7; 108:1 <sup>c</sup>Ps. 56:4

8 <sup>a</sup>Heb. 13:9 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 27:1; 56:11; Prov. 3:24; Is. 12:2  
<sup>c</sup>Ps. 54:7

9 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *He has scattered, he has given to...*  
<sup>2</sup>Cor. 9:9 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 75:10; 89:17; 92:10; 148:14

**PSALM 111**

The LORD Praised for His Goodness.

**1 PRAISE <sup>2</sup>the LORD!**

- I <sup>a</sup>will give thanks to the LORD with all *my* heart,  
 In the <sup>b</sup>company of the upright and in the assembly.
- 2 Great are the <sup>a</sup>works of the LORD;  
*They are* <sup>1</sup>studied by all who delight in them.
- 3 <sup>1a</sup>Splendid and majestic is His work;  
 And <sup>b</sup>His righteousness endures forever.
- 4 He has made His <sup>1</sup>wonders <sup>2</sup>to be remembered;  
 The LORD is <sup>a</sup>gracious and compassionate.
- 5 He has <sup>a</sup>given <sup>1</sup>food to those who <sup>2</sup>fear Him;  
 He will <sup>b</sup>remember His covenant forever.
- 6 He has made known to His people the power of His works,  
 In giving them the heritage of the nations.
- 7 The works of His hands are <sup>1a</sup>truth and justice;  
 All His precepts <sup>b</sup>are <sup>2</sup>sure.
- 8 They are <sup>a</sup>upheld forever and ever;  
 They are performed in <sup>1b</sup>truth and uprightness.
- 9 He has sent <sup>a</sup>redemption to His people;  
 He has <sup>1</sup>ordained His covenant forever;  
<sup>b</sup>Holy and <sup>2</sup>awesome is His name.
- 10 The <sup>1a</sup>fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom;  
 A <sup>b</sup>good understanding have all those who <sup>2</sup>do *His commandments*;  
 His <sup>c</sup>praise endures forever.

**PSALM 112**

Prosperity of the One Who Fears the LORD.

**1 PRAISE <sup>2</sup>the LORD!**

- How <sup>a</sup>blessed is the man who <sup>3</sup>fears the LORD,  
 Who greatly <sup>b</sup>delights in His commandments.
- 2 His <sup>1a</sup>descendants will be mighty <sup>2</sup>on earth;  
 The generation of the <sup>b</sup>upright will be blessed.
- 3 <sup>a</sup>Wealth and riches are in his house,  
 And his righteousness endures forever.
- 4 Light arises in the darkness <sup>a</sup>for the upright;  
*He is* <sup>b</sup>gracious and compassionate and righteous.
- 5 It is well with the man who <sup>a</sup>is gracious and lends;  
 He will <sup>1</sup>maintain his cause in judgment.
- 6 For he will <sup>a</sup>never be shaken;  
 The <sup>b</sup>righteous will be <sup>1</sup>remembered forever.
- 7 He will not fear <sup>a</sup>evil tidings;  
 His <sup>b</sup>heart is steadfast, <sup>c</sup>trusting in the LORD.
- 8 His <sup>a</sup>heart is upheld, he <sup>b</sup>will not fear,  
 Until he <sup>c</sup>looks *with satisfaction* on his adversaries.
- 9 <sup>1</sup>He <sup>a</sup>has given freely to the poor;  
 His righteousness endures forever;  
 His <sup>b</sup>horn will be exalted in honor.

- 10 The wicked will see it and be vexed;  
He will gnash his teeth and melt away;  
The desire of the wicked will perish.

## PSALM 113

The LORD Exalts the Humble.

PRAISE the LORD!

- <sup>a</sup>Praise, O <sup>b</sup>servants of the LORD.  
Praise the name of the LORD.
- 2 <sup>a</sup>Blessed be the name of the LORD  
From this time forth and forever.
- 3 <sup>a</sup>From the rising of the sun to its setting  
The <sup>b</sup>name of the LORD is to be praised.
- 4 The LORD is <sup>a</sup>high above all nations;  
His <sup>b</sup>glory is above the heavens.
- 5 <sup>a</sup>Who is like the LORD our God,  
Who <sup>b</sup>is enthroned on high,
- 6 Who <sup>1a</sup>humbles Himself to behold  
*The things that are in heaven and in the earth?*
- 7 He <sup>a</sup>raises the poor from the dust,  
And lifts the needy from the ash heap,
- 8 To make *them* <sup>a</sup>sit with <sup>1b</sup>princes,  
With the <sup>1b</sup>princes of His people.
- 9 He <sup>a</sup>makes the barren woman abide in the house  
As a joyful mother of children.  
<sup>1</sup>Praise <sup>2</sup>the LORD!

## PSALM 114

God's Deliverance of Israel from Egypt.

- WHEN Israel went forth <sup>a</sup>from Egypt,  
The house of Jacob from a people of <sup>b</sup>strange language,
- 2 Judah became <sup>a</sup>His sanctuary,  
Israel <sup>b</sup>His dominion.
- 3 The <sup>a</sup>sea looked and fled;  
The <sup>b</sup>Jordan turned back.
- 4 The mountains <sup>a</sup>skipped like rams,  
The hills like lambs.
- 5 What <sup>a</sup>ails you, O sea, that you flee?  
O Jordan, that you turn back?
- 6 O mountains, that you skip like rams?  
O hills, like lambs?
- 7 <sup>a</sup>Tremble, O earth, before the Lord,  
Before the God of Jacob,
- 8 Who <sup>a</sup>turned the rock into a <sup>b</sup>pool of water,  
The <sup>c</sup>flint into a fountain of water.

10 <sup>1</sup>Or, *angry*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 86:17 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 35:16; 37:12;  
Matt. 8:12; 25:30; Luke  
13:28 <sup>c</sup>Ps. 58:7 <sup>d</sup>Job 8:13;  
Prov. 10:28; 11:7

1 <sup>1</sup>Or, *Hallelujah!*  
*Praise...* <sup>2</sup>Heb., *YAR*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 135:1 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 34:22; 69:36;  
79:10; 90:13

2 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 145:21; Dan. 2:20

3 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 50:1 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 18:3;  
48:1, 10

4 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 97:9; 99:2 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 8:1;  
57:11; 148:13

5 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 35:10; 89:6; Ex.  
15:11 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 103:19

6 <sup>1</sup>Or, *looks far below in  
the heavens and on the  
earth?*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 11:4; 138:6; Is. 57:15

7 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 107:41; 1 Sam. 2:8

8 <sup>1</sup>Or, *nobles*  
<sup>a</sup>Job 36:7

9 <sup>1</sup>Or, *Hallelujah!* <sup>2</sup>Heb.,  
*YAR*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 68:6; 1 Sam. 2:5; Is.  
54:1

1 <sup>a</sup>Ex. 13:3 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 81:5

2 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 78:68, 69; Ex.  
15:17; 29:45, 46 <sup>b</sup>Ex. 19:6

3 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 77:16 <sup>b</sup>Josh. 3:13,  
16

4 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 18:7; 29:6; Ex.  
19:18; Judg. 5:5; Hab. 3:6

5 <sup>a</sup>Hab. 3:8

7 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 96:9

8 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 78:15; 105:41; Ex.  
17:6; Num. 20:11 <sup>b</sup>Ps.  
107:35 <sup>c</sup>Deut. 8:15

1 <sup>1</sup>Or, *faithfulness*  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 48:11; Ezek. 36:22 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 29:2; 96:8

2 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 79:10 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 42:3

3 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 103:19 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 135:6;  
 Dan. 4:35

4 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 115:4-8; 135:15-18  
<sup>b</sup>Deut. 4:28; 2 Kin. 19:18;  
 Is. 37:19; 44:10, 20

5 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 10:5

7 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *Their hands*  
<sup>2</sup>Lit., *Their feet*

8 <sup>1</sup>Or, *are like them*

9 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 118:2; 135:19 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 37:3; 62:8 <sup>c</sup>Ps. 33:20

10 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 118:2; 135:19

11 <sup>1</sup>Or, *reverse*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 22:23; 103:11; 135:20

12 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 98:3

13 <sup>1</sup>Or, *reverse*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 103:11; 112:1; 128:1

14 <sup>a</sup>Deut. 1:11

15 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 102:25; 121:2;  
 124:8; 134:3; 146:6; Gen. 1:1;  
 Neh. 9:6; Acts 14:15;  
 Rev. 14:7

16 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 89:11 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 8:6

17 <sup>1</sup>Heb., *YAH*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 6:5 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 31:17

18 <sup>1</sup>Heb., *YAH* <sup>2</sup>Or,  
*Hallelujah!*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 113:2

1 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 18:1 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 6:8;  
 66:19; Is. 37:17; Dan. 9:18

2 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 17:6; 31:2; 40:1

3 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *straits* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *the  
 nether world* <sup>3</sup>Lit., *found  
 me*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 18:4, 5

**PSALM 115**

Heathen Idols Contrasted with the LORD.

<sup>a</sup>**N**OT to us, O LORD, not to us,  
 But <sup>b</sup>to Thy name give glory  
 Because of Thy lovingkindness, because of Thy <sup>1</sup>truth.  
 2 <sup>a</sup>Why should the nations say,  
 “<sup>b</sup>Where, now, is their God?”  
 3 But our <sup>a</sup>God is in the heavens;  
 He <sup>b</sup>does whatever He pleases.  
 4 Their <sup>a</sup>idols are silver and gold,  
 The <sup>b</sup>work of man’s hands.  
 5 They have mouths, but they <sup>a</sup>cannot speak;  
 They have eyes, but they cannot see;  
 6 They have ears, but they cannot hear;  
 They have noses, but they cannot smell;  
 7 <sup>1</sup>They have hands, but they cannot feel;  
<sup>2</sup>They have feet, but they cannot walk;  
 They cannot make a sound with their throat.  
 8 Those who make them <sup>1</sup>will become like them,  
 Everyone who trusts in them.

9 O <sup>a</sup>Israel, <sup>b</sup>trust in the LORD;  
 He is their <sup>c</sup>help and their shield.  
 10 O house of <sup>a</sup>Aaron, trust in the LORD;  
 He is their help and their shield.  
 11 You who <sup>1</sup>fear the LORD, trust in the LORD;  
 He is their help and their shield.  
 12 The LORD <sup>a</sup>has been mindful of us; He will bless us;  
 He will bless the house of Israel;  
 He will bless the house of Aaron.  
 13 He will <sup>a</sup>bless those who <sup>1</sup>fear the LORD,  
 The small together with the great.  
 14 May the LORD <sup>a</sup>give you increase,  
 You and your children.  
 15 May you be blessed of the LORD,  
<sup>a</sup>Maker of heaven and earth.  
 16 The heavens are <sup>a</sup>the heavens of the LORD;  
 But <sup>b</sup>the earth He has given to the sons of men.  
 17 The <sup>a</sup>dead do not praise <sup>1</sup>the LORD,  
 Nor *do* any who go down into <sup>b</sup>silence;  
 18 But as for us, we will <sup>a</sup>bless <sup>1</sup>the LORD  
 From this time forth and forever.  
<sup>2</sup>Praise <sup>1</sup>the LORD!

**PSALM 116**

Thanksgiving for Deliverance from Death.

<sup>a</sup>**I** LOVE the LORD, because He <sup>b</sup>hears  
 My voice *and* my supplications.  
 2 Because He has <sup>a</sup>inclined His ear to me,  
 Therefore I shall call *upon Him* as long as I live.  
 3 The <sup>a</sup>cords of death encompassed me,  
 And the <sup>1</sup>terrors of <sup>2</sup>Sheol <sup>3</sup>came upon me;  
 I found distress and sorrow.

- 4 Then <sup>a</sup>I called upon the name of the LORD:  
"O LORD, I beseech Thee, <sup>b</sup>save my life!"
- 5 <sup>a</sup>Gracious is the LORD, and <sup>b</sup>brighteous;  
Yes, our God is <sup>c</sup>compassionate.
- 6 The LORD preserves <sup>a</sup>the simple;  
I was <sup>b</sup>brought low, and He saved me.
- 7 Return to your <sup>a</sup>rest, O my soul,  
For the LORD has <sup>b</sup>dealt bountifully with you.
- 8 For Thou hast <sup>a</sup>rescued my soul from death,  
My eyes from tears,  
My feet from stumbling.
- 9 I shall walk before the LORD  
In the <sup>1a</sup>land of the living.
- 10 I <sup>a</sup>believed when I said,  
"I am <sup>b</sup>greatly afflicted."
- 11 I <sup>a</sup>said in my alarm,  
"<sup>b</sup>All men are liars."
- 12 What shall I <sup>a</sup>render to the LORD  
For all His <sup>b</sup>benefits <sup>1</sup>toward me?
- 13 I shall lift up the <sup>a</sup>cup of salvation,  
And <sup>b</sup>call upon the name of the LORD.
- 14 I shall <sup>a</sup>pay my vows to the LORD,  
Oh *may it be* <sup>b</sup>in the presence of all His people.
- 15 <sup>a</sup>Precious in the sight of the LORD  
Is the death of His godly ones.
- 16 O LORD, <sup>1</sup>surely I am <sup>a</sup>Thy servant,  
I am Thy servant, the <sup>b</sup>son of Thy handmaid,  
Thou hast <sup>c</sup>loosed my bonds.
- 17 To Thee I shall offer <sup>a</sup>a sacrifice of thanksgiving,  
And <sup>b</sup>call upon the name of the LORD.
- 18 I shall <sup>a</sup>pay my vows to the LORD,  
Oh *may it be* in the presence of all His people,
- 19 In the <sup>a</sup>courts of the LORD's house,  
In the midst of you, O <sup>b</sup>Jerusalem.  
<sup>1</sup>Praise <sup>2</sup>the LORD!

## PSALM 117

A Psalm of Praise.

- <sup>a</sup>PRAISE the LORD, all nations;  
Laud Him, all peoples!
- 2 For His <sup>a</sup>lovingkindness <sup>1</sup>is great toward us,  
And the <sup>2b</sup>truth of the LORD is everlasting.  
<sup>3</sup>Praise <sup>4</sup>the LORD!

## PSALM 118

Thanksgiving for the LORD's Saving Goodness.

- <sup>a</sup>GIVE thanks to the LORD, for He is good;  
<sup>b</sup>For His lovingkindness is everlasting.
- 2 Oh let <sup>a</sup>Israel say,  
"His lovingkindness is everlasting."

4 <sup>1</sup>Or, *deliver my soul*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 18:6; 118:5 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 17:13;  
22:20

5 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 86:15; 103:8 <sup>b</sup>Ps.  
119:137; 145:17; Ezra 9:15;  
Neh. 9:8; Jer. 12:1; Dan.  
9:14 <sup>c</sup>Ex. 34:6

6 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 19:7; Prov. 1:4 <sup>b</sup>Ps.  
79:18; 142:6

7 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 6:16; Matt. 11:29  
<sup>b</sup>Ps. 13:6; 142:7

8 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 49:15; 56:13; 86:13

9 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *lands*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 27:13

10 <sup>a</sup>2 Cor. 4:13 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 88:7

11 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 31:22 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 62:9;  
Rom. 3:4

12 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *upon*  
<sup>a</sup>2 Chr. 32:25; 1 Thess. 3:9  
<sup>b</sup>Ps. 103:2

13 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 16:5 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 80:18;  
105:1

14 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 50:14 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 22:25

15 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 72:14

16 <sup>1</sup>Or, *because*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 86:16; 119:125; 143:12  
<sup>b</sup>Ps. 86:16 <sup>c</sup>Ps. 107:14

17 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 50:14 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 116:13

18 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 116:14

19 <sup>1</sup>Or, *Hallelujah!* <sup>2</sup>Heb.,  
*YAH*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 92:13; 96:8; 135:2 <sup>b</sup>Ps.  
102:21

1 <sup>a</sup>Rom. 15:11

2 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *prevails over us*  
<sup>2</sup>Or, *faithfulness* <sup>3</sup>Or,  
*Hallelujah!* <sup>4</sup>Heb., *YAH*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 103:11 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 100:5;  
146:6

1 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 106:1 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 136:1-26

2 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 115:9

## Psalm 118

3 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 115:10

4 <sup>1</sup>Or, *revere*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 115:11

5 <sup>1</sup>Heb., *YAH*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 18:6; 86:7; 120:1 <sup>b</sup>Ps.  
18:19

6 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 56:9; Job 19:27;  
Heb. 13:6 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 23:4; 27:1  
<sup>c</sup>Ps. 56:4, 11

7 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 54:4 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 54:7

8 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 108:12; 2 Chr.  
32:7, 8; Is. 31:1, 3; 57:13;  
Jer. 17:5

9 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 146:3

10 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 3:6; 88:17 <sup>b</sup>Ps.  
18:40

12 <sup>a</sup>Deut. 1:44 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 58:9

13 <sup>1</sup>Or, *fell*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 140:4 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 86:17

14 <sup>1</sup>Heb., *YAH*  
<sup>a</sup>Ex. 15:2; Is. 12:2 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 27:1

15 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 68:3 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 89:13;  
Ex. 15:6; Luke 1:51

16 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 89:13

17 <sup>1</sup>Heb., *YAH*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 116:8, 9; Hab. 1:12  
<sup>b</sup>Ps. 73:28; 107:22

18 <sup>1</sup>Heb., *YAH*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 73:14; Jer. 31:18;  
1 Cor. 11:32; 2 Cor. 6:9  
<sup>b</sup>Ps. 86:13

19 <sup>1</sup>Heb., *YAH*  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 26:2

20 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 15:1, 2; 24:3-6;  
140:13

21 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 118:5; 116:1 <sup>b</sup>Ps.  
118:14

22 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 21:42; Mark  
12:10, 11; Luke 20:17; Acts  
4:11; Eph. 2:20; 1 Pet. 2:7

23 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *from the LORD*

24 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 31:7

25 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 106:47 <sup>b</sup>Ps.  
122:6, 7

3 Oh let the <sup>a</sup>house of Aaron say,  
"His lovingkindness is everlasting."

4 Oh let those <sup>a</sup>who <sup>1</sup>fear the LORD say,  
"His lovingkindness is everlasting."

5 From *my* <sup>a</sup>distress I called upon <sup>1</sup>the LORD;  
<sup>1</sup>The LORD answered me *and* <sup>b</sup>set me in a large place.

6 The LORD is <sup>a</sup>for me; I will <sup>b</sup>not fear;  
<sup>c</sup>What can man do to me?

7 The LORD is for me <sup>a</sup>among those who help me;  
Therefore I shall <sup>b</sup>look *with satisfaction* on those who  
hate me.

8 It is <sup>a</sup>better to take refuge in the LORD  
Than to trust in man.

9 It is <sup>a</sup>better to take refuge in the LORD  
Than to trust in princes.

10 All nations <sup>a</sup>surrounded me;  
In the name of the LORD I will surely <sup>b</sup>cut them off.

11 They surrounded me, yes, they surrounded me;  
In the name of the LORD I will surely cut them off.

12 They surrounded me <sup>a</sup>like bees;  
They were extinguished as a <sup>b</sup>fire of thorns;  
In the name of the LORD I will surely cut them off.

13 You <sup>a</sup>pushed me violently so that I <sup>1</sup>was falling,  
But the LORD <sup>b</sup>helped me.

14 <sup>1a</sup>The LORD is my strength and song,  
And He has become <sup>b</sup>my salvation.

15 The sound of <sup>a</sup>joyful shouting and salvation is in the  
tents of the righteous;

The <sup>b</sup>right hand of the LORD does valiantly.

16 The <sup>a</sup>right hand of the LORD is exalted;  
The right hand of the LORD does valiantly.

17 I <sup>a</sup>shall not die, but live,  
And <sup>b</sup>tell of the works of <sup>1</sup>the LORD.

18 <sup>1</sup>The LORD has <sup>a</sup>disciplined me severely,  
But He has <sup>b</sup>not given me over to death.

19 <sup>a</sup>Open to me the gates of righteousness;  
I shall enter through them, I shall give thanks to <sup>1</sup>the  
LORD.

20 This is the gate of the LORD;  
The <sup>a</sup>righteous will enter through it.

21 I shall give thanks to Thee, for Thou hast <sup>a</sup>answered me;  
And Thou hast <sup>b</sup>become my salvation.

22 The <sup>a</sup>stone which the builders rejected  
Has become the chief corner *stone*.

23 This is <sup>1</sup>the LORD's doing;  
It is marvelous in our eyes.

24 This is the day which the LORD has made;  
Let us <sup>a</sup>rejoice and be glad in it.

25 O LORD, <sup>a</sup>do save, we beseech Thee;  
O LORD, we beseech Thee, do send <sup>b</sup>prosperity!

- 26 <sup>a</sup>Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the LORD;  
We have <sup>b</sup>lessed you from the house of the LORD.
- 27 <sup>a</sup>The LORD is God, and He has given us <sup>b</sup>light;  
Bind the festival sacrifice with cords <sup>1</sup>to the <sup>c</sup>horns of the altar.
- 28 <sup>a</sup>Thou art my God, and I give thanks to Thee;  
*Thou art* my God, <sup>b</sup>I extol Thee.
- 29 <sup>a</sup>Give thanks to the LORD, for He is good;  
For His lovingkindness is everlasting.

## PSALM 119

Meditations and Prayers Relating to the Law of God.

## Aleph.

- How blessed are those whose way is <sup>1a</sup>blameless,  
Who <sup>b</sup>walk in the law of the LORD.
- 2 How blessed are those who <sup>a</sup>observe His testimonies,  
Who <sup>b</sup>seek Him <sup>c</sup>with all *their* heart.
- 3 They also <sup>a</sup>do no unrighteousness;  
They walk in His ways.
- 4 Thou hast <sup>1a</sup>ordained Thy precepts,  
<sup>2</sup>That we should keep *them* diligently.
- 5 Oh that my <sup>a</sup>ways may be established  
To <sup>b</sup>keep Thy statutes!
- 6 Then I <sup>a</sup>shall not be ashamed  
When I look <sup>1</sup>upon all Thy commandments.
- 7 I shall <sup>a</sup>give thanks to Thee with uprightness of heart,  
When I learn Thy righteous judgments.
- 8 I shall keep Thy statutes;  
Do not <sup>a</sup>forsake me utterly!

## Beth.

- 9 How can a young man keep his way pure?  
By <sup>a</sup>keeping it according to Thy word.
- 10 With all my <sup>a</sup>heart I have sought Thee;  
Do not let me <sup>b</sup>wander from Thy commandments.
- 11 Thy word I have <sup>a</sup>treasured in my heart,  
That I may not sin against Thee.
- 12 Blessed art Thou, O LORD;  
<sup>a</sup>Teach me Thy statutes.
- 13 With my lips I have <sup>a</sup>told of  
All the <sup>b</sup>ordinances of Thy mouth.
- 14 I have <sup>a</sup>rejoiced in the way of Thy testimonies,  
<sup>1</sup>As much as in all riches.
- 15 I will <sup>a</sup>meditate on Thy precepts,  
And <sup>1</sup>regard <sup>b</sup>Thy ways.
- 16 I shall <sup>1a</sup>delight in Thy statutes;  
I shall <sup>b</sup>not forget Thy word.

## Gimel.

- 17 <sup>a</sup>Deal bountifully with Thy servant,  
That I may live and keep Thy word.
- 18 Open my eyes, that I may behold  
Wonderful things from Thy law.

26 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 21:9; 23:39;  
Mark 11:9; Luke 13:35;  
19:38; John 12:13 <sup>b</sup>Ps.  
129:8

27 <sup>1</sup>Lit., unto  
<sup>a</sup>1 Kin. 18:39 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 18:28;  
27:1; Esther 8:16; 1 Pet. 2:9  
<sup>c</sup>Ex. 27:2

28 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 63:1; 140:6 <sup>b</sup>Ex.  
15:2; Is. 25:1

29 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 118:1

1 <sup>1</sup>Lit., complete, or,  
*having integrity*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 101:2, 6; Prov. 11:20;  
13:6 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 128:1; Ezek.  
11:20; 18:17; Mic. 4:2

2 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 119:22, 168; 25:10;  
99:7 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 119:10; Deut. 4:29  
<sup>c</sup>Deut. 6:5; 10:12; 11:13;  
13:3; 30:2

3 <sup>a</sup>1 John 3:9; 5:18

4 <sup>1</sup>Lit., commanded  
<sup>2</sup>Lit., To keep  
<sup>a</sup>Deut. 4:13; Neh. 9:13

5 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 40:2; Prov. 4:26  
<sup>b</sup>Deut. 12:1; 2 Chr. 7:17

6 <sup>1</sup>Lit., to  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 119:80

7 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 119:62

8 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 38:21; 71:9, 18

9 <sup>a</sup>1 Kin. 2:4; 8:25; 2 Chr.  
6:16

10 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 119:2, 145 <sup>b</sup>Ps.  
119:21, 118

11 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 37:31; 40:8; Luke  
2:19, 51

12 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 119:26, 64, 108,  
124, 135, 171

13 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 40:9 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 119:72

14 <sup>1</sup>Lit., As over all  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 119:111, 162

15 <sup>1</sup>Or, look upon  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 119:23, 48, 78, 97, 148;  
1:2 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 25:4; 27:11; Is. 58:2

16 <sup>1</sup>Lit., delight myself  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 119:24, 35, 47, 70, 77,  
92, 143, 174 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 119:93

17 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 13:6

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19 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 119:54; 39:12;  
Gen. 47:9; Lev. 25:23;  
1 Chr. 29:15; Heb. 11:13

20 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *for*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 119:40, 131

21 <sup>1</sup>Or, *Cursed are those  
who wander . . .*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 68:30 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 37:22; Deut.  
27:26 <sup>c</sup>Ps. 119:10, 118

22 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 119:39 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 119:2

23 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 119:161 <sup>b</sup>Ps.  
119:15

24 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *the men of my  
counsel*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 119:16

25 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 44:25 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 119:37,  
40, 88, 93, 107, 149, 154,  
156, 159 <sup>c</sup>Ps. 119:65

26 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 119:12

27 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 105:2

28 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *drops*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 22:14; 107:26 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 20:2;  
1 Pet. 5:10

30 <sup>1</sup>Or, *accounted Thine  
ordinances worthy*

31 <sup>a</sup>Deut. 11:22

32 <sup>a</sup>1 Kin. 4:29; Is. 60:5;  
2 Cor. 6:11, 13

33 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 119:5, 12

34 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 119:27, 73, 125,  
144, 169 <sup>b</sup>1 Chr. 22:12;  
Ezek. 44:24 <sup>c</sup>Ps. 119:2, 69

35 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 25:4; Is. 40:14 <sup>b</sup>Ps.  
119:16; 112:1

36 <sup>a</sup>1 Kin. 8:58 <sup>b</sup>Luke  
12:15; Heb. 13:5

37 <sup>a</sup>Is. 33:15 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 119:25;  
71:20

38 <sup>1</sup>Or, *promise* <sup>2</sup>Lit.,  
*Which is for the fear of  
Thee*  
<sup>a</sup>2 Sam. 7:25

39 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 119:22

40 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 119:20

41 <sup>1</sup>Or, *promise*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 119:77 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 119:58, 76,  
116, 170

42 <sup>a</sup>Prov. 27:11 <sup>b</sup>Ps.  
119:39; 102:8

43 <sup>1</sup>Or, *hope in*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 119:49, 74, 81, 114, 147

- 19 I am a <sup>a</sup>stranger in the earth;  
Do not hide Thy commandments from me.
- 20 My soul is crushed <sup>1a</sup>with longing  
After Thine ordinances at all times.
- 21 Thou dost <sup>a</sup>rebuke the arrogant, <sup>1b</sup>the <sup>b</sup>cursed,  
Who <sup>c</sup>wander from Thy commandments.
- 22 <sup>a</sup>Take away reproach and contempt from me,  
For I <sup>b</sup>observe Thy testimonies.
- 23 Even though <sup>a</sup>princes sit and talk against me,  
Thy servant <sup>b</sup>meditates on Thy statutes.
- 24 Thy testimonies also are my <sup>a</sup>delight;  
*They are* <sup>1m</sup>my counselors.

**Daleth.**

- 25 My <sup>a</sup>soul cleaves to the dust;  
<sup>b</sup>Revive me <sup>c</sup>according to Thy word.
- 26 I have told of my ways, and Thou hast answered me;  
<sup>a</sup>Teach me Thy statutes.
- 27 Make me understand the way of Thy precepts,  
So I will <sup>a</sup>meditate on Thy wonders.
- 28 My <sup>a</sup>soul <sup>1</sup>weeps because of grief;  
<sup>b</sup>Strengthen me according to Thy word.
- 29 Remove the false way from me,  
And graciously grant me Thy law.
- 30 I have chosen the faithful way;  
I have <sup>1</sup>placed Thine ordinances *before me*.
- 31 I <sup>a</sup>cleave to Thy testimonies;  
O LORD, do not put me to shame!
- 32 I shall run the way of Thy commandments,  
For Thou wilt <sup>a</sup>enlarge my heart.

**He.**

- 33 <sup>a</sup>Teach me, O LORD, the way of Thy statutes,  
And I shall observe it to the end.
- 34 <sup>a</sup>Give me understanding, that I may <sup>b</sup>observe Thy law,  
And keep it <sup>c</sup>with all *my* heart.
- 35 Make me walk in the <sup>a</sup>path of Thy commandments,  
For I <sup>b</sup>delight in it.
- 36 <sup>a</sup>Incline my heart to Thy testimonies,  
And not to <sup>b</sup>dishonest gain.
- 37 Turn away my <sup>a</sup>eyes from looking at vanity,  
And <sup>b</sup>revive me in Thy ways.
- 38 <sup>a</sup>Establish Thy <sup>1</sup>word to Thy servant,  
<sup>2</sup>As that which produces reverence for Thee.
- 39 <sup>a</sup>Turn away my reproach which I dread,  
For Thine ordinances are good.
- 40 Behold, I <sup>a</sup>long for Thy precepts;  
Revive me through Thy righteousness.

**Vav.**

- 41 May Thy <sup>a</sup>lovingkindnesses also come to me, O LORD,  
Thy salvation <sup>b</sup>according to Thy <sup>1</sup>word;
- 42 So I shall have an <sup>a</sup>answer for him who <sup>b</sup>reproaches me,  
For I trust in Thy word.
- 43 And do not take the word of truth utterly out of my  
mouth,  
For I <sup>1a</sup>await for Thine ordinances.



- 44 So I will <sup>a</sup>keep Thy law continually,  
Forever and ever.  
45 And I will <sup>a</sup>walk <sup>1</sup>at liberty,  
For I <sup>b</sup>seek Thy precepts.  
46 I will also speak of Thy testimonies <sup>a</sup>before kings,  
And shall not be ashamed.  
47 And I shall <sup>1a</sup>delight in Thy commandments,  
Which I <sup>b</sup>love.  
48 And I shall lift up my hands to Thy commandments,  
Which I <sup>a</sup>love;  
And I will <sup>b</sup>meditate on Thy statutes.

Zayin.

- 49 Remember the word to Thy servant,  
<sup>1</sup>In which Thou hast made me hope.  
50 This is my <sup>a</sup>comfort in my affliction,  
That Thy word has <sup>1</sup>revived me.  
51 The arrogant <sup>a</sup>utterly deride me,  
Yet I do not <sup>b</sup>turn aside from Thy law.  
52 I have <sup>a</sup>remembered Thine ordinances from <sup>1</sup>of old, O  
LORD,  
And comfort myself.  
53 Burning <sup>a</sup>indignation has seized me because of the  
wicked,  
Who <sup>b</sup>forsake Thy law.  
54 Thy statutes are my songs  
In the house of my <sup>a</sup>pilgrimage.  
55 O LORD, I <sup>a</sup>remember Thy name <sup>b</sup>in the night,  
And keep Thy law.  
56 This has become mine,  
<sup>1</sup>That I <sup>a</sup>observe Thy precepts.

Heth.

- 57 The LORD is my <sup>a</sup>portion;  
I have <sup>1</sup>promised to <sup>b</sup>keep Thy words.  
58 I <sup>a</sup>entreated Thy favor <sup>b</sup>with all *my* heart;  
<sup>c</sup>Be gracious to me <sup>d</sup>according to Thy <sup>1</sup>word.  
59 I <sup>a</sup>considered my ways,  
And turned my feet to Thy testimonies.  
60 I hastened and did not delay  
To keep Thy commandments.  
61 The <sup>a</sup>cords of the wicked have encircled me,  
But I have <sup>b</sup>not forgotten Thy law.  
62 At <sup>a</sup>midnight I shall rise to give thanks to Thee  
Because of Thy <sup>b</sup>righteous ordinances.  
63 I am <sup>a</sup>a companion of all those who <sup>1</sup>fear Thee,  
And of those who keep Thy precepts.  
64 <sup>a</sup>The earth is full of Thy lovingkindness, O LORD;  
<sup>b</sup>Teach me Thy statutes.

Teth.

- 65 Thou hast dealt well with Thy servant,  
O LORD, according to Thy word.  
66 Teach me good <sup>1a</sup>discernment and knowledge,  
For I believe in Thy commandments.

44 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 119:33

45 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *in a wide place*  
<sup>a</sup>Prov. 4:12 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 119:94, 155

46 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 10:18; Acts  
26:1, 2

47 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *delight myself*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 119:16 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 119:97,  
127, 159

48 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 119:97, 127, 159  
<sup>b</sup>Ps. 119:15

49 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *On*

50 <sup>1</sup>Or, *preserved me*  
*alive*  
<sup>a</sup>Job 6:10; Rom. 15:4

51 <sup>a</sup>Job 30:1; Jer. 20:7 <sup>b</sup>Ps.  
119:157; 44:18; Job 23:11

52 <sup>1</sup>Or, *everlasting*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 103:18

53 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 119:158; Ex. 32:19;  
Ezra 9:3; Neh. 13:25 <sup>b</sup>Ps.  
89:30

54 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 119:19; Gen. 47:9

55 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 63:6 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 119:62;  
42:8; 92:2; Is. 26:9; Acts  
16:25

56 <sup>1</sup>Or, *Because*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 119:22, 69, 100

57 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *said that I would*  
*keep*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 16:5 <sup>b</sup>Deut. 33:9

58 <sup>1</sup>Or, *promise*  
<sup>a</sup>1 Kin. 13:6 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 119:2 <sup>c</sup>Ps.  
41:4; 56:1; 57:1 <sup>d</sup>Ps. 119:41

59 <sup>a</sup>Mark 14:72; Luke  
15:17

61 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 140:5; Job 36:8  
<sup>b</sup>Ps. 119:83, 141, 153, 176

62 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 119:55 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 119:7

63 <sup>1</sup>Or, *revere*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 101:6

64 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 33:5 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 119:12

66 <sup>1</sup>Or, *judgment*  
<sup>a</sup>Phil. 1:9

67 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 119:71, 75; Jer. 31:18, 19; Heb. 12:5-11

68 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 86:5; 100:5; 106:1  
<sup>b</sup>Ps. 125:4; Deut. 8:16;  
28:63; 30:5 <sup>c</sup>Ps. 119:12

69 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *bemserie me with lies*  
<sup>a</sup>Job 13:4 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 119:56

70 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *gross like fat*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 17:10; Deut. 32:15; Job 15:27; Is. 6:10; Jer. 5:28  
<sup>b</sup>Ps. 119:16

71 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 119:67, 75

72 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 119:127; 19:10;  
Prov. 8:10, 11, 19

73 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *established*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 138:8; 139:15, 16; Job 10:8; 31:15 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 119:34

74 <sup>1</sup>Or, *revere* <sup>2</sup>Or, *hope in*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 34:2; 35:27; 107:42 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 119:43

75 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 119:138 <sup>b</sup>Heb. 12:10

76 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *be for my comfort* <sup>2</sup>Or, *promise*

77 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 119:41 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 119:16

78 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 50:32 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 119:86  
<sup>c</sup>Ps. 119:15

79 <sup>1</sup>Or, *revere*

80 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *complete; or, having integrity*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 119:1 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 119:46

81 <sup>1</sup>Or, *hope in*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 84:2 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 119:43

82 <sup>1</sup>Or, *promise* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *Saying*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 119:123; 69:3; Is. 38:14; Lam. 2:11

83 <sup>a</sup>Job 30:30 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 119:61

84 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 39:4 <sup>b</sup>Rev. 6:10

85 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *according to Thy law*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 7:15; 57:6; Jer. 18:22

86 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 119:138 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 119:78, 161; 35:19 <sup>c</sup>Ps. 109:26

87 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *in the earth*  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 58:2

89 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *stands firm*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 119:160; Is. 40:8; Matt. 24:35; 1 Pet. 1:25

67 <sup>a</sup>Before I was afflicted I went astray,  
But now I keep Thy word.

68 Thou art <sup>a</sup>good and <sup>b</sup>doest good;  
<sup>c</sup>Teach me Thy statutes.

69 The arrogant <sup>1</sup>have <sup>a</sup>forged a lie against me;  
With all *my* heart I will <sup>b</sup>observe Thy precepts.

70 Their heart is <sup>1a</sup>covered with fat,  
But I <sup>b</sup>delight in Thy law.

71 It is <sup>a</sup>good for me that I was afflicted,  
That I may learn Thy statutes.

72 The <sup>a</sup>law of Thy mouth is better to me  
Than thousands of gold and silver *pieces*.

Yodh.

73 <sup>a</sup>Thy hands made me and <sup>1</sup>fashioned me;  
<sup>b</sup>Give me understanding, that I may learn Thy com-  
mandments.

74 May those who <sup>1</sup>fear Thee <sup>a</sup>see me and be glad,  
Because I <sup>2b</sup>wait for Thy word.

75 I know, O LORD, that Thy judgments are <sup>a</sup>righteous,  
And that <sup>b</sup>in faithfulness Thou hast afflicted me.

76 O may Thy lovingkindness <sup>1</sup>comfort me,  
According to Thy <sup>2</sup>word to Thy servant.

77 May <sup>a</sup>Thy compassion come to me that I may live,  
For Thy law is my <sup>b</sup>delight.

78 May <sup>a</sup>the arrogant be ashamed, for they subvert me  
<sup>b</sup>with a lie;

But I shall <sup>c</sup>meditate on Thy precepts.

79 May those who <sup>1</sup>fear Thee turn to me,  
Even those who know Thy testimonies.

80 May my heart be <sup>1a</sup>blameless in Thy statutes,  
That I may not <sup>b</sup>be ashamed.

Kaph.

81 My <sup>a</sup>soul languishes for Thy salvation;  
I <sup>b</sup>wait for Thy word.

82 My <sup>a</sup>eyes fail *with longing* for Thy <sup>1</sup>word,  
<sup>2</sup>While I say, "When wilt Thou comfort Me?"

83 Though I have <sup>a</sup>become like a wineskin in the smoke,  
I do <sup>b</sup>not forget Thy statutes.

84 How many are the <sup>a</sup>days of Thy servant?  
When wilt Thou <sup>b</sup>execute judgment on those who  
persecute me?

85 The arrogant have <sup>a</sup>dug pits for me,  
*Men* who are not <sup>1</sup>in accord with Thy law.

86 All Thy commandments are <sup>a</sup>faithful;  
They have <sup>b</sup>persecuted me with a lie; <sup>c</sup>help me!

87 They almost destroyed me <sup>1</sup>on earth,  
But as for me, I <sup>a</sup>did not forsake Thy precepts.

88 Revive me according to Thy lovingkindness,  
So that I may keep the testimony of Thy mouth.

Lamedh.

89 <sup>a</sup>Forever, O LORD,  
Thy word <sup>1</sup>is settled in heaven.

- 90 Thy <sup>a</sup>faithfulness *continues* <sup>1</sup>throughout all generations;  
 Thou didst <sup>b</sup>establish the earth, and it <sup>c</sup>stands.  
 91 They stand this day according to Thine <sup>a</sup>ordinances,  
 For <sup>b</sup>all things are Thy servants.  
 92 If Thy law had not been my <sup>a</sup>delight,  
 Then I would have perished <sup>b</sup>in my affliction.  
 93 I will <sup>a</sup>never forget Thy precepts,  
 For by them Thou hast <sup>1b</sup>revived me.  
 94 I am Thine, <sup>a</sup>save me;  
 For I have <sup>b</sup>sought Thy precepts.  
 95 The wicked <sup>a</sup>wait for me to destroy me;  
 I shall diligently consider Thy testimonies.  
 96 I have seen <sup>1a</sup> limit to all perfection;  
 Thy commandment is exceedingly broad.

Mem.

- 97 O how I <sup>a</sup>love Thy law!  
 It is my <sup>b</sup>meditation all the day.  
 98 Thy <sup>a</sup>commandments make me wiser than my enemies,  
 For they are ever <sup>1</sup>mine.  
 99 I have more insight than all my teachers,  
 For Thy testimonies are my <sup>a</sup>meditation.  
 100 I understand <sup>a</sup>more than the aged,  
 Because I have <sup>b</sup>observed Thy precepts.  
 101 I have <sup>a</sup>restrained my feet from every evil way,  
 That I may keep Thy word.  
 102 I have not <sup>a</sup>turned aside from Thine ordinances,  
 For Thou Thyself hast taught me.  
 103 How <sup>a</sup>sweet are Thy <sup>1</sup>words to my <sup>2</sup>taste!  
 Yes, *sweeter* than honey to my mouth!  
 104 From Thy precepts I <sup>a</sup>get understanding;  
 Therefore I <sup>b</sup>hate every false way.

Nun.

- 105 Thy word is a <sup>a</sup>lamp to my feet,  
 And a light to my path.  
 106 I have <sup>a</sup>sworn, and I will confirm it,  
 That I will keep Thy righteous ordinances.  
 107 I am exceedingly <sup>a</sup>afflicted;  
<sup>1b</sup>Revive me, O LORD, according to Thy word.  
 108 O accept the <sup>a</sup>freewill offerings of my mouth, O LORD,  
 And <sup>b</sup>teach me Thine ordinances.  
 109 My <sup>1a</sup>life is continually <sup>2</sup>in my hand,  
 Yet I do not <sup>b</sup>forget Thy law.  
 110 The wicked have <sup>a</sup>laid a snare for me,  
 Yet I have not <sup>b</sup>gone astray from Thy precepts.  
 111 I have <sup>a</sup>inherited Thy testimonies forever,  
 For they are the <sup>b</sup>joy of my heart.  
 112 I have <sup>a</sup>inclined my heart to perform Thy statutes  
 Forever, *even* <sup>b</sup>to the end.

Samekh.

- 113 I hate those who are <sup>a</sup>double-minded,  
 But I love Thy <sup>b</sup>law.

90 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *to*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 36:5; 89:1, 2 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 148:6  
<sup>c</sup>Eccles. 1:4

91 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 31:35 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 104:2-4

92 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 119:16 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 119:50

93 <sup>1</sup>Or, *kept me alive*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 119:16, 83 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 119:25

94 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 119:146 <sup>b</sup>Ps.  
 119:45

95 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 40:14; Is. 32:7

96 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *an end of*

97 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 119:47, 48, 127,  
 163, 165 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 119:15

98 <sup>1</sup>Or, *with me*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 119:130; Deut. 4:6

99 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 119:15

100 <sup>a</sup>Job 32:7-9 <sup>b</sup>Ps.  
 119:22, 56

101 <sup>a</sup>Prov. 1:15

102 <sup>a</sup>Deut. 17:20; Josh.  
 23:6; 1 Kin. 15:5

103 <sup>1</sup>Or, *promises* <sup>2</sup>Lit.,  
*palate*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 19:10; Prov. 24:13, 14

104 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 119:130 <sup>b</sup>Ps.  
 119:128

105 <sup>a</sup>Prov. 6:23

106 <sup>a</sup>Neh. 10:29

107 <sup>1</sup>Or, *Keep me alive*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 119:25, 50 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 119:25

108 <sup>a</sup>Hos. 14:2; Heb.  
 13:15 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 119:12

109 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *soul* <sup>2</sup>i.e., in  
 danger  
<sup>a</sup>Judg. 12:3; Job 13:14 <sup>b</sup>Ps.  
 119:16

110 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 91:3; 140:5; 141:9  
<sup>b</sup>Ps. 119:10

111 <sup>a</sup>Deut. 33:4 <sup>b</sup>Ps.  
 119:14, 162

112 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 119:36 <sup>b</sup>Ps.  
 119:33

113 <sup>1</sup>1 Kin. 18:21; James  
 1:8; 4:8 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 119:47

**Psalm 119**

114 <sup>1</sup>Or, *hope in*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 31:20; 32:7; 61:4; 91:1  
<sup>b</sup>Ps. 84:9 <sup>c</sup>Ps. 119:74

115 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 6:8; 139:19; Matt.  
 7:23 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 119:22

116 <sup>1</sup>Or, *promise* <sup>2</sup>Lit.,  
*put to shame because of*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 37:17, 24; 54:4 <sup>b</sup>Ps.  
 25:2, 20; 31:1, 17; Rom.  
 5:5; 9:3; Phil. 1:20

117 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 12:5; Prov. 29:25  
<sup>b</sup>Ps. 119:6, 15

118 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *made light of*  
<sup>2</sup>Lit., *falsehood*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 119:10, 21

119 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *caused to cease*  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 1:22, 25; Ezek. 22:18,  
 19 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 119:47

120 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *bristles up from*  
<sup>a</sup>Job 4:14; Hab. 3:16 <sup>b</sup>Ps.  
 119:161

121 <sup>a2</sup> Sam. 8:15; Job  
 29:14

122 <sup>a</sup>Job 17:3 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 119:134

123 <sup>1</sup>Or, *promise*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 119:82

124 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 119:88, 149, 159;  
 51:1; 106:45; 109:26 <sup>b</sup>Ps.  
 119:12

125 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 116:16 <sup>b</sup>Ps.  
 119:27

126 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 18:23; Ezek.  
 31:11

127 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 119:47

128 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 19:8 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 119:104

129 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 119:18 <sup>b</sup>Ps.  
 119:22

130 <sup>a</sup>Prov. 6:23 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 19:7

131 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 81:10; Job 29:23  
<sup>b</sup>Ps. 42:1 <sup>c</sup>Ps. 119:20

132 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *to*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 25:16

133 <sup>1</sup>Or, *promise*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 17:5 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 19:13

134 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 119:84; 142:6

135 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 4:6; 31:16; 67:1;  
 80:3, 7, 19; Num. 6:25 <sup>b</sup>Ps.  
 119:12

136 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *run down*  
<sup>a</sup>Jer. 9:1, 18; 14:17; Lam.  
 3:48 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 119:158

114 Thou art my <sup>a</sup>hiding place and my <sup>b</sup>shield;  
 I <sup>c</sup>wait for Thy word.

115 <sup>a</sup>Depart from me, evildoers,  
 That I may <sup>b</sup>observe the commandments of my God.

116 <sup>a</sup>Sustain me according to Thy <sup>1</sup>word, that I may live;  
 And <sup>b</sup>do not let me be <sup>2</sup>ashamed of my hope.

117 Uphold me that I may be <sup>a</sup>safe,  
 That I may <sup>b</sup>have regard for Thy statutes continually.

118 Thou hast <sup>1</sup>rejected all those <sup>a</sup>who wander from Thy  
 statutes,

For their deceitfulness is <sup>2</sup>useless.

119 Thou hast <sup>1</sup>removed all the wicked of the earth *like*  
<sup>a</sup>grass;

Therefore I <sup>b</sup>love Thy testimonies.

120 My flesh <sup>1</sup>trembles for fear of Thee,  
 And I am <sup>b</sup>afraid of Thy judgments.

Ayin.

121 I have <sup>a</sup>done justice and righteousness;  
 Do not leave me to my oppressors.

122 Be <sup>a</sup>surety for Thy servant for good;  
 Do not let the arrogant <sup>b</sup>oppress me.

123 My <sup>a</sup>eyes fail *with longing* for Thy salvation,  
 And for Thy righteous <sup>1</sup>word.

124 Deal with Thy servant <sup>a</sup>according to Thy lovingkind-  
 ness,

And <sup>b</sup>teach me Thy statutes.

125 I <sup>a</sup>am Thy servant; <sup>b</sup>give me understanding,  
 That I may know Thy testimonies.

126 It is time for the LORD to <sup>a</sup>act,  
*For they have broken Thy law.*

127 Therefore I <sup>a</sup>love Thy commandments  
 Above gold, yes, above fine gold.

128 Therefore I esteem right all *Thy* <sup>a</sup>precepts concerning  
 everything,

I <sup>b</sup>hate every false way.

Pe.

129 Thy testimonies are <sup>a</sup>wonderful;  
 Therefore my soul <sup>b</sup>observes them.

130 The <sup>a</sup>unfolding of Thy words gives light;  
 It gives <sup>b</sup>understanding to the simple.

131 I <sup>a</sup>opened my mouth wide and <sup>b</sup>panted,  
 For I <sup>c</sup>longed for Thy commandments.

132 <sup>a</sup>Turn to me and be gracious to me,  
 After Thy manner <sup>1</sup>with those who love Thy name.

133 Establish my <sup>a</sup>footsteps in Thy <sup>1</sup>word,  
 And do not let any iniquity <sup>b</sup>have dominion over me.

134 <sup>a</sup>Redeem me from the oppression of man,  
 That I may keep Thy precepts.

135 <sup>a</sup>Make Thy face shine upon Thy servant,  
 And <sup>b</sup>teach me Thy statutes.

136 My eyes <sup>1</sup>shed <sup>a</sup>streams of water,  
 Because they <sup>b</sup>do not keep Thy law.

## Tsadhe.

- 137** <sup>a</sup>Righteous art Thou, O LORD,  
And upright are Thy judgments.
- 138** Thou hast commanded Thy testimonies in <sup>a</sup>righteous-  
ness  
And exceeding <sup>b</sup>faithfulness.
- 139** My <sup>a</sup>zeal has <sup>1</sup>consumed me,  
Because my adversaries have forgotten Thy words.
- 140** Thy <sup>1a</sup>word is very <sup>2</sup>pure,  
Therefore Thy servant <sup>b</sup>loves it.
- 141** I am small and <sup>a</sup>despised,  
Yet I do not <sup>b</sup>forget Thy precepts.
- 142** Thy righteousness is an everlasting righteousness,  
And <sup>a</sup>Thy law is truth.
- 143** Trouble and anguish have <sup>1</sup>come upon me;  
Yet Thy commandments are my <sup>a</sup>delight.
- 144** Thy <sup>a</sup>testimonies are righteous forever;  
<sup>b</sup>Give me understanding that I may live.

## Qoph.

- 145** I cried <sup>a</sup>with all my heart; answer me, O LORD!  
I will <sup>b</sup>observe Thy statutes.
- 146** I cried to Thee; <sup>a</sup>save me,  
And I shall keep Thy testimonies.
- 147** I <sup>1a</sup>rise before dawn and cry for help;  
I <sup>2</sup>wait for Thy words.
- 148** My eyes anticipate the night watches,  
That I may <sup>a</sup>meditate on Thy <sup>1</sup>word.
- 149** Hear my voice <sup>a</sup>according to Thy lovingkindness;  
<sup>b</sup>Revive me, O LORD, according to Thine ordinances.
- 150** Those who follow after wickedness draw near;  
They are far from Thy law.
- 151** Thou art <sup>a</sup>near, O LORD,  
And all Thy commandments are <sup>b</sup>truth.
- 152** Of old I have <sup>a</sup>known from Thy testimonies,  
That Thou hast founded them <sup>b</sup>forever.

## Resh.

- 153** Look upon my <sup>a</sup>affliction and rescue me,  
For I do not <sup>b</sup>forget Thy law.
- 154** <sup>a</sup>Plead my cause and <sup>b</sup>redeem me;  
Revive me according to Thy <sup>1</sup>word.
- 155** Salvation is <sup>a</sup>far from the wicked,  
For they <sup>b</sup>do not seek Thy statutes.
- 156** <sup>1a</sup>Great are Thy mercies, O LORD;  
Revive me according to Thine ordinances.
- 157** Many are my <sup>a</sup>persecutors and my adversaries,  
Yet I do not <sup>b</sup>turn aside from Thy testimonies.
- 158** I behold the <sup>a</sup>treacherous and <sup>b</sup>loathe them,  
Because they do not keep Thy <sup>1</sup>word.
- 159** Consider how I <sup>a</sup>love Thy precepts;  
<sup>b</sup>Revive me, O LORD, according to Thy lovingkindness.
- 160** The <sup>a</sup>sum of Thy word is <sup>b</sup>truth,  
And every one of Thy righteous ordinances <sup>c</sup>is ever-  
lasting.

137 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 116:5; 129:4;  
145:17; Ezra 9:15; Jer. 12:1;  
Lam. 1:18; Dan. 9:7, 14

138 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 119:144, 172 <sup>b</sup>Ps.  
119:86, 90

139 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *put an end to*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 69:9

140 <sup>1</sup>Or, *promise* <sup>2</sup>Lit.,  
*refined*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 12:6; 19:8 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 119:47

141 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 22:6 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 119:61

142 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 119:151, 160

143 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *found me*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 119:24

144 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 19:9 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 119:27

145 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 119:10 <sup>b</sup>Ps.  
119:22, 55

146 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 3:7

147 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *anticipate the*  
*dawn* <sup>2</sup>Or, *hope in*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 57:8; 108:2

148 <sup>1</sup>Or, *promise*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 119:15

149 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 119:124 <sup>b</sup>Ps.  
119:25

151 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 34:18; 145:18; Is.  
50:8 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 119:142

152 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 119:125 <sup>b</sup>Ps.  
119:89; Luke 21:33

153 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 119:50 <sup>b</sup>Ps.  
119:16; Prov. 3:1; Hos. 4:6

154 <sup>1</sup>Or, *promise*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 35:1; 1 Sam. 24:15;  
Mic. 7:9 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 119:134

155 <sup>a</sup>Job 5:4 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 119:45,  
94

156 <sup>1</sup>Or, *Many*  
<sup>a</sup>2 Sam. 24:14

157 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 119:86, 161; 7:1  
<sup>b</sup>Ps. 119:51

158 <sup>1</sup>Or, *promise*  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 21:2; 24:16 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 139:21

159 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 119:47 <sup>b</sup>Ps.  
119:25

160 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 139:17 <sup>b</sup>Ps.  
119:142 <sup>c</sup>Ps. 119:89, 152

161 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 119:23; 1 Sam. 24:11; 26:18 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 119:120

162 <sup>1</sup>Or, *promise*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 119:14, 111 <sup>b1</sup> Sam. 30:16; Is. 9:3

163 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 119:104, 128; Ps. 31:6; Prov. 13:5 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 119:47

164 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 119:7, 160

165 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *they have no stumbling block*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 37:11; Prov. 3:2; Is. 26:3 <sup>b</sup>Prov. 3:23; Is. 63:13; 1 John 2:10

166 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 119:81, 174; Gen. 49:18

167 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 119:129 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 119:47

168 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 119:22 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 139:3; Job 24:23; Prov. 5:21

169 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *come near before*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 18:6; 102:1; Job 16:18 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 119:27 <sup>c</sup>Ps. 119:65, 154

170 <sup>1</sup>Or, *promise*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 28:2; 130:2; 140:6; 143:1 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 22:20; 31:2; 59:1

171 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 51:15; 63:3 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 119:12; 94:12; Is. 2:3; Mic. 4:2

172 <sup>1</sup>Or, *promise*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 51:14 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 119:138

173 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *to help me*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 37:24; 73:23 <sup>b</sup>Josh. 24:22; Luke 10:42

174 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 119:166 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 119:24

175 <sup>a</sup>Is. 55:3

176 <sup>a</sup>Is. 53:6; Jer. 50:6; Matt. 18:12; Luke 15:4 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 119:16

<sup>f</sup> Ex. 34:24; 1 Kin. 12:27

1 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 18:6; 66:14; 102:2

2 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 109:2; Prov. 12:22 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 52:4; Zeph. 3:13

3 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 52:4; Zeph. 3:13

4 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 45:5; Prov. 25:18; Is. 5:28 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 140:10

5 <sup>a</sup>Gen. 10:2; 1 Chr. 1:5; Ezek. 27:13; 38:2, 3; 39:1 <sup>b</sup>Song of Sol. 1:5 <sup>c</sup>Gen. 25:13; Is. 21:16; 60:7; Jer. 2:10; 49:28; Ezek. 27:21

6 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 35:20

Shin.

- 161** <sup>a</sup>Princes persecute me without cause,  
But my heart <sup>b</sup>stands in awe of Thy words.
- 162** I <sup>a</sup>rejoice at Thy <sup>1</sup>word,  
As one who <sup>b</sup>finds great spoil.
- 163** I <sup>a</sup>hate and despise falsehood,  
*But* I <sup>b</sup>love Thy law.
- 164** Seven times a day I praise Thee,  
Because of Thy <sup>a</sup>righteous ordinances.
- 165** Those who love Thy law have <sup>a</sup>great peace,  
And <sup>1b</sup>nothing causes them to stumble.
- 166** I <sup>a</sup>hope for Thy salvation, O LORD,  
And do Thy commandments.
- 167** My <sup>a</sup>soul keeps Thy testimonies,  
And I <sup>b</sup>love them exceedingly.
- 168** I <sup>a</sup>keep Thy precepts and Thy testimonies,  
For all my <sup>b</sup>ways are before Thee.

Tav.

- 169** Let my <sup>a</sup>cry <sup>1</sup>come before Thee, O LORD;  
<sup>b</sup>Give me understanding <sup>c</sup>according to Thy word.
- 170** Let my <sup>a</sup>supplication come before Thee;  
<sup>b</sup>Deliver me according to Thy <sup>1</sup>word.
- 171** Let my <sup>a</sup>lips utter praise,  
For Thou <sup>b</sup>dost teach me Thy statutes.
- 172** Let my <sup>a</sup>tongue sing of Thy <sup>1</sup>word,  
For all Thy <sup>b</sup>commandments are righteousness.
- 173** Let Thy <sup>a</sup>hand be <sup>1</sup>ready to help me,  
For I have <sup>b</sup>chosen Thy precepts.
- 174** I <sup>a</sup>long for Thy salvation, O LORD,  
And Thy law is my <sup>b</sup>delight.
- 175** Let my <sup>a</sup>soul live that it may praise Thee,  
And let Thine ordinances help me.
- 176** I have <sup>a</sup>gone astray like a lost sheep; seek Thy servant,  
For I do <sup>b</sup>not forget Thy commandments.

**PSALM 120**

Prayer for Deliverance from the Treacherous.

A Song of <sup>f</sup>Ascents.

- I**<sup>a</sup>N my trouble I cried to the LORD,  
And He answered me.
- 2** Deliver my soul, O LORD, from <sup>a</sup>lying lips,  
From a <sup>b</sup>deceitful tongue.
- 3** What shall be given to you, and what more shall be done  
to you,  
You <sup>a</sup>deceitful tongue?
- 4** <sup>a</sup>Sharp arrows of the warrior,  
With the *burning* <sup>b</sup>coals of the broom tree.
- 5** Woe is me, for I sojourn in <sup>a</sup>Meshech,  
For I dwell among the <sup>b</sup>tents of <sup>c</sup>Kedar!
- 6** Too long has my soul had its dwelling  
With those who <sup>a</sup>hate peace.

- 7 I <sup>a</sup>am for peace, but when I speak,  
They are <sup>b</sup>for war.

**PSALM 121**

The LORD the Keeper of Israel.

A Song of Ascents.

- I WILL <sup>a</sup>lift up my eyes to <sup>b</sup>the mountains;  
From whence shall my help come?  
2 My <sup>a</sup>help comes from the LORD,  
Who <sup>b</sup>made heaven and earth.  
3 He will not <sup>a</sup>allow your foot to slip;  
He who <sup>b</sup>keeps you will not slumber.  
4 Behold, He who keeps Israel  
Will neither slumber nor sleep.  
5 The LORD is your <sup>a</sup>keeper;  
The LORD is your <sup>b</sup>shade on your right hand.  
6 The <sup>a</sup>sun will not smite you by day,  
Nor the moon by night.  
7 The LORD will <sup>a</sup>protect you from all evil;  
He will keep your soul.  
8 The LORD will <sup>a</sup>guard your going out and your coming in  
<sup>a</sup>From this time forth and forever.

**PSALM 122**

Prayer for the Peace of Jerusalem.

A Song of Ascents, of David.

- I WAS glad when they said to me,  
"Let us <sup>a</sup>go to the house of the LORD."  
2 Our feet are standing  
Within your <sup>a</sup>gates, O Jerusalem,  
3 Jerusalem, that is <sup>a</sup>built  
As a city that is <sup>b</sup>compact together;  
4 To which the tribes <sup>a</sup>go up, even the tribes of <sup>1</sup>the  
LORD—  
An <sup>2</sup>ordinance for Israel—  
To give thanks to the name of the LORD.  
5 For there <sup>a</sup>thrones were set for judgment,  
The thrones of the house of David.  
6 Pray for the <sup>a</sup>peace of Jerusalem:  
"May they prosper who <sup>b</sup>love you."  
7 "May peace be within your <sup>a</sup>walls,  
And prosperity within your <sup>b</sup>palaces."  
8 For the sake of my <sup>a</sup>brothers and my friends,  
I will now say, "<sup>b</sup>May peace be within you."  
9 For the sake of the house of the LORD our God  
I will <sup>a</sup>seek your good.

7 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 109:4 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 55:21

1 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 123:1; Is. 40:26  
<sup>b</sup>Ps. 87:1

2 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 124:8 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 115:15

3 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 66:9 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 41:2;  
127:1

5 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 91:4 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 91:1

6 <sup>a</sup>Is. 49:10; Jon. 4:8;  
Rev. 7:16

7 <sup>1</sup>Or, *keep*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 91:10-12

8 <sup>1</sup>Or, *keep*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 113:2; 115:18

1 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 42:4; Is. 2:3; Mic.  
4:2; Zech. 8:21

2 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 9:14; 87:2; 116:19;  
Jer. 7:2

3 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 48:13; 147:2 <sup>b</sup>Neh.  
4:6

4 <sup>1</sup>Heb., *YAM* <sup>2</sup>Or,  
*testimony*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 84:5; Deut. 16:16

5 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 89:29; Deut. 17:8;  
2 Chr. 19:8

6 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 29:11; Jer. 29:7  
<sup>b</sup>Ps. 102:14

7 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 51:18; Is. 62:6 <sup>b</sup>Ps.  
48:3, 13; Jer. 17:27

8 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 133:1 <sup>b</sup>1 Sam. 25:6;  
John 20:19

9 <sup>a</sup>Neh. 2:10; Esth. 10:3

1 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 121:1; 141:8 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 2:4; 11:4

2 <sup>a</sup>Prov. 27:18; Mal. 1:6; <sup>b</sup>Ps. 25:15

3 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 4:1; 51:1 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 119:22; Neh. 4:4

4 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 79:4; Neh. 2:19  
<sup>b</sup>Job 12:5; Is. 32:9, 11;  
Amos 6:1 <sup>c</sup>Ps. 119:22; Neh. 4:4

1 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 94:17 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 129:1

3 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 35:25; 56:1; 57:3;  
Num. 16:30; Prov. 1:12 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 138:7; Gen. 39:19

4 <sup>1</sup>Or, *passed over*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 18:16; 32:6; 69:2; 144:7;  
Job 22:11

5 <sup>1</sup>Or, *passed over*  
<sup>a</sup>Job 38:11

6 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *as a prey to*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 27:2; Prov. 30:14

7 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 141:10; 2 Cor. 11:33; Heb. 11:34 <sup>b</sup>Prov. 6:5 <sup>c</sup>Ps. 91:3; Hos. 9:8

8 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 121:2

1 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 46:5 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 61:7;  
Eccles. 1:4

2 <sup>a</sup>Zech. 2:5 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 121:8

3 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *lot*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 89:22; Prov. 22:8; Is. 14:5 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 55:20; 1 Sam. 24:10; Acts 12:1

**PSALM 123**

Prayer for the LORD's Help.

A Song of Ascents.

- T**O Thee I <sup>a</sup>lift up my eyes,  
O Thou who <sup>b</sup>art enthroned in the heavens!
- 2 Behold, as the eyes of <sup>a</sup>servants *look* to the hand of their master,  
As the eyes of a maid to the hand of her mistress;  
So our <sup>b</sup>eyes *look* to the LORD our God,  
Until He shall be gracious to us.
- 3 <sup>a</sup>Be gracious to us, O LORD, be gracious to us;  
For we are greatly filled <sup>b</sup>with contempt.
- 4 Our soul is greatly filled  
With the <sup>a</sup>scoffing of <sup>b</sup>those who are at ease,  
And with the <sup>c</sup>contempt of the proud.

**PSALM 124**

Praise for Rescue from Enemies.

A Song of Ascents, of David.

- <sup>a</sup>**H**AD it not been the LORD who was on our side,  
<sup>b</sup>Let Israel now say,
- 2 "Had it not been the LORD who was on our side,  
When men rose up against us;
- 3 Then they would have <sup>a</sup>swallowed us alive,  
When their <sup>b</sup>anger was kindled against us;
- 4 Then the <sup>a</sup>waters would have engulfed us,  
The stream would have <sup>1</sup>swept over our soul;
- 5 Then the <sup>a</sup>raging waters would have <sup>1</sup>swept over our soul."
- 6 Blessed be the LORD,  
Who has not given us <sup>1</sup>to be <sup>a</sup>tor<sup>n</sup> by their teeth.
- 7 Our soul has <sup>a</sup>escaped <sup>b</sup>as a bird out of the <sup>c</sup>snare of the trapper;  
The snare is broken and we have escaped.
- 8 Our <sup>a</sup>help is in the name of the LORD,  
Who made heaven and earth.

**PSALM 125**

The LORD Surrounds His People.

A Song of Ascents.

- T**HOSE who trust in the LORD  
Are as Mount Zion, which <sup>a</sup>cannot be moved, but  
<sup>b</sup>abides forever.
- 2 As the mountains surround Jerusalem,  
So <sup>a</sup>the LORD surrounds His people  
<sup>b</sup>From this time forth and forever.
- 3 For the <sup>a</sup>scepter of wickedness shall not rest upon the  
<sup>1</sup>land of the righteous;  
That the righteous <sup>b</sup>may not put forth their hands to do wrong.



- 4 <sup>a</sup>Do good, O LORD, to those who are good,  
And to those who are <sup>b</sup>upright in their hearts.  
5 But as for those who <sup>a</sup>turn aside to their <sup>b</sup>crooked ways,  
The LORD will lead them away with the <sup>c</sup>doers of  
iniquity.  
<sup>d</sup>Peace be upon Israel.

4 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 119:68 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 7:10;  
11:2; 32:11; 36:10; 94:15

5 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 40:4; 101:3; Job  
23:11 <sup>b</sup>Prov. 2:15; Is. 59:8  
<sup>c</sup>Ps. 92:7; 94:4 <sup>d</sup>Ps. 128:6;  
Gal. 6:16

## PSALM 126

Thanksgiving for Return from Captivity.

A Song of Ascents.

- WHEN the LORD <sup>a</sup>brought back <sup>1</sup>the captive ones of Zion,  
We were <sup>b</sup>like those who dream.  
2 Then our <sup>a</sup>mouth was filled with laughter,  
And our <sup>b</sup>tongue with joyful shouting;  
Then they said among the nations,  
"The LORD has <sup>c</sup>done great things for them."  
3 The LORD has done great things for us;  
We are <sup>a</sup>glad.  
4 Restore our captivity, O LORD,  
As the <sup>1</sup>streams in the <sup>2</sup>South.  
5 Those who sow in <sup>a</sup>tears shall reap with <sup>b</sup>joyful shouting.  
6 He who goes to and fro weeping, carrying *his* bag of  
seed,  
Shall indeed come again with a shout of joy, bringing his  
sheaves *with him*.

1 <sup>1</sup>Or, *those who  
returned to*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 85:1; Jer. 29:14; Hos.  
6:11 <sup>b</sup>Acts 12:9

2 <sup>a</sup>Job 8:21 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 51:14; Is.  
35:6 <sup>c</sup>Ps. 71:19; 1 Sam.  
12:24; Luke 1:49

3 <sup>a</sup>Is. 25:9; Zeph. 3:14

4 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *stream-beds*  
<sup>2</sup>Heb., *Negev*  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 35:6; 43:19

5 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 80:5; Jer. 31:16;  
Lam. 1:2 <sup>b</sup>Is. 35:10; 51:11;  
61:7; Gal. 6:9

1 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 78:69 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 121:4

## PSALM 127

Prosperity Comes from the LORD.

A Song of Ascents, of Solomon.

- UNLESS the LORD <sup>a</sup>builds the house,  
They labor in vain who build it;  
Unless the LORD <sup>b</sup>guards the city,  
The watchman keeps awake in vain.  
2 It is vain for you to rise up early,  
To <sup>1</sup>retire late,  
To <sup>a</sup>eat the bread of <sup>2</sup>painful labors;  
For He gives to His <sup>b</sup>beloved *even in his* sleep.  
3 Behold, <sup>a</sup>children are a <sup>1</sup>gift of the LORD;  
The <sup>b</sup>fruit of the womb is a reward.  
4 Like arrows in the hand of a <sup>a</sup>warrior,  
So are the children of one's youth.  
5 How <sup>a</sup>blessed is the man whose quiver is full of them;  
They shall not be ashamed,  
When they <sup>b</sup>speak with their enemies <sup>c</sup>in the gate.

2 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *delay sitting*  
<sup>2</sup>Lit., *toils*  
<sup>a</sup>Gen. 3:17 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 60:5 <sup>c</sup>Job  
11:18, 19; Prov. 3:24;  
Eccles. 5:12

3 <sup>1</sup>Or, *heritage*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 113:9; Gen. 33:5  
<sup>b</sup>Deut. 7:13; 28:4; Is. 13:18

4 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 112:2; 120:4

5 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 128:2, 3 <sup>b</sup>Is. 29:21;  
Amos 5:12 <sup>c</sup>Gen. 34:20

1 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 112:1 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 119:3

2 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *labor*  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 3:10 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 109:11; Ezek.  
 23:29; Hag. 2:17 <sup>c</sup>Eccles.  
 8:12; Eph. 6:3

3 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *In the innermost  
 parts of*  
<sup>a</sup>Ezek. 19:10 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 52:8;  
 144:12

5 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 134:3 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 20:2;  
 135:21 <sup>c</sup>Ps. 122:9

6 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 103:17; Gen.  
 48:11; Prov. 17:6 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 125:5

1 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *Much* <sup>2</sup>Lit.,  
*showed hostility toward*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 88:15; Ex. 1:11; Judg.  
 3:8 <sup>b</sup>Is. 47:12; Jer. 2:2;  
 22:21; Ezek. 16:22; Hos.  
 2:15; 11:1

2 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *Much* <sup>2</sup>Lit.,  
*showed hostility toward*  
<sup>a</sup>Jer. 1:19; 15:20; 20:11;  
 Matt. 16:18; 2 Cor. 4:8, 9

4 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 119:137 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 140:5

5 <sup>a</sup>Mic. 4:11 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 70:3;  
 71:13

6 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *draws out*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 37:2; 2 Kin. 19:26; Is.  
 37:27

7 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *palm*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 79:12

8 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 118:26; Ruth 2:4

1 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 42:7; 69:2

2 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 64:1; 119:149  
<sup>b2</sup> Chr. 6:40; Neh. 1:6, 11  
<sup>c</sup>Ps. 28:2; 140:6

**PSALM 128**

Blessedness of the Fear of the LORD.

A Song of Ascents.

- <sup>a</sup>**H**OW blessed is everyone who fears the LORD,  
 Who <sup>b</sup>walks in His ways.
- 2 When you shall <sup>a</sup>eat of the <sup>1b</sup>fruit of your hands,  
 You will be happy and <sup>c</sup>it will be well with you.
- 3 Your wife shall be like a <sup>a</sup>fruitful vine,  
<sup>1</sup>Within your house,  
 Your children like <sup>b</sup>olive plants  
 Around your table.
- 4 Behold, for thus shall the man be blessed  
 Who fears the LORD.
- 5 <sup>a</sup>The LORD bless you <sup>b</sup>from Zion,  
 And may you see the <sup>c</sup>prosperity of Jerusalem all the  
 days of your life.
- 6 Indeed, may you see your <sup>a</sup>children's children.  
<sup>b</sup>Peace be upon Israel!

**PSALM 129**

Prayer for the Overthrow of Zion's Enemies.

A Song of Ascents.

- <sup>a</sup>**"M**ANY times they have <sup>2a</sup>persecuted me from my <sup>b</sup>youth  
 up,"  
 Let Israel now say,
- 2 <sup>a</sup>"Many times they have <sup>2</sup>persecuted me from my youth  
 up;  
 Yet they have <sup>a</sup>not prevailed against me.
- 3 <sup>a</sup>"The plowers plowed upon my back;  
 They lengthened their furrows."  
 4 The LORD <sup>a</sup>is righteous;  
 He has cut in two the <sup>b</sup>cords of the wicked.
- 5 May all who <sup>a</sup>hate Zion,  
 Be <sup>b</sup>put to shame and turned backward,
- 6 Let them be like <sup>a</sup>grass upon the housetops,  
 Which withers before it <sup>1</sup>grows up;
- 7 With which the reaper does not fill his <sup>1</sup>hand,  
 Or the binder of sheaves his <sup>a</sup>bosom;
- 8 Nor do those who pass by say,  
<sup>a</sup>"The <sup>a</sup>blessing of the LORD be upon you;  
 We bless you in the name of the LORD."

**PSALM 130**

Hope in the LORD'S Forgiving Love.

A Song of Ascents.

- O**UT of the <sup>a</sup>depths I have cried to Thee, O LORD.
- 2 Lord, <sup>a</sup>hear my voice!  
 Let <sup>b</sup>Thine ears be attentive  
 To the <sup>c</sup>voice of my supplications.

- 3 If Thou, <sup>1</sup>LORD, shouldst mark iniquities,  
O Lord, who could <sup>2</sup>stand?  
4 But there is <sup>3</sup>forgiveness with Thee,  
That Thou mayest be <sup>4</sup>feared.
- 5 I wait for the LORD, my <sup>5</sup>soul does wait,  
And <sup>6</sup>in His word do I hope.
- 6 My soul <sup>7</sup>waits for the LORD  
More than the watchmen <sup>8</sup>for the morning;  
*Indeed, more than the watchmen for the morning.*
- 7 O Israel, <sup>9</sup>hope in the LORD;  
For with the LORD there is <sup>10</sup>lovingkindness,  
And with Him is <sup>11</sup>abundant redemption.
- 8 And He will <sup>12</sup>redeem Israel  
From all his iniquities.

## PSALM 131

Childlike Trust in the LORD.

A Song of Ascents, of David.

- O** LORD, my heart is not <sup>1</sup>proud, or my eyes <sup>2</sup>haughty;  
Nor do I <sup>3</sup>involve myself in <sup>4</sup>great matters,  
Or in things <sup>5</sup>too <sup>6</sup>difficult for me.
- 2 Surely I have <sup>7</sup>composed and quieted my soul;  
Like a weaned <sup>8</sup>child <sup>9</sup>rests <sup>10</sup>against his mother,  
My soul is like a weaned child <sup>11</sup>within me.
- 3 O Israel, <sup>12</sup>hope in the LORD  
<sup>13</sup>From this time forth and forever.

## PSALM 132

Prayer for the LORD's Blessing upon the Sanctuary.

A Song of Ascents.

- R**EMEMBER, O LORD, on David's behalf,  
All <sup>1</sup>his affliction;  
2 How he swore to the LORD,  
And vowed to <sup>2</sup>the Mighty One of Jacob,  
3 "Surely I will not <sup>3</sup>enter <sup>4</sup>my house,  
Nor <sup>5</sup>lie on my bed;  
4 I will not <sup>6</sup>give sleep to my eyes,  
Or slumber to my eyelids;  
5 Until I find a <sup>7</sup>place for the LORD,  
<sup>8</sup>A dwelling place for <sup>9</sup>the Mighty One of Jacob."
- 6 Behold, we heard of it in <sup>10</sup>Ephrathah;  
We found it in the <sup>11</sup>field of <sup>12</sup>Jaar.
- 7 Let us go into His <sup>13</sup>dwelling place;  
Let us <sup>14</sup>worship at His <sup>15</sup>footstool.
- 8 <sup>16</sup>Arise, O LORD, to Thy <sup>17</sup>resting place;  
Thou and the ark of Thy <sup>18</sup>strength.
- 9 Let Thy priests be <sup>19</sup>clothed with righteousness;  
And let Thy <sup>20</sup>godly ones sing for joy.

3 <sup>1</sup>Heb., *YAH*  
<sup>2</sup>Ps. 76:7; 143:2; Nah. 1:6;  
Mal. 3:2; Rev. 6:17

4 <sup>3</sup>Ps. 86:5; Ex. 34:7;  
Neh. 9:17; Is. 55:7; Dan.  
9:9 <sup>4</sup>1 Kin. 8:39, 40; Jer.  
33:8, 9

5 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *for*  
<sup>2</sup>Ps. 33:20; 40:1; 62:1, 5; Is.  
8:17; 26:8 <sup>3</sup>Ps. 119:74, 81

6 <sup>2</sup>Ps. 63:6; 119:147

7 <sup>2</sup>Ps. 131:3 <sup>3</sup>Ps. 103:4  
<sup>4</sup>Ps. 111:9; Rom. 3:24; Eph.  
1:7

8 <sup>2</sup>Luke 1:68; Titus 2:14

1 <sup>1</sup>Or, *lofty* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *go*  
*after, walk* <sup>3</sup>Or, *marvelous*  
<sup>4</sup>Ps. 101:5; 2 Sam. 22:28; Is.  
2:12; Zeph. 3:11 <sup>5</sup>Prov.  
30:13; Is. 5:15 <sup>6</sup>Jer. 45:5;  
Rom. 12:16 <sup>7</sup>Ps. 139:6; Job  
42:3

2 <sup>1</sup>Or, *upon*  
<sup>2</sup>Ps. 62:1 <sup>3</sup>Matt. 18:3;  
1 Cor. 14:20

3 <sup>2</sup>Ps. 130:7 <sup>3</sup>Ps. 113:2

1 <sup>2</sup>2 Sam. 16:12; 1 Chr.  
22:14

2 <sup>2</sup>Gen. 49:24; Is. 49:26;  
60:16

3 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *come into the*  
*tabernacle of* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *go up*  
*into the couch of*  
<sup>3</sup>Job 21:28

4 <sup>2</sup>Prov. 6:4

5 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *Dwelling places*  
<sup>2</sup>Ps. 26:8; 1 Kin. 8:17;  
1 Chr. 22:7; Acts 7:46 <sup>3</sup>Ps.  
132:2

6 <sup>1</sup>Or, *the wood*  
<sup>2</sup>Gen. 35:19; 1 Sam. 17:12  
<sup>3</sup>1 Sam. 7:1

7 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *dwelling places*  
<sup>2</sup>Ps. 43:3 <sup>3</sup>Ps. 5:7; 99:5  
<sup>4</sup>1 Chr. 28:2

8 <sup>2</sup>Ps. 68:1; Num. 10:35;  
2 Chr. 6:41 <sup>3</sup>Ps. 132:14 <sup>4</sup>Ps.  
78:61

9 <sup>2</sup>Job 29:14 <sup>3</sup>Ps. 132:16;  
30:4; 149:5

10 \*Ps. 132:17; 2:2

11 \*Ps. 89:3, 35 <sup>b2</sup> Sam. 7:12-16; 2 Chr. 6:16

12 \*Luke 1:32; Acts 2:30

13 \*Ps. 78:68 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 68:16

14 \*Ps. 132:8 <sup>b</sup>Matt. 23:21

15 \*Ps. 147:14 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 107:9

16 \*Ps. 132:9

17 \*Ezek. 29:21; Luke 1:69  
<sup>b</sup>Ps. 18:28; 1 Kin. 11:36;  
15:4; 2 Kin. 8:19; 2 Chr.  
21:7

18 \*Ps. 35:26; 109:29; Job  
8:22 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 21:3

1 \*Gen. 13:8; Heb. 13:1

2 \*Ex. 29:7; 30:25, 30;  
Lev. 8:12 <sup>b</sup>Ex. 28:33; 39:24

3 \*Prov. 19:12; Hos. 14:5;  
Mic. 5:7 <sup>b</sup>Deut. 3:9; 4:48  
<sup>c</sup>Ps. 48:2; 74:2; 78:68 <sup>d</sup>Ps.  
42:8; Lev. 25:21; Deut. 28:8  
<sup>e</sup>Ps. 21:4

1 <sup>!</sup>Lit., *stand*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 103:21 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 135:1, 2  
<sup>c</sup>Deut. 10:8; 1 Chr. 23:30;  
2 Chr. 29:11 <sup>d1</sup> Chr. 9:33

2 \*Ps. 28:2 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 63:2

3 \*Ps. 128:5 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 124:8

1 <sup>!</sup>Or, *Hallelujah!* <sup>2</sup>Heb.,  
*YAH*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 113:1 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 134:1

- 10** For the sake of David Thy servant,  
Do not turn away the face of Thine <sup>a</sup>anointed.
- 11** The LORD has <sup>a</sup>sworn to David,  
A truth from which He will not turn back;  
<sup>b</sup>Of the fruit of your body I will set upon your throne.
- 12** "If your sons will keep My covenant,  
And My testimony which I will teach them,  
Their sons also shall <sup>a</sup>sit upon your throne forever."
- 13** For the LORD has <sup>a</sup>chosen Zion;  
He has <sup>b</sup>desired it for His habitation.
- 14** "This is My <sup>a</sup>resting place forever;  
Here I will <sup>b</sup>dwell, for I have desired it.
- 15** "I will abundantly <sup>a</sup>bless her provision;  
I will <sup>b</sup>satisfy her needy with bread.
- 16** "Her <sup>a</sup>priests also I will clothe with salvation;  
And her <sup>a</sup>godly ones will sing aloud for joy.
- 17** "There I will cause the <sup>a</sup>horn of David to spring forth;  
I have prepared a <sup>b</sup>lamp for Mine anointed.
- 18** "His enemies I will <sup>a</sup>clothe with shame;  
But upon himself his <sup>b</sup>crown shall shine."

PSALM 133

The Excellency of Brotherly Unity.

A Song of Ascents, of David.

- BEHOLD**, how good and how pleasant it is  
For <sup>a</sup>brothers to dwell together in unity!
- 2** It is like the precious <sup>a</sup>oil upon the head,  
Coming down upon the beard,  
*Even* Aaron's beard,  
Coming down upon the <sup>b</sup>edge of his robes.
- 3** It is like the <sup>a</sup>dew of <sup>b</sup>Hermon,  
Coming down upon the <sup>c</sup>mountains of Zion;  
For there the LORD <sup>d</sup>commanded the blessing—<sup>e</sup>life  
forever.

PSALM 134

Greetings of Night Watchers.

A Song of Ascents.

- BEHOLD**, <sup>a</sup>bless the LORD, all <sup>b</sup>servants of the LORD,  
Who <sup>1c</sup>serve <sup>d</sup>by night in the house of the LORD!
- 2** <sup>a</sup>Lift up your hands to the <sup>b</sup>sanctuary,  
And bless the LORD.
- 3** May the LORD <sup>a</sup>bless you from Zion,  
He who <sup>b</sup>made heaven and earth.

PSALM 135

Praise the LORD'S Wonderful Works. Vanity of Idols.

- <sup>1a</sup>**PRAISE** <sup>2</sup>the LORD!  
Praise the name of the LORD;  
Praise *Him*, O <sup>b</sup>servants of the LORD,

- 2 You who stand in the house of the LORD,  
In the <sup>a</sup>courts of the house of our God!
- 3 <sup>1</sup>Praise <sup>2</sup>the LORD, for <sup>a</sup>the LORD is good;  
<sup>b</sup>Sing praises to His name, <sup>c</sup>for it is lovely.
- 4 For <sup>1</sup>the LORD has <sup>a</sup>chosen Jacob for Himself,  
Israel for His <sup>2</sup>born possession.
- 5 For I know that <sup>a</sup>the LORD is great,  
And that our Lord is <sup>b</sup>above all gods.
- 6 <sup>a</sup>Whatever the LORD pleases, He does,  
In heaven and in earth, in the seas and in all deeps.
- 7 <sup>1</sup>He <sup>a</sup>causes the <sup>2</sup>vapors to ascend from the ends of the  
earth;  
Who <sup>b</sup>makes lightnings for the rain;  
Who <sup>c</sup>brings forth the wind from His treasures.
- 8 <sup>1</sup>He <sup>a</sup>smote the first-born of Egypt,  
<sup>2</sup>Both of man and beast.
- 9 <sup>1</sup>He sent <sup>a</sup>signs and wonders into your midst, O Egypt,  
Upon <sup>b</sup>Pharaoh and all his servants.
- 10 <sup>1a</sup>He <sup>b</sup>smote many nations,  
And slew mighty kings,
- 11 <sup>a</sup>Sihon, king of the Amorites,  
And <sup>b</sup>Og, king of Bashan,  
And <sup>c</sup>all the kingdoms of Canaan;
- 12 And He <sup>a</sup>gave their land as a heritage,  
A heritage to Israel His people.
- 13 Thy <sup>a</sup>name, O LORD, is everlasting,  
Thy <sup>1</sup>remembrance, O LORD, <sup>2</sup>throughout all genera-  
tions.
- 14 For the LORD will <sup>a</sup>judge His people,  
And <sup>b</sup>will have compassion on His servants.
- 15 The <sup>a</sup>idols of the nations are *but* silver and gold,  
The work of man's hands.
- 16 They have mouths, but they do not speak;  
They have eyes, but they do not see;
- 17 They have ears, but they do not hear;  
Nor is there any breath at all in their mouth.
- 18 Those who make them will be like them,  
Yes, everyone who trusts in them.
- 19 O house of <sup>a</sup>Israel, bless the LORD;  
O house of Aaron, bless the LORD;
- 20 O house of Levi, bless the LORD;  
You <sup>a</sup>who <sup>1</sup>revere the LORD, bless the LORD.
- 21 Blessed be the LORD <sup>a</sup>from Zion,  
Who <sup>b</sup>dwells in Jerusalem.  
<sup>1</sup>Praise <sup>2</sup>the LORD!

## PSALM 136

Thanks for the LORD's Goodness to Israel.

<sup>a</sup>GIVE thanks to the LORD, for He is good;  
For <sup>b</sup>His lovingkindness is everlasting.

2 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 92:13; 116:19

3 <sup>1</sup>Or, *Hallelujah!* <sup>2</sup>Heb.,  
*YAH*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 100:5; 119:68 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 68:4  
<sup>c</sup>Ps. 147:1

4 <sup>1</sup>Heb., *YAH* <sup>2</sup>Or,  
*special treasure*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 105:6; Deut. 7:6; 10:15  
<sup>b</sup>Ex. 19:5; Mal. 3:17; Titus  
2:14; 1 Pet. 2:9

5 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 48:1; 145:3 <sup>b</sup>Ps.  
97:9

6 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 115:3

7 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *The one who*  
<sup>2</sup>Lit., *clouds*  
<sup>a</sup>Jer. 10:13; 51:16 <sup>b</sup>Job  
28:25, 26; 38:25, 26; Zech.  
10:1 <sup>c</sup>Jer. 10:13; 51:16

8 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *The one who*  
<sup>2</sup>Lit., *From man to beast*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 78:51; 105:36

9 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *The one who*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 78:43; Deut. 6:22 <sup>b</sup>Ps.  
136:15

10 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *The one who*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 135:10-12; 136:17-21  
<sup>b</sup>Ps. 44:2

11 <sup>a</sup>Num. 21:21-26; Deut.  
29:7 <sup>b</sup>Num. 21:33-35 <sup>c</sup>Josh.  
12:7-24

12 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 78:55; Deut. 29:8

13 <sup>1</sup>Or, *memorial* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *to*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 102:12; Ex. 3:15

14 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 50:4; Deut. 32:36  
<sup>b</sup>Ps. 90:13; 106:45

15 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 135:15-18; 115:4-819 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 115:9

20 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *fear*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 118:4

21 <sup>1</sup>Or, *Hallelujah!* <sup>2</sup>Heb.,  
*YAH*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 128:5; 134:3 <sup>b</sup>Ps.  
132:14

1 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 106:1; 118:1 <sup>b</sup>Ps.  
107:1; 118:1-4; 1 Chr. 16:41;  
2 Chr. 20:21

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2 \*Deut. 10:17  
 3 \*Deut. 10:17  
 4 <sup>1</sup>Lit., wonderful acts  
 \*Ps. 72:18; Deut. 6:22; Job 9:10  
 5 <sup>1</sup>Lit., with understanding  
 \*Ps. 104:24; Prov. 3:19; Jer. 10:12; 51:15  
 6 \*Ps. 24:2; Is. 42:5; 44:24  
 7 \*Ps. 74:16; Gen. 1:16  
 8 <sup>1</sup>Or, over the  
 \*Gen. 1:16  
 9 <sup>1</sup>Or, over the  
 \*Gen. 1:16  
 10 <sup>1</sup>Lit., Egypt  
 \*Ps. 78:51; 135:8; Ex. 12:29  
 11 \*Ps. 105:43; Ex. 12:51; 13:3  
 12 \*Ps. 44:3; Ex. 6:1; 13:9; 1 Kin. 8:42; Neh. 1:10; Jer. 32:21 <sup>b</sup>Ex. 6:6; Deut. 4:34; 5:15; 7:19; 9:29; 11:2; 2 Kin. 17:36; 2 Chr. 6:32; Jer. 32:17  
 13 <sup>1</sup>Or, Sea of Reeds  
<sup>2</sup>Lit., in parts  
 \*Ps. 66:6; 78:13; Ex. 14:21  
 14 \*Ps. 106:9; Ex. 14:22  
 15 <sup>1</sup>Lit., shook off <sup>2</sup>Or, Sea of Reeds  
 \*Ps. 78:53; 106:11; Ex. 14:27  
 16 \*Ps. 78:52; Ex. 13:18; 15:22; Deut. 8:15  
 17 \*Ps. 136:17-22; 135:10-12  
 18 <sup>1</sup>Lit., majestic  
 22 \*Ps. 105:6; Is. 41:8; 44:1; 45:4  
 23 \*Ps. 9:12; 103:14; 106:45  
 24 \*Ps. 107:2; Judg. 6:9; Neh. 9:28  
 25 \*Ps. 104:27; 145:15  
 26 \*Gen. 24:3, 7; 2 Chr. 36:23; Ezra 1:2; 5:11; Neh. 1:4

- 2 Give thanks to the <sup>a</sup>God of gods,  
 For His lovingkindness is everlasting.  
 3 Give thanks to the <sup>a</sup>Lord of lords,  
 For His lovingkindness is everlasting.  
 4 To Him who <sup>a</sup>alone does great <sup>1</sup>wonders,  
 For His lovingkindness is everlasting;  
 5 To Him who made the heavens <sup>1a</sup>with skill,  
 For His lovingkindness is everlasting;  
 6 To Him who <sup>a</sup>spread out the earth above the waters,  
 For His lovingkindness is everlasting;  
 7 To Him who <sup>a</sup>made *the* great lights,  
 For His lovingkindness is everlasting:  
 8 The <sup>a</sup>sun to rule <sup>1b</sup>by day,  
 For His lovingkindness is everlasting,  
 9 The <sup>a</sup>moon and stars to rule <sup>1b</sup>by night,  
 For His lovingkindness is everlasting.  
 10 To Him who <sup>a</sup>smote <sup>1c</sup>the Egyptians in their first-born,  
 For His lovingkindness is everlasting,  
 11 And <sup>a</sup>brought Israel out from their midst,  
 For His lovingkindness is everlasting,  
 12 With a <sup>a</sup>strong hand and an <sup>b</sup>outstretched arm,  
 For His lovingkindness is everlasting;  
 13 To Him who <sup>a</sup>divided the <sup>1</sup>Red Sea <sup>2a</sup>asunder,  
 For His lovingkindness is everlasting,  
 14 And <sup>a</sup>made Israel pass through the midst of it,  
 For His lovingkindness is everlasting;  
 15 But <sup>1a</sup>He overthrew Pharaoh and his army in the <sup>2</sup>Red Sea,  
 For His lovingkindness is everlasting.  
 16 To Him who <sup>a</sup>led His people through the wilderness,  
 For His lovingkindness is everlasting;  
 17 To Him who <sup>a</sup>smote great kings,  
 For His lovingkindness is everlasting,  
 18 And slew <sup>1</sup>mighty kings,  
 For His lovingkindness is everlasting:  
 19 Sihon, king of the Amorites,  
 For His lovingkindness is everlasting,  
 20 And Og, king of Bashan,  
 For His lovingkindness is everlasting,  
 21 And gave their land as a heritage,  
 For His lovingkindness is everlasting,  
 22 Even a heritage to Israel His <sup>a</sup>servant,  
 For His lovingkindness is everlasting.  
 23 Who <sup>a</sup>remembered us in our low estate,  
 For His lovingkindness is everlasting,  
 24 And has <sup>a</sup>rescued us from our adversaries,  
 For His lovingkindness is everlasting;  
 25 Who <sup>a</sup>gives food to all flesh,  
 For His lovingkindness is everlasting.  
 26 Give thanks to the <sup>a</sup>God of heaven,  
 For His lovingkindness is everlasting.

## PSALM 137

An Experience of the Captivity.

- BY the <sup>a</sup>rivers of Babylon,  
 There we sat down and <sup>b</sup>weped,  
 When we remembered Zion.
- 2 Upon the <sup>1a</sup>willows in the midst of it  
 We <sup>b</sup>hung our <sup>2</sup>harps.
- 3 For there our captors <sup>1a</sup>demanded of us <sup>2</sup>songs,  
 And <sup>b</sup>our tormentors mirth, *saying*,  
 "Sing us one of the songs of Zion."
- 4 How can we sing <sup>a</sup>the LORD'S song  
 In a foreign land?
- 5 If I <sup>a</sup>forget you, O Jerusalem,  
 May my right hand <sup>1</sup>forget *her skill*.
- 6 May my <sup>a</sup>tongue cleave to the roof of my mouth,  
 If I do not remember you,  
 If I do not <sup>1b</sup>exalt Jerusalem  
 Above my chief joy.
- 7 Remember, O LORD, against the sons of <sup>a</sup>Edom  
 The day of Jerusalem,  
 Who said, "Raze it, raze it,  
<sup>b</sup>To its very foundation."
- 8 O daughter of Babylon, you <sup>1a</sup>devastated one,  
 How blessed will be the one who <sup>b</sup>repays you  
 With <sup>2</sup>the recompense with which you have repaid us.
- 9 How blessed will be the one who seizes and <sup>a</sup>dashes your  
 little ones  
 Against the rock.

## PSALM 138

Thanksgiving for the LORD'S Favor.

A Psalm of David.

- <sup>a</sup>I WILL give Thee thanks with all my heart;  
 I will sing praises to Thee before the <sup>b</sup>gods.
- 2 I will bow down <sup>a</sup>toward Thy holy temple,  
 And <sup>b</sup>give thanks to Thy name for Thy lovingkindness  
 and Thy <sup>1</sup>truth;  
 For Thou hast <sup>a</sup>magnified Thy <sup>2</sup>word <sup>3</sup>according to all  
 Thy name.
- 3 On the day I <sup>a</sup>called Thou didst answer me;  
 Thou didst make me bold with <sup>b</sup>strength in my soul.
- 4 <sup>a</sup>All the kings of the earth will give thanks to Thee, O  
 LORD,  
 When they have heard the words of Thy mouth.
- 5 And they will <sup>a</sup>sing of the ways of the LORD.  
 For <sup>b</sup>great is the glory of the LORD.
- 6 For <sup>a</sup>though the LORD is exalted,  
 Yet He <sup>b</sup>regards the lowly;  
 But the <sup>c</sup>haughty He knows from afar.

1 <sup>a</sup>Ezek. 1:1, 3 <sup>b</sup>Neh. 1:42 <sup>1</sup>Or, *poplars* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *lyres*  
<sup>a</sup>Lev. 23:40; Is. 44:4 <sup>b</sup>Job  
30:31; Is. 24:8; Ezek. 26:133 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *asked* <sup>2</sup>Lit.,  
*words of song*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 80:6 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 79:7; Is.  
49:17; 64:114 <sup>a</sup>2 Chr. 29:27; Neh.  
12:465 <sup>1</sup>L.e., *become lame*  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 65:116 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *cause to ascend*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 22:15; Job 29:10; Ezek.  
3:26 <sup>b</sup>Neh. 2:37 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 83:4-8; Is. 34:5, 6;  
Jer. 49:7-22; Lam. 4:21;  
Ezek. 25:12-14; 35:2; Amos  
1:11; Obad. 10-14 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 74:7;  
Hab. 3:138 <sup>1</sup>Or, *devastator* <sup>2</sup>Lit.,  
*your recompense*  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 13:1-22; 47:1-15; Jer.  
25:12; 50:1-46; 51:1-64 <sup>b</sup>Jer.  
50:15; 51:24, 35, 36, 499 <sup>a</sup>2 Kin. 8:12; Is. 13:16;  
Hos. 13:16; Nah. 3:101 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 111:1 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 95:3;  
96:4; 97:72 <sup>1</sup>Or, *faithfulness* <sup>2</sup>Or,  
*promise* <sup>3</sup>Or, *together with*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 5:7; 28:2; 1 Kin. 8:29  
<sup>b</sup>Ps. 140:13 <sup>c</sup>Is. 42:213 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 118:5 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 28:7;  
46:14 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 72:11; 102:155 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 145:7 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 21:56 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 113:4-7 <sup>b</sup>Prov.  
3:34; Is. 57:15; Luke 1:48;  
James 4:6 <sup>c</sup>Ps. 40:4; 101:5

7 <sup>1</sup>Or, *keep me alive*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 23:4; 143:11 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 71:20;  
 Ezra 9:8, 9; Is. 57:15 <sup>c</sup>Ex.  
 7:5; 15:12; Jer. 5:25; Jer.  
 51:25; Ezek. 6:14; 25:13  
<sup>d</sup>Ps. 20:6; 60:5

8 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 57:2; Phil. 1:6 <sup>b</sup>Ps.  
 136:1 <sup>c</sup>Ps. 27:9; 71:9; 119:8  
<sup>d</sup>Ps. 100:3; Job 10:3; 14:15

1 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 17:3; 44:21; Jer.  
 12:3

2 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *my sitting* <sup>2</sup>Lit.,  
*my rising*  
<sup>a</sup>2 Kin. 19:27 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 94:11; Is.  
 66:18

3 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *winnow* <sup>2</sup>Or,  
*journeying*  
<sup>a</sup>Job 14:16; 31:4

4 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *For there is not*  
<sup>a</sup>Heb. 4:13

5 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 34:7; 125:2 <sup>b</sup>Job  
 9:33

6 <sup>a</sup>Rom. 11:33 <sup>b</sup>Job 42:3

7 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 23:24

8 <sup>1</sup>i.e., the nether world  
<sup>a</sup>Amos 9:2-4 <sup>b</sup>Job 26:6;  
 Prov. 15:11

10 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 23:2, 3

11 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *bruise*; some  
 commentators read, *cover*  
<sup>a</sup>Job 22:13

12 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *from*  
<sup>a</sup>Job 34:22; Dan. 2:22  
<sup>b</sup>1 John 1:5

13 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *kidneys*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 119:73; Is. 44:24 <sup>b</sup>Job  
 10:11

14 <sup>1</sup>Some ancient versions  
 read, *Thou art fearfully*  
*wonderful*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 40:5

15 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *bones*  
<sup>a</sup>Job 10:8-10; Eccles. 11:5  
<sup>b</sup>Ps. 63:9

16 <sup>a</sup>Job 10:8-10; Eccles.  
 11:5 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 56:8 <sup>c</sup>Job 14:5

17 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 92:5

- 7 Though I <sup>a</sup>walk in the midst of trouble, Thou wilt  
<sup>1</sup>brevive me;  
 Thou wilt <sup>c</sup>stretch forth Thy hand against the wrath of  
 my enemies,  
 And Thy right hand will <sup>d</sup>save me.
- 8 The LORD will <sup>a</sup>accomplish what concerns me;  
 Thy <sup>b</sup>lovingkindness, O LORD, is everlasting;  
<sup>c</sup>Do not forsake the <sup>d</sup>works of Thy hands.

PSALM 139

God's Omnipresence and Omniscience.

For the choir director. A Psalm of David.

- O** LORD, Thou hast <sup>a</sup>searched me and known *me*.  
 2 Thou <sup>a</sup>dost know <sup>1</sup>when I sit down and <sup>2</sup>when I rise up;  
 Thou <sup>b</sup>dost understand my thought from afar.  
 3 Thou <sup>a</sup>dost <sup>1</sup>scrutinize my <sup>2</sup>path and my lying down,  
 And art intimately acquainted with all my ways.  
 4 <sup>1</sup>Even before there is a word on my tongue,  
 Behold, O LORD, Thou <sup>a</sup>dost know it all.  
 5 Thou hast <sup>a</sup>enclosed me behind and before,  
 And <sup>b</sup>laid Thy hand upon me.  
 6 *Such* <sup>a</sup>knowledge is <sup>b</sup>too wonderful for me;  
 It is *too* high, I cannot attain to it.
- 7 <sup>a</sup>Where can I go from Thy Spirit?  
 Or where can I flee from Thy presence?  
 8 <sup>a</sup>If I ascend to heaven, Thou art there;  
 If I make my bed in <sup>1</sup>Sheol, behold, <sup>b</sup>Thou art there.  
 9 If I take the wings of the dawn,  
 If I dwell in the remotest part of the sea,  
 10 Even there Thy hand will <sup>a</sup>lead me,  
 And Thy right hand will lay hold of me.  
 11 If I say, "Surely the <sup>a</sup>darkness will <sup>1</sup>overwhelm me,  
 And the light around me will be night,"  
 12 Even the <sup>a</sup>darkness is not dark <sup>1</sup>to Thee,  
 And the night is as bright as the day.  
<sup>b</sup>Darkness and light are alike *to Thee*.
- 13 For Thou didst <sup>a</sup>form my <sup>1</sup>inward parts;  
 Thou didst <sup>b</sup>weave me in my mother's womb.  
 14 I will give thanks to Thee, for <sup>1</sup>I am fearfully and  
 wonderfully made;  
<sup>a</sup>Wonderful are Thy works,  
 And my soul knows it very well.  
 15 My <sup>1</sup>frame was not hidden from Thee,  
 When I was made in secret,  
 And skillfully wrought in the <sup>b</sup>depths of the earth.  
 16 Thine <sup>a</sup>eyes have seen my unformed substance;  
 And in <sup>b</sup>Thy book they were all written,  
 The <sup>c</sup>days that were ordained *for me*,  
 When as yet there was not one of them.
- 17 How precious also are Thy <sup>a</sup>thoughts to me, O God!  
 How vast is the sum of them!



- 18 If I should count them, they would <sup>a</sup>outnumber the sand.  
When <sup>b</sup>I awake, I am still with Thee.
- 19 O that Thou wouldst <sup>a</sup>slay the wicked, O God;  
<sup>b</sup>Depart from me, therefore, <sup>c</sup>men of bloodshed.
- 20 For they <sup>a</sup>spcak <sup>l</sup>against Thee wickedly,  
And Thine enemies <sup>2b</sup>take *Thy name* in vain.
- 21 Do I not <sup>a</sup>hate those who hate Thee, O LORD?  
And do I not <sup>b</sup>loathe those who rise up against Thee?
- 22 I hate them with the utmost hatred;  
They have become my enemies.
- 23 <sup>a</sup>Search me, O God, and know my heart;  
<sup>b</sup>Try me and know my anxious thoughts;
- 24 And see if there be any <sup>l</sup>hurtful way in me,  
And <sup>b</sup>lead me in the <sup>c</sup>everlasting way.

## PSALM 140

Prayer for Protection against the Wicked.

For the choir director. A Psalm of David.

- <sup>a</sup>RESCUE me, O LORD, from evil men;  
Preserve me from <sup>b</sup>violent men,
- 2 Who <sup>a</sup>devise evil things in *their hearts*;  
They <sup>b</sup>continually stir up wars.
- 3 They <sup>a</sup>sharpen their tongues as a serpent;  
<sup>b</sup>Poison of a viper is under their lips. [<sup>l</sup>Selah.]
- 4 Keep me, O LORD, from the hands of the wicked;  
<sup>a</sup>Preserve me from violent men,  
Who have <sup>l</sup>purposed to <sup>2b</sup>trip up my feet.
- 5 The proud have <sup>a</sup>hidden a trap for me, and cords;  
They have spread a <sup>b</sup>net by the <sup>l</sup>wayside;  
They have set <sup>c</sup>snares for me. [Selah.]
- 6 I <sup>a</sup>said to the LORD, "Thou art my God;  
<sup>b</sup>Give ear, O LORD, to the <sup>c</sup>voice of my supplications.
- 7 "O <sup>l</sup>GOD the Lord, <sup>a</sup>the strength of my salvation,  
Thou hast <sup>b</sup>covered my head in the day of <sup>2</sup>battle.
- 8 "Do not grant, O LORD, the <sup>a</sup>desires of the wicked;  
Do not promote <sup>b</sup>his *evil device*, lest they be exalted. [Selah.]
- 9 "As for the head of those who surround me,  
May the <sup>a</sup>mischiefs of their lips cover them.
- 10 "May <sup>a</sup>burning coals fall upon them;  
May they be <sup>b</sup>cast into the fire,  
Into <sup>l</sup>deep pits from which they <sup>c</sup>cannot rise.
- 11 "May a <sup>l</sup>slanderer not be established in the earth;  
<sup>a</sup>May evil hunt the violent man <sup>2</sup>speedily."
- 12 I know that the LORD will <sup>a</sup>maintain the cause of the afflicted,  
And <sup>b</sup>justice for the poor.

18 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 40:5 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 3:519 <sup>a</sup>Is. 11:4 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 6:8;  
119:115 <sup>c</sup>Ps. 5:620 <sup>l</sup>Or, of <sup>2</sup>Some mss. read, *lift themselves up against Thee*  
<sup>l</sup>Jude 15 <sup>b</sup>Ex. 20:7; Deut. 5:1121 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 26:5; 31:6 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 119:15823 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 26:2 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 7:9; Prov. 17:3; Jer. 11:20; 1 Thess. 2:424 <sup>l</sup>Lit., *way of pain*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 146:9; Prov. 15:9;  
28:10; Jer. 25:5; 36:3 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 5:8; 143:10 <sup>c</sup>Ps. 16:111 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 17:13; 59:2; 71:4  
<sup>b</sup>Ps. 140:11; 18:48; 86:142 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 7:14; 36:4; 52:2;  
Prov. 6:14; Is. 59:4; Hos. 7:15 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 56:63 <sup>l</sup>Selah may mean: *Pause, Crescendo or Musical interlude*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 57:4; 64:3 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 58:4;  
Rom. 3:13; James 3:84 <sup>l</sup>Or, *devised* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *push violently*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 140:1 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 36:115 <sup>l</sup>Lit., *track*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 35:7; 141:9; 142:3; Job 18:9 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 31:4; 57:6; Lam. 1:13 <sup>c</sup>Ps. 141:9; Is. 8:14;  
Amos 3:56 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 16:2; 31:14 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 143:1 <sup>c</sup>Ps. 116:1; 130:27 <sup>l</sup>YHWH, usually rendered LORD <sup>2</sup>Lit., *weapons*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 28:8; 118:14 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 144:108 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 112:10 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 10:2, 3; Esth. 9:259 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 7:16; Prov. 18:710 <sup>l</sup>Lit., *watery*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 11:6 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 21:9; Matt. 3:10 <sup>c</sup>Ps. 36:1211 <sup>l</sup>Lit., *man of tongue*  
<sup>2</sup>Lit., *thrust upon thrust*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 34:2112 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 9:4; 18:27; 82:3;  
1 Kin. 8:45; 49 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 12:5;  
35:10

13 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 97:12 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 11:7;  
16:11; 17:15

1 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 22:19; 38:22; 70:5  
<sup>b</sup>Ps. 5:1; 143:1

2 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *fixed*  
<sup>a</sup>Ex. 30:8; Luke 1:10; Rev.  
5:8; 8:3, 4 <sup>b</sup>Ex. 29:41;  
1 Kin. 18:29, 36; Dan. 9:21

3 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *to*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 34:13; 39:1; Prov. 13:3;  
21:23 <sup>b</sup>Mic. 7:5

4 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *in*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 119:36 <sup>b</sup>Is. 32:6; Hos.  
6:8; Mal. 3:15 <sup>c</sup>Prov. 23:6

5 <sup>1</sup>Or, *lovingly* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *And  
my prayer* <sup>3</sup>Or, *in spite of  
their calamities*  
<sup>a</sup>Prov. 9:8; 19:25; 25:12;  
27:6; Eccles. 7:5; Gal. 6:1  
<sup>b</sup>Ps. 23:5; 133:2 <sup>c</sup>Ps. 35:14

6 <sup>a</sup>2 Chr. 25:12

7 <sup>1</sup>i.e., the nether world  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 129:3 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 53:5 <sup>c</sup>Ps.  
88:3-5; Num. 16:32, 33

8 <sup>1</sup>YHWH, usually  
rendered LORD <sup>2</sup>Lit., *pour  
out my soul*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 25:15; 123:2 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 2:12;  
11:1 <sup>c</sup>Ps. 27:9

9 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *hands of the trap*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 38:12; 64:5; 91:3 <sup>b</sup>Ps.  
140:5

10 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *altogether*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 7:15; 57:6 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 124:7

<sup>1</sup> Possibly, *Contemplative,  
or, Didactic, or Skillful  
Psalm*  
<sup>a</sup> 1 Sam. 22:1; 24:3

1 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 77:1 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 30:8

2 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 102:title <sup>b</sup>Ps. 77:2

3 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *fainted*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 77:3; 143:4 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 140:5

4 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *Escape has  
perished from me*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 31:11; 88:8, 18 <sup>b</sup>Job  
11:20; Jer. 25:35 <sup>c</sup>Jer. 30:17

13 Surely the <sup>a</sup>righteous will give thanks to Thy name;  
The <sup>b</sup>upright will dwell in Thy presence.

**PSALM 141**

An Evening Prayer for Sanctification and Protection.

A Psalm of David.

**O** LORD, I call upon Thee; <sup>a</sup>hasten to me!  
<sup>b</sup>Give ear to my voice when I call to Thee!  
2 May my prayer be <sup>1</sup>counted as <sup>a</sup>incense before Thee;  
The lifting up of my hands as the <sup>b</sup>evening offering.  
3 Set a <sup>a</sup>guard, O LORD, <sup>1</sup>over my mouth;  
Keep watch over the <sup>b</sup>door of my lips.  
4 <sup>a</sup>Do not incline my heart to any evil thing,  
To practice deeds <sup>1</sup>of wickedness  
With men who <sup>b</sup>do iniquity;  
And <sup>c</sup>do not let me eat of their delicacies.  
5 Let the <sup>a</sup>righteous smite me <sup>1</sup>in kindness and reprove  
me;  
It is <sup>b</sup>boil upon the head;  
Do not let my head refuse it,  
<sup>2</sup>For still my prayer <sup>c</sup>is <sup>3</sup>against their wicked deeds.  
6 Their judges are <sup>a</sup>thrown down by the sides of the rock,  
And they hear my words, for they are pleasant.  
7 As when one <sup>a</sup>plows and breaks open the earth,  
Our <sup>b</sup>bones have been scattered at the <sup>c</sup>mouth of <sup>1</sup>Sheol.  
8 For my <sup>a</sup>eyes are toward Thee, O <sup>1</sup>God, the Lord;  
In Thee I <sup>b</sup>take refuge; <sup>c</sup>do not <sup>2</sup>leave me defenseless.  
9 Keep me from the <sup>1a</sup>jaws of the trap which they have set  
for me,  
And from the <sup>b</sup>snares of those who do iniquity.  
10 Let the wicked <sup>a</sup>fall into their own nets,  
While I pass by <sup>1b</sup>safely.

**PSALM 142**

Prayer for Help in Trouble.

<sup>1</sup>Maskil of David, when he was <sup>a</sup>in the cave.  
A Prayer.

**I** <sup>a</sup>CRY aloud with my voice to the LORD;  
I <sup>b</sup>make supplication with my voice to the LORD.  
2 I <sup>a</sup>pour out my complaint before Him;  
I declare my <sup>b</sup>trouble before Him.  
3 When <sup>a</sup>my spirit <sup>1</sup>was overwhelmed within me,  
Thou didst know my path.  
In the way where I walk  
They have <sup>b</sup>hidden a trap for me.  
4 Look to the right and see;  
For there is <sup>a</sup>no one who regards me;  
<sup>1</sup>There is no <sup>b</sup>escape for me;  
<sup>c</sup>No one cares for my soul.

- 5 I cried out to Thee, O LORD;  
I said, "Thou art <sup>a</sup>my refuge,  
My <sup>b</sup>portion in the <sup>c</sup>land of the living.
- 6 "Give heed to my cry,  
For I am <sup>b</sup>brought very low;  
Deliver me from my persecutors,  
For they are too <sup>c</sup>strong for me.
- 7 "Bring my soul out of prison,  
So that I may give thanks to Thy name;  
The righteous will surround me,  
For Thou wilt <sup>b</sup>deal bountifully with me."

## PSALM 143

Prayer for Deliverance and Guidance.

A Psalm of David.

- HEAR my prayer, O LORD,  
<sup>a</sup>Give ear to my supplications!  
Answer me in Thy <sup>b</sup>faithfulness, in Thy <sup>c</sup>righteousness!
- 2 And <sup>a</sup>do not enter into judgment with Thy servant,  
For in Thy sight <sup>b</sup>no man living is righteous.
- 3 For the enemy has persecuted my soul;  
He has crushed my life <sup>a</sup>to the ground;  
He <sup>b</sup>has made me dwell in dark places, like those who  
have long been dead.
- 4 Therefore <sup>a</sup>my spirit <sup>1</sup>is overwhelmed within me;  
My heart is <sup>2</sup>appalled within me.
- 5 I <sup>a</sup>remember the days of old;  
I <sup>b</sup>meditate on all Thy doings;  
I <sup>c</sup>muse on the work of Thy hands.
- 6 I <sup>a</sup>stretch out my hands to Thee;  
My <sup>b</sup>soul longs for Thee, as a <sup>1</sup>parched land. {<sup>2</sup>Selah.
- 7 <sup>a</sup>Answer me quickly, O LORD, my <sup>b</sup>spirit fails;  
<sup>c</sup>Do not hide Thy face from me,  
Lest I become like <sup>d</sup>those who go down to the pit.
- 8 Let me hear Thy <sup>a</sup>lovingkindness in the morning;  
For I trust <sup>b</sup>in Thee;  
Teach me the <sup>c</sup>way in which I should walk;  
For to Thee I <sup>d</sup>lift up my soul.
- 9 <sup>a</sup>Deliver me, O LORD, from my enemies;  
<sup>1</sup>I take refuge in Thee.
- 10 <sup>a</sup>Teach me to do Thy will,  
For Thou art my God;  
Let <sup>b</sup>Thy good Spirit <sup>c</sup>lead me on level <sup>1</sup>ground.
- 11 <sup>a</sup>For the sake of Thy name, O LORD, revive me.  
<sup>b</sup>In Thy righteousness bring my soul out of trouble.
- 12 And in Thy lovingkindness <sup>1a</sup>cut off my enemies,  
And <sup>b</sup>destroy all those who afflict my soul;  
For <sup>c</sup>I am Thy servant.

5 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 91:2, 9 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 16:5;  
73:26 <sup>c</sup>Ps. 27:136 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 17:1 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 79:8;  
116:6 <sup>c</sup>Ps. 18:177 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 143:11; 146:7 <sup>b</sup>Ps.  
13:61 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 140:6 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 89:1, 2  
<sup>c</sup>Ps. 71:22 <sup>a</sup>Job 14:3; 22:4 <sup>b</sup>Ps.  
130:3; 1 Kin. 8:46; Job 4:17;  
9:2; 25:4; Eccles. 7:203 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 44:25 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 88:6;  
Lam. 3:64 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *faints* <sup>2</sup>Or,  
*desolate*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 142:3 <sup>b</sup>Lam. 3:115 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 77:5, 10, 11 <sup>b</sup>Ps.  
77:12 <sup>c</sup>Ps. 105:26 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *weary* <sup>2</sup>*Selah*  
may mean: *Pause,*  
*Crescendo or Musical*  
*interlude*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 88:9; Job 11:13 <sup>b</sup>Ps.  
42:2; 63:17 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 69:17 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 73:26;  
84:2; Jer. 8:18; Lam. 1:22  
<sup>c</sup>Ps. 27:9; 69:17; 102:2 <sup>d</sup>Ps.  
28:1; 88:48 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 90:14 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 25:2 <sup>c</sup>Ps.  
27:11; 32:8; 86:11 <sup>d</sup>Ps. 25:1;  
86:49 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *To Thee have I*  
*hidden*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 31:15; 59:110 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *land*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 25:4, 5; 119:12 <sup>b</sup>Neh.  
9:20 <sup>c</sup>Ps. 23:311 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 25:11 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 31:1;  
71:212 <sup>1</sup>Or, *silence*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 54:5 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 52:5 <sup>c</sup>Ps.  
116:16

1 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 18:2 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 18:34

2 <sup>1</sup>Another reading is,  
*peoples*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 18:2; 91:2 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 59:9 <sup>c</sup>Ps.  
3:3; 28:7; 84:9 <sup>d</sup>Ps. 18:39

3 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 8:4

4 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 39:11 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 102:11;  
109:23; Job 8:9; 14:2

5 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 18:9 <sup>b</sup>Is. 64:1 <sup>c</sup>Ps.  
104:32

6 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 18:14 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 7:13;  
58:7; Hab. 3:11; Zech. 9:14

7 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 18:16 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 69:1, 14  
<sup>c</sup>Ps. 18:44; 54:3

8 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 12:2; 41:6 <sup>b</sup>Ps.  
106:26; Gen. 14:22; Deut.  
32:40; Is. 44:20

9 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 40:3 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 33:2

10 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 18:50 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 140:7;  
2 Sam. 18:7

11 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 18:44; 54:3 <sup>b</sup>Ps.  
12:2; 41:6 <sup>c</sup>Ps. 106:26; Gen.  
14:22; Deut. 32:40; Is.  
44:20

12 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *cut after the  
pattern of*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 92:12-14; 128:3 <sup>b</sup>Song  
of Sol. 4:4; 7:4

13 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *outside*  
<sup>a</sup>Prov. 3:9, 10

14 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *be laden* <sup>2</sup>Lit.,  
*bursting forth* <sup>3</sup>Lit., *going  
out*  
<sup>a</sup>Prov. 14:4 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 60:2; 2 Kin.  
25:10, 11 <sup>c</sup>Amos 5:3 <sup>d</sup>Is.  
24:11; Jer. 14:2

15 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 33:12

PSALM 144

Prayer for Rescue and Prosperity.

A Psalm of David.

- BLESSED** be the LORD, <sup>a</sup>my rock,  
Who <sup>b</sup>trains my hands for war,  
And my fingers for battle;
- 2 My lovingkindness and <sup>a</sup>my fortress,  
My <sup>b</sup>stronghold and my deliverer;  
My <sup>c</sup>shield and He in whom I take refuge;  
Who <sup>d</sup>subdues <sup>1</sup>my people under me.
- 3 O LORD, <sup>a</sup>what is man, that Thou dost take knowledge  
of him?  
Or the son of man, that Thou dost think of him?
- 4 <sup>a</sup>Man is like a mere breath;  
His <sup>b</sup>days are like a passing shadow.
- 5 <sup>a</sup>Bow Thy heavens, O LORD, and <sup>b</sup>come down;  
<sup>c</sup>Touch the mountains, that they may smoke.
- 6 Flash forth <sup>a</sup>lightning and scatter them;  
Send out Thy <sup>b</sup>arrows and confuse them.
- 7 Stretch forth Thy hand <sup>a</sup>from on high;  
Rescue me and <sup>b</sup>deliver me out of great waters,  
Out of the hand of <sup>c</sup>aliens
- 8 Whose mouth <sup>a</sup>speaks deceit,  
And whose <sup>b</sup>right hand is a right hand of falsehood.
- 9 I will sing a <sup>a</sup>new song to Thee, O God;  
Upon a <sup>b</sup>harp of ten strings I will sing praises to Thee,
- 10 Who dost <sup>a</sup>give salvation to kings;  
Who <sup>b</sup>dost rescue David His servant from the evil  
sword.
- 11 Rescue me, and deliver me out of the hand of <sup>a</sup>aliens,  
Whose mouth <sup>b</sup>speaks deceit,  
And whose <sup>c</sup>right hand is a right hand of falsehood.
- 12 Let our sons in their youth be as <sup>a</sup>grown-up plants,  
And our daughters as <sup>b</sup>corner pillars <sup>1</sup>fashioned as for a  
palace;
- 13 *Let* our <sup>a</sup>garners be full, furnishing every kind of pro-  
duce,  
*And* our flocks bring forth thousands and ten thousands  
in our <sup>1</sup>fields;
- 14 *Let* our <sup>a</sup>cattle <sup>1</sup>bear,  
Without <sup>2</sup>bmishap and without <sup>3</sup>close,  
*Let there be* no <sup>d</sup>outrity in our streets!
- 15 How blessed are the people who are so situated;  
How <sup>a</sup>blessed are the people whose God is the LORD!

## PSALM 145

The LORD Extolled for His Goodness.

A Psalm of Praise, of David.

- I WILL <sup>a</sup>extol Thee, <sup>b</sup>my God, O King;  
 And I will <sup>c</sup>bless Thy name forever and ever.
- 2 Every day I will bless Thee,  
 And I will <sup>a</sup>praise Thy name forever and ever.
- 3 <sup>a</sup>Great is the LORD, and highly to be praised;  
 And His <sup>b</sup>greatness is unsearchable.
- 4 One <sup>a</sup>generation shall praise Thy works to another,  
 And shall declare Thy mighty acts.
- 5 On the <sup>a</sup>glorious <sup>l</sup>splendor of Thy majesty,  
 And <sup>b</sup>on Thy wonderful works, I will meditate.
- 6 And men shall speak of the <sup>l</sup>power of Thy <sup>a</sup>awesome  
 acts;  
 And I will <sup>b</sup>tell of Thy greatness.
- 7 They shall <sup>l</sup>eagerly utter the memory of Thine <sup>a</sup>abun-  
 dant goodness,  
 And shall <sup>b</sup>shout joyfully of Thy righteousness.
- 8 The LORD is <sup>a</sup>gracious and merciful;  
 Slow to anger and great in lovingkindness.
- 9 The LORD is <sup>a</sup>good to all,  
 And His <sup>b</sup>mercies are over all His works.
- 10 <sup>a</sup>All Thy works shall give thanks to Thee, O LORD,  
 And Thy <sup>b</sup>godly ones shall bless Thee.
- 11 They shall speak of the <sup>a</sup>glory of Thy kingdom,  
 And talk of Thy power;
- 12 To <sup>a</sup>make known to the sons of men <sup>l</sup>Thy mighty acts,  
 And the <sup>b</sup>glory of the majesty of <sup>l</sup>Thy kingdom.
- 13 Thy kingdom is <sup>l</sup>an <sup>a</sup>everlasting kingdom,  
 And Thy dominion *endures* throughout all generations.
- 14 The LORD <sup>a</sup>sustains all who fall,  
 And <sup>b</sup>raises up all who are bowed down.
- 15 The eyes of all <sup>l</sup>look to Thee,  
 And Thou <sup>a</sup>dost give them their food in due time.
- 16 Thou <sup>a</sup>dost open Thy hand,  
 And dost satisfy the desire of every living thing.
- 17 The LORD is <sup>a</sup>righteous in all His ways,  
 And kind in all His deeds.
- 18 The LORD is <sup>a</sup>near to all who call upon Him,  
 To all who call upon Him <sup>b</sup>in truth.
- 19 He will <sup>a</sup>fulfill the desire of those who fear Him;  
 He will also <sup>b</sup>hear their cry and will save them.
- 20 The LORD <sup>a</sup>keeps all who love Him;  
 But all the <sup>b</sup>wicked, He will destroy.
- 21 My <sup>a</sup>mouth will speak the praise of the LORD;  
 And <sup>b</sup>all flesh will <sup>c</sup>bless His holy name forever and ever.

1 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 30:1; 66:17 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 5:2  
<sup>c</sup>Ps. 34:12 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 71:63 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 48:1; 86:10; 147:5  
<sup>b</sup>Job 5:9; 9:10; 11:7; Is.  
40:28; Rom. 11:334 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 22:30, 31; Is. 38:195 <sup>l</sup>Or, *majesty of Thy  
splendor*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 145:12 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 119:276 <sup>l</sup>Or, *strength*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 66:3; 106:22; Deut.  
10:21 <sup>b</sup>Deut. 32:37 <sup>l</sup>Or, *bubble over with*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 31:19; Is. 63:7 <sup>b</sup>Ps.  
51:148 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 86:5, 15; 103:8; Ex.  
34:69 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 100:5; 136:1; Jer.  
33:11; Nah. 1:7; Matt.  
19:17; Mark 10:18 <sup>b</sup>Ps.  
145:1510 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 19:1; 103:22 <sup>b</sup>Ps.  
68:2611 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 14:2112 <sup>l</sup>Lit., *His*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 105:1 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 145:5; Is.  
2:10, 19, 2113 <sup>l</sup>Lit., *a kingdom of all  
ages*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 10:16; 29:10; 2 Pet.  
1:1114 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 37:24 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 146:815 <sup>l</sup>Lit., *wait; or, hope for*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 104:2716 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 104:2817 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 116:518 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 34:18; 119:151;  
Deut. 4:7 <sup>b</sup>John 4:2419 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 21:2; 37:4 <sup>b</sup>Ps.  
10:17; Prov. 15:29; 1 John  
5:1420 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 31:23; 91:14; 97:10  
<sup>b</sup>Ps. 9:5; 37:3821 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 71:8 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 65:2;  
150:6 <sup>c</sup>Ps. 145:1, 2

1 <sup>1</sup>Or, *Hallelujah!* <sup>2</sup>Heb.,  
YAH  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 103:1

2 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 63:4 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 104:33

3 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *a son of a man*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 118:9 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 118:8; Is.  
2:22 <sup>c</sup>Ps. 60:11; 108:12

4 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *his earth*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 104:29 <sup>b</sup>Eccles. 12:7  
<sup>c</sup>Ps. 33:10

5 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 144:15 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 71:5

6 <sup>1</sup>Or, *truth*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 115:15 <sup>b</sup>Acts 14:15 <sup>c</sup>Ps.  
117:2

7 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 103:6 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 107:9;  
145:15 <sup>c</sup>Ps. 68:6; Is. 61:1

8 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 9:30; John 9:7  
<sup>b</sup>Ps. 145:14 <sup>c</sup>Ps. 11:7

9 <sup>1</sup>Or, *keeps* <sup>2</sup>Or,  
*sojourners* <sup>3</sup>Or, *relieves*  
<sup>4</sup>Lit., *makes crooked*  
<sup>a</sup>Ex. 22:21; Lev. 19:34 <sup>b</sup>Ps.  
68:5; Deut. 10:18 <sup>c</sup>Ps. 147:6

10 <sup>1</sup>Or, *Hallelujah!* <sup>2</sup>Heb.,  
YAH  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 10:16; Ex. 15:18

1 <sup>1</sup>Or, *Hallelujah!* <sup>2</sup>Heb.,  
YAH <sup>3</sup>Or, *He is gracious*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 135:3 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 33:1

2 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 51:18; 102:16 <sup>b</sup>Ps.  
106:47; Deut. 30:3; Is.  
11:12; 56:8; Ezek. 39:28

3 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *sorrows*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 34:18; Is. 61:1 <sup>b</sup>Job  
5:18; Is. 30:26; Ezek. 34:16

4 <sup>1</sup>Or, *calls them all by*  
*their names*  
<sup>a</sup>Gen. 15:5 <sup>b</sup>Is. 40:26

5 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *innumerable*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 48:1; 145:3 <sup>b</sup>Is. 40:28

6 <sup>1</sup>Or, *relieves*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 37:24; 146:9

7 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 33:2; 95:1, 2

8 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *spring forth*  
<sup>a</sup>Job 26:8 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 104:13; Job  
5:10; 38:26 <sup>c</sup>Ps. 104:14; Job  
38:27

9 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 104:27, 28; 145:15  
<sup>b</sup>Job 38:41

**PSALM 146**

The LORD an Abundant Helper.

<sup>1</sup>PRAISE <sup>2</sup>the LORD!

- <sup>a</sup>Praise the LORD, O my soul!  
2 I will praise the LORD <sup>a</sup>while I live;  
I will <sup>b</sup>sing praises to my God while I have my being.  
3 <sup>a</sup>Do not trust in princes,  
In <sup>1</sup>mortal <sup>b</sup>man, in whom there is <sup>c</sup>no salvation.  
4 His <sup>a</sup>spirit departs, he <sup>b</sup>returns to <sup>1</sup>the earth;  
In that very day his <sup>c</sup>thoughts perish.  
5 How <sup>a</sup>blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob,  
Whose <sup>b</sup>hope is in the LORD his God;  
6 Who <sup>a</sup>made heaven and earth,  
The <sup>b</sup>sea and all that is in them;  
Who <sup>c</sup>keeps <sup>1</sup>faith forever;  
7 Who <sup>a</sup>executes justice for the oppressed;  
Who <sup>b</sup>gives food to the hungry.  
The LORD <sup>c</sup>sets the prisoners free.  
8 The LORD <sup>a</sup>opens *the eyes* of the blind;  
The LORD <sup>b</sup>raises up those who are bowed down;  
The LORD <sup>c</sup>loves the righteous;  
9 The LORD <sup>1a</sup>protects the <sup>2</sup>strangers;  
He <sup>3b</sup>supports the fatherless and the widow;  
But He <sup>4</sup>thwarts <sup>c</sup>the way of the wicked.  
10 The LORD will <sup>a</sup>reign forever,  
Thy God, O Zion, to all generations.  
<sup>1</sup>Praise <sup>2</sup>the LORD!

**PSALM 147**

Praise for Jerusalem's Restoration and Prosperity.

<sup>1</sup>PRAISE <sup>2</sup>the LORD!

- For <sup>a</sup>it is good to sing praises to our God;  
For <sup>3</sup>it is pleasant *and* praise is <sup>b</sup>becoming.  
2 The LORD <sup>a</sup>builds up Jerusalem;  
He <sup>b</sup>gathers the outcasts of Israel.  
3 He heals the <sup>a</sup>brokenhearted,  
And <sup>b</sup>binds up their <sup>1</sup>wounds.  
4 He <sup>a</sup>counts the number of the stars;  
He <sup>1b</sup>gives names to all of them.  
5 <sup>a</sup>Great is our Lord, and abundant in strength;  
His <sup>b</sup>understanding is <sup>1</sup>infinite.  
6 The LORD <sup>1a</sup>supports the afflicted;  
He brings down the wicked to the ground.  
7 <sup>a</sup>Sing to the LORD with thanksgiving;  
Sing praises to our God on the lyre,  
8 Who <sup>a</sup>covers the heavens with clouds,  
Who <sup>b</sup>provides rain for the earth,  
Who <sup>c</sup>makes grass to <sup>1</sup>grow on the mountains.  
9 He <sup>a</sup>gives to the beast its food,  
*And* to the <sup>b</sup>young ravens which cry.

- 10 He does not delight in the strength of the <sup>a</sup>horse;  
He <sup>b</sup>does not take pleasure in the legs of a man.
- 11 The LORD <sup>a</sup>favors those who fear Him,  
<sup>b</sup>Those who wait for His lovingkindness.
- 12 Praise the LORD, O Jerusalem!  
Praise your God, O Zion!
- 13 For He has strengthened the <sup>a</sup>bars of your gates;  
He has <sup>b</sup>blessed your sons within you.
- 14 He <sup>a</sup>makes <sup>1</sup>peace in your borders;  
He satisfies you with <sup>b</sup>the <sup>2</sup>finest of the wheat.
- 15 He sends forth His <sup>a</sup>command to the earth;  
His <sup>b</sup>word runs very swiftly.
- 16 He gives <sup>a</sup>snow like wool;  
He scatters the <sup>b</sup>hoarfrost like ashes.
- 17 He casts forth His <sup>a</sup>ice as fragments;  
Who can stand before His <sup>b</sup>cold?
- 18 He <sup>a</sup>sends forth His word and melts them;  
He <sup>b</sup>causes His wind to blow and the waters to flow.
- 19 He <sup>a</sup>declares His words to Jacob,  
His <sup>b</sup>statutes and His ordinances to Israel.
- 20 He <sup>a</sup>has not dealt thus with any nation;  
And as for His ordinances, they have <sup>b</sup>not known them.  
<sup>1</sup>Praise <sup>2</sup>the LORD!

## PSALM 148

The Whole Creation Invoked to Praise the LORD.

PRAISE <sup>2</sup>the LORD!

- Praise the LORD <sup>a</sup>from the heavens;  
Praise Him <sup>b</sup>in the heights!
- 2 Praise Him, <sup>a</sup>all His angels;  
Praise Him, <sup>b</sup>all His hosts!
- 3 Praise Him, sun and moon;  
Praise Him, all stars of light!
- 4 Praise Him, <sup>1a</sup>highest heavens,  
And the <sup>b</sup>waters that are above the heavens!
- 5 Let them praise the name of the LORD,  
For <sup>a</sup>He commanded and they were created.
- 6 He has also <sup>a</sup>established them forever and ever;  
He has made a <sup>b</sup>decree which will not pass away.
- 7 Praise the LORD from the earth,  
<sup>a</sup>Sea monsters and all <sup>b</sup>deeps;
- 8 <sup>a</sup>Fire and hail, <sup>b</sup>snow and <sup>c</sup>clouds;  
<sup>d</sup>Stormy wind, <sup>e</sup>fulfilling His word;
- 9 <sup>a</sup>Mountains and all hills;  
Fruit <sup>b</sup>trees and all cedars;
- 10 <sup>a</sup>Beasts and all cattle;  
<sup>b</sup>Creeping things and winged fowl;
- 11 <sup>a</sup>Kings of the earth and all peoples;  
Princes and all judges of the earth;
- 12 Both young men and virgins;  
Old men and children.

10 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 33:17 <sup>b1</sup> Sam. 16:711 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 149:4 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 33:1813 <sup>a</sup>Neh. 3:3; 7:3 <sup>b</sup>Ps.  
37:2614 <sup>1</sup>Lit., your borders  
peace <sup>2</sup>Lit., fat  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 29:11; Is. 54:13; 60:17.  
18 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 81:16; Deut. 32:1415 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 148:5; Job 37:12  
<sup>b</sup>Ps. 104:416 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 148:8; Job 37:6  
<sup>b</sup>Job 38:2917 <sup>a</sup>Job 37:10 <sup>b</sup>Job 37:918 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 147:15; 33:9;  
107:20 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 107:2519 <sup>a</sup>Deut. 33:3, 4 <sup>b</sup>Mal.  
4:420 <sup>1</sup>Or, Hallelujah! <sup>2</sup>Heb.,  
YAH  
<sup>a</sup>Deut. 4:7, 8, 32-34 <sup>b</sup>Ps.  
79:6; Jer. 10:251 <sup>1</sup>Or, Hallelujah! <sup>2</sup>Heb.,  
YAH  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 69:34 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 102:19; Job  
16:19; Matt. 21:92 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 103:20 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 103:214 <sup>1</sup>Lit., heavens of  
heavens  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 68:33; Deut. 10:14;  
1 Kin. 8:27; Neh. 9:6 <sup>b</sup>Gen.  
1:75 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 33:6, 9; Gen. 1:16 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 31:35, 36; 33:20,  
25 <sup>b</sup>Job 38:337 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 74:13; Gen. 1:21  
<sup>b</sup>Gen. 1:2; Deut. 33:13;  
Hab. 3:108 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 18:12 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 147:16  
<sup>c</sup>Ps. 135:7 <sup>d</sup>Ps. 107:25 <sup>e</sup>Ps.  
103:20; Job 37:129 <sup>a</sup>Is. 44:23; 49:13 <sup>b</sup>Is.  
55:1210 <sup>a</sup>Is. 43:20 <sup>b</sup>Hos. 2:1811 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 102:15

13 <sup>a</sup>Is. 12:4 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 8:1; 113:4

14 <sup>1</sup>Or, *Hallelujah!* <sup>2</sup>Heb.,  
YAH  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 75:10; 1 Sam. 2:1 <sup>b</sup>Ps.  
109:1; Deut. 10:21; Jer.  
17:14 <sup>c</sup>Lev. 10:3; Eph. 2:17

1 <sup>1</sup>Or, *Hallelujah!* <sup>2</sup>Heb.,  
YAH  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 33:3 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 35:18; 89:5

2 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 95:6 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 47:6;  
Judg. 8:23

3 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 150:4; 2 Sam. 6:14  
<sup>b</sup>Ps. 81:2; Ek. 15:20

4 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 35:27; 147:11 <sup>b</sup>Ps.  
132:16; Is. 61:3

5 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 132:16 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 42:8;  
Job 35:10

6 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *throat*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 66:17 <sup>b</sup>Neh. 4:17

7 <sup>a</sup>Ezek. 25:17; Mic. 5:15

8 <sup>a</sup>Job 36:8 <sup>b</sup>Nah. 3:10

9 <sup>1</sup>Or, *Hallelujah!* <sup>2</sup>Heb.,  
YAH  
<sup>a</sup>Ezek. 28:26 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 112:9

1 <sup>1</sup>Or, *Hallelujah!* <sup>2</sup>Heb.,  
YAH <sup>3</sup>Or, *firmament*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 73:17; 102:19 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 19:1

2 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 145:12 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 145:3;  
Deut. 3:24

3 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 98:6 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 33:2

4 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 149:3 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 45:8; Is.  
38:20 <sup>c</sup>Gen. 4:21; Job 21:12

5 <sup>a</sup>2 Sam. 6:5; 1 Chr.  
13:8; 15:16; Ezra 3:10; Neh.  
12:27

6 <sup>1</sup>Heb. YAH <sup>2</sup>Or,  
*Hallelujah!*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 103:22; 145:21

- 13 Let them praise the name of the LORD,  
For His <sup>a</sup>name alone is exalted;  
His <sup>b</sup>glory is above earth and heaven.
- 14 And He has <sup>a</sup>lifted up a horn for His people,  
<sup>b</sup>Praise for all His godly ones;  
Even for the sons of Israel, a people <sup>c</sup>near to Him.  
<sup>1</sup>Praise <sup>2</sup>the LORD!

PSALM 149

Israel Invoked to Praise the LORD.

- 1 PRAISE <sup>2</sup>the LORD!  
Sing to the LORD <sup>a</sup>a new song,  
And His praise <sup>b</sup>in the congregation of the godly ones.
- 2 Let Israel be glad in <sup>a</sup>His Maker;  
Let the sons of Zion rejoice in their <sup>b</sup>King.
- 3 Let them praise His name with <sup>a</sup>dancing;  
Let them sing praises to Him with <sup>b</sup>timbrel and lyre.
- 4 For the LORD <sup>a</sup>takes pleasure in His people;  
He will <sup>b</sup>beautify the afflicted ones with salvation.
- 5 Let the <sup>a</sup>godly ones exult in glory;  
Let them <sup>b</sup>sing for joy on their beds.
- 6 Let the <sup>a</sup>high praises of God <sup>b</sup>be in their <sup>1</sup>mouth,  
And a two-edged <sup>b</sup>sword in their hand,
- 7 To <sup>a</sup>execute vengeance on the nations,  
And punishment on the peoples;
- 8 To bind their kings <sup>a</sup>with chains,  
And their <sup>b</sup>nobles with fetters of iron;
- 9 To <sup>a</sup>execute on them the judgment written;  
This is an <sup>b</sup>honor for all His godly ones.  
<sup>1</sup>Praise <sup>2</sup>the LORD!

PSALM 150

A Psalm of Praise.

- 1 PRAISE <sup>2</sup>the LORD!  
Praise God in His <sup>a</sup>sanctuary;  
Praise Him in His mighty <sup>3</sup><sup>b</sup>expanse.
- 2 Praise Him for His <sup>a</sup>mighty deeds;  
Praise Him according to His excellent <sup>b</sup>greatness.
- 3 Praise Him with <sup>a</sup>trumpet sound;  
Praise Him with <sup>b</sup>harp and lyre.
- 4 Praise Him with <sup>a</sup>timbrel and dancing;  
Praise Him with <sup>b</sup>stringed instruments and <sup>c</sup>pipe.
- 5 Praise Him with loud <sup>a</sup>cymbals;  
Praise Him with resounding cymbals.
- 6 Let <sup>a</sup>everything that has breath praise <sup>1</sup>the LORD.  
<sup>2</sup>Praise <sup>1</sup>the LORD!



# THE PROVERBS

## Use of the Proverbs. Enticement by Sinners.

<b>T</b> HE <sup>a</sup> proverbs of Solomon <sup>b</sup> the son of David, king of Israel:	1 <sup>a</sup> Prov. 10:1; 25:1; 1 Kin. 4:32; Eccles. 12:9 <sup>b</sup> Eccles. 1:1
2 To know <sup>a</sup> wisdom and instruction, To discern the sayings of <sup>b</sup> understanding,	
3 To <sup>a</sup> receive instruction in wise behavior, <sup>b</sup> Righteousness, justice and equity;	2 <sup>a</sup> Prov. 15:33 <sup>b</sup> Prov. 4:1
4 To give <sup>a</sup> prudence to the <sup>1</sup> naive, To the youth <sup>b</sup> knowledge and discretion,	3 <sup>a</sup> Prov. 19:20 <sup>b</sup> Prov. 2:9
5 A wise man will hear and <sup>a</sup> increase in learning, And a <sup>b</sup> man of understanding will acquire wise counsel,	4 <sup>1</sup> Lit., <i>simple ones</i> <sup>a</sup> Prov. 8:5, 12 <sup>b</sup> Prov. 2:10, 11; 3:21
6 To understand a proverb and a figure, The words of the wise and their <sup>a</sup> riddles.	5 <sup>a</sup> Prov. 9:9 <sup>b</sup> Prov. 14:6; Eccles. 9:11
7 <sup>a</sup> The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge; Fools despise wisdom and instruction.	6 <sup>a</sup> Num. 12:8; Ps. 49:4; 78:2; Dan. 8:23
8 <sup>a</sup> Hear, my son, your father's instruction, And <sup>b</sup> do not forsake your mother's teaching;	7 <sup>a</sup> Prov. 9:10; 15:33; Job 28:28; Ps. 111:10; Eccles. 12:13
9 Indeed, they are a <sup>a</sup> graceful wreath to your head, And <sup>b</sup> ornaments about your neck.	8 <sup>a</sup> Prov. 4:1 <sup>b</sup> Prov. 6:20
10 My son, if sinners <sup>a</sup> entice you, <sup>b</sup> Do not consent.	9 <sup>1</sup> Lit., <i>necklaces</i> <sup>a</sup> Prov. 4:9 <sup>b</sup> Gen. 41:42; Dan. 5:29
11 If they say, "Come with us, Let us <sup>a</sup> lie in wait for blood, Let us <sup>b</sup> ambush the innocent without cause;	10 <sup>a</sup> Prov. 16:29 <sup>b</sup> Deut. 13:8; Ps. 50:18
12 Let us <sup>a</sup> swallow them alive like Sheol, Even whole, as those who <sup>b</sup> go down to the pit;	11 <sup>a</sup> Prov. 12:6 <sup>b</sup> Prov. 1:18; Ps. 10:8
13 We shall find all <i>kinds</i> of precious wealth, We shall fill our houses with spoil;	12 <sup>a</sup> Ps. 124:3 <sup>b</sup> Ps. 28:1
14 Throw in your lot <sup>1</sup> with us, We shall all have one purse,"	14 <sup>1</sup> Lit., <i>in the midst of us</i>
15 My son, <sup>a</sup> do not walk in the way with them. <sup>b</sup> Keep your feet from their path,	15 <sup>a</sup> Prov. 4:14; Ps. 1:1 <sup>b</sup> Ps. 119:101
16 For <sup>a</sup> their feet run to evil, And they hasten to shed blood.	16 <sup>a</sup> Prov. 6:17, 18; Is. 59:7
17 Indeed, it is <sup>1</sup> useless to spread the net In the eyes of any <sup>2</sup> bird;	17 <sup>1</sup> Lit., <i>in vain</i> <sup>2</sup> Lit., <i>possessor of wing</i>
18 But they <sup>2</sup> lie in wait for their own blood; They ambush their own lives.	18 <sup>a</sup> Prov. 11:19
19 So are the ways of everyone who <sup>a</sup> gains by violence; It takes away the life of its possessors.	19 <sup>a</sup> Prov. 15:27
20 <sup>a</sup> Wisdom shouts in the street, She <sup>1</sup> lifts her voice in the square;	20 <sup>1</sup> Lit., <i>gives</i> <sup>a</sup> Prov. 8:1-3; 9:3
21 At the head of the noisy <i>streets</i> she cries out; At the entrance of the gates in the city, she utters her sayings:	22 <sup>1</sup> Lit., <i>simple ones</i> <sup>2</sup> Or, <i>naivete</i> <sup>a</sup> Prov. 4:32; 8:5; 9:4; 22:3 <sup>b</sup> Ps. 1:1 <sup>c</sup> Prov. 1:29; 5:12
22 "How long, O <sup>1</sup> naive ones, will you love <sup>2</sup> simplicity? And <sup>b</sup> scoffers delight themselves in scoffing, And fools <sup>c</sup> hate knowledge?	
23 "Turn to my reproof,	

**Proverbs 1, 2**

23 <sup>a</sup>Is. 32:15; Joel 2:28  
 24 <sup>a</sup>Is. 65:12; 66:4; Jer. 7:13 <sup>b</sup>Prov. 15:32; Zech. 7:11 <sup>c</sup>Is. 65:2; Rom. 10:21  
 25 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 107:11; Luke 7:30 <sup>b</sup>Prov. 15:10  
 26 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 2:4 <sup>b</sup>Prov. 6:15 <sup>c</sup>Prov. 10:24  
 27 <sup>a</sup>Prov. 10:25  
 28 <sup>a</sup>1 Sam. 8:18; Job 27:9; 35:12; Ps. 18:41; Is. 1:15; Jer. 11:11; 14:12; Ezek. 8:18; Mic. 3:4; Zech. 7:13 <sup>b</sup>Prov. 8:17  
 29 <sup>a</sup>Prov. 1:22; Job 21:14  
 30 <sup>a</sup>Prov. 1:25; Ps. 81:11  
 31 <sup>a</sup>Prov. 5:22, 23; 22:8; Job 4:8; Jer. 6:19 <sup>b</sup>Prov. 14:14  
 32 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *simple ones* <sup>a</sup>Jer. 2:19  
 33 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *dwelt* <sup>a</sup>Prov. 3:24-26; Ps. 25:12, 13  
 1 <sup>a</sup>Prov. 4:10 <sup>b</sup>Prov. 3:1  
 2 <sup>a</sup>Prov. 22:17  
 3 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *give*  
 4 <sup>a</sup>Prov. 3:14 <sup>b</sup>Job 3:21; Matt. 13:44  
 5 <sup>a</sup>Prov. 1:7  
 6 <sup>a</sup>1 Kin. 3:12; Job 32:8; James 1:5  
 7 <sup>a</sup>Prov. 30:5; Ps. 84:11  
 8 <sup>a</sup>1 Sam. 2:9; Ps. 66:9  
 9 <sup>a</sup>Prov. 8:20 <sup>b</sup>Prov. 4:18  
 10 <sup>a</sup>Prov. 14:33 <sup>b</sup>Prov. 22:18  
 11 <sup>a</sup>Prov. 4:6; 6:22  
 12 <sup>a</sup>Prov. 28:26 <sup>b</sup>Prov. 6:12  
 13 <sup>a</sup>Prov. 21:16 <sup>b</sup>Prov. 4:19; Ps. 82:5; John 3:19, 20  
 14 <sup>a</sup>Prov. 10:23; Jer. 11:15  
 15 <sup>a</sup>Prov. 21:8; Ps. 125:5

**Wisdom's Warning to Despisers.  
 Pursuit of Wisdom Brings Security and Virtue.**

Behold, I will <sup>a</sup>pour out my spirit on you;  
 I will make my words known to you.  
 24 Because <sup>a</sup>I called, and you <sup>b</sup>refused;  
 I <sup>c</sup>stretched out my hand, and no one paid attention;  
 25 And you <sup>a</sup>neglected all my counsel,  
 And did not <sup>b</sup>want my reproof;  
 26 I will even <sup>a</sup>laugh at your <sup>b</sup>calamity;  
 I will mock when your <sup>c</sup>dread comes,  
 27 When your dread comes like a storm,  
 And your calamity comes on like a <sup>a</sup>whirlwind,  
 When distress *and* anguish come on you.  
 28 "Then they will <sup>a</sup>call on me, but I will not answer;  
 They will <sup>b</sup>seek me diligently, but they shall not find me,  
 29 Because they <sup>a</sup>hated knowledge,  
 And did not choose the fear of the LORD.  
 30 "They <sup>a</sup>would not accept my counsel,  
 They spurned all my reproof.  
 31 "So they shall <sup>a</sup>eat of the fruit of their own way,  
 And be <sup>b</sup>satiated with their own devices.  
 32 "For the <sup>a</sup>waywardness of the <sup>b</sup>naive shall kill them,  
 And the complacency of fools shall destroy them.  
 33 "But <sup>a</sup>he who listens to me shall <sup>1</sup>live securely,  
 And shall be at ease from the dread of evil."

CHAPTER 2

**MY** son, if you will <sup>a</sup>receive my sayings,  
 And <sup>b</sup>treasure my commandments within you,  
 2 <sup>a</sup>Make your ear attentive to wisdom,  
 Incline your heart to understanding;  
 3 For if you cry for discernment,  
<sup>1</sup>Lift your voice for understanding;  
 4 If you seek her as <sup>a</sup>silver,  
 And search for her as for <sup>b</sup>hidden treasures;  
 5 Then you will discern the <sup>a</sup>fear of the LORD,  
 And discover the knowledge of God.  
 6 For <sup>a</sup>the LORD gives wisdom;  
 From His mouth *come* knowledge and understanding.  
 7 He stores up sound wisdom for the upright;  
*He is a* <sup>a</sup>shield to those who walk in integrity,  
 8 Guarding the paths of justice,  
 And He <sup>a</sup>preserves the way of His godly ones.  
 9 Then you will discern <sup>a</sup>righteousness and justice  
 And equity *and* every <sup>b</sup>good course.  
 10 For <sup>a</sup>wisdom will enter your heart,  
 And <sup>b</sup>knowledge will be pleasant to your soul;  
 11 Discretion will <sup>a</sup>guard you,  
 Understanding will watch over you,  
 12 To <sup>a</sup>deliver you from the way of evil,  
 From the man who speaks <sup>b</sup>perverse things;  
 13 From those who <sup>a</sup>leave the paths of uprightness,  
 To walk in the <sup>b</sup>ways of darkness;  
 Who <sup>a</sup>delight in doing evil,  
 And rejoice in the perversity of evil;  
 15 Whose paths are <sup>a</sup>crooked,  
 And who are devious in their ways;

**Wisdom Shields from Evil.  
"Do Not Reject the Discipline of the Lord."**

**Proverbs 2, 3**

- 16 To <sup>a</sup>deliver you from the strange woman,  
From the <sup>b</sup>adulteress who flatters with her words;  
17 That leaves the <sup>a</sup>companion of her youth,  
And forgets the covenant of her God;  
18 For <sup>a</sup>her house <sup>1</sup>sinks down to death,  
And her tracks *lead* to the <sup>2</sup>dead;  
19 None who go to her return again,  
Nor do they reach the <sup>a</sup>paths of life.  
20 So you will walk in the way of good men,  
And keep to the <sup>a</sup>paths of the righteous.  
21 For <sup>a</sup>the upright will <sup>1</sup>live in the land,  
And <sup>b</sup>the blameless will remain in it;  
22 But <sup>a</sup>the wicked will be cut off from the land,  
And <sup>b</sup>the treacherous will be <sup>c</sup>uprooted from it.

CHAPTER 3

- MY** son, <sup>a</sup>do not forget my <sup>1</sup>teaching,  
But let your heart <sup>b</sup>keep my commandments;  
2 For <sup>a</sup>length of days and years of life,  
And peace they will add to you.  
3 Do not let <sup>a</sup>kindness and truth leave you;  
<sup>b</sup>Bind them around your neck,  
<sup>c</sup>Write them on the tablet of your heart.  
4 So you will <sup>a</sup>find favor and <sup>b</sup>good <sup>1</sup>repute  
In the sight of God and man.  
5 <sup>a</sup>Trust in the LORD with all your heart,  
And <sup>b</sup>do not lean on your own understanding.  
6 In all your ways <sup>a</sup>acknowledge Him,  
And He will <sup>b</sup>make your paths straight.  
7 <sup>a</sup>Do not be wise in your own eyes;  
<sup>b</sup>Fear the LORD and turn away from evil.  
8 It will be <sup>a</sup>healing to your <sup>1</sup>body,  
And <sup>b</sup>refreshment to your bones.  
9 <sup>a</sup>Honor the LORD from your wealth,  
And from the <sup>b</sup>first of all your produce;  
10 So your <sup>a</sup>barns will be filled with plenty,  
And your <sup>b</sup>vats will overflow with new wine.  
11 <sup>a</sup>My son, do not reject the <sup>1</sup>discipline of the LORD,  
Or loathe His reproof,  
12 For whom the LORD loves He reproveth,  
Even <sup>a</sup>as a father, the son in whom he delights.  
13 <sup>a</sup>How blessed is the man who finds wisdom,  
And the man who gains understanding.  
14 For its <sup>a</sup>profit is better than the profit of silver,  
And its gain than fine gold.  
15 She is <sup>a</sup>more precious than <sup>1</sup>jewels;  
And <sup>b</sup>nothing you desire compares with her.  
16 <sup>1a</sup>Long life is in her right hand;  
In her left hand are <sup>b</sup>riches and honor.  
17 Her ways are pleasant ways,  
And all her paths are <sup>a</sup>peace.  
18 She is a <sup>a</sup>tree of life to those who take hold of her,  
And happy are all who hold her fast.

16 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *foreign woman*  
<sup>a</sup>Prov. 6:24; 7:5 <sup>b</sup>Prov. 23:27

17 <sup>a</sup>Mal. 3:14, 15

18 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *bows down* <sup>2</sup>Lit.,  
*departed spirits*  
<sup>a</sup>Prov. 7:27

19 <sup>a</sup>Prov. 5:6; Ps. 16:11

20 <sup>a</sup>Prov. 4:18

21 <sup>1</sup>Or, *dwelt*  
<sup>a</sup>Prov. 10:30; Ps. 37:9, 29  
<sup>b</sup>Prov. 28:10

22 <sup>a</sup>Prov. 10:30; Ps. 37:38  
<sup>b</sup>Prov. 11:3 <sup>c</sup>Deut. 28:63;  
Ps. 52:5

1 <sup>1</sup>Or, *law*  
<sup>a</sup>Prov. 4:5; Ps. 119:61 <sup>b</sup>Ex. 20:6; Deut. 30:16

2 <sup>a</sup>Prov. 3:16; 4:10; 9:11;  
10:27; Ps. 91:16

3 <sup>a</sup>Prov. 14:22; 2 Sam. 15:20 <sup>b</sup>Prov. 1:9; 6:21;  
Deut. 6:8; 11:18 <sup>c</sup>Prov. 7:3;  
Jer. 17:1; 2 Cor. 3:3

4 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *understanding*  
<sup>a</sup>Prov. 8:35; 1 Sam. 2:26;  
Luke 2:52 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 111:10

5 <sup>a</sup>Prov. 22:19; Ps. 37:3, 5  
<sup>b</sup>Prov. 23:4; Jer. 9:23

6 <sup>a</sup>Prov. 16:3; 1 Chr. 28:9  
<sup>b</sup>Is. 45:13

7 <sup>a</sup>Rom. 12:16 <sup>b</sup>Prov. 8:13; 16:6; Job 1:1; 28:28

8 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *navel*  
<sup>a</sup>Prov. 4:22 <sup>b</sup>Job 21:24

9 <sup>a</sup>Is. 43:23 <sup>b</sup>Ex. 23:19;  
Deut. 26:2; Mal. 3:10

10 <sup>a</sup>Deut. 28:8 <sup>b</sup>Jael 2:24

11 <sup>1</sup>Or, *instruction*  
<sup>a</sup>Job 5:17; Heb. 12:5, 6

12 <sup>a</sup>Prov. 13:24; Deut. 8:5

13 <sup>a</sup>Prov. 8:32, 34

14 <sup>a</sup>Prov. 8:10, 19; 16:16;  
Job 28:15-19

15 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *corals*  
<sup>a</sup>Prov. 8:11; Job 28:18  
<sup>b</sup>Prov. 3:8, 11

16 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *Length of days*  
<sup>a</sup>Prov. 3:2 <sup>b</sup>Prov. 8:18; 22:4

17 <sup>a</sup>Prov. 16:7; Ps. 119:165

18 <sup>a</sup>Prov. 11:30; 13:12;  
15:4; Gen. 2:9; Rev. 2:7

19 <sup>a</sup>Prov. 8:27; Ps. 104:24  
<sup>b</sup>Prov. 8:27, 28

20 <sup>a</sup>Gen. 7:11 <sup>b</sup>Deut. 32:28; Job 36:28

21 <sup>a</sup>Prov. 4:21

22 <sup>a</sup>Prov. 4:22; 8:35; 16:22; 21:21; Deut. 32:47 <sup>b</sup>Prov. 1:9

23 <sup>a</sup>Prov. 4:12; 10:9 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 91:12; Is. 5:27; 63:13

24 <sup>a</sup>Prov. 1:33; 6:22; Job 11:19; Ps. 3:5

25 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *stom*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 91:5; 1 Pet. 3:14 <sup>b</sup>Job 5:21

26 <sup>1</sup>Or, *at your side*  
<sup>a</sup>1 Sam. 2:9

27 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *its owners*  
<sup>a</sup>Rom. 13:7; Gal. 6:10

28 <sup>a</sup>Lev. 19:13; Deut. 24:15

29 <sup>a</sup>Prov. 6:14; 14:22

30 <sup>a</sup>Prov. 26:17; Rom. 12:18

31 <sup>a</sup>Prov. 24:1; Ps. 37:1

32 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *His private counsel is*  
<sup>a</sup>Prov. 11:20 <sup>b</sup>Job 29:4; Ps. 25:14

33 <sup>a</sup>Deut. 11:28; Mal. 2:2  
<sup>b</sup>Job 8:6

34 <sup>a</sup>James 4:6 <sup>b</sup>1 Pet. 5:5

35 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *raise high*

1 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *know*  
<sup>a</sup>Prov. 1:8 <sup>b</sup>Prov. 1:2; 2:2

2 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *good* <sup>2</sup>Or, *law*  
<sup>a</sup>Deut. 32:2; Job 11:4  
<sup>b</sup>Prov. 3:1; Ps. 89:30; 119:87

3 <sup>a</sup>1 Chr. 22:5 <sup>b</sup>Zech. 12:10

4 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 119:168 <sup>b</sup>Prov. 7:2

5 <sup>a</sup>Prov. 4:7 <sup>b</sup>Prov. 16:16

6 <sup>a</sup>2 Thess. 2:10

7 <sup>1</sup>Or, *the primary thing is wisdom*  
<sup>a</sup>Prov. 8:23 <sup>b</sup>Prov. 23:23

19 The LORD <sup>a</sup>by wisdom founded the earth;  
 By understanding He <sup>b</sup>established the heavens.

20 By His knowledge the <sup>a</sup>deeps were broken up,  
 And the <sup>b</sup>skies drip with dew.

21 My son, <sup>a</sup>let them not depart from your sight;  
 Keep sound wisdom and discretion,

22 So they will be <sup>a</sup>life to your soul,  
 And <sup>b</sup>adornment to your neck.

23 Then you will <sup>a</sup>walk in your way securely,  
 And your foot will not <sup>b</sup>stumble.

24 When you <sup>a</sup>lie down, you will not be afraid;  
 When you lie down, your sleep will be sweet.

25 <sup>a</sup>Do not be afraid of sudden fear,  
 Nor of the <sup>b</sup>onslaught of the wicked when it comes;

26 For the LORD will be <sup>1</sup>your confidence,  
 And will <sup>a</sup>keep your foot from being caught.

27 <sup>a</sup>Do not withhold good <sup>1</sup>from <sup>1</sup>those to whom it is due,  
 When it is in your power to do it.

28 <sup>a</sup>Do not say to your neighbor, "Go, and come back,  
 And tomorrow I will give it,"  
 When you have it with you.

29 <sup>a</sup>Do not devise harm against your neighbor,  
 While he lives in security beside you.

30 <sup>a</sup>Do not contend with a man without cause,  
 If he has done you no harm.

31 <sup>a</sup>Do not envy a man of violence,  
 And do not choose any of his ways.

32 For the <sup>a</sup>crooked *man* is an abomination to the LORD;  
 But <sup>1</sup>He is <sup>b</sup>intimate with the upright.

33 The <sup>a</sup>curse of the LORD is on the house of the wicked,  
 But He <sup>b</sup>blesses the dwelling of the righteous.

34 Though <sup>a</sup>He scoffs at the scoffers,  
 Yet <sup>b</sup>He gives grace to the afflicted.

35 The wise will inherit honor,  
 But fools <sup>1</sup>display dishonor.

CHAPTER 4

HEAR, O sons, the <sup>a</sup>instruction of a father,  
 And <sup>b</sup>give attention that you may <sup>1</sup>gain understanding,

2 For I give you <sup>1</sup>sound <sup>a</sup>teaching;  
<sup>b</sup>Do not abandon my <sup>2</sup>instruction.

3 When I was a son to my father,  
<sup>a</sup>Tender and <sup>b</sup>the only son in the sight of my mother,

4 Then he taught me and said to me,  
 "Let your heart <sup>a</sup>hold fast my words;  
<sup>b</sup>Keep my commandments and live;

5 <sup>a</sup>Acquire wisdom! <sup>b</sup>Acquire understanding!  
 Do not forget, nor turn away from the words of my  
 mouth.

6 "Do not forsake her, and she will guard you;  
<sup>a</sup>Love her, and she will watch over you.

7 "The <sup>1</sup>beginning of wisdom is: <sup>b</sup>Acquire wisdom;  
 And with all your acquiring, get understanding.

- 8 "Prize her, and she will exalt you;  
She will honor you if you embrace her.
- 9 "She will place <sup>a</sup>on your head a garland of grace;  
She will present you with a crown of beauty."
- 10 Hear, my son, and <sup>a</sup>accept my sayings,  
And the <sup>b</sup>years of your life will be many.
- 11 I have <sup>a</sup>directed you in the way of wisdom;  
I have led you in upright paths.
- 12 When you walk, your <sup>a</sup>steps will not be impeded;  
And if you run, you <sup>b</sup>will not stumble.
- 13 <sup>a</sup>Take hold of instruction; do not let go.  
Guard her, for she is your <sup>b</sup>life.
- 14 <sup>a</sup>Do not enter the path of the wicked,  
And do not proceed in the way of evil men.
- 15 Avoid it, do not pass by it;  
Turn away from it and pass on.
- 16 For they <sup>a</sup>cannot sleep unless they do evil;  
And <sup>1</sup>they are robbed of sleep unless they make *some-  
one* stumble.
- 17 For they <sup>a</sup>eat the bread of wickedness,  
And drink the wine of violence.
- 18 But the <sup>a</sup>path of the righteous is like the <sup>b</sup>light of dawn,  
That <sup>c</sup>shines brighter and brighter until the <sup>d</sup>full day.
- 19 The <sup>a</sup>way of the wicked is like darkness;  
They do not know over what they <sup>1</sup>stumble.
- 20 My son, <sup>a</sup>give attention to my words;  
<sup>b</sup>Incline your ear to my sayings.
- 21 <sup>a</sup>Do not let them depart from your sight;  
<sup>b</sup>Keep them in the midst of your heart.
- 22 For they are <sup>a</sup>life to those who find them,  
And <sup>b</sup>health to all <sup>1</sup>their whole body.
- 23 Watch over your heart with all diligence,  
For <sup>a</sup>from it *flow* the springs of life.
- 24 Put away from you a <sup>a</sup>deceitful mouth,  
And <sup>b</sup>put devious lips far from you.
- 25 Let your eyes look directly ahead,  
And let your <sup>1</sup>gaze be fixed straight in front of you.
- 26 <sup>a</sup>Watch the path of your feet,  
And all your <sup>b</sup>ways will be established.
- 27 <sup>a</sup>Do not turn to the right nor to the left;  
<sup>b</sup>Turn your foot from evil.

CHAPTER 5

- M**y son, <sup>a</sup>give attention to my wisdom,  
<sup>b</sup>Incline your ear to my understanding;
- 2 That you may <sup>a</sup>observe discretion,  
And your <sup>b</sup>lips may reserve knowledge.
- 3 For the lips of an <sup>1</sup>adulteress <sup>b</sup>drip honey,  
And <sup>c</sup>smoother than oil is her <sup>2</sup>speech;
- 4 But in the end she is <sup>a</sup>bitter as wormwood,  
<sup>b</sup>Sharp as a two-edged sword.
- 5 Her feet <sup>a</sup>go down to death,  
Her steps lay hold of Sheol.

- 9 <sup>a</sup>Prov. 1:9
- 10 <sup>a</sup>Prov. 2:1 <sup>b</sup>Prov. 3:2
- 11 <sup>a</sup>1 Sam. 12:23
- 12 <sup>a</sup>Job 18:7; Ps. 18:36  
<sup>b</sup>Prov. 3:23
- 13 <sup>a</sup>Prov. 3:18 <sup>b</sup>Prov. 3:22;  
John 6:63
- 14 <sup>a</sup>Prov. 1:15; Ps. 1:1
- 16 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *their sleep is  
robbed*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 36:4; Mic. 2:1
- 17 <sup>a</sup>Prov. 13:2
- 18 <sup>a</sup>Is. 26:7 <sup>b</sup>2 Sam. 23:4  
<sup>c</sup>Dan. 12:3 <sup>d</sup>Job 11:17
- 19 <sup>1</sup>Or, *may stumble*  
<sup>a</sup>Prov. 2:13; Job 18:5, 6; Is.  
59:9, 10; Jer. 23:12; John  
12:35 <sup>b</sup>John 11:10
- 20 <sup>a</sup>Prov. 5:1 <sup>b</sup>Prov. 2:2
- 21 <sup>a</sup>Prov. 3:21 <sup>b</sup>Prov.  
7:1, 2
- 22 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *his*  
<sup>a</sup>Prov. 3:22 <sup>b</sup>Prov. 3:8;  
12:18
- 23 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 12:34; 15:18, 19;  
Mark 7:21; Luke 6:45
- 24 <sup>a</sup>Prov. 6:12; 10:32  
<sup>b</sup>Prov. 19:1
- 25 <sup>1</sup>Or, *eyelids*
- 26 <sup>a</sup>Prov. 5:21; Heb. 12:13  
<sup>b</sup>Ps. 119:5
- 27 <sup>a</sup>Deut. 5:32; 28:14  
<sup>b</sup>Prov. 1:15
- 1 <sup>a</sup>Prov. 4:20 <sup>b</sup>Prov.  
22:17
- 2 <sup>a</sup>Prov. 3:21 <sup>b</sup>Mal. 2:7
- 3 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *strange woman*  
<sup>2</sup>Lit., *palate*  
<sup>a</sup>Prov. 5:20; 2:16; 7:5; 22:14  
<sup>b</sup>Song of Sol. 4:11 <sup>c</sup>Ps.  
55:21
- 4 <sup>a</sup>Eccles. 7:26 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 57:4
- 5 <sup>a</sup>Prov. 7:27

**Proverbs 5, 6**

6 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *Lest she watch*  
<sup>a</sup>Prov. 5:21; 4:26 <sup>b2</sup> Pet.  
 2:14 <sup>c</sup>Prov. 30:20

7 <sup>a</sup>Prov. 7:24 <sup>b</sup>Ps.  
 119:102

8 <sup>a</sup>Prov. 7:25 <sup>b</sup>Prov. 9:14

12 <sup>a</sup>Prov. 1:7, 22, 29  
<sup>b</sup>Prov. 1:25; 12:1

13 <sup>a</sup>Prov. 1:8

15 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *flowing*

16 <sup>a</sup>Prov. 5:18; 9:17; Song  
 of Sol. 4:12, 15

18 <sup>a</sup>Prov. 5:18; 9:17; Song  
 of Sol. 4:12, 15 <sup>b</sup>Eccles. 9:9  
<sup>c</sup>Mal. 2:14

19 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *intoxicated*  
<sup>a</sup>Song of Sol. 2:9, 17; 4:5;  
 7:3

20 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *strange woman*  
<sup>a</sup>Prov. 5:3 <sup>b</sup>Prov. 2:16; 6:24;  
 7:5; 23:27

21 <sup>a</sup>Prov. 15:3; Job 14:16;  
 31:4; 34:21; Ps. 119:168;  
 Jer. 16:17; 32:19; Hos. 7:2;  
 Heb. 4:13 <sup>b</sup>Prov. 4:26

22 <sup>a</sup>Prov. 1:31, 32; Num.  
 32:23; Ps. 7:15; 9:15; 40:12

23 <sup>a</sup>Job 4:21; 36:12

1 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *clapped your  
 palms*  
<sup>a</sup>Prov. 11:15; 17:18; 20:16;  
 22:26; 27:13

3 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *palm*

4 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 132:4

5 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 91:3; 124:7

6 <sup>a</sup>Prov. 30:24, 25 <sup>b</sup>Prov.  
 6:9; 10:26; 13:4; 20:4; 26:16

**A Father's Warnings on Women and on Suretyship.**

- 6 <sup>1</sup>She does not ponder the <sup>a</sup>path of life;  
 Her ways are <sup>b</sup>unstable, she <sup>c</sup>does not know it.
- 7 <sup>a</sup>Now then, *my sons*, listen to me,  
 And <sup>b</sup>do not depart from the words of my mouth.
- 8 <sup>a</sup>Keep your way far from her,  
 And do not go near the <sup>b</sup>door of her house,
- 9 Lest you give your vigor to others,  
 And your years to the cruel one;
- 10 Lest strangers be filled with your strength,  
 And your hard-earned goods go to the house of an alien;
- 11 And you groan at your latter end,  
 When your flesh and your body are consumed;
- 12 And you say, "How I have <sup>a</sup>hated instruction!  
 And my heart <sup>b</sup>spurned reproof!
- 13 "And I have not listened to the voice of my <sup>a</sup>teachers,  
 Nor inclined my ear to my instructors!
- 14 "I was almost in utter ruin  
 In the midst of the assembly and congregation."
- 15 Drink water from your own cistern,  
 And <sup>1</sup>fresh water from your own well.
- 16 Should your <sup>a</sup>springs be dispersed abroad,  
 Streams of water in the streets?
- 17 Let them be yours alone,  
 And not for strangers with you.
- 18 Let your <sup>a</sup>fountain be blessed,  
 And <sup>b</sup>rejoice in the <sup>c</sup>wife of your youth.
- 19 As a loving <sup>a</sup>hind and a graceful doe,  
 Let her breasts satisfy you at all times;  
 Be <sup>1</sup>exhilarated always with her love.
- 20 For why should you, my son, be exhilarated with an  
<sup>1a</sup>adulteress,  
 And embrace the bosom of a <sup>b</sup>foreigner?
- 21 For the <sup>a</sup>ways of a man are before the eyes of the LORD,  
 And He <sup>b</sup>watches all his paths.
- 22 His <sup>a</sup>own iniquities will capture the wicked,  
 And he will be held with the cords of his sin.
- 23 He will <sup>a</sup>die for lack of instruction,  
 And in the greatness of his folly he will go astray.

**CHAPTER 6**

- My** son, if you have become <sup>a</sup>surety for your neighbor,  
 Have <sup>1</sup>given a pledge for a stranger,
- 2 *If* you have been snared with the words of your mouth,  
 Have been caught with the words of your mouth,
- 3 Do this then, my son, and deliver yourself;  
 Since you have come into the <sup>1</sup>hand of your neighbor,  
 Go, humble yourself, and importune your neighbor.
- 4 Do not give <sup>a</sup>sleep to your eyes,  
 Nor slumber to your eyelids;
- 5 Deliver yourself like a gazelle from *the hunter's* hand,  
 And like a <sup>a</sup>bird from the hand of the fowler.
- 6 Go to the <sup>a</sup>ant, O <sup>b</sup>sluggard,  
 Observe her ways and be wise,

- 7 Which, having <sup>a</sup>no chief,  
Officer or ruler,
- 8 Prepares her food <sup>a</sup>in the summer,  
And gathers her provision in the harvest.
- 9 How long will you lie down, O sluggard?  
When will you arise from your sleep?
- 10 <sup>a</sup>"A little sleep, a little slumber,  
A little folding of the hands to <sup>1</sup>rest"—
- 11 And your poverty will come in like a <sup>1</sup>vagabond,  
And your need like <sup>2</sup>an armed man.
- 12 A <sup>a</sup>worthless person, a wicked man,  
Is the one who walks with a <sup>b</sup>false mouth,
- 13 Who <sup>a</sup>winks with his eyes, who <sup>1</sup>signals with his feet,  
Who <sup>2</sup>points with his fingers;
- 14 Who <sup>with</sup> <sup>a</sup>perversity in his heart <sup>b</sup>devises evil continually,  
Who <sup>1c</sup>spreads strife.
- 15 Therefore <sup>a</sup>his calamity will come suddenly;  
<sup>b</sup>Instantly he will be broken, and there will be <sup>c</sup>no healing.
- 16 There are six things which the LORD hates,  
Yes, seven which are an abomination <sup>1</sup>to Him:
- 17 <sup>a</sup>Haughty eyes, a <sup>b</sup>lying tongue,  
And hands that <sup>c</sup>shed innocent blood,
- 18 A heart that devises <sup>a</sup>wicked plans,  
<sup>b</sup>Feet that run rapidly to evil,
- 19 A <sup>a</sup>false witness <sup>who</sup> utters lies,  
And one who <sup>1b</sup>spreads strife among brothers.
- 20 My son, observe the commandment of your father,  
And do not forsake the <sup>1</sup>teaching of your mother;
- 21 <sup>a</sup>Bind them continually on your heart;  
Tie them around your neck.
- 22 When you <sup>a</sup>walk about, <sup>1</sup>they will guide you;  
When you sleep, <sup>1</sup>they will watch over you;  
And when you awake, <sup>1</sup>they will talk to you.
- 23 For <sup>a</sup>the commandment is a lamp, and the <sup>1</sup>teaching is light;  
And reproofs for discipline are the way of life,
- 24 To <sup>a</sup>keep you from the evil woman,  
From the smooth tongue of the <sup>1</sup>adulteress.
- 25 <sup>a</sup>Do not desire her beauty in your heart,  
Nor let her catch you with her <sup>b</sup>eyelids.
- 26 For <sup>a</sup>on account of a harlot <sup>one</sup> is reduced to a loaf of bread,  
And <sup>1</sup>an adulteress <sup>b</sup>hunts for the precious life.
- 27 Can a man <sup>1</sup>take fire in his bosom,  
And his clothes not be burned?  
28 Or can a man walk on hot coals,  
And his feet not be scorched?  
29 So is the one who <sup>a</sup>goes in to his neighbor's wife;  
Whoever touches her <sup>b</sup>will not <sup>1</sup>go unpunished.
- 30 <sup>1</sup>Men do not despise a thief if he steals  
To <sup>a</sup>satisfy <sup>2</sup>himself when he is hungry;
- 7 <sup>a</sup>Prov. 30:27
- 8 <sup>a</sup>Prov. 10:5
- 10 <sup>1</sup>Lit. *lie down*  
<sup>a</sup>Prov. 24:33, 34
- 11 <sup>1</sup>Lit. *one who walks*  
<sup>2</sup>Lit. *a man of a shield*
- 12 <sup>a</sup>Prov. 16:27 <sup>b</sup>Prov. 4:24; 10:32
- 13 <sup>1</sup>Lit. *scrapes* <sup>2</sup>Lit. *instructs with*  
<sup>a</sup>Prov. 10:10; Ps. 35:19
- 14 <sup>1</sup>Lit. *sends out*  
<sup>a</sup>Prov. 17:20 <sup>b</sup>Prov. 3:29;  
Mic. 2:1 <sup>c</sup>Prov. 6:19; 16:28
- 15 <sup>a</sup>Prov. 24:22 <sup>b</sup>Is. 30:13,  
14; Jer. 19:11 <sup>c</sup>2 Cor. 36:16
- 16 <sup>1</sup>Lit. *of His soul*
- 17 <sup>a</sup>Prov. 21:4; 30:13; Ps. 18:27; 101:5 <sup>b</sup>Prov. 12:22;  
17:7; Ps. 31:18; 120:2 <sup>c</sup>Prov. 28:17; Deut. 19:10; Is. 1:15;  
59:7
- 18 <sup>a</sup>Prov. 24:2; Gen. 6:5  
<sup>b</sup>Prov. 1:16
- 19 <sup>1</sup>Lit. *sends out*  
<sup>a</sup>Prov. 12:17; 19:5, 9; 21:28;  
Ps. 27:12 <sup>b</sup>Prov. 6:14
- 20 <sup>1</sup>Or, *law*
- 21 <sup>a</sup>Prov. 3:3
- 22 <sup>1</sup>Lit. *she*  
<sup>a</sup>Prov. 3:23
- 23 <sup>1</sup>Or, *law*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 119:105
- 24 <sup>1</sup>Lit. *foreign woman*  
<sup>a</sup>Prov. 7:5; 5:3; 7:21
- 25 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 5:28 <sup>b</sup>2 Kin. 9:30; Jer. 4:30; Ezek. 23:40
- 26 <sup>1</sup>Lit. *a man's wife*  
<sup>a</sup>Prov. 5:9, 10; 29:3 <sup>b</sup>Prov. 7:23; Ezek. 13:18
- 27 <sup>1</sup>Lit. *snatch up*
- 29 <sup>1</sup>Lit. *be innocent*  
<sup>a</sup>Ezek. 18:6; 33:26 <sup>b</sup>Prov. 16:5
- 30 <sup>1</sup>Lit. *They do not; or, Do not men...?* <sup>2</sup>Lit. *his soul*  
<sup>a</sup>Job 38:39

31 <sup>1</sup>Or, *wealth*  
<sup>a</sup>Ex. 22:1-4

32 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *heart* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *his soul*  
<sup>a</sup>Prov. 7:7; 9:4, 16; 10:13, 21; 11:12; 12:11 <sup>b</sup>Prov. 7:22, 23

34 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *is the rage of*  
<sup>a</sup>Prov. 27:4; Song of Sol. 8:6 <sup>b</sup>Prov. 11:4; Lev. 20:10

35 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *lift up the face of any* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *willing* <sup>3</sup>Or, *bribes*

1 <sup>a</sup>Prov. 2:1; 6:20

2 <sup>1</sup>Or, *law* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *pupil*  
<sup>a</sup>Prov. 4:4 <sup>b</sup>Deut. 32:10; Ps. 17:8; Zech. 2:8

3 <sup>a</sup>Prov. 3:3

5 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *strange woman*  
<sup>2</sup>Lit., *is smooth*

6 <sup>a</sup>Judg. 5:28 <sup>b</sup>Song of Sol. 2:9

7 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *simple ones* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *sons* <sup>3</sup>Lit., *heart*  
<sup>a</sup>Prov. 1:22 <sup>b</sup>Prov. 6:32

8 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *steps*  
<sup>a</sup>Prov. 7:12 <sup>b</sup>Prov. 7:27

9 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *evening of the day* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *pupil (of the eye)*  
<sup>a</sup>Job 24:15

10 <sup>a</sup>Gen. 38:14, 15

11 <sup>a</sup>Prov. 9:13

12 <sup>a</sup>Prov. 9:14 <sup>b</sup>Prov. 23:28

13 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *She makes bold her face and says*  
<sup>a</sup>Prov. 21:29

14 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *"Sacrifices of peace offerings are with me*  
<sup>a</sup>Lev. 7:11 <sup>b</sup>Lev. 7:16

16 <sup>a</sup>Prov. 31:22 <sup>b</sup>Is. 19:9; Ezek. 27:7

17 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 45:8 <sup>b</sup>Ex. 30:23

19 <sup>1</sup>i.e., *my husband*

20 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *in his hand*  
<sup>a</sup>Gen. 42:35

- 31 But when he is found, he must <sup>a</sup>repay sevenfold;  
 He must give all the <sup>1</sup>substance of his house.
- 32 The one who commits adultery with a woman is <sup>a</sup>lacking <sup>1</sup>sense;  
 He who would <sup>b</sup>destroy <sup>2</sup>himself does it.
- 33 Wounds and disgrace he will find,  
 And his reproach will not be blotted out.
- 34 For <sup>a</sup>jealousy <sup>1</sup>enrages a man,  
 And he will not spare in the <sup>b</sup>day of vengeance.
- 35 He will not <sup>1</sup>accept any ransom,  
 Nor will he be <sup>2</sup>content though you give many <sup>3</sup>gifts.

CHAPTER 7

- M**Y son, <sup>a</sup>keep my words,  
 And treasure my commandments within you.
- 2 <sup>a</sup>Keep my commandments and live,  
 And my <sup>1</sup>teaching <sup>b</sup>as the <sup>2</sup>apple of your eye.
- 3 Bind them on your fingers;  
<sup>a</sup>Write them on the tablet of your heart.
- 4 Say to wisdom, "You are my sister,"  
 And call understanding *your* intimate friend;
- 5 That they may keep you from an <sup>1</sup>adulteress,  
 From the foreigner who <sup>2</sup>flatters with her words.
- 6 For <sup>a</sup>at the window of my house  
 I looked out <sup>b</sup>through my lattice,
- 7 And I saw among the <sup>1</sup>naive,  
 I discerned among the <sup>2</sup>youths,  
 A young man <sup>b</sup>lacking <sup>3</sup>sense,
- 8 Passing through the street near <sup>a</sup>her corner;  
 And he <sup>1</sup>takes the way to <sup>b</sup>her house,
- 9 In the <sup>a</sup>twilight, in the <sup>1</sup>evening,  
 In the <sup>2</sup>middle of the night and *in* the darkness.
- 10 And behold, a woman *comes* to meet him,  
<sup>a</sup>Dressed as a harlot and cunning of heart.
- 11 She is <sup>a</sup>boisterous and rebellious;  
 Her feet do not remain at home;
- 12 *She is* now in the streets, now <sup>a</sup>in the squares,  
 And <sup>b</sup>blurks by every corner.
- 13 So she seizes him and kisses him,  
<sup>1</sup>And with a <sup>a</sup>brazen face she says to him:
- 14 "I was due to offer <sup>a</sup>peace offerings;  
 Today I have <sup>b</sup>paid my vows.
- 15 "Therefore I have come out to meet you,  
 To seek your presence earnestly, and I have found you.
- 16 "I have spread my couch with <sup>a</sup>coverings,  
 With colored <sup>b</sup>linens of Egypt.
- 17 "I have sprinkled my bed  
 With <sup>a</sup>myrrh, aloes and <sup>b</sup>cinnamon.
- 18 "Come, let us drink our fill of love until morning;  
 Let us delight ourselves with caresses.
- 19 "For <sup>1</sup>the man is not at home,  
 He has gone on a long journey;
- 20 He has taken a <sup>a</sup>bag of money <sup>1</sup>with him,  
 At full moon he will come home."



- 21 With her many persuasions she entices him;  
With her <sup>1</sup>flattering lips she seduces him.
- 22 Suddenly he follows her,  
As an ox goes to the slaughter,  
Or as <sup>1</sup>one in fetters to the discipline of a fool,
- 23 Until an arrow pierces through his liver;  
As a <sup>1</sup>bird hastens to the snare,  
So he does not know that it *will cost him* his life.
- 24 Now therefore, *my sons*, <sup>1</sup>listen to me,  
And pay attention to the words of my mouth.
- 25 Do not let your heart <sup>1</sup>turn aside to her ways,  
Do not stray into her paths.
- 26 For many are the <sup>1</sup>victims she has cast down,  
And <sup>1</sup>numerous are all her slain.
- 27 Her <sup>1</sup>house is the way to Sheol,  
Descending to the chambers of death.

CHAPTER 8

- DOES not <sup>1</sup>wisdom call,  
And understanding <sup>1</sup>lift up her voice?
- 2 On top of <sup>1</sup>the heights beside the way,  
Where the paths meet, she takes her stand;
- 3 Beside the <sup>1</sup>gates, at the opening to the city,  
At the entrance of the doors, she cries out:
- 4 "To you, O men, I call,  
And my voice is to the sons of men.
- 5 "O <sup>1</sup>naive ones, discern prudence;  
And, O <sup>1</sup>fools, discern <sup>2</sup>wisdom.
- 6 "Listen, for I shall speak <sup>1</sup>noble things;  
And the opening of my lips *will produce* <sup>1</sup>bright things.
- 7 "For my <sup>1</sup>mouth will utter truth;  
And wickedness is an abomination to my lips.
- 8 "All the utterances of my mouth are in righteousness;  
There is nothing <sup>1</sup>crooked or perverted in them.
- 9 "They are all <sup>1</sup>straightforward to him who understands,  
And right to those who <sup>1</sup>find knowledge.
- 10 "Take my <sup>1</sup>instruction, and not silver,  
And knowledge rather than choicest gold.
- 11 "For wisdom is <sup>1</sup>better than <sup>1</sup>jewels;  
And <sup>1</sup>all desirable things can not compare with her.
- 12 "I, wisdom, <sup>1</sup>dwell with prudence,  
And I find <sup>1</sup>knowledge *and* discretion.
- 13 "The <sup>1</sup>fear of the LORD is to hate evil;  
<sup>1</sup>Pride and arrogance and <sup>1</sup>the evil way,  
And the <sup>1</sup>perverted mouth, I hate.
- 14 "A <sup>1</sup>Counsel is mine and <sup>1</sup>sound wisdom;  
I am understanding, <sup>1</sup>power is mine.
- 15 "By me <sup>1</sup>kings reign,  
And rulers decree justice.
- 16 "By me princes rule, and nobles,  
All who judge rightly.
- 17 "I <sup>1</sup>love those who love me;  
And <sup>1</sup>those who diligently seek me will find me.

21 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *smooth*  
<sup>1</sup>Prov. 5:3; 6:24

22 <sup>1</sup>Or, *as a stag goes into a trap*; so some ancient versions.

23 <sup>1</sup>Eccles. 9:12

24 <sup>1</sup>Prov. 5:7

25 <sup>1</sup>Prov. 5:8

26 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *mortally wounded*  
<sup>1</sup>Prov. 9:18

27 <sup>1</sup>Prov. 2:18; 5:5; 9:18

1 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *give*  
<sup>1</sup>Prov. 8:1-3; 1:20, 21

2 <sup>1</sup>Prov. 9:3, 14

3 <sup>1</sup>Job 29:7

5 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *simple* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *heart*  
<sup>1</sup>Prov. 1:4 <sup>1</sup>Prov. 1:22, 32; 3:35

6 <sup>1</sup>Prov. 22:20 <sup>1</sup>Prov. 23:16

7 <sup>1</sup>Ps. 37:30

8 <sup>1</sup>Prov. 2:15; Deut. 32:5; Phil. 2:15

9 <sup>1</sup>Prov. 14:6 <sup>1</sup>Prov. 3:13

10 <sup>1</sup>Prov. 8:19; 3:14, 15

11 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *corals*  
<sup>1</sup>Job 28:18 <sup>1</sup>Prov. 3:15

12 <sup>1</sup>Prov. 8:5 <sup>1</sup>Prov. 1:4

13 <sup>1</sup>Prov. 3:7; 16:6 <sup>1</sup>Prov. 16:18; 1 Sam. 2:3; Is. 13:11  
<sup>1</sup>Prov. 15:9 <sup>1</sup>Prov. 6:12

14 <sup>1</sup>Prov. 1:25; 19:20; Is. 28:29; Jer. 32:19 <sup>1</sup>Prov. 2:7; 3:21; 18:1 <sup>1</sup>Eccles. 7:19; 9:16

15 <sup>1</sup>Prov. 29:4; 2 Chr. 1:10

17 <sup>1</sup>Prov. 4:6; 1 Sam. 2:30; John 14:21 <sup>1</sup>Prov. 2:4, 5; James 1:5

Proverbs 8, 9

18 <sup>a</sup>Prov. 3:16 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 112:3;  
Matt. 6:33

19 <sup>a</sup>Prov. 3:14 <sup>b</sup>Prov.  
10:20

21 <sup>a</sup>Prov. 24:4

22 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *from then*  
<sup>a</sup>Prov. 3:19; Job 28:26-28;  
Ps. 104:24

23 <sup>1</sup>Or, *consecrated*  
<sup>a</sup>John 17:5

24 <sup>1</sup>Or, *born*  
<sup>a</sup>Prov. 3:20; Gen. 1:2; Ex.  
15:5; Job 38:16

25 <sup>1</sup>Or, *born*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 90:2

26 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *outside places*

27 <sup>a</sup>Prov. 3:19 <sup>b</sup>Job 26:10

28 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *strong*

29 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *mouth*  
<sup>a</sup>Job 38:10; Ps. 104:9 <sup>b</sup>Job  
38:6; Ps. 104:5

30 <sup>1</sup>Or, *Playing*  
<sup>a</sup>John 1:2, 3

31 <sup>1</sup>Or, *Playing*

32 <sup>a</sup>Prov. 5:7; 7:24 <sup>b</sup>Prov.  
29:18; Ps. 119:1, 2; 128:1;  
Luke 11:28

33 <sup>a</sup>Prov. 4:1

34 <sup>a</sup>Prov. 3:13, 18

35 <sup>a</sup>Prov. 4:22; John 17:3  
<sup>b</sup>Prov. 3:4; 12:2

36 <sup>1</sup>Or, *misses me*  
<sup>a</sup>Prov. 1:31, 32; 15:32  
<sup>b</sup>Prov. 5:12; 12:1 <sup>c</sup>Prov.  
21:6

1 <sup>a</sup>1 Cor. 3:9, 10; Eph.  
2:20-22; 1 Pet. 2:5

2 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *slaughtered her*  
*slaughter*  
<sup>a</sup>Matt. 22:4 <sup>b</sup>Song of Sol.  
8:2 <sup>c</sup>Luke 14:16, 17

3 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 68:11; Matt. 22:3  
<sup>b</sup>Prov. 8:1, 2 <sup>c</sup>Prov. 9:14

4 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *simple* <sup>2</sup>Lit.,  
*heart*  
<sup>a</sup>Prov. 9:16; 8:5 <sup>b</sup>Prov. 6:32

5 <sup>a</sup>Song of Sol. 5:1; Is.  
55:1; John 6:27

- 18 <sup>a</sup>Riches and honor are with me,  
Enduring <sup>b</sup>wealth and righteousness.
- 19 <sup>a</sup>My fruit is <sup>a</sup>better than gold, even pure gold,  
And my yield than <sup>b</sup>choicest silver.
- 20 <sup>a</sup>I walk in the way of righteousness,  
In the midst of the paths of justice,
- 21 To endow those who love me with wealth,  
That I may <sup>a</sup>fill their treasuries.
- 22 <sup>a</sup>The LORD possessed me <sup>a</sup>at the beginning of His way,  
Before His works <sup>1</sup>of old.
- 23 <sup>a</sup>From everlasting I was <sup>1</sup>established,  
From the beginning, <sup>a</sup>from the earliest times of the  
earth.
- 24 <sup>a</sup>When there were no <sup>a</sup>depths I was <sup>1</sup>brought forth,  
When there were no springs abounding with water.
- 25 <sup>a</sup>Before the mountains were settled,  
Before the hills I was <sup>1</sup>brought forth;
- 26 While He had not yet made the earth and the <sup>1</sup>fields,  
Nor the first dust of the world.
- 27 <sup>a</sup>When He <sup>a</sup>established the heavens, I was there,  
When <sup>b</sup>He inscribed a circle on the face of the deep,
- 28 When He made firm the skies above,  
When the springs of the deep became <sup>1</sup>fixed,
- 29 When <sup>a</sup>He set for the sea its boundary,  
So that the water should not transgress His <sup>1</sup>command,  
When He marked out <sup>b</sup>the foundations of the earth;
- 30 Then <sup>a</sup>I was beside Him, as a master workman;  
And I was daily *His* delight,  
<sup>1</sup>Rejoicing always before Him,
- 31 <sup>1</sup>Rejoicing in the world, His earth,  
And *having* my delight in the sons of men.
- 32 <sup>a</sup>Now therefore, O sons, <sup>a</sup>listen to me,  
For <sup>b</sup>blessed are they who keep my ways.
- 33 <sup>a</sup>Heed instruction and be wise,  
And do not neglect *it*.
- 34 <sup>a</sup>Blessed is the man who listens to me,  
Watching daily at my gates,  
Waiting at my doorposts.
- 35 <sup>a</sup>For <sup>a</sup>he who finds me finds life,  
And <sup>b</sup>obtains favor from the LORD.
- 36 <sup>a</sup>But he who <sup>1</sup>sins against me <sup>a</sup>injures himself;  
All those who <sup>b</sup>hate me <sup>c</sup>love death."

CHAPTER 9

- WISDOM has <sup>a</sup>built her house,  
She has hewn out her seven pillars;
- 2 She has <sup>1</sup>prepared her food, she has <sup>b</sup>mixed her wine;  
She has also <sup>c</sup>set her table;
- 3 She has <sup>a</sup>sent out her maidens, she <sup>b</sup>calls  
From the <sup>c</sup>tops of the heights of the city:
- 4 <sup>a</sup>"Whoever is <sup>1</sup>naive, let him turn in here!"  
To him who <sup>b</sup>blacks <sup>2</sup>understanding she says,
- 5 <sup>a</sup>"Come, <sup>a</sup>eat of my food,  
And drink of the wine I have mixed.

**The Foolish Woman.  
Contrast of the Upright and the Wicked.**

**Proverbs 9, 10**

- 6 "Forsake <sup>1</sup>your folly and <sup>2</sup>live,  
And <sup>b</sup>proceed in the way of understanding."
- 7 He who <sup>a</sup>corrects a scoffer gets dishonor for himself,  
And he who reproves a wicked man <sup>gets</sup> <sup>1</sup>insults for himself.
- 8 <sup>a</sup>Do not reprove a scoffer, lest he hate you,  
<sup>b</sup>Reprove a wise man, and he will love you.
- 9 Give *instruction* to a wise man, and he will be still wiser,  
Teach a righteous man, and he will <sup>a</sup>increase *his* learning.
- 10 The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom,  
And the knowledge of the Holy One is understanding.
- 11 For <sup>a</sup>by me your days will be multiplied,  
And years of life will be added to you.
- 12 If you are wise, you are wise <sup>a</sup>for yourself,  
And if you <sup>b</sup>scoff, you alone will bear it.
- 13 The <sup>1</sup>woman of folly is <sup>a</sup>boisterous,  
*She is* <sup>2</sup>naive, and <sup>b</sup>knows nothing.
- 14 And she sits at the doorway of her house,  
On a seat by <sup>a</sup>the high places of the city,
- 15 Calling to those who pass by,  
Who are making their paths straight:
- 16 "Whoever is <sup>1</sup>naive, let him turn in here,"  
And to him who lacks <sup>2</sup>understanding she says,
- 17 "Stolen <sup>a</sup>water is sweet;  
And <sup>b</sup>bread *eaten* in secret is pleasant."
- 18 But he does not know that the <sup>1</sup>dead are there,  
*That* her guests are in the <sup>a</sup>depths of Sheol.

CHAPTER 10

**T**HE <sup>a</sup>proverbs of Solomon.

- <sup>b</sup>A wise son makes a father glad,  
But <sup>c</sup>a foolish son is a grief to his mother.
- 2 <sup>1</sup>All-gotten gains do not profit,  
But righteousness delivers from death.
- 3 The LORD <sup>a</sup>will not allow the <sup>1</sup>righteous to hunger,  
But He <sup>b</sup>will thrust *aside* the craving of the wicked.
- 4 Poor is he who works with a negligent hand,  
But the hand of the diligent makes rich.
- 5 He who gathers in summer is a son who acts wisely,  
But he who sleeps in harvest is a son who acts shamefully.
- 6 <sup>a</sup>Blessings are on the head of the righteous,  
But <sup>b</sup>the mouth of the wicked conceals violence.
- 7 The <sup>a</sup>memory of the righteous is blessed,  
But <sup>b</sup>the name of the wicked will rot.
- 8 The <sup>a</sup>wise of heart will receive commands,  
But <sup>a</sup>babbling fool will be thrown down.
- 9 He <sup>a</sup>who walks in integrity walks securely,  
But <sup>b</sup>he who perverts his ways will be found out.
- 10 He <sup>a</sup>who winks the eye causes trouble,  
And <sup>1</sup><sup>b</sup>a babbling fool will be thrown down.

6 <sup>1</sup>Or, *the simple ones*  
<sup>a</sup>Prov. 9:11; 8:35 <sup>b</sup>Ezek.  
11:20; 37:24

7 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *a blemish*  
<sup>a</sup>Prov. 23:9

8 <sup>a</sup>Prov. 15:12; Matt. 7:6  
<sup>b</sup>Prov. 10:8; Ps. 141:5

9 <sup>a</sup>Prov. 1:5

11 <sup>a</sup>Prov. 3:16; 10:27

12 <sup>a</sup>Prov. 14:14; Job 22:2  
<sup>b</sup>Prov. 19:29

13 <sup>1</sup>Or, *foolish woman*  
<sup>2</sup>Lit., *simple*  
<sup>a</sup>Prov. 7:11 <sup>b</sup>Prov. 5:6

14 <sup>a</sup>Prov. 9:3

16 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *simple* <sup>2</sup>Lit.,  
*heart*  
<sup>a</sup>Prov. 9:4

17 <sup>a</sup>Prov. 5:15 <sup>b</sup>Prov.  
20:17

18 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *departed spirits*  
<sup>a</sup>Prov. 7:27

1 <sup>a</sup>Prov. 1:1 <sup>b</sup>Prov. 15:20;  
29:3 <sup>c</sup>Prov. 17:25; 29:15

2 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *Treasures of  
wickedness*  
<sup>a</sup>Prov. 11:4; 21:6; Ps. 49:6,  
7; Ezek. 7:19; Luke 12:19,  
20

3 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *soul of the  
righteous*  
<sup>a</sup>Prov. 28:25; Ps. 34:9, 10;  
37:25; Matt. 6:33 <sup>b</sup>Prov.  
28:9; Ps. 112:10

6 <sup>a</sup>Prov. 28:20 <sup>b</sup>Prov.  
10:11; Obad. 10

7 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 112:6 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 9:5, 6;  
109:13; Eccles. 8:10

8 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *the foolish of lips*  
<sup>a</sup>Prov. 9:8; Matt. 7:24

9 <sup>a</sup>Prov. 3:23; 28:18; Ps.  
23:4; Is. 33:15, 16 <sup>b</sup>Prov.  
26:26; Matt. 10:26; 1 Tim.  
5:25

10 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *the foolish of lips*  
<sup>a</sup>Prov. 6:13; Ps. 35:19  
<sup>b</sup>Prov. 10:8

11 <sup>a</sup>Prov. 13:14; 18:4; Ps. 37:30 <sup>b</sup>Prov. 10:6

12 <sup>a</sup>Prov. 17:9; 1 Cor. 13:4-7; James 5:20; 1 Pet. 4:8

13 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *heart*  
<sup>a</sup>Prov. 10:31 <sup>b</sup>Prov. 19:29; 26:3

14 <sup>a</sup>Prov. 9:9 <sup>b</sup>Prov. 10:8, 10; 13:3; 18:7; 21:15

15 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *strong city*  
<sup>a</sup>Prov. 18:11; Job 31:24; Ps. 52:7 <sup>b</sup>Prov. 19:7

16 <sup>1</sup>Or, *work*  
<sup>a</sup>Prov. 11:18, 19

17 <sup>a</sup>Prov. 6:23

18 <sup>a</sup>Prov. 26:24

19 <sup>a</sup>Prov. 18:21; Job 11:2; Eccles. 5:3 <sup>b</sup>Prov. 17:27; James 1:19; 3:2

20 <sup>a</sup>Prov. 8:19

21 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *heart*  
<sup>a</sup>Prov. 10:11 <sup>b</sup>Prov. 5:23; Hos. 4:6

22 <sup>a</sup>Prov. 8:21; Gen. 24:35; 26:12; Deut. 8:18

23 <sup>a</sup>Prov. 2:14; 15:21

24 <sup>a</sup>Prov. 1:27; Job 15:21; Is. 66:4 <sup>b</sup>Prov. 15:8; Ps. 145:19; Matt. 5:6; 1 John 5:14, 15

25 <sup>a</sup>Prov. 12:7; Job 21:18; Ps. 58:9 <sup>b</sup>Prov. 12:3; Ps. 15:5; Matt. 7:24, 25

26 <sup>a</sup>Prov. 26:6

27 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *days*  
<sup>a</sup>Prov. 3:2; 9:11; 14:27 <sup>b</sup>Job 15:32, 33; 22:16; Ps. 55:23

28 <sup>a</sup>Prov. 11:23 <sup>b</sup>Prov. 11:7; Job 8:13; 11:20

29 <sup>a</sup>Prov. 13:6 <sup>b</sup>Prov. 21:15

30 <sup>a</sup>Prov. 2:21; Ps. 37:29; 125:1 <sup>b</sup>Prov. 2:22

31 <sup>a</sup>Prov. 10:13; Ps. 37:30 <sup>b</sup>Prov. 17:20

32 <sup>a</sup>Eccles. 12:10 <sup>b</sup>Prov. 2:12; 6:12

1 <sup>a</sup>Prov. 20:10, 23; Lev. 19:35, 36; Deut. 25:13-16; Mic. 6:11 <sup>b</sup>Prov. 16:11

2 <sup>a</sup>Prov. 16:18; 18:12; 29:23

3 <sup>a</sup>Prov. 13:6 <sup>b</sup>Prov. 19:3; 22:12

11 The <sup>a</sup>mouth of the righteous is a fountain of life,  
But <sup>b</sup>the mouth of the wicked conceals violence.

12 Hatred stirs up strife,  
But <sup>a</sup>love covers all transgressions.

13 On <sup>a</sup>the lips of the discerning, wisdom is found,  
But <sup>b</sup>a rod is for the back of him who lacks <sup>1</sup>understanding.

14 Wise men <sup>a</sup>store up knowledge,  
But with <sup>b</sup>the mouth of the foolish, ruin is at hand.

15 The <sup>a</sup>rich man's wealth is his <sup>1</sup>fortress,  
The <sup>b</sup>ruin of the poor is their poverty.

16 The <sup>1</sup>awages of the righteous is life,  
The income of the wicked, punishment.

17 He <sup>a</sup>is on the path of life who heeds instruction,  
But he who forsakes reproof goes astray.

18 He <sup>a</sup>who conceals hatred *has* lying lips,  
And he who spreads slander is a fool.

19 When there are <sup>a</sup>many words, transgression is unavoidable,  
But <sup>b</sup>he who restrains his lips is wise.

20 The tongue of the righteous is *as* <sup>a</sup>choice silver,  
The heart of the wicked is *worth* little.

21 The <sup>1</sup>lips of the righteous feed many,  
But fools <sup>b</sup>die for lack of <sup>1</sup>understanding.

22 It is the <sup>a</sup>blessing of the LORD that makes rich,  
And He adds no sorrow to it.

23 Doing wickedness is like <sup>a</sup>sport to a fool;  
And *so is* wisdom to a man of understanding.

24 What <sup>a</sup>the wicked fears will come upon him,  
And the <sup>b</sup>desire of the righteous will be granted.

25 When the <sup>a</sup>whirlwind passes, the wicked is no more,  
But the <sup>b</sup>righteous *has* an everlasting foundation.

26 Like vinegar to the teeth and smoke to the eyes,  
So is the <sup>a</sup>lazy one to those who send him.

27 The <sup>a</sup>fear of the LORD prolongs <sup>1</sup>life,  
But the <sup>b</sup>years of the wicked will be shortened.

28 The <sup>a</sup>hope of the righteous is gladness,  
But the <sup>b</sup>expectation of the wicked perishes.

29 The <sup>a</sup>away of the LORD is a stronghold to the upright,  
But <sup>b</sup>ruin to the workers of iniquity.

30 The <sup>a</sup>righteous will never be shaken,  
But <sup>b</sup>the wicked will not dwell in the land.

31 The <sup>a</sup>mouth of the righteous flows with wisdom,  
But the <sup>b</sup>perverted tongue will be cut out.

32 The lips of the righteous bring forth <sup>a</sup>what is acceptable,  
But the <sup>b</sup>mouth of the wicked, what is perverted.

CHAPTER 11

**A** <sup>a</sup>FALSE balance is an abomination to the LORD,  
But a <sup>b</sup>just weight is His delight.

2 When <sup>a</sup>pride comes, then comes dishonor,  
But with the humble is wisdom.

3 The <sup>a</sup>integrity of the upright will guide them,  
But the <sup>b</sup>falseness of the treacherous will destroy them.

- 4 <sup>a</sup>Riches do not profit in the day of wrath,  
But <sup>b</sup>righteousness delivers from death.
- 5 The <sup>a</sup>righteousness of the blameless will smooth his way,  
But <sup>b</sup>the wicked will fall by his own wickedness.
- 6 The righteousness of the upright will deliver them,  
But the treacherous will <sup>a</sup>be caught by *their own* greed.
- 7 When a wicked man dies, *his* <sup>a</sup>expectation will perish,  
And the <sup>b</sup>hope of strong men perishes.
- 8 The righteous is delivered from trouble,  
But the wicked <sup>1</sup>takes his place.
- 9 With *his* <sup>a</sup>mouth the godless man destroys his neighbor,  
But through knowledge the <sup>b</sup>righteous will be delivered.
- 10 When it <sup>a</sup>goes well with the righteous, the city rejoices,  
And when the wicked perish, there is glad shouting.
- 11 By the blessing of the upright a city is exalted,  
But by the mouth of the wicked it is torn down.
- 12 He who despises his neighbor lacks <sup>1</sup>sense,  
But a man of understanding keeps silent.
- 13 He <sup>a</sup>who goes about as a talebearer reveals secrets,  
But he who is <sup>1</sup>trustworthy <sup>b</sup>conceals a matter.
- 14 Where there is no <sup>a</sup>guidance, the people fall,  
But in abundance of counselors there is <sup>1</sup>victory.
- 15 He who is <sup>a</sup>surety for a stranger will surely suffer for it,  
But he who hates <sup>1</sup>going surety is safe.
- 16 A <sup>a</sup>gracious woman attains honor,  
And violent men attain riches.
- 17 The <sup>a</sup>merciful man does <sup>1</sup>himself good,  
But the cruel man <sup>2</sup>does himself harm.
- 18 The wicked earns deceptive wages,  
But he who <sup>a</sup>sows righteousness *gets* a true reward.
- 19 He who is steadfast in <sup>a</sup>righteousness *will attain* to life,  
And <sup>b</sup>he who pursues evil *will bring about* his own death.
- 20 The perverse in heart are an abomination to the LORD,  
But the <sup>a</sup>blameless in *their* <sup>1</sup>walk are His <sup>b</sup>delight.
- 21 <sup>1</sup>Assuredly, the evil man will not go unpunished,  
But the <sup>2</sup>descendants of the righteous will be delivered.
- 22 As a <sup>a</sup>ring of gold in a swine's snout,  
So is a beautiful woman who lacks <sup>1</sup>discretion.
- 23 The desire of the righteous is only good,  
But the <sup>a</sup>expectation of the wicked is wrath.
- 24 There is one who scatters, yet increases all the more,  
And there is one who withholds what is justly due, but  
*it results* only in want.
- 25 The <sup>1</sup>generous man will be <sup>2</sup>prosperous,  
And he who <sup>b</sup>waters will himself be watered.
- 26 He who withholds grain, the <sup>a</sup>people will curse him,  
But <sup>b</sup>blessing will be on the head of him who <sup>c</sup>sells *it*.
- 27 He who diligently seeks good seeks favor,  
But <sup>a</sup>he who searches after evil, it will come to him.
- 28 He who <sup>a</sup>trusts in his riches will fall,  
But <sup>b</sup>the righteous will flourish like the *green* leaf.
- 29 He who <sup>a</sup>troubles his own house will <sup>b</sup>inherit wind,  
And <sup>c</sup>the foolish will be servant to the wisehearted.
- 30 The fruit of the righteous is <sup>a</sup>a tree of life,  
And <sup>b</sup>he who is wise <sup>1</sup>wins souls.

4 <sup>a</sup>Prov. 10:2; Ezek. 7:19;  
Zeph. 1:18 <sup>b</sup>Gen. 7:1

5 <sup>a</sup>Prov. 3:6 <sup>b</sup>Prov. 5:22

6 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 7:15, 16; 9:15;  
Eccles. 10:8

7 <sup>a</sup>Prov. 10:28 <sup>b</sup>Job  
8:13, 14

8 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *enters*

9 <sup>a</sup>Prov. 16:29 <sup>b</sup>Prov.  
11:6

10 <sup>a</sup>Prov. 28:12

12 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *heart*

13 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *faithful of spirit*  
<sup>a</sup>Prov. 20:19; Lev. 19:16;  
<sup>1</sup>Tim. 5:13 <sup>b</sup>Prov. 19:11

14 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *deliverance*  
<sup>a</sup>Prov. 15:22; 20:18; 24:6

15 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *those who strike  
hands*  
<sup>a</sup>Prov. 6:1; 27:13

16 <sup>a</sup>Prov. 31:28, 30

17 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *good to his own  
soul* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *troubles his flesh*  
<sup>a</sup>Matt. 5:7; 25:34-36

18 <sup>a</sup>Hos. 10:12; Cal. 6:8,  
9; James 3:18

19 <sup>a</sup>Prov. 10:16; 12:28;  
19:23 <sup>b</sup>Prov. 21:16; Rom.  
6:23; James 1:15

20 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *way*  
<sup>a</sup>Prov. 13:6; Ps. 119:1  
<sup>b</sup>1 Cor. 29:17

21 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *Hand to hand*  
<sup>2</sup>Lit., *seed*

22 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *taste*  
<sup>a</sup>Gen. 24:47

23 <sup>a</sup>Prov. 10:28; Rom.  
2:8, 9

25 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *soul of blessing*  
<sup>2</sup>Lit., *made fat*  
<sup>a</sup>Prov. 3:9, 10; 2 Cor. 9:6, 7  
<sup>b</sup>Matt. 5:7

26 <sup>a</sup>Prov. 24:24 <sup>b</sup>Job 29:13  
<sup>c</sup>Gen. 42:6

27 <sup>a</sup>Esth. 7:10; Ps. 7:15,  
16; 57:6

28 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 49:6; Mark 10:24;  
<sup>1</sup>Tim. 6:17 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 1:3; 92:12;  
Jer. 17:8

29 <sup>a</sup>Prov. 15:27 <sup>b</sup>Eccles.  
5:16 <sup>c</sup>Prov. 14:19

30 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *takes*  
<sup>a</sup>Prov. 3:18 <sup>b</sup>Prov. 14:25;  
Dan. 12:3; 1 Cor. 9:19-22;  
James 5:20

31 <sup>a</sup>Prov. 13:21; 2 Sam. 22:21, 25

1 <sup>l</sup>Or, instruction

2 <sup>l</sup>Lit., of evil devices  
<sup>a</sup>Prov. 3:4; 8:35

3 <sup>a</sup>Prov. 11:5 <sup>b</sup>Prov. 10:25

4 <sup>l</sup>Or, virtuous  
<sup>a</sup>Prov. 31:11; 1 Cor. 11:7  
<sup>b</sup>Prov. 14:30; Hab. 3:16

6 <sup>a</sup>Prov. 1:11, 16 <sup>b</sup>Prov. 14:3

7 <sup>a</sup>Prov. 10:25; Job 34:25  
<sup>b</sup>Matt. 7:24-27

8 <sup>l</sup>Lit., heart

10 <sup>a</sup>Deut. 25:4

11 <sup>l</sup>Lit., heart

12 <sup>l</sup>Lit., net  
<sup>a</sup>Prov. 21:10 <sup>b</sup>Prov. 11:30

13 <sup>l</sup>Lit., In the transgression of the lips is an evil snare  
<sup>a</sup>Prov. 11:8; 21:23; 2 Pet. 2:9

14 <sup>l</sup>Lit., mouth  
<sup>a</sup>Prov. 13:2; 15:23; 18:20  
<sup>b</sup>Prov. 1:31; 24:12; Job 34:11; Is. 3:10, 11; Hos. 4:9

15 <sup>a</sup>Prov. 14:12; 16:2; 21:2

16 <sup>a</sup>Prov. 14:33; 27:3; 29:11

17 <sup>l</sup>Lit., breathes

18 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 57:4 <sup>b</sup>Prov. 4:22; 15:4

19 <sup>a</sup>Prov. 19:9; Ps. 52:4, 5

21 <sup>a</sup>Prov. 1:33; Ps. 91:10; 121:7; 1 Pet. 3:13

23 <sup>a</sup>Prov. 10:14; 11:13; 13:16; 15:2; 29:11

24 <sup>l</sup>Lit., slackness  
<sup>a</sup>Gen. 49:15; Judg. 1:28; 1 Kin. 9:21

31 If <sup>a</sup>the righteous will be rewarded in the earth,  
How much more the wicked and the sinner!

CHAPTER 12

WHOEVER loves <sup>1</sup>discipline loves knowledge,  
But he who hates reproof is stupid.

2 A <sup>a</sup>good man will obtain favor from the LORD,  
But He will condemn a man <sup>1</sup>who devises evil.

3 A man will <sup>a</sup>not be established by wickedness,  
But the root of the <sup>b</sup>righteous will not be moved.

4 An <sup>1a</sup>excellent wife is the crown of her husband,  
But she who shames *him* is as <sup>b</sup>rottenness in his bones.

5 The thoughts of the righteous are just,  
But the counsels of the wicked are deceitful.

6 The <sup>a</sup>words of the wicked lie in wait for blood,  
But the <sup>b</sup>mouth of the upright will deliver them.

7 The <sup>a</sup>wicked are overthrown and are no more,  
But the <sup>b</sup>house of the righteous will stand.

8 A man will be praised according to his insight,  
But one of perverse <sup>1</sup>mind will be despised.

9 Better is he who is lightly esteemed and has a servant,  
Than he who honors himself and lacks bread.

10 A <sup>a</sup>righteous man has regard for the life of his beast,  
But the compassion of the wicked is cruel.

11 He who tills his land will have plenty of bread,  
But he who pursues vain *things* lacks <sup>1</sup>sense.

12 The <sup>a</sup>wicked desires the <sup>1b</sup>booty of evil men,  
But the root of the righteous <sup>b</sup>yields *fruit*.

13 <sup>1</sup>An evil man is ensnared by the transgression of his lips,  
But the <sup>a</sup>righteous will escape from trouble.

14 A man will be <sup>a</sup>satisfied with good by the fruit of his <sup>1</sup>words,  
And the <sup>b</sup>deeds of a man's hands will return to him.

15 The <sup>a</sup>way of a fool is right in his own eyes,  
But a wise man is he who listens to counsel.

16 A <sup>a</sup>fool's vexation is known at once,  
But a prudent man conceals dishonor.

17 He who <sup>1</sup>speaks truth tells what is right,  
But a false witness, deceit.

18 There is one who <sup>a</sup>speaks rashly like the thrusts of a sword,  
But the <sup>b</sup>tongue of the wise brings healing.

19 Truthful lips will be established forever,  
But a <sup>a</sup>lying tongue is only for a moment.

20 Deceit is in the heart of those who devise evil,  
But counselors of peace have joy.

21 <sup>a</sup>No harm befalls the righteous,  
But the wicked are filled with trouble.

22 Lying lips are an abomination to the LORD,  
But those who deal faithfully are His delight.

23 A <sup>a</sup>prudent man conceals knowledge,  
But the heart of fools proclaims folly.

24 The hand of the diligent will rule,  
But the <sup>1</sup>slack *hand* will be <sup>a</sup>put to forced labor.

- 25 <sup>a</sup>Anxiety in the heart of a man weighs it down,  
But a <sup>b</sup>good word makes it glad.
- 26 The righteous is a guide to his neighbor,  
But the way of the wicked leads them astray.
- 27 A <sup>1</sup>slothful man does not <sup>2</sup>roast his prey,  
But the <sup>a</sup>precious possession of a man is diligence.
- 28 In the way of righteousness is life,  
And in its pathway there is no death.

CHAPTER 13

- A <sup>a</sup>WISE son *accepts his father's discipline,*  
But a <sup>b</sup>scoffer does not listen to rebuke.
- 2 From the fruit of a man's mouth he <sup>1a</sup>enjoys good,  
But the <sup>2</sup>desire of the treacherous is <sup>b</sup>violence.
- 3 The one who <sup>a</sup>guards his mouth preserves his life;  
The one who <sup>b</sup>opens wide his lips <sup>1</sup>comes to ruin.
- 4 The soul of the sluggard craves and *gets* nothing,  
But the soul of the diligent is made fat.
- 5 A righteous man hates falsehood,  
But a wicked man <sup>1a</sup>acts disgustingly and shamefully.
- 6 Righteousness guards the <sup>1</sup>one whose way is blameless,  
But wickedness subverts the <sup>2</sup>sinner.
- 7 There is one who <sup>a</sup>pretends to be rich, but has nothing;  
*Another* <sup>1</sup>pretends to be <sup>b</sup>poor, but has great wealth.
- 8 The ransom of a man's life is his riches,  
But the poor hears no rebuke.
- 9 The <sup>a</sup>light of the righteous <sup>1</sup>rejoices,  
But the <sup>b</sup>lamp of the wicked goes out.
- 10 Through presumption <sup>1</sup>comes nothing but strife,  
But with those who receive counsel is wisdom.
- 11 Wealth *obtained* by <sup>1</sup>fraud dwindles,  
But the one who gathers <sup>2</sup>by labor increases it.
- 12 Hope deferred *makes* the heart sick,  
But desire <sup>1</sup>fulfilled is a tree of life.
- 13 The one who <sup>a</sup>despises the word will be <sup>1</sup>in debt to it,  
But the one who fears the commandment will be <sup>b</sup>re-warded.
- 14 The <sup>1</sup>teaching of the wise is a <sup>a</sup>fountain of life,  
To turn aside from the <sup>b</sup>snares of death.
- 15 <sup>a</sup>Good understanding produces favor,  
But the way of the treacherous is hard.
- 16 Every prudent man acts with knowledge,  
But a fool <sup>1</sup>displays folly.
- 17 A wicked messenger falls into adversity,  
But <sup>a</sup>a faithful envoy *brings* healing.
- 18 Poverty and shame *will come* to him who <sup>a</sup>neglects  
<sup>1</sup>discipline,  
But he who regards reproof will be honored.
- 19 Desire realized is sweet to the soul,  
But it is an abomination to fools to depart from evil.
- 20 <sup>a</sup>He who walks with wise men will be wise,  
But the <sup>b</sup>companion of fools will suffer harm.
- 21 <sup>a</sup>Adversity pursues sinners,  
But the <sup>b</sup>righteous will be rewarded with prosperity.

25 <sup>a</sup>Prov. 15:13 <sup>b</sup>Is. 50:4

27 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *slackness* <sup>2</sup>Or, *catch*  
<sup>a</sup>Prov. 10:4; 13:4

1 <sup>a</sup>Prov. 10:1; 15:20  
<sup>b</sup>Prov. 9:7; 8; 15:12

2 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *eats* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *soul*  
<sup>a</sup>Prov. 12:14 <sup>b</sup>Prov. 1:31;  
Hos. 10:13

3 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *ruin is his*  
<sup>a</sup>Prov. 18:21; 21:23; James  
3:2 <sup>b</sup>Prov. 18:7; 20:19

5 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *causes a bad  
odor and causes shame*  
<sup>a</sup>Prov. 3:35

6 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *blamelessness of  
way* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *sin*

7 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *impoverishes  
himself*  
<sup>a</sup>Prov. 11:24; Luke 12:20,  
21 <sup>b</sup>Luke 12:33; 2 Cor.  
6:10; James 2:5

9 <sup>1</sup>i.e., *shines brightly*  
<sup>a</sup>Prov. 4:18; Job 29:3 <sup>b</sup>Prov.  
24:20; Job 18:5

10 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *gives*

11 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *vanity* <sup>2</sup>Or,  
*gradually*; lit., *on the hand*

12 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *coming*

13 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *pledged to it*  
<sup>a</sup>Num. 15:31; 2 Chr. 36:16  
<sup>b</sup>Prov. 13:21

14 <sup>1</sup>Or, *law*  
<sup>a</sup>Prov. 10:11; 14:27 <sup>b</sup>Ps.  
18:5

15 <sup>a</sup>Prov. 3:4; Ps. 111:10

16 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *spreads out*

17 <sup>a</sup>Prov. 25:13

18 <sup>1</sup>Or, *instruction*  
<sup>a</sup>Prov. 15:5; 32

20 <sup>a</sup>Prov. 2:20; 15:31  
<sup>b</sup>Prov. 28:19

21 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 32:10; 54:5; Is.  
47:11 <sup>b</sup>Prov. 13:13; 11:31;  
Is. 3:10

22 <sup>1</sup>Lit., sons' sons  
<sup>a</sup>Ezra 9:12; Ps. 37:25 <sup>b</sup>Prov. 28:8; Job 27:16, 17; Eccles. 2:26

23 <sup>1</sup>Lit., there is what is swept

24 <sup>1</sup>Lit., seeks him diligently with discipline  
<sup>a</sup>Prov. 19:18; 22:15; 23:13, 14; 29:15, 17 <sup>b</sup>Prov. 3:12; Deut. 8:5; Heb. 12:7

25 <sup>1</sup>Lit., eats to the satisfaction of his soul  
<sup>a</sup>Prov. 10:3; Ps. 34:10; 103:5; 132:15 <sup>b</sup>Prov. 13:18; Luke 15:14

2 <sup>a</sup>Prov. 19:1; 28:6 <sup>b</sup>Prov. 2:15

3 <sup>1</sup>Lit., of pride

5 <sup>1</sup>Lit., breathes out  
<sup>a</sup>Rev. 1:5; 3:14 <sup>b</sup>Prov. 6:19; 12:17; Ex. 23:1; Deut. 19:16  
<sup>c</sup>Prov. 19:5

7 <sup>1</sup>Lit., know <sup>2</sup>Lit., lips  
<sup>a</sup>Prov. 23:9

9 <sup>1</sup>Lit., guilt <sup>2</sup>Or, the favor of God  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 1:11; Hos. 4:19 <sup>b</sup>Prov. 3:34; 11:20

10 <sup>a</sup>1 Sam. 1:10; Job 21:25

12 <sup>a</sup>Prov. 12:15; 16:25  
<sup>b</sup>Rom. 6:21

13 <sup>a</sup>Eccles. 2:1, 2

14 <sup>1</sup>Lit., from himself  
<sup>a</sup>Prov. 1:31; 12:21 <sup>b</sup>Prov. 12:14; 18:20

15 <sup>1</sup>Lit., simple

16 <sup>1</sup>Lit., fears  
<sup>a</sup>Prov. 3:7; 22:3; Job 28:28; Ps. 34:14

18 <sup>1</sup>Lit., simple

19 <sup>a</sup>Prov. 11:29; 1 Sam. 2:36

21 <sup>1</sup>Or, afflicted  
<sup>a</sup>Prov. 11:12 <sup>b</sup>Prov. 19:17; 28:8; Ps. 41:1

- 22 A good man <sup>a</sup>leaves an inheritance to his <sup>1</sup>children's children,  
 And the <sup>b</sup>wealth of the sinner is stored up for the righteous.
- 23 Abundant food is in the fallow ground of the poor,  
 But <sup>1</sup>it is swept away by injustice.
- 24 He who <sup>a</sup>s pares his rod hates his son,  
 But he who loves him <sup>b</sup>disciplines him diligently.
- 25 The <sup>a</sup>righteous <sup>1</sup>has enough to satisfy his appetite,  
 But the stomach of the <sup>b</sup>wicked is in want.

CHAPTER 14

- T**HE wise woman builds her house,  
 But the foolish tears it down with her own hands.
- 2 He who <sup>a</sup>walks in his uprightness fears the LORD,  
 But he who is <sup>b</sup>crooked in his ways despises Him.
- 3 In the mouth of the foolish is a rod <sup>1</sup>for his back,  
 But the lips of the wise will preserve them.
- 4 Where no oxen are, the manger is clean,  
 But much increase comes by the strength of the ox.
- 5 A <sup>a</sup>faithful witness will not lie,  
 But a <sup>b</sup>false witness <sup>1</sup>speaks lies.
- 6 A scoffer seeks wisdom, and finds none,  
 But knowledge is easy to him who has understanding.
- 7 Leave the <sup>a</sup>presence of a fool,  
 Or you will not <sup>1</sup>discern <sup>2</sup>words of knowledge.
- 8 The wisdom of the prudent is to understand his way,  
 But the folly of fools is deceit.
- 9 <sup>a</sup>Fools mock at <sup>1</sup>sin,  
 But <sup>b</sup>among the upright there is <sup>2</sup>good will.
- 10 The heart knows its own <sup>a</sup>bitterness,  
 And a stranger does not share its joy.
- 11 The house of the wicked will be destroyed,  
 But the tent of the upright will flourish.
- 12 There <sup>a</sup>is a way which seems right to a man,  
 But its <sup>b</sup>end is the way of death.
- 13 Even in laughter the heart may be in pain,  
 And the <sup>a</sup>end of joy may be grief.
- 14 The backslider in heart will have his <sup>a</sup>fill of his own ways,  
 But a good man will <sup>b</sup>be satisfied <sup>1</sup>with his.
- 15 The <sup>1</sup>naive believes everything,  
 But the prudent man considers his steps.
- 16 A wise man <sup>1</sup>is cautious and <sup>a</sup>turns away from evil,  
 But a fool is arrogant and careless.
- 17 A quick-tempered man acts foolishly,  
 And a man of evil devices is hated.
- 18 The <sup>1</sup>naive inherit folly,  
 But the prudent are crowned with knowledge.
- 19 The <sup>a</sup>evil will bow down before the good,  
 And the wicked at the gates of the righteous.
- 20 The poor is hated even by his neighbor,  
 But those who love the rich are many.
- 21 He who <sup>a</sup>despises his neighbor sins,  
 But <sup>b</sup>happy is he who is gracious to the <sup>1</sup>poor.



- 22 Will they not go astray who <sup>a</sup>devise evil?  
But kindness and truth *will be* to those who devise good.
- 23 In all labor there is profit,  
But <sup>l</sup>mere talk *leads* only to poverty.
- 24 The <sup>a</sup>crown of the wise is their riches,  
But the folly of fools is foolishness.
- 25 A truthful witness saves lives,  
But he who <sup>l</sup>speaks lies is <sup>2</sup>treacherous.
- 26 In the <sup>l</sup>fear of the LORD there is strong confidence,  
And his children will have refuge.
- 27 The <sup>l</sup>fear of the LORD is a fountain of life,  
That one may avoid the snares of death.
- 28 In a <sup>a</sup>multitude of people is a king's glory,  
But in the dearth of people is a prince's ruin.
- 29 He who is <sup>a</sup>slow to anger has great understanding,  
But he who is <sup>l</sup>quick-tempered exalts folly.
- 30 A <sup>a</sup>tranquil heart is life to the body,  
But passion is <sup>b</sup>rottenness to the bones.
- 31 He who oppresses the poor reproaches his Maker,  
But he who is gracious to the needy honors Him.
- 32 The wicked is <sup>a</sup>thrust down by his <sup>l</sup>wrong-doing,  
But the <sup>b</sup>righteous has a refuge when he dies.
- 33 Wisdom rests in the heart of one who has understand-  
ing,  
But in the <sup>b</sup>bosom of fools it is made known.
- 34 Righteousness exalts a nation,  
But sin is a disgrace to *any* people.
- 35 The king's favor is toward a servant who acts wisely,  
But his anger is toward him who acts shamefully.

CHAPTER 15

- A** <sup>a</sup>GENTLE answer turns away wrath,  
But a <sup>b</sup>harsh word stirs up anger.
- 2 The <sup>a</sup>tongue of the wise makes knowledge <sup>l</sup>acceptable,  
But the <sup>b</sup>mouth of fools spouts folly.
- 3 The <sup>a</sup>eyes of the LORD are in every place,  
Watching the evil and the good.
- 4 A <sup>l</sup>soothing tongue is a tree of life,  
But perversion in it <sup>2</sup>crushes the spirit.
- 5 A fool <sup>l</sup>rejects his father's discipline,  
But he who regards reproof is prudent.
- 6 Much wealth is *in* the house of the <sup>a</sup>righteous,  
But trouble is in the income of the wicked.
- 7 The lips of the wise spread knowledge,  
But the hearts of fools are not so.
- 8 The <sup>a</sup>sacrifice of the wicked is an abomination to the  
LORD,  
But <sup>b</sup>the prayer of the upright is His delight.
- 9 The way of the wicked is an abomination to the LORD,  
But He loves him who pursues righteousness.
- 10 Stern discipline is for him who forsakes the way;  
He who hates reproof will die.
- 11 <sup>l</sup>Sheol and <sup>2</sup>Abaddon *lie open* before the LORD,  
How much more the <sup>b</sup>hearts of <sup>3</sup>men!

22 <sup>a</sup>Prov. 3:29; 12:2; Ps. 36:4; Mic. 2:1

23 <sup>l</sup>Lit., *word of lips*

24 <sup>a</sup>Prov. 10:22; 13:8; 21:20

25 <sup>l</sup>Lit., *breathes out*  
<sup>2</sup>Lit., *treachery*  
<sup>a</sup>Prov. 14:5

26 <sup>l</sup>Or, *reverence*  
<sup>a</sup>Prov. 18:10; 19:23; Is. 33:6

27 <sup>l</sup>Or, *reverence*

28 <sup>a</sup>1 Kin. 4:20

29 <sup>l</sup>Lit., *short of spirit*  
<sup>a</sup>Prov. 16:32; 19:11; Eccles. 7:9; James 1:19

30 <sup>a</sup>Prov. 15:13 <sup>b</sup>Prov. 12:4; Hab. 3:16

32 <sup>l</sup>Or, *calamity*  
<sup>a</sup>Prov. 6:15; 24:16 <sup>b</sup>Gen. 49:18; Ps. 16:11; 17:15; 37:37; 73:24; 2 Cor. 1:9; 5:8; 2 Tim. 4:18

33 <sup>l</sup>Lit., *midst*

1 <sup>l</sup>Lit., *painful*  
<sup>a</sup>Prov. 15:18; 25:15; Judg. 8:1-3 <sup>b</sup>1 Sam. 25:10-13

2 <sup>l</sup>Lit., *good*  
<sup>a</sup>Prov. 15:7 <sup>b</sup>Prov. 15:28; 12:23; 13:16

3 <sup>a</sup>Job 31:4; Heb. 4:13

4 <sup>l</sup>Lit., *healing* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *is the crushing of the spirit.*

5 <sup>l</sup>Or, *despises*

6 <sup>a</sup>Prov. 8:21

8 <sup>a</sup>Prov. 21:27; Eccles. 5:1; Is. 1:11; Jer. 6:20; Mic. 6:7 <sup>b</sup>Prov. 15:29

11 <sup>l</sup>i.e., the nether world  
<sup>2</sup>i.e., destruction <sup>3</sup>Lit., *sons of Adam*  
<sup>a</sup>Job 26:6; Ps. 139:8 <sup>b</sup>1 Sam. 16:7; 2 Chr. 6:30; Ps. 44:21; Acts 1:24

12 <sup>a</sup>Prov. 13:1; Amos 5:10  
 13 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *good* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *in sadness of heart*  
<sup>a</sup>Prov. 17:22 <sup>b</sup>Prov. 12:25  
<sup>c</sup>Prov. 17:22; 18:14  
 14 <sup>a</sup>Prov. 18:15  
 15 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *good*  
 16 <sup>1</sup>Or, *reverence*  
<sup>a</sup>Prov. 16:8; Ps. 37:16;  
 Eccles. 4:6; 1 Tim. 6:6  
 17 <sup>1</sup>Or, *portion* <sup>2</sup>Or, *herbs*  
<sup>a</sup>Prov. 17:1 <sup>b</sup>Matt. 22:4;  
 Luke 15:23  
 18 <sup>a</sup>Prov. 16:28; 26:21;  
 29:22 <sup>b</sup>Prov. 14:29 <sup>c</sup>Prov.  
 16:14; Gen. 13:8; Eccles.  
 10:4  
 20 <sup>a</sup>Prov. 10:1; 29:3 <sup>b</sup>Prov.  
 30:17  
 21 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *heart*  
<sup>a</sup>Prov. 14:8; Eph. 5:15  
 22 <sup>1</sup>Or, *are established*  
 23 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *answer of his mouth*  
<sup>a</sup>Prov. 12:14 <sup>b</sup>Prov. 25:11;  
 Is. 50:4  
 24 <sup>1</sup>I.e., *the nether world*  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 4:18  
 25 <sup>a</sup>Prov. 12:7; 14:11  
<sup>b</sup>Prov. 23:10; Deut. 19:14  
<sup>c</sup>Ps. 68:5; 146:9  
 27 <sup>a</sup>Prov. 1:19; 28:25;  
 1 Tim. 6:10 <sup>b</sup>Ex. 23:8;  
 Deut. 16:19; 1 Sam. 12:3;  
 Is. 33:15  
 28 <sup>a</sup>1 Pet. 3:15 <sup>b</sup>Prov.  
 15:2; 10:32  
 29 <sup>a</sup>Prov. 1:28; Ps. 18:41  
<sup>b</sup>Ps. 145:18, 19  
 30 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *the light of the eyes*  
 32 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *heart*  
<sup>a</sup>Prov. 1:7; 8:33 <sup>b</sup>Prov. 8:36  
<sup>c</sup>Prov. 15:5  
 33 <sup>1</sup>Or, *reverence*  
 1 <sup>a</sup>Prov. 16:9; 19:21  
 2 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *spirits*  
 3 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *Roll*  
<sup>a</sup>Prov. 3:6; Ps. 37:5; 55:22;  
 1 Pet. 5:7  
 4 <sup>1</sup>Or, *His*  
<sup>a</sup>Gen. 1:31; Eccles. 3:11  
<sup>b</sup>Job 31:30; Rom. 9:22

- 12 A <sup>a</sup>scoffer does not love one who reproves him,  
 He will not go to the wise.  
 13 A <sup>a</sup>joyful heart makes a <sup>1</sup>cheerful face,  
 But <sup>2</sup>when the heart is <sup>b</sup>sad, the <sup>c</sup>spirit is broken.  
 14 The <sup>a</sup>mind of the intelligent seeks knowledge,  
 But the mouth of fools feeds on folly.  
 15 All the days of the afflicted are bad,  
 But a <sup>1</sup>cheerful heart *has* a continual feast.  
 16 <sup>a</sup>Better is a little with the <sup>1</sup>fear of the LORD,  
 Than great treasure and turmoil with it.  
 17 <sup>a</sup>Better is a <sup>1</sup>dish of <sup>2</sup>vegetables where love is,  
 Than a <sup>b</sup>fattened ox and hatred with it.  
 18 A <sup>a</sup>hot-tempered man stirs up strife,  
 But the <sup>b</sup>slow to anger <sup>c</sup>pacifies contention.  
 19 The way of the sluggard is as a hedge of thorns,  
 But the path of the upright is a highway.  
 20 A <sup>a</sup>wise son makes a father glad,  
 But a foolish man <sup>b</sup>despises his mother.  
 21 Folly is joy to him who lacks <sup>1</sup>sense,  
 But a man of understanding <sup>a</sup>walks straight.  
 22 Without consultation, plans are frustrated,  
 But with many counselors they <sup>1</sup>succeed.  
 23 A <sup>a</sup>man has joy in an <sup>1</sup>apt answer,  
 And how delightful is a timely <sup>b</sup>word!  
 24 The <sup>a</sup>path of life *leads* upward for the wise,  
 That he may keep away from <sup>1</sup>Sheol below.  
 25 The LORD will <sup>a</sup>tear down the house of the proud,  
 But He will <sup>b</sup>establish the boundary of the <sup>c</sup>widow.  
 26 Evil plans are an abomination to the LORD,  
 But pleasant words are pure.  
 27 He who <sup>a</sup>profits illicitly troubles his own house,  
 But he who <sup>b</sup>hates bribes will live.  
 28 The heart of the righteous <sup>a</sup>ponders how to answer,  
 But the <sup>b</sup>mouth of the wicked pours out evil things.  
 29 The LORD is <sup>a</sup>far from the wicked,  
 But He <sup>b</sup>hears the prayer of the righteous.  
 30 <sup>1</sup>Bright eyes gladden the heart;  
 Good news puts fat on the bones.  
 31 He whose ear listens to the life-giving reproof  
 Will dwell among the wise.  
 32 He who <sup>a</sup>neglects discipline <sup>b</sup>despises himself,  
 But he who <sup>c</sup>listens to reproof acquires <sup>1</sup>understanding.  
 33 The <sup>1</sup>fear of the LORD is the instruction for wisdom,  
 And before honor *comes* humility.

CHAPTER 16

- T**HE <sup>a</sup>plans of the heart belong to man,  
 But the answer of the tongue is from the LORD.  
 2 All the ways of a man are clean in his own sight,  
 But the LORD weighs the <sup>1</sup>motives.  
 3 <sup>1a</sup>Commit your works to the LORD,  
 And your plans will be established.  
 4 The LORD <sup>a</sup>has made everything for <sup>1</sup>its own purpose,  
 Even the <sup>b</sup>wicked for the day of evil.

<p>5 Everyone who is proud in heart is an abomination to the LORD; Assuredly, he will not be unpunished.</p> <p>6 By <sup>a</sup>lovingkindness and truth iniquity is atoned for, And by the <sup>b</sup>fear of the LORD one keeps away from evil.</p> <p>7 When a man's ways are pleasing to the LORD, He <sup>a</sup>makes even his enemies to be at peace with him.</p> <p>8 Better is a little with righteousness Than great income with injustice.</p> <p>9 The mind of <sup>a</sup>man plans his way, But <sup>b</sup>the LORD directs his steps.</p> <p>10 A divine <sup>a</sup>decision is in the lips of the king; His mouth should not <sup>1</sup>err in judgment.</p> <p>11 A <sup>a</sup>just balance and scales belong to the LORD; All the <sup>1</sup>weights of the bag are His <sup>2</sup>concern.</p> <p>12 It is an abomination for kings to commit wickedness, For a <sup>a</sup>throne is established on righteousness.</p> <p>13 Righteous lips are the delight of kings, And he who speaks right is loved.</p> <p>14 The wrath of a king is <i>as</i> messengers of death, But a wise man will appease it.</p> <p>15 In the light of a king's face is life, And his favor is like a cloud with the <sup>1a</sup>spring rain.</p> <p>16 How much <sup>a</sup>better it is to get wisdom than gold! And to get understanding is to be chosen above silver.</p> <p>17 The highway of the upright is to depart from evil; He who watches his way preserves his <sup>1</sup>life.</p> <p>18 <sup>a</sup>Pride goes before destruction, And a haughty spirit before stumbling.</p> <p>19 It is better to be of a <sup>a</sup>humble spirit with the lowly, Than to <sup>b</sup>divide the spoil with the proud.</p> <p>20 He who gives attention to the word shall <sup>a</sup>find good, And <sup>b</sup>blessed is he who trusts in the LORD.</p> <p>21 The <sup>a</sup>wise in heart will be called discerning, And sweetness of <sup>1</sup>speech <sup>b</sup>increases <sup>2</sup>persuasiveness.</p> <p>22 Understanding is a fountain of life to him who has it, But the discipline of fools is folly.</p> <p>23 The <sup>a</sup>heart of the wise teaches his mouth, And adds <sup>1</sup>persuasiveness to his lips.</p> <p>24 <sup>a</sup>Pleasant words are a honeycomb, Sweet to the soul and <sup>b</sup>healing to the bones.</p> <p>25 There is a way <i>which seems</i> right to a man, But its end is the way of death.</p> <p>26 A worker's appetite works for him, For his <sup>1</sup>hunger urges him on.</p> <p>27 A <sup>a</sup>worthless man digs up evil, While <sup>1</sup>his words are as a <sup>b</sup>scorching fire.</p> <p>28 A perverse man spreads strife, And a slanderer separates intimate friends.</p> <p>29 A man of violence <sup>a</sup>entices his neighbor, And leads him in a way that is not good.</p> <p>30 He who winks his eyes <i>does so</i> to devise perverse things; He who compresses his lips brings evil to pass.</p> <p>31 A <sup>a</sup>gray head is a crown of glory; It <sup>b</sup>is found in the way of righteousness.</p>	<p>6 <sup>1</sup>Or, <i>reverence</i> <sup>a</sup>Dan. 4:27; Luke 11:41 <sup>b</sup>Prov. 8:13; 14:16</p> <p>7 <sup>a</sup>Gen. 33:4; 2 Chr. 17:10</p> <p>9 <sup>a</sup>Prov. 16:1; 19:21 <sup>b</sup>Prov. 20:24; Ps. 37:23; Jer. 10:23</p> <p>10 <sup>1</sup>Lit., <i>be unfaithful</i> <sup>a</sup>1 Kin. 3:28</p> <p>11 <sup>1</sup>Lit., <i>stones</i> <sup>2</sup>Lit., <i>work</i> <sup>a</sup>Prov. 11:1</p> <p>12 <sup>a</sup>Prov. 25:5</p> <p>15 <sup>1</sup>Lit., <i>latter</i> <sup>a</sup>Job 29:23</p> <p>16 <sup>a</sup>Prov. 8:10, 19</p> <p>17 <sup>1</sup>Lit., <i>soul</i></p> <p>18 <sup>a</sup>Prov. 11:2; 18:12; Jer. 49:16; Obad. 3, 4</p> <p>19 <sup>a</sup>Prov. 3:34; 29:23; Is. 57:15 <sup>b</sup>Prov. 1:13, 14; Ex. 15:9; Judg. 5:30</p> <p>20 <sup>a</sup>Prov. 19:8 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 2:12; 34:8; Jer. 17:7</p> <p>21 <sup>1</sup>Lit., <i>lips</i> <sup>2</sup>Or, <i>learning</i> <sup>a</sup>Hos. 14:9 <sup>b</sup>Prov. 16:23</p> <p>23 <sup>1</sup>Or, <i>learning</i> - <sup>a</sup>Prov. 15:28; Ps. 37:30; Matt. 12:34</p> <p>24 <sup>a</sup>Prov. 15:26; 24:13, 14; Ps. 19:10 <sup>b</sup>Prov. 4:22; 17:22</p> <p>26 <sup>1</sup>Lit., <i>mouth</i></p> <p>27 <sup>1</sup>Lit., <i>on his lips</i> <sup>a</sup>Prov. 6:12, 14, 18 <sup>b</sup>James 3:6</p> <p>29 <sup>a</sup>Prov. 1:10; 12:26</p> <p>31 <sup>a</sup>Prov. 20:29 <sup>b</sup>Prov. 3:1, 2</p>
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33 <sup>a</sup>Prov. 18:18 <sup>b</sup>Prov. 29:26

1 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *sacrifices of strife*  
<sup>a</sup>Prov. 15:17

3 <sup>a</sup>Prov. 27:21 <sup>b</sup>Prov. 15:11; 1 Chr. 29:17; Ps. 26:2; Jer. 17:10; Mal. 3:3

4 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *falsehood*  
<sup>a</sup>Prov. 14:15

5 <sup>a</sup>Prov. 14:31 <sup>b</sup>Prov. 24:17; Job 31:29; Obad. 12

6 <sup>a</sup>Prov. 13:22; Gen. 48:11 <sup>b</sup>Ex. 20:12; Mal. 1:6

7 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *A lip of abundance*  
<sup>a</sup>Prov. 24:7 <sup>b</sup>Prov. 12:22; Ps. 31:18

8 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *stone of favor*  
<sup>a</sup>Prov. 21:14; Is. 1:23; Amos 5:12

9 <sup>a</sup>Prov. 10:12; James 5:20; 1 Pet. 4:8 <sup>b</sup>Prov. 16:28

12 <sup>a</sup>2 Sam. 17:8; Hos. 13:8  
<sup>b</sup>Prov. 29:9

13 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 35:12; 109:5; Jer. 18:20 <sup>b</sup>Prov. 13:21; 2 Sam. 12:10; 1 Kin. 21:22

14 <sup>a</sup>Prov. 20:3; 25:8

15 <sup>a</sup>Prov. 18:5; 24:24; Ex. 23:7; Is. 5:23

16 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *there is no heart*  
<sup>a</sup>Prov. 23:23

17 <sup>a</sup>Prov. 18:24; Ruth 1:16

18 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *heart* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *shakes hands*  
<sup>a</sup>Prov. 6:1; 11:15; 22:26

19 <sup>a</sup>Prov. 29:22 <sup>b</sup>Prov. 11:2; 16:18; 29:23

20 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *heart*  
<sup>a</sup>Prov. 24:20 <sup>b</sup>James 3:8

21 <sup>a</sup>Prov. 17:25; 10:1; 19:13

22 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *causes good healing*  
<sup>a</sup>Prov. 15:13 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 22:15

- 32 He who is slow to anger is better than the mighty,  
And he who rules his spirit, than he who captures a city.
- 33 The <sup>a</sup>lot is cast into the lap,  
But its every <sup>b</sup>decision is from the LORD.

CHAPTER 17

- <sup>a</sup>BETTER is a dry morsel and quietness with it  
Than a house full of <sup>1</sup>feasting with strife.
- 2 A servant who acts wisely will rule over a son who acts shamefully,  
And will share in the inheritance among brothers.
- 3 The <sup>a</sup>refining pot is for silver and the furnace for gold,  
But <sup>b</sup>the LORD tests hearts.
- 4 An <sup>a</sup>evildoer listens to wicked lips,  
A <sup>1</sup>liar pays attention to a destructive tongue.
- 5 He who mocks the <sup>a</sup>poor reproaches his Maker;  
He who <sup>b</sup>rejoices at calamity will not go unpunished.
- 6 <sup>a</sup>Grandchildren are the crown of old men,  
And the <sup>b</sup>glory of sons is their fathers.
- 7 <sup>1</sup>Excellent speech is not fitting for a fool;  
Much less are <sup>b</sup>lying lips to a prince.
- 8 A <sup>a</sup>bribe is a <sup>1</sup>charm in the sight of its owner;  
Wherever he turns, he prospers.
- 9 He who <sup>a</sup>covers a transgression seeks love,  
But he who repeats a matter <sup>b</sup>separates intimate friends.
- 10 A rebuke goes deeper into one who has understanding  
Than a hundred blows into a fool.
- 11 A rebellious man seeks only evil,  
So a cruel messenger will be sent against him.
- 12 Let a <sup>a</sup>man meet a <sup>b</sup>bear robbed of her cubs,  
Rather than a fool in his folly.
- 13 He who <sup>a</sup>returns evil for good,  
<sup>b</sup>Evil will not depart from his house.
- 14 The beginning of strife is *like* letting out water,  
So <sup>a</sup>abandon the quarrel before it breaks out.
- 15 He who <sup>a</sup>justifies the wicked, and he who condemns the righteous,  
Both of them alike are an abomination to the LORD.
- 16 Why is there a price in the hand of a fool to <sup>a</sup>buy wisdom,  
When <sup>1</sup>he has no sense?
- 17 A <sup>a</sup>friend loves at all times,  
And a brother is born for adversity.
- 18 A man lacking in <sup>1</sup>sense <sup>2</sup>pledges,  
And becomes surety in the presence of his neighbor.
- 19 He who <sup>a</sup>loves transgression loves strife;  
He who <sup>b</sup>braises his door seeks destruction.
- 20 He who has a crooked <sup>1</sup>mind <sup>a</sup>finds no good,  
And he who is <sup>b</sup>perverted in his language falls into evil.
- 21 He who <sup>a</sup>begets a fool *does* so to his sorrow,  
And the father of a fool has no joy.
- 22 A <sup>a</sup>joyful heart <sup>1</sup>is good medicine,  
But a broken spirit <sup>b</sup>dries up the bones.

- 23 A wicked man receives a <sup>a</sup>bribe from the bosom  
To <sup>b</sup>pervert the ways of justice.
- 24 Wisdom is in the presence of the one who has understanding,  
But the <sup>a</sup>eyes of a fool are on the ends of the earth.
- 25 A foolish son is a grief to his father,  
And bitterness to her who bore him.
- 26 It is also not good to fine the righteous,  
Nor to strike the noble for *their* uprightness.
- 27 He who <sup>a</sup>restrains his words <sup>1</sup>has knowledge,  
And he who has a <sup>b</sup>cool spirit is a man of understanding.
- 28 Even a fool, when he <sup>a</sup>keeps silent, is considered wise;  
When he closes his lips, he is *counted* prudent.

CHAPTER 18

- H**E who separates himself seeks *his own* desire,  
He <sup>1</sup>quarrels against all sound wisdom.
- 2 A fool does not delight in understanding,  
But only <sup>a</sup>in revealing his own <sup>1</sup>mind.
- 3 When a wicked man comes, contempt also comes,  
And with dishonor *comes* reproach.
- 4 The words of a man's mouth are <sup>a</sup>deep waters;  
<sup>1</sup>The fountain of wisdom is a bubbling brook.
- 5 To <sup>a</sup>show partiality to the wicked is not good,  
Nor to <sup>b</sup>thrust aside the righteous in judgment.
- 6 A fool's lips <sup>1</sup>bring strife,  
And his mouth calls for blows.
- 7 A <sup>a</sup>fool's mouth is his ruin,  
And his lips are the snare of his soul.
- 8 The words of a whisperer are like dainty morsels,  
And they go down into the <sup>1</sup>innermost parts of the body.
- 9 He also who is <sup>a</sup>slack in his work  
Is brother to him who destroys.
- 10 The <sup>a</sup>name of the LORD is a <sup>b</sup>strong tower;  
The righteous runs into it and <sup>c</sup>is <sup>1</sup>safe.
- 11 A rich man's wealth is his strong city,  
And like a high wall in his own imagination.
- 12 Before destruction the heart of man is haughty,  
But humility *goes* before honor.
- 13 He who <sup>a</sup>gives an answer before he hears,  
It is folly and shame to him.
- 14 The spirit of a man can endure his sickness,  
But a <sup>a</sup>broken spirit who can bear?
- 15 The <sup>1</sup>mind of the prudent acquires knowledge,  
And the ear of the wise seeks knowledge.
- 16 A man's <sup>a</sup>gift makes room for him,  
And brings him before great men.
- 17 The first <sup>1</sup>to plead his case *seems* just,  
*Until* <sup>2</sup>another comes and examines him.
- 18 The <sup>a</sup>lot puts an end to contentions,  
And <sup>1</sup>decides between the mighty.
- 19 A brother offended is *harder to be won* than a strong city,  
And contentions are like the bars of a castle.

23 <sup>a</sup>Prov. 17:8 <sup>b</sup>Ex. 23:8;  
Mic. 3:11; 7:3

24 <sup>a</sup>Eccles. 2:14

27 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *knows*  
<sup>a</sup>Prov. 10:19; James 1:19  
<sup>b</sup>Prov. 14:29

28 <sup>a</sup>Job 13:5

1 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *breaks out*

2 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *heart*  
<sup>a</sup>Prov. 12:23; 13:16; Eccles. 10:3

4 <sup>1</sup>Or, *A bubbling brook, a fountain of wisdom*  
<sup>a</sup>Prov. 20:5

5 <sup>a</sup>Prov. 17:15; 24:23;  
28:21; Lev. 19:15; Deut. 1:17; 16:19; Ps. 82:2 <sup>b</sup>Prov. 17:26, 31:5; Ex. 23:2, 6;  
Mic. 3:9

6 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *come with*

7 <sup>a</sup>Prov. 10:14; 12:13;  
13:3; Ps. 64:8; 140:9 Eccles. 10:12

8 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *chambers of the belly*

9 <sup>a</sup>Prov. 10:4

10 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *set on high*  
<sup>a</sup>Ex. 3:15 <sup>b2</sup>Sam. 22:2, 3, 33; Ps. 18:2; 61:3; 91:2;  
144:2 <sup>c</sup>Prov. 29:25

13 <sup>a</sup>Prov. 20:25; John 7:51

14 <sup>a</sup>Prov. 15:13

15 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *heart*

16 <sup>a</sup>Gen. 32:20; 1 Sam. 25:27

17 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *in his plea* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *his neighbor*

18 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *makes a division*  
<sup>a</sup>Prov. 16:33

20 <sup>1</sup>Lit., speech

21 <sup>1</sup>Lit., hand  
<sup>a</sup>Prov. 12:13; 13:3; Matt. 12:37 <sup>b</sup>Prov. 13:2; Is. 3:10; Hos. 10:13

22 <sup>a</sup>Prov. 12:4; 19:14; 31:10-31; Gen. 2:18

23 <sup>a</sup>Prov. 19:7 <sup>b</sup>James 2:3, 6 <sup>c</sup>1 Kin. 12:13; 2 Chr. 10:13

24 <sup>1</sup>Lit., be broken in pieces <sup>2</sup>Or, lover

1 <sup>1</sup>Lit., his lips  
<sup>a</sup>Prov. 14:2; 20:7; Ps. 26:11

2 <sup>1</sup>Lit., sins

3 <sup>a</sup>Prov. 11:3 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 37:7; Is. 8:21

4 <sup>a</sup>Prov. 14:20

5 <sup>1</sup>Lit., breathes  
<sup>a</sup>Prov. 19:9; 21:28; Ex. 23:1; Deut. 19:16-19

6 <sup>1</sup>Or, noble  
<sup>a</sup>Prov. 29:26 <sup>b</sup>Prov. 18:16; 21:14

7 <sup>1</sup>Lit., not  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 38:11 <sup>b</sup>Prov. 18:23

8 <sup>1</sup>Lit., heart  
<sup>a</sup>Prov. 16:20

9 <sup>1</sup>Lit., breathes  
<sup>a</sup>Prov. 19:5

10 <sup>a</sup>Prov. 17:7; 26:1; Eccles. 10:6, 7 <sup>b</sup>Prov. 30:22

11 <sup>a</sup>Prov. 14:29; 16:32 <sup>b</sup>Matt. 5:44; Eph. 4:32; Col. 3:13

12 <sup>a</sup>Gen. 27:28; Deut. 33:28; Ps. 133:3; Hos. 14:5; Mic. 5:7

13 <sup>a</sup>Prov. 21:9, 19; 27:15

14 <sup>a</sup>2 Cor. 12:14

15 <sup>1</sup>Lit., soul  
<sup>a</sup>Prov. 6:9, 10; 24:33

16 <sup>1</sup>Lit., despises  
<sup>a</sup>Prov. 16:17; Luke 10:28; 11:28

17 <sup>1</sup>Or, benefits  
<sup>a</sup>Prov. 14:31; 28:27; Deut. 15:7, 8; Eccles. 11:1, 2; Matt. 10:42; 25:40; 2 Cor. 9:6-8; Heb. 6:10 <sup>b</sup>Prov. 12:14; Luke 6:38

18 <sup>1</sup>Lit., causing him to die

20 <sup>1</sup>Lit., in your latter end  
<sup>a</sup>Prov. 4:1; 8:33; 12:15

- 20 With the <sup>1</sup>fruit of a man's mouth his stomach will be satisfied;  
 He will be satisfied *with* the product of his lips.
- 21 <sup>a</sup>Death and life are in the <sup>1</sup>power of the tongue,  
 And those who love it will eat its <sup>b</sup>fruit.
- 22 He who finds a <sup>a</sup>wife finds a good thing,  
 And obtains favor from the LORD.
- 23 The <sup>a</sup>poor man utters supplications,  
 But the <sup>b</sup>rich man <sup>c</sup>answers roughly.
- 24 A man of *many* friends *comes to* ruin,  
 But there is a <sup>2</sup>friend who sticks closer than a brother.

CHAPTER 19

- BETTER** is a poor man who <sup>a</sup>walks in his integrity  
 Than he who is perverse in <sup>1</sup>speech and is a fool.
- 2 Also it is not good for a person to be without knowledge,  
 And he who makes haste with his feet <sup>1</sup>errs.
- 3 The <sup>a</sup>foolishness of man subverts his way,  
 And his heart <sup>b</sup>rages against the LORD.
- 4 <sup>a</sup>Wealth adds many friends,  
 But a poor man is separated from his friend.
- 5 A <sup>a</sup>false witness will not go unpunished,  
 And he who <sup>1</sup>tells lies will not escape.
- 6 <sup>a</sup>Many will entreat the favor of a <sup>1</sup>generous man,  
 And every man is a friend to him who <sup>b</sup>gives gifts.
- 7 All the brothers of a poor man hate him;  
 How much more do his <sup>a</sup>friends go far from him!  
 He <sup>b</sup>pursues *them with words*, *but they are* <sup>1</sup>gone.
- 8 He who gets <sup>1</sup>wisdom loves his own soul;  
 He who keeps understanding will <sup>a</sup>find good.
- 9 A <sup>a</sup>false witness will not go unpunished,  
 And he who <sup>1</sup>tells lies will perish.
- 10 Luxury is <sup>a</sup>not fitting for a fool;  
 Much less for a <sup>b</sup>slave to rule over princes.
- 11 A man's <sup>a</sup>discretion makes him slow to anger,  
 And it is his glory <sup>b</sup>to overlook a transgression.
- 12 The king's wrath is like the roaring of a lion,  
 But his favor is like <sup>a</sup>dew on the grass.
- 13 A foolish son is destruction to his father,  
 And the <sup>a</sup>contentions of a wife are a constant dripping.
- 14 House and wealth are an <sup>a</sup>inheritance from fathers,  
 But a prudent wife is from the LORD.
- 15 <sup>a</sup>Laziness casts into a deep sleep,  
 And an idle <sup>1</sup>man will suffer hunger.
- 16 He who <sup>a</sup>keeps the commandment keeps his soul,  
*But he who* <sup>1</sup>is careless of his ways will die.
- 17 He who <sup>a</sup>is gracious to a poor man lends to the LORD,  
 And He will repay him for his <sup>b</sup>good deed.
- 18 Discipline your son while there is hope,  
 And do not desire <sup>1</sup>his death.
- 19 *A man of great anger shall bear the penalty*,  
 For if you rescue *him*, you will only have to do it again.
- 20 <sup>a</sup>Listen to counsel and accept discipline,  
 That you may be wise <sup>1</sup>the rest of your days.

- 21 Many are the plans in a man's heart,  
But the <sup>a</sup>counsel of the LORD, it will stand.
- 22 What is desirable in a man is his <sup>1</sup>kindness,  
And *it is* better to be a poor man than a liar.
- 23 The <sup>1a</sup>fear of the LORD *leads* to life,  
So that one may sleep <sup>b</sup>satisfied, <sup>2c</sup>untouched by evil.
- 24 The sluggard buries his hand <sup>a</sup>in the dish,  
And will not even bring it back to his mouth.
- 25 Strike a scoffer and the <sup>1a</sup>naive may become shrewd,  
But reprove one who has understanding and he will  
<sup>2</sup>gain knowledge.
- 26 He who assaults *his* father and drives *his* mother away  
Is a shameful and disgraceful son.
- 27 Cease listening, my son, to discipline,  
And you will stray from the words of knowledge.
- 28 A rascally witness makes a mockery of justice,  
And the mouth of the wicked <sup>1a</sup>spreads iniquity.
- 29 <sup>1</sup>Judgments are prepared for <sup>a</sup>scoffers,  
And <sup>b</sup>blows for the back of fools.

CHAPTER 20

- <sup>3</sup>WINE is a mocker, <sup>b</sup>strong drink a brawler,  
And whoever <sup>1</sup>is intoxicated by it is not wise.
- 2 The terror of a king is like the growling of a lion;  
He who provokes him to anger <sup>1a</sup>forfeits his own life.
- 3 <sup>1</sup>Keeping away from strife is an honor for a man,  
But any fool will <sup>2</sup>quarrel.
- 4 The sluggard does not plow after the autumn,  
So he <sup>1</sup>begs during the harvest and has nothing.
- 5 A plan in the heart of a man is *like* deep water,  
But a man of understanding draws it out.
- 6 Many a man <sup>a</sup>proclaims his own loyalty,  
But who can find a <sup>b</sup>trustworthy man?
- 7 A righteous man who <sup>a</sup>walks in his integrity—  
<sup>b</sup>How blessed are his sons after him.
- 8 A king who sits on the throne of justice  
<sup>1</sup>Disperses all evil with his eyes.
- 9 <sup>a</sup>Who can say, "I have cleansed my heart,  
I am pure from my sin"?
- 10 <sup>1</sup>Differing weights and differing measures,  
Both of them are abominable to the LORD.
- 11 It is by his deeds that a lad <sup>1a</sup>distinguishes himself  
If his conduct is pure and right.
- 12 The hearing <sup>a</sup>ear and the seeing eye,  
The LORD has made both of them.
- 13 <sup>a</sup>Do not love sleep, lest you become poor;  
Open your eyes, and you will be satisfied with <sup>1</sup>food.
- 14 "Bad, bad," says the buyer;  
But when he goes his way, then he boasts.
- 15 There is gold, and an abundance of <sup>1</sup>jewels;  
But the lips of knowledge are a more precious thing.
- 16 Take his garment when he becomes surety for a  
stranger;  
And for foreigners, hold him in pledge.

21 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 33:10, 11; Is. 14:26, 27

22 <sup>1</sup>Or, *loyalty*

23 <sup>1</sup>Or, *reverence* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *not waited*  
<sup>a</sup>Prov. 14:27; 1 Tim. 4:8  
<sup>b</sup>Ps. 25:13 <sup>c</sup>Prov. 12:21; Ps. 91:10

24 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 26:23; Mark 14:20

25 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *simple* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *discern*

28 <sup>1</sup>Or, *swallows*  
<sup>a</sup>Job 15:16; 20:12, 13; 34:7

29 <sup>1</sup>Gk., *Rods*  
<sup>a</sup>Prov. 9:12; Ps. 1:1 <sup>b</sup>Prov. 10:13; 18:6; 26:3

1 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *errs*  
<sup>a</sup>Prov. 23:29, 30; Gen. 9:21; Is. 28:7; Hos. 4:11 <sup>b</sup>Prov. 31:4; Is. 5:22; 56:12

2 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *sins against*  
<sup>a</sup>Prov. 8:36; Num. 16:38; 1 Kin. 2:23; Hab. 2:10

3 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *Ceasing* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *burst out*

4 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *asks*

6 <sup>a</sup>Prov. 25:14; Matt. 6:2; Luke 18:11 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 12:1; Luke 18:8

7 <sup>a</sup>Prov. 19:1 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 37:26; 112:2

8 <sup>1</sup>Or, *Sifts*

9 <sup>a</sup>1 Kin. 8:46; 2 Chr. 6:36; Job 14:4; Eccles. 7:20; Rom. 3:9; 1 John 1:8

10 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *A stone and a stone, an ephah and an ephah*

11 <sup>1</sup>Or, *makes himself known*  
<sup>a</sup>Matt. 7:16

12 <sup>a</sup>Ex. 4:11; Ps. 94:9

13 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *bread*  
<sup>a</sup>Prov. 6:9, 10; 19:15; 24:33

15 <sup>1</sup>Or, *corals*

- 17 <sup>a</sup>Prov. 9:17
- 18 <sup>a</sup>Prov. 11:14; 15:22  
<sup>b</sup>Luke 14:31
- 19 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *one who opens his lips*
- 20 <sup>a</sup>Prov. 30:11; Ex. 21:17; Lev. 20:9; Matt. 15:4 <sup>b</sup>Prov. 13:9; 24:20; Job 18:5
- 22 <sup>a</sup>Prov. 24:29; Matt. 5:39; Rom. 12:17, 19; 1 Thess. 5:15; 1 Pet. 3:9  
<sup>b</sup>Ps. 27:14
- 23 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *A stone and a stone* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *balance of deceit*
- 25 <sup>a</sup>Eccles. 5:4, 5
- 26 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *turns*  
<sup>a</sup>Prov. 20:8 <sup>b</sup>Is. 28:27
- 27 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *breath* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *chambers of the body*  
<sup>a</sup>1 Cor. 2:11
- 28 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *Covenant loyalty*  
<sup>a</sup>Prov. 29:14
- 29 <sup>1</sup>Or., *splendor*
- 30 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *chambers of the body*
- 1 <sup>a</sup>Ezra 6:22
- 2 <sup>a</sup>Prov. 16:2; 24:12;  
Luke 16:15
- 3 <sup>a</sup>Prov. 11:14; 15:22
- 4 <sup>a</sup>Luke 11:34
- 6 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *seekers*  
<sup>a</sup>Prov. 30:11; Ex. 21:17; Lev. 20:9; Matt. 15:4 <sup>b</sup>Prov. 13:9; 24:20; Job 18:5
- 7 <sup>a</sup>Prov. 24:29; Matt. 5:39; Rom. 12:17, 19; 1 Thess. 5:15; 1 Pet. 3:9
- 8 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 27:14
- 9 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *a woman of contentions and a house of association*
- 10 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 10:23
- 11 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *simple*  
<sup>a</sup>Eccles. 5:4, 5
- 12 <sup>a</sup>Prov. 21:8

- 17 <sup>a</sup>Bread obtained by falsehood is sweet to a man, But afterward his mouth will be filled with gravel.
- 18 Prepare <sup>a</sup>plans by consultation, And <sup>b</sup>make war by wise guidance.
- 19 He who goes about as a slanderer reveals secrets, Therefore do not associate with <sup>1a</sup> a gossip.
- 20 He who <sup>a</sup>curses his father or his mother, His <sup>b</sup>lamp will go out in time of darkness.
- 21 An inheritance gained hurriedly at the beginning, Will not be blessed in the end.
- 22 <sup>a</sup>Do not say, "I will repay evil"; <sup>b</sup>Wait for the LORD, and He will save you.
- 23 <sup>1</sup>Differing weights are an abomination to the LORD, And a <sup>2</sup>false scale is not good.
- 24 Man's steps are *ordained* by the LORD, How then can man understand his way?
- 25 It is a snare for a man to say rashly, "It is holy!" And <sup>a</sup>after the vows to make inquiry.
- 26 A <sup>a</sup>wise king winnows the wicked, And <sup>1</sup>drives the <sup>b</sup>threshing wheel over them.
- 27 The <sup>1a</sup>spirit of man is the lamp of the LORD, Searching all the <sup>2</sup>innermost parts of his being.
- 28 <sup>1</sup>Loyalty and <sup>a</sup>truth preserve the king, And he upholds his throne by <sup>1</sup>righteousness.
- 29 The glory of young men is their strength, And the <sup>1</sup>honor of old men is their gray hair.
- 30 Stripes that wound scour away evil, And strokes *reach* the <sup>1</sup>innermost parts.

CHAPTER 21

THE king's heart is *like* channels of water in the hand of the LORD;  
 He <sup>a</sup>turns it wherever He wishes.  
 2 Every man's way is right in his own eyes, But the LORD <sup>a</sup>weighs his hearts.  
 3 To do <sup>a</sup>righteousness and justice Is desired by the LORD rather than sacrifice.  
 4 Haughty eyes and a proud heart, The <sup>a</sup>lamp of the wicked, is sin.  
 5 The plans of the diligent *lead* surely to advantage, But everyone who is hasty *comes* surely to poverty.  
 6 The <sup>a</sup>getting of treasures by a lying tongue Is a fleeting vapor, the <sup>1</sup>pursuit of <sup>b</sup>death.  
 7 The violence of the wicked will drag them away, Because they <sup>a</sup>refuse to act with justice.  
 8 The way of a guilty man is <sup>a</sup>crooked, But as for the pure, his conduct is upright.  
 9 It is better to live in a corner of a roof, Than <sup>1</sup>in a house shared with a contentious woman.  
 10 The soul of the wicked desires evil; His <sup>a</sup>neighbor finds no favor in his eyes.  
 11 When the <sup>a</sup>scoffer is punished, the <sup>1</sup>naive becomes wise; But when the wise is instructed, he receives knowledge.  
 12 The righteous one considers the house of the wicked, Turning the <sup>a</sup>wicked to ruin.



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| <p>13 He who <sup>a</sup>shuts his ear to the cry of the poor<br/>Will also cry himself and not be <sup>b</sup>answered.</p> <p>14 A <sup>a</sup>gift in secret subdues anger,<br/>And a bribe in the bosom, strong wrath.</p> <p>15 The execution of justice is joy for the righteous,<br/>But is <sup>a</sup>terror to the workers of iniquity.</p> <p>16 A man who wanders from the way of understanding<br/>Will <sup>a</sup>rest in the assembly of the <sup>1</sup>dead.</p> <p>17 He who <sup>a</sup>loves pleasure <i>will become</i> a poor man;<br/>He who loves wine and oil will not become rich.</p> <p>18 The wicked is a <sup>a</sup>ransom for the righteous,<br/>And the treacherous is in the place of the upright.</p> <p>19 It is better to live in a desert land,<br/>Than with a contentious and vexing woman.</p> <p>20 There is precious <sup>a</sup>treasure and oil in the dwelling of the<br/>wisc,<br/>But a foolish man <sup>b</sup>swallows it up.</p> <p>21 He who <sup>a</sup>pursues righteousness and loyalty<br/>Finds life, righteousness and honor.</p> <p>22 A <sup>a</sup>wise man scales the city of the mighty,<br/>And brings down the <sup>1</sup>stronghold in which they trust.</p> <p>23 He who <sup>a</sup>guards his mouth and his tongue,<br/>Guards his soul from troubles.</p> <p>24 "Proud," "Haughty," "Scoffer," are his names,<br/>Who acts with <sup>b</sup>insolent pride.</p> <p>25 The desire of the sluggard puts him to death,<br/>For his hands refuse to work;</p> <p>26 All day long he <sup>1</sup>is craving,<br/>While the righteous <sup>a</sup>gives and does not hold back.</p> <p>27 The <sup>a</sup>sacrifice of the wicked is an abomination,<br/>How much more when he brings it with evil intent!</p> <p>28 A false witness will perish,<br/>But the man who listens <i>to the truth</i> will speak forever.</p> <p>29 A wicked man <sup>1a</sup>shows a bold face,<br/>But as for the <sup>b</sup>upright, he makes his way sure.</p> <p>30 There is <sup>a</sup>no wisdom and no understanding<br/>And no counsel against the LORD.</p> <p>31 The <sup>a</sup>horse is prepared for the day of battle,<br/>But <sup>b</sup>victory belongs to the LORD.</p> | <p>13 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 18:30-34; 1 John 3:17 <sup>b</sup>James 2:13</p> <p>14 <sup>a</sup>Prov. 18:16; 19:6</p> <p>15 <sup>a</sup>Prov. 10:29</p> <p>16 <sup>1</sup>Lit., <i>departed spirits</i><br/><sup>a</sup>Ps. 49:14</p> <p>17 <sup>a</sup>Prov. 23:21</p> <p>18 <sup>a</sup>Is. 43:3</p> <p>20 <sup>a</sup>Prov. 8:21; 22:4; Ps. 112:3 <sup>b</sup>Job 20:15, 18</p> <p>21 <sup>a</sup>Prov. 15:9; Matt. 5:6</p> <p>22 <sup>1</sup>Lit., <i>strength of trust</i><br/><sup>a</sup>Prov. 24:5; 2 Sam. 5:6-9; Eccles. 7:19; 9:15, 16</p> <p>23 <sup>a</sup>Prov. 12:13; 13:3; 18:21; James 3:2</p> <p>24 <sup>a</sup>Prov. 1:22; 3:34; 24:9; Ps. 1:1; Is. 29:20 <sup>b</sup>Is. 16:6; Jer. 48:29</p> <p>26 <sup>1</sup>Lit., <i>desires desire</i><br/><sup>a</sup>Ps. 37:26; 112:5, 9; Matt. 5:42; Eph. 4:28</p> <p>27 <sup>a</sup>Prov. 15:8; Ps. 50:9; Is. 66:3; Jer. 6:20; Amos 5:22</p> <p>29 <sup>1</sup>Lit., <i>makes firm with his face</i><br/><sup>a</sup>Eccles. 8:1 <sup>b</sup>Prov. 11:5; Ps. 119:5</p> <p>30 <sup>a</sup>Is. 8:9, 10; Jer. 9:23; Acts 5:38, 39; 1 Cor. 3:19, 20</p> <p>31 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 20:7; 33:17; Is. 31:1 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 3:8; Jer. 3:23; 1 Cor. 15:57</p> |
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CHAPTER 22

- A GOOD name is to be more desired than great riches,  
Favor is better than silver and gold.
- 2 The rich and the poor <sup>1</sup>have a common bond,  
The LORD is the <sup>a</sup>maker of them all.
- 3 The prudent sees the evil and hides himself,  
But the <sup>1</sup>naive go on, and are punished for it.
- 4 The reward of humility *and* the <sup>1</sup>fear of the LORD  
Are riches, honor and life.
- 5 Thorns *and* snares are in the way of the perverse;  
He who guards himself will be far from them.
- 6 <sup>a</sup>Train up a child <sup>1</sup>in the way he should go,  
Even when he is old he will not depart from it.

- 2 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *meet together*  
<sup>a</sup>Prov. 14:31; Job 31:15
- 3 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *simple*
- 4 <sup>1</sup>Or, *reverence*
- 6 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *according to his way*  
<sup>a</sup>Eph. 6:4

- 7 <sup>a</sup>Prov. 18:23; James 2:6
- 8 <sup>a</sup>Prov. 24:16; Job 4:8  
<sup>b</sup>Ps. 125:3
- 9 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *has a good eye*  
<sup>a</sup>Prov. 19:17; 2 Cor. 9:6  
<sup>b</sup>Luke 14:13
- 10 <sup>a</sup>Prov. 18:6; Gen. 21:9,  
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- 11 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *has grace on his lips*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 24:4; Matt. 5:8
- 13 <sup>a</sup>Prov. 26:13
- 14 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *strange woman*  
<sup>2</sup>Lit., *there*  
<sup>a</sup>Prov. 5:3 <sup>b</sup>Eccles. 7:26
- 15 <sup>a</sup>Prov. 13:24; 23:14
- 18 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *They together*
- 19 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *made you know*
- 20 <sup>1</sup>Or, *previous*
- 21 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *truth* <sup>2</sup>Lit.,  
*return words of truth*  
<sup>a</sup>Luke 1:3, 4 <sup>b</sup>Prov. 25:13
- 22 <sup>a</sup>Prov. 23:10; Ex. 23:6;  
Job 31:16  
<sup>b</sup>Zech. 7:10; Mal. 3:5
- 23 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *rob the soul*  
<sup>a</sup>Prov. 23:11; 1 Sam. 25:39;  
Ps. 12:5; 35:10; 140:12; Jer.  
51:36
- 24 <sup>a</sup>Prov. 29:22
- 25 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *take*  
<sup>a</sup>1 Cor. 15:33
- 26 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *strike hands*
- 27 <sup>a</sup>Prov. 20:16; Ex. 22:26
- 28 <sup>a</sup>Prov. 23:10; Deut.  
19:14; 27:17; Job 24:2
- 29 <sup>a</sup>Rom. 12:11 <sup>b</sup>Gen.  
41:46; 1 Kin. 10:8
- 7 The <sup>a</sup>rich rules over the poor,  
And the borrower *becomes* the lender's slave.
- 8 He who <sup>a</sup>sows iniquity will reap vanity,  
And the <sup>b</sup>rod of his fury will perish.
- 9 He who <sup>1</sup>is <sup>a</sup>generous will be blessed,  
For he <sup>b</sup>gives some of his food to the poor.
- 10 <sup>a</sup>Drive out the scoffer, and contention will go out,  
Even strife and dishonor will cease.
- 11 He who loves <sup>a</sup>purity of heart  
And <sup>1</sup>whose speech is gracious, the king is his friend.
- 12 The eyes of the LORD preserve knowledge,  
But He overthrows the words of the treacherous man.
- 13 The <sup>a</sup>slyggard says, "There is a lion outside;  
I shall be slain in the streets!"
- 14 The mouth of <sup>1a</sup>an adulteress is a deep pit;  
He who is <sup>b</sup>cursed of the LORD will fall <sup>2</sup>into it.
- 15 Foolishness is bound up in the heart of a child;  
The <sup>a</sup>rod of discipline will remove it far from him.
- 16 He who oppresses the poor to make much for himself  
Or who gives to the rich, *will only come to poverty.*
- 17 Incline your ear and hear the words of the wise,  
And apply your mind to my knowledge;
- 18 For it will be pleasant if you keep them within you,  
<sup>1</sup>That they may be ready on your lips.
- 19 So that your trust may be in the LORD,  
I have <sup>1</sup>taught you today, even you.
- 20 Have I not written to you <sup>1</sup>excellent things  
Of counsels and knowledge,
- 21 To make you <sup>a</sup>know the <sup>1</sup>certainty of the words of truth  
That you may <sup>2b</sup>correctly answer to him who sent you?
- 22 <sup>a</sup>Do not rob the poor because he is poor,  
Or <sup>b</sup>crush the afflicted at the gate;
- 23 For the LORD will <sup>a</sup>plead their case,  
And <sup>1</sup>take the life of those who rob them.
- 24 Do not associate with a man *given* to anger;  
Or go with a <sup>a</sup>hot-tempered man,
- 25 Lest you <sup>a</sup>learn his ways,  
And <sup>1</sup>find a snare for yourself.
- 26 Do not be among those who give <sup>1</sup>pledges,  
Among those who become sureties for debts.
- 27 If you have nothing with which to pay,  
Why should he <sup>a</sup>take your bed from under you?
- 28 <sup>a</sup>Do not move the ancient boundary  
Which your fathers have set.
- 29 Do you see a man <sup>a</sup>skilled in his work?  
He will <sup>b</sup>stand before kings;  
He will not stand before obscure men.

## CHAPTER 23

- WHEN you sit down to dine with a ruler,  
 Consider carefully <sup>1</sup>what is before you;  
 2 And put a knife to your throat,  
 If you are a man of *great* appetite.  
 3 Do not desire his <sup>a</sup>delicacies,  
 For it is deceptive food.
- 4 <sup>a</sup>Do not weary yourself to gain wealth,  
<sup>b</sup>Cease from your <sup>1</sup>consideration of it.  
 5 <sup>1</sup>When you set your eyes on it, it is gone.  
 For <sup>a</sup>wealth certainly makes itself wings,  
 Like an eagle that flies *toward* the heavens.
- 6 <sup>a</sup>Do not eat the bread of a <sup>1b</sup>selfish man,  
 Or desire his delicacies;  
 7 For as he <sup>1</sup>thinks within himself, so he is.  
 He says to you, "Eat and drink!"  
 But his heart is not with you.  
 8 You will vomit up <sup>1</sup>the morsel you have eaten,  
 And waste your <sup>2</sup>compliments.
- 9 Do not speak in the <sup>1</sup>hearing of a fool,  
 For he will despise the wisdom of your words.
- 10 Do not move the ancient boundary,  
 Or <sup>a</sup>go into the fields of the fatherless;  
 11 For their <sup>a</sup>Redeemer is strong;  
 He will plead their case against you.  
 12 Apply your heart to discipline,  
 And your ears to words of knowledge.
- 13 Do not hold back discipline from the child,  
 Although you <sup>1</sup>beat him with the rod, he will not die.  
 14 You shall <sup>1</sup>beat him with the rod,  
 And <sup>a</sup>deliver his soul from Sheol.
- 15 My son, if your heart is wise,  
 My own heart also will be glad;  
 16 And my <sup>1</sup>inmost being will rejoice,  
 When your lips speak what is right.
- 17 <sup>a</sup>Do not let your heart envy sinners,  
 But *live* in the <sup>1</sup>fear of the LORD <sup>2</sup>always.  
 18 Surely there is a <sup>1a</sup>future,  
 And your <sup>b</sup>hope will not be cut off.  
 19 Listen, my son, and <sup>a</sup>be wise,  
 And <sup>b</sup>direct your heart in the way.  
 20 Do not be with <sup>a</sup>heavy drinkers of wine,  
 Or with <sup>b</sup>gluttonous eaters of meat;  
 21 For the heavy drinker and the glutton will come to  
 poverty,  
 And drowsiness will clothe *a man* with rags.
- 22 Listen to your father who begot you,  
 And do not despise your mother when she is old.

1 <sup>1</sup>Or, who3 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 141:4; Dan. 1:5, 8,  
13, 15, 164 <sup>1</sup>Or, understanding  
<sup>a</sup>Prov. 15:27; 28:20; Matt.  
6:19; 1 Tim. 6:9; Heb. 13:5  
<sup>b</sup>Prov. 3:5, 7; Rom. 12:165 <sup>1</sup>Lit., Will your eyes  
fly upon it and it is not?  
<sup>a</sup>Prov. 27:24; 1 Tim. 6:176 <sup>1</sup>Lit., evil eye  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 141:4 <sup>b</sup>Prov. 28:227 <sup>1</sup>Lit., reckons in his  
soul8 <sup>1</sup>Lit., your <sup>2</sup>Lit.,  
pleasant words9 <sup>1</sup>Lit., ears10 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 22:3; Zech. 7:1011 <sup>a</sup>Job 19:2513 <sup>1</sup>Lit., smite14 <sup>1</sup>Lit., smite  
<sup>a</sup>1 Cor. 5:516 <sup>1</sup>Lit., kidneys17 <sup>1</sup>Or, reverence <sup>2</sup>Lit., all  
the day  
<sup>a</sup>Prov. 24:1, 19; Ps. 37:118 <sup>1</sup>Lit., latter end  
<sup>a</sup>Prov. 24:14; Ps. 19:11;  
58:11 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 9:1819 <sup>a</sup>Prov. 6:6 <sup>b</sup>Prov. 4:23;  
9:620 <sup>a</sup>Prov. 23:29, 30; 20:1;  
Is. 5:22; Matt. 24:49; Luke  
21:34; Rom. 13:13; Eph.  
5:18 <sup>b</sup>Prov. 28:7; Deut.  
21:20

23 <sup>a</sup>Prov. 4:7; 18:15; Matt. 13:44

24 <sup>a</sup>Prov. 10:1; 15:20; 29:3

26 <sup>1</sup>Another reading is, *observe*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 1:2; 119:24

27 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *strange*

28 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *treacherous*  
<sup>a</sup>Prov. 6:26; 7:12; Eccles. 7:26

29 <sup>a</sup>Is. 5:11, 22

30 <sup>1</sup>Or, *search out*  
<sup>a</sup>Prov. 20:1; 1 Sam. 25:36; Is. 5:11; 28:7; Eph. 5:18  
<sup>b</sup>Ps. 75:8

31 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *gives its eye*  
<sup>a</sup>Song of Sol. 7:9

32 <sup>a</sup>Job 20:16 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 91:13; Is. 11:8

33 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *heart*

34 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *heart* <sup>2</sup>Or, *lookout*

35 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *it yet again*  
<sup>a</sup>Jer. 5:3 <sup>b</sup>Prov. 26:11; Is. 56:12

1 <sup>a</sup>Prov. 24:19; 3:31; 23:17; Ps. 37:1 <sup>b</sup>Prov. 1:15; Ps. 1:1

2 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *hearts*  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 30:12; Jer. 22:17 <sup>b</sup>Job 15:35; Ps. 10:7; 38:12

5 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *in strength* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *strengthens power*

6 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *make battle for yourself*

7 <sup>a</sup>Prov. 14:6; 17:16; Ps. 10:5 <sup>b</sup>Job 5:4; Ps. 127:5

23 <sup>a</sup>Buy truth, and do not sell it,  
*Get* wisdom and instruction and understanding.

24 The father of the righteous will greatly rejoice,  
And <sup>a</sup>he who begets a wise son will be glad in him.

25 Let your father and your mother be glad,  
And let her rejoice who gave birth to you.

26 Give me your heart, my son,  
And let your eyes <sup>1</sup>delight in my ways.

27 For a harlot is a deep pit,  
And an <sup>1</sup>adulterous woman is a narrow well.

28 Surely she <sup>a</sup>lurks as a robber,  
And increases the <sup>1</sup>faithless among men.

29 Who has <sup>a</sup>woe? Who has sorrow?  
Who has contentions? Who has complaining?  
Who has wounds without cause?  
Who has redness of eyes?

30 Those who <sup>a</sup>linger long over wine,  
Those who go to <sup>1</sup>taste <sup>b</sup>mixed wine.

31 Do not look on the wine when it is red,  
When it <sup>1</sup>sparkles in the cup,  
When it <sup>a</sup>goes down smoothly;

32 At the last it <sup>a</sup>bites like a serpent,  
And stings like a <sup>b</sup>viper.

33 Your eyes will see strange things,  
And your <sup>1</sup>mind will utter perverse things.

34 And you will be like one who lies down in the <sup>1</sup>middle  
of the sea,

Or like one who lies down on the top of a <sup>2</sup>mast.

35 "They <sup>a</sup>struck me, *but* I did not become ill;  
They beat me, *but* I did not know it.  
When shall I awake?  
I will <sup>b</sup>seek <sup>1</sup>another drink."

CHAPTER 24

Do not be <sup>a</sup>envious of evil men,  
Nor desire to <sup>b</sup>be with them;

2 For their <sup>1</sup>minds devise <sup>a</sup>violence,  
And their lips <sup>b</sup>talk of trouble.

3 By wisdom a house is built,  
And by understanding it is established;

4 And by knowledge the rooms are filled  
With all precious and pleasant riches.

5 A wise man is <sup>1</sup>strong,  
And a man of knowledge <sup>2</sup>increases power.

6 For by wise guidance you will <sup>1</sup>wage war,  
And in abundance of counselors there is victory.

7 Wisdom is <sup>a</sup>too high for a fool,  
He does not open his mouth <sup>b</sup>in the gate.

- 8 He who <sup>a</sup>plans to do evil,  
Men will call him a <sup>l</sup>schemer.
- 9 The <sup>a</sup>devising of folly is sin,  
And the scoffer is an abomination to men.
- 10 If you <sup>a</sup>are slack in the day of distress,  
Your strength is limited.
- 11 <sup>a</sup>Deliver those who are being taken away to death,  
And those who are staggering to slaughter, O hold *them*  
back.
- 12 If you say, "See, we did not know this,"  
Does He not <sup>a</sup>consider it <sup>b</sup>who weighs the hearts?  
And <sup>c</sup>does He not know it who <sup>d</sup>keeps your soul?  
And will He not <sup>l</sup>render to man according to his work?
- 13 My son, eat <sup>a</sup>honey, for it is good,  
Yes, the <sup>b</sup>honey from the comb is sweet to your taste;
- 14 Know *that* wisdom is thus for your soul;  
If you find it, then there will be a <sup>l</sup>future,  
And your hope will not be cut off.
- 15 <sup>a</sup>Do not lie in wait, O wicked man, against the dwelling  
of the righteous;  
Do not destroy his resting place;
- 16 For a <sup>a</sup>righteous man falls seven times, and rises again,  
But the <sup>b</sup>wicked stumble in *time of* calamity.
- 17 <sup>a</sup>Do not rejoice when your enemy falls,  
And do not let your heart be glad when he stumbles;
- 18 Lest the LORD see it and <sup>l</sup>be displeased,  
And He turn away His anger from him.
- 19 <sup>a</sup>Do not fret yourself because of evildoers,  
Or be <sup>b</sup>envious of the wicked;
- 20 For <sup>a</sup>there will be no <sup>l</sup>future for the evil man;  
The <sup>c</sup>lamp of the wicked will be put out.
- 21 My son, <sup>l</sup>fear the LORD and the king;  
Do not associate with those who are given to change;
- 22 For their <sup>a</sup>calamity will rise suddenly,  
And who knows the ruin *that comes* from both of them?
- 23 These also are <sup>a</sup>sayings of the wise.  
To <sup>l</sup>show partiality in judgment is not good.
- 24 He who says to the wicked, "You are righteous,"  
Peoples will curse him, nations will abhor him;
- 25 But to those who rebuke the *wicked* will be delight,  
And a good blessing will come upon them.
- 26 He kisses the lips  
Who gives a <sup>l</sup>right answer.
- 27 Prepare your work outside,  
And make it ready for yourself in the field;  
Afterwards, then, build your house.

8 <sup>l</sup>Or, *deviser of evil*  
<sup>a</sup>Prov. 6:14; 14:22; Rom. 1:30

9 <sup>a</sup>Is. 59:7

10 <sup>a</sup>Deut. 20:8; Job 4:5;  
Jer. 51:46; Heb. 12:3

11 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 82:4; Is. 58:6, 7

12 <sup>l</sup>Lit., *bring back*  
<sup>a</sup>Prov. 21:2; 1 Sam. 16:7  
<sup>b</sup>Eccles. 5:8 <sup>c</sup>Ps. 121:3-8  
<sup>d</sup>Ps. 94:9-11 <sup>e</sup>Prov. 12:14;  
Job 34:11

13 <sup>a</sup>Prov. 25:16; Ps. 19:10;  
119:103; Song of Sol. 5:1  
<sup>b</sup>Prov. 16:24; 27:7; Song of  
Sol. 4:11

14 <sup>l</sup>Lit., *latter end*

15 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 10:9, 10

16 <sup>a</sup>Job 5:19; Ps. 37:24;  
Mic. 7:8 <sup>b</sup>Prov. 24:22; 6:15;  
14:32; Jer. 18:17

17 <sup>a</sup>Prov. 17:5; Job 31:29;  
Ps. 35:15, 19; Obad. 12

18 <sup>l</sup>Lit., *it is evil in His eyes*

19 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 37:1 <sup>b</sup>Prov. 24:1;  
23:17

20 <sup>l</sup>Lit., *latter end*  
<sup>a</sup>Job 15:31 <sup>b</sup>Prov. 23:18  
<sup>c</sup>Prov. 13:9; 20:20; Job 18:5,  
6, 21:17

21 <sup>l</sup>Or, *reverence*  
<sup>a</sup>Rom. 13:1-7; 1 Pet. 2:17

22 <sup>a</sup>Prov. 24:16

23 <sup>l</sup>Lit., *regard the face*  
<sup>a</sup>Prov. 1:6; 22:17 <sup>b</sup>Prov.  
18:5; 28:21

26 <sup>l</sup>Or, *honest*

28 <sup>a</sup>Prov. 25:18 <sup>b</sup>Lev. 6:2, 3; 19:11; Eph. 4:25

29 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *bring back*  
<sup>a</sup>Prov. 20:22; Matt. 5:39;  
Rom. 12:17

30 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *heart*  
<sup>a</sup>Prov. 6:32

31 <sup>1</sup>I.e., a kind of weed  
<sup>a</sup>Job 30:7 <sup>b</sup>Is. 5:5

32 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *set my heart*

34 <sup>1</sup>Or, *a vagabond*; lit.,  
*one who walks* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *a man*  
*of a shield*

1 <sup>a</sup>Prov. 1:1

2 <sup>a</sup>Deut. 29:29; Rom.  
11:33 <sup>b</sup>Ezra 6:1

4 <sup>a</sup>Prov. 26:23; Ezek.  
22:18 <sup>b</sup>Mal. 3:2, 3

5 <sup>a</sup>Prov. 20:8

7 <sup>a</sup>Luke 14:7-11

8 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *contend* <sup>2</sup>Lit.,  
*Lest* <sup>3</sup>Lit., *its*  
<sup>a</sup>Prov. 17:14; Matt. 5:25

9 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *Contend*  
<sup>a</sup>Matt. 18:15 <sup>b</sup>Prov. 11:13

10 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *return*

11 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *its*  
<sup>a</sup>Prov. 15:23

12 <sup>1</sup>Or, *a nose ring*  
<sup>a</sup>Ex. 32:2; 35:22; Ezek.  
16:12 <sup>b2</sup> Sam. 1:24 <sup>c</sup>Job  
28:17 <sup>d</sup>Prov. 15:31; 20:12

13 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *day*

14 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *in a gift of*  
*falsehood*  
<sup>a</sup>Jude 1:12 <sup>b</sup>Jer. 5:13; Mic.  
2:11

- 28 Do not be a <sup>a</sup>witness against your neighbor without cause,  
And <sup>b</sup>do not deceive with your lips.
- 29 <sup>a</sup>Do not say, "Thus I shall do to him as he has done to me;  
I will <sup>1</sup>render to the man according to his work."
- 30 I passed by the field of the sluggard,  
And by the vineyard of the man <sup>a</sup>lacking <sup>1</sup>sense;
- 31 And behold, it was completely overgrown with thistles,  
Its surface was covered with <sup>1a</sup>nettles,  
And its stone <sup>b</sup>wall was broken down.
- 32 When I saw, I <sup>1</sup>reflected upon it;  
I looked, *and* received instruction.
- 33 "A little sleep, a little slumber,  
A little folding of the hands to rest,"
- 34 Then your poverty will come as <sup>1a</sup>a robber,  
And your want like <sup>2a</sup>an armed man.

CHAPTER 25

THESE also are <sup>a</sup>proverbs of Solomon which the men of Hezekiah, king of Judah, transcribed.

- 2 It is the glory of God to <sup>a</sup>conceal a matter,  
But the glory of <sup>b</sup>kings is to search out a matter.
- 3 As the heavens for height and the earth for depth,  
So the heart of kings is unsearchable.
- 4 Take away the <sup>a</sup>dross from the silver,  
And there comes out a vessel for the <sup>b</sup>smith;
- 5 Take away the <sup>a</sup>wicked *from* before the king,  
And his throne will be established in righteousness.
- 6 Do not claim honor in the presence of the king,  
And do not stand in the place of great men;
- 7 For <sup>a</sup>it is better that it be said to you, "Come up here,"  
Than that you should be put lower in the presence of the prince,  
Whom your eyes have seen.
- 8 Do not go out <sup>a</sup>hastily to <sup>1</sup>argue *your case*;  
<sup>2</sup>Otherwise, what will you do in <sup>3</sup>the end,  
When your neighbor puts you to shame?
- 9 <sup>1a</sup>Argue your case with your neighbor,  
And <sup>b</sup>do not reveal the secret of another,
- 10 Lest he who hears *it* reproach you,  
And the evil report about you not <sup>1</sup>pass away.
- 11 *Like* apples of gold in settings of silver  
Is a <sup>a</sup>word spoken in <sup>1</sup>right circumstances.
- 12 *Like* <sup>1a</sup>an <sup>a</sup>earring of gold and an <sup>b</sup>ornament of <sup>c</sup>fine gold  
Is a wise reprover to a <sup>d</sup>listening ear.
- 13 Like the cold of snow in the <sup>1</sup>time of harvest  
Is a faithful messenger to those who send him,  
For he refreshes the soul of his masters.
- 14 *Like* <sup>a</sup>clouds and <sup>b</sup>wind without rain  
Is a man who boasts <sup>1</sup>of his gifts falsely.

- 15 By <sup>1</sup>forbearance a ruler may be persuaded,  
And a soft tongue breaks the bone.
- 16 Have you <sup>2</sup>found honey? Eat *only* <sup>1</sup>what you need,  
Lest you have it in excess and vomit it.
- 17 Let your foot rarely be in your neighbor's house,  
Lest he become <sup>1</sup>weary of you and hate you.
- 18 *Like* a club and a <sup>2</sup>sword and a sharp <sup>1</sup>barrow  
Is a man who bears <sup>2</sup>false witness against his neighbor.
- 19 *Like* a bad tooth and <sup>1</sup>an unsteady foot  
Is confidence in a <sup>2</sup>faithless man in time of trouble.
- 20 *Like* one who takes off a garment on a cold day, or *like*  
vinegar on <sup>1</sup>soda,  
Is he who sings songs to a <sup>2</sup>troubled heart.
- 21 <sup>2</sup>If <sup>1</sup>your enemy is hungry, give him food to eat;  
And if he is thirsty, give him water to drink;
- 22 For you will <sup>1</sup>heap burning coals on his head,  
And <sup>2</sup>the LORD will reward you.
- 23 The north wind brings forth rain,  
And a <sup>1</sup>backbiting tongue, an angry countenance.
- 24 It is better to live in a corner of the roof  
Than <sup>1</sup>in a house shared with a contentious woman.
- 25 *Like* cold water to a weary soul,  
So is good news from a distant land.
- 26 *Like* a <sup>2</sup>trampled spring and a <sup>1</sup>polluted well  
Is a righteous man who gives way before the wicked.
- 27 It is not good to eat much honey,  
Nor is it glory to search out <sup>1</sup>one's own glory.
- 28 *Like* a <sup>2</sup>city that is broken into *and* without walls  
Is a man <sup>1</sup>who has no control over his spirit.

CHAPTER 26

- L**IKE snow in summer and like <sup>2</sup>rain in harvest,  
So honor is not <sup>1</sup>fitting for a fool.
- 2 Like a <sup>2</sup>sparrow in *its* <sup>1</sup>fitting, like a swallow in *its* flying,  
So a <sup>1</sup>curse without cause does not <sup>2</sup>alight.
- 3 A <sup>2</sup>whip is for the horse, a bridle for the donkey,  
And a <sup>1</sup>rod for the back of fools.
- 4 <sup>2</sup>Do not answer a fool according to his folly,  
Lest you also be like him.
- 5 <sup>2</sup>Answer a fool as his folly *deserves*,  
Lest he be <sup>1</sup>wise in his own eyes.
- 6 He cuts off *his own* feet, *and* drinks violence  
Who sends a message by the hand of a fool.
- 7 *Like* the legs *which* hang down from the lame,  
So is a proverb in the mouth of fools.
- 8 Like <sup>1</sup>one who binds a stone in a sling,  
So is he who gives honor to a fool.
- 9 *Like* a thorn *which* <sup>1</sup>falls into the hand of a drunkard,  
So is a proverb in the mouth of fools.
- 10 <sup>1</sup>*Like* an archer who wounds everyone,  
So is he who hires a fool or who hires those who pass by.
- 11 Like <sup>2</sup>a dog that returns to its vomit  
Is a fool who <sup>1</sup>repeats <sup>1</sup>his folly.

15 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *length of anger*  
<sup>2</sup>Gen. 32:4; 1 Sam. 25:24;  
Eccles. 10:4

16 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *your sufficiency*  
<sup>2</sup>Judg. 14:8; 1 Sam. 14:25

17 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *surfeited with*

18 <sup>2</sup>Prov. 12:18; Ps. 57:4  
<sup>1</sup>Jer. 9:8 <sup>2</sup>Prov. 24:28; Ex. 20:16

19 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *a slipping foot*  
<sup>2</sup>Job 6:15

20 <sup>1</sup>I.e., *natron* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *evil*

21 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *one who hates you*  
<sup>2</sup>Ex. 23:4, 5; 2 Kin. 6:22;  
2 Chr. 28:15; Matt. 5:44;  
Rom. 12:20

22 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *snatch up*  
<sup>2</sup>Matt. 6:4, 6

23 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *tongue of secrecy*  
<sup>2</sup>Ps. 101:5

24 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *a woman of contentions and a house of association*

26 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *ruined*  
<sup>2</sup>Ezek. 32:2; 34:18, 19

27 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *their*

28 <sup>2</sup>Prov. 16:32 <sup>1</sup>2 Chr. 32:5; Neh. 1:3

1 <sup>2</sup>1 Sam. 12:17 <sup>1</sup>Prov. 17:7

2 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *wandering* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *come*  
<sup>2</sup>Prov. 27:8; Is. 16:2 <sup>1</sup>Num. 23:8; Deut. 23:5; 2 Sam. 16:12

3 <sup>2</sup>Ps. 32:9 <sup>1</sup>Prov. 10:13; 19:29

4 <sup>2</sup>Prov. 23:9; 29:9

5 <sup>2</sup>Matt. 16:1-4; 21:24-27  
<sup>1</sup>Prov. 3:7; 28:11; Rom. 12:16

8 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *the binding of*

9 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *goes up*

10 <sup>1</sup>Or, *A master workman produces all things. But he who hires a fool is like one who hires those who pass by.*

11 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *with his*  
<sup>2</sup>2 Pet. 2:22 <sup>1</sup>Ex. 8:15

12 <sup>a</sup>Prov. 3:7; 26:5  
 13 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *within*  
 16 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *return discreetly*  
<sup>a</sup>Prov. 27:11; 1 Pet. 3:15  
 17 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *infuriates himself*  
<sup>a</sup>Prov. 3:30  
 18 <sup>a</sup>Is. 50:11  
 19 <sup>a</sup>Prov. 24:28  
 20 <sup>a</sup>Prov. 16:28  
 22 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *chambers of the belly*  
 23 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 23:27; Luke 11:39  
 24 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *inward part*  
<sup>a</sup>Prov. 10:18; Ps. 41:6  
<sup>b</sup>Prov. 12:20  
 25 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *his voice is gracious*  
<sup>a</sup>Prov. 26:23; Ps. 28:3; Jer. 9:8  
 26 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 23:28 <sup>b</sup>Luke 8:17  
 28 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *its crushed ones*  
 1 <sup>a</sup>Luke 12:19, 20; James 4:14  
 2 <sup>a</sup>Prov. 25:27; 2 Cor. 10:12, 18; 12:11  
 5 <sup>a</sup>Prov. 28:23; Gal. 2:14  
 6 <sup>1</sup>Or, *excessive*  
<sup>a</sup>Prov. 20:30; Ps. 141:5  
<sup>b</sup>Matt. 26:49  
 7 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *soul* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *tramples on*

- 12 Do you see a man <sup>a</sup>wise in his own eyes?  
 There is more hope for a fool than for him.  
 13 The sluggard says, "There is a lion in the road!  
 A lion is <sup>1</sup>in the open square!"  
 14 As the door turns on its hinges,  
 So *does* the sluggard on his bed.  
 15 The sluggard buries his hand in the dish;  
 He is weary of bringing it to his mouth again.  
 16 The sluggard is <sup>a</sup>wiser in his own eyes  
 Than seven men who can <sup>1</sup>give a discreet answer.  
 17 *Like* one who takes a dog by the ears  
 Is he who passes by *and* <sup>1</sup>meddles with <sup>a</sup>strife not  
 belonging to him.  
 18 Like a madman who throws  
<sup>a</sup>Firebrands, arrows and death,  
 19 So is the man who <sup>a</sup>deceives his neighbor,  
 And says, "Was I not joking?"  
 20 For lack of wood the fire goes out,  
 And where there is no <sup>a</sup>whisperer, contention quiets  
 down.  
 21 *Like* charcoal to hot embers and wood to fire,  
 So is a contentious man to kindle strife.  
 22 The words of a whisperer are like dainty morsels,  
 And they go down into the <sup>1</sup>innermost parts of the body.  
 23 *Like* an earthen <sup>a</sup>vessel overlaid with silver dross  
 Are burning lips and a wicked heart.  
 24 He who <sup>a</sup>hates disguises *it* with his lips,  
 But he lays up <sup>b</sup>deceit in his <sup>1</sup>heart.  
 25 When <sup>1</sup>he <sup>a</sup>speaks graciously, do not believe him,  
 For there are seven abominations in his heart.  
 26 *Though his* hatred <sup>a</sup>covers itself with guile,  
 His wickedness will be <sup>b</sup>revealed before the assembly.  
 27 He who digs a pit will fall into it,  
 And he who rolls a stone, it will come back on him.  
 28 A lying tongue hates <sup>1</sup>those it crushes,  
 And a flattering mouth works ruin.

CHAPTER 27

- Do** not boast about tomorrow,  
 For you <sup>a</sup>do not know what a day may bring forth.  
 2 Let <sup>a</sup>another praise you, and not your own mouth;  
 A stranger, and not your own lips.  
 3 A stone is heavy and the sand weighty,  
 But the provocation of a fool is heavier than both of  
 them.  
 4 Wrath is fierce and anger is a flood,  
 But who can stand before jealousy?  
 5 Better is <sup>a</sup>open rebuke  
 Than love that is concealed.  
 6 Faithful are the <sup>a</sup>wounds of a friend,  
 But <sup>1</sup>deceitful are the <sup>b</sup>kisses of an enemy.  
 7 A sated <sup>1</sup>man <sup>2</sup>loathes honey,  
 But to a famished <sup>1</sup>man any bitter thing is sweet.



- 8 Like a <sup>a</sup>bird that wanders from her nest,  
So is a man who <sup>b</sup>wanders from his <sup>1</sup>home.
- 9 <sup>a</sup>Oil and perfume make the heart glad,  
So a <sup>1</sup>man's counsel is sweet to his friend.
- 10 Do not forsake your own friend or <sup>a</sup>your father's friend,  
And do not go to your brother's house in the day of your calamity;  
Better is a neighbor who is near than a brother far away.
- 11 <sup>a</sup>Be wise, my son, and make my heart glad,  
That I may <sup>b</sup>reply to him who reproaches me.
- 12 A prudent man sees evil *and* hides himself,  
The <sup>1</sup>naive proceed *and* pay the penalty.
- 13 Take his garment when he becomes surety for a stranger;  
And for an <sup>1</sup>adulterous woman hold him in pledge.
- 14 He who blesses his friend with a loud voice early in the morning,  
It will be reckoned a curse to him.
- 15 A constant dripping on a day of steady rain  
And a contentious woman are alike;
- 16 He who would <sup>1</sup>restrain her <sup>1</sup>restrains the wind,  
And <sup>2</sup>grasps oil with his right hand.
- 17 Iron sharpens iron,  
So one man sharpens another.
- 18 He who tends the <sup>a</sup>fig tree will eat its fruit;  
And he who <sup>b</sup>cares for his master will be honored.
- 19 As in water face *reflects* face,  
So the heart of man *reflects* man.
- 20 <sup>1a</sup>Sheol and <sup>2</sup>Abaddon are <sup>b</sup>never satisfied,  
Nor are the <sup>c</sup>eyes of man ever satisfied.
- 21 The crucible is for silver and the furnace for gold,  
And a man <sup>a</sup>is *tested* by the praise accorded him.
- 22 Though you <sup>a</sup>pound a fool in a mortar with a pestle  
along with crushed grain,  
Yet his folly will not depart from him.
- 23 <sup>a</sup>Know well the <sup>1</sup>condition of your flocks,  
And pay attention to your herds;
- 24 For riches are not forever,  
Nor does a <sup>a</sup>crown *endure* to all generations.
- 25 *When* the grass disappears, the new growth is seen,  
And the herbs of the mountains are <sup>a</sup>gathered in,
- 26 The lambs *will be* for your clothing,  
And the goats *will bring* the price of a field,
- 27 And *there will be* goats' milk enough for your food,  
For the food of your household,  
And sustenance for your maidens.

CHAPTER 28

- T**HE wicked <sup>a</sup>flee when no one is pursuing,  
But the righteous are <sup>1</sup>bold as a lion.
- 2 By the transgression of a land <sup>a</sup>many are its princes,  
But by a man of understanding *and* knowledge, so it endures.

8 <sup>1</sup>Lit. *place*  
<sup>a</sup>Prov. 26:2; Is. 16:2 <sup>b</sup>Gen. 21:14

9 <sup>1</sup>Lit. *soul's*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 23:5; 141:5

10 <sup>a</sup>1 Kin. 12:6-8; 2 Chr. 10:6-8

11 <sup>a</sup>Prov. 10:1; 23:15; 29:3  
<sup>b</sup>Ps. 119:42

12 <sup>1</sup>Lit. *simple*

13 <sup>1</sup>Lit. *strange*

16 <sup>1</sup>Lit. *hide(s)* <sup>2</sup>Lit. *encounters*

18 <sup>a</sup>2 Kin. 18:31; Song of Sol. 8:12; Is. 36:16; 1 Cor. 3:8; 9:7; 2 Tim. 2:6 <sup>b</sup>Luke 12:42-44; 19:17

20 <sup>1</sup>i.e., The nether world  
<sup>2</sup>i.e., the place of perishing  
<sup>a</sup>Prov. 15:11; Job 26:6  
<sup>b</sup>Prov. 30:15, 16; Hab. 2:5  
<sup>c</sup>Ecc. 1:8; 4:8

21 <sup>a</sup>Luke 6:26

22 <sup>a</sup>Prov. 23:35; 26:11; Jer. 5:3

23 <sup>1</sup>Lit. *face*  
<sup>a</sup>Jer. 31:10; Ezek. 34:12;  
John 10:3

24 <sup>a</sup>Job 19:9; Ps. 89:39;  
Jer. 13:18; Lam. 5:16; Ezek. 21:26

25 <sup>a</sup>Is. 17:5; Jer. 40:10, 12

1 <sup>1</sup>Lit. *confident*  
<sup>a</sup>Lev. 26:17, 36; Ps. 53:5

2 <sup>a</sup>1 Kin. 16:8-28; 2 Kin. 15:8-15

3 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *and there is no bread*  
<sup>a</sup>Matt. 18:28

4 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 49:18; Rom. 1:32  
<sup>b1</sup> Kin. 18:18; Neh. 13:11, 15; Matt. 3:7; 14:4; Eph. 5:11

5 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 92:6; Is. 6:9; 44:18  
<sup>b</sup>Prov. 2:9; Ps. 119:100; John 7:17; 1 Cor. 2:15; 1 John 2:20, 27

6 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *perverse of two ways*

8 <sup>a</sup>Ex. 22:25; Lev. 25:36  
<sup>b</sup>Prov. 13:22; Job 27:17

9 <sup>a</sup>Prov. 15:8; 21:27; Ps. 66:18; 109:7

10 <sup>a</sup>Prov. 26:27; Ps. 7:15  
<sup>b</sup>Matt. 6:33; Heb. 6:12; 1 Pet. 3:9

11 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *examines him*

12 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *will be searched for*  
<sup>a</sup>Prov. 28:28; Eccles. 10:5, 6

13 <sup>a</sup>Job 31:33; Ps. 32:3  
<sup>b</sup>Ps. 32:5; 1 John 1:9

14 <sup>a</sup>Prov. 23:17 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 95:8; Rom. 2:5

15 <sup>a</sup>Prov. 19:12; 1 Pet. 5:8  
<sup>b</sup>Prov. 29:2; Ex. 1:14; Matt. 2:16

16 <sup>a</sup>Eccles. 10:16; Is. 3:12

17 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *flee to the pit*  
<sup>a</sup>Gen. 9:6; Ex. 21:14

18 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *perverse of two ways*

20 <sup>a</sup>Prov. 10:6; Matt. 24:45; 25:21 <sup>b</sup>Prov. 28:22; 20:21; 1 Tim. 6:9

21 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *regard the face*  
<sup>a</sup>Prov. 24:23 <sup>b</sup>Ezek. 13:19

22 <sup>a</sup>Prov. 23:6

25 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *broad soul* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *be made fat*

26 <sup>a</sup>Prov. 3:5

27 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *hides*  
<sup>a</sup>Prov. 11:24; 19:17

- 3 A <sup>a</sup>poor man who oppresses the lowly  
 Is *like* a driving rain <sup>1</sup>which leaves no food.
- 4 Those who forsake the law <sup>a</sup>praise the wicked,  
 But those who keep the law <sup>b</sup>strive with them.
- 5 Evil men <sup>a</sup>do not understand justice,  
 But those who seek the LORD <sup>b</sup>understand all things.
- 6 Better is the poor who walks in his integrity,  
 Than he who is <sup>1</sup>crooked though he be rich.
- 7 He who keeps the law is a discerning son,  
 But he who is a companion of gluttons humiliates his father.
- 8 He who increases his wealth by <sup>a</sup>interest and usury,  
 Gathers it <sup>b</sup>for him who is gracious to the poor.
- 9 He who turns away his ear from listening to the law,  
 Even his <sup>a</sup>prayer is an abomination.
- 10 He who leads the upright astray in an evil way  
 Will <sup>a</sup>himself fall into his own pit,  
 But the <sup>b</sup>blameless will inherit good.
- 11 The rich man is wise in his own eyes,  
 But the poor who has understanding <sup>1</sup>sees through him.
- 12 When the righteous triumph, there is great glory,  
 But <sup>a</sup>when the wicked rise, men <sup>1</sup>hide themselves.
- 13 He who <sup>a</sup>conceals his transgressions will not prosper,  
 But he who <sup>b</sup>confesses and forsakes *them* will find compassion.
- 14 How blessed is the man who <sup>a</sup>fears always,  
 But he who <sup>b</sup>hardens his heart will fall into calamity.
- 15 *Like* a <sup>a</sup>roaring lion and a rushing bear  
 Is a <sup>b</sup>wicked ruler over a poor people.
- 16 A <sup>a</sup>leader who is a great oppressor lacks understanding,  
 But he who hates unjust gain will prolong *his* days.
- 17 A man who is <sup>a</sup>laden with the guilt of human blood  
 Will <sup>1</sup>be a fugitive until death; let no one support him.
- 18 He who walks blamelessly will be delivered,  
 But he who is <sup>1</sup>crooked will fall all at once.
- 19 He who tills his land will have plenty of food,  
 But he who follows empty *pursuits* will have poverty in plenty.
- 20 A <sup>a</sup>faithful man will abound with blessings,  
 But he who <sup>b</sup>makes haste to be rich will not go unpunished.
- 21 To <sup>1</sup>show partiality is not good,  
<sup>b</sup>Because for a piece of bread a man will transgress.
- 22 A man with an <sup>a</sup>evil eye hastens after wealth,  
 And does not know that want will come upon him.
- 23 He who rebukes a man will afterward find *more* favor  
 Than he who flatters with the tongue.
- 24 He who robs his father or his mother,  
 And says, "It is not a transgression,"  
 Is the companion of a man who destroys.
- 25 An <sup>1</sup>arrogant man stirs up strife,  
 But he who trusts in the LORD will <sup>2</sup>prosper.
- 26 He who <sup>a</sup>trusts in his own heart is a fool,  
 But he who walks wisely will be delivered.
- 27 He who <sup>a</sup>gives to the poor will never want,  
 But he who <sup>1</sup>shuts his eyes will have many curses.

- 28 When the wicked rise, men hide themselves;  
But when they perish, the righteous increase.

CHAPTER 29

- A MAN who hardens his neck after <sup>a</sup>much reproof  
Will suddenly be broken <sup>1</sup>beyond remedy.
- 2 When the <sup>a</sup>righteous <sup>1</sup>increase, the people rejoice,  
But when a wicked man rules, people groan.
- 3 A man who <sup>a</sup>loves wisdom makes his father glad,  
But he who <sup>b</sup>keeps company with harlots wastes his  
wealth.
- 4 The <sup>a</sup>king gives stability to the land by justice,  
But a man who takes bribes overthrows it.
- 5 A man who <sup>a</sup>flatters his neighbor  
Is spreading a net for his steps.
- 6 By transgression an evil man is <sup>a</sup>ensnared,  
But the righteous <sup>b</sup>sings and rejoices.
- 7 The <sup>a</sup>righteous <sup>1</sup>is concerned for the rights of the poor,  
The wicked does not understand *such* <sup>2</sup>concern.
- 8 Scorners set a city aflame,  
But wise men turn away anger.
- 9 When a wise man has a controversy with a foolish man,  
<sup>1</sup>The foolish man either rages or laughs, and there is no  
rest.
- 10 Men of <sup>a</sup>bloodshed hate the blameless,  
But the upright <sup>1</sup>are concerned for his life.
- 11 A fool <sup>1</sup>always loses his temper,  
But a <sup>a</sup>wise man holds it back.
- 12 If a <sup>a</sup>ruler pays attention to falsehood,  
All his ministers *become* wicked.
- 13 The poor man and the oppressor <sup>1</sup>have this in common:  
The LORD gives <sup>a</sup>light to the eyes of both.
- 14 If a <sup>a</sup>king judges the poor with truth,  
His throne will be established forever.
- 15 The <sup>a</sup>rod and reproof give wisdom,  
But a child <sup>1</sup>who gets his own way brings shame to his  
mother.
- 16 When the wicked <sup>1</sup>increase, transgression increases;  
But the <sup>a</sup>righteous will see their fall.
- 17 <sup>a</sup>Correct your son, and he will give you comfort;  
He will also <sup>1</sup>delight your soul.
- 18 Where there is <sup>a</sup>no <sup>1</sup>vision, the people <sup>b</sup>are unrestrained,  
But <sup>c</sup>happy is he who keeps the law.
- 19 A slave will not be instructed by words *alone*;  
For though he understands, there will be no response.
- 20 Do you see a man who is <sup>a</sup>hasty in his words?  
There is more hope for a fool than for him.
- 21 He who pampers his slave from childhood  
Will in the end find him to be a son.
- 22 An angry man stirs up strife,  
And a hot-tempered man abounds in transgression.
- 23 A man's <sup>a</sup>pride will bring him low,  
But a <sup>b</sup>humble spirit will obtain honor.

1 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *and there is no remedy*  
<sup>a</sup>Prov. 1:24-31; 1 Sam. 2:25;  
2 Chr. 36:16

2 <sup>1</sup>Or, *become great*  
<sup>a</sup>Prov. 11:10; 28:12; Esth. 8:15

3 <sup>a</sup>Prov. 10:1; 15:20;  
27:11; 28:7 <sup>b</sup>Prov. 5:10;  
6:26; Luke 15:30

4 <sup>a</sup>Prov. 28:14; 8:15;  
2 Chr. 9:8

5 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 5:9

6 <sup>a</sup>Prov. 22:5; Eccles. 9:12 <sup>b</sup>Ex. 15:1

7 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *knows the cause*  
<sup>2</sup>Lit., *knowledge*  
<sup>a</sup>Prov. 31:8, 9; Job 29:16;  
Ps. 41:1

9 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *He*

10 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *seek his soul*  
<sup>a</sup>Gen. 4:5-8; 1 John 3:12

11 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *sends forth all his spirit*  
<sup>a</sup>Prov. 19:11

12 <sup>a</sup>1 Kin. 12:14

13 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *meet together*  
<sup>a</sup>Ezra 9:8; Ps. 13:3

14 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 72:4; Is. 11:4

15 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *left to himself*  
<sup>a</sup>Prov. 13:24; 22:15

16 <sup>1</sup>Or, *become great*  
<sup>a</sup>Prov. 21:12; Ps. 37:34, 36;  
58:10; 91:8; 92:11

17 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *give delight to*  
<sup>a</sup>Prov. 29:15

18 <sup>1</sup>Or, *revelation*  
<sup>a</sup>1 Sam. 3:1; Ps. 74:9; Amos 8:11, 12 <sup>b</sup>Ex. 32:25 <sup>c</sup>Prov. 8:32; Ps. 1:1, 2; 106:3;  
119:2; John 13:17

20 <sup>a</sup>James 1:19

23 <sup>a</sup>Prov. 11:2; 16:18;  
2 Sam. 22:28; Dan. 4:30,  
31; Matt. 23:12; James 4:6  
<sup>b</sup>Prov. 15:33; 18:12; 22:4; Is. 66:2; Luke 14:11; 18:14;  
James 4:10

24 <sup>a</sup>Lev. 5:1

25 <sup>1</sup>Lit., gives  
<sup>a</sup>Gen. 12:12; 20:2; Luke 12:4; John 12:42, 43 <sup>b</sup>Prov. 18:10; 28:25; Ps. 91:1-16

26 <sup>1</sup>Lit., face  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 49:4; 1 Cor. 4:4

27 <sup>a</sup>Prov. 12:8; Ps. 6:8; 139:21, 22 <sup>b</sup>Prov. 29:10; Ps. 69:4; Matt. 10:22; 24:9; John 15:18; 17:14; 1 John 3:13

1 <sup>1</sup>Or, burden

2 <sup>a</sup>Prov. 12:1; Ps. 49:10

4 <sup>1</sup>Lit., the  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 68:18; John 3:13; Eph. 4:8 <sup>b</sup>Ex. 15:10; Ps. 135:7  
<sup>c</sup>Job 26:8; 38:8, 9 <sup>d</sup>Ps. 24:2; Is. 45:18 <sup>e</sup>Rev. 19:12

5 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 12:6; 18:30 <sup>b</sup>Prov. 2:7; Ps. 3:3; 84:11

6 <sup>a</sup>Deut. 4:2; 12:32; Rev. 22:18

8 <sup>1</sup>Lit., words of falsehood  
<sup>a</sup>Job 23:12; Matt. 6:11

9 <sup>a</sup>Deut. 8:12; 31:20; Neh. 9:25; Hos. 13:6 <sup>b</sup>Josh. 24:27; Job 31:28 <sup>c</sup>Ex. 20:7

10 <sup>a</sup>Eccles. 7:21

11 <sup>1</sup>Or, generation  
<sup>a</sup>Prov. 20:20; Ex. 21:17

12 <sup>1</sup>Or, generation  
<sup>a</sup>Prov. 16:2; Luke 18:11

13 <sup>1</sup>Or, generation  
<sup>a</sup>Prov. 6:17; Is. 2:11; 5:15

14 <sup>1</sup>Or, generation  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 57:4 <sup>b</sup>Job 29:17 <sup>c</sup>Ps. 14:4; Amos 8:4

- 24 He who is a partner with a thief hates his own life;  
He <sup>a</sup>hears the oath but tells nothing.
- 25 The <sup>a</sup>fear of man <sup>1</sup>brings a snare,  
But he who <sup>b</sup>trusts in the LORD will be exalted.
- 26 Many seek the ruler's <sup>1</sup>favor,  
But <sup>a</sup>justice for man *comes* from the LORD.
- 27 An <sup>a</sup>unjust man is abominable to the righteous,  
And he who is <sup>b</sup>upright in the way is abominable to the wicked.

CHAPTER 30

- T**HE words of Agur the son of Jakeh, the <sup>1</sup>oracle.  
The man declares to Ithiel, to Ithiel and Ucal:
- 2 Surely I am more <sup>a</sup>stupid than any man,  
And I do not have the understanding of a man.
- 3 And I have not learned wisdom,  
But I have knowledge of the Holy One.
- 4 Who has <sup>a</sup>ascended into heaven and descended?  
Who has gathered the <sup>b</sup>wind in His fists?  
Who has <sup>c</sup>wrapped the waters in <sup>1</sup>His garment?  
Who has <sup>d</sup>established all the ends of the earth?  
What is His <sup>e</sup>name or His son's name?  
Surely you know!
- 5 Every <sup>a</sup>word of God is tested;  
He is a <sup>b</sup>shield to those who take refuge in Him.
- 6 <sup>a</sup>Do not add to His words  
Lest He reprove you, and you be proved a liar.
- 7 Two things I asked of Thee,  
Do not refuse me before I die:
- 8 Keep deception and <sup>1</sup>lies far from me,  
Give me neither poverty nor riches;  
Feed me with the <sup>a</sup>food that is my portion,
- 9 Lest I be <sup>a</sup>full and deny <sup>b</sup>Thee and say, "Who is the LORD?"  
Or lest I be in want and steal,  
And <sup>c</sup>profane the name of my God.
- 10 Do not slander a slave to his master,  
Lest he <sup>a</sup>curse you and you be found guilty.
- 11 There is a <sup>1</sup>kind of *man* who <sup>a</sup>curses his father,  
And does not bless his mother.
- 12 There is a <sup>1</sup>kind who is <sup>a</sup>pure in his own eyes,  
Yet is not washed from his filthiness.
- 13 There is a <sup>1</sup>kind—oh how <sup>a</sup>lofty are his eyes!  
And his eyelids are raised in *arrogance*.
- 14 There is a <sup>1</sup>kind of *man* whose <sup>a</sup>teeth are *like* swords,  
And his <sup>b</sup>jaw teeth *like* knives,  
To <sup>c</sup>devour the afflicted from the earth,  
And the needy from among men.
- 15 The leech has two daughters,  
"Give," "Give."

- There are three things that will not be satisfied,  
Four that will not say, "Enough":
- 16 <sup>1</sup>Sheol, and the <sup>b</sup>barren womb,  
Earth that is never satisfied with water,  
And fire that never says, "Enough."
- 17 The eye that <sup>a</sup>mocks a father,  
And <sup>1</sup>scorns a mother,  
The ravens of the valley will pick it out,  
And the young <sup>b</sup>beagles will eat it.
- 18 There are three things which are too wonderful for me,  
Four which I do not understand:
- 19 The way of an <sup>a</sup>eagle in the sky,  
The way of a serpent on a rock,  
The way of a ship in the middle of the sea,  
And the way of a man with a maid.
- 20 This is the way of an adulterous woman:  
She eats and wipes her mouth,  
And says, "I have done no wrong."
- 21 Under three things the earth quakes,  
And under four, it cannot bear up:
- 22 Under a slave when he becomes king,  
And a fool when he is satisfied with food,
- 23 Under an unloved woman when she gets a husband,  
And a maidservant when she supplants her mistress.
- 24 Four things are small on the earth,  
But they are exceedingly wise:
- 25 The ants are not a strong folk,  
But they prepare their food in the summer;
- 26 The <sup>a</sup>badgers are not mighty folk,  
Yet they make their houses in the rocks;
- 27 The locusts have no king,  
Yet all of them go out in <sup>a</sup>ranks;
- 28 The lizard you may grasp with the hands,  
Yet it is in kings' palaces.
- 29 There are three things which are stately in *their* march,  
Even four which are stately when they walk:
- 30 The lion *which* is <sup>a</sup>mighty among beasts  
And does not <sup>b</sup>retreat before any,
- 31 The <sup>1</sup>strutting cock, the male goat also,  
And a king *when his* army is with him.
- 32 If you have been foolish in exalting yourself  
Or if you have plotted *evil*, <sup>a</sup>put your hand on your mouth.
- 33 For the <sup>1</sup>churning of milk produces butter,  
And pressing the nose brings forth blood;  
So the <sup>1</sup>churning of anger produces strife.

16 <sup>1</sup>i.e., The nether world  
<sup>a</sup>Prov. 27:20 <sup>b</sup>Gen. 30:1

17 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *despises to obey*  
<sup>a</sup>Gen. 9:22 <sup>b</sup>Deut. 28:26

19 <sup>a</sup>Deut. 28:49; Jer.  
48:40; 49:22

26 <sup>a</sup>Lev. 11:5; Ps. 104:18

27 <sup>a</sup>Joel 2:7

30 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *turn back*  
<sup>a</sup>Judg. 14:18; 2 Sam. 1:23  
<sup>b</sup>Mic. 5:8

31 <sup>1</sup>Heb., *girl in the loins*

32 <sup>a</sup>Job 21:5; 40:4; Mic.  
7:16

33 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *pressing*

<sup>1</sup>Or, *burden*

## CHAPTER 31

THE words of King Lemuel, the <sup>1</sup>oracle which his mother taught him.

**Proverbs 31**

2 <sup>a</sup>Is. 49:15 <sup>b</sup>1 Sam. 1:11

3 <sup>a</sup>Deut. 17:17; 1 Kin. 11:1; Neh. 13:26

4 <sup>a</sup>Ecles. 10:17 <sup>b</sup>Prov. 20:1; Is. 5:22; Hos. 4:11

5 <sup>1</sup>Lit., judgment <sup>2</sup>Lit., sons of affliction  
<sup>a</sup>Prov. 17:15; Ex. 23:6; Deut. 16:19

6 <sup>1</sup>Lit., bitter of soul  
<sup>a</sup>Job 29:13 <sup>b</sup>Job 3:20; Is. 38:15

8 <sup>1</sup>Lit., judgment <sup>2</sup>Lit., sons of passing away  
<sup>a</sup>Prov. 24:11; Job 29:12-17; Ps. 82

9 <sup>1</sup>Lit., judge the afflicted  
<sup>a</sup>Lev. 19:15; Deut. 1:16 <sup>b</sup>Is. 1:17; Jer. 22:16

10 <sup>a</sup>Prov. 12:4; 19:14; Ruth 3:11 <sup>b</sup>Prov. 8:11; Job 28:18

13 <sup>1</sup>Lit., palms <sup>2</sup>Or, willingly

14 <sup>a</sup>Ezek. 27:25

15 <sup>1</sup>Or, prescribed tasks  
<sup>a</sup>Prov. 20:13; Rom. 12:11  
<sup>b</sup>Luke 12:42

16 <sup>1</sup>Lit., the fruit of her palms

17 <sup>1</sup>Lit., her loins  
<sup>a</sup>1 Kin. 18:46; 2 Kin. 4:29; Job 38:3

19 <sup>1</sup>Lit., palms

20 <sup>1</sup>Lit., spreads out her palm  
<sup>a</sup>Prov. 22:9; Deut. 15:11; Job 31:16-20; Rom. 12:13; Eph. 4:28

21 <sup>a</sup>2 Sam. 1:24

22 <sup>a</sup>Prov. 7:16 <sup>b</sup>Gen. 41:42; Rev. 19:8, 14 <sup>c</sup>Judg. 8:26; Luke 16:19

23 <sup>a</sup>Ruth 4:1, 11

24 <sup>1</sup>Lit., gives <sup>2</sup>Lit., Canaanite  
<sup>a</sup>Judg. 14:12

25 <sup>1</sup>Lit., latter days

26 <sup>1</sup>Or, law

- 2 What, O my son?  
And what, O <sup>a</sup>son of my womb?  
And what, O son of my <sup>b</sup>vows?
- 3 Do not give your strength to women,  
Or your ways to that which <sup>a</sup>destroys kings.
- 4 It is not for <sup>a</sup>kings, O Lemuel,  
It is not for kings to <sup>b</sup>drink wine,  
Or for rulers to desire strong drink.
- 5 Lest they drink and forget what is decreed,  
And <sup>a</sup>pervert the <sup>1</sup>rights of all the <sup>2</sup>afflicted.
- 6 Give strong drink to him who is <sup>a</sup>perishing,  
And wine to him <sup>1b</sup>whose life is bitter.
- 7 Let him drink and forget his poverty,  
And remember his trouble no more.
- 8 <sup>a</sup>Open your mouth for the dumb,  
For the <sup>1</sup>rights of all the <sup>2</sup>unfortunate.
- 9 Open your mouth, <sup>a</sup>judge righteously,  
And <sup>1</sup>defend the <sup>b</sup>rights of the afflicted and needy.
- 10 An <sup>a</sup>excellent wife, who can find?  
For her worth is far <sup>b</sup>above jewels.
- 11 The heart of her husband trusts in her,  
And he will have no lack of gain.
- 12 She does him good and not evil  
All the days of her life.
- 13 She looks for wool and flax,  
And works with her <sup>1</sup>hands <sup>2</sup>in delight.
- 14 She is like <sup>a</sup>merchant ships;  
She brings her food from afar.
- 15 She <sup>a</sup>arises also while it is still night,  
And <sup>b</sup>gives food to her household,  
And <sup>1</sup>portions to her maidens.
- 16 She considers a field and buys it;  
From <sup>1</sup>her earnings she plants a vineyard.
- 17 She <sup>a</sup>girds <sup>1</sup>herself with strength,  
And makes her arms strong.
- 18 She senses that her gain is good;  
Her lamp does not go out at night.
- 19 She stretches out her hands to the distaff,  
And her <sup>1</sup>hands grasp the spindle.
- 20 She <sup>1a</sup>extends her hand to the poor;  
And she stretches out her hands to the needy.
- 21 She is not afraid of the snow for her household,  
For all her household are <sup>a</sup>clothed with scarlet.
- 22 She makes <sup>a</sup>coverings for herself;  
Her clothing is <sup>b</sup>fine linen and <sup>c</sup>purple.
- 23 Her husband is known <sup>a</sup>in the gates,  
When he sits among the elders of the land.
- 24 She makes <sup>a</sup>linen garments and sells *them*,  
And <sup>1</sup>supplies belts to the <sup>2</sup>tradesmen.
- 25 Strength and dignity are her clothing,  
And she smiles at the <sup>1</sup>future.
- 26 She opens her mouth in wisdom,  
And the <sup>1</sup>teaching of kindness is on her tongue.
- 27 She looks well to the ways of her household,  
And does not eat the bread of idleness.

- 28 Her children rise up and bless her;  
Her husband *also*, and he praises her, *saying*:  
29 "Many daughters have done nobly,  
But you excel them all."  
30 Charm is deceitful and beauty is vain,  
*But* a woman who <sup>1</sup>fears the LORD, she shall be praised.  
31 Give her the <sup>1</sup>product of her hands,  
And let her works praise her in the gates.

30 <sup>1</sup>Or, *reverences*

31 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *fruit*

## THE BOOK OF ECCLESIASTES

### The Futility of All Endeavor.

THE words of the <sup>a</sup>Preacher, the son of David, king in Jerusalem.

- 2 <sup>1a</sup>"Vanity of vanities," says the Preacher,  
"Vanity of vanities! All is <sup>2</sup>vanity."  
3 <sup>a</sup>What advantage does man have in all his work  
Which he does under the sun?  
4 A generation goes and a generation comes,  
But the <sup>a</sup>earth <sup>1</sup>remains forever.  
5 Also, <sup>a</sup>the sun rises and the sun sets;  
And <sup>1</sup>hastening to its place it rises there *again*.  
6 <sup>1a</sup>Blowing toward the south,  
Then turning toward the north,  
The wind continues <sup>2</sup>swirling along;  
And on its circular courses the wind returns.  
7 All the rivers <sup>1</sup>flow into the sea,  
Yet the sea is not full.  
To the place where the rivers <sup>1</sup>flow,  
There they <sup>1</sup>flow again.  
8 All things are wearisome;  
Man is not able to tell *it*.  
<sup>a</sup>The eye is not satisfied with seeing,  
Nor is the ear filled with hearing.  
9 <sup>a</sup>That which has been is that which will be,  
And that which has been done is that which will be done.  
So, there is nothing new under the sun.  
10 Is there anything of which one might say,  
"See this, it is new"?  
Already it has existed for ages  
Which were before us.  
11 There is <sup>a</sup>no remembrance of <sup>1</sup>earlier things;  
And also of the <sup>2</sup>later things which will occur,  
There will be for them no remembrance  
Among those who will come <sup>2</sup>later *still*.  
12 I, the <sup>a</sup>Preacher, have been king over Israel in Jerusalem.  
13 And I <sup>a</sup>set my <sup>1</sup>mind to seek and <sup>b</sup>explore by wisdom  
concerning all that has been done under heaven. *It is a* <sup>2</sup>grievous  
<sup>c</sup>task *which* God has given to the sons of men to be afflicted  
with.

1 <sup>a</sup>Eccles. 1:12; 7:27;  
12:8-10

2 <sup>1</sup>Or, *Futility of  
futilities* <sup>2</sup>Or, *futile*  
<sup>a</sup>Eccles. 12:8; Ps. 39:5, 6;  
62:9; 144:4; Rom. 8:20

3 <sup>a</sup>Eccles. 2:11; 3:9; 5:16

4 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *stands*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 104:5; 119:90

5 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *panting*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 19:4-6

6 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *Going* <sup>2</sup>Lit.,  
*turning*  
<sup>a</sup>Eccles. 11:5

7 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *go*

8 <sup>a</sup>Eccles. 4:8; Prov.  
27:20

9 <sup>a</sup>Eccles. 2:12; 3:15; 6:10

11 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *first or former*  
<sup>2</sup>Lit., *latter or after*  
<sup>a</sup>Eccles. 2:16; 9:5

12 <sup>a</sup>Eccles. 1:12; 7:27;  
12:8-10

13 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *heart* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *evil*  
<sup>a</sup>Eccles. 1:17 <sup>b</sup>Eccles. 3:10,  
11; 7:25; 8:17 <sup>c</sup>Eccles. 2:23,  
26; 3:10

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14 <sup>1</sup>Or, *futility*  
<sup>a</sup>Eccles. 2:11, 17; 4:4; 6:9

15 <sup>a</sup>Eccles. 7:13

16 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *spoke with my heart, saying* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *heart*  
<sup>3</sup>Lit., *abundance*  
<sup>a</sup>Eccles. 2:9; 1 Kin. 3:12; 4:30; 10:23

17 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *heart*  
<sup>a</sup>Eccles. 1:13 <sup>b</sup>Eccles. 2:12; 7:25

18 <sup>a</sup>Eccles. 2:23; 12:12

1 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *in my heart* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *consider with goodness*  
<sup>a</sup>Eccles. 7:4; 8:15

2 <sup>a</sup>Eccles. 7:3, 6; Prov. 14:13

3 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *heart* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *which they do* <sup>3</sup>Lit., *days*  
<sup>a</sup>Eccles. 10:19; Judg. 9:13; Ps. 104:15 <sup>b</sup>Eccles. 7:25  
<sup>c</sup>Eccles. 1:24; 3:12, 13; 5:18; 6:12; 8:15; 12:13

4 <sup>a</sup>1 Kin. 7:1-12 <sup>b</sup>Song of Sol. 8:10, 11

5 <sup>a</sup>Song of Sol. 4:16; 5:1  
<sup>b</sup>Neh. 2:8

6 <sup>a</sup>Neh. 2:14; 3:15, 16

7 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *sons of the house*  
<sup>a</sup>Gen. 14:14; 15:3 <sup>b</sup>1 Kin. 4:23

8 <sup>a</sup>1 Kin. 9:28; 10:10, 14, 21 <sup>b</sup>1 Kin. 20:14; Lam. 1:1  
<sup>c</sup>2 Sam. 19:35

9 <sup>a</sup>Eccles. 1:16; 1 Chr. 29:25

10 <sup>a</sup>Eccles. 6:2 <sup>b</sup>Eccles. 3:22; 5:18; 9:9

11 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *labored to do*  
<sup>2</sup>Or, *futility*, and so throughout the chap.  
<sup>a</sup>Eccles. 2:22, 23; 1:14  
<sup>b</sup>Eccles. 1:3; 3:9; 5:16

12 <sup>a</sup>Eccles. 1:17 <sup>b</sup>Eccles. 1:9, 10

13 <sup>a</sup>Eccles. 7:11, 12, 19; 9:18; 10:10

14 <sup>a</sup>Prov. 17:24; 1 John 2:11 <sup>b</sup>Eccles. 3:19; 6:6; 7:2; 9:2, 3; Ps. 49:10

14 I have seen all the works which have been done under the sun, and behold, all is <sup>1</sup>vanity and striving after wind.

15 What is <sup>a</sup>crooked cannot be straightened, and what is lacking cannot be counted.

16 I <sup>1</sup>said to myself, "Behold, I have magnified and increased <sup>a</sup>wisdom more than all who were over Jerusalem before me; and my <sup>2</sup>mind has observed a <sup>3</sup>wealth of wisdom and knowledge."

17 And I <sup>a</sup>set my <sup>1</sup>mind to know wisdom and to <sup>b</sup>know madness and folly; I realized that this also is striving after wind.

18 Because <sup>a</sup>in much wisdom there is much grief, and increasing knowledge *results in* increasing pain.

CHAPTER 2

I SAID <sup>1</sup>to myself, "Come now, I will test you with <sup>a</sup>pleasure. So <sup>2</sup>enjoy yourself." And behold, it too was futility.

2 <sup>a</sup>I said of laughter, "It is madness," and of pleasure, "What does it accomplish?"

3 I explored with my <sup>1</sup>mind *how* to <sup>a</sup>stimulate my body with wine while my <sup>1</sup>mind was guiding *me* wisely, and how to take hold of <sup>b</sup>folly, until I could see <sup>c</sup>what good there is for the sons of men <sup>2</sup>to do under heaven the <sup>3</sup>few years of their lives.

4 I enlarged my works: I <sup>a</sup>built houses for myself, I planted <sup>b</sup>vineyards for myself;

5 I made <sup>a</sup>gardens and <sup>b</sup>parks for myself, and I planted in them all kinds of fruit trees;

6 I made <sup>a</sup>ponds of water for myself from which to irrigate a forest of growing trees.

7 I bought male and female slaves, and I had <sup>1</sup>homeborn slaves. Also I possessed flocks and <sup>b</sup>herds larger than all who preceded me in Jerusalem.

8 Also, I collected for myself silver and <sup>a</sup>gold, and the treasure of <sup>b</sup>kings and provinces. I provided for myself <sup>c</sup>male and female singers and the pleasures of men—many concubines.

9 Then I became <sup>a</sup>great and increased more than all who preceded me in Jerusalem. My wisdom also stood by me.

10 And <sup>a</sup>all that my eyes desired I did not refuse them. I did not withhold my heart from any pleasure, for my heart was pleased because of all my labor and this was my <sup>b</sup>reward for all my labor.

11 Thus I considered all my activities which my hands had done and the labor which I had <sup>a</sup>exerted, and behold all was <sup>2</sup>vanity and striving after wind and there was <sup>b</sup>no profit under the sun.

12 So I turned to <sup>a</sup>consider wisdom, madness and folly, for what *will* the man *do* who will come after the king *except* <sup>b</sup>what has already been done?

13 And I saw that <sup>a</sup>wisdom excels folly as light excels darkness.

14 The wise man's eyes are in his head, but the <sup>a</sup>fool walks in darkness. And yet I know that <sup>b</sup>one fate befalls them both.



## The Futility of Labor. A Time for Everything.

15 Then I said <sup>1</sup>to myself, “<sup>a</sup>As is the fate of the fool, it will also befall me. <sup>b</sup>Why then have I been extremely wise?” So <sup>2</sup>I said to myself, “This too is vanity.”

16 For there is <sup>a</sup>no <sup>1</sup>lasting remembrance of the wise man *as* with the fool, inasmuch as *in* the coming days all will be forgotten. And <sup>b</sup>how the wise man and the fool alike die!

17 So I <sup>a</sup>hated life, for the work which had been done under the sun was <sup>1</sup>grievous to me; because everything is futility and striving after wind.

18 Thus I hated <sup>a</sup>all the fruit of my labor for which I had labored under the sun, for I must <sup>b</sup>leave it to the man who will come after me.

19 And who knows whether he will be a wise man or a fool? Yet he will have <sup>1</sup>control over all the fruit of my labor for which I have labored by acting wisely under the sun. This too is vanity.

20 Therefore I <sup>1</sup>completely despaired of all the fruit of my labor for which I had labored under the sun.

21 When there is a man who has labored with wisdom, knowledge and <sup>a</sup>skill, then he <sup>b</sup>gives his <sup>1</sup>legacy to one who has not labored with them. This too is vanity and a great evil.

22 For what does a man get in <sup>a</sup>all his labor and in <sup>1</sup>his striving with which he labors under the sun?

23 Because all his days his task is painful and <sup>a</sup>grievous; even at night his <sup>1</sup>mind <sup>b</sup>does not rest. This too is vanity.

24 There is <sup>a</sup>nothing better for a man *than* to eat and drink and <sup>1</sup>tell himself that his labor is good. This also I have seen, that it is <sup>b</sup>from the hand of God.

25 For who can eat and who can have enjoyment without <sup>1</sup>Him?

26 For to a person who is good in His sight <sup>a</sup>He has given wisdom and knowledge and joy, while <sup>b</sup>to the sinner He has given the task of gathering and collecting so that He may <sup>c</sup>give to one who is good in God's sight. This too is <sup>d</sup>vanity and striving after wind.

### CHAPTER 3

**T**HERE is an appointed time for everything. And there is a <sup>a</sup>time for every <sup>1</sup>event under heaven—

2 A time to give birth, and a <sup>a</sup>time to die;  
A time to plant, and a time to uproot what is planted.

3 A time to kill, and a time to heal;  
A time to tear down, and a time to build up.

4 A time to <sup>a</sup>wEEP, and a time to <sup>b</sup>laugh;  
A time to mourn, and a time to <sup>c</sup>dance.

5 A time to throw stones, and a time to gather stones;  
A time to embrace, and a time to shun embracing.

6 A time to search, and a time to give up as lost;  
A time to keep, and a time to throw away.

7 A time to tear apart, and a time to sew together;  
A time to <sup>a</sup>be silent, and a time to speak.

8 A time to love, and a time to <sup>a</sup>hate;  
A time for war, and a time for peace.

9 <sup>a</sup>What profit is there to the worker from that in which he toils?

## Ecclesiastes 2, 3

15 <sup>1</sup>Lit., in my heart <sup>2</sup>Lit., I spoke in heart  
<sup>a</sup>Eccles. 2:16 <sup>b</sup>Eccles. 6:8, 11

16 <sup>1</sup>Lit., forever  
<sup>a</sup>Eccles. 1:11; 4:16; 9:5  
<sup>b</sup>Eccles. 2:14

17 <sup>1</sup>Lit., evil  
<sup>a</sup>Eccles. 4:2

18 <sup>a</sup>Eccles. 2:11; 1:3 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 39:6; 49:10

19 <sup>1</sup>Lit., dominion

20 <sup>1</sup>Lit., turned aside my heart to despair

21 <sup>1</sup>Lit., share  
<sup>a</sup>Eccles. 4:4 <sup>b</sup>Eccles. 2:18

22 <sup>1</sup>Lit., the striving of his heart  
<sup>a</sup>Eccles. 2:11; 1:3

23 <sup>1</sup>Lit., heart  
<sup>a</sup>Eccles. 1:18; 5:17; Job 5:7; 14:1 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 127:2

24 <sup>1</sup>Lit., causes his soul to see good in his labor  
<sup>a</sup>Eccles. 2:3; 3:12, 13, 22; 5:18; 6:12; 8:15; 9:7; 1 Tim. 6:17 <sup>b</sup>Eccles. 3:13

25 <sup>1</sup>So Gk.; Heb., me

26 <sup>a</sup>Job 32:8; Prov. 2:6  
<sup>b</sup>Job 15:20 <sup>c</sup>Job 27:16, 17; Prov. 13:22 <sup>d</sup>Eccles. 1:14

1 <sup>1</sup>Lit., delight  
<sup>a</sup>Eccles. 3:17; 8:6

2 <sup>a</sup>Job 14:5; Heb. 9:27

4 <sup>a</sup>Rom. 12:15 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 126:2  
<sup>c</sup>Ex. 15:20

7 <sup>a</sup>Amos 5:13

8 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 101:3; Prov. 13:5

9 <sup>a</sup>Eccles. 1:3; 2:11; 5:16

**Ecclesiastes 3, 4**

10 <sup>a</sup>Eccles. 1:13; 2:26

11 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *beautiful* <sup>2</sup>Or, *without which man*  
<sup>a</sup>Gen. 1:31 <sup>b</sup>Eccles. 7:23;  
8:17; Job 5:9; Rom. 11:33

12 <sup>a</sup>Eccles. 2:24

13 <sup>a</sup>Eccles. 2:24; 5:19

14 <sup>1</sup>Or, *be in awe before Him*  
<sup>a</sup>Eccles. 5:7; 7:18; 8:12, 13;  
12:13

15 <sup>a</sup>Eccles. 1:9; 6:10

16 <sup>a</sup>Eccles. 4:1; 5:8; 8:9

17 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *in my heart* <sup>2</sup>Or, *delight*  
<sup>a</sup>Eccles. 11:9; Gen. 18:25;  
Ps. 96:13; 98:9; Matt. 16:27;  
Rom. 2:6-10; 2 Thess. 1:6-9  
<sup>b</sup>Eccles. 3:1; 8:6

18 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *in my heart*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 49:12, 20; 73:22

19 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *and they have one fate* <sup>2</sup>Or, *futility*  
<sup>a</sup>Eccles. 9:12

20 <sup>a</sup>Eccles. 12:7; Gen. 3:19; Ps. 103:14

21 <sup>a</sup>Eccles. 12:7

22 <sup>a</sup>Eccles. 2:24 <sup>b</sup>Eccles. 2:18; 6:12; 8:7; 10:14

1 <sup>a</sup>Eccles. 3:16; 5:8; Job 35:9; Ps. 12:5; Is. 5:7 <sup>b</sup>Lam. 1:9

2 <sup>a</sup>Eccles. 2:17; Job 3:11-26

3 <sup>a</sup>Eccles. 6:3

4 <sup>1</sup>Or, *futility*, and so throughout the chap.  
<sup>a</sup>Eccles. 2:21 <sup>b</sup>Eccles. 1:14

5 <sup>a</sup>Prov. 6:10; 24:33 <sup>b</sup>Is. 9:20

6 <sup>a</sup>Prov. 15:16, 17; 16:8

10 I have seen the <sup>a</sup>task which God has given the sons of men with which to occupy themselves.

11 He has <sup>a</sup>made everything <sup>1</sup>appropriate in its time. He has also set eternity in their heart, <sup>2</sup>yet so that man <sup>b</sup>will not find out the work which God has done from the beginning even to the end.

12 I know that there is <sup>a</sup>nothing better for them than to rejoice and to do good in one's lifetime,

13 moreover, that every man who eats and drinks sees good in all his labor—it is the <sup>a</sup>gift of God.

14 I know that everything God does will remain forever; there is nothing to add to it and there is nothing to take from it, for God has so worked that men should <sup>1</sup>fear Him.

15 That <sup>a</sup>which is has been already, and that which will be has already been, for God seeks what has passed by.

16 Furthermore, I have seen under the sun *that* in the place of justice there is <sup>a</sup>wickedness, and in the place of righteousness there is wickedness.

17 I said <sup>1</sup>to myself, “<sup>a</sup>God will judge both the righteous man and the wicked man,” for a <sup>b</sup>time for every <sup>2</sup>matter and for every deed is there.

18 I said <sup>1</sup>to myself concerning the sons of men, “God has surely tested them in order for them to see that they are but <sup>a</sup>beasts.”

19 <sup>a</sup>For the fate of the sons of men and the fate of beasts <sup>1</sup>is the same. As one dies so dies the other; indeed, they all have the same breath and there is no advantage for man over beast, for all is <sup>2</sup>vanity.

20 All go to the same place. All came from the <sup>a</sup>dust and all return to the dust.

21 Who knows that the <sup>a</sup>breath of man ascends upward and the breath of the beast descends downward to the earth?

22 And I have seen that <sup>a</sup>nothing is better than that man should be happy in his activities, for that is his lot. For who will bring him to see <sup>b</sup>what will occur after him?

CHAPTER 4

**T**HEN I looked again at all the acts of <sup>a</sup>oppression which were being done under the sun. And behold *I saw* the tears of the oppressed and *that* they had <sup>b</sup>no one to comfort *them*; and on the side of their oppressors was power, but they had no one to comfort *them*.

2 So <sup>a</sup>I congratulated the dead who are already dead more than the living who are still living.

3 But <sup>a</sup>better *off* than both of them is the one who has never existed, who has never seen the evil activity that is done under the sun.

4 And I have seen that every labor and every <sup>a</sup>skill which is done is *the result of rivalry* between a man and his neighbor. This too is <sup>1</sup>vanity and striving after wind.

5 The fool <sup>a</sup>folds his hands and <sup>b</sup>consumes his own flesh.

6 One hand full of rest is <sup>a</sup>better than two fists full of labor and striving after wind.

**Solitariness Difficult.  
Attitude Toward God. Injustice.**

7 Then I looked again at vanity under the sun.

8 There was a certain man without a <sup>1</sup>dependent, having neither a son nor a brother, yet there was no end to all his labor. Indeed, <sup>2</sup>his eyes were not satisfied with riches *and he never asked*, "And <sup>b</sup>for whom am I laboring and depriving myself of pleasure?" This too is vanity and it is a <sup>c</sup>grievous task.

9 Two are better than one because they have a good return for their labor.

10 For if <sup>1</sup>either of them falls, the one will lift up his companion. But woe to the one who falls when there is not <sup>2</sup>another to lift him up.

11 Furthermore, if two lie down together they <sup>1</sup>keep warm, but <sup>2</sup>how can one be warm *alone*?

12 And if <sup>1</sup>one can overpower him who is alone, two can resist him. A cord of three *strands* is not quickly torn apart.

13 A <sup>a</sup>poor, yet wise lad is better than an old and foolish king who no longer knows *how* to receive <sup>1</sup>instruction.

14 For he has come <sup>a</sup>out of prison to become king, even though he was born poor in his kingdom.

15 I have seen all the living under the sun throng to the side of the second lad who <sup>1</sup>replaces him.

16 There is no end to all the people, to all who were before them, and even the ones who will come later will not be happy with him, for this too is <sup>a</sup>vanity and striving after wind.

CHAPTER 5

<sup>1a</sup>**G**UARD your steps as you go to the house of God, and draw near to listen rather than to offer the <sup>b</sup>sacrifice of fools; for they do not know they are doing evil.

2 <sup>1</sup>Do not be <sup>a</sup>hasty <sup>2</sup>in word or <sup>3</sup>impulsive in thought to bring up a matter in the presence of God. For God is in heaven and you are on the earth; therefore let your <sup>b</sup>words be few.

3 For the dream comes through much <sup>1</sup>effort, and the voice of a <sup>a</sup>fool through many words.

4 When you <sup>a</sup>make a vow to God, do not be late in paying it, for He takes no delight in fools. <sup>b</sup>Pay what you vow!

5 It is <sup>a</sup>better that you should not vow than that you should vow and not pay.

6 Do not let your <sup>1</sup>speech cause <sup>2</sup>you to sin and do not say in the presence of the messenger of God that it was a <sup>a</sup>mistake. Why should God be angry on account of your voice and destroy the work of your hands?

7 For in many dreams and in many words there is <sup>1</sup>emptiness. Rather, <sup>2</sup>fear <sup>a</sup>God.

8 If you see <sup>a</sup>oppression of the poor and <sup>b</sup>denial of justice and righteousness in the province, do not be <sup>c</sup>shocked at the <sup>1</sup>sight, for one <sup>2</sup>official watches over another <sup>2</sup>official, and there are <sup>d</sup>higher <sup>3</sup>officials over them.

9 After all, a king who cultivates the field is an advantage to the land.

10 <sup>a</sup>He who loves money will not be satisfied with money, nor he who loves abundance *with its* income. This too is <sup>1</sup>vanity.

11 <sup>a</sup>When good things increase, those who consume them increase. So what is the advantage to their owners except to look on?

**Ecclesiastes 4, 5**

8 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *second*  
<sup>a</sup>Eccles. 1:8; 5:10; Prov. 27:20 <sup>b</sup>Eccles. 2:21 <sup>c</sup>Eccles. 1:13

10 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *they fall* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *a second*

11 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *have warmth*  
<sup>1</sup>Kin. 1:1

12 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *he*

13 <sup>1</sup>Or, *warning*  
<sup>a</sup>Eccles. 7:19; 9:15

14 <sup>a</sup>Gen. 41:14, 41-43

15 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *stands in his stead*

16 <sup>a</sup>Eccles. 1:14

1 <sup>1</sup>4:17 in Heb.  
<sup>a</sup>Ex. 3:5; 30:18-20; Is. 1:12  
<sup>b</sup>1 Sam. 15:22; Prov. 15:8; 21:27

2 <sup>1</sup>5:1 in Heb. <sup>2</sup>Lit., *with your mouth* <sup>3</sup>Lit., *hurry your heart*  
<sup>a</sup>Prov. 20:25 <sup>b</sup>Prov. 10:19; Matt. 6:7

3 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *task*  
<sup>a</sup>Eccles. 10:14; Job 11:2

4 <sup>a</sup>Num. 30:2; Ps. 50:14; 76:11 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 66:13, 14

5 <sup>a</sup>Prov. 20:25; Acts 5:4

6 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *mouth* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *your body*  
<sup>a</sup>Lev. 4:2, 22; Num. 15:25

7 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *vanity* <sup>2</sup>Or, *revere*  
<sup>a</sup>Eccles. 3:14; 7:18; 8:12, 13; 12:13

8 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *delight* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *high one* <sup>3</sup>Lit., *ones*  
<sup>a</sup>Eccles. 4:1 <sup>b</sup>Ezek. 18:18  
<sup>c</sup>1 Pet. 4:12 <sup>d</sup>Ex. 2:25; Ps. 12:5

10 <sup>1</sup>Or, *futility*  
<sup>a</sup>Eccles. 2:10, 11

11 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *see with their eyes*  
<sup>a</sup>Eccles. 2:9

12 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *satiety*  
<sup>a</sup>Prov. 3:24

13 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *guarded*  
<sup>a</sup>Eccles. 6:2

14 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *evil task* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *in his hand*

15 <sup>a</sup>Job 1:21 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 49:17;  
1 Tim. 6:7

16 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *comes* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *go*  
<sup>a</sup>Eccles. 1:3; 2:11; 3:9  
<sup>b</sup>Prov. 11:29

17 <sup>a</sup>Eccles. 2:23

18 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *beautiful* <sup>2</sup>Lit.,  
*see good* <sup>3</sup>Or, *days* <sup>4</sup>Or,  
*share*  
<sup>a</sup>Eccles. 2:24 <sup>b</sup>Eccles. 2:10

19 <sup>1</sup>Or, *share*  
<sup>a</sup>Eccles. 6:2; 2 Chr. 1:12  
<sup>b</sup>Eccles. 6:2 <sup>c</sup>Eccles. 3:13

20 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *remember* <sup>2</sup>Or,  
*days* <sup>3</sup>So with Gk.

1 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *upon*  
<sup>a</sup>Eccles. 5:13

2 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *eats from them*  
<sup>2</sup>Or, *futility*  
<sup>a</sup>1 Kin. 3:13 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 17:14; 73:7

3 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *the days of his years*  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 14:20; Jer. 8:2; 22:19  
<sup>b</sup>Eccles. 4:3; Job 3:16

5 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *more rest has this one than that*

6 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *see*  
<sup>a</sup>Eccles. 2:14

7 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *soul* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *filled*  
<sup>a</sup>Prov. 16:26

8 <sup>a</sup>Eccles. 2:15

9 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *goes after*  
<sup>a</sup>Eccles. 11:9 <sup>b</sup>Eccles. 1:14

10 <sup>a</sup>Eccles. 1:9; 3:15  
<sup>b</sup>Prov. 21:30; Job 9:32; 40:2;  
Is. 45:9

12 The sleep of the working man is <sup>a</sup>pleasant, whether he eats little or much. But the <sup>1</sup>full stomach of the rich man does not allow him to sleep.

13 There is a grievous evil *which* I have seen under the sun: <sup>a</sup>riches being <sup>1</sup>hoarded by their owner to his hurt.

14 When those riches were lost through a <sup>1</sup>bad investment and he had fathered a son, then there was nothing <sup>2</sup>to support him.

15 <sup>a</sup>As he had come naked from his mother's womb, so will he return as he came. He will take <sup>b</sup>nothing from the fruit of his labor that he can carry in his hand.

16 And this also is a grievous evil—exactly as a man <sup>1</sup>is born, thus will he <sup>2</sup>die. So, <sup>a</sup>what is the advantage to him who <sup>b</sup>toils for the wind?

17 Throughout his life *he* also eats in darkness with <sup>a</sup>great vexation, sickness and anger.

18 Here is what I have seen to be <sup>a</sup>good and <sup>1</sup>fitting: to eat, to drink and <sup>2</sup>enjoy oneself in all one's labor in which he toils under the sun *during* the few <sup>3</sup>years of his life which God has given him; for this is his <sup>4</sup>reward.

19 Furthermore, as for every man to whom <sup>a</sup>God has given riches and wealth, He has also <sup>b</sup>empowered him to eat from them and to receive his <sup>1</sup>reward and rejoice in his labor; this is the <sup>c</sup>gift of God.

20 For he will not often <sup>1</sup>consider the <sup>2</sup>years of his life, because God keeps <sup>3</sup>him occupied with the gladness of his heart.

CHAPTER 6

**T**HERE is an <sup>a</sup>evil which I have seen under the sun and it is prevalent <sup>1</sup>among men—

2 a man to whom God has <sup>a</sup>given riches and wealth and honor so that his soul <sup>b</sup>blacks nothing of all that he desires, but God has not empowered him to eat from them, for a foreigner <sup>1</sup>enjoys them. This is <sup>2</sup>vanity and a sore affliction.

3 If a man fathers a hundred *children* and lives many years, however many <sup>1</sup>they be, but his soul is not satisfied with good things, and he does not even have a *proper* <sup>a</sup>burial, *then* I say, "Better <sup>b</sup>the miscarriage <sup>3</sup>than he,

4 for it comes in futility and goes into obscurity; and its name is covered in obscurity.

5 "It never sees the sun and it never knows *anything*; <sup>1</sup>it is better off than he.

6 "Even if the *other* man lives a thousand years twice and does not <sup>1</sup>enjoy good things—<sup>a</sup>do not all go to one place?"

7 <sup>a</sup>All a man's labor is for his mouth and yet the <sup>1</sup>appetite is not <sup>2</sup>satisfied.

8 For <sup>a</sup>what advantage does the wise man have over the fool? What *advantage* does the poor man have, knowing *how* to walk before the living?

9 What the eyes <sup>a</sup>see is better than what the soul <sup>1</sup>desires. This too is <sup>b</sup>futility and a striving after wind.

10 Whatever <sup>a</sup>exists has already been named, and it is known what man is; for he <sup>b</sup>cannot dispute with him who is stronger than he is.

11 For there are many words which increase futility. What *then* is the advantage to a man?

12 For who knows what is good for a man during his lifetime, *during* the few <sup>1</sup>years of his futile life? He will <sup>2</sup>spend them like a shadow. For who can tell a man <sup>a</sup>what will be after him under the sun?

CHAPTER 7

A <sup>a</sup>GOOD name is better than a good ointment,  
And the <sup>b</sup>day of *one's* death is better than the day of one's birth.

2 It is better to go to a house of mourning  
Than to go to a house of feasting,  
Because <sup>1</sup>that is the <sup>a</sup>end of every man,  
And the living <sup>2b</sup>takes it to <sup>3</sup>heart.

3 <sup>a</sup>Sorrow is better than laughter,  
For <sup>b</sup>when a face is sad a heart may be happy.

4 The <sup>1</sup>mind of the wise is in the house of mourning,  
While the <sup>1</sup>mind of fools is in the house of pleasure.

5 It is better to <sup>a</sup>listen to the rebuke of a wise man  
Than for one to listen to the song of fools.

6 For as the <sup>1</sup>crackling of <sup>a</sup>thorn bushes under a pot,  
So is the <sup>b</sup>laughter of the fool,  
And this too is futility.

7 For <sup>a</sup>oppression makes a wise man mad,  
And a <sup>b</sup>bribe <sup>1</sup>corrupts the heart.

8 The <sup>a</sup>end of a matter is better than its beginning;  
<sup>b</sup>Patience of spirit is better than haughtiness of spirit.

9 Do not be <sup>1a</sup>eager in your heart to be angry,  
For anger resides in the bosom of fools.

10 Do not say, "Why is it that the former days were better than these?"

For it is not from wisdom that you ask about this.  
Wisdom along with an inheritance is good  
And an <sup>a</sup>advantage to those who see the sun.

12 For <sup>a</sup>wisdom is <sup>1</sup>protection *just as* money is <sup>1</sup>protection.

But the advantage of knowledge is that <sup>b</sup>wisdom preserves the lives of its possessors.

13 Consider the <sup>a</sup>work of God,  
For who is <sup>b</sup>able to straighten what He has bent?

14 <sup>a</sup>In the day of prosperity be happy,  
But <sup>b</sup>in the day of adversity consider—  
God has made the one as well as the other  
So that man may <sup>c</sup>not discover anything *that will be* after him.

15 I have seen everything during my <sup>1a</sup>lifetime of futility;  
there is <sup>ba</sup> righteous man who perishes in his righteousness, and there is <sup>ca</sup> wicked man who prolongs *his life* in his wickedness.

16 Do not be excessively righteous, and do not <sup>a</sup>be overly wise. Why should you ruin yourself?

17 Do not be excessively wicked, and do not be a fool. Why should you <sup>a</sup>die before your time?

12 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *days* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *do*  
<sup>a</sup>Eccles. 3:22

1 <sup>a</sup>Prov. 22:1 <sup>b</sup>Eccles. 7:8; 4:2

2 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *death* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *gives*  
<sup>3</sup>Lit., *his heart*  
<sup>a</sup>Eccles. 2:16; 3:19, 20; 6:6; 9:2, 3 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 90:12

3 <sup>a</sup>Eccles. 2:2 <sup>b2</sup> Cor. 7:10

4 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *heart*

5 <sup>a</sup>Eccles. 9:17; Ps. 141:5; Prov. 6:23; 13:18; 15:31, 32; 25:12

6 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *voice*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 58:9; 118:12 <sup>b</sup>Eccles. 2:2

7 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *destroys*  
<sup>a</sup>Eccles. 4:1; 5:8 <sup>b</sup>Ex. 23:8; Deut. 16:19; Prov. 17:8, 23

8 <sup>a</sup>Eccles. 7:1 <sup>b</sup>Prov. 14:29; 16:32; Gal. 5:22; Eph. 4:2

9 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *hasty in your spirit*  
<sup>a</sup>Prov. 14:17; James 1:19

11 <sup>a</sup>Prov. 8:10, 11

12 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *in a shadow*  
<sup>a</sup>Eccles. 7:19; 9:18 <sup>b</sup>Prov. 3:18; 8:35

13 <sup>a</sup>Eccles. 3:11; 8:17  
<sup>b</sup>Eccles. 1:15

14 <sup>a</sup>Eccles. 3:22; 9:7; 11:9; Deut. 26:11 <sup>b</sup>Deut. 8:5  
<sup>c</sup>Eccles. 3:22

15 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *days*  
<sup>a</sup>Eccles. 6:12; 9:9 <sup>b</sup>Eccles. 8:14 <sup>c</sup>Eccles. 8:12, 13

16 <sup>a</sup>Rom. 12:3

17 <sup>a</sup>Job 22:16; Ps. 55:23; Prov. 10:27

**Ecclesiastes 7, 8**

18 <sup>1</sup>Lit., rest your hand  
<sup>2</sup>Lit., all  
\*Eccles. 7:16 <sup>b</sup>Eccles. 7:17  
\*Eccles. 3:14; 5:7; 8:12, 13;  
12:13

19 \*Eccles. 7:12; 9:13-18

20 \*1 Kin. 8:46; 2 Chr.  
6:36; Ps. 143:2; Prov. 20:9;  
Rom. 3:23

21 <sup>1</sup>Lit., give your heart  
to  
\*Prov. 30:1

22 <sup>1</sup>Lit., your heart knows  
also

23 \*Eccles. 3:11; 8:17

24 <sup>1</sup>Lit., deep  
\*Rom. 11:33 <sup>b</sup>Job 11:7;  
37:23

25 <sup>1</sup>Lit., turned about  
<sup>2</sup>Lit., heart  
\*Eccles. 1:17; 10:13

26 \*Prov. 5:4 <sup>b</sup>Prov. 7:23  
\*Prov. 6:23, 24 <sup>d</sup>Prov. 22:14

28 <sup>1</sup>Lit., my soul  
\*1 Kin. 11:3

29 \*Gen. 1:27

1 <sup>1</sup>Lit., his face <sup>2</sup>Or,  
change  
\*Ex. 34:29, 30 <sup>b</sup>Deut. 28:50

2 <sup>1</sup>Lit., mouth <sup>2</sup>Lit., of  
\*Ex. 22:11; 2 Sam. 21:7;  
Ezek. 17:18

3 <sup>1</sup>Lit., to go out from  
his presence  
\*Eccles. 10:4

4 \*Job 9:12; Dan. 4:35

5 <sup>1</sup>Lit., evil thing  
\*Eccles. 12:13 <sup>b</sup>Prov. 12:21

6 \*Eccles. 3:1, 17

7 \*Eccles. 3:22; 6:12;  
7:14; 9:12

8 <sup>1</sup>Lit., its possessors  
\*Ps. 49:7-9 <sup>b</sup>Deut. 20:5-8  
\*Eccles. 8:13

9 <sup>1</sup>Lit., heart  
\*Eccles. 4:1; 5:8; 7:7

18 It is good that you grasp <sup>a</sup>one thing, and also not <sup>1b</sup>let go of the other; for the one who <sup>c</sup>fears God comes forth with <sup>2</sup>both of them.

19 <sup>a</sup>Wisdom strengthens a wise man more than ten rulers who are in a city.

20 Indeed, <sup>a</sup>there is not a righteous man on earth who *continually* does good and who never sins.

21 Also, do not <sup>1</sup>take seriously all words which are spoken, lest you hear your servant <sup>a</sup>cursing you.

22 For <sup>1</sup>you also have realized that you likewise have many times cursed others.

23 I tested all this with wisdom, *and* I said, "I will be wise," <sup>a</sup>but it was far from me.

24 What has been is remote and <sup>a</sup>exceedingly <sup>1</sup>mysterious. <sup>b</sup>Who can discover it?

25 I <sup>1</sup>directed my <sup>2</sup>mind to know, to investigate, and to seek wisdom and an explanation, and to know the evil of folly and the <sup>a</sup>foolishness of madness.

26 And I discovered more <sup>a</sup>bitter than death the woman whose heart is <sup>b</sup>snare and nets, whose hands are chains. <sup>c</sup>One who is pleasing to God will escape from her, but <sup>d</sup>the sinner will be captured by her.

27 "Behold, I have discovered this," says the Preacher, "*adding* one thing to another to find an explanation,

28 which <sup>1</sup>I am still seeking but have not found. I have found one man among a thousand, but I have not found a <sup>a</sup>woman among all these.

29 "Behold, I have found only this, that <sup>a</sup>God made men upright, but they have sought out many devices."

CHAPTER 8

**W**HO is like the wise man and who knows the interpretation of a matter? A man's wisdom illumines <sup>1a</sup>him and causes his <sup>b</sup>stern face to <sup>2</sup>beam.

2 I say, "Keep the <sup>1</sup>command of the king because of the <sup>a</sup>oath <sup>2</sup>before God.

3 "Do not be in a hurry <sup>1a</sup>to leave him. Do not join in an evil matter, for he will do whatever he pleases."

4 Since the word of the king is authoritative, <sup>a</sup>who will say to him, "What are you doing?"

5 He who <sup>a</sup>keeps a *royal* command <sup>b</sup>experiences no <sup>1</sup>trouble, for a wise heart knows the proper time and procedure.

6 For there is a proper time and procedure <sup>a</sup>for every delight, when a man's trouble is heavy upon him.

7 If no one <sup>a</sup>knows what will happen, who can tell him when it will happen?

8 <sup>a</sup>No man has authority to restrain the wind with the wind, or authority over the day of death; and there is no <sup>b</sup>discharge in the time of war, and evil <sup>c</sup>will not deliver <sup>1</sup>those who practice it.

9 All this I have seen and applied my <sup>1</sup>mind to every deed that has been done under the sun wherein a man has exercised <sup>a</sup>authority over *another* man to his hurt.

10 So then, I have seen the wicked buried, those who used to go in and out from the holy place, and they are <sup>a</sup>soon forgotten in the city where they did thus. This too is futility.

11 Because the <sup>a</sup>sentence against an evil deed is not executed quickly, therefore <sup>b</sup>the hearts of the sons of men among them are given fully to do evil.

12 Although a sinner does evil a hundred *times* and may <sup>a</sup>lengthen his *life*, still I know that it will be <sup>b</sup>well for those who fear God, who fear <sup>1</sup>Him openly.

13 But it will <sup>a</sup>not be well for the evil man and he will not lengthen his days like a <sup>b</sup>shadow, because he does not fear God.

14 There is futility which is done on the earth, that is, there are <sup>a</sup>righteous men to whom it <sup>1</sup>happens according to the deeds of the wicked. On the other hand, there are <sup>b</sup>evil men to whom it <sup>1</sup>happens according to the deeds of the righteous. I say that this too is futility.

15 So I commended pleasure, for there is nothing good for <sup>a</sup>a man under the sun except to eat and to drink and to be merry, and this will stand by him in his <sup>1</sup>toils *throughout* the days of his life which God has given him under the sun.

16 When I <sup>a</sup>gave my heart to know wisdom and to see the task which has been done on the earth (even though one should <sup>b</sup>never sleep day or night),

17 and I saw every work of God, I *concluded* that <sup>a</sup>man cannot discover the work which has been done under the sun. Even though man should seek laboriously, he will not discover; and <sup>b</sup>though the wise man should say, "I know," he cannot discover.

CHAPTER 9

FOR I have taken all this to my heart and explain <sup>1</sup>it that righteous men, wise men, and their deeds are <sup>a</sup>in the hand of God. <sup>b</sup>Man does not know whether *it will be* <sup>c</sup>love or hatred; anything <sup>2</sup>awaits him.

2 <sup>a</sup>It is the same for all. There is <sup>b</sup>one fate for the righteous and for the wicked; for the good, for the clean, and for the unclean; for the man who offers a sacrifice and for the one who does not sacrifice. As the good man is, so is the sinner; as the swearer is, so is the one who <sup>1</sup>is afraid to swear.

3 This is an evil in all that is done under the sun, that there is <sup>a</sup>one fate for all men. Furthermore, <sup>b</sup>the hearts of the sons of men are full of evil, and <sup>c</sup>insanity is in their hearts throughout their lives. Afterwards they *go* to the dead.

4 For whoever is joined with the living, there is hope; surely a live dog is better than a dead lion.

5 For the living know they will die; but the dead do not <sup>a</sup>know anything, nor have they any longer a reward, for their <sup>b</sup>memory is forgotten.

6 Indeed their love, their hate, and their zeal have already perished, and they will no longer have a <sup>a</sup>share in all that is done under the sun.

7 *Go then*, <sup>a</sup>eat your bread in happiness, and drink your wine with a cheerful heart; for God has already approved your works.

10 <sup>a</sup>Eccles. 1:11; 2:16; 4:16; 9:5, 15

11 <sup>a</sup>Ex. 34:6; Ps. 86:15; Rom. 2:4; 2 Pet. 3:9  
<sup>b</sup>Eccles. 9:3

12 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *before Him*  
<sup>a</sup>Eccles. 7:15; Is. 65:20  
<sup>b</sup>Deut. 4:40; 12:25; Ps. 37:11; Prov. 1:33; Is. 3:10

13 <sup>a</sup>Eccles. 8:8; Is. 3:11  
<sup>b</sup>Eccles. 6:12; Job 14:2

14 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *strikes*  
<sup>a</sup>Eccles. 7:15; Ps. 73:14  
<sup>b</sup>Job 21:7; Ps. 73:3, 12; Jer. 12:1; Mal. 3:15

15 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *labor*  
<sup>a</sup>Eccles. 2:24; 3:12, 13; 5:18; 9:7

16 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *see no sleep in his eyes*  
<sup>a</sup>Eccles. 1:13, 14  
<sup>b</sup>Eccles. 2:23

17 <sup>a</sup>Eccles. 3:11  
<sup>b</sup>Eccles. 7:23; Ps. 73:16; Rom. 11:33

1 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *all this* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *is before them*  
<sup>a</sup>Deut. 33:3; Job 12:10; Ps. 119:109  
<sup>b</sup>Eccles. 10:14  
<sup>c</sup>Eccles. 9:6

2 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *fears an oath*  
<sup>a</sup>Eccles. 9:11; Job 9:22  
<sup>b</sup>Eccles. 2:14; 3:19; 6:6; 7:2

3 <sup>a</sup>Eccles. 9:2  
<sup>b</sup>Eccles. 8:11  
<sup>c</sup>Eccles. 1:17

5 <sup>a</sup>Job 14:21  
<sup>b</sup>Eccles. 1:11; 2:16; 8:10; Ps. 88:12; Is. 26:14

6 <sup>a</sup>Eccles. 2:10; 3:22

7 <sup>a</sup>Eccles. 2:24

8 <sup>a</sup>Rev. 3:4 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 23:5

9 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *life of vanity*  
<sup>a</sup>Eccles. 6:12; 7:15

10 <sup>a</sup>Eccles. 11:6; Rom. 12:11; Col. 3:23 <sup>b</sup>Eccles. 9:5 <sup>c</sup>Gen. 37:35; Job 21:13; Is. 38:10

11 <sup>a</sup>Amos 2:14, 15 <sup>b2</sup>Chr. 20:15; Ps. 76:5; Is. 40:29; Zech. 4:6 <sup>c</sup>Deut. 8:17, 18 <sup>d1</sup>Sam. 6:9

12 <sup>a</sup>Eccles. 8:7 <sup>b</sup>Prov. 7:23 <sup>c</sup>Prov. 29:6; Is. 24:18; Hos. 9:8 <sup>d</sup>Luke 21:34, 35

13 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *great it was to me*

15 <sup>1</sup>Or, *might have delivered*  
<sup>a</sup>Eccles. 4:13 <sup>b2</sup>Sam. 20:22 <sup>c</sup>Eccles. 2:16; 8:10

16 <sup>a</sup>Eccles. 7:12, 19

17 <sup>a</sup>Eccles. 7:5; 10:12

18 <sup>a</sup>Eccles. 9:16 <sup>b</sup>Josh. 7:1-2; 2 Kin. 21:2-17

1 <sup>a</sup>Ex. 30:25

3 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *heart* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *says*  
<sup>a</sup>Prov. 13:16; 18:2

4 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *spirit*  
<sup>a</sup>Eccles. 8:3 <sup>b1</sup>Sam. 25:24-33; Prov. 25:15

5 <sup>a</sup>Eccles. 5:6

6 <sup>a</sup>Esth. 3:1; Prov. 28:12; 29:2

7 <sup>a</sup>Prov. 19:10 <sup>b</sup>Esth. 6:8

8 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 7:15; Prov. 26:27  
<sup>b</sup>Amos 5:19

10 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *iron* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *strengthen*

8 Let your <sup>a</sup>clothes be white all the time, and let not oil be lacking on your <sup>b</sup>head.

9 Enjoy life with the woman whom you love all the days of your <sup>1</sup>fleeting <sup>a</sup>life which He has given to you under the sun; for this is your reward in life, and in your toil in which you have labored under the sun.

10 Whatever your hand finds to do, verily, <sup>a</sup>do it with all your might; for there is no <sup>b</sup>activity or planning or wisdom in <sup>c</sup>Sheol where you are going.

11 I again saw under the sun that the <sup>a</sup>race is not to the swift, and the <sup>b</sup>battle is not to the warriors, and neither is bread to the wise, nor <sup>c</sup>wealth to the discerning, nor favor to men of ability; for time and <sup>d</sup>chance overtake them all.

12 Moreover, man does not <sup>a</sup>know his time: like fish caught in a treacherous net, and <sup>b</sup>birds trapped in a snare, so the sons of men are <sup>c</sup>ensnared at an evil time when it <sup>d</sup>suddenly falls on them.

13 Also this I came to see as wisdom under the sun, and it <sup>1</sup>impressed me.

14 There was a small city with few men in it and a great king came to it, surrounded it, and constructed large siegeworks against it.

15 But there was found in it a <sup>a</sup>poor wise man and he <sup>1</sup>delivered the city <sup>b</sup>by his wisdom. Yet <sup>c</sup>no one remembered that poor man.

16 So I said, “<sup>a</sup>Wisdom is better than strength.” But the wisdom of the poor man is despised and his words are not heeded.

17 The <sup>a</sup>words of the wise heard in quietness are *better* than the shouting of a ruler among fools.

18 <sup>a</sup>Wisdom is better than weapons of war, but <sup>b</sup>one sinner destroys much good.

#### CHAPTER 10

**D**EAD flies make a <sup>a</sup>perfumer’s oil stink, so a little foolishness is weightier than wisdom *and* honor.

2 A wise man’s heart *directs him* toward the right, but the foolish man’s heart *directs him* toward the left.

3 Even when the fool walks along the road his <sup>1</sup>sense is lacking, and he <sup>2a</sup>demonstrates to everyone *that* he is a fool.

4 If the ruler’s <sup>1</sup>temper rises against you, <sup>a</sup>do not abandon your position, because <sup>b</sup>composure allays great offenses.

5 There is an evil I have seen under the sun, like an <sup>a</sup>error which goes forth from the ruler—

6 <sup>a</sup>folly is set in many exalted places while rich men sit in humble places.

7 I have seen <sup>a</sup>slaves *riding* <sup>b</sup>on horses and princes walking like slaves on the land.

8 <sup>a</sup>He who digs a pit may fall into it, and a <sup>b</sup>serpent may bite him who breaks through a wall.

9 He who quarries stones may be hurt by them, and he who splits logs may be endangered by them.

10 If the <sup>1</sup>axe is dull and he does not sharpen *its* edge, then he must <sup>2</sup>exert more strength. Wisdom has the advantage of giving success.



**The Lips of a Fool.  
"Cast Your Bread on . . . the Waters."**

**Ecclesiastes 10, 11**

11 If the serpent bites <sup>a</sup>before <sup>1</sup>being charmed, there is no profit for the charmer.

12 <sup>a</sup>Words from the mouth of a wise man are gracious, while the lips of a <sup>b</sup>fool consume him;

13 the beginning of <sup>1</sup>his talking is folly, and the end of <sup>2</sup>it is wicked <sup>a</sup>madness.

14 Yet the <sup>a</sup>fool multiplies words. No man knows what will happen, and who can tell him <sup>b</sup>what will come after him?

15 The toil of a <sup>1</sup>fool so wearies him that he does not *even* know how to go to a city.

16 Woe to you, O land, whose <sup>a</sup>king is a lad and whose princes <sup>1</sup>feast in the morning.

17 Blessed are you, O land, whose king is of nobility and whose princes eat at the appropriate time—for strength, and not for <sup>a</sup>drunkenness.

18 Through <sup>a</sup>indolence the rafters sag, and through slackness the house leaks.

19 *Men* prepare a meal for enjoyment, and <sup>a</sup>wine makes life merry, and <sup>b</sup>money <sup>1</sup>is the answer to everything.

20 Furthermore, <sup>a</sup>in your bedchamber do not <sup>b</sup>curse a king, and in your sleeping rooms do not curse a rich man, for a bird of the heavens will carry the sound, and the winged creature will make the matter known.

CHAPTER 11

<sup>a</sup>**C**AST your bread on the surface of the waters, for you <sup>b</sup>will find it <sup>1</sup>after many days.

2 <sup>a</sup>Divide your portion to seven, or even to eight, for you do not know what <sup>b</sup>misfortune may occur on the earth.

3 If the clouds are full, they pour out rain upon the earth; and whether a tree falls toward the south or toward the north, wherever the tree falls, there it <sup>1</sup>lies.

4 He who watches the wind will not sow and he who looks at the clouds will not reap.

5 Just as you do not <sup>a</sup>know <sup>1</sup>the path of the wind and <sup>b</sup>how bones *are formed* in the womb of the <sup>2</sup>pregnant woman, so you do not <sup>c</sup>know the activity of God who makes all things.

6 Sow your seed <sup>a</sup>in the morning, and do not <sup>1</sup>be idle in the evening, for you do not know whether <sup>2</sup>morning or evening sowing will succeed, or whether both of them alike will be good.

7 The light is pleasant, and *it* is good for the eyes to <sup>a</sup>see the sun.

8 Indeed, if a man should live many years, let him <sup>a</sup>rejoice in them all, and let him remember the <sup>b</sup>days of darkness, for they shall be many. Everything that is to come *will be* futility.

9 <sup>a</sup>Rejoice, young man, during your childhood, and let your heart be pleasant during the days of young manhood. And <sup>b</sup>follow the <sup>1</sup>impulses of your heart and the <sup>2</sup>desires of your eyes. Yet know that <sup>c</sup>God will bring you to judgment for all these things.

10 So, remove vexation from your heart and put away <sup>1</sup>pain from your body, because childhood and the prime of life are fleeting.

11 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *without enchantment*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 58:4, 5; Jer. 8:17

12 <sup>a</sup>Prov. 10:32; 22:11; Luke 4:22 <sup>b</sup>Eccles. 4:5; Prov. 10:14; 18:7

13 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *the words of his mouth* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *his mouth*  
<sup>a</sup>Eccles. 7:25

14 <sup>a</sup>Eccles. 5:3; Prov. 15:2 <sup>b</sup>Eccles. 3:22; 6:12; 7:14; 8:7

15 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *fools*

16 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *eat*  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 3:4, 12

17 <sup>a</sup>Prov. 31:4; Is. 5:11

18 <sup>a</sup>Prov. 24:30-34

19 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *answers all*  
<sup>a</sup>Eccles. 2:3; Judg. 9:13; Ps. 104:15 <sup>b</sup>Eccles. 7:12

20 <sup>a</sup>2 Kin. 6:12; Luke 12:3 <sup>b</sup>Ex. 22:28; Acts 23:5

1 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *in, within*  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 32:20 <sup>b</sup>Deut. 15:10; Prov. 19:17; Matt. 10:42; 2 Cor. 9:8; Gal. 6:9; Heb. 6:10

2 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 112:9; Matt. 5:42; Luke 6:30; 1 Tim. 6:18, 19 <sup>b</sup>Eccles. 11:8; 12:1

3 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *is*

5 <sup>1</sup>Or, *with many mss., how the spirit enters the bones in the womb* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *full*  
<sup>a</sup>John 3:8 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 139:13-16 <sup>c</sup>Eccles. 1:13; 3:10, 11; 8:17

6 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *let down your hand* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *this or that*  
<sup>a</sup>Eccles. 9:10

7 <sup>a</sup>Eccles. 6:5; 7:11

8 <sup>a</sup>Eccles. 9:7 <sup>b</sup>Eccles. 12:1

9 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *ways* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *sights*  
<sup>a</sup>Eccles. 2:10 <sup>b</sup>Num. 15:39; Job 31:7 <sup>c</sup>Eccles. 3:17; 12:4; Rom. 14:10

10 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *evil*  
<sup>a</sup>2 Cor. 7:1; 2 Tim. 2:22

1 <sup>a</sup>Deut. 8:18; Neh. 4:14;  
Ps. 63:6; 119:55 <sup>b</sup>Eccles.  
11:8 <sup>c</sup>2 Sam. 19:35

2 <sup>a</sup>Is. 5:30; 13:10; Ezek.  
32:7, 8; Joel 3:5; Matt.  
24:29

3 <sup>1</sup>Or, holes  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 35:14; 38:6 <sup>b</sup>Gen. 27:1;  
48:10; 1 Sam. 3:2

4 <sup>1</sup>Lit., be brought low  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 141:3 <sup>b</sup>Jer. 25:10; Rev.  
18:22 <sup>c</sup>2 Sam. 19:35

5 <sup>1</sup>Lit., they  
<sup>a</sup>Job 17:13; 30:32 <sup>b</sup>Gen.  
50:10; Jer. 9:7

6 <sup>1</sup>So with Gk.; Heb.,  
removed  
<sup>a</sup>Zech. 4:2, 3

7 <sup>1</sup>Or, breath  
<sup>a</sup>Eccles. 3:20; Gen. 3:19;  
Job 34:15; Ps. 104:29  
<sup>b</sup>Eccles. 3:21; Job 34:14;  
Luke 23:46; Acts 7:59  
<sup>c</sup>Num. 16:22; 27:16; Is.  
57:16; Zech. 12:1

8 <sup>a</sup>Eccles. 1:2

9 <sup>a</sup>1 Kin. 4:32

10 <sup>a</sup>Prov. 10:32 <sup>b</sup>Prov.  
22:20, 21

11 <sup>1</sup>Lit., planted  
<sup>a</sup>Eccles. 7:5; 10:12; Prov.  
1:6; 22:17 <sup>b</sup>Acts 2:37 <sup>c</sup>Ezra  
9:8; Is. 22:23

12 <sup>1</sup>Lit., making  
<sup>a</sup>1 Kin. 4:32, 33 <sup>b</sup>Eccles.  
1:18

13 <sup>a</sup>Eccles. 3:14; 5:7; 7:18;  
8:12 <sup>b</sup>Eccles. 8:5; Deut. 4:2  
<sup>c</sup>Deut. 10:12; Mic. 6:8

14 <sup>a</sup>Eccles. 3:17; 11:9;  
Matt. 10:26; Rom. 2:16;  
1 Cor. 4:5

<sup>a</sup>REMEMBER also your Creator in the days of your youth, before the <sup>b</sup>evil days come and the years draw near when you will say, "I have no delight in them";

2 before the <sup>a</sup>sun, the light, the moon, and the stars are darkened, and clouds return after the rain;

3 in the day that the watchmen of the house tremble, and mighty men <sup>a</sup>stoop, the grinding ones stand idle because they are few, and <sup>b</sup>those who look through <sup>1</sup>windows grow dim;

4 and the <sup>a</sup>doors on the street are shut as the <sup>b</sup>sound of the grinding mill is low, and one will arise at the sound of the bird, and all the <sup>c</sup>daughters of song will <sup>1</sup>sing softly.

5 Furthermore, <sup>1</sup>men are afraid of a high place and of terrors on the road; the almond tree blossoms, the grasshopper drags himself along, and the caperberry is ineffective. For man goes to his eternal <sup>a</sup>home while <sup>b</sup>mourners go about in the street.

6 *Remember Him* before the silver cord is <sup>1</sup>broken and the <sup>a</sup>golden bowl is crushed, the pitcher by the well is shattered and the wheel at the cistern is crushed;

7 then the <sup>a</sup>dust will return to the earth as it was, and the <sup>1</sup>spirit will return to <sup>c</sup>God who gave it.

8 ~~"aVanity of vanities," says the Preacher, "all is vanity!"~~

9 In addition to being a wise man, the Preacher also taught the people knowledge; and he pondered, searched out and arranged <sup>a</sup>many proverbs.

10 The Preacher sought to find <sup>a</sup>delightful words and to write <sup>b</sup>words of truth correctly.

11 The <sup>a</sup>words of wise men are like <sup>b</sup>goads, and masters of *these* collections are like <sup>1</sup>well-driven <sup>c</sup>nails; they are given by one Shepherd.

12 But beyond this, my son, be warned: the <sup>1</sup>writing of <sup>a</sup>many books is endless, and excessive <sup>b</sup>devotion to books is wearying to the body.

13 The conclusion, when all has been heard, is: <sup>a</sup>fear God and <sup>b</sup>keep His commandments, because this *applies to* <sup>c</sup>every person.

14 Because <sup>a</sup>God will bring every act to judgment, everything which is hidden, whether it is good or evil.

# THE SONG OF SOLOMON

The Bride Speaks to Jerusalem's Daughters.

- T**HE <sup>1</sup>Song of <sup>a</sup>Songs, which is Solomon's.
- 2** "May he kiss me with the kisses of his mouth!  
For your <sup>a</sup>love is better than wine.
- 3** "Your <sup>a</sup>oils have a pleasing fragrance,  
Your <sup>b</sup>name is *like* <sup>1</sup>purified oil;  
Therefore the <sup>2c</sup>maidens love you.
- 4** "Draw me after you *and* let us run *together!*  
The <sup>a</sup>king has brought me into his chambers."  
  
"**1**We will rejoice in you and be glad;  
We will <sup>2</sup>extol your <sup>b</sup>love more than wine.  
Rightly do they love you."
- 5** "I am black but <sup>a</sup>lovely,  
O <sup>b</sup>daughters of Jerusalem,  
Like the <sup>c</sup>tents of <sup>d</sup>Kedar,  
Like the curtains of Solomon.
- 6** "Do not stare at me because I am <sup>1</sup>swarthy,  
For the sun has burned me.  
My <sup>a</sup>mother's sons were angry with me;  
They made me <sup>b</sup>caretaker of the vineyards,  
*But* I have not taken care of my own vineyard.
- 7** "Tell me, O you <sup>a</sup>whom my soul loves,  
Where do you <sup>b</sup>pasture your *flock*,  
Where do you make it <sup>c</sup>lie down at noon?  
For why should I be like one who <sup>1</sup>veils herself  
Beside the flocks of <sup>d</sup>your companions?"
- 8** "If you yourself do not know,  
<sup>a</sup>Most beautiful among women,  
Go forth on the trail of the flock,  
And pasture your young goats  
By the tents of the shepherds.
- 9** "To me, <sup>a</sup>my darling, you are like  
My <sup>b</sup>mare among the chariots of Pharaoh.
- 10** "Your <sup>a</sup>checks are lovely with ornaments,  
Your neck with strings of <sup>b</sup>beads."
- 11** "We will make for you ornaments of gold  
With beads of silver."
- 12** "While the king was at his <sup>2</sup>table,  
My <sup>3</sup>perfume gave forth its fragrance.
- 13** "My beloved is to me a pouch of <sup>a</sup>myrrh  
Which lies all night between my breasts.
- 14** "My beloved is to me a cluster of <sup>a</sup>henna blossoms  
In the vineyards of <sup>b</sup>Engedi."
- 15** "<sup>1,2</sup>How beautiful <sup>a</sup>you are, my darling,  
<sup>2</sup>How beautiful you are!  
Your <sup>b</sup>eyes are *like* doves."

<sup>1</sup> Or, *Best of the Songs*  
<sup>a1</sup> Kin. 4:32

**2** BRIDE  
<sup>a</sup>Song of Sol. 1:4; 4:10

<sup>3</sup> <sup>11</sup> it., which is *emptied*  
(from one vessel to  
another) <sup>2</sup> Or, *virgins*  
<sup>a</sup>Song of Sol. 4:10; John  
12:3 <sup>b</sup> Eccles. 7:1 <sup>c</sup> Ps. 45:14

**4** CHORUS <sup>2</sup> Lit.,  
*mention with praise*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 45:14, 15 <sup>b</sup> Song of Sol.  
1:4; 4:10

**5** BRIDE  
<sup>a</sup>Song of Sol. 2:14; 4:3; 6:4  
<sup>b</sup>Song of Sol. 2:7; 3:5; 10;  
5:8, 16; 8:4 <sup>c</sup> Ps. 120:5 <sup>d</sup> Is.  
60:7

**6** Or, *black*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 69:8 <sup>b</sup> Song of Sol.  
8:11; Job 27:18

**7** Some versions read:  
*wanders*  
<sup>a</sup>Song of Sol. 3:1-4 <sup>b</sup> Song  
of Sol. 2:16; 6:3 <sup>c</sup> Is. 13:20;  
Jer. 33:12 <sup>d</sup> Song of Sol.  
8:13

**8** BRIDEGROOM  
<sup>a</sup>Song of Sol. 5:9; 6:1

**9** <sup>1</sup> Lit., *I have compared*  
*you to*  
<sup>a</sup>Song of Sol. 1:15; 2:2, 10,  
13 <sup>b2</sup> Chr. 1:16, 17

<sup>10</sup> <sup>a</sup>Song of Sol. 5:13  
<sup>b</sup> Gen. 24:53; Is. 67:10

**11** CHORUS

**12** BRIDE <sup>2</sup> Or, *couch*  
<sup>1</sup> Lit., *nard*  
<sup>a</sup>Song of Sol. 4:13, 14;  
Mark 14:3; John 12:3

<sup>13</sup> <sup>a</sup>Ps. 45:8; John 19:39

<sup>14</sup> <sup>a</sup>Song of Sol. 4:13  
<sup>b1</sup> Sam. 23:29

**15** BRIDEGROOM  
<sup>2</sup> Lit., *Behold*  
<sup>a</sup>Song of Sol. 1:16; 2:10, 13;  
4:1, 7; 6:4, 10 <sup>b</sup> Song of Sol.  
4:1; 5:12

16 <sup>1</sup>BRIDE <sup>2</sup>Lit., *Behold*  
<sup>a</sup>Song of Sol. 2:3, 9, 17; 5:2,  
 5, 6, 8

17 <sup>1</sup>Or, *junipers*  
<sup>a</sup>1 Kin. 6:9, 10; Jer. 22:14  
<sup>b</sup>2 Chr. 3:5

1 <sup>1</sup>BRIDE <sup>2</sup>Lit., *crocus*  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 35:1 <sup>b</sup>Is. 33:9; 35:2  
<sup>c</sup>Song of Sol. 5:13; 7:2;  
 Hos. 14:5

2 <sup>1</sup>BRIDEGROOM  
<sup>2</sup>Lit., *daughters*  
<sup>a</sup>Song of Sol. 1:9

3 <sup>1</sup>BRIDE <sup>2</sup>Or, *apricot*  
<sup>3</sup>Lit., *sons* <sup>4</sup>Lit., *palate*  
<sup>a</sup>Song of Sol. 8:5 <sup>b</sup>Song of  
 Sol. 4:13, 16; 8:11, 12

4 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *house of wine*  
<sup>a</sup>Song of Sol. 1:4 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 20:5

5 <sup>1</sup>Or, *apricots*  
<sup>a</sup>2 Sam. 6:19; 1 Chr. 16:3;  
 Hos. 3:1 <sup>b</sup>Song of Sol. 7:8  
<sup>c</sup>Song of Sol. 5:8

6 <sup>a</sup>Song of Sol. 8:3  
<sup>b</sup>Prov. 4:8

7 <sup>1</sup>BRIDEGROOM <sup>2</sup>Or,  
*it*  
<sup>a</sup>Song of Sol. 3:5; 5:8, 9; 8:4  
<sup>b</sup>Song of Sol. 1:5 <sup>c</sup>Song of  
 Sol. 2:9, 17; 3:5; 8:14; Prov.  
 6:5 <sup>d</sup>Gen. 49:21; Ps. 18:33;  
 Hab. 3:19

8 <sup>1</sup>BRIDE  
<sup>a</sup>Song of Sol. 2:17; Is. 52:7

9 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *of the stags*  
<sup>a</sup>Song of Sol. 2:9, 17; 3:5;  
 8:14; Prov. 6:5 <sup>b</sup>Song of  
 Sol. 2:17; 8:14 <sup>c</sup>Judg. 5:28

10 <sup>a</sup>Song of Sol. 2:13

12 <sup>1</sup>Or, *singing*  
<sup>a</sup>Gen. 15:9; Ps. 74:19; Jer.  
 8:7

13 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 24:32 <sup>b</sup>Song of  
 Sol. 7:12

- 16 “<sup>1,2</sup>How handsome you are, <sup>a</sup>my beloved,  
 And so pleasant!  
 Indeed, our couch is luxuriant!  
 17 “The beams of our houses are <sup>a</sup>cedars,  
 Our rafters, <sup>1b</sup>cypresses.

## CHAPTER 2

“<sup>41</sup>I AM the <sup>2a</sup>rose of <sup>b</sup>Sharon,  
 The <sup>c</sup>lily of the valleys.”

- 2 “<sup>1</sup>Like a lily among the thorns,  
 So is <sup>a</sup>my darling among the <sup>2</sup>maidens.”
- 3 “<sup>1</sup>Like an <sup>2a</sup>apple tree among the trees of the forest,  
 So is my beloved among the <sup>3</sup>young men.  
 In his shade I took great delight and sat down,  
 And his <sup>b</sup>fruit was sweet to my <sup>4</sup>taste.
- 4 “He has <sup>a</sup>brought me to *his* <sup>1b</sup>banquet hall,  
 And his <sup>b</sup>banner over me is love.
- 5 “Sustain me with <sup>a</sup>raisin cakes,  
 Refresh me with <sup>1b</sup>apples,  
 Because <sup>c</sup>I am lovesick.
- 6 “*Let* <sup>a</sup>his left hand be under my head  
 And <sup>a</sup>his right hand <sup>b</sup>embrace me.”
- 7 “I <sup>a</sup>adjure you, O <sup>b</sup>daughters of Jerusalem,  
 By the <sup>c</sup>gazelles or by the <sup>d</sup>hinds of the field,  
<sup>a</sup>That you will not arouse or awaken *my* love,  
 Until <sup>2</sup>she pleases.”
- 8 “<sup>1</sup>Listen! My beloved!  
 Behold, he is coming,  
 Climbing <sup>a</sup>on the mountains,  
 Leaping on the hills!
- 9 “My beloved is like a <sup>a</sup>gazelle or a <sup>b</sup>young <sup>1</sup>stag.  
 Behold, he is standing behind our wall,  
 He is looking through the windows,  
 He is peering <sup>c</sup>through the lattice.
- 10 “My beloved responded and said to me,  
<sup>a</sup>Arise, my darling, my beautiful one,  
 And come along.
- 11 ‘For behold, the winter is past,  
 The rain is over *and* gone.
- 12 ‘The flowers have *already* appeared in the land;  
 The time has arrived for <sup>1</sup>pruning *the vines*,  
 And the voice of the <sup>a</sup>turtledove has been heard in our  
 land.
- 13 ‘The <sup>a</sup>fig tree has ripened its figs,  
 And the <sup>b</sup>vines in blossom have given forth *their* fra-  
 grance.  
 Arise, my darling, my beautiful one,  
 And come along!

**The Bride's Reverie.  
The Procession.**

- 14 'O <sup>a</sup>my dove, <sup>b</sup>in the clefts of the <sup>1</sup>rock,  
In the secret place of the steep <sup>2</sup>pathway,  
Let me see your <sup>3</sup>form,  
'Let me hear your voice;  
For your voice is sweet,  
And your <sup>3</sup>form is <sup>d</sup>lovely.'
- 15 "Catch the foxes for us,  
The <sup>1</sup>little foxes that are ruining the vineyards,  
While our <sup>a</sup>vineyards are in blossom.
- 16 "My beloved is mine, and I am his;  
He <sup>b</sup>pastures *his flock* among the lilies.
- 17 "Until <sup>1</sup>the cool of the day when the shadows flee away,  
Turn, my beloved, and be like a <sup>b</sup>gazelle  
Or a young stag <sup>c</sup>on the mountains of <sup>2</sup>Bether."

CHAPTER 3

- "<sup>1</sup>ON my bed night after night I sought him  
<sup>a</sup>Whom my soul loves;  
I <sup>b</sup>sought him but did not find him.
- 2 'I must arise now and <sup>1</sup>go about the city;  
In the <sup>a</sup>streets and in the squares  
I must seek him whom my soul loves.'  
I sought him but did not find him.
- 3 "The watchmen who make the rounds in the city found  
me,  
And I said, 'Have you seen him whom my soul loves?'
- 4 "Scarcely had I <sup>1</sup>left them  
When I found him whom my soul loves;  
I held on to him and would not let him go,  
Until I had <sup>a</sup>brought him to my mother's house,  
And into the room of her who conceived me."
- 5 "I <sup>a</sup>adjure you, O daughters of Jerusalem,  
By the <sup>b</sup>gazelles or by the hinds of the field,  
That you will not arouse or awaken *my love*,  
Until <sup>2</sup>she pleases."
- 6 "<sup>1,2a</sup>What is this coming up from the wilderness  
Like <sup>b</sup>columns of smoke,  
Perfumed with <sup>c</sup>myrrh and <sup>d</sup>frankincense,  
With all scented powders of the merchant?
- 7 "Behold, it is the *traveling couch* of Solomon;  
Sixty mighty men around it,  
Of the mighty men of Israel.
- 8 "All of them are wielders of the sword,  
<sup>a</sup>Expert in war;  
Each man has his <sup>b</sup>sword at his side,  
*Guarding* against the <sup>1c</sup>terrors of the night.
- 9 "King Solomon has made for himself a sedan chair  
From the timber of Lebanon.
- 10 "He made its posts of silver,  
Its <sup>1</sup>back of gold  
And its seat of purple fabric,  
With its interior lovingly fitted out  
By the <sup>a</sup>daughters of Jerusalem.

**Song of Songs 2, 3**

14 <sup>1</sup>Or, *crag* <sup>2</sup>Or, *cliff*  
<sup>3</sup>Lit., *appearance*  
<sup>a</sup>Song of Sol. 5:2; 6:9 <sup>b</sup>Jer.  
48:28 <sup>c</sup>Song of Sol. 8:13  
<sup>d</sup>Song of Sol. 1:5

15 <sup>1</sup>Or, *young*  
<sup>a</sup>Song of Sol. 2:13

16 <sup>a</sup>Song of Sol. 6:3; 7:10  
<sup>b</sup>Song of Sol. 4:5; 6:2, 3

17 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *the day blows*  
<sup>2</sup>Or, *cleavage*; or *a kind of*  
*spice*  
<sup>a</sup>Song of Sol. 4:6 <sup>b</sup>Song of  
Sol. 2:9 <sup>c</sup>Song of Sol. 2:8

1 BRIDE  
<sup>a</sup>Song of Sol. 1:7 <sup>b</sup>Song of  
Sol. 5:6

2 <sup>1</sup>Or, *Let me*  
*arise . . . go . . . search*  
<sup>a</sup>Jer. 5:1

3 <sup>a</sup>Song of Sol. 5:7

4 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *passed*  
<sup>a</sup>Song of Sol. 8:2

5 BRIDEGROOM <sup>2</sup>Or,  
*it*  
<sup>a</sup>Song of Sol. 2:7; 8:4 <sup>b</sup>Song  
of Sol. 2:7

6 CHORUS <sup>2</sup>Lit., *Who*  
<sup>a</sup>Song of Sol. 8:5 <sup>b</sup>Ex.  
13:21; Joel 2:30 <sup>c</sup>Song of  
Sol. 1:13; 4:6, 14; Matt.  
2:11 <sup>d</sup>Ex. 30:34; Rev. 18:13

8 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *terror in the*  
*nights*  
<sup>a</sup>Jer. 50:9 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 45:3 <sup>c</sup>Ps. 91:5

10 <sup>1</sup>Or, *support*  
<sup>a</sup>Song of Sol. 1:5

11 <sup>1</sup>Or, *wreath*  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 3:16, 17; 4:4 <sup>b</sup>Is. 62:5

1 <sup>1</sup>BRIDEGROOM  
<sup>2</sup>Lit., *Behold*  
<sup>a</sup>Song of Sol. 1:15 <sup>b</sup>Song of Sol. 1:15; 5:12 <sup>c</sup>Song of Sol. 6:7 <sup>d</sup>Song of Sol. 6:5 <sup>e</sup>Mic. 7:14

2 <sup>1</sup>Or, *miscarried*  
<sup>a</sup>Song of Sol. 6:6

3 <sup>a</sup>Josh. 2:18 <sup>b</sup>Song of Sol. 5:16 <sup>c</sup>Song of Sol. 6:7

4 <sup>1</sup>Or, *for an arsenal*  
<sup>a</sup>Song of Sol. 7:4 <sup>b</sup>Neh. 3:19 <sup>c</sup>Ezek. 27:10, 11  
<sup>d</sup>2 Sam. 1:21

5 <sup>a</sup>Song of Sol. 7:3 <sup>b</sup>Song of Sol. 2:16; 6:2, 3

6 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *the day blows*  
<sup>a</sup>Song of Sol. 2:17 <sup>b</sup>Song of Sol. 4:14

7 <sup>a</sup>Song of Sol. 1:15

8 <sup>1</sup>Or, *Look*  
<sup>a</sup>1 Kin. 4:33; Ps. 72:16  
<sup>b</sup>Song of Sol. 5:1; Is. 62:5  
<sup>c</sup>2 Kin. 5:12 <sup>d</sup>Deut. 3:9;  
1 Chr. 5:23; Ezek. 27:5

9 <sup>a</sup>Song of Sol. 4:10, 12;  
5:1, 2 <sup>b</sup>Gen. 41:42; Prov. 1:9; Ezek. 16:11; Dan. 5:7

10 <sup>1</sup>Or, *balsam odors*  
<sup>a</sup>Song of Sol. 7:6 <sup>b</sup>Song of Sol. 1:2, 4 <sup>c</sup>Song of Sol. 1:3

11 <sup>a</sup>Prov. 5:3 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 19:10;  
Prov. 24:13 <sup>c</sup>Gen. 27:27;  
Hos. 14:6

11 "Go forth, O <sup>a</sup>daughters of Zion,  
And gaze on King Solomon with the <sup>1</sup>crown  
With which his mother has crowned him  
On the <sup>b</sup>day of his wedding,  
And on the day of his gladness of heart."

## CHAPTER 4

<sup>4,2</sup>HOW beautiful <sup>a</sup>you are, my darling,  
<sup>2</sup>How beautiful you are!  
Your <sup>b</sup>eyes are *like* doves <sup>c</sup>behind your veil;  
Your <sup>d</sup>hair is like a flock of goats  
That have descended from Mount <sup>e</sup>Gilead.

2 "Your <sup>a</sup>teeth are like a flock of *newly* shorn ewes  
Which have come up from *their* washing,  
All of which bear twins,  
And not one among them has <sup>1</sup>lost her young.

3 "Your lips are like a scarlet <sup>a</sup>thread,  
And your <sup>b</sup>mouth is lovely.  
Your <sup>c</sup>temples are like a slice of a pomegranate  
Behind your veil.

4 "Your <sup>a</sup>neck is like the tower of David  
Built <sup>1</sup>with <sup>b</sup>brows of stones,  
On which are <sup>c</sup>hung a thousand shields,  
All the round <sup>d</sup>shields of the mighty men.

5 "Your <sup>a</sup>two breasts are like two fawns,  
Twins of a gazelle,  
Which <sup>b</sup>feed among the lilies.

6 "<sup>a</sup>Until <sup>1</sup>the cool of the day  
When the shadows flee away,  
I will go my way to the mountain of <sup>b</sup>myrrh  
And to the hill of <sup>b</sup>frankincense.

7 "<sup>a</sup>You are altogether beautiful, my darling,  
And there is no blemish in you.

8 "*Come* with me from <sup>a</sup>Lebanon, *my* <sup>b</sup>bride,  
May you come with me from Lebanon.  
<sup>1</sup>Journey down from the summit of <sup>c</sup>Amana,  
From the summit of <sup>d</sup>Senir and Hermon,  
From the dens of lions,  
From the mountains of leopards.

9 "You have made my heart beat faster, <sup>a</sup>my sister, *my*  
bride;  
You have made my heart beat faster with a single *glance*  
of your eyes,  
With a single <sup>b</sup>strand of your necklace.

10 "<sup>a</sup>How beautiful is your love, my sister, *my* bride!  
How much <sup>b</sup>better is your love than wine,  
And the <sup>c</sup>fragrance of your oils  
Than all <sup>d</sup>kinds of <sup>1</sup>spices!

11 "Your lips, *my* bride, <sup>a</sup>drip <sup>b</sup>honey;  
Honey and milk are under your tongue,  
And the fragrance of your garments is like the <sup>c</sup>fragrance  
of Lebanon.

- 12 "A garden locked is my sister, *my* bride,  
A <sup>1</sup>rock garden locked, a <sup>2</sup>spring <sup>b</sup>sealed up.
- 13 "Your shoots are an <sup>1</sup>orchard of <sup>b</sup>pomegranates  
With <sup>c</sup>choice fruits, <sup>d</sup>henna with nard plants,
- 14 <sup>a</sup>Nard and saffron, <sup>b</sup>calamus and cinnamon,  
With all the trees of <sup>c</sup>frankincense,  
<sup>d</sup>Myrrh and aloes, along with all the finest <sup>1</sup>spices.
- 15 "You are a garden spring,  
A well of <sup>1</sup>fresh water,  
And streams *flowing* from Lebanon."
- 16 "Awake, O north *wind*,  
And come, *wind of* the south;  
Make my <sup>a</sup>garden breathe out *fragrance*,  
Let its <sup>2</sup>spices <sup>3</sup>be wafted abroad.  
May <sup>b</sup>my beloved come into his garden  
And eat its <sup>c</sup>choice fruits!"

CHAPTER 5

- "<sup>1</sup>I HAVE <sup>a</sup>come into my garden, <sup>b</sup>my sister, *my* bride;  
I have gathered my <sup>c</sup>myrrh along with my balsam.  
I have eaten my <sup>d</sup>honeycomb <sup>2</sup>and my honey;  
I have <sup>c</sup>drunk my wine <sup>2</sup>and my milk.  
Eat, <sup>f</sup>friends;  
Drink and <sup>3</sup>imbibe deeply, O lovers."
- 2 "I was asleep, but my heart was awake.  
A voice! My beloved was knocking:  
<sup>c</sup>Open to me, <sup>a</sup>my sister, my darling,  
<sup>b</sup>My dove, my perfect one!  
For my head is <sup>2</sup>drenched with dew,  
My <sup>c</sup>locks with the <sup>3</sup>damp of the night."
- 3 "I have <sup>a</sup>taken off my dress,  
How can I put it on *again*?  
I have <sup>b</sup>washed my feet,  
How can I dirty them *again*?"
- 4 "My beloved extended his hand through the opening,  
And my <sup>1</sup>feelings were aroused for him.
- 5 "I arose to open to my beloved;  
And my hands <sup>a</sup>dripped with myrrh,  
And my fingers with <sup>1</sup>liquid myrrh,  
On the handles of the bolt.
- 6 "I opened to my beloved,  
But my beloved had <sup>a</sup>turned away *and* had gone!  
My <sup>1</sup>heart went out *to him* as he <sup>b</sup>spoke.  
I <sup>c</sup>sought for him, but I did not find him;  
I <sup>d</sup>called him, but he did not answer me.
- 7 "The <sup>a</sup>watchmen who make the rounds in the city found  
me,  
They struck me *and* wounded me;  
The guardsmen of the walls took away my shawl from  
me.
- 8 "I <sup>a</sup>adjure you, O daughters of Jerusalem,  
If you find my beloved,  
As to what you will tell him:  
For <sup>b</sup>I am lovesick."

12 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *stone heap*  
<sup>a</sup>Prov. 5:15-18 <sup>b</sup>Gen. 29:3

13 <sup>1</sup>Or, *park*; or *paradise*  
<sup>a</sup>Neh. 2:8; Eccles. 2:5  
<sup>b</sup>Song of Sol. 6:11; 7:12  
<sup>c</sup>Song of Sol. 4:16; 2:3; 7:13  
<sup>d</sup>Song of Sol. 1:14

14 <sup>1</sup>Or, *balsam odors*  
<sup>a</sup>Song of Sol. 1:12 <sup>b</sup>Ex. 30:23 <sup>c</sup>Song of Sol. 4:6  
<sup>d</sup>Song of Sol. 3:6; Ps. 45:8; John 19:39

15 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *living*  
<sup>a</sup>Zech. 14:8

16 <sup>1</sup>BRIDE <sup>2</sup>Or, *balsam odors* <sup>3</sup>Lit., *flow forth*  
<sup>a</sup>Song of Sol. 5:1; 6:2 <sup>b</sup>Song of Sol. 1:13; 2:3; 8; 6:2  
<sup>c</sup>Song of Sol. 4:13

1 <sup>1</sup>BRIDEGROOM  
<sup>2</sup>Lit., *with* <sup>3</sup>Or, *become drunk*  
<sup>a</sup>Song of Sol. 6:2 <sup>b</sup>Song of Sol. 4:9 <sup>c</sup>Song of Sol. 1:13; 4:14 <sup>d</sup>Song of Sol. 4:11  
<sup>e</sup>Prov. 9:5; Is. 55:1 <sup>f</sup>Judg. 14:11, 20; John 3:29

2 <sup>1</sup>BRIDE <sup>2</sup>Lit., *filled*  
<sup>3</sup>Lit., *drops*  
<sup>a</sup>Song of Sol. 4:9 <sup>b</sup>Song of Sol. 2:14; 6:9 <sup>c</sup>Song of Sol. 5:11

3 <sup>a</sup>Luke 11:7 <sup>b</sup>Gen. 19:2

4 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *bowels*  
<sup>a</sup>Jer. 31:20

5 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *passing*  
<sup>a</sup>Song of Sol. 5:13

6 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *soul*  
<sup>a</sup>Song of Sol. 6:1 <sup>b</sup>Song of Sol. 5:2 <sup>c</sup>Song of Sol. 3:1  
<sup>d</sup>Prov. 1:28

7 <sup>a</sup>Song of Sol. 3:3

8 <sup>a</sup>Song of Sol. 2:7; 3:5  
<sup>b</sup>Song of Sol. 2:5

**Song of Songs 5, 6**

9 <sup>1</sup>CHORUS <sup>2</sup>Or, *What is your beloved more than another beloved*  
<sup>a</sup>Song of Sol. 1:8; 6:1

10 <sup>1</sup>BRIDE <sup>2</sup>Lit., *Lifted up banner*  
<sup>a</sup>1 Sam. 16:12 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 45:2

11 <sup>a</sup>Song of Sol. 5:2

12 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *sitting upon*  
<sup>a</sup>Song of Sol. 1:15; 4:1 <sup>b</sup>Ex. 25:7

13 <sup>a</sup>Song of Sol. 6:2 <sup>b</sup>Song of Sol. 2:1 <sup>c</sup>Song of Sol. 5:5

14 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *lapis lazuli*  
<sup>a</sup>Ex. 28:20; 39:13; Ezek. 1:16; Dan. 10:6 <sup>b</sup>Ex. 24:10; 28:18; Job 28:16; Is. 54:11

15 <sup>a</sup>Song of Sol. 7:4  
<sup>b</sup>1 Kin. 4:33; Ps. 80:10; Ezek. 17:23; 31:8

16 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *palate*  
<sup>a</sup>Song of Sol. 7:9 <sup>b</sup>2 Sam. 1:23

1 <sup>1</sup>CHORUS  
<sup>a</sup>Song of Sol. 5:6 <sup>b</sup>Song of Sol. 1:8

2 <sup>1</sup>BRIDE  
<sup>a</sup>Song of Sol. 4:16; 5:1  
<sup>b</sup>Song of Sol. 5:13 <sup>c</sup>Song of Sol. 1:7 <sup>d</sup>Song of Sol. 2:1; 5:13

3 <sup>a</sup>Song of Sol. 2:16; 7:10  
<sup>b</sup>Song of Sol. 2:16; 4:5

4 <sup>1</sup>BRIDEGROOM  
<sup>2</sup>Lit., *bannered ones*  
<sup>a</sup>Song of Sol. 1:15 <sup>b</sup>1 Kin. 14:17 <sup>c</sup>Song of Sol. 1:5 <sup>d</sup>Ps. 48:2; 50:2 <sup>e</sup>Song of Sol. 6:10

5 <sup>a</sup>Song of Sol. 4:1

6 <sup>1</sup>Or, *miscarried*  
<sup>a</sup>Song of Sol. 4:2

**She Describes Her Beloved.  
 Mutual Delight In Each Other.**

9 <sup>1,2</sup>What kind of beloved is your beloved,  
 O <sup>a</sup>most beautiful among women?  
<sup>2</sup>What kind of beloved is your beloved,  
 Thus you adjure us?"

10 <sup>1</sup>My beloved is dazzling and <sup>a</sup>ruddy,  
<sup>2b</sup>Outstanding among ten thousand.

11 <sup>1</sup>His head is *like gold*, pure gold;  
 His <sup>a</sup>locks are *like* clusters of dates,  
 And black as a raven.

12 <sup>1</sup>His <sup>a</sup>eyes are like doves,  
 Beside streams of water,  
 Bathed in milk,  
 And <sup>1</sup>reposed in *their* <sup>b</sup>setting.

13 <sup>1</sup>His cheeks are like a <sup>a</sup>bed of balsam,  
 Banks of sweet-scented herbs;  
 His lips are <sup>b</sup>lilies,  
<sup>c</sup>Dripping with liquid myrrh.

14 <sup>1</sup>His hands are rods of gold  
 Set with <sup>a</sup>beryl;  
 His abdomen is carved ivory  
 Inlaid with <sup>1b</sup>sapphires.

15 <sup>1</sup>His legs are pillars of alabaster  
 Set on pedestals of pure gold;  
 His appearance is like <sup>a</sup>Lebanon,  
 Choice as the <sup>b</sup>cedars.

16 <sup>1</sup>His <sup>a</sup>mouth is *full of* sweetness.  
 And he is wholly <sup>b</sup>desirable.  
 This is my beloved and this, my friend,  
 O daughters of Jerusalem."

CHAPTER 6

<sup>4</sup>1a **W**HERE has your beloved gone,  
 O <sup>b</sup>most beautiful among women?  
 Where has your beloved turned,  
 That we may seek him with you?"

2 <sup>1</sup>My beloved has gone down to his <sup>a</sup>garden,  
 To the <sup>b</sup>beds of balsam,  
 To <sup>c</sup>pasture *his flock* in the gardens  
 And gather <sup>d</sup>lilies.

3 <sup>a</sup>I am my beloved's and my beloved is mine,  
 He who <sup>b</sup>pastures *his flock* among the lilies."

4 <sup>1a</sup>You are as beautiful as <sup>b</sup>Tirzah, my darling,  
 As <sup>c</sup>lovely as <sup>d</sup>Jerusalem,  
 As <sup>e</sup>awesome as <sup>2</sup>an army with banners.

5 <sup>1</sup>Turn your eyes away from me,  
 For they have confused me;  
<sup>a</sup>Your hair is like a flock of goats  
 That have descended from Gilead.

6 <sup>a</sup>Your teeth are like a flock of ewes  
 Which have come up from *their* washing,  
 All of which bear twins,  
 And not one among them has <sup>1</sup>lost her young.



- 7 "Your temples are like a slice of a pomegranate  
Behind your veil.
- 8 "There are sixty <sup>a</sup>queens and eighty concubines,  
And <sup>1b</sup>maidens without number;
- 9 *But* <sup>a</sup>my dove, my perfect one, is <sup>1</sup>unique:  
She is her mother's <sup>1</sup>only *daughter*;  
She is the pure *child* of the one who bore her.  
The <sup>2b</sup>maidens saw her and called her blessed,  
The <sup>a</sup>queens and the concubines *also*, and they praised  
her, *saying*,
- 10 'Who is this that <sup>1</sup>grows like the dawn,  
As beautiful as the full <sup>a</sup>moon,  
As pure <sup>b</sup>as the sun,  
As <sup>c</sup>awesome as <sup>2a</sup>an army with banners?'
- 11 "I went down to the orchard of nut trees  
To see the blossoms of the valley,  
To see whether <sup>a</sup>the vine had budded  
Or the <sup>b</sup>pomegranates had bloomed.
- 12 "Before I was aware, my soul set me  
Over the chariots of <sup>1</sup>my noble people."
- 13 "1.<sup>2</sup>Come back, come back, O Shulammitte;  
Come back, come back, that we may gaze at you!"
- "<sup>3</sup>Why should you gaze at the Shulammitte,  
As at the <sup>a</sup>dance of <sup>4b</sup>the two companies?

CHAPTER 7

- "<sup>1</sup>HOW beautiful are your <sup>2</sup>feet in sandals,  
O <sup>3a</sup>prince's daughter!  
The curves of your hips are like <sup>4</sup>jewels,  
The work of the hands of an artist.
- 2 "Your navel is *like* a round goblet  
Which never lacks mixed wine;  
Your belly is like a heap of wheat  
Fenced about with lilies.
- 3 "Your <sup>a</sup>two breasts are like two fawns,  
Twins of a gazelle.
- 4 "Your <sup>a</sup>neck is *like* a tower of ivory,  
Your eyes *like* the pools in <sup>b</sup>Heshbon  
By the gate of Bath-rabbim;  
Your nose is like the tower of Lebanon,  
Which faces toward Damascus.
- 5 "Your head <sup>1</sup>crowns you like <sup>a</sup>Carmel,  
And the flowing locks of your head are like purple  
threads;  
*The king is captivated by your tresses.*
- 6 "How <sup>a</sup>beautiful and how delightful you are,  
<sup>1</sup>My love, with *all* your charms!
- 7 "Your stature is like a palm tree,  
And your breasts are *like its* clusters.

7 <sup>a</sup>Song of Sol. 4:3

8 <sup>1</sup>Or, *virgins*  
<sup>a</sup>1 Kin. 11:3 <sup>b</sup>Song of Sol. 1:3

9 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *one* <sup>2</sup>Lit.,  
*daughters*  
<sup>a</sup>Song of Sol. 2:14; 5:2  
<sup>b</sup>Gen. 30:13 <sup>c</sup>1 Kin. 11:3

10 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *looks down* <sup>2</sup>Lit.,  
*bannered ones*  
<sup>a</sup>Job 31:26 <sup>b</sup>Matt. 17:2;  
Rev. 1:16 <sup>c</sup>Song of Sol. 6:4

11 <sup>a</sup>Song of Sol. 7:12  
<sup>b</sup>Song of Sol. 4:13

12 <sup>1</sup>Another reading is  
*Ammi-nadib*

13 <sup>1</sup>CHORUS <sup>2</sup>Chap. 7:1  
in Heb. <sup>3</sup>BRIDEGROOM  
<sup>4</sup>Or, *Mahanaim*  
<sup>a</sup>Judg. 21:21 <sup>b</sup>Gen. 32:2;  
2 Sam. 17:24

1 <sup>1</sup>Chap. 7:2 in Heb.  
<sup>2</sup>Lit., *footsteps* <sup>3</sup>Or,  
*nobleman's* <sup>4</sup>Or, *ornaments*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 45:13

3 <sup>a</sup>Song of Sol. 4:5

4 <sup>a</sup>Song of Sol. 4:4  
<sup>b</sup>Num. 21:26

5 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *is upon*  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 35:2

6 <sup>1</sup>Or, *With love among  
your delights*  
<sup>a</sup>Song of Sol. 1:15, 16; 4:10

7 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *This stature of  
yours*

8 <sup>1</sup>Lit., nose <sup>2</sup>Or,  
*apricots*  
<sup>a</sup>Song of Sol. 2:5

9 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *palate* <sup>2</sup>BRIDE  
<sup>a</sup>Song of Sol. 5:16 <sup>b</sup>Prov.  
23:31

10 <sup>a</sup>Song of Sol. 2:16; 6:3  
<sup>b</sup>Ps. 45:11

11 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *field*

12 <sup>a</sup>Song of Sol. 6:11

13 <sup>a</sup>Gen. 30:14 <sup>b</sup>Song of  
Sol. 2:3; 4:13, 16

2 <sup>a</sup>Song of Sol. 3:4

3 <sup>a</sup>Song of Sol. 2:6

4 <sup>1</sup>BRIDECROOM <sup>2</sup>Or,  
*Why should you arouse*  
<sup>1</sup>Or, *it*  
<sup>a</sup>Song of Sol. 2:7; 3:5

5 <sup>1</sup>CHORUS  
<sup>2</sup>BRIDECROOM <sup>3</sup>Or,  
*apricot*  
<sup>a</sup>Song of Sol. 3:6 <sup>b</sup>Song of  
Sol. 2:3

6 <sup>1</sup>Or, *signet* <sup>2</sup>Or, *Its  
ardor is as inflexible*  
<sup>3</sup>Another reading is: *A  
vehement flame.*  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 49:16; Jer. 22:24; Hag.  
2:23 <sup>b</sup>Prov. 6:34

- 8 "I said, 'I will climb the palm tree,  
I will take hold of its fruit stalks.'  
Oh, may your breasts be like clusters of the vine,  
And the fragrance of your <sup>1</sup>breath like <sup>2a</sup>apples,  
9 And your <sup>1a</sup>mouth like the best wine!"

"<sup>2</sup>It <sup>b</sup>goes down smoothly for my beloved,  
Flowing gently *through* the lips of those who fall asleep.

- 10 "<sup>a</sup>I am my beloved's,  
And his <sup>b</sup>desire is for me.  
11 "Come, my beloved, let us go out into the <sup>1</sup>country,  
Let us spend the night in the villages.  
12 "Let us rise early *and go* to the vineyards;  
Let us <sup>a</sup>see whether the vine has budded  
*And its blossoms have opened,*  
*And whether the pomegranates have bloomed.*  
There I will give you my love.  
13 "The <sup>a</sup>mandrakes have given forth fragrance;  
And over our doors are all <sup>b</sup>choice *fruits,*  
Both new and old,  
Which I have saved up for you, my beloved.

## CHAPTER 8

- "OH that you were like a brother to me  
Who nursed at my mother's breasts.  
*If I found you outdoors, I would kiss you;*  
No one would despise me, either.  
2 "I would lead you *and* <sup>a</sup>bring you  
Into the house of my mother, who used to instruct me;  
I would give you spiced wine to drink from the juice of  
my pomegranates.  
3 "Let <sup>a</sup>his left hand be under my head,  
And his right hand embrace me."  
4 "<sup>1a</sup>I want you to swear, O daughters of Jerusalem,  
<sup>2</sup>Do not arouse or awaken my love,  
Until <sup>3</sup>she pleases."  
5 "<sup>1a</sup>Who is this coming up from the wilderness,  
Leaning on her beloved?"  
"<sup>2</sup>Beneath the <sup>3b</sup>apple tree I awakened you;  
There your mother was in labor with you,  
There she was in labor *and gave* you birth.  
6 "Put me like a <sup>1</sup>seal over your heart,  
Like a <sup>a</sup>seal on your arm.  
For love is as strong as death,  
<sup>2b</sup>Jealousy is as severe as Sheol;  
Its flashes are flashes of fire,  
<sup>3</sup>The very flame of the LORD.  
7 "Many waters cannot quench love,  
Nor will rivers overflow it;  
If a man were to give all the riches of his house for love,  
It would be utterly despised."

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| <p>8 "We have a little sister,<br/>And she <sup>a</sup>has no breasts;<br/>What shall we do for our sister<br/>On the day when she is spoken for?</p> <p>9 "If she is a wall,<br/>We shall build on her a battlement of silver;<br/>But if she is a door,<br/>We shall barricade her with <sup>a</sup>planks of cedar."</p> <p>10 "I was a wall, and my breasts were like towers;<br/>Then I became in his eyes as one who finds peace.</p> <p>11 "Solomon had a <sup>a</sup>vineyard at Baal-hamon;<br/>He <sup>b</sup>entrusted the vineyard to <sup>c</sup>caretakers;<br/>Each one was to bring a <sup>d</sup>thousand <i>shekels</i> of silver for<br/>its <sup>e</sup>fruit.</p> <p>12 "My very own vineyard is <sup>1</sup>at my disposal;<br/>The thousand <i>shekels</i> are for you, Solomon,<br/>And two hundred are for those who take care of its<br/>fruit."</p> <p>13 "O you who sit in the gardens,<br/>My <sup>a</sup>companions are listening for your voice—<br/>Let me hear it!"</p> <p>14 "<sup>1,2</sup>Hurry, my beloved,<br/>And be <sup>a</sup>like a gazelle or a young <sup>3</sup>stag<br/>On the <sup>b</sup>mountains of spices."</p> | <p>8 <sup>1</sup>CHORUS<br/><sup>e</sup>Ezek. 16:7</p> <p>9 <sup>a1</sup> Kin. 6:15</p> <p>10 <sup>1</sup>BRIDE</p> <p>11 <sup>a</sup>Eccles. 2:4 <sup>b</sup>Matt.<br/>21:33 <sup>c</sup>Song of Sol. 1:6 <sup>d</sup>Is.<br/>7:23 <sup>e</sup>Song of Sol. 8:12; 2:3</p> <p>12 <sup>1</sup>Lit., <i>before me</i></p> <p>13 <sup>1</sup>BRIDEGROOM<br/><sup>a</sup>Song of Sol. 1:7</p> <p>14 <sup>1</sup>BRIDE <sup>2</sup>Lit., <i>Flee</i><br/><sup>3</sup>Lit., <i>of the stags</i><br/><sup>a</sup>Song of Sol. 2:7, 9, 17<br/><sup>b</sup>Song of Sol. 4:6</p> |
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## THE BOOK OF ISAIAH

### Rebellion of God's People.

THE vision of Isaiah the son of Amoz, concerning <sup>a</sup>Judah and Jerusalem which he saw during the <sup>1</sup>reigns of <sup>b</sup>Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, and <sup>c</sup>Hezekiah, kings of Judah.

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| <p>2 <sup>a</sup>Listen, O heavens, and hear, O <sup>b</sup>earth;<br/>For the LORD speaks,<br/>"Sons I have reared and brought up,<br/>But they have <sup>d</sup>revolted against Me.</p> <p>3 "An ox knows its owner,<br/>And a donkey its master's manger,<br/>But Israel does not know,<br/>My people do not understand."</p> <p>4 Alas, sinful nation,<br/>People weighed down with iniquity,<br/><sup>1</sup>Offspring of evildoers,<br/>Sons who act corruptly!<br/>They have <sup>a</sup>abandoned the LORD,<br/>They have <sup>b</sup>despised the Holy One of Israel,<br/>They have turned away <sup>2</sup>from Him.</p> <p>5 Where will you be stricken again,<br/>As you <sup>a</sup>continue in <i>your</i> rebellion?<br/>The whole head is <sup>b</sup>sick,<br/>And the whole heart is faint.</p> | <p>1 <sup>1</sup>Lit., <i>days</i><br/><sup>a</sup>Is. 2:1; 40:9 <sup>b2</sup> Kin. 15:1,<br/>13 <sup>c2</sup> Kin. 18:1</p> <p>2 <sup>a</sup>Deut. 32:1 <sup>b</sup>Mic. 1:2<br/><sup>c</sup>Jer. 3:22 <sup>d</sup>Is. 30:1, 9; 65:2</p> <p>4 <sup>1</sup>Lit., <i>Seed</i> <sup>2</sup>Lit.,<br/><i>backward</i><br/><sup>a</sup>Is. 1:28 <sup>b</sup>Is. 5:24</p> <p>5 <sup>a</sup>Is. 31:6 <sup>b</sup>Is. 33:24;<br/>Ezek. 34:4, 16</p> |
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6 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 38:37 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *And*  
<sup>a</sup>Lev. 26:33; Jer. 44:69 <sup>a</sup>Rom. 9:29 <sup>b</sup>Is. 10:20-  
22; 11:11, 16; 37:4, 31, 32;  
46:311 <sup>1</sup>Or, *am sated with*  
<sup>a</sup>Jer. 6:20; Mal. 1:1012 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *of your hand*  
<sup>a</sup>Ex. 23:1713 <sup>a</sup>1 Chr. 23:31 <sup>b</sup>Ex.  
12:16 <sup>c</sup>Jer. 7:9, 1015 <sup>a</sup>1 Kin. 8:22; Lam. 1:17  
<sup>b</sup>Mic. 3:416 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 26:6 <sup>b</sup>Is. 52:11 <sup>c</sup>Jer.  
25:517 <sup>1</sup>Or, *Vindicate the*  
*fatherless*  
<sup>a</sup>Jer. 22:3; Zeph. 2:3 <sup>b</sup>Ps.  
82:3Consequences of Rebellion.  
Enough of Offerings. God Turns Away from Them.

- 6 From the sole of the foot even to the head  
There is <sup>a</sup>nothing sound in it,  
*Only* bruises, welts, and raw wounds,  
Not pressed out or bandaged,  
Nor softened with oil.
- 7 Your <sup>a</sup>land is desolate,  
Your cities are burned with fire,  
Your fields—strangers are devouring them in your pres-  
ence;  
<sup>1</sup>It is desolation, as overthrown by strangers.
- 8 And the daughter of Zion is left like a shelter in a  
vineyard,  
Like a watchman's hut in a cucumber field, like a  
besieged city.
- 9 <sup>a</sup>Unless the LORD of hosts  
Had left us a few <sup>b</sup>survivors,  
We would be like Sodom,  
We would be like Gomorrah.
- 10 Hear the word of the LORD,  
You rulers of Sodom;  
Give ear to the instruction of our God,  
You people of Gomorrah.
- 11 "What are your multiplied sacrifices to Me?"  
Says the LORD.  
<sup>1</sup>I have had enough of burnt offerings of rams,  
And the fat of fed cattle.  
And I take no pleasure in the blood of bulls, lambs, or  
goats.
- 12 "When you come <sup>a</sup>to appear before Me,  
Who requires <sup>1</sup>of you this trampling of My courts?
- 13 "Bring your worthless offerings no longer,  
Their incense is an abomination to Me.  
<sup>a</sup>New moon and sabbath, the <sup>b</sup>calling of assemblies--  
I cannot <sup>c</sup>endure iniquity and the solemn assembly.
- 14 "I hate your new moon *festivals* and your appointed  
feasts,  
They have become a burden to Me.  
I am weary of bearing *them*.
- 15 "So when you <sup>a</sup>spread out your hands *in prayer*,  
I will hide My eyes from you,  
Yes, even though you <sup>b</sup>multiply prayers,  
I will not listen.  
Your hands are full of bloodshed.
- 16 "<sup>a</sup>Wash yourselves, <sup>b</sup>make yourselves clean;  
Remove the evil of your deeds from My sight.  
<sup>c</sup>Cease to do evil,  
Learn to do good;  
<sup>a</sup>Seek justice,  
<sup>b</sup>Reprove the ruthless;  
<sup>1</sup>Defend the orphan,  
Plead for the widow.

**"Come, Let Us Reason."  
Zion Corrupted, to Be Redeemed.**

- 18 "Come now, and <sup>a</sup>let us reason together,"  
Says the LORD,  
<sup>b</sup>"Though your sins are as scarlet,  
They will be as white as snow;  
Though they are red like crimson,  
They will be like wool.
- 19 "<sup>a</sup>If you consent and obey,  
You will eat the best of the land;
- 20 "But if you refuse and rebel,  
You will be devoured by the sword."  
Truly, the mouth of the LORD has spoken.
- 21 How the faithful city has become a harlot,  
She *who* was full of justice!  
Righteousness once lodged in her,  
But now murderers.
- 22 Your silver has become dross,  
Your drink diluted with water.
- 23 Your <sup>a</sup>rulers are rebels,  
And companions of thieves;  
Every one <sup>b</sup>loves a bribe,  
And chases after rewards.  
They <sup>c</sup>do not <sup>1</sup>defend the <sup>2</sup>orphan,  
Nor does the widow's plea come before them.
- 24 Therefore the Lord <sup>1</sup>GOD of hosts,  
The Mighty One of Israel declares,  
"Ah, I will be relieved of My adversaries,  
And <sup>a</sup>avenge Myself on My foes.
- 25 "I will also turn My hand against you,  
And will <sup>a</sup>smelt away your dross as with lye,  
And will remove all your alloy.
- 26 "Then I will restore your <sup>a</sup>judges as at the first,  
And your counselors as at the beginning;  
After that you will be called the <sup>b</sup>city of righteousness,  
A faithful city."
- 27 Zion will be <sup>a</sup>redeemed with justice,  
And her <sup>1</sup>repentant ones with righteousness.
- 28 But <sup>1</sup>transgressors and sinners will be <sup>a</sup>crushed together,  
And those who forsake the LORD shall come to an end.
- 29 Surely, <sup>1</sup>you will be ashamed of the <sup>2a</sup>oaks which you  
have desired,  
And you will be embarrassed at the <sup>b</sup>gardens which you  
have chosen.
- 30 For you will be like an <sup>1</sup>oak whose <sup>a</sup>leaf fades away,  
Or as a garden that has no water.
- 31 And the strong man will become tinder,  
His work also a spark.  
Thus they shall both <sup>a</sup>burn together,  
And there will be none to quench *them*.

18 <sup>a</sup>Is. 41:1, 21; 43:26;  
Mic. 6:2 <sup>b</sup>Is. 44:22; 43:25;  
Ps. 51:7; Rev. 7:14

19 <sup>a</sup>Deut. 30:15, 16

23 <sup>1</sup>Or, *vindicate* <sup>2</sup>Or,  
*fatherless*  
<sup>a</sup>Hos. 5:10; Mic. 7:3 <sup>b</sup>Ex.  
23:8; Mic. 7:3 <sup>c</sup>Jer. 5:28;  
Ezek. 22:7; Zech. 7:10

24 <sup>1</sup>YHWH, usually  
rendered LORD  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 35:4; 59:18

25 <sup>a</sup>Ezek. 22:19-22; Mal.  
3:3

26 <sup>a</sup>Is. 60:17; Jer. 33:7, 11  
<sup>b</sup>Is. 33:5; 60:14; 62:1, 2;  
Zech. 8:3

27 <sup>1</sup>Or, *returnees*  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 35:9; 62:12; 63:4

28 <sup>1</sup>Lit., the *crushing of  
transgressors and sinners  
shall be together*  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 66:24; Ps. 9:5; 2 Thess.  
1:8, 9

29 <sup>1</sup>So with some mss.;  
M.T. *they* <sup>2</sup>Or, *terebinth*  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 57:5 <sup>b</sup>Is. 65:3; 66:17

30 <sup>1</sup>Or, *terebinth*  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 64:6

31 <sup>a</sup>Is. 5:24; 9:19; 26:11;  
33:11-14

1 <sup>a</sup>Is. 1:1

2 <sup>1</sup>Lit. on  
<sup>a</sup>Mic. 4:1-3 <sup>b</sup>Is. 27:13; 66:20  
<sup>c</sup>Is. 56:7

3 <sup>1</sup>Or, some of <sup>2</sup>Or,  
instruction  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 51:4, 5; Luke 24:47

4 <sup>1</sup>Or, reprove many  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 32:17, 18; Joel 3:10 <sup>b</sup>Is.  
9:5, 7; 11:6-9; Hos. 2:18;  
Zech. 9:10

5 <sup>a</sup>Is. 58:1 <sup>b</sup>Is. 60:1, 2,  
19, 20; 1 John 1:5

6 <sup>a</sup>Deut. 31:17 <sup>b</sup>2 Kin.  
1:2 <sup>c</sup>2 Kin. 16:7, 8; Prov.  
6:1

8 <sup>a</sup>Is. 10:11 <sup>b</sup>Is. 17:8;  
37:19; 40:19; 44:17; Ps.  
115:4-8

9 <sup>a</sup>Is. 5:15; Ps. 49:2; 62:9

10 <sup>a</sup>Is. 2:19, 21; Rev. 6:15,  
16 <sup>b</sup>2 Thess. 1:9

11 <sup>1</sup>Lit., eyes of the  
loftiness of men  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 5:15; 37:23 <sup>b</sup>Is. 13:11;  
23:9; Ps. 18:27; 2 Cor. 10:5

12 <sup>a</sup>Is. 24:4, 21; Job 40:11,  
12; Mal. 4:1

THE word which <sup>a</sup>Isaiah the son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. Now it will come about that

2 <sup>a</sup>In the last days,

The <sup>b</sup>mountain of the house of the LORD  
Will be established <sup>1</sup>as the chief of the mountains,  
And will be raised above the hills;  
And <sup>c</sup>all the nations will stream to it.

3 And many peoples will come and say,  
"Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD,  
To the house of the God of Jacob;  
That He may teach us <sup>1</sup>concerning His ways,  
And that we may walk in His paths."

For the <sup>2</sup>law will go forth <sup>a</sup>from Zion,  
And the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.

4 And He will judge between the nations,  
And will <sup>1</sup>render decisions for many peoples;  
And <sup>a</sup>they will hammer their swords into plowshares,  
and their spears into pruning hooks.  
<sup>b</sup>Nation will not lift up sword against nation,  
And never again will they learn war.

5 Come, <sup>a</sup>house of Jacob, and let us walk in the <sup>b</sup>light of  
the LORD.

6 For Thou hast <sup>a</sup>abandoned Thy people, the house of  
Jacob,

Because they are filled with influences from the east,  
And *they are* soothsayers <sup>b</sup>like the Philistines,  
And they <sup>c</sup>strike *bargains* with the children of foreign-  
ers.

7 Their land has also been filled with silver and gold,  
And there is no end to their treasures;  
Their land has also been filled with horses,  
And there is no end to their chariots.

8 Their land has also been <sup>a</sup>filled with idols;  
They worship the <sup>b</sup>work of their hands,  
That which their fingers have made.

9 So the <sup>a</sup>common man has been humbled,  
And the man of <sup>a</sup>importance has been abased,  
But do not forgive them.

10 <sup>a</sup>Enter the rock and hide in the dust  
<sup>b</sup>From the terror of the LORD and from the splendor of  
His majesty.

11 The <sup>1</sup>aproud look of man will be abased,  
And the <sup>b</sup>loftiness of man will be humbled,  
And the LORD alone will be exalted in that day.

12 For the LORD of hosts will have a day of reckoning  
Against <sup>a</sup>everyone who is proud and lofty,  
And against everyone who is lifted up,  
That he may be abased.

13 And *it will be* against all the cedars of Lebanon that are  
lofty and lifted up,  
Against all the oaks of Bashan,

- 14 Against all the <sup>a</sup>lofty mountains,  
Against all the hills that are lifted up,
- 15 Against every <sup>a</sup>high tower,  
Against every fortified wall,
- 16 Against all the <sup>a</sup>ships of Tarshish,  
And against all the beautiful craft.
- 17 And the pride of man will be humbled,  
And the loftiness of men will be abased,  
And the LORD alone will be exalted in that day.
- 18 But the <sup>a</sup>idols will completely vanish.
- 19 And *men* will go into caves of the rocks,  
And into holes of the <sup>l</sup>ground  
Before the terror of the LORD,  
And before the splendor of His majesty,  
When He arises <sup>a</sup>to make the earth tremble.
- 20 In that day men will <sup>a</sup>cast away to the moles and the bats  
Their idols of silver and their idols of gold,  
Which they made for themselves to worship,
- 21 In order to <sup>a</sup>go into the caverns of the rocks and the  
clefts of the cliffs,  
Before the terror of the LORD and the splendor of His  
majesty,  
When He arises to make the earth tremble.
- 22 <sup>1a</sup>Stop regarding man, whose breath of life is in his  
nostrils;  
For <sup>2b</sup>why should he be esteemed?

14 <sup>a</sup>Is. 40:4

15 <sup>a</sup>Is. 25:12

16 <sup>a</sup>Is. 23:1, 14; 60:9;  
1 Kin. 10:22

18 <sup>a</sup>Is. 21:9; Mic. 1:7

19 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *dust*  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 13:13; 24:1, 19, 20; Ps.  
18:7; Hag. 2:6, 7; Heb.  
12:26

20 <sup>a</sup>Is. 30:22; 31:7

21 <sup>a</sup>Is. 3:19

22 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *Cease from man*  
<sup>2</sup>Lit., *in what*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 146:3; Jer. 17:5 <sup>b</sup>Is.  
40:15, 17; Ps. 8:4; 144:3, 4;  
James 4:14

CHAPTER 3

FOR behold, the Lord <sup>1</sup>GOD of hosts <sup>a</sup>is going to remove from  
Jerusalem and Judah

- Both <sup>2</sup>supply and support, the whole <sup>2</sup>supply of bread,  
And the whole <sup>2</sup>supply of water;
- 2 <sup>a</sup>The mighty man and the warrior,  
The judge and the prophet,  
The diviner and the elder,
- 3 The captain of fifty and the honorable man,  
The counselor and the expert artisan,  
And the skillful enchanter.
- 4 And I will make mere <sup>a</sup>lads their princes  
And <sup>1</sup>capricious children will rule over them,
- 5 And the people will be <sup>a</sup>oppressed,  
Each one by another, and each one by his <sup>b</sup>neighbor;  
The youth will storm against the elder,  
And the inferior against the honorable.
- 6 When a man <sup>a</sup>lays hold of his brother in his father's  
house, *saying*,  
"You have a cloak, you shall be our ruler,  
And these ruins will be under your <sup>1</sup>charge,"
- 7 On that day will he <sup>1</sup>protest, saying,  
"I will not be *your* <sup>2a</sup>healer,  
For in my house there is neither bread nor cloak;  
You should not appoint me ruler of the people."

1 <sup>1</sup>YHWH, usually  
rendered LORD <sup>2</sup>Lit., *staff*  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 5:13; 9:20; Lev. 26:26;  
Ezek. 4:16

2 <sup>a</sup>Is. 9:14, 15; 2 Kin.  
24:14; Ezek. 17:12, 13

4 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *arbitrary power*  
*will rule*  
<sup>a</sup>Eccles. 10:16

5 <sup>a</sup>Mic. 7:3-6 <sup>b</sup>Is. 9:19;  
Jer. 9:3-8

6 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *hand*  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 4:1

7 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *lift up his voice*  
<sup>2</sup>Lit., *bander of wounds*  
<sup>a</sup>Ezek. 34:4; Hos. 5:13

8 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *tongue* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *the eyes of His glory*  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 1:7; 6:11 <sup>b</sup>Is. 9:17; 59:3;  
 Ps. 73:9-11

9 <sup>1</sup>Or, *Their partiality bears* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *their soul*  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 1:10; Gen. 13:13 <sup>b</sup>Prov. 8:36; 15:32; Rom. 6:23

10 <sup>a</sup>Is. 54:17; Deut. 28:1-14; Eccles. 8:12

11 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *the dealing of his hands*  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 65:6, 7; Deut. 28:15-68

12 <sup>1</sup>Or, *deal severely*  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 3:4 <sup>b</sup>Is. 9:16; 28:14, 15

13 <sup>a</sup>Is. 66:16; Hos. 4:1; Mic. 6:2

14 <sup>a</sup>Ezek. 20:35, 36; Job 22:4; Ps. 143:2 <sup>b</sup>Mic. 3:3; Ps. 14:4 <sup>c</sup>Is. 10:1, 2; Job 24:9, 14; Ps. 10:9; Prov. 30:14; Ezek. 18:12; James 2:6

15 <sup>1</sup>YHWH, usually rendered LORD  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 94:5

16 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *outstretched necks*

18 <sup>a</sup>Judg. 8:21, 26

20 <sup>a</sup>Ex. 39:28

21 <sup>1</sup>Or, *signet rings*  
<sup>a</sup>Gen. 24:47; Ezek. 16:12

24 <sup>1</sup>Or, *balsam oil*  
<sup>a</sup>Esth. 2:12 <sup>b</sup>1 Pet. 3:3 <sup>c</sup>Is. 22:12; Ezek. 27:31; Amos 8:10 <sup>d</sup>Is. 15:3; Lam. 2:10

25 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *strength*  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 1:20; 65:12

26 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *entrances*  
<sup>a</sup>Jer. 14:2; Lam. 1:4 <sup>b</sup>Lam. 2:10

- 8 For <sup>a</sup>Jerusalem has stumbled, and Judah has fallen, Because their <sup>b</sup>speech and their actions are against the LORD,  
 To rebel against <sup>2</sup>His glorious presence.
- 9 <sup>1</sup>The expression of their faces bears witness against them.  
 And they display their sin like <sup>a</sup>Sodom;  
 They do not *even* conceal it.  
 Woe to <sup>2</sup>them!  
 For they have <sup>b</sup>brought evil on themselves.
- 10 Say to the <sup>a</sup>righteous that *it will go well with them*,  
 For they will eat the fruit of their actions.
- 11 Woe to the wicked! *It will go badly with him*,  
 For <sup>1a</sup>what he deserves will be done to him.
- 12 O My people! Their oppressors <sup>1a</sup>are <sup>a</sup>children,  
 And women rule over them.  
 O My people! <sup>b</sup>Those who guide you lead you astray,  
 And confuse the direction of your paths.
- 13 <sup>a</sup>The LORD arises to contend,  
 And stands to judge the people.
- 14 The LORD <sup>a</sup>enters into judgment with the elders and princes of His people,  
 "It is you who have <sup>b</sup>devoured the vineyard;  
 The <sup>c</sup>plunder of the poor is in your houses.
- 15 "What do you mean by <sup>a</sup>crushing My people,  
 And grinding the face of the poor?"  
 Declares the Lord <sup>1</sup>GOD of hosts.
- 16 Moreover, the LORD said, "Because the daughters of Zion are proud,  
 And walk with <sup>1</sup>heads held high and seductive eyes,  
 And go along with mincing steps,  
 And tinkle the bangles on their feet,
- 17 Therefore the Lord will afflict the scalp of the daughters of Zion with scabs,  
 And the LORD will make their foreheads bare."
- 18 In that day the Lord will take away the beauty of *their* anklets, headbands, <sup>a</sup> crescent ornaments,  
 19 dangling earrings, bracelets, veils,  
 20 <sup>a</sup>addresses, ankle chains, sashes, perfume boxes, amulets,  
 21 <sup>1</sup>finger rings, <sup>a</sup>nose rings,  
 22 festal robes, outer tunics, cloaks, money purses,  
 23 hand mirrors, undergarments, turbans, and veils.  
 24 Now it will come about that instead of <sup>1</sup>sweet <sup>a</sup>perfume there will be putrefaction;  
 Instead of a belt, a rope;  
 Instead of <sup>b</sup>well-set hair, a <sup>c</sup>plucked-out scalp;  
 Instead of fine clothes, a <sup>d</sup>donning of sackcloth;  
 And branding instead of beauty.
- 25 Your men will <sup>a</sup>fall by the sword,  
 And your <sup>1</sup>mighty ones in battle.
- 26 And her <sup>1a</sup>gates will lament and mourn;  
 And deserted she will <sup>b</sup>sit on the ground.



**CHAPTER 4**

**F**OR seven women will take hold of <sup>a</sup>one man in that day, saying, "We will eat our own bread and wear our own clothes, only let us be called by your name; <sup>b</sup>take away our reproach!"

**2** In that day the <sup>a</sup>Branch of the LORD will be beautiful and glorious, and the <sup>b</sup>fruit of the earth will be the pride and the adornment of the <sup>c</sup>survivors of Israel.

**3** And it will come about that he who is <sup>a</sup>left in Zion and remains in Jerusalem will be called <sup>b</sup>holy—everyone who is <sup>c</sup>recorded for life in Jerusalem.

**4** When the LORD has washed away the filth of the daughters of Zion, and <sup>1</sup>purged the <sup>a</sup>bloodshed of Jerusalem from her midst, by the <sup>b</sup>spirit of judgment and the <sup>c</sup>spirit of burning,

**5** then the LORD will create over the whole area of Mount Zion and over her assemblies <sup>a</sup>a cloud by day, even smoke, and the brightness of a flaming fire by night; for over all the glory will be a canopy.

**6** And there will be a <sup>a</sup>shelter to give shade from the heat by day, and refuge and <sup>1</sup>protection from the storm and the rain.

**CHAPTER 5**

**L**ET me sing now for my well-beloved a song of my beloved concerning His vineyard.

My well-beloved had a <sup>a</sup>vineyard on a <sup>1</sup>fertile hill.

**2** And He dug it all around, removed its stones,  
And planted it with <sup>1</sup>the <sup>a</sup>choicest vine.  
And He built a tower in the middle of it,  
And hewed out a <sup>2</sup>wine vat in it;  
Then He <sup>b</sup>expected it to produce good grapes,  
But it produced *only* <sup>3</sup>worthless ones.

**3** "And now, O inhabitants of Jerusalem and men of Judah,  
<sup>a</sup>Judge between Me and My vineyard.

**4** "What more was there to do for My vineyard <sup>1</sup>that I have not done in it?

Why, when I expected it to produce good grapes did it produce <sup>2</sup>worthless ones?

**5** "So now let Me tell you what I am going to do to My vineyard:

I will <sup>a</sup>remove its hedge and it will be consumed;  
I will <sup>b</sup>break down its wall and it will become <sup>c</sup>trampled ground.

**6** "And I will <sup>a</sup>lay it waste;  
It will not be pruned or hoed,  
But briars and thorns will come up.  
I will also charge the clouds to <sup>b</sup>rain no rain on it."

**7** For the vineyard of the LORD of hosts is the house of Israel,  
And the men of Judah His delightful plant.  
Thus He looked for justice, but behold, <sup>a</sup>bloodshed;  
For righteousness, but behold, a cry of distress.

<sup>1</sup> Is. 13:12 <sup>b</sup>Is. 54:4;  
Gen. 30:23

<sup>2</sup> Is. 11:1; 53:2; Jer. 23:5;  
33:15; Zech. 3:8; 6:12 <sup>b</sup>Ps.  
72:16 <sup>c</sup>Is. 10:20; 37:31, 32;  
Joel 2:32; Obad. 17

<sup>3</sup> Is. 28:5; 46:3; Rom.  
11:4, 5 <sup>b</sup>Is. 52:1; 62:12 <sup>c</sup>Ex.  
32:32; Ps. 69:28; Luke 10:20

<sup>4</sup> <sup>1</sup>Lit., *rinsed away*  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 1:15 <sup>b</sup>Is. 28:6 <sup>c</sup>Is. 1:31;  
9:19

<sup>5</sup> <sup>a</sup>Ex. 13:21, 22; Num.  
9:15-23

<sup>6</sup> <sup>1</sup>Lit., *a hiding place*  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 25:4; 32:1, 2; Ps. 27:5

<sup>1</sup> <sup>1</sup>Lit., *a horn, the son of fatness*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 80:8; Jer. 12:10; Matt.  
21:33; Mark 12:1; Luke  
20:9

<sup>2</sup> <sup>1</sup>Lit., *a bright red grape* <sup>2</sup>Or, *wine press* <sup>3</sup>Or, *wild grapes*  
<sup>a</sup>Jer. 2:21 <sup>b</sup>Matt. 21:19;  
Mark 11:13; Luke 13:6

<sup>3</sup> <sup>a</sup>Matt. 21:40

<sup>4</sup> <sup>1</sup>Lit., *and I have not done* <sup>2</sup>Or, *wild grapes*  
<sup>a</sup>2 Chr. 36:15; Jer. 2:5; 7:25,  
26; Mic. 6:3; Matt. 23:37

<sup>5</sup> <sup>a</sup>Ps. 89:40 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 80:12  
<sup>c</sup>Is. 10:6; 28:18; Lam. 1:15;  
Luke 21:24; Rev. 11:2

<sup>6</sup> <sup>a</sup>2 Chr. 36:19-21; Jer.  
25:11 <sup>b</sup>1 Kin. 8:35; 17:1;  
Jer. 14:1-22

<sup>7</sup> <sup>a</sup>Is. 3:14, 15; 30:12;  
59:13

8 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 22:13-17; Mic. 2:2;  
Hab. 2:9-12

9 <sup>a</sup>Is. 6:11, 12 <sup>b</sup>Matt.  
23:38

10 <sup>1</sup>I.e., about 10½ gal.  
<sup>2</sup>I.e., approx. one bushel  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 7:23; Lev. 26:26; Hag.  
1:6; 2:16

11 <sup>a</sup>Is. 22:13; 28:1, 3, 7, 8;  
Prov. 23:29, 30; Eccles.  
10:16, 17

12 <sup>a</sup>Amos 6:5, 6 <sup>b</sup>Job  
34:27; Ps. 28:5

13 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *their glory are  
men of famine*  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 1:3; 27:11; Hos. 4:6

14 <sup>1</sup>Or, *appetite* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *her*

15 <sup>a</sup>Is. 2:11; 10:33

16 <sup>a</sup>Is. 8:13; 29:23; 1 Pet.  
3:15 <sup>b</sup>Is. 2:11, 17; 33:5, 10  
<sup>c</sup>Is. 8:13; 29:23; 1 Pet. 3:15

17 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *the fat*  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 7:25; Mic. 2:12; Zeph.  
2:6

18 <sup>1</sup>Or, *worthlessness*  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 59:4-8; Jer. 23:10-14

19 <sup>a</sup>Ezek. 12:22; 2 Pet. 3:4

20 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *set*  
<sup>a</sup>Prov. 17:15; Amos 5:7  
<sup>b</sup>Job 17:12; Matt. 6:22, 23;  
Luke 11:34, 35

21 <sup>a</sup>Prov. 3:7; Rom. 12:16;  
1 Cor. 3:18-20

22 <sup>a</sup>Is. 6:11; Is. 56:12;  
Prov. 23:20; Hab. 2:15

23 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *righteousness*  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 1:23; 10:1, 2; Ex. 23:8;  
Mic. 3:11; 7:3 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 94:21;  
James 5:6

- 8 Woe to those who <sup>a</sup>add house to house *and* join field to field,  
Until there is no more room,  
So that you have to live alone in the midst of the land!
- 9 In my ears the LORD of hosts *has sworn*, "Surely, <sup>a</sup>many houses shall become <sup>b</sup>desolate,  
*Even* great and fine ones, without occupants.
- 10 "For <sup>a</sup>ten acres of vineyard will yield *only* one <sup>1</sup>bath of wine,  
And a homer of seed will yield *but* an <sup>2</sup>ephah of grain."
- 11 Woe to those who rise early in the morning that they may pursue <sup>a</sup>strong drink;  
Who stay up late in the evening that wine may inflame them!
- 12 And their banquets are *accompanied* by lyre and <sup>a</sup>harp, by tambourine and flute, and by wine;  
But they <sup>b</sup>do not pay attention to the deeds of the LORD, Nor do they consider the work of His hands.
- 13 Therefore My people go into exile for their <sup>a</sup>lack of knowledge;  
And <sup>1</sup>their honorable men are famished,  
And their multitude is parched with thirst.
- 14 Therefore Sheol has enlarged its <sup>1</sup>throat and opened its mouth without measure;  
And <sup>2</sup>Jerusalem's splendor, her multitude, her din of revelry, and the jubilant within her, descend *into it*.
- 15 So the *common* man will be humbled, and the man of *importance* abased,  
<sup>a</sup>The eyes of the proud also will be abased.
- 16 But the <sup>a</sup>LORD of hosts will be <sup>b</sup>exalted in judgment, And the holy God will show Himself <sup>c</sup>holy in righteousness.
- 17 <sup>a</sup>Then the lambs will graze as in their pasture,  
And strangers will eat in the waste places of the <sup>1</sup>wealthy.
- 18 Woe to those who drag <sup>a</sup>iniquity with the cords of <sup>1</sup>falsehood,  
And sin as if with cart ropes;
- 19 <sup>a</sup>Who say, "Let Him make speed, let Him hasten His work, that we may see it;  
And let the purpose of the Holy One of Israel draw near  
And come to pass, that we may know *it!*"
- 20 Woe to those who <sup>a</sup>call evil good, and good evil;  
Who <sup>1</sup>substitute darkness for light and light for darkness;  
Who <sup>1</sup>substitute bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter!
- 21 Woe to those who are <sup>a</sup>wise in their own eyes,  
And clever in their own sight!
- 22 <sup>a</sup>Woe to those who are heroes in drinking wine,  
And valiant men in mixing strong drink;
- 23 <sup>a</sup>Who justify the wicked for a bribe,  
And <sup>b</sup>take away the <sup>1</sup>rights of the ones who are in the right!

- 24 Therefore, <sup>a</sup>as a tongue of fire consumes stubble,  
And dry grass collapses into the flame,  
So their <sup>b</sup>root will become <sup>c</sup>like rot and their blossom  
<sup>1</sup>blow away as dust;  
For they have <sup>d</sup>rejected the law of the LORD of hosts,  
And despised the word of the Holy One of Israel.
- 25 On this account the <sup>a</sup>anger of the LORD has burned  
against His people,  
And He has stretched out His hand against them and  
struck them down,  
And the mountains quaked; and their <sup>b</sup>corpses <sup>1</sup>lay like  
refuse in the middle of the streets.  
<sup>c</sup>For all this His anger <sup>2</sup>is not spent,  
But His <sup>d</sup>hand is still stretched out.
- 26 He will also lift up a <sup>a</sup>standard to the nations afar off,  
And will <sup>b</sup>whistle for <sup>1</sup>it <sup>c</sup>from the ends of the earth;  
And behold, it will <sup>d</sup>come with speed swiftly.
- 27 <sup>a</sup>No one in it is weary or stumbles,  
None slumbers or sleeps;  
Nor is the <sup>b</sup>belt at its waist undone,  
Nor its sandal strap broken.
- 28 <sup>1</sup>Its arrows are sharp, and all its bows are bent;  
The hoofs of its horses <sup>2</sup>seem like flint, and its *chariot*  
<sup>b</sup>wheels like a whirlwind.
- 29 Its <sup>a</sup>roaring is like a lioness, and it roars like young lions;  
It growls as it <sup>b</sup>seizes the prey,  
And carries it off with <sup>c</sup>no one to deliver it.
- 30 And it shall <sup>a</sup>growl over it in that day like the roaring of  
the sea.  
If one <sup>b</sup>looks to the land, behold, there is darkness *and*  
distress;  
Even the light is darkened by its clouds.

CHAPTER 6

IN the year of King Uzziah's death, <sup>a</sup>I saw the Lord sitting on  
a throne, lofty and exalted, with the train of His robe filling the  
temple.

2 Seraphim stood above Him, <sup>a</sup>each having six wings; with  
two he covered his face, and with two he covered his feet, and  
with two he flew.

3 And one called out to another and said, "Holy, Holy,  
Holy, is the LORD of hosts, the <sup>1</sup>whole earth is full of His glory."

4 And the <sup>1</sup>foundations of the thresholds trembled at the  
voice of him who called out, while the <sup>2</sup>temple was filling with  
smoke.

5 Then I said, "<sup>a</sup>Woe is me, for I am ruined!  
Because I am a man of <sup>b</sup>unclean lips,  
And I live among a <sup>c</sup>people of unclean lips;  
For my eyes have seen the <sup>d</sup>King, the LORD of hosts."

6 Then one of the seraphim flew to me, with a burning  
coal in his hand which he had taken from the altar with tongs.

7 And he <sup>a</sup>touchd my mouth *with it* and said, "Behold,  
this has touchd your lips; and <sup>b</sup>your iniquity is taken away, and  
your sin is <sup>1</sup>forgiven."

24 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *ascend*  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 9:18, 19; Joel 2:5 <sup>b</sup>Job  
18:16 <sup>c</sup>Hos. 5:12 <sup>d</sup>Is. 8:6;  
30:9, 12; Acts 13:41

25 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *were* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *has  
not turned away*  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 66:15; 2 Kin. 22:13, 17  
<sup>b</sup>2 Kin. 9:37; Jer. 16:4 <sup>c</sup>Is.  
9:12, 17, 21; 10:4; Jer. 4:8;  
Dan. 9:16 <sup>d</sup>Is. 23:11; Ex.  
7:19

26 <sup>1</sup>Probably Assyria  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 13:2, 3 <sup>b</sup>Is. 7:18; Zech.  
10:8 <sup>c</sup>Deut. 28:49 <sup>d</sup>Is.  
13:4, 5

27 <sup>a</sup>Joel 2:7, 8 <sup>b</sup>Job 12:18;  
Dan. 5:6

28 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *Which, its  
arrows* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *are regarded  
as*  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 13:18; Ps. 7:12, 13; 45:5  
<sup>b</sup>Is. 21:1; Jer. 4:13

29 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 51:38; Zeph. 3:3;  
Zech. 11:3 <sup>b</sup>Is. 10:6; 49:24,  
25; Mic. 5:8 <sup>c</sup>Is. 42:22

30 <sup>a</sup>Is. 17:12; Jer. 6:23;  
Luke 21:25 <sup>b</sup>Is. 8:22; Jer.  
4:23-28; Joel 2:10; Luke  
21:25, 26

1 <sup>a</sup>John 12:41; Rev. 4:2,  
3; 20:11

2 <sup>a</sup>Rev. 4:8

3 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *fulness of the  
whole earth is His glory*  
<sup>a</sup>Num. 14:21; Ps. 72:19

4 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *door sockets*  
<sup>2</sup>Lit., *house*

5 <sup>a</sup>Ex. 33:20; Luke 5:8  
<sup>b</sup>Ex. 6:12, 30 <sup>c</sup>Is. 59:3; Jer.  
9:3-8 <sup>d</sup>Jer. 51:57

7 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *atoned for*  
<sup>a</sup>Jer. 1:9; Dan. 10:16 <sup>b</sup>Is.  
40:2; 53:5, 6, 11; John 1:7

8 <sup>a</sup>Ezek. 10:5; Acts 9:4  
<sup>b</sup>Acts 26:19

10 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *fat* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *heavy*  
<sup>3</sup>Lit., *bemereared*  
<sup>a</sup>Jer. 5:21

11 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 79:5 <sup>b</sup>Lev. 26:31;  
Is. 1:7; 3:8, 26

12 <sup>1</sup>Or, *forsakerness will*  
*be great*  
<sup>a</sup>Jer. 4:29

13 <sup>a</sup>Job 14:7 <sup>b</sup>Deut. 7:6;  
Ezra 9:2

<sup>1</sup> Lit., *fight against*  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 7:6, 7

2 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *has settled down*  
*on* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *from before*  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 7:13; 22:22 <sup>b</sup>Is. 8:12 <sup>c</sup>Is. 9:9

3 <sup>1</sup>I.e., *a remnant shall*  
*return* <sup>2</sup>I.e., *laundryman's*  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 36:2; 2 Kin. 18:17

4 <sup>a</sup>Is. 30:15; Ex. 14:13;  
Lam. 3:26 <sup>b</sup>Is. 10:24; Matt.  
24:6 <sup>c</sup>Is. 35:4; Deut. 20:3;  
1 Sam. 17:32 <sup>d</sup>Amos 4:11;  
Zech. 3:2 <sup>e</sup>Is. 7:1, 9

5 <sup>a</sup>Is. 7:2

6 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *cause it a*  
*sickening dread* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *it*

7 <sup>1</sup>YHWH, usually  
rendered *Lord*  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 8:10; 28:18; Ps. 2:4-6;  
Acts 4:25, 26

8 <sup>a</sup>Is. 17:1-3; Gen. 14:15

8 Then I heard the <sup>a</sup>voice of the Lord, saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for Us?" Then <sup>b</sup>I said, "Here am I. Send me!"

9 And He said, "Go, and tell this people:  
'Keep on listening, but do not perceive;  
Keep on looking, but do not understand.'

10 "Render the hearts of this people <sup>1</sup>insensitive,  
Their ears <sup>2</sup>dull,  
And their eyes <sup>3</sup>dim,  
<sup>a</sup>Lest they see with their eyes,  
Hear with their ears,  
Understand with their hearts,  
And repent and be healed."

11 Then I said, "Lord, <sup>a</sup>how long?" And He answered,  
"Until <sup>b</sup>cities are devastated *and* without inhabitant,  
Houses are without people,  
And the land is utterly desolate,

12 "The LORD has removed men far away,  
And the <sup>1a</sup>forsaken places are many in the midst of the  
land.

13 "Yet there will be a tenth portion in it,  
And it will again be *subject* to burning,  
Like a terebinth or an <sup>a</sup>oak  
Whose stump remains when it is felled.  
The <sup>b</sup>holy seed is its stump."

## CHAPTER 7

**N**OW it came about in the days of Ahaz, the son of Jotham, the son of Uzziah, king of Judah, that Rezin the king of Syria and Pekah the son of Remaliah, king of Israel, went up to Jerusalem to *wage* war against it, but <sup>a</sup>could not <sup>1</sup>conquer it.

2 When it was reported to the <sup>a</sup>house of David, saying, "Syria <sup>1b</sup>has camped in <sup>c</sup>Ephraim," his heart and the hearts of his people shook as the trees of the forest shake <sup>2</sup>with the wind.

3 Then the LORD said to Isaiah, "Go out now to meet Ahaz, you and your son <sup>1</sup>Shear-jashub, at the end of the <sup>a</sup>conduit of the upper pool, on the highway to the <sup>2</sup>fuller's field,

4 and say to him, 'Take care, and be <sup>a</sup>calm, have no <sup>b</sup>fear and <sup>c</sup>do not be fainthearted because of these two stubs of smoldering <sup>d</sup>firebrands, on account of the fierce anger of Rezin and Syria, and the <sup>e</sup>son of Remaliah.

5 'Because <sup>a</sup>Syria, *with* Ephraim and the son of Remaliah, has planned evil against you, saying,

6 "Let us go up against Judah and <sup>1</sup>terrorize it, and make for ourselves a breach in <sup>2</sup>its walls, and set up the son of Tabeel as king in the midst of it,"

7 thus says the Lord <sup>1</sup>GOD, "<sup>a</sup>It shall not stand nor shall it come to pass.

8 "For the head of Syria is Damascus and the head of <sup>a</sup>Damascus is Rezin (now within another 65 years Ephraim will be shattered, *so that it is* no longer a people),

9 and the head of Ephraim is Samaria and the head of

Samaria is the son of Remaliah. <sup>a</sup>If you will not believe, you surely shall not <sup>l</sup>last.” ” ”

10 Then the LORD spoke again to Ahaz, saying,

11 “Ask a <sup>a</sup>sign for yourself from the LORD your God; <sup>l</sup>make it deep as Sheol or high as <sup>2</sup>heaven.”

12 But Ahaz said, “I will not ask, nor will I test the LORD!”

13 Then he said, “Listen now, O <sup>a</sup>house of David! Is it too slight a thing for you to try the patience of men, that you will <sup>b</sup>try the patience of <sup>c</sup>my God as well?

14 “Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign: Behold, <sup>a</sup>a <sup>l</sup>virgin will be with child and bear a son, and she will call His name <sup>2b</sup>Immanuel.

15 “He will eat <sup>a</sup>curds and honey <sup>l</sup>at the time He knows *enough* to refuse evil and choose good.

16 “<sup>a</sup>For before the boy will know *enough* to refuse evil and choose good, <sup>b</sup>the land whose two kings you dread will be <sup>l</sup>forsaken.

17 “The LORD will bring on you, on your people, and on your father’s house such days as have never come since the day that <sup>a</sup>Ephraim separated from Judah, the <sup>b</sup>king of Assyria.”

18 And it will come about in that day, that the LORD will <sup>a</sup>whistle for the fly that is in the <sup>l</sup>bremotest part of the rivers of Egypt, and for the bee that is in the land of Assyria.

19 And they will all come and settle on the steep <sup>l</sup>ravines, on the <sup>a</sup>ledges of the cliffs, <sup>b</sup>on all the thorn bushes, and on all the <sup>2</sup>watering places.

20 In that day the Lord will <sup>a</sup>shave with a <sup>b</sup>razor, <sup>c</sup>hired from regions beyond <sup>d</sup>the <sup>l</sup>Euphrates (*that is*, with the king of Assyria), the head and the hair of the legs; and it will also remove the beard.

21 Now it will come about in that day that a man may keep alive a <sup>a</sup>heifer and a pair of sheep;

22 and it will happen that because of the abundance of the milk produced he will eat curds, for every one that is left within the land will eat <sup>a</sup>curds and honey.

23 And it will come about in that day, <sup>a</sup>that every place where there used to be a thousand vines, *valued* at a thousand *shekels* of silver, will become <sup>b</sup>briars and thorns.

24 *People* will come there with bows and arrows because all the land will be briars and thorns.

25 And as for all the hills which used to be cultivated with the hoe, you will not go there for fear of briars and thorns; but they will become a place for <sup>l</sup>pasturing oxen and for sheep to trample.

CHAPTER 8

**T**HEN the LORD said to me, “Take for yourself a large tablet and <sup>a</sup>write on it <sup>l</sup>in ordinary letters: <sup>2</sup>Swift is the booty, speedy is the prey.

2 “And <sup>l</sup>I will take to Myself faithful witnesses for testimony, <sup>a</sup>Uriaah the priest and Zechariah the son of Jeberechiah.”

3 So I approached the prophetess, and she conceived and

<sup>9</sup> <sup>l</sup>Or, *be established*  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 5:24; 8:6-8; 30:12-14;  
2 Chr. 20:20

11 <sup>l</sup>So with the versions;  
M.T. *make the request*  
*deep or high . . .* <sup>2</sup>Lit.,  
*heights*  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 37:30; 38:7, 8; 55:13;  
2 Kin. 19:29

13 <sup>a</sup>Is. 7:2 <sup>b</sup>Is. 1:14; 43:24  
<sup>c</sup>Is. 25:1

14 <sup>l</sup>Or, *maiden* <sup>2</sup>i.e., God  
is with us  
<sup>a</sup>Matt. 1:23 <sup>b</sup>Is. 8:8, 10

15 <sup>l</sup>Lit., *with respect to*  
*his knowing*  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 7:22

16 <sup>a</sup>Is. 8:4 <sup>b</sup>Is. 8:14; 17:3;  
Jer. 7:15; Hos. 5:3, 9, 14;  
Amos 1:3-5

17 <sup>a</sup>1 Kin. 12:16 <sup>b</sup>Is. 8:7;  
8; 10:5, 6; 2 Chr. 28:20

18 <sup>l</sup>Or, *mouth of the*  
*rivers, i.e., the Nile Delta*  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 5:26 <sup>b</sup>Is. 13:5

19 <sup>l</sup>Or, *wadis* <sup>2</sup>Or,  
*pastures*  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 2:19; Jer. 16:16 <sup>b</sup>Is.  
24:25

20 <sup>l</sup>Lit., *River*  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 24:1; 2 Kin. 18:13-16  
<sup>b</sup>Ezek. 5:1-4 <sup>c</sup>Is. 10:5, 15  
<sup>d</sup>Is. 8:7; 11:15; Jer. 2:18

21 <sup>a</sup>Is. 14:30; 27:10; Jer.  
39:10

22 <sup>a</sup>Is. 8:15

23 <sup>a</sup>Is. 5:10; 32:13, 14 <sup>b</sup>Is.  
5:6

25 <sup>l</sup>Lit., *sending*  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 5:17

1 <sup>l</sup>Lit., *with the stylus of*  
*man* <sup>2</sup>Heb., *Maher-shalah-*  
*hash-baz*; cf. v. 3  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 30:8; Hab. 2:2

2 <sup>l</sup>Another reading, *take*  
*for me*  
<sup>a</sup>2 Kin. 16:10, 11, 15, 16

3 <sup>1</sup>I.e., Swift is the booty, speedy is the prey; cf. v. 1

4 <sup>1</sup>Is. 1:20; 5:24; 7:9; 30:12

6 <sup>1</sup>Is. 1:20; 5:24; 7:9; 30:12

7 <sup>1</sup>Lit., River  
<sup>1</sup>Is. 17:12, 13 <sup>2</sup>Amos 8:8; 9:5

8 <sup>1</sup>Lit., be the fulness of  
<sup>2</sup>Or, Your  
<sup>1</sup>Is. 10:6 <sup>1</sup>Is. 30:28 <sup>1</sup>Is. 7:14

9 <sup>1</sup>Or, dismayed  
<sup>1</sup>Is. 17:12-14 <sup>2</sup>Dan. 2:34, 35

10 <sup>1</sup>Lit., word <sup>2</sup>Heb., Immanu-el  
<sup>1</sup>Is. 28:18; Job 5:12 <sup>1</sup>Is. 7:7  
<sup>1</sup>Is. 8:8; Rom. 8:31

11 <sup>1</sup>Lit., with strength of the hand  
<sup>1</sup>Ezek. 3:14 <sup>2</sup>Ezek. 2:8

12 <sup>1</sup>Lit., their fear  
<sup>1</sup>Is. 7:2; 30:1 <sup>1</sup>Pet. 3:14, 15

13 <sup>1</sup>Is. 5:16; 29:23 <sup>2</sup>Num. 20:12

14 <sup>1</sup>Is. 4:6; 25:4; Ezek. 11:16 <sup>2</sup>Luke 2:34; Rom. 9:33; 1 <sup>1</sup>Pet. 2:8 <sup>1</sup>Is. 24:17, 18

16 <sup>1</sup>Or, teaching  
<sup>1</sup>Is. 8:1, 2; 29:11, 12 <sup>2</sup>Dan. 12:4 <sup>1</sup>Is. 50:4

17 <sup>1</sup>Is. 25:9; 30:18; Hab. 2:3 <sup>1</sup>Is. 1:15; 45:15; 54:8; Deut. 31:17

18 <sup>1</sup>Heb. 2:13 <sup>2</sup>Luke 2:34  
<sup>1</sup>Ps. 9:11; Zech. 8:3

gave birth to a son. Then the LORD said to me, "Name him <sup>1</sup>Mahe-shalal-hash-baz;

4 for <sup>1</sup>before the boy knows how to cry out 'My father' or 'My mother,' the wealth of Damascus and the spoil of Samaria will be carried away before the king of Assyria."

5 And again the LORD spoke to me further, saying,

6 "Inasmuch as these people have <sup>1</sup>rejected the gently flowing waters of Shiloah,  
And rejoice in Rezin and the son of Remaliah;

7 "Now therefore, behold, the Lord is about to bring on them the strong and abundant <sup>1</sup>waters of the <sup>1</sup>Euphrates,  
Even the king of Assyria and all his glory;

And it will <sup>1</sup>rise up over all its channels and go over all its banks.

8 "Then <sup>1</sup>it will sweep on into Judah, it will overflow and pass through,

It will <sup>1</sup>breach even to the neck;

And the spread of its wings will <sup>1</sup>fill the breadth of <sup>2</sup>your land, O <sup>1</sup>Immanuel.

9 "Be broken, O peoples, and be <sup>1</sup>shattered;  
And give ear all remote places of the earth.

Gird yourselves, yet be <sup>1</sup>shattered;

Gird yourselves, yet be <sup>1</sup>shattered.

10 "Devise a plan but it will be thwarted;  
State a <sup>1</sup>proposal, but <sup>1</sup>it will not stand,  
For <sup>2</sup>God is with us."

11 For thus the LORD spoke to me <sup>1</sup>with <sup>1</sup>mighty power and instructed me <sup>2</sup>not to walk in the way of this people, saying,

12 "You are not to say, 'It is a <sup>1</sup>conspiracy!'

In regard to all that this people call a conspiracy,  
And <sup>2</sup>you are not to fear <sup>1</sup>what they fear or be in dread of it.

13 "It is the <sup>1</sup>LORD of hosts <sup>2</sup>whom you should regard as holy.

And He shall be your fear,

And He shall be your dread.

14 "Then He shall become a <sup>1</sup>sanctuary;

But to both the houses of Israel, a <sup>1</sup>stone to strike and a rock to stumble over,

And a snare and a <sup>1</sup>trap for the inhabitants of Jerusalem.

15 "And many will stumble over them,

Then they will fall and be broken;

They will even be snared and caught."

16 <sup>1</sup>Bind up the testimony, <sup>2</sup>seal the <sup>1</sup>law among <sup>3</sup>my disciples.

17 And I will <sup>1</sup>wait for the LORD <sup>2</sup>who is hiding His face from the house of Jacob; I will even look eagerly for Him.

18 <sup>1</sup>Behold, I and the children whom the LORD has given me are for <sup>2</sup>signs and wonders in Israel from the LORD of hosts, who <sup>1</sup>dwells on Mount Zion.

19 And when they say to you, "Consult the mediums and the wizards who whisper and mutter," should not a people consult their God? *Should they consult* the dead on behalf of the living?

20 To the law and to the testimony! If they do not speak according to this word, it is because they have no dawn.

21 And they will pass through the land hard-pressed and famished, and it will turn out that when they are hungry, they will be enraged and curse their king and their God as they face upward.

22 Then they will look to the earth, and behold, distress and darkness, the gloom of anguish; and *they will be* driven away into darkness.

CHAPTER 9

**B**UT there will be no more gloom for her who was in anguish; in earlier times He treated the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali with contempt, but later on He shall make it glorious, by the way of the sea, on the other side of Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles.

- 2 The people who walk in darkness  
Will see a great light;  
Those who live in a dark land,  
The light will shine on them.
- 3 Thou shalt multiply the nation,  
Thou shalt increase their gladness;  
They will be glad in Thy presence  
As with the gladness of harvest,  
As men rejoice when they divide the spoil.
- 4 For Thou shalt break the yoke of their burden and the staff on their shoulders,  
The rod of their oppressor, as at the battle of Midian.
- 5 For every boot of the booted warrior in the battle tumult,  
And cloak rolled in blood, will be for burning, fuel for the fire.
- 6 For a child will be born to us, a son will be given to us;  
And the government will rest on His shoulders;  
And His name will be called Wonderful Counselor,  
Mighty God,  
Eternal Father, Prince of Peace.
- 7 There will be no end to the increase of His government  
or of peace,  
On the throne of David and over his kingdom,  
To establish it and to uphold it with justice and righteousness  
From then on and forevermore.  
The zeal of the LORD of hosts will accomplish this.

- 8 The Lord sends a message against Jacob,  
And it falls on Israel.
- 9 And all the people know it,  
That is, Ephraim and the inhabitants of Samaria,  
Asserting in pride and in arrogance of heart:

19 <sup>a</sup>Is. 19:3; 29:4; 47:12, 13; Lev. 20:6; 2 Kin. 21:6; 23:24 <sup>b</sup>Is. 30:2; 45:11

20 <sup>1</sup>Or, *teaching*  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 8:16; 1:10; Luke 16:29

21 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *it* <sup>2</sup>Or, *by their King*  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 9:20, 21

22 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 13:16; Amos 5:18, 20; Zeph. 1:14, 15

1 <sup>1</sup>Ch. 8:23 in Heb. <sup>2</sup>Or, *nations*  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 8:22 <sup>b</sup>2 Kin. 15:29;  
2 Chr. 16:4 <sup>c</sup>Matt. 4:15, 16

2 <sup>1</sup>Ch. 9:1 in Heb. text

3 <sup>1</sup>Another reading: *not increase* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *the* <sup>3</sup>Lit., *in* <sup>4</sup>Lit., *they*  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 26:15 <sup>b</sup>Is. 35:10; 65:14, 18, 19; 66:10

4 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *in the day of Midian*  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 14:4; 49:26; 51:13; 54:14

6 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *be*  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 7:14; 11:1, 2; 53:2; Luke 2:11 <sup>b</sup>John 3:16 <sup>c</sup>Matt. 28:18; 1 Cor. 15:25 <sup>d</sup>Is. 22:22 <sup>e</sup>Is. 28:29 <sup>f</sup>Is. 10:21; Deut. 10:17; Neh. 9:32 <sup>g</sup>Is. 63:16; 64:8 <sup>h</sup>Is. 26:3, 12; 53:5; 54:10; 66:12

7 <sup>a</sup>Dan. 2:44; Luke 1:32, 33 <sup>b</sup>Is. 16:5 <sup>c</sup>Is. 11:4, 5; 32:1; 42:3, 4; 63:1 <sup>d</sup>Is. 37:32; 59:17

8 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *word*

9 <sup>a</sup>Is. 46:12

10 <sup>a</sup>Mal. 1:412 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *the whole mouth*  
<sup>2</sup>Chr. 28:18 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 79:7; Jer.  
10:25 <sup>c</sup>Is. 5:2513 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 5:3; Hos. 7:10 <sup>b</sup>Is.  
31:1; Hos. 3:514 <sup>a</sup>Is. 19:15 <sup>b</sup>Rev. 18:815 <sup>a</sup>Is. 3:2, 316 <sup>1</sup>Or, *swallowed up*  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 3:12; Matt. 15:14;  
23:16, 2417 <sup>1</sup>Or, *fatherless*  
<sup>a</sup>Jer. 18:21; Amos 4:10; 8:13  
<sup>b</sup>Is. 27:11 <sup>c</sup>Is. 10:6; 32:6  
<sup>d</sup>Matt. 12:3418 <sup>a</sup>Is. 1:7; Ps. 83:14; Nah.  
1:10; Mal. 4:119 <sup>a</sup>Is. 10:6; 13:9, 13;  
42:25 <sup>b</sup>Joel 2:3 <sup>c</sup>Is. 1:31;  
24:6 <sup>d</sup>Mic. 7:2, 620 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *he*  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 8:21, 22 <sup>b</sup>Is. 49:2621 <sup>a</sup>Is. 11:13; 2 Chr.  
28:6, 81 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *mischief or*  
*misfortune*  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 29:21; 59:4, 13; Ps.  
94:202 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *turn aside from*  
<sup>2</sup>Or, *fatherless*  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 5:23 <sup>b</sup>Is. 1:23; 3:14, 15

- 10 "The bricks have fallen down,  
But we will <sup>a</sup>rebuild with smooth stones;  
The sycamores have been cut down,  
But we will replace *them* with cedars."
- 11 Therefore the LORD raises against them adversaries  
from Rezin,  
And spurs their enemies on,  
12 The Syrians on the east and the <sup>a</sup>Philistines on the west;  
And they <sup>b</sup>devour Israel with <sup>1</sup>gaping jaws.  
<sup>c</sup>In *spite of* all this His anger does not turn away,  
And His hand is still stretched out.
- 13 Yet the people <sup>a</sup>do not turn back to Him who struck  
them,  
Nor do they <sup>b</sup>seek the LORD of hosts.  
14 So the LORD cuts off <sup>a</sup>head and tail from Israel,  
*Both* palm branch and bulrush <sup>b</sup>in a single day.  
15 The head is <sup>a</sup>the elder and honorable man,  
And the prophet who teaches falsehood is the tail.  
16 <sup>a</sup>For those who guide this people are leading *them*  
astray;  
And those who are guided by them are <sup>1</sup>brought to  
confusion.  
17 Therefore the Lord does <sup>a</sup>not take pleasure in their  
young men,  
<sup>b</sup>Nor does He have pity on their <sup>1</sup>orphans or their  
widows;  
For every one of them is <sup>c</sup>godless and an evildoer,  
And every <sup>d</sup>mouth is speaking foolishness.  
In *spite of* all this His anger does not turn away,  
And His hand is still stretched out.
- 18 <sup>a</sup>For wickedness burns like a fire;  
It consumes briars and thorns;  
It even sets the thickets of the forest aflame,  
And they roll upward in a column of smoke.  
19 By the <sup>a</sup>fury of the LORD of hosts the <sup>b</sup>land is burned up,  
And the <sup>c</sup>people are like fuel for the fire;  
No <sup>d</sup>man spares his brother.  
20 And <sup>1</sup>they slice off *what is* on the right hand but *still* are  
<sup>a</sup>hungry,  
And <sup>1</sup>they eat *what is* on the left hand but they are not  
satisfied;  
Each of them eats the <sup>b</sup>flesh of his own arm.  
21 Manasseh *devours* Ephraim, and Ephraim Manasseh,  
<sup>a</sup>And together they are against Judah.  
In *spite of* all this His anger does not turn away,  
And His hand is still stretched out.

## CHAPTER 10

W<sup>O</sup>E to those who <sup>a</sup>enact evil statutes,  
And to those who constantly record <sup>1</sup>unjust decisions,  
2 So as <sup>a</sup>to <sup>1</sup>deprive the needy of justice,  
And rob the poor of My people of *their* rights,  
In order <sup>b</sup>that widows may be their spoil,  
And that they may plunder the <sup>2</sup>orphans.



- 3 Now <sup>a</sup>what will you do in the <sup>b</sup>day of punishment,  
And in the devastation which will come <sup>c</sup>from afar?  
<sup>d</sup>To whom will you flee for help?  
And where will you leave your <sup>1</sup>wealth?
- 4 Nothing *remains* but to crouch <sup>1</sup>among the <sup>a</sup>captives  
Or fall <sup>1</sup>among the <sup>b</sup>slain.  
In *spite* of all this His anger does not turn away,  
And His hand is still stretched out.
- 5 Woe to <sup>a</sup>Assyria, the <sup>b</sup>rod of My anger  
And the staff in whose hands is <sup>c</sup>My indignation,
- 6 I send it against a <sup>a</sup>godless nation  
And commission it against the <sup>b</sup>people of My fury  
<sup>c</sup>To capture booty and <sup>d</sup>to seize plunder,  
And to <sup>1</sup>trample them down like <sup>e</sup>mud in the streets.
- 7 Yet it <sup>a</sup>does not so intend  
Nor does <sup>1</sup>it plan so in its heart,  
But rather it is <sup>2</sup>its purpose to ddestroy,  
And to cut off <sup>3</sup>many nations.
- 8 For it says, "Are not my princes <sup>1</sup>all kings?"
- 9 "Is not Calno like Carchemish,  
Or Hamath like Arpad,  
Or Samaria like Damascus?"
- 10 "As my hand has reached to the <sup>a</sup>kingdoms of the idols,  
Whose graven images *were* greater than those of Jeru-  
salem and Samaria,
- 11 Shall I not <sup>1</sup>do to Jerusalem and her images  
Just as I have done to Samaria and <sup>a</sup>her idols?"
- 12 So it will be that when the Lord has completed all His  
<sup>a</sup>work on Mount Zion and on Jerusalem, *He will say*, "I will  
<sup>1</sup>punish the fruit of the arrogant heart of the king of Assyria and  
<sup>b</sup>the pomp of <sup>2</sup>his haughtiness."
- 13 For <sup>a</sup>he has said,  
"By the power of my hand and by my wisdom I did  
*this*,  
For I have understanding;  
And I <sup>b</sup>removed the boundaries of the peoples,  
And plundered their treasures,  
And like a mighty man I brought down <sup>1</sup>their inhab-  
itants,
- 14 And my hand reached to the riches of the peoples like  
a <sup>a</sup>ncst,  
And as one gathers abandoned eggs, I gathered all the  
earth;  
And there was not one that flapped its wing or opened  
*its beak or chirped.*"
- 15 Is the <sup>a</sup>axe to <sup>b</sup>boast itself over the one who chops with  
it?  
Is the saw to exalt itself over the one who wields it?  
*That would be* like <sup>a</sup> club wielding those who lift it,  
Or like <sup>a</sup> rod lifting *him who* is not wood.
- 16 Therefore the Lord, the <sup>1</sup>God of hosts, will send a  
<sup>a</sup>wasting disease among his <sup>b</sup>stout warriors;  
And under His <sup>c</sup>glory a fire will be kindled like a burning  
flame.
- <sup>3</sup> <sup>1</sup>Lit. *glory*  
<sup>a</sup>Job 31:14 <sup>b</sup>Is. 13:6; 26:14,  
21; 29:6; Jer. 9:9; Hos. 9:7;  
Luke 19:44 <sup>c</sup>Is. 5:26 <sup>d</sup>Is.  
20:6; 30:57; 31:3
- <sup>4</sup> <sup>1</sup>Lit. *under*  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 24:22 <sup>b</sup>Is. 22:2; 34:3;  
66:16
- <sup>5</sup> <sup>a</sup>Is. 7:17; 8:7 <sup>b</sup>Jer. 51:20  
<sup>c</sup>Is. 13:5; 30:30; 34:2; 66:14
- <sup>6</sup> <sup>1</sup>Lit. *make them a  
trampled place*  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 9:17 <sup>b</sup>Is. 9:19 <sup>c</sup>Is. 37:26,  
27 <sup>d</sup>Is. 59:29 <sup>e</sup>Is. 5:25
- <sup>7</sup> <sup>1</sup>Lit. *its heart so plan*  
<sup>2</sup>Lit. *in its heart* <sup>3</sup>Lit. *not  
a few*  
<sup>a</sup>Gen. 50:20; Micah 4:11,  
12; Acts 2:23, 24
- <sup>8</sup> <sup>1</sup>Lit. *altogether*
- 10 <sup>a</sup>2 Kin. 19:17, 18
- 11 <sup>1</sup>Lit. *do thus*  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 2:8
- 12 <sup>1</sup>Lit. *visit* <sup>2</sup>Lit. *haughtiness of his eyes*  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 28:21, 22; 29:14; 65:7;  
2 Kin. 19:31 <sup>b</sup>Is. 37:23
- 13 <sup>1</sup>Or, *those who sit on  
thrones*  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 37:24-27; 2 Kin. 19:22-  
24; Ezek. 28:4; Dan. 4:30  
<sup>b</sup>Hab. 2:6-11
- 14 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 49:16; Obad. 4
- 15 <sup>1</sup>Lit. *staff*  
<sup>a</sup>Jer. 51:20 <sup>b</sup>Is. 29:16; 45:9;  
Rom. 9:20, 21 <sup>c</sup>Is. 10:5 <sup>d</sup>Is.  
10:5
- 16 <sup>1</sup>YHWH, usually  
rendered *LORD*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 106:15 <sup>b</sup>Is. 17:4 <sup>c</sup>Is.  
10:18; 8:7

17 <sup>a</sup>Is. 30:33; 31:9 <sup>b</sup>Is. 37:23 <sup>c</sup>Is. 27:4; 33:12; Num. 11:1-3; Jer. 4:4; 7:20

18 <sup>a</sup>Is. 10:33, 34

19 <sup>a</sup>Is. 21:17

20 <sup>a</sup>Is. 17:7, 8; 50:10; 2 Chr. 14:11

21 <sup>a</sup>Is. 7:3

22 <sup>a</sup>Rom. 9:27, 28 <sup>b</sup>Is. 28:22; Dan. 9:27; Rom. 9:28

23 <sup>1</sup>YHWH, usually rendered LORD

24 <sup>1</sup>YHWH, usually rendered LORD <sup>2</sup>Lit., *he* <sup>a</sup>Ps. 8:5, 6 <sup>b</sup>Ex. 5:14-16

25 <sup>a</sup>Is. 17:14; Hag. 2:6

26 <sup>a</sup>Is. 37:36-38 <sup>b</sup>Ex. 14:16 <sup>c</sup>Ex. 14:27

27 <sup>1</sup>i.e., The Assyrian <sup>a</sup>Is. 9:4; 14:25 <sup>b</sup>Is. 30:23; 55:2

28 <sup>a</sup>Judg. 18:21; 1 Sam. 17:22

30 <sup>1</sup>An ancient version reads, *Answer her, O Anathoth*

32 <sup>1</sup>Another reading is, *house of* <sup>a</sup>Is. 19:16; Zech. 2:9 <sup>b</sup>Is. 1:8; Jer. 6:23

33 <sup>1</sup>YHWH, usually rendered LORD <sup>a</sup>Is. 37:24, 36-38; Ezek. 31:3; Amos 2:9

17 And the <sup>a</sup>light of Israel will become a fire and his <sup>b</sup>Holy One a flame,  
And it will <sup>c</sup>burn and devour his thorns and his briars in a single day.

18 And He will <sup>a</sup>destroy the glory of his forest and of his fruitful garden, both soul and body;  
And it will be as when a sick man wastes away.

19 And the <sup>a</sup>rest of the trees of his forest will be so small in number  
That a child could write them down.

20 Now it will come about in that day that the remnant of Israel, and those of the house of Jacob who have escaped, will never again rely on the one who struck them, but will truly <sup>a</sup>rely on the LORD, the Holy One of Israel.

21 A <sup>a</sup>remnant will return, the remnant of Jacob, to the mighty God.

22 For <sup>a</sup>though your people, O Israel, may be like the sand of the sea,

*Only* a remnant within them will return;

A <sup>b</sup>destruction is determined, overflowing with righteousness.

23 For a complete destruction, one that is decreed, the Lord <sup>1</sup>GOD of hosts will execute in the midst of the whole land.

24 Therefore thus says the Lord <sup>1</sup>GOD of hosts, "O My people who dwell in <sup>a</sup>Zion, do not fear the Assyrian <sup>2</sup>who <sup>b</sup>strikes you with the rod and lifts up his staff against you, the way Egypt *did*.

25 "For in a very <sup>a</sup>little while My indignation *against you* will be spent, and My anger *will be directed* to their destruction."

26 And the LORD of hosts will <sup>a</sup>arouse a scourge against him like the slaughter of Midian at the rock of Oreb; and His <sup>b</sup>staff will be over the sea, and He will lift it up <sup>c</sup>the way *He did* in Egypt.

27 So it will be in that day, that <sup>1</sup>his <sup>a</sup>burden will be removed from your shoulders and his yoke from your neck, and the yoke will be broken because <sup>b</sup>of fatness.

28 He has come against Aiath,  
He has passed through Migron;  
At Michmash he deposited his <sup>a</sup>baggage.

29 They have gone through the pass, saying,  
"They have made a lodging place in Geba."

Ramah is terrified, and Gibeah of Saul has fled away.

30 Cry aloud with your voice, O daughter of Gallim!  
Pay attention, Laishah and <sup>1</sup>wretched Anathoth!

31 Madmenah has fled.

The inhabitants of Gebim have sought refuge.

32 Yet today he will halt at Nob;

He <sup>a</sup>shakes his fist at the mountain of the <sup>1</sup>daughter of Zion, the hill of Jerusalem.

33 Behold, the Lord, the <sup>1</sup>GOD of hosts, will lop off the boughs with a terrible crash;

Those also who are <sup>a</sup>tall in stature will be cut down,  
And those who are lofty will be abased.

- 34 And He will cut down the thickets of the forest with an iron *axe*,  
And Lebanon will fall <sup>1</sup>by the Mighty One.

CHAPTER 11

- T**HEN a <sup>a</sup>shoot will spring from the <sup>b</sup>stem of Jesse,  
And a <sup>c</sup>branch from his roots will bear fruit.
- 2 And the <sup>a</sup>Spirit of the LORD will rest on Him,  
The spirit of <sup>b</sup>wisdom and understanding,  
The spirit of counsel and <sup>c</sup>strength,  
The spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD.
- 3 And He will delight in the fear of the LORD,  
And He will not judge by what His eyes <sup>a</sup>see,  
Nor make a decision by what His ears hear;
- 4 But with <sup>a</sup>righteousness He will judge the <sup>b</sup>poor,  
And decide with fairness for the afflicted of the earth;  
And He will strike the earth with the <sup>c</sup>rod of His mouth,  
And with the <sup>d</sup>breath of His lips He will slay the wicked.
- 5 Also <sup>a</sup>righteousness will be the belt about His loins,  
And <sup>b</sup>faithfulness the belt about His waist.
- 6 And the <sup>a</sup>wolf will dwell with the lamb,  
And the leopard will lie down with the kid,  
And the calf and the young lion <sup>1</sup>and the fatling together;  
And a little boy will lead them.
- 7 Also the cow and the bear will *graze*;  
Their young will lie down together;  
And the <sup>a</sup>lion will eat straw like the ox.
- 8 And the nursing child will play by the hole of the cobra,  
And the weaned child will put his hand on the viper's den.
- 9 They will <sup>a</sup>not hurt or destroy in all My holy mountain,  
For the <sup>b</sup>earth will be full of the knowledge of the LORD  
As the waters cover the sea.
- 10 Then it will come about in that day  
That the <sup>a</sup>nations will resort to the <sup>b</sup>root of Jesse,  
Who will stand as a <sup>1c</sup>signal for the peoples;  
And His resting place will be <sup>2</sup>glorious.
- 11 Then it will happen on that day that the Lord  
Will again recover the second time with His hand  
The remnant of His people, who will remain,  
From Assyria, Egypt, Pathros, Cush, Elam, Shinar,  
Hamath,  
And from the <sup>1a</sup>islands of the sea.
- 12 And He will lift up a standard for the nations,  
And will <sup>a</sup>assemble the banished ones of Israel,  
And will gather the dispersed of Judah  
From the four corners of the earth.
- 13 Then the <sup>a</sup>jealousy of Ephraim will depart,  
And those who harass Judah will be cut off;

34 <sup>1</sup>Or, *as a mighty one*

<sup>1</sup> <sup>a</sup>Is. 4:2; 53:2 <sup>b</sup>Is. 11:10; 9:7; Acts 13:23 <sup>c</sup>Is. 6:13; Jer. 23:5; Zech. 3:8

<sup>2</sup> <sup>a</sup>Is. 42:1; 48:16; 61:1; Matt. 3:16; John 1:32 <sup>b</sup>John 16:13; 1 Cor. 1:30; Eph. 1:17, 18 <sup>c</sup>2 Tim. 1:7

<sup>3</sup> <sup>a</sup>John 2:25; 7:24

<sup>4</sup> <sup>a</sup>Is. 9:7; 16:5; 32:1 <sup>b</sup>Is. 3:14; Ps. 72:2, 14 <sup>c</sup>Is. 49:2; Ps. 2:9; Mal. 4:6 <sup>d</sup>Is. 30:28, 33; Job 4:9; 2 Thess. 2:8

<sup>5</sup> <sup>a</sup>Eph. 6:14 <sup>b</sup>Is. 25:1

<sup>6</sup> <sup>1</sup>Some versions read, *will feed together* <sup>a</sup>Is. 65:25

<sup>7</sup> <sup>a</sup>Is. 65:25

<sup>9</sup> <sup>a</sup>Is. 65:25; Job 5:23; Ezek. 34:25; Hos. 2:18 <sup>b</sup>Is. 45:6; 52:10; 66:18-23; Ps. 98:2, 3; Hab. 2:14

<sup>10</sup> <sup>1</sup>Or, *standard* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *glory* <sup>a</sup>Luke 2:32; Acts 11:18 <sup>b</sup>Is. 11:1; Rom. 15:12 <sup>c</sup>Is. 11:12; 49:22; 62:10; John 3:14, 15; 12:32

<sup>11</sup> <sup>1</sup>Or, *coastlands* <sup>a</sup>Is. 24:15; 42:4, 10, 12; 49:1; 51:5; 60:9; 66:19

<sup>12</sup> <sup>a</sup>Is. 56:8; Zeph. 3:10; Zech. 10:6

<sup>13</sup> <sup>a</sup>Is. 9:21; Jer. 3:18; Ezek. 37:16, 17, 22; Hos. 1:11

**Isalah 11, 12, 13**

14 <sup>1</sup>Lit. *Edom and Moab will be the outstretching of their hand <sup>2</sup>Lit. *their obedience*  
<sup>a</sup>Jer. 48:40; 49:22; Hab. 1:8  
<sup>b</sup>Jer. 49:28*

15 <sup>1</sup>Another reading is, *dry up the tongue* <sup>2</sup>Perhaps the Red Sea <sup>3</sup>Lit., the Euphrates <sup>4</sup>Lit., in sandals  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 43:16; 44:27; 50:2; 51:10, 11 <sup>b</sup>Is. 7:20; 8:7

16 <sup>a</sup>Is. 19:23; 35:8; 40:3; 62:10 <sup>b</sup>Ex. 14:26-29

1 <sup>a</sup>Is. 25:1; Ps. 9:1 <sup>b</sup>Is. 40:1, 2; 54:7-10; Ps. 30:5

2 <sup>a</sup>Is. 32:2; 45:17; 62:11 <sup>b</sup>Is. 26:3 <sup>c</sup>Ex. 15:2; Ps. 118:14

3 <sup>a</sup>John 4:10; 7:37, 38 <sup>b</sup>Is. 41:18; Jer. 2:13

4 <sup>1</sup>Or, *Proclaim to them that*  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 24:15; 42:12; 48:20 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 105:1 <sup>c</sup>Ps. 145:4

5 <sup>1</sup>Or, *gloriously*  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 24:14; 42:10, 11; 44:23; Ex. 15:1; Ps. 98:1

6 <sup>a</sup>Is. 52:9; 54:1; Zeph. 3:14 <sup>b</sup>Is. 1:24; 49:26; 60:16; Zeph. 3:15-17; Zech. 2:5, 10, 11

1 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *burden of*

2 <sup>1</sup>Or, *wind-swept mountain*  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 5:26; Jer. 50:2 <sup>b</sup>Jer. 51:25 <sup>c</sup>Is. 10:32; 19:16 <sup>d</sup>Is. 45:1-3; Jer. 51:58

3 <sup>a</sup>Joel 3:11

4 <sup>a</sup>Is. 5:30; 17:12; Joel 3:14

**God Will Recover the Outcasts.**

**A Song of Thanksgiving. The Oracle About Babylon.**

- Ephraim will not be jealous of Judah,  
 And Judah will not harass Ephraim.
- 14 And they will <sup>a</sup>swoop down on the slopes of the Philistines on the west;  
 Together they will <sup>b</sup>plunder the sons of the east;  
<sup>1</sup>They will possess Edom and Moab;  
 And the sons of Ammon will be <sup>2</sup>subject to them.
- 15 And the LORD will <sup>1a</sup>utterly destroy  
 The tongue of the <sup>2</sup>Sea of Egypt;  
 And He will wave His hand over the <sup>3b</sup>River  
 With His scorching wind;  
 And He will strike it into seven streams,  
 And make *men* walk over <sup>4</sup>dry-shod.
- 16 And there will be a <sup>a</sup>highway from Assyria  
 For the remnant of His people who will be left,  
 Just as there was for Israel  
 In <sup>b</sup>the day that they came up out of the land of Egypt.

CHAPTER 12

- T**HEN you will say on that day,  
 "I will give thanks to Thee, O LORD;  
 For <sup>b</sup>although Thou wast angry with me,  
 Thine anger is turned away,  
 And Thou dost comfort me.
- 2 "Behold, <sup>a</sup>God is my salvation,  
 I will <sup>b</sup>trust and not be afraid;  
 For <sup>c</sup>the LORD GOD is my strength and song,  
 And He has become my salvation."
- 3 Therefore you will joyously <sup>a</sup>draw water  
 From the <sup>b</sup>springs of salvation.
- 4 And in that day you will <sup>a</sup>say,  
 "Give thanks to the LORD, call on His name.  
<sup>c</sup>Make known His deeds among the peoples;  
<sup>1</sup>Make *them* remember that His name is exalted."
- 5 <sup>a</sup>Praise the LORD in song, for He has done <sup>1</sup>excellent things;  
 Let this be known throughout the earth.
- 6 <sup>a</sup>Cry aloud and shout for joy, O inhabitant of Zion,  
 For <sup>b</sup>great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.

CHAPTER 13

- T**HE <sup>1</sup>oracle concerning Babylon which Isaiah the son of Amoz saw.
- 2 <sup>a</sup>Lift up a standard on the <sup>1b</sup>bare hill,  
 Raise your voice to them,  
<sup>c</sup>Wave the hand that they may <sup>d</sup>enter the doors of the nobles.
- 3 I have commanded My consecrated ones,  
 I have even called My <sup>a</sup>mighty warriors,  
 My proudly exulting ones,  
 To *execute* My anger.
- 4 A <sup>a</sup>sound of tumult on the mountains,  
 Like that of many people!  
 A sound of the uproar of kingdoms,

- Of nations gathered together!  
The LORD of hosts is mustering the army for battle.
- 5 They are coming from a far country  
From the <sup>1</sup>farthest horizons,  
The LORD and His instruments of indignation,  
To destroy the whole land.
- 6 Wail, for the <sup>2</sup>day of the LORD is near!  
It will come as destruction from <sup>1</sup>the Almighty.
- 7 Therefore all hands will fall limp,  
And every man's <sup>3</sup>heart will melt.
- 8 And they will be <sup>4</sup>terrified,  
Pains and anguish will take hold of *them*;  
They will be <sup>5</sup>writhed like a woman in labor,  
They will look at one another in astonishment,  
Their faces aflame.
- 9 Behold, the day of the LORD is coming,  
Cruel, with fury and burning anger,  
To make the land a desolation;  
And He will exterminate its sinners from it.
- 10 For the <sup>6</sup>stars of heaven and their constellations  
Will not flash forth their light;  
The <sup>7</sup>sun will be dark when it rises,  
And the moon will not shed its light.
- 11 Thus I will punish the world for its evil,  
And the wicked for their iniquity;  
I will also put an end to the <sup>8</sup>arrogance of the proud,  
And abase the <sup>9</sup>haughtiness of the <sup>1</sup>ruthless.
- 12 I will make mortal man <sup>10</sup>scarcer than pure gold,  
And mankind than the gold of Ophir.
- 13 Therefore I shall make the <sup>11</sup>heavens tremble,  
And the earth will be shaken from its place  
At the fury of the LORD of hosts  
In the day of His burning anger.
- 14 And it will be that like a hunted gazelle,  
Or like <sup>12</sup>sheep with none to gather *them*,  
They will each turn to his own people,  
And each one flee to his own land.
- 15 Anyone who is found will be <sup>13</sup>thrust through,  
And anyone who is captured will fall by the sword.
- 16 Their <sup>14</sup>little ones also will be dashed to pieces  
Before their eyes;  
Their houses will be plundered  
And their wives ravished.
- 17 Behold, I am going to stir up the Medes against them,  
Who will not value silver or <sup>15</sup>take pleasure in gold,
- 18 And *their* bows will <sup>16</sup>mow down the <sup>17</sup>young men,  
They will not even have compassion on the fruit of the  
womb,  
Nor will their <sup>18</sup>eye pity <sup>19</sup>children.
- 19 And Babylon, the <sup>20</sup>beauty of kingdoms, the glory of the  
Chaldeans' pride,  
Will be as when God <sup>21</sup>overthrew Sodom and Gomor-  
rah.
- <sup>5</sup> <sup>1</sup>Lit., *end of heaven*  
<sup>2</sup>Is. 5:26; 7:18
- <sup>6</sup> <sup>1</sup>Heb., *Shaddai*  
<sup>3</sup>Is. 13:9; 2:12; 10:3; 34:2, 8;  
61:2; Ezek. 30:3; Amos  
5:18; Zeph. 1:7
- <sup>7</sup> <sup>1</sup>Is. 19:1; Ezek. 21:7;  
Nah. 2:10
- <sup>8</sup> <sup>1</sup>Is. 21:3; 2 Kin. 19:26;  
Jer. 46:5 <sup>2</sup>Is. 26:17; Jer.  
4:31; John 16:21
- <sup>10</sup> <sup>1</sup>Is. 5:30; Joel 2:10;  
Matt. 24:29; Mark 13:24;  
Luke 21:25 <sup>2</sup>Is. 24:23; 50:3;  
Acts 2:20
- <sup>11</sup> <sup>1</sup>Or, *tyrants, despots*  
<sup>1</sup>Is. 2:11; 23:9; Dan. 5:22,  
23 <sup>2</sup>Jer. 48:29
- <sup>12</sup> <sup>1</sup>Lit., *more precious*  
<sup>1</sup>Is. 4:1; 6:11, 12
- <sup>13</sup> <sup>1</sup>Is. 34:4; 51:6
- <sup>14</sup> <sup>1</sup>Kin. 22:17; Matt.  
9:36; Mark 6:34; 1 Pet. 2:25
- <sup>15</sup> <sup>1</sup>Is. 14:19; Jer. 50:25;  
51:3, 4
- <sup>16</sup> <sup>1</sup>Is. 13:18; 14:21; Ps.  
137:8, 9; Hos. 10:14; Nah.  
3:10
- <sup>17</sup> <sup>1</sup>Prov. 6:34, 35
- <sup>18</sup> <sup>1</sup>Lit., *dash in pieces*  
<sup>2</sup>Lit., *sons*  
<sup>2</sup>Kin. 8:12; 2 Chr. 36:17  
<sup>3</sup>Ezek. 9:5, 10
- <sup>19</sup> <sup>1</sup>Dan. 4:30; Rev. 18:11-  
16, 19 <sup>2</sup>Gen. 19:24; Deut.  
29:23; Jer. 49:18; Amos 4:11

20 <sup>a</sup>Is. 14:23; 34:10-15; Jer. 51:37-43 <sup>b2</sup> Chr. 17:11

21 <sup>1</sup>Or, howling creatures  
<sup>2</sup>Or, goat demons  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 34:11-15; Zeph. 2:14

22 <sup>1</sup>Or, howling creatures  
<sup>2</sup>Lit., is near to come  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 25:2; 32:14; 34:13

1 <sup>a</sup>Is. 49:13, 15; 54:7, 8;  
Ps. 102:13 <sup>b</sup>Is. 41:8, 9; 44:1;  
49:7; Zech. 1:17; 2:12

2 <sup>a</sup>Is. 45:14; 49:23; 54:3  
<sup>b</sup>Is. 60:10; 61:5; Dan. 7:18,  
27

3 <sup>a</sup>Is. 11:10; 40:2; Ezra  
9:8, 9; Jer. 30:10; 46:27

4 <sup>1</sup>Or, proverb  
<sup>2</sup>Amended from the  
meaningless *medhebah* to  
*marshabah*

6 <sup>1</sup>Or, ruled  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 10:14; 47:6

7 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 47:1-3; 98:1-9;  
126:1-3

9 <sup>1</sup>Or, shades (Heb.,  
*Repha'im*) <sup>2</sup>Lit., male  
goats

10 <sup>a</sup>Ezek. 32:21

11 <sup>a</sup>Is. 5:14; Ezek. 28:13

12 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *Helel*; i.e.,  
shining one  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 34:4; Luke 10:18; Rev.  
9:1

- 20 It will <sup>a</sup>never be inhabited or lived in from generation to generation;  
Nor will the <sup>b</sup>Arab pitch *his* tent there,  
Nor will shepherds make *their flocks* lie down there.
- 21 But <sup>a</sup>desert creatures will lie down there,  
And their houses will be full of <sup>1</sup>owls,  
Ostriches also will live there, and <sup>2</sup>shaggy goats will frolic there.
- 22 And <sup>1</sup>hyenas will howl in their fortified towers  
And jackals in their luxurious <sup>a</sup>palaces.  
Her *fateful* time also <sup>2</sup>will soon come  
And her days will not be prolonged.

CHAPTER 14

WHEN the LORD will <sup>a</sup>have compassion on Jacob, and again <sup>b</sup>choose Israel, and settle them in their own land, then strangers will join them and attach themselves to the house of Jacob.

2 And the peoples will take them along and bring them to their place, and the <sup>a</sup>house of Israel will possess them as an inheritance in the land of the LORD <sup>b</sup>as male and female servants; and they will take them as their captors, and will rule over their oppressors.

3 And it will be in the day when the LORD gives you <sup>a</sup>rest from your pain and turmoil and harsh service in which you have been enslaved,

4 that you will take up this <sup>1</sup>taunt against the king of Babylon, and say,

“How the oppressor has ceased,  
And how <sup>2</sup>fury has ceased!

5 “The LORD has broken the staff of the wicked,  
The scepter of rulers

6 <sup>a</sup>Which used to strike the peoples in fury with unceasing strokes,  
Which <sup>1</sup>subdued the nations in anger with unrestrained persecution.

7 “The whole earth is at rest *and* is quiet;  
They <sup>a</sup>break forth into shouts of joy.

8 “Even the cypress trees rejoice over you, *and* the cedars of Lebanon, *saying*,  
‘Since you were laid low, no *tree* cutter comes up against us.’

9 “Sheol from beneath is excited over you to meet you when you come;  
It arouses for you the <sup>1</sup>spirits of the dead, all the <sup>2</sup>leaders of the earth;  
It raises all the kings of the nations from their thrones.

10 “<sup>a</sup>They will all respond and say to you,  
‘Even you have been made weak as we,  
You have become like *us*.’

11 ‘Your <sup>a</sup>pomp *and* the music of your harps  
Have been brought down to Sheol;  
Maggots are spread out *as your bed* beneath you,  
And worms are your covering.’

12 “How you have <sup>a</sup>fallen from heaven,  
O <sup>1</sup>star of the morning, son of the dawn!

	<p>13 <sup>a</sup>Ezek. 28:2 <sup>b</sup>Dan. 5:22; 8:10; 2 Thess. 2:4</p>
<p>You have been cut down to the earth, You who have weakened the nations!</p> <p>13 "But you said in your heart, 'I will <sup>a</sup>ascend to heaven; I will <sup>b</sup>raise my throne above the stars of God, And I will sit on the mount of assembly In the recesses of the north.</p>	<p>16 <sup>1</sup>Lit., <i>show themselves attentive to</i></p>
<p>14 'I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will make myself like the Most High.'</p>	<p>17 <sup>1</sup>Lit., <i>open</i></p>
<p>15 "Nevertheless you will be thrust down to Sheol, To the recesses of the pit.</p>	<p>18 <sup>1</sup>Lit., <i>house</i></p>
<p>16 "Those who see you will gaze at you, They will <sup>1</sup>ponder over you, <i>saying</i>, 'Is this the man who made the earth tremble, Who shook kingdoms,</p>	<p>19 <sup>1</sup>Lit., <i>an abhorred branch</i> <sup>2</sup>Or, <i>As the clothing of those who are slain</i> <sup>1</sup>Is. 5:25</p>
<p>17 Who made the world like a wilderness And overthrew its cities, Who did not <sup>1</sup>allow his prisoners to go home?'</p>	
<p>18 "All the kings of the nations lie in glory, Each in his own <sup>1</sup>tomb.</p>	<p>20 <sup>a</sup>Is. 1:4; 31:2; Job 18:16, 19; Ps. 21:10; 37:28</p>
<p>19 "But you have been cast out of your tomb Like <sup>1</sup>a rejected branch, <sup>2</sup>Clothed with the slain who are pierced with a sword, Who go down to the stones of the pit, Like a <sup>a</sup>trampled corpse.</p>	<p>21 <sup>a</sup>Is. 13:16; Ex. 20:5; Lev. 26:39; Matt. 23:35</p>
<p>20 "You will not be united with them in burial, Because you have ruined your country, You have slain your people. May the <sup>a</sup>offspring of evildoers not be mentioned forever.</p>	<p>22 <sup>a</sup>Prov. 10:7 <sup>b</sup>Is. 47:9; Job 18:19</p>
<p>21 "Prepare for his sons a place of slaughter Because of the <sup>a</sup>iniquity of their fathers. They must not arise and take possession of the earth And fill the face of the world with cities."</p>	<p>23 <sup>a</sup>Is. 13:6; 1 Kin. 14:10</p>
<p>22 "And I will rise up against them," declares the LORD of hosts, "and will cut off from Babylon <sup>a</sup>name and survivors, <sup>b</sup>offspring and posterity," declares the LORD.</p>	<p>24 <sup>a</sup>Is. 46:11; 55:8, 9; Job 23:13; Acts 4:28</p>
<p>23 "I will also make it a possession for the hedgehog, and swamps of water, and I will sweep it with the broom of <sup>a</sup>destruction," declares the LORD of hosts.</p>	<p>25 <sup>a</sup>Is. 9:4; 10:27; Nah. 1:13</p>
<p>24 The LORD of hosts has sworn saying, "Surely, <sup>a</sup>just as I have intended so it has happened, and just as I have planned so it will stand,</p>	<p>26 <sup>1</sup>Lit., <i>planned</i> <sup>a</sup>Is. 23:9; Zeph. 3:6, 8 <sup>b</sup>Ex. 15:12</p>
<p>25 to break Assyria in My land, and I will trample him on My mountains. Then his <sup>a</sup>yoke will be removed from them, and his burden removed from their shoulder.</p>	<p>27 <sup>a</sup>Is. 43:13; 2 Chr. 20:6; Dan. 4:31, 35</p>
<p>26 "This is the <sup>a</sup>plan <sup>1</sup>devised against the whole earth; and this is the <sup>b</sup>hand that is stretched out against all the nations.</p>	<p>28 <sup>1</sup>Or, <i>burden</i> <sup>2</sup>Kin. 16:20; 2 Chr. 28:27</p>
<p>27 "For <sup>a</sup>the LORD of hosts has planned, and who can frustrate it? And as for His stretched-out hand, who can turn it back?"</p>	<p>29 <sup>a</sup>2 Chr. 26:6</p>
<p>28 In the <sup>a</sup>year that King Ahaz died this <sup>1</sup>oracle came: 29 "Do not rejoice, O Phillistia, all of you, Because the rod that <sup>a</sup>struck you is broken; For from the serpent's root a viper will come out, And its fruit will be a flying serpent.</p>	

<sup>30</sup> <sup>1</sup>Lit., *the first-born of the helpless* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *put to death*  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 3:14, 15; 7:21, 22; 11:4  
<sup>b</sup>Is. 8:21; 9:20; 51:19

<sup>31</sup> <sup>1</sup>Or, *Become demoralized*  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 3:26; 24:12; 45:2 <sup>b</sup>Jer. 1:14 <sup>c</sup>Is. 34:16

<sup>32</sup> <sup>a</sup>Is. 37:9 <sup>b</sup>Is. 4:6; 25:4; 57:13; Zeph. 3:12; Heb. 11:10; James 2:5

<sup>1</sup> Or, *burden of*

<sup>2</sup> <sup>1</sup>Lit., *house*  
<sup>a</sup>Lev. 21:5; Jer. 48:37

<sup>3</sup> <sup>1</sup>Lit., *going down in weeping*  
<sup>a</sup>Jon. 3:6-8 <sup>b</sup>Jer. 48:38 <sup>c</sup>Is. 22:4

<sup>4</sup> <sup>1</sup>Another reading is, *the loins of*

<sup>5</sup> <sup>a</sup>Is. 59:7; Jer. 4:20

<sup>6</sup> <sup>1</sup>Lit., *desolations* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *come to an end*  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 19:5-7; Jer. 48:34 <sup>b</sup>Joel 1:10-12; 2:3

<sup>7</sup> <sup>1</sup>Or, *the poplars*  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 30:6; Jer. 48:36

<sup>9</sup> <sup>1</sup>Heb., *dam* (a word-play)  
<sup>a</sup>2 Kin. 17:25; Jer. 50:17

<sup>1</sup> <sup>1</sup>I.e., Petra in Edom  
<sup>a</sup>2 Kin. 3:4; Ezra 7:17 <sup>b</sup>Is. 42:11; 2 Kin. 14:7 <sup>c</sup>Is. 10:32

- 30 "And <sup>1</sup>those who are most <sup>a</sup>helpless will eat,  
 And the needy will lie down in security;  
 I will <sup>2</sup>destroy your root with <sup>b</sup>famine,  
 And it will kill off your survivors.
- 31 "Wail, O <sup>a</sup>gate; cry, O city;  
<sup>1</sup>Melt away, O Philistia, all of you;  
 For smoke comes from the <sup>b</sup>north,  
 And <sup>c</sup>there is no straggler in his ranks.
- 32 "How then will one answer the <sup>a</sup>messengers of the nation?  
 That the LORD has founded Zion,  
 And <sup>b</sup>the afflicted of His people will seek refuge in it."

## CHAPTER 15

THE <sup>1</sup>oracle concerning Moab.

- Surely in a night Ar of Moab is devastated *and* ruined,  
 Surely in a night Kir of Moab is devastated *and* ruined.
- 2 They have gone up to the <sup>1</sup>temple and to Dibon, *even*  
 to the high places to weep.  
 Moab wails over Nebo and Medeba;  
 Everyone's head is <sup>a</sup>bald and every beard is cut off.
- 3 In their streets they have girded themselves with <sup>a</sup>sackcloth;  
<sup>b</sup>On their housetops and in their squares  
 Everyone is wailing, <sup>1</sup>dissolved in tears.
- 4 Heshbon and Elealeh also cry out,  
 Their voice is heard all the way to Jahaz;  
 Therefore the <sup>1</sup>armed men of Moab cry aloud;  
 His soul trembles within him.
- 5 My heart cries out for Moab;  
 His fugitives are as far as Zoar *and* Eglath-shelishiyah,  
 For they go up the ascent of Luhith weeping;  
 Surely on the road to Horonaim they raise a cry of  
 distress <sup>a</sup>over *their* ruin.
- 6 For the <sup>a</sup>waters of Nimrim are <sup>1</sup>desolate.  
 Surely the grass is withered, the tender grass <sup>2</sup>died out,  
 There is <sup>b</sup>no green thing.
- 7 Therefore the <sup>a</sup>abundance *which* they have acquired  
 and stored up  
 They carry off over the brook of <sup>1</sup>Arabim.
- 8 For the cry of distress has gone around the territory of  
 Moab,  
 Its wail *goes* as far as Eglaim and its wailing even to Beer-  
 elim.
- 9 For the waters of Dimon are full of <sup>1</sup>blood;  
 Surely I will bring added *woes* upon Dimon,  
 A <sup>a</sup>lion upon the fugitives of Moab and upon the  
 remnant of the land.

## CHAPTER 16

<sup>a</sup> SEND the *tribute* lamb to the ruler of the land,  
 From <sup>1</sup>bSela by way of the wilderness to the <sup>c</sup>mountain  
 of the daughter of Zion.



- 2 Then, like <sup>1</sup>fleeing birds or scattered <sup>2</sup>nestlings,  
The daughters of Moab will be at the fords of the  
Arnon.
- 3 “<sup>1</sup>Give us advice, make a decision;  
<sup>2</sup>Cast your <sup>a</sup>shadow like night <sup>3</sup>at high noon;  
Hide the outcasts, do not betray the fugitive.
- 4 “Let the <sup>1</sup>outcasts of Moab stay with you;  
Be a hiding place to them from the destroyer.”  
For the extortioner has come to an end, destruction has  
ceased,  
<sup>a</sup>Oppressors have completely *disappeared* from the  
land.
- 5 A <sup>a</sup>throne will even be established in lovingkindness,  
And a judge will sit on it in faithfulness in the tent of  
<sup>b</sup>David;  
Moreover, he will seek justice  
And be prompt in righteousness.
- 6 <sup>a</sup>We have heard of the pride of Moab, an excessive  
pride;  
*Even* of his arrogance, pride, and fury;  
<sup>b</sup>His idle boasts are <sup>1</sup>false.
- 7 Therefore Moab shall wail; everyone of Moab shall  
wail.  
You shall moan for the <sup>a</sup>raisin cakes of <sup>b</sup>Kir-hareseth  
As those who are utterly stricken.
- 8 For the fields of Heshbon have <sup>1</sup>withered, the vines of  
Sibmah *as well*;  
The lords of the nations have trampled down its choice  
clusters  
Which reached as far as Jazer *and* wandered to the  
deserts;  
<sup>a</sup>Its tendrils spread themselves out *and* passed over the  
sea.
- 9 Therefore I will <sup>a</sup>weep bitterly for Jazer, for the vine of  
Sibmah;  
I will drench you with my tears, O Heshbon and Ele-  
aleh;  
For the shouting over your <sup>b</sup>summer fruits and your  
harvest has fallen away.
- 10 And <sup>a</sup>gladness and joy are taken away from the fruitful  
field;  
In the <sup>b</sup>vineyards also there will be no cries of joy or  
jubilant shouting,  
No <sup>c</sup>treader treads out wine in the presses,  
For I have made the shouting to cease.
- 11 Therefore my <sup>1</sup>heart intones like a harp for Moab,  
And my <sup>2</sup>inward feelings for Kir-hareseth.
- 12 So it will come about when Moab <sup>a</sup>presents himself,  
When he <sup>b</sup>wearies himself upon *his* <sup>c</sup>high place,  
And comes to his sanctuary to pray,  
That he will not prevail.
- 13 This is the word which the LORD spoke earlier concern-  
ing Moab.
- 14 But now the LORD speaks, saying, “Within three years,

2 <sup>1</sup>Or, *fluttering* <sup>2</sup>Lit.,  
*nest*  
<sup>a</sup>Prov. 27:8

3 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *Bring* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *Set*  
<sup>3</sup>Lit., *in the midst of the*  
*noon*  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 25:4; 32:2; 1 Kin. 18:4

4 <sup>1</sup>So the versions; M.T.,  
*My outcasts, as for*  
*Moab . . .*  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 9:4; 14:4; 49:26; 51:13;  
54:14

5 <sup>a</sup>Is. 9:6, 7; 32:1; 55:4;  
Dan. 7:14; Mic. 4:7; Luke  
1:33 <sup>b</sup>Is. 9:7

6 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *not so*  
<sup>a</sup>Jer. 48:29; Amos 2:1;  
Obad. 3, 4; Zeph. 2:8, 10  
<sup>b</sup>Jer. 48:30

7 <sup>a</sup>1 Chr. 16:3 <sup>b</sup>2 Kin.  
3:25; Jer. 48:31

8 <sup>1</sup>Or, *languished*  
<sup>a</sup>Jer. 48:32

9 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 48:32 <sup>b</sup>Jer. 40:10,  
12; 48:32

10 <sup>a</sup>Is. 24:8; Jer. 48:33 <sup>b</sup>Is.  
24:7; Judg. 9:27; Amos  
11:17 <sup>c</sup>Job 24:11; Amos  
9:13

11 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *entrails murmur*  
<sup>2</sup>Lit., *inward part*  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 15:5; 63:15; Jer. 48:36;  
Hos. 11:8; Phil. 2:1

12 <sup>a</sup>Num. 22:39-41; Jer.  
48:35 <sup>b</sup>1 Kin. 18:29 <sup>c</sup>Is. 15:2

14 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *the years of a hireling* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *not mighty*  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 21:16; Job 7:1; 16:6 <sup>b</sup>Is. 25:10; Jer. 48:42

1 <sup>1</sup>Or, *burden of*  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 7:16; 8:4; 10:9 <sup>b</sup>Is. 25:2; Jer. 49:2; Mic. 1:6

2 <sup>1</sup>Gk. reads, *forever and ever* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *and they will lie down*  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 7:21, 22; Ezek. 25:5; Zeph. 2:6 <sup>b</sup>Mic. 4:4

3 <sup>1</sup>Or, *fortification* <sup>2</sup>Or, *royal power, kingdom*  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 7:8, 16; 8:4 <sup>b</sup>Is. 17:4; Hos. 9:11

4 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *become thin*  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 10:3

5 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *gathering of the harvest, the standing grain*  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 17:11; Jer. 51:33; Joel 3:13; Matt. 13:30

6 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *striking*  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 24:13; 27:12; Deut. 4:27; Obad. 5

7 <sup>a</sup>Is. 10:20; Hos. 3:5; 6:1; Mic. 7:7

8 <sup>1</sup>I.e., *wooden symbols of a female deity* <sup>2</sup>Or, *Sun pillars*  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 27:9; 2 Chr. 34:7 <sup>b</sup>Is. 2:8, 20; 30:22; 31:7 <sup>c</sup>Ex. 34:13; Deut. 7:5; Mic. 5:14

9 <sup>1</sup>I.e., *man's* <sup>2</sup>Gk. reads, *the deserted places of the Amorites and the Hivites which they abandoned. . .*  
<sup>3</sup>Or, *the tree-top* <sup>4</sup>Lit., *it*

10 <sup>a</sup>Is. 51:13 <sup>b</sup>Is. 12:2; 33:2; 61:10; 62:11; Ps. 68:19 <sup>c</sup>Is. 26:4; 30:29; 44:8; Deut. 32:4, 18, 31

11 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 21:23 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 90:6 <sup>c</sup>Job 4:8; Hos. 8:7; 10:13

12 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 6:23; Ezek. 43:2; Luke 21:25 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 18:4

as <sup>1a</sup>a hired man would count them, the glory of <sup>b</sup>Moab will be degraded along with all *his* great population, and *his* remnant will be very small *and* <sup>2</sup>impotent."

CHAPTER 17

THE <sup>1</sup>oracle concerning Damascus.

"Behold, Damascus is about to be <sup>a</sup>removed from being a city,

And it will become a <sup>b</sup>fallen ruin.

2 "The cities <sup>1</sup>of Aroer are forsaken;  
 They will be for <sup>a</sup>flocks <sup>2</sup>to lie down in,  
 And there will be <sup>b</sup>no one to frighten *them*.

3 "The <sup>1a</sup>fortified city will disappear from Ephraim,  
 And <sup>2</sup>sovereignty from Damascus  
 And the remnant of Syria;  
 They will be like the <sup>b</sup>glory of the sons of Israel,"  
 Declares the LORD of hosts.

4 Now it will come about in that day that the <sup>a</sup>glory of Jacob will <sup>1</sup>fade,  
 And the fatness of his flesh will become lean.

5 It will be <sup>a</sup>even like the <sup>1</sup>reaper gathering the standing grain,

As his arm harvests the ears,  
 Or it will be like one gleaning ears of grain  
 In the valley of Rephaim.

6 Yet <sup>a</sup>gleanings will be left in it like the <sup>1</sup>shaking of an olive tree,

Two or three olives on the topmost bough,  
 Four or five on the branches of a fruitful tree,  
 Declares the LORD, the God of Israel.

7 In that day man will <sup>a</sup>have regard for his Maker,  
 And his eyes will look to the Holy One of Israel.

8 And he will not have regard for the <sup>a</sup>altars, the work of his hands,

Nor will he look to that which his <sup>b</sup>fingers have made,  
 Even the <sup>1c</sup>Asherim and <sup>2</sup>incense stands.

9 In that day <sup>1</sup>their strong cities will be like <sup>2</sup>forsaken places in the forest,

Or like <sup>3</sup>branches which they abandoned before the sons of Israel;

And <sup>4</sup>the land will be a desolation.

10 For <sup>a</sup>you have forgotten the <sup>b</sup>God of your salvation  
 And have not remembered the <sup>c</sup>rock of your refuge.  
 Therefore you plant delightful plants

And set them with vine slips of a strange *god*.

11 In the day that you plant *it* you carefully <sup>a</sup>fence *it* in,  
 And in the <sup>b</sup>morning you bring your seed to blossom;  
*But* the harvest will <sup>c</sup>be a heap

In a day of sickness and incurable pain.

12 Alas, the uproar of many peoples  
<sup>a</sup>Who roar like the roaring of the seas,  
 And the rumbling of nations  
 Who rush on like the <sup>b</sup>rumbling of mighty waters!

- 13 The <sup>a</sup>nations rumble on like the rumbling of many waters,  
But He will <sup>b</sup>rebuke them and they will flee far away,  
And be chased <sup>c</sup>like chaff in the mountains before the wind,  
Or like whirling dust before a gale.
- 14 At evening time, behold, *there is* terror!  
Before morning <sup>a</sup>they are no more.  
<sup>1</sup>Such *will be* the portion of those who plunder us,  
And the lot of those who pillage us.

13 <sup>a</sup>Is. 33:3 <sup>b</sup>Is. 41:11; Ps. 9:5 <sup>c</sup>Is. 29:5; 41:15, 16; Job 21:18; Ps. 1:4; 83:13

14 <sup>1</sup>Lit. *This*  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 41:12; 2 Kin. 19:35

1 <sup>1</sup>Or, *Ethiopia*

CHAPTER 18

- ALAS**, oh land of whirring wings  
Which lies beyond the rivers of <sup>1</sup>Cush,  
2 Which sends envoys by the sea,  
Even in <sup>a</sup>papyrus vessels on the surface of the waters.  
Go, swift messengers, to a nation <sup>1b</sup>tall and smooth,  
To a people feared <sup>2</sup>far and wide,  
A powerful and oppressive nation  
Whose land the rivers divide.
- 3 <sup>a</sup>All you inhabitants of the world and dwellers on earth,  
As soon as a standard is raised on the mountains, you will see it,  
And as soon as the trumpet is blown, you will hear it.
- 4 For thus the LORD has told me,  
“I will look <sup>1</sup>from My <sup>a</sup>dwelling place quietly  
Like dazzling heat in the <sup>2b</sup>sunshine,  
Like a cloud of dew in the heat of harvest.”
- 5 For <sup>a</sup>before the harvest, as soon as the bud <sup>1</sup>blossoms  
And the flower becomes a ripening grape,  
Then He will cut off the sprigs with pruning knives  
And remove *and* cut away the spreading branches.
- 6 They will be left together for mountain birds <sup>a</sup>of prey,  
And for the beasts of the earth;  
And the birds of prey will spend the summer *feeding* on them,  
And all the beasts of the earth will spend harvest time on them.
- 7 At that time a gift of homage will be brought to the LORD of hosts  
<sup>1</sup>From a <sup>a</sup>people <sup>2</sup>tall and smooth,  
Even from a people feared <sup>3</sup>far and wide,  
A powerful and oppressive nation,  
Whose land the rivers divide—  
To the <sup>b</sup>place of the name of the LORD of hosts, *even* Mount Zion.

2 <sup>1</sup>Lit. *drawn out* <sup>2</sup>Lit. *from it and beyond*  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 18:7 <sup>b</sup>Gen. 10:8, 9;  
2 Chr. 12:2-4; 14:9; 16:8

3 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 49:1; Mic. 1:2

4 <sup>1</sup>Lit. *in* <sup>2</sup>Lit. *light*  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 26:21; Hos. 5:15  
<sup>b</sup>2 Sam. 23:4

5 <sup>1</sup>Lit. *is finished*  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 17:10, 11; Ezek. 17:6-10

6 <sup>a</sup>Is. 46:11; 56:9; Jer. 7:33; Ezek. 32:4-6; 39:17-20

7 <sup>1</sup>So with some ancient versions and DSS; M.T. implies: *Consisting of a people . . .* <sup>2</sup>Lit. *drawn out*  
<sup>1</sup>Lit. *from it and beyond*  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 45:14; Ps. 68:31; Zeph. 3:10; Acts 8:27-38 <sup>b</sup>Zech. 14:16, 17

1 <sup>1</sup>Or, *burden of*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 18:9, 10; 104:3; Matt. 26:64; Rev. 1:7 <sup>b</sup>Ex. 12:12; Jer. 43:12; 44:8 <sup>c</sup>Is. 13:7; Josh. 2:11

CHAPTER 19

- THE** <sup>1</sup>oracle concerning Egypt.  
Behold, the LORD is <sup>a</sup>riding on a swift cloud, and is about to come to Egypt;  
The <sup>b</sup>idols of Egypt will tremble at His presence,  
And the <sup>c</sup>heart of the Egyptians will melt within them.

2 <sup>a</sup>Judg. 7:22; 1 Sam. 14:20; 2 Chr. 20:23; Matt. 10:21, 36

3 <sup>1</sup>Or, *ghosts and spirits*  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 8:19; 1 Chr. 10:13; Dan. 2:2

4 <sup>1</sup>Or, *fierce* <sup>2</sup>YHWH, usually rendered LORD  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 20:4; Jer. 46:26; Ezek. 29:19

5 <sup>a</sup>Is. 50:2; Jer. 51:36; Ezek. 30:12

6 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *rivers* <sup>2</sup>Or, *Nile branches*; i.e., the delta  
<sup>a</sup>Ex. 7:18 <sup>b</sup>Is. 37:25 <sup>c</sup>Is. 15:6; Ex. 2:3; Job 8:11

7 <sup>1</sup>Or, *mouth*  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 23:3, 10

8 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *hook* <sup>2</sup>Or, *languish*  
<sup>a</sup>Ezek. 47:10; Hab. 1:15

9 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *ashamed*  
<sup>a</sup>Prov. 7:16; Ezek. 27:7

10 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *her pillars or, her weavers*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 11:13

11 <sup>1</sup>Or, *Tanis* <sup>2</sup>Or, *brutish*  
<sup>a</sup>Gen. 41:38, 39; 1 Kin. 4:30; Acts 7:22

12 <sup>1</sup>Or, *know*  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 14:24; Rom. 9:17

13 <sup>1</sup>Or, *Tanis* <sup>2</sup>Or, *have caused Egypt to stagger*  
<sup>a</sup>Jer. 2:16; 46:14, 19; Ezek. 30:13 <sup>b</sup>Zech. 10:4

14 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *its work* <sup>2</sup>Or, *goes astray*  
<sup>a</sup>Prov. 12:8; Matt. 17:17  
<sup>b</sup>Is. 3:12; 9:16

15 <sup>a</sup>Is. 9:14, 15

16 <sup>a</sup>2 Cor. 5:11; Heb. 10:31

- 2 “So I will incite Egyptians against Egyptians;  
And they will <sup>a</sup>each fight against his brother, and each  
against his neighbor,  
City against city, *and* kingdom against kingdom.
- 3 “Then the spirit of the Egyptians will be demoralized  
within them;  
And I will confound their strategy,  
So that <sup>a</sup>they will resort to idols and ghosts of the dead,  
And to <sup>a</sup>mediums and spiritists.
- 4 “Moreover, I will deliver the Egyptians into the hand of  
a <sup>a</sup>cruel master,  
And a <sup>1</sup>mighty king will rule over them,” declares the  
LORD <sup>2</sup>GOD of hosts.
- 5 <sup>a</sup>And the waters from the sea will dry up,  
And the river will be parched and dry.
- 6 And the <sup>1</sup>canals will emit a stench,  
The <sup>2</sup>streams of Egypt will thin out and dry up;  
<sup>c</sup>The reeds and rushes will rot away.
- 7 The bulrushes by the <sup>a</sup>Nile, by the <sup>1</sup>edge of the Nile  
And all the sown fields by the Nile  
Will become dry, be driven away, and be no more.
- 8 And the <sup>a</sup>fishermen will lament,  
And all those who cast a <sup>1</sup>line into the Nile will mourn,  
And those who spread nets on the waters will <sup>2</sup>pine away.
- 9 Moreover, the manufacturers of linen made from  
combed flax  
And the weavers of white <sup>a</sup>cloth will be <sup>1</sup>utterly dejected.
- 10 And <sup>1</sup>the <sup>a</sup>pillars of *Egypt* will be crushed;  
All the hired laborers will be grieved in soul.
- 11 The princes of <sup>1</sup>Zoan are mere fools;  
The advice of Pharaoh’s wisest advisers has become  
<sup>2</sup>stupid.  
How can you *men* say to Pharaoh,  
“I am a son of the <sup>a</sup>wise, a son of ancient kings”?
- 12 Well then, where are your wise men?  
Please let them tell you,  
And let them <sup>1</sup>understand what the LORD of hosts  
Has <sup>a</sup>purposed against Egypt.
- 13 The princes of <sup>1</sup>Zoan have acted foolishly,  
The princes of <sup>a</sup>Memphis are deluded;  
*Those who are* the <sup>b</sup>cornerstone of her tribes  
Have <sup>2</sup>led Egypt astray.
- 14 The LORD has mixed within her a spirit of <sup>a</sup>distortion;  
<sup>b</sup>They have led Egypt astray in all <sup>1</sup>that it does,  
As a drunken man <sup>2</sup>staggers in his vomit.
- 15 And there will be no work for Egypt  
<sup>a</sup>Which *its* head or tail, *its* palm branch or bulrush, may  
do.
- 16 In that day the Egyptians will become like women, and  
they will tremble and be in <sup>a</sup>dread because of the waving of the  
hand of the LORD of hosts, which He is going to wave over them.

17 And the land of Judah will become a <sup>1</sup>terror to Egypt; everyone <sup>2</sup>to whom it is mentioned will be in dread of it, because of the <sup>a</sup>purpose of the LORD of hosts which He is purposing against them.

18 In that day five cities in the land of Egypt will be speaking the language of Canaan and <sup>a</sup>swearing *allegiance* to the LORD of hosts; one will be called the City of <sup>1</sup>Destruction.

19 In that day there will be an <sup>a</sup>altar to the LORD in the midst of the land of Egypt, and a <sup>b</sup>pillar to the LORD near its border.

20 And it will become a sign and a witness to the LORD of hosts in the land of Egypt; for they will cry to the LORD because of oppressors, and He will send them a <sup>a</sup>Savior and a <sup>1b</sup>Champion, and He will deliver them.

21 Thus the LORD will make Himself known to Egypt, and the Egyptians will know the LORD in that day. They will even worship with <sup>a</sup>sacrifice and offering, and will make a vow to the LORD and perform it.

22 And the LORD will strike Egypt, striking but <sup>a</sup>healing; so they will <sup>b</sup>return to the LORD, and He will respond to them and will heal them.

23 In that day there will be a <sup>a</sup>highway from Egypt to Assyria, and the Assyrians will come into Egypt and the Egyptians into Assyria, and the Egyptians will <sup>b</sup>worship with the Assyrians.

24 In that day Israel will be the third *party* with Egypt and Assyria, a blessing in the midst of the earth,

25 whom the LORD of hosts has blessed, saying, "Blessed is <sup>a</sup>Egypt My people, and Assyria the work of My hands, and Israel My inheritance."

**CHAPTER 20**

**I**N the year that the <sup>1</sup>commander came to Ashdod, when Sargon the king of Assyria sent him and he fought against Ashdod and captured it,

2 at that time the LORD spoke through Isaiah the son of Amoz, saying, "Go and loosen the <sup>a</sup>sackcloth from your hips, and take your <sup>b</sup>shoes off your feet." And he did so, going <sup>c</sup>naked and barefoot.

3 And the LORD said, "Even as My servant Isaiah has gone naked and barefoot three years as a <sup>1a</sup>sign and token against Egypt and <sup>2b</sup>Cush,

4 so the <sup>a</sup>king of Assyria will lead away the captives of Egypt and the exiles of Cush, <sup>b</sup>young and old, naked and barefoot with buttocks uncovered, to the <sup>1</sup>shame of Egypt.

5 "Then they shall be <sup>a</sup>dismayed and ashamed because of Cush their hope and Egypt their <sup>b</sup>boast.

6 "So the inhabitants of this coastland will say in that day, 'Behold, such is our hope, where we fled <sup>a</sup>for help to be delivered from the king of Assyria; and we, <sup>b</sup>how shall we escape?'"

**CHAPTER 21**

**T**HE <sup>1</sup>oracle concerning the <sup>2a</sup>wilderness of the sea. As <sup>b</sup>windstorms in the <sup>3</sup>Negev sweep on, It comes from the wilderness, from a terrifying land.

17 <sup>1</sup>Or, *cause of shame*  
<sup>2</sup>Lit., *who mentions it will be in dread to it*  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 14:24; Dan. 4:35

18 <sup>1</sup>Some ancient mss. and versions read, *the Sun*  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 45:23; 65:16

19 <sup>a</sup>Is. 56:7; 60:7 <sup>b</sup>Gen. 28:18; Ex. 24:4; Josh. 22:10, 26, 27

20 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *Mighty One*  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 43:3, 11; 45:15, 21; 49:26; 60:16; 63:8 <sup>b</sup>Is. 49:25

21 <sup>a</sup>Is. 56:7; 60:7; Zech. 14:16-18

22 <sup>a</sup>Is. 30:26; 57:18; Deut. 32:39; Heb. 12:11 <sup>b</sup>Is. 27:13; 45:14; Hos. 14:1

23 <sup>a</sup>Is. 11:16; 35:8; 49:11; 62:10 <sup>b</sup>Is. 27:13

25 <sup>a</sup>Is. 45:14

1 <sup>1</sup>Heb., *Tartan*

2 <sup>a</sup>Zech. 13:4; Matt. 3:4  
<sup>b</sup>Ezek. 24:17, 21 <sup>c</sup>1 Sam. 19:24; Mic. 1:8

3 <sup>1</sup>Or, *wonder* <sup>2</sup>Or, *Ethiopia*, so in vs. 4, 5  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 8:18 <sup>b</sup>Is. 37:9; 43:3

4 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *nakedness*  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 19:4 <sup>b</sup>Is. 47:2, 3

5 <sup>a</sup>Is. 30:3-5; 31:1; 2 Kin. 18:21; Ezek. 29:6, 7 <sup>b</sup>Jer. 9:23, 24; 17:5; 1 Cor. 3:21

6 <sup>a</sup>Is. 10:3; 30:7; 31:3; Jer. 30:1, 7, 15-17; 31:1-3 <sup>b</sup>Matt. 23:33; 1 Thess. 5:3; Heb. 2:3

1 <sup>1</sup>Or, *burden of* <sup>2</sup>Or, *sandy wastes, sea country*  
<sup>1</sup>i.e., *South country*  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 13:20-22; 14:23; Jer. 51:42 <sup>b</sup>Dan. 11:40; Zech. 9:14

2 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *her groaning*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 60:3 <sup>b</sup>Is. 24:16; 33:1

3 <sup>a</sup>Is. 13:8; 16:11 <sup>b</sup>Is.  
 13:8; 26:17; Ps. 48:6;  
 1 Thess. 5:3

4 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *heart has  
 wandered* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *shuddering*  
<sup>a</sup>Deut. 28:67

5 <sup>1</sup>Or, *spread out the  
 rugs; or possibly, they  
 arranged the seating*  
<sup>a</sup>Jer. 51:39, 57; Dan. 5:1-4

6 <sup>a</sup>2 Kin. 9:17-20

7 <sup>a</sup>Is. 21:9

8 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *he; i.e., the  
 sentry, cf. v. 6*  
<sup>a</sup>Hab. 2:1

9 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *he has shattered  
 to the earth*  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 13:19; 47:5, 9; 48:14;  
 Jer. 51:8; Rev. 14:8 <sup>b</sup>Is.  
 46:1; Jer. 50:2; 51:44

10 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *son*  
<sup>a</sup>Jer. 51:33; Mic. 4:13

11 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *burden* <sup>2</sup>So the  
 Gk.; Heb., *Dumah, silence*  
<sup>3</sup>Lit., *what is the time of  
 the night?*  
<sup>a</sup>Gen. 25:14 <sup>b</sup>Gen. 32:3

13 <sup>1</sup>Or, *burden* <sup>2</sup>Or, *will  
 spend*  
<sup>a</sup>Jer. 25:23, 24; 49:28 <sup>b</sup>Gen.  
 10:7; Ezek. 27:15

14 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *to meet*  
<sup>a</sup>Gen. 25:15; Job 6:19

15 <sup>a</sup>Is. 13:14, 15; 17:13

16 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *the years of a  
 hireling*  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 16:14

17 <sup>a</sup>Is. 10:19 <sup>b</sup>Num. 23:19;  
 Zech. 1:6

2 A <sup>a</sup>harsh vision has been shown to me;  
 The <sup>b</sup>treacherous one still deals treacherously, *and* the  
 destroyer still destroys.

Go up, Elam, lay siege, Media;  
 I have made an end of all <sup>1</sup>the groaning she has caused.

3 For this reason my <sup>a</sup>loins are full of anguish;  
 Pains have seized me like the pains of a <sup>b</sup>woman in labor.  
 I am so bewildered I cannot hear, so terrified I cannot  
 see.

4 My <sup>1</sup>mind reels, <sup>2</sup>horror overwhelms me;  
 The twilight I longed for has been <sup>a</sup>turned for me into  
 trembling.

5 They <sup>a</sup>set the table, they <sup>1</sup>spread out the cloth, they eat,  
 they drink;

“Rise up, captains, oil the shields,”

6 For thus the Lord says to me,  
 “Go, station the sentry, let him <sup>a</sup>report what he sees.

7 “When he sees <sup>a</sup>riders, horsemen in pairs,  
 A train of donkeys, a train of camels,  
 Let him pay close attention, very close attention.”

8 Then <sup>1</sup>the sentry called *like* a lion,  
 “O Lord, I stand continually by day on the watchtower,  
 And I am stationed every night at my guard post.

9 “Now behold, here comes a troop of riders, horsemen in  
 pairs.”

And one answered and said, “<sup>a</sup>Fallen, fallen is Babylon;  
 And all the <sup>b</sup>images of her gods <sup>1</sup>are shattered on the  
 ground.”

10 O my <sup>a</sup>threshed *people*, and my <sup>1</sup>afflicted of the thresh-  
 ing floor!

What I have heard from the LORD of hosts,  
 The God of Israel, I make known to you.

11 The <sup>1</sup>oracle concerning <sup>2a</sup>Edom.  
 One keeps calling to me from <sup>b</sup>Seir,  
 “Watchman, <sup>3</sup>how far gone is the night?  
 Watchman, <sup>3</sup>how far gone is the night?”

12 The watchman says,  
 “Morning comes but also night.  
 If you would inquire, inquire;  
 Come back again.”

13 The <sup>1</sup>oracle about <sup>a</sup>Arabia.  
 In the thickets of Arabia you <sup>2</sup>must spend the night,  
 O caravans of <sup>b</sup>Dedanites.

14 Bring water <sup>1</sup>for the thirsty,  
 O inhabitants of the land of <sup>a</sup>Tema,  
 Meet the fugitive with bread.

15 For they have <sup>a</sup>fled from the swords,  
 From the drawn sword, and from the bent bow,  
 And from the press of battle.

16 For thus the Lord said to me, “In a <sup>a</sup>year, as <sup>1a</sup> a hired man  
 would count it, all the splendor of Kedar will terminate;  
 17 and the <sup>a</sup>remainder of the number of bowmen, the  
 mighty men of the sons of Kedar, will be few; for the LORD God  
 of Israel <sup>b</sup>has spoken.”

## CHAPTER 22

THE <sup>1</sup>oracle concerning the <sup>2</sup>valley of vision.  
 What is the matter with you now, that you have all gone  
 up to the <sup>b</sup>housetops?

2 You who were full of noise,  
 You boisterous town, you <sup>a</sup>exultant city;  
 Your slain were <sup>b</sup>not slain with the sword,  
 Nor <sup>1</sup>did they die in battle.

3 All your rulers have fled together,  
 And have been captured <sup>1</sup>without the bow;  
 All of you who were found were taken captive together,  
<sup>2</sup>Though they had fled far away.

4 Therefore I say, "Turn your eyes away from me,  
 Let me weep bitterly,  
 Do not <sup>1</sup>try to comfort me concerning the destruction  
 of the daughter of my people."

5 <sup>a</sup>For the Lord <sup>1</sup>God of hosts has a <sup>b</sup>day of panic,  
<sup>c</sup>subjugation, and confusion  
<sup>d</sup>In the valley of vision,  
 A breaking down of walls  
 And a crying <sup>2</sup>to the mountain.

6 And <sup>a</sup>Elam took up the quiver  
 With the chariots, <sup>1</sup>infantry, and horsemen;  
 And Kir uncovered the shield.

7 Then your choicest valleys were <sup>a</sup>full of chariots,  
 And the horsemen took up fixed positions at the gate.

8 And He removed the <sup>1</sup>defense of Judah.  
 In that day you <sup>2</sup>depended on the weapons of the <sup>a</sup>house  
 of the forest,

9 And you saw that the breaches  
 In the wall of the city of David were many;  
 And you <sup>a</sup>collected the waters of the lower pool.

10 Then you counted the houses of Jerusalem,  
 And you tore down houses to fortify the wall.

11 And you made a reservoir <sup>a</sup>between the two walls  
 For the waters of the <sup>b</sup>old pool.  
 But you did not <sup>1</sup>depend on Him who made it,  
 Nor did you <sup>2</sup>take into consideration Him who planned  
 it long ago.

12 Therefore in that day the Lord <sup>1</sup>God of hosts, called you  
 to <sup>a</sup>weeping, to wailing,  
 To shaving the head, and to wearing sackcloth.

13 Instead, there is <sup>a</sup>gaiety and gladness,  
 Killing of cattle and slaughtering of sheep,  
 Eating of meat and drinking of wine:  
 "Let us eat and drink, for tomorrow we may die."

14 But the LORD of hosts revealed Himself <sup>1</sup>to me,  
 "Surely this iniquity shall not be <sup>2</sup>forgiven you  
<sup>a</sup>Until you die," says the Lord <sup>1</sup>GOD of hosts.

15 Thus says the Lord <sup>1</sup>GOD of hosts,  
 "Come, go to this steward,  
 To Shebna, who is in charge of the royal household,

<sup>1</sup> <sup>1</sup>Or, burden of  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 125:2; Jer. 21:13; Joel  
 3:12, 14 <sup>b</sup>Is. 15:3

<sup>2</sup> <sup>1</sup>Lit., dead in battle  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 23:7; 32:13 <sup>b</sup>Jer. 14:18;  
 Lam. 2:20

<sup>3</sup> <sup>1</sup>Lit., from a bow <sup>2</sup>So  
 with ancient versions; Heb.,  
 They fled far away

<sup>4</sup> <sup>1</sup>Lit., insist

<sup>5</sup> <sup>1</sup>YHWH, usually  
 rendered LORD <sup>2</sup>Or, against  
<sup>a</sup>Lam. 1:5; 2:2 <sup>b</sup>Is. 37:3 <sup>c</sup>Is.  
 10:6; 63:3 <sup>d</sup>Is. 22:1

<sup>6</sup> <sup>1</sup>Lit., man  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 21:2; Jer. 49:35

<sup>7</sup> <sup>2</sup>Chr. 32:1

<sup>8</sup> <sup>1</sup>Lit., screen, covering  
<sup>2</sup>Or, looked to, considered  
<sup>a</sup>1 Kin. 7:2; 10:17

<sup>9</sup> <sup>a</sup>Neh. 3:16

<sup>11</sup> <sup>1</sup>Or, look to, consider  
<sup>2</sup>Lit., see . . . Him  
<sup>a</sup>2 Kin. 25:4; Jer. 39:4  
<sup>b</sup>2 Kin. 20:20; 2 Chr. 32:3, 4

<sup>12</sup> <sup>1</sup>YHWH, usually  
 rendered LORD  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 32:11; Joel 1:13; 2:17

<sup>13</sup> <sup>a</sup>Is. 5:11, 22; 28:7, 8;  
 Luke 17:26-29 <sup>b</sup>Is. 56:12;  
 1 Cor. 15:32

<sup>14</sup> <sup>1</sup>Lit., in my ears <sup>2</sup>Lit.,  
 atoned for <sup>3</sup>YHWH,  
 usually rendered LORD  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 65:20

<sup>15</sup> <sup>1</sup>YHWH, usually  
 rendered LORD

16 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *himself*  
<sup>2</sup>2 Sam. 18:18; 2 Chr. 16:14;  
 Matt. 27:60

18 <sup>a</sup>Is. 17:13; Job 18:18

19 <sup>1</sup>So with many ancient  
 versions; Heb., *He*  
<sup>a</sup>Job 40:11, 12; Ezek. 17:24

20 <sup>a</sup>Is. 36:3, 22; 37:2;  
 2 Kin. 18:18

21 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *rule*  
<sup>a</sup>Gen. 45:8

22 <sup>a</sup>Rev. 3:7 <sup>b</sup>Is. 7:2, 13  
<sup>c</sup>Job 12:14

23 <sup>a</sup>Ezra 9:8; Zech. 10:4  
<sup>b1</sup>Sam. 2:8; Job 36:7

24 <sup>1</sup>Or perhaps, *leaf*

25 <sup>a</sup>Is. 22:23 <sup>b</sup>Esth. 9:24,  
 25 <sup>c</sup>Is. 46:11; Mic. 4:4

1 <sup>1</sup>Or, *burden of* <sup>2</sup>Lit.,  
*entering* <sup>3</sup>Heb., *Kittim*  
<sup>a</sup>Josh. 19:29; 1 Kin. 5:1; Jer.  
 25:22; 47:4; Ezek. 26:1-28;  
 Amos 1:9; Zech. 9:2-4 <sup>b</sup>Is.  
 2:16 <sup>c</sup>Gen. 10:4; 1 Kin.  
 10:22 <sup>d</sup>Is. 24:10 <sup>e</sup>Is. 23:12;  
 Gen. 10:4; Ezek. 27:6

2 <sup>1</sup>So DSS; M.T., *Who*  
*passed over the sea, they*  
*replenished you.*  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 47:5

3 <sup>1</sup>Heb., *Shihor*  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 19:7-9 <sup>b</sup>Josh. 13:3;  
 1 Chr. 13:5; Jer. 2:18 <sup>c</sup>Ezek.  
 27:3-23

4 <sup>a</sup>Gen. 10:15, 19; Josh.  
 11:8; Judg. 10:6; Jer. 25:22;  
 27:3; 47:4; Ezek. 28:21, 22

- 16 'What right do you have here,  
 And whom do you have here,  
 That you have <sup>a</sup>hewn a tomb for yourself here,  
 You who hew a tomb on the height,  
 You who carve a resting place for <sup>1</sup>yourself in the rock?
- 17 'Behold, the LORD is about to hurl you headlong, O man.  
 And He is about to grasp you firmly,
- 18 *And roll you tightly like a ball,  
 To be <sup>a</sup>cast into a vast country;  
 There you will die,  
 And there your splendid chariots will be,  
 You shame of your master's house.'*
- 19 "And I will <sup>a</sup>depose you from your office,  
 And <sup>1</sup>I will pull you down from your station.
- 20 "Then it will come about in that day,  
 That I will summon My servant <sup>a</sup>Eliakim the son of  
 Hilkiah
- 21 And I will clothe him with your tunic,  
 And tie your sash securely about him,  
 I will entrust him with your <sup>1</sup>authority,  
 And he will become a <sup>a</sup>father to the inhabitants of  
 Jerusalem and to the house of Judah.
- 22 "Then I will set <sup>a</sup>the key of the <sup>b</sup>house of David on his  
 shoulder,  
 When he opens no one will shut,  
 When he shuts no one will <sup>c</sup>open.
- 23 "And I will drive him *like* a <sup>a</sup>peg in a firm place,  
 And he will become a <sup>b</sup>throne of glory to his father's  
 house.
- 24 "So they will hang on him all the glory of his father's  
 house, offspring and <sup>1</sup>issue, all the least of vessels, from bowls  
 to all the jars.
- 25 "In that day," declares the LORD of hosts, "the <sup>a</sup>peg  
 driven in a firm place will give way; it will even <sup>b</sup>break off and  
 fall, and the load hanging on it will be cut off, for the <sup>c</sup>LORD has  
 spoken."

## CHAPTER 23

- T**HE <sup>1</sup>oracle concerning <sup>a</sup>Tyre.  
 Wail, O <sup>b</sup>ships of <sup>c</sup>Tarshish,  
 For Tyre is destroyed, without house or <sup>2d</sup>harbor;  
 It is reported to them from the land of <sup>3e</sup>Cyprus.
- 2 <sup>a</sup>Be silent, you inhabitants of the coastland,  
 You merchants of Sidon;  
<sup>1</sup>Your messengers crossed the sea
- 3 And *were* on many waters.  
<sup>a</sup>The grain of the <sup>1b</sup>Nile, the harvest of the River was her  
 revenue;  
 And she was the <sup>c</sup>market of nations.
- 4 Be ashamed, O <sup>a</sup>Sidon;  
 For the sea speaks, the stronghold of the sea, saying,  
 "I have neither traveled nor given birth,  
 I have neither brought up young men *nor* reared  
 virgins."



- 5 When the report *reaches* Egypt,  
They will be in <sup>a</sup>anguish at the report of Tyre.
- 6 Pass over to Tarshish;  
Wail, O inhabitants of the coastland.
- 7 Is this your <sup>a</sup>jubilant city,  
Whose origin is from antiquity,  
Whose feet used to carry her to <sup>1</sup>colonize distant places?
- 8 Who has planned this against Tyre, the bestower of  
crowns,  
Whose merchants were princes, whose traders were the  
honored of the earth?
- 9 <sup>a</sup>The LORD of hosts has planned it to <sup>b</sup>defile the pride  
of all beauty,  
To despise all the <sup>c</sup>honored of the earth.
- 10 <sup>1</sup>Overflow your land like the Nile, O daughter of Tar-  
shish,  
There is no more <sup>2</sup>restraint.
- 11 He has <sup>a</sup>stretched His hand out <sup>b</sup>over the sea,  
He has made the kingdoms tremble;  
The LORD has given a command concerning Canaan to  
<sup>c</sup>demolish its strongholds.
- 12 And He has said, "You shall exult no more, O crushed  
virgin daughter of Sidon.  
Arise, pass over to <sup>1</sup>Cyprus; even there you will find no  
rest."
- 13 Behold, the land of the Chaldeans—this is the people  
*which* was not; <sup>a</sup>Assyria appointed it for <sup>b</sup>desert creatures—they  
erected their siege towers, they stripped its palaces, <sup>c</sup>they made  
it a ruin.
- 14 Wail, O ships of Tarshish,  
For your stronghold is destroyed.
- 15 Now it will come about in that day that Tyre will be  
forgotten for <sup>a</sup>seventy years like the days of one king. At the end  
of seventy years it will happen to Tyre as *in* the song of the  
harlot:
- 16 Take *your* harp, walk about the city,  
O forgotten harlot;  
Pluck the strings skillfully, sing many songs,  
That you may be remembered.
- 17 And it will come about at the end of seventy years that  
the LORD will visit Tyre. Then she will go back to her harlot's  
wages, and will <sup>a</sup>play the harlot with all the kingdoms <sup>1</sup>on the  
face of the earth.
- 18 And her <sup>a</sup>gain and her harlot's wages will be <sup>b</sup>set apart  
to the LORD; it will not be stored up or hoarded, but her gain  
will become sufficient food and choice attire for those who  
dwell in the presence of the LORD.

5 <sup>a</sup>Ex. 15:14-16; Josh. 2:9-11

7 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *sojourn afar off*  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 22:2; 32:13

9 <sup>a</sup>Is. 2:11; 13:11 <sup>b</sup>Job 40:11, 12; Dan. 4:37 <sup>c</sup>Is. 5:13; 9:15

10 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *Pass over*  
<sup>2</sup>Perhaps *girdle or shipyard*

11 <sup>a</sup>Is. 14:26; Ex. 14:21  
<sup>b</sup>Is. 19:5; 50:2 <sup>c</sup>Is. 25:2; Zech. 9:3, 4

12 <sup>1</sup>Heb., *Kittim*

13 <sup>a</sup>Is. 10:5 <sup>b</sup>Is. 13:21; 18:6  
<sup>c</sup>Is. 10:7

15 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 25:11, 22

17 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *of the earth on the face of the land*  
<sup>a</sup>Ezek. 16:25-29; Nah. 3:4

18 <sup>a</sup>Is. 60:5-9; Ps. 72:10, 11; Mic. 4:13 <sup>b</sup>Ex. 28:36; Zech. 14:20

1 <sup>a</sup>Is. 24:19, 20; 2:19; 13:13; 30:32; 32:9

## CHAPTER 24

BEHOLD, the LORD <sup>a</sup>lays the earth waste, devastates it, distorts its surface, and scatters its inhabitants.

2 <sup>a</sup>Lev. 25:36, 37; Deut. 23:19, 20

4 <sup>a</sup>Is. 24:21; 2:12

5 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *under*  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 9:17; 10:6; Gen. 3:17;  
Num. 35:33 <sup>b</sup>Is. 33:8

6 <sup>a</sup>Is. 34:5; 43:28; Josh. 23:15; Zech. 5:3, 4

7 <sup>a</sup>Is. 16:10; Joel 1:10, 12

9 <sup>a</sup>Is. 5:11, 22 <sup>b</sup>Is. 5:20

10 <sup>a</sup>Is. 34:11; Gen. 1:2 <sup>b</sup>Is. 23:1

11 <sup>1</sup>Lit., is *darkened*  
<sup>a</sup>Jer. 14:2; 46:12 <sup>b</sup>Is. 10:10;  
32:13

12 <sup>a</sup>Is. 14:31; 45:2

13 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *striking*  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 17:6; 27:12

14 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *sea*  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 12:6; 48:20; 52:8; 54:1

15 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *region of light*  
<sup>2</sup>Or, *islands*  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 25:3 <sup>b</sup>Mal. 1:1 <sup>c</sup>Is. 11:11; 42:4, 10, 12; 49:1;  
51:5; 60:9; 66:19

16 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *Wasting to me!*  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 11:12; 42:10 <sup>b</sup>Is. 28:5;  
60:21 <sup>c</sup>Lev. 26:39 <sup>d</sup>Is. 21:2;  
33:1; Jer. 3:20; 5:1

17 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *Are upon you*

18 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *sound of terror*  
<sup>2</sup>Lit., *goes up from the*  
*midst of* <sup>3</sup>Lit., *from the*  
*height*; i.e., *heaven*  
<sup>a</sup>Gen. 7:11 <sup>b</sup>Is. 2:19, 21;  
13:13; Ps. 18:7; 46:2

19 <sup>a</sup>Num. 16:31, 32; Deut. 11:6

2 And the people will be like the priest, the servant like his master, the maid like her mistress, the buyer like the seller, the lender like the borrower, the <sup>a</sup>creditor like the debtor.

3 The earth will be completely laid waste and completely despoiled, for the LORD has spoken this word.

4 The earth mourns *and* withers, the world fades *and* withers, the <sup>a</sup>exalted of the people of the earth fade away.

5 The earth is also <sup>a</sup>polluted <sup>b</sup>by its inhabitants, for they transgressed laws, violated statutes, <sup>b</sup>broke the everlasting covenant.

6 Therefore, a <sup>a</sup>curse devours the earth, and those who live in it are held guilty. Therefore, the inhabitants of the earth are burned, and few men are left.

7 The <sup>a</sup>new wine mourns,  
The vine decays,  
All the merry-hearted sigh.

8 The gaiety of tambourines ceases,  
The noise of revelers stops,  
The gaiety of the harp ceases.

9 They do not drink wine with song;  
<sup>a</sup>Strong drink is <sup>b</sup>bitter to those who drink it.

10 The <sup>a</sup>city of chaos is broken down;  
<sup>b</sup>Every house is shut up so that none may enter.

11 There is an <sup>a</sup>outcry in the streets concerning the wine;  
<sup>b</sup>All joy <sup>1</sup>turns to gloom.

The gaiety of the earth is banished.

12 Desolation is left in the city,  
And the <sup>a</sup>gate is battered to ruins.

13 For <sup>a</sup>thus it will be in the midst of the earth among the peoples,

As the <sup>1</sup>shaking of an olive tree,  
As the gleanings when the grape harvest is over.

14 <sup>a</sup>They raise their voices, they shout for joy.  
They cry out from the <sup>1</sup>west concerning the majesty of the LORD.

15 Therefore <sup>a</sup>glorify the LORD in the <sup>1</sup>east,  
The <sup>b</sup>name of the LORD, the God of Israel  
In the <sup>2c</sup>coastlands of the sea.

16 From the <sup>a</sup>ends of the earth we hear songs, "Glory to the Righteous One,"

But I say, "<sup>1c</sup>Woe to me! Woe to me! Alas for me!  
The <sup>d</sup>treacherous deal treacherously,  
And the treacherous deal very treacherously."

17 Terror and pit and snare  
<sup>1</sup>Confront you, O inhabitant of the earth.

18 Then it will be that he who flees the <sup>1</sup>report of disaster  
will fall into the pit,

And he who <sup>2</sup>climbs out of the pit will be caught in the snare;

For the <sup>a</sup>windows <sup>3</sup>above are opened, and the <sup>b</sup>foundations of the earth shake.

19 The earth is broken asunder,  
The earth is <sup>a</sup>split through,  
The earth is shaken violently.

**The Earth Reels.  
Song of Praise for God's Favor.**

**Isalah 24, 25**

- 20 The earth <sup>a</sup>reels to and fro like a drunkard,  
And it totters like a <sup>l</sup>shack,  
For its <sup>b</sup>transgression is heavy upon it,  
And it will fall, <sup>c</sup>never to rise again.
- 21 So it will happen in that day,  
That the LORD will <sup>a</sup>punish the host of <sup>l</sup>heaven, on high,  
And the <sup>b</sup>kings of the earth, on earth.
- 22 And they will be gathered together  
Like <sup>a</sup>prisoners in the <sup>d</sup>dungeon,  
And will be confined in prison;  
And after many days they will <sup>b</sup>be punished.
- 23 Then the moon will be abashed and the sun ashamed,  
For the <sup>a</sup>LORD of hosts will reign on <sup>b</sup>Mount Zion and  
in Jerusalem,  
And His glory will be before His elders.

**CHAPTER 25**

- O** LORD, Thou art <sup>a</sup>my God;  
I will exalt Thee, I will give thanks to Thy name;  
For Thou hast <sup>b</sup>worked wonders,  
<sup>c</sup>Plans formed long ago, with perfect faithfulness.
- 2 For Thou hast made a city into a <sup>a</sup>heap,  
A fortified city into a ruin;  
A <sup>b</sup>palace of strangers is a city no more,  
It will never be rebuilt.
- 3 Therefore a strong people will <sup>a</sup>glorify Thee;  
<sup>b</sup>Cities of ruthless nations will revere Thee.
- 4 For Thou hast been a <sup>a</sup>defense for the helpless,  
A defense for the needy in his distress,  
A <sup>b</sup>refuge from the storm, a shade from the heat;  
For the breath of the <sup>c</sup>ruthless  
Is like a *rain storm against* a wall.
- 5 Like heat in drought, Thou dost subdue the <sup>a</sup>uproar of  
aliens;  
*Like heat by the shadow of a cloud, the song of the  
ruthless is <sup>l</sup>silenced.*
- 6 And the LORD of hosts will prepare a <sup>l</sup>lavish banquet for  
all peoples on this mountain;  
A banquet of <sup>2</sup>aged wine, <sup>3</sup>choice pieces with marrow,  
And <sup>a</sup>refined, aged wine.
- 7 And on this mountain He will swallow up the <sup>l</sup>a<sup>2</sup>covering  
which is over all peoples,  
Even the veil which is <sup>2</sup>stretched over all nations.
- 8 He will <sup>a</sup>swallow up death for all time,  
And the Lord <sup>l</sup>God will <sup>b</sup>wipe tears away from all faces,  
And He will remove the <sup>c</sup>reproach of His people from  
all the earth;  
For the LORD has spoken.
- 9 And it will be said in that day,  
"Behold, <sup>a</sup>this is our God for whom we have <sup>b</sup>waited that  
<sup>c</sup>He might save us.  
This is the LORD for whom we have waited;  
<sup>d</sup>Let us rejoice and be glad in His salvation."

20 <sup>1</sup>Or, *hut*  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 24:1; 19:14; 28:7 <sup>b</sup>Is.  
1:28; 43:27; 66:24 <sup>c</sup>Dan.  
11:19; Amos 8:14

21 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *the height in the  
height*  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 10:12; 13:11 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 76:12

22 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *pit*  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 10:4; 42:22 <sup>b</sup>Ezek. 38:8;  
Zech. 9:11, 12

23 <sup>a</sup>Is. 60:19, 20; Zech.  
14:6, 7; Rev. 21:23; 22:5  
<sup>b</sup>Mic. 4:7; Heb. 12:22

1 <sup>a</sup>Is. 7:13; 49:4, 5; 61:10;  
Ex. 15:2; Ps. 118:28 <sup>b</sup>Ps.  
40:5; 98:1 <sup>c</sup>Eph. 1:11

2 <sup>a</sup>Is. 17:1; 26:5; 27:10;  
32:19 <sup>b</sup>Is. 13:22; 32:14;  
34:13

3 <sup>a</sup>Is. 24:15 <sup>b</sup>Is. 13:11

4 <sup>a</sup>Is. 14:32; 17:10; 27:5;  
33:16 <sup>b</sup>Is. 4:6; 32:2 <sup>c</sup>Is. 29:5;  
20; 49:25

5 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *humbled*  
<sup>a</sup>Jer. 51:54-56

6 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *feast of fat  
things; i.e., abundance*  
<sup>2</sup>Lit., *wine on the lees*  
<sup>3</sup>Lit., *fat pieces* <sup>4</sup>Lit., *wine  
refined on the lees*

7 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *face of the  
covering* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *woven*  
<sup>a</sup>2 Cor. 3:15, 16; Eph. 4:18

8 <sup>1</sup>YHWH, usually  
rendered LORD  
<sup>a</sup>Hos. 13:14; 1 Cor. 15:54  
<sup>b</sup>Is. 30:19; 35:10; 51:11;  
65:19; Rev. 7:17; 21:4 <sup>c</sup>Is.  
51:7; 54:4; Ps. 69:9; 89:50,  
51; Matt. 5:11; 1 Pet. 4:14

9 <sup>a</sup>Is. 35:2; 40:9; 52:10  
<sup>b</sup>Is. 8:17; 30:18; 33:2 <sup>c</sup>Is.  
33:32; 35:4; 49:25, 26; 60:16  
<sup>d</sup>Is. 35:1, 2, 10; 65:18;  
66:10; Ps. 20:5

11 <sup>a</sup>Is. 16:6, 1412 <sup>a</sup>Is. 25:2; 15:1; 26:51 <sup>1</sup>Or, *salvation*<sup>a</sup>Is. 4:2; 12:1 <sup>b</sup>Is. 14:31; 31:5, 9; 33:5, 6, 20-24 <sup>c</sup>Is. 60:182 <sup>2</sup>Lit., *keeps faithfulness*<sup>a</sup>Is. 60:11, 18; 62:10 <sup>b</sup>Is. 45:25; 54:14, 17; 58:8; 60:21; 61:3; 62:1, 23 <sup>a</sup>Is. 26:12; 27:5; 57:19; 66:124 <sup>1</sup>YAH, usuallyrendered LORD  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 12:2; 50:10; 51:5 <sup>b</sup>Is. 17:10; 30:29; 44:85 <sup>a</sup>Job 40:11-136 <sup>a</sup>Is. 3:14, 15; 11:4; 29:197 <sup>a</sup>Is. 57:2 <sup>b</sup>Is. 42:16; 52:12; Ps. 25:4, 5; 27:118 <sup>a</sup>Is. 26:13; 12:4; 24:15; 25:1 <sup>b</sup>Ex. 3:159 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *with my soul I long* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *with my spirit . . . I seek* <sup>3</sup>Lit., *has*  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 50:10; Ps. 63:5, 6; 77:2; 119:62; Luke 6:12 <sup>b</sup>Is. 55:6; Ps. 63:1; 78:34; Matt. 6:33  
<sup>c</sup>Hos. 5:1510 <sup>a</sup>Is. 22:12, 13; 32:6, 7  
<sup>b</sup>Hos. 11:7; John 5:37, 3811 <sup>1</sup>Or, *Let them see . . . and be* <sup>2</sup>Or, *let the fire for Thine adversaries devour them*<sup>a</sup>Is. 9:7; 37:32; 59:1713 <sup>1</sup>Or, *cause to be remembered*<sup>a</sup>Is. 2:8; 10:11 <sup>b</sup>Is. 63:7

- 10 For the hand of the LORD will rest on this mountain,  
And Moab will be trodden down in his place  
As straw is trodden down in the water of a manure pile.
- 11 And he will spread out his hands in the middle of it  
As a swimmer spreads out *his hands* to swim,  
But *the Lord* will <sup>a</sup>lay low his pride together with the  
trickery of his hands.
- 12 And the <sup>a</sup>unassailable fortifications of your walls He will  
bring down,  
Lay low, *and* cast to the ground, even to the dust.

## CHAPTER 26

- <sup>a</sup>IN that day this song will be sung in the land of Judah:  
"We have a <sup>b</sup>strong city;  
He sets up walls and ramparts for <sup>1</sup>security.
- 2 "Open the <sup>a</sup>gates, that the <sup>b</sup>righteous nation may enter,  
The one that <sup>1</sup>remains faithful.
- 3 "The steadfast of mind Thou wilt keep in perfect <sup>a</sup>peace,  
Because he trusts in Thee.
- 4 "<sup>a</sup>Trust in the LORD forever,  
For in <sup>1</sup>GOD the LORD, *we have* an everlasting <sup>b</sup>Rock.
- 5 "For He has brought low those who dwell on high, the  
unassailable city;  
<sup>a</sup>He lays it low, He lays it low to the ground, He casts  
it to the dust.
- 6 "The foot will trample it,  
The feet of the <sup>a</sup>afflicted, the steps of the helpless."
- 7 The <sup>a</sup>way of the righteous is smooth;  
O Upright One, <sup>b</sup>make the path of the righteous level.
- 8 Indeed, *while following* the way of Thy judgments, O  
LORD,  
We have waited for Thee eagerly;  
<sup>a</sup>Thy name, even Thy <sup>b</sup>memory, is the desire of *our*  
souls.
- 9 <sup>a</sup>At night <sup>1</sup>my soul longs for Thee,  
Indeed, <sup>2</sup>my spirit within me <sup>b</sup>seeks Thee diligently;  
For when the earth <sup>3</sup>experiences Thy judgments  
The inhabitants of the world <sup>c</sup>learn righteousness.
- 10 *Though* the wicked is shown favor,  
He does not <sup>a</sup>learn righteousness;  
He <sup>b</sup>deals unjustly in the land of uprightness,  
And does not perceive the majesty of the LORD.
- 11 O LORD, Thy hand is lifted up *yet* they do not see it.  
<sup>1</sup>They see <sup>a</sup>Thy zeal for the people and are put to shame;  
Indeed, <sup>2</sup>fire will devour Thine enemies.
- 12 LORD, Thou wilt establish peace for us,  
Since Thou hast also performed for us all our works.
- 13 O LORD our God, <sup>a</sup>other masters than Thou have ruled  
us;  
*But* through Thee alone we <sup>1</sup>confess Thy name.

- 14 <sup>a</sup>The dead will not live, the <sup>1</sup>departed spirits will not rise;  
Therefore Thou hast <sup>b</sup>punished and destroyed them,  
And Thou hast wiped out all remembrance of them.
- 15 <sup>a</sup>Thou hast increased the nation, O LORD,  
Thou hast increased the nation, Thou art glorified;  
Thou hast <sup>b</sup>extended all the borders of the land.
- 16 O LORD, they sought Thee <sup>a</sup>in distress;  
They <sup>1</sup>could only whisper a prayer,  
Your chastening was upon them.
- 17 <sup>a</sup>As the pregnant woman approaches *the time* to give  
birth,  
She writhes *and* cries out in her labor pains,  
Thus were we before Thee, O LORD.
- 18 We were pregnant, we writhed in *labor*,  
We <sup>a</sup>gave birth, as it were, *only* to wind.  
We could not accomplish deliverance for the earth  
Nor were inhabitants of the world <sup>1</sup>born.
- 19 Your <sup>a</sup>dead will live;  
<sup>1</sup>Their corpses will rise.  
You who lie in the dust, <sup>b</sup>awake and shout for joy,  
For your dew is as the dew of the <sup>2</sup>dawn,  
And the earth will <sup>3</sup>give birth to the <sup>4</sup>departed spirits.
- 20 Come, my people, <sup>a</sup>enter into your rooms,  
And close your doors behind you;  
Hide for a little <sup>1b</sup>while,  
Until indignation <sup>2</sup>runs its course.
- 21 For behold, the LORD is about to <sup>a</sup>come out from His  
place  
To punish the inhabitants of the earth for their iniquity;  
And the earth will <sup>b</sup>reveal her bloodshed,  
And will no longer cover her slain.

14 <sup>1</sup>Or, shades  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 8:19; Deut. 4:28; Ps.  
135:17; Hab. 2:19 <sup>b</sup>Is. 10:3

15 <sup>a</sup>Is. 9:3 <sup>b</sup>Is. 33:17;  
54:2, 3

16 <sup>1</sup>Lit., sound forth a  
whisper  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 37:3; Hos. 5:15

17 <sup>a</sup>Is. 13:8; 21:3; John  
16:21

18 <sup>1</sup>Lit., fallen  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 33:11; 59:4

19 <sup>1</sup>So with some ancient  
versions; Heb., My <sup>2</sup>Lit.,  
lights <sup>3</sup>Lit., cause to fall  
<sup>4</sup>Or, shades  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 25:8; Ezek. 37:1-14;  
Dan. 12:2; Hos. 13:14  
<sup>b</sup>Eph. 5:14

20 <sup>1</sup>Lit., moment <sup>2</sup>Lit.,  
passes over  
<sup>a</sup>Ex. 12:22, 23; Ps. 91:1, 4  
<sup>b</sup>Is. 54:7, 8; Ps. 30:5; 2 Cor.  
4:17

21 <sup>a</sup>Mic. 1:3; Jude 14 <sup>b</sup>Job  
16:18; Luke 11:50

1 <sup>1</sup>Or, sea monster  
<sup>a</sup>Job 3:8; 41:1; Ps. 74:14;  
104:26

2 <sup>1</sup>Some mss. read, a  
vineyard of delight  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 5:7; Ps. 80:8; Jer. 2:21

3 <sup>1</sup>Lit., punish  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 31:5; 1 Sam. 2:9; John  
10:28

4 <sup>1</sup>Lit., who <sup>2</sup>Lit.,  
altogether  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 10:17; 2 Sam. 23:6 <sup>b</sup>Is.  
33:12; Matt. 3:12; Heb. 6:8

5 <sup>1</sup>Lit., take hold of  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 26:3, 12; Job 22:21;  
Rom. 5:1; 2 Cor. 5:20

CHAPTER 27

- I**N that day the LORD will punish <sup>1a</sup>Leviathan the fleeing  
serpent,  
With His fierce and great and mighty sword,  
Even <sup>1</sup>Leviathan the twisted serpent;  
And He will kill the dragon who *lives* in the sea.
- 2 In that day,  
"A <sup>1a</sup>vineyard of wine, sing of it!
- 3 "I, the LORD, am its keeper;  
I water it every moment.  
Lest anyone <sup>1</sup>damage it,  
I <sup>a</sup>guard it night and day.
- 4 "I have no wrath.  
Should <sup>1</sup>someone give Me <sup>a</sup>briars *and* thorns in battle,  
Then I would step on them, <sup>b</sup>I would burn them  
<sup>2</sup>completely.
- 5 "Or let him <sup>1</sup>rely on My protection,  
Let him make peace with Me,  
Let him <sup>a</sup>make peace with Me."

**Isalah 27, 28**

6 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *Those coming*  
<sup>2</sup>Lit., *face of*  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 35:1, 2; Hos. 14:5, 6

7 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *he was slain*  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 10:12, 17; 30:31-33;  
31:8, 9; 37:36-38

8 <sup>1</sup>Some ancient versions  
read, by exact measure  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 50:1; 54:7 <sup>b</sup>Jer. 4:11;  
Ezek. 19:12; Hos. 13:15

9 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *all the fruit* <sup>2</sup>Lit.,  
removing <sup>3</sup>i.e., wooden  
symbols of a female deity  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 1:25; 48:10; Dan. 11:35  
<sup>b</sup>Rom. 11:27 <sup>c</sup>Is. 17:8; Ex.  
34:13; Deut. 12:3; 2 Kin.  
10:26

10 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *pasture* <sup>2</sup>Lit.,  
*consume*

11 <sup>a</sup>Is. 1:3; 5:13; Deut.  
32:28; Jer. 8:7 <sup>b</sup>Is. 43:1, 7;  
44:2, 21, 24; Deut. 32:18

12 <sup>a</sup>Is. 11:11; 17:6; 24:13;  
56:8 <sup>b</sup>Deut. 30:3, 4; Neh.  
1:9

13 <sup>a</sup>Lev. 25:9; 1 Chr.  
15:24; Matt. 24:31; Rev.  
11:15 <sup>b</sup>Is. 19:21, 23; 49:7;  
66:23; Zech. 14:16; Heb.  
12:22

1 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *valley of fatness*  
<sup>2</sup>Lit., *smitten*

2 <sup>a</sup>Is. 8:7; 40:10 <sup>b</sup>Is. 8:6;  
7; 30:28; Nah. 1:8

4 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *valley of fatness*  
<sup>2</sup>Lit., *the one seeing sees*  
<sup>3</sup>Lit., *while it is yet* <sup>4</sup>Lit.,  
*palm*  
<sup>a</sup>Hos. 9:10; Mic. 7:1; Nah.  
3:12

6 <sup>1</sup>In the days to come Jacob will take root,  
Israel will <sup>a</sup>blossom and sprout;  
And they will fill the <sup>2</sup>whole world with fruit.

7 Like the striking of Him who has struck them, has <sup>a</sup>He  
struck them?

Or like the slaughter of His slain, <sup>1</sup>have they been slain?

8 Thou didst contend with them <sup>1</sup>by banishing them, by  
<sup>a</sup>driving them away.

With His fierce wind He has expelled *them* on the day  
of the <sup>b</sup>east wind.

9 Therefore through this Jacob's iniquity will be <sup>a</sup>for-  
given;

And this will be <sup>1</sup>the full price of the <sup>2</sup><sup>b</sup>pardoning of his  
sin:

When he makes all the <sup>c</sup>altar stones like pulverized  
chalk stones;

When <sup>3</sup>Asherim and incense altars will not stand.

10 For the fortified city is isolated,

A <sup>1</sup>homestead forlorn and forsaken like the desert;  
There the calf will graze,

And there it will lie down and <sup>2</sup>feed on its branches.

11 When its limbs are dry, they are broken off;

Women come *and* make a fire with them.

For they are not a people of <sup>a</sup>discernment,

Therefore <sup>b</sup>their Maker will not have compassion on  
them.

And their Creator will not be gracious to them.

12 And it will come about in that day, that the LORD <sup>a</sup>will  
start *His* threshing from the flowing stream of the Euphrates to  
the brook of Egypt; and you will be <sup>b</sup>gathered up one by one,  
O sons of Israel.

13 It will come about also in that day that a great <sup>a</sup>trumpet  
will be blown; and those who were perishing in the land of  
Assyria and who were scattered in the land of Egypt will come  
and <sup>b</sup>worship the LORD in the holy mountain at Jerusalem.

CHAPTER 28

**W**OE to the proud crown of the drunkards of Ephraim,  
And to the fading flower of its glorious beauty,  
Which is at the head of the <sup>1</sup>fertile valley  
Of those who are <sup>2</sup>overcome with wine!

2 Behold, the Lord has a strong and <sup>a</sup>mighty *agent*;  
As a storm of hail, a tempest of destruction,

Like a storm of <sup>b</sup>mighty overflowing waters,  
He has cast it down to the earth with *His* hand.

3 The proud crown of the drunkards of Ephraim is trod-  
den under foot.

4 And the fading flower of its glorious beauty,  
Which is at the head of the <sup>1</sup>fertile valley,

Will be like the <sup>a</sup>first-ripe fig prior to summer;  
Which <sup>2</sup>one sees,

And <sup>3</sup>as soon as it is in his <sup>4</sup>hand,  
He swallows it.

- 5 In that day the <sup>a</sup>LORD of hosts will become a beautiful <sup>b</sup>crown  
And a glorious diadem to the remnant of His people;
- 6 A <sup>a</sup>spirit of justice for him who sits in judgment,  
A <sup>b</sup>strength to those who repel the <sup>1</sup>onslaught at the gate.
- 7 And these also reel with wine and stagger from strong drink:  
<sup>a</sup>The priest and <sup>b</sup>the prophet reel with strong drink,  
They are confused by wine, they stagger from <sup>c</sup>strong drink;  
They reel while <sup>1</sup>having visions,  
They totter *when rendering* judgment.
- 8 For all the tables are full of filthy <sup>a</sup>vomit, without a *single clean place.*
- 9 "To <sup>a</sup>whom would He teach knowledge?  
And to whom would He interpret the message?  
Those *just* weaned from milk?  
Those *just* taken from the breast?"
- 10 "For *He says*,  
<sup>1a</sup>Order on order, order on order,  
Line on line, line on line,  
A little here, a little there.' "
- 11 Indeed, He will speak to this people  
Through <sup>a</sup>stammering lips and a foreign tongue,
- 12 He who said to them, "Here is <sup>a</sup>rest, give rest to the weary,"  
And, "Here is repose," but they would not listen.
- 13 So the word of the LORD to them will be,  
"Order on order, order on order,  
Line on line, line on line,  
A little here, a little there,"  
That they may go and <sup>a</sup>stumble backward, be broken,  
snared, and taken captive.
- 14 Therefore, hear the word of the LORD, O <sup>a</sup>scoffers,  
Who rule this people who are in Jerusalem,
- 15 Because you have said, "We have made a <sup>a</sup>covenant with death,  
And with <sup>1</sup>Sheol we have made a <sup>2</sup>pact.  
<sup>b</sup>The overwhelming <sup>3</sup>scourge will not reach us when it passes by,  
For we have made <sup>c</sup>falsehood our refuge and we have concealed ourselves with deception."
- 16 Therefore thus says the Lord <sup>1</sup>God,  
"Behold, I am laying in Zion a stone, a tested <sup>b</sup>stone,  
A costly cornerstone for the foundation, <sup>2</sup>firmly placed.  
He who believes *in it* will not be <sup>3</sup>disturbed.
- 17 "And I will make <sup>a</sup>justice the measuring-line,  
And righteousness the level;  
Then hail shall sweep away the refuge of lies,  
And the waters shall overflow the secret place.
- 18 "And your covenant with death shall be <sup>1</sup>canceled,  
And your pact with Sheol shall not stand;  
When the overwhelming scourge passes through,  
Then you become its <sup>a</sup>trampling *place.*
- 5 <sup>a</sup>Is. 41:16; 45:25; 60:1;  
19 <sup>b</sup>Is. 62:3
- 6 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *battle*  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 11:2; 32:15, 16; 1 Kin.  
3:28; John 5:30 <sup>b</sup>Is. 25:4;  
2 Chr. 32:6-8
- 7 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *seeing*  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 24:2 <sup>b</sup>Is. 9:15 <sup>c</sup>Hab.  
2:15, 16
- 8 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 48:26
- 9 <sup>a</sup>Is. 28:26; 2:3; 30:20;  
48:17; 50:4; 54:13
- 10 <sup>1</sup>Heb., *Sav lasav sav lasav, Kav lakav Kav lakav Ze'er sham ze'er sham.*  
These Hebrew monosyllables, imitating the babbling of a child, mock the prophet's preaching.  
<sup>2</sup>Chr. 36:15; Neh. 9:30
- 11 <sup>a</sup>Is. 33:19; 1 Cor. 14:21
- 12 <sup>a</sup>Is. 11:10; 30:15; 32:17,  
18; Jer. 6:16; Matt.  
11:28, 29
- 13 <sup>1</sup>Heb., same as note, v. 10. The Lord responds to their scoffing by imitating their mockery, to represent the unintelligible language of a conqueror.  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 8:15; Matt. 21:44
- 14 <sup>a</sup>Is. 29:20
- 15 <sup>1</sup>I.e., the nether world  
<sup>2</sup>So some ancient versions; Heb., *seer* <sup>3</sup>Or, *flood*  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 28:18 <sup>b</sup>Is. 28:2; 8:8;  
30:28; Dan. 11:22 <sup>c</sup>Is. 9:15;  
30:9; 44:20; 59:3, 4; Ezek.  
13:22
- 16 <sup>1</sup>YHWH, usually rendered LORD <sup>2</sup>Lit., *well-laid* <sup>3</sup>Lit., *in a hurry*  
<sup>a</sup>Rom. 9:33; 10:11; 1 Pet.  
2:6 <sup>b</sup>Is. 8:14, 15; Ps. 118:22;  
Matt. 21:42; Mark 12:10;  
Luke 20:17; Acts 4:11; Eph.  
2:20
- 17 <sup>a</sup>Is. 5:16; 30:18; 61:8;  
2 Kin. 21:13; Amos 7:7-9
- 18 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *covered over*  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 28:3; Dan. 8:13

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Ariel and Her Enemies.**

**Isalah 28, 29**

19 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *take* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *only*  
<sup>1</sup>Lit., *the report, or, the*  
*message*  
<sup>2</sup>2 Kin. 24:2 <sup>b</sup>Is. 50:4

20 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *narrow*  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 59:6

21 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *His task is*  
*strange* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *His work is*  
*alien*  
<sup>a</sup>2 Sam. 5:20; 1 Chr. 14:11  
<sup>b</sup>Is. 10:12; 29:14; 65:7  
<sup>c</sup>Lam. 2:15; 3:33; Luke  
19:41-44

22 <sup>1</sup>YHWH, usually  
rendered **LORD**

24 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *plowman* <sup>2</sup>Lit.,  
*all day* <sup>3</sup>Lit., *open*

25 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *put* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *region*  
<sup>a</sup>Matt. 23:23 <sup>b</sup>Ex. 9:32  
<sup>c</sup>Amos 1:3

27 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *rolled*  
<sup>a</sup>Amos 1:3

28 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *discomfit*

29 <sup>a</sup>Is. 9:6 <sup>b</sup>Is. 31:2; Rom.  
11:33

1 <sup>1</sup>I.e., *Lion of God, or,*  
*Jerusalem* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *let your*  
*feasts run their round*  
<sup>a</sup>2 Sam. 5:9 <sup>b</sup>Is. 9:13; 1:14;  
5:12; 22:12, 13

2 <sup>a</sup>Is. 3:26; Lam. 2:5

3 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *like a circle*  
<sup>a</sup>Luke 19:43, 44

4 <sup>1</sup>Or, *ghost*  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 8:19

- 19 "As <sup>a</sup>often as it passes through, it will <sup>1</sup>seize you.  
For <sup>b</sup>morning after morning it will pass through, *any-*  
*time* during the day or night.  
And it will be <sup>2</sup>sheer terror to understand <sup>3</sup>what it  
means."
- 20 The bed is too short on which to stretch out,  
And the <sup>a</sup>blanket is too <sup>1</sup>small to wrap oneself in.
- 21 For the LORD will rise up as *at* Mount <sup>a</sup>Perazim,  
He will be stirred up as in the valley of Gibeon;  
To do His <sup>b</sup>task, His <sup>1c</sup>unusual task,  
And to work His work, His <sup>2</sup>extraordinary work.
- 22 And now do not carry on as scoffers,  
Lest your fetters be made stronger;  
For I have heard from the Lord <sup>1</sup>God of hosts,  
Of decisive destruction on all the earth.
- 23 Give ear and hear my voice,  
Listen and hear my words.
- 24 Does the <sup>1</sup>farmer plow <sup>2</sup>continually to plant seed?  
Does he *continually* <sup>3</sup>turn and harrow the ground?
- 25 Does he not level its surface,  
And sow dill and scatter <sup>a</sup>cummin,  
And <sup>1</sup>plant <sup>b</sup>wheat in rows,  
Barley in its place, and <sup>c</sup>rye within its <sup>2</sup>area?
- 26 For his God instructs and teaches him properly.
- 27 For dill is not threshed with a <sup>a</sup>threshing sledge,  
Nor is the cartwheel <sup>1</sup>driven over cummin;  
But dill is beaten out with a rod, and cummin with a  
club.
- 28 *Grain for* bread is crushed,  
Indeed, he does not continue to thresh it forever.  
Because the wheel of *his* cart and his horses *eventually*  
<sup>1</sup>damage it,  
He does not thresh it longer.
- 29 This also comes from the LORD of hosts,  
*Who* has made *His* counsel <sup>a</sup>wonderful and *His* wisdom  
<sup>b</sup>great.

CHAPTER 29

- W**OE, O <sup>1</sup>Ariel, <sup>1</sup>Ariel the city *where* David *once* <sup>a</sup>camped!  
Add year to year, <sup>2b</sup>observe *your* feasts on schedule.
- 2 And I will bring distress to Ariel,  
And she shall be *a city of* lamenting and <sup>a</sup>mourning;  
And she shall be like an Ariel to me.
- 3 And I will <sup>a</sup>camp against you <sup>1</sup>encircling you,  
And I will set siegeworks against you,  
And I will raise up battle towers against you.
- 4 Then you shall <sup>a</sup>be brought low;  
From the earth you shall speak,  
And from the dust *where* you are prostrate,  
Your words *shall come*.  
Your voice shall also be like that of a <sup>1</sup>spirit from the  
ground,  
And your speech shall whisper from the dust.



- 5 But the multitude of your <sup>1</sup>enemies shall become like fine <sup>a</sup>dust,  
And the multitude of the ruthless ones like the chaff which <sup>2</sup>blows away;  
And it shall happen <sup>b</sup>instantly, suddenly.
- 6 From the LORD of hosts you will be punished with <sup>a</sup>thunder and earthquake and loud noise,  
With whirlwind and tempest and the flame of a consuming fire.
- 7 And the <sup>a</sup>multitude of all the nations who wage war against <sup>1</sup>Ariel,  
Even all who wage war against her and her stronghold, and who distress her,  
Shall be like a dream, a <sup>b</sup>vision of the night.
- 8 And it will be as when a hungry man dreams—  
And behold, he is eating;  
But when he awakens, his <sup>1</sup>hunger is not satisfied,  
Or as when a thirsty man dreams—  
And behold, he is drinking,  
But when he awakens, behold, he is faint,  
And his <sup>1</sup>thirst is not quenched.  
<sup>a</sup>Thus the multitude of all the nations shall be,  
Who wage war against Mount Zion.
- 9 Be delayed and wait.  
Blind yourselves and be blind.  
They become drunk, but not with wine;  
They stagger, but not with strong drink.
- 10 For the LORD has poured over you a spirit of deep <sup>a</sup>sleep,  
He has <sup>b</sup>shut your eyes, the prophets;  
And He has covered your heads, the seers.
- 11 And the entire vision shall be to you like the words of a sealed <sup>1a</sup>book, which when they give it to the one who <sup>2</sup>is literate, saying, "Please read this," he will say, "I cannot, for it is sealed."
- 12 Then the <sup>1</sup>book will be given to the one who <sup>2</sup>is illiterate, saying, "Please read this." And he will say, "I <sup>3</sup>cannot read."
- 13 Then the Lord said,  
"Because <sup>a</sup>this people draw near with their <sup>1</sup>words  
And honor Me with their <sup>2</sup>lip service,  
But they remove their hearts far from Me,  
And their <sup>3</sup>reverence for Me <sup>4</sup>consists of <sup>5</sup>tradition  
learned by rote,
- 14 Therefore behold, I will once again deal <sup>a</sup>marvelously  
with this people, wondrously marvelous;  
And <sup>b</sup>the wisdom of their wise men shall perish,  
And the discernment of their discerning men shall be concealed.
- 15 Woe to those who deeply <sup>a</sup>hide their <sup>1</sup>plans from the LORD,  
And whose deeds are *done* in a dark place,  
And they say, "<sup>b</sup>Who sees us?" or "Who knows us?"
- 16 You turn *things* around!

<sup>5</sup> <sup>1</sup>Lit., *strangers* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *passes away*  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 17:13; 41:15, 16 <sup>b</sup>Is. 17:14; 30:13; 47:11; 1 Thess. 5:3

<sup>6</sup> <sup>1</sup>Sam. 2:10; Matt. 24:7; Mark 13:8; Luke 21:11; Rev. 11:13, 19; 16:18

<sup>7</sup> <sup>1</sup>See note, v. 1  
<sup>a</sup>Mic. 4:11, 12; Zech. 12:9  
<sup>b</sup>Is. 17:14; Job 20:8; Ps. 73:20

<sup>8</sup> <sup>1</sup>Lit., *soul*  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 54:17

<sup>10</sup> <sup>a</sup>Is. 6:9, 10; Ps. 69:23; Mic. 3:6; Rom. 11:8 <sup>b</sup>Is. 44:18; 2 Thess. 2:9-12

<sup>11</sup> <sup>1</sup>Or, *scroll* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *knows books*  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 8:16; Dan. 12:4, 9; Matt. 13:11

<sup>12</sup> <sup>1</sup>Or, *scroll* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *does not know books* <sup>3</sup>Lit., *do not know books*

<sup>13</sup> <sup>1</sup>Lit., *mouth* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *lips*  
<sup>3</sup>Lit., *fear of Me* <sup>4</sup>Lit., *is*  
<sup>5</sup>Lit., *commandment of rulers*  
<sup>a</sup>Ezek. 33:31; Matt. 15:8, 9; Mark 7:6, 7

<sup>14</sup> <sup>a</sup>Is. 6:9, 10; 28:21; 65:7; Hab. 1:5 <sup>b</sup>Is. 44:25; Jer. 8:9; 49:7; 1 Cor. 1:19

<sup>15</sup> <sup>1</sup>Lit., *counsel*  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 28:15; 30:1; Ps. 10:11, 13 <sup>b</sup>Is. 47:10; Ps. 94:7; Mat. 2:17

16 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *like*  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 45:9; 64:8; Jer. 18:1-6;  
Rom. 9:19-21

17 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *And*  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 32:15; Ps. 84:6; 107:33,  
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18 <sup>a</sup>Is. 32:3; Ps. 119:18;  
Prov. 20:12

19 <sup>a</sup>Is. 11:4; 61:1; Ps. 25:9;  
37:11; Matt. 5:5; 11:29 <sup>b</sup>Is.  
3:14, 15; 11:4; 14:30, 32;  
25:4; 26:6; Matt. 11:5;  
James 1:9; 2:5

20 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *watch evil*  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 59:4

21 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *bring a person*  
*under condemnation* <sup>2</sup>Lit.,  
*turn aside* <sup>3</sup>Lit., *confusion*  
<sup>a</sup>Amos 5:10 <sup>b</sup>Is. 32:7; Amos  
5:12

22 <sup>a</sup>Is. 41:8; 51:2; 63:16

23 <sup>1</sup>Or, *his children see*  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 26:12; 45:11; Eph. 2:10  
<sup>b</sup>Is. 5:16; 8:13

24 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *spirit* <sup>2</sup>Lit.,  
*understanding* <sup>3</sup>Lit.,  
*murmur* <sup>4</sup>Lit., *learn*  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 30:21; Heb. 5:2 <sup>b</sup>Is.  
41:20; 60:16 <sup>c</sup>Is. 54:13

1 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *pour out a drink*  
*offering*  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 29:15 <sup>b</sup>Is. 8:11, 12

2 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *My mouth*  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 31:1; Jer. 43:7 <sup>b</sup>Is. 8:19  
<sup>c</sup>Is. 36:9

3 <sup>a</sup>Is. 20:5, 6; 36:6; Jer.  
42:18, 22

4 <sup>a</sup>Is. 19:11

5 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 2:36 <sup>b</sup>Is. 30:7;  
10:3; 31:3

Shall the potter be considered <sup>1</sup>as equal with the clay,  
That <sup>a</sup>what is made should say to its maker, "He did not  
make me";  
Or what is formed say to him who formed it, "He has  
no understanding"?

17 Is it not yet just a little while  
<sup>1</sup>Before Lebanon will be turned into a <sup>a</sup>fertile field,  
And the fertile field will be considered as a forest?  
18 And on that day the deaf shall hear words of a book,  
And out of *their* gloom and darkness the <sup>a</sup>eyes of the  
blind shall see.

19 The <sup>a</sup>afflicted also shall increase their gladness in the  
LORD,  
And the <sup>b</sup>needy of mankind shall rejoice in the Holy  
One of Israel.

20 For the ruthless will come to an end, and the scorner will  
be finished,

Indeed <sup>a</sup>all who <sup>1</sup>are intent on doing evil will be cut off;  
21 Who <sup>1</sup>cause a person to be indicted by a word,  
And <sup>a</sup>ensnare him who adjudicates at the gate,  
And <sup>2b</sup>defraud the one in the right with <sup>3</sup>meaningless  
arguments.

22 Therefore thus says the LORD, who redeemed <sup>a</sup>Abra-  
ham, concerning the house of Jacob,  
"Jacob shall not now be ashamed, nor shall his face now  
turn pale;

23 But when <sup>1</sup>he sees his children, the <sup>a</sup>work of My hands,  
in his midst,  
They will sanctify My name;  
Indeed, they will <sup>b</sup>sanctify the Holy One of Jacob,  
And will stand in awe of the God of Israel.

24 "And those who <sup>a</sup>err in <sup>1</sup>mind will <sup>b</sup>know <sup>2</sup>the truth,  
And those who <sup>3</sup>criticize will <sup>4c</sup>accept instruction.

CHAPTER 30

"**W**OE to the rebellious children," declares the LORD,  
"Who <sup>a</sup>execute a plan, but not Mine,  
And <sup>1b</sup>make an alliance, but not of My Spirit,  
In order to add sin to sin;  
2 Who <sup>a</sup>proceed down to Egypt,  
Without <sup>b</sup>consulting <sup>1</sup>Me,  
<sup>c</sup>To take refuge in the safety of Pharaoh,  
And to seek shelter in the shadow of Egypt!  
3 "Therefore the safety of Pharaoh will be <sup>a</sup>your shame,  
And the shelter in the shadow of Egypt, your humili-  
ation.  
4 "For <sup>a</sup>their princes are at Zoan,  
And their ambassadors arrive at Hanes.  
5 "Everyone will be <sup>a</sup>ashamed because of a people who  
cannot profit them,  
*Who are* <sup>b</sup>not for help or profit, but for shame and also  
for reproach."

- 6 The <sup>1</sup>oracle concerning the <sup>2</sup>beasts of the <sup>3</sup>Negev.  
 Through a land of <sup>4</sup>distress and anguish,  
 From <sup>2</sup>where *come* lioness and lion, viper and <sup>4</sup>flying  
 serpent,  
 They <sup>5</sup>carry their riches on the <sup>3</sup>backs of young donkeys  
 And their treasures on camels' humps,  
 To a people who cannot profit *them*;
- 7 Even Egypt, whose help is vain and empty.  
 Therefore, I have called <sup>1</sup>her  
 "Ra<sup>2</sup>hab who has been exterminated."
- 8 Now go, <sup>2</sup>write it on a tablet before them  
 And inscribe it on a scroll,  
 That it may <sup>1</sup>serve in the time to come  
<sup>2</sup>As a witness forever.
- 9 For this is a rebellious people, <sup>2</sup>false sons,  
 Sons who <sup>1</sup>refuse to <sup>2</sup>listen  
 To the <sup>2</sup>instruction of the LORD;
- 10 Who say to the seers, "You must not see *visions*";  
 And to the prophets, "You must not <sup>2</sup>prophecy to us  
 what is right,  
<sup>2</sup>Speak to us <sup>1</sup>pleasant words,  
 Prophecy illusions.
- 11 "Get out of the way, turn aside from the path,  
<sup>1</sup>Let us hear no more about the Holy One of Israel."
- 12 Therefore thus says the Holy One of Israel,  
 "Since you have rejected this word,  
 And have put your trust in <sup>2</sup>oppression and guile, and  
 have relied on them,
- 13 Therefore this iniquity will be to you  
 Like a <sup>2</sup>breach about to fall,  
 A bulge in a high wall,  
 Whose collapse comes suddenly in an instant.
- 14 "And whose collapse is like the smashing of a <sup>2</sup>potter's jar;  
<sup>1</sup>So ruthlessly shattered  
 That a sherd will not be found among its pieces  
 To <sup>2</sup>take fire from a hearth,  
 Or to scoop water from a cistern."
- 15 For thus the Lord <sup>1</sup>God, the Holy One of Israel, has  
 said,  
 "In <sup>2</sup>repentance and <sup>2</sup>rest you shall be saved,  
 In <sup>2</sup>quietness and trust is your strength."  
 But you were not willing,
- 16 And you said, "No, for we will flee on <sup>2</sup>horses,"  
 Therefore you shall flee!  
 "And we will ride on swift *horses*,"  
 Therefore those who pursue you shall be swift.
- 17 <sup>2</sup>One thousand *shall flee* at the threat of one *man*,  
 You shall flee at the threat of five;  
 Until you <sup>2</sup>are left as a <sup>1</sup>flag on a mountain top,  
 And as a signal on a hill.
- 18 Therefore the LORD <sup>1</sup>alongs to be gracious to you,  
 And therefore He <sup>2</sup>waits on <sup>2</sup>high to have compassion  
 on you.  
 For the LORD is a <sup>2</sup>God of justice;  
 How blessed are all those who <sup>3</sup>long for Him.

6 <sup>1</sup>Lit., burden <sup>2</sup>Lit.,  
 them <sup>3</sup>Lit., shoulders  
<sup>4</sup>Is. 46:1, 2; 1 Kin. 10:2  
<sup>5</sup>Gen. 12:9 <sup>6</sup>Is. 5:30; 8:22;  
 Ex. 5:10, 21; Deut. 4:20;  
 8:15; Jer. 11:4 <sup>7</sup>Is. 14:29;  
 Deut. 8:15 <sup>8</sup>Is. 15:17;  
 46:1, 2

7 <sup>1</sup>Lit., this one <sup>2</sup>M.T.  
 reads; They are *Rahab* (or  
*arrogance*), to remain  
<sup>3</sup>Is. 51:9; Job 9:13; Ps. 87:4;  
 89:10

8 <sup>1</sup>Lit., be <sup>2</sup>So the  
 versions; Heb., Forever and  
 ever  
<sup>3</sup>Is. 8:1

9 <sup>1</sup>Lit., are not willing  
<sup>2</sup>Or, law  
<sup>3</sup>Is. 28:15; 59:3, 4 <sup>4</sup>Is. 1:10;  
 5:24; 24:5

10 <sup>1</sup>Lit., smooth things  
<sup>2</sup>Is. 5:20; Jer. 11:21; Amos  
 2:12; 7:13 <sup>3</sup>1 Kin. 22:8, 13;  
 Jer. 6:14; 23:17, 26; Ezek.  
 13:7; Rom. 16:18; 2 Tim.  
 4:3, 4

11 <sup>1</sup>Lit., Cause to cease  
 from our presence the . . .

12 <sup>1</sup>Is. 5:24; 7:9; 8:6 <sup>2</sup>Is.  
 3:14, 15; 5:7; 59:13

13 <sup>1</sup>Is. 58:12; 1 Kin. 20:30;  
 Ps. 62:4

14 <sup>1</sup>Lit., Crushed, it will  
 not be spared <sup>2</sup>Lit., snatch  
 up  
<sup>3</sup>Ps. 2:9; Jer. 19:10, 11

15 <sup>1</sup>YHWH, usually  
 rendered LORD <sup>2</sup>Lit.,  
 returning  
<sup>3</sup>Is. 7:4; Ps. 116:7 <sup>4</sup>Is. 28:12  
<sup>5</sup>Is. 32:17

16 <sup>1</sup>Is. 2:7; 31:1, 3

17 <sup>1</sup>Lit., pole  
<sup>2</sup>Lev. 26:36; Deut. 28:25;  
 32:30; Josh. 23:10; Prov.  
 28:1 <sup>3</sup>Is. 6:13; 27:11

18 <sup>1</sup>Lit., waits <sup>2</sup>Lit., is on  
 high <sup>3</sup>Lit., wait  
<sup>4</sup>Is. 42:14, 16; 48:9; Jon.  
 3:4, 10; 2 Pet. 3:9, 15 <sup>5</sup>Is.  
 2:11, 17; 33:5 <sup>6</sup>Is. 5:16;  
 28:17; 61:8 <sup>7</sup>Is. 8:17; 25:9;  
 26:8; 33:2

**God Will Bless and Prosper the People.  
Victory over Assyria.**

**Isalah 30**

19 <sup>1</sup>M.T. reads: *A people will inhabit Zion, Jerusalem.*  
<sup>1</sup>Is. 65:9; Ezek. 37:25, 28  
<sup>b</sup>Is. 25:8; 60:20; 61:1-3 <sup>c</sup>Is. 58:9; 65:24; Ps. 50:15; Matt. 7:7-11

20 <sup>a</sup>1 Kin. 22:27; Ps. 80:5  
<sup>b</sup>Ps. 74:9; Amos 8:11

21 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *saying, This*  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 35:8, 9; 42:16; Ps. 25:8,  
9; Prov. 3:6 <sup>b</sup>Is. 29:24

22 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *it "Go out"*  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 46:6; Ex. 32:2, 4; Judg. 17:3, 4

23 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *your* <sup>2</sup>Lit.,  
*fatness* <sup>3</sup>Lit., *fat*  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 32:20; Ps. 144:13; Hos. 4:16

24 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *one winnows*  
<sup>a</sup>Matt. 3:12; Luke 3:17

25 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *canals, streams of water*  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 35:6, 7; 41:18; 43:19, 20

26 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *of His blow*  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 24:23; 60:19, 20; Rev. 21:23; 22:5 <sup>b</sup>Is. 61:1 <sup>c</sup>Is. 13:14; 1:6 <sup>d</sup>Is. 33:24; Deut. 32:39; Job 5:18; Jer. 33:6; Hos. 6:1, 2

27 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *distance* <sup>2</sup>Lit.,  
*heaviness* <sup>3</sup>Lit., *uplifting*  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 59:19 <sup>b</sup>Is. 10:5; 13:5;  
66:14 <sup>c</sup>Is. 66:15

28 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *sifting of the worthless* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *misleads*  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 30:33; 11:4; 2 Thess. 2:8  
<sup>b</sup>Is. 8:8 <sup>c</sup>Amos 9:9 <sup>d</sup>Is. 37:29; 2 Kin. 19:28

29 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *the song*

30 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *the majesty of His voice* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *descent*

31 <sup>a</sup>Is. 11:4 <sup>b</sup>Is. 10:26; 11:4

32 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *passing* <sup>2</sup>Lit.,  
*staff of foundation*  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 10:24 <sup>b</sup>1 Sam. 18:6; Jer. 31:4 <sup>c</sup>Ezek. 32:10

19 <sup>1</sup>O people in Zion, <sup>a</sup>inhabitant in Jerusalem, you will <sup>b</sup>wEEP no longer. He will surely be gracious to you at the sound of your cry; when He hears it, He will <sup>c</sup>ANSWER you.

20 Although the Lord has given you <sup>a</sup>bread of privation and water of oppression, *He*, your Teacher will no longer <sup>b</sup>hide Himself, but your eyes will behold your Teacher.

21 And your ears will hear a word behind you, <sup>1</sup>"This is the <sup>a</sup>way, walk in it," whenever you <sup>b</sup>turn to the right or to the left.

22 And you will defile your graven <sup>a</sup>images, overlaid with silver, and your molten <sup>a</sup>images plated with gold. You will scatter them as an impure thing; *and* say to <sup>1</sup>them, "Be gone!"

23 Then He will give you rain for <sup>1</sup>the seed which you will sow in the ground, and bread *from* the yield of the ground, and it will be <sup>2</sup>rich and <sup>3</sup>plenteous; on that day <sup>a</sup>your livestock will graze in a roomy pasture.

24 Also the oxen and the donkeys which work the ground will eat salted fodder, which <sup>1</sup>has been <sup>a</sup>winnowed with shovel and fork.

25 And on every lofty mountain and on <sup>a</sup>every high hill there will be <sup>1</sup>streams running with water on the day of the great slaughter, when the towers fall.

26 And <sup>a</sup>the light of the moon will be as the light of the sun, and the light of the sun will be seven times *brighter*, like the light of seven days, on the day <sup>b</sup>the LORD binds up the <sup>c</sup>fracture of His people and <sup>d</sup>heals the bruise <sup>1</sup>He has inflicted.

27 Behold, <sup>a</sup>the name of the LORD comes from a <sup>1</sup>remote place;

Burning is His anger, and <sup>2</sup>dense is His <sup>3</sup>smoke;  
His lips are filled with <sup>b</sup>indignation,  
And His tongue is like a <sup>c</sup>consuming fire;

28 And His <sup>a</sup>breath is like an overflowing torrent,  
Which <sup>b</sup>reaches to the neck,  
To <sup>c</sup>shake the nations back and forth in a <sup>1</sup>sieve,  
And to *put* in the jaws of the peoples <sup>d</sup>the bridle which  
<sup>2</sup>leads to ruin.

29 You will have <sup>1</sup>songs as in the night when you keep the festival;  
And gladness of heart as when one marches to *the sound of the flute*,  
To go to the mountain of the LORD, to the Rock of Israel.

30 And the LORD will cause <sup>1</sup>His voice of authority to be heard.  
And the <sup>2</sup>descending of His arm to be seen,  
And *in* the flame of a consuming fire,  
In cloudburst, downpour, and hailstones.

31 For <sup>a</sup>at the voice of the LORD Assyria will be terrified,  
*When* He strikes with the <sup>b</sup>rod.

32 And every <sup>1</sup>blow of the <sup>2</sup>rod of punishment,  
Which the LORD will lay on him,  
Will be with *the music of* <sup>b</sup>tambourines and lyres;  
And in battles, <sup>c</sup>brandishing weapons, He will fight them.

- 33 For <sup>1</sup>Topheth has long been ready,  
Indeed, it has been prepared for the king.  
He has made it deep and large,  
<sup>2</sup>A pyre of fire with plenty of wood;  
The breath of the LORD, like a torrent of <sup>a</sup>brimstone,  
sets it afire.

CHAPTER 31

WOE to those who go down to Egypt for help,  
And <sup>a</sup>rely on horses,  
And trust in chariots because they are many,  
And in horsemen because they are very strong,  
But they do not <sup>b</sup>look to the <sup>c</sup>Holy One of Israel, nor  
seek the LORD!

- 2 Yet He also is <sup>a</sup>wise and will bring disaster,  
And does <sup>b</sup>not retract His words,  
But will arise against the house of evildoers,  
And against the help of the <sup>c</sup>workers of iniquity.

- 3 Now the Egyptians are <sup>a</sup>men, and not God,  
And their <sup>b</sup>horses are flesh and not spirit;  
So the LORD will <sup>c</sup>stretch out His hand,  
And he who helps will stumble  
And he who is helped will fall,  
And all of them will come to an end together.

- 4 For thus says the LORD to me,  
"As the <sup>a</sup>lion or the young lion growls over his prey,  
Against which a band of shepherds is called out,  
Will not be terrified at their voice, nor disturbed at their  
noise,  
So will the LORD of hosts come down to wage <sup>b</sup>war on  
Mount Zion and on its hill."

- 5 Like <sup>1</sup>flying <sup>a</sup>birds so the LORD of hosts will protect  
Jerusalem.  
He will protect and deliver it;  
He will pass over and rescue it.

6 <sup>a</sup>Return to Him from whom <sup>1</sup>you have deeply defected,  
O sons of Israel.

7 For in that day every man will <sup>a</sup>cast away his silver idols  
and his gold idols, which your hands have made as a sin.

- 8 And the <sup>a</sup>Assyrian will fall by a sword not of man,  
And a sword not of man will devour him.  
So he will <sup>1b</sup>not escape the sword,  
And his young men will become <sup>c</sup>forced laborers.

- 9 "And his <sup>a</sup>rock will pass away because of panic,  
And his princes will be terrified at the <sup>b</sup>standard,"  
Declares the LORD, whose fire is in Zion and whose  
furnace is in Jerusalem.

CHAPTER 32

BEHOLD, a <sup>a</sup>king will reign righteously,  
And princes will rule justly.

33 <sup>1</sup>i.e., the place of  
human sacrifice to Molech.  
<sup>2</sup>Lit., *its pile*  
<sup>1</sup>Is. 34:9; Gen. 19:24

1 <sup>a</sup>Is. 2:7; 30:16; Deut.  
17:16; Ps. 20:7; 33:17 <sup>b</sup>Is.  
9:13; Dan. 9:13; Amos 5:4-8  
<sup>c</sup>Is. 10:17; 43:15; Hos. 11:9;  
Hab. 1:12; 3:3

2 <sup>a</sup>Is. 28:29; Rom. 16:27  
<sup>b</sup>Num. 23:19; Jer. 44:29 <sup>c</sup>Is.  
22:14; 32:6

3 <sup>a</sup>Ezek. 28:9; 2 Thess.  
2:4 <sup>b</sup>Is. 36:9 <sup>c</sup>Is. 9:17; Jer.  
15:6; Ezek. 20:33, 34

4 <sup>a</sup>Num. 24:9; Hos.  
11:10; Amos 3:8 <sup>b</sup>Is. 42:13;  
Zech. 12:8

5 <sup>1</sup>Or, *hovering*  
<sup>a</sup>Deut. 32:11; Ps. 91:4

6 <sup>1</sup>Heb., *they*  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 44:22; 55:7; Jer. 3:10,  
14, 22; Ezek. 18:31, 32

7 <sup>a</sup>Is. 2:20; 30:22

8 <sup>1</sup>Lit.,  *flee*  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 10:12; 14:25; 30:31-33;  
37:7; 36-38 <sup>b</sup>Is. 21:15 <sup>c</sup>Is.  
14:2; Gen. 49:15

9 <sup>a</sup>Deut. 32:31, 37 <sup>b</sup>Is.  
5:26; 13:2; 18:3

1 <sup>a</sup>Is. 9:6, 7; 11:4, 5; Ps.  
72:1-4; Jer. 23:5; 33:15;  
Ezek. 37:24; Zech. 9:9

Isalah 32

2 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *canals* <sup>2</sup>Lit.,  
*heavy* <sup>3</sup>Lit., *exhausted*  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 4:6; 25:4 <sup>b</sup>Is. 35:6;  
41:18; 43:19, 20

3 <sup>1</sup>Or, *turned away*

4 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *heart* <sup>2</sup>Lit.,  
*knowledge*  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 29:24

5 <sup>a</sup>1 Sam. 25:25

6 <sup>1</sup>Or, *does* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *make*  
*empty the hungry soul*  
<sup>3</sup>Lit., *he causes to lack*  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 59:7, 13; Prov. 19:3;  
24:7-9 <sup>b</sup>Is. 9:17; 10:6 <sup>c</sup>Is.  
3:15; 10:2

7 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *words of*  
*falsehood* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *justly*  
<sup>a</sup>Jer. 5:26-28; Mic. 7:3 <sup>b</sup>Is.  
5:23

9 <sup>a</sup>Is. 47:8; Zeph. 2:15

10 <sup>a</sup>Is. 5:5, 6; 7:23; 24:7

11 <sup>a</sup>Is. 22:12

13 <sup>a</sup>Is. 5:6, 10, 17; 27:10  
<sup>b</sup>Is. 22:2; 23:9

14 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *multitude of* <sup>2</sup>Or,  
*Ophel*  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 13:22; 25:2; 34:13 <sup>b</sup>Is.  
6:11; 22:2; 24:10, 12 <sup>c</sup>Is.  
13:21; 34:13

15 <sup>a</sup>Is. 11:2; 44:3; 59:21;  
Ezek. 39:29; Joel 2:28 <sup>b</sup>Is.  
29:17; 35:1, 2; Ps. 107:35

16 <sup>a</sup>Is. 33:5

17 <sup>1</sup>Or, *security*  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 2:4; Ps. 72:2, 3; 85:8;  
119:165; Rom. 14:17; James  
3:18

18 <sup>a</sup>Is. 26:3, 12 <sup>b</sup>Is. 11:10;  
14:3; 30:15; Hos. 2:18-23;  
Zech. 2:5; 3:10

- 2 And each will be like a <sup>a</sup>refuge from the wind,  
And a shelter from the storm,  
Like <sup>1b</sup>streams of water in a dry country,  
Like the <sup>a</sup>shade of a <sup>2</sup>huge rock in a <sup>3</sup>parched land.
- 3 Then the eyes of those who see will not be <sup>1b</sup>blinded,  
And the ears of those who hear will listen.
- 4 And the <sup>1</sup>mind of the <sup>a</sup>hasty will discern the <sup>2</sup>truth,  
And the tongue of the stammerers will hasten to speak  
clearly.
- 5 No longer will the <sup>a</sup>fool be called noble,  
Or the rogue be spoken of as generous.
- 6 For a fool speaks nonsense,  
And his heart <sup>1a</sup>inclines toward wickedness,  
To practice <sup>b</sup>ungodliness and to speak error against the  
LORD,  
To <sup>2c</sup>keep the hungry person unsatisfied  
And <sup>3</sup>to withhold drink from the thirsty.
- 7 As for a rogue, his weapons are evil;  
He <sup>a</sup>devises wicked schemes  
To destroy *the* afflicted with <sup>1</sup>slander,  
<sup>b</sup>Even though *the* needy one speaks <sup>2</sup>what is right.
- 8 But the noble man devises noble plans;  
And by noble plans he stands.
- 9 Rise up you <sup>a</sup>women who are at ease,  
And hear my voice;  
Give ear to my word,  
You complacent daughters.
- 10 Within a year and *a few* days,  
You will be troubled, O complacent daughters;  
<sup>a</sup>For the vintage is ended,  
And the *fruit* gathering will not come.
- 11 Tremble, you *women* who are at ease;  
<sup>a</sup>Be troubled, you complacent *daughters*;  
Strip, undress, and put *sackcloth* on your waist,
- 12 Beat your breasts for the pleasant fields, for the fruitful  
vine,
- 13 <sup>a</sup>For the land of my people *in which* thorns and briars  
shall come up;  
Yea, for all the joyful houses, *and* for the <sup>b</sup>joyful city.
- 14 Because <sup>a</sup>the palace has been abandoned, the <sup>1</sup>popu-  
lated <sup>b</sup>city forsaken.  
<sup>2</sup>Hill and watch-tower have become <sup>c</sup>caves forever,  
A delight for wild donkeys, a pasture for flocks;
- 15 Until the <sup>a</sup>Spirit is poured out upon us from on high,  
And the wilderness becomes a <sup>b</sup>fertile field  
And the fertile field is considered as a forest.
- 16 Then <sup>a</sup>justice will dwell in the wilderness,  
And righteousness will abide in the fertile field.
- 17 And the <sup>a</sup>work of righteousness will be peace,  
And the service of righteousness, quietness and <sup>1</sup>confi-  
dence forever.
- 18 Then my people will live in a <sup>a</sup>peaceful habitation,  
And in secure dwellings and in undisturbed <sup>b</sup>resting  
places;

- 19 And it will hail when the forest comes down,  
And <sup>a</sup>the city will be utterly laid low.  
20 How <sup>a</sup>blessed will you be, you who sow beside all waters,  
Who <sup>1</sup>let out freely the ox and the donkey.

CHAPTER 33

- W<sup>O</sup>E <sup>a</sup>to you, O destroyer,  
While you were not destroyed;  
And he <sup>b</sup>who is treacherous, while *others* did not deal  
treacherously with him.  
As soon as you shall finish destroying, <sup>c</sup>you shall be  
destroyed;  
As soon as you shall cease to deal treacherously, *others*  
shall <sup>d</sup>deal treacherously with you.
- 2 O LORD, <sup>a</sup>be gracious to us; we have <sup>b</sup>waited for Thee.  
Be Thou <sup>1</sup>their <sup>2</sup>strength every morning,  
Our salvation also in the <sup>d</sup>time of distress.
- 3 At the sound of the tumult peoples flee;  
At the <sup>a</sup>lifting up of Thyself nations disperse.
- 4 And your spoil is gathered *as* the caterpillar gathers;  
As locusts rushing about, men rush about on it.
- 5 The LORD is <sup>a</sup>exalted, for He dwells on high;  
He has <sup>b</sup>filled Zion with justice and righteousness.
- 6 And He shall be the <sup>1</sup>stability of your times,  
A <sup>b</sup>wealth of salvation, wisdom, and <sup>c</sup>knowledge;  
The <sup>d</sup>fear of the LORD is his treasure.
- 7 Behold, their brave men cry in <sup>1</sup>the streets,  
The <sup>2</sup>ambassadors of peace weep bitterly.
- 8 The highways are desolate, the <sup>1</sup>traveler has ceased,  
He has <sup>b</sup>broken the covenant, he has despised the cities,  
He has no regard for man.
- 9 <sup>a</sup>The land mourns and pines away,  
<sup>b</sup>Lebanon is shamed and withers;  
<sup>c</sup>Sharon is like a desert plain,  
And Bashan and Carmel <sup>1</sup>lose their foliage.
- 10 "Now <sup>a</sup>I will arise," says the LORD,  
"Now I will be exalted, now I will be lifted up.
- 11 "You have <sup>a</sup>conceived <sup>1</sup>chaff, you will give birth to stub-  
ble;  
<sup>2</sup>My <sup>b</sup>breath will consume you like a fire.
- 12 "And the peoples will be burned to lime,  
<sup>a</sup>Like cut thorns which are burned in the fire.
- 13 "You who are far away, <sup>a</sup>hear what I have done;  
And you who are near, <sup>1</sup>acknowledge My might."
- 14 <sup>a</sup>Sinners in Zion are terrified;  
<sup>b</sup>Trembling has seized the godless.  
"Who among us can live with <sup>c</sup>the consuming fire?  
Who among us can live with <sup>1</sup>continual <sup>d</sup>burning?"
- 15 He who <sup>a</sup>walks righteously, and speaks with sincerity,  
He who rejects <sup>1</sup>unjust gain,  
And shakes his hands so that they hold no bribe;  
He who stops his ears from hearing about bloodshed,  
And <sup>b</sup>shuts his eyes from looking upon evil;

19 <sup>a</sup>Is. 24:10, 12; 26:5;  
27:10; 29:4

20 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *send out the foot  
of the ox*  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 30:23, 24; Eccles. 11:1

1 <sup>a</sup>Is. 10:6; 21:2 <sup>b</sup>Is.  
24:16; 48:8 <sup>c</sup>Is. 10:12, 14; 25:  
13-8; Hab. 2:8 <sup>d</sup>Jer. 25:12-  
14; Matt. 7:2

2 <sup>1</sup>Some versions read,  
*our* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *arm*  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 30:18, 19 <sup>b</sup>Is. 25:9 <sup>c</sup>Is.  
40:10; 51:5; 59:16 <sup>d</sup>Is. 37:3

3 <sup>a</sup>Is. 10:33; 17:13; 59:16-  
18; Jer. 25:30, 31

5 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 97:9 <sup>b</sup>Is. 1:26; 28:6;  
32:16

6 <sup>1</sup>Or, *faithfulness*  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 33:20 <sup>b</sup>Is. 45:17; 51:6  
<sup>c</sup>Is. 11:9 <sup>d</sup>Is. 11:3; 2 Kin.  
18:7; Ps. 112:1-3; Matt. 6:33

7 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *the outside* <sup>2</sup>Lit.,  
*messengers*  
<sup>a</sup>2 Kin. 18:18, 37

8 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *He who passes  
along the way*  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 35:8 <sup>b</sup>Is. 24:5

9 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *shake off*  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 3:26; 24:4; 29:2 <sup>b</sup>Is.  
2:13; 10:34 <sup>c</sup>Is. 35:2; 65:10

10 <sup>a</sup>Is. 2:19, 21; Ps. 12:5

11 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *dry grass* <sup>2</sup>So one  
ancient version; M.T.  
reads: *Your breath will*  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 26:18; 59:4; Ps. 7:14;  
James 1:15 <sup>b</sup>Is. 1:31

12 <sup>a</sup>Is. 10:17; 27:4; 2 Sam.  
23:6, 7

13 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *know*  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 49:1; Ps. 48:10

14 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *everlasting*  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 1:28 <sup>b</sup>Is. 32:11 <sup>c</sup>Is.  
30:27, 30; Heb. 12:29 <sup>d</sup>Is.  
9:18, 19; 10:16; 47:14

15 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *gain of  
extortions*  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 58:6-11; Ps. 15:2; 24:4  
<sup>b</sup>Ps. 119:37

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16 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *stronghold of rock*  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 49:10

17 <sup>a</sup>Is. 33:21, 22; 6:5;  
24:23 <sup>b</sup>Is. 26:15

18 <sup>a</sup>1 Cor. 1:20

19 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *deepness of lip*  
<sup>2</sup>Lit., *from hearing* <sup>3</sup>Lit.,  
*there is no understanding*  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 28:11; Deut. 28:49, 50;  
Jer. 5:15

20 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 48:12 <sup>b</sup>Is. 32:18;  
Ps. 46:5; 125:1, 2 <sup>c</sup>Is. 54:2

21 <sup>a</sup>Is. 41:18; 43:19, 20;  
48:18; 66:12

22 <sup>a</sup>Is. 2:4; 11:4; 16:5; 51:5  
<sup>b</sup>Is. 1:10; 51:4, 7; James  
4:12 <sup>c</sup>Is. 33:17; Ps. 89:18;  
Zech. 9:9 <sup>d</sup>Is. 25:9; 35:4;  
49:25, 26; 60:16

23 <sup>a</sup>2 Kin. 7:16 <sup>b</sup>Is. 35:6;  
2 Kin. 7:8

24 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *in it*  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 40:2; 44:22; Jer. 50:20;  
Mic. 7:18, 19; 1 John 1:7-9

1 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *its fulness*  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 41:1; 43:9; Ps. 49:1 <sup>b</sup>Is.  
1:2; Deut. 32:1

2 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *put under the ban*

3 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *their stench will go up* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *dissolve*  
<sup>a</sup>Ezek. 14:19; 35:6; 38:22

4 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *raf*  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 13:13; 51:6; Ezek. 32:7,  
8; Joel 2:31; Matt. 24:29;  
2 Pet. 3:10 <sup>b</sup>Rev. 6:12-14

- 16 He will dwell on the heights;  
His refuge will be the <sup>1</sup>impregnable rock;  
<sup>a</sup>His bread will be given *him*;  
His water will be sure.
- 17 Your eyes will see <sup>a</sup>the King in His beauty;  
They will behold <sup>b</sup>a far-distant land.
- 18 Your heart will meditate on terror:  
“Where is <sup>a</sup>he who counts?  
Where is he who weighs?  
Where is he who counts the towers?”
- 19 You will no longer see a fierce people,  
A people of <sup>1</sup>unintelligible speech <sup>2</sup>which no one com-  
prehends,  
Of a stammering tongue <sup>3</sup>which no one understands.  
20 <sup>a</sup>Look upon Zion, the city of our appointed feasts;  
Your eyes shall see Jerusalem an <sup>b</sup>undisturbed habita-  
tion,  
<sup>c</sup>A tent which shall not be folded,  
Its stakes shall never be pulled up  
Nor any of its cords be torn apart.
- 21 But there the majestic *One*, the LORD, shall be for us  
A place of <sup>a</sup>rivers and wide canals,  
On which no boat with oars shall go,  
And on which no mighty ship shall pass—
- 22 For the LORD is our <sup>a</sup>judge,  
The LORD is <sup>b</sup>our lawgiver,  
The LORD is <sup>c</sup>our king;  
<sup>d</sup>He will save us—
- 23 Your tackle hangs slack;  
It cannot hold the base of its mast firmly,  
Nor spread out the sail.  
Then the <sup>a</sup>prey of an abundant spoil will be divided;  
<sup>b</sup>The lame will take the plunder.
- 24 And no resident will say, “I am sick”;  
The people who dwell <sup>1</sup>there will be <sup>a</sup>forgiven *their*  
iniquity.

CHAPTER 34

- D**RAW near, <sup>a</sup>O nations, to hear; and listen, O peoples!  
<sup>b</sup>Let the earth and <sup>1</sup>all it contains hear, and the world  
and all that springs from it.
- 2 For the LORD's indignation is against all the nations,  
And *His* wrath against all their armies;  
He has <sup>1</sup>utterly destroyed them,  
He has given them over to slaughter.
- 3 So their slain will be thrown out,  
And their corpses <sup>1</sup>will give off their stench,  
And the mountains will <sup>2</sup>be drenched with their <sup>a</sup>blood.
- 4 And <sup>a</sup>all the host of heaven will <sup>1</sup>wear away,  
And the <sup>b</sup>sky will be rolled up like a scroll;  
All their hosts will also wither away  
As a leaf withers from the vine,  
Or as *one* withers from the fig tree.
- 5 For My sword is satiated in heaven,



- Behold it shall descend for judgment upon Edom,  
And upon the people whom I have <sup>a</sup>devoted to destruction.
- 6 The sword of the LORD is filled with blood,  
It is <sup>1</sup>sated with fat, with the blood of lambs and goats,  
With the fat of the kidneys of rams.  
For the LORD has a sacrifice in <sup>a</sup>Bozrah,  
And a great slaughter in the land of Edom.
- 7 <sup>a</sup>Wild oxen shall also <sup>1</sup>fall with them,  
And <sup>b</sup>young bulls with strong ones;  
Thus their land shall be soaked with blood,  
And their dust <sup>2</sup>become greasy with fat.
- 8 For the LORD has a day of <sup>a</sup>vengeance,  
A year of recompense for the <sup>1</sup>cause of Zion.
- 9 And <sup>1</sup>its streams shall be turned into pitch,  
And its loose earth into brimstone,  
And its land shall become burning pitch.
- 10 It shall <sup>a</sup>not be quenched night or day;  
Its <sup>b</sup>smoke shall go up forever;  
From <sup>c</sup>generation to generation it shall be desolate;  
<sup>d</sup>None shall pass through it forever and ever.
- 11 But <sup>1</sup>pelican and hedgehog shall possess it,  
And <sup>2</sup>owl and raven shall dwell in it;  
And He shall stretch over it the <sup>a</sup>line of <sup>3</sup>desolation  
And the <sup>4</sup>plumb line of emptiness.
- 12 Its nobles—there is <sup>a</sup>no one there  
*Whom* they may proclaim king—  
And all its princes shall be nothing.
- 13 And thorns shall come up in its <sup>a</sup>fortified towers,  
Nettles and thistles in its fortified cities;  
It shall also be a haunt of <sup>b</sup>jackals  
*And* an abode of ostriches.
- 14 And the desert <sup>a</sup>creatures shall meet with the <sup>1</sup>wolves,  
The <sup>2b</sup>hairy goat also shall cry to its kind;  
Yes, the <sup>3</sup>night monster shall settle there  
And shall find herself a resting place.
- 15 The snake shall <sup>a</sup>make its nest and lay *eggs* there,  
And it will hatch *them* and gather *its brood* under its  
shade;  
Yes, the <sup>1</sup>hawks shall be gathered there,  
Every one with its kind.
- 16 Seek from the <sup>a</sup>book of the LORD, and read:  
Not one of these will be missing;  
None will lack its mate.  
For <sup>1b</sup>His mouth has commanded,  
And His Spirit has gathered them.
- 17 And He has cast the <sup>a</sup>lot for them,  
And His hand has divided it to them by line.  
They shall possess it forever;  
From generation to generation they shall dwell in it.
- 5 <sup>a</sup>Is. 24:6; 43:28
- 6 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *made fat*  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 63:1; Jer. 49:13
- 7 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *go down* <sup>2</sup>Lit.,  
*made fat*  
<sup>a</sup>Num. 23:22; Ps. 22:21 <sup>b</sup>Ps.  
68:30; Jer. 50:27
- 8 <sup>1</sup>Or, *controversy*  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 13:6; 35:4; 47:3; 61:2;  
63:4
- 9 <sup>1</sup>i.e., Edom's
- 10 <sup>a</sup>Is. 1:31; 66:24 <sup>b</sup>Rev.  
14:11; 19:3 <sup>c</sup>Is. 34:10-15;  
13:20-22; 24:1; Mal. 1:3, 4  
<sup>d</sup>Ezek. 29:11
- 11 <sup>1</sup>Or, *owl*; or, *jackdaw*  
<sup>2</sup>Or, *great horned owl* <sup>3</sup>Or,  
*formlessness* <sup>4</sup>Lit., *stones of*  
*void*  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 24:10; 2 Kin. 21:13;  
Lam. 2:8
- 12 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 27:20; 39:6
- 13 <sup>a</sup>Is. 13:22; 25:2; 32:13  
<sup>b</sup>Ps. 44:19; Jer. 9:11; 10:22
- 14 <sup>1</sup>Or, *howling creatures*  
<sup>2</sup>Or, *demon* <sup>3</sup>Heb., *Lilith*  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 13:21 <sup>b</sup>Is. 30:8
- 15 <sup>1</sup>Or, *kites*
- 16 <sup>1</sup>So DSS; M.T., My  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 30:8 <sup>b</sup>Is. 1:20; 40:5;  
58:14
- 17 <sup>a</sup>Is. 17:13, 14; Jer. 13:25
- 1 <sup>1</sup>Or, *desert*  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 6:11; 7:21-25; 27:10;  
41:18; 55:12, 13 <sup>b</sup>Is. 41:19;  
51:3

CHAPTER 35

THE <sup>a</sup>wilderness and the desert will be glad,  
And the <sup>1b</sup>Arabah will rejoice and blossom;  
Like the crocus

Isalah 35, 36

2 <sup>a</sup>Is. 27:6; 32:15 <sup>b</sup>Is. 35:10; 25:9; 55:12, 13; 66:10, 14 <sup>c</sup>Is. 60:13 <sup>d</sup>Is. 25:9

3 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *slack hands* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *tottering knees*  
<sup>a</sup>Job 4:3, 4; Heb. 12:12

4 <sup>a</sup>Is. 32:4 <sup>b</sup>Is. 1:24; 47:3; 61:2; 63:4 <sup>c</sup>Is. 34:8; 59:18 <sup>d</sup>Is. 33:22; 35:4; Ps. 145:19

5 <sup>a</sup>Is. 29:18; 32:3, 4; 42:7, 16; 50:4; Matt. 11:5; John 9:6, 7

6 <sup>1</sup>Or, *desert*  
<sup>a</sup>Matt. 15:30; John 5:8, 9; Acts 3:8 <sup>b</sup>Matt. 9:32; Luke 11:14 <sup>c</sup>Is. 35:1; 41:18; 43:19; 49:10; 51:3; John 7:38

7 <sup>1</sup>Or, *mirage*  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 49:10 <sup>b</sup>Is. 13:22; 34:13

8 <sup>a</sup>Is. 11:16; 19:23; 40:3; 49:11; 62:10 <sup>b</sup>Is. 30:21; 51:10 <sup>c</sup>Is. 4:3; 52:1; Matt. 7:13, 14; 1 Pet. 1:15, 16 <sup>d</sup>Is. 33:8; Jer. 14:8

9 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *It*  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 51:10; 62:12; 63:4

10 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *overtake*  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 1:27; 51:11 <sup>b</sup>Is. 25:8; 30:19; 65:19; Rev. 7:17; 21:4

2 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *launderer's*  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 36:2-38:8; 2 Kin. 18:17-20:11; 2 Chr. 32:9-24

4 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *trust*  
<sup>a</sup>2 Kin. 18:19

5 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *words of lips*  
<sup>a</sup>2 Kin. 18:7

- 2 It will <sup>a</sup>blossom profusely  
And <sup>b</sup>rejoice with rejoicing and shout of joy.  
The <sup>c</sup>glory of Lebanon will be given to it,  
The majesty of Carmel and Sharon.  
They will see the <sup>d</sup>glory of the LORD,  
The majesty of our God.
- 3 <sup>a</sup>Encourage the <sup>1</sup>exhausted, and strengthen the <sup>2</sup>feeble.
- 4 Say to those with <sup>a</sup>palpating heart,  
"Take courage, fear not.  
Behold, your God will come *with* <sup>b</sup>vengeance;  
The <sup>c</sup>recompense of God will come,  
But He will <sup>d</sup>save you."
- 5 Then the <sup>a</sup>eyes of the blind will be opened,  
And the ears of the deaf will be unstopped.
- 6 Then the <sup>a</sup>lame will leap like a deer,  
And the <sup>b</sup>tongue of the dumb will shout for joy.  
For waters will break forth in the <sup>c</sup>wilderness  
And streams in the <sup>1</sup>Arabah.
- 7 And the <sup>1</sup>scorched land will become a pool,  
And the thirsty ground <sup>a</sup>springs of water;  
In the <sup>b</sup>haunt of jackals, its resting place,  
Grass *becomes* reeds and rushes.
- 8 And <sup>a</sup>a highway will be there, <sup>b</sup>a roadway,  
And it will be called "the highway of <sup>c</sup>holiness."  
The unclean will not travel on it,  
But it *will* be for him who walks *that* way,  
And <sup>d</sup>fools will not wander *on it*.
- 9 No lion will be there,  
Nor will any vicious beast go up on it;  
<sup>1</sup>These will not be found there.  
But <sup>a</sup>the redeemed will walk *there*,
- 10 And <sup>a</sup>the ransomed of the LORD will return,  
And come with joyful shouting to Zion,  
With everlasting joy upon their heads.  
They will <sup>1</sup>find gladness and joy,  
And <sup>b</sup>sorrow and sighing will flee away.

CHAPTER 36

NOW it came about in the fourteenth year of King Hezekiah, Sennacherib king of Assyria came up against all the fortified cities of Judah and seized them.

2 And the <sup>a</sup>king of Assyria sent Rabshakeh from Lachish to Jerusalem to King Hezekiah with a large army. And he stood by the conduit of the upper pool on the highway of the <sup>1</sup>fuller's field.

3 Then Eliakim the son of Hilkiah, who was over the household, and Shebna the scribe, and Joah the son of Asaph, the recorder, came out to him.

4 Then <sup>a</sup>Rabshakeh said to them, "Say now to Hezekiah, 'Thus says the great king, the king of Assyria, "What is this confidence that you <sup>1</sup>have?'"

5 "I say, 'Your counsel and strength for the war are only <sup>1</sup>empty words.' Now on whom do you rely, that <sup>a</sup>you have rebelled against me?"

## Rabshakeh's Defiance. Hezekiah's Alarm.

6 "Behold, you rely on the <sup>a</sup>staff of this crushed reed, *even* on Egypt; on which if a man leans, it will go into his <sup>1</sup>hand and pierce it. <sup>b</sup>So is Pharaoh king of Egypt to all who rely on him.

7 "But if you say to me, 'We trust in the LORD our God,' is it not He <sup>a</sup>whose high places and whose altars Hezekiah has taken away, and has said to Judah and to Jerusalem, 'You shall worship before this altar'?

8 "Now therefore, <sup>a</sup>come make a bargain with my master the king of Assyria, and I will give you two thousand horses, if you are able on your part to set riders on them.

9 "How then can you <sup>1</sup>repulse one <sup>2</sup>official of the least of my master's servants, and <sup>3</sup>rely on Egypt for chariots and for horsemen?

10 "And have I now come up <sup>1</sup>without the LORD's approval against this land to destroy it? <sup>a</sup>The LORD said to me, 'Go up against this land, and destroy it.' " " "

11 Then Eliakim and Shebna and Joah said to Rabshakeh, "Speak now to your servants in <sup>a</sup>Aramaic, for we <sup>1</sup>understand it; and do not speak with us in <sup>2</sup>Judean, in the hearing of the people who are on the wall."

12 But Rabshakeh said, "Has my master sent me only to your master and to you to speak these words, *and* not to the men who sit on the wall, *doomed* to eat their own dung and drink their own urine with you?"

13 Then Rabshakeh stood and <sup>a</sup>cried with a loud voice in Judean, and said, "Hear the words of the great king, the king of Assyria.

14 "Thus says the king, 'Do not let Hezekiah <sup>a</sup>deceive you, for he will not be able to deliver you;

15 nor let Hezekiah make you <sup>a</sup>trust in the LORD, saying, 'The LORD will surely deliver us, this city shall not be given into the hand of the king of Assyria.'

16 'Do not listen to Hezekiah,' for thus says the king of Assyria, '<sup>1</sup>Make your peace with me and come out to me, and eat each of his <sup>a</sup>vine and each of his fig tree and drink each of the <sup>b</sup>waters of his own cistern,

17 until I come and take you away to a land like your own land, a land of grain and new wine, a land of bread and vineyards.

18 '*Beware* lest Hezekiah misleads you, saying, "'<sup>a</sup>The LORD will deliver us.'" Has anyone of the gods of the nations delivered his land from the hand of the king of Assyria?

19 'Where are the gods of <sup>a</sup>Hamath and Arpad? Where are the gods of <sup>a</sup>Sepharvaim? And when have they <sup>b</sup>delivered Samaria from my hand?

20 'Who among all the <sup>a</sup>gods of these lands have delivered their land from my hand, that the <sup>b</sup>LORD should deliver Jerusalem from my hand?' " "

21 But they were silent and answered him not a word; for the king's commandment was, "Do not answer him."

22 Then <sup>a</sup>Eliakim the son of Hilkiah, who was over the household, and <sup>b</sup>Shebna the scribe and Joah the son of Asaph, the recorder, came to Hezekiah with their clothes torn and told him the words of Rabshakeh.

6 <sup>1</sup>Lit., palm  
<sup>a</sup>Ezek. 29:6, 7 <sup>b</sup>Is. 30:3, 5,  
7; Ps. 146:3

7 <sup>a</sup>Deut. 12:2-5; 2 Kin.  
18:4, 5

8 <sup>1</sup>Lit., please exchange  
pledges

9 <sup>1</sup>Lit., turn away the  
face of <sup>2</sup>Or, governor <sup>3</sup>Lit.,  
rely on for yourself  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 20:5; 30:2-5, 7; 31:3

10 <sup>1</sup>Lit., without the  
LORD  
<sup>a</sup>1 Kin. 13:18; 22:6, 12

11 <sup>1</sup>Lit., hear <sup>2</sup>I.e.,  
Hebrew  
<sup>a</sup>Ezra 4:7; Dan. 2:4

13 <sup>a</sup>2 Chr. 32:18

14 <sup>a</sup>Is. 37:10

15 <sup>a</sup>Is. 36:18, 20; 37:10, 11

16 <sup>1</sup>Lit., Make with me a  
blessing  
<sup>a</sup>1 Kin. 4:25; Mic. 4:4;  
Zech. 3:10 <sup>b</sup>Prov. 5:15

18 <sup>a</sup>Is. 36:15

19 <sup>a</sup>Is. 10:9-11; 37:11-13;  
Jer. 49:23 <sup>b</sup>2 Kin. 17:6

20 <sup>a</sup>1 Kin. 20:23, 28 <sup>b</sup>Is.  
36:15

22 <sup>a</sup>Is. 36:3; 22:20 <sup>b</sup>Is.  
22:15

1 <sup>a</sup>Is. 37:1-38; 2 Kin. 19:1-37

2 <sup>a</sup>Is. 22:20 <sup>b</sup>Is. 22:15 <sup>c</sup>Is. 1:1; 20:2

3 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *give birth*  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 22:5; 26:16; 33:2 <sup>b</sup>Is. 26:17, 18; 66:9; Hos. 13:13

4 <sup>a</sup>Is. 36:15, 18, 20 <sup>b</sup>Is. 37:31, 32; 1:9; 10:20-22; 46:3

6 <sup>a</sup>Is. 7:4; 35:4

7 <sup>a</sup>Is. 37:9 <sup>b</sup>Is. 37:37, 38

8 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *he*  
<sup>a</sup>Num. 33:20; Josh. 10:29  
<sup>b</sup>Josh. 10:31, 32

9 <sup>1</sup>Or, *Ethiopia*  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 37:7 <sup>b</sup>Is. 18:1; 20:5

10 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *Judah, saying*  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 36:15

11 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *delivered*  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 10:9-11; 36:18-20

12 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *the*  
<sup>a</sup>2 Kin. 17:6; 18:11 <sup>b</sup>Gen. 11:31; 12:1-4; Acts 7:2

14 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *letters* <sup>2</sup>Lit.,  
*Hezekiah spread*

16 <sup>a</sup>Ex. 25:22; 1 Sam. 4:4; Ps. 80:1; 99:1 <sup>b</sup>Deut. 10:17; Ps. 86:10; 136:2, 3 <sup>c</sup>Is. 42:5; 45:12; Jer. 10:12

17 <sup>a</sup>2 Chr. 6:40; Ps. 17:6; Dan. 9:18 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 74:22 <sup>c</sup>Is. 37:4

19 <sup>a</sup>Is. 2:8; 17:8; 41:24, 29  
<sup>b</sup>Is. 26:14

AND <sup>a</sup>when King Hezekiah heard *it*, he tore his clothes, covered himself with sackcloth and entered the house of the LORD.

2 Then he sent <sup>a</sup>Eliakim who was over the household with <sup>b</sup>Shebna the scribe and the elders of the priests, covered with sackcloth, to <sup>c</sup>Isaiah the prophet, the son of Amoz.

3 And they said to him, "Thus says Hezekiah, 'This day is a <sup>a</sup>day of distress, rebuke, and rejection; for <sup>b</sup>children have come to birth, and there is no strength to <sup>1</sup>deliver.

4 'Perhaps the LORD your God will hear the words of Rabshakeh, whom his master the king of Assyria has sent to <sup>a</sup>reproach the living God, and will rebuke the words which the LORD your God has heard. Therefore, offer a prayer for <sup>b</sup>the remnant that is left.' "

5 So the servants of King Hezekiah came to Isaiah.

6 And Isaiah said to them, "Thus you shall say to your master, 'Thus says the LORD, "Do not be afraid because of the words that you have heard, with which the servants of the king of Assyria have blasphemed Me.

7 "Behold, I will put a spirit in him so that he shall <sup>a</sup>hear a rumor and <sup>b</sup>return to his own land. And I will make him fall by the sword in his own land.' "

8 Then Rabshakeh returned and found the king of Assyria fighting against <sup>a</sup>Libnah, for he had heard that <sup>1</sup>the king had left <sup>b</sup>Lachish.

9 When he <sup>a</sup>heard *them* say concerning Tirhakah king of <sup>1b</sup>Cush, "He has come out to fight against you," and when he heard *it* he sent messengers to Hezekiah, saying,

10 "Thus you shall say to Hezekiah king of <sup>1</sup>Judah, 'aDo not let your God in whom you trust deceive you, saying, "Jerusalem shall not be given into the hand of the king of Assyria."

11 "aBehold, you have heard what the kings of Assyria have done to all the lands, destroying them completely. So will you be <sup>1</sup>spared?

12 'Did the gods of <sup>1</sup>those nations which my fathers have destroyed deliver them, *even* <sup>a</sup>Gozan and <sup>b</sup>Haran and Rezep and the sons of Eden who *were* in Telassar?

13 'Where is the king of Hamath, the king of Arpad, the king of the city of Sepharvaim, *and of* Hena and Ivvah? "

14 Then Hezekiah took the <sup>1</sup>letter from the hand of the messengers and read it, and he went up to the house of the LORD and <sup>2</sup>spread it out before the LORD.

15 And Hezekiah prayed to the LORD saying,

16 "O LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, <sup>a</sup>who art enthroned *above* the cherubim, Thou art the <sup>b</sup>God, Thou alone, of all the kingdoms of the earth. <sup>c</sup>Thou hast made heaven and earth.

17 "aIncline Thine ear, O LORD, and hear; open Thine eyes, O LORD, and see; and <sup>b</sup>listen to all the words of Sennacherib, who sent to <sup>c</sup>reproach the living God.

18 "Truly, O LORD, the kings of Assyria have devastated all the countries and their lands,

19 and have cast their gods into the fire, for they were not gods but the <sup>a</sup>work of men's hands, wood and stone. So they have <sup>b</sup>destroyed them.

20 "And now, O LORD our God, <sup>a</sup>deliver us from his hand that <sup>b</sup>all the kingdoms of the earth may know that Thou alone, LORD, <sup>1</sup>art God."

21 Then Isaiah the son of Amoz sent word to Hezekiah, saying, "Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, 'Because you have prayed to Me about Sennacherib king of Assyria,

22 this is the word that the LORD has spoken against him:

"She has despised you and mocked you,  
The <sup>a</sup>virgin <sup>b</sup>daughter of Zion;  
She has <sup>c</sup>shaken *her* head behind you,  
The daughter of Jerusalem!

23 "Whom have you reproached and blasphemed?  
And against whom have you raised *your* voice,  
And <sup>1</sup>haughtily <sup>a</sup>lifted up your eyes?  
Against the <sup>b</sup>Holy One of Israel!

24 "Through your servants you have reproached the Lord,  
And you have said, 'With my many chariots I came up  
to the heights of the mountains,  
To the remotest parts of <sup>a</sup>Lebanon;  
And I cut down its tall <sup>b</sup>cedars *and* its choice cypresses.  
And I will go to its <sup>1</sup>highest peak, its thickest forest.

25 'I dug *wells* and drank waters,  
And <sup>a</sup>with the sole of my feet I dried up  
All the rivers of <sup>1</sup>Egypt.'

26 "aHave you not heard?  
Long ago I did it,  
From ancient times I <sup>b</sup>planned it.  
Now I have brought it to pass,  
That <sup>c</sup>you should turn fortified cities into <sup>d</sup>ruinous  
heaps.

27 "Therefore their inhabitants were short of strength,  
They were dismayed and put to shame;  
They were *as* the <sup>a</sup>vegetation of the field and *as* the  
green herb,  
As <sup>b</sup>grass on the housetops <sup>1</sup>is scorched before it is grown  
up.

28 "But I <sup>a</sup>know your sitting down,  
And your going out and your coming in,  
And your raging against Me.

29 "Because of your raging against Me,  
And because your <sup>1a</sup>arrogance has come up to My ears,  
Therefore I will put My <sup>b</sup>hook in your nose,  
And My <sup>c</sup>bridle in your lips,  
And I will turn you back <sup>d</sup>by the way which you came.

30 "Then this shall be the sign for you: <sup>1</sup>you shall eat this  
year what <sup>a</sup>grows of itself, in the second year what springs from  
the same, and in the third year sow, reap, plant vineyards, and  
eat their fruit.

31 "And the <sup>a</sup>surviving <sup>b</sup>remnant of the house of Judah shall  
again <sup>c</sup>take root downward and bear fruit upward.

32 "For out of Jerusalem shall go forth a <sup>a</sup>remnant, and out  
of Mount Zion <sup>1</sup>survivors. The <sup>b</sup>zeal of the LORD of hosts shall  
perform this."

33 "Therefore, thus says the LORD concerning the king of  
Assyria, 'He shall not come to this city, or shoot an arrow there;

20 <sup>1</sup>So DSS and 2 Kin.  
19:19; M.T. omits God  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 25:9; 33:22; 35:4 <sup>b</sup>Is.  
37:16; 1 Kin. 18:36, 37; Ps.  
46:10; Ezek. 36:23

22 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 14:17; Lam. 2:13  
<sup>b</sup>Ps. 9:14; Zeph. 3:14; Zech.  
2:10 <sup>c</sup>Job 16:4

23 <sup>1</sup>Lit., on high  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 2:11; 5:15; 21 <sup>b</sup>Ezek.  
39:7; Hab. 1:12

24 <sup>1</sup>Lit., farthest height  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 10:33, 34 <sup>b</sup>Is. 14:8

25 <sup>1</sup>Or, the besieged place  
<sup>a</sup>Deut. 11:10; 1 Kin. 20:10

26 <sup>a</sup>Is. 40:21, 28 <sup>b</sup>Acts  
2:23; 4:27, 28; 1 Pet. 2:8 <sup>c</sup>Is.  
10:6 <sup>d</sup>Is. 17:1; 25:2

27 <sup>1</sup>So DSS and 2 Kin.  
19:26; M.T. as a plowed  
field  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 40:7 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 129:6

28 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 139:1

29 <sup>1</sup>Lit., complacency  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 10:12 <sup>b</sup>Ezek. 29:4; 38:4  
<sup>c</sup>Is. 30:28 <sup>d</sup>Is. 37:34

30 <sup>1</sup>Lit., eating  
<sup>a</sup>Lev. 25:5, 11

31 <sup>a</sup>Is. 4:2; 10:20 <sup>b</sup>Is. 37:4  
<sup>c</sup>Is. 27:6

32 <sup>1</sup>Lit., those who escape  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 37:4 <sup>b</sup>Is. 9:7; 59:17;  
2 Kin. 19:31; Joel 2:18;  
Zech. 1:14

33 \*Jer. 6:6; 32:24

34 \*Is. 37:29

35 \*Is. 31:5; 38:6; 2 Kin. 20:6  
\*Is. 43:25; 48:9, 11

36 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *they*  
<sup>2</sup>Lit., *dead bodies*  
\*Is. 10:12, 33, 34; 2 Kin. 19:35

37 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *went and returned*  
\*Gen. 10:11; Jon. 1:2; 3:3; 4:11; Zeph. 2:13

38 \*Gen. 8:4; Jer. 51:27  
<sup>b</sup>Ezra 4:2

1 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *sick to the point of death*  
\*Is. 38:1-8; 2 Kin. 20:1-6, 9-11; 2 Chr. 32:24  
<sup>b</sup>Is. 1:1; 37:2 <sup>c</sup>2 Sam. 17:23

3 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *great weeping*  
<sup>a</sup>Neh. 13:14 <sup>b</sup>2 Kin. 18:5, 6; Ps. 26:3 <sup>c</sup>1 Chr. 28:9; 29:19  
<sup>d</sup>Deut. 6:18 \*Ps. 6:6-8

5 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *days*  
<sup>a</sup>2 Kin. 18:2, 13

6 \*Is. 31:5; 37:35

7 \*Is. 7:11, 14; 37:30;  
Judg. 6:17, 21, 36-40

8 <sup>a</sup>2 Kin. 20:9-11 <sup>b</sup>Josh. 10:12-14

9 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *he lived after his illness*

10 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *days*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 102:24 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 107:18 <sup>c</sup>Job 17:11, 15; 2 Cor. 1:9

11 \*Ps. 27:13; 116:9

12 <sup>a</sup>2 Cor. 5:1, 4; 2 Pet. 1:13, 14 <sup>b</sup>Job 7:6 <sup>c</sup>Heb. 1:12 <sup>d</sup>Job 6:9 <sup>e</sup>Job 4:20; Ps. 73:14

neither shall he come before it with a shield, nor throw up a <sup>a</sup>mountain against it.

34 <sup>a</sup>By the way that he came, by the same he shall return, and he shall not come to this city,' declares the LORD.

35 'For I will <sup>a</sup>defend this city to save it <sup>b</sup>for My own sake and for My servant David's sake.' "

36 Then the <sup>a</sup>angel of the LORD went out, and struck 185,000 in the camp of the Assyrians; and when <sup>1</sup>men arose early in the morning, behold, all of these were <sup>2</sup>dead.

37 So Sennacherib, king of Assyria, departed and <sup>1</sup>returned home, and lived at <sup>a</sup>Nineveh.

38 And it came about as he was worshiping in the house of Nisroch his god, that Adrammelech and Sharezer his sons killed him with the sword; and they escaped into the land of <sup>a</sup>Ararat. And <sup>b</sup>Esarhaddon his son became king in his place.

CHAPTER 38

<sup>a</sup>IN those days Hezekiah became <sup>1</sup>mortally ill. And <sup>b</sup>Isaiah the prophet the son of Amoz came to him and said to him, "Thus says the LORD, <sup>c</sup>Set your house in order, for you shall die and not live.' "

2 Then Hezekiah turned his face to the wall, and prayed to the LORD,

3 and said, "<sup>a</sup>Remember now, O LORD, I beseech Thee, how I have <sup>b</sup>walked before Thee in truth and with a <sup>c</sup>whole heart, and <sup>d</sup>have done what is good in Thy sight." And Hezekiah <sup>e</sup>wept <sup>1</sup>bitterly.

4 Then the word of the LORD came to Isaiah, saying,

5 "Go and say to Hezekiah, "Thus says the LORD, the God of your father David, "I have heard your prayer, I have seen your tears; behold, I will add <sup>a</sup>fifteen years to your <sup>1</sup>life.

6 "And I will <sup>a</sup>deliver you and this city from the hand of the king of Assyria; and I will defend this city.' "

7 "And this shall be the <sup>a</sup>sign to you from the LORD, that the LORD will do this thing that He has spoken:

8 "Behold, I will <sup>a</sup>cause the shadow on the stairway, which has gone down with the sun on the stairway of Ahaz, to go back ten steps." So the <sup>b</sup>sun's shadow went back ten steps on the stairway on which it had gone down.

9 A writing of Hezekiah king of Judah, after his illness and <sup>1</sup>recovery:

10 I said, "<sup>a</sup>In the middle of my <sup>1</sup>life I am to enter the <sup>b</sup>gates of Sheol; I am to be <sup>c</sup>deprived of the rest of my years.' "

11 I said, "I shall not see the LORD, The LORD <sup>a</sup>in the land of the living; I shall look on man no more among the inhabitants of the world.

12 "Like a shepherd's <sup>a</sup>tent my dwelling is pulled up and removed from me; As a <sup>b</sup>weaver I <sup>c</sup>rolled up my life. He <sup>d</sup>cuts me off from the loom; From <sup>e</sup>day until night Thou dost make an end of me.

13 "I composed my soul until morning.

- <sup>a</sup>Like a lion—so He <sup>b</sup>breaks all my bones,  
 From <sup>c</sup>day until night Thou dost make an end of me.
- 14 “<sup>a</sup>Like a swallow, *like* a crane, so I twitter;  
 I <sup>b</sup>moan like a dove;  
 My <sup>c</sup>eyes look wistfully to the heights;  
 O Lord, I am oppressed, be my <sup>d</sup>security.
- 15 “<sup>a</sup>What shall I say?  
<sup>1</sup>For He has spoken to me, and He Himself has done it;  
 I shall <sup>b</sup>wander about all my years because of the  
<sup>c</sup>bitterness of my soul.
- 16 “O Lord, <sup>a</sup>by *these* things *men* live;  
 And in all these is the life of my spirit;  
<sup>1b</sup>O restore me to health, and <sup>c</sup>let me live!
- 17 “Lo, for *my own* welfare I had great bitterness;  
 It is Thou who hast <sup>1a</sup>kept my soul from the pit of  
<sup>2</sup>nothingness,  
 For Thou hast <sup>b</sup>cast all my sins behind Thy back.
- 18 “For Sheol cannot thank Thee,  
 Death cannot praise Thee;  
 Those who go down <sup>a</sup>to the pit cannot hope for Thy  
 faithfulness.
- 19 “It is the <sup>a</sup>living who give thanks to Thee, as I do today;  
 A <sup>b</sup>father tells his sons about Thy faithfulness.
- 20 “The LORD will surely save me;  
 So we will <sup>a</sup>play my songs on stringed instruments  
<sup>b</sup>All *the* days of our life <sup>c</sup>at the house of the LORD.”
- 21 Now Isaiah had said, “Let them take a cake of figs, and  
 apply it to the boil, that he may recover.”
- 22 Then Hezekiah had said, “What is the sign that I shall  
 go up to the house of the LORD?”

CHAPTER 39

- <sup>a</sup>**A**T that time Merodach-baladan son of Baladan, king of  
 Babylon, sent letters and a present to Hezekiah, for he heard  
 that he had been sick and had recovered.
- 2 And Hezekiah <sup>1</sup>was <sup>a</sup>pleased, and showed them all his  
 treasure house, the <sup>b</sup>silver and the gold and the spices and the  
 precious oil and his whole armory and all that was found in his  
 treasuries. There was nothing in his house, nor in all his  
 dominion, that Hezekiah did not show them.
- 3 Then Isaiah the <sup>a</sup>prophet came to King Hezekiah and  
 said to him, “What did these men say, and from where have  
 they come to you?” And Hezekiah said, “They have come to  
 me from a far <sup>b</sup>country, from Babylon.”
- 4 And he said, “What have they seen in your house?” So  
 Hezekiah <sup>1</sup>answered, “They have seen all that is in my house;  
 there is nothing among my treasuries that I have not shown  
 them.”
- 5 Then Isaiah said to Hezekiah, “Hear the <sup>a</sup>word of the  
 LORD of hosts,
- 6 ‘Behold, the days are coming when <sup>a</sup>all that is in your  
 house, and all that your fathers have laid up in store to this day  
 shall be carried to Babylon; nothing shall be left,’ says the LORD.
- 7 ‘And *some* of your sons who shall issue from you, whom

<sup>13</sup> \*Job 10:16; 16:12 <sup>b</sup>Ps.  
 51:8; Dan. 6:24 <sup>c</sup>Ps. 32:4

<sup>14</sup> \*Job 30:29; Ps. 102:6  
<sup>b</sup>Is. 59:11; Ezek. 7:16; Nah.  
 2:7 <sup>c</sup>Ps. 119:123 <sup>d</sup>Job 17:3;  
 Ps. 119:122

<sup>15</sup> <sup>1</sup>Targum and DSS  
 read, *And what shall I say  
 for He . . .*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 39:9 <sup>b1</sup> Kin. 21:27 <sup>c</sup>Is.  
 38:17; Job 7:11; 10:1

<sup>16</sup> <sup>1</sup>Lit., *Thou wilt*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 119:71, 75 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 39:13  
<sup>c</sup>Ps. 119:25

<sup>17</sup> <sup>1</sup>So some versions;  
 Heb., *loved* <sup>2</sup>Or,  
*destruction*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 30:3; 86:13; Jon. 2:6  
<sup>b</sup>Is. 43:25; Jer. 31:34; Mic.  
 7:19

<sup>18</sup> \*Num. 16:33; Ps. 28:1

<sup>19</sup> \*Ps. 118:17; 119:175  
<sup>b</sup>Deut. 6:7; 11:19; Ps. 78:5-7

<sup>20</sup> \*Ps. 33:1-3; 68:24-26  
<sup>b</sup>Ps. 104:33; 116:2; 146:2  
<sup>c</sup>Ps. 116:17-19

<sup>1</sup> \*Is. 39:1-8; 2 Kin.  
 20:12-19; 2 Chr. 32:31

<sup>2</sup> <sup>1</sup>Lit., *rejoiced over  
 them*  
<sup>a</sup>2 Chr. 32:25, 31; Job 31:25  
<sup>b</sup>2 Kin. 18:15, 16

<sup>3</sup> <sup>a</sup>2 Sam. 12:1; 2 Chr.  
 16:7 <sup>b</sup>Deut. 28:49; Jer. 5:15

<sup>4</sup> <sup>1</sup>Lit., *said*

<sup>5</sup> <sup>a</sup>1 Sam. 13:13, 14;  
 15:16

<sup>6</sup> <sup>a</sup>2 Kin. 24:13; 25:13-15;  
 Jer. 20:5

Isalah 39, 40

8 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *said*  
<sup>2</sup>Chr. 32:26 <sup>b2</sup>Chr. 34:28

1 <sup>1</sup>Is. 12:1; 49:13; 51:3;  
12: 52:9; 61:2; 66:13; Jer.  
31:10-14; Zeph. 3:14-17;  
2 Cor. 1:4

2 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *to the heart of*  
<sup>2</sup>Or, *hard service* <sup>3</sup>Or,  
*penalty of iniquity*  
*accepted as paid off*  
<sup>1</sup>Is. 35:4; Zech. 1:13 <sup>b1s.</sup>  
41:11-13; 49:25; 54:15, 17  
<sup>c1s.</sup> 33:24; 53:5, 6, 11 <sup>dJer.</sup>  
16:18; Zech. 9:12; Rev. 18:6

3 <sup>1</sup>Or, *of one calling out*  
<sup>a</sup>Matt. 3:3; Mark 1:3; Luke  
3:4-6; John 1:25 <sup>b</sup>Mal. 3:1;  
4:5, 6

4 <sup>a</sup>Ezek. 17:24

5 <sup>1</sup>Or, *In order that*  
*the . . .*  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 6:3; Hab. 2:14 <sup>b1s.</sup>  
52:10; Joel 2:28

6 <sup>1</sup>Another reading is, *I*  
*said* <sup>2</sup>Or, *constancy*  
<sup>a</sup>Job 14:2; Ps. 102:11;  
103:15; 1 Pet. 1:24, 25

7 <sup>1</sup>Or, *Because*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 90:5, 6; James 1:10, 11

8 <sup>a</sup>Is. 55:11; 59:21; Matt.  
5:18

9 <sup>a</sup>Is. 52:7 <sup>b1s.</sup> 61:1 <sup>c1s.</sup>  
25:9; 35:2

10 <sup>1</sup>YHWH, usually  
rendered LORD  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 9:6, 7 <sup>b1s.</sup> 59:16, 18 <sup>c1s.</sup>  
62:11; Rev. 22:12

11 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 31:10; Ezek.  
34:12-14, 23, 31; Mic. 5:4;  
John 10:11, 14-16

12 <sup>1</sup>DSS reads, *waters of*  
*the sea* <sup>2</sup>Or, *half cubit*; i.e.,  
9 inches <sup>3</sup>Lit., *contained,*  
*or comprehended*  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 48:13; Job 38:8-11; Ps.  
102:25, 26; Heb. 1:10-12

you shall beget, shall be taken away; and they shall become officials in the palace of the king of Babylon.'”

8 <sup>a</sup>Then Hezekiah said to Isaiah, “The word of the LORD which you have spoken is good.” For he <sup>1</sup>thought, “For there will be peace and truth <sup>b</sup>in my days.”

CHAPTER 40

“<sup>a</sup>COMFORT, O comfort My people,” says your God.

2 <sup>a</sup>“Speak <sup>1</sup>kindly to Jerusalem;  
And call out to her, that her <sup>2</sup>warfare has ended,  
That her <sup>3</sup>iniquity has been removed,  
That she has received of the LORD’s hand  
<sup>4</sup>“Double for all her sins.”

3 <sup>a</sup>A voice <sup>1</sup>is calling,  
<sup>b</sup>“Clear the way for the LORD in the wilderness;  
Make smooth in the desert a highway for our God.

4 “Let every valley be <sup>a</sup>lifted up,  
And every mountain and hill be made low;  
And let the rough ground become a plain,  
And the rugged terrain a broad valley;

5 <sup>1</sup>Then the <sup>a</sup>glory of the LORD will be revealed,  
And <sup>b</sup>all flesh will see it together;  
For the mouth of the LORD has spoken.”

6 A voice says, “Call out.”  
Then <sup>1</sup>he answered, “What shall I call out?”  
<sup>a</sup>All flesh is grass, and all its <sup>2</sup>loveliness is like the flower  
of the field.

7 The <sup>a</sup>grass withers, the flower fades,  
<sup>1</sup>When the breath of the LORD blows upon it;  
Surely the people are grass.

8 The grass withers, the flower fades,  
But <sup>a</sup>the word of our God stands forever.

9 Get yourself up on a <sup>a</sup>high mountain,  
O Zion, bearer of <sup>b</sup>good news,  
Lift up your voice mightily,  
O Jerusalem, bearer of good news;  
Lift it up, do not fear.  
Say to the cities of Judah,  
“Here is your God!”

10 Behold, the Lord <sup>1</sup>GOD will come <sup>a</sup>with might,  
With His <sup>b</sup>arm ruling for Him.  
Behold, His <sup>c</sup>reward is with Him,  
And His recompense before Him.

11 Like a shepherd He will <sup>a</sup>tend His flock,  
In His arm He will gather the lambs,  
And carry *them* in His bosom;  
He will gently lead the nursing *ewes*.

12 Who has <sup>a</sup>measured the <sup>1</sup>waters in the hollow of His  
hand,  
And marked off the heavens by the <sup>2</sup>span,  
And <sup>3</sup>calculated the dust of the earth by the measure,  
And weighed the mountains in a balance,  
And the hills in a pair of scales?



- 13 <sup>a</sup>Who has <sup>1</sup>directed the Spirit of the LORD,  
Or as His <sup>b</sup>counselor has informed Him?
- 14 <sup>a</sup>With whom did He consult and *who* <sup>b</sup>gave Him under-  
standing?  
And *who* taught Him in the path of justice and taught  
Him knowledge,  
And informed Him of the way of understanding?
- 15 Behold, the <sup>a</sup>nations are like a drop from a bucket,  
And are regarded as a speck of <sup>b</sup>dust on the scales;  
Behold, He lifts up the <sup>1</sup>islands like fine dust.
- 16 Even Lebanon is not enough to burn,  
Nor its beasts enough for a burnt offering.
- 17 <sup>a</sup>All the nations are as nothing before Him,  
They are regarded by Him as less than nothing and  
<sup>1</sup>meaningless.
- 18 <sup>a</sup>To whom then will you liken God?  
Or what likeness will you compare with Him?
- 19 As for the <sup>1a</sup>idol, a craftsman casts it,  
A goldsmith plates it with gold,  
And a silversmith *fashions* chains of silver.
- 20 He who is too impoverished for *such* an offering  
Selects a tree that does not rot;  
He seeks out for himself a skillful craftsman  
To <sup>1</sup>prepare <sup>2a</sup>an idol that <sup>a</sup>will not totter.
- 21 <sup>a</sup>Do you not know? Have you not heard?  
Has it not been declared to you from the beginning?  
Have you not understood <sup>b</sup>from the foundations of the  
earth?
- 22 It is He who <sup>1</sup>sits above the <sup>2a</sup>vault of the earth,  
And its inhabitants are like <sup>b</sup>grasshoppers,  
Who <sup>c</sup>stretches out the heavens like a <sup>d</sup>curtain  
And spreads them out like a <sup>e</sup>tent to dwell in.
- 23 He *it is* who reduces <sup>a</sup>rulers to nothing,  
Who <sup>b</sup>makes the judges of the earth <sup>1</sup>meaningless.
- 24 <sup>1</sup>Scarcely have they been planted,  
<sup>1</sup>Scarcely have they been sown,  
<sup>1</sup>Scarcely has their stock taken root in the earth,  
But He merely blows on them, and they wither,  
And the <sup>a</sup>storm carries them away like stubble.
- 25 <sup>a</sup>To whom then will you liken Me  
That I should be *his* equal?" says the Holy One.
- 26 <sup>a</sup>Lift up your eyes on high  
And see <sup>b</sup>who has created these *stars*,  
The <sup>c</sup>One who leads forth their host by number,  
He calls them all by name;  
Because of the <sup>d</sup>greatness of His might and the <sup>1</sup>strength  
of His power  
<sup>c</sup>Not one of *them* is missing.
- 27 <sup>a</sup>Why do you say, O Jacob, and assert, O Israel,  
"My way is <sup>b</sup>hidden from the LORD,  
And the <sup>c</sup>justice due me <sup>1</sup>escapes the notice of <sup>d</sup>my  
God"?"

13 <sup>1</sup>Or, *measured, marked off*  
<sup>a</sup>Rom. 11:34; 1 Cor. 2:16  
<sup>b</sup>Is. 41:28

14 <sup>a</sup>Job 38:4 <sup>b</sup>Job 21:22;  
Col. 2:3

15 <sup>1</sup>Or, *coastlands*  
<sup>a</sup>Jer. 10:10 <sup>b</sup>Is. 17:13; 29:5

17 <sup>1</sup>Or, *void*  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 29:7

18 <sup>a</sup>Is. 40:25; 46:5; Ex. 8:10; 15:11; 1 Sam. 2:2;  
Mic. 7:18

19 <sup>1</sup>Or, *graven image*  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 41:7; 44:10; Ps. 115:4-8;  
Hab. 2:18, 19

20 <sup>1</sup>Or, *set up*  
<sup>2</sup>Or, *a graven image*  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 41:7; 46:7; 1 Sam. 5:3, 4

21 <sup>a</sup>Is. 37:26; Ps. 19:1;  
50:6; Acts 14:17; Rom. 1:19  
<sup>b</sup>Is. 48:13; 51:13

22 <sup>1</sup>Or, *is enthroned* <sup>2</sup>Or, *circle*  
<sup>a</sup>Job 22:14; Prov. 8:27  
<sup>b</sup>Num. 13:33 <sup>c</sup>Is. 37:16;  
42:5; 44:24; Job 9:8 <sup>d</sup>Ps.  
104:2 <sup>e</sup>Job 36:29; Ps. 18:11;  
19:4

23 <sup>1</sup>Or, *void*  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 34:12; Job 12:21; Ps.  
107:40 <sup>b</sup>Is. 5:21; Jer. 25:18-  
27

24 <sup>1</sup>Or, *Not even*  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 17:13; 41:16

25 <sup>a</sup>Is. 40:18

26 <sup>1</sup>So DSS and ancient  
versions; M.T., *strong*  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 51:6 <sup>b</sup>Is. 42:5; 48:12, 13  
<sup>c</sup>Ps. 147:4 <sup>d</sup>Ps. 89:11-13 <sup>e</sup>Is.  
34:16; 48:13

27 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *passes by my  
God*  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 49:4, 14 <sup>b</sup>Is. 54:8 <sup>c</sup>Job  
27:2; 34:5; Luke 18:7, 8 <sup>d</sup>Is.  
25:1

**Isalah 40, 41**

28 <sup>a</sup>Is. 40:21 <sup>b</sup>Gen. 21:33;  
<sup>c</sup>Ps. 90:2 <sup>d</sup>Ps. 147:5; Rom.  
11:33

29 <sup>a</sup>Is. 50:4; Jer. 31:25 <sup>b</sup>Is.  
41:10

30 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 6:11; 9:21 <sup>b</sup>Is. 9:17

31 <sup>1</sup>Or, *hope in* <sup>2</sup>Or,  
*sprout wings* <sup>3</sup>Or, *pinions*  
<sup>a</sup>Job 17:9; Ps. 103:5; 2 Cor.  
4:8-10, 16 <sup>b</sup>Ex. 19:4; Deut.  
32:11; Luke 18:1; 2 Cor.  
4:1, 16; Gal. 6:9; Heb. 12:3

1 <sup>a</sup>Hab. 2:20; Zech. 2:13  
<sup>b</sup>Is. 40:31 <sup>c</sup>Is. 34:1; 48:16  
<sup>d</sup>Is. 1:18; 43:26; 50:8

2 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *foot*  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 41:25; 45:1-3; 46:11 <sup>b</sup>Is.  
42:6 <sup>c</sup>2 Chr. 36:23; Ezra 1:2  
<sup>d</sup>Is. 40:24

3 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *going*

4 <sup>a</sup>Is. 41:26; 44:7; 46:10  
<sup>b</sup>Is. 43:10; 44:6; Rev. 1:8,  
17; 22:13 <sup>c</sup>Is. 43:13; 46:4;  
48:12

5 <sup>a</sup>Is. 41:1; Ezek. 26:15,  
16 <sup>b</sup>Josh. 5:1; Ps. 67:7

6 <sup>a</sup>Joel 3:9-11

7 <sup>a</sup>Is. 40:20; 46:7

8 <sup>a</sup>Is. 29:22; 51:2; 63:16  
<sup>b</sup>2 Chr. 20:7; James 2:23

9 <sup>1</sup>Or, *taken hold of*  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 11:11 <sup>b</sup>Deut. 7:6; 14:2;  
Ps. 135:4

10 <sup>a</sup>Is. 41:13, 14; 43:2, 5;  
Deut. 20:1; 31:6; Josh. 1:9;  
Ps. 27:1; Rom. 8:31 <sup>b</sup>Is.  
41:14; 44:2; 49:8 <sup>c</sup>Ps. 89:13,  
14

- 28 <sup>a</sup>Do you not know? Have you not heard?  
The <sup>b</sup>Everlasting God, the LORD, the creator of the ends  
of the earth  
Does not become weary or tired.  
His understanding is <sup>c</sup>inscrutable.
- 29 He gives strength to the <sup>a</sup>weary,  
And to *him who* lacks might He <sup>b</sup>increases power.
- 30 Though <sup>a</sup>youths grow weary and tired,  
And vigorous <sup>b</sup>young men stumble badly,
- 31 Yet those who <sup>1</sup>wait for the LORD  
Will <sup>a</sup>gain new strength;  
They will <sup>2b</sup>mount up *with* <sup>3</sup>wings like eagles,  
They will run and not get tired,  
They will walk and not become weary.

CHAPTER 41

- “COASTLANDS, listen to Me <sup>a</sup>in silence,  
And let the peoples <sup>b</sup>gain new strength;  
<sup>c</sup>Let them come forward, then let them speak;  
<sup>d</sup>Let us come together for judgment.
- 2 <sup>a</sup>“Who has aroused one from the east  
Whom He <sup>b</sup>calls in righteousness to His <sup>1</sup>feet?  
He <sup>c</sup>delivers up nations before him,  
And subdues kings.  
He makes them like dust with his sword,  
As the wind-driven <sup>d</sup>chaff with his bow.
- 3 “He pursues them, passing on in safety,  
By a way he had not been <sup>1</sup>traversing with his feet.
- 4 <sup>a</sup>“Who has performed and accomplished *it*,  
Calling forth the generations from the beginning?  
<sup>b</sup>“I, the LORD, am the first, and with the last. <sup>c</sup>“I am He.”
- 5 The <sup>a</sup>coastlands have seen and are afraid;  
The <sup>b</sup>bends of the earth tremble;  
They have drawn near and have come.
- 6 Each one <sup>a</sup>helps his neighbor,  
And says to his brother, “Be strong!”
- 7 So the craftsman encourages the smelter,  
And he who smooths *metal* with the hammer *encour-*  
*ages* him who beats the anvil,  
Saying of the soldering, “It is good”;  
And he fastens it with nails,  
<sup>a</sup>*That* it should not totter.
- 8 “But you, Israel, My servant,  
Jacob whom I have chosen,  
Descendant of <sup>a</sup>Abraham My <sup>b</sup>friend.
- 9 “You whom I have <sup>1a</sup>taken from the ends of the earth,  
And called from its remotest parts,  
And said to you, ‘You are My servant,  
I have <sup>b</sup>chosen you and not rejected you.
- 10 ‘Do not <sup>a</sup>fear, for I am with you;  
Do not anxiously look about you, for I am your God.  
I will strengthen you, surely <sup>b1</sup>will help you,  
Surely I will uphold you with My righteous <sup>c</sup>right hand.’
- 11 “Behold, all those who are angered at you will be shamed  
and dishonored;

- <sup>a</sup>Those who contend with you will be as nothing, and will perish.
- 12 <sup>a</sup>You will seek those who quarrel with you, but will not find them,  
Those who war with you will be as nothing, and non-existent.
- 13 <sup>a</sup>For I am the LORD your God, <sup>a</sup>who upholds your right hand,  
Who says to you, 'Do not fear, I will help you.'
- 14 "Do not fear, you worm Jacob, you men of Israel; I will help you," declares the LORD, "<sup>1</sup>and <sup>a</sup>your Redeemer is the Holy One of Israel.
- 15 "Behold, I have made you a new, sharp threshing sledge with double edges;  
<sup>a</sup>You will thresh the mountains, and pulverize *them*,  
And will make the hills like chaff.
- 16 "You will winnow them, and the wind will carry them away,  
And the storm will scatter them;  
But you will <sup>a</sup>rejoice in the LORD,  
You will glory in the Holy One of Israel.
- 17 "The <sup>1</sup>afflicted and needy are seeking <sup>a</sup>water, but there is none,  
And their tongue is parched with thirst;  
I, the LORD, <sup>b</sup>will answer them Myself,  
As the God of Israel I <sup>c</sup>will not forsake them.
- 18 "I will open <sup>a</sup>rivers on the bare heights,  
And springs in the midst of the valleys;  
I will make <sup>b</sup>the wilderness a pool of water,  
And the dry land fountains of water.
- 19 "I will put the cedar in the wilderness,  
The acacia, and the <sup>a</sup>myrtle, and the <sup>1</sup>olive tree;  
I will place the <sup>a</sup>juniper in the desert,  
Together with the box tree and the cypress,
- 20 That they may see and recognize,  
And consider and gain insight as well,  
That the <sup>a</sup>hand of the LORD has done this,  
And the Holy One of Israel has created it.
- 21 "Present your case," the LORD says.  
"Bring forward your strong *arguments*,"  
The King of Jacob says.
- 22 <sup>a</sup>Let them bring forth and declare to us what is going to take place;  
As for the <sup>b</sup>former *events*, declare what they *were*,  
That we may consider them, and know their outcome;  
Or announce to us what is coming.
- 23 <sup>a</sup>Declare the things that are going to come afterward,  
That we may know that you are gods;  
Indeed, <sup>b</sup>do good or evil, that we may anxiously look about us and fear together.
- 24 Behold, <sup>a</sup>you are of <sup>1</sup>no account,  
And your work amounts to nothing;  
He who chooses you is an abomination.
- 11 <sup>a</sup>Is. 17:13; 29:5, 7, 8
- 12 <sup>a</sup>Is. 17:14; Job 20:7-9; Ps. 37:35, 36
- 13 <sup>a</sup>Is. 42:6; 45:1
- 14 <sup>1</sup>Or, *even your Redeemer, the Holy One*  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 35:10; 43:14; 46:6, 22-24
- 15 <sup>a</sup>Mic. 4:13; Hab. 3:12
- 16 <sup>a</sup>Is. 25:9; 35:10; 51:3; 61:10
- 17 <sup>1</sup>Or, *poor*  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 43:20; 44:3; 49:10; 55:1  
<sup>b</sup>Is. 30:19; 65:24 <sup>c</sup>Is. 42:16; 62:12
- 18 <sup>a</sup>Is. 30:25; 43:19 <sup>b</sup>Is. 35:6, 7; Ps. 107:35
- 19 <sup>1</sup>Or, *oleaster*  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 35:1; 55:13; 60:13
- 20 <sup>a</sup>Is. 66:14; Job 12:9
- 21 <sup>1</sup>Lit. *Bring near*
- 22 <sup>a</sup>Is. 44:7; 45:21; 46:10  
<sup>b</sup>Is. 43:9
- 23 <sup>a</sup>Is. 42:9; 44:7, 8; 45:3;  
John 13:19 <sup>b</sup>Jer. 10:5
- 24 <sup>1</sup>Lit. *nothing*  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 44:9; Ps. 115:8; 1 Cor. 8:4

**Molten Images are Wind and Emptiness.  
God's Promise to His Servant.**

**Isalah 41, 42**

25 <sup>a</sup>Is. 41:2; Jer. 50:3 <sup>b</sup>Is. 10:6; 2 Sam. 22:43; Mic. 7:10; Zech. 10:5

26 <sup>a</sup>Is. 41:22; 44:7; 45:21 <sup>b</sup>Hab. 2:18, 19

27 <sup>a</sup>Is. 48:3-8 <sup>b</sup>Is. 40:9; 44:28; 52:7; Nah. 1:15

28 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *out of those* <sup>a</sup>Is. 50:2; 59:16; 63:5 <sup>b</sup>Is. 40:13, 14

29 <sup>1</sup>Another reading is, *nothing* <sup>a</sup>Is. 41:24; 2:8; 17:8 <sup>b</sup>Jer. 5:13

1 <sup>1</sup>Or, *hold fast* <sup>2</sup>Or, *Gentiles* <sup>a</sup>Matt. 12:18-21 <sup>b</sup>Is. 41:8; 43:10; 49:3-6; 52:13; 53:11; Matt. 12:18-21; Phil. 2:7 <sup>c</sup>1 Pet. 2:4, 6 <sup>d</sup>Matt. 3:17; 17:5 <sup>e</sup>Is. 11:2; 59:21; 61:1; Matt. 3:16; Luke 4:18, 19, 21

3 <sup>a</sup>Is. 57:15 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 72:2, 4; 96:13

4 <sup>1</sup>Or, *instruction* <sup>a</sup>Is. 40:28 <sup>b</sup>Is. 42:10, 12; 11:11; 24:15; 49:1; 51:5; 60:9; 66:19

5 <sup>1</sup>Or, *vegetation* <sup>a</sup>Is. 45:18; Ps. 102:25, 26 <sup>b</sup>Is. 40:22; Ps. 104:2 <sup>c</sup>Ps. 24:1, 2; 136:6 <sup>d</sup>Is. 57:16; Job 12:10; 33:4; Dan. 5:23; Acts 17:25

6 <sup>a</sup>Is. 41:2; Jer. 23:5, 6 <sup>b</sup>Is. 26:3; 27:3 <sup>c</sup>Is. 49:6, 8 <sup>d</sup>Is. 51:4; 60:1, 3; Luke 2:32

7 <sup>a</sup>Is. 29:18; 35:5 <sup>b</sup>Is. 49:9; 61:1

8 <sup>1</sup>Or, *idols* <sup>a</sup>Ex. 3:15; Ps. 83:18 <sup>b</sup>Is. 48:11; Ex. 20:3-5

9 <sup>a</sup>Is. 43:19; 48:6

- 25 "I have aroused <sup>a</sup>one from the north, and he has come; From the rising of the sun he will call on My name; And he will come upon rulers as *upon* <sup>b</sup>mortar, Even as the potter treads clay."
- 26 Who has <sup>a</sup>declared *this* from the beginning, that we might know?  
Or from former times, that we may say, "*He is right!*"? Surely there was <sup>b</sup>no one who declared, Surely there was no one who proclaimed, Surely there was no one who heard your words.
- 27 "<sup>a</sup>Formerly *I said* to Zion, 'Behold, here they are.' And to Jerusalem, 'I will give a <sup>b</sup>messenger of good news.'
- 28 "But <sup>a</sup>when I look, there is no one, And there is no <sup>b</sup>counselor <sup>1</sup>among them Who, if I ask, can give an answer.
- 29 "Behold, all of them are <sup>1</sup>false; Their <sup>a</sup>works are worthless, Their molten images are <sup>b</sup>wind and emptiness.

CHAPTER 42

- “<sup>a</sup>BEHOLD, My <sup>b</sup>Servant, whom I <sup>1</sup>uphold; My <sup>c</sup>chosen one *in whom* My <sup>d</sup>soul delights. I have put My <sup>e</sup>Spirit upon Him; He will bring forth justice to the <sup>2</sup>nations.
- 2 "He will not cry out or raise *His voice*, Nor make His voice heard in the street.
- 3 "A <sup>a</sup>bruised reed He will not break, And a dimly burning wick He will not extinguish; He will faithfully bring forth <sup>b</sup>justice.
- 4 "He will not be <sup>a</sup>disheartened or crushed, Until He has established justice in the earth; And the <sup>b</sup>coastlands will wait expectantly for His <sup>1</sup>law."
- 5 Thus says God the LORD, Who <sup>a</sup>created the heavens and <sup>b</sup>stretched them out, Who spread out the <sup>c</sup>earth and its <sup>1</sup>offspring, Who <sup>d</sup>gives breath to the people on it, And spirit to those who walk in it,
- 6 "I am the LORD, I have <sup>a</sup>called you in righteousness, I will also hold you by the hand and <sup>b</sup>watch over you, And I will appoint you as a <sup>c</sup>covenant to the people, As a <sup>d</sup>light to the nations,
- 7 To <sup>a</sup>open blind eyes, To <sup>b</sup>bring out prisoners from the dungeon, And those who dwell in darkness from the prison.
- 8 "I am the LORD, that is <sup>a</sup>My name; I will not give My <sup>b</sup>glory to another, Nor My praise to <sup>1</sup>graven images.
- 9 "Behold, the former things have come to pass, Now I declare <sup>a</sup>new things; Before they spring forth I proclaim *them* to you."

**Hymn of Triumph.  
Blinding of the People.**

**Isalah 42**

- 10 Sing to the LORD a <sup>a</sup>new song,  
Sing His praise from the <sup>b</sup>end of the earth!  
<sup>c</sup>You who go down to the sea, and <sup>d</sup>all that is in it.  
You islands and those who dwell on them.
- 11 Let the <sup>a</sup>wilderness and its cities lift up *their voices*,  
The settlements where <sup>b</sup>Kedar inhabits.  
Let the inhabitants of <sup>c</sup>Sela sing aloud,  
Let them shout for joy from the tops of the <sup>d</sup>mountains.
- 12 Let them give glory to the LORD,  
And declare His praise in the coastlands.
- 13 The LORD will go forth like a warrior,  
He will arouse His <sup>a</sup>zeal like a man of war.  
He will utter a shout, yes, He will raise a war cry.  
He will <sup>b</sup>prevail against His enemies.
- 14 "I have kept silent for a long time,  
I have kept still and restrained Myself.  
Now like a woman in labor I will groan,  
I will both gasp and pant.
- 15 "I will <sup>a</sup>lay waste the mountains and hills,  
And wither all their vegetation;  
I will <sup>b</sup>make the rivers into coastlands,  
And dry up the ponds.
- 16 "And I will <sup>a</sup>lead the blind by a way they do not know,  
In paths they do not know I will guide them.  
I will <sup>b</sup>make darkness into light before them  
And <sup>c</sup>rugged places into plains.  
These are the things I will do,  
And I will <sup>d</sup>not leave them undone."
- 17 They shall be turned back and be <sup>a</sup>utterly put to shame,  
Who trust in <sup>1</sup>idols,  
Who say to molten images,  
"You are our gods."
- 18 <sup>a</sup>Hear, you deaf!  
And look, you blind, that you may see.
- 19 Who is blind but My servant,  
Or so deaf as My <sup>a</sup>messenger whom I send?  
Who is so blind as he that is <sup>1</sup>bat peace with Me,  
Or so blind as the servant of the LORD?
- 20 You have seen many things, but you do not observe  
*them*;  
Your ears are open, but none hears.
- 21 The LORD was pleased <sup>a</sup>for His righteousness' sake  
To make the law <sup>b</sup>great and glorious.
- 22 But this is a people plundered and despoiled;  
All of them are <sup>a</sup>trapped in <sup>1</sup>caves,  
Or are hidden away in prisons;  
They have become a prey with none to deliver *them*,  
And a spoil, with none to say, "Give *them* back!"
- 23 Who among you will give ear to this?  
Who will give heed and listen hereafter?
- 24 <sup>a</sup>Who gave Jacob up for spoil, and Israel to plunderers?  
Was it not the LORD, against whom we have sinned,  
And in whose ways they <sup>b</sup>were not willing to walk,  
And whose law they did not <sup>c</sup>obey?

10 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 33:3; 40:3; 98:1 <sup>b</sup>Is. 49:6; 62:11 <sup>c</sup>Ps. 65:5; 107:23  
<sup>d</sup>Ex. 20:11; 1 Chr. 16:32;  
Ps. 96:11

11 <sup>a</sup>Is. 32:16; 35:1, 6 <sup>b</sup>Is. 21:16; 60:7 <sup>c</sup>Is. 16:1 <sup>d</sup>Is. 52:7; Nah. 1:15

13 <sup>a</sup>Is. 9:7; 26:11; 37:32;  
59:17 <sup>b</sup>Is. 66:14-16

15 <sup>a</sup>Is. 2:12-16; Ezek. 38:19, 20 <sup>b</sup>Is. 44:27; 50:2;  
Nah. 1:4-6

16 <sup>a</sup>Is. 29:18; 30:21; 32:3;  
Jer. 31:8, 9; Luke 1:78, 79  
<sup>b</sup>Is. 29:18; Eph. 5:8 <sup>c</sup>Is. 40:4; Luke 3:5 <sup>d</sup>Is. 41:17;  
Josh. 1:5; Ps. 94:14; Heb. 13:5

17 <sup>1</sup>Or, *graven images*  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 1:29; 44:9, 11; 45:16; Ps. 97:7

18 <sup>a</sup>Is. 29:18; 35:5

19 <sup>1</sup>Or, *the devoted one*  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 44:26 <sup>b</sup>Is. 26:3; 27:5

21 <sup>a</sup>Is. 43:25 <sup>b</sup>Is. 42:4; 51:4

22 <sup>1</sup>Or, *holes*  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 24:18

24 <sup>a</sup>Is. 10:5 <sup>b</sup>Is. 30:15 <sup>c</sup>Is. 48:18; 57:17

25 <sup>1</sup>Lat., *did not lay it to heart*  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 5:25; 9:19 <sup>b</sup>Is. 29:13;  
 47:7; 57:1; Hos. 7:9

1 <sup>a</sup>Is. 43:15 <sup>b</sup>Is. 43:7, 21;  
 44:2, 21, 24 <sup>c</sup>Is. 43:5 <sup>d</sup>Is.  
 44:22, 23; 48:20 <sup>e</sup>Is. 43:7;  
 45:3, 4; Gen. 32:28 <sup>f</sup>Is.  
 43:21

2 <sup>a</sup>Is. 8:7, 8; Ps. 66:12  
<sup>b</sup>Deut. 31:6, 8 <sup>c</sup>Is. 29:6;  
 30:27-29; Dan. 3:25, 27

3 <sup>1</sup>Or. *Ethiopia*  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 43:11; 19:20; 45:15, 21;  
 49:26; 60:16; 63:8

4 <sup>a</sup>Is. 63:9

5 <sup>a</sup>Is. 43:2; 8:10 <sup>b</sup>Is. 41:8;  
 49:12; 61:9 <sup>c</sup>Is. 49:12

6 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 107:3 <sup>b2</sup> Cor. 6:18  
<sup>c</sup>Is. 45:22

7 <sup>a</sup>Is. 56:5; 62:2; James  
 2:7 <sup>b</sup>Is. 29:23; Ps. 100:3;  
 Eph. 2:10 <sup>c</sup>Is. 44:23; 46:13

9 <sup>a</sup>Is. 34:1; 41:1 <sup>b</sup>Is. 44:9

11 <sup>a</sup>Is. 43:3; 45:21; Hos.  
 13:4 <sup>b</sup>Is. 44:6, 8

12 <sup>a</sup>Deut. 32:16; Ps. 81:9

- 25 So He poured out on him the heat of His anger  
 And the <sup>a</sup>fierceness of battle;  
 And it set him aflame all around,  
 Yet he did not recognize it;  
 And it burned him, but he <sup>b</sup>paid no attention.

## CHAPTER 43

- BUT** now, thus says the LORD, your <sup>a</sup>creator, O Jacob,  
 And He who <sup>b</sup>formed you, O Israel,  
 "Do not <sup>c</sup>fear, for I have <sup>d</sup>redeemed you;  
 I have <sup>e</sup>called you by name; you are <sup>f</sup>Mine!  
 2 "When you <sup>a</sup>pass through the waters, <sup>b</sup>I will be with you;  
 And through the rivers, they will not overflow you.  
 When you <sup>c</sup>walk through the fire, you will not be  
 scorched,  
 Nor will the flame burn you.  
 3 "For I am the LORD your God,  
 The Holy One of Israel, your <sup>a</sup>Savior;  
 I have given Egypt as your ransom,  
<sup>1</sup>Cush and Seba in your place.  
 4 "Since you are precious in My sight,  
 Since you are honored and I <sup>a</sup>love you,  
 I will give *other* men in your place and *other* peoples in  
 exchange for your life.  
 5 "Do not fear, for <sup>a</sup>I am with you;  
 I will bring <sup>b</sup>your offspring from the east,  
 And <sup>c</sup>gather you from the west.  
 6 "I will say to the <sup>a</sup>north, 'Give *them* up!'  
 And to the south, 'Do not hold *them* back.'  
 Bring My <sup>b</sup>sons from afar,  
 And My daughters from the <sup>c</sup>ends of the earth,  
 7 Every one who is <sup>a</sup>called by My name,  
 And whom I have <sup>b</sup>created for My <sup>c</sup>glory,  
 Whom I have formed even whom I have made."  
 8 Bring out the people who are blind, even though they  
 have eyes,  
 And the deaf, even though they have ears.  
 9 All the nations have <sup>a</sup>gathered together  
 In order that the peoples may be assembled.  
 Who among them can declare this  
 And proclaim to us the former things?  
 Let them present <sup>b</sup>their witnesses that they may be  
 justified,  
 Or let them hear and say, "It is true."  
 10 "You are My witnesses," declares the LORD,  
 "And My servant whom I have chosen,  
 In order that you may know and believe Me,  
 And understand that I am He.  
 Before Me there was no God formed,  
 And there will be none after Me.  
 11 "I, even I, am the LORD;  
 And there is no <sup>a</sup>savior <sup>b</sup>besides Me.  
 12 "It is I who have declared and saved and proclaimed,  
 And there was no <sup>a</sup>strange god among you;

- So you are My witnesses," declares the LORD,  
"And I am God.
- 13 "Even <sup>1a</sup>from eternity I am He;  
And there is <sup>b</sup>none who can deliver out of My hand;  
"I act and who can reverse it?"
- 14 Thus says the LORD your <sup>a</sup>Redeemer, the Holy One of  
Israel,  
"For your sake I have sent to Babylon,  
And will bring them all down as fugitives,  
<sup>1</sup>Even the <sup>b</sup>Chaldeans, into the <sup>c</sup>ships <sup>2</sup>in which they  
rejoice.
- 15 "I am the LORD, your Holy One,  
The Creator of Israel, your <sup>a</sup>King."
- 16 Thus says the LORD,  
Who <sup>a</sup>makes a way through the sea  
And a <sup>b</sup>path through the mighty waters,
- 17 Who brings forth the <sup>a</sup>chariot and the horse,  
The army and the mighty man  
(They will lie down together *and* not rise again;  
They have been <sup>b</sup>quenched *and* <sup>c</sup>extinguished like a  
wick):
- 18 "Do not call to mind the former things,  
Or ponder things of the past.
- 19 "Behold, I will do something <sup>a</sup>new,  
Now it will spring forth;  
Will you not be aware of it?  
I will even <sup>b</sup>make a roadway in the wilderness,  
Rivers in the desert.
- 20 "The beasts of the field will glorify Me;  
The jackals and the ostriches;  
Because I have <sup>a</sup>given waters in the wilderness  
And rivers in the desert,  
To give drink to My chosen people.
- 21 "The people whom I formed for Myself,  
<sup>a</sup>Will declare My praise.
- 22 "Yet you have not called on Me, O Jacob;  
But you have become <sup>a</sup>wearied of Me, O Israel.
- 23 "You have <sup>a</sup>not brought to Me the sheep of your burnt  
offerings;  
Nor have you <sup>b</sup>honored Me with your sacrifices.  
I have not <sup>c</sup>burdened you with <sup>1</sup>offerings,  
Nor wearied you with <sup>d</sup>incense.
- 24 "You have bought Me no <sup>1a</sup>sweet cane with money,  
Neither have you <sup>2</sup>filled Me with the fat of your sacri-  
fices;  
Rather you have burdened Me with your sins,  
You have <sup>b</sup>wearied Me with your iniquities.
- 25 "I, even I, am the one who <sup>a</sup>wipes out your transgressions  
<sup>b</sup>for My own sake;  
And I will <sup>c</sup>not remember your sins.
- 26 "I Put Me in remembrance; let us argue our case together,  
State your *cause*, that you may be proved right.
- 27 "Your <sup>a</sup>first <sup>1</sup>forefather sinned,  
And your <sup>2b</sup>spokesmen have <sup>3</sup>transgressed against Me.

13 <sup>1</sup>So with Gk.; Heb.,  
*from the day*  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 48:16; Ps. 90:2 <sup>b</sup>Ps.  
50:22 <sup>c</sup>Is. 14:27; Job 9:12

14 <sup>1</sup>Another reading is: *As  
for the Chaldeans, their  
rejoicing is turned into  
lamentations* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *of their  
rejoicing*  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 41:14 <sup>b</sup>Is. 23:13 <sup>c</sup>Jer.  
51:13

15 <sup>a</sup>Is. 41:21; 44:6

16 <sup>a</sup>Is. 11:15; 44:27; 50:2;  
51:10; 63:11, 12; Ex. 14:21,  
22; Ps. 77:19 <sup>b</sup>Josh. 3:15, 16

17 <sup>a</sup>Ex. 15:19 <sup>b</sup>Is. 1:31; Ps.  
118:12 <sup>c</sup>Ps. 76:5, 6

18 <sup>a</sup>Is. 65:17; Jer. 16:14;  
23:7

19 <sup>a</sup>Is. 42:9; 48:6; 2 Cor.  
5:17 <sup>b</sup>Is. 35:1, 6; 41:18, 19;  
49:10; 51:3; Ex. 17:6; Num.  
20:11; Deut. 8:15; Ps. 78:16

20 <sup>a</sup>Is. 41:17, 18; 48:21

21 <sup>a</sup>Is. 42:12; Ps. 102:18;  
Luke 1:74, 75; 1 Pet. 2:9

22 <sup>a</sup>Mic. 6:3; Mal. 1:13;  
3:14

23 <sup>1</sup>Or, *a meal offering*  
<sup>a</sup>Amos 5:25 <sup>b</sup>Zech. 7:5, 6;  
Mal. 1:6-8 <sup>c</sup>Jer. 7:21-26 <sup>d</sup>Ex.  
30:34; Lev. 2:1; 24:7

24 <sup>1</sup>Or, *calamus* <sup>2</sup>Or,  
*saturated*  
<sup>a</sup>Ex. 30:23; Jer. 6:20 <sup>b</sup>Is.  
1:14; 7:13; Ps. 95:10; Ezek.  
6:9; Mal. 2:17

25 <sup>a</sup>Is. 44:22; 55:7; Jer.  
50:20 <sup>b</sup>Is. 37:35; 48:9, 11;  
Ezek. 36:22 <sup>c</sup>Is. 38:17; Jer.  
31:34

26 <sup>1</sup>Or, *Report to Me*

27 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *father* <sup>2</sup>Or,  
*interpreters* <sup>3</sup>Or, *rebelled*  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 51:2; Ezek. 16:3 <sup>b</sup>Is.  
9:15; 28:7; 29:10; Jer. 5:31

Isalah 43, 44

28 <sup>1</sup>Or, pierce through  
<sup>2</sup>Or, holy princes  
<sup>3</sup>Is. 24:6; 34:5; Jer. 24:9;  
Dan. 9:11; Zech. 8:13 <sup>4</sup>Ps.  
79:4; Ezek. 5:15

1 <sup>1</sup>Is. 41:8; Jer. 30:10;  
46:27, 28

2 <sup>2</sup>Deut. 32:15; 33:5, 26

3 <sup>1</sup>Or, him who is thirsty  
<sup>2</sup>Is. 32:15; Joel 2:28 <sup>3</sup>Is.  
61:9; 65:23

4 <sup>1</sup>Another reading is,  
like grass among the waters  
<sup>2</sup>Lev. 23:40; Job 40:22

5 <sup>1</sup>Another reading is,  
will be called by the name  
of Jacob <sup>2</sup>Or, with

6 <sup>1</sup>Is. 41:21; 43:15 <sup>2</sup>Is.  
41:4; 43:10; 48:12; Rev. 1:8,  
17; 22:13 <sup>3</sup>Is. 44:8; 43:11;  
45:5, 6, 21

7 <sup>1</sup>Or, people

8 <sup>1</sup>Is. 45:5; Deut. 4:35,  
39; 1 Sam. 2:2; Joel 2:27  
<sup>2</sup>Is. 17:10; 26:4; 30:29

9 <sup>1</sup>Or, idol  
<sup>2</sup>Is. 44:11; 42:17; 45:16; Ps.  
97:7

10 <sup>1</sup>Or, graven image  
<sup>2</sup>Is. 41:29; Jer. 10:5; Hab.  
2:18; Acts 19:26

12 <sup>1</sup>Lit., and fashions  
<sup>2</sup>Lit., there is no strength  
<sup>3</sup>Is. 40:19, 20; 41:6, 7; 46:6,  
7; Jer. 10:3-5; Hab. 2:18

13 <sup>1</sup>Is. 41:7 <sup>2</sup>Ps. 115:5-7  
<sup>3</sup>Judg. 17:4, 5; Ezek. 8:10,  
11

28 "So I will <sup>1</sup>pollute the <sup>2</sup>princes of the sanctuary;  
And I will consign Jacob to the <sup>3</sup>ban, and Israel to  
<sup>4</sup>brevelement.

CHAPTER 44

"**B**UT now listen, O Jacob, My <sup>2</sup>servant;  
And Israel, whom I have chosen:  
2 Thus says the LORD who made you  
And formed you from the womb, who will help you,  
'Do not fear, O Jacob My servant;  
And you <sup>3</sup>Jeshurun whom I have chosen.  
3 'For I will pour out water on <sup>1</sup>the thirsty land  
And streams on the dry ground;  
I will <sup>2</sup>pour out My Spirit on your <sup>3</sup>boffspring,  
And My blessing on your descendants;  
4 And they will spring up <sup>1</sup>among the grass  
Like <sup>2</sup>poplars by streams of water.'  
5 "This one will say, 'I am the LORD's';  
And that one <sup>1</sup>will call on the name of Jacob;  
And another will write <sup>2</sup>on his hand, 'Belonging to the  
LORD,'  
And will name Israel's name with honor.  
6 "Thus says the LORD, the <sup>2</sup>King of Israel  
And his Redeemer, the LORD of hosts:  
'I am the <sup>3</sup>first and I am the last,  
And there is no God <sup>4</sup>besides Me.  
7 'And who is like Me? Let him proclaim and declare it;  
Yes, let him recount it to Me in order,  
From the time that I established the ancient <sup>1</sup>nation.  
And let them declare to them the things that are coming  
And the events that are going to take place.  
8 'Do not tremble and do not be afraid;  
Have I not long since announced it to you and declared  
it?  
And you are My witnesses.  
Is there any God <sup>2</sup>besides Me,  
Or is there any other <sup>3</sup>Rock?  
I know of none.'"  
9 Those who fashion a <sup>1</sup>graven image are all of them  
futile, and their precious things are of no profit; even their own  
witnesses fail to see or know, so that they will be <sup>2</sup>put to shame.  
10 Who has fashioned a god or cast an <sup>1</sup>idol to <sup>2</sup>no profit?  
11 Behold, all his companions will be put to shame, for the  
craftsmen themselves are mere men. Let them all assemble  
themselves, let them stand up, let them tremble, let them  
together be put to shame.  
12 The <sup>2</sup>man shapes iron into a cutting tool, and does his  
work over the coals, <sup>1</sup>fashioning it with hammers, and working  
it with his strong arm. He also gets hungry and <sup>2</sup>his strength fails;  
he drinks no water and becomes weary.  
13 <sup>2</sup>Another shapes wood, he extends a measuring line; he  
outlines it with red chalk. He works it with planes, and outlines  
it with a compass, and makes it like the form of a man, like the  
beauty of <sup>3</sup>man, so that it may sit in a <sup>4</sup>house.



14 Surely he cuts cedars for himself, and takes a <sup>1</sup>cypress or an oak, and <sup>2</sup>raises it for himself among the trees of the forest. He plants a fir, and the rain makes it grow.

15 Then it becomes *something* for a man to burn, so he takes one of them and warms himself; he also makes a fire to bake bread. He also makes a god and worships it; he makes it a graven image, and <sup>a</sup>falls down before it.

16 Half of it he burns in the fire; over this half he eats meat as he roasts a roast, and is satisfied. He also warms himself and says, "Aha! I am warm, I have seen the fire."

17 But the rest of it he makes into a god, his graven image. He falls down before it and worships; he also <sup>a</sup>prays to it and says, "Deliver me, for thou art my god."

18 They do not <sup>a</sup>know, nor do they understand, for He has <sup>b</sup>smearred over their eyes so that they cannot see and their hearts so that they cannot comprehend.

19 And no one <sup>1</sup>recalls, nor is there knowledge or understanding to say, "I have burned half of it in the fire, and also have baked bread over its coals. I roast meat and eat it. Then <sup>2</sup>I make the rest of it into an <sup>a</sup>abomination, <sup>3</sup>I fall down before a block of wood!"

20 He <sup>1</sup>feeds on ashes; a <sup>b</sup>deceived heart has turned him aside. And he cannot deliver <sup>2</sup>himself, nor say, "Is there not a lie in my right hand?"

21 "Remember these things, O Jacob,  
And Israel, for you are My servant;  
I have formed you, you are My servant,  
O Israel, you will not be forgotten by Me.

22 "I have <sup>a</sup>wiped out your transgressions like a thick cloud,  
And your sins like a <sup>1</sup>heavy mist.  
<sup>b</sup>Return to Me, for I have <sup>a</sup>redeemed you."

23 <sup>a</sup>Shout for joy, O heavens, for the LORD has done it!  
Shout joyfully, you lower parts of the earth;  
<sup>b</sup>Break forth into a shout of joy, you mountains,  
O forest, and every tree in it;  
For the LORD has redeemed Jacob  
And in Israel He shows forth His glory.

24 Thus says the LORD, your Redeemer, and the one who formed you from the womb,

"I, the LORD, am the maker of all things,  
<sup>a</sup>Stretching out the heavens by Myself,  
And spreading out the earth <sup>1</sup>all alone,

25 Causing the <sup>1</sup>omens of boasters to fail,  
<sup>2</sup>Making fools out of diviners,  
<sup>a</sup>Causing wise men to draw back,

26 And <sup>3</sup>turning their knowledge into foolishness,  
26 Confirming the word of His servant,  
And <sup>1</sup>performing the purpose of His messengers.  
*It is I* who says of Jerusalem, 'She shall be inhabited!'  
And of the cities of Judah, "They shall be built."  
And I will raise up her ruins *again*.

27 "It is I who says to the depth of the sea, 'Be dried up!'  
And I will make your rivers <sup>a</sup>dry.

14 <sup>1</sup>Or, *holm-oak* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *makes strong*

15 <sup>a</sup>2 Chr. 25:14

17 <sup>a</sup>Is. 45:20; 1 Kin. 18:26, 28

18 <sup>a</sup>Is. 1:3; Jer. 10:8, 14  
<sup>b</sup>Is. 6:9, 10; 29:10; Ps. 81:12

19 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *returns to his heart* <sup>2</sup>Or, *shall I make ... ?* <sup>3</sup>Or, *shall I fall ... ?*  
<sup>a</sup>Deut. 27:15; 1 Kin. 11:5, 7; 2 Kin. 23:14

20 <sup>1</sup>Or, *is a companion of ashes* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *his soul*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 102:9 <sup>b</sup>Job 15:31; Hos. 4:12; Rom. 1:21, 22;  
2 Thess. 2:11; 2 Tim. 3:13

22 <sup>1</sup>Or, *cloud*  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 43:25; Ps. 51:1, 9; Acts 3:19 <sup>b</sup>Is. 31:6; 55:7 <sup>c</sup>Is. 43:1; 48:20; 1 Cor. 6:20; 1 Pet. 1:18, 19

23 <sup>a</sup>Is. 42:10; 49:13; Ps. 69:34; 96:11, 12 <sup>b</sup>Is. 55:12; Ps. 98:7, 8; 148:7, 9

24 <sup>1</sup>Or, *who was with Me?*  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 40:22; 42:5; 45:12, 18; 51:13

25 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *signs* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *He makes* <sup>3</sup>Lit., *He turns*  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 29:14; 2 Sam. 15:31; Job 5:12-14; Ps. 33:10; Jer. 51:57; 1 Cor. 1:20, 27

26 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *He performs*  
<sup>a</sup>Jer. 32:15, 44

27 <sup>a</sup>Is. 42:15; 50:2; Jer. 50:38; 51:36

28 <sup>1</sup>Lit., to say <sup>2</sup>Lit., You will be founded  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 14:32; 45:13; 54:11;  
<sup>2</sup>Chr. 36:22, 23; Ezra 1:1

1 <sup>1</sup>Lit., I will loose  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 41:13; 42:6; Ps. 73:23  
<sup>b</sup>Is. 41:2, 25; Jer. 50:3, 35;  
 51:11, 20, 24 <sup>c</sup>Is. 45:5; Job  
 12:21

2 <sup>1</sup>Another reading is, mountains  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 40:4 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 107:16 <sup>c</sup>Jer.  
 51:30

3 <sup>1</sup>Or, hoarded treasures  
<sup>a</sup>Jer. 41:8; 50:37 <sup>b</sup>Is. 43:1;  
 49:1; Ex. 33:12, 17

4 <sup>a</sup>Is. 41:8, 9; 44:1 <sup>b</sup>Is.  
 43:1 <sup>c</sup>Acts 17:23

5 <sup>1</sup>Or, arm  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 45:6, 14, 18, 21; 46:9  
<sup>b</sup>Is. 44:6, 8 <sup>c</sup>Ps. 18:39

6 <sup>1</sup>Lit., they  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 102:15; Mal. 1:11

7 <sup>1</sup>Or, peace  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 42:16 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 104:20;  
 105:28 <sup>a</sup>Is. 31:2; 47:11;  
 Amos 3:6

8 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 72:6; Hos. 10:12;  
 14:5; Joel 3:18 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 85:11  
<sup>c</sup>Is. 60:21; 61:11

9 <sup>1</sup>Lit., Fashioner <sup>2</sup>Lit.,  
 with  
<sup>a</sup>Job 15:25; 40:8, 9; Ps. 2:2,  
 3; Prov. 21:30; Jer. 50:24  
<sup>b</sup>Is. 29:16; 64:8; Jer. 18:6;  
 Rom. 9:20, 21

10 <sup>1</sup>Lit., in labor pains  
 with

11 <sup>1</sup>Lit., Fashioner <sup>2</sup>Or,  
 Will you ask . . . <sup>3</sup>Or, upon  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 43:15; 48:17; Ezek. 39:7  
<sup>b</sup>Is. 44:2; 54:5 <sup>c</sup>Is. 8:19 <sup>d</sup>Jer.  
 31:9

- 28 "It is I who says of Cyrus, 'He is My shepherd  
 And he will perform all My desire.'  
 And <sup>1</sup>he declares of Jerusalem, 'She will be built,'  
 And of the temple, 'Your foundation will be laid.'"

## CHAPTER 45

- THUS says the LORD to Cyrus His anointed,  
 Whom I have taken by the right <sup>a</sup>hand,  
 To <sup>b</sup>subdue nations before him,  
 And <sup>1</sup>to <sup>c</sup>loose the loins of kings;  
 To open doors before him so that gates will not be shut:
- 2 "I will go before you and <sup>a</sup>make the <sup>1</sup>rough places  
 smooth;  
 I will <sup>b</sup>shatter the doors of bronze, and cut through their  
 iron <sup>c</sup>bars.
- 3 "And I will give you the <sup>1</sup>treasures of darkness,  
 And hidden wealth of secret places,  
 In order that you may know that it is I,  
 The LORD, the God of Israel, who <sup>b</sup>calls you by your  
 name.
- 4 "For the sake of <sup>a</sup>Jacob My servant,  
 And Israel My chosen *one*,  
 I have also <sup>b</sup>called you by your name;  
 I have given you a title of honor  
 Though you have <sup>c</sup>not known Me.
- 5 "I am the LORD, and <sup>a</sup>there is no other;  
<sup>b</sup>Besides Me there is no God.  
 I will <sup>1</sup>gird you, though you have not known Me;
- 6 That <sup>1</sup>men may know from the rising to the setting of  
 the sun  
 That there is no one besides Me.  
 I am the LORD, and there is no other,
- 7 The One <sup>a</sup>forming light and <sup>b</sup>creating darkness,  
 Causing <sup>1</sup>well-being and <sup>c</sup>creating calamity;  
 I am the LORD who does all these.
- 8 "aDrip down, O heavens, from above,  
 And let the clouds pour down righteousness;  
 Let the <sup>b</sup>earth open up and salvation bear fruit,  
<sup>c</sup>And righteousness spring up with it.  
 I, the LORD, have created it.
- 9 "Woe to *the one* who <sup>a</sup>quarrels with his <sup>1</sup>Maker—  
 An earthenware vessel <sup>2</sup>among the vessels of earth!  
 Will the <sup>b</sup>clay say to the <sup>1</sup>potter, 'What are you doing?'  
 Or the thing you are making say, 'He has no hands?'
- 10 "Woe to him who says to a father, 'What are you  
 begetting?'  
 Or to a woman, 'To what are you <sup>1</sup>giving birth?'"
- 11 Thus says the <sup>a</sup>LORD, the Holy One of Israel, and his  
<sup>1</sup>Maker:  
 "cAsk Me about the things to come <sup>3</sup>concerning My  
<sup>d</sup>sons,  
 And you shall commit to Me the work of My hands.

- 12 "It is I who <sup>a</sup>made the earth, and created man upon it.  
I <sup>b</sup>stretched out the heavens with My hands,  
And I <sup>c</sup>ordained <sup>d</sup>all their host.
- 13 "I have aroused him in righteousness,  
And I will make all his ways smooth;  
He will <sup>a</sup>build My city, and will let My exiles go <sup>b</sup>free,  
Without any payment or reward," says the LORD of  
hosts.
- 14 Thus says the LORD,  
"The <sup>1</sup>products of <sup>a</sup>Egypt and the merchandise of <sup>2b</sup>Cush  
And the Sabaeans, men of stature,  
Will <sup>c</sup>come over to you and will be yours;  
They will walk behind you, they will come over in  
<sup>d</sup>chains  
And will <sup>e</sup>bow down to you;  
They will make supplication to you:  
<sup>3</sup>Surely, <sup>f</sup>God is <sup>4</sup>with you, and there is none else,  
No other God.'"
- 15 Truly, Thou art a God who <sup>a</sup>hides Himself,  
O God of Israel, Savior!
- 16 They will be put to shame and even humiliated, all of  
them;  
The <sup>a</sup>manufacturers of idols will go away together in  
humiliation.
- 17 Israel has been saved by the LORD  
With an <sup>a</sup>everlasting salvation;  
You will not be put to shame or humiliated  
To all eternity.
- 18 For thus says the LORD, who <sup>a</sup>created the heavens  
(He is the God who <sup>b</sup>formed the earth and made it,  
He established it and did not create it <sup>1a</sup> <sup>c</sup>waste place,  
But formed it to be <sup>d</sup>inhabited),  
"I am the LORD, and <sup>e</sup>there is none else.
- 19 "I have not spoken in secret,  
In <sup>1</sup>some dark land;  
I did not say to the <sup>2</sup>offspring of Jacob,  
<sup>a</sup>Seek Me in <sup>3a</sup> <sup>c</sup>waste place';  
I, the LORD, <sup>b</sup>speak righteousness  
<sup>c</sup>Declaring things that are upright.
- 20 "<sup>a</sup>Gather yourselves and come;  
Draw near together, you fugitives of the nations;  
<sup>b</sup>They have no knowledge,  
Who <sup>c</sup>carry about <sup>d</sup>their wooden idol,  
And <sup>e</sup>pray to a god who cannot save.
- 21 "<sup>a</sup>Declare and set forth *your case*;  
Indeed, let them consult together.  
<sup>b</sup>Who has announced this from of old?  
Who has long since declared it?  
Is it not I, the LORD?  
And there is no other God besides Me,  
A righteous God and a <sup>c</sup>Savior;  
There is none except Me.

12 <sup>1</sup>Or, *commanded*  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 45:18; 42:5; Jer. 27:5  
<sup>b</sup>Is. 42:5; 44:24; Ps. 104:2  
<sup>c</sup>Gen. 2:1; Neh. 9:6

13 <sup>a</sup>Is. 44:28; 2 Chr. 36:22;  
23 <sup>b</sup>Is. 52:3

14 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *labor* <sup>2</sup>Or,  
*Ethiopia* <sup>3</sup>Or, *God is with*  
*you alone* <sup>4</sup>Or, *in*  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 19:21; Ps. 68:31 <sup>b</sup>Is.  
18:1; 43:3 <sup>c</sup>Is. 14:1, 2;  
49:23; 54:3 <sup>d</sup>Ps. 149:8 <sup>e</sup>Is.  
49:23; 60:14 <sup>f</sup>Jer. 16:19;  
Zech. 8:20-23; 1 Cor. 14:25

15 <sup>a</sup>Is. 1:15; 8:17; 57:17;  
Ps. 44:24

16 <sup>a</sup>Is. 44:11

17 <sup>a</sup>Is. 26:4; 51:6; Rom.  
11:26

18 <sup>1</sup>Or, *in vain*  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 42:5 <sup>b</sup>Is. 45:12 <sup>c</sup>Gen.  
1:2 <sup>d</sup>Gen. 1:26; Ps. 115:16  
<sup>e</sup>Is. 45:5

19 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *a place of a land*  
*of darkness* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *seed* <sup>3</sup>Or,  
*vain*  
<sup>a</sup>2 Chr. 15:2; Ps. 78:34; Jer.  
29:13, 14; Hos. 3:5 <sup>b</sup>Is.  
45:23; 63:1; Ps. 19:8 <sup>c</sup>Is.  
43:12; 44:8

20 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *the wood of their*  
*graven image*  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 43:9 <sup>b</sup>Is. 44:18, 19; 48:5-  
7 <sup>c</sup>Is. 46:1, 7; Jer. 10:5 <sup>d</sup>Is.  
44:7; 46:6, 7

21 <sup>a</sup>Is. 41:23; 43:9 <sup>b</sup>Is.  
41:26; 44:7; 48:14 <sup>c</sup>Is. 43:3,  
11

22 <sup>a</sup>Num. 21:8, 9; 2 Chr. 20:12; Mic. 7:7; Zech. 12:10  
<sup>b</sup>Is. 30:15; 49:6, 12; 52:10

23 <sup>a</sup>Rom. 14:11; Phil. 2:10

25 <sup>a</sup>Is. 53:11; 1 Kin. 8:32

1 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *carried by you*  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 2:18; 21:9; Jer. 50:2-4;  
 51:44

2 <sup>1</sup>Or, *their soul has*  
<sup>a</sup>Judg. 18:17, 18, 24; 2 Sam. 5:21; Jer. 43:12, 13; 48:7;  
 Hos. 10:5, 6

3 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *the belly*  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 10:21, 22

4 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *I am He* <sup>2</sup>Lit.,  
*gray hairs* <sup>3</sup>Or, *made you*  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 41:4; 43:13; 48:12

5 <sup>a</sup>Is. 40:18, 25

6 <sup>a</sup>Is. 40:19; 41:7; 44:12-17;  
 Jer. 10:4 <sup>b</sup>Is. 44:15, 17

7 <sup>a</sup>Is. 46:1; 45:20; Jer. 10:5  
<sup>b</sup>Is. 40:20; 41:7 <sup>c</sup>Is. 45:20

8 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *firm* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *heart*  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 44:21

9 <sup>a</sup>Is. 42:9; 65:17; Deut. 32:7  
<sup>b</sup>Is. 45:5, 21 <sup>c</sup>Is. 41:26,  
 27

- 22 <sup>a</sup>Turn to Me, and <sup>b</sup>be saved, all the ends of the earth;  
 For I am God, and there is no other.
- 23 "I have sworn by Myself,  
 The word has gone forth from My mouth in righteousness  
 And will not turn back,  
 That to Me <sup>a</sup>every knee will bow, every tongue will  
 swear *allegiance*.
- 24 "They will say of Me, 'Only in the LORD are righteousness  
 and strength.'  
 Men will come to Him,  
 And all who were angry at Him shall be put to shame.
- 25 "In the LORD all the offspring of Israel  
 Will be <sup>a</sup>justified, and will glory."

CHAPTER 46

- <sup>a</sup>BEL has bowed down, Nebo stoops over;  
 Their images are *consigned* to the beasts and the cattle.  
 The things <sup>1</sup>that you carry are burdensome,  
 A load for the weary *beast*.
- 2 They stooped over, they have bowed down together;  
 They could not rescue the burden,  
 But <sup>1</sup>have themselves <sup>a</sup>gone into captivity.
- 3 "Listen to Me, O house of Jacob,  
 And all <sup>a</sup>the remnant of the house of Israel,  
 You who have been borne by Me from <sup>1</sup>birth,  
 And have been carried from the womb;
- 4 Even to your old age, <sup>a</sup>I <sup>1</sup>shall be the same,  
 And even to your <sup>2</sup>graying years I shall bear you!  
 I have <sup>3</sup>done it, and I shall carry you;  
 And I shall bear you, and I shall deliver you.
- 5 <sup>a</sup>"To whom would you liken Me,  
 And make Me equal and compare Me,  
 That we should be alike?"
- 6 "Those who <sup>a</sup>lavish gold from the purse  
 And weigh silver on the scale  
 Hire a goldsmith, and he makes it *into* a god;  
 They <sup>b</sup>bow down, indeed they worship it.
- 7 "They <sup>a</sup>lift it upon the shoulder and carry it;  
 They set it in its place and it stands *there*.  
<sup>b</sup>It does not move from its place.  
 Though one may cry to it, it cannot answer;  
 It cannot <sup>c</sup>deliver him from his distress.
- 8 <sup>a</sup>"Remember this, and be <sup>1</sup>assured;  
 Recall it to <sup>2</sup>mind, you transgressors.
- 9 "Remember the <sup>a</sup>former things long past,  
 For I am God, and there is <sup>b</sup>no other;  
*I am* God, and there is <sup>c</sup>no one like Me,
- 10 Declaring the end from the beginning  
 And from ancient times things which have not been  
 done,

- Saying, <sup>a</sup>My purpose will be established,  
And I will accomplish all My good pleasure';
- 11 Calling a bird of prey from the east,  
The man of <sup>1</sup>My purpose from a far country.  
Truly I have <sup>a</sup>spoken; truly I will bring it to pass.  
I have planned it, *surely* I will do it.
- 12 "Listen to Me, you <sup>a</sup>stubborn-minded,  
Who are far from righteousness.
- 13 "I <sup>a</sup>bring near My righteousness, it is not far off;  
And My salvation will not delay.  
And I will grant <sup>b</sup>salvation in Zion,  
And My glory for Israel.

## CHAPTER 47

- "COME** down and sit in the dust,  
O virgin daughter of Babylon;  
Sit on the ground without a throne,  
O daughter of the Chaldeans.  
For you shall no longer be called <sup>b</sup>tender and delicate.
- 2 "Take the <sup>a</sup>millstones and grind meal.  
Remove your <sup>b</sup>veil, strip off the skirt,  
Uncover the leg, cross the rivers.
- 3 "Your nakedness will be uncovered,  
Your shame also will be exposed;  
I will <sup>a</sup>take vengeance and will not <sup>1</sup>spare a man."
- 4 Our Redeemer, the LORD of hosts is His name,  
The Holy One of Israel.
- 5 <sup>a</sup>"Sit silently, and go into darkness,  
O daughter of the Chaldeans;  
For you will no more be called  
The <sup>b</sup>queen of kingdoms.
- 6 "I was angry with My people,  
I profaned My heritage,  
And gave them into your hand.  
You did not show mercy to them,  
On the <sup>a</sup>aged you made your yoke very heavy.
- 7 "Yet you said, 'I shall be a queen forever.'  
These things you did not <sup>a</sup>consider,  
Nor remember the <sup>b</sup>outcome of <sup>1</sup>them.
- 8 "Now, then, hear this, you <sup>a</sup>sensual one,  
Who <sup>b</sup>dwells securely,  
Who says in <sup>1</sup>your heart,  
<sup>c</sup>'I am, and there is no one besides me.  
I shall <sup>d</sup>not sit as a widow,  
Nor shall I know loss of children.'
- 9 "But these <sup>a</sup>two things shall come on you <sup>b</sup>suddenly in  
one day:  
Loss of children and widowhood.  
They shall come on you in full measure  
In spite of your many <sup>c</sup>sorceries,  
In spite of the great power of your spells.

10 <sup>a</sup>Is. 14:24; 25:1; 40:8;  
Ps. 33:11; Prov. 19:21; Acts  
5:39

11 <sup>1</sup>Lit. *His*  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 14:24; 37:26; Num.  
23:19

12 <sup>a</sup>Is. 48:4; Ps. 76:5;  
Zech. 7:11, 12; Mal. 3:13

13 <sup>a</sup>Is. 51:5; 61:11; Rom.  
3:21 <sup>b</sup>Is. 61:3; 62:11; Joel  
3:17; 1 Pet. 2:6

1 <sup>a</sup>Is. 3:26; Jer. 48:18  
<sup>b</sup>Deut. 28:56

2 <sup>a</sup>Ex. 11:5; Jer. 25:10  
<sup>b</sup>Is. 3:23; Gen. 24:65; 1 Cor.  
11:5

3 <sup>1</sup>Lit. *meet*  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 34:8; 63:4

5 <sup>a</sup>Is. 23:2; Jer. 8:14;  
Lam. 2:10 <sup>b</sup>Is. 47:7; Gen.  
16:4, 8, 9; Prov. 30:23

6 <sup>a</sup>Deut. 28:50

7 <sup>1</sup>Lit. *it*  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 42:25; 57:11 <sup>b</sup>Deut.  
32:29; Jer. 5:31; Ezek. 7:2, 3

8 <sup>1</sup>Lit. *her*  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 22:13; 32:9; Jer. 50:11  
<sup>b</sup>Is. 32:9, 11; Zeph. 2:15 <sup>c</sup>Is.  
47:10; 45:5, 6, 18; Zeph.  
2:15 <sup>d</sup>Rev. 18:7

9 <sup>a</sup>Is. 13:16, 18; 14:22  
<sup>b</sup>Ps. 73:19; 1 Thess. 5:3;  
Rev. 18:8, 10 <sup>c</sup>Is. 47:13;  
Nah. 3:4; Rev. 18:23

10 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *it has*  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 59:4; Ps. 52:7; 62:10 <sup>b</sup>Is.  
 29:15; Ezek. 8:12; 9:9 <sup>c</sup>Is.  
 5:21; 44:20

11 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 51:8, 43

13 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 51:58, 64 <sup>b</sup>Is. 47:9;  
 8:19; 44:25; Dan. 2:2, 10  
<sup>c</sup>Is. 47:15

14 <sup>a</sup>Is. 5:24; Nah. 1:10;  
 Mal. 4:1 <sup>b</sup>Is. 10:17; Jer.  
 51:30, 32, 58

15 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *side, region*  
<sup>a</sup>Rev. 18:11

1 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *waters*  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 46:12 <sup>b</sup>Num. 24:7;  
 Deut. 33:28; Ps. 68:26 <sup>c</sup>Is.  
 45:23; 65:16; Deut. 6:13

2 <sup>a</sup>Is. 52:1; 64:10 <sup>b</sup>Is.  
 10:20; Jer. 7:4; 21:2; Mic.  
 3:11; Rom. 2:17

3 <sup>a</sup>Is. 41:22; 42:9; 43:9;  
 44:7, 8; 45:21; 46:10

4 <sup>1</sup>Or, *harsh*  
<sup>a</sup>Ezek. 2:4; 3:7

5 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *it*  
<sup>a</sup>Jer. 44:15-18

- 10 "And you felt <sup>a</sup>secure in your wickedness and said,  
 'No one sees me,'  
 Your <sup>c</sup>wisdom and your knowledge, <sup>1</sup>they have deluded  
 you;  
 For you have said in your heart,  
 'I am, and there is no one besides me.'
- 11 "But evil will come on you  
 Which you will not know how to charm away;  
 And disaster will fall on you  
 For which you cannot atone,  
 And <sup>a</sup>destruction about which you do not know  
 Will come on you suddenly.
- 12 "Stand *fast* now in your spells  
 And in your many sorceries  
 With which you have labored from your youth;  
 Perhaps you will be able to profit,  
 Perhaps you may cause trembling.
- 13 "You are <sup>a</sup>wearied with your many counsels,  
 Let now the <sup>b</sup>astrologers,  
 Those who prophesy by the stars,  
 Those who predict by the new moons,  
 Stand up and <sup>c</sup>save you from what will come upon you.
- 14 "Behold, they have become <sup>a</sup>like stubble,  
<sup>b</sup>Fire burns them;  
 They cannot deliver themselves from the power of the  
 flame;  
 There will be no coal to warm by,  
 Nor a fire to sit before!
- 15 "So have those become to you with whom you have  
 labored,  
 Who have <sup>a</sup>trafficked with you from your youth;  
 Each has wandered in his own <sup>1</sup>way.  
 There is none to save you.

CHAPTER 48

- <sup>a</sup>"**H**EAR this, O house of Jacob, who are named Israel  
 And who came forth from the <sup>1</sup><sup>b</sup>bloins of Judah,  
 Who <sup>c</sup>swear by the name of the LORD  
 And invoke the God of Israel,  
 But not in truth nor in righteousness.
- 2 "For they call themselves after the <sup>a</sup>holy city,  
 And <sup>b</sup>lean on the God of Israel;  
 The LORD of hosts is His name.
- 3 "I <sup>a</sup>declared the former things long ago  
 And they went forth from My mouth, and I proclaimed  
 them.  
 Suddenly I acted, and they came to pass.
- 4 "Because I know that you are <sup>1</sup>aobstinate,  
 And your neck is an iron sinew,  
 And your forehead bronze,
- 5 Therefore I declared *them* to you long ago,  
 Before <sup>1</sup>they took place I proclaimed *them* to you,  
 Lest you should say, 'My <sup>a</sup>idol has done them,  
 And my graven image and my molten image have  
 commanded them.'

- 6 "You have heard; look at all this.  
And you, will you not declare it?  
I proclaim to you <sup>a</sup>new things from this time,  
Even hidden things which you have not known.
- 7 "They are created now and not long ago;  
And before today you have not heard them,  
Lest you should say, 'Behold, I knew them.'
- 8 "You have not <sup>a</sup>heard, you have not known.  
Even from long ago your ear has not been open,  
Because I knew that you would deal very treacherously;  
And you have been called a <sup>b</sup>rebel from <sup>2</sup>birth.
- 9 "For the sake of My name I <sup>a</sup>delay My wrath,  
And *for* My praise I <sup>a</sup>restrain it for you,  
In order not to cut you off.
- 10 "Behold, I have refined you, but <sup>a</sup>not as silver;  
I have tested you in the <sup>b</sup>furnace of affliction.
- 11 "<sup>a</sup>For My own sake, for My own sake, I will act;  
For how can My *name* be profaned?  
And My <sup>b</sup>glory I will not give to another.
- 12 "Listen to Me, O Jacob, even Israel <sup>1</sup>whom I called;  
<sup>a</sup>I am He, I am the first, I am also the last.
- 13 "Surely My hand <sup>a</sup>founded the earth,  
And My right hand spread out the heavens;  
When I call to them, they stand together.
- 14 "Assemble, all of you, and listen!  
Who among them has declared these things?  
The LORD loves him; he shall carry out His good pleasure on Babylon,  
And His arm *shall be against* the Chaldeans.
- 15 "I, even I, have spoken; indeed I have <sup>a</sup>called him,  
I have brought him, and He will make his ways successful.
- 16 "<sup>a</sup>Come near to Me, listen to this:  
From the first I have <sup>b</sup>not spoken in secret,  
<sup>c</sup>From the time it took place, I was there.  
And now the Lord <sup>1</sup>God has sent Me, and His Spirit."
- 17 Thus says the LORD, your <sup>a</sup>Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel;  
"I am the LORD your God, who teaches you to profit,  
Who <sup>b</sup>leads you in the way you should go.
- 18 "If only you had <sup>a</sup>paid attention to My commandments!  
Then your <sup>b</sup>well-being would have been like a river,  
And your <sup>c</sup>righteousness like the waves of the sea.
- 19 "Your <sup>1</sup>descendants would have been like the sand,  
And <sup>2</sup>your offspring like its grains;  
Their name would never be cut off or destroyed from My presence."
- 20 Go forth from Babylon! Flee from the Chaldeans!  
Declare with the sound of <sup>a</sup>joyful shouting, proclaim this,  
<sup>b</sup>Send it out to the end of the earth;  
Say, "The LORD has redeemed His servant Jacob."

6 <sup>a</sup>Is. 42:9; 43:19

8 <sup>1</sup>Or, *transgressor* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *the belly*  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 42:25; 47:11; Hos. 7:9  
<sup>b</sup>Is. 46:8; Deut. 9:7, 24; Ps. 58:3

9 <sup>a</sup>Is. 30:18; 65:8; Neh. 9:30, 31; Ps. 78:38; 103:8-10

10 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 9:7; Ezek. 22:18-22  
<sup>b</sup>Deut. 4:20; 1 Kin. 8:51; Jer. 11:4

11 <sup>1</sup>Sam. 12:22; Ps. 25:11; 106:8; Jer. 14:7; Ezek. 20:9, 14, 22, 44; Dan. 9:17-19  
<sup>b</sup>Is. 42:8; Deut. 32:26, 27

12 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *my called one*  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 41:4; 43:10, 13; 46:4

13 <sup>a</sup>Is. 42:5; 45:12, 18; Ex. 20:11; Ps. 102:25; Heb. 1:10-12

15 <sup>a</sup>Is. 41:2; 45:1, 2

16 <sup>1</sup>YHWH, usually rendered LORD  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 34:1; 41:1; 57:3  
<sup>b</sup>Is. 45:19  
<sup>c</sup>Is. 43:13

17 <sup>a</sup>Is. 41:14; 43:14; 49:7, 26; 54:5, 8  
<sup>b</sup>Is. 30:21; 49:9, 10; Ps. 32:8

18 <sup>1</sup>Or, *peace*  
<sup>a</sup>Deut. 5:29; 32:29; Ps. 81:13-16  
<sup>b</sup>Is. 32:16-18; 66:12; Ps. 119:165  
<sup>c</sup>Is. 45:8; 61:10, 11; 62:1; Hos. 10:12; Amos 5:24

19 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *seed* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *the offspring of your inward parts*  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 10:22; 44:4; 54:3; Gen. 22:17; Jer. 33:22

20 <sup>a</sup>Is. 42:10; 49:13; 52:9  
<sup>b</sup>Is. 62:11; Jer. 31:10; 50:2

21 <sup>a</sup>Is. 30:25; 35:6, 7;  
41:17, 18; 43:19, 20; 49:10  
<sup>b</sup>Ex. 17:6; Ps. 78:15, 16 <sup>c</sup>Ps.  
78:20; 105:41

22 <sup>a</sup>Is. 57:21

1 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *inward parts*

2 <sup>1</sup>Or, *sharpened*  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 11:4; Heb. 4:12; Rev.  
1:16; 2:12, 16 <sup>b</sup>Is. 51:16  
<sup>c</sup>Hab. 3:11

3 <sup>1</sup>Or, *glorify Myself*

4 <sup>a</sup>Is. 35:4; 59:18

5 <sup>a</sup>Is. 43:4 <sup>b</sup>Is. 12:2

6 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *light* <sup>2</sup>Or, *to*  
<sup>1</sup>Lit., *be*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 37:28; 97:10 <sup>b</sup>Is. 42:6;  
51:4; Acts 13:47

7 <sup>a</sup>Is. 48:17 <sup>b</sup>Is. 53:3; Ps.  
22:6-8; 69:7-9 <sup>c</sup>Is. 52:15 <sup>d</sup>Is.  
19:21, 23; 27:13; 66:23

8 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *establish*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 69:13; 2 Cor. 6:2 <sup>b</sup>Is.  
26:3; 27:3; 42:6 <sup>c</sup>Is. 44:26

9 <sup>a</sup>Is. 42:7; 61:1; Luke  
4:18

- 21 And they did not <sup>a</sup>thirst when He led them through the deserts.  
He <sup>b</sup>made the water flow out of the rock for them;  
He split the rock, and <sup>c</sup>the water gushed forth.
- 22 <sup>a</sup>"There is no peace for the wicked," says the LORD.

CHAPTER 49

LISTEN to Me, O islands,

- And pay attention, you peoples from afar.  
The LORD called Me from the womb;  
From the <sup>1</sup>body of My mother He named Me.
- 2 And He has made My <sup>a</sup>mouth like a sharp sword;  
In the <sup>b</sup>shadow of His hand He has concealed Me,  
And He has also made Me a <sup>1</sup>select <sup>c</sup>arrow;  
He has hidden Me in His quiver.
- 3 And He said to Me, "You are My Servant, Israel,  
In Whom I will <sup>1</sup>show My glory."
- 4 But I said, "I have toiled in vain,  
I have spent My strength for nothing and vanity;  
Yet surely the justice *due* to Me is with the LORD,  
And My <sup>a</sup>reward with My God."
- 5 And now says the LORD, who formed Me from the womb to be His Servant,  
To bring Jacob back to Him, in order that Israel might be gathered to Him  
(For I am <sup>a</sup>honored in the sight of the LORD,  
And My God is My <sup>b</sup>strength),
- 6 He says, "It is too <sup>1</sup>small a thing that You should be My Servant  
To raise up the tribes of Jacob, and to restore the <sup>a</sup>preserved ones of Israel;  
I will also make You a <sup>b</sup>light <sup>2</sup>of the nations  
So that My salvation may <sup>3</sup>reach to the end of the earth."
- 7 Thus says the LORD, the <sup>a</sup>Redeemer of Israel, *and* its Holy One,  
To the <sup>b</sup>despised One,  
To the One abhorred by the nation,  
To the Servant of rulers,  
<sup>c</sup>"Kings shall see and arise,  
Princes shall also <sup>d</sup>bow down;  
Because of the LORD who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel who has chosen You."
- 8 Thus says the LORD, "In a <sup>a</sup>favorable time I have answered You,  
And in a day of salvation I have helped You;  
And I will <sup>b</sup>keep You and give You for a covenant of the people,  
To <sup>1</sup><sup>c</sup>restore the land, to make *them* inherit the desolate heritages;
- 9 Saying to those who are <sup>a</sup>bound, 'Go forth,'  
To those who are in darkness, 'Show yourselves.'



- Along the roads they will feed,  
And their pasture will be on all bare heights.
- 10 "They will <sup>a</sup>not hunger or thirst,  
Neither will the scorching <sup>b</sup>heat or sun strike them  
down;  
For He who has compassion on them will <sup>c</sup>lead them,  
And will guide them to <sup>d</sup>springs of water.
- 11 "And I will make all My mountains a road,  
And My <sup>a</sup>highways will be raised up.
- 12 "Behold, these shall come from afar;  
And lo, these *will come* from the <sup>a</sup>north and from the  
west,  
And these from the land of Sinim."
- 13 <sup>a</sup>Shout for joy, O heavens! And rejoice, O earth!  
Break forth into joyful shouting, O mountains!  
For the <sup>b</sup>LORD has comforted His people,  
And will <sup>c</sup>have compassion on His afflicted.
- 14 But Zion said, "The LORD has forsaken me,  
And the Lord has forgotten me."
- 15 "Can a woman forget her nursing child,  
And have no compassion on the son of her womb?  
Even these may forget, but I will not forget you.
- 16 "Behold, I have <sup>a</sup>inscribed you on the palms of *My hands*;  
Your <sup>b</sup>walls are continually before Me.
- 17 "Your <sup>1</sup>builders hurry;  
Your <sup>a</sup>destroyers and devastators  
Will depart from you.
- 18 "<sup>a</sup>Lift up your eyes and look around;  
All of them gather together, they come to you.  
<sup>b</sup>As I live," declares the LORD,  
"You shall surely put on all of them as <sup>1</sup>jewels, and bind  
them on as a bride.
- 19 "For <sup>a</sup>your waste and desolate places, and your destroyed  
land—  
Surely now you will be <sup>b</sup>too cramped for the inhabitants,  
And those who <sup>c</sup>swallowed you will be far away.
- 20 "The <sup>a</sup>children of <sup>1</sup>whom you were bereaved will yet say  
in your ears,  
'The place is too cramped for me;  
Make room for me that I may live *here*.'
- 21 "Then you will <sup>a</sup>say in your heart,  
'Who has begotten these for me,  
Since I have been bereaved of my children,  
And am <sup>b</sup>barren, an <sup>c</sup>exile and a wanderer?  
And who has reared these?  
Behold, I was <sup>d</sup>left alone;  
From where did these come?'"
- 22 Thus says the Lord <sup>1</sup>God,  
"Behold, I will lift up My hand to the nations,  
And set up My <sup>a</sup>standard to the peoples;  
And they will <sup>b</sup>bring your sons in *their* bosom,  
And your daughters will be carried on *their* shoulders.
- 10 <sup>a</sup>Is. 33:16; 48:21; Rev. 7:16 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 121:6 <sup>c</sup>Is. 40:11; Ps. 23:2 <sup>d</sup>Is. 35:7; 41:17
- 11 <sup>a</sup>Is. 11:16; 19:23; 35:8; 62:10
- 12 <sup>a</sup>Is. 43:5, 6
- 13 <sup>a</sup>Is. 44:23 <sup>b</sup>Is. 40:1; 51:3, 12 <sup>c</sup>Is. 54:7, 8, 10
- 16 <sup>a</sup>Song of Sol. 8:6; Hag. 2:23 <sup>b</sup>Is. 62:6, 7; Ps. 48:12, 13
- 17 <sup>1</sup>So ancient versions and DSS; M.T. reads, sons <sup>a</sup>Is. 10:6; 37:18
- 18 <sup>1</sup>Lit., an ornament <sup>a</sup>Is. 60:4; John 4:35 <sup>b</sup>Is. 45:23; 54:9
- 19 <sup>a</sup>Is. 1:7; 3:8; 5:6; 51:3 <sup>b</sup>Is. 54:1, 2; Zech. 10:10 <sup>c</sup>Ps. 56:1, 2
- 20 <sup>1</sup>Lit., your bereavement <sup>a</sup>Is. 54:13
- 21 <sup>a</sup>Is. 29:23; 54:6, 7 <sup>b</sup>Is. 27:10; Lam. 1:1 <sup>c</sup>Is. 5:13 <sup>d</sup>Is. 1:8
- 22 <sup>1</sup>YHWH, usually rendered LORD <sup>a</sup>Is. 11:10, 12; 18:3; 62:10 <sup>b</sup>Is. 14:2; 43:6; 60:4

23 <sup>a</sup>Is. 14:1, 2; 60:3, 10, 11  
<sup>b</sup>Is. 45:14; 60:14 <sup>c</sup>Ps. 72:9;  
 Mic. 7:17 <sup>d</sup>Is. 41:20; 43:10;  
 60:16 <sup>e</sup>Is. 25:9; 26:8; Ps.  
 37:9 <sup>f</sup>Is. 45:17; Ps. 25:3;  
 Joel 2:27

24 <sup>1</sup>So ancient versions  
 and DSS; M.T. reads, *the*  
*righteous*, cf. v. 25

25 <sup>a</sup>Is. 10:6; 14:1, 2; Jer.  
 50:33, 34

26 <sup>a</sup>Is. 9:4; 14:4; 16:4;  
 51:13; 54:14 <sup>b</sup>Is. 45:6; Ezek.  
 39:7

1 <sup>a</sup>Deut. 24:1, 3; Jer. 3:8  
<sup>b</sup>Is. 54:6, 7 <sup>c</sup>Deut. 32:30;  
 2 Kin. 4:1; Neh. 5:5 <sup>d</sup>Is.  
 52:3; 59:2 <sup>e</sup>Jer. 3:8

2 <sup>a</sup>Is. 59:1; Gen. 18:14;  
 Num. 11:23 <sup>b</sup>Is. 19:5; 43:16;  
 44:27; Ex. 14:21 <sup>c</sup>Is. 42:15;  
 Josh. 3:16

3 <sup>a</sup>Is. 13:10; Rev. 6:12

4 <sup>1</sup>YHWH, usually  
 rendered *LORD*, and so  
 throughout the chap.  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 57:19; Jer. 31:25 <sup>b</sup>Ps.  
 5:3; 88:13; 119:147; 143:8

5 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 26:39; John  
 8:29; 14:31; 15:10; Acts  
 26:19; Phil. 2:8; Heb. 5:8;  
 10:7

6 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 26:67; 27:30;  
 Mark 15:19; Luke 22:63

7 <sup>a</sup>Is. 42:1; 49:8 <sup>b</sup>Is.  
 45:17; 54:4 <sup>c</sup>Ezek. 3:8, 9

23 "And <sup>a</sup>kings will be your guardians,  
 And their princesses your nurses.  
 They will <sup>b</sup>bow down to you with their faces to the  
 earth,  
 And <sup>c</sup>lick the dust of your feet;  
 And you will <sup>d</sup>know that I am the LORD;  
 Those who hopefully <sup>e</sup>wait for Me will <sup>f</sup>not be put to  
 shame.

24 "Can the prey be taken from the mighty man,  
 Or the captives of <sup>1</sup>a tyrant be rescued?"

25 Surely, thus says the LORD,  
 "Even the <sup>a</sup>captives of the mighty man will be taken  
 away,  
 And the prey of the tyrant will be rescued;  
 For I will contend with the one who contends with you,  
 And I will save your sons.

26 "And I will feed your <sup>a</sup>oppressors with their own flesh,  
 And they will become drunk with their own blood as  
 with sweet wine;  
 And <sup>b</sup>all flesh will know that I, the LORD, am your Savior,  
 And your Redeemer, the Mighty One of Jacob."

CHAPTER 50

THUS says the LORD,

"Where is the <sup>a</sup>certificate of divorce,  
 By which I have <sup>b</sup>sent your mother away?  
 Or to whom of My creditors did I <sup>c</sup>sell you?  
 Behold, you were sold for your <sup>d</sup>iniquities,  
 And for your transgressions your mother <sup>e</sup>was sent away.

2 "Why was there no man when I came?  
 When I called, *why* was there none to answer?  
 Is My <sup>a</sup>hand so short that it cannot ransom?  
 Or have I no power to deliver?  
 Behold, I <sup>b</sup>dry up the sea with My rebuke,  
 I <sup>c</sup>make the rivers a wilderness;  
 Their fish stink for lack of water,  
 And die of thirst.

3 "I <sup>a</sup>clothe the heavens with blackness,  
 And I make sackcloth their covering."

4 The Lord <sup>1</sup>God has given Me the tongue of disciples,  
 That I may know how to <sup>a</sup>sustain the weary one with a  
 word.

He awakens Me <sup>b</sup>morning by morning,  
 He awakens My ear to listen as a disciple.

5 The Lord God has opened My ear;  
 And I was <sup>a</sup>not disobedient,  
 Nor did I turn back.

6 I <sup>a</sup>gave My back to those who strike Me,  
 And My cheeks to those who pluck out the beard;  
 I did not cover My face from humiliation and spitting.

7 For the Lord God <sup>a</sup>helps Me,  
 Therefore, I am <sup>b</sup>not disgraced;  
 Therefore, I have set My face like <sup>c</sup>flint,  
 And I know that I shall not be ashamed.

- 8 He who <sup>a</sup>vindicates Me is near;  
Who will contend with Me?  
Let us <sup>b</sup>stand up to each other;  
Who has a case against Me?  
Let him draw near to Me.
- 9 Behold, the Lord GOD helps Me;  
<sup>a</sup>Who is he who condemns Me?  
Behold, they will all wear out like a garment;  
The moth will eat them.
- 10 Who is among you that fears the LORD,  
That obeys the voice of His <sup>a</sup>servant,  
That <sup>b</sup>walks in darkness and has no light?  
Let him trust in the name of the LORD and rely on his  
God.
- 11 Behold, all you who <sup>a</sup>kindle a fire,  
Who <sup>1</sup>encircle yourselves with firebrands,  
Walk in the light of your fire  
And among the brands you have set ablaze.  
This you will have from My hand;  
And you will <sup>b</sup>lie down in torment.

CHAPTER 51

- “<sup>a</sup>LISTEN to me, you who <sup>b</sup>pursue righteousness,  
Who seek the LORD:  
Look to the <sup>c</sup>rock from which you were hewn,  
And to the <sup>1</sup>quarry from which you were dug.
- 2 “Look to Abraham your father,  
And to Sarah who gave birth to you in pain;  
When *he* <sup>a</sup>was one I called him,  
Then I blessed him and multiplied him.”
- 3 Indeed, the LORD will comfort Zion;  
He will comfort all her waste places.  
And her <sup>a</sup>wilderness He will make like <sup>b</sup>Eden,  
And her desert like the garden of the LORD;  
<sup>c</sup>Joy and gladness will be found in her,  
Thanksgiving and sound of a melody.
- 4 “<sup>a</sup>Pay attention to Me, O My people;  
And give ear to Me, O My <sup>1</sup>nation;  
For a <sup>b</sup>law will go forth from Me,  
And I will <sup>2</sup>set My <sup>c</sup>justice for a <sup>d</sup>light of the peoples.
- 5 “My <sup>a</sup>righteousness is near, My salvation has gone forth,  
And My arms will judge the peoples;  
The <sup>b</sup>coastland will wait for Me,  
And for My <sup>c</sup>arm they will wait expectantly.
- 6 “<sup>a</sup>Lift up your eyes to the sky,  
Then look to the earth beneath;  
For the <sup>b</sup>sky will vanish like smoke,  
And the <sup>b</sup>earth will wear out like a garment,  
And its inhabitants will die <sup>1</sup>in like manner,  
But My salvation shall be forever,  
And My righteousness shall not <sup>2</sup>wane.
- 7 “Listen to Me, you who know righteousness,

8 <sup>a</sup>Is. 45:25; Rom. 8:33,  
34 <sup>b</sup>Is. 1:18; 41:1; 43:26

9 <sup>a</sup>Is. 54:17

10 <sup>a</sup>Is. 50:4; 49:2, 3 <sup>b</sup>Is.  
9:2; 26:9; Eph. 5:8

11 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *gird*  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 9:18; Prov. 26:18; James  
3:6 <sup>b</sup>Is. 8:22; 65:13-15;  
Amos 4:9, 10

1 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *the excavation of  
a pit*  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 51:7; 46:3; 48:12 <sup>b</sup>Ps.  
94:15; Prov. 15:9 <sup>c</sup>Gen.  
17:15-17

2 <sup>a</sup>Gen. 12:1; 15:5; Deut.  
1:10; Ezek. 33:24

3 <sup>a</sup>Is. 35:1; 41:19 <sup>b</sup>Gen.  
2:8; Joel 2:3 <sup>c</sup>Is. 25:9; 41:16;  
65:18; 66:10

4 <sup>1</sup>Or, *people* <sup>2</sup>Lit.,  
*cause to rest*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 50:7; 78:1 <sup>b</sup>Is. 2:3;  
Deut. 18:18; Mic. 4:2 <sup>c</sup>Is.  
1:27; 42:4 <sup>d</sup>Is. 42:6; 49:6

5 <sup>a</sup>Is. 46:13; 54:17 <sup>b</sup>Is.  
42:4; 60:9 <sup>c</sup>Is. 59:16; 63:5

6 <sup>1</sup>Or, *like gnats* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *be  
broken*  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 40:26 <sup>b</sup>Is. 13:13; 34:4;  
Ps. 102:25, 26; Matt. 24:35;  
Heb. 1:10-12; 2 Pet. 3:10

7 \*Ps. 37:31 bIs. 25:8;  
54:4; Matt. 5:11; Acts 5:41

8 \*Is. 14:11; 66:24

9 \*Ex. 6:6; Deut. 4:34

10 \*Is. 11:15, 16; 50:2;  
63:11, 12 bIs. 63:9, 16; Ex.  
15:13; Ps. 106:10

11 \*Is. 60:19; 61:7 bIs.  
25:8; 60:20; 65:19; Rev.  
7:17; 21:1, 4; 22:3

12 \*Is. 2:22; Ps. 118:6 bIs.  
40:6, 7; 1 Pet. 1:24

13 \*Is. 17:10; Deut. 6:12;  
8:11 bIs. 40:22; 45:12, 18;  
48:13; Job 9:8; Ps. 104:2

14 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *one in chains*  
\*Is. 48:20; 52:2 bIs. 33:6;  
49:10

15 \*Ps. 107:25; Jer. 31:35

16 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *plant*  
\*Is. 59:21; Deut. 18:18 bIs.  
49:2; Ex. 33:22 \*Is. 66:17,  
22

17 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *bowl of the cup  
of reeling* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *drunk*  
\*Is. 29:9; 63:6; Job 21:20;  
Jer. 25:15

18 \*Is. 49:21; Ps. 88:18;  
142:4

19 \*Is. 8:21; 9:20; 14:30

A people in whose <sup>a</sup>heart is My law;  
Do not fear the <sup>b</sup>reproach of man,  
Neither be dismayed at their revilings.

8 "For the moth will eat them like a garment,  
And the <sup>a</sup>grub will eat them like wool.  
But My righteousness shall be forever,  
And My salvation to all generations."

9 Awake, awake, put on strength, O arm of the LORD;  
Awake as in the <sup>a</sup>days of old, the generations of long ago.  
Was it not Thou who cut Rahab in pieces,  
Who pierced the dragon?

10 Was it not Thou who <sup>a</sup>dried up the sea,  
The waters of the great deep;  
Who made the depths of the sea a pathway  
For the <sup>b</sup>redeemed to cross over?

11 So the ransomed of the LORD will return,  
And come with joyful shouting to Zion;  
And <sup>a</sup>everlasting joy *will be* on their heads.  
They will obtain gladness and joy,  
And sorrow and sighing will <sup>b</sup>flee away.

12 "I, even I, am He who comforts you.  
Who are you that you are afraid of <sup>a</sup>man who dies,  
And of the son of man who is made <sup>b</sup>like grass;

13 That you have <sup>a</sup>forgotten the LORD your Maker,  
Who <sup>b</sup>stretched out the heavens,  
And laid the foundations of the earth;  
That you fear continually all day long because of the  
fury of the oppressor,

As he makes ready to destroy?  
But where is the fury of the oppressor?

14 "The <sup>1</sup>exile will soon be set free, and will not die in the  
dungeon, <sup>b</sup>nor will his bread be lacking.

15 "For I am the LORD your God, who <sup>a</sup>stirs up the sea and  
its waves roar (the LORD of hosts is His name).

16 "And I have <sup>a</sup>put My words in your mouth, and have  
<sup>b</sup>covered you with the shadow of My hand, to <sup>1</sup>establish the  
heavens, to found the earth, and to say to Zion, 'You are My  
people.'"

17 Rouse yourself! Rouse yourself! Arise, O Jerusalem,  
You who have <sup>a</sup>drunk from the LORD's hand the cup of  
His anger;

The <sup>1</sup>chalice of reeling you have <sup>2</sup>drained to the dregs.

18 There is <sup>a</sup>none to guide her among all the sons she has  
borne;

Nor is there one to take her by the hand among all the  
sons she has reared.

19 These two things have befallen you;  
Who will mourn for you?

The <sup>a</sup>devastation and destruction, famine and sword;  
How shall I comfort you?

- 20 Your sons have fainted,  
They <sup>1</sup>lie *helpless* at the head of every street,  
Like an antelope in a net,  
Full of the wrath of the LORD,  
The <sup>2</sup>rebuke of your God.
- 21 Therefore, please hear this, you afflicted,  
Who are drunk, but not with wine:
- 22 Thus says your Lord, the LORD, even your God  
Who <sup>3</sup>contends for His people,  
"Behold, I have taken out of your hand the cup of reeling;  
The <sup>4</sup>chalice of My anger,  
You will never drink it again.
- 23 "And I will <sup>5</sup>put it into the hand of your tormentors,  
Who have said to <sup>6</sup>you, "<sup>7</sup>Lie down that we may walk  
over you."  
You have even made your back like the ground,  
And like the street for those who walk over it."

CHAPTER 52

- A**WAKE, awake,  
Clothe yourself in your strength, O Zion;  
Clothe yourself in your <sup>1</sup>beautiful garments,  
O Jerusalem, the <sup>2</sup>holy city.  
For the uncircumcised and the unclean  
Will no more come into you.
- 2 Shake yourself from the dust, <sup>3</sup>rise up,  
O captive Jerusalem;  
Loose yourself from the chains around your neck,  
O captive daughter of Zion.
- 3 For thus says the LORD, "You were <sup>4</sup>sold for nothing and  
you will be <sup>5</sup>redeemed without money."
- 4 For thus says the Lord <sup>6</sup>GOD, "My people <sup>7</sup>went down  
at the first into Egypt to reside there, then the Assyrian op-  
pressed them without cause.
- 5 "Now therefore, what do I have here," declares the LORD,  
"seeing that My people have been taken away without cause?"  
*Again* the LORD declares, "Those who rule over them howl, and  
My <sup>8</sup>name is continually blasphemed all day long.
- 6 "Therefore My people shall know My name; therefore in  
that day I am the one who is speaking, 'Here I am.'"
- 7 How lovely on the mountains  
Are the feet of him who brings <sup>9</sup>good news,  
Who announces <sup>10</sup>peace  
And brings good news of <sup>11</sup>happiness,  
Who announces salvation,  
And says to Zion, "Your <sup>12</sup>God <sup>13</sup>reigns!"
- 8 Listen! Your watchmen lift up *their* <sup>14</sup>voices,  
They shout joyfully together;  
For they will see <sup>15</sup>with their own eyes  
When the LORD restores Zion.
- 9 <sup>16</sup>Break forth, shout joyfully together,  
You <sup>17</sup>waste places of Jerusalem;  
For the LORD has comforted His people,  
He has <sup>18</sup>redeemed Jerusalem.

20 <sup>1</sup>Is. 5:25; Jer. 14:16 <sup>2</sup>bIs. 66:15

22 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *bowl of the cup of*  
<sup>2</sup>Is. 3:12, 13; 49:25; Jer. 50:34

23 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *your soul*  
<sup>2</sup>Is. 49:26; Jer. 25:15-17, 26, 28; Zech. 12:2 <sup>3</sup>Josh. 10:24

1 <sup>1</sup>Is. 49:18; 61:3, 10; Ex. 28:2, 40; 1 Chr. 16:29; Ps. 110:3; Zech. 3:4 <sup>2</sup>bIs. 48:2; 64:10; Neh. 11:1; Zech. 14:20, 21; Matt. 4:5

2 <sup>1</sup>Is. 60:1

3 <sup>1</sup>Ps. 44:12; Jer. 15:13  
<sup>2</sup>bIs. 1:27; 62:12; 63:4

4 <sup>1</sup>YHWH, usually rendered Lord  
<sup>2</sup>Gen. 46:6

5 <sup>1</sup>Ezek. 36:20, 23; Rom. 2:24

7 <sup>1</sup>Or, *well-being* <sup>2</sup>Lit., good <sup>3</sup>Or, *is King*  
<sup>4</sup>Is. 40:9; 61:1; Nah. 1:15; Rom. 10:15 <sup>5</sup>bIs. 24:23; Ps. 93:1

8 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *eye to eye*  
<sup>2</sup>Is. 62:6

9 <sup>1</sup>Is. 44:23; Ps. 98:4 <sup>2</sup>bIs. 44:26; 51:3; 61:4 <sup>3</sup>Is. 43:1; 48:20

10 <sup>1</sup>Lit., And . . . earth will see  
<sup>2</sup>Is. 51:9; 66:18, 19; Ps. 98:1-3  
<sup>3</sup>Is. 45:22; 48:20

11 <sup>a</sup>Num. 19:11, 16 <sup>b</sup>Is. 1:16; Lev. 22:2

12 <sup>1</sup>Lit., in flight  
<sup>a</sup>Ex. 12:11, 33; Deut. 16:3  
<sup>b</sup>Is. 26:7; 42:16; 49:10, 11  
<sup>c</sup>Is. 58:8; Ex. 14:19, 20

13 <sup>1</sup>Or, very high  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 57:15

14 <sup>a</sup>Is. 53:2, 3

15 <sup>a</sup>Job 21:5 <sup>b</sup>Rom. 15:21

1 <sup>a</sup>John 12:38; Rom. 10:16

2 <sup>1</sup>Lit., suckling <sup>2</sup>Lit., desire  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 11:1 <sup>b</sup>Is. 52:14

3 <sup>1</sup>Or, pains <sup>2</sup>Or, sickness  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 49:7; Ps. 22:6; Luke 18:31-33 <sup>b</sup>Is. 53:10 <sup>c</sup>Mark 10:33, 34 <sup>d</sup>John 1:10, 11

4 <sup>1</sup>Or, sickness <sup>2</sup>Or, pains <sup>3</sup>Or, Struck down by  
<sup>a</sup>Matt. 8:17 <sup>b</sup>John 19:7

5 <sup>1</sup>Or, wounded <sup>2</sup>Or, peace  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 53:8; Heb. 9:28 <sup>b</sup>Is. 53:10; Rom. 4:25; 1 Cor. 15:3 <sup>c</sup>Deut. 11:2; Heb. 5:8  
<sup>d</sup>1 Pet. 2:24, 25

6 <sup>1</sup>Lit., encounter Him

7 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 26:63; 27:12-14; Mark 14:61; 15:5; Luke 23:9; John 19:9 <sup>b</sup>Acts 8:32, 33

10 The LORD has bared His holy <sup>a</sup>arm  
 In the sight of all the nations;  
<sup>1</sup>That <sup>b</sup>all the ends of the earth may see  
 The salvation of our God.

11 Depart, depart, go out from there,  
<sup>a</sup>Touch nothing unclean;  
 Go out of the midst of her, <sup>b</sup>purify yourselves,  
 You who carry the vessels of the LORD.

12 But you will not go out in <sup>a</sup>haste,  
 Nor will you go <sup>1</sup>as fugitives;  
 For the <sup>b</sup>LORD will go before you,  
 And <sup>c</sup>the God of Israel *will be* your rear guard.

13 Behold, My servant will prosper,  
 He will be high and lifted up, and <sup>1</sup>greatly <sup>a</sup>exalted.

14 Just as many were astonished at you, *My people*,  
 So His <sup>a</sup>appearance was marred more than any man,  
 And His form more than the sons of men.

15 Thus He will sprinkle many nations,  
 Kings will <sup>a</sup>shut their mouths on account of Him;  
 For <sup>b</sup>what had not been told them they will see,  
 And what they had not heard they will understand.

## CHAPTER 53

<sup>a</sup>WHO has believed our message?

And to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed?

2 For He grew up before Him like a <sup>a</sup>tender <sup>1</sup>shoot,  
 And like a root out of parched ground;  
 He has <sup>b</sup>no *stately* form or majesty  
 That we should look upon Him,  
 Nor appearance that we should <sup>2</sup>be attracted to Him.

3 He was <sup>a</sup>despised and forsaken of men,  
 A man of <sup>1</sup>sorrows, and <sup>b</sup>acquainted with <sup>2</sup>grief;  
 And like one from whom men hide their face,  
 He was <sup>c</sup>despised, and we did not <sup>d</sup>esteem Him.

4 Surely our <sup>1</sup>griefs He Himself <sup>a</sup>bore,  
 And our <sup>2</sup>sorrows He carried;  
 Yet we ourselves esteemed Him stricken,  
<sup>3</sup>Smitten of <sup>b</sup>God, and afflicted.

5 But He was <sup>1</sup>pierced through for <sup>a</sup>our transgressions,  
 He was crushed for <sup>b</sup>our iniquities;  
 The <sup>c</sup>chastening for our <sup>2</sup>well-being *fell* upon Him,  
 And by <sup>d</sup>His scourging we are healed.

6 All of us like sheep have gone astray,  
 Each of us has turned to his own way;  
 But the LORD has caused the iniquity of us all  
 To <sup>1</sup>fall on Him.

7 He was oppressed and He was afflicted,  
 Yet He did not <sup>a</sup>open His mouth;  
<sup>b</sup>Like a lamb that is led to slaughter,  
 And like a sheep that is silent before its shearers,  
 So He did not open His mouth.

8 By oppression and judgment He was taken away;

- And as for His generation, who considered  
That He was cut off out of the land of the <sup>1</sup>living,  
<sup>a</sup>For the transgression of my people to whom the stroke  
was *due*?
- 9 His grave was assigned to be with wicked men,  
Yet with a <sup>a</sup>rich man in His death;  
<sup>b</sup>Although He had <sup>c</sup>done no violence,  
Nor was there any deceit in His mouth.
- 10 But the LORD was pleased  
To crush Him, <sup>1</sup>putting *Him* to grief;  
If <sup>2</sup>He would render Himself as a guilt <sup>a</sup>offering,  
He will see <sup>b</sup>His <sup>3</sup>offspring,  
He will prolong *His* days,  
And the <sup>4</sup>good <sup>c</sup>pleasure of the LORD will prosper in His  
hand.
- 11 As a result of the <sup>1</sup>anguish of His soul,  
He will <sup>a</sup>see <sup>2</sup>it and be satisfied;  
By His <sup>b</sup>knowledge the Righteous One,  
My Servant, will justify the many,  
As He will bear their iniquities.
- 12 Therefore, I will allot Him a <sup>a</sup>portion with the great,  
And He will divide the booty with the strong;  
Because He poured out <sup>1b</sup>Himself to death,  
And was <sup>c</sup>numbered with the transgressors;  
Yet He Himself <sup>d</sup>bore the sin of many,  
And interceded for the transgressors.

CHAPTER 54

- “<sup>a</sup>SHOUT for joy, O barren one, you who have borne no  
*child*;  
Break forth into joyful shouting and cry aloud, you who  
have not travailed;  
For the sons of the <sup>b</sup>desolate one *will be* <sup>c</sup>more numer-  
ous  
Than the sons of the married woman,” says the LORD.
- 2 “<sup>a</sup>Enlarge the place of your tent;  
<sup>1</sup>Stretch out the curtains of your dwellings, spare not;  
Lengthen your <sup>b</sup> cords,  
And strengthen your <sup>b</sup> pegs.
- 3 “For you will <sup>a</sup>spread abroad to the right and to the left.  
And your <sup>1</sup>descendants will <sup>b</sup>possess nations,  
And they will <sup>c</sup>resettle the desolate cities.
- 4 “Fear not, for you will not be put to shame;  
Neither feel humiliated, for you will not be disgraced;  
But you will forget the shame of your youth,  
And the <sup>a</sup>reproach of your widowhood you will remem-  
ber no more.
- 5 “For your <sup>a</sup>husband is your Maker,  
Whose name is the LORD of hosts;  
And your <sup>b</sup>Redeemer is the Holy One of Israel,  
Who is called the <sup>c</sup>God of all the earth.
- 6 “For the LORD has called you,  
Like a wife <sup>a</sup>forsaken and grieved in spirit,

8 <sup>1</sup>Or, *life*  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 53:5, 12

9 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 27:57-60 <sup>b</sup>Is.  
42:1-3 <sup>c</sup>1 Pet. 2:22

10 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *He made Him*  
<sup>2</sup>Lit., *His soul* <sup>3</sup>Lit.,  
*seed* <sup>4</sup>Or, *will of*  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 53:6-12; John 1:29 <sup>b</sup>Is.  
54:3; 61:9; 66:22; Ps. 22:30  
<sup>c</sup>Is. 46:10

11 <sup>1</sup>Or, *toilsome labor*  
<sup>2</sup>Another reading is, *light*  
<sup>a</sup>John 10:14-18 <sup>b</sup>Is. 45:25;  
Rom. 5:18, 19

12 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *His soul*  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 52:13; Phil. 2:9-11  
<sup>b</sup>Matt. 26:38, 39, 42 <sup>c</sup>Luke  
22:37 <sup>d</sup>Is. 53:6, 11; 2 Cor.  
5:21

1 <sup>a</sup>Gal. 4:27 <sup>b</sup>Is. 62:4 <sup>c</sup>Is.  
49:20; 1 Sam. 2:5

2 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *Let them stretch*  
*out*  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 33:20; 49:19, 20 <sup>b</sup>Ex.  
35:18; 39:40

3 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *seed*  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 43:5, 6; 60:3-11; Gen.  
28:14 <sup>b</sup>Is. 14:1, 2; <sup>c</sup>43:14;  
49:23 <sup>d</sup>Is. 49:19

4 <sup>a</sup>Is. 4:1; 25:8; 51:7

5 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 3:14; Hos. 2:19  
<sup>b</sup>Is. 43:14; 48:17 <sup>c</sup>Is. 6:3;  
11:9; 65:16

6 <sup>a</sup>Is. 49:14-21; 50:1, 2;  
62:4

7 <sup>1</sup>Lit., in  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 26:20 <sup>b</sup>Is. 11:12; 43:5;  
49:18

8 <sup>1</sup>Lit., overflowing  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 60:10 <sup>b</sup>Is. 49:10, 13

9 <sup>1</sup>Some mss. read, *the  
waters of Noah this is to  
me* <sup>2</sup>Lit., cross over  
<sup>a</sup>Gen. 9:11 <sup>b</sup>Is. 12:1; Ezek.  
39:29

10 <sup>a</sup>Is. 51:6; Ps. 102:26 <sup>b</sup>Is.  
55:3; 59:21; 61:8; 2 Sam.  
23:5; Ps. 89:34

11 <sup>1</sup>Or, lapis lazuli  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 14:32; 28:16; 44:28

12 <sup>1</sup>I.e., bright red <sup>2</sup>Or,  
*carbuncles* <sup>3</sup>Lit., border,  
boundary

13 <sup>1</sup>Or, disciples  
<sup>a</sup>John 6:45 <sup>b</sup>Is. 48:18; 66:12

14 <sup>a</sup>Is. 1:26, 27; 9:7; 62:1  
<sup>b</sup>Is. 9:4; 14:4

15 <sup>a</sup>Is. 41:11-16

17 <sup>1</sup>Lit., rises against  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 17:12-14; 29:8 <sup>b</sup>Is. 50:8,  
9 <sup>c</sup>Is. 45:24; 46:13

1 <sup>1</sup>Lit., silver  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 41:17; 44:3; Ps. 42:1, 2;  
63:1; 143:6; John 4:14; 7:37  
<sup>b</sup>Lam. 5:4 <sup>c</sup>Hos. 14:4; Matt.  
10:8

2 <sup>1</sup>Lit., weigh out silver  
<sup>a</sup>Eccles. 6:2; Hos. 8:7 <sup>b</sup>Is.  
1:19; 62:8, 9; Ps. 22:26

Even like a wife of *one's* youth when she is rejected,"  
Says your God.

7 "For a <sup>a</sup>brief moment I forsook you,  
But with great compassion I will <sup>b</sup>gather you.

8 "In an <sup>a</sup>outburst of anger  
I hid My face from you for a moment;  
But with everlasting lovingkindness I will <sup>b</sup>have compas-  
sion on you,"  
Says the LORD your Redeemer.

9 "For <sup>1</sup>this is like the days of Noah to Me;  
When I swore that the waters of Noah  
Should <sup>a</sup>not <sup>2</sup>flood the earth again,  
So I have sworn that I will <sup>b</sup>not be angry with you,  
Nor will I rebuke you.

10 "For the <sup>a</sup>mountains may be removed and the hills may  
shake,  
But My lovingkindness will not be removed from you,  
And My <sup>b</sup>covenant of peace will not be shaken,"  
Says the LORD who has compassion on you.

11 "O afflicted one, storm-tossed, and not comforted,  
Behold, I will set your stones in antimony,  
And your foundations I will <sup>a</sup>lay in <sup>1</sup>sapphires.

12 "Moreover, I will make your battlements of <sup>1</sup>rubies,  
And your gates of <sup>2</sup>crystal,  
And your entire <sup>3</sup>wall of precious stones.

13 "And <sup>a</sup>all your sons will be <sup>1</sup>taught of the LORD;  
And the well-being of your sons will be <sup>b</sup>great.

14 "In <sup>a</sup>righteousness you will be established;  
You will be far from <sup>b</sup>oppression, for you will not fear;  
And from terror, for it will not come near you.

15 "If anyone fiercely assails you it will not be from Me.  
<sup>a</sup>Whoever assails you will fall because of you.

16 "Behold, I Myself have created the smith who blows the  
fire of coals,  
And brings out a weapon for its work;  
And I have created the destroyer to ruin.

17 "<sup>a</sup>No weapon that is formed against you shall prosper;  
And <sup>b</sup>every tongue that <sup>1</sup>accuses you in judgment you  
will condemn.

This is the heritage of the servants of the LORD,  
And their <sup>c</sup>vindication is from Me," declares the LORD.

CHAPTER 55

"HO! Every one who <sup>a</sup>thirsts, come to the waters;  
And you who have <sup>b</sup>no <sup>1</sup>money come, buy and eat.  
Come, buy wine and milk  
<sup>c</sup>Without money and without cost.

2 "Why do you <sup>1</sup>spend money for what is <sup>a</sup>not bread,  
And your wages for what does not satisfy?  
Listen carefully to Me, and <sup>b</sup>eat what is good,  
And delight yourself in abundance.



**“Seek the Lord While He May Be Found.”  
“My Thoughts Not Yours.” Sabbath Keeping.**

**Isalah 55, 56**

- 3 “<sup>a</sup>Incline your ear and come to Me.  
Listen, that <sup>1</sup>you may <sup>b</sup>live;  
And I will make <sup>c</sup>an everlasting covenant with you,  
According to the <sup>d</sup>faithful mercies <sup>2</sup>shown to David.
- 4 “Behold, I have made <sup>a</sup>him a witness to the peoples,  
A <sup>b</sup>leader and commander for the peoples.
- 5 “Behold, you will call a <sup>a</sup>nation you do not know,  
And a nation which knows you will <sup>b</sup>run to you,  
Because of the LORD your God, even the Holy One of  
Israel;  
For He has <sup>c</sup>glorified you.”
- 6 <sup>a</sup>Seek the LORD while He may be found;  
<sup>b</sup>Call upon Him while He is near.
- 7 <sup>a</sup>Let the wicked forsake his way,  
And the unrighteous man his <sup>b</sup>thoughts;  
And let him <sup>c</sup>return to the LORD,  
And He will have <sup>d</sup>compassion on him;  
And to our God,  
For He will <sup>e</sup>abundantly pardon.
- 8 “For My thoughts are not <sup>a</sup>your thoughts,  
Neither are <sup>b</sup>your ways My ways,” declares the LORD.
- 9 “For <sup>a</sup>as the heavens are higher than the earth,  
So are My ways higher than your ways,  
And My thoughts than your thoughts.
- 10 “For as the <sup>a</sup>rain and the snow come down from heaven,  
And do not return there without watering the earth,  
And making it bear and sprout,  
And furnishing <sup>b</sup>seed to the sower and bread to the  
eater;
- 11 So shall My <sup>a</sup>word be which goes forth from My mouth;  
It shall <sup>b</sup>not return to Me empty,  
Without <sup>c</sup>accomplishing what I desire,  
And without succeeding *in the matter* for which I sent  
it.
- 12 “For you will go out with <sup>a</sup>joy,  
And be led forth with <sup>b</sup>peace;  
~~The <sup>c</sup>mountains and the hills will break forth into shouts  
of joy before you,  
And all the trees of the field will clap their hands.~~
- 13 “Instead of the thorn bush the cypress will come up;  
And instead of the nettle the myrtle will come up;  
And it will be a <sup>2a</sup>memorial to the LORD,  
For an everlasting sign which <sup>b</sup>will not be cut off.”

3 <sup>1</sup>Lit., your soul <sup>2</sup>Lit., of David  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 51:4 <sup>b</sup>Lev. 18:5; Rom. 10:5 <sup>c</sup>Is. 61:8 <sup>d</sup>Acts 13:34

4 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 18:43; Jer. 30:9; Hos. 3:5 <sup>b</sup>Ezek. 34:24; 37:24, 25; Dan. 9:25; Mic. 5:2

5 <sup>a</sup>Is. 45:14, 22-24; 49:6, 12, 23 <sup>b</sup>Zech. 8:22 <sup>c</sup>Is. 60:9

6 <sup>a</sup>Is. 45:19, 22; 49:8; Ps. 32:6; Amos 5:6 <sup>b</sup>Is. 58:9; 65:24

7 <sup>a</sup>Is. 1:16, 19; 58:6 <sup>b</sup>Is. 32:7; 59:7 <sup>c</sup>Is. 31:6; 44:22 <sup>d</sup>Is. 14:1; 54:8, 10 <sup>e</sup>Is. 1:18; 40:2; 43:25; 44:2

8 <sup>a</sup>Is. 65:2; 66:18 <sup>b</sup>Is. 53:6

9 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 103:11

10 <sup>a</sup>Is. 30:23 <sup>b2</sup>Cor. 9:10

11 <sup>a</sup>Is. 45:23; Matt. 24:35 <sup>b</sup>Is. 44:26; 59:21 <sup>c</sup>Is. 46:10; 53:10

12 <sup>a</sup>Is. 51:11; 52:9; Ps. 105:43 <sup>b</sup>Is. 54:10, 13; Jer. 29:11 <sup>c</sup>Is. 44:23; 49:13 <sup>d1</sup>Chr. 16:33

13 <sup>1</sup>I.e., the transformation of the desert <sup>2</sup>Lit., name <sup>a</sup>Is. 63:12, 14; Jer. 33:9 <sup>b</sup>Is. 56:5

1 <sup>a</sup>Is. 1:17; 33:5; 61:8 <sup>b</sup>Is. 46:13; 51:5; Ps. 85:9

2 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 112:1; 119:1, 2 <sup>b</sup>Ex. 20:8-11; 31:13-17; Jer. 17:21, 22; Ezek. 20:12, 20

**CHAPTER 56**

**T**HUS says the LORD,

- “<sup>a</sup>Preserve justice, and do righteousness,  
For My <sup>b</sup>salvation is about to come  
And My righteousness to be revealed.
- 2 “How <sup>a</sup>blessed is the man who does this,  
And the son of man who takes hold of it;  
Who <sup>b</sup>keeps from profaning the sabbath,  
And keeps his hand from doing any evil.”

<sup>5</sup> So DSS; M.T. reads, *him*  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 56:7; 2:2, 3; 66:20 <sup>b</sup>Is. 26:1; 60:18 <sup>c</sup>Is. 62:2

6 <sup>a</sup>Is. 56:2, 4

<sup>7</sup> <sup>a</sup>Is. 2:2, 3; 60:11; Mic. 4:1, 2 <sup>b</sup>Is. 11:9; 65:25 <sup>c</sup>Is. 61:10 <sup>d</sup>Matt. 21:13; Mark 11:17; Luke 19:46

8 <sup>1</sup>YHWH, usually rendered LORD <sup>2</sup>Lit., *him*  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 60:3-11; 66:18-21; John 10:16

9 <sup>a</sup>Is. 18:6; 46:11

10 <sup>1</sup>So DSS; M. T., *Ravers*  
<sup>a</sup>Ezek. 3:17 <sup>b</sup>Is. 29:9-14; Jer. 14:13, 14

11 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *strong of soul/appetite* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *do not know satisfaction*  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 28:7; Ezek. 13:19; Mic. 3:5, 11 <sup>b</sup>Is. 57:17; Jer. 22:17

12 <sup>1</sup>So DSS and many versions; M. T., *me*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 10:6; Luke 12:19, 20

<sup>1</sup> <sup>a</sup>Is. 42:25; 47:7 <sup>b</sup>Is. 47:11; 2 Kin. 22:20; Jer. 18:11

<sup>2</sup> <sup>1</sup>i.e., *graves*  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 26:7

3 Let not the foreigner who has joined himself to the LORD say,  
 "The LORD will surely separate me from His people."  
 Neither let the eunuch say, "Behold, I am a dry tree."  
 4 For thus says the LORD,  
 "To the eunuchs who keep My sabbaths,  
 And choose what pleases Me,  
 And hold fast My covenant,  
 5 To them I will give in My <sup>a</sup>house and within My <sup>b</sup>walls  
 a memorial,  
 And a name better than that of sons and daughters;  
 I will give <sup>1</sup>them an everlasting <sup>c</sup>name which will not be cut off.

6 "Also the foreigners who join themselves to the LORD,  
 To minister to Him, and to love the name of the LORD,  
 To be His servants, every one who <sup>a</sup>keeps from profan-  
 ing the sabbath,  
 And holds fast My covenant;  
 7 Even <sup>a</sup>those I will bring to My <sup>b</sup>holy mountain,  
 And <sup>c</sup>make them joyful in My house of prayer.  
 Their burnt offerings and their sacrifices will be accept-  
 able on My altar;  
 For <sup>d</sup>My house will be called a house of prayer for all  
 the peoples."  
 8 The Lord <sup>1</sup>GOD, who gathers the dispersed of Israel,  
 declares,  
 "Yet <sup>a</sup>others I will gather to <sup>2</sup>them, to those *already*  
 gathered."

9 All you <sup>a</sup>beasts of the field,  
 All you beasts in the forest,  
 Come to eat.  
 10 His <sup>a</sup>watchmen are <sup>b</sup>blind,  
 All of them know nothing.  
 All of them are dumb dogs unable to bark,  
<sup>1</sup>Dreamers lying down, who love to slumber;  
 11 And the dogs are <sup>1a</sup>greedy, they <sup>2</sup>are not satisfied.  
 And they are shepherds who have no understanding;  
 They have all <sup>b</sup>turned to their own way,  
 Each one to his unjust gain, to the last one.  
 12 "Come," *they say*, "let <sup>1</sup>us get wine, and let us drink  
 heavily of strong drink;  
 And <sup>a</sup>tomorrow will be like today, only more so."

CHAPTER 57

THE righteous man perishes, and no man <sup>a</sup>takes it to heart;  
 And devout men are taken away, while no one under-  
 stands.  
 For the righteous man is taken away from <sup>b</sup>evil,  
 2 He enters into peace;  
 They rest in their <sup>1</sup>beds,  
 Each one who <sup>a</sup>walked in his upright way.

- 3 "But come here, you sons of a sorceress,  
Offspring of an adulterer and <sup>1</sup>a prostitute.
- 4 "Against whom do you jest?  
Against whom do you open wide your mouth  
And stick out your tongue?  
Are you not children of <sup>2</sup>rebellion,  
Offspring of deceit,
- 5 *Who* inflame yourselves among the <sup>1</sup>oaks,  
<sup>2</sup>Under every luxuriant tree,  
Who <sup>3</sup>slaughter the children in the <sup>2</sup>ravines,  
Under the clefts of the crags?
- 6 "Among the <sup>1</sup>smooth stones of the <sup>2</sup>ravine  
Is your portion, <sup>3</sup>they are your lot;  
Even to them you have <sup>b</sup>poured out a libation,  
You have made a grain offering.  
Shall I <sup>c</sup>relent concerning these things?
- 7 "Upon a <sup>a</sup>high and lofty mountain  
You have made your bed.  
You also went up there to offer sacrifice.
- 8 "And behind the door and the doorpost  
You have set up your sign;  
Indeed, far removed from Me, you have uncovered  
yourself;  
And have gone up and made your bed wide.  
And you have made an agreement for yourselves with  
them,  
You have loved their <sup>1</sup>bed,  
You have looked on *their* <sup>2</sup>manhood.
- 9 "And you have journeyed to the king with oil  
And increased your perfumes;  
You have <sup>a</sup>sent your envoys a great distance,  
And made *them* go down to <sup>1</sup>Sheol.
- 10 "You were tired out by the length of your road,  
*Yet* you did not say, <sup>a</sup>'It is hopeless.'  
You found <sup>b</sup>renewed strength,  
Therefore you did not <sup>2</sup>faint.
- 11 "Of <sup>a</sup>whom were you worried and fearful,  
When you lied, and did <sup>b</sup>not remember Me,  
<sup>1</sup>Nor <sup>c</sup>give Me a thought?  
Was I not silent even for a long time  
So you do not fear Me?
- 12 "I will declare your righteousness and your <sup>a</sup>deeds,  
But they will not profit you.
- 13 "When you cry out, <sup>a</sup>let your collection of *idols* deliver  
you.  
But the wind will carry all of them up,  
And a breath will take *them* away.  
But he who <sup>b</sup>takes refuge in Me shall <sup>c</sup>inherit the land,  
And shall <sup>d</sup>possess My holy mountain."
- 14 And it shall be said,  
"Build up, build up, prepare the way,  
Remove every obstacle out of the way of My people."

3 <sup>1</sup>Reading with the versions; Heb., *she prostitutes herself*

4 <sup>a</sup>Is. 48:8

5 <sup>1</sup>Or, *terebinth* <sup>2</sup>Or, *wadi*  
<sup>2</sup>Kin. 16:4; Jer. 2:20; 3:13  
<sup>b</sup>2 Kin. 23:10; Ps. 106:37, 38; Jer. 7:31

6 <sup>1</sup>I.e., symbols of fertility gods <sup>2</sup>Or, *wadi*  
<sup>3</sup>Lit., *they, they* <sup>4</sup>Or, *repent*  
<sup>a</sup>Jer. 3:9; Hab. 2:19 <sup>b</sup>Jer. 7:18 <sup>c</sup>Jer. 5:9, 29; 9:9

7 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 3:16; Ezek. 16:16

8 <sup>1</sup>Or, *lying down* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *hand*

9 <sup>1</sup>I.e., the nether world  
<sup>a</sup>Ezek. 23:16, 40

10 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *the life of your hand* <sup>2</sup>Or, *become sick*  
<sup>a</sup>Jer. 2:25; 18:12

11 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *You did not set it upon your heart.*  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 51:12, 13; Prov. 29:25  
<sup>b</sup>Jer. 2:32; 3:21 <sup>c</sup>Is. 42:14; Ps. 50:21

12 <sup>a</sup>Is. 29:15; 59:6; 65:7; 66:18; Mic. 3:2-4

13 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 22:20; 30:14 <sup>b</sup>Is. 25:4; Ps. 37:3, 9 <sup>c</sup>Is. 49:8; 60:21 <sup>d</sup>Is. 65:9

14 <sup>a</sup>Is. 62:10; Jer. 18:15

15 <sup>1</sup>Or, *dwells in eternity*  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 52:13 <sup>b</sup>Is. 40:28; Deut.  
 33:27 <sup>c</sup>Is. 33:5; 66:1 <sup>d</sup>Is.  
 66:2; Ps. 34:18; 51:17 <sup>e</sup>Is.  
 61:1-3; Ps. 147:3

16 <sup>a</sup>Gen. 6:3 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 85:5;  
 103:9; Mic. 7:18

17 <sup>a</sup>Is. 2:7; 56:11; Jer. 6:13  
<sup>b</sup>Is. 1:4; Jer. 3:14, 22

18 <sup>a</sup>Is. 19:22; 30:26; 53:5  
<sup>b</sup>Is. 61:1-3

19 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *fruit of the lips*  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 6:7; 51:16; 59:21; Heb.  
 13:15 <sup>b</sup>Is. 26:12; 32:17 <sup>c</sup>Acts  
 2:39; Eph. 2:17

20 <sup>a</sup>Is. 3:9, 11; Job 18:5-14

21 <sup>a</sup>Is. 48:22; 59:8

1 <sup>a</sup>Is. 40:6, 8

2 <sup>a</sup>Is. 1:11; Titus 1:16 <sup>b</sup>Is.  
 48:1; Jer. 7:9, 10 <sup>c</sup>Is. 29:13;  
 57:3; Ps. 119:150; James 4:8

3 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *know*  
<sup>a</sup>Mal. 3:14; Luke 18:12 <sup>b</sup>Is.  
 22:12, 13; Zech. 7:5, 6

4 <sup>a</sup>Is. 3:14, 15; 59:6 <sup>b</sup>Is.  
 1:15; 59:2; Joel 2:12-14

5 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *his*  
<sup>a</sup>1 Kin. 21:27 <sup>b</sup>Is. 49:8; 61:2

- 15 For thus says the <sup>a</sup>high and exalted One  
 Who <sup>b</sup>lives forever, whose name is Holy,  
 “I <sup>c</sup>dwell on a high and holy place,  
 And *also* with the <sup>d</sup>contrite and lowly of spirit  
 In order to <sup>e</sup>revive the spirit of the lowly  
 And to revive the heart of the contrite.
- 16 “For I will <sup>a</sup>not contend forever,  
<sup>b</sup>Neither will I always be angry;  
 For the spirit would grow faint before Me,  
 And the breath of *those whom* I have made.
- 17 “Because of the iniquity of his <sup>a</sup>unjust gain I was angry  
 and struck him;  
 I hid *My face* and was angry,  
 And he went on <sup>b</sup>turning away, in the way of his heart.
- 18 “I have seen his ways, but I will <sup>a</sup>heal him;  
 I will lead him and <sup>b</sup>restore comfort to him and to his  
 mourners,
- 19 Creating the <sup>1</sup>praise of the lips.  
<sup>b</sup>Peace, peace to him who is <sup>c</sup>far and to him who is near,”  
 Says the LORD, “and I will heal him.”
- 20 But the <sup>a</sup>wicked are like the tossing sea,  
 For it cannot be quiet,  
 And its waters toss up refuse and mud.
- 21 “<sup>a</sup>There is no peace,” says my God, “for the wicked.”

CHAPTER 58

- “<sup>a</sup>**C**RY loudly, do not hold back;  
 Raise your voice like a trumpet,  
 And declare to My people their transgression,  
 And to the house of Jacob their sins.
- 2 “Yet they <sup>a</sup>seek Me day by day, and delight to know My  
 ways,  
 As a nation that has done <sup>b</sup>righteousness,  
 And has not forsaken the ordinance of their God.  
 They ask Me *for* just decisions,  
 They delight <sup>c</sup>in the nearness of God.
- 3 “Why have we <sup>a</sup>fasted and Thou dost not see?  
 Why have we humbled ourselves and Thou dost not  
<sup>1</sup>notice?  
 Behold, on the <sup>b</sup>day of your fast you find *your* desire,  
 And drive hard all your workers.
- 4 “Behold, you fast for contention and <sup>a</sup>strife and to strike  
 with a wicked fist.  
 You do not fast like *you do* today to <sup>b</sup>make your voice  
 heard on high.
- 5 “Is it a fast like this which I choose, a day for a man to  
 humble himself?  
 Is it for bowing <sup>1</sup>one’s head like a reed,  
 And for spreading out <sup>a</sup>sackcloth and ashes as a bed?  
 Will you call this a fast, even an <sup>b</sup>acceptable day to the  
 LORD?
- 6 “Is this not the fast which I chose,

- To <sup>a</sup>loosen the bonds of wickedness,  
 To undo the bands of the yoke,  
 And to <sup>b</sup>let the oppressed go free,  
 And break every yoke?
- 7 “Is it not to <sup>a</sup>divide your bread <sup>1</sup>with the hungry,  
 And <sup>b</sup>bring the homeless poor into the house;  
 When you see the <sup>c</sup>naked, to cover him;  
 And not to <sup>d</sup>hide yourself from your own flesh?
- 8 “Then your light will break out like the dawn,  
 And your <sup>a</sup>recovery will speedily spring forth;  
 And your <sup>b</sup>brighteousness will go before you;  
 The glory of the <sup>c</sup>LORD will be your rear guard.
- 9 “Then you will <sup>a</sup>call, and the LORD will answer;  
 You will cry, and He will say, ‘Here I am.’  
 If you remove the yoke from your midst,  
 The <sup>1</sup>pointing of the finger, and speaking wickedness,
- 10 And if you <sup>1a</sup>give yourself to the hungry,  
 And satisfy the <sup>2</sup>desire of the afflicted,  
 Then your <sup>b</sup>light will rise in darkness,  
 And your gloom *will become* like midday.
- 11 “And the <sup>a</sup>LORD will continually guide you,  
 And <sup>b</sup>satisfy your <sup>1</sup>desire in scorched places,  
 And <sup>c</sup>give strength to your bones;  
 And you will be like a <sup>d</sup>watered garden,  
 And like a <sup>e</sup>spring of water whose waters do not <sup>2</sup>fail.
- 12 “And those from among you will <sup>a</sup>rebuild the ancient  
 ruins;  
 You will <sup>b</sup>raise up the age-old foundations;  
 And you will be called the repairer of the <sup>c</sup>breach,  
 The restorer of the <sup>1</sup>streets in which to dwell.
- 13 “If because of the sabbath, you <sup>a</sup>turn your foot  
 From doing your *own* pleasure on My holy day,  
 And call the sabbath a <sup>b</sup>delight, the holy *day* of the  
 LORD honorable,  
 And shall honor it, desisting from your <sup>c</sup>own ways,  
 From seeking your *own* pleasure,  
 And speaking *your own* word,
- 14 Then you will take <sup>a</sup>delight in the LORD,  
 And I will make you ride on the heights of the earth;  
 And I will feed you *with* the heritage of Jacob your  
 father,  
 For the mouth of the LORD has spoken.”

CHAPTER 59

BEHOLD, <sup>a</sup>the LORD’s hand is not so short  
 That it cannot save;  
<sup>b</sup>Neither is His ear so dull  
 That it cannot hear.

- 2 But your <sup>a</sup>iniquities have made a separation between  
 you and your God,  
 And your sins have hid <sup>1</sup>His face from you, so that *He*  
 does <sup>b</sup>not hear.

6 <sup>a</sup>Neh. 5:10-12; Jer. 34:8  
<sup>b</sup>Is. 1:17

7 <sup>1</sup>Lit. *for*  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 58:10; Job 31:19, 20;  
 Ezek. 18:7, 16 <sup>b</sup>Is. 16:3, 4;  
 Heb. 13:2 <sup>c</sup>Matt. 25:35;  
 Luke 3:11 <sup>d</sup>Deut. 22:1-4;  
 Luke 10:31, 32

8 <sup>a</sup>Is. 30:26; 33:24; Jer.  
 30:17; 33:6 <sup>b</sup>Is. 62:1; Ps.  
 85:13 <sup>c</sup>Is. 52:12; Ex. 14:19

9 <sup>1</sup>Lit. *sending out*  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 55:6; 65:24; Ps. 50:15

10 <sup>1</sup>Lit. *furnish* <sup>2</sup>Or. *soul*  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 58:7; Deut. 15:7 <sup>b</sup>Is.  
 58:8; 42:16; Job 11:17; Ps.  
 37:6

11 <sup>1</sup>Or. *soul* <sup>2</sup>Or. *deceive*  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 49:10; 57:18 <sup>b</sup>Is. 41:17;  
 Ps. 107:9 <sup>c</sup>Is. 66:14 <sup>d</sup>Is.  
 27:3; Song of Sol. 4:15; Jer.  
 31:12 <sup>e</sup>John 4:14; 7:38

12 <sup>1</sup>Lit. *paths*  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 49:8; 61:4; Ezek. 36:10  
<sup>b</sup>Is. 44:28 <sup>c</sup>Is. 30:13; Amos  
 9:11

13 <sup>a</sup>Is. 56:2, 4, 6; Ex.  
 31:16, 17; 35:2, 3; Jer.  
 17:21-27 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 27:4; 42:4;  
 84:2, 10 <sup>c</sup>Is. 55:8

14 <sup>a</sup>Is. 61:10

1 <sup>a</sup>Is. 50:2; Num. 11:23;  
 Jer. 32:17 <sup>b</sup>Is. 58:9; 65:24;  
 Ezek. 8:18

2 <sup>1</sup>So versions; M. T.,  
*faces*  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 1:15; 50:1 <sup>b</sup>Is. 58:4

3 <sup>a</sup>Is. 1:15, 21; Jer. 2:30, 34; Ezek. 7:23; Hos. 4:2 <sup>b</sup>Is. 59:13; 28:15; 30:9

4 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *in truth*  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 59:14; 5:7 <sup>b</sup>Is. 59:14, 15  
<sup>c</sup>Is. 33:11; Job 15:35; Ps. 7:14

5 <sup>a</sup>Job 8:14

6 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *palms*  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 28:20 <sup>b</sup>Is. 57:12; Jer. 6:7  
<sup>c</sup>Is. 58:4; Ezek. 7:11

7 <sup>a</sup>Prov. 1:16; 6:17; Rom. 3:15-17 <sup>b</sup>Is. 65:2; 66:18; Mark 7:21, 22

8 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *it*  
<sup>a</sup>Luke 1:79 <sup>b</sup>Is. 59:9, 11; Hos. 4:1 <sup>c</sup>Is. 57:20, 21

9 <sup>a</sup>Is. 59:14 <sup>b</sup>Is. 5:30; 8:21, 22

10 <sup>a</sup>Is. 8:14, 15; 28:13  
<sup>b</sup>Lam. 3:6

11 <sup>a</sup>Is. 38:14; Ezek. 7:16

12 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *answer* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *our iniquities we know them*  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 58:1; Ezra 9:6 <sup>b</sup>Is. 3:9; Jer. 14:7; Hos. 5:5

13 <sup>a</sup>Josh. 24:27; Prov. 30:9; Matt. 10:33; Titus 1:16 <sup>b</sup>Is. 5:7; 30:12; Jer. 9:3, 4 <sup>c</sup>Is. 59:3, 4; Mark 7:21, 22

14 <sup>a</sup>Is. 1:21; 5:7 <sup>b</sup>Is. 46:12; Hab. 1:4

15 <sup>1</sup>Or, *evil*  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 5:23; 10:2; 29:21; 32:7  
<sup>b</sup>Is. 1:21-23

16 <sup>a</sup>Is. 52:10; 63:5; Ps. 98:1

- 3 For your <sup>a</sup>hands are defiled with blood,  
And your fingers with iniquity;  
Your lips have spoken <sup>b</sup>falsehood,  
Your tongue mutters wickedness.
- 4 <sup>a</sup>No one sues righteously and <sup>b</sup>no one pleads <sup>1</sup>honestly.  
They trust in confusion, and speak lies;  
They <sup>c</sup>conceive mischief, and bring forth iniquity.
- 5 They hatch adders' eggs and <sup>a</sup>weave the spider's web;  
He who eats of their eggs dies,  
And *from* that which is crushed a snake breaks forth.
- 6 Their webs will not become clothing,  
Nor will they <sup>a</sup>cover themselves with their works;  
Their <sup>b</sup>works are works of iniquity,  
And an <sup>c</sup>act of violence is in their <sup>1</sup>hands.
- 7 <sup>a</sup>Their feet run to evil,  
And they hasten to shed innocent blood;  
<sup>b</sup>Their thoughts are thoughts of iniquity;  
Devastation and destruction are in their highways.
- 8 They do not know the <sup>a</sup>way of peace,  
And there is <sup>b</sup>no justice in their tracks;  
They have made their paths crooked;  
<sup>c</sup>Whoever treads on <sup>1</sup>them does not know peace.
- 9 Therefore, <sup>a</sup>justice is far from us,  
And righteousness does not overtake us;  
We <sup>b</sup>hope for light, but behold, darkness;  
For brightness, but we walk in gloom.
- 10 We grope along the wall like blind men,  
We grope like those who have no eyes;  
We <sup>a</sup>stumble at midday as in the twilight,  
Among those who are vigorous we are <sup>b</sup>like dead men.
- 11 All of us growl like bears,  
And <sup>a</sup>moan sadly like doves;  
We hope for justice, but there is none,  
For salvation, *but* it is far from us.
- 12 For our <sup>a</sup>transgressions are multiplied before Thee,  
And our <sup>b</sup>sins <sup>1</sup>testify against us;  
For our transgressions are with us,  
And <sup>2</sup>we know our iniquities:
- 13 Transgressing and <sup>a</sup>denying the LORD,  
And turning away from our God,  
Speaking <sup>b</sup>oppression and revolt,  
Conceiving *in* and <sup>c</sup>uttering from the heart lying words.
- 14 And <sup>a</sup>justice is turned back,  
And <sup>b</sup>righteousness stands far away;  
For truth has stumbled in the street,  
And uprightness cannot enter.
- 15 Yes, truth is lacking;  
And he who turns aside from evil <sup>a</sup>makes himself a prey.

Now the LORD saw,  
And it was <sup>1</sup>displeasing in His sight <sup>b</sup>that there was no justice.

- 16 And He saw that there was no man,  
And was astonished that there was no one to intercede;  
Then His <sup>a</sup>own arm brought salvation to Him;  
And His righteousness upheld Him.

- 17 And He put on <sup>a</sup>righteousness like a breastplate,  
And a helmet of salvation on His head;  
And He put on garments of vengeance for clothing,  
And wrapped Himself with <sup>b</sup>zeal as a mantle.
- 18 <sup>a</sup>According to *their* <sup>1</sup>deeds, <sup>2</sup>so He will repay,  
Wrath to His adversaries, recompense to His enemies;  
To the coastlands He will <sup>3</sup>make recompense.
- 19 So they will fear the name of the LORD from the west  
And His glory from the rising of the sun,  
For He will <sup>a</sup>come like a <sup>1</sup>rushing stream,  
*Which* the wind of the LORD drives.
- 20 "And a <sup>a</sup>Redeemer will come to Zion,  
And to those who <sup>b</sup>turn from transgression in Jacob,"  
declares the LORD.
- 21 "And as for Me, this is My <sup>a</sup>covenant with them," says the  
LORD: "My <sup>b</sup>Spirit which is upon you, and My words which I  
have put in your mouth, shall not depart from your mouth, nor  
from the mouth of your <sup>1</sup>offspring, nor from the mouth of your  
<sup>1</sup>offspring's offspring," says the LORD, "from now and forever."

CHAPTER 60

- "**A**RISE, shine; for your <sup>a</sup>light has come,  
And the <sup>b</sup>glory of the LORD has risen upon you.
- 2 "For behold, <sup>a</sup>darkness will cover the earth,  
And deep darkness the peoples;  
But the LORD will rise upon you,  
And His <sup>b</sup>glory will appear upon you.
- 3 "And <sup>a</sup>nations will come to your light,  
And kings to the brightness of your rising.
- 4 "Lift up your eyes round about, and see;  
They all gather together, they come to you.  
Your sons will come from afar,  
And your daughters will be <sup>1</sup>carried in the arms.
- 5 "Then you will see and be <sup>a</sup>radiant,  
And your heart will <sup>1</sup>thrill and rejoice;  
Because the <sup>b</sup>abundance of the sea will be turned to you,  
The <sup>c</sup>wealth of the nations will come to you.
- 6 "A multitude of camels will cover you,  
The young camels of Midian and Ephah;  
All those from Sheba will come;  
They will bring gold and frankincense,  
And will <sup>a</sup>bear good news of the praises of the LORD.
- 7 "All the flocks of <sup>a</sup>Kedar will be gathered together to you,  
The rams of Nebaioth will minister to you;  
They will go up with acceptance on My <sup>b</sup>altar,  
And I shall <sup>1</sup>glorify My <sup>2</sup>glorious house.
- 8 "Who are these who fly like a cloud,  
And like the doves to their <sup>1</sup>lattices?
- 9 "Surely the coastlands will wait for Me;  
And the <sup>a</sup>ships of Tarshish *will come* first,  
To <sup>b</sup>bring your sons from afar,  
Their silver and their gold with them,  
For the name of the LORD your God,  
And for the Holy One of Israel because He has <sup>1</sup>glorified  
you.

17 <sup>a</sup>Eph. 6:14 <sup>b</sup>Is. 9:7;  
37:32; Zech. 1:4

18 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *recompense* <sup>2</sup>Lit.,  
*accordingly* <sup>3</sup>Lit., *repay*  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 65:6, 7; 66:6; Job 34:11;  
Jer. 17:10

19 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *narrow*  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 30:28; 66:12

20 <sup>a</sup>Rom. 11:26, 27 <sup>b</sup>Ezek.  
18:30, 31; Acts 2:38, 39

21 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *seed*  
<sup>a</sup>Jer. 31:31-44 <sup>b</sup>Is. 11:2;  
32:15; 44:3

1 <sup>a</sup>Is. 60:19, 20 <sup>b</sup>Is. 24:23;  
35:2; 58:8

2 <sup>a</sup>Is. 58:10; Jer. 13:16;  
Col. 1:13 <sup>b</sup>Is. 4:5

3 <sup>a</sup>Is. 2:3; 45:14, 22-25;  
49:23

4 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *nursed upon the  
side*  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 11:12; 49:18

5 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *tremble and be  
enlarged*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 34:5 <sup>b</sup>Is. 23:18; 24:14  
<sup>c</sup>Is. 61:6

6 <sup>a</sup>Is. 42:10

7 <sup>1</sup>Or, *beautify* <sup>2</sup>Or,  
*beautiful*  
<sup>a</sup>Gen. 25:13 <sup>b</sup>Is. 19:19; 56:7

8 <sup>1</sup>Or, *dovecotes,  
windows*  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 49:21

9 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *beautified*  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 2:16; Ps. 48:7 <sup>b</sup>Is. 14:2;  
43:6; 49:22; Gal. 3:26

10 <sup>a</sup>Is. 49:23

11 <sup>a</sup>Is. 60:18; 26:2; 62:10  
<sup>b</sup>Is. 24:21; <sup>c</sup>Ps. 149:8

12 <sup>a</sup>Is. 14:2; Zech. 14:17

13 <sup>a</sup>1 Chr. 28:2; <sup>c</sup>Ps. 99:5;  
132:7

14 <sup>a</sup>Is. 14:1, 2; 45:14, 23;  
49:23 <sup>b</sup>Is. 1:26 <sup>c</sup>Heb. 12:22

15 <sup>a</sup>Is. 1:7-9; 6:11-13; Jer.  
30:17 <sup>b</sup>Is. 4:2; 65:18

16 <sup>a</sup>Is. 19:2; 43:3, 11;  
45:15, 21; 63:8 <sup>b</sup>Is. 59:20;  
63:16

18 <sup>a</sup>Is. 54:14 <sup>b</sup>Is. 51:19 <sup>c</sup>Is.  
26:1 <sup>d</sup>Is. 60:11

19 <sup>1</sup>Or, *beauty*  
<sup>a</sup>Rev. 21:23; 22:5 <sup>b</sup>Is. 2:5;  
9:2 <sup>c</sup>Is. 41:16; 45:25; Zech.  
2:5

20 <sup>a</sup>Is. 30:26 <sup>b</sup>Is. 35:10;  
65:19; Rev. 21:4

21 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *His*  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 45:24, 25; 52:1 <sup>b</sup>Is.  
57:13; 61:7; <sup>c</sup>Ps. 37:11, 22

22 <sup>1</sup>Or, *thousand*  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 6:13; 10:22; 51:2

- 10 "And foreigners will build up your walls,  
And their <sup>a</sup>kings will minister to you;  
For in My wrath I struck you,  
And in My favor I have had compassion on you.
- 11 "And your <sup>a</sup>gates will be open continually;  
They will not be closed day or night,  
So that *men* may bring to you the wealth of the nations,  
With <sup>b</sup>their kings led in procession.
- 12 "For the <sup>a</sup>nation and the kingdom which will not serve  
you will perish,  
And the nations will be utterly ruined.
- 13 "The glory of Lebanon will come to you,  
The juniper, the box tree, and the cypress together,  
To beautify the place of My sanctuary;  
And I shall make the <sup>a</sup>place of My feet glorious.
- 14 "And the <sup>a</sup>sons of those who afflicted you will come  
bowing to you,  
And all those who despised you will bow themselves at  
the soles of your feet;  
And they will call you the <sup>b</sup>city of the LORD,  
The <sup>c</sup>Zion of the Holy One of Israel.
- 15 "Whereas you have been <sup>a</sup>forsaken and hated  
With no one passing through,  
I will make you an everlasting <sup>b</sup>pride,  
A joy from generation to generation.
- 16 "You will also suck the milk of nations,  
And will suck the breast of kings;  
Then you will know that I, the LORD, am your <sup>a</sup>Savior,  
And your <sup>b</sup>Redeemer, the Mighty One of Jacob.
- 17 "Instead of bronze I will bring gold,  
And instead of iron I will bring silver,  
And instead of wood, bronze,  
And instead of stones, iron.  
And I will make peace your administrators,  
And righteousness your overseers.
- 18 "<sup>a</sup>Violence will not be heard again in your land,  
Nor <sup>b</sup>devastation or destruction within your borders;  
But you will call your <sup>c</sup>walls salvation, and your <sup>d</sup>gates  
praise.
- 19 "No longer will you have the <sup>a</sup>sun for light by day,  
Nor for brightness will the moon give you light;  
But you will have the <sup>b</sup>LORD for an everlasting light,  
And your <sup>c</sup>God for your <sup>1</sup>glory.
- 20 "Your <sup>a</sup>sun will set no more,  
Neither will your moon wane;  
For you will have the LORD for an everlasting light,  
And the days of your <sup>b</sup>mourning will be finished.
- 21 "Then all your <sup>a</sup>people *will be* righteous;  
They will <sup>b</sup>possess the land forever,  
The branch of <sup>1</sup>My planting,  
The work of My hands,  
That I may be glorified.
- 22 "The <sup>a</sup>smallest one will become a <sup>1</sup>clan,  
And the least one a mighty nation.  
I, the LORD, will hasten it in its time."



## CHAPTER 61

THE <sup>a</sup>Spirit of the Lord <sup>1</sup>God is upon me,  
 Because the LORD has anointed me  
 To bring good news to the <sup>2b</sup>afflicted;  
 He has sent me to <sup>c</sup>bind up the brokenhearted,  
 To <sup>d</sup>proclaim liberty to captives,  
 And <sup>3</sup>freedom to prisoners;  
 2 To <sup>a</sup>proclaim the favorable year of the LORD,  
 And the <sup>b</sup>day of vengeance of our God;  
 To <sup>c</sup>comfort all who mourn,  
 3 To <sup>a</sup>grant those who mourn *in* Zion,  
 Giving them a garland instead of ashes,  
 The <sup>b</sup>oil of gladness instead of mourning,  
 The mantle of praise instead of a spirit of fainting.  
 So they will be called <sup>1c</sup>oaks of righteousness,  
 The planting of the LORD, that He may be glorified.

4 Then they will <sup>a</sup>rebuild the ancient ruins,  
 They will raise up the former devastations,  
 And they will repair the ruined cities,  
 The desolations of many generations.  
 5 And <sup>a</sup>strangers will stand and pasture your flocks,  
 And <sup>1</sup>foreigners will be your farmers and your vinedress-  
 ers.  
 6 But you will be called the <sup>a</sup>priests of the LORD;  
 You will be spoken of *as* <sup>b</sup>ministers of our God.  
 You will eat the <sup>c</sup>wealth of nations,  
 And in their <sup>1</sup>riches you will boast.  
 7 Instead of your shame you *will have a double portion*,  
 And *instead of* humiliation they will shout for joy over  
 their portion.  
 Therefore they will possess a double *portion* in their  
 land,  
<sup>a</sup>Everlasting joy will be theirs.  
 8 For I, the LORD, <sup>a</sup>love justice,  
 I hate robbery <sup>1</sup>in the burnt offering;  
 And I will faithfully give them their recompense,  
 And I will make an <sup>b</sup>everlasting covenant with them.  
 9 Then their offspring will be known among the nations,  
 And their descendants in the midst of the peoples.  
 All who see them will recognize them  
 Because they are the offspring *whom* the LORD has  
 blessed.

10 I will <sup>a</sup>rejoice greatly in the LORD,  
 My soul will exult in <sup>b</sup>my God;  
 For He has <sup>c</sup>clothed me with garments of salvation,  
 He has wrapped me with a robe of righteousness,  
 As a bridegroom decks himself with a garland,  
 And as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.  
 11 For as the earth brings forth its sprouts,  
 And as a garden causes the things sown in it to spring up,  
 So the Lord <sup>1</sup>God will <sup>a</sup>cause <sup>b</sup>righteousness and praise  
 To **spring up** before all the nations.

1 <sup>1</sup>YHWH, usually rendered LORD <sup>2</sup>Or, *humble* <sup>3</sup>Lit., *opening to those who are bound* <sup>a</sup>Is. 11:2; 48:16; Luke 4:18, 19 <sup>b</sup>Is. 11:4; 28:19; 32:7 <sup>c</sup>Is. 57:15 <sup>d</sup>Is. 42:7; 49:9

2 <sup>a</sup>Is. 49:8; 60:10 <sup>b</sup>Is. 2:12; 13:6; 34:2, 8 <sup>c</sup>Is. 57:18; Jer. 31:13; Matt. 5:4

3 <sup>1</sup>Or, *terebinths* <sup>a</sup>Is. 60:20 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 23:5; 45:7; 104:15 <sup>c</sup>Is. 60:21; Jer. 17:7, 8

4 <sup>a</sup>Is. 49:8; 58:12; Ezek. 36:33; Amos 9:14

5 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *sons of the foreigner* <sup>a</sup>Is. 14:2; 60:10

6 <sup>1</sup>Or, *glory* <sup>a</sup>Is. 66:21 <sup>b</sup>Is. 56:6 <sup>c</sup>Is. 60:5, 11

7 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 16:11

8 <sup>1</sup>Or, *with iniquity* <sup>a</sup>Is. 5:16; 28:17; 30:18 <sup>b</sup>Is. 55:3; Gen. 17:7; Ps. 105:10; Jer. 32:40

10 <sup>a</sup>Is. 12:1, 2; 25:9; 4:16; 51:3 <sup>b</sup>Is. 49:4 <sup>c</sup>Is. 49:18; 52:1

11 <sup>1</sup>YHWH, usually rendered LORD <sup>a</sup>Is. 45:23, 24; 60:18, 21 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 72:3; 85:11

1 <sup>a</sup>Is. 46:13; 52:10

2 <sup>a</sup>Is. 60:3 <sup>b</sup>Is. 62:4, 12;  
56:5; 65:15

3 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *turban*  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 28:5; Zech. 9:16;  
1 Thess. 2:19

4 <sup>1</sup>I.e., Azubah <sup>2</sup>I.e.,  
Shemamah <sup>3</sup>I.e.,  
Hephzibah <sup>4</sup>I.e., Beulah  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 54:6, 7; 16:15, 18 <sup>b</sup>Jer.  
32:41; Zeph. 3:17

5 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *exultation of the  
bridegroom*  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 65:19

6 <sup>a</sup>Is. 52:8; Jer. 6:17;  
Ezek. 3:17; 33:7 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 74:2;  
Jer. 14:21; Lam. 5:1, 20

7 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 15:21-28; Luke  
18:1-8 <sup>b</sup>Is. 60:18; Jer. 33:9;  
Zeph. 3:19, 20

8 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *sons of foreigners*  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 1:7; Lev. 26:16; Deut.  
28:31, 33; Judg. 6:3-6; Jer.  
5:17

9 <sup>a</sup>Is. 65:13, 21-23

10 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *of*  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 26:1; 60:11, 18 <sup>b</sup>Is.  
57:14 <sup>c</sup>Is. 11:16; 19:23; 35:8;  
49:11

11 <sup>a</sup>Is. 42:10; 49:6 <sup>b</sup>Matt.  
21:5; Zech. 9:9 <sup>c</sup>Is. 40:10

12 <sup>a</sup>Is. 4:3; Deut. 7:6;  
1 Pet. 2:9 <sup>b</sup>Is. 62:4; 41:17;  
42:16

- FOR Zion's sake I will not keep silent,  
And for Jerusalem's sake I will not keep quiet,  
Until her righteousness goes forth like brightness,  
And her <sup>a</sup>salvation like a torch that is burning.
- 2 And the <sup>a</sup>nations will see your righteousness,  
And all kings your glory;  
And you will be called by a new <sup>b</sup>name,  
Which the mouth of the LORD will designate.
- 3 You will also be a <sup>a</sup>crown of beauty in the hand of the  
LORD,  
And a royal <sup>1</sup>diadem in the hand of your God.
- 4 It will no longer be said to you, "<sup>1a</sup>Forsaken,"  
Nor to your land will it any longer be said, "<sup>2</sup>Desolate";  
But you will be called, "<sup>3</sup>My delight is in her,"  
And your land, "<sup>4</sup>Married";  
For the <sup>b</sup>LORD delights in you,  
And *to Him* your land will be married.
- 5 For *as* a young man marries a virgin,  
So your sons will marry you;  
And *as* the <sup>1</sup>bridegroom rejoices over the bride,  
So your <sup>a</sup>God will rejoice over you.
- 6 On your walls, O Jerusalem, I have appointed <sup>a</sup>watch-  
men;  
All day and all night they will never keep silent.  
You who <sup>b</sup>remind the LORD, take no rest for yourselves;
- 7 And <sup>a</sup>give Him no rest until He establishes  
And makes <sup>b</sup>Jerusalem a praise in the earth.
- 8 The LORD has sworn by His right hand and by His strong  
arm,  
"I will <sup>a</sup>never again give your grain *as* food for your  
enemies;  
Nor will <sup>1</sup>foreigners drink your new wine, for which you  
have labored."
- 9 But those who <sup>a</sup>gather it will eat it, and praise the LORD;  
And those who gather it will drink it in the courts of My  
sanctuary.
- 10 Go through, <sup>a</sup>go through the gates;  
Clear the way <sup>1</sup>for the people;  
<sup>b</sup>Build up, build up the <sup>c</sup>highway;  
Remove the stones, lift up a standard over the peoples.
- 11 Behold, the LORD has proclaimed to the <sup>a</sup>end of the  
earth,  
<sup>b</sup>Say to the daughter of Zion, "Lo, your salvation comes;  
<sup>c</sup>Behold His reward is with Him, and His recompense  
before Him."
- 12 And they will call them, "<sup>a</sup>The holy people,  
The redeemed of the LORD";  
And you will be called, "Sought out, a city <sup>b</sup>not for-  
saken."

CHAPTER 63

WHO is this who comes from Edom,  
 With garments of <sup>1</sup>glowing colors from <sup>a</sup>Bozrah,  
 This One who is majestic in His apparel,  
<sup>2</sup>Marching in the greatness of His strength?  
 "It is I who speak in righteousness, <sup>b</sup>mighty to save."  
 2 Why is Your apparel red,  
 And Your garments like the one who <sup>a</sup>treads in the wine  
 press?  
 3 "I have trodden the wine trough alone,  
 And from the peoples there was no man with Me.  
 I also <sup>a</sup>trod them in My anger,  
 And <sup>b</sup>trampled them in My wrath;  
 And their <sup>1</sup>life blood is sprinkled on My garments,  
 And I <sup>2</sup>stained all My raiment.  
 4 "For the <sup>a</sup>day of vengeance was in My heart,  
 And My year of redemption has come.  
 5 "And I looked, and there was <sup>a</sup>no one to help,  
 And I was astonished and there was no one to uphold;  
 So My own arm brought salvation to Me;  
 And My wrath upheld Me.  
 6 "And I <sup>a</sup>trod down the peoples in My anger,  
 And made them drunk in My wrath,  
 And I <sup>1</sup>poured out their lifeblood on the earth."  
 7 I shall make mention of the <sup>a</sup>lovingkindnesses of the  
 LORD, the praises of the LORD,  
 According to all that the LORD has granted us,  
 And the great <sup>b</sup>goodness toward the house of Israel,  
 Which He has granted them according to His <sup>c</sup>compas-  
 sion,  
 And according to the multitude of His lovingkindnesses.  
 8 For He said, "Surely, they are <sup>a</sup>My people,  
 Sons who will not deal falsely."  
 So He became their Savior.  
 9 In all their affliction <sup>1a</sup>He was afflicted,  
 And the <sup>b</sup>angel of His presence saved them;  
 In His <sup>c</sup>love and in His mercy He <sup>d</sup>redeemed them;  
 And He <sup>e</sup>lifted them and carried them all the days of  
 old.  
 10 But they <sup>a</sup>rebelled  
 And grieved His <sup>b</sup>Holy Spirit;  
 Therefore, He turned Himself to become their enemy,  
 He fought against them.  
 11 Then <sup>a</sup>His people remembered the days of old, of  
 Moses.  
 Where is <sup>b</sup>He who brought them up out of the sea with  
 the <sup>1</sup>shepherds of His flock?  
 Where is He who <sup>c</sup>put His Holy Spirit in the midst of  
<sup>2</sup>them,  
 12 Who caused His <sup>a</sup>glorious arm to go at the right hand  
 of Moses,  
 Who <sup>b</sup>divided the waters before them to make for  
 Himself an everlasting name,

<sup>1</sup> <sup>1</sup>Or, crimson <sup>2</sup>Lit.,  
*Inclining*  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 34:6; Jer. 49:13; Amos  
 1:12 <sup>b</sup>Zeph. 3:7

<sup>2</sup> <sup>a</sup>Rev. 19:13, 15

<sup>3</sup> <sup>1</sup>Lit., juice <sup>2</sup>Lit.,  
*defiled*  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 22:5; 28:3 <sup>b</sup>Mic. 7:10

<sup>4</sup> <sup>a</sup>Is. 34:8; 35:4; 61:2; Jer.  
 51:6

<sup>5</sup> <sup>a</sup>Is. 59:16

<sup>6</sup> <sup>1</sup>Lit., *brought down*  
*their juice to the earth*  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 22:5; 34:2; 65:12

<sup>7</sup> <sup>a</sup>Is. 54:8, 10; Ps. 25:6;  
 92:2 <sup>b1</sup> Kin. 8:66; Neh.  
 9:25, 35 <sup>c</sup>Is. 54:7, 8; Ps.  
 51:1; 86:5, 15; Eph. 2:4

<sup>8</sup> <sup>a</sup>Is. 3:15; 51:4; Ex. 6:7

<sup>9</sup> <sup>1</sup>Another reading is,  
*He was not an adversary.*  
<sup>a</sup>Judg. 10:16 <sup>b</sup>Ex. 23:20-23;  
 33:14, 15 <sup>c</sup>Deut. 7:7, 8 <sup>d</sup>Is.  
 43:1; 52:9 <sup>e</sup>Is. 46:3; Deut.  
 1:31; 32:10-12

<sup>10</sup> <sup>a</sup>Ps. 78:40; 106:33; Acts  
 7:51; Eph. 4:30 <sup>b</sup>Is. 63:11;  
 Ps. 51:11

<sup>11</sup> <sup>1</sup>Some mss. read,  
*shepherd* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *him*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 106:44, 45 <sup>b</sup>Is. 51:9, 10  
<sup>c</sup>Num. 11:17, 25, 29; Hag.  
 2:5

<sup>12</sup> <sup>a</sup>Ex. 6:6; 15:16 <sup>b</sup>Is.  
 11:15; 51:10, 11; Ex. 14:21,  
 22

13 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 31:9

14 <sup>1</sup>Lit. him  
<sup>a</sup>Josh. 21:44; 23:1 <sup>b</sup>Deut.  
32:12

15 <sup>a</sup>Deut. 26:15; Ps. 80:14  
<sup>b</sup>Ps. 68:5; 123:1 <sup>c</sup>Is. 9:17;  
26:11; 37:32; 42:13; 59:17  
<sup>d</sup>Jer. 31:20; Hos. 11:8

16 <sup>a</sup>Is. 1:2; 64:8 <sup>b</sup>Is. 29:22;  
41:8; 51:2 <sup>c</sup>Is. 41:14; 44:6;  
60:16

17 <sup>a</sup>Is. 30:28; Ezek. 14:7-9  
<sup>b</sup>Is. 29:13, 14

18 <sup>a</sup>Is. 64:11; Ps. 74:3-7

1 <sup>1</sup>63:19b in Heb.  
<sup>a</sup>Ex. 19:18; Ps. 18:9; 144:5;  
Mic. 1:3, 4; Hab. 3:13  
<sup>b</sup>Judg. 5:5; Ps. 68:8; Nah.  
1:5

2 <sup>1</sup>V. 1 in Heb.  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 99:1; Jer. 5:22; 33:9

3 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 65:5; 66:3, 5;  
106:22

4 <sup>1</sup>1 Cor. 2:9 <sup>b</sup>Is. 25:9;  
30:18; 40:31

5 <sup>a</sup>Ex. 20:24 <sup>b</sup>Is. 56:1 <sup>c</sup>Is.  
26:13; 63:7

6 <sup>a</sup>Is. 46:12; 48:1 <sup>b</sup>Is.  
1:30; Ps. 90:5, 6

- 13 Who led them through the depths?  
Like the horse in the wilderness, they did not <sup>a</sup>stumble;
- 14 As the cattle which go down into the valley,  
The Spirit of the <sup>a</sup>LORD gave <sup>1</sup>them rest.  
So didst Thou <sup>b</sup>lead Thy people,  
To make for Thyself a glorious name.
- 15 <sup>a</sup>Look down from heaven, and see from Thy holy and  
glorious <sup>b</sup>habitation;  
Where are Thy <sup>c</sup>zeal and Thy mighty deeds?  
The <sup>d</sup>stirrings of Thy heart and Thy compassion are  
restrained toward me.
- 16 For Thou art our <sup>a</sup>Father, though <sup>b</sup>Abraham does not  
know us,  
And Israel does not recognize us.  
Thou, O LORD, art our Father,  
Our <sup>c</sup>Redeemer from of old is Thy name.
- 17 Why, O LORD, dost Thou <sup>a</sup>cause us to stray from Thy  
ways,  
And <sup>b</sup>harden our heart from fearing Thee?  
Return for the sake of Thy servants, the tribes of Thy  
heritage.
- 18 Thy holy people possessed Thy sanctuary for a little  
while,  
Our adversaries have <sup>a</sup>trod *it* down.
- 19 We have become *like* those over whom Thou hast never  
ruled,  
*Like* those who were not called by Thy name.

CHAPTER 64

- <sup>1</sup>O THAT Thou wouldst rend the heavens *and* <sup>a</sup>come down,  
That the mountains might <sup>b</sup>quake at Thy presence—
- 2 <sup>1</sup>As fire kindles the brushwood, *as* fire causes water to  
boil—  
To make Thy name known to Thine adversaries,  
*That* the <sup>a</sup>nations may tremble at Thy presence!
- 3 When Thou didst <sup>a</sup>awesome things which we did not  
expect,  
Thou didst come down, the mountains quaked at Thy  
presence.
- 4 For from of old <sup>a</sup>they have not heard nor perceived by  
ear,  
Neither has the eye seen a God besides Thee,  
Who acts in behalf of the one who <sup>b</sup>waits for Him.
- 5 Thou dost <sup>a</sup>meet him who rejoices in <sup>b</sup>doing righteous-  
ness,  
Who <sup>c</sup>remembers Thee in Thy ways.  
Behold, Thou wast angry, for we sinned,  
*We continued* in them a long time;  
And shall we be saved?
- 6 For all of us have become like one who is unclean,  
And all our <sup>a</sup>righteous deeds are like a filthy garment;  
And all of us <sup>b</sup>wither like a leaf,  
And our iniquities, like the wind, take us away.

**"Thou Art Our Potter."  
Punishment of Rebellious People.**

**Isalah 64, 65**

- 7 And there is <sup>a</sup>no one who calls on Thy name,  
Who arouses himself to take hold of Thee;  
For Thou hast <sup>b</sup>hidden Thy face from us,  
And hast <sup>1</sup>delivered us into the power of our iniquities.
- 8 But now, O LORD, <sup>a</sup>Thou art our Father,  
We are the <sup>b</sup>clay, and Thou our potter;  
And all of us are the <sup>c</sup>work of Thy hand.
- 9 Do not be <sup>a</sup>angry beyond measure, O LORD,  
<sup>b</sup>Neither remember iniquity forever;  
Behold, look now, all of us are <sup>c</sup>Thy people.
- 10 Thy <sup>a</sup>holy cities have become a wilderness,  
Zion has become a wilderness,  
Jerusalem a desolation.
- 11 Our holy and beautiful <sup>a</sup>house,  
Where our fathers praised Thee,  
Has been burned *by fire*;  
And all our precious things have become a ruin.
- 12 Wilt Thou restrain Thyself at these things, O LORD?  
Wilt Thou keep silent and afflict us beyond measure?

7 <sup>1</sup>Reading with the DSS  
and versions; M.T., *melted*  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 59:4; Ezek. 22:40 <sup>b</sup>Is.  
1:15; 54:8; Deut. 31:18

8 <sup>a</sup>Is. 63:16 <sup>b</sup>Is. 20:16;  
45:9 <sup>c</sup>Is. 60:21; Ps. 100:3

9 <sup>a</sup>Is. 57:17; 60:10 <sup>b</sup>Is.  
43:25; Mic. 7:18 <sup>c</sup>Is. 63:8;  
Ps. 79:13

10 <sup>a</sup>Is. 48:2; 52:1

11 <sup>a</sup>Is. 63:18; 2 Kin. 25:9;  
Ps. 74:5-7

**CHAPTER 65**

- "I** PERMITTED Myself to be sought by those who did not  
ask *for Me*;  
I permitted Myself to be found by those who did not  
seek Me.  
I said, 'Here am I, here am I,'  
To a nation which did <sup>a</sup>not call on My name.
- 2 <sup>a</sup>"I have spread out My hands all day long to a <sup>b</sup>rebellious  
people,  
Who walk *in* the way which is not good, <sup>1</sup>following their  
own <sup>c</sup>thoughts,
- 3 A people who continually <sup>a</sup>provoke Me to My face,  
Offering sacrifices in gardens and burning incense on  
bricks;
- 4 Who sit among graves, and spend the night in secret  
places;  
Who <sup>a</sup>eat swine's flesh,  
And the broth of unclean meat is *in* their pots.
- 5 <sup>a</sup>"Who say, <sup>a</sup>"Keep to yourself, do not come near me,  
For I am holier than you!"  
These are smoke in My <sup>1</sup>nostrils,  
A fire that burns all the day.
- 6 <sup>a</sup>"Behold, it is written before Me,  
I will <sup>a</sup>not keep silent, but I will repay;  
I will even repay into their bosom,
- 7 Both <sup>1</sup>their own <sup>a</sup>iniquities and the iniquities of their  
fathers together," says the LORD.  
<sup>a</sup>"Because they have <sup>b</sup>burned incense on the mountains,  
And <sup>c</sup>scorned Me on the hills,  
Therefore I will <sup>a</sup>measure their former work into their  
bosom."
- 8 Thus says the LORD, "As the new wine is found in the  
cluster,

1 <sup>a</sup>Hos. 1:10

2 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *after*  
<sup>a</sup>Rom. 10:21 <sup>b</sup>Is. 1:2, 23;  
30:1, 9 <sup>c</sup>Is. 59:7; 66:18; Ps.  
81:11, 12

3 <sup>a</sup>Is. 3:8; Job 1:11; 2:5

4 <sup>a</sup>Is. 66:3, 17; Lev. 11:7

5 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *nose*  
<sup>a</sup>Matt. 9:11; Luke 7:39;  
18:9-12

6 <sup>a</sup>Is. 42:14; 64:12; Ps.  
50:3, 21

7 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *your*  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 13:11; 22:14; 26:21;  
30:13, 14 <sup>b</sup>Is. 57:7; Hos.  
2:13 <sup>c</sup>Ezek. 20:27, 28 <sup>d</sup>Jer.  
5:29; 13:25

8 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *bleasing* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *the whole*

9 <sup>1</sup>Is. 49:8; 60:21; Amos 9:11-15 <sup>b</sup>Is. 32:18

10 <sup>a</sup>Is. 33:9; 35:2

11 <sup>1</sup>Heb., *Gad* <sup>2</sup>Heb., *Meni*  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 1:4, 28; Deut. 29:24, 25  
<sup>b</sup>Is. 2:2, 3; 66:20

12 <sup>a</sup>Is. 41:28; 50:2; 66:4;  
2 Chr. 36:15, 16; Prov. 1:24;  
Jer. 7:13

13 <sup>1</sup>YHWH, usually  
rendered *LoRD*  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 5:13

14 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *pain of*  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 51:11; Ps. 66:4; James  
5:13 <sup>b</sup>Is. 13:6; Matt. 8:12

15 <sup>1</sup>YHWH, usually  
rendered *LoRD* <sup>2</sup>So with  
Gk.; Heb., *He will call His*  
*servants*  
<sup>a</sup>Jer. 24:9; 25:18; Zech. 8:13

16 <sup>1</sup>Or, *bles(es) himself*  
<sup>a</sup>Ex. 34:6; Ps. 31:5 <sup>b</sup>Is.  
19:18; 45:23

17 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *heart*  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 66:22; 2 Pet. 3:13 <sup>b</sup>Is.  
43:18; Jer. 3:16

18 <sup>a</sup>Is. 12:1, 2; 25:9; 35:10;  
41:16; 51:3; 61:10; Ps. 98

19 <sup>a</sup>Is. 62:4, 5; Jer. 32:41

And one says, 'Do not destroy it, for there is <sup>1</sup>benefit in it',

So I will act on behalf of My servants  
In order not to destroy <sup>2</sup>all of them.

9 "And I will bring forth offspring from Jacob,  
And an <sup>a</sup>heir of My mountains from Judah;  
Even My chosen ones shall inherit it,  
And <sup>b</sup>My servants shall dwell there.

10 "And <sup>a</sup>Sharon shall be a pasture land for flocks,  
And the valley of Achor a resting place for herds,  
For My people who seek Me.

11 "But you who <sup>a</sup>forsake the LORD,  
Who forget My <sup>b</sup>holy mountain,  
Who set a table for <sup>1</sup>Fortune,  
And who fill *cups* with mixed wine for <sup>2</sup>Destiny,

12 I will destine you for the sword,  
And all of you shall bow down to the slaughter.  
Because I called, but you did <sup>a</sup>not answer;  
I spoke, but you did not hear.  
And you did evil in My sight,  
And chose that in which I did not delight."

13 Therefore, thus says the Lord <sup>1</sup>GOD,  
"Behold, My servants shall eat, but you shall be hungry.  
Behold, My servants shall drink, but you shall be  
<sup>a</sup>thirsty.

Behold, My servants shall rejoice, but you shall be put  
to shame.

14 "Behold, My servants shall <sup>a</sup>shout joyfully with a glad  
heart,

But you shall <sup>b</sup>cry out with a <sup>1</sup>heavy heart,  
And you shall wail with a broken spirit.

15 "And you will leave your name for a <sup>a</sup>curse to My chosen  
ones,

And the Lord <sup>1</sup>GOD will slay you.

But <sup>2</sup>My servants will be called by another name.

16 "Because he who <sup>1</sup>is blessed in the earth  
Shall <sup>1</sup>be blessed by the <sup>a</sup>GOD of truth;  
And he who swears in the earth  
Shall <sup>b</sup>swear by the God of truth;  
Because the former troubles are forgotten,  
And because they are hidden from My sight!

17 "For behold, I create <sup>a</sup>new heavens and a new earth;  
And the <sup>b</sup>former things shall not be remembered or  
come to <sup>1</sup>mind.

18 "But be <sup>a</sup>glad and rejoice forever in what I create;  
For behold, I create Jerusalem *for* rejoicing,  
And her people *for* gladness.

19 "I will also <sup>a</sup>rejoice in Jerusalem, and be glad in My  
people;

And there will no longer be heard in her  
The voice of weeping and the sound of crying.

20 "No longer will there be *in it* an infant *who lives but a*  
*few days,*

- Or an old man who does <sup>a</sup>not live out his days;  
 For the youth will die at the age of one hundred  
 And the <sup>2b</sup>one who does not reach the age of one  
 hundred  
 Shall be *thought* accursed.
- 21 "And they shall <sup>a</sup>build houses and inhabit *them*;  
 They shall also <sup>b</sup>plant vineyards and eat their fruit.
- 22 "They shall not build, and <sup>a</sup>another inhabit,  
 They shall not plant, and another eat;  
 For <sup>b</sup>as the lifetime of a tree, so *shall be* the days of My  
 people,  
 And My chosen ones shall <sup>c</sup>wear out the work of their  
 hands.
- 23 "They shall <sup>a</sup>not labor in vain,  
 Or bear *children* for calamity;  
 For they are the <sup>1b</sup>offspring of those blessed by the  
 LORD,  
 And their descendants with them.
- 24 "It will also come to pass that before they call, I will  
<sup>a</sup>answer; and while they are still speaking, I will hear.
- 25 "The <sup>a</sup>wolf and the lamb shall graze together, and the  
 lion shall eat straw like the ox; and <sup>b</sup>dust shall be the serpent's  
 food. They shall <sup>c</sup>do no evil or harm in all My holy mountain,"  
 says the LORD.

CHAPTER 66

**T**HUS says the LORD,

- "<sup>a</sup>Heaven is My throne, and the earth is My footstool.  
 Where then is a <sup>b</sup>house you could build for Me?  
 And where is a place that I may rest?"
- 2 "For <sup>a</sup>My hand made all these things,  
 Thus all these things came into being," declares the  
 LORD.  
 "But to this one I will look,  
 To him who is humble and <sup>b</sup>contrite of spirit, and who  
 trembles at My word.
- 3 "*But* he who kills an ox is *like* one who slays a man;  
 He who sacrifices a lamb is *like* the one who breaks a  
 dog's neck;  
 He who offers a grain offering is *like* one who offers  
 swine's blood;  
 He who <sup>1a</sup>burns incense is *like* the one who blesses an  
 idol.  
 As they have chosen their <sup>b</sup>own ways,  
 And their soul delights in their abominations,
- 4 So I will <sup>a</sup>choose their <sup>1</sup>punishments,  
 And I will <sup>b</sup>bring on them what they dread.  
 Because I called, but <sup>c</sup>no one answered;  
 I spoke, but they did not listen.  
 And they did <sup>d</sup>evil in My sight,  
 And chose that in which I did not delight."
- 5 Hear the word of the LORD, you who tremble at His  
 word:

20 <sup>1</sup>Lit., fill out <sup>2</sup>Lit., one who misses the mark  
<sup>a</sup>Deut. 4:40; Job 5:26; Ps. 34:12 <sup>b</sup>Is. 3:11; 22:14; Eccles. 8:12, 13

21 <sup>a</sup>Is. 32:18; Amos 9:14  
<sup>b</sup>Is. 30:23; 37:30; Jer. 31:5

22 <sup>1</sup>Lit., days  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 62:8, 9 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 92:12-14  
<sup>c</sup>Deut. 32:46, 47; Ps. 21:4; 91:16

23 <sup>1</sup>Lit., seed  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 55:2; Deut. 28:3-12 <sup>b</sup>Is. 61:9; Jer. 32:38, 39; Acts 2:39

24 <sup>a</sup>Is. 55:6; 58:9; Ps. 91:15; Dan. 9:20-23; 10:12

25 <sup>a</sup>Is. 11:6 <sup>b</sup>Gen. 3:14; Mic. 7:17 <sup>c</sup>Is. 11:9; Mic. 4:3

1 <sup>1</sup>Lit., is My resting place?  
<sup>a</sup>1 Kin. 8:27; Ps. 11:4; Matt. 5:34, 35 <sup>b</sup>2 Sam. 7:5-7; Jer. 7:4; John 4:20, 21; Acts 7:48-50

2 <sup>a</sup>Is. 40:26 <sup>b</sup>Is. 57:15; Ps. 34:18; Matt. 5:3, 4; Luke 18:13, 14

3 <sup>1</sup>Lit., offers a memorial of incense  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 1:13; Lev. 2:2 <sup>b</sup>Is. 57:17; 65:2

4 <sup>1</sup>Lit., ill treatments  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 65:7; Prov. 1:31, 32  
<sup>b</sup>Prov. 10:24 <sup>c</sup>Is. 65:12; Prov. 1:24; Jer. 7:13 <sup>d</sup>Is. 59:7; 65:12; 2 Kin. 21:2, 6; Jer. 7:30

5 <sup>a</sup>Is. 60:15; Ps. 38:20  
<sup>b</sup>Matt. 5:10-12; 10:22; John  
 9:34; 15:18-20 <sup>c</sup>Luke 13:17

6 <sup>a</sup>Is. 59:18; 65:6; Joel 3:7

8 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *travailed with*

9 <sup>a</sup>Is. 37:3

10 <sup>a</sup>Is. 65:18; Deut. 32:43;  
 Rom. 15:10 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 26:8; 122:6  
<sup>c</sup>Ps. 137:6

11 <sup>a</sup>Is. 49:23; 60:16; Joel  
 3:18 <sup>b</sup>Is. 60:1, 2; 62:2

12 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *nurse* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *side*  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 48:18; Ps. 72:3, 7 <sup>b</sup>Is.  
 60:5; 61:6 <sup>c</sup>Is. 60:4

14 <sup>a</sup>Is. 33:20 <sup>b</sup>Zech. 10:7  
<sup>c</sup>Is. 58:11; Prov. 3:8 <sup>d</sup>Ezra  
 7:9; 8:31

16 <sup>a</sup>Is. 30:30; Ezek. 38:22  
<sup>b</sup>Is. 65:12; Ezek. 38:21

17 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *After*  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 1:29; 65:3 <sup>b</sup>Is. 65:4;  
 Lev. 11:7

18 <sup>1</sup>So with Ck.; Heb.  
 omits <sup>2</sup>Lit., *it is coming*  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 45:22-25; Jer. 3:17

“Your brothers who <sup>a</sup>hate you, who <sup>b</sup>exclude you for My  
 name’s sake,  
 Have said, ‘Let the LORD be glorified, that we may see  
 your joy.’  
 But <sup>c</sup>they will be put to shame.

6 “A voice of uproar from the city, a voice from the temple,  
 The voice of the LORD who is <sup>a</sup>rendering recompense to  
 His enemies.

7 “Before she travailed, she brought forth;  
 Before her pain came, she gave birth to a boy.

8 “Who has heard such a thing? Who has seen such things?  
 Can a land be <sup>1</sup>born in one day?  
 Can a nation be brought forth all at once?  
 As soon as Zion travailed, she also brought forth her  
 sons.

9 “Shall I bring to the point of birth, and <sup>a</sup>not give deliv-  
 ery?” says the LORD.  
 “Or shall I who gives delivery shut *the womb*?” says your  
 God.

10 “Be <sup>a</sup>joyful with Jerusalem and rejoice for her, all you  
 who <sup>b</sup>love her;  
 Be exceedingly <sup>c</sup>glad with her, all you who mourn over  
 her,

11 That you may nurse and <sup>a</sup>be satisfied with her comfort-  
 ing breasts,  
 That you may suck and be delighted with her <sup>b</sup>bountiful  
 bosom.”

12 For thus says the LORD, “Behold, I extend <sup>a</sup>peace to her  
 like a river,  
 And the <sup>b</sup>glory of the nations like an overflowing stream;  
 And you shall <sup>1</sup>be nursed, you shall be <sup>c</sup>carried on the  
<sup>2</sup>hip and fondled on the knees.

13 “As one whom his mother comforts, so I will comfort  
 you;  
 And you shall be comforted in Jerusalem.”

14 Then you shall <sup>a</sup>see *this*, and your <sup>b</sup>heart shall be glad,  
 And your <sup>c</sup>bones shall flourish like the new grass;  
 And the <sup>d</sup>hand of the LORD shall be made known to His  
 servants,

But He shall be indignant toward His enemies.

15 For behold, the LORD will come in fire  
 And His chariots like the whirlwind,  
 To render His anger with fury,  
 And His rebuke with flames of fire.

16 For the LORD will execute judgment by <sup>a</sup>fire  
 And by His <sup>b</sup>sword on all flesh,  
 And those slain by the LORD will be many.

17 “Those who sanctify and purify themselves *to go to the*  
<sup>a</sup>gardens,

<sup>1</sup>Following one in the center,

Who eat <sup>b</sup>swine’s flesh, detestable things, and mice,  
 Shall come to an end altogether,” declares the LORD.

18 “For I <sup>1</sup>know their works and their thoughts; <sup>2</sup>the time is  
 coming to <sup>a</sup>gather all nations and tongues. And they shall come  
 and see My glory.



19 "And I will set a <sup>a</sup>sign among them and will send survivors from them to the nations: Tarshish, <sup>1</sup>Put, Lud, <sup>2</sup>Meshech, Rosh, Tubal, and <sup>3</sup>Javan, to the distant coastlands that have neither heard My fame nor seen My glory. And they will <sup>b</sup>declare My glory among the nations.

20 "Then they shall <sup>a</sup>bring all your brethren from all the nations as a grain offering to the LORD, on horses, in chariots, in litters, on mules, and on camels, to My <sup>b</sup>holy mountain Jerusalem," says the LORD, "just as the sons of Israel bring their grain offering in a <sup>c</sup>clean vessel to the house of the LORD.

21 "I will also take some of them for <sup>a</sup>priests and for Levites," says the LORD.

22 "For just as the <sup>a</sup>new heavens and the new earth Which I make will endure before Me," declares the LORD,

"So your <sup>b</sup>offspring and your name will endure.

23 "And it shall be from new moon to new moon And from sabbath to sabbath, All <sup>1</sup>mankind will come to <sup>a</sup>bow down before Me," says the LORD.

24 "Then they shall go forth and look On the corpses of the men Who have <sup>1</sup>transgressed against Me. For their worm shall not die, <sup>a</sup>And their fire shall not be quenched; And they shall be an <sup>b</sup>abhorrence to all <sup>2</sup>mankind."

## THE BOOK OF JEREMIAH

### Jeremiah's Call and Commission.

THE words of <sup>a</sup>Jeremiah, the son of Hilkiah, of the priests who were in Anathoth in the land of Benjamin,

2 to whom the word of the LORD came in the days of <sup>a</sup>Josiah, the son of Amon, king of Judah, in the thirteenth year of his reign.

3 It came also in the days of <sup>a</sup>Jehoiakim, the son of Josiah, king of Judah, until the end of the eleventh year of <sup>b</sup>Zedekiah, the son of Josiah, king of Judah, until the exile of Jerusalem in the fifth month.

4 Now the word of the LORD came to me saying,  
5 "Before I <sup>a</sup>formed you in the womb I knew you, And <sup>b</sup>before you were born I consecrated you; I have <sup>c</sup>appointed you a prophet to the nations."

6 Then <sup>a</sup>I said, "Alas, Lord <sup>1</sup>GOD! Behold, I do not know how to speak, Because <sup>b</sup>I am a youth."

7 But the LORD said to me, "Do not say, 'I am a youth,'

19 <sup>1</sup>So with Gk.; Heb., <sup>Put</sup> <sup>2</sup>So with Gk.; Heb., <sup>those who draw the bow</sup> <sup>1</sup>i.e., Greece  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 11:10, 12; 49:22; 62:10  
<sup>b</sup>Is. 42:12; 1 Chr. 16:24

20 <sup>a</sup>Is. 43:6; 49:22; 60:4  
<sup>b</sup>Is. 2:2, 3; 11:9; 56:7; 65:11, 25  
<sup>c</sup>Is. 52:11

21 <sup>a</sup>Is. 61:6; 1 Pet. 2:5, 9

22 <sup>a</sup>Is. 65:17; Heb. 12:26, 27; 2 Pet. 3:13; Rev. 21:1  
<sup>b</sup>Is. 61:8, 9; 65:22, 23; John 10:27-29; 1 Pet. 1:4, 5

23 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *flesh*  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 19:21, 23; 27:13; 49:7

24 <sup>1</sup>Or, *rebelled* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *flesh*  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 1:31; Matt. 3:12 <sup>b</sup>Dan. 12:2

1 <sup>a</sup>2 Chr. 35:25; 36:12, 21, 22; Ezra 1:1; Dan. 9:2; Matt. 2:17; 16:14; 27:9

2 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 3:6; 36:2; 1 Kin. 13:2; 2 Kin. 21:24

3 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 25:1; 2 Kin. 23:34; 1 Chr. 3:15 <sup>b</sup>Jer. 39:2; 2 Kin. 24:17; 1 Chr. 3:15

5 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 139:15, 16 <sup>b</sup>Is. 49:1, 5 <sup>c</sup>Jer. 1:10; 25:15-26

6 <sup>1</sup>YHWH, usually rendered LORD  
<sup>a</sup>Ex. 4:10 <sup>b</sup>1 Kin. 3:17

7 <sup>a</sup>Ezek. 2:3, 4

8 <sup>a</sup>Ezek. 2:6

9 <sup>a</sup>Mark 7:33-35 <sup>b</sup>Ex. 4:11-16; Deut. 18:18

10 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 18:7-10; Ezek. 32:18 <sup>b</sup>Jer. 24:6; 31:28, 40; Is. 44:26-28

11 <sup>1</sup>Heb., *shaqed*  
<sup>a</sup>Jer. 24:3; Amos 7:8

12 <sup>1</sup>Heb., *shoqed*  
<sup>a</sup>Jer. 31:28; Deut. 32:35

13 <sup>a</sup>Zech. 4:2 <sup>b</sup>Ezek. 11:3,  
7

14 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *will be opened*  
<sup>a</sup>Jer. 4:6; 10:22; Is. 41:25

15 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 25:9 <sup>b</sup>Jer. 39:3; Is. 22:7

16 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *speak* <sup>2</sup>Or,  
*burned incense*  
<sup>a</sup>Jer. 7:9; 19:4; 44:17 <sup>b</sup>Jer. 10:3-5; Is. 2:8; 37:19

17 <sup>a</sup>1 Kin. 18:46; Job 38:3  
<sup>b</sup>Ezek. 2:6; 3:16-18

19 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 1:8; 20:11

2 <sup>1</sup>Or, *lovingkindness*  
<sup>a</sup>Jer. 7:2; 11:6; Is. 58:1  
<sup>b</sup>Ezek. 16:8

3 <sup>a</sup>Ex. 19:5, 6; Deut. 7:6;  
14:2 <sup>b</sup>Jer. 30:16; 50:7; Is. 41:11

<sup>a</sup>Because everywhere I send you, you shall go,  
And all that I command you, you shall speak.

8 <sup>a</sup>"Do not be afraid of them,  
For I am with you to deliver you," declares the LORD.

9 Then the LORD stretched out His hand and <sup>a</sup>touched my  
mouth, and the LORD said to me,

"Behold, I have <sup>b</sup>put My words in your mouth.

10 "See, I have appointed you this day over the nations and  
over the kingdoms,

<sup>a</sup>To pluck up and to break down,

To destroy and to overthrow,

<sup>b</sup>To build and to plant."

11 And the word of the LORD came to me saying, "What  
do you see, <sup>a</sup>Jeremiah?" And I said, "I see a rod of an <sup>1</sup>almond  
tree."

12 Then the LORD said to me, "You have seen well, for <sup>a</sup>I  
am <sup>1</sup>watching over My word to perform it."

13 And the word of the LORD came to me a second time  
saying, "<sup>a</sup>What do you see?" And I said, "I see a boiling <sup>b</sup>pot,  
facing away from the north."

14 Then the LORD said to me, "<sup>a</sup>Out of the north the evil  
<sup>1</sup>will break forth on all the inhabitants of the land.

15 "For, behold, I am calling <sup>a</sup>all the families of the king-  
doms of the north," declares the LORD; "and they will come,  
and they will <sup>b</sup>set each one his throne at the entrance of the  
gates of Jerusalem, and against all its walls round about, and  
against all the cities of Judah.

16 "And I will <sup>1</sup>pronounce My judgments on them concern-  
ing all their wickedness, whereby they have forsaken Me and  
have <sup>2a</sup>offered sacrifices to other gods, and worshiped the <sup>b</sup>works  
of their own hands.

17 "Now, <sup>a</sup>gird up your loins, and arise, and speak to them  
all which I command you. <sup>b</sup>Do not be dismayed before them,  
lest I dismay you before them.

18 "Now behold, I have made you today as a fortified city,  
and as a pillar of iron and as walls of bronze against the whole  
land, to the kings of Judah, to its princes, to its priests and to  
the people of the land.

19 "And they will fight against you, but they will not over-  
come you, for <sup>a</sup>I am with you to deliver you," declares the LORD.

## CHAPTER 2

**N**OW the word of the LORD came to me saying,

2 "Go and <sup>a</sup>proclaim in the ears of Jerusalem, saying, 'Thus  
says the LORD,

"I remember concerning you the <sup>1b</sup>devotion of your  
youth,

The love of your betrothals,

Your following after Me in the wilderness,

Through a land not sown.

3 "Israel was <sup>a</sup>holy to the LORD,

The first of His harvest;

<sup>b</sup>All who ate of it became guilty;

Evil came upon them," declares the LORD.'"

- 4 Hear the word of the LORD, O house of Jacob, and all the families of the house of Israel.
- 5 Thus says the LORD,  
 "What injustice did your fathers find in Me,  
 That they went far from Me  
 And walked after emptiness and became empty?"
- 6 "And they did not say, 'Where is the LORD  
 Who brought us up out of the land of Egypt,  
 Who led us through the wilderness,  
 Through a land of deserts and of pits,  
 Through a land of drought and of deep darkness,  
 Through a land that no one crossed  
 And where no man dwelt?'"
- 7 "And I brought you into the fruitful land,  
 To eat its fruit and its good things.  
 But you came and defiled My land,  
 And My inheritance you made an abomination.
- 8 "The priests did not say, 'Where is the LORD?'  
 And those who handle the law did not know Me;  
 The rulers also transgressed against Me,  
 And the prophets prophesied by Baal  
 And walked after things that did not profit.
- 9 "Therefore I will yet contend with you," declares the LORD,  
 "And with your sons' sons I will contend.
- 10 "For across to the coastlands of Kittim and see,  
 And send to Kedar and observe closely,  
 And see if there has been such a thing as this!
- 11 "Has a nation changed gods,  
 When they were not gods?  
 But My people have changed their glory  
 For that which does not profit.
- 12 "Be appalled, O heavens, at this,  
 And shudder, be very desolate," declares the LORD.
- 13 "For My people have committed two evils:  
 They have forsaken Me,  
 The fountain of living waters,  
 To hew for themselves cisterns,  
 Broken cisterns,  
 That can hold no water.
- 14 "Is Israel a slave? Or is he a homeborn servant?  
 Why has he become a prey?"
- 15 "The young lions have roared at him,  
 They have roared loudly.  
 And they have made his land a waste;  
 His cities have been destroyed, without inhabitant.
- 16 "Also the men of Memphis and Tahpanhes  
 Have shaved the crown of your head.
- 17 "Have you not done this to yourself,  
 By your forsaking the LORD your God,  
 When He led you in the way?"
- 18 "But now what are you doing on the road to Egypt,

5 <sup>a</sup>Is. 5:4; Mic. 6:3 <sup>b</sup>Jer. 8:19; 2 Kin. 17:15

6 <sup>1</sup>Or, shadow of death  
<sup>a</sup>Deut. 8:15; 32:10

7 <sup>a</sup>Deut. 8:7-9; 11:10-12  
<sup>b</sup>Jer. 3:2; 16:18; Ps. 106:38

8 <sup>1</sup>Lit., shepherds  
<sup>a</sup>Jer. 10:21 <sup>b</sup>Jer. 4:22; Mal. 2:6, 7 <sup>c</sup>Jer. 23:13 <sup>d</sup>Jer. 16:19; Hab. 2:18

9 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 2:35; Ezek. 20:35, 36

10 <sup>1</sup>I.e., Cyprus and other islands  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 23:12 <sup>b</sup>Jer. 49:28; Ps. 120:5; Is. 21:16

11 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 5:7; 16:20; Is. 37:19 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 106:20; Rom. 1:23

12 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 4:23; Is. 1:2

13 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 17:13; Ps. 36:9

15 <sup>1</sup>Lit., given their voice  
<sup>a</sup>Jer. 50:17 <sup>b</sup>Jer. 4:7

16 <sup>1</sup>Or, sons <sup>2</sup>Lit., grazed  
<sup>a</sup>Jer. 44:1; Is. 19:13; Hos. 9:6 <sup>b</sup>Jer. 48:45; Deut. 33:20

17 <sup>a</sup>Deut. 32:10

18 <sup>1</sup>Heb., *Shihor* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *the River*

19 <sup>1</sup>YHWH, usually rendered LORD  
<sup>a</sup>Jer. 4:18; Is. 3:9; Hos. 5:5  
<sup>b</sup>Jer. 3:6, 8, 11, 14; Hos. 11:7  
<sup>c</sup>Job 20:11-16; Amos 8:10  
<sup>d</sup>Jer. 5:24; Ps. 36:1

20 <sup>1</sup>Or, *you*  
<sup>a</sup>Lev. 26:13 <sup>b</sup>Jer. 3:2, 6;  
 17:2; Deut. 12:2; Is. 57:5, 7

21 <sup>a</sup>Ex. 15:17; Ps. 44:2;  
 80:8; Is. 5:2 <sup>b</sup>Is. 5:4

22 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *cause to be great to you* <sup>2</sup>YHWH, usually rendered LORD  
<sup>a</sup>Jer. 4:14

23 <sup>a</sup>Prov. 30:12 <sup>b</sup>Jer. 9:14  
<sup>c</sup>Jer. 7:31 <sup>d</sup>Jer. 2:33, 36;  
 31:22

24 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *occasion*  
<sup>a</sup>Jer. 14:6

25 <sup>1</sup>Or, *desperate*  
<sup>a</sup>Jer. 18:12 <sup>b</sup>Jer. 14:10;  
 Deut. 32:16

26 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 48:27

27 <sup>1</sup>Or, *evil*  
<sup>a</sup>Jer. 18:17; 32:33 <sup>b</sup>Jer. 22:23; Is. 26:16

28 <sup>1</sup>Or, *evil*  
<sup>a</sup>Jer. 1:16; Deut. 32:37; Is. 45:20 <sup>b</sup>Jer. 11:12, 13 <sup>c</sup>Jer. 11:13; 2 Kin. 17:30, 31

To drink the waters of the <sup>1</sup>Nile?  
 Or what are you doing on the road to Assyria,  
 To drink the waters of the <sup>2</sup>Euphrates?

19 “<sup>a</sup>Your own wickedness will correct you,  
 And your <sup>b</sup>apostasies will reprove you;  
 Know therefore and see that it is evil and <sup>c</sup>bitter  
 For you to forsake the LORD your God,  
 And <sup>d</sup>the dread of Me is not in you,” declares the Lord  
<sup>1</sup>God of hosts.

20 “For long ago <sup>1a</sup>I broke your yoke  
 And tore off your bonds;  
 But you said, ‘I will not serve!’  
 For on every <sup>b</sup>high hill  
 And under every green tree  
 You have lain down as a harlot.

21 “Yet I <sup>a</sup>planted you a choice vine,  
 A completely faithful seed.  
 How then have you turned yourself before Me  
 Into the <sup>b</sup>degenerate shoots of a foreign vine?

22 “Although you <sup>a</sup>wash yourself with lye  
 And <sup>1</sup>use much soap,  
 The stain of your iniquity is before Me,” declares the  
 Lord <sup>2</sup>GOD.

23 “<sup>a</sup>How can you say, ‘I am not defiled,  
 I have not gone after the <sup>b</sup>Baals’?  
 Look at your way in the <sup>c</sup>valley!  
 Know what you have done!  
 You are a swift young camel <sup>d</sup>entangling her ways,

24 A <sup>a</sup>wild donkey accustomed to the wilderness,  
 That sniffs the wind in her passion.  
 In *the time* of her <sup>1</sup>heat who can turn her away?  
 All who seek her will not become weary;  
 In her month they will find her.

25 “Keep your feet from being unshod  
 And your throat from thirst;  
 But you said, ‘<sup>a</sup>It is <sup>1</sup>hopeless!  
 No! For I have <sup>b</sup>loved strangers,  
 And after them I will walk.’

26 “As the <sup>a</sup>thief is shamed when he is discovered,  
 So the house of Israel is shamed;  
 They, their kings, their princes,  
 And their priests, and their prophets,

27 Who say to a tree, ‘You are my father,’  
 And to a stone, ‘You gave me birth.’  
 For they have turned *their* <sup>a</sup>back to Me,  
 And not *their* face;  
 But in the <sup>b</sup>time of their <sup>1</sup>trouble they will say,  
 ‘Arise and save us.’

28 “But where are your <sup>a</sup>gods  
 Which you made for yourself?  
 Let them arise, if they can <sup>b</sup>save you  
 In the time of your <sup>1</sup>trouble;  
 For <sup>c</sup>according to the number of your cities  
 Are your gods, O Judah.

- 29 "Why do you contend with Me?  
You have <sup>a</sup>all transgressed against Me," declares the LORD.
- 30 "In vain I have struck your sons;  
They accepted no chastening.  
Your <sup>b</sup>sword has devoured your prophets  
Like a destroying lion.
- 31 "O generation, heed the word of the LORD.  
Have I been a wilderness to Israel,  
Or a land of thick <sup>a</sup>darkness?  
Why do My people say, <sup>b</sup>"We are free to roam;  
We will come no more to Thee'?
- 32 "Can a virgin forget her ornaments,  
Or a bride her attire?  
Yet My people have <sup>a</sup>forgotten Me  
Days without number.
- 33 "How well you prepare your way  
To seek love!  
Therefore even <sup>1</sup>the wicked women  
You have taught your ways.
- 34 "Also on your skirts is found  
The <sup>a</sup>lifeblood of the innocent poor;  
You did not find them <sup>b</sup>breaking in.  
But in spite of all these things,  
Yet you said, 'I am innocent;  
Surely His anger is turned away from me.'  
Behold, I will <sup>a</sup>enter into judgment with you  
Because you <sup>b</sup>say, 'I have not sinned.'
- 36 "Why do you <sup>a</sup>go around so much  
Changing your way?  
Also, you shall be put to shame by Egypt  
As you were put to shame by <sup>b</sup>Assyria.
- 37 "From this *place* also you shall go out  
With <sup>a</sup>your hands on your head;  
For the LORD has rejected those in whom you trust,  
And you shall not prosper with them."

29 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 5:1; 6:13; Dan. 9:11

30 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 5:3; 7:28; Is. 1:5  
<sup>b</sup>Jer. 26:20-24; Neh. 9:26

31 <sup>a</sup>Is. 45:19 <sup>b</sup>Jer. 2:20, 25;  
Deut. 32:15

32 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 3:21; 13:25; Is. 17:10; Hos. 8:14

33 <sup>1</sup>Or, in wickedness

34 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 7:6; 19:4; 2 Kin. 21:16; 24:4 <sup>b</sup>Ex. 22:2

35 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 25:31 <sup>b</sup>Prov. 28:13; 1 John 1:8, 10

36 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 2:23; Hos. 12:1  
<sup>b</sup>2 Chr. 28:16, 20, 21

37 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 14:3, 4; 2 Sam. 13:19

**CHAPTER 3**

- GOD** <sup>1</sup>says, "If a husband divorces his wife,  
And she goes from him,  
And belongs to another man,  
Will he still return to her?  
Will not that land be completely <sup>2</sup>polluted?  
But you <sup>b</sup>are a harlot *with* many <sup>3</sup>lovers;  
Yet you <sup>c</sup>turn to Me," declares the LORD.
- 2 "Lift up your eyes to the <sup>a</sup>bare heights and see;  
Where have you not been violated?  
By the roads you have <sup>b</sup>sat for them  
Like an Arab in the desert,  
And you have <sup>c</sup>polluted a land  
With your harlotry and with your wickedness.
- 3 "Therefore the <sup>a</sup>showers have been withheld,  
And there has been no spring rain.  
Yet you had a harlot's forehead;  
You refused to be ashamed.

1 <sup>1</sup>Heb., saying <sup>2</sup>Or, alienated <sup>3</sup>Lit., companions  
<sup>a</sup>Deut. 24:1-4 <sup>b</sup>Jer. 2:20; Ezek. 16:26, 28, 29 <sup>c</sup>Jer. 4:1; Zech. 1:3

2 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 2:20; Deut. 12:2  
<sup>b</sup>Ezek. 16:25 <sup>c</sup>Jer. 2:7

3 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 14:3-6; Lev. 26:19

4 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *leader*  
<sup>a</sup>Jer. 3:19; 31:9 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 71:17

5 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *keep it* <sup>2</sup>Lit.,  
*been able*  
<sup>a</sup>Jer. 3:12; Ps. 103:9; Is.  
 57:16

6 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 17:2; Ezek. 23:4-  
 10

7 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *said*  
<sup>a</sup>Jer. 3:11; Ezek. 16:47

8 <sup>a</sup>Deut. 24:1, 3; Is. 50:1  
<sup>b</sup>Ezek. 16:46, 47

9 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 3:2; 2:7 <sup>b</sup>Jer. 2:27;  
 10:8; Is. 57:6

10 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 12:2; Hos. 7:14

11 <sup>a</sup>Ezek. 16:51, 52; 23:11

12 <sup>1</sup>Heb., *cause My*  
*counenance to fall*  
<sup>a</sup>Jer. 3:14, 22 <sup>b</sup>Jer. 3:5 <sup>c</sup>Jer.  
 12:15; 31:20; 33:26; Ps.  
 86:15

13 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *know* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *ways*  
<sup>a</sup>Jer. 3:25; 14:20; Deut.  
 30:1-3 <sup>b</sup>Jer. 3:2, 6; 2:20, 25  
<sup>c</sup>Deut. 12:2

14 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 31:32; Hos. 2:19

15 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 23:4; 31:10; 50:19;  
 Ezek. 34:23 <sup>b</sup>Acts 20:28

16 <sup>a</sup>Is. 65:17

17 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 17:12; Ezek. 43:7  
<sup>b</sup>Jer. 3:19; 4:2; 12:15, 16;  
 16:19 <sup>c</sup>Is. 60:9 <sup>d</sup>Jer. 11:8

18 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 50:4, 5; Hos. 1:11  
<sup>b</sup>Jer. 16:15; 31:8 <sup>c</sup>Amos  
 9:15

4 "Have you not just now called to Me,  
<sup>a</sup>My Father, Thou art the <sup>1</sup>friend of my youth?

5 <sup>a</sup>Will He be angry forever?  
 Will He <sup>1</sup>be indignant to the end?  
 Behold, you have spoken  
 And have done evil things,  
 And you have <sup>2</sup>had your way."

6 Then the LORD said to me in the days of Josiah the king,  
 "Have you seen what faithless Israel did? She <sup>a</sup>went up on every  
 high hill and under every green tree, and she was a harlot there.

7 "And I <sup>1</sup>thought, 'After she has done all these things, she  
 will return to Me'; but she did not return, and her <sup>a</sup>treacherous  
 sister Judah saw it.

8 "And I saw that for all the adulteries of faithless Israel,  
 I had sent her away and <sup>a</sup>given her a writ of divorce, yet her  
<sup>b</sup>treacherous sister Judah did not fear; but she went and was a  
 harlot also.

9 "And it came about because of the lightness of her  
 harlotry, that she polluted the <sup>a</sup>land and committed adultery  
 with <sup>b</sup>stones and trees.

10 "And yet in spite of all this her treacherous sister Judah  
 did not return to Me with all her heart, but rather in <sup>a</sup>decep-  
 tion," declares the LORD.

11 And the LORD said to me, "<sup>a</sup>Faithless Israel has proved  
 herself more righteous than treacherous Judah.

12 "Go, and proclaim these words toward the north and say,  
<sup>a</sup>'Return, faithless Israel,' declares the LORD;  
<sup>b</sup>I will not <sup>1</sup>look upon you in anger.  
 For I am <sup>c</sup>gracious,' declares the LORD;  
<sup>d</sup>I will not be angry forever.

13 'Only <sup>1</sup>acknowledge your iniquity,  
 That you have transgressed against the LORD your God  
 And have <sup>b</sup>scattered your <sup>2</sup>favours to the strangers <sup>c</sup>under  
 every green tree,  
 And you have not obeyed My voice,' declares the LORD.

14 'Return, O faithless sons,' declares the LORD;  
<sup>d</sup>'For I am a <sup>a</sup>master to you,  
 And I will take you one from a city and two from a  
 family,  
 And I will bring you to Zion.'

15 "Then I will give you <sup>a</sup>shepherds after My own heart, who  
 will <sup>b</sup>feed you on knowledge and understanding.

16 "And it shall be in those days when you are multiplied  
 and increased in the land," declares the LORD, "they shall <sup>a</sup>say  
 no more, 'The ark of the covenant of the LORD.' And it shall  
 not come to mind, nor shall they remember it, nor shall they  
 miss it, nor shall it be made again.

17 "At that time they shall call Jerusalem 'The <sup>a</sup>Throne of  
 the LORD,' and <sup>b</sup>all the nations will be gathered to it, for the  
<sup>c</sup>name of the LORD in Jerusalem; <sup>d</sup>nor shall they walk any more  
 after the stubbornness of their evil heart.

18 "<sup>a</sup>In those days the house of Judah will walk with the  
 house of Israel, and they will come together <sup>b</sup>from the land of  
 the north to the land that I <sup>c</sup>gave your fathers as an inheritance.

- 19 "Then I said,  
 'How I would set you among <sup>1</sup>My sons,  
 And give you a pleasant land,  
 The most <sup>a</sup>beautiful inheritance of the nations!'  
 And I said, 'You shall call Me, <sup>b</sup>My Father,  
 And not turn away from following Me.'
- 20 "Surely, as a woman treacherously departs from her  
<sup>1</sup>lover,  
 So you have <sup>a</sup>dealt treacherously with Me,  
 O house of Israel," declares the LORD.
- 21 A voice is heard on the <sup>a</sup>bare heights,  
 The weeping *and* the supplications of the sons of Israel;  
 Because they have perverted their way,  
 They have <sup>b</sup>forgotten the LORD their God.
- 22 "Return, O faithless sons,  
<sup>a</sup>I will heal your faithlessness."  
 "Behold, we come to Thee;  
 For Thou art the LORD our God.
- 23 "Surely, <sup>a</sup>the hills are a deception,  
 A tumult *on* the mountains.  
 Surely, in the <sup>b</sup>LORD our God  
 Is the salvation of Israel.
- 24 "But the shameful thing has consumed the labor of our  
 fathers since our youth, their flocks and their herds, their sons  
 and their daughters.
- 25 "Let us lie down in our shame, and let our humiliation  
 cover us; for we have <sup>a</sup>sinned against the LORD our God, we and  
 our fathers, <sup>b</sup>since our youth even to this day. And we have not  
 obeyed the voice of the LORD our God."

CHAPTER 4

- “<sup>a</sup>**I**F you will return, O Israel,” declares the LORD,  
 “*Then* you should return to Me.  
 And <sup>b</sup>if you will put away your detested things from My  
 presence,  
 And will not waver,  
 2 And you will <sup>a</sup>swear, ‘As the LORD lives,’  
 In truth, in justice, and in righteousness;  
 Then the <sup>b</sup>nations will bless themselves in Him,  
 And <sup>c</sup>in Him they will glory.”
- 3 For thus says the LORD to the men of Judah and to  
 Jerusalem,  
 “<sup>1a</sup>Break up your fallow ground,  
 And do not sow among thorns.
- 4 “<sup>a</sup>Circumcise yourselves to the LORD  
 And remove the foreskins of your heart,  
 Men of Judah and inhabitants of Jerusalem,  
 Lest My <sup>b</sup>wrath go forth like fire  
 And burn with <sup>c</sup>none to quench it,  
 Because of the evil of your deeds.”

19 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *the*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 16:6 <sup>b</sup>Jer. 3:4; Is. 63:16

20 <sup>1</sup>Or, *companion*  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 48:8

21 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 3:2; 7:29; Is. 15:2  
<sup>b</sup>Jer. 2:32; 13:25; Is. 17:10

22 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 30:17; 33:6; Hos.  
 6:1; 14:4

23 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 17:2 <sup>b</sup>Jer. 17:14;  
 31:7; Ps. 3:8

25 <sup>a</sup>Ezra 9:7 <sup>b</sup>Jer. 22:21

1 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 3:22; Joel 2:12  
<sup>b</sup>Jer. 7:3, 7; 15:19; 35:15

2 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 12:16; Deut.  
 10:20; Is. 65:16 <sup>b</sup>Jer. 3:17;  
 12:15, 16; Gen. 22:18 <sup>c</sup>Jer.  
 9:24; Is. 45:25

3 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *Plow for  
 yourselves plowed ground*  
<sup>a</sup>Hos. 10:12

4 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 9:25, 26; Deut.  
 10:16; 30:6; Rom. 2:28, 29  
<sup>b</sup>Jer. 21:12; Is. 30:27, 33  
<sup>c</sup>Amos 5:6; Mark 9:43, 48

5 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 6:1; Hos. 8:1 <sup>b</sup>Jer. 8:14; Josh. 10:20

6 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 4:21; 50:2; Is. 62:10 <sup>b</sup>Jer. 1:14, 15; 6:1, 22

7 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 5:6; 25:38; 50:17  
<sup>b</sup>Jer. 25:9; Ezek. 26:7-10  
<sup>c</sup>Jer. 2:15; Is. 1:7; 6:11

8 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 6:26; Is. 22:12  
<sup>b</sup>Jer. 30:24; Is. 5:25; 10:4

9 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 48:41; Is. 22:3-5  
<sup>b</sup>Is. 29:9, 10; Ezek. 13:9-16

10 <sup>1</sup>YHWH, usually rendered <sup>2</sup>Or, <sup>3</sup>life  
<sup>a</sup>Ezek. 14:9; 2 Thess. 2:11  
<sup>b</sup>Jer. 5:12; 14:13

12 <sup>1</sup>Lit., <sup>2</sup>these <sup>3</sup>Lit., for Me

13 <sup>a</sup>Is. 19:1; Nah. 1:3 <sup>b</sup>Is. 5:28; 66:15 <sup>c</sup>Lam. 4:19 <sup>d</sup>Is. 3:8

14 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 6:19; 13:27; Prov. 1:22

16 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 5:15; Is. 39:3  
<sup>b</sup>Ezek. 21:22

17 <sup>a2</sup> Kin. 25:1, 4 <sup>b</sup>Jer. 5:23; Is. 1:20, 23

18 <sup>1</sup>Lit., <sup>2</sup>done  
<sup>a</sup>Jer. 2:17, 19; Ps. 107:17; Is. 50:1

- 5 Declare in Judah and proclaim in Jerusalem, and say,  
“<sup>a</sup>Blow the trumpet in the land;  
Cry aloud and say,  
<sup>b</sup>Assemble yourselves, and let us go  
Into the fortified cities.”
- 6 “Lift up a <sup>a</sup>standard toward Zion!  
Seek refuge, do not stand *still*,  
For I am bringing <sup>b</sup>evil from the north,  
And great destruction.
- 7 “A <sup>a</sup>lion has gone up from his thicket,  
And a <sup>b</sup>destroyer of nations has set out;  
He has gone out from his place  
To <sup>c</sup>make your land a waste.  
Your cities will be ruins  
Without inhabitant.
- 8 “For this, <sup>a</sup>put on sackcloth,  
Lament and wail;  
For the <sup>b</sup>fierce anger of the LORD  
Has not turned back from us.”
- 9 “And it shall come about in that day,” declares the LORD,  
“that the <sup>a</sup>heart of the king and the heart of the princes will fail;  
and the priests will be appalled, and the <sup>b</sup>prophets will be astounded.”
- 10 Then I said, “Ah, Lord <sup>1</sup>GOD! Surely Thou hast utterly  
<sup>a</sup>deceived this people and Jerusalem, saying, <sup>b</sup>‘You will have  
peace’; whereas a sword touches the <sup>2</sup>throat.”
- 11 In that time it will be said to this people and to  
Jerusalem, “A scorching wind from the bare heights in the  
wilderness in the direction of the daughter of My people—not  
to winnow, and not to cleanse,  
12 a wind too strong for <sup>1</sup>this—will come <sup>2</sup>at My command;  
now I will also pronounce judgments against them.
- 13 “Behold, he <sup>a</sup>goes up like clouds,  
And his <sup>b</sup>chariots like the whirlwind;  
His horses are <sup>c</sup>swifter than eagles.  
Woe to us, for <sup>d</sup>we are ruined!”
- 14 Wash your heart from evil, O Jerusalem,  
That you may be saved.  
How long will your <sup>a</sup>wicked thoughts  
Lodge within you?
- 15 For a voice declares from Dan,  
And proclaims wickedness from Mount Ephraim.
- 16 “Report *it* to the nations, now!  
Proclaim over Jerusalem,  
<sup>a</sup>Besiegers come from a <sup>a</sup>far country,  
And <sup>b</sup>lift their voices against the cities of Judah.
- 17 ‘Like watchmen of a field they are <sup>a</sup>against her round  
about,  
Because she has <sup>b</sup>rebelled against Me,’ declares the  
LORD.
- 18 “Your <sup>a</sup>ways and your deeds  
Have <sup>b</sup>brought these things to you.  
This is your evil. How bitter!  
How it has touched your heart!”



- 19 <sup>a</sup>My <sup>1</sup>soul, my <sup>1</sup>soul! I am in anguish! <sup>2</sup>Oh my heart!  
My <sup>b</sup>heart is pounding in me;  
I cannot be silent,  
Because <sup>3</sup>you have heard, O my soul,  
The <sup>c</sup>sound of the trumpet,  
The alarm of war.
- 20 <sup>a</sup>Disaster on disaster is proclaimed,  
For the whole land is devastated;  
Suddenly my tents are devastated,  
My curtains in an instant.
- 21 How long must I see the standard,  
And hear the sound of the trumpet?
- 22 <sup>a</sup>For My people are foolish,  
They know Me not;  
They are stupid children,  
And they have no understanding.  
They are shrewd to <sup>b</sup>do evil,  
But to do good they do not know.”
- 23 I looked on the earth, and behold, *it was* <sup>1a</sup>formless and  
void;  
And to the heavens, and they had no light.
- 24 I looked on the mountains, and behold, they were  
<sup>a</sup>quaking,  
And all the hills <sup>1</sup>moved to and fro.
- 25 I looked, and behold, there was no man,  
And all the <sup>a</sup>birds of the heavens had fled.
- 26 I looked, and behold, <sup>1</sup>the <sup>a</sup>fruitful land was a wilder-  
ness,  
And all its cities were pulled down  
Before the LORD, before His fierce anger.
- 27 For thus says the LORD,  
“The <sup>a</sup>whole land shall be a desolation,  
Yet I will <sup>b</sup>not execute a complete destruction.
- 28 “For this the <sup>a</sup>earth shall mourn,  
And the <sup>b</sup>heavens above be dark,  
Because I have <sup>c</sup>spoken, I have purposed,  
And I will not <sup>1</sup>change My mind, nor will I turn from it.”
- 29 At the sound of the horseman and bowman every city  
flees;  
They <sup>a</sup>go into the thickets and climb among the rocks;  
Every city is forsaken,  
And no man dwells in them.
- 30 And you, O desolate one, <sup>a</sup>what will you do?  
Although you dress in scarlet,  
Although you decorate *yourself with* ornaments of gold,  
Although you <sup>b</sup>enlarge your eyes with paint,  
In vain you make yourself beautiful;  
Your <sup>1c</sup>lovers despise you;  
They seek your life.
- 31 For I heard a <sup>1</sup>cry as of a woman in labor,  
The anguish as of one giving birth to her first child,  
The <sup>1</sup>cry of the daughter of Zion <sup>a</sup>gasping for breath,  
<sup>b</sup>Stretching out her <sup>2</sup>hands, *saying*,  
“Ah, woe is me, for <sup>3</sup>I faint before murderers.”

<sup>19</sup> <sup>1</sup>Lit., *inward parts*  
<sup>2</sup>Lit., *The walls of my heart*  
<sup>3</sup>Or, *I, my soul, heard*  
<sup>a</sup>Jer. 9:1, 10; 20:9; Is. 15:5; 16:11; 21:3; 22:4  
<sup>b</sup>Hab. 3:16  
<sup>c</sup>Num. 10:9

20 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 42:7; Ezek. 7:26

22 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 5:4, 21; 10:8  
<sup>b</sup>Jer. 9:3; 13:23; Rom. 16:19

23 <sup>1</sup>Or, *a waste and emptiness*  
<sup>a</sup>Gen. 1:2; Is. 24:19

24 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *moved lightly*  
<sup>a</sup>Jer. 10:10; Is. 5:25; Ezek. 38:20

25 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 9:10; 12:4; Zeph. 1:3

26 <sup>1</sup>Or, *Carmel*  
<sup>a</sup>Jer. 9:10

27 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 12:11, 12; 25:11  
<sup>b</sup>Jer. 5:10, 18; 30:11; 46:28

28 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *be sorry*  
<sup>a</sup>Jer. 12:4, 11; 14:2; Hos. 4:3  
<sup>b</sup>Is. 5:30; 50:3; Joel 2:30, 31  
<sup>c</sup>Jer. 23:20; 30:24; Num. 23:19

29 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 16:16; Is. 2:19-21

30 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *paramours*  
<sup>a</sup>Jer. 13:21; Is. 10:3; 20:6  
<sup>b2</sup> Kin. 9:30; Ezek. 23:40  
<sup>c</sup>Jer. 22:20, 22; Ezek. 23:9, 10, 22

31 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *sound*  
<sup>2</sup>Lit., *palm*  
<sup>3</sup>Lit., *my soul faints*  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 42:14  
<sup>b</sup>Is. 1:15; Lam. 1:17

## CHAPTER 5

1 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *faithfulness*  
<sup>2</sup>Chr. 16:9; Dan. 12:4  
<sup>b</sup>Ezek. 22:30 <sup>c</sup>Gen. 18:26,  
 32

3 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *faithfulness* <sup>2</sup>Or,  
*become sick*  
<sup>2</sup>Chr. 16:9 <sup>b</sup>Jer. 7:28; 8:5;  
 Zeph. 3:2 <sup>c</sup>Jer. 7:26; 19:15;  
 Ezek. 3:8

4 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 8:7; Is. 27:11; Hos.  
 4:6

5 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 2:20; Ex. 32:25;  
 Ps. 2:3

6 <sup>a</sup>Ezek. 22:27; Hab. 1:8;  
 Zeph. 3:3 <sup>b</sup>Hos. 13:7

7 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 12:16; Josh. 23:7;  
 Zeph. 1:5 <sup>b</sup>Jer. 2:11; Deut.  
 32:21; Gal. 4:8

8 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 29:23; Ezek. 22:11

9 <sup>1</sup>Or, *for these things*

10 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 39:8

11 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 3:6, 7, 20

- “<sup>a</sup>ROAM to and fro through the streets of Jerusalem,  
 And look now, and take note.  
 And seek in her open squares,  
 If you can find a <sup>b</sup>man,  
 If there is one who does justice, who seeks <sup>1</sup>truth,  
 Then I will <sup>c</sup>pardon her.
- 2 “And although they say, ‘As the LORD lives,’  
 Surely they swear falsely.”
- 3 O LORD, do not <sup>a</sup>Thine eyes look for <sup>1</sup>truth?  
 Thou hast smitten them,  
 But they did not <sup>2</sup>weaken;  
 Thou hast consumed them,  
 But they <sup>b</sup>refused to take correction.  
 They have made their faces <sup>c</sup>harder than rock;  
 They have refused to repent.
- 4 Then I said, “They are only the poor,  
 They are foolish;  
 For they do not <sup>a</sup>know the way of the LORD  
 Or the ordinance of their God.
- 5 “I will go to the great  
 And will speak to them,  
 For they know the way of the LORD,  
 And the ordinance of their God.”  
 But they too, with one accord, have <sup>a</sup>broken the yoke  
 And burst the bonds.
- 6 Therefore a lion from the forest shall slay them,  
 A <sup>a</sup>wolf of the deserts shall destroy them,  
 A <sup>b</sup>leopard is watching their cities.  
 Every one who goes out of them shall be torn in pieces,  
 Because their transgressions are many,  
 Their apostasies are numerous.
- 7 “Why should I pardon you?  
 Your sons have forsaken Me  
 And <sup>a</sup>sworn by those who are <sup>b</sup>not gods.  
 When I had fed them to the full,  
 They committed adultery  
 And trooped to the harlot’s house.
- 8 “They were well-fed lusty horses,  
 Each one neighing after his <sup>a</sup>neighbor’s wife.
- 9 “Shall I not punish <sup>1</sup>these *people*,” declares the LORD,  
 “And on a nation such as this  
 Shall I not avenge Myself?
- 10 “Go up through her <sup>a</sup>vine rows and destroy,  
 But do not execute a complete destruction;  
 Strip away her branches,  
 For they are not the LORD’s.
- 11 “For the <sup>a</sup>house of Israel and the house of Judah  
 Have dealt very treacherously with Me,” declares the  
 LORD.

- 12 They have lied about the LORD  
And said, "1aNot He;  
Misfortune will bnot come on us;  
And we will cnot see sword or famine.
- 13 "And the aprophets are as wind,  
And the word is not in them.  
Thus it will be done to them!"
- 14 Therefore, thus says the LORD, the God of hosts,  
"Because you have spoken this word,  
Behold, I am making My words in your mouth afire  
And this people wood, and it will consume them.
- 15 "Behold, I am abringing a nation against you from afar,  
O house of Israel," declares the LORD.  
"It is an enduring nation,  
It is an ancient nation,  
A nation whose blanguage you do not know,  
Nor can you understand what they say.
- 16 "Their quiver is like an aopen grave,  
All of them are mighty men.
- 17 "And they will adeavour your harvest and your food;  
They will devour your sons and your daughters;  
They will devour your flocks and your herds;  
They will devour your bvines and your fig trees;  
They will demolish with the sword your cfortified cities  
in which you trust.
- 18 "Yet even in those days," declares the LORD, "I will not  
make you a complete destruction.
- 19 "And it shall come about awhen lthey say, 'Why has the  
LORD our God done all these things to us?' then you shall say  
to them, 'As you have forsaken Me and served foreign gods in  
your land, so you shall bserve strangers in a land that is not  
yours.'
- 20 "Declare this in the house of Jacob  
And proclaim it in Judah, saying,
- 21 'Hear this, O foolish and lsenseless people,  
Who have aeyes, but see not;  
Who have ears, but hear not.
- 22 'Do you not afear Me?' declares the LORD.  
'Do you not tremble in My presence?  
For I have bplaced the sand as a boundary for the sea,  
An eternal decree, so it cannot cross over it.  
Though the waves toss, yet they cannot prevail;  
Though they roar, yet they cannot cross over it.
- 23 'But this people has a stubborn and rebellious heart;  
They have turned aside and departed.
- 24 'They do not say in their heart,  
"Let us now fear the LORD our God,  
Who agives rain in its season,  
Both the autumn rain and the bspring rain,  
Who keeps for us  
The cappointed weeks of the harvest."
- 25 'Your ainiquities have turned these away,  
And your sins have withheld good from you.

12 <sup>1</sup>Lit., He is not  
\*Jer. 14:22; 43:1-4; Prov.  
30:9 <sup>b</sup>Jer. 23:17 <sup>c</sup>Jer. 14:13

13 \*Jer. 14:13, 15; 22:22;  
Job 8:2

14 \*Jer. 23:29; Is. 24:6;  
Zech. 1:6

15\*Jer. 4:16; Deut. 28:49;  
Is. 5:26 <sup>b</sup>Is. 28:11

16 \*Ps. 5:9; Is. 5:28; 13:18

17 \*Jer. 8:16; 50:7, 17;  
Lev. 26:16; Deut. 28:31, 33  
<sup>b</sup>Jer. 8:13 <sup>c</sup>Hos. 8:14

19 <sup>1</sup>Or, you  
\*Jer. 16:10-13; Deut. 29:24-  
26; 1 Kin. 9:8, 9 <sup>b</sup>Jer. 16:13;  
Deut. 28:48

21 <sup>1</sup>Lit., without heart  
\*Is. 6:9; 43:8; Ezek. 12:2;  
Matt. 13:14

22 \*Jer. 2:19; 10:7; Deut.  
28:58; Ps. 119:120 <sup>b</sup>Job  
38:8-11; Ps. 104:9

23 \*Jer. 4:17; 6:28; Deut.  
21:18; Ps. 78:8

24 \*Jer. 3:3; Ps. 147:8;  
Matt. 5:45 <sup>b</sup>Joel 2:23 <sup>c</sup>Gen.  
8:22

25 \*Jer. 2:17; 4:18

26 <sup>1</sup>Perhaps, *crouching down*  
<sup>a</sup>Jer. 18:22; Ps. 10:9; Prov. 1:11; Hab. 1:15

28 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *pass over, or, overlook deeds* . . . <sup>2</sup>Or, *fatherless* <sup>3</sup>Lit., *judge*  
<sup>a</sup>Deut. 32:15 <sup>b</sup>Jer. 7:6; 22:3; Is. 1:23; Zech. 7:10

29 <sup>1</sup>Or, *for these things*

30 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 23:14; Hos. 6:10

31 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *over their own hands*  
<sup>a</sup>Mic. 2:11

<sup>1</sup> I.e., House of the vineyard  
<sup>a</sup>Jer. 6:22; 1:14; 4:6

2 <sup>a</sup>Deut. 28:56

3 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *against her round about* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *hand*  
<sup>a</sup>Jer. 12:10 <sup>b</sup>Jer. 4:17; 2 Kin. 25:1; Luke 19:43

4 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *Sanctify* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *go up*  
<sup>a</sup>Jer. 6:23; Joel 3:9 <sup>b</sup>Jer. 15:8; Zeph. 2:4

5 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *go up* <sup>2</sup>Or, *fortified towers*  
<sup>a</sup>Jer. 52:13; Is. 32:14

6 <sup>a</sup>Deut. 20:19, 20 <sup>b</sup>Jer. 22:17

7 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *keeps cold*  
<sup>a</sup>James 3:10-12 <sup>b</sup>Jer. 20:8; Ps. 59:9-11; Ezek. 7:11, 23  
<sup>c</sup>Jer. 30:12, 13

8 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *my soul*  
<sup>a</sup>Jer. 7:28; 17:23 <sup>b</sup>Ezek. 23:18; Hos. 9:12

- 26 'For wicked men are found among My people,  
 They <sup>a</sup>watch like fowlers <sup>1</sup>lying in wait;  
 They set a trap,  
 They catch men.
- 27 'Like a cage full of birds,  
 So their houses are full of deceit;  
 Therefore they have become great and rich.
- 28 'They are <sup>a</sup>fat, they are sleek,  
 They also <sup>1</sup>excel in deeds of wickedness;  
 They do not plead the cause,  
 The cause of the <sup>2</sup>orphan, that they may prosper;  
 And they do not <sup>3</sup>defend the rights of the poor.
- 29 'Shall I not punish <sup>1</sup>these *people*?' declares the LORD,  
 'On a nation such as this  
 Shall I not avenge Myself?'
- 30 "An appalling and <sup>a</sup>horrible thing  
 Has happened in the land:  
 31 The prophets prophesy falsely,  
 And the priests rule <sup>1</sup>on their own authority;  
 And My people <sup>a</sup>love it so!  
 But what will you do at the end of it?

## CHAPTER 6

- “**F**LEE for safety, O sons of Benjamin,  
 From the midst of Jerusalem!  
 Now blow a trumpet in Tekoa,  
 And raise a signal over <sup>1</sup>Beth-haccerem;  
 For evil looks down from the <sup>a</sup>north,  
 And a great destruction.
- 2 “The comely and <sup>a</sup>dainty one, the daughter of Zion, I  
 will cut off.
- 3 “Shepherds and their flocks will come to her,  
 They will <sup>b</sup>pitch *their* tents <sup>1</sup>around her,  
 They will pasture each in his <sup>2</sup>place.
- 4 “<sup>1a</sup>Prepare war against her;  
 Arise, and let us <sup>2</sup>attack at <sup>b</sup>noon.  
 Woe to us, for the day declines,  
 For the shadows of the evening lengthen!
- 5 “Arise, and let us <sup>1</sup>attack by night  
 And <sup>a</sup>destroy her <sup>2</sup>palaces!”
- 6 For thus says the LORD of hosts,  
 “<sup>a</sup>Cut down her trees,  
 And cast up a siege against Jerusalem.  
 This is the city to be punished,  
 In whose midst there is only <sup>b</sup>oppression.
- 7 “<sup>a</sup>As a well <sup>1</sup>keeps its waters fresh,  
 So she <sup>1</sup>keeps fresh her wickedness.  
<sup>b</sup>Violence and destruction are heard in her;  
<sup>c</sup>Sickness and wounds are ever before Me.
- 8 “Be warned, O Jerusalem,  
 Lest <sup>1b</sup>I be alienated from you;  
 Lest I make you a desolation,  
 A land not inhabited.”

- 9 Thus says the LORD of hosts,  
 "They will <sup>a</sup>thoroughly glean as the vine the <sup>b</sup>remnant of  
 Israel;  
 Pass your hand again like a grape gatherer  
 Over the branches."  
 10 To whom shall I speak and give warning,  
 That they may hear?  
 Behold, their ears are <sup>1</sup>closed,  
 And they cannot listen.  
 Behold, the word of the LORD has become a reproach  
 to them;  
 They have no delight in it.  
 11 But I am <sup>a</sup>full of the wrath of the LORD:  
 I am <sup>b</sup>wearied with holding *it* in.  
 "Pour *it* out on the children in the street,  
 And on the <sup>1</sup>gathering of young men together;  
 For both husband and wife shall be taken,  
 The aged <sup>2</sup>and the very old.  
 12 "And their <sup>a</sup>houses shall be turned over to others,  
 Their fields and their wives together;  
 For I will <sup>b</sup>stretch out My hand  
 Against the inhabitants of the land," declares the LORD.  
 13 "For <sup>a</sup>from the least of them even to the greatest of them,  
 Every one is <sup>b</sup>greedy for gain,  
 And from the prophet even to the priest  
 Every one <sup>1</sup>deals falsely.  
 14 "And they have <sup>a</sup>healed the wound of My people slightly,  
 Saying, 'Peace, peace,'  
 But there is no peace.  
 15 "Were they <sup>a</sup>ashamed because of the abomination they  
 have done?  
 They were not even ashamed at all;  
 They did not even know how to blush.  
 Therefore they shall fall among those who fall;  
 At the time that I punish them,  
 They shall be cast down," says the LORD.  
 16 Thus says the LORD,  
 "Stand by the ways and see and ask for the <sup>a</sup>ancient paths,  
 Where the good way is, and walk in it;  
 And <sup>b</sup>you shall find rest for your souls.  
 But they said, 'We will not walk *in it*.'  
 17 "And I set <sup>a</sup>watchmen over you, *saying*,  
 'Listen to the sound of the trumpet!  
 But they said, 'We will not listen.'  
 18 "Therefore hear, O nations,  
 And know, O congregation, what is among them.  
 19 "<sup>a</sup>Hear, O earth: behold, I am bringing disaster on this  
 people,  
 The <sup>b</sup>fruit of their <sup>1</sup>plans,  
 Because they have not listened to My words,  
 And as for My law, they have <sup>c</sup>rejected it also.  
 20 "<sup>a</sup>For what purpose does <sup>b</sup>frankincense come to Me from  
 Sheba,  
 And the <sup>1c</sup>sweet cane from a distant land?

9 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 16:16; 49:9; Obad. 5, 6 <sup>b</sup>Jer. 8:3; 11:23

10 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *uncircumcised*

11 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *council* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *with fulness of days*  
<sup>a</sup>Job 32:18, 19; Mic. 3:8  
<sup>b</sup>Jer. 15:6; 20:9 <sup>c</sup>Jer. 7:20; 9:21

12 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 8:10; 38:22; Deut. 28:30 <sup>b</sup>Jer. 15:6

13 <sup>1</sup>Or, *makes lies*  
<sup>a</sup>Jer. 8:10; 22:17 <sup>b</sup>Jer. 8:10; 22:17; Is. 56:11; 57:17

14 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 8:11, 12; Ezek. 13:10

15 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 3:3; 8:12

16 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 12:16; 18:15; 31:21; Is. 8:20; Mal. 4:4; Luke 16:29 <sup>b</sup>Matt. 11:29

17 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 25:4; Is. 21:11; 58:1; Ezek. 3:17; Hab. 2:1

19 <sup>1</sup>Or, *devices*  
<sup>a</sup>Jer. 22:29; Is. 1:2 <sup>b</sup>Prov. 1:31 <sup>c</sup>Jer. 8:9

20 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *good*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 40:6; 50:7-9; Is. 1:11; 66:3; Amos 5:21; Mic. 6:6  
<sup>b</sup>Is. 60:6 <sup>c</sup>Ex. 30:23

21 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *giving* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *his friend*  
<sup>a</sup>Jer. 13:16; Is. 8:14 <sup>b</sup>Jer. 9:21, 22; Is. 9:14-17

22 <sup>a</sup>Neh. 1:9

23 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 4:29; Is. 13:18  
<sup>b</sup>Jer. 50:42 <sup>c</sup>Is. 5:30

24 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 4:19-21; Is. 28:19

25 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 14:18

26 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *Make for yourself mourning*  
<sup>a</sup>Jer. 4:8 <sup>b</sup>Jer. 25:34; Mic. 1:10 <sup>c</sup>Amos 8:10; Zech. 12:10

27 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 1:18; 15:20

28 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 9:4 <sup>b</sup>Ezek. 22:18

29 <sup>1</sup>Or, *drawn off*  
<sup>a</sup>Jer. 15:19

30 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 119:119; Is. 1:22

2 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 17:19

- Your burnt offerings are not acceptable,  
 And your sacrifices are not pleasing to Me.”
- 21 Therefore, thus says the LORD,  
 “Behold, <sup>a</sup>I am <sup>1</sup>laying stumbling blocks before this  
 people.  
 And they will stumble against them,  
<sup>b</sup>Fathers and sons together;  
 Neighbor and <sup>2</sup>friend will perish.”
- 22 Thus says the LORD,  
 “Behold, a people is coming from the north land,  
 And a great nation will be aroused from the <sup>a</sup>remote  
 parts of the earth.
- 23 “They seize <sup>a</sup>bow and spear;  
 They are <sup>b</sup>cruel and have no mercy;  
 Their voice <sup>c</sup>roars like the sea,  
 And they ride on horses,  
 Arrayed as a man for the battle  
 Against you, O daughter of Zion!”
- 24 We have <sup>a</sup>heard the report of it;  
 Our hands are limp.  
 Anguish has seized us,  
 Pain as of a woman in childbirth.
- 25 <sup>a</sup>Do not go out into the field,  
 And do not walk on the road,  
 For the enemy has a sword,  
 Terror is on every side.
- 26 O daughter of my people, <sup>a</sup>put on sackcloth  
 And <sup>b</sup>roll in ashes;  
<sup>1c</sup>Mourn as for an only son,  
 A lamentation most bitter.  
 For suddenly the destroyer  
 Will come upon us.
- 27 “I have <sup>a</sup>made you an assayer *and* a tester among My  
 people,  
 That you may know and assay their way.”
- 28 All of them are stubbornly rebellious,  
<sup>a</sup>Going about as a talebearer.  
 They are <sup>b</sup>bronze and iron;  
 They, all of them, are corrupt.
- 29 The bellows blow fiercely,  
 The lead is consumed by the fire;  
 In vain the refining goes on,  
 But the <sup>a</sup>wicked are not <sup>1</sup>separated.
- 30 <sup>a</sup>They call them rejected silver,  
 Because the LORD has rejected them.

CHAPTER 7

THE word that came to Jeremiah from the LORD, saying,  
 2 “Stand in the gate of the LORD’s house and proclaim  
 there this word, and say, ‘Hear the word of the LORD, all you  
 of Judah, who enter by these gates to worship the LORD!’”

3 Thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, “<sup>a</sup>Amend your ways and your deeds, and I will let you dwell in this place.

4 “<sup>a</sup>Do not trust in deceptive words, saying, ‘This is the temple of the LORD, the temple of the LORD, the temple of the LORD.’

5 “For <sup>a</sup>if you truly amend your ways and your deeds, if you truly <sup>b</sup>practice justice between a man and his neighbor,

6 <sup>a</sup>if you do not oppress the alien, the <sup>1a</sup>orphan, or the widow, and do not shed innocent blood in this place, nor <sup>b</sup>walk after other gods to your own ruin,

7 then I will let you <sup>a</sup>dwell in this place, in the land that I gave to your fathers forever and ever.

8 “Behold, you are trusting in deceptive words to no avail.

9 “Will you steal, murder, and commit adultery, and swear falsely, and <sup>1a</sup>offer sacrifices to Baal, and walk after <sup>b</sup>other gods that you have not known,

10 then <sup>a</sup>come and stand before Me in <sup>b</sup>this house, which is called by My name, and say, ‘We are delivered!’—that you may do all these abominations?

11 “Has <sup>a</sup>this house, which is called by My name, become a <sup>b</sup>den of robbers in your sight? Behold, <sup>c</sup>I, even I, have seen it,” declares the LORD.

12 “But go now to My place which was in <sup>a</sup>Shiloh, where I <sup>b</sup>made My name dwell at the first, and <sup>c</sup>see what I did to it because of the wickedness of My people Israel.

13 “And now, because you have done all these things,” declares the LORD, “and I spoke to you, rising up early and <sup>a</sup>speaking, but you did not hear, and I <sup>b</sup>called you but you did not answer,

14 therefore, I will do to the house which is called by My name, <sup>a</sup>in which you trust, and to the place which I gave you and your fathers, as I <sup>b</sup>did to Shiloh.

15 “And I will <sup>a</sup>cast you out of My sight, as I have cast out all your brothers, all the <sup>1</sup>offspring of <sup>b</sup>Ephraim.

16 “As for you, do not <sup>a</sup>pray for this people, and do not lift up cry or prayer for them, and do not intercede with Me; for I do not hear you.

17 “Do you not see what they are doing in the cities of Judah and in the streets of Jerusalem?

18 “The <sup>1</sup>children gather wood, and the fathers kindle the fire, and the women knead dough to make cakes for the queen of heaven; and <sup>a</sup>they pour out drink offerings to other gods in order to <sup>b</sup>spite Me.

19 “Do they spite Me?” declares the LORD. “Is it not themselves <sup>a</sup>they spite, to <sup>1</sup>their own <sup>b</sup>shame?”

20 Therefore thus says the Lord <sup>1</sup>GOD, “Behold, My anger and My wrath will be poured out on this place, on man and on beast and on the <sup>a</sup>trees of the field and on the fruit of the ground; and it will burn and not be quenched.”

21 Thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, “<sup>a</sup>Add your burnt offerings to your sacrifices and <sup>b</sup>eat flesh.

22 “For I did not <sup>a</sup>speak to your fathers, or command them in the day that I brought them out of the land of Egypt, concerning burnt offerings and sacrifices.

3 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 7:5; 4:1; 18:11; 26:13

4 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *They are*  
<sup>a</sup>Jer. 7:8; Mic. 3:11

5 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 4:1, 2; Is. 1:19  
<sup>b</sup>Jer. 21:12; 22:3; 1 Kin. 6:12, 13

6 <sup>1</sup>Or, *fatherless*  
<sup>a</sup>Jer. 5:28; Ex. 22:21-24  
<sup>b</sup>Jer. 13:10; Deut. 6:14, 15; 8:19; 11:28

7 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 4:1; Deut. 4:40

9 <sup>1</sup>Or, *burn incense*  
<sup>a</sup>Jer. 11:13, 17  
<sup>b</sup>Jer. 7:6; 19:4

10 <sup>a</sup>Ezek. 23:39  
<sup>b</sup>Jer. 7:11, 14, 30; 32:34

11 <sup>a</sup>Is. 56:7  
<sup>b</sup>Matt. 21:13; Mark 11:17; Luke 19:46  
<sup>c</sup>Jer. 29:23

12 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 26:6; Judg. 18:31  
<sup>b</sup>Josh. 18:1, 10  
<sup>c</sup>Jer. 17:19

13 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 7:5; 4:1; 18:11; 26:13  
<sup>b</sup>Jer. 7:8; Mic. 3:11

14 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 4:1, 2; Is. 1:19  
<sup>b</sup>Jer. 21:12; 22:3; 1 Kin. 6:12, 13

15 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *seed*  
<sup>a</sup>Jer. 5:28; Ex. 22:21-24  
<sup>b</sup>Jer. 13:10; Deut. 6:14, 15; 8:19; 11:28

16 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 4:1; Deut. 4:40

18 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *sons*  
<sup>a</sup>Jer. 19:13  
<sup>b</sup>Jer. 11:17; Deut. 32:16, 21; 1 Kin. 14:9; 16:2; Ezek. 8:7

19 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *their faces*  
<sup>a</sup>Job 35:6  
<sup>b</sup>Jer. 9:19; 15:9; 22:22

20 <sup>1</sup>YHWH, usually rendered LORD  
<sup>a</sup>Jer. 8:13; 11:16

21 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 6:20; 14:12; Is. 1:11; Amos 5:21  
<sup>b</sup>Ezek. 33:25; Hos. 8:13

22 <sup>a</sup>1 Sam. 15:22; Ps. 51:16; Hos. 6:6

23 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *the word which*, cf. Ex. 16:32  
<sup>a</sup>Ex. 15:26; Deut. 6:3 <sup>b</sup>Jer. 11:4; 13:11; Ex. 19:5; 6; Lev. 26:12 <sup>c</sup>Jer. 38:20; 42:6; Is. 3:10

24 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *they were*  
<sup>a</sup>Jer. 11:8; Ps. 81:11; Ezek. 20:8, 13, 16, 21

26 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 17:23; 19:15; Neh. 9:17 <sup>b</sup>Jer. 16:12; Matt. 23:32

27 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 1:8; 26:2; Ezek. 2:7 <sup>b</sup>Is. 50:2; 65:12; Zech. 7:13

28 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *faithfulness*  
<sup>a</sup>Jer. 6:17; 11:10 <sup>b</sup>Jer. 9:5; Is. 59:14, 15

29 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *your crown*  
<sup>a</sup>Jer. 16:6; Job 1:20; Is. 15:2; 22:12; Mic. 1:16 <sup>b</sup>Jer. 6:30; 14:19

30 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 32:34, 35; 2 Kin. 21:4; 2 Chr. 33:4, 5, 7; Ezek. 7:20; Dan. 9:27; 11:31

31 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *heart*  
<sup>a</sup>Jer. 19:5; 2 Kin. 23:10  
<sup>b</sup>2 Kin. 17:17; Ps. 106:38  
<sup>c</sup>Deut. 17:3

32 <sup>1</sup>Or., *until there is no place left*  
<sup>a</sup>Jer. 19:6, 7

33 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 12:9; Deut. 28:26; Ps. 79:2

34 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 16:9; Is. 24:7, 8; Ezek. 26:13; Hos. 2:11 <sup>b</sup>Jer. 4:27; Is. 1:7

1 <sup>a</sup>Ezek. 6:5

2 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 19:13; 2 Kin. 23:5; Zeph. 1:5; Acts 7:42 <sup>b</sup>Jer. 22:19; 36:30

23 "But this is <sup>1</sup>what I commanded them, saying, <sup>a</sup>Obey My voice, and <sup>b</sup>I will be your God, and you will be My people; and you will walk in all the way which I command you, that it may <sup>c</sup>be well with you.'

24 "Yet they did not <sup>a</sup>obey or incline their ear, but walked in *their own* counsels *and* in the stubbornness of their evil heart, and <sup>1</sup>went backward and not forward.

25 "Since the day that your fathers came out of the land of Egypt until this day, I have sent you all My servants the prophets, daily rising early and sending *them*.

26 "Yet they did not listen to Me or incline their ear, but <sup>a</sup>stiffened their neck; they <sup>b</sup>did evil more than their fathers.

27 "And you shall <sup>a</sup>speak all these words to them, but they will not listen to you; and you shall call to them, but they will <sup>b</sup>not answer you.

28 "And you shall say to them, "This is the nation that did <sup>a</sup>not obey the voice of the LORD their God <sup>b</sup>or accept correction; <sup>1</sup>truth has perished and has been cut off from their mouth.

29 "<sup>a</sup>Cut off <sup>1</sup>your hair and cast *it* away,  
 And take up a lamentation on the bare heights;  
 For the LORD has <sup>b</sup>rejected and forsaken  
 The generation of His wrath.'

30 "For the sons of Judah have done that which is evil in My sight," declares the LORD, "they have <sup>a</sup>set their detestable things in the house which is called by My name, to defile it.

31 "And they have <sup>a</sup>built the high places of Topheth, which is in the valley of the son of Hinnom, to <sup>b</sup>burn their sons and their daughters in the fire, which I <sup>c</sup>did not command, and it did not come into My <sup>1</sup>mind.

32 "<sup>a</sup>Therefore, behold, days are coming," declares the LORD, "when it will no more be called Topheth, or the valley of the son of Hinnom, but the valley of the Slaughter; for they will bury in Topheth <sup>1</sup>because there is no *other* place.

33 "And the <sup>a</sup>dead bodies of this people will be food for the birds of the sky, and for the beasts of the earth; and no one will frighten *them* away.

34 "Then I will make to <sup>a</sup>cease from the cities of Judah and from the streets of Jerusalem the voice of joy and the voice of gladness, the voice of the bridegroom and the voice of the bride; for the <sup>b</sup>land will become a ruin.

## CHAPTER 8

"**AT** that time," declares the LORD, "they will <sup>a</sup>bring out the bones of the kings of Judah, and the bones of its princes, and the bones of the priests, and the bones of the prophets, and the bones of the inhabitants of Jerusalem from their graves.

2 "And they will spread them out to the sun, the moon, and to all the <sup>a</sup>host of heaven, which they have loved, and which they have served, and which they have gone after, and which they have sought, and which they have worshiped. They will not be gathered <sup>b</sup>or buried; they will be as dung on the face of the ground.



3 "And <sup>a</sup>death will be chosen rather than life by all the remnant that remains of this evil family, that remains in all the <sup>b</sup>places to which I have driven them," declares the LORD of hosts.

4 "And you shall say to them, 'Thus says the LORD, "Do *men* fall and <sup>a</sup>not get up again? Does one turn away and not <sup>1</sup>repent?"

5 "Why then has this people, Jerusalem, <sup>a</sup>Turned away in continual apostasy? They <sup>b</sup>hold fast to deceit, They refuse to return.

6 "I <sup>a</sup>have listened and heard, They have spoken what is not right; No man repented of his wickedness, Saying, 'What have I done?' Every one turned to his course, Like a <sup>b</sup>horse charging into the battle.

7 "Even the <sup>a</sup>stork in the sky Knows her seasons; And the <sup>b</sup>turtledove and the swift and the thrush Observe the time of their <sup>1</sup>migration; But My people do not know The ordinance of the LORD.

8 "How can you say, <sup>a</sup>'We are wise, And the law of the LORD is with us'? But behold, the lying pen of the scribes Has made *it* into a lie.

9 "The wise men are <sup>a</sup>put to shame, They are dismayed and caught; Behold, they have rejected the word of the LORD, And what kind of wisdom do they have?"

10 "Therefore I will <sup>a</sup>give their wives to others, Their fields to <sup>1</sup>new owners; Because from the least even to the greatest Every one is <sup>b</sup>greedy for gain; From the prophet even to the priest Every one practices deceit.

11 "And they <sup>a</sup>heal the brokenness of the daughter of My people superficially By saying, '<sup>1</sup>All is well, all is well'; But there is no peace.

12 "Were they <sup>a</sup>ashamed because of the abomination they had done? They certainly were not ashamed, And they did not know how to blush; Therefore they shall <sup>b</sup>fall among those who fall; At the <sup>c</sup>time of their punishment they shall be brought down," Declares the LORD.

13 "I will <sup>a</sup>surely snatch them away," declares the LORD; "There will be no grapes on the vine, And <sup>b</sup>no figs on the fig tree, And the leaf shall wither; And what I have given them shall pass away." ' ' "

3 <sup>a</sup>Job 3:21, 22; 7:15, 16; Jon. 4:3; Rev. 9:6 <sup>b</sup>Jer. 23:3, 8; 29:14; Deut. 30:1, 4

4 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *turn back* <sup>a</sup>Prov. 24:16; Amos 5:2; Mic. 7:8

5 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 5:6; 7:24 <sup>b</sup>Jer. 5:27; 9:6

6 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 74:2; Mal. 3:16 <sup>b</sup>Job 39:21-25

7 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *coming* <sup>a</sup>Prov. 6:6-8; Is. 1:3 <sup>b</sup>Song of Sol. 2:12

8 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 4:22; Job 5:12, 13; Rom. 1:22; 2:17

9 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 6:15; Is. 19:11; 1 Cor. 1:27

10 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *possessing ones* <sup>a</sup>Jer. 6:12, 13; 38:22; Deut. 28:30 <sup>b</sup>Jer. 6:13; Is. 56:11; 57:17

11 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *Peace, peace* <sup>a</sup>Jer. 6:14; 14:13, 14; Lam. 2:14; Ezek. 13:10

12 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 3:3; 6:15; Ps. 52:1, 7; Is. 3:9; Zeph. 3:5 <sup>b</sup>Jer. 6:21; Is. 9:14; Hos. 4:5 <sup>c</sup>Jer. 10:15; Deut. 32:35

13 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 14:12; Ezek. 22:20, 21 <sup>b</sup>Matt. 21:19

14 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 4:5 <sup>b</sup>Jer. 35:11;  
2 Sam. 20:6 <sup>c</sup>Jer. 9:15;  
Deut. 29:18; Ps. 69:21;  
Lam. 3:19; Matt. 27:34  
<sup>d</sup>Jer. 3:25; 14:20

15 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 8:11; 14:19

16 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 4:15; Judg. 18:29  
<sup>b</sup>Judg. 5:22

17 <sup>a</sup>Num. 21:6; Deut.  
32:24 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 58:4, 5

18 <sup>1</sup>So Gk. and versions  
<sup>2</sup>Is. 22:4; Lam. 1:16, 17

19 <sup>1</sup>Lit., vanities  
<sup>a</sup>Jer. 4:16; 9:16; Is. 13:5;  
39:3 <sup>b</sup>Jer. 7:19; Deut. 32:21  
<sup>c</sup>Ps. 31:6

21 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 4:19; 9:1; 14:17  
<sup>b</sup>Jer. 14:2; Nah. 2:10

22 <sup>1</sup>Or, healing <sup>2</sup>Lit., gone  
up  
<sup>a</sup>Jer. 46:11; Gen. 37:25 <sup>b</sup>Jer.  
14:19; 30:13

<sup>1</sup> 18:23 in Heb.  
<sup>a</sup>Jer. 8:18; 13:17; Is. 22:4;  
Lam. 2:18 <sup>b</sup>Jer. 6:26; 9:21,  
22

<sup>2</sup> 19:1 in Heb.  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 55:6, 7; 120:5, 6

<sup>3</sup> <sup>a</sup>Jer. 9:8; Ps. 64:3; Is.  
59:4 <sup>b</sup>Jer. 5:4, 5; 1 Sam.  
2:12; Hos. 4:1

<sup>4</sup> <sup>1</sup>I.e., like Jacob (a play  
on words)  
<sup>a</sup>Jer. 12:6 <sup>b</sup>Gen. 27:35 <sup>c</sup>Jer.  
6:28; Ps. 15:3; Prov. 10:18

- 14 Why are we sitting still?  
<sup>a</sup>Assemble yourselves, and let us <sup>b</sup>go into the fortified cities,  
And let us perish there,  
Because the LORD our God has doomed us  
And given us <sup>c</sup>poisoned water to drink,  
For <sup>d</sup>we have sinned against the LORD.
- 15 We <sup>a</sup>waited for peace, but no good *came*;  
For a time of healing, but behold, terror!
- 16 From <sup>a</sup>Dan is heard the snorting of his horses;  
At the sound of the neighing of his <sup>b</sup>stallions  
The whole land quakes;  
For they come and devour the land and its fulness,  
The city and its inhabitants.
- 17 "For behold, I am <sup>a</sup>sending serpents against you,  
Adders, for which there is <sup>b</sup>no charm,  
And they will bite you," declares the LORD.
- 18 <sup>1</sup>My sorrow is <sup>a</sup>beyond healing,  
My heart is faint *within me!*
- 19 Behold, listen! The cry of the daughter of my people  
from a <sup>a</sup>distant land:  
"Is the LORD not in Zion? Is her King not within her?"  
"Why have they <sup>b</sup>provoked Me with their graven images,  
with foreign <sup>1</sup>idols?"
- 20 "Harvest is past, summer is ended,  
And we are not saved."
- 21 For the <sup>a</sup>brokenness of the daughter of my people I am  
broken;  
I <sup>b</sup>mourn, dismay has taken hold of me.
- 22 Is there no <sup>a</sup>balm in Gilead?  
Is there no physician there?  
<sup>b</sup>Why then has not the <sup>1</sup>health of the daughter of my  
people <sup>2</sup>been restored?

CHAPTER 9

- <sup>1a</sup> **O** THAT my head were waters,  
And my eyes a fountain of tears,  
That I might weep day and night  
For the slain of the <sup>b</sup>daughter of my people!
- 2 <sup>1a</sup>O that I had in the desert  
A wayfarers' lodging place;  
That I might leave my people,  
And go from them!  
For all of them are adulterers,  
An assembly of treacherous men.
- 3 "And they <sup>a</sup>bend their tongue *like* their bow;  
Lies and not truth prevail in the land;  
For they proceed from evil to evil,  
And they do not <sup>b</sup>know Me," declares the LORD.
- 4 "Let every one be on guard against his neighbor,  
And do not <sup>a</sup>trust any brother;  
Because every <sup>b</sup>brother deals <sup>1</sup>craftily,  
And every neighbor <sup>c</sup>goes about as a slanderer.

- 5 "And everyone <sup>a</sup>deceives his neighbor,  
And does not speak the truth,  
They have taught their tongue to speak lies;  
They <sup>b</sup>wear themselves committing iniquity.
- 6 "Your <sup>a</sup>dwelling is in the midst of deceit;  
Through deceit they <sup>b</sup>refuse to know Me," declares the  
LORD.
- 7 Therefore thus says the LORD of hosts,  
"Behold, I will refine them and <sup>a</sup>assay them;  
For <sup>b</sup>what *else* can I do, because of the daughter of My  
people?
- 8 "Their <sup>a</sup>tongue is a deadly arrow;  
It speaks deceit;  
With his mouth one <sup>b</sup>speaks peace to his neighbor,  
But inwardly he <sup>c</sup>sets an ambush for him.
- 9 "Shall I not punish them for these things?" declares the  
LORD.  
"On a nation such as this  
Shall I not avenge Myself?"
- 10 "For the <sup>a</sup>mountains I will take up a weeping and wailing,  
And for the pastures of the <sup>b</sup>wilderness a dirge,  
Because they are <sup>c</sup>laid waste, so that no one passes  
through,  
And the lowing of the cattle is not heard;  
Both the <sup>d</sup>birds of the sky and the beasts have fled; they  
are gone.
- 11 "And I will make Jerusalem a <sup>a</sup>heap of ruins,  
A haunt of <sup>b</sup>jackals;  
And I will make the cities of Judah a <sup>c</sup>desolation,  
without inhabitant."
- 12 Who is the <sup>a</sup>wise man that may understand this? And  
*who* is he to whom <sup>b</sup>the mouth of the LORD has spoken, that  
he may declare it? <sup>c</sup>Why is the land ruined, laid waste like a  
desert, so that no one passes through?
- 13 And the LORD said, "Because they have <sup>a</sup>forsaken My  
law which I set before them, and have not obeyed My voice nor  
walked according to it,  
14 but have <sup>a</sup>walked after the stubbornness of their heart  
and after the <sup>b</sup>Baals, as their <sup>c</sup>fathers taught them,"
- 15 therefore thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel,  
"behold, I will feed them, this people, with wormwood and give  
them <sup>a</sup>poisoned water to drink.
- 16 "And I will <sup>a</sup>scatter them among the nations, whom  
neither they nor their fathers have known; and I will send the  
<sup>b</sup>sword after them until I have annihilated them."
- 17 Thus says the LORD of hosts,  
"Consider and call for the <sup>a</sup>mourning women, that they  
may come;  
And send for the <sup>b</sup>wailing women, that they may come!
- 18 "And let them make haste, and take up a wailing for us,  
That our <sup>a</sup>eyes may shed tears,  
And our eyelids flow with water.
- 5 <sup>a</sup>Mic. 6:12 <sup>b</sup>Jer. 12:13;  
51:58, 64
- 6 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 5:27; 8:5; Ps.  
120:5, 6 <sup>b</sup>Jer. 11:10; 13:10;  
Job 21:14, 15; John 3:14, 20
- 7 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 6:27; Is. 1:25; Mal.  
3:3 <sup>b</sup>Hos. 11:8
- 8 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 9:3 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 28:3 <sup>c</sup>Jer.  
5:26
- 9 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 5:9, 29; Is. 1:24
- 10 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 4:24; 7:29 <sup>b</sup>Jer.  
4:26; Hos. 4:3 <sup>c</sup>Jer. 12:4, 10;  
Ezek. 14:15; 29:11; 33:28  
<sup>d</sup>Jer. 4:25; 12:4; Hos. 4:3
- 11 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 51:37; Is. 25:2 <sup>b</sup>Is.  
13:22; 34:13 <sup>c</sup>Jer. 4:27; 26:9
- 12 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 107:43; Hos. 14:9  
<sup>b</sup>Jer. 9:20; 23:16 <sup>c</sup>Jer. 23:10;  
Ps. 107:34
- 13 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 5:19; 22:9; 2 Chr.  
7:19; Ps. 89:30
- 14 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 7:24; 11:8; Rom.  
1:21-24 <sup>b</sup>Jer. 2:8, 23; 23:27  
<sup>c</sup>Gal. 1:14; 1 Pet. 1:18
- 15 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 8:14; 23:15; Deut.  
29:18
- 16 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 13:24; Lev. 26:33;  
Deut. 28:64 <sup>b</sup>Jer. 44:27;  
Ezek. 5:2, 12
- 17 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *skilled in  
mourning for the dead*  
<sup>2</sup>Chr. 35:25; Eccles. 12:5  
<sup>b</sup>Amos 5:16
- 18 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 9:1; 14:17; Is. 22:4

19 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 7:29; Ezek. 7:16-18 <sup>b</sup>Jer. 4:13; Deut. 28:29 <sup>c</sup>Jer. 7:15; 15:1

20 <sup>a</sup>Is. 32:9

21 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 15:7; 18:21; 2 Chr. 36:17; Ezek. 9:5; 6; Amos 6:9, 10 <sup>b</sup>Jer. 6:11

22 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 8:2; 16:4; 26:33; Ps. 83:10; Is. 5:25

23 <sup>a</sup>Eccles. 9:11; Is. 47:10; Ezek. 28:3-7 <sup>b1</sup> Kin. 20:10, 11; Is. 10:8-12 <sup>c</sup>Job 31:24, 25; Ps. 49:6-9

24 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 4:2; Ps. 44:8; Is. 41:16; 1 Cor. 1:31; 2 Cor. 10:17; Gal. 6:14 <sup>b</sup>Ex. 34:6, 7; Ps. 36:5, 7; 51:1 <sup>c</sup>Is. 61:8; Mic. 7:18

25 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 4:4; Rom. 2:8, 9

26 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 25:23 <sup>b</sup>Jer. 4:4; 6:10; Lev. 26:41; Ezek. 44:7; Rom. 2:28

2 <sup>a</sup>Lev. 18:3; Deut. 12:30 <sup>b</sup>Is. 47:12-14

3 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *vanity*  
<sup>a</sup>Jer. 14:22 <sup>b</sup>Is. 44:9-20

4 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 10:14; Is. 40:19 <sup>b</sup>Is. 40:20; 41:7

5 <sup>a</sup>Is. 46:1, 7 <sup>b</sup>Is. 41:23, 24

- 19 "For a voice of <sup>a</sup>wailing is heard from Zion,  
<sup>b</sup>How are we ruined!  
We are put to great shame,  
For we have <sup>c</sup>left the land,  
Because they have cast down our dwellings.' "
- 20 Now hear the word of the LORD, O you <sup>a</sup>women,  
And let your ear receive the word of His mouth;  
Teach your daughters wailing,  
And every one her neighbor a dirge.
- 21 For <sup>a</sup>death has come up through our windows;  
It has entered our palaces  
To cut off the <sup>b</sup>children from the streets,  
The young men from the town squares.
- 22 Speak, "Thus declares the LORD,  
"The corpses of men will fall like <sup>a</sup>dung on the open field,  
And like the sheaf after the reaper,  
But no one will gather *them.*' "

23 Thus says the LORD, "<sup>a</sup>Let not a wise man boast of his wisdom, and let not the <sup>b</sup>mighty man boast of his might, let not a <sup>c</sup>rich man boast of his riches;

24 but let him who boasts <sup>a</sup>boast of this, that he understands and knows Me, that I am the LORD who <sup>b</sup>exercises lovingkindness, justice, and righteousness on earth; for I <sup>c</sup>delight in these things," declares the LORD.

25 "Behold, the days are coming," declares the LORD, "that I will punish all who are circumcised and yet <sup>a</sup>uncircumcised—

26 Egypt, and Judah, and Edom, and the sons of Ammon, and Moab, and <sup>a</sup>all those inhabiting the desert who clip the hair on their temples; for all the nations are uncircumcised, and all the house of Israel are <sup>b</sup>uncircumcised of heart."

CHAPTER 10

**H**EAR the word which the LORD speaks to you, O house of Israel.

- 2 Thus says the LORD,  
"Do not <sup>a</sup>learn the way of the nations,  
And do not be terrified by the signs of the heavens  
Although the <sup>b</sup>nations are terrified by them;
- 3 For the customs of the peoples are <sup>a</sup>delusion;  
Because <sup>b</sup>it is wood cut from the forest,  
The work of the hands of a craftsman with a cutting tool.
- 4 "They <sup>a</sup>decorate it with silver and with gold;  
They <sup>b</sup>fasten it with nails and with hammers  
So that it will not totter.
- 5 "Like a scarecrow in a cucumber field are they,  
And they cannot speak;  
They <sup>a</sup>must be carried,  
Because they cannot walk!  
Do not fear them,  
For they <sup>b</sup>can do no harm,  
Nor can they do any good."

- 6 <sup>a</sup>There is none like Thee, O LORD;  
Thou art <sup>b</sup>great, and great is Thy name in might.
- 7 Who would not fear Thee, O <sup>a</sup>King of the nations?  
Indeed it is Thy due!  
For among all the <sup>b</sup>wise men of the nations,  
And in all their kingdoms,  
There is none like Thee.
- 8 But they are altogether stupid and foolish  
In their discipline of <sup>1</sup>delusion—<sup>2</sup>their idol is wood!
- 9 Beaten <sup>a</sup>silver is brought from <sup>b</sup>Tarshish,  
And <sup>c</sup>gold from Uphaz,  
The work of a craftsman and of the hands of a goldsmith;  
Violet and purple are their clothing;  
They are all the work of skilled <sup>d</sup>men.
- 10 But the LORD is the <sup>a</sup>true God;  
He is the <sup>b</sup>living God and the <sup>c</sup>everlasting King.  
At His wrath the earth quakes,  
And the nations cannot <sup>d</sup>endure His indignation.
- 11 <sup>1</sup>Thus you shall say to them, “The <sup>a</sup>gods that did not  
make the heavens and the earth shall <sup>b</sup>perish from the earth and  
from under the <sup>2</sup>heavens.”
- 12 It is <sup>a</sup>He who made the earth by His power,  
Who <sup>b</sup>established the world by His wisdom;  
And by His understanding He has <sup>c</sup>stretched out the  
heavens.
- 13 When He utters His <sup>a</sup>voice, *there is* a tumult of waters  
in the heavens,  
And He causes the <sup>b</sup>clouds to ascend from the end of the  
earth;  
He makes lightning for the rain,  
And brings out the <sup>c</sup>wind from His storehouses.
- 14 Every man is stupid, devoid of knowledge;  
Every goldsmith is put to shame by his <sup>1</sup>idols;  
For his molten images are deceitful,  
And there is no breath in them.
- 15 They are <sup>a</sup>worthless, a work of mockery;  
In the <sup>b</sup>time of their punishment they will perish.
- 16 The <sup>a</sup>portion of Jacob is not like these;  
For the <sup>1b</sup>Maker of all is He,  
And <sup>c</sup>Israel is the tribe of His inheritance;  
The <sup>d</sup>LORD of hosts is His name.
- 17 <sup>a</sup>Pick up your bundle from the ground,  
You who dwell under siege!
- 18 For thus says the LORD,  
“Behold, I am <sup>a</sup>slinging out the inhabitants of the land  
At this time,  
And will cause them distress,  
That they may <sup>1b</sup>be found.”
- 19 <sup>a</sup>Woe is me, because of my <sup>1</sup>injury!  
My <sup>b</sup>wound is incurable.  
But I said, “Truly this is a sickness,  
And I <sup>c</sup>must bear it.”

6 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 10:16; Deut. 33:26  
<sup>b</sup>Jer. 32:18; Ps. 48:1; 96:4;  
Is. 12:6

7 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 22:28 <sup>b</sup>Dan. 2:27,  
28; 1 Cor. 1:19, 20

8 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *vanities, or idols*  
<sup>2</sup>Lit., *it is*

9 <sup>a</sup>Is. 40:19 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 72:10; Is.  
23:6 <sup>c</sup>Dan. 10:5 <sup>d</sup>Ps. 115:4

10 <sup>a</sup>Is. 65:16 <sup>b</sup>Jer. 4:2 <sup>c</sup>Ps.  
10:16; 29:10 <sup>d</sup>Ps. 76:7

11 <sup>1</sup>This verse is in  
Aramaic <sup>2</sup>Or, *these*  
*heavens*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 96:5 <sup>b</sup>Is. 2:18; Zeph.  
2:11

12 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 51:15-19; Job 38:4-  
7; Ps. 148:4, 5 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 78:69;  
Is. 45:18 <sup>c</sup>Job 9:8; Is. 40:22

13 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 29:3-9 <sup>b</sup>Job 36:27-  
29 <sup>c</sup>Ps. 135:7

14 <sup>1</sup>Or, *graven image*

15 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 8:19; 14:22; Is.  
41:24 <sup>b</sup>Jer. 8:12; 51:8

16 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *Fashioner*  
<sup>a</sup>Jer. 51:19; Ps. 73:26 <sup>b</sup>Jer.  
10:12; Is. 45:7 <sup>c</sup>Deut. 32:9  
<sup>d</sup>Jer. 31:35; 32:18

17 <sup>a</sup>Ezek. 12:3-12

18 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *find*  
<sup>a</sup>1 Sam. 25:29

19 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *breaking*  
<sup>a</sup>Jer. 4:31 <sup>b</sup>Jer. 14:17 <sup>c</sup>Ps.  
39:9; Mic. 7:9

20 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 4:20; Lam. 2:4  
<sup>b</sup>Jer. 31:15; Lam. 1:5 <sup>c</sup>Is.  
51:18

21 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 23:2

22 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 4:15 <sup>b</sup>Jer. 9:11;  
49:33

23 <sup>a</sup>Prov. 20:24 <sup>b</sup>Is. 26:7

24 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *diminish me*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 6:1

25 <sup>1</sup>Or, *pasture*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 79:6, 7; Zeph. 3:8  
<sup>b</sup>Zeph. 1:6 <sup>c</sup>Jer. 8:16; 50:7,  
17

2 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 10:6 <sup>b</sup>Ex. 19:5

3 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 17:5; Deut. 27:26;  
Gal. 3:10

4 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *do them*  
<sup>a</sup>Jer. 31:32; Ex. 24:3-8  
<sup>b</sup>Deut. 4:20; 1 Kin. 8:51  
<sup>c</sup>Jer. 24:7; Zech. 8:8

5 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 32:22; Ex. 13:5;  
Deut. 7:12 <sup>b</sup>Jer. 28:6

6 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 3:12; 7:2

7 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *rising early and  
warning*  
<sup>a</sup>1 Sam. 8:9 <sup>b</sup>Jer. 11:4; Ex.  
15:26 <sup>c</sup>Jer. 7:25; 2 Chr.  
36:15

8 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 7:24; 9:14; 35:15;  
Ezek. 20:8 <sup>b</sup>Lev. 26:14-43

9 <sup>a</sup>Ezek. 22:25; Hos. 6:9

20 My <sup>a</sup>tent is destroyed,  
And all my ropes are broken;  
My <sup>b</sup>sons have gone from me and are no more.  
There is <sup>c</sup>no one to stretch out my tent again  
Or to set up my curtains.

21 For the shepherds have become stupid  
And have not sought the LORD;  
Therefore they have not prospered,  
And <sup>a</sup>all their flock is scattered.

22 The sound of a <sup>a</sup>report! Behold, it comes—  
A great commotion out of the land of the north—  
To <sup>b</sup>make the cities of Judah  
A desolation, a haunt of jackals.

23 I know, O LORD, that a man's <sup>a</sup>way is not in himself;  
<sup>b</sup>Nor is it in a man who walks to direct his steps.

24 <sup>a</sup>Correct me, O LORD, but with justice;  
Not with Thine anger, lest Thou <sup>b</sup>bring me to nothing.

25 <sup>a</sup>Pour out Thy wrath on the nations that do not know  
Thee,  
And on the families that do not <sup>b</sup>call Thy name;  
For they have devoured Jacob;  
They have <sup>c</sup>devoured him and consumed him,  
And have laid waste his <sup>b</sup>habitation.

CHAPTER 11

THE word which came to Jeremiah from the LORD, saying,  
2 <sup>a</sup>Hear the words of this <sup>b</sup>covenant, and speak to the men  
of Judah and to the inhabitants of Jerusalem;

3 and say to them, 'Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel,  
<sup>a</sup>Cursed is the man who does not heed the words of this  
covenant

4 which I commanded your forefathers in the <sup>a</sup>day that I  
brought them out of the land of Egypt, from the <sup>b</sup>iron furnace,  
saying, 'Listen to My voice, and <sup>b</sup>do according to all which I  
command you; so you shall be <sup>c</sup>My people, and I will be your  
God,'

5 in order to confirm the <sup>a</sup>oath which I swore to your  
forefathers, to give them a land flowing with milk and honey,  
as it is this day.' ' ' Then I answered and said, <sup>b</sup>'Amen, O  
LORD.'

6 And the LORD said to me, <sup>a</sup>'Proclaim all these words in  
the cities of Judah and in the streets of Jerusalem, saying, 'Hear  
the words of this covenant and do them.

7 'For I solemnly <sup>a</sup>warned your fathers in the <sup>b</sup>day that I  
brought them up from the land of Egypt, even to this day,  
<sup>b</sup>warning persistently, saying, "Listen to My voice."

8 'Yet they did not <sup>a</sup>obey or incline their ear, but walked,  
every one, in the stubbornness of their evil heart; therefore I  
brought on them all the <sup>b</sup>words of this covenant, which I  
commanded *them* to do, but they did not.'

9 Then the LORD said to me, <sup>a</sup>'A <sup>c</sup>conspiracy has been  
found among the men of Judah and among the inhabitants of  
Jerusalem.

10 "They have <sup>a</sup>turned back to the iniquities of their <sup>1</sup>ancestors who <sup>b</sup>refused to hear My words, and they <sup>c</sup>have gone after other gods to serve them; the house of Israel and the house of Judah have <sup>d</sup>broken My covenant which I made with their fathers."

11 Therefore thus says the LORD, "Behold I am <sup>a</sup>bringing disaster on them which they will <sup>b</sup>not be able to escape; though they will cry to Me, yet I will not listen to them.

12 "Then the cities of Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem will <sup>a</sup>go and cry to the gods to whom they burn incense, but they surely will not save them in the time of their disaster.

13 "For your gods are <sup>1a</sup>as many as your cities, O Judah; and <sup>1b</sup>as many as the streets of Jerusalem are the altars you have set up to the shameful thing, altars to <sup>b</sup>burn incense to Baal.

14 "Therefore do not <sup>a</sup>pray for this people, nor lift up a cry or prayer for them; for I will <sup>b</sup>not listen when they call to Me because of their disaster.

15 "What right has My beloved in My house

When she has done many vile deeds?

Can the sacrificial flesh take away from you your disaster,

<sup>1</sup>So *that* you can rejoice?"

16 The LORD called your name,

"A <sup>a</sup>green olive tree, beautiful in fruit and form";

With the noise of a great <sup>b</sup>tumult

He has <sup>c</sup>kindled fire on it,

And its branches are worthless.

17 And the LORD of hosts, who <sup>a</sup>planted you, has pronounced evil against you because of the evil of the house of Israel and of the house of Judah, which they have <sup>1</sup>done to provoke Me by <sup>2b</sup>offering up sacrifices to Baal.

18 Moreover, the LORD <sup>a</sup>made it known to me and I knew it;

Then Thou didst show me their deeds.

19 But I was like a gentle <sup>a</sup>lamb led to the slaughter; And I did not know that they had devised plots against me, *saying*,

"Let us destroy the tree with its <sup>1</sup>fruit, And <sup>b</sup>let us cut him off from the <sup>c</sup>land of the living, That his <sup>d</sup>name be remembered no more."

20 But, O LORD of hosts, who <sup>a</sup>judges righteously,

Who <sup>b</sup>tries the <sup>1</sup>feelings and the heart,

Let me see Thy vengeance on them,

For to Thee have I <sup>2</sup>committed my cause.

21 Therefore thus says the LORD concerning the men of <sup>a</sup>Anathoth, who <sup>b</sup>seek your life, *saying*, "Do not prophesy in the name of the LORD, that you might not <sup>c</sup>die at our hand";

22 therefore, thus says the LORD of hosts, "Behold, I am about to punish them! The <sup>a</sup>young men will die by the sword, their sons and daughters will die by famine;

23 and a remnant will <sup>a</sup>not be left to them, for I will <sup>b</sup>bring disaster on the men of Anathoth—the year of their punishment."

10 <sup>1</sup>Lit., the former fathers

<sup>a</sup>Jer. 3:10, 11; 1 Sam. 15:11  
<sup>b</sup>Jer. 13:10; Deut. 9:7; Ps. 78:10 <sup>c</sup>Judg. 2:11-13 <sup>d</sup>Jer. 3:6-11; Ezek. 16:59

11 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 11:17; 6:19; 2 Kin. 22:16 <sup>b</sup>Jer. 25:35; Is. 24:17

12 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 44:17; Deut. 32:37

13 <sup>1</sup>Lit., the number of  
<sup>a</sup>Jer. 2:28; 2 Kin. 23:13 <sup>b</sup>Jer. 7:9

14 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 7:16; 14:11; Ex. 32:10 <sup>b</sup>Jer. 11:11; Ps. 66:18; Hos. 5:6

15 <sup>1</sup>Lit., Then

16 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 52:8 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 83:2 <sup>c</sup>Jer. 21:14; Ps. 80:16; Is. 27:11

17 <sup>1</sup>Or, done for themselves <sup>2</sup>Or, burning incense  
<sup>a</sup>Jer. 2:21; 12:2 <sup>b</sup>Jer. 11:13; 7:9; 32:29

18 <sup>a</sup>1 Sam. 23:11, 12; 2 Kin. 6:9, 10; Ezek. 8:6

19 <sup>1</sup>Lit., bread  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 53:7 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 83:4; Is. 53:8  
<sup>c</sup>Job 28:13; Ps. 52:5 <sup>d</sup>Ps. 109:13

20 <sup>1</sup>Lit., reins <sup>2</sup>Lit., revealed  
<sup>a</sup>Jer. 20:12; Gen. 18:25 <sup>b</sup>Jer. 17:10; Ps. 7:9

21 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 1:1 <sup>b</sup>Jer. 12:5, 6; 20:10 <sup>c</sup>Jer. 26:8; 38:4

22 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 18:21; 2 Chr. 36:17

23 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 6:9 <sup>b</sup>Jer. 23:12; Hos. 9:7; Mic. 7:4

1 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 11:20; Ezra 9:15;  
Ps. 129:4 <sup>b</sup>Job 13:3 <sup>c</sup>Jer.  
5:27, 28; Hab. 1:4; Mal.  
3:15

2 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *near in their  
mouth <sup>2</sup>Lit., *kidneys*  
<sup>a</sup>Jer. 11:17; 45:4; Ezek.  
17:5-10 <sup>b</sup>Jer. 3:10; Is. 29:13;  
Ezek. 33:31; Titus 1:16*

3 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *sanctify them*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 139:1-4 <sup>b</sup>Jer. 11:20; Ps.  
7:9; 11:5

4 <sup>a</sup>Joel 1:10-17 <sup>b</sup>Hos. 4:3;  
Hab. 3:17 <sup>c</sup>Jer. 5:31; Ezek.  
7:2

5 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *pride*

6 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 9:4, 5; Gen. 37:4-  
11; Job 6:15; Ps. 69:8  
<sup>b</sup>Ps. 12:9; Prov. 26:25

7 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 7:29; 23:39; Is. 2:6  
<sup>b</sup>Jer. 11:15; Lam. 2:1; Hos.  
11:1-8

8 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *raised her voice*  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 59:13 <sup>b</sup>Hos. 9:15; Amos  
6:8

9 <sup>a2</sup> Kin. 24:2; Ezek.  
23:22-25 <sup>b</sup>Jer. 7:33; 15:3;  
34:20; Is. 56:9

10 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 23:1 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 80:8-16;  
Is. 5:1-7 <sup>c</sup>Is. 63:18 <sup>d</sup>Jer.  
3:19; Lam. 1:10

11 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *One has made it*  
<sup>2</sup>Or, *upon*  
<sup>a</sup>Jer. 4:20, 27; 25:11 <sup>b</sup>Is.  
42:25

<sup>a</sup>RIGHTEOUS art Thou, O LORD, that I would plead *my* case  
with Thee;

Indeed I would <sup>b</sup>discuss matters of justice with Thee:  
Why has the way of the wicked prospered?  
Why are all those who deal in treachery at ease?

2 Thou hast <sup>a</sup>planted them, they have also taken root;  
They grow, they have even produced fruit.  
Thou art <sup>b</sup>near <sup>1</sup>to their lips  
But far from their <sup>2</sup>mind.

3 But Thou <sup>a</sup>knowest me, O LORD;  
Thou seest me;  
And Thou dost <sup>b</sup>examine my heart's *attitude* toward  
Thee.

Drag them off like sheep for the slaughter  
And <sup>1</sup>set them apart for a day of carnage!

4 How long is the land to mourn  
And the <sup>a</sup>vegetation of the countryside to wither?  
For the wickedness of those who dwell in it,  
<sup>b</sup>Animals and birds have been snatched away,  
Because *men* have said, "He will not see our latter  
<sup>c</sup>ending."

5 "If you have run with footmen and they have tired you  
out,  
Then how can you compete with horses?  
If you fall down in a land of peace,  
How will you do in the <sup>1</sup>thicket of the Jordan?

6 "For even your <sup>a</sup>brothers and the household of your  
father,  
Even they have dealt treacherously with you,  
Even they have cried aloud after you.  
Do not believe them, although they may say <sup>b</sup>nice things  
to you."

7 "I have <sup>a</sup>forsaken My house,  
I have abandoned My inheritance;  
I have given the <sup>b</sup>beloved of My soul  
Into the hand of her enemies.

8 "My inheritance has become to Me  
Like a lion in the forest;  
She has <sup>1a</sup>roared against Me;  
Therefore I have come to <sup>b</sup>hate her.

9 "Is My inheritance like a speckled bird of prey to Me?  
Are the <sup>a</sup>birds of prey against her on every side?  
Go, gather all the <sup>b</sup>beasts of the field,  
Bring them to devour!

10 "Many shepherds have <sup>a</sup>ruined My <sup>b</sup>vineyard,  
They have <sup>c</sup>trampled down My field;  
They have made My <sup>d</sup>pleasant field  
A desolate wilderness.

11 "It has been made a desolation,  
Desolate, it mourns <sup>2</sup>before Me;  
The <sup>a</sup>whole land has been made desolate,  
Because no man <sup>b</sup>lays it to heart.



- 12 "On all the <sup>1</sup>bare heights in the wilderness  
 Destroyers have come,  
 For a <sup>2</sup>sword of the LORD is devouring  
 From one end of the land even to the <sup>2</sup>other;  
 There is no <sup>3</sup>peace for <sup>3</sup>anyone.
- 13 "They have sown wheat and have reaped thorns,  
 They have <sup>4</sup>strained themselves <sup>1</sup>to no profit.  
 But be ashamed of your <sup>2</sup>harvest  
 Because of the <sup>5</sup>fierce anger of the LORD."
- 14 Thus says the LORD concerning all My <sup>6</sup>wicked neighbors who <sup>7</sup>strike at the inheritance with which I have endowed My people Israel, "Behold I am about to uproot them from their land and will <sup>8</sup>uproot the house of Judah from among them.
- 15 "And it will come about that after I have uprooted them, I will <sup>9</sup>again have compassion on them; and I will bring them back, each one to his inheritance and each one to his land.
- 16 "Then it will come about that if they will really <sup>10</sup>learn the ways of My people, to <sup>11</sup>swear by My name, 'As the Lord lives,' even as they taught My people to <sup>12</sup>swear by Baal, then they will be <sup>13</sup>built up in the midst of My people.
- 17 "But if they will not listen, then I will <sup>14</sup>uproot that nation, uproot and destroy it," declares the LORD.

CHAPTER 13

- T**HUS the LORD said to me, "Go and <sup>1</sup>buy yourself a linen waistband, and put it around your waist, but do not put it in water."
- 2 So I bought the waistband in accordance with the <sup>2</sup>word of the LORD and put it around my waist.
- 3 Then the word of the LORD came to me a second time, saying,
- 4 "Take the waistband that you have bought, which is around your waist, and arise, go to <sup>3</sup>the <sup>4</sup>Euphrates and hide it there in a crevice of the rock."
- 5 So I went and hid it by the Euphrates, <sup>5</sup>as the LORD had commanded me.
- 6 And it came about after many days that the LORD said to me, "Arise, go to the Euphrates and take from there the waistband which I commanded you to hide there."
- 7 Then I went to the Euphrates and dug, and I took the waistband from the place where I had hidden it; and lo, the waistband was ruined, it was totally worthless.
- 8 Then the word of the LORD came to me, saying,
- 9 "Thus says the LORD, 'Just so will I destroy the <sup>6</sup>pride of Judah and the great pride of Jerusalem.
- 10 'This wicked people, who refuse to listen to My words, who walk in the stubbornness of their hearts and have gone after other gods to serve them and to bow down to them, let them be just like this waistband, which is totally worthless.
- 11 'For as the waistband clings to the waist of a man, so I made the whole household of Israel and the whole household of Judah <sup>7</sup>cling to Me', declares the LORD, 'that they might be for Me a people, for <sup>8</sup>renown, for <sup>9</sup>praise, and for glory; but they <sup>10</sup>did not listen.'

12 <sup>1</sup>Or, caravan trails  
<sup>2</sup>Lit., other end of the land  
<sup>3</sup>Lit., all flesh  
<sup>4</sup>Jer. 47:6; Is. 34:6; Amos 9:4  
<sup>5</sup>Jer. 16:5; 30:5

13 <sup>1</sup>Lit., they do not profit  
<sup>2</sup>Lit., products  
<sup>3</sup>Jer. 9:5; Is. 55:2  
<sup>4</sup>Jer. 17:10  
<sup>5</sup>Jer. 4:26; 25:37, 38

14 <sup>1</sup>Jer. 49:1, 7; Zeph. 2:8-10  
<sup>2</sup>Jer. 2:3; 50:11, 12; Zech. 2:8  
<sup>3</sup>Deut. 30:3; Ps. 106:47; Is. 11:11-16

15 <sup>1</sup>Jer. 48:7; 49:6, 39

16 <sup>1</sup>Is. 42:6; 49:6  
<sup>2</sup>Jer. 4:2  
<sup>3</sup>Jer. 5:7; Josh. 23:7  
<sup>4</sup>Jer. 3:17; 4:2; 16:19

17 <sup>1</sup>Ps. 2:8-12; Is. 60:12

1 <sup>1</sup>Jer. 13:11; 19:1; 27:2; Ezek. 4:1

2 <sup>1</sup>Is. 20:2; Ezek. 2:8

4 <sup>1</sup>Or, Parah, cf. Josh. 18:23; so through v. 7  
<sup>2</sup>Jer. 51:63

5 <sup>1</sup>Ex. 39:42, 43; 40:16

9 <sup>1</sup>Jer. 15:17; Lev. 26:19; Is. 2:10-17; 23:9; Zeph. 3:11

11 <sup>1</sup>Lit., a name  
<sup>2</sup>Ex. 19:5, 6; Deut. 32:10,  
<sup>3</sup>Jer. 32:20  
<sup>4</sup>Jer. 33:9; Is. 43:21  
<sup>5</sup>Jer. 7:13, 24, 26; Ps. 81:11

13 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 25:27; 51:57; Ps. 60:3; 75:8

14 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 19:9-11; Is. 9:20, 21 <sup>b</sup>Jer. 6:21; Ezek. 5:10 <sup>c</sup>Jer. 16:5; 21:7; Deut. 29:20; Is. 27:11

15 <sup>a</sup>Prov. 16:5; Is. 28:14-22

16 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 96:8 <sup>b</sup>Is. 5:30; 59:9; Amos 5:18 <sup>c</sup>Jer. 2:6; Ps. 107:10, 14

17 <sup>a</sup>Mal. 2:2 <sup>b</sup>Jer. 9:1; 14:17; Ps. 119:136; Luke 19:41, 42 <sup>c</sup>Jer. 23:1, 2; Ps. 80:1

18 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 22:26; 2 Kin. 24:12, 15 <sup>b2</sup>Chr. 33:12, 19 <sup>c</sup>Ex. 39:28; Is. 3:20; Ezek. 24:17, 23; 44:18

20 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 1:15; 6:22; Hab. 1:6 <sup>b</sup>Jer. 13:17; 23:2

21 <sup>1</sup>Or, *chieftains*  
<sup>a</sup>Jer. 2:25; 38:22 <sup>b</sup>Jer. 4:31; Is. 13:8

22 <sup>1</sup>Or, *suffered violence*  
<sup>a</sup>Deut. 7:17 <sup>b</sup>Jer. 2:17-19; 9:2-9

23 <sup>a</sup>Prov. 27:22; Is. 1:5; Matt. 19:24 <sup>b</sup>Jer. 4:22; 9:5

24 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 9:16; Lev. 26:33; Ezek. 5:2, 12 <sup>b</sup>Jer. 4:11; 18:17

12 "Therefore you are to speak this word to them, 'Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, 'Every jug is to be filled with wine.'" And when they say to you, 'Do we not very well know that every jug is to be filled with wine?'

13 then say to them, 'Thus says the LORD, 'Behold I am about to fill all the inhabitants of this land—the kings that sit for David on his throne, the priests, the prophets and all the inhabitants of Jerusalem—with <sup>a</sup>drunkenness!

14 "And I will <sup>a</sup>dash them against each other, both the <sup>b</sup>fathers and the sons together," declares the LORD. "I will <sup>c</sup>not show pity nor be sorry nor have compassion that I should not destroy them." "

15 Listen and give heed, do not be <sup>a</sup>haughty,  
For the LORD has spoken.

16 <sup>a</sup>Give glory to the LORD your God,  
Before He <sup>b</sup>brings darkness  
And before your feet stumble  
On the dusky mountains,  
And while you are hoping for light  
He makes it into deep darkness,  
And turns it into <sup>c</sup>gloom.

17 But <sup>a</sup>if you will not listen to it,  
My soul will <sup>b</sup>sob in secret for *such* pride;  
And my eyes will bitterly weep  
And flow down with tears,  
Because the flock of the <sup>c</sup>LORD has been taken captive.

18 Say to the <sup>a</sup>king and the queen mother,  
<sup>b</sup>Take a lowly seat,  
For your beautiful <sup>c</sup>crown  
Has come down from your heads."

19 The cities of the Negev have been locked up,  
And there is no one to open *them*;  
All Judah has been carried into exile,  
Wholly carried into exile.

20 "Lift up your eyes and see  
Those coming <sup>a</sup>from the north.  
Where is the <sup>b</sup>flock that was given you,  
Your beautiful sheep?

21 "What will you say when He appoints over you—  
And you yourself had taught them—  
Former <sup>1a</sup>companions to be head over you?  
Will not <sup>b</sup>pangs take hold of you,  
Like a woman in childbirth?

22 "And if you <sup>a</sup>say in your heart,  
'Why have these things happened to me?'  
Because of the <sup>b</sup>magnitude of your iniquity  
Your skirts have been removed,  
And your heels have <sup>1</sup>been exposed.

23 "aCan the Ethiopian change his skin  
Or the leopard his spots?  
Then you also can <sup>b</sup>do good  
Who are accustomed to do evil.

24 "Therefore I will <sup>a</sup>scatter them like drifting straw  
To the desert <sup>b</sup>wind.

## A Drought, and a Prayer for Mercy.

## Jeremiah 13, 14

- 25 "This is your <sup>a</sup>lot, the portion measured to you  
From Me," declares the LORD,  
"Because you have <sup>b</sup>forgotten Me  
And trusted in falsehood.
- 26 "So I Myself have also <sup>a</sup>stripped your skirts off over your  
face,  
That your shame may be seen.
- 27 "As for your <sup>a</sup>adulteries and your *lustful* neighings,  
The <sup>b</sup>blewiness of your prostitution  
On the <sup>c</sup>hills in the field,  
I have seen your abominations.  
Woe to you, O Jerusalem!  
How <sup>d</sup>long will you remain unclean?"

### CHAPTER 14

THAT which came as the word of the LORD to Jeremiah in regard to the drought:

- 2 "Judah mourns,  
And her gates languish  
They sit on the ground <sup>a</sup>in mourning,  
And the <sup>b</sup>cry of Jerusalem has ascended.
- 3 "And their nobles have <sup>a</sup>sent their <sup>1</sup>servants for water;  
They have come to the cisterns and found no water.  
They have returned with their vessels empty;  
They have been <sup>b</sup>put to shame and humiliated,  
And they <sup>c</sup>cover their heads.
- 4 "Because the <sup>a</sup>ground is <sup>1</sup>cracked,  
For there has been no rain on the land;  
The <sup>b</sup>farmers have been put to shame,  
They have covered their heads.
- 5 "For even the doe in the field has given birth only to  
abandon *her young*,  
Because there is <sup>a</sup>no grass.
- 6 "And the <sup>a</sup>wild donkeys stand on the bare heights;  
They pant for air like jackals,  
Their eyes fail  
For there is <sup>b</sup>no vegetation.
- 7 "Although our <sup>a</sup>iniquities testify against us,  
O LORD, act for Thy name's sake!  
Truly our <sup>b</sup>apostasies have been many,  
We have sinned against Thee.
- 8 "Thou <sup>a</sup>Hope of Israel,  
Its <sup>b</sup>Savior in <sup>c</sup>time of distress,  
Why art Thou like a stranger in the land  
Or like a traveler who has pitched his *tent* for the night?
- 9 "Why art Thou like a man dismayed,  
Like a mighty man who <sup>a</sup>cannot save?  
Yet <sup>b</sup>Thou art in our midst, O LORD,  
And we are <sup>c</sup>called by Thy name;  
Do not forsake us!"
- 10 Thus says the LORD to this people, "Even so they have  
<sup>a</sup>loved to wander; they have not <sup>b</sup>kept their feet in check.  
Therefore the LORD does <sup>c</sup>not accept them; now He will  
<sup>d</sup>remember their iniquity and call their sins to account."

25 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 11:6; Matt. 24:51  
bJer. 2:32; 3:21; Ps. 9:17;  
106:21, 22

26 <sup>a</sup>Lam. 1:8

27 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 5:7, 8 <sup>b</sup>Jer. 11:15  
<sup>c</sup>Jer. 2:20 <sup>d</sup>Prov. 1:22; Hos.  
8:5

2 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 8:21 <sup>b</sup>Jer. 11:11;  
46:12; Zech. 7:13

3 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *little ones*  
<sup>a</sup>1 Kin. 18:5 <sup>b</sup>Job 6:20; Ps.  
40:14 <sup>c</sup>2 Sam. 15:30

4 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *shattered*  
<sup>a</sup>Joel 1:19, 20 <sup>b</sup>Joel 1:11

5 <sup>a</sup>Is. 15:6

6 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 2:24; Job 39:5, 6  
<sup>b</sup>Joel 1:18

7 <sup>a</sup>Is. 59:12; Hos. 5:5  
<sup>b</sup>Jer. 5:6; 8:5

8 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 17:13 <sup>b</sup>Is. 43:3;  
63:8 <sup>c</sup>Ps. 9:9; 50:15

9 <sup>a</sup>Num. 11:23; Is. 50:2  
<sup>b</sup>Jer. 8:19; Ps. 46:5 <sup>c</sup>Jer.  
15:16; Is. 63:19

10 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 2:25; 3:13 <sup>b</sup>Ps.  
119:101 <sup>c</sup>Jer. 6:20; Amos  
5:22 <sup>d</sup>Jer. 44:21-23; Hos.  
8:13

11 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 7:16; 11:14; Ex. 32:10

12 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 11:11; Is. 1:15  
<sup>b</sup>Jer. 8:13 <sup>c</sup>Jer. 21:9

13 <sup>1</sup>YHWH, usually rendered LORD <sup>2</sup>Lit., *peace of truth*  
<sup>a</sup>Jer. 5:12; 23:17 <sup>b</sup>Jer. 6:14; 8:11

14 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *hearts*  
<sup>a</sup>Jer. 5:31; 23:25 <sup>b</sup>Jer. 23:16; 26; 27:9, 10; Ezek. 12:24

15 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *be finished*  
<sup>a</sup>Ezek. 14:10

16 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 7:33; 15:2, 3; Ps. 79:2,3 <sup>b</sup>Jer. 13:22-25; Prov. 1:31

17<sup>a</sup>Jer. 9:1; 13:17 <sup>b</sup>Jer. 8:21; Is. 37:22; Lam. 1:15; 2:13

18 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *pierced* <sup>2</sup>Or, *gone around trading*  
<sup>a</sup>Jer. 6:25; Lam. 1:20; Ezek. 7:15

19 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *Thy soul*  
<sup>a</sup>Jer. 30:13 <sup>b</sup>Jer. 8:15; Job 30:26; 1 Thess. 5:3

20 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 3:25; Neh. 9:2; Ps. 32:5

21 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 14:7; Ps. 25:11  
<sup>b</sup>Jer. 3:17; 17:12

22 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *vanities* <sup>2</sup>Or, *wait for*  
<sup>a</sup>Jer. 10:3; Is. 41:29 <sup>b</sup>Jer. 5:24; 1 Kin. 17:1 <sup>c</sup>Lam. 3:26

11 So the LORD said to me, "Do not <sup>a</sup>pray for the welfare of this people.

12 "When they fast, I am <sup>a</sup>not going to listen to their cry; and when they offer burnt offering and grain offering, I am not going to accept them. Rather I am going to <sup>b</sup>make an end of them by the <sup>c</sup>sword, famine and pestilence."

13 But, "Ah, Lord <sup>1</sup>God!" I said, "Look, the prophets are telling them, 'You <sup>a</sup>will not see the sword nor will you have famine, but I will give you <sup>2</sup>lasting <sup>b</sup>peace in this place.'"

14 Then the LORD said to me, "The <sup>a</sup>prophets are prophesying falsehood in My name. I have neither sent them nor commanded them nor spoken to them; they are prophesying to you a <sup>b</sup>false vision, divination, futility and the deception of their own <sup>1</sup>minds.

15 "Therefore thus says the LORD concerning the prophets who are prophesying in My name, although it was not I who sent them—yet they keep saying, 'There shall be no sword or famine in this land'—by <sup>a</sup>sword and famine those prophets shall <sup>1</sup>meet their end!

16 "The people also to whom they are prophesying will be <sup>a</sup>thrown out into the streets of Jerusalem because of the famine and the sword; and there will be no one to bury them—*neither* them, *nor* their wives, *nor* their sons, *nor* their daughters—for I shall <sup>b</sup>pour out their *own* wickedness on them.

17 "And you will say this word to them,  
<sup>a</sup>Let my eyes flow down with tears night and day,  
And let them not cease;  
For the virgin <sup>b</sup>daughter of my people has been crushed  
with a mighty blow,  
With a sorely infected wound.

18 'If I <sup>a</sup>go out to the country,  
Behold, those <sup>1</sup>slain with the sword!  
Or if I enter the city,  
Behold, diseases of famine!  
For both prophet and priest  
Have <sup>2</sup>gone roving about in the land that they do not  
know.'"

19 Hast Thou completely rejected Judah?  
Or hast <sup>1</sup>Thou loathed Zion?  
Why hast Thou stricken us so that we <sup>a</sup>are beyond  
healing?

<sup>b</sup>We waited for peace, but nothing good *came*;  
And for a time of healing, but behold, terror!

20 We <sup>a</sup>know our wickedness, O LORD,  
The iniquity of our fathers, for we have sinned against  
Thee.

21 Do not despise us, <sup>a</sup>for Thine own name's sake;  
Do not disgrace the <sup>b</sup>throne of Thy glory;  
Remember *and* do not annul Thy covenant with us.

22 Are there any among the <sup>1</sup>idols of the nations who <sup>b</sup>give  
rain?

Or can the heavens grant showers?  
Is it not Thou, O LORD our God?

Therefore we <sup>2</sup>hope in Thee,  
For Thou art the one who hast done all these things.

CHAPTER 15

THEN the LORD said to me, “Even <sup>a</sup>though <sup>b</sup>Moses and <sup>c</sup>Samuel were to stand before Me, My <sup>1</sup>heart would not be <sup>2</sup>with this people; <sup>d</sup>send them away from My presence and let them go!

2 “And it shall be that when they say to you, ‘Where should we go?’ then you are to tell them, ‘Thus says the LORD: “Those destined <sup>a</sup>for death, to death; And those destined for the sword, to the sword; And those *destined* for famine, to famine; And those *destined* for captivity, to captivity.”’

3 “And I shall <sup>a</sup>appoint over them four kinds of doom,” declares the LORD: “the sword to slay, the <sup>b</sup>dogs to drag off, and the <sup>c</sup>birds of the sky and the beasts of the earth to devour and destroy.

4 “And I shall <sup>a</sup>make them an object of horror among all the kingdoms of the earth because of <sup>b</sup>Manasseh, the son of Hezekiah, the king of Judah, for what he did in Jerusalem.

5 “Indeed, who will have <sup>a</sup>pity on you, O Jerusalem, Or who will mourn for you, Or who will turn aside to ask about your welfare?

6 “You who have forsaken Me,” declares the LORD, “You keep <sup>a</sup>going backward. So I will <sup>b</sup>stretch out My hand against you and destroy you; I am <sup>c</sup>tired of relenting!

7 “And I will <sup>a</sup>winnow them with a winnowing fork At the gates of the land; I will <sup>b</sup>bereave *them* of children, I will destroy My people; They did not <sup>1</sup>repent of their ways.

8 “Their <sup>a</sup>widows will be more numerous before Me Than the sand of the seas; I will bring against them, against the mother of a young man, A destroyer at noonday; I will suddenly bring down on her Anguish and dismay.

9 “She who <sup>a</sup>bore seven *sons* pines away; <sup>1</sup>Her breathing is labored. Her <sup>b</sup>sun has set while it was yet day; She has been shamed and humiliated. So I shall give over their <sup>c</sup>survivors to the sword Before their enemies,” declares the LORD.

10 <sup>a</sup>Woe to me, my mother, that you have borne me As a <sup>b</sup>man of strife and a man of contention to all the land! I have neither <sup>c</sup>lent, nor have men lent money to me, Yet every one curses me.

11 The LORD said, “Surely I will <sup>a</sup>set you free for *purposes of good*; Surely I will cause the enemy to make supplication to you In a time of disaster and a time of distress.

<sup>1</sup> Lit., soul <sup>2</sup> Lit., toward  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 99:6; Ezek. 14:14, 20  
<sup>b</sup>Ex. 32:11-14; Num. 14:13-20; Ps. 106:23 <sup>c</sup>1 Sam. 7:9; 12:23 <sup>d</sup>Jer. 7:15; 10:18; 52:3; 2 Kin. 17:20

<sup>2</sup> Jer. 14:12; 24:10; 43:11; Ezek. 5:2, 12

<sup>3</sup> Lev. 26:16, 22, 25; Ezek. 14:21 <sup>b</sup>1 Kin. 21:23, 24 <sup>c</sup>Jer. 7:33; Deut. 28:26; Is. 18:6

<sup>4</sup> Jer. 24:9; 29:18; Lev. 26:33 <sup>b</sup>2 Kin. 21:1-18; 23:26, 27; 24:3, 4

<sup>5</sup> Jer. 13:14; 21:7; Ps. 69:20

<sup>6</sup> Jer. 7:24; Is. 1:4 <sup>b</sup>Jer. 6:12; Zeph. 1:4 <sup>c</sup>Jer. 6:11; 7:16

<sup>7</sup> Lit., turn back from  
<sup>a</sup>Jer. 51:2; Ps. 1:4 <sup>b</sup>Jer. 18:21; Hos. 9:12-16

<sup>8</sup> Is. 3:25, 26; 4:1

<sup>9</sup> Or, She has breathed out her soul  
<sup>a</sup>1 Sam. 2:5; Is. 47:9 <sup>b</sup>Jer. 6:4; Amos 8:9 <sup>c</sup>Jer. 21:7

<sup>10</sup> Jer. 20:14; Job 3:3 <sup>b</sup>Jer. 15:20; 1:18, 19; 20:7, 8 <sup>c</sup>Ex. 22:25; Lev. 25:36, 37; Deut. 23:19

<sup>11</sup> Ps. 138:3; Is. 41:10

13 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 17:3; 20:5 <sup>b</sup>Is. 52:3, 5

14 <sup>1</sup>Lit. e., your possessions  
<sup>a</sup>Jer. 16:13; Deut. 28:36, 64  
<sup>b</sup>Jer. 17:4; Ps. 21:9

15 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 20:8; Ps. 44:22;  
69:7-9

16 <sup>a</sup>Ezek. 3:3 <sup>b</sup>Job 23:12;  
Ps. 119:103 <sup>c</sup>Jer. 14:9

17 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 16:8; 2 Cor. 6:17  
<sup>b</sup>Jer. 13:17; Ps. 102:7; Lam. 3:28; Ezek. 3:24, 25

18 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 30:12, 15; Job 34:6; Mic. 1:9 <sup>b</sup>Jer. 14:3;  
Job 6:15, 20

19 <sup>1</sup>Lit., as My mouth  
<sup>a</sup>Jer. 15:1; 35:19; 1 Kin. 17:1  
<sup>b</sup>Jer. 6:29; Ezek. 22:26;  
44:23

20 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 1:18, 19; 6:27;  
Ezek. 3:9 <sup>b</sup>Jer. 15:15; Jer. 1:8, 19; Ps. 46:7; Is. 41:10

21 <sup>1</sup>Lit., palm  
<sup>a</sup>Jer. 20:13; 39:11, 12; Gen. 48:16; Ps. 37:40 <sup>b</sup>Jer. 31:11;  
50:34; Is. 49:26; 60:16

<sup>3</sup> <sup>a</sup>Jer. 6:21

- 12 "Can anyone smash iron,  
Iron from the north, or bronze?
- 13 "Your <sup>a</sup>wealth and your treasures  
I will give for booty <sup>b</sup>without cost,  
Even for all your sins  
And within all your borders.
- 14 "Then I will cause your enemies to bring <sup>1</sup>it  
Into a <sup>a</sup>land you do not know;  
For a <sup>b</sup>fire has been kindled in My anger,  
It will burn upon you."
- 15 Thou who knowest, O LORD,  
Remember me, take notice of me,  
And take vengeance for me on my persecutors.  
Do *not*, in view of Thy patience, take me away;  
Know that <sup>a</sup>for Thy sake I endure reproach.
- 16 Thy words were found and I <sup>a</sup>ate them,  
And Thy <sup>b</sup>words became for me a joy and the delight of  
my heart;  
For I have been <sup>c</sup>called by Thy name,  
O LORD God of hosts.
- 17 I did not <sup>a</sup>sit in the circle of merry-makers,  
Nor did I exult.  
Because of Thy hand *upon me* I sat <sup>b</sup>alone,  
For Thou didst fill me with indignation.
- 18 Why has my pain been perpetual  
And my <sup>a</sup>wound incurable, refusing to be healed?  
Wilt Thou indeed be to me <sup>b</sup>like a deceptive *stream*  
With water that is unreliable?
- 19 Therefore, thus says the LORD,  
"If you return, then I will restore you—  
Before Me <sup>a</sup>you will stand;  
And <sup>b</sup>if you extract the precious from the worthless,  
You will become <sup>1</sup>My spokesman.  
They for their part may turn to you,  
But as for you, you must not turn to them.
- 20 "Then I will <sup>a</sup>make you to this people  
A fortified wall of bronze;  
And though they fight against you,  
They will not prevail over you;  
For <sup>b</sup>I am with you to save you  
And deliver you," declares the LORD.
- 21 "So I will <sup>a</sup>deliver you from the hand of the wicked,  
And I will <sup>b</sup>redeem you from the <sup>1</sup>grasp of the violent."

## CHAPTER 16

THE word of the LORD also came to me saying,  
2 "You shall not take a wife for yourself nor have sons or daughters in this place."  
3 For thus says the LORD concerning the sons and daughters born in this place, and concerning their mothers who bear them, and their <sup>a</sup>fathers who beget them in this land:

4 "They will <sup>a</sup>die of deadly diseases, they will not be lamented or buried; they will be as dung on the surface of the ground and come to an end by sword and famine, and their carcasses will become food for the <sup>b</sup>birds of the sky and for the beasts of the earth."

5 For thus says the LORD, "Do not enter a house of <sup>l</sup>mourning, or go to lament or to console them; for I have withdrawn My <sup>b</sup>peace from this people," declares the LORD, "My <sup>l</sup>ovingkindness and compassion.

6 "Both <sup>a</sup>great men and small will die in this land; they will not be buried, they will not be lamented, nor will anyone <sup>b</sup>gash himself or shave his head for them.

7 "Neither will men <sup>a</sup>break *bread* in mourning for them, to comfort anyone for the dead, nor give them a cup of consolation to drink for anyone's father or mother.

8 "Moreover you shall <sup>a</sup>not go into a house of feasting to sit with them to eat and drink."

9 For thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel: "Behold, I am going to <sup>b</sup>eliminate from this place, before your eyes and in your time, the voice of rejoicing and the voice of gladness, the voice of the groom and the voice of the bride.

10 "Now it will come about when you tell this people all these words that they will say to you, '<sup>a</sup>For what reason has the LORD declared all this great calamity against us? And what is our iniquity, or what is our sin which we have committed against the LORD our God?'

11 "Then you are to say to them, '*It is* <sup>a</sup>because your forefathers have forsaken Me,' declares the LORD, 'and have followed <sup>b</sup>other gods and served them and bowed down to them; but Me they have forsaken and have not kept My law.

12 'You too have done evil, *even* more than your forefathers; for behold, you are each one walking according to the <sup>a</sup>stubbornness of his own <sup>b</sup>evil heart, without listening to Me.

13 'So I will <sup>a</sup>hurl you out of this land into the <sup>b</sup>land which you have not known, neither you nor your fathers; and there you will <sup>c</sup>serve other gods day and night, for I shall grant you no favor.'

14 "Therefore behold, days are coming," declares the LORD, "when it will no longer be said, '*As the LORD lives, who* <sup>b</sup>brought up the sons of Israel out of the land of Egypt,'

15 but, '*As the LORD lives, who brought up the sons of Israel from the* <sup>a</sup>land of the north and from all the countries where He had banished them.' For I will restore them to their own land which I gave to their fathers.

16 "Behold, I am going to send for many <sup>a</sup>fishermen," declares the LORD, "and they will fish for them; and afterwards I shall send for many hunters, and they will <sup>b</sup>hunt them <sup>c</sup>from every mountain and every hill, and from the clefts of the rocks.

17 "For My eyes are on all their ways; they are not hidden from My face, nor is their iniquity concealed from My eyes.

18 "And I will first doubly <sup>a</sup>repay their iniquity and their sin, because they have <sup>b</sup>polluted My land; they have filled My inheritance with the carcasses of their detestable idols and with their abominations."

4 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 15:2 <sup>b</sup>Jer. 15:3; 34:20; Ps. 79:2; Is. 18:6

5 <sup>l</sup>Or, *banqueting*  
<sup>e</sup>Ezek. 24:16-23 <sup>b</sup>Jer. 12:12; 15:1-4 <sup>c</sup>Jer. 13:14; Is. 27:11; Ps. 25:6

6 <sup>a</sup>2 Chr. 36:17; Ezek. 9:6 <sup>b</sup>Jer. 41:5; 47:5; Deut. 14:1

7 <sup>a</sup>Deut. 26:14; Ezek. 24:17; Hos. 9:4

8 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 15:17; Eccles. 7:2-4; Is. 22:12-14; Amos 6:4-6

9 <sup>l</sup>Lit., *cause to cease*  
<sup>e</sup>Jer. 7:34; 25:10; Hos. 2:11

10 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 5:19; 13:22; Deut. 29:24, 25; 1 Kin. 9:8, 9

11 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 5:7-9; Neh. 9:26-29; Ps. 106:35-41 <sup>b</sup>Jer. 8:2; Ezek. 11:21; 1 Pet. 4:3

12 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 7:24; 9:14; 13:10; 1 Sam. 15:23 <sup>b</sup>Eccles. 9:3; Mark 7:21

13 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 15:1; Deut. 4:26, 27; 2 Chr. 7:20 <sup>b</sup>Jer. 15:14; 17:4 <sup>c</sup>Jer. 5:19; Deut. 4:28; 28:36

14 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 23:7, 8; Is. 43:18, 19; Hos. 3:4, 5 <sup>b</sup>Ex. 20:2; Deut. 15:15

15 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 3:18; 24:6; Ps. 106:47; Is. 11:11-16; 14:1

16 <sup>a</sup>Amos 4:2; Hab. 1:14, 15 <sup>b</sup>1 Sam. 26:20; Mic. 7:2 <sup>c</sup>Is. 2:21; Amos 9:1-3

17 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 23:24; 32:19; Ps. 90:8; Luke 12:2; 1 Cor. 4:5; Heb. 4:13

18 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 17:18; Rev. 18:6 <sup>b</sup>Jer. 2:7; 3:9; Num. 35:33, 34

19 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *there is nothing profitable in them*  
<sup>a</sup>Jer. 15:11; Ps. 18:1, 2; Is. 25:4 <sup>b</sup>Nah. 1:7 <sup>c</sup>Jer. 3:17; 4:2

20 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 2:11; 5:7; Ps. 115:4-8; Is. 37:19; Hos. 8:4-6

21 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *hand*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 9:16 <sup>b</sup>Jer. 33:2; Ps. 83:18; Is. 43:3; Amos 5:8

<sup>1</sup> So ancient versions; M.T., *your*  
<sup>a</sup>Job 19:24 <sup>b</sup>Prov. 3:3; 7:3; Is. 49:16; 2 Cor. 3:3

2 <sup>1</sup>I.e., wooden symbols of a female deity  
<sup>a</sup>Jer. 7:18 <sup>b</sup>Ex. 34:13 <sup>c</sup>Jer. 3:6

3 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 26:18; Mic. 3:12  
<sup>b</sup>Jer. 15:13; 20:5; 2 Kin. 24:13; Is. 39:4-6

4 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 12:7; Lam. 5:2  
<sup>b</sup>Jer. 15:14; 27:12, 13; Deut. 28:48; Is. 14:3 <sup>c</sup>Jer. 7:20; 15:14; Is. 5:25

5 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *arm*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 146:3; Is. 2:22; 30:1; Ezek. 29:6, 7 <sup>b2</sup> Chr. 32:8; Is. 31:3

6 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *and is not inhabited*  
<sup>a</sup>Jer. 48:6 <sup>b</sup>Deut. 29:23; Job 39:6

7 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 34:8; 84:12 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 40:4

8 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 1:3; 92:12-14; Ezek. 31:3-9

9 <sup>a</sup>Mark 7:21, 22; Rom. 7:11; Eph. 4:22 <sup>b</sup>Eccles. 9:3; Is. 1:6; 6:10; Matt. 13:15; Mark 2:17; Rom. 1:21

19 O LORD, my <sup>a</sup>strength and my stronghold,  
 And my <sup>b</sup>refuge in the day of distress,  
 To Thee the <sup>c</sup>nations will come  
 From the ends of the earth and say,  
 "Our fathers have inherited nothing but falsehood,  
 Futility and <sup>1</sup>things of no profit."

20 Can man make gods for himself?  
 Yet they are <sup>a</sup>not gods!

21 "Therefore behold, I am going to make them know—  
 This time I will <sup>a</sup>make them know  
 My <sup>1</sup>power and My might;  
 And they shall <sup>b</sup>know that My name is the LORD."

CHAPTER 17

THE sin of Judah is written down with an iron <sup>a</sup>stylus;  
 With a diamond point it is <sup>b</sup>engraved upon the tablet  
 of their heart,

2 And on the horns of <sup>1</sup>their altars,  
 As they remember their <sup>a</sup>children,  
 So they *remember* their altars and their <sup>1b</sup>Asherim  
 By <sup>c</sup>green trees on the high hills.

3 O <sup>a</sup>mountain of Mine in the countryside,  
 I will <sup>b</sup>give over your wealth and all your treasures for  
 booty,  
 Your high places for sin throughout your borders.

4 And you will, even of yourself, <sup>a</sup>let go of your inheritance

That I gave you;  
 And I will make you serve your <sup>b</sup>enemies  
 In the land which you do not know;  
 For you have <sup>c</sup>kindled a fire in My anger  
 Which will burn forever.

5 Thus says the LORD,  
 "Cursed is the man who trusts in mankind  
 And makes <sup>b</sup>flesh his <sup>1</sup>strength,  
 And whose heart turns away from the LORD.

6 "For he will be like a <sup>a</sup>bush in the desert  
 And will not see when prosperity comes,  
 But will live in stony wastes in the wilderness,  
 A land of <sup>b</sup>salt <sup>1</sup>without inhabitant.

7 "Blessed is the man who trusts in the LORD  
 And whose <sup>b</sup>trust is the LORD.

8 "For he will be like a <sup>a</sup>tree planted by the water,  
 That extends its roots by a stream  
 And will not fear when the heat comes;  
 But its leaves will be green,  
 And it will not be anxious in a year of drought  
 Nor cease to yield fruit.

9 "The heart is more <sup>a</sup>deceitful than all else  
 And is desperately <sup>b</sup>sick;  
 Who can understand it?



**The Prophet Prays for Protection.  
The Sabbath Must Be Kept.**

**Jeremiah 17**

- 10 "I, the LORD, <sup>a</sup>search the heart,  
I test the <sup>1</sup>mind,  
Even to give to each man according to his ways,  
According to the <sup>2</sup>results of his deeds.
- 11 "As a partridge that hatches eggs which it has not laid,  
So is he who makes a fortune, but unjustly;  
In the midst of his days it will forsake him,  
And in <sup>1</sup>the end he will be a fool."
- 12 <sup>a</sup>A glorious throne on high from the beginning  
Is the place of our sanctuary.
- 13 O LORD, the <sup>a</sup>hopc of Israel,  
All who forsake Thee will be put to shame.  
Those who turn <sup>1</sup>away on earth will be written down,  
Because they have forsaken the fountain of living water,  
even the LORD.
- 14 <sup>a</sup>Heal me, O LORD, and I will be healed;  
<sup>b</sup>Save me and I will be saved,  
For Thou art my <sup>c</sup>praise.
- 15 Look, they keep <sup>a</sup>saying to me,  
"Where is the word of the LORD?  
Let it come now!"
- 16 But as for me, I have not hurried away from *being* a  
shepherd after Thee,  
Nor have I longed for the woeful day;  
Thou Thyself knowest the utterance of my lips  
Was in Thy presence.
- 17 Do not be a <sup>a</sup>terror to me;  
Thou art my <sup>b</sup>refuge in the day of disaster.
- 18 Let those who persecute me be <sup>a</sup>put to shame, but as for  
me, let me not be put to shame;  
Let them be dismayed, but let me not be dismayed.  
<sup>b</sup>Bring on them a day of disaster,  
And crush them with twofold destruction!
- 19 Thus the LORD said to me, "Go and stand in the <sup>1</sup>public  
gate, through which the kings of Judah come in and go out, as  
well as in all the gates of Jerusalem;
- 20 and say to them, 'Listen to the word of the LORD, <sup>a</sup>kings  
of Judah, and all Judah, and all inhabitants of Jerusalem, who  
come in through these gates:
- 21 'Thus says the LORD, "<sup>a</sup>Take heed for yourselves, and do  
not <sup>b</sup>carry any load on the sabbath day or bring anything in  
through the gates of Jerusalem.
- 22 "And you shall not bring a load out of your houses on the  
sabbath day nor do any <sup>a</sup>work, but keep the sabbath day holy,  
as I <sup>b</sup>commanded your <sup>1</sup>forefathers.
- 23 "Yet they did not listen or incline their ears, but <sup>a</sup>stif-  
fened their necks in order not to listen or take correction.
- 24 "But it will come about, if you listen <sup>a</sup>attentively to Me,"  
declares the LORD, "to bring no load in through the gates of this  
city on the sabbath day, <sup>b</sup>but to keep the sabbath day holy by  
doing no work on it,
- 25 <sup>a</sup>then there will come in through the gates of this city  
kings and princes <sup>b</sup>sitting on the throne of David, riding in  
chariots and on horses, they and their princes, the men of

10 <sup>1</sup>Lit., kidneys <sup>2</sup>Lit.,  
fruit  
<sup>a</sup>Jer. 11:20; 20:12; 1 Sam.  
16:7; Rom. 8:27

11 <sup>1</sup>Lit., his

12 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 3:17; 14:21

13 <sup>1</sup>Heb., away from Me  
<sup>a</sup>Jer. 14:8; 50:7

14 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 30:17; 33:6 <sup>b</sup>Ps.  
54:1; 60:5 <sup>c</sup>Deut. 10:21; Ps.  
109:1

15 <sup>a</sup>Is. 5:19; Amos 5:18

17 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 88:15 <sup>b</sup>Jer. 16:19;  
Nah. 1:7

18 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 17:13; 20:11; Ps.  
35:4, 26 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 35:8

19 <sup>1</sup>Lit., gate of the sons  
of the people

20 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 19:3, 4; Ps. 49:1,2;  
Hos. 5:3; Amos 4:1

21 <sup>a</sup>Deut. 4:9; 16:23; Mark  
4:24 <sup>b</sup>Num. 15:32-36; Neh.  
13:15-21; John 5:9-12

22 <sup>1</sup>Lit., fathers  
<sup>a</sup>Ex. 16:23-29; 20:8-10;  
Deut. 5:12-14; Is. 56:2-6;  
58:13 <sup>b</sup>Ex. 31:13-17; Ezek.  
20:12; Zech. 1:4

23 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 7:26; 19:15; Prov.  
29:1

24 <sup>a</sup>Ex. 15:26; Deut.  
11:13; Is. 21:7; 55:2 <sup>b</sup>Ex.  
20:8-11; Ezek. 20:20

25 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 22:4 <sup>b</sup>Jer. 13:15,  
17, 21; 2 Sam. 7:16; 9:7;  
Luke 1:32

25 <sup>c</sup>Ps. 132:13, 14;  
Heb. 12:22

26 <sup>a</sup>Zech. 7:7 <sup>b</sup>Jer. 33:11;  
Ps. 107:22

27 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 39:8; Amos 2:5  
<sup>b</sup>Jer. 7:20; Ezek. 20:47

2 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 19:1, 2

3 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *pair of stone  
discs*

6 <sup>a</sup>Is. 45:9; 64:8; Matt.  
20:15; Rom. 9:21

7 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 1:10

8 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *repent of*  
<sup>a</sup>Jer. 7:3-7; 12:16; Ezek.  
18:21

9 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 1:10; 31:28; Amos  
9:11-15

10 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *repent* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *do  
it good*  
<sup>a</sup>Jer. 7:24-28; Ps. 125:5;  
Ezek. 33:18 <sup>b1</sup> Sam. 2:30;  
13:13

11 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *make good* <sup>a</sup>Jer.  
4:6; 11:11; Is. 5:5 <sup>b</sup>Jer. 4:1;  
2 Kin. 17:13; Is. 1:16-19;  
Acts 26:20

12 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 2:25; Is. 57:10  
<sup>b</sup>Jer. 7:24; 16:12; Deut.  
29:19

13 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *these*  
<sup>a</sup>Jer. 2:10, 11; Is. 66:8 <sup>b</sup>Jer.  
5:30; 23:14; Hos. 6:10

Judah, and the inhabitants of Jerusalem; and this city will be inhabited forever.

26 "They will come in from the cities of Judah and from the environs of Jerusalem, from the land of Benjamin, from the lowland, from the hill country, and from the Negev, bringing burnt offerings, sacrifices, grain offerings and incense, and bringing sacrifices of thanksgiving to the house of the LORD.

27 "But if you do not listen to Me to keep the sabbath day holy by not carrying a load and coming in through the gates of Jerusalem on the sabbath day, then I shall kindle a fire in its gates, and it will devour the palaces of Jerusalem and not be quenched." "

## CHAPTER 18

THE word which came to Jeremiah from the LORD saying,

2 "Arise and go down to the potter's house, and there I shall announce My words to you."

3 Then I went down to the potter's house, and there he was, making something on the wheel.

4 But the vessel that he was making of clay was spoiled in the hand of the potter; so he remade it into another vessel, as it pleased the potter to make.

5 Then the word of the LORD came to me saying,

6 "Can I not, O house of Israel, deal with you as this potter does?" declares the LORD. "Behold, like the clay in the potter's hand, so are you in My hand, O house of Israel.

7 "At one moment I might speak concerning a nation or concerning a kingdom to uproot, to pull down, or to destroy it,

8 if that nation against which I have spoken turns from its evil, I will relent concerning the calamity I planned to bring on it.

9 "Or at another moment I might speak concerning a nation or concerning a kingdom to build up or to plant it,

10 if it does evil in My sight by not obeying My voice, then I will think better of the good with which I had promised to bless it.

11 "So now then, speak to the men of Judah and against the inhabitants of Jerusalem saying, 'Thus says the LORD, "Behold, I am fashioning calamity against you and devising a plan against you. Oh turn back, each of you from his evil way, and reform your ways and your deeds."'

12 "But they will say, 'It's hopeless! For we are going to follow our own plans, and each of us will act according to the stubbornness of his evil heart.'

13 "Therefore thus says the LORD,

'Ask now among the nations,  
Who ever heard the like of this?  
The virgin of Israel  
Has done a most appalling thing.

14 'Does the snow of Lebanon forsake the rock of the open country?  
Or is the cold flowing water from a foreign land ever

snatched away?

**The Prophet Prays against His Enemies.  
The Broken Jar.**

**Jeremiah 18, 19**

- 15 <sup>a</sup>For <sup>a</sup>My people have forgotten Me,  
<sup>b</sup>They burn incense <sup>1</sup>to worthless gods  
And they <sup>2</sup>have stumbled <sup>3</sup>from their ways,  
<sup>3</sup>From the <sup>c</sup>ancient paths,  
To walk in bypaths,  
Not on a <sup>d</sup>highway,
- 16 To make their land a <sup>a</sup>desolation,  
*An object of perpetual hissing;*  
Everyone who passes by it will be astonished  
And <sup>b</sup>shake his head.
- 17 <sup>a</sup>Like an east wind I will <sup>a</sup>scatter them  
Before the enemy;  
I will <sup>1</sup>show them My back and not My face  
In the day of their calamity.”
- 18 Then they said, “Come and let us <sup>a</sup>devise plans against  
Jeremiah. Surely the <sup>b</sup>law is not going to be lost to the priest,  
nor <sup>c</sup>counsel to the sage, nor the *divine* <sup>d</sup>word to the prophet!  
<sup>c</sup>Come on and let us strike at him with *our* tongue, and let us  
give <sup>1</sup>no heed to any of his words.”
- 19 Do give heed to me, O LORD,  
And listen to <sup>1</sup>what my opponents are saying!
- 20 Should good be repaid with evil?  
For they have <sup>a</sup>dug a pit for <sup>1</sup>me.  
Remember how I <sup>b</sup>stood before Thee  
To speak good on their behalf,  
So as to turn away Thy wrath from them.
- 21 Therefore, <sup>a</sup>give their children over to famine,  
And deliver them up to the <sup>1</sup>power of the sword;  
And let their wives become <sup>b</sup>childless and <sup>c</sup>widowed.  
Let their men also be smitten to death,  
Their <sup>d</sup>young men struck down by the sword in battle.
- 22 May an <sup>a</sup>outcry be heard from their houses,  
When Thou suddenly bringest raiders upon them;  
<sup>b</sup>For they have dug a pit to capture me  
And <sup>c</sup>hidden snares for my feet.
- 23 Yet Thou, O LORD, knowest  
All their <sup>1</sup>deadly designs against me;  
Do not <sup>2a</sup>forgive their iniquity  
Or blot out their sin from Thy sight.  
But may they be <sup>3b</sup>overthrown before Thee;  
Deal with them in the <sup>c</sup>time of Thine anger!

**CHAPTER 19**

**T**HUS says the LORD, “Go and buy a <sup>a</sup>potter’s earthenware  
<sup>b</sup>jar, and *take* some of the <sup>c</sup>elders of the people and some of the  
<sup>1d</sup>senior priests.

2 “Then go out to the <sup>a</sup>valley of Ben-hinnom, which is by  
the entrance of the potsherd gate; and proclaim there the words  
that I shall tell you,

3 and say, <sup>1</sup>Hear the word of the LORD, O kings of Judah  
and inhabitants of Jerusalem: thus says the LORD of hosts, the  
God of Israel, “Behold I am about to bring a calamity upon this  
place, at which the <sup>a</sup>ears of everyone that hears of it will tingle.

15 <sup>1</sup>Lit. *to worthlessness*  
<sup>2</sup>So ancient versions; Heb.,  
*caused them to* <sup>3</sup>Or, in  
<sup>a</sup>Jer. 2:32; 3:21 <sup>b</sup>Jer. 7:9;  
44:17; Is. 65:7 <sup>c</sup>Jer. 6:16 <sup>d</sup>Is.  
57:14; 62:10

16 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 25:9; 50:13; Ezek.  
33:28, 29 <sup>b</sup>Jer. 48:27; Ps.  
22:7; Is. 37:22

17 <sup>1</sup>So ancient versions;  
M.T. reads: *look them in*  
*the back and not in the*  
*face*  
<sup>a</sup>Jer. 13:24; Job 27:21

18 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 18:11; 11:19 <sup>b</sup>Jer.  
2:8; Mal. 2:7 <sup>c</sup>Jer. 8:8; Job  
5:13 <sup>d</sup>Jer. 5:13 <sup>e</sup>Jer. 20:10;  
Ps. 52:2 <sup>f</sup>Jer. 43:2

19 <sup>1</sup>Lit. *the voice of my*  
*opponents*

20 <sup>1</sup>Lit. *my soul*  
<sup>a</sup>Jer. 18:22; 5:26; Ps. 35:7;  
57:6 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 106:23

21 <sup>1</sup>Lit. *hands of*  
<sup>a</sup>Jer. 11:22; 14:16; Ps. 109:9-  
20 <sup>b</sup>1 Sam. 15:33; Is. 13:18  
<sup>c</sup>Jer. 15:8; Ezek. 22:25 <sup>d</sup>Jer.  
9:21; 11:22

22 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 6:26; 25:34, 36  
<sup>b</sup>Jer. 18:20 <sup>c</sup>Ps. 140:5

23 <sup>1</sup>Lit. *unto death* <sup>2</sup>Lit.,  
*cover over, atone for* <sup>3</sup>Lit.,  
*ones made to stumble*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 109:14; Is. 2:9 <sup>b</sup>Jer.  
6:15, 21 <sup>c</sup>Jer. 7:20; 17:4

1 <sup>1</sup>Or, *elders of*  
<sup>a</sup>Jer. 18:2 <sup>b</sup>Jer. 19:10 <sup>c</sup>Num.  
11:16 <sup>d</sup>2 Kin. 19:2

2 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 7:31, 32; Josh.  
15:8

3 <sup>a</sup>1 Sam. 3:11; 4:18

4 <sup>1</sup>Or, *incense*  
<sup>a</sup>Jer. 17:13; Is. 65:11 <sup>b</sup>Ezek. 7:22; Dan. 11:31 <sup>c</sup>Jer. 7:9; 11:13 <sup>d</sup>Jer. 2:34; 7:6; 2 Kin. 21:6, 16

5 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *heart*  
<sup>a</sup>Jer. 32:35; Num. 22:41  
<sup>b</sup>2 Kin. 17:17; Ps. 106:37, 38

6 <sup>a</sup>Is. 30:33

7 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 8:8, 9; Ps. 33:10, 11; Is. 28:17, 18 <sup>b</sup>Jer. 16:4; Ps. 79:2, 3

8 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *blows*  
<sup>a</sup>Jer. 18:16 <sup>b</sup>1 Kin. 9:8; 2 Chr. 7:21

9 <sup>a</sup>Deut. 28:53, 55; Lam. 4:10; Ezek. 5:10

11 <sup>1</sup>Or, *until there is no place left to bury*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 2:9; Is. 30:14; Rev. 2:27  
<sup>b</sup>Jer. 7:32

13 <sup>1</sup>Or, *incense*  
<sup>a</sup>Jer. 52:13 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 74:7; 79:1; Ezek. 7:21, 22 <sup>c</sup>Jer. 32:29; Zeph. 1:5 <sup>d</sup>Jer. 8:2; Deut. 4:19; 2 Kin. 17:16 <sup>e</sup>Jer. 7:18; 44:18; Ezek. 20:28

14 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 26:2

15 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 7:26; 17:23; Neh. 9:17, 29 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 58:4

1 <sup>a</sup>1 Chr. 24:14; Ezra 2:37, 38 <sup>b</sup>2 Kin. 25:18

2 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 1:19; 1 Kin. 22:27; 2 Chr. 16:10; 24:21; Amos 7:10-13 <sup>b</sup>Job 13:27; 33:11  
<sup>c</sup>Jer. 37:13; 38:7; Zech. 14:10

3 <sup>1</sup>I. e., *Terror on every side*  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 8:3; Hos. 1:4, 9

4 "Because they have <sup>a</sup>forsaken Me and have made this an <sup>b</sup>alien place and have burned <sup>1</sup>sacrifices in it to <sup>c</sup>other gods that neither they nor their forefathers nor the kings of Judah had <sup>d</sup>ever known, and <sup>e</sup>because they have filled this place with the <sup>d</sup>blood of the innocent

5 and have built the <sup>a</sup>high places of Baal to burn their <sup>b</sup>sons in the fire as burnt offerings to Baal, a thing which I never commanded or spoke of, nor did it <sup>e</sup>ever enter My <sup>1</sup>mind;

6 therefore, behold, days are coming," declares the LORD, "when this place will no longer be called <sup>a</sup>Topheth or the valley of Ben-hinnom, but rather the valley of Slaughter.

7 "And I shall <sup>a</sup>make void the counsel of Judah and Jerusalem in this place, and I shall cause them to fall by the sword before their enemies and by the hand of those who seek their life; and I shall give over their <sup>b</sup>carcasses as food for the birds of the sky and the beasts of the earth.

8 "I shall also make this city a <sup>a</sup>desolation and an *object of hissing*; <sup>b</sup>everyone who passes by it will be astonished and hiss because of all its <sup>1</sup>disasters.

9 "And I shall make them <sup>a</sup>eat the flesh of their sons and the flesh of their daughters, and they will eat one another's flesh in the siege and in the distress with which their enemies and those who seek their life will distress them."

10 "Then you are to break the jar in the sight of the men who accompany you

11 and say to them, "Thus says the LORD of hosts, "Just so shall I <sup>a</sup>break this people and this city, even as one breaks a potter's vessel, which cannot again be repaired; and they will <sup>b</sup>bury in Topheth <sup>1</sup>because there is no *other* place for burial.

12 "This is how I shall treat this place and its inhabitants," declares the LORD, "so as to make this city like Topheth.

13 "And the <sup>a</sup>houses of Jerusalem and the houses of the kings of Judah will be defiled <sup>b</sup>like the place Topheth, because of all the <sup>c</sup>houses on whose rooftops they burned <sup>1</sup>sacrifices to <sup>d</sup>all the heavenly host and <sup>e</sup>poured out libations to other gods." " " "

14 Then Jeremiah came from Topheth, where the LORD had sent him to prophesy; and he stood in the <sup>a</sup>court of the LORD's house and said to all the people:

15 "Thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, 'Behold, I am about to bring on this city and all its towns the entire calamity that I have declared against it, because they have <sup>a</sup>stiffened their necks so <sup>b</sup>as not to heed My words.' "

## CHAPTER 20

WHEN Pashhur the priest, the son of <sup>a</sup>Immer, who was <sup>b</sup>chief officer in the house of the LORD, heard Jeremiah prophesying these things,

2 Pashhur had Jeremiah the prophet <sup>a</sup>beaten, and put him in the <sup>b</sup>stocks that were at the upper Benjamin <sup>c</sup>gate, which was by the house of the LORD.

3 Then it came about on the next day, when Pashhur released Jeremiah from the stocks, that Jeremiah said to him, "Pashhur is not the name the LORD has <sup>a</sup>called you, but rather <sup>1</sup>Magor-missabib.

**Jeremiah Threatens Pashhur with Captivity.  
He Laments His Trials, His Birth.**

**Jeremiah 20**

4 "For thus says the LORD, 'Behold, I am going to make you a <sup>a</sup>terror to yourself and to all your friends; and while <sup>b</sup>your eyes look on, they will fall by the sword of their enemies. So I shall give over all Judah to the hand of the king of Babylon, and he will carry them away as exiles to Babylon and will slay them with the sword.

5 'I shall also give over all the <sup>a</sup>wealth of this city, all its produce, and all its costly things; even all the treasures of the kings of Judah I shall give over to the <sup>b</sup>hand of their enemies, and they will plunder them, take them away, and bring them to Babylon.

6 'And you, Pashhur, and all who live in your house will go into captivity; and you will enter Babylon, and there you will die, and there you will be buried, you and all your <sup>a</sup>friends to whom you have falsely prophesied.' "

7 O LORD, Thou hast deceived me and I was deceived;  
Thou hast <sup>a</sup>overcome me and prevailed.  
I have become a <sup>b</sup>laughingstock all day long;  
Everyone <sup>c</sup>mocks me.

8 For each time I speak, I cry aloud;  
I proclaim violence and destruction,  
Because for me the <sup>a</sup>word of the LORD has <sup>l</sup>resulted  
In reproach and derision all day long.

9 But if I say, "I will not <sup>a</sup>remember Him  
Or speak any more in His name,"  
Then in my heart it becomes like a burning fire  
Shut up <sup>b</sup>in my bones;  
And I am weary of holding it in,  
And I cannot endure it.

10 For I have heard the whispering of many,  
"Terror on every side!  
<sup>a</sup>Denounce him; yes, let us denounce him!"  
<sup>l</sup>All my <sup>b</sup>trusted friends,  
Watching for my fall, say:  
"Perhaps he will be <sup>2</sup>deceived, so that we may <sup>c</sup>prevail  
against him

And take our revenge on him."

11 But the <sup>a</sup>LORD is with me like a dread champion;  
Therefore my <sup>b</sup>persecutors will stumble and not prevail.  
They will be utterly ashamed, because they have <sup>l</sup>failed,  
With an everlasting disgrace that will not be forgotten.

12 Yet, O LORD of hosts, Thou who dost <sup>a</sup>test the righteous,

Who seest the <sup>l</sup>mind and the heart;  
Let me <sup>b</sup>see Thy vengeance on them;  
For <sup>c</sup>to Thee I have set forth my cause.

13 Sing to the LORD, praise the LORD!  
For He has <sup>a</sup>delivered the soul of the needy one  
From the hand of evildoers.

14 Cursed be the <sup>a</sup>day when I was born;  
Let the day not be blessed when my mother bore me!  
15 Cursed be the man who brought the news  
To my father, saying,

4 <sup>a</sup>Job 18:11-21; Ezek. 26:21 <sup>b</sup>Jer. 29:21; 39:6, 7

5 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 15:13; 17:3 <sup>b</sup>Jer. 27:21, 22; 2 Kin. 20:17, 18; 2 Chr. 36:10

6 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 19:4; 14:14, 15; Lam. 2:14

7 <sup>a</sup>Ezek. 3:14; Mic. 3:8 <sup>b</sup>Lam. 3:14 <sup>c</sup>Jer. 38:19; Ps. 27:7

8 <sup>l</sup>Lit., *become*  
<sup>a</sup>Jer. 6:10; 2 Chr. 36:16

9 <sup>a</sup>1 Kin. 19:3, 4; Jon. 1:2, 3 <sup>b</sup>Jer. 4:19; 23:19; Job 38:18-20; Ps. 39:3; Ezek. 3:14; Acts 4:20

10 <sup>l</sup>Lit., *Every man of my peace* <sup>2</sup>Or, *persuaded*  
<sup>a</sup>Jer. 18:18; Neh. 6:6-13; Is. 29:21 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 41:9 <sup>c</sup>1 Kin. 19:2; 22:27

11 <sup>l</sup>Lit., *not succeeded, or, not acted wisely*  
<sup>a</sup>Jer. 1:8; 15:20 <sup>b</sup>Jer. 15:15; Deut. 32:35, 36

12 <sup>l</sup>Lit., *kidneys*  
<sup>a</sup>Jer. 11:20; 17:10; Ps. 7:9; 11:5; 17:3; 139:23 <sup>b</sup>Jer. 11:20; Ps. 59:10 <sup>c</sup>Ps. 62:8

13 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 15:21; Ps. 34:6; 69:33

14 <sup>a</sup>Job 3:3-6

15 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *male child*  
<sup>a</sup>Gen. 21:6, 7

16 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *being sorry* <sup>2</sup>Or,  
*trumpet blast*  
<sup>a</sup>Jer. 48:3, 4

17 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *from the womb*  
<sup>a</sup>Job 3:10, 11, 16; 10:18, 19

18 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 15:10; Job 3:20;  
 5:7; 14:1 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 90:9; 102:3  
<sup>c</sup>Jer. 3:25; Ps. 69:19; 1 Cor.  
 4:9-13

1 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 38:1; 1 Chr. 9:12  
<sup>b</sup>Jer. 29:25, 29; 37:3; 52:24;  
 2 Kin. 25:18-21

2 <sup>1</sup>Or, *miracles*  
<sup>a2</sup> Kin. 25:1, 2 <sup>b</sup>Jer. 32:17;  
 Ps. 44:1-4

4 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 32:5; 33:5; 37:8-10;  
 38:2, 3, 17, 18 <sup>b</sup>Jer. 39:3; Is.  
 5:5; Lam. 2:5, 7; Zech. 14:2

5 <sup>a</sup>Is. 63:10 <sup>b</sup>Jer. 6:12;  
 Deut. 4:34 <sup>c</sup>Jer. 32:37; Is.  
 5:25

6 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 14:12; 32:24

7 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 13:14; 2 Chr.  
 36:17; Ezek. 7:9; Hab. 1:6-  
 10

8 <sup>a</sup>Deut. 30:15, 19; Is.  
 1:19, 20

9 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 38:2; 39:18; 45:5

10 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *evil*  
<sup>a</sup>Jer. 44:11, 27; Amos 9:4  
<sup>b</sup>Jer. 32:28, 29 <sup>c</sup>Jer. 39:8;  
 52:13; 2 Chr. 36:19

"A <sup>1</sup>baby boy has been born to you!"  
 And made him very happy.

- 16 But let that man be like the cities  
 Which the LORD overthrew without <sup>1</sup>relenting,  
 And let him hear an <sup>2</sup>outcry in the morning  
 And a <sup>2</sup>shout of alarm at noon;
- 17 Because he did not <sup>a</sup>kill me <sup>1</sup>before birth,  
 So that my mother would have been my grave,  
 And her womb ever pregnant.
- 18 Why did I ever come forth from the womb  
 To <sup>a</sup>look on trouble and sorrow,  
 So that my <sup>b</sup>days have been spent in <sup>c</sup>shame?

## CHAPTER 21

THE word which came to Jeremiah from the LORD when King Zedekiah sent to him <sup>a</sup>Pashhur the son of Malchijah, and <sup>b</sup>Zephaniah the priest, the son of Maaseiah, saying,

2 "Please inquire of the LORD on our behalf, for <sup>a</sup>Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon is warring against us; perhaps the LORD will deal with us <sup>b</sup>according to all His <sup>1</sup>wonderful acts, that *the enemy* may withdraw from us."

3 Then Jeremiah said to them, "You shall say to Zedekiah as follows:

4 "Thus says the LORD God of Israel, "Behold, I am about to <sup>a</sup>turn back the weapons of war which are in your hands, with which you are warring against the king of Babylon and the Chaldeans who are besieging you outside the wall; and I shall <sup>b</sup>gather them into the center of this city.

5 "And I <sup>a</sup>Myself shall war against you with an <sup>b</sup>outstretched hand and a mighty arm, even in <sup>c</sup>anger and wrath and great indignation.

6 "I shall also strike down the inhabitants of this city, both man and beast; they will die of a great <sup>a</sup>pestilence.

7 "Then afterwards," declares the LORD, "I shall give over Zedekiah king of Judah and his servants and the people, even those who survive in this city from the pestilence, the sword, and the famine, into the hand of Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon, and into the hand of their foes, and into the hand of those who seek their lives; and he will strike them down with the edge of the sword. He will not <sup>a</sup>spare them nor have pity nor compassion."

8 "You shall also say to this people, "Thus says the LORD, "Behold, I set before you the <sup>a</sup>way of life and the way of death.

9 "He who <sup>a</sup>dwells in this city will die by the sword and by famine and by pestilence; but he who goes out and falls away to the Chaldeans who are besieging you will live, and he will have his own life as booty.

10 "For I have <sup>a</sup>set My face against this city for <sup>1</sup>harm and not for good," declares the LORD. "It will be <sup>b</sup>given into the hand of the king of Babylon, and he will <sup>c</sup>burn it with fire."

11 "Then say to the household of the king of Judah, 'Hear the word of the LORD,

- 12 O <sup>a</sup>house of David, thus says the LORD:  
<sup>b</sup>Administer justice <sup>1</sup>every <sup>c</sup>morning;  
 And deliver the *person* who has been robbed from the  
<sup>2</sup>power of his oppressor,  
<sup>d</sup>That My wrath may not go forth like fire  
 And burn with <sup>e</sup>none to extinguish it,  
 Because of the evil of their deeds.
- 13 "Behold, I am against you, O <sup>a</sup>valley dweller,  
 O <sup>1</sup>rocky plain," declares the LORD,  
 "You men who say, <sup>b</sup>Who will come down against us?  
 Or who will enter into our habitations?"
- 14 "But I shall punish you according to the <sup>1</sup>results of your  
 deeds," declares the LORD,  
 "And I shall kindle a fire in its forest  
 That it may <sup>a</sup>devour all its environs." " "

## CHAPTER 22

THUS says the LORD, "Go down to the house of the king of Judah, and there <sup>a</sup>speak this word,

2 and say, 'Hear the word of the LORD, O king of Judah, who <sup>a</sup>sits on David's throne, you and your servants and your people who enter these gates.

3 "Thus says the LORD, <sup>a</sup>"Do justice and righteousness, and deliver the one who has been robbed from the power of *his* <sup>b</sup>oppressor. Also <sup>c</sup>do not mistreat or do violence to the stranger, the orphan, or the widow; and do not <sup>d</sup>shed innocent blood in this place.

4 "For if you men will indeed perform this thing, then kings will enter the gates of this house, sitting <sup>1</sup>in David's place on his throne, riding in chariots and on horses, *even the king* himself and his servants and his people.

5 "But if you will not obey these words, I <sup>a</sup>swear by Myself," declares the LORD, "that this house will become a desolation." " "

6 For thus says the LORD concerning the house of the king of Judah:

"You are *like* <sup>a</sup>Gilead to Me,  
*Like* the summit of Lebanon;  
 Yet most assuredly I shall make you like a <sup>b</sup>wilderness,  
*Like* cities which are not inhabited.

7 "For I shall set apart <sup>a</sup>destroyers against you,  
 Each with his weapons;  
 And they will cut down your choicest <sup>b</sup>cedars  
 And throw *them* on the fire.

8 "And many nations will pass by this city; and they will <sup>a</sup>say to one another, 'Why has the LORD done thus to this great city?'

9 "Then they will <sup>1</sup>answer, 'Because they <sup>a</sup>forsook the covenant of the LORD their God and bowed down to other gods and served them.' "

10 Do not weep for the dead or mourn for him,  
 But weep continually for the one who goes away;  
 For he will never return  
 Or see his native land.

12 <sup>1</sup>Or, in the <sup>2</sup>Lit., hand  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 7:2, 13 <sup>b</sup>Jer. 7:5; 22:3;  
 Ps. 72: 1; Is. 1:17; Zech.  
 7:9, 10 <sup>c</sup>Zeph. 3:5 <sup>d</sup>Jer.  
 4:4; 17:4; Ezek. 20:47, 48;  
 Nah. 1:6 <sup>e</sup>Jer. 7:20; Is. 1:31

13 <sup>1</sup>Lit., rock of the level  
 place  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 125:2; Is. 22:1 <sup>b2</sup>Sam.  
 5:6, 7; Lam. 4:12; Obad. 3,  
 4

14 <sup>1</sup>Lit., fruit  
<sup>a</sup>Jer. 52:13; 2 Chr. 36:19

1 <sup>2</sup>Chr. 25:15, 16

2 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 22:4, 30; 17:25; Is.  
 9:7; Luke 1:32

3 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 7:5; 21:12 <sup>b</sup>Ps.  
 72:4 <sup>c</sup>Ex. 22:21-24 <sup>d</sup>Jer.  
 22:17; 7:6; 19:4

4 <sup>1</sup>Lit., for David

5 <sup>a</sup>Gen. 22:16; Amos 6:8;  
 Heb. 6:13

6 <sup>a</sup>Gen. 37:25; Num.  
 32:1; Song of Sol. 4:1 <sup>b</sup>Jer.  
 7:34; Ps. 107:34; Is. 6:11

7 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 4:6, 7; Is. 10:3-6  
<sup>b</sup>Is. 10:33, 34

8 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 16:10; Deut.  
 29:24-26; 1 Kin. 9:8, 9;  
 2 Chr. 7:20-22

9 <sup>1</sup>Lit., say  
<sup>a</sup>Jer. 11:3; 2 Chr. 34:25

11 <sup>1</sup>I. e., Jehoahaz

12 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 22:18; 2 Kin. 23:34

13 <sup>1</sup>Or, *roof chambers*  
<sup>a</sup>Jer. 17:11; Mic. 3:10; Hab. 2:9

14 <sup>1</sup>Or, *roof chambers*  
<sup>2</sup>Or, *Paneled* <sup>3</sup>Or, *vermilion*  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 5:8, 9 <sup>b2</sup>Sam. 7:2; Hag. 1:4

15 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 7:5; 21:12; 2 Kin. 23:25 <sup>b</sup>Jer. 42:6

16 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 72:1-4, 12, 13 <sup>b</sup>Jer. 9:24; 1 Chr. 28:9

17 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 6:13; 8:10; Luke 12:15-20

19 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 36:30; 1 Kin. 21:23, 24

20 <sup>a</sup>Num. 27:12; Deut. 32:49 <sup>b</sup>Jer. 2:25; 3:1

22 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 30:14

24 <sup>1</sup>I. e., Jehoiachin <sup>2</sup>Lit., *off from there*  
<sup>a</sup>Song of Sol. 8:6; Is. 49:16; Hag. 2:23

11 For thus says the LORD in regard to <sup>1</sup>Shallum the son of Josiah, king of Judah, who became king in the place of Josiah his father, who went forth from this place, "He will never return there;

12 but in the place where they led him captive, there he will <sup>a</sup>die and not see this land again.

13 "Woe to him who builds his house without <sup>a</sup>righteousness

And his <sup>1</sup>upper rooms without justice,  
Who uses his neighbor's services without pay  
And does not give him his wages,

14 Who says, 'I will <sup>a</sup>build myself a roomy house  
With spacious <sup>1</sup>upper rooms,  
And cut out its windows,

<sup>2</sup>Paneling it with <sup>b</sup>cedar and painting it <sup>3</sup>bright red.'

15 "Do you become a king because you are competing in cedar?

Did not your father eat and drink,  
And <sup>a</sup>do justice and righteousness?  
Then it was <sup>b</sup>well with him.

16 "He pled the cause of the <sup>a</sup>afflicted and needy;  
Then it was well.

<sup>b</sup>Is not that what it means to know Me?"  
Declares the LORD.

17 "But your eyes and your heart  
Are *intent* only upon your own <sup>a</sup>dishonest gain,  
And on shedding innocent blood  
And on practicing oppression and extortion."

18 Therefore thus says the LORD in regard to Jehoiakim the son of Josiah, king of Judah,

"They will not lament for him:  
'Alas, my brother!' or, 'Alas, sister!'  
They will not lament for him:

'Alas for the master!' or, 'Alas for his splendor!'

19 "He will be <sup>a</sup>buried with a donkey's burial,  
Dragged off and thrown out beyond the gates of Jerusalem.

20 "Go up to Lebanon and cry out,  
And lift up your voice in Bashan;  
Cry out also from <sup>a</sup>Abarim,  
For all your <sup>b</sup>lovers have been crushed.

21 "I spoke to you in your prosperity;  
But you said, 'I will not listen!'  
This has been your practice from your youth,  
That you have not obeyed My voice.

22 "The wind will sweep away all your shepherds,  
And your <sup>a</sup>lovers will go into captivity;  
Then you will surely be ashamed and humiliated  
Because of all your wickedness.

23 "You who dwell in Lebanon,  
Nested in the cedars,  
How you will groan when pangs come upon you,  
Pain like a woman in childbirth!

24 "As I live," declares the LORD, "even though <sup>1</sup>Coniah the son of Jehoiakim king of Judah were a <sup>a</sup>signet ring on My right hand, yet I would pull <sup>1</sup>you <sup>2</sup>off;



25 and I shall give you over into the hand of those who are seeking your life, yes, into the hand of those whom you dread, even into the hand of Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon, and into the hand of the Chaldeans.

26 "I shall hurl you and your mother who bore you into another country where you were not born, and there you will die.

27 "But as for the land to which they desire to return, they will not return to it.

28 "Is this man Coniah a despised, shattered jar?

Or is he an undesirable vessel?

Why have he and his descendants been hurled out  
And cast into a land that they had not known?

29 "O land, land, land,  
Hear the word of the LORD!

30 "Thus says the LORD,  
'Write this man down childless,  
A man who will not prosper in his days;  
For no man of his descendants will prosper  
Sitting on the throne of David  
Or ruling again in Judah.'

CHAPTER 23

"<sup>a</sup>WOE to the shepherds who are destroying and scattering the 'sheep of My pasture!' declares the LORD.

2 Therefore thus says the LORD God of Israel concerning the shepherds who are tending My people: "You have scattered My flock and driven them away, and have not attended to them; behold, I am about to attend to you for the evil of your deeds," declares the LORD.

3 "Then I Myself shall gather the remnant of My flock out of all the countries where I have driven them and shall bring them back to their pasture; and they will be fruitful and multiply.

4 "I shall also raise up shepherds over them and they will tend them; and they will not be afraid any longer, nor be terrified, nor will any be missing," declares the LORD.

5 "Behold, the days are coming," declares the LORD,

"When I shall raise up for David a righteous Branch;  
And He will reign as king and act wisely  
And do justice and righteousness in the land.

6 "In His days Judah will be saved,  
And Israel will dwell securely;  
And this is His name by which He will be called,  
'The LORD our righteousness.'

7 "Therefore behold, the days are coming," declares the LORD, "when they will no longer say, 'As the LORD lives, who brought up the sons of Israel from the land of Egypt,'

8 but, 'As the LORD lives, who brought up and led back the descendants of the household of Israel from the north land and from all the countries where I had driven them.' Then they will live on their own soil."

9 As for the prophets:  
My heart is broken within me,  
All my bones tremble;

25 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 21:7; 34:20, 21;  
2 Kin. 24:15, 16

26 <sup>a</sup>2 Kin. 24:8

28 <sup>a</sup>Hos. 8:8 <sup>b</sup>Jer. 15:1

29 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 6:19; Deut. 4:26;  
Mic. 1:2

30 <sup>a</sup>1 Chr. 3:17; Matt.  
1:12 <sup>b</sup>Jer. 2:37; 10:21 <sup>c</sup>Jer.  
36:30; Ps. 94:20

1 <sup>a</sup>Ezek. 13:3; 34:2; Zech.  
11:17 <sup>b</sup>Jer. 10:21; 50:6; Is.  
56:9-12 <sup>c</sup>Ezek. 34:31

2 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *shepherding*  
<sup>a</sup>Ex. 32:34 <sup>b</sup>Jer. 21:12;  
44:22

3 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 31:7, 8; 32:37; Is.  
11:1-16

4 <sup>1</sup>Or, *shepherd*  
<sup>a</sup>Jer. 3:15; 31:10; Ezek.  
34:23 <sup>b</sup>John 6:39; 10:28;  
1 Pet. 1:5

5 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *Sprout* <sup>2</sup>Or,  
*succeed*  
<sup>a</sup>Jer. 30:9; 33:15, 16; Is. 4:2;  
11:1-5; 53:2; Zech. 3:8;  
6:12, 13 <sup>b</sup>Is. 9:7; 52:13;  
Luke 1:32, 33 <sup>c</sup>Ps. 72:2

6 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 30:10; Deut.  
33:28; Zech. 14:11 <sup>b</sup>Is. 7:14;  
9:6; Matt. 1:21-23 <sup>c</sup>Jer.  
33:16; Is. 45:24, 25; 54:17;  
Dan. 9:24; Rom. 3:22

7 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 16:14, 15; Is.  
43:18, 19

9 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 8:18; Hab. 3:16

10 \*Jer. 9:2; Hos. 4:2, 3;  
Mal. 3:5 <sup>b</sup>Jer. 9:10; Ps.  
107:34

12 \*Jer. 13:16; Ps. 35:6 <sup>b</sup>Is.  
8:22; John 12:35 <sup>c</sup>Jer. 11:23

13 \*Hos. 9:7, 8 <sup>b</sup>Jer. 2:8;  
1 Kin. 18:18-21

14 \*Jer. 23:22; Ezek.  
13:22, 23 <sup>b</sup>Jer. 20:16; 49:18;  
Is. 1:9, 10; Matt. 11:24

15 \*Jer. 8:14; 9:15; Deut.  
29:18

16 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *heart*  
<sup>a</sup>Jer. 27:9, 10, 14-17; 1 John  
4:1 <sup>b</sup>Matt. 7:15; 2 Cor.  
11:13-15; Gal. 1:8, 9 <sup>c</sup>Jer.  
14:14; Ezek. 13:3, 6

17 \*Mic. 2:11 <sup>b</sup>Jer. 8:11  
<sup>c</sup>Jer. 5:12; Amos 9:10; Mic.  
3:11

18 <sup>1</sup>Another reading is,  
*My*  
<sup>a</sup>Jer. 23:22; Job 15:8, 9 <sup>b</sup>Job  
33:31

19 \*Jer. 30:23; Amos 1:14

20 \*Jer. 30:24; Is. 55:11;  
Zech. 1:6

I have become like a drunken man,  
Even like a man overcome with wine,  
Because of the LORD  
And because of His holy words.

- 10 For the land is full of <sup>a</sup>adulterers;  
For the land mourns because of the curse.  
The <sup>b</sup>pastures of the wilderness have dried up.  
Their course also is evil,  
And their might is not right.
- 11 "For both prophet and priest are polluted;  
Even in My house I have found their wickedness,"  
declares the LORD.
- 12 "Therefore their way will be like <sup>a</sup>slippery paths to them,  
They will be driven away into the <sup>b</sup>gloom and fall down  
in it;  
For I shall bring <sup>c</sup>calamity upon them,  
The year of their punishment," declares the LORD.
- 13 "Moreover, among the prophets of Samaria I saw an  
<sup>a</sup>offensive thing:  
They <sup>b</sup>prophesied by Baal and led My people Israel  
astray.
- 14 "Also among the prophets of Jerusalem I have seen a  
horrible thing:  
The committing of adultery and walking in falsehood;  
And they strengthen the hands of <sup>a</sup>evildoers,  
So that no one has turned back from his wickedness.  
All of them have become to Me like <sup>b</sup>Sodom,  
And her inhabitants like Gomorrah.
- 15 "Therefore thus says the LORD of hosts concerning the  
prophets,  
'Behold, I am going to <sup>a</sup>feed them wormwood  
And make them drink poisonous water,  
For from the prophets of Jerusalem  
Pollution has gone forth into all the land.' "
- 16 Thus says the LORD of hosts,  
"<sup>a</sup>Do not listen to the words of the prophets who are  
prophesying to you.  
They are <sup>b</sup>leading you into futility;  
They speak a <sup>c</sup>vision of their own <sup>i</sup>imagination,  
Not from the mouth of the LORD.
- 17 "They keep saying to those who <sup>a</sup>despise Me,  
'The LORD has said, "<sup>b</sup>You will have peace";  
And as for every one who walks in the stubbornness of  
his own heart,  
They say, "<sup>c</sup>Calamity will not come upon you.'
- 18 "But <sup>a</sup>who has stood in the council of the LORD,  
That he should see and hear His word?  
Who has given <sup>b</sup>heed to <sup>1</sup>His word and listened?
- 19 "Behold, the <sup>a</sup>storm of the LORD has gone forth in wrath,  
Even a whirling tempest;  
It will swirl down on the head of the wicked.
- 20 "The <sup>a</sup>anger of the LORD will not turn back  
Until He has performed and carried out the purposes of  
His heart;  
In the last days you will clearly understand it.

- 21 "I did not send *these* prophets,  
But they ran.  
I did not speak to them,  
But they prophesied.
- 22 "But if they had stood in My council,  
Then they would have <sup>a</sup>announced My words to My  
people,  
And would have turned them back from their evil way  
And from the evil of their deeds.
- 23 "Am I a God who is <sup>a</sup>near," declares the LORD,  
"And not a God <sup>b</sup>far off?
- 24 "Can a man <sup>a</sup>hide himself in hiding places,  
So I do not see him?" declares the LORD.  
"<sup>b</sup>Do I not fill the heavens and the earth?" declares the  
LORD.
- 25 "I have <sup>a</sup>heard what the prophets have said who prophesy  
falsely in My name, saying, 'I had a <sup>b</sup>dream, I had a dream!'  
26 "How long? Is there *anything* in the hearts of the proph-  
ets who prophesy falsehood, even *these* prophets of the <sup>a</sup>decep-  
tion of their own heart,  
27 who intend to <sup>a</sup>make My people forget My name by  
their dreams which they relate to one another, just as their  
fathers <sup>b</sup>forgot My name because of Baal?  
28 "The prophet who has a dream may relate *his* dream, but  
let him who has My word speak My word in truth. <sup>a</sup>What does  
straw have *in common* with grain?" declares the LORD.  
29 "Is not My word like <sup>a</sup>fire?" declares the LORD, "and like  
a <sup>b</sup>hammer which shatters a rock?  
30 "Therefore behold, I am against the prophets," declares  
the LORD, "who steal My words from each other.  
31 "Behold, I am against the prophets," declares the LORD,  
"who use their tongues and declare, '*The Lord declares.*'  
32 "Behold, I am against those who have prophesied <sup>a</sup>false  
dreams," declares the LORD, "and related them, and led My  
people astray by their falsehoods and reckless boasting; yet <sup>b</sup>I  
did not send them or command them, nor do they <sup>c</sup>furnish this  
people the slightest benefit," declares the LORD.  
33 "Now when this people or the prophet or a priest asks you  
saying, 'What is the <sup>1a</sup>oracle of the LORD?' then you shall say  
to them, 'What <sup>1</sup>oracle?' The LORD declares, 'I shall <sup>b</sup>abandon  
you.'  
34 "Then as for the prophet or the priest or the people who  
say, 'The <sup>a</sup>oracle of the LORD,' I shall bring punishment upon  
that man and his household.  
35 "Thus shall each of you say to his neighbor and to his  
brother, 'What has the LORD answered?' or, <sup>a</sup>'What has the  
LORD spoken?'  
36 "For you will no longer remember the oracle of the LORD,  
because every man's own word will become the oracle, and you  
have <sup>a</sup>perverted the words of the <sup>b</sup>living God, the LORD of hosts,  
our God.  
37 "Thus you will say to *that* prophet, 'What has the LORD  
answered you?' and, 'What has the LORD spoken?'  
38 "For if you say, 'The oracle of the LORD!' surely thus says  
the LORD, 'Because you said this word, "The oracle of the

22 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 35:15; Zech. 1:4;  
1 Thess. 1:9, 10

23 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 139:1-10 <sup>b</sup>Jer.  
51:50; Ps. 113:5; Jon. 1:3, 4

24 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 49:10; Job 22:13,  
14; Ps. 139:7-12; Is. 29:15  
<sup>b</sup>1 Kin. 8:27; Is. 66:1

25 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 8:6; 1 Cor. 4:5  
<sup>b</sup>Jer. 23:28, 32; 29:8; Num.  
12:6; Joel 2:28

26 <sup>a</sup>1 Tim. 4:1, 2

27 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 29:8; Deut. 13:1-3  
<sup>b</sup>Judg. 3:7; 8:33, 34

28 <sup>a</sup>1 Cor. 3:12, 13

29 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 5:14; 20:9 <sup>b</sup>2 Cor.  
10:4, 5

32 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 23:25; Deut. 13:1,  
2 <sup>b</sup>Jer. 23:21; Lam. 3:37  
<sup>c</sup>Jer. 7:8; Lam. 2:14

33 <sup>1</sup>Or. *burden*, and so  
throughout the chap.  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 13:1; Nah. 1:1; Hab.  
1:1; Zech. 9:1 <sup>b</sup>Jer. 23:39;  
12:7

34 <sup>a</sup>Lam. 2:14; Zech. 13:3

35 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 33:3; 42:4

36 <sup>a</sup>2 Pet. 3:16 <sup>b</sup>Jer. 10:10;  
2 Kin. 19:4

39 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 23:33; 7:14, 15; Ezek. 8:18

40 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 20:11; 42:18; Ezek. 5:14, 15

1 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 27:20; 29:1, 2; 2 Kin. 24:10-16; 2 Chr. 36:10 <sup>b</sup>Amos 8:1

2 <sup>a</sup>Mic. 7:1; Nah. 3:12 <sup>b</sup>Jer. 29:17; Is. 5:4, 7

3 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 1:11, 13; Amos 8:2; Zech. 4:2

5 <sup>a</sup>Nah. 1:7; Zech. 13:9

6 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 29:10; 32:37; Ezek. 11:17 <sup>b</sup>Jer. 31:4; 33:7 <sup>c</sup>Jer. 32:41; 42:10

7 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 31:33; 32:40 <sup>b</sup>Zech. 8:8; Heb. 8:10 <sup>c</sup>Jer. 29:13; 1 Sam. 7:3

8 <sup>1</sup>Lit., give up <sup>a</sup>Jer. 29:17 <sup>b</sup>Jer. 39:5; Ezek. 12:13 <sup>c</sup>Jer. 39:9 <sup>d</sup>Jer. 44:26-30

9 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 15:4; 29:18; 34:17 <sup>b</sup>1 Kin. 9:7; Ps. 44:13, 14 <sup>c</sup>Is. 65:15

10 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 21:9; 27:8; Is. 51:19; Ezek. 5:12-17

1 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 36:1; 46:2 <sup>b</sup>2 Kin. 24:1, 2; 2 Chr. 36:4-6 <sup>c</sup>Jer. 32:1

2 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 18:11

3 <sup>1</sup>Lit., this <sup>2</sup>Lit., rising early and speaking <sup>a</sup>Jer. 1:2 <sup>b</sup>2 Chr. 34:1-3, 8 <sup>c</sup>Jer. 36:2 <sup>d</sup>Jer. 7:25; 11:7; 26:5

LORD!" I have also sent to you, saying, "You shall not say, 'The oracle of the LORD!'" "

39 "Therefore behold, <sup>a</sup>I shall surely forget you and cast you away from My presence, along with the city which I gave you and your fathers.

40 "And I will put an everlasting <sup>a</sup>reproach on you and an everlasting humiliation which will not be forgotten."

CHAPTER 24

AFTER <sup>a</sup>Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon had carried away captive Jeconiah the son of Jehoiakim, king of Judah, and the officials of Judah with the craftsmen and smiths from Jerusalem and had brought them to Babylon, the LORD showed me: behold, two baskets of <sup>b</sup>figs set before the temple of the LORD!

2 One basket had very good figs, like <sup>a</sup>first-ripe figs; and the other basket had <sup>b</sup>very bad figs, which could not be eaten due to rottenness.

3 Then the LORD said to me, "<sup>a</sup>What do you see, Jeremiah?" And I said, "Figs, the good figs, very good; and the bad figs, very bad, which cannot be eaten due to rottenness."

4 Then the word of the LORD came to me, saying,

5 "Thus says the LORD God of Israel, 'Like these good figs, so I will regard <sup>a</sup>as good the captives of Judah, whom I have sent out of this place *into* the land of the Chaldeans.

6 'For I will set My eyes on them for good, and I will <sup>a</sup>bring them again to this land; and I will <sup>b</sup>build them up and not overthrow them, and I will <sup>c</sup>plant them and not pluck *them* up.

7 'And I will give them a <sup>a</sup>heart to know Me, for I am the LORD; and they will be <sup>b</sup>My people, and I will be their God, for they will <sup>c</sup>return to Me with their whole heart.

8 'But like the <sup>a</sup>bad figs which cannot be eaten due to rottenness—for thus says the LORD,—so I will <sup>a</sup>abandon <sup>b</sup>Zedekiah king of Judah and his officials, and the <sup>c</sup>remnant of Jerusalem who remain in this land, and the ones who dwell in the land of <sup>d</sup>Egypt.

9 'And I will <sup>a</sup>make them a terror *and an evil* for all the kingdoms of the earth, as a <sup>b</sup>reproach and a proverb, a taunt and a <sup>c</sup>curse in all places where I shall scatter them.

10 'And I will send the <sup>a</sup>sword, the famine, and the pestilence upon them until they are destroyed from the land which I gave to them and their forefathers.'"

CHAPTER 25

THE word that came to Jeremiah concerning all the people of Judah, in the <sup>a</sup>fourth year of <sup>b</sup>Jehoiakim the son of Josiah, king of Judah (that was the <sup>c</sup>first year of Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon),

2 which Jeremiah the prophet spoke to all the <sup>a</sup>people of Judah and to all the inhabitants of Jerusalem, saying,

3 "From the <sup>a</sup>thirteenth year of <sup>b</sup>Josiah the son of Amon, king of Judah, even to this day, <sup>1</sup>these <sup>c</sup>twenty-three years the word of the LORD has come to me, and I have spoken to you <sup>2d</sup>again and again, but you have not listened.

4 "And the LORD has sent to you all His <sup>a</sup>servants the prophets <sup>1</sup>again and again, but you have not listened nor inclined your ear to hear,

5 saying, <sup>a</sup>Turn now every one from his evil way and from the evil of your deeds, and dwell on the land which the LORD has given to you and your forefathers <sup>b</sup>forever and ever;

6 and do not <sup>a</sup>go after other gods to <sup>1</sup>serve them and to <sup>2</sup>worship them, and do not provoke Me to anger with the work of your hands, and I will do you no harm.'

7 "Yet you have not listened to Me," declares the LORD, "in order that you might <sup>a</sup>provoke Me to anger with the work of your hands to your own harm.

8 "Therefore thus says the LORD of hosts, 'Because you have not obeyed My words,

9 behold, I will send and take all the families of the north,' declares the LORD, 'and I will send to Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon, <sup>a</sup>My servant, and will bring them against this land, and against its inhabitants, and against all these nations round about; and I will <sup>1</sup>utterly destroy them, and make them a horror, and a hissing, and an everlasting desolation.

10 'Moreover, I will <sup>1</sup>take from them the voice of joy and the <sup>a</sup>voice of gladness, the voice of the bridegroom and the voice of the bride, the <sup>b</sup>sound of the millstones and the light of the lamp.

11 'And this whole land shall be a desolation and a horror, and these nations shall serve the king of Babylon <sup>a</sup>seventy years.

12 'Then it will be <sup>a</sup>when seventy years are completed I will <sup>b</sup>punish the king of Babylon and that nation,' declares the LORD, 'for their iniquity, and the land of the Chaldeans; and I will make it an everlasting desolation.

13 'And I will bring upon that land all My words which I have pronounced against it, all that is written in <sup>a</sup>this book, which Jeremiah has prophesied against all the nations.

14 '(<sup>1</sup>For <sup>a</sup>many nations and great kings shall make slaves of them, even them; and I will <sup>b</sup>recompense them according to their deeds, and according to the work of their hands.)''

15 For thus the LORD, the God of Israel, says to me, "Take this <sup>a</sup>cup of the wine of wrath from My hand, and cause all the nations, to whom I send you, to drink it.

16 "And they shall drink and stagger and go mad because of the sword that I will send among them."

17 Then I took the cup from the LORD's hand, and <sup>a</sup>made all the nations drink, to whom the LORD sent me:

18 Jerusalem and the cities of Judah, and its kings *and* its princes, to make them a ruin, a horror, a hissing, and a curse, as it is this day;

19 <sup>a</sup>Pharaoh king of Egypt, his servants, his princes, and all his people;

20 and all the <sup>1</sup>foreign people, all the kings of the <sup>b</sup>land of Uz, all the kings of the land of the Philistines (even Ashkelon, Gaza, Ekron, and the remnant of <sup>c</sup>Ashdod);

21 <sup>a</sup>Edom, <sup>b</sup>Moab, and the sons of <sup>c</sup>Ammon;

22 and all the kings of <sup>a</sup>Tyre, all the kings of Sidon, and the kings of <sup>b</sup>the coastlands which are beyond the sea;

4 <sup>1</sup>Lit. *rising early and sending*  
Jer. 26:5

5 Jer. 4:1; 35:15; Is. 55:6, 7; Ezek. 18:30; Jon. 3:8-10  
bJer. 7:7; 17:25; Gen. 17:8

6 <sup>1</sup>Or. *worship* <sup>2</sup>Or. *bow down to*  
Jer. 35:15; Deut. 6:14; 8:19; 2 Kin. 17:35

7 Jer. 7:19; 32:30-33; 2 Kin. 17:17; 21:15

9 <sup>1</sup>Or. *put them under the ban*  
Jer. 27:6; 43:10; Is. 13:3

10 <sup>1</sup>Lit. *cause to perish*  
Jer. 16:9; Is. 24:8-11; Ezek. 26:13 bEccles. 12:4; Is. 47:2

11 Dan. 9:2; Zech. 7:5

12 Jer. 29:10; Ezra 1:1  
bJer. chaps. 50, 51; Is. 13:14

13 Jer. 36:4, 29, 32

14 <sup>1</sup>Or. *For they have served many nations and great kings*  
Jer. 27:7; 50:9; 51:27, 28  
bJer. 51:6, 24, 56

15 Jer. 51:7; Ps. 75:8; Is. 51:17, 22

17 Jer. 25:28; 1:10; 27:3; Ezek. 43:3

19 Jer. 46:2-28; Nah. 3:8-10

20 <sup>1</sup>Or. *mixed multitude*  
Jer. 25:24; 50:37; Ezek. 30:5 bJob 1:1; Lam. 4:21  
cIs. 20:1

21 Jer. 49:7-22; Ps. 137:7  
bJer. 48:1-47; Amos 2:1-3  
cJer. 49:1-6; Amos 1:13-15

22 Jer. 47:4; Zech. 9:2-4  
bJer. 31:10

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23 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 49:7, 8; Is. 21:13  
<sup>b</sup>Gen. 22:21 <sup>c</sup>Jer. 9:26;  
49:32

24 <sup>1</sup>Or, *mixed multitude*  
<sup>2</sup>Chr. 9:14

25 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 49:34; Gen. 10:22;  
Is. 11:11

26 <sup>1</sup>Possibly a *cipher for Babylon*  
<sup>a</sup>Jer. 25:9; 50:9 <sup>b</sup>Jer. 51:41

27 <sup>a</sup>Ezek. 21:4, 5

28 <sup>a</sup>Job 34:33

29 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 13:13; Prov. 11:31;  
Is. 10:12; Ezek. 9:6; 1 Pet.  
4:17 <sup>b</sup>1 Kin. 8:43

30 <sup>1</sup>Or, *pasture*  
<sup>a</sup>Jer. 25:38; Is. 42:13 <sup>b</sup>Joel  
2:11; Amos 1:2

31 <sup>a</sup>Is. 66:16; Ezek.  
20:35, 36

32 <sup>2</sup>Chr. 15:6; Is. 34:2  
<sup>b</sup>Jer. 23:19; Is. 30:30

33 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *other end of the earth*  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 34:2, 3; 66:16 <sup>b</sup>Jer. 16:4;  
Ps. 79:3; Ezek. 39:4, 17 <sup>c</sup>Is.  
5:25

34 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *are full*  
<sup>a</sup>Jer. 6:26; Ezek. 27:30 <sup>b</sup>Jer.  
50:27; Is. 34:7

35 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 11:11; Job 11:20;  
Amos 2:14

37 <sup>1</sup>Or, *pastures*  
<sup>a</sup>Jer. 5:17; 13:20; Is. 27:10,  
11

23 and <sup>a</sup>Dedan, Tema, <sup>b</sup>Buz, and all who cut the <sup>c</sup>corners  
of their hair;

24 and all the kings of <sup>a</sup>Arabia and all the kings of the  
<sup>1</sup>foreign people who dwell in the desert;

25 and all the kings of Zimri, all the kings of <sup>a</sup>Elam, and  
all the kings of Media;

26 and all the kings of the north, near and far, one with  
another; and <sup>a</sup>all the kingdoms of the earth which are upon the  
face of the ground, and the king of <sup>1b</sup>Sheshach shall drink after  
them.

27 "And you shall say to them, "Thus says the LORD of hosts,  
the God of Israel, "Drink, be drunk, vomit, fall, and rise no  
more because of the <sup>a</sup>sword which I will send among you." "

28 "And it will be, if they <sup>a</sup>refuse to take the cup from your  
hand to drink, then you will say to them, "Thus says the LORD  
of hosts: "You shall surely drink!

29 "For behold, I am <sup>a</sup>beginning to work calamity in *this* city  
which is <sup>b</sup>called by My name, and shall you be completely free  
from punishment? You will not be free from punishment; for  
I am summoning a sword against all the inhabitants of the  
earth," declares the LORD of hosts.'

30 "Therefore you shall prophesy against them all these  
words, and you shall say to them,

"The <sup>a</sup>LORD will <sup>b</sup>roar from on high,  
And utter His voice from His holy habitation;  
He will roar mightily against His <sup>1</sup>fold.  
He will shout like those who tread *the grapes*,  
Against all the inhabitants of the earth.

31 'A clamor has come to the end of the earth,  
Because the LORD has a controversy with the nations.  
He is entering into <sup>a</sup>judgment with all flesh;  
As for the wicked, He has given them to the sword,'  
declares the LORD."

32 Thus says the LORD of hosts,  
"Behold, evil is going forth  
From <sup>a</sup>nation to nation,  
And a great <sup>b</sup>storm is being stirred up  
From the remotest parts of the earth.

33 "And those <sup>a</sup>slain by the LORD on that day shall be from  
one end of the earth to the <sup>1</sup>other. They shall <sup>b</sup>not be lamented,  
gathered, or buried; they shall be like <sup>c</sup>dung on the face of the  
ground.

34 "Wail, you shepherds, and cry;  
And <sup>a</sup>wallow in *ashes*, you masters of the flock;  
For the days of your <sup>b</sup>slaughter and your dispersions  
<sup>1</sup>have come,  
And you shall fall like a choice vessel.

35 "Flight shall <sup>a</sup>perish from the shepherds,  
And escape from the masters of the flock.

36 "Hear the sound of the cry of the shepherds,  
And the wailing of the masters of the flock!  
For the LORD is destroying their pasture,

37 "And the peaceful <sup>1a</sup>fold are made silent  
Because of the fierce anger of the LORD.

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38 "He has <sup>a</sup>left His hiding place like the lion;  
For their land has become a horror  
Because of the fierceness of the <sup>l</sup>oppressing sword,  
And because of His fierce anger."

**CHAPTER 26**

**I**N the beginning of the reign of <sup>a</sup>Jehoiakim the son of Josiah, king of Judah, this word came from the LORD, saying,

2 "Thus says the LORD, 'Stand in the <sup>a</sup>court of the LORD's house, and speak to all the cities of Judah, who have come to worship *in* the LORD's house, <sup>b</sup>all the words that I have commanded you to speak to them. <sup>c</sup>Do not omit a word!

3 <sup>a</sup>Perhaps they will listen and everyone will turn from his evil way, that I may repent of the calamity which I am planning to do to them because of the evil of their deeds.'

4 "And you will say to them, 'Thus says the LORD, "If you will not listen to Me, to <sup>b</sup>walk in My law, which I have set before you,

5 to listen to the words of <sup>a</sup>My servants the prophets, whom I have been sending to you <sup>l</sup>again and again, but you have not listened;

6 then I will make this house like <sup>a</sup>Shiloh, and this city I will make a <sup>b</sup>curse to all the nations of the earth." ' "

7 And the <sup>a</sup>priests and the prophets and all the people heard Jeremiah speaking these words in the house of the LORD.

8 And when Jeremiah finished speaking all that the LORD had commanded *him* to speak to all the people, the priests and the prophets and all the people seized him, saying, "<sup>a</sup>You must die!

9 "Why have you prophesied in the name of the LORD saying, 'This house will be like Shiloh, and this city will be desolate, without inhabitant?'" And <sup>a</sup>all the people gathered about Jeremiah in the house of the LORD.

10 And when the princes of Judah heard these things, they <sup>a</sup>came up from the king's house to the house of the LORD and sat in the <sup>b</sup>entrance of the New Gate of the LORD's house.

11 Then the priests and the prophets <sup>a</sup>spoke to the officials and to all the people, saying, "A <sup>b</sup>death sentence for this man! For he has prophesied <sup>a</sup>against this city as you have heard in your hearing."

12 Then Jeremiah spoke to all the officials and to all the people, saying, "The LORD sent me to prophesy against this house and against this city all the words that you have heard.

13 "Now therefore <sup>a</sup>amend your ways and your deeds, and obey the voice of the LORD your God; and the LORD will <sup>l</sup>change His mind about the misfortune which He has pronounced against you.

14 "But as for me, behold, I am in your hands; do with me as is good and right in your sight.

15 "Only know for certain that if you put me to death, you will bring <sup>a</sup>innocent blood on yourselves, and on this city, and on its inhabitants; for truly the LORD has sent me to you to speak all these words in your hearing."

38 <sup>l</sup>Or. *oppressor*  
<sup>a</sup>Jer. 4:7; 5:6; Hos. 5:14; 13:7, 8

1 <sup>a</sup>2 Kin. 23:36; 2 Chr. 36:4, 5

2 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 7:2; 19:14; 2 Chr. 24:20, 21; Luke 19:47, 48  
<sup>b</sup>Jer. 1:17; 42:4; Acts 20:20, 27  
<sup>c</sup>Deut. 4:2

3 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 36:3-7; Is. 1:16-19

4 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 17:27; 22:5; Lev. 26:14; 1 Kin. 9:6; Is. 1:20  
<sup>b</sup>Jer. 32:23; 44:10, 23

5 <sup>l</sup>Lit. *rising early and sending*  
<sup>a</sup>Jer. 25:4; 2 Kin. 9:7; Ezra 9:11

6 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 7:12, 14; 1 Sam. 4:10-12, 22; Ps. 78:60, 61  
<sup>b</sup>Jer. 24:9; 25:18; 2 Kin. 22:19

7 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 5:31; Mic. 3:11

8 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 11:19; 18:23; Lam. 4:13, 14; Matt. 21:35, 36; 23:34, 35

9 <sup>a</sup>Acts 3:11; 5:12

10 <sup>a</sup>Acts 21:31, 32 <sup>b</sup>Jer. 36:10

11 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 18:23 <sup>b</sup>Deut. 18:20; Matt. 26:66 <sup>c</sup>Jer. 38:4; Acts 6:11-14

13 <sup>l</sup>Lit. *be sorry for*  
<sup>a</sup>Jer. 7:3, 5; 18:11; 35:15

15 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 7:6; Num. 35:33; Prov. 6:16, 17

16 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 26:11; 36:19, 25; 38:7, 13 <sup>b</sup>Acts 5:34-39; 29, 29; 25:25; 26:31

18 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *Micaiah the Morasthite* <sup>2</sup>Or, *a wooded height*  
<sup>a</sup>Mic. 1:1 <sup>b</sup>Jer. 9:11; Neh. 4:2; Ps. 79:1; Mic. 3:12 <sup>c</sup>Jer. 17:3; Is. 2:2, 3; Mic. 4:1; Zech. 8:3

19 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *was sorry for*  
<sup>2</sup>Chr. 29:6-11; 32:26; Is. 37:1, 4, 15-20 <sup>b</sup>Jer. 44:7; Hab. 2:10

21 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 36:26; 2 Chr. 16:10; Matt. 14:5 <sup>b</sup>1 Kin. 19:2-4; Matt. 10:23, 28

22 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 36:12

23 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *graves* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *sons of the people*  
<sup>a</sup>Jer. 2:30

24 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 39:14; 40:5-7; 2 Kin. 22:12-14 <sup>b</sup>Jer. 1:18, 19; 1 Kin. 18:4

1 <sup>1</sup>Many mss. read, *Jehoiakim*

2 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 30:8 <sup>b</sup>Jer. 28:10, 13

3 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *them* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *by the hand of*  
<sup>a</sup>Jer. 25:21, 22

5 <sup>1</sup>Or, *upright*  
<sup>a</sup>Jer. 10:12; 51:15; Ps. 146:5, 6 <sup>b</sup>Jer. 32:17; Deut. 9:29  
<sup>c</sup>Ps. 115:15, 16; Acts 17:26

6 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 21:7; 22:25; Ezek. 29:18-20 <sup>b</sup>Jer. 25:9; 43:10; Is. 44:28 <sup>c</sup>Jer. 28:14

16 Then the officials and all the people <sup>a</sup>said to the priests and to the prophets, "No <sup>b</sup>death sentence for this man! For he has spoken to us in the name of the LORD our God."

17 Then some of the elders of the land rose up and spoke to all the assembly of the people, saying,

18 <sup>1a</sup>"Micah of Moresheth prophesied in the days of Hezekiah king of Judah; and he spoke to all the people of Judah, saying, "Thus the LORD of hosts has said,

<sup>b</sup>"Zion will be plowed as a field,

And Jerusalem will become ruins,

And the <sup>c</sup>mountain of the house as the <sup>2</sup>high places of a forest."

19 "Did Hezekiah king of Judah and all Judah put him to death? Did he not <sup>a</sup>fear the LORD and entreat the favor of the LORD, and the LORD <sup>1</sup>changed His mind about the misfortune which He had pronounced against them? But we are <sup>b</sup>committing a great evil against ourselves."

20 Indeed, there was also a man who prophesied in the name of the LORD, Uriah the son of Shemaiah from Kiriath-jearim; and he prophesied against this city and against this land words similar to all those of Jeremiah.

21 When King Jehoiakim and all his mighty men and all the officials heard his words, then the <sup>a</sup>king sought to put him to death; but Uriah heard *it*, and he was afraid and <sup>b</sup>fled, and went to Egypt.

22 Then King Jehoiakim sent men to Egypt: <sup>a</sup>Elnathan the son of Achbor and *certain* men with him *went* into Egypt.

23 And they brought Uriah from Egypt and led him to King Jehoiakim, who <sup>a</sup>slew him with a sword, and cast his dead body into the <sup>1</sup>burial place of the <sup>2</sup>common people.

24 But the hand of <sup>a</sup>Ahikam the son of Shaphan was with Jeremiah, so that he was <sup>b</sup>not given into the hands of the people to put him to death.

## CHAPTER 27

**I**N the beginning of the reign of <sup>1</sup>Zedekiah the son of Josiah, king of Judah, this word came to Jeremiah from the LORD, saying—

2 thus says the LORD to me—"Make for yourself <sup>a</sup>bonds and <sup>b</sup>byokes and put them on your neck,

3 and send <sup>1</sup>word to the king of <sup>a</sup>Edom, to the king of <sup>a</sup>Moab, to the king of the sons of <sup>a</sup>Ammon, to the king of <sup>a</sup>Tyre, and to the king of <sup>a</sup>Sidon <sup>2</sup>by the messengers who come to Jerusalem to Zedekiah king of Judah.

4 "And command them *to go* to their masters, saying, "Thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, thus you shall say to your masters,

5 "I have made the earth, the men and the beasts which are on the face of the earth <sup>b</sup>by My great power and by My outstretched arm, and I will <sup>c</sup>give it to the one who is <sup>1</sup>pleasing in My sight.

6 "And now I <sup>a</sup>have given all these lands into the hand of Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon, <sup>b</sup>My servant, and I have given him also the <sup>c</sup>wild animals of the field to serve him.



7 "And <sup>a</sup>all the nations shall serve him, and his son, and his grandson, <sup>b</sup>until the time of his own land comes; then <sup>c</sup>many nations and great kings will <sup>1</sup>make him their servant.

8 "And it will be, *that* the nation or the kingdom which <sup>a</sup>will not serve him, Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon, and which will not put its neck under the yoke of the king of Babylon, I will punish that nation with the <sup>b</sup>sword, with famine, and with pestilence," declares the LORD, "until I have destroyed <sup>1</sup>it by his hand.

9 "But as for you, do not <sup>a</sup>listen to your prophets, your diviners, your <sup>1</sup>dreamers, your soothsayers, or your sorcerers, who speak to you, saying, 'You shall not serve the king of Babylon.'

10 "For they prophesy <sup>a</sup>lie to you, in order to <sup>b</sup>remove you far from your land; and I will drive you out, and you will perish.

11 "But the nation which will bring its neck under the yoke of the king of Babylon and serve him, I will <sup>a</sup>let remain on its land," declares the LORD, "and they will till it and dwell in it." "

12 And I spoke words like all these to <sup>a</sup>Zedekiah king of Judah, saying, "Bring your necks under the yoke of the king of Babylon, and serve him and his people, and live!

13 "Why will you <sup>a</sup>die, you and your people, by the sword, famine, and pestilence, as the LORD has spoken to that nation which will not serve the king of Babylon?

14 "So do not <sup>a</sup>listen to the words of the prophets who speak to you, saying, 'You shall not serve the king of Babylon,' for they prophesy <sup>a</sup>lie to you;

15 for <sup>a</sup>I have not sent them," declares the LORD, "but they prophesy <sup>b</sup>falsely in My name, in order that I may <sup>c</sup>drive you out, and that you may perish, you and the prophets who prophesy to you."

16 Then I spoke to the priests and to all this people, saying, "Thus says the LORD: Do not listen to the words of your prophets who prophesy to you, saying, 'Behold, the <sup>a</sup>vessels of the LORD's house will now shortly be brought again from Babylon'; for they are prophesying a lie to you.

17 "Do not listen to them; serve the king of Babylon, and live! Why should this city become a ruin?

18 "But <sup>a</sup>if they are prophets, and if the word of the LORD is with them, let them now <sup>b</sup>treat the LORD of hosts, that the vessels which are left in the house of the LORD, in the house of the king of Judah, and in Jerusalem, may not go to Babylon.

19 "For thus says the LORD of hosts concerning the <sup>a</sup>pillars, concerning the sea, concerning the stands, and concerning the rest of the vessels that are left in this city,

20 which Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon did not take when he <sup>a</sup>carried into exile Jeconiah the son of Jehoiakim, king of Judah, from Jerusalem to Babylon, and all the nobles of Judah and Jerusalem.

21 "Yes, thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, concerning the vessels that are left in the house of the LORD, and in the house of the king of Judah, and in Jerusalem,

22 'They shall be <sup>a</sup>carried to Babylon, and they shall be there until the <sup>b</sup>day I visit them,' declares the LORD. 'Then I will <sup>c</sup>bring them <sup>1</sup>back and restore them to this place.'

7 <sup>1</sup>Or, *enslave him*  
<sup>a</sup>Jer. 44:30; 46:13 <sup>b</sup>Zech. 2:8, 9 <sup>c</sup>Jer. 25:12; Is. 14:4-6

8 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *them*  
<sup>a</sup>Jer. 38:17-19; 42:15, 16; Ezek. 17:19-21 <sup>b</sup>Jer. 27:13; 24:10; 29:17, 18; Ezek. 14:21

9 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *dreams*  
<sup>a</sup>Ex. 22:18; Deut. 18:10; Is. 8:19; Mal. 3:5

10 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 23:25 <sup>b</sup>Jer. 8:19; 32:31

11 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 21:9; 38:2; 40:9-12; 42:10, 11

12 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 27:3; 28:1

13 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 27:8; 38:23; Prov. 8:36; Ezek. 18:31

14 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 27:9; 2 Chr. 11:13-15 <sup>b</sup>Jer. 27:10; Ezek. 13:22

15 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 23:21; 29:9 <sup>b</sup>Jer. 23:25 <sup>c</sup>Jer. 27:10; 2 Chr. 25:16

16 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 28:3; 2 Kin. 24:13; 2 Chr. 36:7, 10

18 <sup>a</sup>1 Kin. 18:24 <sup>b</sup>Jer. 18:20; 1 Sam. 7:8; 12:19, 23

19 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 52:17-23; 1 Kin. 7:15; 2 Kin. 25:13, 17

20 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 22:28; 24:1; 2 Kin. 24:12, 14-16; 2 Chr. 36:10, 18

22 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *up*  
<sup>a</sup>Jer. 29:10; 34:2, 3 <sup>b</sup>Jer. 27:7; 25:11, 12; 29:10; 32:5 <sup>c</sup>Ezra 1:7-11; 5:13-15; 7:9, 19

CHAPTER 28

1 \*Jer. 49:34 <sup>b</sup>Jer. 27:3,  
12 <sup>c</sup>Jer. 28:17 <sup>d</sup>Josh. 9:3;  
10:12; 1 Kin. 3:4

2 \*Jer. 28:11

3 \*Jer. 27:16; 2 Kin.  
24:13; 2 Chr. 36:10; Dan.  
1:2

4 \*Jer. 22:26, 27 <sup>b</sup>Jer.  
22:24; 24:1; 2 Kin. 25:27  
<sup>c</sup>Jer. 22:10 <sup>d</sup>Jer. 27:8

5 \*Jer. 28:1

6 <sup>1</sup>Or, *fulfill*  
<sup>a</sup>Jer. 11:5; 1 Kin. 1:36; Ps.  
41:13 <sup>b</sup>Jer. 17:16

7 <sup>a</sup>1 Kin. 22:28

8 \*Lev. 26:14; 1 Kin.  
14:15; 17:1; 22:17; Is. 5:5-7;  
Joel 1:20; Amos 1:2; Nah.  
1:2

9 \*Deut. 18:22

10 \*Jer. 27:2 <sup>b</sup>Jer. 36:23;  
1 Kin. 22:11, 24

11 \*Jer. 28:15; 14:14; 27:10

12 \*Jer. 1:2

13 \*Ps. 107:16; Is. 45:2

14 \*Jer. 27:8; Deut. 28:48  
<sup>b</sup>Jer. 25:11 <sup>c</sup>Jer. 27:6

15 \*Jer. 29:31; Ezek. 13:2,  
3, 22; 22:28; Lam. 2:14;  
Zech. 13:3

16 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *send you away*  
<sup>2</sup>Lit., *spoken*  
<sup>a</sup>Gen. 7:4; Ex. 32:12; Deut.  
6:15; 1 Kin. 13:34 <sup>b</sup>Jer. 20:6  
<sup>c</sup>Jer. 29:32; Deut. 13:5

NOW it came about in the same year, <sup>a</sup>in the beginning of the reign of <sup>b</sup>Zedekiah king of Judah, in the fourth year, in the fifth month, that <sup>c</sup>Hananiah the son of Azzur, the prophet, who was from <sup>d</sup>Gibeon, spoke to me in the house of the LORD in the presence of the priests and all the people, saying,

2 <sup>a</sup>“Thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, ‘I have broken the yoke of the king of Babylon.

3 ‘Within two years I am going to bring back to this place <sup>a</sup>all the vessels of the LORD’s house, which Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon took away from this place and carried to Babylon.

4 ‘I am <sup>a</sup>also going to bring back to this place <sup>b</sup>Jehoiakim the son of Jehoiakim, king of Judah, and all the <sup>c</sup>exiles of Judah who went to Babylon,’ declares the LORD, ‘for I will break the <sup>d</sup>yoke of the king of Babylon.’”

5 Then the prophet Jeremiah spoke to the prophet Hananiah in the presence of the priests and in the presence of all the people who were standing in the <sup>a</sup>house of the LORD,

6 and the prophet Jeremiah said, <sup>a</sup>“Amen! May the LORD do so; may the LORD <sup>b</sup>confirm your words which you have prophesied to bring back the vessels of the LORD’s house and all the exiles, from Babylon to this place.

7 <sup>a</sup>“Yet <sup>a</sup>hear now this word which I am about to speak in your hearing and in the hearing of all the people!

8 <sup>a</sup>“The prophets who were before me and before you from ancient times <sup>a</sup>prophesied against many lands and against great kingdoms, of war and of calamity and of pestilence.

9 <sup>a</sup>“The prophet who prophesies of peace, <sup>a</sup>when the word of the prophet shall come to pass, then that prophet will be known as one whom the LORD has truly sent.”

10 Then Hananiah the prophet took the <sup>a</sup>yoke from the neck of Jeremiah the prophet and <sup>b</sup>broke it.

11 And Hananiah spoke in the presence of all the people, saying, <sup>a</sup>“Thus says the LORD, ‘Even so will I break within two full years, the yoke of Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon from the neck of all the nations.’” Then the prophet Jeremiah went his way.

12 And the <sup>a</sup>word of the LORD came to Jeremiah, after Hananiah the prophet had broken the yoke from off the neck of the prophet Jeremiah, saying,

13 <sup>a</sup>“Go and speak to Hananiah, saying, ‘Thus says the LORD, ‘You have broken the yokes of wood, but you have made instead of them <sup>a</sup>yokes of iron.’”

14 <sup>a</sup>For thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, “I have put a <sup>a</sup>yoke of iron on the neck of all these nations, that they may serve Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon; and they shall <sup>b</sup>serve him. And <sup>c</sup>I have also given him the beasts of the field.””

15 Then Jeremiah the prophet said to Hananiah the prophet, “Listen now, Hananiah, the LORD has not sent you, and <sup>a</sup>you have made this people trust in a lie.

16 <sup>a</sup>“Therefore thus says the LORD, <sup>a</sup>Behold, I am about to <sup>1</sup>remove you from the face of the earth. This year you are going to <sup>b</sup>die, because you have <sup>2</sup>counseled rebellion against the LORD.””

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17 So Hananiah the prophet died in the same year in the seventh month.

**CHAPTER 29**

**N**OW these are the words of the letter which Jeremiah the prophet sent from Jerusalem to the rest of the elders of the exile, the priests, the prophets, and all the people whom Nebuchadnezzar had taken into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon.

2 (This was after King Jeconiah and the queen mother, the court officials, the princes of Judah and Jerusalem, the craftsmen and the smiths had departed from Jerusalem.)

3 The letter was sent by the hand of Elasah the son of Shaphan, and Gemariah the son of Hilkiyah, whom Zedekiah king of Judah sent to Babylon to Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon, saying,

4 "Thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, to all the exiles whom I have sent into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon,

5 "Build houses and live in them; and plant gardens, and eat their produce.

6 "Take wives and become the fathers of sons and daughters, and take wives for your sons and give your daughters to husbands, that they may bear sons and daughters; and multiply there and do not decrease.

7 "And seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you into exile, and pray to the LORD on its behalf; for in its welfare you will have welfare."

8 "For thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, 'Do not let your prophets who are in your midst and your diviners deceive you, and do not listen to the dreams which they dream.

9 'For they prophesy falsely to you in My name; I have not sent them,' declares the LORD.

10 "For thus says the LORD, 'When seventy years have been completed for Babylon, I will visit you and fulfill My good word to you, to bring you back to this place.

11 'For I know the plans that I have for you,' declares the LORD, 'plans for welfare and not for calamity to give you a future and a hope.

12 'Then you will call upon Me and come and pray to Me, and I will listen to you.

13 'And you will seek Me and find Me, when you search for Me with all your heart.

14 'And I will be found by you,' declares the LORD, 'and I will restore your fortunes and will gather you from all the nations and from all the places where I have driven you,' declares the LORD, 'and I will bring you back to the place from where I sent you into exile.'

15 "Because you have said, 'The LORD has raised up prophets for us in Babylon'—

16 for thus says the LORD concerning the king who sits on the throne of David, and concerning all the people who dwell in this city, your brothers who did not go with you into exile—

17 thus says the LORD of hosts, 'Behold, I am sending upon

1 \*Jer. 29:25, 29; 2 Chr. 30:1, 6; Esth. 9:20

2 \*Jer. 22:24-28; 24:1; 27:20; 2 Kin. 24:12-16; 2 Chr. 36:9, 10 \*Jer. 13:18

3 \*1 Chr. 6:13

4 \*Jer. 24:5; Is. 10:5, 6

5 <sup>1</sup>Lit., fruit  
\*Jer. 29:10, 28

6 <sup>1</sup>Lit., beget  
\*Jer. 16:2-4

7 <sup>1</sup>Or, peace  
\*Dan. 4:27; 6:4, 5 \*Ezra 6:10; 7:23; Dan. 4:19; 1 Tim. 2:1, 2

8 <sup>1</sup>Lit., your <sup>2</sup>Lit., you  
\*Jer. 29:1; 27:9 \*Jer. 14:14; 23:21; 28:15 \*Jer. 23:25, 27

9 \*Jer. 29:21; 27:15 \*Jer. 29:31

10 \*Jer. 25:12; 2 Chr. 36:21-23; Dan. 9:2; Zech. 7:5 \*Jer. 24:6, 7; Zeph. 2:7

11 <sup>1</sup>Lit., am planning  
\*Jer. 23:5, 6; 30:9, 10; Ps. 40:5 \*Jer. 30:18-22; Is. 40:9; 11 \*Jer. 31:17; Hos. 2:15

12 \*Jer. 33:3; Ps. 50:15  
\*Ps. 145:19

13 \*Deut. 4:29 \*Jer. 24:7; 1 Chr. 22:19; 2 Chr. 22:9

14 <sup>1</sup>Or, captivity  
\*Deut. 30:1-10 \*Jer. 30:3; 32:37-41 \*Jer. 28:8; Is. 43:5, 6 \*Jer. 3:14; 12:15; 16:15

15 \*Jer. 29:21, 24

16 \*Jer. 38:2, 3, 17-23

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17 \*Jer. 29:18; 27:8; 32:24  
bJer. 24:3, 8-10

18 \*Jer. 24:9; 34:17; Ezek.  
12:15 bJer. 42:18; Is. 65:15  
cJer. 25:9; Lam. 2:15, 16

19 \*Jer. 6:19 bJer. 26:5;  
35:15

20 \*Jer. 24:5; Ezek. 11:9

21 \*Jer. 29:8, 9; 14:14, 15;  
Lam. 2:14

22 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *taken*  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 65:15 <sup>b</sup>Dan. 3:6, 21

23 \*Gen. 34:7; 2 Sam.  
13:12 bJer. 5:8; 23:14 cJer.  
29:8, 9, 21 dJer. 7:11; 16:17;  
Prov. 5:21; Mal. 3:5

24 \*Jer. 29:31, 32

25 \*Jer. 29:1 bJer. 29:29;  
21:1; 37:3; 52:24; 2 Kin.  
25:18

26 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *overseers*  
\*Jer. 20:1 <sup>b2</sup>Kin. 9:11; Hos.  
9:7; Mark 3:21; John 10:20;  
Acts 26:24, 25; 2 Cor. 5:13  
<sup>c</sup>Deut. 13:1-5; Zech. 13:1-5  
<sup>d</sup>Jer. 20:1, 2; Acts 16:24

27 \*Jer. 1:1

28 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *fruit*  
\*Jer. 29:1 bJer. 29:10 cJer.  
29:5

29 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *in the ears of*  
\*Jer. 29:25

31 \*Jer. 29:20 bJer. 29:24  
cJer. 29:9, 23; 14:14, 15;  
Ezek. 13:8-16, 22, 23 dJer.  
28:15

32 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *seed* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *spoken*  
\*Jer. 36:31 bJer. 22:30;  
1 Sam. 2:30-34 cJer. 29:10;  
17:6; 2 Kin. 7:2, 19, 20  
dJer. 28:16; Deut. 13:5

them the <sup>a</sup>sword, famine, and pestilence, and I will make them like <sup>b</sup>split-open figs that cannot be eaten due to rottenness.

18 'And I will pursue them with the sword, with famine and with pestilence; and I will <sup>a</sup>make them a terror to all the kingdoms of the earth, to be a <sup>b</sup>curse, and a horror, and a <sup>c</sup>hissing, and a reproach among all the nations where I have driven them,

19 because they have <sup>a</sup>not listened to My words,' declares the LORD, 'which I sent to them again and again by <sup>b</sup>My servants the prophets; but you did not listen,' declares the LORD.

20 "You, therefore, hear the word of the LORD, all you exiles, whom I have <sup>a</sup>sent away from Jerusalem to Babylon.

21 "Thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, concerning Ahab the son of Koliaiah and concerning Zedekiah the son of Maaseiah, who are <sup>a</sup>prophesying to you falsely in My name, 'Behold, I will deliver them into the hand of Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon, and he shall slay them before your eyes.

22 'And because of them a <sup>a</sup>curse shall be <sup>1</sup>used by all the exiles from Judah who are in Babylon, saying, "May the LORD make you like Zedekiah and like Ahab, whom the king of Babylon <sup>b</sup>roasted in the fire,

23 because they have <sup>a</sup>acted foolishly in Israel, and <sup>b</sup>have committed adultery with their neighbors' wives, and have spoken words in My name <sup>c</sup>falsely, which I did not command them; and I am He who <sup>d</sup>knows, and am a witness," declares the LORD.' "

24 And to <sup>a</sup>Shemaiah the Nehelamite you shall speak, saying,

25 "Thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, 'Because you have sent <sup>a</sup>letters in your own name to all the people who are in Jerusalem, and to <sup>b</sup>Zephaniah the son of Maaseiah, the priest, and to all the priests, saying,

26 "The LORD has made you priest instead of Jehoiada the priest, to be the <sup>1a</sup>overseer in the house of the LORD over every <sup>b</sup>madman who <sup>c</sup>prophesies, to <sup>d</sup>put him in the stocks and in the iron collar,

27 now then, why have you not rebuked Jeremiah of <sup>a</sup>Anathoth who prophesies to you?

28 "For he has <sup>a</sup>sent to us in Babylon, saying, 'The exile will be <sup>b</sup>long; <sup>c</sup>build houses and live *in them* and plant gardens and eat their <sup>1</sup>produce.' " " "

29 And <sup>a</sup>Zephaniah the priest read this letter <sup>1</sup>to Jeremiah the prophet.

30 Then came the word of the LORD to Jeremiah, saying,

31 "Send to <sup>a</sup>all the exiles, saying, "Thus says the LORD concerning <sup>b</sup>Shemaiah the Nehelamite, "Because Shemaiah has <sup>c</sup>prophesied to you, although I did not send him, and he has <sup>d</sup>made you trust in a lie,"

32 therefore thus says the LORD, "Behold, I am about to <sup>a</sup>punish Shemaiah the Nehelamite and his <sup>1</sup>descendants; he shall <sup>b</sup>not have anyone living among this people, <sup>c</sup>and he shall not see the good that I am about to do to My people," declares the LORD, "because he has <sup>2d</sup>preached rebellion against the LORD." " " "

CHAPTER 30

THE word which came to Jeremiah from the LORD, saying,  
 2 "Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, "aWrite all the words which I have spoken to you in a book.

3 'For, behold, "days are coming,' declares the LORD, 'when I will brestore the 1fortunes of My people cIsrael and Judah.' The LORD says, 'I will also dbring them back to the land that I gave to their forefathers, and they shall possess it.'"

4 Now these are the words which the LORD spoke concerning Israel and concerning Judah,

5 "For thus says the LORD,  
 'I have heard a sound of aterror,  
 Of dread, and there is no peace.

6 'Ask now, and see,  
 If a male can give birth.  
 Why do I see every man  
 With his ahands on his loins, as a bwoman in childbirth?  
 And why have all faces turned pale?

7 'Alas! for that aday is great,  
 There is bnone like it;  
 And it is the time of Jacob's cdistress,  
 But he will be dsaved from it.

8 'And it shall come about on that day,' declares the LORD of hosts, 'that I will abreak his yoke from off 1their neck, and will tear off 1their bonds; and strangers shall no longer bmake 2them their slaves.

9 'But they shall serve the LORD their God, and aDavid their king, whom I will raise up for them.

10 'aAnd fear not, O Jacob My servant,' declares the LORD, 'And do not be dismayed, O Israel;  
 For behold, I will save you from bafar,  
 And your 1offspring from the land of their captivity.  
 And Jacob shall return, and shall be cquiet and at ease,  
 And dnone shall make him afraid.

11 'For aI am with you,' declares the LORD, 'to save you;  
 For I will bdestroy completely all the nations where I have scattered you,  
 Only I will cnot destroy you completely.  
 But I will dchasten you justly,  
 And will by no means leave you unpunished.'

12 "For thus says the LORD,  
 'Your wound is incurable,  
 And your ainyury is serious.

13 'There is no one to plead your cause;  
 No healing for your sore,  
 aNo recovery for you.

14 'All your alovers have forgotten you,  
 They do not seek you;  
 For I have bwounded you with the wound of an enemy,  
 With the punishment of a cruel one,  
 Because your iniquity is great  
 And your sins are numerous.

15 'Why do you cry out over your injury?  
 Your pain is incurable.

2 aJer. 25:13; 36:4, 28, 32; Hab. 2:2

3 1Or, captivity  
 aJer. 29:10 bJer. 30:18; 29:14; Ps. 53:6; Zeph. 3:20  
 cJer. 3:18 dJer. 16:15; 23:7, 8; Ezek. 20:42; 36:24

5 1Lit., We  
 aJer. 6:25; 8:16; Is. 5:30; Amos 5:16-18

6 aJer. 6:24; 22:23 bJer. 4:31

7 1Is. 2:12; Hos. 1:11; Joel 2:11 bLam. 1:12; Dan. 9:12 cJer. 2:27, 28; 14:8 dJer. 30:10; 50:19

8 1So Gk.; Heb., your  
 2Lit., him  
 aJer. 2:20; Is. 9:4; Ezek. 34:27 bEzek. 34:27

9 1Is. 55:3-5; Ezek. 34:23, 24; 37:24, 25; Hos. 3:5; Luke 1:69; Acts 2:30; 13:23, 34, 38

10 1Lit., seed  
 aJer. 46:27, 28; Is. 43:5; 44:2 bJer. 23:3, 8; 29:14; Is. 60:4 cJer. 33:16; Is. 35:9; Hos 2:18 dMic. 4:4

11 aJer. 1:8, 19 bJer. 46:28 cJer. 4:27; 5:10, 18 dJer. 10:24

12 aJer. 30:15; 15:18

13 aJer. 14:19; 46:11

14 aJer. 22:20, 22 bLam. 2:4, 5

16 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 2:3; 8:16; 10:25  
<sup>b</sup>Is. 14:2; Joel 3:8

17 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *cause to go up*  
<sup>2</sup>Or, *healing* <sup>3</sup>Lit., *is seeking*  
<sup>a</sup>Jer. 8:22; 33:6; Ps. 107:20  
<sup>b</sup>Jer. 33:24; Is. 11:12; 56:8

18 <sup>1</sup>Or, *captivity*  
<sup>a</sup>Jer. 31:4, 38-40 <sup>b</sup>1 Chr. 29:1, 19; Ps. 48:3, 13; 122:7

19 <sup>1</sup>Or, *dance*  
<sup>a</sup>Jer. 17:26; 33:11; Is. 12:1; 51:3 <sup>b</sup>Jer. 31:4; Ps. 126:1, 2; Is. 51:11; Zeph. 3:14 <sup>c</sup>Is. 55:5; 60:9

20 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *His*  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 54:14

21 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *his* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *who is he that gives his heart in pledge*  
<sup>a</sup>Num. 16:5; Ps. 65:4 <sup>b</sup>Jer. 50:44; Ex. 3:5

22 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 32:38; Ex. 6:7; Hos. 2:23; Zech. 13:9

23 <sup>1</sup>Or, *raging*  
<sup>a</sup>Jer. 23:19, 20

24 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 23:20

1 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 30:22 <sup>b</sup>Gen. 17:7; 8; Is. 41:10; Rom. 11:26-28

2 <sup>a</sup>Num. 14:20 <sup>b</sup>Ex. 33:14; Josh. 1:13

3 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *me*  
<sup>a</sup>Deut. 4:37; 7:8 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 25:6

Because your iniquity is great  
And your sins are numerous,  
I have done these things to you.

16 'Therefore all who <sup>a</sup>devour you shall be devoured;  
And all your adversaries, every one of them, <sup>b</sup>shall go  
into captivity;

And those who plunder you shall be for plunder,  
And all who prey upon you I will give for prey.

17 'For I will <sup>1</sup>restore you to <sup>2</sup>health  
And I will heal you of your wounds,' declares the LORD,  
'Because they have called you an <sup>b</sup>outcast, saying:  
'It is Zion; no one <sup>3</sup>cares for her.'"

18 "Thus says the LORD,  
'Behold, I will restore the <sup>1</sup>fortunes of the tents of Jacob  
And have compassion on his dwelling places;  
And the <sup>a</sup>city shall be rebuilt on its ruin,  
And the <sup>b</sup>palace shall stand on its rightful place.

19 'And from them shall proceed <sup>a</sup>thanksgiving  
And the voice of those who <sup>1</sup>make merry;  
And I will multiply them, and they shall not be dimin-  
ished;  
I will also <sup>c</sup>honor them, and they shall not be insignifi-  
cant.

20 'Their children also shall be as formerly,  
And <sup>1</sup>their congregation shall be <sup>a</sup>established before  
Me;  
And I will punish all <sup>1</sup>their oppressors.

21 'And <sup>1</sup>their leader shall be one of them,  
And <sup>1</sup>their ruler shall come forth from <sup>1</sup>their midst;  
And I will <sup>a</sup>bring him near, and he shall approach Me;  
For <sup>2</sup>who would dare to risk his life to <sup>b</sup>approach Me?'  
declares the LORD.

22 'And you shall be <sup>a</sup>My people,  
And I will be your God.'"

23 Behold, the <sup>a</sup>tempest of the LORD!  
Wrath has gone forth,  
A <sup>1</sup>sweeping tempest;  
It will burst on the head of the wicked.

24 The fierce anger of the LORD will not turn back,  
Until He has performed, and until He has accomplished  
The intent of His heart;  
In the <sup>a</sup>latter days you will understand this.

CHAPTER 31

"AT that time," declares the LORD, "I will be the <sup>a</sup>God of all  
the <sup>b</sup>families of Israel, and they shall be My people."

2 Thus says the LORD,  
'The people who survived the sword  
<sup>a</sup>Found grace in the wilderness—  
Israel, when it went to <sup>b</sup>find its rest."

3 The LORD appeared to <sup>1</sup>him from afar, saying,  
'I have <sup>a</sup>loved you with an everlasting love;  
Therefore I have drawn you with <sup>b</sup>lovingkindness.

- 4 "Again I will build you, and you shall be rebuilt,  
O virgin of Israel!  
Again you shall <sup>1</sup>take up your <sup>b</sup>tambourines,  
And go forth to the dances of the <sup>c</sup>merrymakers.
- 5 "Again you shall <sup>a</sup>plant vineyards  
On the <sup>1</sup>hills of Samaria;  
The planters shall plant  
And shall <sup>2</sup>enjoy *them*.
- 6 "For there shall be a day when watchmen  
On the hills of Ephraim shall call out,  
'Arise, and let us go up *to* Zion,  
To the LORD our God.'
- 7 For thus says the LORD,  
"Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob,  
And shout among the <sup>1</sup>chiefs of the nations;  
Proclaim, give praise, and say,  
'O LORD, <sup>c</sup>save Thy people,  
The <sup>d</sup>remnant of Israel.'
- 8 "Behold, I am bringing them from the north country,  
And I will <sup>a</sup>gather them from the remote parts of the  
earth,  
Among them the <sup>b</sup>blind and the <sup>c</sup>lame,  
The woman with child and she who is in labor with  
child, together;  
A great <sup>1</sup>company, they shall return here.
- 9 "With weeping they shall come,  
And by supplication I will lead them;  
I will make them walk by <sup>a</sup>streams of waters,  
On a straight path in which they shall <sup>b</sup>not stumble;  
For I am a father to Israel,  
And Ephraim is My first-born."
- 10 Hear the word of the LORD, O nations,  
And declare in the <sup>a</sup>coastlands afar off,  
And say, "He who scattered Israel will gather him,  
And keep him as a <sup>b</sup>shepherd keeps his flock."
- 11 For the LORD has ransomed Jacob,  
And redeemed him from the hand of him who was  
<sup>a</sup>stronger than he.
- 12 "And they shall come and shout for joy on the <sup>a</sup>height of  
Zion,  
And they shall be <sup>b</sup>radiant over the <sup>1</sup>bounty of the  
LORD—  
Over the <sup>c</sup>grain, and the new wine, and the oil,  
And over the young of the flock and the herd;  
And their life shall be like a <sup>d</sup>watered garden,  
And they shall never <sup>e</sup>languish again.
- 13 "Then the virgin shall rejoice in the <sup>a</sup>dance,  
And the young men and the old, together;  
For I will <sup>b</sup>turn their mourning into joy,  
And will comfort them, and give them <sup>c</sup>joy for their  
sorrow.
- 14 "And I will <sup>1</sup>fill the soul of the priests with <sup>2</sup>abundance,  
And My people shall be <sup>a</sup>satisfied with My goodness,"  
declares the LORD.

4 <sup>1</sup>Or, *be adorned with*  
<sup>a</sup>Jer. 24:6; 33:7 <sup>b</sup>Is. 30:32  
<sup>c</sup>Jer. 30:19

5 <sup>1</sup>Or, *mountains* <sup>2</sup>Lit.,  
*defile*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 107:37; Is. 65:21; Ezek.  
28:26

7 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *heads*  
<sup>a</sup>Jer. 20:13; Ps. 14:7 <sup>b</sup>Deut.  
28:13; Is. 61:9 <sup>c</sup>Ps. 28:9  
<sup>d</sup>Jer. 23:3; Is. 37:31

8 <sup>1</sup>Or, *assembly*  
<sup>a</sup>Deut. 30:4; Is. 43:6 <sup>b</sup>Is.  
42:16 <sup>c</sup>Is. 40:11; Ezek.  
34:16; Mic. 4:6

9 <sup>a</sup>Is. 43:20; 49:10 <sup>b</sup>Is.  
63:13

10 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 25:22; Is. 66:19  
<sup>b</sup>Is. 40:11

11 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 142:9

12 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *goodness*  
<sup>a</sup>Ezek. 17:23 <sup>b</sup>Is. 2:2; Mic.  
4:1 <sup>c</sup>Hos. 2:22; Joel 3:18  
<sup>d</sup>Is. 58:11 <sup>e</sup>Is. 35:10; 60:20;  
65:19; John 16:22

13 <sup>a</sup>Judg. 21:21; Ps. 30:11;  
Zech. 8:4, 5 <sup>b</sup>Is. 61:3 <sup>c</sup>Is.  
51:11

14 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *saturate* <sup>2</sup>Lit.,  
*fatness*  
<sup>a</sup>Jer. 50:19

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15 <sup>a</sup>Gen. 37:35; Ps. 77:2  
<sup>b</sup>Jer. 10:20; Gen. 5:24;  
42:13, 36

16 <sup>a</sup>Is. 25:8; 30:19 <sup>b</sup>Ruth  
2:12; Heb. 6:10 <sup>c</sup>Jer. 30:3;  
Ezek. 11:17

17 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 29:11

18 <sup>a</sup>Job 5:17; Ps. 94:12  
<sup>b</sup>Hos. 4:16 <sup>c</sup>Jer. 17:14; Ps.  
80:3, 7, 19; Acts 3:26

19 <sup>a</sup>Ezek. 36:31; Zech.  
12:10 <sup>b</sup>Ezek. 21:12; Luke  
18:13

20 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *inward parts*  
<sup>a</sup>Hos. 11:8 <sup>b</sup>Gen. 43:30;  
Judg. 10:16 <sup>c</sup>Is. 55:7; Hos.  
14:4

21 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *heart*  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 48:20; 52:11

22 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 49:4

23 <sup>1</sup>Or, *captivity*  
<sup>a</sup>Jer. 50:7; Is. 1:26 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 48:1;  
87:1

24 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 31:12; Ezek.  
36:10; Zech. 8:4-8

25 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *fill*  
<sup>a</sup>Jer. 31:12, 14; Ps. 107:9;  
Matt. 5:6; John 4:14

26 <sup>a</sup>Zech. 4:1 <sup>b</sup>Prov. 3:24

27 <sup>a</sup>Ezek. 36:9, 11; Hos.  
2:23

28 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 44:27; Dan. 9:14

- 15 Thus says the LORD,  
"A voice is heard in Ramah,  
Lamentation *and* bitter weeping.  
Rachel is weeping for her children;  
She <sup>a</sup>refuses to be comforted for her children,  
Because <sup>b</sup>they are no more."
- 16 Thus says the LORD,  
"<sup>a</sup>Restrain your voice from weeping,  
And your eyes from tears;  
For your work shall be <sup>b</sup>rewarded," declares the LORD,  
"And they shall <sup>c</sup>return from the land of the enemy.
- 17 "And there is <sup>a</sup>hope for your future," declares the LORD,  
"And *your* children shall return to their own territory.
- 18 "I have surely heard Ephraim grieving,  
"Thou hast <sup>a</sup>chastised me, and I was chastised,  
Like an untrained <sup>b</sup>child;  
<sup>c</sup>Bring me back that I may be restored,  
For Thou art the LORD my God.
- 19 'For after I turned back, I <sup>a</sup>repented;  
And after I was instructed, I <sup>b</sup>smote on *my* thigh;  
I was ashamed, and also humiliated,  
Because I bore the reproach of my youth.'
- 20 "Is <sup>a</sup>Ephraim My dear son?  
Is he a delightful child?  
Indeed, as often as I have spoken against him,  
I *certainly still* remember him;  
Therefore My <sup>1</sup>heart yearns for him;  
I will surely <sup>c</sup>have mercy on him," declares the LORD.
- 21 "Set up for yourself roadmarks,  
Place for yourself guideposts;  
Direct your <sup>1</sup>mind to the highway,  
The way by which you went.  
<sup>a</sup>Return, O virgin of Israel,  
Return to these your cities.
- 22 "How long will you go here and there,  
O <sup>a</sup>faithless daughter?  
For the LORD has created a new thing in the earth—  
A woman will encompass a man."
- 23 Thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, "Once  
again they will speak this word in the land of Judah and in its  
cities, when I restore their <sup>1</sup>fortunes,  
'The LORD bless you, O <sup>a</sup>abode of righteousness,  
<sup>b</sup>O holy hill!'
- 24 "And Judah and all its cities will <sup>a</sup>dwell together in it, the  
farmer and they who go about with flocks.
- 25 "<sup>a</sup>For I satisfy the weary ones and <sup>1</sup>refresh every one who  
languishes."
- 26 At this I <sup>a</sup>awoke and looked, and my <sup>b</sup>sleep was pleasant  
to me.
- 27 "Behold, days are coming," declares the LORD, "when I  
will <sup>a</sup>sow the house of Israel and the house of Judah with the  
seed of man and with the seed of beast.
- 28 "And it will come about that as I have <sup>a</sup>watched over



them to pluck up, to break down, to overthrow, to destroy, and to bring disaster, so I will watch over them to build and to plant," declares the LORD.

29 "In those days they will not say again,

"The fathers have eaten sour grapes,  
And the children's teeth are set on edge."

30 "But every one will die for his own iniquity; each man who eats the sour grapes, his teeth will be set on edge.

31 "Behold, days are coming," declares the LORD, "when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah,

32 not like the covenant which I made with their fathers in the day I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt, My covenant which they broke, although I was a husband to them," declares the LORD.

33 "But this is the covenant which I will make with the house of Israel after those days," declares the LORD, "I will put My law within them, and on their heart I will write it; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people.

34 "And they shall not teach again, each man his neighbor and each man his brother, saying, 'Know the LORD,' for they shall all know Me, from the least of them to the greatest of them," declares the LORD, "for I will forgive their iniquity, and their sin I will remember no more."

35 Thus says the LORD,

Who gives the sun for light by day,  
And the fixed order of the moon and the stars for light  
by night,

Who stirs up the sea so that its waves roar;  
The LORD of hosts is His name:

36 "If this fixed order departs

From before Me," declares the LORD,  
"Then the offspring of Israel also shall cease  
From being a nation before Me forever."

37 Thus says the LORD,

"If the heavens above can be measured,  
And the foundations of the earth searched out below,  
Then I will also cast off all the offspring of Israel  
For all that they have done," declares the LORD.

38 "Behold, days are coming," declares the LORD, "when the city shall be rebuilt for the LORD from the Tower of Hananel to the Corner Gate.

39 "And the measuring line shall go out farther straight ahead to the hill Gareb; then it will turn to Goah.

40 "And the whole valley of the dead bodies and of the ashes, and all the fields as far as the brook Kidron, to the corner of the Horse Gate toward the east, shall be holy to the LORD; it shall not be plucked up, or overthrown any more forever."

CHAPTER 32

THE word that came to Jeremiah from the LORD in the tenth year of Zedekiah king of Judah, which was the eighteenth year of Nebuchadnezzar.

29 <sup>1</sup>Or, dull  
<sup>2</sup>Ezek. 18:2; Lam. 5:7

30 <sup>1</sup>Or, dull  
<sup>2</sup>Deut. 24:16; Is. 3:11; Ezek. 18:4, 20

31 <sup>1</sup>Jer. 31:31-34; Heb. 8:8-12 <sup>2</sup>Jer. 32:40; Ezek. 37:26; Luke 22:20; 1 Cor. 11:25; 2 Cor. 3:6; Heb. 8:8-12

32 <sup>2</sup>Ex. 19:5; 24:6-8; Deut. 5:2, 3 <sup>3</sup>Deut. 1:31; Is. 63:12

33 <sup>2</sup>Heb. 10:16, 17

34 <sup>1</sup>1 Thess. 4:9; 1 John 2:27 <sup>2</sup>Jer. 24:7; Is. 11:9; 54:13; Heb. 2:14 <sup>3</sup>Jer. 50:20; Mic. 7:18 <sup>4</sup>Is. 43:25

35 <sup>1</sup>Lit., statutes  
<sup>2</sup>Gen. 1:14-18; Deut. 4:19; Ps. 19:1-6; 136:7-9

36 <sup>1</sup>Lit., these statutes  
<sup>2</sup>Lit., all the days  
<sup>3</sup>Jer. 33:20-26; Ps. 89:36, 37; Is. 54:9, 10 <sup>4</sup>Amos 9:8, 9

37 <sup>1</sup>Jer. 33:22; Is. 40:12  
<sup>2</sup>Jer. 33:24-26; Rom. 11:2-5, 26, 27

38 <sup>1</sup>Neh. 3:1; 12:39; Zech. 14:10 <sup>2</sup>Kin. 14:13; 2 Chr. 26:9

40 <sup>2</sup>2 Sam. 15:23; 2 Kin. 23:6, 12; John 18:1 <sup>2</sup>Kin. 11:16; 2 Chr. 23:15; Neh. 3:28 <sup>3</sup>Joel 3:17; Zech. 14:20

1 <sup>1</sup>Jer. 39:1, 2; 2 Kin. 25:1, 2

2 \*Neh. 3:25

3 \*2 Kin. 6:31, 32 \*Jer. 26:8, 9; Amos 7:13 \*Jer. 32:28, 29; 21:4-7; 34:2, 3

4 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *mouth to mouth* \*Jer. 37:17; 38:18, 23; 39:4-7; 2 Kin. 25:4-7 \*Jer. 39:5

5 \*Jer. 39:7; Ezek. 12:12, 13 \*Ezek. 17:9, 10, 15

7 \*Lev. 25:25; Ruth 4:3, 4

8 \*Jer. 32:25; 1 Sam. 9:16, 17; 10:3-7; 1 Kin. 22:25

9 \*Gen. 23:16 \*Gen. 24:22; Ex. 21:32; Neh. 5:15; Ezek. 4:10

10 <sup>1</sup>Or, *I wrote ... on the document* \*Jer. 32:44; Is. 44:5 \*Deut. 32:34; Job 14:17 \*Ruth 4:1, 9; Is. 8:1, 2

11 \*Luke 2:27

14 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *stand many days*

15 \*Jer. 32:37, 43, 44; 30:18; 31:5, 12, 24; 33:12, 13; Amos 9:14, 15; Zech. 3:10

16 \*Jer. 12:1; Gen. 32:9, 12; Phil. 4:6, 7

17 <sup>1</sup>YHWH, usually rendered **LORD** \*Jer. 27:5; 2 Kin. 19:15; Ps. 102:25; Is. 40:26-29 \*Jer. 32:27; Gen. 18:14

18 \*Ex. 34:6, 7; Deut. 7:9, 10 \*1 Kin. 14:9, 10; 16:1-3; Matt. 23:32-36 \*Ps. 145:3 \*Jer. 20:11; Ps. 50:1 \*Jer. 10:16; 31:35

2 Now at that time the army of the king of Babylon was besieging Jerusalem, and Jeremiah the prophet was shut up in the court of the guard, which was *in* the house of the <sup>a</sup>king of Judah,

3 because Zedekiah king of Judah had <sup>a</sup>shut him up, saying, "Why do you <sup>b</sup>prophesy, saying, "Thus says the LORD, "Behold, I am about to <sup>c</sup>give this city into the hand of the king of Babylon, and he will take it;

4 and Zedekiah king of Judah shall <sup>a</sup>not escape out of the hand of the Chaldeans, but he shall surely be given into the hand of the king of Babylon, and he shall <sup>b</sup>speak with him <sup>1</sup>face to face, and see him eye to eye;

5 and he shall <sup>a</sup>take Zedekiah to Babylon, and he shall be there until I visit him," declares the LORD. "If you fight against the Chaldeans, you shall <sup>b</sup>not succeed" ' ? "

6 And Jeremiah said, "The word of the LORD came to me, saying,

7 'Behold, Hanamel the son of Shallum your uncle is coming to you, saying, "Buy for yourself my field which is at Anathoth, for you have the <sup>a</sup>right of redemption to buy it." '

8 "Then Hanamel my uncle's son came to me in the court of the guard according to the word of the LORD, and said to me, 'Buy my field, please, that is at Anathoth, which is in the land of Benjamin; for you have the right of possession and the redemption is yours; buy *it* for yourself.' Then I knew that this was the <sup>a</sup>word of the LORD.

9 "And I bought the field which was at Anathoth from Hanamel my uncle's son, and I <sup>a</sup>weighed out the silver for him, seventeen <sup>b</sup>shekels of silver.

10 "And I <sup>1</sup>signed and <sup>b</sup>sealed the deed, and <sup>c</sup>called in witnesses, and weighed out the silver on the scales.

11 "Then I took the deeds of purchase, both the sealed *copy* containing the <sup>a</sup>terms and conditions, and the open *copy*;

12 and I gave the deed of purchase to Baruch the son of Neriah, the son of Mahseiah, in the sight of Hanamel my uncle's son, and in the sight of the witnesses who signed the deed of purchase, before all the Jews who were sitting in the court of the guard.

13 "And I commanded Baruch in their presence, saying,

14 'Thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, "Take these deeds, this sealed deed of purchase, and this open deed, and put them in an earthenware jar, that they may <sup>1</sup>last a long time."

15 'For thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, "Houses and fields and vineyards shall again be bought in this land."

16 "After I had given the deed of purchase to Baruch the son of Neriah, then I <sup>a</sup>prayed to the LORD, saying,

17 'Ah Lord <sup>1</sup>GOD! Behold, Thou hast <sup>a</sup>made the heavens and the earth by Thy great power and by Thine outstretched arm! <sup>b</sup>Nothing is too difficult for Thee,

18 who <sup>a</sup>showest lovingkindness to thousands, but repayest the iniquity of <sup>b</sup>fathers into the bosom of their children after them, O <sup>c</sup>great and <sup>d</sup>mighty God. The <sup>e</sup>LORD of hosts is His name;

19 <sup>a</sup>great in counsel and mighty in deed, whose <sup>b</sup>eyes are open to all the ways of the sons of men, <sup>c</sup>giving to every one according to his ways and according to the fruit of his deeds;

20 who hast <sup>a</sup>set signs and wonders in the land of Egypt, and even to this day both in Israel and among mankind; and Thou hast <sup>b</sup>made a name for Thyself, as at this day.

21 'And Thou didst <sup>a</sup>bring Thy people Israel out of the land of Egypt with signs and with wonders, and with a strong hand and with an outstretched arm, and with great terror;

22 and gavest them this land, which Thou didst <sup>a</sup>swear to their forefathers to give them, a land flowing with milk and honey.

23 'And they <sup>a</sup>came in and took possession of it, but they did not obey Thy voice or <sup>b</sup>walk in Thy law; they have done nothing of all that Thou commandedst them to do; therefore Thou hast made <sup>c</sup>all this calamity come upon them.

24 'Behold, the siege mounds have reached the city to take it; and the city is given into the hand of the Chaldeans who fight against it, because of the <sup>a</sup>sword, the famine, and the pestilence; and what Thou hast spoken has <sup>b</sup>come to pass; and, behold, Thou seest it.

25 'And Thou hast said to me, O Lord <sup>1</sup>GOD, "Buy for yourself the field with money, and call in witnesses"—although the city is given into the hand of the Chaldeans.' "

26 Then the word of the LORD came to Jeremiah, saying,

27 "Behold, I am the LORD, the <sup>a</sup>God of all flesh; is anything <sup>b</sup>too difficult for Me?"

28 Therefore thus says the LORD, "Behold, I am about to <sup>a</sup>give this city into the hand of the Chaldeans and into the hand of Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon, and he shall take it.

29 "And the Chaldeans who are fighting against this city shall enter and <sup>a</sup>set this city on fire and burn it, with the <sup>b</sup>houses where *people* have offered incense to Baal on their roofs and poured out drink offerings to other gods to provoke Me to anger.

30 "Indeed the sons of Israel and the sons of Judah have been doing only evil in My sight from their youth; for the sons of Israel have been only provoking Me to anger by the work of their hands," declares the LORD.

31 "Indeed this city has been to Me a <sup>a</sup>provocation of My anger and My wrath from the day that they built it, even to this day, that it should be <sup>b</sup>removed from before My face,

32 because of all the evil of the sons of Israel and the sons of Judah, which they have done to provoke Me to anger—they, their <sup>a</sup>kings, their leaders, their priests, their prophets, the men of Judah, and the inhabitants of Jerusalem.

33 "And they have turned *their* back to Me, and not *their* face; though I taught them, <sup>1</sup>teaching again and again, they would not listen <sup>2</sup>and receive instruction.

34 "But they put their detestable things in the house which is called by My name, to defile it.

35 "And they built the <sup>a</sup>high places of Baal that are in the valley of Ben-hinnom to cause their sons and their daughters to pass through *the fire* to <sup>b</sup>Molech, which I had not commanded them nor had it <sup>1</sup>entered My mind that they should do this abomination, to cause Judah to sin.

19 <sup>a</sup>Is. 9:6; 28:29 <sup>b</sup>Jer. 23:24; Job 34:21 <sup>c</sup>Jer. 17:10; 21:14; Ps. 62:12; Matt. 16:27; John 5:29

20 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 78:43; 105:27 <sup>b</sup>Is. 63:12, 14; Dan. 9:15

21 <sup>a</sup>Deut. 4:34; 7:19; 26:8; 1 Chr. 17:21

22 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 11:5; Ex. 13:5; Deut. 1:8; Ps. 105:9-11

23 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 2:7; Ps. 44:2, 3; 78:54, 55 <sup>b</sup>Jer. 26:4; 44:10; Ezra 9:7 <sup>c</sup>Lam. 1:18; Dan. 9:11, 12

24 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 32:36; 29:17, 18; 34:17; Ezek. 14:21 <sup>b</sup>Deut. 4:26; Josh. 23:15, 16; Zech. 1:6

25 <sup>1</sup>YHWH, usually rendered LORD

27 <sup>a</sup>Num. 16:22; 27:16 <sup>b</sup>Jer. 32:17; Matt. 19:26

28 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 32:3, 24, 36; 19:7-12; 34:2, 3

29 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 21:10; 39:8; 2 Chr. 36:19 <sup>b</sup>Jer. 19:13; 44:17-19, 25; 52:13

31 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 5:9-11; 6:6, 7; 1 Kin. 11:7, 8; 2 Kin. 21:4-7, 16; Matt. 23:37 <sup>b</sup>Jer. 27:10; 2 Kin. 23:27; 24:3, 4

32 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 2:26; 44:17, 21; Ezra 9:7; Is. 1:4-6, 23

33 <sup>1</sup>Lit., rising up early and teaching <sup>2</sup>Lit., to <sup>a</sup>Jer. 25:3; 26:5; 35:15; 2 Chr. 36:15, 16; John 8:2

35 <sup>1</sup>Lit., come up into My heart <sup>a</sup>Jer. 7:31; 19:5; 2 Chr. 28:2, 3; 33:6 <sup>b</sup>Lev. 18:21; 20:2-5; 1 Kin. 11:7; 2 Kin. 33:10; Acts 7:43

37 <sup>a</sup>Deut. 30:3; Ps. 106:47; Is. 11:11-16; Ezek. 11:17; Hos. 1:11; Amos 9:14, 15  
<sup>b</sup>Jer. 23:6; Ezek. 34:25, 28; Zech. 14:11

39 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 31:33; 2 Chr. 30:12; John 17:21; Acts 4:32  
<sup>b</sup>Deut. 11:18-21; Ezek. 37:25

40 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 31:33; 50:5; Is. 55:3

41 <sup>1</sup>Or, truly  
<sup>a</sup>Deut. 30:9; Is. 62:5; 65:19  
<sup>b</sup>Jer. 31:26; Amos 9:15  
<sup>c</sup>Hos. 2:19, 20

42 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 31:28; Zech. 8:14, 15

43 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 32:15, 25; Ezek. 37:11-14

44 <sup>1</sup>Or, write . . . on the document <sup>2</sup>I.e., South country <sup>3</sup>Or, captivity

1 <sup>1</sup>Lit., shut up

2 <sup>1</sup>Lit., it  
<sup>a</sup>Ex. 3:15; 6:3; 15:3

3 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 29:12; Ps. 50:15; Is. 55:6, 7  
<sup>b</sup>Jer. 32:17, 27  
<sup>c</sup>Is. 48:6

4 <sup>a</sup>Is. 32:13, 14

5 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 21:4-7; 32:5  
<sup>b</sup>Jer. 21:10; Is. 8:17; Mic. 3:4

6 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 17:14; 30:17; Hos. 6:1  
<sup>b</sup>Is. 66:12; Gal. 5:22, 23

7 <sup>1</sup>Or, captivity  
<sup>a</sup>Jer. 33:26; 32:44; Ps. 85:1  
<sup>b</sup>Jer. 30:18; 31:4, 38; Amos 9:14, 15

8 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 50:20; Ps. 51:2; Is. 44:22; Ezek. 36:25, 33; Mic. 7:18, 19; Zech. 13:1; Heb. 9:11-14

36 "Now therefore thus says the LORD God of Israel concerning this city of which you say, 'It is given into the hand of the king of Babylon by sword, by famine, and by pestilence.'

37 "Behold, I will <sup>a</sup>gather them out of all the lands to which I have driven them in My anger, in My wrath, and in great indignation; and I will bring them back to this place and <sup>b</sup>make them dwell in safety.

38 "And they shall be My people, and I will be their God; <sup>39</sup> and I will <sup>a</sup>give them one heart and one way, that they may fear Me always, for their own <sup>b</sup>good, and for *the good of* their children after them.

40 "And I will make an <sup>a</sup>everlasting covenant with them that I will not turn away from them, to do them good; and I will put the fear of Me in their hearts so that they will not turn away from Me.

41 "And I will <sup>a</sup>rejoice over them to do them good, and I will <sup>1</sup>faithfully <sup>b</sup>plant them in this land with <sup>c</sup>all My heart and with all My soul.

42 "For thus says the LORD, '<sup>a</sup>Just as I brought all this calamity on this people, so I am going to bring on them all the good that I am promising them.

43 'And <sup>a</sup>fields shall be bought in this land of which you say, "It is a desolation, without man or beast; it is given into the hand of the Chaldeans."

44 'Men shall buy fields for money, <sup>1</sup>sign and seal deeds, and call in witnesses in the land of Benjamin, in the environs of Jerusalem, in the cities of Judah, in the cities of the hill country, in the cities of the lowland, and in the cities of the <sup>2</sup>Negev; for I will restore their <sup>3</sup>fortunes,' declares the LORD."

CHAPTER 33

THEN the word of the LORD came to Jeremiah the second time, while he was still <sup>1</sup>confined in the court of the guard, saying,

2 "Thus says the LORD who made <sup>1</sup>the earth, the LORD who formed it to establish it, the <sup>a</sup>LORD is His name,

3 <sup>a</sup>Call to Me, and I will answer you, and I will tell you <sup>b</sup>great and mighty things, which you do not <sup>c</sup>know.'

4 "For thus says the LORD God of Israel concerning the <sup>a</sup>houses of this city, and concerning the houses of the kings of Judah, which are broken down to *make a defense* against the siege mounds and against the sword,

5 'While *they* are coming to <sup>a</sup>fight with the Chaldeans, and to fill them with the corpses of men whom I have slain in My anger and in My wrath, and I have <sup>b</sup>hidden My face from this city because of all their wickedness:

6 'Behold, I will bring to it <sup>a</sup>health and healing, and I will heal them; and I will reveal to them an <sup>b</sup>abundance of peace and truth.

7 'And I will <sup>a</sup>restore the <sup>1</sup>fortunes of Judah and the fortunes of Israel, and I will <sup>b</sup>rebuild them as they were at first.

8 'And I will <sup>a</sup>cleanse them from all their iniquity by which they have sinned against Me, and I will pardon all their iniquities by which they have sinned against Me, and by which they have transgressed against Me.

**Voice of Joy and Gladness.  
The Righteous Branch and the Covenant.**

9 'And 'it shall be to Me a <sup>a</sup>name of joy, praise, and glory before <sup>b</sup>all the nations of the earth, which shall hear of all the <sup>c</sup>good that I do for them, and they shall <sup>d</sup>fear and tremble because of all the good and all the peace that I make for it.'

10 "Thus says the LORD, 'Yet again there shall be heard in this place, of which you say, "It is a waste, without man and without beast," *that is*, in the cities of Judah and in the streets of Jerusalem that are desolate, without man and without inhabitant and without beast,

11 the voice of <sup>a</sup>joy and the voice of gladness, the voice of the bridegroom and the voice of the bride, the voice of those who say,

"Give thanks to the LORD of hosts,  
For the LORD is good,  
For His lovingkindness is everlasting";

and of those who bring a thank offering into the house of the LORD. For I will restore the <sup>1</sup>fortunes of the land as they were at first,' says the LORD.

12 "Thus says the LORD of hosts, 'There shall again be in this place which is waste, without man or beast, and in all its cities, a <sup>1</sup>habitation of shepherds who rest their <sup>2</sup>flocks.

13 'In the cities of the hill country, in the cities of the lowland, in the cities of the Negev, in the land of Benjamin, in the environs of Jerusalem, and in the cities of Judah, the flocks shall again <sup>a</sup>pass under the hands of the one who numbers them,' says the LORD.

14 'Behold, days are coming,' declares the LORD, 'when I will <sup>a</sup>fulfill the good word which I have spoken concerning the house of Israel and the house of Judah.

15 'In those days and at that time I will cause a <sup>a</sup>righteous Branch of David to spring forth; and He shall execute <sup>b</sup>justice and righteousness on the earth.

16 'In those days <sup>a</sup>Judah shall be saved, and Jerusalem shall dwell in safety; and this is *the name* by which she shall be called: the <sup>b</sup>LORD is our righteousness.'

17 "For thus says the LORD, 'David shall <sup>a</sup>never lack a man to sit on the throne of the house of Israel;

18 <sup>1</sup>and the Levitical <sup>a</sup>priests shall never lack a man before Me to offer burnt offerings, to burn grain offerings, and to <sup>b</sup>prepare sacrifices <sup>2</sup>continually.'

19 And the word of the LORD came to Jeremiah, saying,

20 "Thus says the LORD, 'If you can <sup>a</sup>break My covenant for the day, and My covenant for the night, so that day and night will not be at their appointed time,

21 then <sup>a</sup>My covenant may also be broken with David My servant that he shall not have a son to reign on his throne, and with the Levitical priests, My ministers.

22 'As the <sup>a</sup>host of heaven cannot be counted, and the <sup>b</sup>sand of the sea cannot be measured, so I will multiply the <sup>1</sup>descendants of David My servant and the Levites who minister to Me.'"

23 And the word of the LORD came to Jeremiah, saying,

24 "Have you not observed what this people have spoken, saying, 'The <sup>a</sup>two families which the LORD chose, He has rejected them'? Thus they <sup>b</sup>despise My people, no longer are they as a nation <sup>1</sup>in their sight.

9 <sup>1</sup>i.e., this city  
<sup>a</sup>Jer. 13:11; Is. 62:2, 4  
<sup>b</sup>Jer. 3:17, 19; 4:2; 16:19  
<sup>c</sup>Jer. 24:6; 32:42  
<sup>d</sup>Neh. 6:16; Ps. 40:3; Hos. 3:5

11 <sup>1</sup>Or, captivity  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 35:10; 51:3, 11

12 <sup>1</sup>Or, pasture  
<sup>a</sup>Jer. 31:12; Is. 65:10; Ezek. 34:12-14; Zeph. 2:6, 7

13 <sup>a</sup>Lev. 27:32; Luke 15:4

14 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 33:9; 32:42; Is. 32:1, 2; Ezek. 34:23-25; Hag. 2:6-9

15 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 23:5, 6; 30:9; Is. 4:2, 11:1-5; Zech. 3:8; 6:12, 13  
<sup>b</sup>Ps. 72:1-5

16 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 23:6; Is. 45:17, 22  
<sup>b</sup>Jer. 23:6; Is. 45:24, 25; 1 Cor. 1:30; 2 Cor. 5:21; Phil. 3:9

17 <sup>1</sup>Lit., There shall not be cut off for David  
<sup>2</sup>Sam. 7:16, 1 Kin. 2:4; 8:25; Ps. 89:29-37

18 <sup>1</sup>Lit., there shall not be cut off for the Levitical priests  
<sup>2</sup>Lit., all the days  
<sup>a</sup>Deut. 18:1; 24:8; Josh. 3:3; Ezek. 44:15  
<sup>b</sup>Ex. 29:4; Ezra 3:5; Heb. 13:15

20 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 33:25; 31:35-37; Ps. 89:37; 104:19-23; Is. 54:9, 10

21 <sup>a</sup>2 Sam. 23:5; 2 Chr. 7:18; 21:7

22 <sup>1</sup>Lit., seed  
<sup>a</sup>Gen. 15:5  
<sup>b</sup>Gen. 22:17

24 <sup>1</sup>Lit., to their faces  
<sup>a</sup>Jer. 33:26; 3:7, 8, 10, 18; Is. 7:17; 11:13; Ezek. 37:22  
<sup>b</sup>Neh. 4:2-4; Esth. 3:6-8; Ps. 44:13, 14; 83:4; Ezek. 36:2

25 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *statutes* (cf. 31:35)  
<sup>a</sup>Jer. 33:20; 31:35, 36 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 74:16, 17

26 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *seed* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *from taking* <sup>3</sup>Or, *captivity*  
<sup>a</sup>Gen. 49:10 <sup>b</sup>Jer. 31:20; Is. 14:1; 54:8; Ezek. 39:25; Hos. 1:7; 2:23

1 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 1:15; 27:7; Dan. 2:37, 38

2 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 22:1, 2; 37:1-4; 2 Chr. 36:11, 12

3 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *mouth to mouth*  
<sup>a</sup>Jer. 34:21; 21:7; 2 Kin. 25:4, 5 <sup>b</sup>Jer. 39:6, 7; 2 Kin. 25:6, 7

5 <sup>a</sup>2 Chr. 16:14; 21:19

6 <sup>a</sup>1 Sam. 3:18; 15:16-24; 1 Kin. 21:18

7 <sup>a</sup>Josh. 10:3, 5; 2 Kin. 14:19; 18:14; Is. 36:2 <sup>b</sup>Josh. 10:10; 2 Chr. 11:9 <sup>c</sup>2 Chr. 11:5-10

8 <sup>1</sup>Or, *liberty*  
<sup>a</sup>2 Kin. 11:17; 23:2, 3 <sup>b</sup>Jer. 34:14, 17; Lev. 25:10, 39-46; Neh. 5:1-13

9 <sup>a</sup>Gen. 14:13; Ex. 2:6

11 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 34:21; 37:5; Ps. 78:34-36; Hos. 6:4

13 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 31:32; Ex. 24:3, 7; 8; Deut. 5:2, 3, 27 <sup>b</sup>Ex. 20:2

25 "Thus says the LORD, 'If My <sup>a</sup>covenant for day and night stand not, and the <sup>1</sup>fixed patterns of heaven and earth I have <sup>b</sup>not established,

26 then I would reject the <sup>1</sup>descendants of Jacob and David My servant, <sup>2</sup>not taking from his <sup>1</sup>descendants <sup>a</sup>rulers over the <sup>1</sup>descendants of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. But I will restore their <sup>3</sup>fortunes and will have <sup>b</sup>mercy on them.' "

CHAPTER 34

THE word which came to Jeremiah from the LORD, when Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon and all his army, with <sup>a</sup>all the kingdoms of the earth that were under his dominion and all the peoples, were fighting against Jerusalem and against all its cities, saying,

2 "Thus says the LORD God of Israel, <sup>a</sup>Go and speak to Zedekiah king of Judah and say to him: "Thus says the LORD, 'Behold, I am giving this city into the hand of the king of Babylon, and he will burn it with fire.

3 'And <sup>a</sup>you will not escape from his hand, for you will surely be captured and delivered into his hand; and you will <sup>b</sup>see the king of Babylon eye to eye, and he will speak with you <sup>1</sup>face to face, and you will go to Babylon.' "

4 "Yet hear the word of the LORD, O Zedekiah king of Judah! Thus says the LORD concerning you, 'You will not die by the sword.

5 'You will die in peace; and as spices were burned for your fathers, the former kings who were before you, so they will <sup>a</sup>burn spices for you; and they will lament for you, "Alas, lord!" ' For I have spoken the word," declares the LORD.

6 Then Jeremiah the prophet spoke <sup>a</sup>all these words to Zedekiah king of Judah in Jerusalem

7 when the army of the king of Babylon was fighting against Jerusalem and against all the remaining cities of Judah, *that is*, <sup>a</sup>Lachish and <sup>b</sup>Azekah, for they *alone* remained as <sup>c</sup>fortified cities among the cities of Judah.

8 The word which came to Jeremiah from the LORD, after King Zedekiah had <sup>a</sup>made a covenant with all the people who were in Jerusalem to <sup>b</sup>proclaim <sup>1</sup>release to them:

9 that each man should set free his male servant and each man his female servant, a <sup>a</sup>Hebrew man or a Hebrew woman; so that no one should keep them, a Jew his brother, in bondage.

10 And all the officials and all the people obeyed, who had entered into the covenant that each man should set free his male servant and each man his female servant, so that no one should keep them any longer in bondage; they obeyed, and set *them free*.

11 But <sup>a</sup>afterward they turned around and took back the male servants and the female servants, whom they had set free, and brought them into subjection for male servants and for female servants.

12 Then the word of the LORD came to Jeremiah from the LORD, saying,

13 "Thus says the LORD God of Israel, 'I <sup>a</sup>made a covenant with your forefathers in the day that I <sup>b</sup>brought them out of the land of Egypt, from the house of bondage, saying,

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14 "At the end of seven years each of you shall set free his Hebrew brother, who has been sold to you and has served you six years, you shall send him out free from you; but your forefathers did not obey Me, or incline their ear to Me.

15 "Although recently you had turned and done what is right in My sight, each man proclaiming release to his neighbor, and you had made a covenant before Me in the house which is called by My name.

16 "Yet you turned and profaned My name, and each man took back his male servant and each man his female servant, whom you had set free according to their desire, and you brought them into subjection to be your male servants and female servants."

17 "Therefore thus says the LORD, 'You have not obeyed Me in proclaiming release each man to his brother, and each man to his neighbor. Behold, I am proclaiming a release to you,' declares the LORD, 'to the sword, to the pestilence, and to the famine; and I will make you a terror to all the kingdoms of the earth.

18 'And I will give the men who have transgressed My covenant, who have not fulfilled the words of the covenant which they made before Me, when they cut the calf in two and passed between its parts—

19 the officials of Judah, and the officials of Jerusalem, the court officers, and the priests, and all the people of the land, who passed between the parts of the calf—

20 and I will give them into the hand of their enemies and into the hand of those who seek their life. And their dead bodies shall be food for the birds of the sky and the beasts of the earth.

21 'And Zedekiah king of Judah and his officials I will give into the hand of their enemies, and into the hand of those who seek their life, and into the hand of the army of the king of Babylon which has gone away from you.

22 'Behold, I am going to command,' declares the LORD, 'and I will bring them back to this city; and they shall fight against it and take it and burn it with fire; and I will make the cities of Judah a desolation without inhabitant.' "

**CHAPTER 35**

THE word which came to Jeremiah from the LORD in the days of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah, king of Judah, saying,

2 "Go to the house of the Rechabites, and speak to them, and bring them into the house of the LORD, into one of the chambers, and give them wine to drink."

3 Then I took Jaazaniah the son of Jeremiah, son of Habazziniah, and his brothers, and all his sons, and the whole house of the Rechabites,

4 and I brought them into the house of the LORD, into the chamber of the sons of Hanan the son of Igdaliah, the man of God, which was near the chamber of the officials, which was

14 <sup>1</sup>Or, *has sold himself*  
<sup>a</sup>Ex. 21:2; Deut. 15:12;  
1 Kin. 9:22 <sup>b</sup>1 Sam. 8:7, 8;  
2 Kin. 17:13, 14

15 <sup>1</sup>Or, *liberty*  
<sup>a</sup>2 Kin. 23:3; Neh. 10:29

16 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *caused them to return*  
<sup>a</sup>Jer. 34:11; 1 Sam. 15:11;  
Ezek. 3:20; 18:24 <sup>b</sup>Ex. 20:7

17 <sup>1</sup>Or, *liberty*  
<sup>a</sup>Lev. 26:34, 35; Esth. 7:10;  
Dan. 6:24; Matt. 7:2 <sup>b</sup>Jer.  
32:24; 38:2 <sup>c</sup>Jer. 29:18;  
Deut. 28:25, 64

18 <sup>a</sup>Deut. 17:2; Hos. 6:7;  
8:1 <sup>b</sup>Gen. 15:10

19 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 34:10; Ezek.  
22:27; Mic. 7:1-5; Zeph.  
3:3, 4

20 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 19:7; 1 Sam.  
17:44, 46; 1 Kin. 14:11; 16:4

21 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 32:3, 4; 39:6;  
52:10, 24-27; 2 Kin. 25:18-  
21; Ezek. 17:16

22 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 4:7 <sup>b</sup>Jer. 33:10;  
44:22

1 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 1:3; 27:20; 2 Kin.  
23:34-36; 24:1; Dan. 1:1

2 <sup>a</sup>1 Chr. 2:55 <sup>b</sup>1 Kin.  
6:5, 6, 8; 1 Chr. 9:26, 33

4 <sup>a</sup>Deut. 33:1; Josh. 14:6;  
1 Kin. 12:22; 2 Kin. 1:9-13

5 <sup>1</sup>Lit., sons

<sup>a</sup>Amos 2:12; 2 Cor. 2:9

6 <sup>2</sup> Kin. 10:15, 23

<sup>b1</sup> Chr. 2:55 <sup>c</sup> Lev. 10:9;  
Num. 6:2-4; Judg. 13:7, 14;  
Luke 1:15

7 <sup>a</sup> Gen. 25:27; Heb. 11:9

<sup>b</sup> Ex. 20:12; Eph. 6:2, 3  
<sup>c</sup> Gen. 36:7; 1 Chr. 16:19

8 <sup>a</sup> Prov. 1:8, 9; 4:1, 2, 10;  
6:20; Eph. 6:1; Col. 3:20

9 <sup>a</sup> Jer. 35:7; Ps. 37:16;  
1 Tim. 6:6

11 <sup>2</sup> Kin. 24:1, 2; Dan.  
1:1, 2

13 <sup>a</sup> Jer. 5:3; 6:8-10; 32:33;  
Is. 28:9-12

14 <sup>1</sup> Lit., rising early and  
speaking

<sup>a</sup> Jer. 7:13, 25; 11:7; 25:3, 4;  
2 Chr. 36:15 <sup>b</sup> Is. 30:9; 50:2

15 <sup>1</sup> Lit., rising early and  
speaking

<sup>a</sup> Jer. 26:5; 29:19; 32:33 <sup>b</sup> Jer.  
4:1; 18:11; Is. 1:16, 17;  
Ezek. 18:30-32; Acts 26:20  
<sup>c</sup> Jer. 7:6; 13:10; 25:6; Deut.  
6:14

16 <sup>a</sup> Jer. 35:14; Mal. 1:6

17 <sup>a</sup> Jer. 19:3, 15; 21:4-10;  
Mic. 3:12 <sup>b</sup> Jer. 7:13, 26, 27;  
26:5; Prov. 1:24, 25; Is.  
65:12; 66:4; Luke 13:34, 35;  
Rom. 10:21

18 <sup>a</sup> Ex. 20:12; Eph. 6:1-3

19 <sup>1</sup> Lit., all the days  
<sup>a</sup> Jer. 33:17; 1 Chr. 2:55 <sup>b</sup> Jer.  
15:19; Luke 21:36

above the chamber of Maaseiah the son of Shallum, the doorkeeper.

5 Then I set before the <sup>1</sup>men of the house of the Rechabites pitchers full of wine, and cups; and I said to them, “<sup>a</sup>Drink wine!”

6 But they said, “We will not drink wine, for <sup>a</sup>Jonadab the son of <sup>b</sup>Rechab, our father, commanded us, saying, ‘You shall <sup>c</sup>not drink wine, you or your sons, forever.

7 ‘And you shall not build a house, and you shall not sow seed, and you shall not plant a vineyard or own one; but in <sup>a</sup>tents you shall dwell all your days, that you may live <sup>b</sup>many days in the land where you <sup>c</sup>sojourn.’

8 “And we have <sup>a</sup>obeyed the voice of Jonadab the son of Rechab, our father, in all that he commanded us, not to drink wine all our days, we, our wives, our sons, or our daughters,

9 nor to build ourselves houses to dwell in; and we do not <sup>a</sup>have vineyard or field or seed.

10 “We have only dwelt in tents, and have obeyed, and have done according to all that Jonadab our father commanded us.

11 “But it came about, when <sup>a</sup>Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon came up against the land, that we said, ‘Come and let us go to Jerusalem before the army of the Chaldeans and before the army of the Syrians.’ So we have dwelt in Jerusalem.”

12 Then the word of the LORD came to Jeremiah, saying,

13 “Thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, ‘Go and say to the men of Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem, “<sup>a</sup>Will you not receive instruction by listening to My words?”’ declares the LORD.

14 “The words of Jonadab the son of Rechab, which he commanded his sons not to drink wine, are observed. So they do not drink *wine* to this day, for they have obeyed their father’s command. But I have spoken to you <sup>1a</sup>again and again; yet you have <sup>b</sup>not listened to Me.

15 “Also I have sent to you all My <sup>a</sup>servants the prophets, sending *them* <sup>1a</sup>again and again, saying: <sup>b</sup>Turn now every man from his evil way, and amend your deeds, and do not <sup>c</sup>go after other gods to worship them, then you shall dwell in the land which I have given to you and to your forefathers; but you have not inclined your ear or listened to Me.

16 ‘Indeed, the sons of Jonadab the son of Rechab have <sup>a</sup>observed the command of their father which he commanded them, but this people has not listened to Me.’”

17 “Therefore thus says the LORD, the God of hosts, the God of Israel, ‘Behold, <sup>a1</sup> I am bringing on Judah and on all the inhabitants of Jerusalem all the disaster that I have pronounced against them; because I <sup>b</sup>spoke to them but they did not listen, and I have called them but they did not answer.’”

18 Then Jeremiah said to the house of the Rechabites, “Thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, ‘Because you have <sup>a</sup>obeyed the command of Jonadab your father, kept all his commands, and done according to all that he commanded you;

19 therefore thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, “Jonadab the son of Rechab <sup>a</sup>shall not lack a man to <sup>b</sup>stand before Me <sup>1a</sup>always.”’”



CHAPTER 36

AND it came about in the <sup>a</sup>fourth year of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah, king of Judah, that this word came to Jeremiah from the LORD, saying,

2 "Take a <sup>1a</sup>scroll and write on it all the <sup>b</sup>words which I have spoken to you concerning <sup>c</sup>Israel, and concerning <sup>c</sup>Judah, and concerning all the <sup>d</sup>nations, from the <sup>e</sup>day I *first* spoke to you, from the days of Josiah, even to this day.

3 "<sup>a</sup>Perhaps the house of Judah will hear all the calamity which I plan to bring on them, in order that every man will <sup>b</sup>turn from his evil way; then I will <sup>c</sup>forgive their iniquity and their sin."

4 Then Jeremiah called <sup>a</sup>Baruch the son of Neriah, and Baruch wrote <sup>1a</sup>at the dictation of Jeremiah all the words of the LORD, which Hc had spoken to him, on a <sup>2b</sup>scroll.

5 And Jeremiah commanded Baruch, saying, "I am <sup>1a</sup>restricted; I cannot go into the house of the LORD.

6 "So you go and <sup>a</sup>read from the scroll which you have <sup>b</sup>written <sup>1a</sup>at my dictation the words of the LORD <sup>2</sup>to the people in the LORD's house on a <sup>c</sup>fast day. And also you shall read them <sup>2</sup>to all *the people of Judah* who come from their cities.

7 "<sup>a</sup>Perhaps their supplication will <sup>1</sup>come before the LORD, and everyone will turn from his evil way, for <sup>b</sup>great is the anger and the wrath that the LORD has pronounced against this people."

8 And Baruch the son of Neriah did according to all that Jeremiah the prophet commanded him, <sup>a</sup>reading from the book the words of the LORD in the LORD's house.

9 Now it came about in the <sup>a</sup>fifth year of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah, king of Judah, in the <sup>b</sup>ninth month, that all the people in Jerusalem and all the people who <sup>c</sup>came from the cities of Judah to Jerusalem proclaimed a <sup>d</sup>fast before the LORD.

10 Then Baruch read from the book the words of Jeremiah in the house of the LORD in the <sup>a</sup>chamber of <sup>b</sup>Gemariah the son of Shaphan the <sup>c</sup>scribe, in the upper court, at the <sup>d</sup>entry of the New Gate of the LORD's house, to all the people.

11 Now when <sup>a</sup>Micaiah the son of Gemariah, the son of Shaphan, had heard all the words of the LORD from the book,

12 he went down to the king's house, into the scribe's chamber. And, behold, all the officials were sitting there—<sup>a</sup>Elishama the scribe, and <sup>b</sup>Delaiah the son of Shemaiah, and <sup>c</sup>Elnathan the son of Achbor, and Gemariah the son of Shaphan, and Zedekiah the son of Hananiah, and all the *other* officials.

13 And Micaiah <sup>a</sup>declared to them all the words that he had heard, when Baruch read from the book to the people.

14 Then all the officials sent <sup>a</sup>Jehudi the son of Nethaniah, the son of Shelemiah, the son of Cushi, to Baruch, saying, "Take in your hand the scroll from which you have read to the people and come." So Baruch the son of Neriah <sup>b</sup>took the scroll in his hand and went to them.

15 And they said to him, "Sit down please, and read it to us." So Baruch <sup>a</sup>read it to them.

16 Now it came about when they had heard all the words,

1 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 25:1, 3; 45:1; 46:2; 2 Kin. 24:1

2 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *scroll of a book*  
<sup>a</sup>Jer. 36:6, 23, 28; Ex. 17:14; Zech. 5:1, 2 <sup>b</sup>Jer. 1:9, 10 <sup>c</sup>Jer. 3:3-10; 23:13, 14; 32:30-32 <sup>d</sup>Jer. 1:5, 10; 25:9, 29; chaps. 47-51 <sup>e</sup>Jer. 1:2, 3; 25:3

3 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 36:7; 26:3; Ezek. 12:3 <sup>b</sup>Jer. 18:8, 11; 35:15; Deut. 30:2, 8; 1 Sam. 7:3; Is. 55:7 <sup>c</sup>John 3:10; Mark 4:12; Acts 3:19

4 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *from the mouth of*  
<sup>2</sup>Lit., *scroll of a book*  
<sup>a</sup>Jer. 36:18; 32:12; 43:3 <sup>b</sup>Jer. 36:14; Ezek. 2:9

5 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *shut up*  
<sup>a</sup>Jer. 32:2; 33:1; 2 Cor. 11:23

6 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *from my mouth*  
<sup>2</sup>Lit., *in the ears of, and so throughout this context*  
<sup>a</sup>Jer. 36:8 <sup>b</sup>Jer. 36:4 <sup>c</sup>Jer. 36:9; Zech. 8:19

7 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *fall*  
<sup>a</sup>Jer. 36:3; 26:3; 1 Kin. 8:33; 2 Chr. 33:12, 13 <sup>b</sup>Jer. 4:4; 21:5; 2 Kin. 22:13, 17; Lam. 4:11

8 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 36:6; 1:17

9 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 36:1 <sup>b</sup>Jer. 36:22 <sup>c</sup>Jer. 36:6 <sup>d</sup>2 Chr. 20:3; Esth. 4:16; Joel 1:14; 2:15; Jon. 3:5

10 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 35:4 <sup>b</sup>Jer. 36:11, 25 <sup>c</sup>Jer. 52:25; 2 Sam. 8:17 <sup>d</sup>Jer. 26:10

11 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 36:13

12 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 36:20 <sup>b</sup>Jer. 36:25 <sup>c</sup>Jer. 26:22

13 <sup>a</sup>2 Kin. 22:10

14 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 36:21 <sup>b</sup>Jer. 36:2; Ezek. 2:6, 7

15 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 36:21

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16 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 36:24; Acts 24:25  
<sup>b</sup>Jer. 13:18; Amos 7:10, 11

17 <sup>1</sup>Lit., from his mouth,  
and so throughout this  
context  
<sup>a</sup>John 9:10, 15, 26

18 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 36:4; 43:2, 3

19 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 36:26; 26:20-24;  
1 Kin. 17:3; 18:4, 10

20 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 36:12

21 <sup>2</sup>Kin. 22:10; 2 Chr.  
34:18; Ezek. 2:4, 5

22 <sup>a</sup>Amos 3:15

23 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 36:29; 1 Kin. 22:8,  
27; Prov. 1:30; Is. 5:18, 19;  
28:14, 22

24 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 36:16; Ps. 36:1;  
64:5; Is. 26:11 <sup>b1</sup>Kin.  
21:27; 2 Kin. 19:1, 2; 22:11,  
19; Is. 36:22; 37:1; Jon. 3:6

25 <sup>a</sup>Gen. 37:22, 26, 27;  
Acts 5:34-39

26 <sup>1</sup>Kin. 19:1-3, 10, 14

28 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 28:13, 14; 44:28;  
Zech. 1:5, 6

29 <sup>1</sup>Lit., saying  
<sup>a</sup>Deut. 29:19; Job 15:24, 25;  
Is. 45:9 <sup>b</sup>Jer. 26:9; 32:3; Is.  
29:21; 30:10 <sup>c</sup>Jer. 25:9-11

30 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 22:30; 2 Kin.  
24:12-15

31 <sup>1</sup>Lit., seed  
<sup>a</sup>Jer. 19:15; 35:17; Deut.  
28:15; Prov. 29:1

32 <sup>1</sup>Lit., like those  
<sup>a</sup>Jer. 36:4, 23; Ex. 4:15, 16;  
34:1

they turned in <sup>a</sup>fear one to another and said to Baruch, "We will surely <sup>b</sup>report all these words to the king."

17 And they asked Baruch, saying, "Tell us please, <sup>a</sup>how did you write all these words? Was it <sup>1</sup>at his dictation?"

18 Then Baruch said to them, "He <sup>a</sup>dictated all these words to me, and I wrote them with ink on the book."

19 Then the officials said to Baruch, "Go, <sup>a</sup>hide yourself, you and Jeremiah, and do not let anyone know where you are."

20 So they went to the <sup>a</sup>king in the court, but they had deposited the scroll in the chamber of <sup>a</sup>Elishama the scribe, and they reported all the words to the king.

21 Then the king sent Jehudi to get the scroll, and he took it out of the chamber of Elishama the scribe. And <sup>a</sup>Jehudi read it to the king as well as to all the officials who stood beside the king.

22 Now the king was sitting in the <sup>a</sup>winter house in the ninth month, with a fire burning in the brazier before him.

23 And it came about, when Jehudi had read three or four columns, *the king* cut it with a scribe's knife and <sup>a</sup>threw it into the fire that was in the brazier, until all the scroll was consumed in the fire that was in the brazier.

24 Yet the king and all his servants who heard all these words were <sup>a</sup>not afraid, nor did they <sup>b</sup>rend their garments.

25 Even though Elnathan and Delaiah and Gemariah <sup>a</sup>entreated the king not to burn the scroll, he would not listen to them.

26 And the king commanded Jerahmeel the king's son, Seraiah the son of Azriel, and Shelemiah the son of Abdeel to <sup>a</sup>seize Baruch the scribe and Jeremiah the prophet, but the LORD hid them.

27 Then the word of the LORD came to Jeremiah after the king had burned the scroll and the words which Baruch had written at the dictation of Jeremiah, saying,

28 "Take again another scroll and write on it all the former words that were on the first scroll which Jehoiakim the king of Judah burned.

29 "And concerning Jehoiakim king of Judah you shall say, 'Thus says the LORD, "You have <sup>a</sup>burned this scroll, saying, "<sup>b</sup>Why have you written on it <sup>1</sup>that the <sup>c</sup>king of Babylon shall certainly come and destroy this land, and shall make man and beast to cease from it?"'

30 'Therefore thus says the LORD concerning Jehoiakim king of Judah, "He shall have <sup>a</sup>no one to sit on the throne of David, and his dead body shall be cast out to the heat of the day and the frost of the night.

31 "I shall also punish him and his <sup>1</sup>descendants and his servants for their iniquity, and I shall <sup>a</sup>bring on them and the inhabitants of Jerusalem and the men of Judah all the calamity that I have declared to them—but they did not listen.'"

32 Then Jeremiah took another scroll and gave it to Baruch the son of Neraiah, the scribe, and he <sup>a</sup>wrote on it at the dictation of Jeremiah all the words of the book which Jehoiakim king of Judah had burned in the fire; and many <sup>1</sup>similar words were added to them.

CHAPTER 37

NOW Zedekiah the son of Josiah whom Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon had made king in the land of Judah, reigned as king in place of Coniah the son of Jehoiakim.

2 But neither he nor his servants nor the people of the land listened to the words of the LORD which He spoke through Jeremiah the prophet.

3 Yet King Zedekiah sent Jehucal the son of Shelemiah, and Zephaniah the son of Maaseiah, the priest, to Jeremiah the prophet, saying, "Please pray to the LORD our God on our behalf."

4 Now Jeremiah was still coming in and going out among the people, for they had not yet put him in the prison.

5 Meanwhile, Pharaoh's army had set out from Egypt; and when the Chaldeans who had been besieging Jerusalem heard the report about them, they lifted the siege from Jerusalem.

6 Then the word of the LORD came to Jeremiah the prophet, saying,

7 "Thus says the LORD God of Israel, 'Thus you are to say to the king of Judah, who sent you to Me to inquire of Me: Behold, Pharaoh's army which has come out for your assistance is going to return to its own land of Egypt.'

8 "The Chaldeans will also return and fight against this city, and they will capture it and burn it with fire."

9 "Thus says the LORD, 'Do not deceive yourselves, saying, The Chaldeans will surely go away from us,' for they will not go.

10 'For even if you had defeated the entire army of Chaldeans who were fighting against you, and there were only wounded men left among them, each man in his tent, they would brise up and burn this city with fire.'

11 Now it happened, when the army of the Chaldeans had lifted the siege from Jerusalem because of Pharaoh's army,

12 that Jeremiah went out from Jerusalem to go to the land of Benjamin in order to take possession of some property there among the people.

13 While he was at the Gate of Benjamin, a captain of the guard whose name was Irijah, the son of Shelemiah the son of Hananiah was there; and he arrested Jeremiah the prophet, saying, "You are going over to the Chaldeans!"

14 But Jeremiah said, "A lie! I am not going over to the Chaldeans"; yet he would not listen to him. So Irijah arrested Jeremiah and brought him to the officials.

15 Then the officials were angry at Jeremiah and beat him, and they put him in jail in the house of Jonathan the scribe, which they had made into the prison.

16 For Jeremiah had come into the dungeon, that is, the vaulted cell; and Jeremiah stayed there many days.

17 Now King Zedekiah sent and took him out; and in his palace the king secretly asked him and said, "Is there a word from the LORD?" And Jeremiah said, "There is!" Then he said, "You will be given into the hand of the king of Babylon!"

18 Moreover Jeremiah said to King Zedekiah, "In what

1 \*2 Kin. 24:17; 1 Chr. 3:15; 2 Chr. 36:10 bEzek. 17:12-21 cJer. 22:24, 28; 24:1; 52:31; 2 Kin. 24:12; 1 Chr. 3:16; 2 Chr. 36:9, 10

2 \*2 Kin. 24:19, 20; 2 Chr. 36:12-16; Prov. 29:12

3 \*Jer. 29:25; 52:24 bJer. 2:27; 15:11; 21:1, 2; 42:1-4, 20; 1 Kin. 13:6; Acts 8:24

5 \*Jer. 37:7; 2 Kin. 24:7; Ezek. 17:15

7 \*Jer. 37:3; 21:1, 2; 2 Kin. 22:18 bJer. 2:18, 36; Is. 30:1-3; 31:1-3; Lam. 4:17; Ezek. 17:17

8 \*Jer. 34:22; 38:23; 39:2-6

9 \*Jer. 29:8; Obad. 3; Matt. 24:4, 5; Eph. 5:6

10 \*Lev. 26:36-38; Is. 30:17 bJoel 2:11

12 1Or, part in a dividing \*Jer. 32:8; 1 Kin. 19:3, 9; Matt. 10:23; Acts 17:10, 14

13 1Lit., falling \*Jer. 38:7; Zech. 14:10 bJer. 18:18; 20:10; Amos 7:10; Luke 23:2; Acts 6:11; 24:5, 9, 13

14 1Lit., falling \*Jer. 40:4-6; Ps. 27:12; 52:1, 2; Matt. 5:11, 12

15 \*Jer. 18:23; 20:1-3; 26:16; Matt. 21:35 bGen. 39:20; 2 Chr. 16:10; 18:26; Acts 5:18

16 1Lit., house of the cistern-pit

17 \*Jer. 38:5, 14-16, 24-27; 1 Kin. 14:1-4 bJer. 37:3; 15:11; 21:1, 2; 1 Kin. 22:15, 16; 2 Kin. 3:11-13 cJer. 21:7; 24:8; Ezek. 12:12, 13; 17:19-21

18 \*1 Sam. 24:9; 26:18; Dan. 6:22; John 10:32; Acts 25:8, 11, 25

19 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 2:28; Deut. 32:37;  
38; 2 Kin. 3:13

20 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *fall*  
<sup>a</sup>Jer. 36:7; 38:26

21 <sup>a</sup>Job 5:20; Ps. 33:18, 19;  
Is. 33:16 <sup>b</sup>Jer. 38:9; 52:6;  
2 Kin. 25:3

2 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 21:9; 39:18; 45:5

3 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 21:10; 32:3-5

4 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *weakening the hands* of <sup>2</sup>Lit., *the hands of all*  
<sup>a</sup>Jer. 18:23; 26:11, 21; 36:12  
<sup>b</sup>Ex. 5:4; 1 Kin. 18:17, 18;  
21:20; Ezra 4:12; Neh. 6:9;  
Amos 7:10; Acts 16:20

5 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *hand*  
<sup>a</sup>1 Sam. 15:24; 29:9; 2 Sam.  
3:39

6 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 37:16, 21; Acts  
16:24 <sup>b</sup>Jer. 38:22; Ps. 40:2;  
69:2, 14, 15; Zech. 9:11

7 <sup>1</sup>Or, *official*  
<sup>a</sup>Jer. 29:2; Acts 8:27 <sup>b</sup>Jer.  
37:13; Deut. 21:19; Job  
29:7; Amos 5:10

9 <sup>1</sup>M.T. reads: *has died*  
<sup>a</sup>Jer. 37:21; 52:6

10 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *in your hand*

11 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *hand*

way have I sinned against you, or against your servants, or against this people, that you have put me in prison?

19 <sup>a</sup>“Where then are your prophets who prophesied to you, saying, ‘The king of Babylon will not come against you or against this land?’

20 “But now, please listen, O my lord the king; please let my <sup>a</sup>petition <sup>1</sup>come before you, and do not make me return to the house of Jonathan the scribe, that I may not die there.”

21 Then King Zedekiah gave commandment, and they committed Jeremiah to the court of the guardhouse and gave him a loaf of <sup>a</sup>bread daily from the bakers’ street, until all the bread in the city was <sup>b</sup>gone. So Jeremiah remained in the court of the guardhouse.

CHAPTER 38

**N**OW Shephatiah the son of Mattan, and Gedaliah the son of Pashhur, and Jucal the son of Shelemiah, and Pashhur the son of Malchijah heard the words that Jeremiah was speaking to all the people, saying,

2 “Thus says the LORD, ‘He who stays in this city will die by the sword and by famine and by pestilence, but he who goes out to the Chaldeans will live and have his own <sup>a</sup>life as booty and stay alive.’

3 “Thus says the LORD, ‘This city will certainly be <sup>a</sup>given into the hand of the army of the king of Babylon, and he will capture it.’”

4 Then the <sup>a</sup>officials said to the king, “Now let this man be put to death, inasmuch as he is <sup>1b</sup>discouraging the men of war who are left in this city and <sup>2a</sup>all the people, by speaking such words to them; for this man is not seeking the well-being of this people, but rather their harm.”

5 So King Zedekiah said, “Behold, he is in your <sup>1</sup>hands; for the king <sup>a</sup>can do nothing against you.”

6 Then they took Jeremiah and cast him into the <sup>a</sup>cistern of Malchijah the king’s son, which was in the court of the guardhouse; and they let Jeremiah down with ropes. Now in the cistern there was no water but only <sup>b</sup>mud, and Jeremiah sank into the mud.

7 But Ebed-melech the Ethiopian, a <sup>1a</sup>eunuch, while he was in the king’s palace, heard that they had put Jeremiah into the cistern. Now the king was sitting in the <sup>b</sup>Gate of Benjamin;

8 and Ebed-melech went out from the king’s palace and spoke to the king, saying,

9 “My lord the king, these men have acted wickedly in all that they have done to Jeremiah the prophet whom they have cast into the cistern; and he <sup>1</sup>will die right where he is because of the famine, for there is <sup>a</sup>no more bread in the city.”

10 Then the king commanded Ebed-melech the Ethiopian, saying, “Take thirty men from here <sup>1</sup>under your authority, and bring up Jeremiah the prophet from the cistern before he dies.”

11 So Ebed-melech took the men under his <sup>1</sup>authority and went into the king’s palace to a <sup>a</sup>place beneath the storeroom and took from there worn-out clothes and worn-out rags and let them down by ropes into the cistern to Jeremiah.

12 Then Ebed-melech the Ethiopian said to Jeremiah, "Now put these worn-out clothes and rags under your armpits under the ropes"; and Jeremiah did so.

13 So they pulled Jeremiah up with the ropes and lifted him out of the cistern, and Jeremiah stayed in the court of the guardhouse.

14 Then King Zedekiah sent and had Jeremiah the prophet brought to him at the third entrance that is in the house of the LORD; and the king said to Jeremiah, "I am going to ask you something; do not hide anything from me."

15 Then Jeremiah said to Zedekiah, "If I tell you, will you not certainly put me to death? Besides, if I give you advice, you will not listen to me."

16 But King Zedekiah swore to Jeremiah in secret saying, "As the LORD lives, who made this life for us, surely I will not put you to death nor will I give you over to the hand of these men who are seeking your life."

17 Then Jeremiah said to Zedekiah, "Thus says the LORD God of hosts, the God of Israel, 'If you will indeed go out to the officers of the king of Babylon, then you will live, this city will not be burned with fire, and you and your household will survive.'

18 'But if you will not go out to the officers of the king of Babylon, then this city will be given over to the hand of the Chaldeans; and they will burn it with fire, and you yourself will not escape from their hand.'

19 Then King Zedekiah said to Jeremiah, "I dread the Jews who have gone over to the Chaldeans, lest they give me over into their hand and they abuse me."

20 But Jeremiah said, "They will not give you over. Please obey the LORD in what I am saying to you, that it may go well with you and you may live."

21 "But if you keep refusing to go out, this is the word which the LORD has shown me:

22 'Then behold, all of the women who have been left in the palace of the king of Judah are going to be brought out to the officers of the king of Babylon; and those women will say, "Your close friends

Have misled and overpowered you;  
While your feet were sunk in the mire,  
They turned back.'

23 "They will also bring out all your wives and your sons to the Chaldeans, and you yourself will not escape from their hand, but will be seized by the hand of the king of Babylon, and this city will be burned with fire."

24 Then Zedekiah said to Jeremiah, "Let no man know about these words and you will not die."

25 "But if the officials hear that I have talked with you and come to you and say to you, 'Tell us now what you said to the king, and what the king said to you; do not hide it from us, and we will not put you to death;'

26 then you are to say to them, 'I was presenting my petition before the king, not to make me return to the house of Jonathan to die there.'

27 Then all the officials came to Jeremiah and questioned

13 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 38:6; 37:21; 39:14, 15; Acts 23:35; 24:27; 28:16, 30

14 <sup>1</sup>Lit., took Jeremiah to him  
<sup>a</sup>Jer. 21:1, 2; 37:17 <sup>b</sup>Jer. 15:11; 42:2-5, 20; 1 Sam. 3:17, 18; 1 Kin. 22:16

15 <sup>a</sup>Luke 22:67, 68

16 <sup>1</sup>Lit., soul  
<sup>a</sup>Jer. 37:17; John 3:2 <sup>b</sup>Num. 16:22; 27:16; Is. 57:16; Zech. 12:1 <sup>c</sup>Jer. 38:4-6; 34:20

17 <sup>1</sup>Lit., your soul <sup>2</sup>Lit., live  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 80:7, 14; Amos 5:27  
<sup>b</sup>1 Chr. 17:24; Ezek. 8:4  
<sup>c</sup>Jer. 38:2; 21:8-10; 27:12, 17; 2 Kin. 24:12; 25:27-30

18 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 27:8 <sup>b</sup>Jer. 38:3; 24:8-10; 32:3-5; 37:8; 2 Kin. 25:4-10 <sup>c</sup>Jer. 32:4; 34:3

19 <sup>1</sup>Lit., fallen  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 51:12, 13; 57:11; John 12:42; 19:12, 13 <sup>b</sup>Jer. 39:9  
<sup>c</sup>Jer. 38:22; 2 Chr. 30:10; Neh. 4:1

20 <sup>1</sup>Lit., listen to the voice of <sup>2</sup>Lit., your soul  
<sup>a</sup>Jer. 11:4, 8; 26:13; 2 Chr. 20:20; Dan. 4:27; Acts 26:29 <sup>b</sup>Jer. 7:23 <sup>c</sup>Gen. 19:20; Is. 55:3

22 <sup>1</sup>Or, princes <sup>2</sup>Lit., The men of your peace  
<sup>a</sup>Jer. 6:12; 8:10; 43:6

23 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 39:6; 41:10; 2 Kin. 25:7 <sup>b</sup>Jer. 38:18

25 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 38:4-6, 27

26 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 37:15, 20

27 <sup>1</sup>Lit., word  
<sup>a</sup>1 Sam. 10:15, 16; 16:2-5

28 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 38:13; 15:20, 21;  
37:20, 21; 39:13, 14; Ps.  
23:4

1 <sup>1</sup>38:28-b in Heb. <sup>2</sup>39:1  
in Heb.  
<sup>a</sup>Jer. 52:4; 2 Kin. 25:1-12;  
Ezek. 24:1, 2

2 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 52:7; 2 Kin. 25:4

3 <sup>1</sup>I.e., chief official <sup>2</sup>title  
of a high official  
<sup>a</sup>Jer. 21:4

4 <sup>1</sup>I.e., Jordan valley  
<sup>a</sup>Jer. 52:7; 2 Kin. 25:4; Is.  
30:15, 16; Amos 2:14  
<sup>b</sup>2 Chr. 32:5

5 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 32:4, 5; 38:18, 23;  
52:8; Lam. 4:20 <sup>b</sup>Josh. 4:13;  
5:10 <sup>c</sup>Jer. 52:9, 26, 27

6 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 52:10; 2 Kin. 25:7  
<sup>b</sup>Deut. 28:34 <sup>c</sup>Jer. 21:7;  
24:8-10; 34:19-21

7 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 52:11; 2 Kin. 25:7;  
Ezek. 12:13 <sup>b</sup>Judg. 16:21

8 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 21:10; 52:13 <sup>b</sup>Jer.  
52:14; 2 Kin. 25:10; Neh.  
1:3

9 <sup>1</sup>Lit., fallers who had  
fallen  
<sup>a</sup>Jer. 38:19; 52:15 <sup>b</sup>Jer.  
39:13; 40:1; 52:12-16, 26;  
2 Kin. 25:11, 20 <sup>c</sup>Gen.  
37:36

10 <sup>1</sup>Lit., on that day  
<sup>a</sup>Jer. 52:16; 2 Kin. 25:12

11 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 1:8; 15:20, 21; Job  
5:15, 16; Acts 24:23

12 <sup>1</sup>Lit., set your eyes on  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 105:14, 15; Prov. 16:7;  
21:1; 1 Pet. 3:13

13 <sup>1</sup>I.e., chief official  
(Akkad) <sup>2</sup>title of a high  
officer

14 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 38:28; 40:1-6 <sup>b</sup>Jer.  
26:24; 2 Kin. 22:12, 14;  
2 Chr. 34:20

him. So he <sup>a</sup>reported to them in accordance with all these words which the king had commanded; and they ceased speaking with him, since the <sup>1</sup>conversation had not been overheard.

28 So Jeremiah <sup>a</sup>stayed in the court of the guardhouse until the day that Jerusalem was captured.

CHAPTER 39

<sup>1</sup>NOW it came about when Jerusalem was captured <sup>2a</sup>in the ninth year of Zedekiah king of Judah, in the tenth month, Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon and all his army came to Jerusalem and laid siege to it;

2 in the eleventh year of Zedekiah, in the fourth month, in the ninth *day* of the month, the city *wall* was <sup>a</sup>breached.

3 Then all the officials of the king of Babylon came in and sat down at the <sup>a</sup>Middle Gate: Nergal-sar-ezer, Samgar-nebu, Sar-sekim the <sup>1</sup>Rab-saris, Nergal-sar-ezer *the* <sup>2</sup>Rab-mag, and all the rest of the officials of the king of Babylon.

4 And it came about, when Zedekiah the king of Judah and all the men of war saw them, that they <sup>a</sup>fled and went out of the city at night by way of the king's garden through the gate <sup>b</sup>between the two walls; and he went out toward the <sup>1</sup>Arabah.

5 But the army of the <sup>c</sup>Chaldeans pursued after them and overtook Zedekiah in the <sup>b</sup>plains of Jericho; and they seized him and brought him up to Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon at <sup>c</sup>Riblah in the land of Hamath, and he passed sentence on him.

6 Then the <sup>a</sup>king of Babylon slew the sons of Zedekiah <sup>b</sup>before his eyes at Riblah; the king of Babylon also slew all the <sup>c</sup>nobles of Judah.

7 He then <sup>a</sup>blinded Zedekiah's eyes and bound him in <sup>b</sup>fetters of bronze to bring him to Babylon.

8 The Chaldeans also <sup>a</sup>burned with fire the king's palace and the houses of the people, and they <sup>b</sup>broke down the walls of Jerusalem.

9 And as for the rest of the people who were left in the city, the <sup>1a</sup>deserters who had gone over to him and the rest of the people who remained, <sup>b</sup>Nebuzaradan the <sup>c</sup>captain of the bodyguard carried *them* into exile in Babylon.

10 But some of the <sup>a</sup>poorest people who had nothing, <sup>a</sup>Nebuzaradan the captain of the bodyguard left behind in the land of Judah, and gave them vineyards and fields <sup>1</sup>at that time.

11 Now Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon gave orders about <sup>a</sup>Jeremiah through Nebuzaradan the captain of the bodyguard, saying,

12 "Take him and <sup>1</sup>look after him, and <sup>a</sup>do nothing harmful to him; but rather deal with him just as he tells you."

13 So Nebuzaradan the captain of the bodyguard sent *word*, along with Nebushazban the <sup>1</sup>Rab-saris, and Nergal-sar-ezer the <sup>2</sup>Rab-mag, and all the leading officers of the king of Babylon;

14 they even sent and <sup>a</sup>took Jeremiah out of the court of the guardhouse and entrusted him to Gedaliah, the son of <sup>b</sup>Ahikam, the son of Shaphan, to take him home. So he stayed among the people.

15 Now the word of the LORD had come to Jeremiah while he was confined in the court of the guardhouse, saying,

16 "Go and speak to Ebed-melech the Ethiopian, saying, "Thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, "Behold, I am about to bring My words on this city <sup>a</sup>for disaster and not for <sup>b</sup>prosperity; and they will take place <sup>b</sup>before you on that day.

17 "But I will <sup>a</sup>deliver you on that day," declares the LORD, "and you shall not be given into the hand of the men whom you dread.

18 "For I will certainly rescue you, and you will not fall by the sword; but you will have your *own* <sup>a</sup>life as booty, because you have <sup>b</sup>trusted in Me," declares the LORD.' "

CHAPTER 40

THE word which came to Jeremiah from the LORD after Nebuzaradan captain of the bodyguard had released him from <sup>a</sup>Ramah, when he had taken him bound in <sup>b</sup>chains, among all the exiles of Jerusalem and Judah, who were being exiled to Babylon.

2 Now the captain of the bodyguard had taken Jeremiah and said to him, "The <sup>a</sup>LORD your God promised this calamity against this place;

3 and the LORD has brought *it* on and done just as He promised. Because you *people* <sup>a</sup>sinned against the LORD and did not listen to His voice, therefore this thing has happened to you.

4 "But now, behold, I am <sup>a</sup>freeing you today from the chains which are on your hands. If <sup>1</sup>you would prefer to come with me to Babylon, come *along*, and I will <sup>2</sup>look after you; but if <sup>3</sup>you would prefer not to come with me to Babylon, <sup>4</sup>never mind. Look, the <sup>b</sup>whole land is before you; go wherever it seems good and right for you to go."

5 As <sup>1</sup>Jeremiah was still not going back, <sup>2</sup>he said, "Go on back then to Gedaliah the son of Ahikam, the son of Shaphan, whom the king of Babylon has <sup>a</sup>appointed over the cities of Judah, and stay with him among the people; or else go anywhere it seems right for you to go." So the captain of the bodyguard gave him a <sup>b</sup>ration and a <sup>c</sup>gift and let him go.

6 Then Jeremiah went to <sup>a</sup>Mizpah to Gedaliah the son of Ahikam and stayed with him among the people who were left in the land.

7 <sup>a</sup>Now all the <sup>1</sup>commanders of the forces that were in the field, they and their men, heard that the king of Babylon had appointed Gedaliah the son of Ahikam over the land and that he had put him in charge of the men, women and <sup>2</sup>children, those of the <sup>b</sup>poorest of the land who had not been exiled to Babylon.

8 So they came to Gedaliah at Mizpah, along with <sup>a</sup>Ishmael the son of Nethaniah, and <sup>b</sup>Johanan and Jonathan the sons of Kareah, and Seraiah the son of Tanhumeth, and the sons of Ephai the <sup>c</sup>Netophathite, and Jezaniah the son of the <sup>d</sup>Maacathite, *both* they and their men.

9 Then Gedaliah the son of Ahikam, the son of Shaphan, <sup>a</sup>swore to them and to their men, saying, "Do not be <sup>b</sup>afraid of serving the Chaldeans; stay in the land and serve the king of Babylon, that it may go well with you.

16 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *good*  
<sup>a</sup>Jer. 21:10; Dan. 9:12;  
Zech. 1:6 bPs. 91:8, 9

17 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 41:1, 2; 50:15

18 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 21:9; 38:2; 45:5  
<sup>b</sup>Jer. 17:7, 8; Ps. 34:22

1 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 31:15 <sup>b</sup>Acts. 12:6;  
7; 21:13; 28:20; Eph. 6:20

2 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 22:8, 9; Deut.  
29:24-28

3 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 50:7; Rom. 2:5

4 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *it is good in your eyes*  
<sup>2</sup>Lit., *set my eyes on*  
<sup>3</sup>Lit., *it is evil in your eyes*  
<sup>4</sup>Lit., *refrain!*  
<sup>a</sup>Jer. 39:11, 12 <sup>b</sup>Gen. 13:9;  
20:15; 47:6

5 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *he* <sup>2</sup>L.c.,  
Nebuzaradan  
<sup>a</sup>2 Kin. 25:23 <sup>b</sup>Jer. 52:34  
<sup>c</sup>2 Kin. 8:7-9

6 <sup>a</sup>Judg. 20:1; 21:1;  
1 Sam. 7:5; 2 Chr. 16:6

7 <sup>1</sup>Or, *princes* <sup>2</sup>Lit.,  
*infants*  
<sup>a</sup>2 Kin. 25:23, 24 <sup>b</sup>Jer.  
39:10; 52:16

8 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 40:14; 41:2 <sup>b</sup>Jer.  
40:13, 15; 42:1; 43:2  
<sup>c</sup>2 Sam. 23:28, 29; Ezra  
2:22; Neh. 7:26 <sup>d</sup>Deut.  
3:14; Josh. 12:5; 2 Sam.  
10:6, 8

9 <sup>a</sup>1 Sam. 20:16, 17;  
<sup>b</sup>2 Kin. 25:24 <sup>c</sup>Jer. 27:11;  
38:17-20

10 \*Jer. 35:19; Deut. 1:38;  
1 Kin. 10:8 <sup>b</sup>Jer. 39:10 <sup>c</sup>Jer.  
40:12; 48:32; Is. 16:9

11 \*Jer. 9:26; Num. 22:1;  
25:1, 2; Is. 16:4 <sup>b1</sup> Sam.  
11:1; 12:12 <sup>c</sup>Gen. 36:8; Is.  
11:14

14 \*Jer. 25:21; 41:10;  
1 Sam. 11:1-3; 2 Sam. 10:1-6

15 <sup>a1</sup> Sam. 26:8 <sup>b2</sup> Sam.  
21:17 <sup>c</sup>Jer. 42:2

16 \*Matt. 10:16

1 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *seed*  
<sup>a2</sup> Kin. 25:25 <sup>b</sup>Jer. 40:8, 14  
<sup>c</sup>Jer. 39:14; 40:5, 6 <sup>d</sup>Jer.  
40:13, 14

2 <sup>a2</sup> Sam. 3:27; 20:9, 10;  
Ps. 41:9; 109:5; John 13:18  
<sup>b2</sup> Kin. 25:25 <sup>c</sup>Jer. 40:5

4 <sup>1</sup>Or, *second*

5 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *having cut  
themselves*  
<sup>a2</sup> Kin. 10:13, 14 <sup>b</sup>Gen.  
33:18; 37:12; 1 Kin. 12:1  
<sup>c</sup>Josh. 18:1; Judg. 18:31;  
1 Sam. 3:21; Ps. 78:60  
<sup>d1</sup> Kin. 16:24, 29 <sup>e</sup>Jer. 16:6;  
Deut. 14:1 <sup>f2</sup> Kin. 25:9; Ps.  
102:14

6 \*Jer. 50:4; 2 Sam. 3:16

10 "Now as for me, behold, I am going to stay at Mizpah to <sup>a</sup>stand for you before the Chaldeans who come to us; but as for you, <sup>b</sup>gather in wine and <sup>c</sup>summer fruit and oil, and put *them* in your *storage* vessels, and live in your cities that you have taken over."

11 Likewise also all the Jews who were in <sup>a</sup>Moab and among the sons of <sup>b</sup>Ammon and in <sup>c</sup>Edom, and who were in all the *other* countries, heard that the king of Babylon had left a remnant for Judah and that he had appointed over them Gedaliah the son of Ahikam, the son of Shaphan.

12 Then all the Jews returned from all the places to which they had been driven away and came to the land of Judah, to Gedaliah at Mizpah, and gathered in wine and summer fruit in great abundance.

13 Now Johanan the son of Kareah and all the commanders of the forces that were in the field came to Gedaliah at Mizpah,

14 and said to him, "Are you well aware that Baalis the king of the sons of <sup>a</sup>Ammon has sent Ishmael the son of Nethaniah to take your life?" But Gedaliah the son of Ahikam did not believe them.

15 Then Johanan the son of Kareah spoke secretly to Gedaliah in Mizpah, saying, "<sup>a</sup>Let me go and kill Ishmael the son of Nethaniah, and not a man will know! Why should he <sup>b</sup>take your life, so that all the Jews who are gathered to you should be scattered and the <sup>c</sup>remnant of Judah perish?"

16 But Gedaliah the son of Ahikam said to Johanan the son of Kareah, "<sup>a</sup>Do not do this thing, for you are telling a lie about Ishmael."

## CHAPTER 41

**N**OW it <sup>a</sup>came about in the seventh month that <sup>b</sup>Ishmael the son of Nethaniah, the son of Elishama, of the royal <sup>1</sup>family and *one* of the chief officers of the king, along with ten men, came to Mizpah to <sup>c</sup>Gedaliah the son of Ahikam. While they <sup>d</sup>were eating bread together there in Mizpah,

2 Ishmael the son of Nethaniah and the ten men who were with him arose and <sup>a</sup>struck down Gedaliah the son of Ahikam, the son of Shaphan, with the sword and put to <sup>b</sup>death the one <sup>c</sup>whom the king of Babylon had appointed over the land.

3 Ishmael also struck down all the Jews who were with him, *that is* with Gedaliah at Mizpah, and the Chaldeans who were found there, the men of war.

4 Now it happened on the <sup>1</sup>next day after the killing of Gedaliah, when no one knew about it,

5 that eighty men <sup>a</sup>came from <sup>b</sup>Shechem, from <sup>c</sup>Shiloh, and from <sup>d</sup>Samaria with their beards shaved off and their clothes torn and <sup>1</sup>their bodies <sup>e</sup>gashed, having grain offerings and incense in their hands to bring to the <sup>f</sup>house of the LORD.

6 Then Ishmael the son of Nethaniah went out from Mizpah to meet them, <sup>a</sup>weeping as he went; and it came about as he met them that he said to them, "Come to Gedaliah the son of Ahikam!"



**Corpses in the Cistern.  
People Released.**

**Jeremiah 41, 42**

7 Yet it turned out that as soon as they came inside the city, Ishmael the son of Nethaniah and the men that were with him <sup>a</sup>slaughtered them, and *cast them* into the cistern.

7 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 55:23; Is. 59:7; Ezek. 22:27; 33:24, 26

8 But ten men who were found among them said to Ishmael, "Do not put us to death; for we have <sup>a</sup>stores of wheat, barley, oil and honey hidden in the field." So he refrained and did not put them to death along with their companions.

8 <sup>a</sup>Is. 45:3

9 Now as for the cistern where Ishmael had cast all the corpses of the men whom he had struck down <sup>1</sup>because of Gedaliah, it was the <sup>a</sup>one that King Asa had made on <sup>b</sup>account of Baasha, king of Israel; Ishmael the son of Nethaniah filled it with the slain.

9 <sup>1</sup>Or, *by the side of*  
<sup>a</sup>1 Kin. 15:17-22; 2 Chr. 16:1-6 <sup>b</sup>Judg. 6:2; 1 Sam. 13:6; 2 Sam. 17:9; Heb. 11:38

10 Then Ishmael took captive all the remnant of the people who were in Mizpah, the <sup>a</sup>king's daughters and all the people who were left in Mizpah, whom Nebuzaradan the captain of the bodyguard had put under the charge of Gedaliah the son of Ahikam; thus Ishmael the son of Nethaniah took them captive and proceeded to cross over to the sons of <sup>b</sup>Ammon.

10 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 43:6 <sup>b</sup>Jer. 40:14; Neh. 2:10, 19; 4:7, 8; 6:17, 18

11 But Johanan the son of Kareah and all the <sup>a</sup>commanders of the forces that were with him heard of all the evil that Ishmael the son of Nethaniah had done.

11 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 40:7, 8, 14-16

12 So they took all the men and went to <sup>a</sup>fight with Ishmael the son of Nethaniah and they found him by the <sup>b</sup>great <sup>1</sup>pool that is in Gibeon.

12 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *waters*  
<sup>a</sup>Gen. 14:14-16; 1 Sam. 30:1-8, 18, 20 <sup>b</sup>2 Sam. 2:13

13 Now it came about, as soon as all the people who were with Ishmael saw Johanan the son of Kareah and the commanders of the forces that were with him, they were glad.

15 <sup>a</sup>1 Sam. 30:17; 1 Kin. 20:20; Job 21:30; Prov. 28:17

14 So all the people whom Ishmael had taken captive from Mizpah turned around and came back, and went to Johanan the son of Kareah.

16 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *brought back*  
<sup>2</sup>Lit., *men of war* <sup>3</sup>Lit., *infants*  
<sup>a</sup>Jer. 42:8; 43:4-7

15 But Ishmael the son of Nethaniah <sup>a</sup>escaped from Johanan with eight men and went to the sons of Ammon.

16 Then Johanan the son of Kareah and all the commanders of the forces that were with him took from Mizpah <sup>a</sup>all the remnant of the people whom he had <sup>1</sup>recovered from Ishmael the son of Nethaniah, after he had struck down Gedaliah the son of Ahikam, *that is*, the men who were <sup>2</sup>soldiers, *the* women, *the* <sup>3</sup>children, and *the* eunuchs, whom he had brought back from Gibeon.

17 <sup>1</sup>Or, *the lodging place of Chimham*  
<sup>a</sup>2 Sam. 19:37, 38, 40

17 And they went and stayed in <sup>1a</sup>Geruth Chimham, which is beside Bethlehem, in order to proceed into Egypt

18 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 42:11, 16; 43:2, 3; Is. 51:12, 13; 57:11; Luke 12:4, 5

18 because of the Chaldeans; for they were <sup>a</sup>afraid of them, since Ishmael the son of Nethaniah had struck down Gedaliah the son of Ahikam, whom the king of Babylon had appointed over the land.

1 <sup>1</sup>Or, *princes*  
<sup>a</sup>Jer. 42:8; 6:13; 8:10; 44:12; Acts 8:10

**CHAPTER 42**

**T**HEN all the <sup>1</sup>commanders of the forces, Johanan the son of Kareah, Jezaniah the son of Hoshaiah, and all the people <sup>a</sup>both small and great approached

2 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *fall*  
<sup>a</sup>Jer. 36:7; 37:20 <sup>b</sup>Jer. 42:20; 37:3; Ex. 8:28; 1 Kin. 13:6; Acts 8:24 <sup>c</sup>Deut. 28:62; Is. 1:9; Lam. 1:1

2 and said to Jeremiah the prophet, "Please let our <sup>a</sup>petition <sup>1</sup>come before you, and <sup>b</sup>pray for us to the LORD your God, *that is* for all this remnant; because we are left *but* a <sup>c</sup>few out of many, as your own eyes *now* see us,

3 \*Jer. 6:16; Ps. 86:11;  
Prov. 3:6; Mic. 4:2

4 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *word*  
\*Ex. 8:29; 1 Sam. 12:23  
<sup>b</sup>Jer. 23:28; 1 Kin. 22:14  
<sup>c</sup>1 Sam. 3:17, 18; Ps. 40:10

5 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *word*  
\*Jer. 43:2; Gen. 31:50; Judg.  
11:10; Mic. 1:2; Mal. 2:14;  
3:5

6 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *good* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *evil*  
\*Ex. 24:7; Deut. 5:27; Josh.  
24:24 <sup>b</sup>Jer. 7:23; Deut. 5:29,  
33

7 \*Ps. 27:14; Is. 30:18

8 <sup>1</sup>Or, *princes*

9 \*2 Kin. 19:4, 6, 20;  
22:15

10 <sup>1</sup>Or, *shall have  
changed my mind about*  
\*Jer. 24:6; 31:28; Ezek.  
36:36 <sup>b</sup>Jer. 18:7, 8; Hos.  
11:8; Joel 2:13; Amos 7:3,  
6; Jon. 3:10; 4:2

11 \*Jer. 1:8; 27:12, 17;  
41:18 <sup>b</sup>Jer. 1:19; 15:20;  
2 Chr. 32:7, 8; Ps. 46:7, 11;  
Is. 8:9, 10; 43:2, 5; Rom.  
8:31

12 \*Neh. 1:11; Ps. 106:46;  
Prov. 16:7

13 \*Jer. 44:16; Ex. 5:2

14 \*Jer. 41:17; Is. 31:1  
<sup>b</sup>Jer. 4:19, 21; Ex. 16:3;  
Num. 11:4

15 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *now therefore*  
<sup>2</sup>Lit., *face*  
\*Jer. 42:17; 44:12-14; Deut.  
17:16

16 \*Jer. 44:13, 27; Ezek.  
11:8; Amos 9:14

17 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *face*  
\*Jer. 42:22; 38:2; 44:13

18 \*Jer. 7:20; 33:5; 39:1-9;  
2 Chr. 36:16-19 <sup>b</sup>Jer. 29:18;  
Deut. 29:21; Is. 65:15

3 that the LORD your God may tell us the way in which we should walk and the thing that we should do.”

4 Then Jeremiah the prophet said to them, “I have heard you. Behold, I am going to pray to the LORD your God in accordance with your words; and it will come about that the whole message which the LORD will answer you I will tell you. I will not keep back a word from you.”

5 Then they said to Jeremiah, “May the LORD be a true and faithful witness against us, if we do not act in accordance with the whole message with which the LORD your God will send you to us.

6 “Whether it is pleasant or unpleasant, we will listen to the voice of the LORD our God to whom we are sending you, in order that it may go well with us when we listen to the voice of the LORD our God.”

7 Now it came about at the end of ten days that the word of the LORD came to Jeremiah.

8 Then he called for Johanan the son of Kareah, and all the commanders of the forces that were with him, and for all the people both small and great,

9 and said to them, “Thus says the LORD the God of Israel, to whom you sent me to present your petition before Him:

10 ‘If you will indeed stay in this land, then I will build you up and not tear you down, and I will plant you and not uproot you; for I shall relent concerning the calamity that I have inflicted on you.

11 ‘Do not be afraid of the king of Babylon, whom you are now fearing; do not be afraid of him,’ declares the LORD, ‘for I am with you to save you and deliver you from his hand.

12 ‘I will also show you compassion, so that he will have compassion on you and restore you to your own soil.

13 ‘But if you are going to say, “We will not stay in this land,” so as not to listen to the voice of the LORD your God,

14 saying, “No, but we will go to the land of Egypt, where we shall not see war or hear the sound of a trumpet or hunger for bread, and we will stay there”;

15 then in that case listen to the word of the LORD, O remnant of Judah. Thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, “If you really set your mind to enter Egypt, and go in to reside there,

16 then it will come about that the sword, which you are afraid of will overtake you there in the land of Egypt; and the famine, about which you are anxious, will follow closely after you there in Egypt; and you will die there.

17 “So all the men who set their mind to go to Egypt to reside there will die by the sword, by famine, and by pestilence; and they will have no survivors or refugees from the calamity that I am going to bring on them.”

18 For thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, “As My anger and wrath have been poured out on the inhabitants of Jerusalem, so My wrath will be poured out on you when you enter Egypt. And you will become a curse, an object of horror, an imprecation, and a reproach; and you will see this place no more.”

19 The LORD has spoken to you, O remnant of Judah, "Do not go into Egypt!" You should clearly understand that today I have testified against you.

20 For you have only deceived yourselves; for it is you who sent me to the LORD your God, saying, "Pray for us to the LORD our God; and whatever the LORD our God says, tell us so, and we will do it."

21 So, I have told you today, but you have not obeyed the LORD your God, even in whatever He has sent me to tell you.

22 Therefore you should now clearly understand that you will die by the sword, by famine, and by pestilence, in the place where you wish to go to reside.

CHAPTER 43

BUT it came about, as soon as Jeremiah whom the LORD their God had sent, had finished telling all the people all the words of the LORD their God—that is, all these words—

2 that Azariah the son of Hoshaiah, and Johanan the son of Kareah, and all the arrogant men said to Jeremiah, "You are telling a lie! The LORD our God has not sent you to say, 'You are not to enter Egypt to reside there';

3 but Baruch the son of Neriah is inciting you against us to give us over into the hand of the Chaldeans, so they may put us to death or exile us to Babylon."

4 So Johanan the son of Kareah and all the commanders of the forces, and all the people, did not obey the voice of the LORD, so as to stay in the land of Judah.

5 But Johanan the son of Kareah and all the commanders of the forces took the entire remnant of Judah who had returned from all the nations to which they had been driven away, in order to reside in the land of Judah—

6 the men, the women, the children, the king's daughters and every person that Nebuzaradan the captain of the bodyguard had left with Gedaliah the son of Ahikam and grandson of Shaphan, together with Jeremiah the prophet and Baruch the son of Neriah—

7 and they entered the land of Egypt (for they did not obey the voice of the LORD) and went in as far as Tahpanhes.

8 Then the word of the LORD came to Jeremiah in Tahpanhes, saying,

9 "Take some large stones in your hands and hide them in the mortar in the brick terrace which is at the entrance of Pharaoh's palace in Tahpanhes, in the sight of some of the Jews;

10 and say to them, "Thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, "Behold, I am going to send and get Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon, My servant, and I am going to set his throne right over these stones that I have hidden; and he will spread his canopy over them.

11 "He will also come and strike the land of Egypt; those who are meant for death will be given over to death, and those for captivity to captivity, and those for the sword to the sword.

19 <sup>a</sup>Is. 30:1-7 <sup>b</sup>Ezek. 2:5  
<sup>c</sup>Neh. 9:26, 29, 30

20 <sup>1</sup>Or, acted errantly in your soul  
<sup>a</sup>Jer. 41:17; 43:2; Ezek. 14:3

21 <sup>1</sup>Lit., listened to the voice of  
<sup>a</sup>Jer. 43:1; Deut. 11:26; Ezek. 2:7; Acts 20:26, 27

22 <sup>a</sup>Hos. 9:6

1 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 26:8; 51:63

2 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 5:12, 13; 42:5;  
2 Chr. 36:13; Is. 7:9

3 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 43:6; 36:4, 10, 26,  
32; 45:1-3

4 <sup>1</sup>Or, princes  
<sup>a</sup>Jer. 42:6 <sup>b</sup>Jer. 42:5, 6; 44:5;  
2 Chr. 25:16 <sup>c</sup>Jer. 42:10-12;  
Ps. 37:3

5 <sup>1</sup>Or, princes  
<sup>a</sup>Jer. 40:11

6 <sup>1</sup>Lit., infants <sup>2</sup>Lit., the son  
<sup>a</sup>Jer. 39:10; 40:7 <sup>b</sup>Eccles.  
9:1, 2; Lam. 3:1

8 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 139:7; 2 Tim. 2:9  
<sup>b</sup>Jer. 2:16; 44:1; 46:14;  
Ezek. 30:18

9 <sup>1</sup>Lit., hand <sup>2</sup>Or,  
brickwork <sup>3</sup>Lit., house  
<sup>4</sup>Lit., men

10 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 25:9; 27:6; Is.  
44:28; 45:1 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 18:11; 27:5;  
31:20

12 <sup>1</sup>Some ancient versions read, *he will set*  
<sup>a</sup>Jer. 46:25; Ex. 12:12; Is. 19:1; Ezek. 30:13 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 104:2; 109:18, 19; Is. 49:18

13 <sup>1</sup>Or, *stone pillars*  
<sup>2</sup>Heb., *Beth-shemesh*; i.e., the House of the Sun-god

2 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 4:7; 9:11; 34:22; Is. 6:11; Mic. 3:12

3 <sup>1</sup>Or, *incense*  
<sup>a</sup>Jer. 44:23; 2:17-19; Neh. 9:33; Ezek. 8:17, 18; Dan. 9:5; <sup>b</sup>Jer. 44:8; 7:19; 32:30; 32: Is. 3:8 <sup>c</sup>Deut. 13:6; 29:26; 32:17

4 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *rising early and sending*  
<sup>a</sup>Jer. 7:13, 25; 25:4; 26:5; 35:15; Zech. 7:7 <sup>b</sup>Jer. 16:18; 32:34, 35; Ezek. 8:10

5 <sup>1</sup>Or, *incense*

6 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 42:18; Is. 51:17-20; Ezek. 8:18 <sup>b</sup>Jer. 7:17, 34

7 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 26:19; Ezek. 33:11; Hab. 2:10 <sup>b</sup>Jer. 3:24; 9:21; 51:22

8 <sup>1</sup>Or, *incense*  
<sup>a</sup>Jer. 44:3; 2 Kin. 17:15-17; 1 Cor. 10:21, 22 <sup>b</sup>Jer. 44:3; 7:9; 11:12, 17; Hos. 4:13; Hab. 1:16 <sup>c</sup>Jer. 42:18; 1 Kin. 9:7, 8; 2 Chr. 7:20

9 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 44:17, 21; 7:9, 10, 17, 18

10 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *crushed*  
<sup>a</sup>Jer. 6:15; 8:12 <sup>b</sup>Jer. 44:23; 26:4; 32:23

11 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *evil*  
<sup>a</sup>Jer. 21:10; Lev. 26:17; Amos 9:4

12 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *face* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *be finished*  
<sup>a</sup>Jer. 42:15-18, 22 <sup>b</sup>Jer. 44:7; 16:4; Is. 1:28 <sup>c</sup>Jer. 29:18; 42:18; Is. 65:15

12 "And I shall set fire to the temples of the <sup>a</sup>gods of Egypt, and he will burn them and take them captive. So he will <sup>b</sup>wrap himself with the land of Egypt as a shepherd wraps himself with his garment, and he will depart from there safely.

13 "He will also shatter the <sup>1</sup>obelisks of <sup>2</sup>Heliopolis, which is in the land of Egypt; and the temples of the gods of Egypt he will burn with fire." "

## CHAPTER 44

THE word that came to Jeremiah for all the Jews living in the land of Egypt, those who were living in Migdol, Tahpanhes, Memphis, and the land of Pathros, saying,

2 "Thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, 'You yourselves have seen all the calamity that I have brought on Jerusalem and all the cities of Judah; and behold, this day they are in <sup>a</sup>ruins and no one lives in them,

3 <sup>a</sup>because of their wickedness which they committed so as to <sup>b</sup>provoke Me to anger by continuing to burn <sup>1</sup>sacrifices *and* to <sup>c</sup>serve other gods whom they had not known, *neither* they, you, nor your fathers.

4 'Yet I <sup>a</sup>sent you all My servants the prophets, <sup>1</sup>again and again, saying, "Oh, do not do this <sup>b</sup>abominable thing which I hate."

5 'But they did not listen or incline their ears to turn from their wickedness, so as not to burn <sup>1</sup>sacrifices to other gods.

6 "Therefore My <sup>a</sup>wrath and My anger were poured out and burned in the <sup>b</sup>cities of Judah and in the streets of Jerusalem, so they have become a ruin and a desolation as it is this day.

7 'Now then thus says the LORD God of hosts, the God of Israel, "Why are you <sup>a</sup>doing great harm to yourselves, so as to <sup>b</sup>cut off from you man and woman, child and infant, from among Judah, leaving yourselves without remnant,

8 <sup>a</sup>provoking Me to anger with the works of your hands, <sup>b</sup>burning <sup>1</sup>sacrifices to other gods in the land of Egypt, where you are entering to reside, so that you might be cut off and become a <sup>c</sup>curse and a reproach among all the nations of the earth?

9 "Have you forgotten the <sup>a</sup>wickedness of your fathers, the wickedness of the kings of Judah, and the wickedness of their wives, your own wickedness, and the wickedness of your wives, which they committed in the land of Judah and in the streets of Jerusalem?

10 "But they have not become <sup>1</sup>acontrite even to this day, nor have they feared nor <sup>b</sup>walked in My law or My statutes, which I have set before you and before your fathers." "

11 "Therefore thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, 'Behold, I am going to <sup>a</sup>set My face against you for <sup>1</sup>woe, even to cut off all Judah.

12 'And I will <sup>a</sup>take away the remnant of Judah who have set their <sup>1</sup>mind on entering the land of Egypt to reside there, and they will all <sup>2</sup>meet their end in the land of Egypt; they will fall by the sword *and* meet their end by famine. Both small and great will die by the sword and famine; and they will become a <sup>c</sup>curse, an object of horror, an imprecation and a reproach.

13 'And I will <sup>a</sup>punish those who live in the land of Egypt, as I have punished Jerusalem, with the sword, with famine, and with pestilence.

14 'So there will be <sup>a</sup>no refugees or survivors for the remnant of Judah who have entered the land of Egypt to reside there and then to return to the land of Judah, to which they are <sup>b</sup>belonging to return and live; for none will <sup>c</sup>return except *a few* refugees.' "

15 Then <sup>a</sup>all the men who were aware that their wives were burning <sup>1</sup>sacrifices to other gods, along with all the women who were standing by, *as a large assembly*, <sup>2</sup>including all the people who were living in Pathros in the land of Egypt, responded to Jeremiah, saying,

16 "As for the <sup>1</sup>message that you have spoken to us in the name of the LORD, we are not going to listen to you!

17 "But rather we will certainly carry out every word that has proceeded from our mouths, <sup>1</sup>by burning <sup>2</sup>sacrifices to the <sup>4</sup>queen of heaven and pouring out libations to her, just as <sup>b</sup>we ourselves, our forefathers, our kings and our princes did in the cities of Judah and in the streets of Jerusalem; for *then* we had <sup>c</sup>plenty of <sup>3</sup>food, and were well off, and saw no <sup>a</sup>misfortune.

18 "But since we stopped burning <sup>1</sup>sacrifices to the queen of heaven and pouring out libations to her, we have <sup>1</sup>lacked everything and have <sup>2</sup>met our end by the sword and by famine."

19 "And," *said the women*, "when we were burning <sup>1</sup>sacrifices to the queen of heaven, and <sup>2</sup>were pouring out libations to her, was it <sup>a</sup>without our husbands that we made for her *sacrificial cakes* <sup>3</sup>in her image and poured out libations to her?"

20 Then Jeremiah said to all the people, to the men and women—even to all the people who were giving him *such* an answer—saying,

21 "As for the <sup>1a</sup>smoking sacrifices that you burned in the cities of Judah and in the <sup>b</sup>streets of Jerusalem, you and your forefathers, your kings and your princes, and the people of the land, did not the LORD <sup>c</sup>remember them, and did not *all this* come into His <sup>2</sup>mind?

22 "So the LORD was <sup>a</sup>no longer able to endure *it*, because of the evil of your deeds, <sup>b</sup>because of the abominations which you have committed; thus your land has become a <sup>c</sup>ruin, an object of horror and a curse, without an inhabitant, as *it is* this day.

23 "Because you have burned <sup>1</sup>sacrifices and have sinned against the LORD and <sup>a</sup>not obeyed the voice of the LORD or <sup>b</sup>walked in His law, His statutes or His testimonies, therefore this <sup>c</sup>calamity has befallen you, as *it has* this day."

24 Then Jeremiah said to all the people, including all the women, "<sup>a</sup>Hear the word of the LORD, all Judah who are <sup>b</sup>in the land of Egypt,

25 thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, as follows: 'As for you and your wives, you have spoken with your mouths and fulfilled *it* with your hands, saying, "We will <sup>a</sup>certainly perform our vows that we have vowed, to burn <sup>1</sup>sacrifices to the queen of heaven and pour out libations to her." <sup>2</sup>Go ahead and <sup>b</sup>confirm your vows, and certainly perform your vows!'

13 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 44:27, 28; 11:22

14 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *lifting up their soul*  
<sup>a</sup>Jer. 44:27; 22:10 <sup>b</sup>Jer. 22:26, 27; <sup>c</sup>Jer. 44:28; Is. 4:2; 10:20; Rom. 9:27

15 <sup>1</sup>Or, *incense* <sup>2</sup>Lit., and  
<sup>a</sup>Jer. 5:1-5; Prov. 11:21; Is. 1:5

16 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *word*

17 <sup>1</sup>Or, *so as to burn* <sup>2</sup>Or, *incense* <sup>3</sup>Lit., *bread* <sup>4</sup>Lit., *evil*  
<sup>a</sup>Jer. 7:18; 2 Kin. 17:16 <sup>b</sup>Jer. 44:21; 32:32; Neh. 9:34 <sup>c</sup>Ex. 16:3; Is. 48:5; Hos. 2:5-9; Phil. 3:19

18 <sup>1</sup>Or, *incense* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *been finished*  
<sup>a</sup>Jer. 40:12; Num. 11:5, 6; Mal. 3:13-15

19 <sup>1</sup>Or, *incense* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *to pour* <sup>3</sup>Lit., *to make an image of her*  
<sup>a</sup>Jer. 44:15; Num. 30:6, 7

21 <sup>1</sup>Or, *incense* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *heart*  
<sup>a</sup>Ezek. 8:10, 11 <sup>b</sup>Jer. 44:9, 17; 11:13; Ezek. 16:24 <sup>c</sup>Jer. 14:10; Ps. 79:8; Is. 64:9; Hos. 7:2; Amos 8:7

22 <sup>a</sup>Is. 7:13; Mal. 2:17  
<sup>b</sup>Jer. 4:4; 21:12; 30:14 <sup>c</sup>Jer. 44:13; 25:11, 18, 38; 29:18; 42:18

23 <sup>1</sup>Or, *incense*  
<sup>a</sup>Jer. 7:13-15; 40:3 <sup>b</sup>Jer. 44:10; Ps. 119:136, 150 <sup>c</sup>Jer. 44:2; 1 Kin. 9:9; Neh. 13:18

24 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 44:16; 42:15 <sup>b</sup>Jer. 44:15, 26; 43:7

25 <sup>1</sup>Or, *incense* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *Surely cause to stand*  
<sup>a</sup>Jer. 44:17; Matt. 14:9; Acts 23:12 <sup>b</sup>Ezek. 20:39; James 1:14, 15

26 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *Therefore*  
<sup>2</sup>YHWH, usually rendered  
 LORD  
<sup>a</sup>Jer. 22:5; Gen. 22:16;  
 Deut. 32:40, 41; Amos 6:8;  
 Heb. 6:13, 18 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 50:16;  
 Ezek. 20:39 <sup>c</sup>Jer. 5:2; Is.  
 48:1, 2

27 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *be finished* <sup>2</sup>Lit.,  
*come to an end*  
<sup>a</sup>Jer. 39:16 <sup>b</sup>Jer. 44:14;  
 2 Kin. 21:14

28 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *men of number*  
<sup>a</sup>Jer. 44:14 <sup>b</sup>Is. 10:19; 27:12,  
 13 <sup>c</sup>Ps. 33:11; Is. 14:27;  
 46:10, 11; Zech. 1:6

29 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 44:30; Is. 7:11, 14;  
 8:18; Matt. 24:15, 16, 32  
<sup>b</sup>Prov. 19:21; Is. 40:8

30 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 43:9-13; 46:25;  
 Ezek. 29:3 <sup>b</sup>Jer. 34:21; 39:5;  
 7; 2 Kin. 25:4-7

<sup>1</sup> <sup>1</sup>Lit., *from the mouth*  
*of Jeremiah*  
<sup>a</sup>Jer. 32:12, 16; 43:3, 6 <sup>b</sup>Jer.  
 36:4, 18, 32 <sup>c</sup>Jer. 25:1; 36:1;  
 46:1

<sup>3</sup> <sup>a</sup>Ps. 6:6; 69:3; 2 Cor.  
 4:1, 16; Gal. 6:9

<sup>5</sup> <sup>a</sup>1 Kin. 3:9, 11; 2 Kin.  
 5:26; Matt. 6:25, 32; Rom.  
 12:16 <sup>b</sup>Jer. 25:31; Is. 66:16

<sup>1</sup> <sup>a</sup>Jer. 1:10; 25:15-38

<sup>2</sup> <sup>a</sup>Jer. 46:14; 25:19;  
 Ezek. chaps. 29-32 <sup>b</sup>2 Kin.  
 18:21; 23:29; 33-35 <sup>c</sup>2 Chr.  
 35:20; Is. 10:9

<sup>3</sup> <sup>1</sup>I.e., *small shield*  
<sup>a</sup>Jer. 51:11; Is. 21:5; Joel  
 3:9; Nah. 2:1; 3:14

<sup>4</sup> <sup>1</sup>Or, *up*, *you*  
*horsemen*  
<sup>a</sup>Ezek. 21:9-11 <sup>b</sup>Jer. 51:3;  
 1 Sam. 17:5, 38; 2 Chr.  
 26:14; Neh. 4:16

26 <sup>1</sup>Nevertheless hear the word of the LORD, all Judah who are living in the land of Egypt, 'Behold, I have <sup>a</sup>sworn by My great name,' says the LORD, <sup>b</sup>'never shall My name be invoked again by the mouth of any man of Judah in all the land of Egypt, saying, "<sup>c</sup>As the Lord <sup>2</sup>God lives . . ."

27 'Behold, I am watching over them <sup>a</sup>for harm and not for good, and <sup>b</sup>all the men of Judah who are in the land of Egypt will <sup>1</sup>meet their end by the sword and by famine until they <sup>2</sup>are completely gone.

28 <sup>a</sup>'And those who escape the sword will return out of the land of Egypt to the land of Judah <sup>b</sup>few in number. Then all the remnant of Judah who have gone to the land of Egypt to reside there will know whose word will stand, <sup>c</sup>'Mine or theirs.

29 'And this will be the <sup>a</sup>sign to you,' declares the LORD, 'that I am going to punish you in this place, so that you may know that <sup>b</sup>My words will surely stand against you for harm.'

30 "Thus says the LORD, 'Behold, I am going to give over <sup>a</sup>Pharaoh Hophra king of Egypt to the hand of his enemies, to the hand of those who seek his life, just as I gave over <sup>b</sup>Zedekiah king of Judah to the hand of Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon, *who was his enemy and was seeking his life.*"

CHAPTER 45

**T**HIS is the message which Jeremiah the prophet spoke to <sup>a</sup>Baruch the son of Neriah, when he had <sup>b</sup>written down these words in a book <sup>1</sup>at Jeremiah's dictation, in the <sup>c</sup>fourth year of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah, king of Judah, saying:

2 "Thus says the LORD the God of Israel to you, O Baruch:

3 'You said, "Ah, woe is me! For the LORD has added sorrow to my pain; I am <sup>a</sup>weary with my groaning and have found no rest."

4 "Thus you are to say to him, "Thus says the LORD, "Behold, what I have built I am about to tear down, and what I have planted I am about to uproot, that is, the whole land."

5 'But you, are you <sup>a</sup>seeking great things for yourself? Do not seek *them*; for behold, I am going to <sup>b</sup>bring disaster on all flesh,' declares the LORD, 'but I will give your life to you as booty in all the places where you may go.' "

CHAPTER 46

**T**HAT which came as the word of the LORD to Jeremiah the prophet <sup>a</sup>concerning the nations.

2 To <sup>a</sup>Egypt, concerning the army of <sup>b</sup>Pharaoh Necho king of Egypt, which was by the Euphrates River at <sup>c</sup>Carchemish, which Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon defeated in the fourth year of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah, king of Judah:

3 <sup>a</sup>"Line up the shield and <sup>1</sup>buckler,

And draw near for the battle!

4 "Harness the horses,

And <sup>1</sup>mount the steeds,

And take your stand with helmets *on!*

<sup>a</sup>Polish the spears,

Put on the <sup>b</sup>scale-armor!

- 5 "Why have I seen it?  
They are terrified,  
They are <sup>a</sup>drawing back,  
And their <sup>b</sup>mighty men are defeated  
And have taken refuge in flight,  
Without facing back;  
<sup>1</sup>Terror is on every side!"  
Declares the LORD.
- 6 Let not the <sup>a</sup>swift man flee,  
Nor the mighty man escape;  
In the north beside the River Euphrates  
They have <sup>b</sup>stumbled and fallen.
- 7 Who is this that rises like the Nile,  
Like the rivers whose waters surge about?
- 8 Egypt rises like the Nile,  
Even like the rivers whose waters surge about;  
And He has said, "I will <sup>a</sup>rise and cover *that* land;  
I will surely <sup>b</sup>destroy the city and its inhabitants."
- 9 Go up, you horses, and <sup>1a</sup>drive madly, you chariots,  
That the mighty men may <sup>2</sup>march forward:  
Ethiopia and <sup>3b</sup>Put, that handle the shield,  
And the <sup>4c</sup>Lydians, that handle *and* bend the bow.
- 10 For that day belongs to the Lord <sup>1</sup>God of hosts,  
A day of vengeance, so as to avenge Himself on His foes;  
And the <sup>a</sup>sword will devour and be satiated  
And <sup>2</sup>drink its fill of their blood;  
For there will be a <sup>b</sup>slaughter for the Lord <sup>1</sup>God of hosts,  
In the land of the north by the River Euphrates.
- 11 Go up to Gilead and obtain balm,  
O virgin daughter of Egypt!  
In vain have you multiplied <sup>1</sup>remedies;  
There is <sup>a</sup>no healing for you.
- 12 The nations have heard of your <sup>a</sup>shame,  
And the earth is full of your cry *of distress*;  
For one warrior has stumbled over <sup>1</sup>another,  
And both of them have fallen down together.
- 13 *This is the message which the LORD spoke to Jeremiah the prophet about the coming of Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon to smite the land of Egypt:*
- 14 "Declare in Egypt and proclaim in Migdol,  
Proclaim also in Memphis and Tahpanhes;  
Say, 'Take your stand and get yourself ready,  
For the sword has <sup>a</sup>devoured those around you.'
- 15 "Why have your <sup>a</sup>mighty ones become prostrate?  
They do not stand because the LORD has <sup>b</sup>thrust them down.
- 16 "They have repeatedly <sup>a</sup>stumbled;  
Indeed, they have fallen one against another.  
Then they said, 'Get up! And let us go back  
To our own people and our native land  
Away from the <sup>1</sup>sword of the oppressor.'
- 17 "They cried there, 'Pharaoh king of Egypt is <sup>a</sup>but a big noise;  
He has let the appointed time pass by!'

5 <sup>1</sup>Heb., *Magor-missabib*,  
cf. 20:3  
<sup>a</sup>Jer. 46:21; Is. 42:17 <sup>b</sup>Is.  
5:25; Ezek. 39:18

6 <sup>a</sup>Is. 30:16 <sup>b</sup>Jer. 46:12,  
16; Dan. 11:19

8 <sup>a</sup>Is. 37:24 <sup>b</sup>Is. 10:13

9 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *act like madmen*  
<sup>2</sup>Lit., *go forth* <sup>3</sup>I.e., Libya  
(or Somaliland) <sup>4</sup>Heb.,  
*Ludim*  
<sup>a</sup>Jer. 47:3; Nah. 2:4 <sup>b</sup>Nah.  
3:9 <sup>c</sup>Is. 66:19

10 <sup>1</sup>YHWH, usually  
rendered LORD <sup>2</sup>Lit., *be*  
*saturated with*  
<sup>a</sup>Jer. 12:12; Is. 31:8 <sup>b</sup>Is.  
34:6; Zeph. 1:7

11 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *healings*  
<sup>a</sup>Jer. 30:13; Mic. 1:9; Nah.  
3:19

12 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *warrior*  
<sup>a</sup>Jer. 2:36; Nah. 3:8-10

13 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *word*

14 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 46:10; 2:30; Is.  
1:20; Nah. 2:13

15 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 46:5; Is. 66:15, 16  
<sup>b</sup>Ps. 18:14, 39; 68:1, 2

16 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *oppressing sword*  
<sup>a</sup>Jer. 46:6; Lev. 26:36, 37

17 <sup>1</sup>Some ancient versions  
read: *Call the name of*  
*Pharaoh a big noise*  
<sup>a</sup>Ex. 15:9, 10; 1 Kin. 20:10,  
11; Is. 19:11-16

18 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 48:15; Mal. 1:14  
<sup>b</sup>Josh. 19:22; Judg. 4:6; Ps.  
89:12 <sup>c</sup>Josh. 12:22; 1 Kin.  
18:42

19 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *without*  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 20:4 <sup>b</sup>Jer. 46:14; Ezek.  
30:13

20 <sup>1</sup>Or, possibly, *mosquito*

21 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *of the stall*  
<sup>a</sup>Jer. 46:5; 2 Sam. 10:6;  
2 Kin. 7:6 <sup>b</sup>Is. 34:7 <sup>c</sup>Jer.  
48:44; Hos. 9:7; Obad. 13;  
Mic. 7:4

22 <sup>1</sup>Or, *in force*

23 <sup>1</sup>I.e., *trees of the forest, the Egyptians*  
<sup>a</sup>Judg. 6:5; 7:12; 2:25

24 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *hand*

25 <sup>a</sup>Ezek. 30:14, 15, 16;  
Nah. 3:8 <sup>b</sup>Jer. 43:12, 13;  
Ex. 12:12; Ezek. 30:13;  
Zeph. 2:11 <sup>c</sup>Is. 20:5

26 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *hand* <sup>2</sup>Lit.,  
*servants*  
<sup>a</sup>Jer. 44:30; Ezek. 32:11  
<sup>b</sup>Ezek. 29:8-14

27 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 30:10, 11; Is.  
41:13, 14 <sup>b</sup>Jer. 23:3, 4;  
29:14; Is. 11:11; Mic. 7:12

28 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 1:19; Ps. 46:7, 11;  
Is. 8:9, 10; 43:2 <sup>b</sup>Jer. 4:27;  
Amos 9:8, 9 <sup>c</sup>Jer. 10:24;  
Hab. 3:2

<sup>1</sup> <sup>1</sup>Lit., *smote*  
<sup>a</sup>Jer. 25:20; Gen. 10:19;  
1 Kin. 4:24

- 18 "As I live," declares the <sup>a</sup>King  
Whose name is the LORD of hosts,  
"Surely one shall come *who looms up* like <sup>b</sup>Tabor among  
the mountains,  
Or like <sup>c</sup>Carmel by the sea.
- 19 "Make your baggage <sup>a</sup>ready for exile,  
O daughter dwelling in Egypt,  
For <sup>b</sup>Memphis will become a desolation;  
It will even be burned down *and* <sup>1</sup>bereft of inhabitants.
- 20 "Egypt is a pretty heifer,  
*But* a <sup>1</sup>horsefly is coming from the north—it is coming!
- 21 "Also her <sup>a</sup>mercenaries in her midst  
Are like <sup>1</sup>fatted <sup>b</sup>calves,  
For even they too have turned back *and* have fled away  
together;  
They did not stand *their ground*.  
For the day of their calamity has come upon them,  
The time of their <sup>c</sup>punishment.
- 22 "Its sound moves along like a serpent;  
For they move on <sup>1</sup>like an army  
And come to her as woodcutters with axes.
- 23 "They have cut down her forest," declares the LORD;  
"Surely it will no *more* be found,  
Even though <sup>1</sup>they are now more numerous than <sup>a</sup>locusts  
And are without number.
- 24 "The daughter of Egypt has been put to shame,  
Given over to the <sup>1</sup>power of the people of the north."
- 25 The LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, says, "Behold, I  
am going to punish Amon of <sup>a</sup>Thebes, and Pharaoh, and Egypt  
along with her <sup>b</sup>gods and her kings, even Pharaoh and those who  
<sup>c</sup>trust in him.
- 26 "And I shall give them over to the <sup>1</sup>power of those who  
are <sup>a</sup>seeking their lives, even into the hand of Nebuchadnezzar  
king of Babylon and into the hand of his <sup>2</sup>officers. <sup>b</sup>Afterwards,  
however, it will be inhabited as in the days of old," declares the  
LORD.
- 27 "But as for you, O Jacob My servant, do not <sup>a</sup>fear,  
Nor be dismayed, O Israel!  
For, see, I am going to <sup>b</sup>save you from afar,  
And your descendants from the land of their captivity;  
And Jacob shall return and be undisturbed  
And secure, with no one making *him* tremble.
- 28 "O Jacob My servant, do not fear," declares the LORD,  
"For <sup>a</sup>I am with you.  
For I shall make a full end of all the nations  
Where I have driven you,  
Yet I shall <sup>b</sup>not make a full end of you;  
But I shall <sup>c</sup>correct you properly  
And by no means leave you unpunished."

CHAPTER 47

THAT which came as the word of the LORD to Jeremiah the prophet concerning the Philistines, before Pharaoh <sup>1</sup>conquered <sup>a</sup>Gaza.



- 2 Thus says the LORD:  
 "Behold, waters are going to rise from <sup>a</sup>the north  
 And become an overflowing torrent,  
 And <sup>b</sup>overflow the land and all its fulness,  
 The city and those who live in it;  
 And the men will <sup>c</sup>cry out,  
 And every inhabitant of the land will wail.
- 3 "Because of the noise of the <sup>1a</sup>galloping hoofs of his  
<sup>2</sup>stallions,  
 The tumult of his chariots, *and* the rumbling of his  
 wheels,  
 The fathers have not turned back for *their* children,  
 Because of the limpness of *their* hands,
- 4 On account of the day that is coming  
 To <sup>a</sup>destroy all the Philistines,  
 To cut off from Tyre and Sidon  
 Every ally that is left;  
 For the LORD is going to destroy the Philistines,  
 The remnant of the coastland of <sup>b</sup>Caphtor.
- 5 "<sup>a</sup>Baldness has come upon Gaza;  
<sup>b</sup>Ashkelon has been ruined.  
 O remnant of their valley,  
 How long will you gash yourself?
- 6 "Ah, <sup>a</sup>sword of the LORD,  
 How long will you not be quiet?  
 Withdraw into your sheath;  
 Be at rest and stay still.
- 7 "How can <sup>1</sup>it be quiet,  
 When the LORD has <sup>a</sup>given it an order?  
 Against Ashkelon and against the seacoast—  
 There He has <sup>b</sup>assigned it."

## CHAPTER 48

## CONCERNING Moab.

- Thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel,  
 "Woe to <sup>a</sup>Nebo, for it has been destroyed;  
<sup>b</sup>Kiriathaim has been put to shame, it has been cap-  
 tured;  
 The lofty stronghold has been put to shame and <sup>1</sup>shat-  
 tered.
- 2 "There is praise for Moab no longer;  
 In <sup>a</sup>Heshbon they have devised calamity against her:  
 'Come and let us cut her off from *being* a nation!'  
 You too, <sup>1</sup>Madmen, will be silenced;  
 The sword will follow after you.
- 3 "The sound of an outcry from <sup>a</sup>Horonaim,  
 'Devastation and great destruction!'
- 4 "Moab is broken,  
 Her little ones have sounded out a cry of *distress*.
- 5 "For by the ascent of <sup>a</sup>Luhith  
 They will ascend with continual weeping;  
 For at the descent of Horonaim  
 They have heard the <sup>1</sup>anguished cry of destruction.

2 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 1:14; 6:22; 46:20,  
 24; Is. 14:31 <sup>b</sup>Is. 8:7, 8 <sup>c</sup>Jer.  
 46:12; Is. 15:2-5

3 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *stamping of the*  
<sup>2</sup>Lit., *mighty ones*  
<sup>a</sup>Jer. 8:16; Judg. 5:22

4 <sup>a</sup>Is. 14:31 <sup>b</sup>Gen. 10:14;  
 Deut. 2:23; Amos 9:7

5 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 48:37; Mic. 1:16  
<sup>b</sup>Jer. 25:20; Judg. 1:18;  
 Amos 1:7, 8; Zeph. 2:4, 7;  
 Zech. 9:5

6 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 12:12; Judg. 7:20;  
 Ezek. 21:3-5

7 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *you*  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 10:6; Ezek. 14:17 <sup>b</sup>Mic.  
 6:9

1 <sup>1</sup>Or, *dismayed*  
<sup>a</sup>Jer. 48:22; Num. 32:3, 37  
<sup>b</sup>Jer. 48:23; Num. 32:37;  
 Ezek. 25:9

2 <sup>1</sup>i.e., a city of Moab  
<sup>a</sup>Jer. 48:34, 45; 49:3; Num.  
 21:25

3 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 48:5, 34; Is. 15:5

5 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *distresses of*  
*outcry*  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 15:5

6 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 51:6

7 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 48:13, 46; Num. 21:29; 1 Kin. 11:33

8 <sup>a</sup>Josh. 13:9, 17, 21

9 <sup>1</sup>Or, salt <sup>2</sup>Or, fall in ruins  
<sup>a</sup>Jer. 48:28; Ps. 11:1; Is. 16:2

10 <sup>a</sup>1 Kin. 20:42; 2 Kin. 13:19 <sup>b</sup>Jer. 47:6, 7

11 <sup>1</sup>Lit., his flavor has stayed in him  
<sup>a</sup>Jer. 22:21; Zech. 1:15  
<sup>b</sup>Zeph. 1:12 <sup>c</sup>Nah. 2:2  
<sup>d</sup>Ezek. 16:49, 50

12 <sup>1</sup>Lit., their  
<sup>a</sup>Nah. 2:2

13 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 48:39; Is. 45:16  
<sup>b</sup>1 Kin. 12:29; Hos. 8:5, 6

14 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 33:16; Is. 10:13-16

15 <sup>1</sup>Lit., one has <sup>2</sup>Lit., her  
<sup>3</sup>I.e., warriors  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 40:30, 31 <sup>b</sup>Jer. 46:18

16 <sup>a</sup>Is. 13:22

17 <sup>1</sup>Or, rod  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 14:5

18 <sup>1</sup>Lit., in thirst  
<sup>a</sup>Jer. 46:19 <sup>b</sup>Jer. 48:22; Josh. 13:9, 17 <sup>c</sup>Is. 47:1

19 <sup>a</sup>Deut. 2:36; Josh. 12:2  
<sup>b</sup>1 Sam. 4:13, 14, 16

- 6 <sup>a</sup>Flee, save your lives,  
That you may be like a juniper in the wilderness.
- 7 "For because of your trust in your own achievements and treasures,  
Even you yourself will be captured;  
And <sup>a</sup>Chemosh will go off into exile  
Together with his priests and his princes.
- 8 "And a destroyer will come to every city,  
So that no city will escape;  
The valley also will be ruined,  
And the <sup>a</sup>plateau will be destroyed,  
As the LORD has said.
- 9 "Give <sup>1</sup>wings to Moab,  
For she will <sup>2</sup>flee away;  
And her cities will become a desolation,  
Without inhabitants in them.
- 10 "Cursed be the one who does the LORD's work with  
<sup>a</sup>deceit,  
And cursed be the one who restrains his <sup>b</sup>sword from blood.
- 11 "Moab has been <sup>a</sup>at ease since his youth;  
He has also been <sup>b</sup>undisturbed on his lees,  
Neither has he been <sup>c</sup>emptied from vessel to vessel,  
Nor has he gone into exile.  
Therefore <sup>1</sup>he retains his <sup>d</sup>flavor,  
And his aroma has not changed.
- 12 "Therefore behold, the days are coming," declares the LORD, "when I shall send to him those who <sup>a</sup>tip vessels, and they will tip him over, and they will empty his vessels and shatter <sup>1</sup>his jars.
- 13 "And Moab will be ashamed of Chemosh, as the house of Israel was <sup>a</sup>ashamed of <sup>b</sup>Bethel, their confidence.
- 14 "How can you say, 'We are <sup>a</sup>mighty warriors,  
And men valiant for battle?'
- 15 "Moab has been destroyed, and <sup>1</sup>men have gone up to  
<sup>2</sup>his cities;  
His choicest <sup>3</sup>young men have also gone down to the slaughter,"  
Declares the <sup>b</sup>King, whose name is the LORD of hosts.
- 16 "The disaster of Moab will soon <sup>a</sup>come,  
And his calamity has swiftly hastened.
- 17 "Mourn for him, all you who *live* around him,  
Even all of you who know his name;  
Say, 'How has the mighty <sup>1</sup> scepter been broken,  
A staff of splendor!'
- 18 "<sup>a</sup>Come down from your glory  
And sit <sup>1</sup>on the parched ground,  
O <sup>b</sup>inhabitant in <sup>c</sup>Dibon,  
For the destroyer of Moab has come up against you,  
He has ruined your strongholds.
- 19 "Stand by the road and keep watch,  
O inhabitant of <sup>a</sup>Aroer;  
<sup>b</sup>Ask him who flees and her who escapes  
And say, 'What has happened?'

- 20 "Moab has been put to shame, for it has been <sup>1</sup>shattered.  
Wail and cry out;  
Declare by the Arnon  
That Moab has been destroyed.
- 21 "Judgment has also come upon the plain, upon Holon,  
<sup>a</sup>Jahzah, and against <sup>b</sup>Mephaath,  
22 against Dibon, Nebo, and Beth-diblahthaim,  
23 against Kiriathaim, Beth-gamul, and <sup>a</sup>Beth-meon,  
24 against <sup>a</sup>Kerioth, Bozrah, and all the cities of the land  
of Moab, far and near.
- 25 "The <sup>a</sup>horn of Moab has been cut off, and his <sup>b</sup>arm  
broken," declares the LORD.
- 26 "Make him drunk, for he has <sup>1</sup>become <sup>a</sup>arrogant toward  
the LORD; so Moab will <sup>2</sup>wallow in his vomit, and he also will  
become a laughingstock.
- 27 "Now was not Israel a <sup>a</sup>laughingstock to you? Or was he  
<sup>1</sup>caught among thieves? For each time you speak about him you  
<sup>b</sup>shake your head in scorn.
- 28 "Leave the cities and dwell among the <sup>a</sup>craggs,  
O inhabitants of Moab,  
And be like a <sup>b</sup>dove that nests  
Beyond the mouth of the chasm.
- 29 "We have heard of the pride of Moab—he is very  
proud—  
Of his haughtiness, his <sup>b</sup>pride, his arrogance and <sup>1</sup>his self-  
exaltation.
- 30 "I know his <sup>a</sup> fury," declares the LORD,  
"But it is <sup>1</sup>futile;  
His idle boasts have accomplished <sup>1</sup>nothing.
- 31 "Therefore I shall <sup>a</sup>wail for Moab,  
Even for all Moab shall I cry out;  
<sup>1</sup>I will moan for the men of <sup>b</sup>Kir-heres.
- 32 "More than the <sup>a</sup>weeping for <sup>b</sup>Jazer  
I shall weep for you, O vine of Sibmah!  
Your tendrils stretched across the sea,  
They reached to the sea of Jazer;  
Upon your summer fruits and your grape harvest  
The destroyer has fallen.
- 33 "So <sup>a</sup>gladness and joy are taken away  
From the fruitful field, even from the land of Moab.  
And I have made the wine to <sup>b</sup>cease from the wine  
presses;  
No one will tread *them* with shouting,  
The shouting will not be shouts of joy.
- 34 "From the outcry at Heshbon even to <sup>b</sup>Elealeh, even to  
Jahaz they have <sup>1</sup>raised their voice, from <sup>c</sup>Zoar even to Horo-  
naim and to Eglath-shelishiyah; for even the waters of Nimrim  
will become desolate.
- 35 "And I shall make an end of Moab," declares the LORD,  
"the one who offers *sacrifice* on the <sup>a</sup>high place and the one who  
<sup>1</sup>burns incense to his gods.
- 36 "Therefore My <sup>a</sup>heart <sup>1</sup>wails for Moab like flutes; My  
heart also <sup>1</sup>wails like flutes for the men of Kir-heres. Therefore  
they have lost the <sup>b</sup>abundance it produced.
- 20 <sup>1</sup>Or, *dismayed*
- 21 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 48:34; Num. 21:23; Is. 15:4 <sup>b</sup>Josh. 13:18
- 23 <sup>a</sup>Josh. 13:17
- 24 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 48:41; Amos 2:2
- 25 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 75:10; Zech. 1:19-21 <sup>b</sup>Job 22:9; Ps. 10:15
- 26 <sup>1</sup>Or, *magnified himself against* <sup>2</sup>Or, *splash into* <sup>a</sup>Jer. 48:42; Ex. 5:2; Dan. 5:23
- 27 <sup>1</sup>Or, *found* <sup>a</sup>Lam. 2:15-17; Mic. 7:8-10 <sup>b</sup>Jer. 18:16; Job 16:4
- 28 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 49:16; Judg. 6:2; Is. 2:19; Obad. 3 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 55:6; Song of Sol. 2:14
- 29 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *elevation of his heart* <sup>a</sup>Is. 16:6; Zeph. 2:8 <sup>b</sup>Job 40:11, 12; Ps. 138:6
- 30 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *not so* <sup>a</sup>Is. 37:28
- 31 <sup>1</sup>Another reading is, *He* <sup>a</sup>Is. 15:5; 16:7, 11 <sup>b</sup>Jer. 48:36; 2 Kin. 3:25; Is. 16:7, 11
- 32 <sup>a</sup>Is. 16:8, 9 <sup>b</sup>Num. 21:32
- 33 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 25:10; Is. 16:10; Joel 1:12 <sup>a</sup>Is. 5:10; Hag. 2:16
- 34 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *given forth* <sup>a</sup>Is. 15:4-6 <sup>b</sup>Num. 32:3, 37 <sup>c</sup>Gen. 13:10; 14:2
- 35 <sup>1</sup>Or, *offers up in smoke* <sup>a</sup>Is. 16:12 <sup>b</sup>Jer. 7:9; 11:13
- 36 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *sounds* <sup>a</sup>Is. 16:11 <sup>b</sup>Is. 15:7

37 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 16:6; Is. 15:2 <sup>b</sup>Is. 15:3; 20:2

38 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *all of it is lamentation*  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 22:1

39 <sup>1</sup>Or, *dismayed*  
<sup>a</sup>Ezek. 26:16

40 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 49:22; Hos. 8:1  
<sup>b</sup>Is. 8:8

41 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 49:22 <sup>b</sup>Jer. 30:6;  
Mic. 4:9, 10

42 <sup>1</sup>Or, *magnified himself against*  
<sup>a</sup>Jer. 48:2; Ps. 83:4 <sup>b</sup>Jer. 48:26; Is. 37:23

43 <sup>a</sup>Is. 24:17, 18; Lam. 3:47

44 <sup>a</sup>1 Kin. 19:17; Amos 5:19 <sup>b</sup>Jer. 46:21

45 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *sons of tumult*  
<sup>a</sup>Num. 21:28, 29 <sup>b</sup>Num. 21:21, 26; Ps. 135:11 <sup>c</sup>Num. 24:17

46 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 48:7; Judg. 11:24;  
1 Kin. 11:7

47 <sup>1</sup>Or, *captivity* <sup>2</sup>Lit.,  
*end of the days*  
<sup>a</sup>Jer. 12:14-17; 49:6, 39

<sup>1</sup> Or, *Milcom*; cf. 1 Kin. 11:5  
<sup>a</sup>1 Kin. 11:5, 33; Zeph. 1:5

<sup>2</sup> Or, *shout of*  
<sup>a</sup>Jer. 4:19; Num. 10:9  
<sup>b</sup>Deut. 3:11; 2 Sam. 11:1;  
Ezek. 21:20 <sup>c</sup>Josh. 17:11, 16  
<sup>d</sup>Is. 14:2

37 "For <sup>a</sup>every head is bald and every beard cut short; there are gashes on all the hands and sackcloth on the <sup>b</sup>loins.

38 "On all the <sup>a</sup>housetops of Moab and in its streets <sup>1</sup>there is lamentation everywhere; for I have broken Moab like an undesirable vessel," declares the LORD.

39 "How <sup>1</sup>shattered it is! How they have wailed! How Moab has turned his back—he is ashamed! So Moab will become a laughingstock and an object of <sup>a</sup>terror to all around him."

40 For thus says the LORD,  
"Behold, one will <sup>a</sup>fly swiftly like an eagle,  
And <sup>b</sup>spread out his wings against Moab.

41 "Kerioth has been captured  
And the strongholds have been seized,  
So the <sup>a</sup>hearts of the mighty men of Moab in that day  
Will be like the heart of a <sup>b</sup>woman in labor.

42 "And Moab will be <sup>a</sup>destroyed from *being* a people  
Because he has <sup>1</sup>become <sup>b</sup>arrogant toward the LORD.

43 "<sup>a</sup>Terror, pit, and snare are *coming* upon you,  
O inhabitant of Moab," declares the LORD.

44 "The one who <sup>a</sup>flees from the terror  
Will fall into the pit,  
And the one who climbs up out of the pit  
Will be caught in the snare;  
For I shall bring upon her, *even* upon Moab,  
The year of their <sup>b</sup>punishment," declares the LORD.

45 "In the shadow of Heshbon  
The fugitives stand without strength;  
For a fire has gone forth from Heshbon,  
And a <sup>a</sup>flame from the midst of <sup>b</sup>Sihon,  
And it has devoured the <sup>c</sup>forehead of Moab  
And the scalps of the <sup>1</sup>riotous revelers.

46 "Woe to you, Moab!  
The people of <sup>a</sup>Chemosh have perished;  
For your sons have been taken away captive,  
And your daughters into captivity.

47 "Yet I will <sup>a</sup>restore the <sup>1</sup>fortunes of Moab  
In the <sup>2</sup>latter days," declares the LORD.  
Thus for the judgment on Moab.

## CHAPTER 49

## CONCERNING the sons of Ammon.

Thus says the LORD:

"Does Israel have no sons?

Or has he no heirs?

Why then has <sup>1a</sup>Malcam taken possession of Gad  
And his people settled in its cities?

2 "Therefore behold, the days are coming," declares the LORD,

"That I shall cause a <sup>1</sup>trumpet <sup>a</sup>blast of war to be heard  
Against <sup>b</sup>Rabbah of the sons of Ammon;  
And it will become a desolate heap,  
And her <sup>c</sup>towns will be set on fire.  
Then Israel will take <sup>d</sup>possession of his possessors,"  
Says the LORD.

- 3 "Wail, O <sup>a</sup>Heshbon, for <sup>b</sup>Ai has been destroyed!  
 Cry out, O daughters of Rabbah,  
<sup>c</sup>Gird yourselves with sackcloth and lament,  
 And rush back and forth inside the walls;  
 For <sup>1</sup>Malcam will <sup>d</sup>go into exile  
 Together with his priests and his princes.
- 4 "How boastful you are about the valleys!  
 Your valley is flowing *away*,  
 O backsliding daughter  
 Who trusts in her <sup>a</sup>treasures, *saying*,  
 'Who will come against me?'
- 5 "Behold, I am going to bring terror upon you,"  
 Declares the Lord <sup>1</sup>God of hosts,  
 "From all *directions* around you;  
 And each of you will be <sup>a</sup>driven out <sup>2</sup>headlong,  
 With no one to gather the <sup>b</sup>fugitives together.
- 6 "But afterward I will <sup>a</sup>restore  
 The <sup>1</sup>fortunes of the sons of Ammon,"  
 Declares the LORD.
- 7 Concerning Edom.  
 Thus says the LORD of hosts,  
 "Is there no longer any <sup>a</sup>wisdom in <sup>b</sup>Teman?  
 Has good counsel been lost to the prudent?  
 Has their wisdom decayed?"
- 8 "Flee away, turn back, dwell in the depths,  
 O inhabitants of <sup>a</sup>Dedan,  
 For I <sup>1</sup>will bring the <sup>b</sup>disaster of Esau upon him  
 At the time I <sup>2</sup>punish him.
- 9 "If grape gatherers came to you,  
 Would they not leave gleanings?  
 If thieves *came* by night,  
 They would destroy *only* <sup>1</sup>until they had enough.
- 10 "But I have <sup>a</sup>stripped Esau bare,  
 I have uncovered his hiding places  
 So that he will not be able to conceal himself;  
 His <sup>1</sup>offspring has been destroyed along with his <sup>2</sup>rela-  
 tives  
 And his neighbors, and he is no more.
- 11 "Leave your <sup>1a</sup>orphans behind, I will keep *them* alive;  
 And let your <sup>b</sup>widows trust in Me."
- 12 For thus says the LORD, "Behold, those <sup>1</sup>who were not  
 sentenced to drink the <sup>a</sup>cup will certainly drink *it*, and are you  
 the one who will be <sup>b</sup>completely acquitted? You will not be  
 acquitted, but you will certainly drink *it*.
- 13 "For I have <sup>a</sup>sworn by Myself," declares the LORD, "that  
 Bozrah will become an <sup>b</sup>object of horror, a reproach, a ruin and  
 a curse; and all its cities will become perpetual ruins."
- 14 I have <sup>a</sup>heard a message from the LORD,  
 And an <sup>b</sup>envoy is sent among the nations, *saying*,  
 "Gather yourselves together and come against her,  
 And rise up for battle!"
- 15 "For behold, I have made you <sup>a</sup>small among the nations,  
 Despised among men.

3 <sup>1</sup>Cf. v. 1  
<sup>a</sup>Jer. 48:2 <sup>b</sup>Josh. 7:2-5; 8:1-  
 29; Ezra 2:28 <sup>c</sup>Jer. 48:37  
<sup>d</sup>Jer. 46:25; 48:7

4 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 62:10; Ezek. 28:4,  
 5; 1 Tim. 6:17

5 <sup>1</sup>YHWH, usually  
 rendered LORD <sup>2</sup>Lit., *before*  
*him*  
<sup>a</sup>Jer. 16:16; 46:5 <sup>b</sup>Lam. 4:15

6 <sup>1</sup>Or, *captivity*  
<sup>a</sup>Jer. 49:39; 48:47

7 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 8:9; Job 2:11; <sup>b</sup>Jer.  
 49:20; Gen. 36:11, 15, 34

8 <sup>1</sup>Or, *brought* <sup>2</sup>Or,  
*punished*  
<sup>a</sup>Jer. 25:23; Is. 21:13 <sup>b</sup>Jer.  
 46:21

9 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *their sufficiency*  
<sup>a</sup>Obad. 5

10 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *seed* <sup>2</sup>Lit.,  
*brothers*  
<sup>a</sup>Jer. 13:26

11 <sup>1</sup>Or, *fatherless*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 68:5 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 68:5; Zech.  
 7:10

12 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *whose judgment*  
*was not to*  
<sup>a</sup>Jer. 25:15 <sup>b</sup>Jer. 25:28, 29;  
 1 Pet. 4:17

13 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 44:26; Gen. 22:16;  
 Is. 45:23 <sup>b</sup>Jer. 18:16; Is.  
 34:9-15

14 <sup>a</sup>Obad. 1-4 <sup>b</sup>Is. 18:2;  
 30:4

15 <sup>a</sup>Luke 1:51

16 <sup>1</sup>Or, *Sela*  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 25:5 <sup>b</sup>Jer. 48:28; 2 Kin. 14:7 <sup>c</sup>Job 39:27; Is. 14:13-15  
<sup>d</sup>Amos 9:2

17 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 49:13; Ezek. 35:7  
<sup>b</sup>Jer. 51:37; 1 Kin. 9:8

18 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 49:33; Job 18:15-18

19 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *pride* <sup>2</sup>Or, *enduring habitation*  
<sup>a</sup>Jer. 12:5; Josh. 3:15 <sup>b</sup>Num. 16:5 <sup>c</sup>Is. 46:9

20 <sup>1</sup>Or, *habitation*  
<sup>a</sup>Jer. 50:45; Is. 14:24, 27  
<sup>b</sup>Mal. 1:3, 4

21 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *Sea of Reeds*  
<sup>a</sup>Jer. 50:46; Ezek. 26:15, 18

22 <sup>1</sup>Or, *one* <sup>2</sup>Or, *over*  
<sup>a</sup>Jer. 4:13; 48:40, 41; Hos. 8:1 <sup>b</sup>Jer. 30:6; 48:41; Is. 13:8

23 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 39:5; Num. 13:21; Is. 10:9; Amos 6:2 <sup>b2</sup> Kin. 18:34; 19:13; Is. 10:9 <sup>c</sup>Ex. 15:15; Nah. 2:10 <sup>d</sup>Is. 57:20

25 <sup>1</sup>Or, *deserted is the city of praise*  
<sup>a</sup>Jer. 33:9; 51:41

26 <sup>1</sup>Or, *destroyed*  
<sup>a</sup>Jer. 11:22; 50:30; Amos 4:10

27 <sup>1</sup>Or, *palaces*  
<sup>a</sup>Jer. 43:12; Amos 1:3-5  
<sup>b1</sup> Kin. 15:18-20

28 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *sons*  
<sup>a</sup>Jer. 2:10; Gen. 25:13; Is. 21:16, 17; Ezek. 27:21 <sup>b</sup>Is. 11:14

29 <sup>a</sup>Hab. 3:7 <sup>b1</sup> Chr. 5:21

16 "As for the <sup>a</sup>terror of you,  
 The arrogance of your heart has deceived you,  
 O you who live in the clefts of <sup>1</sup>the <sup>b</sup>rock,  
 Who occupy the height of the hill.

Though you make your nest as <sup>c</sup>high as an eagle's,  
 I will <sup>d</sup>bring you down from there," declares the LORD.

17 "And Edom will become an <sup>a</sup>object of horror; everyone who passes by it will be horrified and will <sup>b</sup>hiss at all its wounds.

18 "Like the overthrow of Sodom and Gomorrah with its neighbors," says the LORD, "no one will live there, nor will a son of man reside in it.

19 "Behold, one will come up like a lion from the <sup>1</sup>thickets of the Jordan against a <sup>2a</sup>perennially watered pasture; for in an instant I shall make him run away from it, and whoever is <sup>b</sup>chosen I shall appoint over it. For who is <sup>c</sup>like Me, and who will summon Me *into court*? And who then is the shepherd who can stand against Me?"

20 Therefore hear the <sup>a</sup>plan of the LORD which He has planned against Edom, and His purposes which He has purposed against the inhabitants of Teman: surely they will drag them off, *even* the little ones of the flock; surely He will make their <sup>1</sup>pasture <sup>b</sup>desolate because of them.

21 The <sup>a</sup>earth has quaked at the noise of their downfall. There is an outcry! The noise of it has been heard at the <sup>1</sup>Red Sea.

22 Behold, <sup>1</sup>He will mount up and <sup>a</sup>swoop like an eagle, and spread out His wings <sup>2a</sup>against Bozrah; and the <sup>b</sup>hearts of the mighty men of Edom in that day will be like the heart of a woman in labor.

23 Concerning Damascus.

"<sup>a</sup>Hamath and <sup>b</sup>Arpad are put to shame,  
 For they have heard bad news;  
 They are <sup>c</sup>disheartened.

There is anxiety by the sea,  
 It <sup>d</sup>cannot be calmed.

24 "Damascus has become helpless;

She has turned away to flee,  
 And panic has gripped her;  
 Distress and pangs have taken hold of her  
 Like a woman in childbirth.

25 "How <sup>1</sup>the <sup>a</sup>city of praise has not been deserted,  
 The town of My joy!

26 "Therefore, her <sup>a</sup>young men will fall in her streets,  
 And all the men of war will be <sup>1</sup>silenced in that day,"  
 declares the LORD of hosts.

27 "And I shall <sup>a</sup>set fire to the wall of Damascus,  
 And it will devour the <sup>1</sup>fortified towers of <sup>b</sup>Ben-hadad."

28 Concerning <sup>a</sup>Kedar and the kingdoms of Hazor, which Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon defeated. Thus says the LORD,

"Arise, go up to Kedar  
 And devastate the <sup>1b</sup>men of the east.

29 "They will take away their tents and their flocks;  
 They will carry off for themselves  
 Their tent <sup>a</sup>curtains, all their goods, and their <sup>b</sup>camels,

- And they will call out to one another, "Terror on every side!"
- 30 "Run away, flee! Dwell in the depths, O inhabitants of Hazor," declares the LORD; "For <sup>a</sup>Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon has formed a plan against you  
And devised a scheme against you.
- 31 "Arise, go up against a nation which is <sup>a</sup>at ease, Which lives securely," declares the LORD. "It has <sup>b</sup>no gates or bars;  
They dwell alone.
- 32 "And their camels will become plunder, And the multitude of their cattle for booty, And I shall scatter to all the winds those who cut the <sup>a</sup>corners of their hair;  
And I shall bring their disaster from every side," declares the LORD.
- 33 "And Hazor will become a haunt of <sup>a</sup>jackals, A desolation forever;  
No one will live there,  
Nor will a son of man reside in it."
- 34 That which came as the word of the LORD to Jeremiah the prophet concerning <sup>a</sup>Elam, <sup>b</sup>at the beginning of the reign of Zedekiah king of Judah, saying,
- 35 "Thus says the LORD of hosts, 'Behold, I am going to <sup>a</sup>break the bow of Elam, The <sup>1</sup>finest of their might.
- 36 'And I shall bring upon Elam the <sup>a</sup>four winds From the four ends of heaven, And shall <sup>b</sup>scatter them to all these winds; And there will be no nation To which the outcasts of Elam will not go.
- 37 'So I shall <sup>1</sup>shatter Elam before their enemies And before those who seek their lives; And I shall <sup>a</sup>bring calamity upon them, Even My <sup>b</sup>fierce anger,' declares the LORD, 'And I shall send out the sword after them Until I have consumed them.
- 38 'Then I shall set My throne in Elam, And I shall destroy <sup>1</sup>out of it king and princes,' Declares the LORD.
- 39 'But it will come about in the last days That I shall restore the <sup>1</sup>fortunes of Elam,'" Declares the LORD.

30 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 25:9, 24; 27:631 <sup>a</sup>Judg. 18:7; Is. 47:8 <sup>b</sup>Is. 42:1132 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 9:26; 25:2333 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 10:22; 51:37; Is. 13:20-22; Zeph. 2:9, 13-1534 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 25:25; Gen. 10:22; 14:1, 9; Is. 11:11; Ezek. 32:24; Dan. 8:2 <sup>b</sup>Jer. 28:1; 2 Kin. 24:17, 1835 <sup>1</sup>Lit., first  
<sup>a</sup>Jer. 51:56; Ps. 46:9; Is. 22:636 <sup>a</sup>Dan. 7:2; 8:8; Rev. 7:1  
<sup>b</sup>Jer. 50:32; Ezek. 5:10; Amos 9:937 <sup>1</sup>Or, dismay  
<sup>a</sup>Jer. 6:19 <sup>b</sup>Jer. 30:2438 <sup>1</sup>Or, from there39 <sup>1</sup>Or, captivity

## CHAPTER 50

THE word which the LORD spoke concerning Babylon, the land of the Chaldeans, through Jeremiah the prophet:

- 2 "Declare and proclaim among the nations. Proclaim it and <sup>b</sup>lift up a standard. Do not conceal it but say, 'Babylon has been captured, 'Bel has been put to shame, <sup>1</sup>Marduk has been <sup>2</sup>shattered;  
Her <sup>c</sup>images have been put to shame, her idols have been shattered.'

2 <sup>1</sup>Heb., Merodach <sup>2</sup>Or, dismayed  
<sup>a</sup>Jer. 4:16 <sup>b</sup>Jer. 51:27 <sup>c</sup>Jer. 51:31 <sup>d</sup>Is. 46:1 <sup>e</sup>Jer. 6:19

3 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 50:13; Is. 14:22, 23  
<sup>b</sup>Jer. 9:10; Zeph. 1:3

4 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 3:18; 31:31; 33:7;  
Is. 11:12, 13; Hos. 1:11  
<sup>b</sup>Jer. 31:9; Ezra 3:12, 13

5 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *hither* <sup>2</sup>M.T. reads, *come ye!* <sup>3</sup>Or, *will have come*  
<sup>a</sup>Jer. 6:16; Is. 35:8 <sup>b</sup>Jer. 32:40; Is. 55:3; Heb. 8:6-10

6 <sup>a</sup>Ezek. 34:15, 16; Is. 53:6; Matt. 9:36; 10:6 <sup>b</sup>Jer. 23:11-14 <sup>c</sup>Jer. 13:16; Ezek. 34:6 <sup>d</sup>Jer. 50:19; 33:12

7 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 31:23 <sup>b</sup>Jer. 14:8; 17:13

8 <sup>1</sup>Another reading is: "*Let them go forth*" <sup>2</sup>Or, *in front of*

9 <sup>1</sup>So some mss. and versions; M.T. reads, *a warrior who makes childless*

10 <sup>1</sup>Or, *the Chaldeans*  
<sup>a</sup>Jer. 51:24, 35; Ezek. 11:24

11 <sup>1</sup>Another reading is, *in the grass* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *mighty ones*  
<sup>a</sup>Jer. 12:14

12 <sup>1</sup>Or, *has become*  
<sup>a</sup>Jer. 15:9 <sup>b</sup>Jer. 22:6; 51:43

13 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 18:16; 49:17

14 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *tread* (in order to string)  
<sup>a</sup>Hab. 2:8, 17

3 "For a nation has come up against her out of the north; it will make her land <sup>a</sup>an object of horror, and there will be <sup>b</sup>no inhabitant in it. Both man and beast have wandered off, they have gone away!

4 "In those days and at that time," declares the LORD, "the sons of Israel will come, *both* they and the sons of Judah <sup>a</sup>as well; they will go along <sup>b</sup>weeping as they go, and it will be the LORD their God they will seek.

5 "They will <sup>a</sup>ask for the way to Zion, *turning* their faces <sup>1</sup>in its direction; <sup>2</sup>they <sup>3</sup>will come that they may join themselves to the LORD in an <sup>b</sup>everlasting covenant that will not be forgotten.

6 "My people have become <sup>a</sup>lost sheep;  
<sup>b</sup>Their shepherds have led them astray.  
They have made them turn aside *on* the <sup>c</sup>mountains;  
They have gone along from mountain to hill  
And have forgotten their <sup>d</sup>resting place.

7 "All who came upon them have devoured them;  
And their adversaries have said, 'We are not guilty,  
Inasmuch as they have sinned against the LORD *who is*  
the <sup>a</sup>habitation of righteousness,  
Even the LORD, the <sup>b</sup>hope of their fathers.'

8 "Wander away from the midst of Babylon,  
And <sup>1</sup>go forth from the land of the Chaldeans;  
Be also like male goats <sup>2</sup>at the head of the flock.

9 "For behold, I am going to arouse and bring up against  
Babylon

A horde of great nations from the land of the north,  
And they will draw up *their* battle lines against her;  
From there she will be taken captive.  
Their arrows will be like <sup>1</sup>an expert warrior  
Who does not return empty-handed.

10 "And <sup>1a</sup>Chaldea will become plunder;  
All who plunder her will have enough," declares the  
LORD.

11 "Because you are glad, because you are jubilant,  
O you who <sup>a</sup>pillage My heritage,  
Because you skip about <sup>1</sup>like a threshing heifer  
And neigh like <sup>2</sup>stallions,

12 Your <sup>a</sup>mother <sup>1</sup>will be greatly ashamed,  
She who gave you birth <sup>1</sup>will be humiliated.  
Behold, *she will be* the least of the nations,  
A <sup>b</sup>wilderness, a parched land, and a desert.

13 "Because of the indignation of the LORD she will not be  
inhabited,

But she will be completely desolate;  
Everyone who passes by Babylon <sup>a</sup>will be horrified  
And will hiss because of all her wounds.

14 "Draw up your battle lines against Babylon on every side,  
All you who <sup>1</sup>bend the bow;  
Shoot at her, do not be sparing with *your* arrows,  
For she has <sup>a</sup>sinned against the LORD.



- 15 "Raise your battle cry against her on every side!  
She has <sup>a</sup>given <sup>1</sup>herself up, her pillars have fallen,  
Her <sup>b</sup>walls have been torn down.  
For this is the vengeance of the LORD:  
Take vengeance on her;  
As she has done *to others*, so do to her.
- 16 "Cut off the <sup>a</sup>sower from Babylon,  
And the one who wields the sickle at the time of harvest;  
From before <sup>1</sup>the sword of the <sup>b</sup>oppressor  
They will each turn back to his own people,  
And they will each flee to his own land.
- 17 "Israel is a scattered <sup>1</sup>flock, the <sup>a</sup>lions have driven *them*  
away. The first one *who* devoured him was the <sup>b</sup>king of Assyria,  
and this last one *who* has broken his bones is <sup>c</sup>Nebuchadnezzar  
king of Babylon.
- 18 "Therefore thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel:  
'Behold, I am going to punish the king of Babylon and his land,  
just as I <sup>a</sup>punished the king of Assyria.
- 19 'And I shall <sup>a</sup>bring Israel back to his pasture, and he will  
graze on Carmel and Bashan, and his <sup>1</sup>desire will be satisfied in  
the hill country of Ephraim and Gilead.
- 20 'In those days and at that time,' declares the LORD,  
'search will be made for the iniquity of Israel, but <sup>a</sup>there will be  
none; and for the sins of Judah, but they will not be found; for  
I shall pardon those whom I leave as a remnant.'
- 21 "Against the land of <sup>1</sup>Merathaim, go up against it,  
And against the inhabitants of <sup>2a</sup>Pekod.  
Slay and <sup>3</sup>utterly destroy them," declares the LORD,  
"And do according to all that I have commanded you.
- 22 "The <sup>a</sup>noise of battle is in the land,  
And great destruction.
- 23 "How the <sup>a</sup>hammer of the whole earth  
Has been cut off and broken!  
How Babylon has become  
An object of horror among the nations!
- 24 "I <sup>a</sup>set a snare for you, and you were also <sup>b</sup>caught, O  
Babylon,  
While you yourself were not aware;  
You have been found and also seized  
Because you have engaged in <sup>c</sup>conflict with the LORD."
- 25 The LORD has opened His armory  
And has brought forth the <sup>a</sup>weapons of His indignation,  
For it is a <sup>b</sup>work of the Lord <sup>1</sup>Gon of hosts  
In the land of the Chaldeans.
- 26 Come to her from the <sup>1</sup>farthest border;  
<sup>a</sup>Open up her barns,  
Pile her up like heaps  
And <sup>2</sup>utterly <sup>b</sup>destroy her,  
Let nothing be left to her.
- 27 Put all her young bulls to the <sup>a</sup>sword;  
Let them go down to the slaughter!  
Woe be upon them, for their <sup>b</sup>day has come,  
The time of their punishment.

15 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *her hand*  
<sup>a</sup>Chr. 29:24 <sup>b</sup>Jer. 50:29;  
Ps. 137:8

16 <sup>1</sup>Or, *the oppressing sword*  
<sup>a</sup>Joel 1:11 <sup>b</sup>Jer. 25:38; 46:16

17 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *sheep*  
<sup>a</sup>Jer. 2:15; 4:7 <sup>b2</sup> Kin. 15:19;  
17:6; 18:9-13 <sup>c2</sup> Kin. 24:1,  
10-12; 25:1-7

18 <sup>a</sup>Is. 10:12; Ezek. 31:3,  
11, 12; Nah. 1:1; 3:7, 18, 19

19 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *soul*  
<sup>a</sup>Jer. 31:10; 33:12

20 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 31:34; Is. 43:25;  
Mic. 7:19

21 <sup>1</sup>Or, *Double Rebellion*  
<sup>2</sup>Or, *Punishment* <sup>3</sup>Lit., *put under the ban*  
<sup>a</sup>Ezek. 23:23

22 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 4:19-21; 51:54-56

23 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 51:20-24

24 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 48:43, 44; 51:31  
<sup>b</sup>Dan. 5:30, 31 <sup>c</sup>Job 9:4;  
40:2, 9

25 <sup>1</sup>YHWH, usually  
rendered LORD  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 13:5 <sup>b</sup>Jer. 50:16; 51:12,  
25, 55

26 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *end* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *put under the ban*  
<sup>a</sup>Jer. 50:10; Is. 45:3 <sup>b</sup>Is.  
14:23

27 <sup>a</sup>Is. 34:7 <sup>b</sup>Jer. 46:21; Ps.  
37:13; Ezek. 7:7

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28 <sup>a</sup>Is. 48:20 <sup>b</sup>Jer. 50:15; 51:10; Ps. 149:6-9 <sup>c</sup>Lam. 1:10; 2:6, 7

29 <sup>1</sup>Another reading is, *archers* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *tread* (in order to string) <sup>3</sup>Some mss. add: *to her*  
<sup>a</sup>Jer. 50:15; 51:56; Ps. 137:8  
<sup>b</sup>Jer. 49:16; Ex. 10:3; Dan. 4:37

30 <sup>1</sup>Or, *made lifeless; or, destroyed*  
<sup>a</sup>Jer. 9:21; 18:21; 49:26; Is. 13:17, 18

31 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *arrogance*  
<sup>2</sup>YHWH, usually rendered *LORD* <sup>3</sup>Another reading is, *of your punishment*  
<sup>a</sup>Jer. 21:13; Nah. 2:13

32 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *arrogance*  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 10:12-15 <sup>b</sup>Jer. 21:14; 49:27

33 <sup>a</sup>Is. 14:17; 58:6

34 <sup>1</sup>Or, *their land*  
<sup>a</sup>Jer. 15:21; 31:11; Is. 43:14  
<sup>b</sup>Jer. 51:36; Mic. 7:9 <sup>c</sup>Is. 14:3-7

35 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 47:6; Hos. 11:6  
<sup>b</sup>Dan. 5:7, 8

36 <sup>1</sup>Or, *dismayed*  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 44:25 <sup>b</sup>Jer. 49:42 <sup>c</sup>Nah. 3:13

37 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *his* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *mixed multitude*  
<sup>a</sup>Jer. 51:21, 22; Ps. 20:7, 8  
<sup>b</sup>Jer. 25:20; Ezek. 30:5 <sup>c</sup>Jer. 48:41; 51:30

38 <sup>1</sup>Another reading is, *sword*

28 There is a <sup>a</sup>sound of fugitives and refugees from the land of Babylon,  
To declare in Zion the <sup>b</sup>vengeance of the LORD our God,  
Vengeance for His <sup>c</sup>temple.

29 "Summon <sup>1</sup>many against Babylon,  
All those who <sup>2</sup>bend the bow:  
Encamp against her on every side,  
Let there be no escape<sup>3</sup>.  
Repay her according to her work;  
<sup>a</sup>According to all that she has done, so do to her;  
For she has become <sup>b</sup>arrogant against the LORD,  
Against the Holy One of Israel.

30 "Therefore her young <sup>a</sup>men will fall in her streets,  
And all her men of war will be <sup>1</sup>silenced in that day,"  
declares the LORD.

31 "Behold, <sup>a</sup>I am against you, O <sup>1</sup>arrogant one,"  
Declares the Lord <sup>2</sup>GOD of hosts,  
"For your day has come,  
The time <sup>3</sup>when I shall punish you.

32 "And the <sup>1a</sup>arrogant one will stumble and fall  
With no one to raise him up;  
And I shall <sup>b</sup>set fire to his cities,  
And it will devour all his environs."

33 Thus says the LORD of hosts,  
"The sons of Israel are oppressed,  
And the sons of Judah as well;  
And <sup>a</sup>all who took them captive have held them fast,  
They have refused to let them go.

34 "Their <sup>a</sup>Redeemer is strong, the LORD of hosts is His name;  
He will vigorously <sup>b</sup>plead their case,  
So that He may <sup>c</sup>bring rest to <sup>1</sup>the earth,  
But turmoil to the inhabitants of Babylon.

35 "A <sup>a</sup>sword against the Chaldeans," declares the LORD,  
"And against the inhabitants of Babylon,  
And against her officials and her <sup>b</sup>wise men!

36 "A sword against the <sup>a</sup>oracle priests, and they will become fools!  
A sword against her <sup>b</sup>mighty men, and they will be <sup>1c</sup>shattered!

37 "A sword against <sup>1</sup>their <sup>a</sup>horses and against <sup>1</sup>their chariots,  
And against all the <sup>2b</sup>foreigners who are in the midst of her,  
And they will become <sup>c</sup>women!  
A sword against her treasures, and they will be plundered!

38 "A <sup>1</sup>drought on her waters, and they will be dried up!  
For it is a land of idols,  
And they are mad over fearsome idols.

- 39 "Therefore the desert creatures will live *there* along with the jackals;  
The ostriches also will live in it,  
And it will <sup>a</sup>never again be inhabited  
Or dwell in from generation to generation.
- 40 "As when God overthrew <sup>a</sup>Sodom  
And Gomorrah with its neighbors," declares the LORD,  
"No man will live there,  
Nor will *any* son of man reside in it.
- 41 "Behold, a people is coming <sup>a</sup>from the north,  
And a great nation and many kings  
Will be aroused from the remote parts of the earth.
- 42 "They seize *their* bow and javelin;  
They are <sup>a</sup>cruel and have no mercy.  
Their voice roars like the sea,  
And they ride on <sup>b</sup>horses,  
Marshalled like a man <sup>c</sup>for the battle  
Against you, O daughter of Babylon.
- 43 "The king of Babylon has heard the report about them,  
And his hands hang limp;  
<sup>a</sup>Distress has gripped him,  
Agony like a woman in childbirth.
- 44 "Behold, one will come up like a lion from the <sup>1</sup>thicket of the Jordan to a <sup>2</sup>perennially watered pasture; for in an instant I shall make them run away from it, and whoever is <sup>b</sup>chosen I shall appoint over it. For who is <sup>c</sup>like Me, and who will summon Me *into court*? And who then is the shepherd who can <sup>d</sup>stand before Me?"
- 45 Therefore hear the <sup>a</sup>plan of the LORD which He has planned against Babylon, and His purposes which He has purposed against the land of the Chaldeans: surely they will drag them off, *even* the little ones of the flock; surely He will make their <sup>1</sup>pasture desolate because of them.
- 46 At the <sup>1</sup>shout, "Babylon has been seized!" the <sup>a</sup>earth is shaken, and an <sup>b</sup>outcry is heard among the nations.

CHAPTER 51

THUS says the LORD:

- "Behold, I am going to arouse against Babylon  
And against the inhabitants of <sup>1</sup>Leb-kamai  
<sup>2</sup>The spirit of a <sup>a</sup>destroyer.
- 2 "And I shall dispatch <sup>1</sup>foreigners to Babylon that they may <sup>a</sup>winnow her  
And may devastate her land;  
For on every side they will be opposed to her  
In the day of *her* calamity.
- 3 "Let not <sup>2</sup>him who <sup>3</sup>bends his bow <sup>3</sup>bend it,  
<sup>1</sup>Nor let him rise up in his scale-armor;  
So do not spare her young men;  
Devote all her army to destruction.
- 4 "And they will fall down <sup>1</sup>slain in the land of the Chaldeans,  
And <sup>a</sup>pierced through in their streets."

39 <sup>a</sup>Is. 13:20

40 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 49:18; Luke 17:28-30; 2 Pet. 2:6; Jude 7

41 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 50:3, 9; 51:27, 28; Is. 13:2-5

42 <sup>a</sup>Is. 13:17, 18; 47:6 <sup>b</sup>Jer. 8:16; 47:3; Hab. 1:8 <sup>c</sup>Jer. 50:9, 14; Joel 2:5

43 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 30:6

44 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *pride* <sup>2</sup>Or, *enduring habitation*  
<sup>a</sup>Jer. 49:19-21 <sup>b</sup>Num. 16:5  
<sup>c</sup>Is. 46:9 <sup>d</sup>Jer. 30:21; Job 41:10

45 <sup>1</sup>Or, *habitation*  
<sup>a</sup>Jer. 51:10, 11; Is. 14:24

46 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *voice*  
<sup>a</sup>Jer. 10:10; 49:21; Ezek. 26:18; 31:16 <sup>b</sup>Jer. 46:12; 51:54; Is. 5:7; 15:5; Ezek. 27:28

<sup>1</sup>Code name for Chaldaea; or else, *the heart of those who rise up against Me* <sup>2</sup>Or, *a destroying wind*  
<sup>a</sup>Jer. 4:11, 12; 23:19; Hos. 13:15

<sup>2</sup>Some versions read, *winnowers*  
<sup>a</sup>Jer. 15:7; Is. 41:16; Matt. 3:12

<sup>3</sup>M.T. reads: *Against him who . . .* <sup>2</sup>i.e., the Chaldean defender <sup>3</sup>Lit., *tread(s)* (in order to string)

<sup>4</sup>Or, *wounded*  
<sup>a</sup>Jer. 13:15; 14:19

5 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *widowed* <sup>2</sup>Lit.,  
From  
<sup>a</sup>Jer. 33:24-26; Is. 54:7, 8  
<sup>b</sup>Hos. 4:1, 2

6 <sup>1</sup>Or, *silenced*; or, *made  
lifeless* <sup>2</sup>Or, *penalty for  
iniquity*  
<sup>a</sup>Num. 16:26

7 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 25:15; Hab. 2:16;  
Rev. 14:8 <sup>b</sup>Rev. 18:3

8 <sup>1</sup>Or, *balsam resin*  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 13:6

9 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *is lifted*  
<sup>a</sup>Jer. 46:16; 50:16; Is. 13:14  
<sup>b</sup>Ezra 9:6

10 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *forth*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 37:6; Mic. 7:9 <sup>b</sup>Jer.  
50:28; Is. 40:2

11 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 46:4, 9; Joel  
3:9, 10

12 <sup>1</sup>Or, *standard* <sup>2</sup>Or,  
*watchmen*  
<sup>a</sup>Jer. 51:27; 50:2; Is. 13:2  
<sup>b</sup>Jer. 51:29; 4:28; 23:20

13 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *cubit* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *being  
cut off*  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 45:3 <sup>b</sup>Is. 57:17; Hab.  
2:9-11

14 <sup>1</sup>Or, *mankind* <sup>2</sup>I.e., *like  
the song of grape treaders*  
<sup>a</sup>Jer. 51:27; Nah. 3:15

15 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 51:15, 19; 10:12-16  
<sup>b</sup>Jer. 32:17; Ps. 146:5, 6;  
Acts 14:15; Rom. 1:20

16 <sup>a</sup>Job 37:2-6; Ps. 18:13  
<sup>b</sup>Jer. 10:13; Ps. 135:7 <sup>c</sup>Jon.  
1:4

- 5 For <sup>a</sup>neither Israel nor Judah has been <sup>1</sup>forsaken  
By his God, the LORD of hosts,  
Although their land is <sup>b</sup>full of guilt  
<sup>2</sup>Before the Holy One of Israel.
- 6 Flee from the midst of Babylon,  
And each of you save his life!  
Do not be <sup>1a</sup>destroyed in her <sup>2</sup>punishment,  
For this is the LORD's time of vengeance;  
He is going to render recompense to her.
- 7 Babylon has been a golden <sup>a</sup>cup in the hand of the LORD,  
Intoxicating all the earth.  
The <sup>b</sup>nations have drunk of her wine;  
Therefore the nations are going mad.
- 8 Suddenly Babylon has fallen and been broken;  
<sup>a</sup>Wail over her!  
Bring <sup>1</sup>balm for her pain;  
Perhaps she may be healed.
- 9 We applied healing to Babylon, but she was not healed;  
Forsake her and <sup>a</sup>let us each go to his own country,  
For her judgment has reached to <sup>b</sup>heaven  
And <sup>1</sup>towers up to the very skies.
- 10 The LORD has <sup>a</sup>brought <sup>1</sup>about our vindication;  
Come and let us <sup>b</sup>recount in Zion  
The work of the LORD our God!
- 11 <sup>a</sup>Sharpen the arrows, fill the quivers!  
The LORD has aroused the spirit of the kings of the  
Medes,  
Because His purpose is against Babylon to destroy it;  
For it is the vengeance of the LORD, vengeance for His  
temple.
- 12 <sup>a</sup>Lift up a <sup>1</sup>signal against the walls of Babylon;  
Post a strong guard,  
Station <sup>2</sup>sentries,  
Place men in ambush!  
For the LORD has both <sup>b</sup>purposed and performed  
What He spoke concerning the inhabitants of Babylon.
- 13 O you who dwell by many waters,  
Abundant in <sup>a</sup>treasures,  
Your end has come,  
The <sup>1</sup>measure of your <sup>2</sup>bend.
- 14 The LORD of hosts has sworn by Himself:  
"Surely I will fill you with a <sup>1</sup>population like <sup>a</sup>locusts,  
And they will cry out with <sup>2</sup>shouts of victory over you."
- 15 *It is* <sup>a</sup>He who made the earth by His power,  
Who established the world by His wisdom,  
And by His understanding He <sup>b</sup>stretched out the heav-  
ens.
- 16 When He utters His <sup>a</sup>voice, *there is* a tumult of waters  
in the heavens,  
And He causes the <sup>b</sup>clouds to ascend from the end of the  
earth;  
He makes lightning for the rain,  
And brings forth the <sup>c</sup>wind from His storehouses.

- 17 <sup>a</sup>All mankind is stupid, devoid of knowledge;  
Every goldsmith is put to shame by his <sup>1</sup>idols,  
For his molten images are <sup>b</sup>deceitful,  
And there is no breath in them.
- 18 They are worthless, a work of mockery;  
In the time of their punishment they will perish.
- 19 The <sup>a</sup>portion of Jacob is not like these;  
For the <sup>1</sup>Maker of all is He,  
And of the <sup>2</sup>tribe of His inheritance;  
The LORD of hosts is His name.
- 20 He says, "You are My <sup>1</sup>war-club, My weapon of war;  
And with you I <sup>b</sup>shatter nations,  
And with you I destroy kingdoms.
- 21 "And with you I <sup>a</sup>shatter the horse and his rider,  
22 And with you I shatter the <sup>a</sup>chariot and its rider,  
And with you I shatter <sup>b</sup>man and woman,  
And with you I shatter old man and <sup>c</sup>youth,  
And with you I shatter young man and virgin,
- 23 And with you I shatter the shepherd and his flock,  
And with you I shatter the farmer and his team,  
And with you I shatter governors and prefects.
- 24 "But I will repay Babylon and all the inhabitants of  
Chaldea for all their evil that they have done in Zion before  
your eyes," declares the LORD.
- 25 "Behold, I am against you, O destroying mountain,  
Who destroy the whole earth," declares the LORD,  
"And I will stretch out My hand against you,  
And roll you down from the crags  
And I will make you a <sup>a</sup>burnt out mountain.
- 26 "And they will not take from you *even* a stone for a  
corner  
Nor a stone for foundations,  
But you will be <sup>a</sup>desolate forever," declares the LORD.
- 27 <sup>a</sup>Lift up a <sup>1</sup>signal in the land,  
Blow a trumpet among the nations!  
Consecrate the nations against her,  
Summon against her the kingdoms of <sup>b</sup>Ararat, Minni  
and <sup>c</sup>Ashkenaz;  
Appoint a marshal against her,  
Bring up the <sup>d</sup>horses like bristly locusts.
- 28 Consecrate the nations against her,  
The kings of the Medes,  
<sup>1</sup>Their governors and all <sup>1</sup>their <sup>2</sup>prefects,  
And every land of <sup>3</sup>their dominion.
- 29 So the <sup>a</sup>land quakes and writhes,  
For the purposes of the LORD against Babylon stand,  
To make the land of Babylon  
A <sup>1b</sup>desolation without inhabitants.
- 30 The <sup>a</sup>mighty men of Babylon have ceased fighting,  
They stay in the strongholds;  
<sup>b</sup>Their strength is <sup>1</sup>exhausted,  
They are becoming <sup>b</sup>like women;  
Their dwelling places are set on fire,  
The <sup>c</sup>bars of her *gates* are broken.

17 <sup>1</sup>Or, *graven images*  
<sup>a</sup>Jer. 10:14; Is. 44:18-20  
<sup>b</sup>Hab. 2:18, 19

19 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *Fashioner* <sup>2</sup>Or,  
*Scepter*; cf. Num. 24:17  
<sup>a</sup>Jer. 10:16; Ps. 73:26

20 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *shatterer*  
<sup>a</sup>Jer. 50:23; Is. 41:15, 16 <sup>b</sup>Is.  
8:9; 41:15, 16; Mic. 4:12, 13

21 <sup>a</sup>Ex. 15:1

22 <sup>a</sup>Ex. 15:4; Is. 43:17  
<sup>b2</sup>Chr. 36:17 <sup>c</sup>Is. 13:15,  
16, 18

25 <sup>a</sup>Rev. 8:8

26 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 51:29; Is. 50:13; Is.  
13:19-22

27 <sup>1</sup>Or, *standard*  
<sup>a</sup>Jer. 51:12; 50:2; Is. 13:2-5;  
18:3 <sup>b</sup>Gen. 8:4; 2 Kin.  
19:37; Is. 37:38 <sup>c</sup>Gen. 10:3  
<sup>d</sup>Jer. 50:42

28 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *Her* <sup>2</sup>L.e.,  
*lieutenant governors* <sup>3</sup>Lit.,  
*his*

29 <sup>1</sup>Or, *object of horror*  
<sup>a</sup>Jer. 8:16; 10:10; 50:46;  
Amos 8:8 <sup>b</sup>Jer. 51:26, 43;  
Is. 13:19, 20; 47:11

30 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *dried up*  
<sup>a</sup>Jer. 50:15, 36, 37; Ps. 76:5  
<sup>b</sup>Is. 13:7, 8; Nah. 3:13 <sup>c</sup>Is.  
45:1, 2; Lam. 2:9; Amos  
1:5; Nah. 3:13

31 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *runner* <sup>2</sup>Lit.,  
*announcer*  
<sup>a</sup>2 Chr. 30:6 <sup>b</sup>2 Sam. 18:19;  
31

33 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *of treading it*  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 21:10; 41:15, 16 <sup>b</sup>Hos.  
6:11; Joel 3:13

34 <sup>a</sup>Is. 24:1-3 <sup>b</sup>Jer. 51:44;  
Job 20:15; Amos 8:4

35 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *inhabitrress*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 137:8

36 <sup>1</sup>Or, *broad river*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 140:12 <sup>b</sup>Jer. 51:6, 11;  
Rom. 12:19

38 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 2:15

39 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 51:57; 25:27; 48:26  
<sup>b</sup>Ps. 76:5

40 <sup>1</sup>Or, *young rams*  
<sup>a</sup>Jer. 48:15; 50:27

41 <sup>1</sup>Code name for  
Babylon  
<sup>a</sup>Jer. 25:26

42 <sup>1</sup>Or, *broad river*  
<sup>a</sup>Jer. 51:55; Is. 8:7, 8; Dan.  
9:26

43 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 2:6; Is. 13:20

- 31 One <sup>1a</sup>courier runs to meet <sup>1</sup>another,  
And one <sup>2b</sup>messenger to meet <sup>2</sup>another,  
To tell the king of Babylon  
That his city has been captured from end to end;
- 32 The fords also have been seized,  
And they have burned the marshes with fire,  
And the men of war are terrified.
- 33 For thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel:  
"The daughter of Babylon is like a <sup>a</sup>threshing floor  
At the time <sup>1</sup>it is stamped firm;  
Yet in a little while the time of <sup>b</sup>harvest will come for  
her."
- 34 "Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon has devoured me *and*  
crushed me,  
He has set me down *like* an <sup>a</sup>empty vessel;  
He has swallowed me <sup>b</sup>like a monster,  
He has filled his stomach with my delicacies;  
He has washed me away.
- 35 "May the <sup>a</sup>violence *done* to me and to my flesh be upon  
Babylon,"  
The <sup>1</sup>inhabitant of Zion will say;  
And, "May my blood be upon the inhabitants of Chal-  
dea,"  
Jerusalem will say.
- 36 Therefore thus says the LORD,  
"Behold, I am going to <sup>a</sup>plead your case  
And <sup>b</sup>exact full vengeance for you;  
And I shall dry up her <sup>1</sup>sea  
And make her fountain dry.
- 37 "And Babylon will become a heap of ruins, a haunt of  
jackals,  
An object of horror and hissing, without inhabitants.
- 38 "They will roar together like <sup>a</sup>young lions,  
They will growl like lions' cubs.
- 39 "When they become heated up, I shall serve *them* their  
banquet  
And <sup>a</sup>make them drunk, that they may become jubilant  
And may <sup>b</sup>sleep a perpetual sleep  
And not wake up," declares the LORD.
- 40 "I shall bring them down like <sup>1</sup>lambs <sup>a</sup>to the slaughter,  
Like rams together with male goats.
- 41 "How <sup>1a</sup>Sheshak has been captured,  
And the praise of the whole earth been seized!  
How Babylon has become an object of horror among  
the nations!
- 42 "The <sup>1a</sup>sea has come up over Babylon;  
She has been engulfed with its tumultuous waves.
- 43 "Her cities have become an object of horror,  
A parched land and a desert,  
A land in which no man <sup>a</sup>lives,  
And through which no son of man passes.

44 "And I shall punish Bel in Babylon,  
And I shall make what he has swallowed <sup>a</sup>come out of  
his mouth;  
And the nations will no longer <sup>b</sup>stream to him.  
Even the <sup>c</sup>wall of Babylon has fallen down!

44 <sup>a</sup>Ezra 1:7, 8 <sup>b</sup>Is. 2:2  
<sup>c</sup>Jer. 51:58; 50:15

45 "<sup>a</sup>Come forth from her midst, My people,  
And each of you <sup>b</sup>save yourselves  
From the fierce anger of the LORD.

45 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 51:6; 50:8, 28; Is.  
48:20 <sup>b</sup>Gen. 19:12-16; Acts  
2:40

46 "Now <sup>a</sup>lest your heart grow faint,  
And you be afraid at the <sup>b</sup>report that *will be* heard in the  
land—

46 <sup>1</sup>Lit., in the <sup>2</sup>Lit., the  
<sup>a</sup>Jer. 46:27, 28; Is. 43:5  
<sup>b</sup>2 Kin. 19:7; Is. 13:3-5 <sup>c</sup>Is.  
19:2

For the report will come <sup>1</sup>one year,  
And after that <sup>2</sup>another report in <sup>2</sup>another year,  
And violence *will be* in the land  
With <sup>c</sup>ruler against ruler—

47 Therefore behold, days are coming  
When I shall punish the <sup>a</sup>idols of Babylon;  
And her whole land will be <sup>b</sup>put to shame,  
And all her slain will fall in her midst.

47 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 51:52; 50:2; Is.  
21:9; 46:1, 2 <sup>b</sup>Jer. 50:12, 35;  
37

48 "Then <sup>a</sup>heaven and earth and all that is in them  
Will shout for joy over Babylon,  
For the destroyers will come to her from the north,"  
Declares the LORD.

48 <sup>a</sup>Is. 44:23; 48:20; 49:13

49 <sup>a</sup>Indeed Babylon is to fall *for* the slain of Israel,  
As also for Babylon the slain of all the earth have fallen.

49 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 50:29; Ps. 137:8

50 You who have escaped the sword,  
Depart! Do not stay!  
<sup>a</sup>Remember the LORD from afar,  
And let Jerusalem <sup>1</sup>come to your mind.

50 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *come up on your  
heart*  
<sup>a</sup>Deut. 4:29-31; Ps. 137:6

51 We are ashamed because we have heard reproach;  
Disgrace has covered our faces,  
For <sup>a</sup>aliens have entered  
The holy places of the LORD's house.

51 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 74:3-8; Lam. 1:10

52 "Therefore behold, the days are coming," declares the  
LORD,

"When I shall punish her idols,  
And the mortally wounded will groan throughout her  
land.

53 "Though Babylon should <sup>a</sup>ascend to the heavens,  
And though she should fortify <sup>1</sup>her lofty stronghold,  
From <sup>b</sup>Me destroyers will come to her," declares the  
LORD.

53 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *the height of her  
strength*  
<sup>a</sup>Jer. 49:16; Job 20:6; Ps.  
139:8-10; Is. 14:12, 13 <sup>b</sup>Is.  
13:3

54 The sound of an outcry from Babylon,  
And of great destruction from the land of the Chalde-  
ans!

55 <sup>1</sup>Or, *voice* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *is  
given*  
<sup>a</sup>Jer. 51:42; Ps. 18:4; 69:2;  
124:2, 4, 5

55 For the LORD is going to destroy Babylon,  
And He will make *her* loud <sup>1</sup>noise vanish from her.  
And their <sup>a</sup>waves will roar like many waters;  
The tumult of their voices <sup>2</sup>sounds forth.

56 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 51:48; Hab. 2:8  
<sup>b</sup>Ps. 46:9; 76:3 <sup>c</sup>Jer. 51:6,  
24; Ps. 94:1, 2

57 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 76:5, 6 <sup>b</sup>Jer. 46:18;  
48:15

58 <sup>a</sup>Is. 45:1, 2 <sup>b</sup>Hab. 2:13  
<sup>c</sup>Jer. 51:64; 9:5; Lam. 5:5

59 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *word*  
<sup>a</sup>Jer. 32:12; 36:4; 45:1 <sup>b</sup>Jer.  
28:1; 52:1

60 <sup>1</sup>Or, *book*  
<sup>a</sup>Jer. 30:2, 3; 36:2, 4, 32; Is.  
30:8

62 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *spoken* <sup>2</sup>Lit.,  
*from man even to beast*  
<sup>a</sup>Jer. 50:3, 13, 39, 40; Is.  
13:19-22; 14:22, 23 <sup>b</sup>Jer.  
51:43; Ezek. 35:9

63 <sup>1</sup>Or, *book*  
<sup>a</sup>Jer. 19:10, 11; Rev. 18:21

64 <sup>a</sup>Nah. 1:8, 9 <sup>b</sup>Jer. 51:58  
<sup>c</sup>Job 31:40; Ps. 72:20

<sup>1</sup> Another reading is:  
*Hamital*  
<sup>a</sup>2 Kin. 24:18-20; 2 Chr.  
36:11-36 <sup>b</sup>Josh. 10:29;  
2 Kin. 8:22; Is. 37:8

<sup>2</sup> <sup>a</sup>1 Kin. 14:22 <sup>b</sup>Jer.  
36:30, 31

<sup>3</sup> <sup>a</sup>Is. 3:1, 4, 5 <sup>b</sup>2 Chr.  
36:13

<sup>4</sup> <sup>1</sup>Lit., *against it*  
<sup>a</sup>Jer. 39:1; 2 Kin. 25:1-7;  
Ezek. 24:1, 2 <sup>b</sup>Jer. 32:24

<sup>6</sup> <sup>a</sup>Jer. 39:2 <sup>b</sup>Jer. 38:9;  
2 Kin. 25:3

56 For the <sup>a</sup>destroyer is coming against her, against  
Babylon,  
And her mighty men will be captured,  
Their <sup>b</sup>bows are shattered;  
For the LORD is a God of <sup>c</sup>recompense,  
He will fully repay.

57 "And I shall make her princes and her wise men drunk,  
Her governors, her prefects, and her mighty men,  
That they may sleep a <sup>a</sup>perpetual sleep and not wake  
up,"

Declares the <sup>b</sup>King, whose name is the LORD of hosts.  
58 Thus says the LORD of hosts,  
"The broad wall of Babylon will be completely razed,  
And her high <sup>a</sup>gates will be set on fire;  
So the peoples will <sup>b</sup>toil for nothing,  
And the nations become <sup>c</sup>exhausted *only* for fire."

59 The <sup>1</sup>message which Jeremiah the prophet commanded  
Seraiah the son of <sup>a</sup>Neriah, the grandson of Mahseiah, when he  
went with <sup>b</sup>Zedekiah the king of Judah to Babylon in the fourth  
year of his reign. (Now Seraiah was quartermaster.)

60 So Jeremiah <sup>a</sup>wrote in a single <sup>1</sup>scroll all the calamity  
which would come upon Babylon, *that is*, all these words which  
have been written concerning Babylon.

61 Then Jeremiah said to Seraiah, "As soon as you come  
to Babylon, then see that you read all these words aloud,

62 and say, 'Thou, O LORD, hast <sup>1</sup>promised concerning this  
place to <sup>a</sup>cut it off, so that there will be <sup>b</sup>nothing dwelling in it,  
'whether man or beast, but it will be a perpetual desolation.'

63 "And it will come about as soon as you finish reading this  
<sup>1</sup>scroll, you will tie a stone to it and <sup>a</sup>throw it into the middle  
of the Euphrates,

64 and say, 'Just so shall Babylon sink down and <sup>a</sup>not rise  
again, because of the calamity that I am going to bring upon  
her; and they will become <sup>b</sup>exhausted.' <sup>c</sup>Thus far are the words  
of Jeremiah.

CHAPTER 52

<sup>a</sup>**ZEDEKIAH** was twenty-one years old when he became king,  
and he reigned eleven years in Jerusalem; and his mother's  
name was <sup>1</sup>Hamutal the daughter of Jeremiah of <sup>b</sup>Libnah.

2 And he did <sup>a</sup>evil in the sight of the LORD like all that  
<sup>b</sup>Jehoiakim had done.

3 For through the <sup>a</sup>anger of the LORD *this* came about in  
Jerusalem and Judah until He cast them out from His presence.  
And Zedekiah <sup>b</sup>rebelled against the king of Babylon.

4 <sup>a</sup>Now it came about in the ninth year of his reign, on the  
tenth day of the tenth month, that Nebuchadnezzar king of  
Babylon came, he and all his army, against Jerusalem, camped  
against it, and built a <sup>b</sup>siege wall all around <sup>1</sup>it.

5 So the city was under siege until the eleventh year of  
King Zedekiah.

6 On the ninth day of the <sup>a</sup>fourth month the <sup>b</sup>famine was  
so severe in the city that there was no food for the people of  
the land.



7 Then the city was <sup>a</sup>broken into, and all the <sup>b</sup>men of war fled and went forth from the city at night by way of the gate between the two walls which was by the king's garden, though the Chaldeans were <sup>1</sup>all around the city. And they went by way of the Arabah.

8 But the army of the Chaldeans pursued the king and <sup>a</sup>overtook Zedekiah in the <sup>1</sup>plains of Jericho, and all his army was scattered from him.

9 Then they captured the king and <sup>a</sup>brought him up to the king of Babylon at <sup>b</sup>Riblah in the land of <sup>c</sup>Hamath; and he <sup>1</sup>passed sentence on him.

10 And the king of Babylon <sup>a</sup>slaughtered the sons of Zedekiah before his eyes, and he also slaughtered all the <sup>1</sup>princes of Judah in Riblah.

11 Then he <sup>a</sup>blinded the eyes of Zedekiah; and the king of Babylon bound him with bronze fetters and brought him to Babylon, and put him in prison until the day of his death.

12 <sup>a</sup>Now on the tenth day of the fifth month, which was the <sup>b</sup>nineteenth year of King Nebuchadnezzar, king of Babylon, Nebuzaradan the captain of the bodyguard, <sup>1</sup>who was in the service of the king of Babylon, came to Jerusalem.

13 And he <sup>a</sup>burned the house of the LORD, the <sup>b</sup>king's house, and all the houses of Jerusalem; even every large house he burned with fire.

14 So all the army of the Chaldeans who *were* with the captain of the guard <sup>a</sup>broke down all the walls around Jerusalem.

15 Then Nebuzaradan the captain of the guard <sup>a</sup>carried away into exile some of the poorest of the people, the rest of the people who were left in the city, the <sup>1b</sup>deserters who had deserted to the king of Babylon, and the rest of the artisans.

16 But <sup>a</sup>Nebuzaradan the captain of the guard left some of the poorest of the land to be vinedressers and <sup>1</sup>plowmen.

17 Now the bronze <sup>a</sup>pillars which belonged to the house of the LORD and the <sup>b</sup>stands and the bronze <sup>c</sup>sea, which were in the house of the LORD, the Chaldeans broke in pieces and carried all their bronze to Babylon.

18 And they also took away the <sup>a</sup>pots, the shovels, the snuffers, the basins, the <sup>1</sup>pans, and all the bronze vessels which were used in *temple* service.

19 The captain of the guard also took away the <sup>a</sup>bowls, the firepans, the basins, the pots, the lampstands, the <sup>1</sup>pans and the libation bowls, what was fine gold and what was fine silver.

20 The two pillars, the one sea, and the twelve bronze bulls that were under <sup>1</sup>the sea, and the stands, which King Solomon had made for the house of the LORD—the bronze of all these vessels was <sup>a</sup>beyond weight.

21 As for the pillars, the <sup>a</sup>height of each pillar was eighteen <sup>1</sup>cubits, and it <sup>2</sup>was twelve cubits in <sup>a</sup>circumference and four fingers in thickness, and hollow.

22 Now a <sup>a</sup>capital of bronze was on it; and the height of each capital was five cubits, with network and <sup>b</sup>pomegranates upon the capital all around, all of bronze. And the second pillar was like these, including pomegranates.

23 And there were ninety-six <sup>1</sup>exposed pomegranates; all

7 <sup>1</sup>Lit., against the city on every side  
<sup>a</sup>Jer. 39:2 <sup>b</sup>Jer. 39:4-7; 51:32

8 <sup>1</sup>Lit., Arabah  
<sup>a</sup>Jer. 21:7; 32:4; 34:21; 37:17; 38:23

9 <sup>1</sup>Lit., spoke judgments with  
<sup>a</sup>Jer. 39:5; 2 Kin. 25:6 <sup>b</sup>Jer. 39:5; Num. 34:11 <sup>c</sup>Num. 13:21; Josh. 13:5

10 <sup>1</sup>Or, commanders  
<sup>a</sup>Jer. 22:30; 39:6

11 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 39:7; Ezek. 12:13

12 <sup>1</sup>Lit., stood before the king  
<sup>a2</sup> Kin. 25:8-21 <sup>b</sup>Jer. 52:29; 2 Kin. 24:12; 25:8

13 <sup>a2</sup> Chr. 36:19; Ps. 74:6-8; 79:1; Is. 64:10, 11; Lam. 2:7; Mic. 3:12 <sup>b</sup>Jer. 39:8

14 <sup>a2</sup> Kin. 25:10; Neh. 1:3

15 <sup>1</sup>Lit., fallers who had fallen  
<sup>a2</sup> Kin. 25:11 <sup>b</sup>Jer. 39:9

16 <sup>1</sup>Or, unpaid laborers  
<sup>a</sup>Jer. 39:10; 40:2-6; 2 Kin. 25:12

17 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 52:21-23; 27:19-22; 1 Kin. 7:15-22 <sup>b1</sup> Kin. 7:27-36 <sup>c1</sup> Kin. 7:23-26

18 <sup>1</sup>Or, spoons for incense  
<sup>a1</sup> Kin. 7:40, 45

19 <sup>1</sup>Or, spoons for incense  
<sup>a1</sup> Kin. 7:49, 50

20 <sup>1</sup>So Gk. and Syriac; Heb. omits the sea  
<sup>a1</sup> Kin. 7:47

21 <sup>1</sup>A cubit equals approx. 18 inches. <sup>2</sup>Lit., a line of 12 cubits would encircle it  
<sup>a1</sup> Kin. 7:15

22 <sup>a1</sup> Kin. 7:16 <sup>b1</sup> Kin. 7:20, 42

23 <sup>1</sup>Lit., windward

24 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *keepers of the door*  
<sup>2</sup>Kin. 25:18; 1 Chr. 6:14; Ezra 7:1 <sup>b</sup>Jer. 35:4; 1 Chr. 9:19; Ps. 84:10

25 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *men of those seeing the king's face*  
<sup>a</sup>Estr. 1:14; Matt. 18:10

26 <sup>2</sup>Kin. 25:20, 21

27 <sup>a</sup>Ezek. 8:11-18 <sup>b</sup>Jer. 13:19; 20:4; 25:9-11; 39:9; Is. 6:11, 12; 27:10; 32:13, 14; Ezek. 33:28; Mic. 4:10

28 <sup>1</sup>Or possibly, *seventeenth*  
<sup>2</sup>Kin. 24:2, 3, 12-16; 2 Chr. 36:20; Ezra 2:1; Neh. 7:6; Dan. 1:1-3

31 <sup>1</sup>Or, *Awil-Marduk* ("Man of Marduk") <sup>2</sup>Lit., *lifted up the head of*  
<sup>2</sup>Kin. 25:27-30 <sup>b</sup>Gen. 40:13, 20; Ps. 3:3; 27:6

33 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *he* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *ate*  
<sup>3</sup>Lit., *his presence*  
<sup>a</sup>Gen. 41:14, 42 <sup>b2</sup> Sam. 9:7, 13; 1 Kin. 2:7

34 <sup>2</sup> Sam. 9:10

the pomegranates *numbered* a hundred on the network all around.

**24** Then the captain of the guard took <sup>a</sup>Seraiah the chief priest and Zephaniah the second priest, with the three <sup>1b</sup>officers of the temple.

**25** He also took from the city one official who was overseer of the men of war, and seven <sup>1a</sup>of the king's advisors who were found in the city, and the scribe of the commander of the army who mustered the people of the land, and sixty men of the people of the land who were found in the midst of the city.

**26** And Nebuzaradan the captain of the guard took them and <sup>a</sup>brought them to the king of Babylon at Riblah.

**27** Then the king of Babylon <sup>a</sup>struck them down and put them to death at Riblah in the land of Hamath. So Judah was <sup>b</sup>led away into exile from its land.

**28** These are the people whom <sup>a</sup>Nebuchadnezzar carried away into exile: in the <sup>1</sup>seventh year 3,023 Jews;

**29** in the eighteenth year of Nebuchadnezzar 832 persons from Jerusalem;

**30** in the twenty-third year of Nebuchadnezzar, Nebuzaradan the captain of the guard carried into exile 745 Jewish people; there were 4,600 persons in all.

**31** <sup>a</sup>Now it came about in the thirty-seventh year of the exile of Jehoiachin king of Judah, in the twelfth month, on the twenty-fifth of the month, that <sup>1</sup>Evil-merodach king of Babylon, in the *first* year of his reign, <sup>2b</sup>showed favor to Jehoiachin king of Judah and brought him out of prison.

**32** Then he spoke kindly to him and set his throne above the thrones of the kings who *were* with him in Babylon.

**33** So <sup>1</sup>Jehoiachin <sup>a</sup>changed his prison clothes, and <sup>2b</sup>had his meals in <sup>3</sup>the king's presence regularly all the days of his life.

**34** And for his allowance, a <sup>a</sup>regular allowance was given him by the king of Babylon, a daily portion all the days of his life until the day of his death.

## THE LAMENTATIONS OF JEREMIAH

### Sorrows of Zion.

How lonely sits the city

That was <sup>a</sup>full of people!

She has become like a <sup>b</sup>widow

Who was once <sup>c</sup>great among the nations!

She who was a princess among the <sup>1</sup>provinces

Has become a <sup>d</sup>forced laborer!

**2** She <sup>a</sup>weeps bitterly in the night,

And her tears are on her cheeks;

She has none to comfort her

Among all her <sup>b</sup>blowers.

All her friends have <sup>c</sup>dealt treacherously with her;

They have become her enemies.

**3** Judah has gone into exile <sup>1</sup>under affliction,

<sup>1</sup> Or, *districts*  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 22:2 <sup>b</sup>Is. 54:4 <sup>c1</sup> Kin. 4:21; Ezra 4:20; Jer. 31:7  
<sup>d2</sup> Kin. 23:35; Jer. 40:9

<sup>2</sup> \*Lam. 1:16; Ps. 6:6;  
 77:2-6 <sup>b</sup>Jer. 2:25; 3:1; 22:20-22  
<sup>c</sup>Job 19:13, 14; Ps. 31:11; Mic. 7:5

<sup>3</sup> Or, *by reason of*

- And <sup>1</sup>under <sup>2</sup>harsh servitude;  
 She dwells <sup>a</sup>among the nations,  
 But she has found no rest;  
 All <sup>b</sup>her pursuers have overtaken her  
 In the midst of <sup>3</sup>distress.
- 4 The roads <sup>1</sup>of Zion are in mourning  
 Because <sup>a</sup>no one comes to the appointed feasts.  
 All her gates are <sup>b</sup>desolate;  
 Her priests are groaning,  
 Her virgins are afflicted,  
 And she herself <sup>2</sup>is bitter.
- 5 Her adversaries have become <sup>1</sup>her masters,  
 Her enemies <sup>2</sup>prosper;  
 For the LORD has <sup>a</sup>caused her grief  
 Because of the multitude of her transgressions;  
 Her little ones have gone away  
 As captives before the adversary.
- 6 And all her <sup>a</sup>majesty  
 Has departed from the daughter of Zion;  
 Her princes have become like bucks  
 That have found no pasture;  
 And they have <sup>1</sup>bled without strength  
 Before the pursuer.
- 7 In the days of her affliction and homelessness  
 Jerusalem remembers all her precious things  
 That were from the days of old  
 When her people fell into the hand of the adversary,  
 And <sup>a</sup>no one helped her.  
 The adversaries saw her,  
 They <sup>b</sup>mocked at her <sup>1</sup>ruin.
- 8 Jerusalem sinned <sup>a</sup>greatly,  
 Therefore she has become an unclean thing.  
 All who honored her despise her  
 Because they have seen her nakedness;  
 Even she herself groans and turns away.
- 9 Her <sup>a</sup>uncleanness was in her skirts;  
 She <sup>1</sup>did not consider her future;  
 Therefore she has <sup>2</sup>fallen astonishingly;  
<sup>c</sup>She has no comforter.  
 "See, O LORD, my affliction,  
 For the enemy has <sup>a</sup>magnified himself"
- 10 The adversary has stretched out his hand  
 Over all her precious things,  
 For she has seen the <sup>a</sup>nations enter her sanctuary,  
 The ones whom Thou commanded  
 That they should not enter into Thy congregation.
- 11 All her people groan <sup>a</sup>seeking bread;  
 They have given their precious things for food  
 To <sup>b</sup>restore their <sup>1</sup>lives themselves.  
 "See, O LORD, and look,  
 For I am <sup>c</sup>despised."
- 12 "Is <sup>a</sup>it nothing to all you who pass this way?  
 Look and see if there is any <sup>1</sup>pain like my <sup>1</sup>pain  
 Which was severely dealt out to me,  
 Which the LORD inflicted on the day of His <sup>b</sup>fierce  
 anger.

3 <sup>1</sup>Or, by reason of <sup>2</sup>Lit.,  
 great <sup>3</sup>Or, narrow places  
<sup>a</sup>Lev. 26:39; Deut. 28:64-67  
<sup>b</sup>2 Kin. 25:4, 5

4 <sup>1</sup>Or, to <sup>2</sup>Or, suffers  
 bitterly  
<sup>a</sup>Lam. 2:6, 7; Is. 24:4-6 <sup>b</sup>Jer.  
 9:11; 10:22

5 <sup>1</sup>Lit., head <sup>2</sup>Or, are at  
 ease  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 90:7, 8; Ezek. 8:17, 18;  
 9:9, 10

6 <sup>1</sup>Lit., gone  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 132:13; Jer. 13:18  
<sup>b</sup>2 Kin. 25:4, 5

7 <sup>1</sup>Lit., cessation  
<sup>a</sup>Lam. 4:17; Jer. 37:7 <sup>b</sup>Ps.  
 79:4; Jer. 48:27

8 <sup>a</sup>Lam. 1:5, 20; Is.  
 59:2-13

9 <sup>1</sup>Lit., did not  
 remember her latter end  
<sup>2</sup>Lit., come down  
<sup>a</sup>Jer. 2:34; Ezek. 24:13 <sup>b</sup>Is.  
 3:8; Jer. 13:17, 18 <sup>c</sup>Eccles.  
 4:1; Jer. 16:7 <sup>d</sup>Ps. 74:23;  
 Zeph. 2:10

10 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 74:4-8; Is. 64:10,  
 11; Jer. 51:51

11 <sup>1</sup>Lit., soul  
<sup>a</sup>Jer. 38:9; 52:6 <sup>b</sup>1 Sam.  
 30:12 <sup>c</sup>Jer. 15:19

12 <sup>1</sup>Or, sorrow  
<sup>a</sup>Jer. 18:16; 48:27 <sup>b</sup>Is. 13:13;  
 Jer. 4:8

13 <sup>1</sup>Or, *descended, overthrew* <sup>2</sup>Or, *Sick*  
<sup>a</sup>Job 30:30; Ps. 22:14; Hab. 3:16 <sup>b</sup>Job 19:6; Ps. 66:11  
<sup>c</sup>Jer. 44:6

14 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *stumble*  
<sup>a</sup>Prov. 5:22; Is. 47:6 <sup>b</sup>Jer. 28:13, 14 <sup>c</sup>Jer. 32:3, 5;  
 Ezek. 25:4, 7

15 <sup>1</sup>Or, *feast*  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 41:2; Jer. 13:24; 37:10  
<sup>b</sup>Jer. 6:11; 18:21

16 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *My eye, my eye*  
<sup>a</sup>Lam. 1:2; Ps. 69:20;  
 Eccles. 4:1

17 <sup>a</sup>Is. 1:15; Jer. 4:31  
<sup>b2</sup> Kin. 24:2-4; Jer. 12:9

18 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *mouth* <sup>2</sup>Or,  
*sorrow*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 119:75; Jer. 12:1  
<sup>b1</sup> Sam. 12:14, 15; Jer. 4:17

19 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *their soul*  
<sup>a</sup>Lam. 1:2; Job 19:13-19  
<sup>b</sup>Lam. 2:20; Jer. 14:15

20 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *inward parts are in ferment* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *beraeaves*  
<sup>a</sup>Lam. 2:11; Is. 16:11

21 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *evil*  
<sup>a</sup>Lam. 2:15; Ps. 35:15; Jer. 50:11 <sup>b</sup>Is. 14:5, 6; 47:6, 11;  
 Jer. 30:16

- 13 "From on high He sent fire into my <sup>a</sup>bones,  
 And it <sup>1</sup>prevailed *over them*;  
 He has spread a <sup>b</sup>net for my feet;  
 He has turned me back;  
 He has made me <sup>c</sup>desolate,  
<sup>2</sup>Faint all day long.
- 14 "The <sup>a</sup>yoke of my transgressions is bound;  
 By His hand they are knit together;  
 They have <sup>b</sup>come upon my neck;  
 He has made my strength <sup>1</sup>fail;  
 The Lord <sup>c</sup>has given me into the hands  
 Of *those against whom* I am not able to stand.
- 15 "The <sup>a</sup>Lord has rejected all my strong men  
 In my midst;  
 He has called an appointed <sup>1</sup>time against me  
 To crush my <sup>b</sup>young men;  
 The Lord has trodden *as in* a wine press  
 The virgin daughter of Judah.
- 16 "For these things I weep;  
<sup>1</sup>My eyes run down with water;  
 Because far from me is a <sup>a</sup>comforter,  
 One who restores my soul;  
 My children are desolate  
 Because the enemy has prevailed."
- 17 Zion <sup>a</sup>stretches out her hands;  
 There is no one to comfort her;  
 The LORD has <sup>b</sup>commanded concerning Jacob  
 That the ones round about him should be his adversar-  
 ies;  
 Jerusalem has become an unclean thing among them.
- 18 "The LORD is <sup>a</sup>righteous;  
 For I have <sup>b</sup>rebelled against His <sup>1</sup>command;  
 Hear now, all peoples,  
 And behold my <sup>2</sup>pain;  
 My virgins and my young men  
 Have gone into captivity.
- 19 "I <sup>a</sup>called to my lovers, *but* they deceived me;  
 My <sup>b</sup>priests and my elders perished in the city,  
 While they sought food to restore <sup>1</sup>their strength them-  
 selves.
- 20 "See, O LORD, for I am in distress;  
 My <sup>1</sup>spirit is greatly troubled;  
 My heart is overturned within me,  
 For I have been very rebellious.  
 In the street the sword <sup>2</sup>slays;  
 In the house it is like death.
- 21 "They have heard that I groan;  
 There is no one to comfort me;  
 All my enemies have heard of my <sup>1</sup>calamity;  
 They are <sup>a</sup>glad that Thou hast done it.  
 O that Thou wouldst bring the day which Thou hast  
 proclaimed,  
 That they may become <sup>b</sup>like me.
- 22 "Let all their wickedness come before Thee;

And <sup>a</sup>deal with them as Thou hast dealt with me  
 For all my transgressions;  
 For my groans are many, and my heart is faint.”

CHAPTER 2

How the Lord has covered the daughter of Zion  
 With a cloud in His anger!  
 He has <sup>a</sup>cast from heaven to earth  
 The <sup>b</sup>glory of Israel,  
 And has not remembered His <sup>c</sup>footstool  
 In the day of His anger.

2 The Lord has <sup>a</sup>swallowed up; He has not spared  
 All the habitations of Jacob.  
 In His wrath He has thrown down  
 The strongholds of the daughter of Judah;  
 He has <sup>b</sup>brought *them* down to the ground;  
 He has <sup>c</sup>profaned the kingdom and its princes.

3 In fierce anger He has cut off  
<sup>1</sup>All the <sup>a</sup>strength of Israel;  
 He has <sup>b</sup>drawn back His right hand  
 From before the enemy.  
 And He has <sup>c</sup>burned in Jacob like a flaming fire  
 Consuming round about.

4 He has bent His <sup>a</sup>bow like an enemy,  
 He has set His right hand like an adversary  
 And slain all that were <sup>b</sup>pleasant to the eye;  
 In the tent of the daughter of Zion  
 He has <sup>c</sup>poured out His wrath like fire.

5 The Lord has become like an <sup>a</sup>enemy.  
 He has swallowed up Israel;  
 He has swallowed up all its <sup>b</sup>palaces;  
 He has destroyed its strongholds  
 And multiplied in the daughter of Judah  
 Mourning and moaning.

6 And He has violently treated His <sup>1</sup>tabernacle like a  
 garden *booth*;  
 He has <sup>a</sup>destroyed His appointed <sup>2</sup>meeting place;  
 The LORD has <sup>b</sup>caused to be forgotten  
 The appointed feast and sabbath in Zion,  
 And He has despised king and priest  
 In the indignation of His anger.

7 The Lord has <sup>a</sup>rejected His altar,  
 He has abandoned His sanctuary;  
 He <sup>b</sup>has delivered into the hand of the enemy  
 The walls of her palaces.  
 They have made a <sup>c</sup>noise in the house of the LORD  
 As in the day of an appointed feast.

8 The LORD <sup>1</sup>determined to destroy  
 The wall of the daughter of Zion.  
 He has <sup>a</sup>stretched out a line,  
 He has not restrained His hand from <sup>2</sup>destroying;  
 And He has caused rampart and wall to lament;  
 They have languished together.

22 <sup>a</sup>Neh. 4:4, 5; Ps.  
 137:7, 8

1 <sup>a</sup>Is. 14:12-15; Ezek.  
 28:14-16 <sup>b</sup>Is. 64:11 <sup>c</sup>Ps.  
 99:5; 132:7

2 <sup>a</sup>Lam. 3:43; Ps. 21:9  
<sup>b</sup>Is. 25:12; 26:5 <sup>c</sup>Ps. 89:39,  
 40; Is. 43:28

3 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *Every horn*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 75:5, 10; Jer. 48:25 <sup>b</sup>Ps.  
 74:11; Jer. 21:4, 5 <sup>c</sup>Is. 42:25;  
 Jer. 21:14

4 <sup>a</sup>Lam. 3:12, 13; Job 6:4;  
 16:13 <sup>b</sup>Ezek. 24:25 <sup>c</sup>Is.  
 42:25; Jer. 7:20

5 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 30:14 <sup>b</sup>Lam. 2:2;  
 Jer. 52:13

6 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *booth* <sup>2</sup>Or, *feast*  
<sup>a</sup>Jer. 52:13 <sup>b</sup>Lam. 1:4; Jer.  
 17:27; Zeph. 3:18

7 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 78:59-61; Is. 64:11;  
 Ezek. 7:20-22 <sup>b</sup>Jer. 33:4, 5;  
 52:13 <sup>c</sup>Ps. 74:3-8

8 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *thought* <sup>2</sup>Lit.,  
*swallowing up*  
<sup>a</sup>2 Kin. 21:13; Is. 34:11;  
 Amos 7:7-9

9 <sup>a</sup>Neh. 1:3 <sup>b</sup>Jer. 14:14;  
23:16; Ezek. 7:26

10 <sup>a</sup>Job 2:13; Is. 3:26; 47:1  
<sup>b</sup>Amos 8:3 <sup>c</sup>Job 2:12; Ezek.  
27:30 <sup>d</sup>Is. 15:3; Jon. 3:6-8

11 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *inward parts are  
in ferment <sup>2</sup>Lit., *liver <sup>3</sup>Lit.,  
*breaking*  
<sup>a</sup>Jer. 4:19 <sup>b</sup>Job 16:13 <sup>c</sup>Lam.  
2:19; Jer. 44:7**

12 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 1:11; 5:17 <sup>b</sup>Job  
30:16; Ps. 42:4; 62:8

13 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *breaking*  
<sup>a</sup>Lam. 1:12 <sup>b</sup>Jer. 8:22;  
30:12-15

14 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *burdens*  
<sup>a</sup>Jer. 23:25-29; 29:8, 9 <sup>b</sup>Is.  
58:1; Mic. 3:8; Ezek. 23:36  
<sup>c</sup>Jer. 23:36; Ezek. 22:25, 28

15 <sup>a</sup>Job 27:23; Ezek. 25:6  
<sup>b</sup>Ps. 22:7; Is. 37:22; Jer.  
18:16 <sup>c</sup>Ps. 50:2 <sup>d</sup>Ps. 48:2

16 <sup>a</sup>Lam. 3:46; Job 16:10;  
Ps. 22:13 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 56:2; 124:3;  
Jer. 51:34 <sup>c</sup>Obad. 12-15

- 9 Her <sup>a</sup>gates have sunk into the ground,  
He has destroyed and broken her bars.  
Her king and her princes are among the nations;  
The law is no more;  
Also, her prophets find  
<sup>b</sup>No vision from the LORD.
- 10 The elders of the daughter of Zion  
<sup>a</sup>Sit on the ground, they <sup>b</sup>are silent.  
They have thrown <sup>c</sup>dust on their heads;  
They have girded themselves with <sup>d</sup>sackcloth.  
The virgins of Jerusalem  
Have bowed their heads to the ground.
- 11 My eyes fail because of tears,  
My <sup>1</sup>spirit is greatly troubled;  
My <sup>2</sup>heart is poured out on the earth,  
Because of the <sup>3</sup>destruction of the daughter of my  
people,  
When <sup>c</sup>little ones and infants faint  
In the streets of the city.
- 12 They say to their mothers,  
“<sup>a</sup>Where is grain and wine?”  
As they faint like a wounded man  
In the streets of the city,  
As their <sup>b</sup>life is poured out  
On their mothers’ bosom.
- 13 How shall I admonish you?  
To what <sup>a</sup>shall I compare you,  
O daughter of Jerusalem?  
To what shall I liken you as I comfort you,  
O virgin daughter of Zion?  
For your <sup>1</sup>ruin is as vast as the sea;  
Who can <sup>b</sup>heal you?
- 14 Your <sup>a</sup>prophets have seen for you  
False and foolish visions;  
And they have not <sup>b</sup>exposed your iniquity  
So as to restore you from captivity,  
But they have <sup>c</sup>seen for you false and misleading <sup>1</sup>ora-  
cles.
- 15 All who pass along the way  
<sup>a</sup>Clap their hands *in derision* at you;  
They hiss and <sup>b</sup>shake their heads  
At the daughter of Jerusalem,  
“Is this the city of which they said,  
<sup>c</sup>The perfection of beauty,  
<sup>d</sup>A joy to all the earth?”
- 16 All <sup>a</sup>your enemies  
Have opened their mouths wide against you;  
They hiss and gnash *their* teeth.  
They say, “We have <sup>b</sup>swallowed *her* up!  
Surely this is the <sup>c</sup>day for which we waited;  
We have reached it, we have seen it.”
- 17 The LORD has done what He purposed;  
He has accomplished His word  
Which He commanded from days of old.  
He has thrown down without sparing,

- And He has caused the enemy to <sup>a</sup>rejoice over you;  
He has <sup>b</sup>exalted the <sup>1</sup>might of your adversaries.
- 18 Their <sup>a</sup>heart cried out to the Lord,  
“O <sup>b</sup>wall of the daughter of Zion,  
Let *your* tears run down like a river day and night;  
Give yourself no relief;  
Let your <sup>a</sup>eyes have no rest.
- 19 “Arise, cry aloud in the <sup>a</sup>night  
At the beginning of the night watches;  
Pour <sup>b</sup>out your heart like water  
Before the presence of the Lord;  
Lift up your hands to Him  
For the life of your little ones  
Who are <sup>c</sup>faint because of hunger  
At the head of every street.”
- 20 See, O LORD, and look!  
With <sup>a</sup>whom hast Thou dealt thus?  
Should women eat their <sup>1</sup>offspring,  
The little ones who were <sup>2</sup>born healthy?  
Should <sup>b</sup>priest and prophet be slain  
In the sanctuary of the Lord?
- 21 On the ground in the streets  
Lie <sup>a</sup>young and old,  
My virgins and my young men  
Have fallen by the sword.  
Thou hast slain *them* in the day of Thine anger,  
Thou hast slaughtered, not sparing.
- 22 Thou didst call as in the day of an appointed feast  
My <sup>a</sup>terrors on every side;  
And there was <sup>b</sup>no one who escaped or survived  
In the day of the LORD’s anger.  
Those <sup>c</sup>whom I <sup>1</sup>bore and reared,  
My enemy annihilated them.

17 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *horn*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 35:24, 26; 89:42; Is.  
14:29 <sup>b</sup>Lam. 1:5; Deut.  
28:43, 44

18 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *the daughter of  
your eye*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 119:145; Hos. 7:14  
<sup>b</sup>Lam. 2:8; Hab. 2:11

19 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 42:3; Is. 26:9  
<sup>b</sup>1 Sam. 1:15; Ps. 42:4; 62:8  
<sup>c</sup>Is. 51:20

20 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *fruit* <sup>2</sup>Or,  
*tenderly cared for*  
<sup>a</sup>Ex. 32:11; Deut. 9:26 <sup>b</sup>Ps.  
78:64; Jer. 14:15; 23:11, 12

21 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 6:11

22 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *bore healthy or,  
tenderly cared for*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 31:13; Is. 24:17, 18; Jer.  
6:25 <sup>b</sup>Jer. 11:11 <sup>c</sup>Jer. 16:2-4;  
44:7

2 <sup>a</sup>Job 30:26; Is. 59:9; Jer.  
4:23

3 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 38:2; Is. 5:25

4 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 31:9, 10; 38:2-8;  
102:3-5

5 <sup>a</sup>Job 19:8 <sup>b</sup>Lam. 3:19;  
Ps. 69:21; Jer. 23:15

6 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 88:5, 6; 143:3

7 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *bronze piece*  
<sup>a</sup>Job 3:23; 19:8 <sup>b</sup>Jer. 40:4

8 <sup>a</sup>Job 30:20; Ps. 22:2

9 <sup>a</sup>Is. 63:17

## CHAPTER 3

- I AM the man who has seen affliction  
Because of the rod of His wrath.
- 2 He has driven me and made me walk  
In <sup>a</sup>darkness and not in light.
- 3 Surely against me He has <sup>a</sup>turned His hand  
Repeatedly all the day.
- 4 He has caused my <sup>a</sup>flesh and my skin to waste away,  
He has broken my bones.
- 5 He has <sup>a</sup>besieged and encompassed me with <sup>b</sup>bitterness  
and hardship.
- 6 In <sup>a</sup>dark places He has made me dwell,  
Like those who have long been dead.
- 7 He has <sup>a</sup>walled *me* in so that I cannot go out;  
He has made my <sup>1</sup>chain heavy.
- 8 Even when I cry out and call for help,  
He <sup>a</sup>shuts out my prayer.
- 9 He has <sup>a</sup>blocked my ways with hewn stone;  
He has made my paths crooked.
- 10 He is to me like a bear lying in wait,  
*Like a lion in secret places.*

11 <sup>a</sup>Job 16:12, 13; Jer. 15:3

13 <sup>1</sup>Lit., sons <sup>2</sup>Lit.,  
kidneys  
<sup>a</sup>Jer. 5:16

14 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 22:6, 7; 123:3, 4;  
Jer. 20:7 <sup>b</sup>Lam. 3:63; Job  
30:9

16 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 3:7; 58:6 <sup>b</sup>Prov.  
20:17 <sup>c</sup>Jer. 6:26

17 <sup>1</sup>Lit., good  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 59:11; Jer. 12:12

18 <sup>a</sup>Job 17:15; Ezek. 37:11

19 <sup>1</sup>Or, bitterness  
<sup>a</sup>Lam. 3:5, 15; Jer. 9:15

20 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 42:5, 6, 11; 43:5;  
44:25

21 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 130:7

22 <sup>1</sup>Or, that we are not  
consumed  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 78:38; Jer. 3:12; 30:11  
<sup>b</sup>Mal. 3:6

23 <sup>a</sup>Zeph. 3:5

24 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 16:5; 73:26 <sup>b</sup>Ps.  
23:18

25 <sup>1</sup>Lit., soul  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 27:14; Is. 25:9 <sup>b</sup>Is. 26:9

29 <sup>1</sup>Lit., give  
<sup>a</sup>Job 16:15; 40:4 <sup>b</sup>Jer. 31:17

30 <sup>1</sup>Lit., his  
<sup>a</sup>Job 16:10; Is. 50:6

31 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 77:7, 10; 54:7-10

32 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 78:38; 106:43-45;  
Hos. 11:8

33 <sup>1</sup>Lit., from His heart

34 <sup>1</sup>Or, earth

35 <sup>1</sup>Or, turn aside a  
man's case  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 140:12; Prov. 17:15

36 <sup>1</sup>Lit., make crooked  
<sup>2</sup>Lit., see  
<sup>a</sup>Jer. 22:3; Hab. 1:13

37 <sup>1</sup>Lit., this

11 He has turned aside my ways and <sup>a</sup>torn me to pieces;  
He has made me desolate.

12 He bent His bow  
And set me as a target for the arrow.

13 He made the <sup>1</sup>arrows of His <sup>a</sup>quiver  
To enter into my <sup>2</sup>inward parts.

14 I have become a <sup>a</sup>laughingstock to all my people,  
Their *mocking* <sup>b</sup>song all the day.

15 He has filled me with bitterness,  
He has made me drunk with wormwood.

16 And He has <sup>a</sup>broken my teeth with <sup>b</sup>gravel;  
He has made me cower in the <sup>c</sup>dust.

17 And my soul has been rejected <sup>a</sup>from peace;  
I have forgotten <sup>1</sup>happiness.

18 So I say, "My strength has perished,  
And so *has* my <sup>a</sup>hope from the LORD."

19 Remember my affliction and my <sup>1</sup>wandering, the  
<sup>a</sup>wormwood and bitterness.

20 Surely my soul remembers  
And is <sup>a</sup>bowed down within me.

21 This I recall to my mind,  
Therefore I have <sup>a</sup>hope.

22 The LORD's <sup>a</sup>lovingkindnesses <sup>1</sup>indeed never cease,  
<sup>b</sup>For His compassions never fail.

23 *They* are new <sup>a</sup>every morning;  
Great is Thy faithfulness.

24 "The LORD is my <sup>a</sup>portion," says my soul,  
"Therefore I <sup>b</sup>have hope in Him."

25 The LORD is good to those who <sup>a</sup>wait for Him,  
To the <sup>1</sup>person who <sup>b</sup>seeks Him.

26 *It is* good that he waits silently  
For the salvation of the LORD.

27 *It is* good for a man that he should bear  
The yoke in his youth.

28 Let him sit alone and be silent  
Since He has laid *it* on him.

29 Let him <sup>1</sup>put his mouth in the <sup>a</sup>dust,  
Perhaps there is <sup>b</sup>hope.

30 Let him give his <sup>a</sup>cheek to <sup>1</sup>the smiter;  
Let him be filled with reproach.

31 For the Lord will <sup>a</sup>not reject forever,  
32 For if He causes grief,

Then He will have <sup>a</sup>compassion  
According to His abundant lovingkindness.

33 For He does not afflict <sup>1</sup>willingly,  
Or grieve the sons of men.

34 To crush under His feet  
All the prisoners of the <sup>1</sup>land,

35 To <sup>1</sup>deprive a man of <sup>a</sup>justice  
In the presence of the Most High,

36 To <sup>1</sup>defraud a man in his lawsuit—  
Of these things the Lord does not <sup>2</sup>approve.

37 Who is <sup>1</sup>there who speaks and it comes to pass,  
Unless the Lord has commanded *it*?



- 38 *Is it not from the mouth of the Most High  
That <sup>1</sup>both good and ill <sup>2</sup>go forth?*
- 39 Why should *any* living <sup>1</sup>mortal, or *any* man,  
Offer <sup>2</sup>complaint <sup>3</sup>in view of his sins?
- 40 Let us <sup>2</sup>examine and probe our ways,  
And let us return to the LORD.
- 41 We <sup>1</sup>lift up our heart <sup>2</sup>and hands  
Toward God in heaven;
- 42 We have <sup>2</sup>transgressed and rebelled,  
Thou hast not pardoned.
- 43 Thou hast covered *Thyself* with anger  
And pursued us;  
Thou hast slain *and* hast not spared.
- 44 Thou hast covered *Thyself* with a cloud  
So that <sup>2</sup>no prayer can pass through.
- 45 *Mere* offscouring and refuse Thou hast made us  
In the midst of the peoples.
- 46 All our enemies have <sup>2</sup>opened their mouths against us.
- 47 <sup>2</sup>Panic and pitfall have befallen us,  
Devastation and destruction;
- 48 My eyes run down with streams of water  
Because of the destruction of the daughter of my people.
- 49 My eyes pour down <sup>2</sup>unceasingly,  
Without stopping,
- 50 Until the LORD <sup>2</sup>looks down  
And sees from heaven.
- 51 My <sup>1</sup>eyes bring pain to my soul  
Because of all the daughters of my city.
- 52 My enemies <sup>2</sup>without cause  
Hunted me down <sup>3</sup>like a bird;
- 53 They have silenced <sup>1</sup>me in the pit  
And have <sup>2</sup>placed a stone on me.
- 54 Waters flowed <sup>2</sup>over my head;  
I said, "I am cut off!"
- 55 I called on Thy name, O LORD,  
Out of the lowest pit.
- 56 Thou hast <sup>2</sup>heard my voice,  
"Do not <sup>3</sup>hide Thine ear from my *prayer for relief*,  
From my cry for help."
- 57 Thou didst <sup>2</sup>draw near when I called on Thee;  
Thou didst say, "Do not <sup>3</sup>fear!"
- 58 O Lord, Thou didst <sup>2</sup>plead my soul's cause;  
Thou hast <sup>3</sup>redeemed my life.
- 59 O LORD, Thou hast <sup>2</sup>seen my oppression;  
<sup>3</sup>Judge my case.
- 60 Thou hast seen all their vengeance,  
All their schemes against me.
- 61 Thou hast heard their <sup>2</sup>reproach, O LORD,  
All their schemes against me.
- 62 The <sup>2</sup>lips of my assailants and their whispering  
*Are* against me all day long.
- 63 Look on their sitting and their rising;  
<sup>2</sup>I am their mocking song.

38 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *the evil things and the good*  
<sup>2</sup>Job 2:10; Is. 45:7; Jer. 32:42

39 <sup>1</sup>Or, *human being* <sup>2</sup>Or, *on the basis of*  
<sup>3</sup>Jer. 30:15; Mic. 7:9; Heb. 12:5, 6

40 <sup>2</sup>Ps. 119:59; 139:23, 24;  
2 Cor. 13:5

41 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *to*  
<sup>2</sup>Ps. 25:1; 28:2; 141:2

42 <sup>2</sup>Neh. 9:26; Jer. 14:20;  
Dan. 9:5

44 <sup>2</sup>Lam. 3:8; Zech. 7:13

46 <sup>2</sup>Lam. 2:16; Job 30:9;  
10; Ps. 22:6-8

47 <sup>2</sup>Is. 24:17, 18; Jer. 48:43, 44

49 <sup>2</sup>Ps. 77:2; Jer. 14:17

50 <sup>2</sup>Lam. 5:1; Ps. 80:14; Is. 63:15

51 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *eye*

52 <sup>2</sup>Ps. 35:7, 19 <sup>3</sup>1b Sam. 26:20; Ps. 11:1; 124:7

53 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *my life* <sup>2</sup>Or, *cast stones*

54 <sup>2</sup>Ps. 69:2; Jon. 2:3-5

56 <sup>2</sup>Job 34:28; Es. 116:12  
<sup>3</sup>Ps. 55:1

57 <sup>2</sup>Ps. 145:18 <sup>3</sup>Is. 41:10, 14

58 <sup>2</sup>Jer. 50:34 <sup>3</sup>Ps. 34:22

59 <sup>2</sup>Jer. 18:19, 20 <sup>3</sup>Ps. 26:1; 43:1

61 <sup>2</sup>Lam. 5:1; Ps. 74:18;  
89:50; Zeph. 2:8

62 <sup>2</sup>Ps. 59:7, 12; 140:3;  
Ezek. 36:3

63 <sup>2</sup>Lam. 3:14; Job 30:9

64 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 28:4; Jer. 51:6,  
24, 56

65 <sup>1</sup>Or, *insolence*  
<sup>a</sup>Ex. 14:8; Deut. 2:30; Is.  
6:10

<sup>1</sup> <sup>1</sup>Lit., *head*  
<sup>a</sup>2 Kin. 25:9, 10; Ezek. 7:19-  
22

<sup>2</sup> <sup>a</sup>Is. 30:14; Jer. 19:1, 11

<sup>3</sup> <sup>a</sup>Is. 13:22; 34:13 <sup>b</sup>Is.  
49:15; Ezek. 5:10

<sup>4</sup> <sup>a</sup>Jer. 14:3

<sup>5</sup> <sup>1</sup>Lit., *established in  
crimson*

<sup>6</sup> <sup>1</sup>Or, *punishment for  
iniquity* <sup>2</sup>Or, *punishment  
for sin* <sup>3</sup>Or, *wrung over her*  
<sup>a</sup>Gen. 19:25; Jer. 20:16

<sup>7</sup> <sup>1</sup>Or, *Nazirites* <sup>2</sup>Lit.,  
*bones* <sup>3</sup>Heb., *sappir*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 51:7

<sup>8</sup> <sup>a</sup>Lam. 5:10, 14; Job  
30:30

<sup>9</sup> <sup>1</sup>Lit., *pierced* <sup>2</sup>Lit.,  
*flow away* <sup>3</sup>Lit., *my fields*  
<sup>a</sup>Lev. 26:39; Ezek. 24:23

<sup>10</sup> <sup>a</sup>Lam. 2:20; 2 Kin. 6:29;  
Jer. 19:9 <sup>b</sup>Deut. 28:53-55

- 64 Thou wilt <sup>a</sup>recompense them, O LORD,  
According to the work of their hands.  
65 Thou wilt give them <sup>1a</sup>hardness of heart,  
Thy curse will be on them.  
66 Thou wilt pursue them in anger and destroy them  
From under the heavens of the LORD!

## CHAPTER 4

- How <sup>a</sup>dark the gold has become,  
How the pure gold has changed!  
The sacred stones are poured out  
At the <sup>1</sup>corner of every street.
- 2 The precious sons of Zion,  
Weighed against fine gold,  
How they are regarded as <sup>a</sup>earthen jars,  
The work of a potter's hands!
- 3 Even <sup>a</sup>jackals offer the breast,  
They nurse their young;  
*But* the daughter of my people has become <sup>b</sup>cruel  
Like ostriches in the wilderness.
- 4 The tongue of the infant cleaves  
To the roof of its mouth because of <sup>a</sup>thirst;  
The little ones ask for bread,  
*But* no one breaks *it* for them.
- 5 Those who ate delicacies  
Are desolate in the streets;  
Those <sup>1</sup>reared in purple  
Embrace ash pits.
- 6 For the <sup>1</sup>iniquity of the daughter of my people  
Is greater than the <sup>2</sup>sin of Sodom,  
Which was <sup>a</sup>overthrown as in a moment,  
And no hands were <sup>3</sup>turned toward her.
- 7 Her <sup>1</sup>consecrated ones were <sup>a</sup>purser than snow,  
They were whiter than milk;  
They were more ruddy *in* <sup>2</sup>body than corals,  
Their polishing *was* like <sup>3</sup>lapis lazuli.
- 8 Their appearance is <sup>a</sup>blacker than soot,  
They are not recognized in the streets;  
Their skin is shriveled on their bones,  
It is withered, it has become like wood.
- 9 Better are those <sup>1</sup>slain with the sword  
Than those <sup>1</sup>slain with hunger;  
For they <sup>2a</sup>pine away, being stricken  
For lack of the fruits of <sup>3</sup>the field.
- 10 The hands of compassionate women  
<sup>a</sup>Boiled their own children;  
They became <sup>b</sup>food for them  
Because of the destruction of the daughter of my peo-  
ple.
- 11 The LORD has accomplished His wrath,  
He has poured out His fierce anger;  
And He has kindled a fire in Zion  
Which has consumed its foundations.
- 12 The kings of the earth did not believe,  
Nor *did* any of the inhabitants of the world,

**Miseries of the Captivity.  
Prayer for Mercy.**

- That the adversary and the enemy  
Could <sup>a</sup>enter the gates of Jerusalem.
- 13 Because of the sins of her prophets  
And the iniquities of her priests,  
Who have shed in her midst  
The <sup>a</sup>blood of the righteous,
- 14 They wandered, <sup>a</sup>blind, in the streets;  
They were defiled with blood  
So that no one could touch their garments.
- 15 "Depart! <sup>a</sup>Unclean!" <sup>1</sup>they cried of themselves.  
"Depart, depart, do not touch!"  
So they fled and wandered;  
*Men* among the nations said,  
"They shall not continue to dwell *with us.*"
- 16 The presence of the LORD has scattered them;  
He will not continue to regard them.  
They did not <sup>1a</sup>honor the priests,  
They did not favor the elders.
- 17 Yet our eyes failed;  
*Looking* for <sup>1</sup>help was <sup>a</sup>useless.  
In our watching we have watched  
For a <sup>b</sup>nation that could not save.
- 18 They <sup>a</sup>hunted our steps  
So that we could not walk in our streets;  
Our <sup>b</sup>end drew near,  
Our days were <sup>1</sup>finished  
For our end had come.
- 19 Our pursuers were <sup>a</sup>swifter  
Than the eagles of the sky.  
They chased us on the mountains;  
They waited in ambush for us in the <sup>b</sup>wilderness.
- 20 The breath of our nostrils, the LORD's anointed,  
Was <sup>a</sup>captured in their pits,  
Of whom we had said, "Under his <sup>b</sup>shadow  
We shall live among the nations."
- 21 Rejoice and be glad, O daughter of Edom,  
Who dwells in the land of Uz;  
*But* the cup will come around to you as well,  
You will become drunk and make yourself naked.
- 22 *The punishment* of your iniquity has been <sup>a</sup>completed,  
O daughter of Zion;  
He <sup>b</sup>will exile you no longer.  
*But* He will punish your iniquity, O daughter of Edom;  
He will expose your sins!

CHAPTER 5

REMEMBER, O LORD, what has befallen us;

- Look, and see our <sup>a</sup>reproach!
- 2 Our inheritance has been turned over to <sup>a</sup>strangers,  
Our houses to aliens.
- 3 We have become orphans <sup>a</sup>without a father,  
Our mothers are like widows.
- 4 <sup>1</sup>We have to pay for our drinking <sup>a</sup>water,  
Our wood comes to us at a price.

**Lamentations 4, 5**

12 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 21:13

13 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 2:30; 26:8, 9

14 <sup>a</sup>Deut. 28:28, 29; Is. 29:10; 56:10; 59:9, 10

15 <sup>1</sup>Or, they (men) cried to them  
<sup>a</sup>Lev. 13:45, 46

16 <sup>1</sup>Lit., lift up the faces of  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 9:14-16; Jer. 52:24-27

17 <sup>1</sup>Lit., our help  
<sup>a</sup>Lam. 1:7; Jer. 37:7 <sup>b</sup>Ezek. 29:6, 7, 16

18 <sup>1</sup>Lit., full  
<sup>a</sup>Jer. 16:16 <sup>b</sup>Jer. 5:31; Ezek. 7:2-12; Amos 8:2

19 <sup>a</sup>Is. 5:26-28; 30:16, 17; Jer. 4:13; Hab. 1:8 <sup>b1</sup>Sam. 13:6

20 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 39:5 <sup>b</sup>Dan. 4:12

22 <sup>a</sup>Is. 40:2; Jer. 33:7, 8  
<sup>b</sup>Jer. 49:10; Mal. 1:3, 4

1 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 44:13-16

2 <sup>a</sup>Is. 1:7; Hos. 8:7, 8

3 <sup>a</sup>Ex. 22:24; Jer. 15:8; 18:21

4 <sup>1</sup>Lit., We drink our water for silver  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 3:1

<sup>5</sup> <sup>1</sup>Lit., *We have been pursued upon*  
<sup>2</sup>Neh. 9:36, 37

<sup>6</sup> <sup>1</sup>Lit., *given the hand to*  
<sup>2</sup>Lit., *to be satisfied with*

<sup>7</sup> <sup>2</sup>Jer. 14:20; 16:12

<sup>8</sup> <sup>2</sup>Neh. 5:15 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 7:2; Zech. 11:6

<sup>9</sup> <sup>1</sup>Lit., *with our soul*  
<sup>2</sup>Or, *In the face of*  
<sup>3</sup>Jer. 40:9-12

<sup>10</sup> <sup>1</sup>Or, *the ravages of hunger*  
<sup>2</sup>Lam. 4:8; Job 30:30

<sup>11</sup> <sup>2</sup>Is. 13:16; Zech. 14:2

<sup>12</sup> <sup>1</sup>Lit., *The faces of elders*  
<sup>2</sup>Lam. 4:16; Is. 47:6

<sup>13</sup> <sup>1</sup>Lit., *carry*

<sup>14</sup> <sup>1</sup>Lit., *have ceased*  
<sup>2</sup>Is. 24:8; Jer. 7:34

<sup>15</sup> <sup>2</sup>Jer. 25:10; Amos 8:10

<sup>16</sup> <sup>2</sup>Job 19:9; Ps. 89:39; Jer. 13:18

<sup>17</sup> <sup>2</sup>Is. 1:5 <sup>b</sup>Lam. 2:11; Job 17:7

<sup>19</sup> <sup>1</sup>Lit., *sit*  
<sup>2</sup>Ps. 45:6

<sup>20</sup> <sup>1</sup>Lit., *to length of days*  
<sup>2</sup>Ps. 13:1; 44:24

<sup>21</sup> <sup>2</sup>Ps. 80:3; Jer. 31:18 <sup>b</sup>Is. 60:20-22

<sup>22</sup> <sup>2</sup>Ps. 60:1, 2; Jer. 7:29 <sup>b</sup>Is. 64:9

- 5 <sup>1</sup>Our pursuers are at our necks;  
We are worn out, there is <sup>2</sup>no rest for us.
- 6 We have <sup>1</sup>submitted to Egypt *and* Assyria <sup>2</sup>to get enough bread.
- 7 Our <sup>2</sup>fathers sinned, *and* are no more;  
It is we who have borne their iniquities.
- 8 <sup>2</sup>Slaves rule over us;  
There is <sup>b</sup>no one to deliver us from their hand.
- 9 We get our bread <sup>1</sup>at the <sup>2</sup>risk of our lives  
<sup>2</sup>Because of the sword in the wilderness.
- 10 Our skin has become as <sup>2</sup>hot as an oven,  
Because of <sup>1</sup>the burning heat of famine.
- 11 They ravished the <sup>2</sup>women in Zion,  
The virgins in the cities of Judah.
- 12 Princes were hung by their hands;  
<sup>1a</sup>Elders were not respected.
- 13 Young men <sup>1</sup>worked at the grinding mill;  
And youths stumbled under *loads* of wood.
- 14 Elders <sup>1</sup>are gone from the gate,  
Young men from their <sup>2</sup>music.
- 15 The joy of our hearts has <sup>2</sup>ceased;  
Our dancing has been turned into mourning.
- 16 The <sup>2</sup>crown has fallen from our head;  
Woe to us, for we have sinned!
- 17 Because of this our <sup>2</sup>heart is faint;  
Because of these things our <sup>b</sup>eyes are dim;
- 18 Because of Mount Zion which lies desolate,  
Foxes prowl in it.

- 19 Thou, O LORD, dost <sup>1</sup>rule forever;  
Thy <sup>2</sup>throne is from generation to generation.
- 20 Why dost Thou <sup>2</sup>forget us forever;  
Why dost Thou forsake us <sup>1</sup>so long?
- 21 <sup>2</sup>Restore us to Thee, O LORD, that we may be restored;  
Renew <sup>b</sup>our days as of old,
- 22 Unless <sup>2</sup>Thou hast utterly rejected us,  
*And* art exceedingly <sup>b</sup>angry with us.

## THE BOOK OF EZEKIEL

### The Appearance of Four Figures.

**N**OW it came about in the thirtieth year, on the fifth *day* of the fourth month, while I was by the river Chebar among the exiles, the <sup>2</sup>heavens were opened and I saw <sup>1b</sup>visions of God.

2 (On the fifth of the month <sup>1</sup>in the <sup>2</sup>fifth year of King Jehoiachin's exile,

3 the word of the LORD came expressly to Ezekiel the priest, son of Buzi, in the land of the Chaldeans by the river Chebar; and there the hand of the LORD came upon him.)

4 And as I looked, behold, a <sup>2</sup>storm wind was coming from the north, a great cloud with fire flashing forth continually

<sup>1</sup> Some ancient mss. and versions read, *a vision*  
<sup>2</sup>Matt. 3:16; Mark 1:10; Luke 3:21; John 1:15; Acts 7:56; 10:11; Rev. 4:1; 19:11  
<sup>b</sup>Ezek. 8:3; 11:24; 40:2; Ex. 24:10; Num. 12:6; Is. 1:1; 6:1; Dan. 8:1, 2

<sup>2</sup> <sup>1</sup>Lit., *it was*  
<sup>2</sup>Ezek. 8:1; 20:1; 2 Kin. 24:12-15

<sup>4</sup> <sup>2</sup>Ezek. 13:11, 13; Is. 21:1; Jer. 23:19

**Faces of Four Beings.  
Four Wheels. Vision of the Divine Glory.**

**Ezekiel 1**

and a bright light around it, and in its midst something like glowing metal in the midst of the fire.

5 And within it there were figures resembling <sup>a</sup>four living beings. And this was their appearance: they had human <sup>b</sup>form.

6 Each of them had <sup>a</sup>four faces and <sup>b</sup>four wings.

7 And their legs were straight and <sup>1</sup>their feet were like a calf's hoof, and they gleamed like <sup>a</sup>burnished bronze.

8 Under their wings on their <sup>a</sup>four sides were human <sup>b</sup>hands. As for the faces and wings of the four of them,

9 their wings touched one another; their <sup>a</sup>faces did not turn when they moved, each <sup>a</sup>went straight forward.

10 As for the <sup>a</sup>form of their faces, *each* had the <sup>b</sup>face of a man, <sup>1</sup>all four had the face of a lion on the right and the face of a bull on the left, and <sup>1</sup>all four had the face of an eagle.

11 Such were their faces. Their wings were spread out above; each had two touching another <sup>a</sup>being, and <sup>a</sup>two covering their bodies.

12 And each went straight forward; <sup>a</sup>wherever the spirit was about to go, they would go, without turning as they went.

13 <sup>1</sup>In the midst of the living beings there was something that looked like burning coals of <sup>a</sup>fire, <sup>2</sup>like torches darting back and forth among the living beings. The fire was bright, and lightning was <sup>3</sup>flashing from the fire.

14 And the living beings <sup>a</sup>ran to and fro like bolts of <sup>b</sup>lightning.

15 Now as I looked at the living beings, behold, there was one <sup>a</sup>wheel on the earth beside the living beings, <sup>1</sup>for *each* of the four of them.

16 The <sup>a</sup>appearance of the wheels and their workmanship was like <sup>1</sup>sparkling <sup>b</sup>beryl, and all four of them had the same form, their appearance and workmanship <sup>a</sup>being as if <sup>2</sup>one wheel were within another.

17 Whenever they <sup>1</sup>moved, they <sup>1</sup>moved in any of their four <sup>2</sup>directions, without <sup>a</sup>turning as they <sup>1</sup>moved.

18 As for their rims they were lofty and awesome, and the rims of all four of them were <sup>a</sup>full of eyes round about.

19 And <sup>a</sup>whenever the living beings <sup>1</sup>moved, the wheels <sup>1</sup>moved with them. And whenever the living beings <sup>b</sup>rose from the earth, the wheels rose *also*.

20 <sup>a</sup>Wherever the spirit was about to go, they would go in that direction<sup>1</sup>. And the wheels rose close beside them; for the spirit of the living <sup>2</sup>beings was in the wheels.

21 <sup>a</sup>Whenever those went, these went; and whenever those stood still, these stood still. And whenever those rose from the earth, the wheels rose close beside them; for the spirit of the living <sup>1</sup>beings was in the wheels.

22 Now <sup>a</sup>over the heads of the living <sup>1</sup>beings *there was* something like an expanse, like the awesome gleam of <sup>2</sup>crystal, extended over their heads.

23 And under the expanse their wings were *stretched out* straight, one toward the other; each one also had <sup>a</sup>two wings covering their bodies on the one side and on the other.

24 I also heard the sound of their wings like the <sup>a</sup>sound of abundant waters as they went, like the <sup>b</sup>voice of <sup>1</sup>the Almighty, a sound of tumult like the <sup>a</sup>sound of an army camp; whenever they stood still, they dropped their wings.

5 <sup>a</sup>Ezek. 10:15, 17, 20; Rev. 4:6-8 <sup>b</sup>Ezek. 1:26

6 <sup>a</sup>Ezek. 1:10; 10:14, 21 <sup>b</sup>Ezek. 1:23

7 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *the soles of their feet* <sup>a</sup>Rev. 1:15; 2:13

8 <sup>a</sup>Ezek. 1:17; 10:11 <sup>b</sup>Ezek. 10:8, 21

9 <sup>a</sup>Ezek. 1:12; 10:22

10 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *the four of them* <sup>a</sup>Rev. 4:7 <sup>b</sup>Ezek. 10:14

11 <sup>a</sup>Ezek. 1:23; Is. 6:2

12 <sup>a</sup>Ezek. 1:20

13 <sup>1</sup>So with some ancient versions; Heb., *As the likeness of the living beings*. <sup>2</sup>Lit., *like the appearance of* <sup>3</sup>Lit., *coming out* <sup>a</sup>Ps. 104:4

14 <sup>a</sup>Zech. 4:10 <sup>b</sup>Matt. 24:27; Luke 17:24

15 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *for his four faces* <sup>a</sup>Ezek. 1:19-21

16 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *the look of beryl* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *the wheel in the midst of the wheel* <sup>a</sup>Ezek. 10:9-11 <sup>b</sup>Ezek. 10:9; Dan. 10:6

17 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *went* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *sides* <sup>a</sup>Ezek. 1:9, 12; 10:11

18 <sup>a</sup>Ezek. 10:12; Rev. 4:6, 8

19 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *went* <sup>a</sup>Ezek. 10:16 <sup>b</sup>Ezek. 10:19

20 <sup>1</sup>M.T. adds: *the spirit to go* <sup>2</sup>M.T. reads: *being* <sup>a</sup>Ezek. 1:12

21 <sup>1</sup>M.T. reads: *being* <sup>a</sup>Ezek. 10:17

22 <sup>1</sup>So some ancient mss. and versions; M.T. reads: *being* <sup>2</sup>Or, *ice* <sup>a</sup>Ezek. 10:1

23 <sup>a</sup>Ezek. 1:6, 11

24 <sup>1</sup>Heb., *Shaddai* <sup>a</sup>Ezek. 43:2; Rev. 1:15; 19:6 <sup>b</sup>Ezek. 10:5 <sup>2</sup>2 Kin. 7:6; Dan. 10:6

25 <sup>a</sup>Ezek. 1:22; 10:1

26 <sup>1</sup>Heb., *eben-sappir*  
<sup>a</sup>Ezek. 1:22; 10:1 <sup>b</sup>Ezek.  
10:1; Is. 6:1; Dan. 7:9 <sup>c</sup>Ex.  
24:10; Is. 54:11 <sup>d</sup>Ezek. 43:6,  
7; Rev. 1:13

27 <sup>1</sup>Lit., saw <sup>2</sup>Or,  
*electrum*  
<sup>a</sup>Ezek. 1:4; 8:2

28 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *which occurs in*  
<sup>a</sup>Gen. 9:13; Rev. 4:3; 10:1  
<sup>b</sup>Ezek. 3:23; Gen. 17:3;  
Dan. 8:17; Rev. 1:17

1 <sup>a</sup>Dan. 10:11; Acts 9:6

2 <sup>a</sup>Ezek. 3:24; Dan. 8:18

3 <sup>1</sup>Sam. 8:7, 8; Jer. 3:25  
<sup>b</sup>Ezek. 20:18, 30

4 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *the sons, stiff-  
faced and hard-hearted*  
<sup>2</sup>Heb., YHWH, usually  
rendered LORD  
<sup>a</sup>Ezek. 3:7; Ps. 95:8; Is.  
48:4; Jer. 5:3; 6:15

5 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *forbear*  
<sup>a</sup>Ezek. 2:7; 3:11, 27; Matt.  
10:12-15; Acts 13:46 <sup>b</sup>Ezek.  
33:33; Luke 10:10, 11; John  
15:22

6 <sup>a</sup>Ezek. 3:9; Is. 51:12;  
Jer. 1:8, 17 <sup>b</sup>Ezek. 28:24;  
2 Sam. 23:6, 7; Mic. 7:4

7 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *forbear*  
<sup>a</sup>Ezek. 3:10, 17; Jer. 1:7, 17

8 <sup>a</sup>Ezek. 3:3; Jer. 15:16

9 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *scroll of a book*  
<sup>a</sup>Ezek. 3:1; Jer. 36:2; Rev.  
5:1-5; 10:8-11

10 <sup>a</sup>Rev. 8:13

2 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 25:17

3 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *inward parts*  
<sup>a</sup>Jer. 6:11; 20:9 <sup>b</sup>Jer. 15:16  
<sup>c</sup>Ps. 19:10; 119:103; Rev.  
10:9, 10

25 And there came a voice from above the <sup>a</sup>expanse that was over their heads; whenever they stood still, they dropped their wings.

26 Now <sup>a</sup>above the expanse that was over their heads there was something <sup>b</sup>resembling a throne, like <sup>1</sup>clapis lazuli in appearance; and on that which resembled a throne, high up, was a figure with the appearance of a <sup>d</sup>man.

27 Then I <sup>1</sup>noticed from the appearance of His loins and upward something <sup>a</sup>like <sup>2</sup>glowing metal that looked like fire all around within it, and from the appearance of His loins and downward I saw something like fire; and *there was* a radiance around Him.

28 As the appearance of the <sup>a</sup>rainbow <sup>1</sup>in the clouds on a rainy day, so *was* the appearance of the surrounding radiance. Such *was* the appearance of the likeness of the glory of the LORD. And when I saw *it*, I <sup>b</sup>fell on my face and heard a voice speaking.

## CHAPTER 2

THEN He said to me, "Son of man, <sup>a</sup>stand on your feet that I may speak with you!"

2 And as He spoke to me the <sup>a</sup>Spirit entered me and set me on my feet; and I heard *Him* speaking to me.

3 Then He said to me, "Son of man, I am sending you to the sons of Israel, to a rebellious people who have <sup>a</sup>rebelled against Me; <sup>b</sup>they and their fathers have transgressed against Me to this very day.

4 "And I am sending you to them who are <sup>1</sup>stubborn and obstinate children; and you shall say to them, 'Thus says the Lord <sup>2</sup>GOD.'

5 "As for them, <sup>a</sup>whether they listen or <sup>1</sup>not—for they are a rebellious house—they will <sup>b</sup>know that a prophet has been among them.

6 "And you, son of man, <sup>a</sup>neither fear them nor fear their words, though <sup>b</sup>thistles and thorns are with you and you sit on scorpions; neither fear their words nor be dismayed at their presence, for they are a rebellious house.

7 "But you shall <sup>a</sup>speak My words to them whether they listen or <sup>1</sup>not, for they are rebellious.

8 "Now you, son of man, listen to what I am speaking to you; do not be rebellious like that rebellious house. Open your mouth and <sup>a</sup>eat what I am giving you."

9 Then I looked, behold, a hand was extended to me; and lo, a <sup>1</sup>scroll was in it.

10 When He spread it out before me, it was written on the front and back; and written on it were lamentations, mourning and <sup>a</sup>woe.

## CHAPTER 3

THEN He said to me, "Son of man, eat what you find; eat this scroll, and go, speak to the house of Israel."

2 So I <sup>a</sup>opened my mouth, and He fed me this scroll.

3 And He said to me, "Son of man, feed your stomach, and <sup>a</sup>fill your <sup>1</sup>body with this scroll which I am giving you." Then I <sup>b</sup>ate it, and it was sweet as <sup>c</sup>honey in my mouth.

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His Induction.**

4 Then He said to me, "Son of man, <sup>1</sup>go to the house of Israel and speak with My words to them.

5 "For <sup>2</sup>you are not being sent to a people of <sup>1b</sup>unintelligible speech or difficult language, *but* to the house of Israel,

6 nor to many peoples of <sup>1</sup>unintelligible speech or difficult language, whose words you cannot understand. <sup>2</sup>But I have sent you to them <sup>3</sup>who should listen to you;

7 yet the house of Israel will not be willing to listen to you, since they are not willing to listen to Me. Surely the whole house of Israel is <sup>1</sup>stubborn and obstinate.

8 "Behold, I have made your face as hard as their faces, and your forehead as hard as their foreheads.

9 "Like <sup>1</sup>emery harder than flint I have made your forehead. Do not be afraid of them or be dismayed before them, though they are a rebellious house."

10 Moreover, He said to me, "Son of man, take into your heart all My <sup>a</sup>words which I shall speak to you, and listen <sup>1</sup>closely.

11 "And <sup>1</sup>go to the exiles, to the sons of your people, and speak to them and tell them, whether they listen or <sup>2</sup>not, "Thus says the Lord <sup>3</sup>God."

12 Then the <sup>a</sup>Spirit lifted me up, and I heard a great <sup>b</sup>rumbling sound behind me, "Blessed be the glory of the LORD <sup>1</sup>in His place."

13 And I *heard* the sound of the wings of the living beings touching one another, and the sound of the <sup>a</sup>wheels beside them, even a great rumbling sound.

14 So the Spirit lifted me up and took me away; and I went embittered in the rage of my spirit, and the hand of the LORD was strong on me.

15 Then I came to the exiles who lived beside the river Chebar at Tel-abib, and I sat there <sup>a</sup>seven days where they were living, causing consternation among them.

16 Now it came about <sup>a</sup>at the end of seven days that the word of the LORD came to me, saying,

17 "Son of man, I have appointed you a <sup>a</sup>watchman to the house of Israel; whenever you hear a word from My mouth, <sup>b</sup>warn them from Me.

18 "When I say to the wicked, 'You shall surely die'; and you do not warn him or speak out to warn the wicked from his wicked way that he may live, that wicked man shall die in his iniquity, but his <sup>a</sup>blood I will require at your hand.

19 "Yet if you have <sup>a</sup>warned the wicked, and he does not turn from his wickedness or from his wicked way, he shall die in his iniquity; but <sup>b</sup>you have delivered yourself.

20 "Again, <sup>a</sup>when a righteous man turns away from his righteousness and commits iniquity, and I place an <sup>b</sup>obstacle before him, he shall die; since you have not warned him, he shall die in his sin, and his righteous deeds which he has done shall not be remembered; but his blood I will require at your hand.

21 "However, if you have <sup>a</sup>warned <sup>1</sup>the righteous man that the righteous should not sin, and he does not sin, he shall surely live because he took warning; and you have delivered yourself."

22 And the hand of the LORD was on me there, and He said to me, "Get up, go out to the plain, and there I will <sup>a</sup>speak to you."

4 <sup>1</sup>Lit. go, come

5 <sup>1</sup>Lit. deepness of lip and heaviness of tongue  
<sup>a</sup>Jon. 1:2; Acts 14:11; 26:17  
<sup>b</sup>Is. 28:11; 33:19

6 <sup>1</sup>Lit. deepness of lip and heaviness of tongue  
<sup>2</sup>Or, If I had sent you to them, they would listen to you.  
<sup>3</sup>Lit., they

7 <sup>1</sup>Lit., of a hard forehead and a stiff heart

9 <sup>1</sup>Lit., corundum

10 <sup>1</sup>Lit., with your ears  
<sup>a</sup>Ezek. 3:1-3; 2:8; Job 22:22

11 <sup>1</sup>Lit., go, come <sup>2</sup>Lit., forbear <sup>3</sup>YHWH, usually rendered LORD

12 <sup>1</sup>Or, from  
<sup>a</sup>Ezek. 3:14; 8:3; Acts 8:39  
<sup>b</sup>Acts 2:2

13 <sup>a</sup>Ezek. 1:15; 10:16, 17

15 <sup>a</sup>Job 2:13

16 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 42:7

17 <sup>a</sup>Ezek. 33:7-9; Is. 52:8; 56:10; 62:6; Jer. 6:17  
<sup>b</sup>2 Chr. 19:10; Is. 58:1; Hab. 2:1

18 <sup>a</sup>Ezek. 3:20; 33:6, 8

19 <sup>a</sup>Ezek. 33:3, 9; 2 Kin. 17:13, 14 <sup>b</sup>Ezek. 14:14, 20; Acts 18:6; 1 Tim. 4:16

20 <sup>a</sup>Ezek. 18:24; 33:18; Ps. 125:5; Zeph. 1:6 <sup>b</sup>Ezek. 14:3, 7-9; Is. 8:14; Jer. 6:21

21 <sup>1</sup>Lit., him, the righteous  
<sup>a</sup>Acts 20:31

22 <sup>a</sup>Acts 9:6

23 <sup>a</sup>Ezek. 1:28; Acts 7:55

24 <sup>a</sup>Ezek. 2:2

25 <sup>a</sup>Ezek. 4:8

26 <sup>1</sup>Lit., your *palate*  
<sup>a</sup>Hos. 4:17; Amos 8:11, 12

27 <sup>1</sup>YHWH, usually  
rendered LORD

<sup>1</sup> <sup>a</sup>Ex. 5:1; 12:3; Is. 20:2;  
Jer. 13:1; 18:2; 19:1

<sup>2</sup> <sup>1</sup>Lit., *cast*  
<sup>a</sup>Ezek. 21:22; Jer. 6:6

<sup>3</sup> <sup>a</sup>Ezek. 5:2; Jer. 39:1, 2  
<sup>b</sup>Ezek. 12:6, 11; 24:24-27;  
Is. 8:18; 20:3

<sup>4</sup> <sup>a</sup>Lev. 10:17; 16:22;  
Num. 18:1

<sup>6</sup> <sup>a</sup>Num. 14:34; Dan.  
9:24-26; 12:11, 12; Rev.  
11:2, 3

7 <sup>a</sup>Ezek. 21:2

8 <sup>a</sup>Ezek. 3:25

9 <sup>a</sup>Ex. 9:32; Is. 28:25

10 <sup>a</sup>Ezek. 45:12

12 <sup>a</sup>Is. 36:12

13 <sup>a</sup>Dan. 1:8; Hos. 9:3

23 So I got up and went out to the plain; and behold, the <sup>a</sup>glory of the LORD was standing there, like the glory which I saw by the river Chebar, and I fell on my face.

24 The <sup>a</sup>Spirit then entered me and made me stand on my feet, and He spoke with me and said to me, "Go, shut yourself up in your house.

25 "As for you, son of man, they will <sup>a</sup>put ropes on you and bind you with them, so that you cannot go out among them.

26 "Moreover, I will make your tongue stick to <sup>1</sup>the roof of your mouth so that you will be dumb, and cannot be a man who <sup>a</sup>rebukes them, for they are a rebellious house.

27 "But when I speak to you, I will open your mouth, and you will say to them, 'Thus says the Lord <sup>1</sup>God.' He who hears, let him hear; and he who refuses, let him refuse; for they are a rebellious house.

#### CHAPTER 4

"**N**OW you son of man, <sup>a</sup>get yourself a brick, place it before you, and inscribe a city on it, Jerusalem.

2 "Then <sup>a</sup>lay siege against it, build a siege wall, <sup>1</sup>raise up a ramp, pitch camps, and place battering rams against it all around.

3 "Then get yourself an iron plate and set it up as an iron wall between you and the city, and set your face toward it so that <sup>a</sup>it is under siege, and besiege it. This is a <sup>b</sup>sign to the house of Israel.

4 "As for you, lie down on your left side, and lay the iniquity of the house of Israel on it; you shall <sup>a</sup>bear their iniquity for the number of days that you lie on it.

5 "For I have assigned you a number of days corresponding to the years of their iniquity, three hundred and ninety days; thus you shall bear the iniquity of the house of Israel.

6 "When you have completed these, you shall lie down a second time, *but* on your right side, and bear the iniquity of the house of Judah; I have assigned it to you for forty days, a day for <sup>a</sup>each year.

7 "Then you shall set your face toward the siege of Jerusalem with your arm bared, and <sup>a</sup>prophesy against it.

8 "Now behold, I will <sup>a</sup>put ropes on you so that you cannot turn from one side to the other, until you have completed the days of your siege.

9 "But as for you, take wheat, barley, beans, lentils, millet and <sup>a</sup>spelt, put them in one vessel and make them into bread for yourself; you shall eat it according to the number of the days that you lie on your side, three hundred and ninety days.

10 "And your food which you eat *shall be* <sup>a</sup>twenty shekels a day by weight; you shall eat it from time to time.

11 "And the water you drink will be the sixth part of a hin by measure; you shall drink it from time to time.

12 "And you shall eat it as a barley cake, having baked *it* in their sight over human <sup>a</sup>dung."

13 Then the LORD said, "Thus shall the sons of Israel eat their bread <sup>a</sup>unclean among the nations where I shall banish them."



14 But I said, "Ah, Lord <sup>1</sup>God! Behold, I have <sup>b</sup>never been defiled; for from my youth until now I have never eaten what <sup>c</sup>died of itself or was torn by beasts, nor has any <sup>d</sup>unclean meat ever entered my mouth."

15 Then He said to me, "See, I shall give you cow's dung in place of human dung over which you will prepare your bread."

16 Moreover, He said to me, "Son of man, behold, I am going to <sup>a</sup>break the staff of bread in Jerusalem, and they will eat bread by <sup>b</sup>weight and with anxiety, and drink water by <sup>c</sup>measure and in horror,

17 because bread and water will be scarce; and they will be appalled with one another and <sup>a</sup>waste away in their iniquity.

CHAPTER 5

"AS for you, son of man, take a <sup>a</sup>sharp sword; take and <sup>1</sup>use it as a barber's razor on your head and beard. Then take <sup>b</sup>scales for weighing and divide <sup>2</sup>the hair.

2 "One third you shall burn in the fire at the center of the city, when the <sup>a</sup>days of the siege are completed. Then you shall take one third and strike it with the sword all around <sup>1</sup>the city, and one third you shall scatter to the wind; and I will <sup>b</sup>unsheathe a sword behind them.

3 "Take also a <sup>a</sup>few in number from <sup>1</sup>them and bind them in the edges of your robes.

4 "And take again some of them and throw them into the fire, and <sup>a</sup>burn them in the fire; from it a fire will <sup>1</sup>spread to all the house of Israel.

5 "Thus says the Lord <sup>1</sup>God, 'This is <sup>a</sup>Jerusalem; I have set her at the <sup>b</sup>center of the nations, with lands around her.

6 'But she has rebelled against My ordinances more wickedly than the nations and against My statutes <sup>a</sup>more than the lands which surround her; for they have <sup>b</sup>rejected My ordinances and have not walked <sup>1</sup>in My statutes.'

7 "Therefore, thus says the Lord God, 'Because you have <sup>a</sup>more turmoil than the nations which surround you, and have not walked in My statutes, nor observed My ordinances, nor observed the ordinances of the nations which surround you,'

8 therefore, thus says the Lord God, 'Behold, I, even I, am <sup>a</sup>against you, and I will <sup>b</sup>execute judgments among you in the sight of the nations.

9 'And because of all your abominations, I will do among you what I have <sup>a</sup>not done, and the like of which I will never do again.

10 'Therefore, <sup>a</sup>fathers will eat *their* sons among you, and sons will eat their fathers; for I will execute judgments on you, and <sup>b</sup>scatter all your remnant to every wind.

11 'So as I live,' declares the Lord God, 'surely, because you have <sup>a</sup>defiled My sanctuary with all your <sup>b</sup>detestable idols and with all your abominations, therefore I will also <sup>c</sup>withdraw, and My eye shall have no pity and I will not spare.

12 'One third of you will die by <sup>a</sup>plague or be consumed by famine among you, one third will fall by the sword around you, and one third I will <sup>b</sup>scatter to every wind, and I will <sup>c</sup>unsheathe a sword behind them.

14 <sup>1</sup>YHWH, usually rendered LORD  
<sup>a</sup>Ezek. 9:8; 20:49; Jer. 1:6  
<sup>b</sup>Acts 10:14 <sup>c</sup>Ezek. 44:31;  
 Lev. 17:15; 22:8 <sup>d</sup>Deut.  
 14:3; Is. 65:4; 66:17

16 <sup>a</sup>Ezek. 5:16; 14:13; Lev.  
 26:26; Is. 3:1 <sup>b</sup>Ezek. 4:10,  
 11; 12:19 <sup>c</sup>Ezek. 12:18, 19;  
 Lam. 5:4

17 <sup>a</sup>Ezek. 24:23; 33:10

1 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *make it pass over your head* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *them*  
<sup>a</sup>Ezek. 44:20; Lev. 21:5; Is.  
 7:20 <sup>b</sup>Dan. 5:27

2 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *it*  
<sup>a</sup>Ezek. 4:2-8; Jer. 39:1, 2  
<sup>b</sup>Lev. 26:33

3 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *there*  
<sup>a</sup>2 Kin. 25:12; Jer. 39:10

4 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *go out*  
<sup>a</sup>Jer. 42:16, 17, 22

5 <sup>1</sup>YHWH, usually rendered LORD, and so throughout the chap.  
<sup>a</sup>Ezek. 4:1; Jer. 6:6 <sup>b</sup>Ezek.  
 16:14; Deut. 4:6; Lam. 1:1

6 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *in them, My statutes*  
<sup>a</sup>Ezek. 16:47, 48, 51; 2 Kin.  
 17:8-20 <sup>b</sup>Neh. 9:16, 17; Ps.  
 78:10; Jer. 11:10; Zech. 7:11

7 <sup>a</sup>2 Kin. 21:9-11; 2 Chr.  
 33:9; Jer. 2:10, 11

8 <sup>a</sup>Ezek. 15:7; 21:3; Jer.  
 21:5, 13; Zech. 14:2 <sup>b</sup>Ezek.  
 5:15; 11:9; Jer. 24:9

9 <sup>a</sup>Dan. 9:12; Matt. 24:21

10 <sup>a</sup>Lev. 26:29; Jer. 19:9  
<sup>b</sup>Ezek. 5:2, 12; 6:8; 12:14;  
 Ps. 44:11; Amos 9:9; Zech.  
 2:6; 7:14

11 <sup>a</sup>Ezek. 8:5, 6, 16; Jer.  
 7:9-11 <sup>b</sup>Ezek. 7:20; Jer.  
 16:18 <sup>c</sup>Ps. 107:39

12 <sup>a</sup>Ezek. 5:17; 6:11, 12;  
 Jer. 15:2; 21:9 <sup>b</sup>Ezek. 5:2,  
 10; Amos 9:9; Zech. 2:6  
<sup>c</sup>Ezek. 5:2; 12:14; Jer. 43:10,  
 11; 44:27

13 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *cause to rest*  
<sup>2</sup>Lit., *comforted*  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 1:24 <sup>b</sup>Ezek. 36:5, 6;  
 38:19; Is. 59:17

14 <sup>a</sup>Ezek. 22:4; Ps. 74:3-10; 79:1-4

15 <sup>1</sup>Ancient versions: you  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 26:9; Jer. 22:8, 9; 1 Cor. 10:11 <sup>b</sup>Ezek. 5:8; 25:17; Is. 66:15, 16

16 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *evil* <sup>2</sup>Or, *are for destruction, which I will send . . .*

3 <sup>1</sup>YHWH, usually rendered LORD.

4 <sup>a</sup>Ezek. 6:6; Lev. 26:30; 2 Chr. 14:5; Is. 27:9

5 <sup>a</sup>2 Kin. 23:14, 16, 20; Jer. 8:1, 2

6 <sup>1</sup>So some ancient versions; Heb., *bear their guilt*  
<sup>a</sup>Ezek. 5:14; Lev. 26:31; Is. 6:11 <sup>b</sup>Ezek. 6:4; Mic. 1:7; Zech. 13:2

8 <sup>a</sup>Is. 6:13; Jer. 30:11 <sup>b</sup>Ezek. 7:16; 14:22; Jer. 44:14, 28

9 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *been broken, or, broken for Myself their*  
<sup>a</sup>Deut. 4:29; 30:2; Jer. 51:50  
<sup>b</sup>Ps. 78:40; Is. 7:13; 43:24;  
 Hos. 11:8 <sup>c</sup>Ezek. 20:43;  
 36:31; Job 42:6

10 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *to do this evil to*

11 <sup>1</sup>YHWH, usually rendered LORD  
<sup>a</sup>Ezek. 25:6 <sup>b</sup>Ezek. 9:4  
<sup>c</sup>Ezek. 5:12; 7:15

13 'Thus My anger will be spent, and I will <sup>1</sup>satisfy My wrath on them, and I shall be <sup>2a</sup>appeased; then they will know that I, the LORD, have <sup>b</sup>spoken in My zeal when I have spent My wrath upon them.

14 'Moreover, I will make you a desolation and a <sup>a</sup>reproach among the nations which surround you, in the sight of all who pass by.

15 'So <sup>1</sup>it will be a reproach, a reviling, a <sup>a</sup>warning and an object of horror to the nations who surround you, when I <sup>b</sup>execute judgments against you in anger, wrath, and raging rebukes. I, the LORD, have spoken.

16 'When I send against them the <sup>1</sup>deadly arrows of famine which <sup>2</sup>were for the destruction of those whom I shall send to destroy you, then I shall also intensify the famine upon you, and break the staff of bread.

17 'Moreover, I will send on you famine and wild beasts, and they will bereave you of children; plague and bloodshed also will pass through you, and I will bring the sword on you. I, the LORD, have spoken.' "

## CHAPTER 6

AND the word of the LORD came to me saying,

2 "Son of man, set your face toward the mountains of Israel, and prophesy against them,

3 and say, 'Mountains of Israel, listen to the word of the Lord <sup>1</sup>GOD! Thus says the Lord <sup>1</sup>GOD to the mountains, the hills, the ravines and the valleys: "Behold, I Myself am going to bring a sword on you, and I will destroy your high places.

4 "So your <sup>a</sup>altars will become desolate, and your incense altars will be smashed; and I shall make your slain fall in front of your idols.

5 "I shall also lay the dead bodies of the sons of Israel in front of their idols; and I shall scatter your <sup>a</sup>bones around your altars.

6 "In all your dwellings, <sup>a</sup>cities will become waste and the high places will be desolate, that your altars may become waste and <sup>1</sup>desolate, your <sup>b</sup>idols may be broken and brought to an end, your incense altars may be cut down, and your works may be blotted out.

7 "And the slain will fall among you, and you will know that I am the LORD.

8 "However, I shall leave a <sup>a</sup>remnant, for you will have those who <sup>b</sup>escaped the sword among the nations when you are scattered among the countries.

9 "Then those of you who escape will <sup>a</sup>remember Me among the nations to which they will be carried captive, how I have <sup>1b</sup>been hurt by their adulterous hearts which turned away from Me, and by their eyes, which played the harlot after their idols; and they will <sup>c</sup>loathe themselves in their own sight for the evils which they have committed, for all their abominations.

10 "Then they will know that I am the LORD; I have not said in vain <sup>1</sup>that I would inflict this disaster on them.' "

11 "Thus says the Lord <sup>1</sup>GOD, 'Clap your hand, <sup>a</sup>stamp your foot, and say, "<sup>b</sup>Alas, because of all the evil abominations of the house of Israel, which will fall by <sup>c</sup>sword, famine, and plague!

12 "He who is <sup>a</sup>far off will die by the plague, and he who is near will fall by the sword, and he who remains and is besieged will die by the famine. Thus shall I <sup>b</sup>spend My wrath on them.

13 "Then you will know that I am the LORD, when their <sup>a</sup>slain are among their idols around their altars, on <sup>b</sup>every high hill, on all the tops of the mountains, under every green tree, and under every leafy oak—the places where they offered soothing aroma to all their idols.

14 "So throughout all their habitations I shall <sup>a</sup>stretch out My hand against them and make the land more desolate and waste than the wilderness toward Diblah; thus they will know that I am the LORD." "

## CHAPTER 7

**MOREOVER**, the word of the LORD came to me saying,

2 "And you, son of man, thus says the Lord <sup>1</sup>GOD to the land of Israel, 'An <sup>a</sup>end! The end is coming on the four corners of the land.

3 'Now the end is upon you, and I shall send My anger against you, I shall judge you according to your ways, and I shall bring all your abominations upon you.

4 'For My eye will have no pity on you, nor shall I spare you, but I shall <sup>b</sup>bring your ways upon you, and your abominations will be among you; then you will <sup>b</sup>know that I am the LORD!

5 "Thus says the Lord <sup>1</sup>GOD, 'A <sup>a</sup>disaster, unique disaster, behold it is coming!

6 'An end is coming; the end has come! It has <sup>a</sup>awakened against you; behold, it has come!

7 'Your doom has come to you, O inhabitant of the land. The <sup>a</sup>time has come, the <sup>b</sup>day is near—tumult rather than joyful shouting on the mountains.

8 'Now I will shortly <sup>a</sup>pour out My wrath on you, and spend My anger against you, <sup>b</sup>judge you according to your ways, and bring on you all your abominations.

9 'And My eye will show no pity, nor will I spare. I will <sup>1</sup>repay you according to your ways, while your abominations are in your midst; then you will know that I, the LORD, do the smiting.

10 'Behold, the day! Behold, it is coming! *Your* doom has gone forth; the <sup>a</sup>rod has budded, arrogance has blossomed.

11 'Violence <sup>1</sup>has grown into a rod of <sup>a</sup>wickedness. None of them *shall remain*, none of their multitude, none of their <sup>b</sup>wealth, nor anything eminent among them.

12 'The <sup>a</sup>time has come, the day has arrived. Let not the <sup>b</sup>buyer rejoice nor the seller mourn; for <sup>c</sup>wrath is against all their multitude.

13 'Indeed, the seller will not <sup>1</sup>regain <sup>2</sup>what he sold as long as <sup>3</sup>they *both* live, for the vision regarding all their multitude will not <sup>4</sup>be averted; nor will any of them maintain his life by his iniquity.

14 'They have <sup>a</sup>blown the trumpet and made everything ready, but no one is going to the battle; for My wrath is against all <sup>1</sup>their multitude.

<sup>12</sup>Dan. 9:7 <sup>b</sup>Ezek. 5:13; Lam. 4:11, 22

<sup>13</sup>Ezek. 6:4-7 <sup>b</sup>Ezek. 20:28; 1 Kin. 14:23; 2 Kin. 16:4; Is. 57:5-7; Hos. 4:13

<sup>14</sup>Ezek. 14:13; 20:33, 34; Is. 5:25; 9:12

<sup>2</sup>YHWH, usually rendered LORD  
<sup>a</sup>Ezek. 7:3, 5, 6; 11:13; Amos 8:2, 10

<sup>4</sup>Ezek. 11:21; 22:31; Hos. 9:7 <sup>b</sup>Ezek. 7:27; 6:7, 14

<sup>5</sup>YHWH, usually rendered LORD  
<sup>a</sup>2 Kin. 21:12, 13; Nah. 1:9

<sup>6</sup>Zech. 13:7

<sup>7</sup>Ezek. 7:12; 12:23-25, 28 <sup>b</sup>Is. 22:5

<sup>8</sup>Ezek. 9:8; 14:19; Is. 42:25; Nah. 1:6 <sup>b</sup>Ezek. 7:3; 33:20; 36:19

<sup>9</sup>Lit., give

<sup>10</sup>Is. 10:5; Ps. 89:32

<sup>11</sup>Lit., has risen  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 73:8; 125:3; Is. 59:6-8  
<sup>b</sup>Zeph. 1:18

<sup>12</sup>Ezek. 7:5-7, 10; 1 Cor. 7:29-31; James 5:8, 9 <sup>b</sup>Prov. 20:14; 1 Cor. 7:30 <sup>c</sup>Ezek. 7:14; 6:11, 12; Is. 5:13, 14

<sup>13</sup>Lit., return to <sup>2</sup>Lit., thing sold, i.e., his inherited land <sup>3</sup>Lit., their life among the living ones  
<sup>4</sup>Lit., return  
<sup>a</sup>Lev. 25:24-28, 31

<sup>14</sup>Lit., her  
<sup>a</sup>Num. 10:9; Jer. 4:5

15 <sup>a</sup>Ezek. 5:12; 6:11, 12; 12:16; Jer. 14:18

16 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *moaning*  
<sup>a</sup>Ezek. 6:8; 14:22; Ezra 9:15; Is. 37:31 <sup>b</sup>Is. 38:14 <sup>c</sup>Is. 59:11; Nah. 2:7

17 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *run with water*  
<sup>a</sup>Ezek. 21:7; 22:14; Is. 13:7; Heb. 12:12

18 <sup>a</sup>Ezek. 27:31; Is. 15:3; Amos 8:10 <sup>b</sup>Job 21:6; Ps. 55:5 <sup>c</sup>Ezek. 27:31

19 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *soul*  
<sup>a</sup>Js. 2:20; 30:22 <sup>b</sup>Prov. 11:4; Zeph. 1:18

21 <sup>a</sup>2 Kin. 24:13; Ps. 74:2-8; Jer. 52:13

22 <sup>a</sup>Ezek. 39:23, 24; Jer. 18:17

23 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *judgment of blood*  
<sup>a</sup>Jer. 27:2 <sup>b</sup>Ezek. 9:9; Hos. 4:2 <sup>c</sup>Ezek. 8:17

24 <sup>a</sup>Ezek. 21:31; 28:7  
<sup>b</sup>Ezek. 33:28 <sup>c</sup>Ezek. 24:21; 2 Chr. 7:20

25 <sup>a</sup>Ezek. 13:10, 16

26 <sup>a</sup>Is. 47:11; Jer. 4:20  
<sup>b</sup>Ezek. 21:7 <sup>c</sup>Jer. 21:2; 37:17  
<sup>d</sup>Ezek. 22:26; Ps. 74:9; Mic. 3:6 <sup>e</sup>Ezek. 11:2; Jer. 18:18

27 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *be terrified*  
<sup>a</sup>Ezek. 26:16; Job 8:22; Ps. 35:26; 109:18, 29

1 <sup>1</sup>YHWH, usually rendered LORD

2 <sup>1</sup>Heb., *fire* <sup>2</sup>Or, *electrum*  
<sup>a</sup>Ezek. 1:27 <sup>b</sup>Ezek. 1:4, 27

15 'The <sup>a</sup>sword is outside, and the plague and the famine are within. He who is in the field will die by the sword; famine and the plague will also consume those in the city.

16 'Even when their survivors <sup>a</sup>escape, they will be on the mountains like <sup>b</sup>doves of the valleys, all of them <sup>1</sup>*c*mourning, each over his own iniquity.

17 'All <sup>a</sup>hands will hang limp, and all knees will <sup>1</sup>become like water.

18 'And they will <sup>a</sup>gird themselves with sackcloth, and <sup>b</sup>shuddering will overwhelm them; and shame *will be* on all faces, and <sup>c</sup>baldness on all their heads.

19 'They shall <sup>a</sup>fling their silver into the streets, and their gold shall become an abhorrent thing; their <sup>b</sup>silver and their gold shall not be able to deliver them in the day of the wrath of the LORD. They cannot satisfy their <sup>1</sup>appetite, nor can they fill their stomachs, for their iniquity has become an occasion of stumbling.

20 'And they transformed the beauty of His ornaments into pride, and they made the images of their abominations *and* their detestable things with it; therefore I will make it an abhorrent thing to them.

21 'And I shall give it into the hands of the <sup>a</sup>foreigners as plunder and to the wicked of the earth as spoil, and they will profane it.

22 'I shall also turn my <sup>a</sup>face from them, and they will profane My secret place; then robbers will enter and profane it.

23 '<sup>a</sup>Make the chain, for the land is full of <sup>1</sup>bloody crimes, and the city is <sup>c</sup>full of violence.

24 'Therefore, I shall bring the worst of the <sup>a</sup>nations, and they will possess their houses. I shall also make the <sup>b</sup>pride of the strong ones cease, and their <sup>c</sup>holy places will be profaned.

25 'When anguish comes, they will seek <sup>a</sup>peace, but there will be none.

26 '<sup>a</sup>Disaster will come upon disaster, and <sup>b</sup>rumor will be *added* to rumor; then they will seek a <sup>c</sup>vision from a prophet, but the <sup>d</sup>law will be lost from the priest and <sup>e</sup>counsel from the elders.

27 'The king will mourn, the prince will be <sup>a</sup>clothed with horror, and the hands of the people of the land will <sup>1</sup>tremble. According to their conduct I shall deal with them, and by their judgments I shall judge them. And they will know that I am the LORD.' "

## CHAPTER 8

AND it came about in the sixth year, on the fifth *day* of the sixth month, as I was sitting in my house with the elders of Judah sitting before me, that the hand of the Lord <sup>1</sup>GOD fell on me there.

2 Then I looked, and behold, a likeness as the appearance of <sup>1</sup>a man; from His loins and downward *there was the* <sup>a</sup>appearance of fire, and from His loins and upward the appearance of brightness, like the appearance <sup>b</sup>of <sup>2</sup>glowing metal.

3 And He stretched out the form of a hand and caught me by a lock of my head; and the <sup>a</sup>Spirit lifted me up between earth and heaven and brought me in the visions of God to Jerusalem, to the entrance of the <sup>1</sup>north gate of the inner court, where the seat of the idol of jealousy, which provokes to jealousy, was located.

<sup>3</sup> <sup>1</sup>Lit. facing north  
\*Ezek. 3:12; 11:1

4 And behold, the <sup>a</sup>glory of the God of Israel was there, like the appearance which I saw in the plain.

4 \*Ezek. 1:28

5 Then He said to me, "Son of man, <sup>a</sup>raise your eyes, now, toward the north." So I raised my eyes toward the north, and behold, to the north of the altar gate was this <sup>b</sup>idol of jealousy at the entrance.

5 \*Jer. 3:2; Zech. 5:5  
<sup>b</sup>Ezek. 8:3; Ps. 78:58; Jer. 7:30; Jer. 32:34

6 And He said to me, "Son of man, do you see what they are doing, the great <sup>a</sup>abominations which the house of Israel are committing here, that I should be far from My sanctuary? But yet you will see still greater abominations."

6 \*Ezek. 8:9, 17; 5:11;  
2 Kin. 23:4, 5

7 Then He brought me to the entrance of the court, and when I looked, behold, a hole in the wall.

8 And He said to me, "Son of man, now <sup>a</sup>dig through the wall." So I dug through the wall, and behold, an entrance.

8 \*Job 34:22; Is. 29:15

9 And He said to me, "Go in and see the wicked abominations that they are committing here."

10 So I entered and looked, and behold, every form of creeping things and beasts and detestable things, with all the idols of the house of Israel, were carved on the wall all around.

11 \*Ezek. 24:1, 9; Num. 11:16, 25; Luke 10:1  
<sup>b</sup>Jer. 19:1  
<sup>c</sup>Num. 16:17, 35

11 And standing in front of them were <sup>a</sup>seventy <sup>b</sup>elders of the house of Israel, with Jazaniah the son of Shaphan standing among them, each man with his <sup>c</sup>censer in his hand, and the fragrance of the cloud of incense rising.

12 Then He said to me, "Son of man, do you see what the elders of the house of Israel are committing in the dark, each man in the room of his carved images? For they say, 'The LORD does not see us; the LORD has forsaken the land.'"

14 \*Ezek. 44:4; 46:9

13 And He said to me, "Yet you will see still greater abominations which they are committing."

14 Then He brought me to the entrance of the <sup>a</sup>gate of the LORD's house which was toward the north; and behold, women were sitting there weeping for Tammuz.

16 <sup>1</sup>I.e., worshipping  
\*Ezek. 23:39; 2 Kin. 8:30;  
2 Chr. 29:6; Jer. 2:27  
<sup>b</sup>Deut. 4:19; 17:3; Job 31:26-28; Jer. 44:17

15 And He said to me, "Do you see *this*, son of man? Yet you will see still greater abominations than these."

16 Then He brought me into the inner court of the LORD's house. And behold, at the entrance to the temple of the LORD, between the porch and the altar, were about twenty-five men with their <sup>a</sup>backs to the temple of the LORD and their faces toward the east; and <sup>b</sup>they were <sup>1</sup>prostrating themselves eastward toward the sun.

17 \*Ezek. 7:11, 23; 9:9;  
Amos 3:10; Mic. 2:2  
<sup>b</sup>Ezek. 16:26; Jer. 7:18, 19

17 And He said to me, "Do you see *this*, son of man? Is it too light a thing for the house of Judah to commit the abominations which they have committed here, that they have <sup>a</sup>filled the land with violence and <sup>b</sup>provoked Me repeatedly? For behold, they are putting the twig to their nose.

18 \*Is. 1:15; Jer. 11:11;  
Mic. 3:4; Zech. 7:13

18 "Therefore, I indeed shall deal in wrath. My eye will have no pity nor shall I spare; and <sup>a</sup>though they cry in My ears with a loud voice, yet I shall not listen to them."

1 <sup>1</sup>Lit., you who punish  
<sup>1</sup>Is. 6:8

2 <sup>1</sup>Or, scribal inkhorn

3 <sup>1</sup>Lit., house  
<sup>1</sup>Ezek. 10:4; 11:22, 23

4 <sup>1</sup>Ezek. 9:6; Ex. 12:7,  
13; 2 Cor. 1:22; 2 Tim.  
2:19; Rev. 7:2, 3 <sup>1</sup>Ezek.  
6:11; 21:6; Ps. 119:53, 136;  
Jer. 13:17

6 <sup>1</sup>Lit., To destruction  
<sup>2</sup>Or, old men <sup>1</sup>Lit., house  
<sup>2</sup>Chr. 36:17 <sup>1</sup>Ex. 12:23;  
Rev. 9:4 <sup>1</sup>Jer. 25:29; Amos  
3:2; Luke 12:47

7 <sup>1</sup>Lit., house  
<sup>1</sup>Ezek. 7:20-22; 2 Chr. 36:17

8 <sup>1</sup>Lit., and said  
<sup>2</sup>YHWH, usually rendered  
LORD <sup>1</sup>Lit., by Thy pouring  
<sup>1</sup>Chr. 21:16 <sup>1</sup>Ezek. 11:13;  
Amos 7:2-6

9 <sup>1</sup>Ezek. 7:23; 22:2, 3;  
2 Kin. 21:16; Jer. 2:34  
<sup>1</sup>Ezek. 22:29; Mic. 3:1-3;  
7:3 <sup>1</sup>Ezek. 8:12; Job 22:13;  
Ps. 10:11; 94:7; Is. 29:15

10 <sup>1</sup>Ezek. 8:18; 24:14; Is.  
65:6 <sup>1</sup>Ezek. 7:4; 11:21; Hos.  
9:7

11 <sup>1</sup>Or, scribal inkhorn  
<sup>2</sup>Lit., brought back word

1 <sup>1</sup>Or, firmament  
<sup>1</sup>Ezek. 1:22, 26 <sup>1</sup>Ex. 24:10  
<sup>1</sup>Rev. 4:2, 3

2 <sup>1</sup>So with Ck.; Heb.,  
cherub  
<sup>1</sup>Ezek. 10:13; 1:15-21 <sup>1</sup>Ezek.  
1:13; Ps. 18:10-13; Is. 6:6;  
Rev. 8:5

3 <sup>1</sup>Lit., house, and so  
throughout the chap.  
<sup>1</sup>Ezek. 8:3, 16

## Vision of the Slaughter of the Gully. Fiery Coals Taken from between the Cherubim.

### CHAPTER 9

**T**HEN He cried out in my hearing with a loud <sup>1</sup>voice saying, "Draw near, <sup>1</sup>O executioners of the city, each with his destroying weapon in his hand."

2 And behold, six men came from the direction of the upper gate which faces north, each with his shattering weapon in his hand; and among them was a certain man clothed in linen with a <sup>1</sup>writing case at his loins. And they went in and stood beside the bronze altar.

3 Then the <sup>1</sup>glory of the God of Israel went up from the cherub on which it had been, to the threshold of the <sup>1</sup>temple. And He called to the man clothed in linen at whose loins was the writing case.

4 And the LORD said to him, "Go through the midst of the city, *even* through the midst of Jerusalem, and put a <sup>1</sup>mark on the foreheads of the men who <sup>1</sup>sigh and groan over all the abominations which are being committed in its midst."

5 But to the others He said in my hearing, "Go through the city after him and strike; do not let your eye have pity, and do not spare.

6 "<sup>1</sup>Utterly <sup>1</sup>slay old men, young men, maidens, little children, and women, but do not <sup>1</sup>touch any man on whom is the mark; and you shall <sup>1</sup>start from My sanctuary." So they started with the <sup>2</sup>elders who *were* before the <sup>3</sup>temple.

7 And He said to them, "<sup>1</sup>Defile the <sup>1</sup>temple and fill the courts with the slain. Go out!" Thus they went out and struck down *the people* in the city.

8 Then it came about as they were striking and I *alone* was left, that I <sup>1</sup>fell on my face and cried out <sup>1</sup>saying, "<sup>1</sup>Alas, Lord <sup>2</sup>GOD! Art Thou destroying the whole remnant of Israel <sup>3</sup>by pouring out Thy wrath on Jerusalem?"

9 Then He said to me, "The iniquity of the house of Israel and Judah is very, very great, and the land is <sup>1</sup>filled with blood, and the city is <sup>1</sup>full of perversion; for <sup>1</sup>they say, 'The LORD has forsaken the land, and the LORD does not see!'

10 "But as for Me, <sup>1</sup>My eye will have no pity nor shall I spare, but <sup>1</sup>I shall bring their conduct upon their heads."

11 Then behold, the man clothed in linen at whose loins was the <sup>1</sup>writing case <sup>2</sup>reported, saying, "I have done just as Thou hast commanded me."

### CHAPTER 10

**T**HEN I looked, and behold, in the <sup>1</sup>expanse that was over the heads of the cherubim something like a <sup>1</sup>sapphire stone, in appearance resembling a <sup>1</sup>throne, appeared above them.

2 And He spoke to the man clothed in linen and said, "Enter between the <sup>1</sup>whirling wheels under the <sup>1</sup>cherubim, and fill your hands with <sup>1</sup>coals of fire from between the cherubim, and scatter *them* over the city." And he entered in my sight.

3 Now the cherubim were standing on the right side of the <sup>1</sup>temple when the man entered, and the cloud filled the <sup>1</sup>inner court.

**The Whirling Wheels.  
The Glory of God Hovered over Them.**

**Ezekiel 10**

4 Then the <sup>a</sup>glory of the LORD went up from the cherub to the threshold of the temple, and the <sup>b</sup>temple was filled with the cloud, and the court was filled with the <sup>c</sup>brightness of the glory of the LORD.

5 Moreover, the sound of the wings of the cherubim was heard as far as the outer court, like the <sup>a</sup>voice of <sup>1</sup>God Almighty when He speaks.

6 And it came about when He commanded the man clothed in linen, saying, "Take fire from between the whirling wheels, from between the cherubim," he entered and stood beside a wheel.

7 Then the cherub stretched out his hand from between the cherubim to the fire which *was* between the cherubim, took some and put it into the hands of the one clothed in linen, who took it and went out.

8 And the cherubim appeared to have the form of a man's hand under their wings.

9 Then I looked, and behold, <sup>a</sup>four wheels beside the cherubim, one wheel beside each cherub; and the appearance of the wheels *was* like the gleam of a <sup>1b</sup>Tarshish stone.

10 And as for their appearance, all four of them had the same likeness, as if one wheel were within another wheel.

11 When they moved, they went <sup>a</sup>in *any* of their four <sup>1</sup>directions without turning as they went; but they followed in the direction which <sup>2</sup>they faced, without turning as they went.

12 And their <sup>a</sup>whole body, their backs, their hands, their wings, and the <sup>b</sup>wheels were full of eyes all around, the wheels belonging to all four of them.

13 The wheels were called in my hearing, the whirling wheels.

14 And <sup>a</sup>each one had four faces. The first face *was* the face of a cherub, the second face *was* the face of a man, the third the face of a lion, and the fourth the face of an eagle.

15 Then the cherubim rose up. They are the <sup>a</sup>living beings that I saw by the river Chebar.

16 Now when the cherubim moved, the wheels would go beside them; also when the cherubim lifted up their wings to rise from the ground, the wheels would not turn from beside them.

17 When <sup>1</sup>the cherubim <sup>a</sup>stood still, the <sup>1</sup>wheels would stand still; and when they rose up, the <sup>1</sup>wheels would rise with them; for the spirit of the living beings *was* in them.

18 Then the glory of the LORD departed from the threshold of the temple and stood <sup>a</sup>over the cherubim.

19 When the cherubim departed, they lifted their wings and rose up from the earth in my sight with the wheels beside them; and they stood still at the entrance of the east gate of the LORD's house. And the glory of the God of Israel <sup>1</sup>hovered over them.

20 These are the <sup>a</sup>living beings that I saw beneath the God of Israel by the river Chebar; so I knew that they *were* cherubim.

21 <sup>a</sup>Each one had four faces and each one four wings, and beneath their wings *was* the form of human hands.

22 As for the likeness of their faces, they were the same faces whose appearance I had seen by the river Chebar. Each one went straight ahead.

<sup>4</sup> \*Ezek. 9:3; 11:22, 23  
<sup>b</sup> Ex. 40:34, 35; Is. 6:1-4  
<sup>c</sup> Ezek. 1:28

<sup>5</sup> <sup>1</sup> Heb. *El Shaddai*  
<sup>a</sup> Ezek. 1:24; Job 40:9; Rev. 10:3

<sup>9</sup> <sup>1</sup> Perhaps, *beryl*  
<sup>a</sup> Ezek. 1:15-17 <sup>b</sup> Dan. 10:6;  
Rev. 21:20

<sup>11</sup> <sup>1</sup> Lit., *sides* <sup>2</sup> Lit., *the head*  
<sup>a</sup> Ezek. 1:17

<sup>12</sup> \*Rev. 4:6, 8 <sup>b</sup> Ezek. 1:18

<sup>14</sup> \*Ezek. 10:21; 1:6, 10;  
<sup>1</sup> Kin. 7:29, 36; Rev. 4:7

<sup>15</sup> \*Ezek. 1:3, 5

<sup>17</sup> <sup>1</sup> Lit., *they*  
<sup>a</sup> Ezek. 1:21

<sup>18</sup> \*Ps. 18:10

<sup>19</sup> <sup>1</sup> Lit., *over them from above*

<sup>20</sup> \*Ezek. 10:15; 1:5, 26

<sup>21</sup> \*Ezek. 10:14; 1:6, 8;  
41:18, 19

1 \*Ezek. 11:24; 3:12, 14; 8:3; 43:5 <sup>b</sup>Ezek. 11:13

2 \*Ps. 2:1, 2; 52:2; Is. 30:1; Jer. 5:5; Mic. 2:1

3 <sup>1</sup>Or, *The time is not near* . . . <sup>2</sup>Or, *This is . . .*  
<sup>a</sup>Ezek. 11:7, 11; 24:3, 6; Jer. 1:13

4 \*Ezek. 3:4, 17

5 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *what comes up in your spirit*  
<sup>a</sup>Jer. 11:20; 17:10 <sup>b</sup>Ezek. 38:10

6 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *the slain*  
<sup>a</sup>Ezek. 7:23; 22:2-6, 9, 12, 27; Is. 1:15; Jer. 7:9

7 YHWH, usually rendered LORD, and so throughout the chap. <sup>2</sup>Lit., it <sup>1</sup>So with Gk.; Heb., *he will bring you out*  
<sup>a</sup>Ezek. 24:3-13; Mic. 3:2, 3  
<sup>b</sup>Ezek. 11:9; 2 Kin. 25:18-22; Jer. 52:24-27

8 \*Job 3:25; Is. 24:17, 18

9 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *it*  
<sup>a</sup>Deut. 28:36, 49, 50; Ps. 106:41 <sup>b</sup>Ezek. 5:8; 16:41

10 \*Jer. 52:9, 10 <sup>b2</sup> Kin. 14:25

11 \*Ezek. 11:3, 7; 24:3, 6

12 \*Ezek. 18:8, 9 <sup>b</sup>Ezek. 8:10, 14, 16

13 \*Ezek. 11:1 <sup>b</sup>Ezek. 9:8

15 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *brothers* <sup>2</sup>So with Gk. and some ancient versions; Heb., *the men of your redemption*  
<sup>a</sup>Ezek. 33:24

16 \*Is. 8:14; Jer. 29:7, 11

17 \*Ezek. 20:41, 42; 28:25; Is. 11:11-16; Jer. 3:12, 18; 24:5

18 \*Ezek. 37:23 <sup>b</sup>Ezek. 5:11; 7:20

19 <sup>1</sup>So with Gk. and many mss.; Heb., *you*  
<sup>a</sup>Ezek. 18:31; 36:26; Jer. 24:7; 32:39 <sup>b</sup>Zech. 7:12; Rom. 2:4, 5 <sup>c2</sup> Cor. 3:3

**MOREOVER**, the Spirit <sup>a</sup>lifted me up and brought me to the east gate of the LORD's house which faced eastward. And behold, *there were* twenty-five men at the entrance of the gate, and among them I saw Jaazaniah son of Azzur and <sup>b</sup>Pelatiah son of Benaiah, leaders of the people.

2 And He said to me, "Son of man, these are the men who devise iniquity and <sup>a</sup>give evil advice in this city,

3 who say, '<sup>1</sup>Is not *the time* near to build houses? <sup>2</sup>This <sup>a</sup>city is the pot and we are the flesh.'

4 "Therefore, <sup>a</sup>prophesy against them, son of man, prophesy!"

5 Then the Spirit of the LORD fell upon me, and He said to me, "Say, 'Thus says the LORD, "So you think, house of Israel, for <sup>a</sup>I know <sup>1</sup>your <sup>b</sup>thoughts.

6 "You have <sup>a</sup>multiplied your slain in this city, filling its streets with <sup>1</sup>them."

7 "Therefore, thus says the Lord <sup>1</sup>GOD, "Your <sup>a</sup>slain whom you have laid in the midst of <sup>2</sup>the city are the flesh, and this city is the pot; but <sup>3</sup>I shall <sup>b</sup>bring you out of it.

8 "You have feared a sword; so I will <sup>a</sup>bring a sword upon you," the Lord God declares.

9 "And I shall bring you out of the midst of <sup>1</sup>the city, and I shall deliver you into the hands of <sup>a</sup>strangers and <sup>b</sup>execute judgments against you.

10 "You will <sup>a</sup>fall by the sword. I shall judge you to the <sup>b</sup>border of Israel; so you shall know that I am the LORD.

11 "This city will <sup>a</sup>not be a pot for you, nor will you be flesh in the midst of it, *but* I shall judge you to the border of Israel.

12 "Thus you will know that I am the LORD; for you have not walked in My statutes nor have you <sup>a</sup>executed My ordinances, but have acted according to the ordinances of the <sup>b</sup>nations around you." " " "

13 Now it came about as I prophesied, that <sup>a</sup>Pelatiah son of Benaiah died. Then I fell on my face and cried out with a loud voice and said, "<sup>b</sup>Alas, Lord God! Wilt Thou bring the remnant of Israel to a complete end?"

14 Then the word of the LORD came to me, saying,

15 "Son of man, your brothers, your <sup>1</sup>relatives, <sup>2</sup>your fellow exiles, and the whole house of Israel, all of them, *are those* to whom the inhabitants of Jerusalem have said, 'Go far from the LORD; this land has been given <sup>a</sup>us as a possession.'

16 "Therefore say, 'Thus says the Lord God, "Though I had removed them far away among the nations, and though I had scattered them among the countries, yet I was <sup>a</sup>sanctuary for them a little while in the countries where they had gone." "

17 "Therefore say, 'Thus says the Lord God, "I shall <sup>a</sup>gather you from the peoples and assemble you out of the countries among which you have been scattered, and I shall give you the land of Israel." "

18 "When they come there, they will <sup>a</sup>remove all its <sup>b</sup>detestable things and all its abominations from it.

19 "And I shall <sup>a</sup>give them one heart, and shall put a new spirit within <sup>1</sup>them. And I shall take the heart of <sup>b</sup>stone out of their flesh and give them a <sup>c</sup>heart of flesh,



20 that they may <sup>a</sup>walk in My statutes and keep My ordinances, and do them. Then they will be <sup>b</sup>My people, and I shall be their God.

21 "But as for those whose hearts go after their <sup>a</sup>detestable things and abominations, I shall <sup>b</sup>bring their conduct down on their heads," declares the Lord God.

22 Then the cherubim <sup>a</sup>lifted up their wings with the wheels beside them, and the glory of the God of Israel <sup>1</sup>hovered over them.

23 And the <sup>a</sup>glory of the LORD went up from the midst of the city, and <sup>b</sup>stood over the mountain which is east of the city.

24 And the <sup>a</sup>Spirit lifted me up and brought me in a vision by the Spirit of God to the exiles <sup>1</sup>in Chaldea. So the vision that I had seen <sup>2</sup>bleft me.

25 Then I <sup>a</sup>told the exiles all the things that the LORD had shown me.

CHAPTER 12

**T**HEN the word of the LORD came to me saying,

2 "Son of man, you live in the <sup>a</sup>midst of the <sup>b</sup>rebellious house, who <sup>c</sup>have eyes to see but do not see, ears to hear but do not hear; for they are a rebellious house.

3 "Therefore, son of man, prepare for yourself baggage for exile and go into exile by day in their sight; even go into exile from your place to another place in their sight. <sup>a</sup>Perhaps they will <sup>1</sup>understand though they are a rebellious house.

4 "And bring your baggage out by day in their sight, as baggage for exile. Then you will go out <sup>a</sup>at evening in their sight, as those going into exile.

5 "Dig a hole through the wall in their sight and <sup>1</sup>go out through it.

6 "Load *the baggage* on your shoulder in their sight, and carry it out in the dark. You shall <sup>a</sup>cover your face so that you can not see the land, for I have set you as a <sup>b</sup>sign to the house of Israel."

7 And I <sup>a</sup>did so, as I had been commanded. By day I <sup>b</sup>brought out my baggage like the baggage of an exile. Then in the evening I dug through the wall with my hands; I went out in the dark and carried *the baggage* on my shoulder in their sight.

8 And in the morning the word of the LORD came to me, saying,

9 "Son of man, has not the house of Israel, the <sup>a</sup>rebellious house, said to you, <sup>b</sup>'What are you doing?'

10 "Say to them, 'Thus says the Lord <sup>1</sup>God, "This <sup>2</sup>burden concerns the prince in Jerusalem, as well as all the house of Israel who are <sup>3</sup>in it.'"

11 "Say, 'I am a <sup>a</sup>sign <sup>1</sup>to you. As I have done, so it will be done to them; they will <sup>b</sup>go into exile, into captivity'.

12 "And the <sup>a</sup>prince who is among them will load *his baggage* on his shoulder in the dark and go out. <sup>1</sup>They will dig a hole through the wall to bring it out. He will cover his face so that he can not see the land with *his* eyes.

20 <sup>a</sup>Ezek. 36:27; Ps. 105:45 <sup>b</sup>Ezek. 14:11

21 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *And to the heart of their detestable things and their abomination their heart goes.* <sup>a</sup>Ezek. 11:18; Jer. 16:18 <sup>b</sup>Ezek. 9:10; 16:43

22 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *over them from above* <sup>a</sup>Ezek. 10:19

23 <sup>a</sup>Ezek. 8:4 <sup>b</sup>Zech. 14:4

24 <sup>1</sup>I.e., *Babylonia* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *went up from* <sup>a</sup>Ezek. 11:1; 8:3; 37:1; 2 Cor. 12:2-4 <sup>b</sup>Acts 10:16

25 <sup>a</sup>Ezek. 2:7; 3:4, 17, 27

2 <sup>a</sup>Is. 6:5 <sup>b</sup>Ezek. 2:7, 8; Ps. 78:40; Is. 1:23 <sup>c</sup>Jer. 5:21; Matt. 13:13, 14; John 9:39-41

3 <sup>1</sup>Or, *see that they are* <sup>a</sup>Jer. 26:3; 36:3, 7; Luke 20:13; 2 Tim. 2:25

4 <sup>a</sup>Ezek. 12:12; 2 Kin. 25:4; Jer. 39:4

5 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *bring it out*

6 <sup>a</sup>Ezek. 12:12, 13; 1 Sam. 28:8 <sup>b</sup>Ezek. 12:11; 4:3; 24:24; Is. 8:18; 20:3

7 <sup>a</sup>Ezek. 24:18; 37:7, 10 <sup>b</sup>Ezek. 12:3-6

9 <sup>a</sup>Ezek. 12:1-3; 2:5-8 <sup>b</sup>Ezek. 17:12; 20:49; 24:19

10 <sup>1</sup>YHWH, usually rendered LORD, and so throughout the chap. <sup>2</sup>Or, *oracle* <sup>3</sup>Lit., *in their midst* <sup>a</sup>Ezek. 12:3-8; 2 Kin. 9:25; Is. 13:1

11 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *your sign* <sup>a</sup>Ezek. 12:6; <sup>b</sup>Ezek. 12:3; Jer. 15:2; 52:15, 28-30

12 <sup>1</sup>I.e., the king's attendants <sup>a</sup>Ezek. 12:6; 2 Kin. 25:4; Jer. 39:4; 52:7

Ezekiel 12, 13

13 <sup>a</sup>Ezek. 17:20; 19:8; Is. 24:17, 18; Hos. 7:12 <sup>b</sup>Jer. 39:7; 52:11

14 <sup>a</sup>Ezek. 5:2; 17:21; 2 Kin. 25:4, 5

15 <sup>a</sup>Ezek. 12:16, 20; 6:7, 14

16 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *leave over* <sup>2</sup>Or, *they will know*  
<sup>a</sup>Ezek. 7:15; 14:21 <sup>b</sup>Jer. 22:8, 9

19 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *her* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *desolate*  
<sup>a</sup>Ezek. 6:6, 7, 14; Jer. 10:22; Mic. 7:13; Zech. 7:14

20 <sup>a</sup>Ezek. 5:14; Is. 3:26; Jer. 4:7 <sup>b</sup>Ezek. 36:3; Is. 7:23, 24; Jer. 25:9

22 <sup>a</sup>Ezek. 16:44; 18:2, 3  
<sup>b</sup>Ezek. 12:27; 11:3; Jer. 5:12; Amos 6:3; 2 Pet. 3:4  
<sup>c</sup>Ezek. 7:26

23 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *word*

24 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *vain*  
<sup>a</sup>Ezek. 13:6, 23; Jer. 14:13-16; Zech. 13:2-4

25 <sup>a</sup>Ezek. 12:28; 6:10; Num. 14:28-34; Is. 14:24  
<sup>b</sup>Jer. 16:9; Hab. 1:5 <sup>c</sup>Ezek. 12:2

27 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *days*  
<sup>a</sup>Ezek. 12:22; Dan. 10:14

2 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *heart*  
<sup>a</sup>Ezek. 22:25, 28; Is. 9:15; Jer. 37:19 <sup>b</sup>Is. 1:10; Amos 7:16

3 <sup>1</sup>YHWH, usually rendered LORD, and so throughout the chap.  
<sup>a</sup>Lam. 2:14; Hos. 9:7; Zech. 11:15 <sup>b</sup>Jer. 23:28-32

13 "I shall also spread My <sup>a</sup>net over him, and he will be caught in My snare. And I shall bring him to Babylon in the land of the Chaldeans; yet he will <sup>b</sup>not see it, though he will die there.

14 "And I shall <sup>a</sup>scatter to every wind all who are around him, his helpers and all his troops; and I shall draw out a sword after them.

15 "So they will <sup>a</sup>know that I am the LORD when I scatter them among the nations, and spread them among the countries.

16 "But I shall <sup>1</sup>spare a few of them from the <sup>a</sup>sword, the famine, and the pestilence that they may tell all their abominations among the nations where they go, and <sup>2</sup>may <sup>b</sup>know that I am the LORD."

17 Moreover, the word of the LORD came to me saying,

18 "Son of man, eat your bread with trembling, and drink your water with quivering and anxiety.

19 "Then say to the people of the land, "Thus says the Lord GOD concerning the inhabitants of Jerusalem in the land of Israel, "They will eat their bread with anxiety and drink their water with horror, because <sup>1</sup>their land will be <sup>2</sup>stripped of its fulness on account of the violence of all who live in it.

20 "And the inhabited <sup>a</sup>cities will be laid waste, and the land will be a desolation. So you will know that I am the LORD." "

21 Then the word of the LORD came to me saying,

22 "Son of man, what is this <sup>a</sup>proverb you *people* have concerning the land of Israel, saying, "The <sup>b</sup>days are long and every <sup>c</sup>vision fails?"

23 "Therefore say to them, "Thus says the Lord GOD, "I will make this proverb cease so that they will no longer use it as a proverb in Israel." But tell them, "The days draw near as well as the <sup>1</sup>fulfillment of every vision.

24 "For there will no longer be any <sup>1a</sup>false vision or flattering divination within the house of Israel.

25 "For I the LORD shall speak, and whatever <sup>a</sup>word I speak will be performed. It will no longer be delayed, for in <sup>b</sup>your days, O <sup>c</sup>rebellious house, I shall speak the word and perform it," declares the Lord GOD."

26 Furthermore, the word of the LORD came to me saying,

27 "Son of man, behold, the house of Israel is saying, "The vision that he sees is for <sup>a</sup>many <sup>1</sup>years *from now*, and he prophesies of times far off."

28 "Therefore say to them, "Thus says the Lord GOD, "None of My words will be delayed any longer. Whatever word I speak will be performed," " declares the Lord GOD.

CHAPTER 13

THEN the word of the LORD came to me saying,

2 "Son of man, prophesy against the <sup>a</sup>prophets of Israel who prophesy, and say to those who prophesy from their own <sup>1</sup>inspiration, <sup>b</sup>Listen to the word of the LORD!

3 "Thus says the Lord <sup>1</sup>GOD, "Woe to the <sup>a</sup>foolish prophets who are following their own spirit and have <sup>b</sup>seen nothing.

4 "O Israel, your prophets have been like foxes among ruins.

**False Prophets Condemned.  
Woe to False Prophetesses.**

5 "You have not <sup>a</sup>gone up into the <sup>b</sup>breaches, nor did you build the wall around the house of Israel to stand in the battle on the <sup>c</sup>day of the LORD.

6 "They see <sup>1a</sup>falsehood and lying divination who are saying, 'The LORD declares,' when the LORD has not sent them; <sup>b</sup>yet they hope for the fulfillment of *their* word.

7 "Did you not see a false vision and speak a lying divination when you said, 'the LORD declares,' but it is not I who have spoken?"

8 Therefore, thus says the Lord God, "Because you have spoken <sup>1</sup>falsehood and seen a lie, therefore behold, I am <sup>a</sup>against you," declares the Lord God.

9 "So My hand will be against the <sup>a</sup>prophets who see false visions and utter lying divinations. They will <sup>1</sup>have no place in the council of My people, <sup>b</sup>nor will they be written down in the register of the house of Israel, nor will they enter the land of Israel, <sup>2</sup>that you may know that I am the Lord God.

10 "It is definitely because they have <sup>a</sup>misled My people by saying, <sup>b</sup>'Peace!' when there is <sup>c</sup>'no peace. And when anyone builds a wall, behold, they plaster it over with whitewash;

11 so tell those who plaster it over with whitewash, that it will fall. A <sup>a</sup>flooding rain will come, and you, O hailstones, will fall; and a violent wind will break out.

12 "Behold, when the wall has fallen, will you not be asked, 'Where is the plaster with which you plastered it?'"

13 Therefore, thus says the Lord God, "I will make a violent wind break out in My wrath. There will also be in My anger a flooding rain and <sup>a</sup>hailstones to consume *it* in wrath.

14 "So I shall tear down the wall which you plastered over with whitewash and bring it down to the ground, so that its <sup>a</sup>foundation is laid bare; and when it falls, you will be <sup>b</sup>consumed in its midst. And you will <sup>c</sup>know that I am the LORD.

15 "Thus I shall spend My wrath on the wall and on those who have plastered it over with whitewash; and I shall say to you, 'The wall <sup>1</sup>is gone and its plasterers are gone,

16 *along with* the prophets of Israel who prophesy to Jerusalem, and who <sup>a</sup>see visions of peace for her when there is <sup>b</sup>'no peace,' declares the Lord God.

17 "Now you, son of man, set your face against the daughters of your people who are <sup>a</sup>prophesying <sup>b</sup>from their own <sup>1</sup>inspiration. Prophesy against them,

18 and say, "Thus says the Lord God, "Woe to the women who sew *magic* bands on <sup>1</sup>all wrists, and make veils for the heads of *persons* of every stature to hunt down <sup>2</sup>lives! Will you hunt down the <sup>2</sup>lives of My people, but preserve the <sup>2</sup>lives of *others* for yourselves?

19 "And for handfuls of barley and fragments of bread, you have profaned Me to My people to put to death <sup>1</sup>some who should not die and to <sup>a</sup>keep <sup>1</sup>others alive who should not live, by your lying to My people who listen to lies."

20 Therefore, thus says the Lord God, "Behold, I am against your *magic* bands by which you hunt <sup>1</sup>lives there as <sup>2</sup>birds, and I will tear them off your arms; and I will let <sup>1</sup>them go, even those <sup>1</sup>lives whom you hunt as <sup>2</sup>birds.

21 "I will also tear off your veils and <sup>a</sup>deliver My people from

5 <sup>a</sup>Ezek. 22:30; Ps. 106:23; Jer. 23:22 <sup>b</sup>Is. 58:12 <sup>c</sup>Ezek. 7:19; Is. 13:6, 9

6 <sup>1</sup>Lit. *vanity* <sup>a</sup>Ezek. 22:28; Jer. 29:8 <sup>b</sup>Jer. 28:15; 37:19

7 <sup>a</sup>Ezek. 22:28

8 <sup>1</sup>Lit. *vanity* <sup>a</sup>Ezek. 5:8; 21:3; Nah. 2:13

9 <sup>1</sup>Lit. *not be in* <sup>2</sup>Or, *and you will know* <sup>a</sup>Jer. 20:3-6; 28:15-17 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 69:28; 87:6; Jer. 17:13; Dan. 12:1

10 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 23:32; 50:6 <sup>b</sup>Jer. 8:11; 14:13 <sup>c</sup>Ezek. 13:16; 7:25

11 <sup>a</sup>Ezek. 38:22

13 <sup>a</sup>Ex. 9:24, 25; Ps. 18:12, 13; Is. 30:30; Rev. 11:19; 16:21

14 <sup>a</sup>Mic. 1:6; Hab. 3:13 <sup>b</sup>Jer. 6:15; 14:15 <sup>c</sup>Ezek. 13:9

15 <sup>1</sup>Lit. *is not . . . are not*

16 <sup>a</sup>Ezek. 13:10; Jer. 6:14; 8:11 <sup>b</sup>Is. 57:21

17 <sup>1</sup>Lit. *heart* <sup>a</sup>Judg. 4:4; 2 Kin. 22:14; Luke 2:36; Acts 21:9 <sup>b</sup>Ezek. 13:2; Rev. 2:20

18 <sup>1</sup>Lit. *all joints of the hand; M.T. reads, of my hands* <sup>2</sup>Or, *souls*

19 <sup>1</sup>Or, *souls* <sup>a</sup>Jer. 23:14, 17

20 <sup>1</sup>Lit. *souls* <sup>2</sup>Or, *flying ones*

21 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 91:3; 124:7

22 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *strengthen the hands of*  
<sup>a</sup>Amos 5:12 <sup>b</sup>Jer. 23:14;  
 34:16, 22 <sup>c</sup>Ezek. 18:21, 27,  
 30:32; 33:14-16

23 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *vanity*  
<sup>a</sup>Ezek. 13:6; 12:24; Mic.  
 3:6; Zech. 13:3 <sup>b</sup>Ezek.  
 13:21; 34:10 <sup>c</sup>Ezek. 13:9, 21

1 <sup>a</sup>Ezek. 8:1; 20:1; 2 Kin.  
 6:32 <sup>b</sup>Ezek. 33:31, 32; Is.  
 29:13

3 <sup>a</sup>Ezek. 20:16 <sup>b</sup>Ezek.  
 14:4, 7; 7:19; Zeph. 1:3  
<sup>c</sup>Ezek. 20:3, 31; Is. 1:15;  
 Jer. 11:11

4 <sup>1</sup>YHWH, usually  
 rendered *Lord*, and so  
 throughout the chap. <sup>2</sup>Lit.,  
 if  
<sup>1</sup>1 Kin. 21:20-24; 2 Kin.  
 1:16; Is. 66:4

5 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *their* <sup>2</sup>Or., *all  
 estranged from Me  
 through their idols*  
<sup>a</sup>Jer. 17:10; Zech. 7:12 <sup>b</sup>Is.  
 1:4; Jer. 2:11; Zech. 11:8

6 <sup>a</sup>Ezek. 18:30; 1 Sam.  
 7:3; Neh. 1:9; Is. 2:20;  
 30:22; 55:6,7 <sup>b</sup>Ezek. 14:4;  
 8:6

7 <sup>a</sup>Ex. 12:48; 20:10  
<sup>b</sup>Ezek. 14:4

8 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *proverbs*  
<sup>a</sup>Ezek. 15:7; Jer. 44:11  
<sup>b</sup>Ezek. 5:15; Is. 65:15

9 <sup>1</sup>Or., *enticed*  
<sup>a</sup>Jer. 6:14, 15; 14:15

11 <sup>a</sup>Ezek. 44:10, 15; 48:11  
<sup>b</sup>Ezek. 11:18; 37:23 <sup>c</sup>Ezek.  
 11:20; 34:30; 36:28

13 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *break the staff*  
<sup>a</sup>Ezek. 15:8; 20:27

14 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 15:1 <sup>b</sup>Gen. 6:8;  
 7:1; Heb. 11:7 <sup>c</sup>Ezek. 28:3;  
 Dan. 1:6; 9:21; 10:11 <sup>d</sup>Job.  
 1:1, 5; 42:8, 9 <sup>e</sup>Ezek. 16:18,  
 20; 18:20

your hands, and they will no longer be in your hands to be hunted; and you will know that I am the LORD.

22 "Because you <sup>a</sup>disheartened the righteous with falsehood when I did not cause him grief, but have <sup>b</sup>encouraged the wicked not to <sup>c</sup>turn from his wicked way *and* preserve his life,

23 therefore, you women will no longer see <sup>1</sup>false visions or practice divination, and I will <sup>b</sup>deliver My people out of your hand. Thus you will <sup>c</sup>know that I am the LORD."

## CHAPTER 14

**T**HEN some <sup>a</sup>elders of Israel came to me and <sup>b</sup>sat down before me.

2 And the word of the LORD came to me saying,

3 "Son of man, these men have <sup>a</sup>set up their idols in their hearts, and have <sup>b</sup>put right before their faces the stumbling block of their iniquity. Should I be <sup>c</sup>consulted by them at all?

4 "Therefore speak to them and tell them, 'Thus says the Lord <sup>1</sup>GOD, "Any man of the house of Israel who sets up his idols in his heart, puts right before his face the stumbling block of his iniquity, and *then* comes to the prophet, I the LORD will be brought to give him an answer in <sup>2</sup>the matter in view of the <sup>a</sup>multitude of his idols,

5 in order to lay hold of <sup>1</sup>the hearts of the house of Israel who are <sup>2</sup>estranged from Me through all their idols."

6 "Therefore say to the house of Israel, 'Thus says the Lord God, "<sup>a</sup>Repent and turn away from your idols, and turn your faces away from all your <sup>b</sup>abominations.

7 "For anyone of the house of Israel or of the <sup>a</sup>immigrants who stay in Israel who separates himself from Me, sets up his idols in his heart, puts right before his face the stumbling block of his iniquity, and *then* comes to the prophet to inquire of Me for himself, <sup>b</sup>I the LORD will be brought to answer him in My own person.

8 "And I shall <sup>a</sup>set My face against that man and make him a <sup>b</sup>sign and <sup>1</sup>a proverb, and I shall cut him off from among My people. So you will know that I am the LORD.

9 "But if the prophet is <sup>1</sup>prevailed upon to speak a word, it is I, the LORD, who have <sup>1</sup>prevailed upon that prophet, and I will stretch out My hand against him and <sup>a</sup>destroy him from among My people Israel.

10 "And they will bear *the punishment* of their iniquity; as the iniquity of the inquirer is, so the iniquity of the prophet will be,

11 in order that the house of Israel may no longer <sup>a</sup>stray from Me and no longer <sup>b</sup>defile themselves with all their transgressions. Thus they will be <sup>c</sup>My people, and I shall be their God," declares the Lord God."

12 Then the word of the LORD came to me saying,

13 "Son of man, if a country sins against Me by <sup>a</sup>committing unfaithfulness, and I stretch out My hand against it, <sup>1</sup>destroy its supply of bread, send famine against it, and cut off from it both man and beast,

14 even <sup>a</sup>though these three men, <sup>b</sup>Noah, <sup>c</sup>Daniel, and <sup>d</sup>Job were in its midst, by their *own* righteousness they could *only* deliver <sup>c</sup>themselves," declares the Lord God.

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15 "If I were to cause <sup>a</sup>wild beasts to pass through the land, and they <sup>1</sup>depopulated it, and it became desolate so that no one would pass through it because of the beasts,

16 *though* these three men were in its midst, as I live," declares the Lord GOD, "they could not deliver either *their* sons or *their* daughters. <sup>a</sup>They alone would be delivered, but the country would be desolate.

17 "Or if I should bring a sword on that country and say, 'Let the sword pass through the country and cut off man and beast from it,'

18 *even though* these three men were in its midst, as I live," declares the Lord GOD, "they could not deliver either *their* sons or *their* daughters, but they alone would be delivered.

19 "Or if I should send a <sup>a</sup>plague against that country and pour out My wrath in blood on it, to cut off man and beast from it,

20 *even though* Noah, Daniel, and Job were in its midst, as I live," declares the Lord GOD, "they could not deliver either *their* son or *their* daughter. They would deliver only themselves by their righteousness."

21 For thus says the Lord GOD, "How much more when I send My four <sup>1</sup>severe judgments against Jerusalem: sword, famine, wild beasts, and <sup>a</sup>plague to cut off man and beast from it!

22 "Yet, behold, <sup>1</sup>survivors will be left in it who will be brought out, *both* sons and daughters. Behold, they are going to come forth to you and you will <sup>a</sup>see their conduct and actions; then you will be <sup>b</sup>comforted for the calamity which I have brought against Jerusalem for everything which I have brought upon it.

23 "Then they will comfort you when you see their conduct and actions, for you will know that I have not done in vain whatever I did <sup>1</sup>to it," declares the Lord GOD.

CHAPTER 15

**T**HEN the word of the LORD came to me saying,

2 "Son of man, how is the wood of the <sup>a</sup>vine *better* than any wood of a branch which is among the trees of the forest?

3 "Can wood be taken from it to make <sup>1</sup>anything, or can *men* take a peg from it on which to hang any vessel?

4 "If it has been put into the <sup>a</sup>fire for fuel, *and* the fire has consumed both of its ends, and its middle part has been charred, is it *then* useful for <sup>2</sup>anything?

5 "Behold, while it is intact, it is not made into <sup>1</sup>anything. How much less, when the fire has consumed it and it is charred, can it still be made into <sup>1</sup>anything!

6 "Therefore, thus says the Lord <sup>1</sup>GOD, 'As the wood of the vine among the trees of the forest, which I have given to the fire for fuel, so have I given up the inhabitants of Jerusalem;

7 and I <sup>a</sup>set My face against them. *Though* they have <sup>b</sup>come out of the fire, yet the fire will consume them. Then you will know that I am the LORD, when I set My face against them.

8 "Thus I will make the land desolate, because they have <sup>a</sup>acted unfaithfully,'" declares the Lord GOD.

15 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *bereave of children*  
<sup>a</sup>Ezek. 14:21; 5:17

16 <sup>a</sup>Ezek. 18:20; Gen. 19:29

19 <sup>a</sup>Ezek. 14:21; 5:12; Jer. 14:12

21 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *evil*  
<sup>a</sup>Amos 4:6-10

22 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *escaped ones*  
<sup>a</sup>Ezek. 12:16; 36:20 <sup>b</sup>Ezek. 16:54; 31:16; 32:31

23 <sup>1</sup>Or, *in*

2 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 80:8-16; Is. 5:1-7; Hos. 10:1

3 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *a work*

4 <sup>1</sup>Or, *Behold* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *a work*  
<sup>a</sup>Ezek. 15:6; 19:14; Is. 27:11

5 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *a work*

6 <sup>1</sup>YHWH, usually rendered LORD, and so throughout the chap.

7 <sup>a</sup>Ezek. 14:8; Lev. 26:17; Ps. 34:16; Jer. 21:10 <sup>b</sup>1 Kin. 19:17; Is. 24:18; Amos 9:1-4

8 <sup>a</sup>Ezek. 14:13; 17:20

2 \*Ezek. 20:4; 22:2; Is. 58:1

3 <sup>1</sup>YHWH, usually rendered LORD, and so throughout the chap.

5 <sup>1</sup>Lit., surface <sup>2</sup>Lit., in the loathing of your soul <sup>3</sup>Deut. 32:10

6 \*Ex. 19:4; Ps. 105:10-15

7 <sup>1</sup>Lit., a myriad <sup>2</sup>Ex. 1:7; Deut. 1:10

8 <sup>1</sup>Lit., your time was <sup>2</sup>Ruth 3:9; Jer. 2:2 <sup>3</sup>Gen. 22:16-18 <sup>4</sup>Ex. 24:7, 8 <sup>5</sup>Ezek. 20:5; Ex. 19:5; Hos. 2:19, 20

9 \*Ruth 3:3

10 <sup>1</sup>Or, dolphin <sup>2</sup>Ezek. 16:13, 18; 26:16; 27:7, 16; Ex. 26:36

11 \*Ezek. 23:42; Gen. 24:22, 47; Is. 3:19 <sup>2</sup>Gen. 41:42; Prov. 1:9

12 \*Gen. 24:47; Is. 3:21 <sup>2</sup>Ezek. 16:14; Is. 28:5; Jer. 13:18

13 \*Ezek. 16:17; Ps. 45:13, 14 <sup>1</sup>Sam. 10:1; 1 Kin. 4:21

14 \*1 Kin. 10:1, 24 <sup>2</sup>Pss. 50:2; Lam. 2:15

15 <sup>1</sup>Lit., to whom it might be <sup>2</sup>Ezek. 16:25; 27:3

16 <sup>1</sup>Lit., things which had not happened nor will it be

17 <sup>1</sup>Lit., articles of beauty <sup>2</sup>Ezek. 16:11, 12

THEN the word of the LORD came to me saying,

2 "Son of man, <sup>a</sup>make known to Jerusalem her abominations,

3 and say, "Thus says the Lord <sup>1</sup>God to Jerusalem, "Your origin and your birth are from the land of the Canaanite, your father was an Amorite and your mother a Hittite.

4 "As for your birth, on the day you were born your navel cord was not cut, nor were you washed with water for cleansing; you were not rubbed with salt or even wrapped in cloths.

5 "No eye looked with pity on you to do any of these things for you, to have compassion on you. Rather you were thrown out into the <sup>1a</sup>open field, <sup>2</sup>for you were abhorred on the day you were born.

6 "When I passed by you and saw you squirming in your blood, I said to you *while you were* in your blood, '<sup>a</sup>Live!' I said to you *while you were* in your blood, 'Live!'

7 "I <sup>a</sup>made you <sup>1</sup>numerous like plants of the field. Then you grew up, became tall, and reached the age for fine ornaments; *your* breasts were formed and your hair had grown. Yet you were naked and bare.

8 "Then I passed by you and saw you, and behold, <sup>1</sup>you were at the time for love; so I <sup>a</sup>spread My skirt over you and covered your nakedness. I also <sup>b</sup>swore to you and <sup>c</sup>entered into a covenant with you so that you <sup>d</sup>became Mine," declares the Lord God.

9 "Then I bathed you with water, washed off your blood from you, and <sup>a</sup>anointed you with oil.

10 "I also clothed you with <sup>a</sup>embroidered cloth, and put sandals of <sup>1</sup>porpoise skin on your feet; and I wrapped you with fine linen and covered you with silk.

11 "And I adorned you with ornaments, put <sup>a</sup>bracelets on your hands, and a <sup>b</sup>necklace around your neck.

12 "I also put a <sup>a</sup>ring in your nostril, earrings in your ears, and a <sup>b</sup>beautiful crown on your head.

13 "Thus you were adorned with <sup>a</sup>gold and silver, and your dress was of fine linen, silk, and embroidered cloth. You ate fine flour, honey, and oil; so you were exceedingly beautiful and advanced to <sup>b</sup>royalty.

14 "Then your <sup>a</sup>fame went forth among the nations on account of your beauty, for it was <sup>b</sup>perfect because of My splendor which I bestowed on you," declares the Lord God.

15 "But you <sup>a</sup>trusted in your beauty and played the harlot because of your fame, and you poured out your harlotries on every passer-by <sup>1</sup>who might be *willing*.

16 "And you took some of your clothes, made for yourself high places of various colors, and played the harlot on them, <sup>1</sup>which should never come about nor happen.

17 "You also took your beautiful <sup>1a</sup>jewels *made* of My gold and of My silver, which I had given you, and made for yourself male images that you might play the harlot with them.

18 "Then you took your embroidered cloth and covered them, and offered My oil and My incense before them.

19 "Also my bread which I gave you, fine flour, oil, and honey with which I fed you, <sup>1</sup>you would offer before them for a soothing aroma; so it happened," declares the Lord God.

20 "Moreover, you took your sons and daughters whom you had borne to <sup>a</sup>Me, and you <sup>b</sup>sacrificed them to <sup>1</sup>idols to be devoured. Were your harlotries so small a matter?

21 "You slaughtered My children, and offered them up to <sup>1</sup>idols by <sup>a</sup>causing them to pass through *the fire*.

22 "And besides all your abominations and harlotries you did not remember the days of your youth, when you were naked and bare and squirming in your blood.

23 "Then it came about after all your wickedness ('Woe, woe to you!' declares the Lord God),

24 that you built yourself a <sup>a</sup>shrine and made yourself a <sup>b</sup>high place in every square.

25 "You built yourself a high place at the top of every street, and made your beauty abominable; and you spread your legs to every passer-by to multiply your harlotry.

26 "You also played the harlot with the Egyptians, your <sup>1</sup>lustful neighbors, and multiplied your harlotry to <sup>a</sup>make Me angry.

27 "Behold now, I have stretched out My hand against you and diminished your rations. And I delivered you up to the desire of those who hate you, the <sup>a</sup>daughters of the Philistines, who are ashamed of your lewd conduct.

28 "Moreover, you played the harlot with the <sup>a</sup>Assyrians because you were not satisfied; you even played the harlot with them and still were not satisfied.

29 "You also multiplied your harlotry with the land of merchants, Chaldea, yet even with this you were not satisfied." "

30 "How <sup>a</sup>languishing is your heart," declares the Lord God, "while you do all these things, the actions of a <sup>1</sup>bold-faced harlot.

31 "When you built your shrine at the beginning of every street and made your high place in every square, in <sup>a</sup>disdaining money, you were not like a harlot.

32 "You adulteress wife, who takes strangers instead of her husband!

33 "<sup>1</sup>Men give gifts to all harlots, but you <sup>a</sup>give your gifts to all your lovers to bribe them to come to you from every direction for your harlotries.

34 "Thus you are different from those women in your harlotries, in that no one plays the harlot <sup>1</sup>as you do, because you give money and no money is given you; thus you are different."

35 Therefore, O harlot, hear the word of the LORD.

36 Thus says the Lord God, "Because your lewdness was poured out and your nakedness uncovered through your harlotries with your lovers and with all your detestable <sup>a</sup>idols, and because of the blood of your sons which you gave to <sup>1</sup>idols,

37 therefore, behold, I shall <sup>a</sup>gather all your lovers with whom you took pleasure, even all those whom you loved *and* all those whom you <sup>b</sup>hated. So I shall gather them against you from every direction and <sup>c</sup>expose your nakedness to them that they may see all your nakedness.

19 <sup>1</sup>Lit., and you ... offer it

20 <sup>1</sup>Lit., them  
<sup>a</sup>Ex. 13:2, 12; Deut. 29:11, 12  
<sup>b</sup>Ezek. 20:31; 23:37; Ps. 106:37, 38; Jer. 7:31

21 <sup>1</sup>Lit., them  
<sup>2</sup> Kin. 17:17; Jer. 19:5

24 <sup>a</sup>Ezek. 16:31, 39; 20:28, 29; Jer. 11:30  
<sup>b</sup>Ps. 78:58; Is. 57:5,7

26 <sup>1</sup>Lit., great of flesh  
<sup>a</sup>Ezek. 8:17; Jer. 7:18, 19

27 <sup>a</sup>Ezek. 16:57; Is. 9:12

28 <sup>a</sup>Ezek. 23:12; 2 Kin. 16:7, 10-18; 2 Chr. 28:16, 20-23; Jer. 2:18, 36; Hos. 10:6

30 <sup>1</sup>Lit., domineering  
<sup>a</sup>Prov. 9:13; Is. 1:3; Jer. 4:22  
<sup>b</sup>Is. 3:9; Jer. 3:3

31 <sup>a</sup>Is. 52:3

33 <sup>1</sup>Lit., they  
<sup>a</sup>Ezek. 16:41; Is. 57:9; Hos. 8:9, 10

34 <sup>1</sup>Lit., after you

36 <sup>1</sup>Lit., them  
<sup>a</sup>Ezek. 20:31; 23:37; Jer. 19:5

37 <sup>a</sup>Ezek. 23:9, 22; Jer. 13:22, 26; Hos. 2:3, 10; Nah. 3:5,6  
<sup>b</sup>Ezek. 23:17, 18  
<sup>c</sup>Is. 47:3

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38 <sup>a</sup>Ezek. 23:45 <sup>b</sup>Ezek. 23:25; Ps. 79:3, 5; Jer. 18:21; Zeph. 1:17

39 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *their hands, and they* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *articles of beauty*

40 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *bring up an assembly*  
<sup>a</sup>Ezek. 23:47; Hab. 1:6-10

41 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *a harlot's hire*  
<sup>a</sup>2 Kin. 25:9; Jer. 39:8; 52:13  
<sup>b</sup>Ezek. 23:48

42 <sup>a</sup>Ezek. 5:13; 21:17; 2 Sam. 24:25; Zech. 6:8  
<sup>b</sup>Ezek. 39:29; Is. 40:1, 2; 54:9, 10

43 <sup>1</sup>So with ancient versions; Heb., *are angry against*  
<sup>a</sup>Ezek. 16:22; Ps. 78:42; 106:13 <sup>b</sup>Ezek. 6:9; Is. 63:10  
<sup>c</sup>Ezek. 11:21; 22:31

44 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *Her*  
<sup>a</sup>Ezek. 12:22, 23; 18:2, 3; 1 Sam. 24:13

45 <sup>a</sup>Ezek. 23:2 <sup>b</sup>Ezek. 23:37-39; Gen. 18:20; Is. 1:4; Zech. 11:8

46 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *on your left* <sup>2</sup>I.e., *environs; so through v.55*  
<sup>3</sup>Lit., *from your right*  
<sup>a</sup>Ezek. 23:4; Jer. 3:8-11  
<sup>b</sup>Ezek. 16:48, 49, 53-56, 61; Gen. 13:11-13; 18:20

47 <sup>a</sup>1 Kin. 16:31 <sup>b</sup>Ezek. 16:48, 51; 5:6; 2 Kin. 21:9

48 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 11:23, 24

49 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *grasp the hand of*  
<sup>a</sup>Ezek. 28:2, 9, 17; Gen. 19:9; Ps. 138:6; Is. 3:9;  
<sup>b</sup>Gen. 13:10; Is. 22:13;  
<sup>c</sup>Amos 6:4-6 <sup>d</sup>Luke 12:16-20;  
16:19 <sup>e</sup>Ezek. 18:7, 12, 16

50 <sup>1</sup>Many ancient mss. and versions read: *as you have seen*  
<sup>a</sup>Gen. 19:24, 25

51 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 3:8-11 Matt. 12:41, 42

52 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *mediated for*  
<sup>a</sup>Ezek. 16:47, 48, 51

53 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *in their midst*  
<sup>2</sup>Lit., *the captivity of your captivity*  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 19:24, 25

38 "Thus I shall <sup>a</sup>judge you, like women who commit adultery or shed blood are judged; and I shall bring on you the blood of <sup>b</sup>wrath and jealousy.

39 "I shall also give you into <sup>1</sup>the hands of your lovers, and they will tear down your shrines, demolish your high places, strip you of your clothing, take away your <sup>2</sup>jewels, and will leave you naked and bare.

40 "They will <sup>1</sup>incite a <sup>a</sup>crowd against you, and they will stone you and cut you to pieces with their swords.

41 "And they will <sup>a</sup>burn your houses with fire and execute judgments on you in the sight of many women. Then I shall <sup>b</sup>stop you from playing the harlot, and you will also no longer pay <sup>1</sup>your lovers.

42 "So I <sup>a</sup>shall calm My fury against you, and My jealousy will depart from you, and I shall be pacified and angry <sup>b</sup>no more.

43 "Because you have <sup>a</sup>not remembered the days of your youth but <sup>1</sup>have <sup>b</sup>enraged Me by all these things, behold, I in turn will <sup>c</sup>bring your conduct down on your own head," declares the Lord God, "so that you will not commit this lewdness on top of all your *other* abominations.

44 "Behold, every one who quotes <sup>a</sup>proverbs will quote *this* proverb concerning you, saying, '<sup>1</sup>Like mother, <sup>1</sup>like daughter.'

45 "You are the daughter of your mother, who loathed her husband and children. You are also the <sup>a</sup>sister of your sisters, who <sup>b</sup>loathed their husbands and children. Your mother was a Hittite and your father an Amorite.

46 "Now your <sup>a</sup>older sister is Samaria, who lives <sup>1</sup>north of you with her <sup>2</sup>daughters; and your younger sister, who lives <sup>3</sup>south of you, is <sup>b</sup>Sodom with her <sup>2</sup>daughters.

47 "Yet you have not merely walked in their ways or done according to their abominations; but, as if that were <sup>a</sup>too little, you acted <sup>b</sup>more corruptly in all your conduct than they.

48 "As I live," declares the Lord God, "Sodom, your sister, and her daughters, have <sup>a</sup>not done as you and your daughters have done.

49 "Behold, this was the guilt of your sister Sodom: she and her daughters had <sup>a</sup>arrogance, <sup>b</sup>abundant food, and careless <sup>c</sup>ease, but she did not <sup>1</sup>help the <sup>d</sup>poor and needy.

50 "Thus they were haughty and committed abominations before Me. Therefore I <sup>a</sup>removed them <sup>1</sup>when I saw it.

51 "Furthermore, Samaria did not commit half of your sins, for you have multiplied your abominations more than they. Thus you have made your sisters appear <sup>a</sup>righteous by all your abominations which you have committed.

52 "Also bear your disgrace in that you have <sup>1</sup>made judgment favorable for your sisters. Because of your sins in which you acted <sup>a</sup>more abominably than they, they are more in the right than you. Yes, be also ashamed and bear your disgrace, in that you made your sisters appear righteous.

53 "Nevertheless, I will restore their captivity, the captivity of Sodom and her daughters, the captivity of Samaria and her daughters, and <sup>1</sup>along with them <sup>2</sup>your own captivity,

54 in order that you may bear your humiliation, and feel



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<sup>a</sup>ashamed for all that you have done when you become a consolation to them.

55 "And your sisters, Sodom with her daughters and Samaria with her daughters, <sup>1</sup>will return to their former state, and you with your daughters will *also* return to your former state.

56 "As *the name* of your sister Sodom was <sup>a</sup>not heard from your lips in your day of pride,

57 before your <sup>a</sup>wickedness was uncovered, <sup>1</sup>so now you have become the <sup>b</sup>reproach of the daughters of <sup>2</sup>Edom, and of all who are around her, of the daughters of the Philistines—those surrounding you who despise you.

58 "You have <sup>a</sup>borne the *penalty* of your lewdness and abominations," the LORD declares.

59 For thus says the Lord God, "I will also do with you as you have done, you who have <sup>a</sup>despised the oath by breaking the covenant.

60 "Nevertheless, I will remember My covenant with you in the days of your youth, and I will establish an <sup>a</sup>everlasting covenant with you.

61 "Then you will <sup>a</sup>remember your ways and be ashamed when you receive your sisters, *both* your older and your younger; and I will give them to you as daughters, but not because of your covenant.

62 "Thus I will <sup>a</sup>establish My covenant with you, and you shall <sup>b</sup>know that I am the LORD,

63 in order that you may <sup>a</sup>remember and be ashamed, and <sup>b</sup>never open your mouth any more because of your humiliation, when I have <sup>a</sup>forgiven you for all that you have done," the Lord God declares.

CHAPTER 17

**N**OW the word of the LORD came to me saying,

2 "Son of man, <sup>a</sup>propound a riddle, and speak a parable to the house of Israel,

3 <sup>1</sup>saying, 'Thus says the Lord <sup>2</sup>God, "A great <sup>a</sup>eagle with <sup>b</sup>great wings, long pinions and a full plumage of many colors, came to <sup>c</sup>Lebanon and took away the top of the cedar.

4 "He plucked off the topmost of its young twigs and brought it to a land of merchants; he set it in a city of traders.

5 "He also took some of the seed of the land and planted it in <sup>1</sup>fertile soil. He <sup>a</sup>placed it beside abundant waters; he set it *like* a <sup>b</sup>willow.

6 "Then it sprouted and became a low, spreading vine with its branches turned toward him, but its roots remained under it. So it became a vine, and yielded shoots and sent out branches.

7 "But there was <sup>1</sup>another great eagle with great wings and much plumage; and behold, this vine bent its roots toward him and sent out its branches toward him from the beds where it was <sup>a</sup>planted, that he might water it.

8 "It was planted in good <sup>1</sup>soil beside abundant waters, that it might yield branches and bear fruit, *and* become a splendid vine."

54 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 2:26

55 <sup>1</sup>Heb. includes *will return . . . state after Sodom also*

56 <sup>a</sup>Is. 65:5; Luke 15:28-30

57 <sup>1</sup>Heb., *as at the time of* <sup>2</sup>So with many mss. and one version; M.T., *Syria* <sup>a</sup>Ezek. 16:36, 37 <sup>b</sup>Ezek. 5:14, 15; 22:4; 2 Kin. 16:5-7; 2 Chr. 28:5,6, 18-23

58 <sup>a</sup>Ezek. 23:49

59 <sup>a</sup>Ezek. 17:19; Is. 24:5

60 <sup>a</sup>Ezek. 37:26; Is. 55:3; Jer. 32:38-41

61 <sup>a</sup>Ezek. 6:9; Jer. 50:4, 5

62 <sup>a</sup>Ezek. 20:37; 34:25; 37:26 <sup>b</sup>Ezek. 20:43, 44; Jer. 24:7

63 <sup>a</sup>Ezek. 36:31, 32; Dan. 9:7, 8 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 39:9; Rom. 3:19 <sup>c</sup>Ps. 65:3; 78:38; 79:9

2 <sup>a</sup>Ezek. 20:49; 24:3

3 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *and you shall say* <sup>2</sup>YHWH, usually rendered *Lord*, and so throughout the chap. <sup>a</sup>Ezek. 17:12; Jer. 48:40; Hos. 8:1 <sup>b</sup>Dan. 4:22 <sup>c</sup>Jer. 22:23

5 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *a field of seed* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *took* <sup>a</sup>Deut. 8:7-9 <sup>b</sup>Is. 44:4

7 <sup>1</sup>So with several ancient versions; M.T., one <sup>a</sup>Ezek. 31:4

8 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *field*

9 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *arm*

10 <sup>a</sup>Ezek. 19:14; Hos. 13:15

12 <sup>a</sup>Ezek. 2:3-5 <sup>b</sup>Ezek. 12:9-11; 24:19 <sup>c</sup>Ezek. 17:3; 1:2; 2 Kin. 24:11, 12, 15

13 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *seed* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *and caused him to enter into an oath*  
<sup>a</sup>Ezek. 17:5; 2 Kin. 24:17  
<sup>b2</sup> Chr. 36:13 <sup>c2</sup> Kin. 24:15, 16

14 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *low*

15 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *people*  
<sup>a</sup>Ezek. 17:7; 2 Kin. 24:20;  
2 Chr. 36:13; Jer. 52:3  
<sup>b</sup>Ezek. 17:18; Jer. 34:3;  
38:18, 23

16 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *place* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *made him king* <sup>3</sup>Lit., *with him in Babylon*  
<sup>a</sup>Ezek. 17:13, 18, 19; 16:59;  
2 Kin. 24:17, 20 <sup>b</sup>Ezek. 12:13; Jer. 52:11

17 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *act with*  
<sup>a</sup>Ezek. 29:6, 7; Is. 36:6; Jer. 37:5, 7

18 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *gave his hand*

19 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *give it*

20 <sup>a</sup>Ezek. 12:13; 32:3 <sup>b</sup>Jer. 39:5-7 <sup>c</sup>Jer. 20:35, 36; Jer. 2:35

21 <sup>1</sup>So many ancient mss. and versions; M.T., *fugitives*  
<sup>a</sup>Ezek. 5:2, 10, 12-14; 2 Kin. 25:5, 11

22 <sup>a</sup>Ezek. 20:40; 37:22; Ps. 72:16

23 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *wing* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *dwell*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 92:12; Is. 27:6

24 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 96:12; Is. 55:12 <sup>b</sup>Is. 37:3, 13; Amos 9:11

9 "Say, 'Thus says the Lord God, "Will it thrive? Will he not pull up its roots and cut off its fruit, so that it withers—so that all its sprouting leaves wither? And neither by great strength nor by many people can it be raised from its roots *again*."

10 "Behold, though it is planted, will it thrive? Will it not <sup>a</sup>completely wither as soon as the east wind strikes it—wither on the beds where it grew?" "

11 Moreover, the word of the LORD came to me saying, 12 "Say now to the <sup>a</sup>rebellious house, 'Do you not <sup>b</sup>know what these things *mean*?' Say, 'Behold, the <sup>c</sup>king of Babylon came to Jerusalem, took its king and princes, and brought them to him in Babylon.

13 'And he took one of the royal <sup>1a</sup>family and made a covenant with him, <sup>2</sup>putting him under <sup>b</sup>oath. He also took away the <sup>c</sup>mighty of the land,

14 that the kingdom might be <sup>1in</sup> subjection, not exalting itself, *but* keeping his covenant, that it might continue.

15 'But he <sup>a</sup>rebelled against him by sending his envoys to Egypt that they might give him horses and many <sup>1</sup>troops. Will he succeed? Will he who does such things <sup>b</sup>escape? Can he indeed break the covenant and escape?

16 'As I live,' declares the Lord God, 'Surely in the <sup>1</sup>country of the king who <sup>2</sup>put him on the throne, whose oath he <sup>a</sup>despised, and whose covenant he broke, <sup>3b</sup>in Babylon he shall die.

17 'And <sup>a</sup>Pharaoh with *his* mighty army and great company will not <sup>1</sup>help him in the war, when they cast up mounds and build siege walls to cut off many lives.

18 'Now he despised the oath by breaking the covenant, and behold, he <sup>1</sup>pledged his allegiance, yet did all these things; he shall not escape."

19 Therefore, thus says the Lord God, "As I live, surely My oath which he despised and My covenant which he broke, I will <sup>1</sup>inflict on his head.

20 "And I will spread My <sup>a</sup>net over him, and he will be <sup>b</sup>caught in My snare. Then I will bring him to Babylon and <sup>c</sup>enter into judgment with him there *regarding* the unfaithful act which he has committed against Me.

21 "And all the <sup>1a</sup>choice men in all his troops will fall by the sword, and the survivors will be scattered to every wind; and you will know that I, the LORD, have spoken."

22 Thus says the Lord God, "I shall also take *a sprig* from the lofty top of the cedar and set *it* out; I shall pluck from the topmost of its young twigs a tender one, and I shall plant *it* on a <sup>a</sup>high and lofty mountain.

23 "On the high mountain of Israel I shall plant it, that it may bring forth boughs and bear fruit, and become a stately <sup>a</sup>cedar. And birds of every <sup>1</sup>kind will <sup>2</sup>nest under it; they will <sup>2</sup>nest in the shade of its branches.

24 "And all the <sup>a</sup>trees of the field will know that I am the LORD; I bring down the high tree, exalt the low tree, dry up the green tree, and make the dry tree <sup>b</sup>flourish. I am the LORD; I have spoken, and I will perform *it*."

THEN the word of the LORD came to me saying,  
 2 <sup>a</sup>“What do you mean by using this proverb concerning the land of Israel saying,

<sup>b</sup>“The fathers eat the sour grapes,  
 But the children’s teeth <sup>1</sup>are set on edge?”

3 “As I live,” declares the Lord <sup>1</sup>God, “you are surely not going to use this proverb in Israel any more.

4 “Behold, <sup>a</sup>all <sup>1</sup>souls are Mine; the <sup>2</sup>soul of the father as well as the <sup>2</sup>soul of the son is Mine. The <sup>3</sup>soul who <sup>b</sup>sins will die.

5 “But if a man is righteous, and practices justice and righteousness,

6 and does not <sup>a</sup>eat at the mountain *shrines* or <sup>b</sup>lift up his eyes to the idols of the house of Israel, or <sup>c</sup>defile his neighbor’s wife, or approach a woman during her menstrual period—

7 if a man does not oppress any one, but <sup>a</sup>restores to the debtor his pledge, <sup>b</sup>does not commit robbery, *but* <sup>c</sup>gives his bread to the hungry, and covers the naked with clothing,

8 if he does not lend *money* on <sup>a</sup>interest or take <sup>b</sup>increase, if he keeps his hand from iniquity, *and* <sup>c</sup>executes true justice between man and man,

9 if he walks in My statutes and My ordinances so as to deal faithfully—he is righteous *and* will surely <sup>a</sup>live,” declares the Lord God.

10 “Then he may <sup>1</sup>have a violent son who sheds blood, and who does any of these things to a brother

11 (though he himself did not do any of these things), that is, he even eats at the mountain *shrines*, and defiles his neighbor’s wife,

12 oppresses the <sup>a</sup>poor and needy, <sup>b</sup>commits robbery, does not restore a pledge, but lifts up his eyes to the idols, *and* <sup>c</sup>commits abomination,

13 he lends *money* on interest and takes increase; will he live? He will not live! He has committed all these abominations, he will surely be put to death; his <sup>a</sup>blood will be <sup>1</sup>on his own head.

14 “Now behold, he <sup>1</sup>has a son who has observed all his father’s sins which he committed, and <sup>a</sup>observing does not do likewise.

15 “He does not eat at the mountain *shrines* or lift up his eyes to the idols of the house of Israel, or defile his neighbor’s wife,

16 or oppress anyone, or retain a pledge, or commit robbery, *but* he <sup>a</sup>gives his bread to the hungry, and covers the naked with clothing,

17 he keeps his hand from <sup>1</sup>the poor, does not take interest or increase, *but* executes My ordinances, and walks in My statutes; *he* will not die for his father’s iniquity, he will surely live.

18 “As for his father, because he practiced extortion, robbed his brother, and did what was not good among his people, behold, he will die for his iniquity.

2 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *become dull*  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 3:15 <sup>b</sup>Jer. 31:29; Lam. 5:7; Matt. 23:36

3 <sup>1</sup>YHWH, usually rendered LORD, and so throughout the chap.

4 <sup>1</sup>Or, *lives* <sup>2</sup>Or, *life* <sup>3</sup>Or, *person*  
<sup>a</sup>Num. 16:22; 27:16; Is. 42:5; 57:16 <sup>b</sup>Ezek. 18:20; Rom. 6:23

6 <sup>a</sup>Ezek. 18:15; 6:13; 22:9 <sup>b</sup>Ezek. 18:12, 15; 20:24; 33:25; Deut. 4:19 <sup>c</sup>Ezek. 18:15; 22:11

7 <sup>a</sup>Ezek. 33:15; Deut. 24:13; Amos 2:8 <sup>b</sup>Lev. 19:13; Amos 3:10 <sup>c</sup>Ezek. 18:16; Deut. 15:11; Matt. 25:35-40; Luke 3:11

8 <sup>a</sup>Ex. 22:25; Deut. 23:19, 20 <sup>b</sup>Lev. 25:36 <sup>c</sup>Zech. 7:9; 8:16

9 <sup>a</sup>Hab. 2:4; Rom. 1:17

10 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *beget*

12 <sup>a</sup>Amos 4:1; Zech. 7:10 <sup>b</sup>Ezek. 18:7, 16, 18; 7:23; Is. 59:6, 7; Jer. 22:3, 17 <sup>c</sup>Ezek. 8:6, 17; 2 Kin. 21:11

13 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *on him*  
<sup>a</sup>Ezek. 33:4, 5

14 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *begets*  
<sup>a</sup>2 Chr. 29:6-10; 34:21

16 <sup>a</sup>Ezek. 18:7; Job 31:16, 20; Ps. 41:1; Is. 58:7, 10

17 <sup>1</sup>So M.T.; Ck. reads: *iniquity as in v. 8*

19 <sup>a</sup>Ezek. 18:2; Ex. 20:5; Jer. 15:4 <sup>b</sup>Ezek. 18:9; 20:18-20; Zech. 1:3-6

20 <sup>a</sup>Ezek. 18:4; 2 Kin. 14:6; 22:18-20 <sup>b</sup>Deut. 24:16; Jer. 31:30 <sup>c</sup>1 Kin. 8:32; Is. 3:10, 11; Matt. 16:27; Rom. 2:6-9

21 <sup>a</sup>Ezek. 18:27, 28; 33:12, 19

22 <sup>a</sup>Ezek. 18:24; 33:16; Is. 43:25; Jer. 50:20; Mic. 7:19 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 18:20-24

23 <sup>1</sup>Lit., is it not <sup>a</sup>Ezek. 18:32; 33:11; Lam. 3:33; Hos. 11:8 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 147:11; Mic. 7:18

24 <sup>a</sup>Ezek. 18:26; 3:20; 33:18; 1 Sam. 15:11; 2 Chr. 24:2, 17-22 <sup>b</sup>Ezek. 18:22; Gal. 3:3, 4 <sup>c</sup>Ezek. 17:20; 20:27; Prov. 21:16

25 <sup>a</sup>Ezek. 18:29; 33:17, 20; Mal. 2:17; 3:13-15 <sup>b</sup>Gen. 18:25; Jer. 12:1; Zeph. 3:5

30 <sup>a</sup>Ezek. 14:6; 33:11; Hos. 12:6

31 <sup>a</sup>Is. 1:16, 17; 55:7 <sup>b</sup>Ezek. 11:19; 36:26; Ps. 51:10

32 <sup>a</sup>Ezek. 18:23; 33:11

1 <sup>a</sup>Ezek. 19:14; 2:10 <sup>b</sup>2 Kin. 23:29, 30, 34; 24:6, 12; 25:5-7

2 <sup>1</sup>Or, Why did your mother, a lioness, lie down among lions; among young lions rear her cubs?

19 "Yet you say, 'aWhy should the son not bear the punishment for the father's iniquity?' When the son has practiced <sup>b</sup>justice and righteousness, and has observed all My statutes and done them, he shall surely live.

20 "The person who <sup>a</sup>sins will die. The <sup>b</sup>son will not bear the punishment for the father's iniquity, nor will the father bear the punishment for the son's iniquity; the <sup>c</sup>righteousness of the righteous will be upon himself, and the wickedness of the wicked will be upon himself.

21 "But if the <sup>a</sup>wicked man turns from all his sins which he has committed and observes all My statutes and practices justice and righteousness, he shall surely live; he shall not die.

22 "aAll his transgressions which he has committed will not be remembered against him; because of his <sup>b</sup>righteousness which he has practiced, he will live.

23 "aDo I have any pleasure in the death of the wicked," declares the Lord God, "1rather than that he should <sup>b</sup>turn from his ways and live?"

24 "But when a righteous man <sup>a</sup>turns away from his righteousness, commits iniquity, and does according to all the abominations that a wicked man does, will he live? <sup>b</sup>All his righteous deeds which he has done will not be remembered for his <sup>c</sup>treachery which he has committed and his sin which he has committed; for them he will die.

25 "Yet you say, 'aThe way of the Lord is not right.' Hear now, O house of Israel! Is <sup>b</sup>My way not right? Is it not your ways that are not right?"

26 "When a righteous man turns away from his righteousness, commits iniquity, and dies because of it, for his iniquity which he has committed he will die.

27 "Again, when a wicked man turns away from his wickedness which he has committed and practices justice and righteousness, he will save his life.

28 "Because he considered and turned away from all his transgressions which he had committed, he shall surely live; he shall not die.

29 "But the house of Israel says, 'The way of the Lord is not right.' Are My ways not right, O house of Israel? Is it not your ways that are not right?"

30 "Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, each according to his conduct," declares the Lord God. "aRepent and turn away from all your transgressions, so that iniquity may not become a stumbling block to you.

31 "aCast away from you all your transgressions which you have committed, and make yourselves a <sup>b</sup>new heart and a new spirit! For why will you die, O house of Israel?"

32 "For I have <sup>a</sup>no pleasure in the death of anyone who dies," declares the Lord God. "Therefore, repent and live."

## CHAPTER 19

"<sup>1</sup>AS for you, take up a <sup>a</sup>lamentation for the <sup>b</sup>princes of Israel,  
2 and say,  
"What was your mother?"

**Lamentation Likens King to Caged Lion.  
Israel to Ruined Vine.**

**Ezekiel 19**

- A lioness among lions!  
She lay down among young lions,  
She reared her cubs.
- 3 'When she brought up one of her cubs,  
He became a lion,  
And he learned to tear *his* prey;  
He devoured men.
- 4 'Then nations heard about him;  
He was <sup>a</sup>captured in their pit,  
And they brought him with hooks  
To the land of Egypt.
- 5 'When she saw, as she waited,  
*That* her hope was lost,  
She took <sup>1</sup>another of her cubs  
And made him a young lion.
- 6 'And he <sup>a</sup>walked about among the lions;  
He became a young lion,  
He learned to tear *his* prey;  
He devoured men.
- 7 'And he <sup>1</sup>destroyed their <sup>2</sup>fortified towers  
And laid waste their cities;  
And the land and its fulness were appalled  
Because of the sound of his roaring.
- 8 'Then <sup>a</sup>nations set against him  
On every side from *their* provinces,  
And they spread their net over him;  
He was captured in their pit.
- 9 'And they put him in a cage with hooks  
And <sup>a</sup>brought him to the king of Babylon;  
They brought him in hunting nets  
So that his voice should be heard no more  
On the mountains of Israel.
- 10 'Your mother was <sup>a</sup>like a vine in your <sup>1</sup>vineyard,  
Planted by the waters;  
It was fruitful and full of branches  
Because of abundant waters.
- 11 'And it had <sup>1a</sup>strong branches *fit* for scepters of rulers,  
And its <sup>b</sup>height was raised above the clouds  
So that it was seen in its height with the mass of its  
branches.
- 12 'But it was <sup>a</sup>plucked up in fury;  
It was <sup>b</sup>cast down to the ground;  
And the <sup>c</sup>east wind dried up its fruit.  
Its <sup>1d</sup>strong branch <sup>2</sup>was torn off  
So that <sup>3</sup>it withered;  
The fire consumed it.
- 13 'And now it is planted in the <sup>a</sup>wilderness,  
In a dry and thirsty land.
- 14 'And <sup>a</sup>fire has gone out from *its* branch;  
It has consumed its shoots *and* fruit,  
So that there is not in it a <sup>1</sup>strong branch,  
A scepter to rule.'''

4 <sup>a2</sup> Kin. 23:34; 2 Chr. 36:4, 6

5 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *one*

6 <sup>a2</sup> Kin. 24:9; 2 Chr. 36:9

7 <sup>1</sup>So Targum; M.T., *knew* <sup>2</sup>Or, *widows*

8 <sup>a2</sup> Kin. 24:11

9 <sup>a2</sup> Kin. 24:15

10 <sup>1</sup>So with some ancient mss.; M.T., *blood* <sup>a</sup>Ps. 80:8-11

11 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *rods of strength* <sup>a</sup>Ps. 80:15 <sup>b</sup>Ezek. 31:3

12 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *rods of her strength* <sup>2</sup>So Gk.; M.T., *they were* <sup>3</sup>So Gk.; M.T., *they* <sup>a</sup>Jer. 31:28 <sup>b</sup>Ezek. 28:17; Lam. 2:1 <sup>c</sup>Ezek. 17:10; Hos. 13:15 <sup>d</sup>Ezek. 19:11; Is. 27:11

13 <sup>a</sup>Ezek. 19:10; 20:35; 2 Kin. 24:12-16; Hos. 2:3

14 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *rod of strength* <sup>a</sup>Ezek. 15:4; 20:47, 48

This is a lamentation, and has become a lamentation.

<sup>1</sup> Lit., men

<sup>a</sup>Ezek. 8:1, 11, 12

<sup>3</sup> YHWH, usually rendered LORD, and so throughout the chap.

<sup>4</sup> Ezek. 16:2; 22:2

<sup>5</sup> Lit., lifted up My hand, and so throughout the chap. <sup>2</sup>Lit., seed  
<sup>a</sup>Ex. 6:6-8 <sup>b</sup>Ex. 6:2, 3

<sup>6</sup> Lit., spied out  
<sup>a</sup>Ex. 13:5; 33:3

<sup>7</sup> Ex. 20:4, 5; 22:20  
<sup>b</sup>Lev. 18:3; Deut. 29:16, 18  
<sup>c</sup>Ex. 20:2

<sup>8</sup> Lit., each one <sup>2</sup>Lit., said  
<sup>a</sup>Deut. 9:7; Is. 63:10 <sup>b</sup>Ex. 32:1-9 <sup>c</sup>Ezek. 20:13, 21; 5:13; 7:8

<sup>9</sup> Ezek. 20:14, 22; 36:21, 22; Ex. 32:11-14 <sup>b</sup>Ezek. 39:7

<sup>10</sup> Ex. 19:1

<sup>11</sup> Lit., does  
<sup>a</sup>Ex. 20:1-23, 33 <sup>b</sup>Ezek. 20:13; Lev. 18:5

<sup>12</sup> Ezek. 20:20; Ex. 31:13, 17

<sup>13</sup> Lit., does <sup>2</sup>Lit., said  
<sup>a</sup>Ezek. 20:8; Num. 14:11, 12, 22 <sup>b</sup>Ezek. 20:21; Is. 56:6  
<sup>c</sup>Ezek. 20:8, 21; Ex. 32:10; Deut. 9:8

<sup>16</sup> Ezek. 20:8; 11:21; 14:3-7

NOW it came about in the seventh year, in the fifth month, on the tenth of the month, that <sup>1</sup>certain of the <sup>a</sup>elders of Israel came to inquire of the LORD, and sat before me.

<sup>2</sup> And the word of the LORD came to me saying,

<sup>3</sup> "Son of man, speak to the elders of Israel, and say to them, 'Thus says the Lord <sup>1</sup>God, "Do you come to inquire of Me? As I live," declares the Lord God, "I will not be inquired of by you."'

<sup>4</sup> "Will you judge them, will you judge them, son of man? <sup>a</sup>Make them know the abominations of their fathers;

<sup>5</sup> and say to them, 'Thus says the Lord God, "On the day when I <sup>a</sup>chose Israel and <sup>1</sup>swore to the <sup>2</sup>descendants of the house of Jacob and made Myself known to them in the land of Egypt, when I <sup>1</sup>swore to them, saying, <sup>b</sup>I am the LORD your God,

<sup>6</sup> on that day I swore to them, to bring them out from the land of Egypt into a land that I had <sup>1</sup>selected for them, <sup>a</sup>flowing with milk and honey, which is the glory of all lands.

<sup>7</sup> "And I said to them, <sup>a</sup>Cast away, each of you, the detestable things of his eyes, and <sup>b</sup>do not defile yourselves with the idols of Egypt; <sup>c</sup>I am the LORD your God.'

<sup>8</sup> "But they <sup>a</sup>rebelled against Me and were not willing to listen to Me; <sup>1</sup>they did not cast away the detestable things of their eyes, nor did they forsake the <sup>b</sup>idols of Egypt.

Then I <sup>2</sup>resolved to <sup>c</sup>pour out My wrath on them, to accomplish My anger against them in the midst of the land of Egypt.

<sup>9</sup> "But I acted <sup>a</sup>for the sake of My name, that it should <sup>b</sup>not be profaned in the sight of the nations among whom they *lived*, in whose sight I made Myself known to them by bringing them out of the land of Egypt.

<sup>10</sup> "So I took them out of the land of Egypt and brought them into the <sup>a</sup>wilderness.

<sup>11</sup> "And I gave them My <sup>a</sup>statutes and informed them of My ordinances, by <sup>b</sup>which, if a man <sup>1</sup>observes them, he will live.

<sup>12</sup> "And also I gave them My sabbaths to be a <sup>a</sup>sign between Me and them, that they might know that I am the LORD who sanctifies them.

<sup>13</sup> "But the house of Israel <sup>a</sup>rebelled against Me in the wilderness. They did not walk in My statutes, and they rejected My ordinances, by which, if a man <sup>1</sup>observes them, he will live; and My <sup>b</sup>sabbaths they greatly profaned. Then I <sup>2</sup>resolved to <sup>c</sup>pour out My wrath on them in the wilderness, to annihilate them.

<sup>14</sup> "But I acted for the sake of My name, that it should not be profaned in the sight of the nations, before whose sight I had brought them out.

<sup>15</sup> "And also I swore to them in the wilderness that I would not bring them into the land which I had given them, flowing with milk and honey, which is the glory of all lands,

<sup>16</sup> because they rejected My ordinances, and as for My statutes, they did not walk in them; they even profaned My sabbaths, for their <sup>a</sup>heart continually went after their idols.

17 "Yet My eye spared them rather than destroying them, and I did not cause their <sup>a</sup>annihilation in the wilderness.

18 "And I said to their <sup>1a</sup>children in the wilderness, <sup>b</sup>"Do not walk in the statutes of your fathers, or keep their ordinances, or defile yourselves with their idols.

19 "I am the LORD your God; walk in My statutes, and keep My ordinances, and <sup>1</sup>observe them.

20 "And sanctify My sabbaths; and they shall be a sign between Me and you, that you may know that I am the LORD your God."

21 "But the <sup>a</sup>children rebelled against Me; they did not walk in My statutes, nor were they careful to observe My ordinances, by which, *if* a man observes them, he will live; they profaned My sabbaths. So I <sup>1</sup>resolved to pour out My wrath on them, to accomplish My anger against them in the wilderness.

22 "But I <sup>a</sup>withdrew My hand and acted <sup>b</sup>for the sake of My name, that it should not be profaned in the sight of the nations in whose sight I had brought them out.

23 "Also I swore to them in the wilderness that I would <sup>a</sup>scatter them among the nations and disperse them among the lands,

24 because they had not observed My ordinances, but had rejected My statutes, and had profaned My sabbaths, and their eyes were <sup>1</sup>on the idols of their fathers.

25 "And I also gave them statutes that were <sup>a</sup>not good and ordinances by which they could not live;

26 and I pronounced them <sup>a</sup>unclean because of their gifts, in that they <sup>b</sup>caused all <sup>1</sup>their first-born to pass through *the fire* so that I might make them desolate, in order that they might <sup>c</sup>know that I am the LORD."

27 "Therefore, son of man, <sup>a</sup>speak to the house of Israel, and say to them, "Thus says the Lord God, "Yet in this your fathers have <sup>b</sup>blasphemed Me by <sup>c</sup>acting treacherously against Me.

28 "When I had <sup>a</sup>brought them into the land which I swore to give to them, then they saw every <sup>b</sup>high hill and every leafy tree, and they offered there their sacrifices, and there they presented the provocation of their offering. There also they made their soothing aroma, and there they poured out their libations.

29 "Then I said to them, "What is the high place to which you go?" So its name is called <sup>1</sup>Bamah to this day."

30 "Therefore, say to the house of Israel, "Thus says the Lord God, "Will you defile yourselves <sup>1</sup>after the manner of your <sup>a</sup>fathers and play the harlot after their detestable things?

31 "And <sup>1</sup>when you offer your gifts, when you cause your sons to <sup>a</sup>pass through the fire, you are defiling yourselves with all your idols to this day. And shall I be inquired of by you, O house of Israel? As I live," declares the Lord God, "I will not be inquired of by you.

32 "And what comes <sup>1</sup>into your mind will not come about, when you say: 'We will be like the nations, like the tribes of the lands, <sup>a</sup>servicing wood and stone.'

33 "As I live," declares the Lord God, "surely with a mighty

17 <sup>a</sup>Ezek. 11:13; Jer. 4:27; 5:18

18 <sup>1</sup>Lit., sons  
<sup>a</sup>Num. 14:31; Deut. 4:3-6  
<sup>b</sup>Zech. 1:4

19 <sup>1</sup>Lit., do <sup>a</sup>Ex. 6:7; 20:2

21 <sup>1</sup>Lit., said  
<sup>a</sup>Num. 21:5; 25:1-3

22 <sup>a</sup>Ezek. 20:17; Job 13:21; Ps. 78:38 <sup>b</sup>Ezek. 20:9, 14; Is. 48:9-11; Jer. 14:7, 21

23 <sup>a</sup>Lev. 26:33; Deut. 4:27; 28:64

24 <sup>1</sup>Lit., after

25 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 81:12; Is. 66:4; Rom. 1:21-25, 28

26 <sup>1</sup>Lit., that which opens the womb  
<sup>a</sup>Ezek. 20:30; Lev. 18:21; 20:2-5; Is. 63:17; Rom. 11:8  
<sup>b</sup>Jer. 7:31; 19:4-9 <sup>c</sup>Ezek. 20:12, 20; 6:7

27 <sup>a</sup>Ezek. 20:2, 7; 3:4, 11, 27 <sup>b</sup>Num. 15:30; Rom. 2:24  
<sup>c</sup>Ezek. 18:24; 39:23, 26

28 <sup>a</sup>Josh. 23:3, 14; Neh. 9:22-26; Ps. 78:55 <sup>b</sup>Ezek. 6:13; 1 Kin. 14:23; Ps. 78:58; Is. 57:5-7; Jer. 2:7; 3:6

29 <sup>1</sup>Or, High Place

30 <sup>1</sup>Lit., in the way of  
<sup>a</sup>Judg. 2:19; Jer. 7:26; 16:12

31 <sup>1</sup>Lit., in your lifting up  
<sup>a</sup>Ezek. 20:26; 16:20; Ps. 106:37-39; Jer. 7:31

32 <sup>1</sup>Lit., upon your spirit  
<sup>a</sup>Jer. 2:25; 44:17

33 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 51:57

34 <sup>a</sup>Ezek. 20:38; 34:16; Is. 27:12, 13 <sup>b</sup>Jer. 42:18; 44:6; Lam. 2:4

35 <sup>a</sup>Ezek. 20:36; 19:13; Hos. 2:14

36 <sup>a</sup>Ezek. 20:13, 21; Num. 11:1-35; Ps. 106:15; 1 Cor. 10:5-10 <sup>b</sup>Deut. 32:10

37 <sup>a</sup>Lev. 27:32; Jer. 33:13

38 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *ground or soil*  
<sup>a</sup>Ezek. 34:17-22; Amos 9:9, 10; Zech. 13:8, 9; Mal. 3:3; 4:1-3 <sup>b</sup>Ezek. 20:15, 16; 13:9; Num. 14:29, 30; Ps. 95:11; Heb. 4:3

39 <sup>1</sup>Or, *and afterwards, if you will not listen to Me, but*  
<sup>a</sup>Jer. 44:25, 26 <sup>b</sup>Ezek. 23:38, 39; 43:7; Is. 1:13-15

40 <sup>1</sup>Or, *require*  
<sup>a</sup>Ezek. 37:22, 24; Is. 66:23  
<sup>b</sup>Ezek. 43:12, 27; Is. 56:7; 60:7

41 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *With*  
<sup>a</sup>Ezek. 11:17; 28:25; Is. 27:12, 13 <sup>b</sup>Ezek. 28:25; 36:23; Is. 5:16

42 <sup>a</sup>Ezek. 20:6, 15

43 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *faces*  
<sup>a</sup>Ezek. 6:9; 16:61, 63; Hos. 5:15 <sup>b</sup>Ezek. 36:31; Jer. 31:18; Zech. 12:10

45 <sup>1</sup>Chap. 21:1 in Heb.

46 <sup>1</sup>Or, *the South* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *of the field*  
<sup>a</sup>Ezek. 21:4; Jer. 13:19  
<sup>b</sup>Ezek. 21:2; Amos 7:16 <sup>c</sup>Is. 30:6-11

47 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *moist* <sup>2</sup>Or, *all the faces*  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 9:18, 19; Jer. 21:14 <sup>b</sup>Is. 13:8

48 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 7:20; 17:27

49 <sup>a</sup>Ezek. 17:2; Matt. 13:13, 14; John 16:25

hand and with an outstretched arm and with wrath poured out, I shall be <sup>a</sup>king over you.

34 "And I shall <sup>a</sup>bring you out from the peoples and gather you from the lands where you are scattered, with a mighty hand and with an outstretched arm and with <sup>b</sup>wrath poured out;

35 and I shall bring you into the <sup>a</sup>wilderness of the peoples, and there I shall enter into judgment with you face to face.

36 "As I <sup>a</sup>entered into judgment with your fathers in the <sup>b</sup>wilderness of the land of Egypt, so I will enter into judgment with you," declares the Lord God.

37 "And I shall make you <sup>a</sup>pass under the rod, and I shall bring you into the bond of the covenant;

38 and I shall <sup>a</sup>purge from you the rebels and those who transgress against Me; I shall bring them out of the land where they sojourn, but they will <sup>b</sup>not enter the <sup>1</sup>land of Israel. Thus you will know that I am the LORD.

39 "As for you, O house of Israel," thus says the Lord God, "<sup>a</sup>Go, serve every one his idols; <sup>1</sup>but later, you will surely listen to Me, and My holy name you will <sup>b</sup>profane no longer with your gifts and with your idols.

40 "For on My holy mountain, on the high mountain of Israel," declares the Lord God, "there the whole house of Israel, <sup>a</sup>all of them, will serve Me in the land; there I shall <sup>b</sup>accept them, and there I shall <sup>1</sup>seek your contributions and the choicest of your gifts, with all your holy things.

41 "<sup>1</sup>As a soothing aroma I shall accept you, when I <sup>a</sup>bring you out from the peoples and gather you from the lands where you are scattered; and I shall prove Myself <sup>b</sup>holy among you in the sight of the nations.

42 "And you will know that I am the LORD, when I bring you into the land of Israel, into the <sup>a</sup>land which I swore to give to your forefathers.

43 "And there you will <sup>a</sup>remember your ways and all your deeds, with which you have defiled yourselves; and you will <sup>b</sup>loathe yourselves in your own <sup>1</sup>sight for all the evil things that you have done.

44 "Then you will know that I am the LORD when I have dealt with you for My name's sake, not according to your evil ways or according to your corrupt deeds, O house of Israel," declares the Lord God.' "

45 <sup>1</sup>Now the word of the LORD came to me saying,

46 "Son of man, set your face toward <sup>1</sup>Teman, and speak out against the <sup>a</sup>south, and <sup>b</sup>prophesy against the <sup>c</sup>forest <sup>2</sup>land of the Negev,

47 and say to the forest of the Negev, 'Hear the word of the LORD: thus says the Lord God, "Behold, I am about to <sup>a</sup>kindle a fire in you, and it shall consume every <sup>1</sup>green tree in you, as well as every dry tree; the blazing flame will not be quenched, and <sup>2b</sup>the whole surface from south to north will be burned by it.

48 "And all flesh will see that I, the LORD, have kindled it; it shall <sup>a</sup>not be quenched.' "

49 Then I said, "Ah Lord God! They are saying of me, 'Is he not *just* speaking <sup>a</sup>parables? "



CHAPTER 21

<sup>1</sup>AND the word of the LORD came to me saying,  
 2 "Son of man, <sup>a</sup>set your face toward Jerusalem, and <sup>b</sup>speak against the sanctuaries, and prophesy against the land of Israel;

3 and say to the land of Israel, 'Thus says the LORD, 'Behold, <sup>a</sup>I am against you; and I shall draw My sword out of its sheath and cut off from you the <sup>b</sup>brighteous and the wicked.

4 "Because I shall cut off from you the righteous and the wicked, therefore My sword shall go forth from its sheath against <sup>a</sup>all flesh from south to north.

5 "Thus all flesh will know that I, the LORD, have drawn My sword out of its sheath. It will <sup>a</sup>not return to its sheath again."

6 "As for you, son of man, groan with breaking <sup>1</sup>heart and bitter grief, groan in their sight.

7 "And it will come about when they say to you, 'Why do you groan?' that you will say, 'Because of the <sup>a</sup>news that is coming; and <sup>b</sup>every heart will melt, all hands will be feeble, every spirit will <sup>1</sup>faint, and all knees will <sup>2</sup>be weak as water. Behold, it comes and it will happen,' declares the Lord <sup>3</sup>GOD."

8 Again the word of the LORD came to me saying,

9 "Son of man, prophesy and say, 'Thus says the LORD.' Say,

'A sword, a sword sharpened  
 And also polished!

10 'Sharpened to make a <sup>a</sup>slaughter,  
 Polished <sup>1</sup>to flash like lightning!

Or shall we rejoice, the <sup>2</sup>rod of My son <sup>b</sup>despising every tree?

11 "And it is given to be polished, that it may be handled; the sword is sharpened and polished, to give it into the hand of the slayer.

12 "Cry out and wail, son of man; for it is against My people, it is against all the <sup>b</sup>officials of Israel. They are delivered over to the sword with My people, therefore strike your thigh.

13 "For *there* is a testing; and what if even the <sup>1</sup>rod which despises will be no more?" declares the Lord God.

14 "You therefore, son of man, prophesy, and clap your hands together; and let the sword be <sup>a</sup>doubled the third time, the sword for the slain. It is the sword for the great one slain, which <sup>b</sup>surrounds them,

15 that *their* <sup>a</sup>hearts may melt, and <sup>b</sup>many fall at all their <sup>c</sup>gates. I have given the glittering sword. Ah! It is made for striking like lightning, it is wrapped up in readiness for slaughter.

16 "Show yourself sharp, go to the right; set yourself; go to the left, wherever your <sup>2</sup>edge is appointed.

17 "I shall also clap My hands together, and I shall <sup>1a</sup>appease My wrath; I, the LORD, have spoken."

18 And the word of the LORD came to me saying,

19 "As for you, son of man, <sup>1a</sup>make two ways for the sword of the king of Babylon to come; both of them will go out of one land. And <sup>2</sup>make a signpost; <sup>3</sup>make it at the head of the way to the city.

1 <sup>1</sup>Chap. 21:6 in Heb.

2 <sup>1</sup>Lit. drip  
<sup>a</sup>Ezek. 20:46; 25:2; 28:21  
<sup>b</sup>Ezek. 20:46; Job 29:22

3 <sup>a</sup>Ezek. 5:8; Jer. 21:13;  
 Nah. 2:13; 3:5 <sup>b</sup>Is. 57:1

4 <sup>a</sup>Ezek. 7:2; 20:47; Jer. 12:12

5 <sup>a</sup>Ezek. 21:30; 1 Sam. 3:12; Jer. 23:20; Nah. 1:9

6 <sup>1</sup>Lit. loins

7 <sup>1</sup>Lit. be dim <sup>2</sup>Lit. flow  
<sup>3</sup>YHWH, usually rendered LORD, and so throughout the chap.  
<sup>a</sup>Ezek. 7:26 <sup>b</sup>Is. 13:7; Nah. 2:10

10 <sup>1</sup>Lit. lightning to be to her <sup>2</sup>Or, scepter  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 34:5, 6 <sup>b</sup>Ezek. 20:47; Ps. 110:5, 6

12 <sup>a</sup>Ezek. 21:6; Joel 1:13  
<sup>b</sup>Ezek. 21:25; 22:6

13 <sup>1</sup>Or, scepter

14 <sup>a</sup>Lev. 26:21, 24; 2 Kin. 24:1, 10-16; 25:1 <sup>b</sup>1 Kin. 22:25

15 <sup>a</sup>Ezek. 21:7; Josh. 2:11; 2 Sam. 17:10; Ps. 22:2 <sup>b</sup>Is. 59:10; Jer. 13:16; 18:15  
<sup>c</sup>Ezek. 21:19; Jer. 17:27

16 <sup>1</sup>Or, Unite yourself  
<sup>2</sup>Lit., face

17 <sup>1</sup>Lit., cause to rest  
<sup>a</sup>Ezek. 5:13

19 <sup>1</sup>Or, set for yourself  
<sup>2</sup>Lit., cut out a hand <sup>3</sup>Lit., cut it  
<sup>a</sup>Ezek. 4:1-3; Jer. 1:10

20 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *set*  
<sup>a</sup>Ezek. 25:5; Deut. 3:11; Jer. 49:2; Amos 1:14 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 48:12, 13; 125:1, 2

21 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *mother* <sup>2</sup>Heb., *teraphim*; cf. Gen. 31:19; Judg. 18:17, 20  
<sup>a</sup>Num. 22:7; 23:23 <sup>b</sup>Prov. 16:33; 21:1 <sup>c</sup>Gen. 31:19, 30; Judg. 17:5

22 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *in*  
<sup>a</sup>Ezek. 4:2 <sup>b</sup>Ezek. 26:9

23 <sup>a</sup>Ezek. 17:16, 18 <sup>b</sup>Ezek. 21:24; 29:16; Num. 5:15

25 <sup>1</sup>Or, *iniquity*  
<sup>a</sup>Ezek. 7:2, 3, 7; Ps. 37:13

26 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *not this*  
<sup>a</sup>Ezek. 16:12; Jer. 13:18  
<sup>b</sup>Ezek. 17:24; Ps. 75:7

27 <sup>a</sup>Hag. 2:21, 22 <sup>b</sup>Ezek. 34:24; 37:24; Ps. 2:6; 72:7, 10; Jer. 23:5, 6

28 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *to finish*  
<sup>a</sup>Ezek. 36:15; Zeph. 2:8-10  
<sup>b</sup>Is. 31:8; Jer. 12:12; 46:10, 14

29 <sup>1</sup>Or, *iniquity*  
<sup>a</sup>Ezek. 13:6-9; 22:28; Jer. 27:9 <sup>b</sup>Ezek. 21:25; 35:5

30 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 47:6, 7 <sup>b</sup>Ezek. 25:5

31 <sup>1</sup>Or, *artisans of*  
<sup>a</sup>Ezek. 14:19; 25:7; Nah. 1:6  
<sup>b</sup>Ezek. 22:20, 21; Ps. 18:15; Is. 30:33; Hag. 1:9 <sup>c</sup>Jer. 4:7; 6:22, 23; 51:20, 21; Hab. 1:6, 10

32 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *food*  
<sup>a</sup>Ezek. 20:47, 48; Mal. 4:1  
<sup>b</sup>Ezek. 25:10

3 <sup>1</sup>YHWH, usually rendered LORD, and so throughout the chap.  
<sup>a</sup>Ezek. 22:6, 27; 23:37, 45; Zeph. 3:3

4 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *your* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *days*  
<sup>a</sup>Ezek. 24:7, 8; 2 Kin. 21:16  
<sup>b</sup>Ezek. 5:14, 15; 16:57; Ps. 44:13, 14

20 "You shall <sup>1</sup>mark a way for the sword to come to <sup>a</sup>Rabbah of the sons of Ammon, and to Judah into <sup>b</sup>fortified Jerusalem.

21 "For the king of Babylon stands at the <sup>1</sup>parting of the way, at the head of the two ways, to use <sup>a</sup>divination; he <sup>b</sup>shakes the arrows, he consults the <sup>2</sup>household idols, he looks at the liver.

22 "Into his right hand came the divination, 'Jerusalem,' <sup>a</sup>to set battering rams, to open the mouth <sup>1</sup>for slaughter, to lift up the voice with a battle cry, <sup>b</sup>to set battering rams against the gates, to cast up mounds, to build a siege wall.

23 "And it will be to them like a false divination in their eyes; <sup>a</sup>they have *sworn* solemn oaths. But he brings iniquity to <sup>b</sup>remembrance, that they may be seized.

24 "Therefore, thus says the Lord God, 'Because you have made your iniquity to be remembered, in that your transgressions are uncovered, so that in all your deeds your sins appear—because you have come to remembrance, you will be seized with the hand.

25 'And you, O slain, wicked one, the prince of Israel, whose <sup>a</sup>day has come, in the time of the <sup>1</sup>'punishment of the end,'

26 thus says the Lord God, 'Remove the turban, and take off the <sup>a</sup>crown; this will *be* <sup>1</sup>no more the same. <sup>b</sup>Exalt that which is low, and abase that which is high.

27 'A ruin, a ruin, a ruin, I shall <sup>a</sup>make it. This also will be no more, until He comes whose <sup>b</sup>right it is; and I shall give it to *Him*.'

28 "And you, son of man, prophesy and say, 'Thus says the Lord God concerning the sons of Ammon and concerning their <sup>a</sup>reproach,' and say: 'A sword, a sword is drawn, polished for the slaughter, to cause it <sup>1</sup>to <sup>b</sup>consume, that it may be like lightning—

29 while they see for you <sup>a</sup>false visions, while they divine lies for you—to place you on the necks of the wicked who are slain, whose day has come in the <sup>b</sup>time of the <sup>1</sup>'punishment of the end.

30 'Return it to its sheath. In the <sup>b</sup>place where you were created, in the land of your origin, I shall judge you.

31 'And I shall <sup>a</sup>pour out My indignation on you; I shall <sup>b</sup>blow on you with the fire of My wrath, and I shall give you into the hand of brutal men, <sup>1</sup>skilled in destruction.

32 'You will be <sup>1</sup>fuel for the fire; your blood will be in the midst of the land. You will <sup>b</sup>not be remembered, for I, the LORD, have spoken.' "

## CHAPTER 22

THEN the word of the LORD came to me saying,

2 "And you, son of man, will you judge, will you judge the bloody city? Then cause her to know all her abominations.

3 "And you shall say, 'Thus says the Lord <sup>1</sup>GOD, "A city <sup>a</sup>shedding blood in her midst, so that her time will come, and that makes idols, contrary to her *interest*, for defilement!

4 "You have become <sup>a</sup>guilty by <sup>1</sup>the blood which you have shed, and defiled by your idols which you have made. Thus you have brought your <sup>2</sup>day near and have come to your years; therefore I have made you a <sup>b</sup>reproach to the nations, and a mocking to all the lands.

5 "Those who are near and those who are far from you will mock you, you of ill repute, full of <sup>a</sup>turmoil.

6 "Behold, the <sup>a</sup>rulers of Israel, each according to his <sup>1</sup>power, have been in you for the purpose of shedding blood.

7 "They have <sup>a</sup>treated father and mother lightly within you. The alien they have <sup>b</sup>oppressed in your midst; the <sup>c</sup>fatherless and the widow they have wronged in you.

8 "You have despised My <sup>a</sup>holy things and profaned My <sup>b</sup>sabbaths.

9 "Slanderous men have been in you for the purpose of shedding blood, and in you they have eaten at the mountain <sup>a</sup>shrines. In your midst they have <sup>a</sup>committed acts of lewdness.

10 "In you <sup>1</sup>they have <sup>a</sup>uncovered *their* fathers' nakedness; in you they have humbled her who was <sup>b</sup>unclean in her menstrual impurity.

11 "And one has committed abomination with his <sup>a</sup>neighbor's wife, and another has lewdly defiled his <sup>b</sup>daughter-in-law. And another in you has <sup>c</sup>humbled his sister, his father's daughter.

12 "In you they have <sup>a</sup>taken bribes to shed blood; you have taken <sup>b</sup>interest and profits, and you have injured your neighbors for gain by <sup>c</sup>oppression, and you have <sup>d</sup>forgotten Me," declares the Lord God.

13 "Behold, then, I smite My hand at your <sup>a</sup>dishonest gain which you have acquired and at <sup>1</sup>the bloodshed which is among you.

14 "Can your heart endure, or can your hands be strong, in the days that I shall deal with you? I, the LORD, have spoken and shall act.

15 "And I shall <sup>a</sup>scatter you among the nations, and I shall disperse you through the lands, and I shall <sup>b</sup>consume your uncleanness from you.

16 "And you will profane yourself in the sight of the nations, and you will <sup>a</sup>know that I am the LORD." "

17 And the word of the LORD came to me saying,

18 "Son of man, the house of Israel has become <sup>a</sup>dross to Me; all of them are <sup>b</sup>bronze and tin and iron and lead in the <sup>c</sup>furnace; they are the dross of silver.

19 "Therefore, thus says the Lord God, 'Because all of you have become dross, therefore, behold, I am going to gather you into the midst of Jerusalem.

20 'As they gather silver and bronze and iron and lead and tin into the <sup>a</sup>furnace to blow fire on it in order to melt *it*, so I shall gather *you* in My anger and in My wrath, and I shall lay you *there* and melt you.

21 'And I shall gather you and blow on you with the fire of My wrath, and you will be melted in the midst of it.

22 'As silver is melted in the furnace, so you will be melted in the midst of it; and you will know that I, the LORD, have <sup>a</sup>poured out My wrath on you.'

23 And the word of the LORD came to me saying,

24 "Son of man, say to her, 'You are a land that is <sup>a</sup>not cleansed or rained on in the day of indignation.'

5 <sup>a</sup>Is. 22:2

6 <sup>1</sup>Lit. *arm*  
<sup>a</sup>Ezek. 22:27; Is. 1:23

7 <sup>a</sup>Lev. 20:9; Deut. 27:16  
<sup>b</sup>Ex. 23:9; Jer. 7:6; Zech. 7:10  
<sup>c</sup>Ezek. 22:25; Ex. 22:22; Mal. 3:5

8 <sup>a</sup>Ezek. 22:26 <sup>b</sup>Ezek. 20:13, 21, 24; 23:38, 39

9 <sup>a</sup>Ezek. 23:29; Hos. 4:2, 10, 14

10 <sup>1</sup>Lit. *he has*  
<sup>a</sup>Lev. 18:8 <sup>b</sup>Ezek. 18:6; Lev. 18:19

11 <sup>a</sup>Ezek. 18:11; 33:26  
<sup>b</sup>Lev. 18:15 <sup>c</sup>2 Sam. 13:14

12 <sup>a</sup>Deut. 27:25; Mic. 7: 2,  
<sup>3</sup> <sup>b</sup>Lev. 25:36 <sup>c</sup>Lev. 19:13  
<sup>d</sup>Ezek. 23:35; Ps. 106:21

13 <sup>1</sup>Lit. *your*  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 33:15; Amos 2:6-8; Mic. 2:2

15 <sup>a</sup>Ezek. 20:23; Deut. 4:27; Neh. 1:8; Zech. 7:14  
<sup>b</sup>Ezek. 23:27, 48

16 <sup>a</sup>Ezek. 6:7; Ps. 83:18

18 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 119:119; Is. 1:22; Lam. 4:1  
<sup>b</sup>Jer. 6:28-30  
<sup>c</sup>Prov. 17:3; Is. 48:10

20 <sup>a</sup>Is. 1:25

22 <sup>a</sup>Ezek. 20:8, 33; Hos. 5:10

24 <sup>a</sup>Ezek. 24:13; 2 Chr. 28:22; Is. 9:13; Jer. 2:30; Zeph. 3:2

**The Leaders and People Provoke God.  
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**Ezekiel 22, 23**

25 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 11:9; Hos. 6:9  
<sup>b</sup>Ezek. 22:27; 13:19; Jer.  
2:34 <sup>c</sup>Ezek. 22:7; Jer. 15:8

26 <sup>a</sup>Ezek. 7:26; Jer. 2:8, 26  
<sup>b</sup>Ezek. 22:8; 1 Sam. 2:12-17,  
22 <sup>c</sup>Ezek. 44:23; Lev. 10:10  
<sup>d</sup>Hag. 2:11-14

27 <sup>a</sup>Ezek. 22:25 <sup>b</sup>Ezek.  
22:13

28 <sup>a</sup>Ezek. 13:6; Jer. 23:25-  
32

29 <sup>a</sup>Ezek. 22:7; 9:9; Is. 5:7;  
Amos 3:10 <sup>b</sup>Ex. 23:9

30 <sup>1</sup>Lit., not  
<sup>1s</sup>Is. 59:16; 63:5; Jer. 5:1  
<sup>b</sup>Ezek. 13:5 <sup>c</sup>Ps. 106:23; Jer.  
15:1

31 <sup>a</sup>Ezek. 22:20; Is. 10:5;  
13:5; 30:27 <sup>b</sup>Ezek. 7:3, 8, 9;  
9:10; 16:43; Rom. 2:8, 9

3 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 3:9

5 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *under Me*  
<sup>a</sup>Ezek. 16:28; 2 Kin. 15:19;  
16:7; 17:3; Hos. 5:13; 8:9;  
10

6 <sup>a</sup>Ezek. 23:12, 13

7 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *sons of Asshur*  
<sup>a</sup>Ezek. 20:7; 22:3, 4; Hos.  
5:3; 6:10

8 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *they* <sup>2</sup>Lit.,  
*harlotry*  
<sup>a</sup>Ezek. 23:3, 19; Ex. 32:4;  
1 Kin. 12:28; 2 Kin. 10:29;  
17:16

9 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *sons of Asshur*  
<sup>a</sup>Ezek. 23:22; 16:37

10 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *name*

11 <sup>a</sup>Ezek. 16:51; Jer. 3:8;  
11

25 "There is a <sup>a</sup>conspiracy of her prophets in her midst, like a roaring lion tearing the prey. They have <sup>b</sup>devoured lives; they have taken treasure and precious things; they have made many <sup>c</sup>widows in the midst of her.

26 "Her <sup>a</sup>priests have done violence to My law and have <sup>b</sup>profaned My holy things; they have made no <sup>c</sup>distinction between the holy and the profane, and they have not taught the difference between the <sup>d</sup>unclean and the clean; and they hide their eyes from My sabbaths, and I am profaned among them.

27 "Her princes within her are like wolves tearing the prey, by shedding blood *and* <sup>a</sup>destroying lives in order to get <sup>b</sup>dishonest gain.

28 "And her prophets have smeared whitewash for them, seeing <sup>a</sup>false visions and divining lies for them, saying, "Thus says the LORD GOD," when the LORD has not spoken.

29 "The people of the land have practiced <sup>a</sup>oppression and committed robbery, and they have wronged the poor and needy and have <sup>b</sup>oppressed the sojourner without justice.

30 "And I <sup>a</sup>searched for a man among them who should <sup>b</sup>build up the wall and <sup>c</sup>stand in the gap before Me for the land, that I should not destroy it; but I found <sup>1</sup>no one.

31 "Thus I have poured out My <sup>a</sup>indignation on them; I have consumed them with the fire of My wrath; <sup>b</sup>their way I have brought upon their heads," declares the Lord God.

CHAPTER 23

THE word of the LORD came to me again saying,

2 "Son of man, there were two women, the daughters of one mother;

3 and they played the harlot in Egypt. They <sup>a</sup>played the harlot in their youth; there their breasts were pressed, and there their virgin bosom was handled.

4 "And their names were Oholah the elder and Oholibah her sister. And they became Mine, and they bore sons and daughters. And *as for* their names, Samaria is Oholah, and Jerusalem is Oholibah.

5 "And Oholah played the harlot <sup>1</sup>while she was Mine; and she lusted after her lovers, after the <sup>a</sup>Assyrians, *her* neighbors,

6 who were clothed in purple, <sup>a</sup>governors and officials, all of them desirable young men, horsemen riding on horses.

7 "And she bestowed her harlotries on them, all of whom *were* the choicest <sup>1</sup>men of Assyria; and with all whom she lusted after, with all their idols she <sup>a</sup>defiled herself.

8 "And she did not forsake her harlotries <sup>a</sup>from the time in Egypt; for in her youth <sup>1</sup>men had lain with her, and they handled her virgin bosom and poured out their <sup>2</sup>lust on her.

9 "Therefore, I gave her into the hand of her <sup>a</sup>lovers, into the hand of the <sup>1</sup>Assyrians, after whom she lusted.

10 "They uncovered her nakedness; they took her sons and her daughters, but they slew her with the sword. Thus she became a <sup>1</sup>byword among women, and they executed judgments on her.

11 "Now her sister Oholibah saw *this*, yet she was <sup>a</sup>more

corrupt in her lust than she, and her harlotries were more than the harlotries of her sister.

12 "She lusted after the <sup>1</sup>Assyrians, governors and officials, the ones near, magnificently dressed, horsemen riding on horses, all of them desirable young men.

13 "And I saw that she had defiled herself; they both took <sup>1</sup>the same way.

14 "So she increased her harlotries. And she saw men <sup>a</sup>portrayed on the wall, images of the <sup>b</sup>Chaldeans portrayed with vermilion,

15 girded with belts on their loins, with flowing turbans on their heads, all of them looking like officers, <sup>1</sup>like the <sup>2</sup>Babylonians in Chaldea, the land of their birth.

16 "And <sup>1</sup>when she saw them she <sup>a</sup>lusted after them and sent messengers to them in Chaldea.

17 "And the <sup>1a</sup>Babylonians came to her to the bed of love, and they defiled her with their harlotry. And when she had been defiled by them, <sup>2</sup>she became disgusted with them.

18 "And she uncovered her harlotries and <sup>a</sup>uncovered her nakedness; then <sup>1</sup>I became <sup>b</sup>disgusted with her, as <sup>1</sup>I had become disgusted with her <sup>c</sup>sister.

19 "Yet she multiplied her harlotries, remembering the days of her youth, when she played the harlot in the land of Egypt.

20 "And she <sup>a</sup>lusted after their paramours, whose flesh is *like* the flesh of donkeys and whose issue is *like* the issue of horses.

21 "Thus you longed for the <sup>a</sup>lewdness of your youth, when <sup>1</sup>the Egyptians handled your bosom because of the breasts of your youth.

22 "Therefore, O Oholibah, thus says the Lord <sup>1</sup>God, 'Behold I will arouse your lovers against you, from whom <sup>2</sup>you were alienated, and I will bring them against you from every side:

23 the <sup>1a</sup>Babylonians and all the <sup>b</sup>Chaldeans, <sup>c</sup>Pekod and Shoa and Koa, and all the <sup>2d</sup>Assyrians with them; desirable young men, governors and officials all of them, officers and <sup>3</sup>men of renown, all of them riding on horses.

24 'And they will come against you with weapons, <sup>a</sup>chariots, and <sup>1</sup>wagons, and with a company of peoples. They will set themselves against you on every side with buckler and shield and helmet; and I shall commit the <sup>b</sup>judgment to them, and they will judge you according to their customs.

25 'And I will set My <sup>a</sup>jealousy against you, that they may deal with you in wrath. They will remove your nose and your ears; and your <sup>1</sup>survivors will fall by the sword. They will take your <sup>b</sup>sons and your daughters; and your <sup>1</sup>survivors will be consumed by the fire.

26 "They will also <sup>a</sup>strip you of your clothes and take away your <sup>b</sup>beautiful jewels.

27 "Thus I shall make your lewdness and your harlotry brought from the land of Egypt to cease from you, so that you will not lift up your eyes to them or remember Egypt any more.'

28 "For thus says the Lord God, 'Behold, I will give you into the hand of those whom you <sup>a</sup>hate, into the hand of those from whom <sup>1</sup>you were alienated.

29 'And they will <sup>a</sup>deal with you in hatred, take all your

12 <sup>1</sup>Lit., sons of Ashur

13 <sup>1</sup>Lit., one

14 <sup>a</sup>Ezek. 8:10 <sup>b</sup>Ezek. 16:29

15 <sup>1</sup>Lit., the likeness of <sup>2</sup>Lit., sons of Babel

16 <sup>1</sup>Lit., at the sight of her eyes <sup>a</sup>Ezek. 23:20; Matt. 5:28

17 <sup>1</sup>Lit., sons of Babel <sup>2</sup>Lit., her soul <sup>a</sup>2 Kin. 24:17

18 <sup>1</sup>Lit., My soul <sup>a</sup>Ezek. 23:10; 21:24; Jer. 8:12 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 78:59; 106:40; Jer. 12:8 <sup>c</sup>Ezek. 23:9; Amos 5:21

20 <sup>a</sup>Ezek. 16:26; 17:15

21 <sup>1</sup>So two mss. M.T., from Egypt <sup>a</sup>Ezek. 23:3; Jer. 3:9

22 <sup>1</sup>YHWH, usually rendered LORD, and so throughout the chap. <sup>2</sup>Lit., your soul was alienated

23 <sup>1</sup>Lit., sons of Babylon <sup>2</sup>Lit., sons of Assyria <sup>3</sup>Lit., the called ones <sup>a</sup>Ezek. 23:14-17; 21:19; 2 Kin. 20:14-17 <sup>b</sup>2 Kin. 24:2; Job 1:17; Is. 23:13 <sup>c</sup>Jer. 50:21 <sup>d</sup>Gen. 2:14; 25:18; Ezra 6:22

24 <sup>1</sup>Lit., whegls <sup>a</sup>Ezek. 26:10; Jer. 47:3; Nah. 2:3, 4 <sup>b</sup>Ezek. 23:45; 16:38; Jer. 39:5, 6

25 <sup>1</sup>Lit., remainder <sup>a</sup>Ezek. 5:13; 8:17, 18; Ezek. 34:14; Zeph. 1:8 <sup>b</sup>Ezek. 23:47; Hos. 2:4

26 <sup>a</sup>Ezek. 23:29; 16:39; Jer. 13:22 <sup>b</sup>Is. 3:18-23

28 <sup>1</sup>Lit., your soul was alienated <sup>a</sup>Ezek. 23:17, 22; 16:37; Jer. 21:7-10; 34:20

29 <sup>a</sup>Ezek. 23:25, 26, 45-47; Deut. 28:48

31 <sup>a</sup>Ezek. 23:33; 2 Kin. 21:13; Jer. 7:14, 15

32 <sup>1</sup>Or, *It will be for jesting and deriding because of its great size*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 60:3; Is. 51:17; Jer. 25:15  
<sup>b</sup>Ezek. 5:14, 15; 16:57; 22:4, 5

33 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 25:15, 16, 27; Hab. 2:16

34 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 75:8; Is. 51:17

35 <sup>a</sup>Ezek. 22:12; Is. 17:10; Jer. 3:21; Hos. 8:14; 13:6  
<sup>b</sup>1 Kin. 14:9; Jer. 2:27; 32:33

36 <sup>a</sup>Ezek. 20:4; 22:2; Jer. 1:10  
<sup>b</sup>Ezek. 16:2; Is. 58:1; Mic. 3:8

37 <sup>1</sup>i.e., idols

38 <sup>a</sup>Ezek. 5:11; 7:20; 2 Kin. 21:4, 7  
<sup>b</sup>Ezek. 20:13, 24; Jer. 17:27

39 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 7:9-11

40 <sup>1</sup>Or, you (women)  
<sup>a</sup>2 Kin. 9:30; Jer. 4:30  
<sup>b</sup>Ezek. 16:13-16; Is. 3:18-23

41 <sup>a</sup>Esth. 1:6; Is. 57:7; Amos 6:4  
<sup>b</sup>Ezek. 44:16; Is. 65:11  
<sup>c</sup>Jer. 44:17; Hos. 2:8

42 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *at ease*  
<sup>2</sup>Lit., *multitude of mankind*  
<sup>3</sup>Lit., *their hands*  
<sup>a</sup>Ezek. 16:49; Amos 6:3-6  
<sup>b</sup>Jer. 51:7  
<sup>c</sup>Ezek. 16:11, 12; Gen. 24:30

43 <sup>1</sup>Or, *Now they will commit adultery with her, and she with them.*  
<sup>a</sup>Ezek. 23:3; Ezra 9:7; Ps. 106:6

44 <sup>1</sup>Or, *And*

property, and leave you naked and bare. And the nakedness of your harlotries shall be uncovered, both your lewdness and your harlotries.

30 'These things will be done to you because you have played the harlot with the nations, because you have defiled yourself with their idols.

31 'You have walked in the way of your sister; therefore I will give <sup>a</sup>her cup into your hand.'

32 "Thus says the Lord God,

'You will <sup>a</sup>drink your sister's cup,  
Which is deep and *wide*.

<sup>1</sup>You will be <sup>b</sup>laughed at and held in derision;  
It contains much.

33 'You will be filled with <sup>a</sup>drunkenness and sorrow,  
The cup of horror and desolation,  
The cup of your sister Samaria.

34 'And you will <sup>a</sup>drink it and drain it.  
Then you will gnaw its fragments  
And tear your breasts;

for I have spoken,' declares the Lord God.

35 "Therefore, thus says the Lord God, 'Because you have <sup>a</sup>forgotten Me and <sup>b</sup>cast Me behind your back, bear now the *punishment* of your lewdness and your harlotries.'

36 Moreover, the LORD said to me, "Son of man, will you <sup>a</sup>judge Oholah and Oholibah? Then <sup>b</sup>declare to them their abominations.

37 "For they have committed adultery, and blood is on their hands. Thus they have committed adultery with their idols and even caused their sons, whom they bore to Me, to pass through *the fire* to <sup>1</sup>them as food.

38 "Again, they have done this to Me: they have <sup>a</sup>defiled My sanctuary on the same day and have profaned My <sup>b</sup>sabbaths.

39 "For when they had slaughtered their children for their idols, they entered My <sup>a</sup>sanctuary on the same day to profane it; and lo, thus they did within My house.

40 "Furthermore, <sup>1</sup>they have even sent for men who come from afar, to whom a messenger was sent; and lo, they came—for whom you bathed, <sup>a</sup>painted your eyes, and <sup>b</sup>decorated yourselves with ornaments;

41 and you sat on a splendid <sup>a</sup>couch with a <sup>b</sup>table arranged before it, on which you had set My <sup>c</sup>incense and My <sup>c</sup>oil.

42 "And the sound of a <sup>1</sup>carefree multitude was with her; and <sup>b</sup>drunkards were brought from the wilderness with men of the <sup>2</sup>common sort. And they put <sup>c</sup>bracelets on <sup>3</sup>the hands of the women and beautiful crowns on their heads.

43 "Then I said concerning her who was <sup>a</sup>worn out by adulteries, '<sup>1</sup>Will they now commit adultery with her when she is *thus*?'

44 "<sup>1</sup>But they went in to her as they would go in to a harlot. Thus they went in to Oholah and to Oholibah, the lewd women.

45 "But they, righteous men, will judge them with the judgment of adulteresses, and with the judgment of women who shed blood, because they are adulteresses and blood is on their hands.

46 "For thus says the Lord God, 'Bring up a company against them, and give them over to <sup>a</sup>terror and plunder.

47 'And the company will <sup>a</sup>stone them with stones and cut them down with their swords; they will slay their sons and their daughters and <sup>b</sup>burn their houses with fire.

48 'Thus I shall make lewdness cease from the land, that all women may be admonished and not commit <sup>1</sup>lewdness as you have done.

49 'And your lewdness <sup>1</sup>will be <sup>a</sup>requited upon you, and you will bear *the penalty of worshipping* your idols; thus you will know that I am the Lord God."

CHAPTER 24

AND the word of the LORD came to me in the ninth year, in the tenth month, on the tenth of the month, saying,

2 "Son of man, write the name of the day, this very day. The king of Babylon <sup>1</sup>has <sup>a</sup>laid siege to Jerusalem this very day.

3 "And speak a <sup>a</sup>parable to the <sup>b</sup>rebellious house, and say to them, 'Thus says the Lord <sup>1</sup>GOD,

4 "Put on the <sup>c</sup>pot, put it on, and also pour water in it;  
<sup>1a</sup>Put in it the pieces,  
 Every good piece, the thigh, and the shoulder;  
 Fill it with choice bones.

5 "Take the <sup>a</sup>choicest of the flock,  
 And also pile <sup>1</sup>wood under <sup>2</sup>the pot.  
 Make it boil vigorously.  
 Also seethe its bones in it."

6 "Therefore, thus says the Lord GOD,  
 "Woe to the <sup>a</sup>bloody city,  
 To the pot in which there is rust  
 And whose rust has not gone out of it!  
 Take out of it piece after piece,  
<sup>1</sup>Without making a choice.

7 "For her blood is in her midst;  
 She placed it on the bare rock;  
 She did not <sup>a</sup>pour it on the ground  
 To cover it with dust.

8 "That it may <sup>a</sup>cause wrath to come up to take vengeance,  
 I have put her blood on the bare rock,  
 That it may <sup>b</sup>not be covered."

9 "Therefore, thus says the Lord GOD,  
 "<sup>a</sup>Woe to the bloody city!  
 I also shall make the pile great.

10 "Heap on the wood, kindle the fire,  
<sup>1</sup>Boil the flesh well,  
 And mix in the spices,  
 And let the bones be burned.

11 "Then <sup>a</sup>set it empty on its coals,  
 So that it may be hot,  
 And its bronze may <sup>1</sup>glow,  
 And its <sup>b</sup>filthiness may be melted in it,  
 Its rust consumed.

46 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 15:4; 24:9; 29:18

47 <sup>a</sup>Ezek. 16:40; Lev. 20:10 <sup>b</sup>Jer. 39:8

48 <sup>1</sup>Lit., according to your lewdness

49 <sup>1</sup>Lit., they will give <sup>a</sup>Ezek. 23:35; 7:4, 9; 9:10; Is. 59:18

2 <sup>1</sup>Lit., leaned on <sup>2</sup>Kin. 25:1; Jer. 39:1; 52:4

3 <sup>1</sup>YHWH, usually rendered LORD, and so throughout the chap. <sup>a</sup>Ezek. 17:2; 20:49; Ps. 78:2 <sup>b</sup>Ezek. 2:3, 6, 8; Is. 1:2; 30:1, 9 <sup>c</sup>Ezek. 24:6; 11:3, 7, 11; Jer. 1:13, 14

4 <sup>1</sup>Lit., Gather her pieces <sup>a</sup>Ezek. 22:19-22; Mic. 3:2,3

5 <sup>1</sup>Lit., bones <sup>2</sup>Lit., it <sup>a</sup>Jer. 39:6; 52:10, 24-27

6 <sup>1</sup>Lit., No lot has fallen on it <sup>a</sup>Ezek. 22:2, 3, 27; 2 Kin. 24:3, 4; Mic. 7:2; Nah. 3:1

7 <sup>a</sup>Lev. 17:13; Deut. 12:16

8 <sup>a</sup>Is. 26:21 <sup>b</sup>Jer. 22:8, 9

9 <sup>a</sup>Ezek. 24:6; Hab. 2:12

10 <sup>1</sup>Lit., Complete

11 <sup>1</sup>Lit., become hot <sup>a</sup>Jer. 21:10; Mal. 4:1 <sup>b</sup>Ezek. 22:15; 23:27

12 \*Jer. 9:5

13 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *caused to rest*  
\*Ezek. 22:24; Is. 5:4; 9:13;  
Jer. 6:28-30 \*Ezek. 5:13;  
8:18

14 <sup>1</sup>So with several  
ancient mss. and versions;  
M.T., *they*  
\*Ps. 33:9; Is. 55:11 \*Ezek.  
9:10; Jer. 13:14 \*Ezek.  
18:30; 36:19; Is. 3:11

16 \*Ezek. 24:18; Song of  
Sol. 7:10 \*Job 23:2 \*Jer.  
16:5; 22:10 \*Jer. 13:17

17 \*Lev. 21:10-12 \*Jer.  
16:7; Hos. 9:4

21 \*Ezek. 24:16; Ps. 27:4;  
84:1 \*Ezek. 23:25, 47; Jer.  
6:11; 16:3, 4

23 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *a man to his  
brother*

24 \*Ezek. 4:3; Hos. 1:2;  
3:1; Luke 11:29, 30

25 <sup>1</sup>Or, *beauty* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *the  
lifting up of their soul*  
\*Ezek. 24:21; Ps. 48:2; 50:2

26 <sup>1</sup>Sam. 4:12; Job 1:15-  
19

27 \*Ezek. 3:26; 33:22

12 "She has <sup>a</sup>wearied *Me* with toil,  
Yet her great rust has not gone from her;  
*Let* her rust *be* in the fire!

13 "In your filthiness is lewdness.  
Because I *would* have cleansed you,  
Yet you are <sup>a</sup>not clean,  
You will not be cleansed from your filthiness again,  
Until I have <sup>1b</sup>spent My wrath on you.

14 "I, the LORD, have spoken; it is <sup>a</sup>coming and I shall act.  
I shall not relent, and I shall not <sup>b</sup>pity, and I shall not be sorry;  
<sup>c</sup>according to your ways and according to your deeds <sup>1</sup>I shall  
judge you," declares the Lord God."

15 And the word of the LORD came to me saying,

16 "Son of man, behold, I am about to take from you the  
<sup>a</sup>desire of your eyes with a <sup>b</sup>blow; but you shall not <sup>c</sup>mourn, and  
you shall not weep, and your <sup>d</sup>tears shall not come.

17 "Groan silently; make <sup>a</sup>no mourning for the dead. Bind  
on your turban, and put your shoes on your feet, and do not  
cover your mustache, and do not <sup>b</sup>eat the bread of men."

18 So I spoke to the people in the morning, and in the  
evening my wife died. And in the morning I did as I was  
commanded.

19 And the people said to me, "Will you not tell us what  
these things that you are doing mean for us?"

20 Then I said to them, "The word of the LORD came to  
me saying,

21 "Speak to the house of Israel, "Thus says the Lord God,  
'Behold, I am about to profane My sanctuary, the pride of your  
power, the <sup>a</sup>desire of your eyes, and the delight of your soul; and  
your <sup>b</sup>sons and your daughters whom you have left behind will  
fall by the sword.

22 'And you will do as I have done; you will not cover *your*  
mustache, and you will not eat the bread of men.

23 'And your turbans will be on your heads and your shoes  
on your feet. You will not mourn, and you will not weep; but  
you will rot away in your iniquities, and you will groan <sup>1</sup>to one  
another.

24 "Thus Ezekiel will be a <sup>a</sup>sign to you; according to all that  
he has done you will do; when it comes, then you will know that  
I am the Lord God.' "

25 'As for you, son of man, will *it* not be on the day when  
I take from them their <sup>a</sup>stronghold, the joy of their <sup>1</sup>pride, the  
desire of their eyes, and <sup>2</sup>their heart's delight, their sons and  
their daughters,

26 that on that day he who <sup>a</sup>escapes will come to you with  
information for *your* ears?

27 'On that day your <sup>a</sup>mouth will be opened to him who  
escaped, and you will speak and be dumb no longer. Thus you  
will be a sign to them, and they will know that I am the LORD.' "

CHAPTER 25

AND the word of the LORD came to me saying,

2 "Son of man, set your face toward the sons of Ammon,  
and prophesy against them,

3 and say to the sons of Ammon, 'Hear the word of the



**Prophecies against Ammon and Moab.  
Prophecy against Edom and Phillistia.**

**Ezekiel 25, 26**

Lord <sup>1</sup>God! Thus says the Lord God, "Because you said, 'Aha!' against My sanctuary when it was profaned, and against the land of Israel when it was made desolate, and against the house of Judah when they went into exile,

<sup>4</sup> therefore, behold, I am going to give you to the <sup>a</sup>sons of the east for a possession, and they will set their encampments among you and make their dwellings among you; they will <sup>b</sup>beat your fruit and drink your milk.

<sup>5</sup> "And I shall make <sup>a</sup>Rabbah a pasture for camels and the sons of Ammon a resting place for flocks. Thus you will know that I am the LORD."

<sup>6</sup> 'For thus says the Lord God, "Because you have <sup>a</sup>clapped your hands and stamped your feet and <sup>b</sup>rejoiced with all the scorn of your soul against the land of Israel,

<sup>7</sup> therefore, behold, I have <sup>a</sup>stretched out My hand against you, and I shall give you for <sup>b</sup>spoils to the nations. And I shall <sup>c</sup>cut you off from the peoples and <sup>d</sup>make you perish from the lands; I shall destroy you. Thus you will <sup>e</sup>know that I am the LORD."

<sup>8</sup> 'Thus says the Lord God, "Because Moab and Seir say, 'Behold, the house of Judah is like all the nations,'

<sup>9</sup> therefore, behold, I am going to <sup>1</sup>deprive the flank of Moab of its cities, of its cities which are on its <sup>2</sup>frontiers, the glory of the land, <sup>a</sup>Beth-jeshimoth, <sup>b</sup>Baal-meon, and <sup>c</sup>Kiriathaim,

<sup>10</sup> and I will give it for a possession, along with the sons of Ammon, to the <sup>a</sup>sons of the east, that the sons of Ammon may not be remembered among the nations.

<sup>11</sup> "Thus I will execute judgments on Moab, and they will know that I am the LORD."

<sup>12</sup> 'Thus says the Lord God, "Because Edom has acted against the house of Judah by taking vengeance, and has incurred grievous guilt, and avenged themselves upon them,"

<sup>13</sup> therefore, thus says the Lord God, "I will also stretch out My <sup>a</sup>hand against Edom and <sup>b</sup>cut off man and beast from it. And I will lay it waste; from <sup>c</sup>Teman even to <sup>d</sup>Dedan they will fall by the sword.

<sup>14</sup> "And I will lay My vengeance on Edom by the hand of My people Israel. Therefore, they will act in Edom according to My <sup>a</sup>anger and according to My wrath; thus they will know My vengeance," declares the Lord God.

<sup>15</sup> 'Thus says the Lord God, "Because the Philistines have acted in <sup>a</sup>revenge and have taken vengeance with scorn of soul to destroy with everlasting enmity,"

<sup>16</sup> therefore, thus says the Lord God, "Behold, I will <sup>a</sup>stretch out My hand against the Philistines, even cut off the <sup>b</sup>Cherethites and destroy the remnant of the seacoast.

<sup>17</sup> "And I will execute great vengeance on them with wrathful rebukes; and they will know that I am the LORD when I lay My vengeance on them." ' "

<sup>3</sup> <sup>1</sup>YHWH, usually rendered Lord, and so throughout the chap. <sup>a</sup>Ezek. 25:6; 21:28; 26:2; 36:2; Ps. 70:2, 3

<sup>4</sup> <sup>a</sup>Judg. 6:3, 33; 1 Kin. 4:30 <sup>b</sup>Deut. 28:33, 51; Is. 1:7

<sup>5</sup> <sup>a</sup>Ezek. 21:20; Deut. 3:11; 2 Sam. 12:26; Jer. 49:2

<sup>6</sup> <sup>a</sup>Job 27:23; Nah. 3:19 <sup>b</sup>Zeph. 2:8, 10; Obad. 12

<sup>7</sup> <sup>a</sup>Ezek. 24:13, 16; Zeph. 1:4 <sup>b</sup>Ezek. 26:5; Is. 33:4 <sup>c</sup>Ezek. 21:32 <sup>d</sup>Amos 1:14, 15 <sup>e</sup>Ezek. 6:14

<sup>9</sup> <sup>1</sup>Lit., open <sup>2</sup>Lit., end <sup>a</sup>Num. 33:49; Josh. 12:3; 13:20 <sup>b</sup>Num. 32:3, 38; Josh. 13:17; 1 Chr. 5:8; Jer. 48:23 <sup>c</sup>Num. 32:37; Josh. 13:19; Jer. 48:1, 23

<sup>10</sup> <sup>a</sup>Ezek. 24:4

<sup>13</sup> <sup>a</sup>Jer. 49:8, 13 <sup>b</sup>Ezek. 29:8; Mal. 1:3-4 <sup>c</sup>Gen. 36:34; Jer. 49:7; Amos 1:12 <sup>d</sup>Jer. 25:23; 49:8

<sup>14</sup> <sup>a</sup>Ezek. 35:11

<sup>15</sup> <sup>a</sup>Ezek. 25:6, 12; Is. 14:29-31; Joel 3:4

<sup>16</sup> <sup>a</sup>Jer. 25:20; 47:1-7 <sup>b</sup>1 Sam. 30:14; Zeph. 2:5

**CHAPTER 26**

**N**OW it came about in the eleventh year, on the first of the month, that the word of the LORD came to me saying,

2 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *turned*  
<sup>2</sup>Sam. 5:11; Is. 23:1; Jer. 25:22 <sup>b</sup>Is. 62:10 <sup>c</sup>Ezek. 25:8; 35:10

3 <sup>1</sup>YHWH, usually rendered **LORD**, and so throughout the chap.  
<sup>a</sup>Mic. 4:11 <sup>b</sup>Is. 5:30; Jer. 50:42; 51:42

4 <sup>a</sup>Ezek. 26:9; Is. 23:11; Amos 1:10

5 <sup>a</sup>Ezek. 25:7; 29:19

6 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *in the field*  
<sup>a</sup>Ezek. 26:8; 16:46, 53; Jer. 47:4; 49:2

7 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *an assembly, even many people*  
<sup>a</sup>Ezra 7:12; Is. 10:8; Jer. 52:32; Dan. 2:37, 47 <sup>b</sup>Ezek. 23:24; Nah. 2:3, 4

8 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *in the field*  
<sup>a</sup>Ezek. 21:22; Jer. 52:4 <sup>b</sup>Jer. 6:6; 32:24

9 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *swords*

10 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *wheels*  
<sup>a</sup>Jer. 4:13; 47:3 <sup>b</sup>Ezek. 26:15; 27:28 <sup>c</sup>Jer. 39:3

11 <sup>a</sup>Is. 5:28; Hab. 1:8 <sup>b</sup>Is. 26:5; Jer. 43:13

12 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *put*  
<sup>a</sup>Ezek. 27:3-27; Is. 23:8, 18; Zech. 9:3 <sup>b</sup>Jer. 52:14  
<sup>c</sup>Chr. 32:27; Amos 5:11  
<sup>d</sup>Ezek. 27:27, 32, 34; 28:8

13 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *cause to cease*  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 23:16; 24:8, 9; Amos 6:5 <sup>b</sup>Is. 5:12

14 <sup>a</sup>Deut. 13:16; Job 12:14; Mal. 1:4 <sup>b</sup>Is. 14:27

15 <sup>a</sup>Ezek. 26:18; 27:35  
<sup>b</sup>Ezek. 31:16; Jer. 49:21

16 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *tremblings*  
<sup>a</sup>Jon. 3:6 <sup>b</sup>Ezek. 7:27; Job 8:22; Ps. 35:26; 1 Pet. 3:4; 5:5 <sup>c</sup>Ezek. 32:10; Hos. 11:10

17 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *put* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *their*  
<sup>a</sup>Ezek. 19:1, 14; 27:2, 32; 32:2, 16 <sup>b</sup>Is. 14:12; Jer. 48:39; 50:23 <sup>c</sup>Ezek. 27:3, 10, 11; 28:2

2 "Son of man, because <sup>a</sup>Tyre has said concerning Jerusalem, 'Aha, the <sup>b</sup>gateway of the peoples is broken; it has <sup>1</sup>opened to me. I shall be filled, *now that* she is laid waste,'

3 therefore, thus says the Lord <sup>1</sup>God, 'Behold, I am against you, O Tyre, and I will bring up <sup>a</sup>many nations against you, as the <sup>b</sup>sea brings up its waves.

4 'And they will destroy the <sup>a</sup>walls of Tyre and break down her towers; and I will scrape her debris from her and make her a bare rock.

5 'She will be a place for the spreading of nets in the midst of the sea, for I have spoken,' declares the Lord God, 'and she will become <sup>a</sup>spoil for the nations.

6 'Also her <sup>a</sup>daughters who are <sup>1</sup>on the mainland will be slain by the sword, and they will know that I am the **LORD.**'"

7 For thus says the Lord God, "Behold, I will bring upon Tyre from the north Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon, <sup>a</sup>king of kings, with horses, <sup>b</sup>chariots, cavalry, and a <sup>1</sup>great army.

8 "He will slay your daughters <sup>1</sup>on the mainland with the sword; and he will make <sup>a</sup>siege walls against you, cast up a <sup>b</sup>mound against you, and raise up a large shield against you.

9 "And the blow of his battering rams he will direct against your walls, and with his <sup>1</sup>axes he will break down your towers.

10 "Because of the multitude of his <sup>a</sup>horses, the dust <sup>a</sup>raised by them will cover you; your walls will <sup>b</sup>shake at the noise of cavalry and <sup>1</sup>wagons and chariots, when he <sup>c</sup>enters your gates as men enter a city that is breached.

11 "With the hoofs of his <sup>a</sup>horses he will trample all your streets. He will slay your people with the sword; and your strong pillars will <sup>b</sup>come down to the ground.

12 "Also they will make a spoil of your riches and a prey of your <sup>a</sup>merchandise, <sup>b</sup>break down your walls and destroy your <sup>c</sup>pleasant houses, and <sup>1</sup>throw your stones and your timbers and your debris <sup>d</sup>into the water.

13 "So I will <sup>1</sup>silence the sound of your <sup>a</sup>songs, and the sound of your <sup>b</sup>harps will be heard no more.

14 "And I will make you a bare rock; you will be a place for the spreading of nets. You will be built <sup>a</sup>no more, for I the <sup>b</sup>LORD have spoken," declares the Lord God.

15 Thus says the Lord God to Tyre, "Shall not the <sup>a</sup>coastlands <sup>b</sup>shake at the sound of your fall when the wounded groan, when the slaughter occurs in your midst?

16 "Then all the princes of the sea will <sup>a</sup>go down from their thrones, remove their robes, and strip off their embroidered garments. They will <sup>b</sup>clothe themselves with <sup>1</sup>trembling; they will sit on the ground, <sup>c</sup>tremble every moment, and be appalled at you.

17 "And they will take up a <sup>a</sup>lamentation over you and say to you,

<sup>b</sup>How you have perished, O inhabited one,  
 From the seas, O renowned city,  
 Which was <sup>c</sup>mighty on the sea,  
 She and her inhabitants,  
 Who <sup>1</sup>imposed <sup>2</sup>her terror  
 On all her inhabitants!

18 'Now the <sup>a</sup>coastlands will tremble  
On the day of your fall;  
Yes, the coastlands which are by the sea  
Will be terrified at your <sup>b</sup>passing.' "

19 For thus says the Lord God, "When I shall make you a desolate city, like the cities which are not inhabited, when I shall <sup>a</sup>bring up the deep over you, and the great waters will cover you,

20 then I shall bring you down with those who <sup>a</sup>go down to the pit, to the people of old, and I shall make you dwell in the <sup>b</sup>lower parts of the earth, like the ancient waste places, with those who go down to the pit, so that you will not <sup>1</sup>be inhabited; but I shall set <sup>g</sup>glory in the land of the living.

21 "I shall <sup>1</sup>bring <sup>a</sup>terrors on you, and you will be no more; though you will be sought, you will never be found again," declares the Lord God.

CHAPTER 27

**MOREOVER**, the word of the LORD came to me saying,  
2 "And you, son of man, <sup>a</sup>take up a lamentation over Tyre;  
3 and say to Tyre, who dwells at the <sup>1</sup>entrance to the sea, merchant of the peoples to many coastlands, 'Thus says the Lord <sup>2</sup>God,

"O Tyre, you have said, 'I am perfect in beauty.'

4 "Your borders are in the heart of the seas;  
Your builders have perfected your beauty.

5 "They have <sup>1</sup>made all your planks of fir trees from <sup>a</sup>Senir;

They have taken a cedar from Lebanon to make a mast for you.

6 "Of <sup>a</sup>oaks from <sup>b</sup>Bashan they have made your oars;  
With ivory they have <sup>1</sup>inlaid your deck of boxwood  
from the coastlands of <sup>c</sup>Cyprus.

7 "Your sail was of fine embroidered linen from Egypt  
So that it became your <sup>1</sup>distinguishing mark;  
Your <sup>2</sup>awning was <sup>3a</sup>blue and purple from the coast-  
lands of <sup>b</sup>Elishah.

8 "The inhabitants of Sidon and <sup>a</sup>Arvad were your row-  
ers;  
Your <sup>b</sup>wise men, O Tyre, were <sup>1</sup>aboard; they were  
your pilots.

9 "The elders of Gebal and her wise men were with you  
repairing your seams;  
All the ships of the sea and their sailors were with you  
in order to deal in your merchandise.

10 "<sup>a</sup>Persia and <sup>a</sup>Lud and <sup>a</sup>Put were in your army, your men  
of war. They hung shield and helmet in you; they set forth your  
splendor.

11 "The sons of Arvad and your army were on your walls, *all*  
around, and the <sup>1</sup>Gammadim were in your towers. They hung  
their shields on your walls, *all* around; they perfected your  
beauty.

18 <sup>a</sup>Ezek. 26:15; 27:35; Is. 41:5 <sup>b</sup>Is. 23:5-7, 10, 11, 15

19 <sup>a</sup>Ezek. 26:3; Is. 8:7, 8

20 <sup>1</sup>Or, return  
<sup>a</sup>Ezek. 32:30; Is. 14:9, 10  
<sup>b</sup>Ps. 88:6; Amos 9:2; Jon. 2:2, 6 <sup>c</sup>Jer. 33:9; Zech. 2:8

21 <sup>1</sup>Lit., give you terrors  
<sup>a</sup>Ezek. 26:15, 16; 27:36

2 <sup>a</sup>Ezek. 28:12; Jer. 9:10, 17-20

3 <sup>1</sup>Lit., entrances  
<sup>2</sup>YHWH, usually rendered Lord, and so throughout the chap.

5 <sup>1</sup>Lit., built  
<sup>a</sup>Deut. 3:9; 1 Chr. 5:23;  
Song of Sol. 4:8

6 <sup>1</sup>Lit., made  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 2:13; Zech. 11:2 <sup>b</sup>Num. 21:33; Is. 2:13; Jer. 22:20  
<sup>c</sup>Gen. 10:4; Is. 23:1, 12; Jer. 2:10

7 <sup>1</sup>Or, standard <sup>2</sup>Lit., covering <sup>3</sup>Or, violet  
<sup>a</sup>Ex. 25:4; Jer. 10:9 <sup>b</sup>Gen. 10:4

8 <sup>1</sup>Lit., in you  
<sup>a</sup>Ezek. 27:11; Gen. 10:18;  
1 Chr. 1:16 <sup>b</sup>1 Kin. 9:27

10 <sup>a</sup>Ezek. 30:5; 38:5

11 <sup>1</sup>Or, valorous ones

13 <sup>a</sup>Ezek. 27:19; Gen. 10:2; Is. 66:19 <sup>b</sup>Ezek. 38:2; 39:1; Gen. 10:2, 3 <sup>c</sup>Joel 3:3; Rev. 18:13

14 <sup>a</sup>Ezek. 39:6; Gen. 10:3

15 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *the market of your hand*  
<sup>a</sup>Ezek. 27:20; 25:13; Jer. 25:23 <sup>b1</sup> Kin. 10:22; Rev. 18:12

16 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *Aram* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *works*  
<sup>a</sup>Ezek. 16:57; Judg. 10:6; Is. 7:1-8 <sup>b</sup>Ezek. 28:13; Ex. 28:18; 39:11 <sup>c</sup>Ezek. 16:13, 18

17 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *pannag*  
<sup>a</sup>Judg. 11:33

18 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *works*  
<sup>a</sup>Ezek. 47:16-18; Gen. 14:15; Is. 7:8; Jer. 49:23

19 <sup>1</sup>Or, *with yam* <sup>2</sup>Or, *calamus*

21 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *customers of your hand*  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 21:13 <sup>b</sup>Is. 60:7

22 <sup>a</sup>Ezek. 38:13; Gen. 10:7; Is. 60:6 <sup>b</sup>Gen. 43:11; 1 Kin. 10:2

23 <sup>a2</sup> Kin. 19:12; Is. 37:12; Amos 1:5

24 <sup>1</sup>Or, *violet*

25 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *your travelers*  
<sup>2</sup>Lit., *honored*

26 <sup>a</sup>Ezek. 26:19 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 48:7; Jer. 18:17; Acts 27:14

28 <sup>a</sup>Ezek. 26:10, 15, 18

29 <sup>a</sup>Rev. 18:17-19

12 "Tarshish was your customer because of the abundance of all *kinds* of wealth; with silver, iron, tin, and lead, they paid for your wares.

13 "<sup>a</sup>Javan, <sup>a</sup>Tubal, and <sup>b</sup>Meshech, they were your traders; with the <sup>c</sup>lives of men and vessels of bronze they paid for your merchandise.

14 "Those from <sup>a</sup>Beth-togarmah gave horses and war horses and mules for your wares.

15 "The sons of <sup>a</sup>Dedan were your traders. Many coastlands were <sup>1</sup>your market; <sup>b</sup>ivory tusks and ebony they brought as your payment.

16 "<sup>1a</sup>Syria was your customer because of the abundance of your <sup>2</sup>goods; they paid for your wares with <sup>b</sup>emeralds, purple, <sup>c</sup>embroidered work, fine linen, coral, and rubies.

17 "Judah and the land of Israel, they were your traders; with the wheat of <sup>a</sup>Minnith, <sup>1</sup>cakes, honey, oil, and balm they paid for your merchandise.

18 "<sup>a</sup>Damascus was your customer because of the abundance of your <sup>1</sup>goods, because of the abundance of all *kinds* of wealth, because of the wine of Helbon and white wool.

19 "Vedan and Javan paid for your wares <sup>1</sup>from Uzal; wrought iron, cassia, and <sup>2</sup>sweet cane were among your merchandise.

20 "Dedan traded with you in saddlecloths for riding.

21 "<sup>a</sup>Arabia and all the princes of Kedar, they were <sup>1</sup>your customers for <sup>b</sup>lambs, rams, and goats; for these they were your customers.

22 "The traders of <sup>a</sup>Sheba and Raamah, they traded with you; they paid for your wares with the best of all *kinds* of <sup>b</sup>spices, and with all *kinds* of precious stones, and gold.

23 "Haran, Canneh, <sup>a</sup>Eden, the traders of Sheba, Asshur, and Chilmad traded with you.

24 "They traded with you in choice garments, in clothes of <sup>1</sup>blue and embroidered work, and in carpets of many colors, *and* tightly wound cords, *which were* among your merchandise.

25 "The ships of Tarshish were <sup>1</sup>the carriers for your merchandise.

And you were filled and were very <sup>2</sup>glorious  
In the heart of the seas.

26 "Your rowers have brought you  
Into <sup>a</sup>great waters;  
The <sup>b</sup>east wind has broken you  
In the heart of the seas.

27 "Your wealth, your wares, your merchandise,  
Your sailors, and your pilots,  
Your repairers of seams, your dealers in merchandise,  
And all your men of war who are in you,  
With all your company that is in your midst,  
Will fall into the heart of the seas  
On the day of your overthrow.

28 "At the sound of the cry of your pilots  
The pasture lands will <sup>a</sup>shake.

29 "And all who handle the oar,  
The <sup>a</sup>sailors, *and* all the pilots of the sea

- Will come down from their ships;  
They will stand on the land,  
30 And they will <sup>a</sup>make their voice heard over you  
And will cry bitterly.  
They will <sup>b</sup>cast dust on their heads,  
They will <sup>c</sup>wallow in ashes.  
31 <sup>a</sup>Also they will make themselves <sup>a</sup>bald for you  
And <sup>b</sup>gird themselves with sackcloth;  
And they will <sup>c</sup>weep for you in bitterness of soul  
With bitter mourning.  
32 <sup>a</sup>Moreover, in their wailing they will take up a <sup>a</sup>lamentation  
for you  
And lament over you:  
<sup>a</sup>Who is <sup>b</sup>like Tyre,  
Like her who is silent in the midst of the sea?  
33 <sup>a</sup>When your wares went out from the seas,  
You satisfied many peoples;  
With the <sup>a</sup>abundance of your wealth and your merchandise  
You enriched the kings of earth.  
34 <sup>a</sup>Now that you are <sup>a</sup>broken by the seas  
In the depths of the waters,  
Your <sup>b</sup>merchandise and all your company  
Have fallen in the midst of you.  
35 <sup>a</sup>All the <sup>a</sup>inhabitants of the coastlands  
Are appalled at you,  
And their kings are horribly afraid;  
They are troubled in countenance.  
36 <sup>a</sup>The merchants among the peoples <sup>a</sup>hiss at you;  
You have become <sup>1</sup>terrified,  
And you <sup>b</sup>will be no more.' ” ” ”

**CHAPTER 28**

- T**HE word of the LORD came again to me saying,  
2 <sup>a</sup>“Son of man, say to the <sup>1</sup>leader of Tyre, <sup>a</sup>Thus says the  
Lord <sup>2</sup>God,  
<sup>a</sup>“Because your heart is lifted up  
And you have said, <sup>a</sup>“I am a god,  
I sit in the seat of <sup>3</sup>gods,  
In the heart of the seas”;  
Yet you are a <sup>b</sup>man and not God,  
Although you make your heart like the heart of God—  
3 Behold, you are wiser than <sup>a</sup>Daniel;  
There is no secret that is a match for you.  
4 <sup>a</sup>“By your wisdom and understanding  
You have acquired <sup>a</sup>riches for yourself,  
And have acquired gold and silver for your treasures.  
5 <sup>a</sup>“By your great wisdom, by your <sup>a</sup>trade  
You have increased your riches,  
And your <sup>b</sup>heart is lifted up because of your riches—  
6 Therefore, thus says the Lord God,  
<sup>a</sup>“Because you have <sup>a</sup>made your heart  
Like the heart of God,  
7 Therefore, behold, I will bring <sup>a</sup>strangers upon you,  
The most <sup>b</sup>ruthless of the nations.

30 <sup>a</sup>Ezek. 26:17; Is. 23:1-6  
<sup>b</sup>1 Sam. 4:12; 2 Sam. 1:2;  
Lam. 2:10; Rev. 18:19 <sup>c</sup>Jer.  
6:26; Jon. 3:6

31 <sup>a</sup>Ezek. 29:18; Is. 15:2  
<sup>b</sup>Ezek. 7:18; Is. 22:12 <sup>c</sup>Is.  
16:9; 22:4

32 <sup>a</sup>Ezek. 27:2; 26:17;  
28:12 <sup>b</sup>Lam. 2:13

33 <sup>a</sup>Ezek. 27:12, 18;  
28:4, 5

34 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *The time*  
<sup>a</sup>Ezek. 27:26, 27; 26:12  
<sup>b</sup>Zech. 9:3, 4

35 <sup>a</sup>Ezek. 26:16; Is. 23:6

36 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *terrors*  
<sup>a</sup>Jer. 18:16; 19:8; 49:17;  
50:13; Zeph. 2:15 <sup>b</sup>Ps.  
37:10, 36

2 <sup>1</sup>Or, *ruler, prince*  
<sup>2</sup>YHWH, usually rendered  
LORD, and so throughout  
the chap. <sup>3</sup>Or, *God*  
<sup>a</sup>Ezek. 28:9; Is. 14:14; 47:8;  
2 Thess. 2:4 <sup>b</sup>Ezek. 28:9;  
Ps. 9:20; 82:6, 7; Is. 31:3

3 <sup>a</sup>Dan. 1:20; 2:20-23, 28;  
5:11, 12

4 <sup>a</sup>Ezek. 27:33; Zech.  
9:2, 3

5 <sup>a</sup>Ezek. 27:12; Hos.  
12:7, 8 <sup>b</sup>Ezek. 28:2; Job.  
31:24, 25; Ps. 52:7; Hos.  
13:6

6 <sup>a</sup>Ezek. 28:2; Ex. 9:17

7 <sup>a</sup>Ezek. 26:7 <sup>b</sup>Ezek.  
30:11; 31:12; 32:12; Hab.  
1:6-8

8 <sup>a</sup>Ezek. 27:26, 27, 34

10 <sup>a</sup>Ezek. 31:18; 32:30;  
1 Sam. 17:26, 36

12 <sup>1</sup>Lit., were the one  
sealing a pattern  
<sup>a</sup>Ezek. 19:1; 26:17; 27:2

13 <sup>1</sup>Or, tambourines <sup>2</sup>Or,  
flutes  
<sup>a</sup>Ezek. 31:8, 9, 16; 36:35;  
Gen. 2:8; Is. 51:3 <sup>b</sup>Ezek.  
27:16, 22 <sup>c</sup>Ex. 28:17-20 <sup>d</sup>Is.  
24:8; 30:32

14 <sup>1</sup>Or, guards  
<sup>a</sup>Ezek. 28:16; Ex. 25:17-20;  
30:26; 40:9 <sup>b</sup>Ezek. 28:16;  
20:40 <sup>c</sup>Ezek. 28:13, 16; Rev.  
18:16

15 <sup>a</sup>Ezek. 28:3-6, 12; 27:3,  
4 <sup>b</sup>Ezek. 28:17, 18; Is. 14:12

16 <sup>1</sup>Lit., They filled your  
midst <sup>2</sup>Or, guardian  
<sup>a</sup>Ezek. 26:17; 27:12 <sup>b</sup>Ezek.  
8:17; Hab. 2:8, 17

17 <sup>a</sup>Ezek. 28:7; 27:3, 4 <sup>b</sup>Is.  
19:11 <sup>c</sup>Ezek. 26:16

18 <sup>a</sup>Amos 1:9, 10 <sup>b</sup>Mal.  
4:3

And they will draw their swords  
Against the beauty of your wisdom  
And defile your splendor.

8 They will bring you down to the pit,  
And you will <sup>a</sup>die the death of those who are slain  
In the heart of the seas.

9 Will you still say, "I am a god,"  
In the presence of your slayer,  
Although you are a man and not God,  
In the hands of those who wound you?

10 You will die the death of the <sup>a</sup>uncircumcised  
By the hand of strangers,  
For I have spoken! declares the Lord God!" " "

11 Again the word of the LORD came to me saying,

12 "Of man, <sup>a</sup>take up a lamentation over the king of  
Tyre, and say to him, 'Thus says the Lord God,  
'You <sup>1</sup>had the seal of perfection,  
Full of wisdom and perfect in beauty.

13 "You were in <sup>a</sup>Eden, the garden of God;  
<sup>b</sup>Every precious stone was your covering:  
The <sup>c</sup>ruby, the topaz, and the diamond;  
The beryl, the onyx, and the jasper;  
The lapis lazuli, the turquoise, and the emerald;  
And the <sup>c</sup>gold, the workmanship of your <sup>1d</sup>settings and  
<sup>2</sup>sockets,

Was in you.

On the day that you were created  
They were prepared.

14 "You were the <sup>a</sup>anointed cherub who <sup>1</sup>covers,  
And I placed you *there*.  
You were on the holy <sup>b</sup>mountain of God;  
You walked in the midst of the <sup>c</sup>stones of fire.

15 "You were <sup>a</sup>blameless in your ways  
From the day you were created,  
Until <sup>b</sup>unrighteousness was found in you.

16 "By the <sup>a</sup>abundance of your trade  
<sup>1</sup>You were internally <sup>b</sup>filled with violence,  
And you sinned;

Therefore I have cast you as profane  
From the mountain of God.  
And I have destroyed you, O <sup>2</sup>covering cherub,  
From the midst of the stones of fire.

17 "Your heart was lifted up because of your <sup>a</sup>beauty;  
You <sup>b</sup>corrupted your wisdom by reason of your splen-  
dor.

I cast you to the ground;  
I put you before <sup>c</sup>kings,  
That they may see you.

18 "By the multitude of your iniquities,  
In the unrighteousness of your trade,  
You profaned your sanctuaries.  
Therefore I have brought <sup>a</sup>fire from the midst of you;  
It has consumed you,  
And I have turned you to <sup>b</sup>bashes on the earth  
In the eyes of all who see you.

- 19 "All who know you among the peoples  
Are appalled at you;  
You have become <sup>1</sup>terrified,  
And you will be <sup>b</sup>no more." ' ' "
- 20 And the word of the LORD came to me saying,  
21 "Son of man, <sup>a</sup>set your face toward <sup>b</sup>Sidon, prophesy  
against her,  
22 and say, "Thus says the Lord God,  
"Behold, I am against you, O Sidon,  
And I shall <sup>1</sup>be glorified in your midst.  
Then they will know that I am the LORD, when I  
<sup>a</sup>execute judgments in her,  
And I shall manifest My holiness in her.  
23 "For I shall send pestilence to her  
And blood to her streets,  
And the <sup>a</sup>wounded will <sup>1</sup>fall in her midst  
By the sword upon her on every side;  
Then they will know that I am the LORD.  
24 "And there will be no more for the house of Israel a  
<sup>a</sup>prickling brier or a painful thorn from any round about them  
who scorned them; then they will know that I am the Lord  
GOD."  
25 "Thus says the Lord GOD, "When I <sup>a</sup>gather the house of  
Israel from the peoples among whom they are scattered, and  
shall manifest My holiness in them in the sight of the nations,  
then they will <sup>b</sup>live in their <sup>1</sup>land which I gave to My servant  
Jacob.  
26 "And they will <sup>a</sup>live in it securely; and they will <sup>b</sup>build  
houses, plant vineyards, and live securely, when I <sup>c</sup>execute  
judgments upon all who scorn them round about them. Then  
they will know that I am the LORD their God." ' ' "

CHAPTER 29

- I**N the <sup>a</sup>tenth year, in the tenth *month*, on the twelfth of the  
month, the word of the LORD came to me saying,  
2 "Son of man, set your face against <sup>a</sup>Pharaoh, king of  
Egypt, and prophesy against him and against all <sup>b</sup>Egypt.  
3 "Speak and say, "Thus says the Lord <sup>1</sup>GOD,  
"Behold, I am against you, Pharaoh, king of Egypt,  
The great <sup>2a</sup>monster that lies in the midst of his <sup>3</sup>rivers,  
That <sup>b</sup>has said, 'My Nile is mine, and I myself have  
made it.'  
4 "And I shall put <sup>a</sup>hooks in your jaws,  
And I shall make the fish of your <sup>1</sup>rivers cling to your  
scales.  
And I shall bring you up out of the midst of your <sup>1</sup>rivers,  
And all the fish of your <sup>1</sup>rivers will cling to your scales.  
5 "And I shall <sup>a</sup>abandon you to the wilderness, you and all  
the fish of your <sup>1</sup>rivers;  
You will fall on the <sup>2</sup>open field; you will not be brought  
together or <sup>3</sup>gathered.  
I have given you for <sup>b</sup>food to the beasts of the earth and  
to the birds of the sky.

19 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *terrors*  
<sup>a</sup>Ezek. 26:21; 27:36 <sup>b</sup>Jer.  
51:64

21 <sup>a</sup>Ezek. 6:2; 25:2 <sup>b</sup>Ezek.  
27:8; Gen. 10:15, 19; Is.  
23:2, 4

22 <sup>1</sup>Or, *glorify Myself*  
<sup>a</sup>Ezek. 28:26; 30:19

23 <sup>1</sup>Or, *be judged*  
<sup>a</sup>Jer. 51:52

24 <sup>a</sup>Ezek. 2:6; Num.  
33:55; Josh. 23:13; Is. 55:13

25 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *ground*  
<sup>a</sup>Ezek. 20:41; 34:13, 27; Ps.  
106:47; Is. 11:12, 13; Jer.  
32:37 <sup>b</sup>Jer. 23:8; 27:11

26 <sup>a</sup>Ezek. 34:25-28; 38:8;  
Jer. 23:6 <sup>b</sup>Jer. 32:15, 43, 44;  
Amos 9:13, 14 <sup>c</sup>Ezek. 28:22;  
25:11

1 <sup>a</sup>Ezek. 29:17; 26:1;  
30:20

2 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 44:30 <sup>b</sup>Ezek. 30:1-  
32; Is. 19:1-17; Jer. 46:2-26

3 <sup>1</sup>YHWH, usually  
rendered LORD, and so  
throughout the chap. <sup>2</sup>Lit.,  
*tannim* <sup>3</sup>Or, *Nile*  
<sup>a</sup>Ezek. 32:2; Is. 27:1 <sup>b</sup>Ezek.  
29:9; 30:12; Is. 10:13

4 <sup>1</sup>Or, *Nile*  
<sup>a</sup>Ezek. 38:4; 2 Kin. 19:28

5 <sup>1</sup>Or, *Nile* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *faces of  
the field* <sup>3</sup>Or, with several  
mss. and Targum, *buried*;  
cf. Jer. 8:2; 25:33  
<sup>a</sup>Ezek. 32:4-6 <sup>b</sup>Ezek. 39:4;  
Jer. 7:33; 34:20

6 \*Is. 36:6

7 <sup>1</sup>So with some ancient versions; M.T., *shoulders*, cf. 2 Kin. 18:21; Is. 36:6  
<sup>2</sup>Lit., *stand*  
\*Ezek. 17:15-17; Jer. 37:5-11

8 \*Ezek. 14:17; Jer. 46:13

9 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *he*  
\*Ezek. 29:10-12; 30:7, 8, 13-18  
<sup>2</sup>Ezek. 29:3; Prov. 16:18; 18:12

10 <sup>1</sup>Or, *Nile* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *Cush*  
\*Ezek. 29:3; 13:8; 21:3; 26:3

11 \*Ezek. 32:13; Jer. 43:11, 12; 46:19

12 \*Ezek. 30:7; Jer. 25:15-19; 27:6-11  
<sup>2</sup>Ezek. 30:23, 26; Jer. 46:19

13 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *where*  
\*Is. 19:22; Jer. 46:26

14 \*Is. 30:14; Is. 11:11; Jer. 44:1, 15

15 \*Ezek. 17:6, 14; 30:13; Zech. 10:11  
<sup>2</sup>Ezek. 31:2; 32:2; Nah. 3:8-10

16 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *causing to remember* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *after them*  
\*Ezek. 29:6, 7; 17:15; Is. 20:5; 30:1-3; 31:1; 36:6  
<sup>3</sup>Ezek. 21:23; Is. 64:9; Jer. 14:10; Hos. 8:13

17 \*Ezek. 29:1; 24:1; 26:1; 30:20; 40:1

18 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *a great labor*  
<sup>2</sup>Lit., *labored*  
\*Ezek. 26:7-12; Jer. 25:9; 27:6  
<sup>3</sup>Ezek. 27:31; Jer. 48:37

19 <sup>1</sup>Or, *multitude*  
\*Ezek. 30:10, 24, 25; 32:11  
<sup>2</sup>Ezek. 30:14; Jer. 43:10-13

20 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *labored*  
\*Is. 10:6, 7; 45:1-3; Jer. 25:9

21 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *give you an opening of the mouth*  
<sup>2</sup>1 Sam. 2:10; Ps. 92:10; 132:17  
<sup>3</sup>Ezek. 3:27; 24:27; 33:22; Amos 3:7, 8; Luke 21:15

6 "Then all the inhabitants of Egypt will know that I am the LORD,  
Because they have been *only* a <sup>2</sup>staff *made* of reed to the house of Israel.

7 "When they took hold of you with the hand,  
You <sup>2</sup>broke and tore all their <sup>1</sup>hands;  
And when they leaned on you,  
You broke and made all their loins <sup>2</sup>quake."

8 "Therefore, thus says the Lord God, "Behold, I shall <sup>2</sup>bring upon you a sword, and I shall cut off from you man and beast.

9 "And the <sup>2</sup>land of Egypt will become a desolation and waste. Then they will know that I am the LORD.

Because <sup>1</sup>you <sup>2</sup>said, "The Nile is mine, and I have made it,"

10 therefore, behold, I am <sup>2</sup>against you and against your <sup>1</sup>rivers, and I will make the land of Egypt an utter waste and desolation, from Migdol to Syene and even to the border of <sup>2</sup>Ethiopia.

11 "A man's foot will <sup>2</sup>not pass through it, and the foot of a beast will not pass through it, and it will not be inhabited for forty years.

12 "So I shall make the land of Egypt a desolation in the <sup>2</sup>midst of desolated lands. And her cities, in the midst of cities that are laid waste, will be desolate forty years; and I shall <sup>2</sup>scatter the Egyptians among the nations and disperse them among the lands."

13 "For thus says the Lord God, "At the end of forty years I shall <sup>2</sup>gather the Egyptians from the peoples <sup>1</sup>among whom they were scattered.

14 "And I shall turn the fortunes of Egypt and shall make them return to the land of <sup>2</sup>Pathros, to the land of their origin; and there they will be a lowly kingdom.

15 "It will be the <sup>2</sup>lowest of the kingdoms; and it will never again lift itself up above the nations. And I shall make them so small that they will not <sup>2</sup>rule over the nations.

16 "And it will never again be the <sup>2</sup>confidence of the house of Israel, <sup>1b</sup>bringing to mind the iniquity of their having turned <sup>2</sup>to Egypt. Then they will know that I am the Lord God." "

17 Now in the <sup>2</sup>twenty-seventh year, in the first *month*, on the first of the month, the word of the LORD came to me saying,

18 "Son of man, <sup>2</sup>Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon made his army labor <sup>1</sup>hard against Tyre; every head was made <sup>2</sup>bald, and every shoulder was rubbed bare. But he and his army had no wages from Tyre for the labor that he had <sup>2</sup>performed against it."

19 Therefore, thus says the Lord God, "Behold, I shall give the land of <sup>2</sup>Egypt to Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon. And he will carry off her <sup>1b</sup>wealth, and capture her spoil and seize her plunder; and it will be wages for his army.

20 "I have given him the land of Egypt *for* his labor which he <sup>1a</sup>performed, because they acted for Me," declares the Lord God.

21 "On that day I shall make a <sup>2</sup>horn sprout for the house of Israel, and I shall <sup>1b</sup>open your mouth in their midst. Then they will know that I am the LORD."



## CHAPTER 30

THE word of the LORD came again to me saying,  
 2 "Son of man, prophesy and say, 'Thus says the Lord  
 GOD,  
 "Wail, 'Alas for the day!'  
 3 "For the day is near,  
 Even <sup>a</sup>the day of the LORD is near;  
 It will be a day of <sup>b</sup>clouds,  
 A time of *doom* for the nations.  
 4 "And a sword will come upon Egypt,  
 And anguish will be in <sup>1</sup>Ethiopia,  
 When the slain fall in Egypt,  
 They take away her <sup>2</sup>wealth,  
 And her foundations are torn down.  
 5 "Ethiopia, Put, Lud, all <sup>2a</sup>Arabia, <sup>3</sup>Libya, and the <sup>4</sup>people  
 of the land <sup>5</sup>that is in league will fall with them by the  
 sword."  
 6 "Thus says the LORD,  
 "Indeed, those who support <sup>a</sup>Egypt will fall,  
 And the pride of her power will come down;  
 From Migdol to Syncene  
 They will fall within her by the sword,"  
 Declares the Lord GOD.  
 7 "And they will be desolate  
 In the <sup>a</sup>midst of the desolated lands;  
 And her cities will be  
 In the midst of the devastated cities.  
 8 "And they will <sup>a</sup>know that I am the LORD,  
 When I set a <sup>b</sup>fire in Egypt  
 And all her helpers are broken.  
 9 "On that day <sup>a</sup>messengers will go forth from Me in ships  
 to frighten <sup>b</sup>secure <sup>1</sup>Ethiopia; and <sup>c</sup>anguish will be on them as  
 on the day of Egypt; for, behold, it comes!"  
 10 "Thus says the Lord God,  
 "I will also make the <sup>1</sup>multitude of Egypt cease  
 By the hand of Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon.  
 11 "He and his people with him,  
 The most ruthless of the nations,  
 Will be brought in to destroy the land;  
 And they will draw their swords against Egypt  
 And fill the land with the slain.  
 12 "Moreover, I will make the <sup>a</sup>Nile canals dry  
 And sell the land into the hands of evil men.  
 And I will make the land desolate,  
 And <sup>1</sup>all that is in it,  
 By the hand of strangers; I, the LORD, have spoken."  
 13 "Thus says the Lord God,  
 "I will also <sup>a</sup>destroy the idols  
 And make the <sup>1</sup>images cease from <sup>2b</sup>Memphis.  
 And there will no longer be a prince in the land of  
 Egypt;  
 And I will put fear in the land of Egypt.

2 <sup>1</sup>YHWH, usually rendered LORD, and so throughout the chap. <sup>a</sup>Ezek. 21:12; Is. 13:6; 15:2; Joel 1:5, 11, 13

3 <sup>a</sup>Ezek. 7:19; 13:5; Joel 1:15; 2:1; Obad. 15 <sup>b</sup>Ezek. 30:18; 32:7; 34:12

4 <sup>1</sup>Or, Cush <sup>2</sup>Or, multitude

5 <sup>1</sup>Or, Cush <sup>2</sup>Or, the mixed people <sup>3</sup>Or, Cub <sup>4</sup>Lit., sons <sup>5</sup>Lit., of the covenant <sup>a</sup>Jer. 25:20, 24

6 <sup>a</sup>Is. 20:3-6

7 <sup>a</sup>Ezek. 29:12; Jer. 25:18-26

8 <sup>a</sup>Ezek. 29:6, 9, 16; Ps. 58:11 <sup>b</sup>Ezek. 30:14, 16; 22:31; Amos 1:4, 7, 10, 12, 14

9 <sup>1</sup>Or, Cush <sup>a</sup>Is. 18:1, 2 <sup>b</sup>Ezek. 38:11; 39:6; Is. 47:8 <sup>c</sup>Ezek. 32:9; 10; Is. 19:17; 23:5

10 <sup>1</sup>Or, wealth

12 <sup>1</sup>Lit., her fulness <sup>a</sup>Ezek. 29:3, 9

13 <sup>1</sup>Or, futile ones <sup>2</sup>Or, Noph <sup>a</sup>Is. 2:18 <sup>b</sup>Ezek. 30:16; Is. 19:13; Jer. 2:16; 44:1; 46:14

14 <sup>1</sup>Or, No  
<sup>a</sup>Ezek. 29:14; Is. 11:11; Jer. 44:1, 15 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 78:12, 43; Is. 19:11, 13 <sup>c</sup>Ezek. 30:15, 16; Jer. 46:25; Nah. 3:8

15 <sup>1</sup>Or, Pelusium <sup>2</sup>Or, No

16 <sup>1</sup>Or, Pelusium <sup>2</sup>Or, No  
<sup>3</sup>Or, Noph <sup>4</sup>Or, adversaries

17 <sup>1</sup>Or, Aven <sup>2</sup>Lit., they  
<sup>a</sup>Gen. 41:45; 46:20

18 <sup>1</sup>So with many mss. and ancient versions; M.T., restrain  
<sup>a</sup>Jer. 43:8-13 <sup>b</sup>Ezek. 30:3  
<sup>c</sup>Ezek. 34:27; Lev. 26:13; Is. 10:27; Jer. 27:2; 28:10, 13; 30:8

19 <sup>a</sup>Ezek. 30:14; 5:8, 15; 25:11; Ps. 9:16

20 <sup>a</sup>Ezek. 26:1; 29:1, 17; 31:1

21 <sup>1</sup>Lit., to give healing  
<sup>2</sup>Lit., to put a bandage, to wrap it  
<sup>a</sup>Ezek. 30:24; Ps. 10:15; 37:17 <sup>b</sup>Jer. 30:13; 46:11

22 <sup>a</sup>Ezek. 29:3; Jer. 46:25  
<sup>b2</sup> Kin. 24:7; Jer. 37:7 <sup>c</sup>Jer. 46:21

23 <sup>a</sup>Ezek. 30:17, 18, 26; 29:12

24 <sup>a</sup>Ezek. 30:10, 25; Neh. 6:9; Is. 45:1, 5; Zech. 10:12  
<sup>b</sup>Ezek. 30:11, 25; Is. 10:5, 6, 15; Zeph. 2:12

25 <sup>a</sup>Josh. 8:18; 1 Chr. 21:16; Is. 5:25

1 <sup>a</sup>Ezek. 30:20; 32:1; Jer. 52:5, 6

2 <sup>a</sup>Ezek. 29:19; 30:10; Nah. 3:8, 9

- 14 “And I will make <sup>a</sup>Pathros desolate,  
 Set a fire in <sup>b</sup>Zoan,  
 And execute judgments on <sup>1c</sup>Thebes.
- 15 “And I will pour out My wrath on <sup>1</sup>Sin,  
 The stronghold of Egypt;  
 I will also cut off the multitude of <sup>2</sup>Thebes.
- 16 “And I will set a fire in Egypt;  
<sup>1</sup>Sin will writhe in anguish,  
<sup>2</sup>Thebes will be breached,  
 And <sup>3</sup>Memphis will have <sup>4</sup>distresses daily.
- 17 “The young men of <sup>1a</sup>On and of Pi-beseth  
 Will fall by the sword,  
 And <sup>2</sup>the women will go into captivity.
- 18 “And in <sup>a</sup>Tehaphnehes the day will <sup>1b</sup>be <sup>bdark</sup>  
 When I <sup>c</sup>break there the yoke bars of Egypt.  
 Then the pride of her power will cease in her;  
 A cloud will cover her,  
 And her daughters will go into captivity.
- 19 “Thus I will <sup>a</sup>execute judgments on Egypt,  
 And they will know that I am the LORD.” ’ ’

20 And it came about in the <sup>a</sup>eleventh year, in the first month, on the seventh of the month, that the word of the LORD came to me saying,

21 “Son of man, I have <sup>a</sup>broken the arm of Pharaoh king of Egypt; and, behold, it has not been <sup>b</sup>bound up <sup>1</sup>for healing <sup>2</sup>or wrapped with a bandage, that it may be strong to hold the sword.

22 “Therefore, thus says the Lord God, ‘Behold, I am <sup>a</sup>against Pharaoh king of Egypt and will break his arms, both the strong and the <sup>b</sup>broken; and I will make the sword <sup>c</sup>fall from his hand.

23 ‘And I will <sup>a</sup>scatter the Egyptians among the nations and disperse them among the lands.

24 ‘For I will <sup>a</sup>strengthen the arms of the king of Babylon and put <sup>b</sup>My sword in his hand; and I will break the arms of Pharaoh, so that he will groan before him with the groanings of a wounded man.

25 ‘Thus I will strengthen the arms of the king of Babylon, but the arms of Pharaoh will fall. Then they will know that I am the LORD, when I put My sword into the hand of the king of Babylon and he <sup>a</sup>stretches it out against the land of Egypt.

26 ‘When I scatter the Egyptians among the nations and disperse them among the lands, then they will know that I am the LORD.’ ”

## CHAPTER 31

AND it came about in the <sup>a</sup>eleventh year, in the third month, on the first of the month, that the word of the LORD came to me saying,

2 “Son of man, say to Pharaoh king of Egypt, and to his <sup>a</sup>multitude,

‘Whom are you like in your greatness?

- 3 'Behold, Assyria was a <sup>a</sup>cedar in Lebanon  
With beautiful branches and forest shade,  
And <sup>l</sup>very <sup>b</sup>high;  
And its top was among the <sup>2</sup>clouds.
- 4 'The <sup>a</sup>waters made it grow, the <sup>1</sup>deep made it high.  
With its rivers it continually <sup>2</sup>extended all around its  
planting place,  
And it sent out its channels to all the trees of the field.
- 5 'Therefore its height was loftier than all the trees of the  
field  
And its boughs became many and its branches long  
Because of <sup>a</sup>many waters <sup>1</sup>as it spread them out.
- 6 'All the <sup>a</sup>birds of the heavens nested in its boughs,  
And under its branches all the beasts of the field gave  
birth,  
And all great nations lived under its shade.
- 7 'So it was beautiful in its greatness, in the length of its  
branches;  
For its <sup>1</sup>roots extended to many waters.
- 8 'The <sup>a</sup>cedars in God's <sup>b</sup>garden <sup>1</sup>could not match it;  
The <sup>2</sup>cypresses <sup>1</sup>could not compare with its boughs,  
And the plane trees <sup>3</sup>could not match its branches.  
No tree in God's <sup>b</sup>garden <sup>1</sup>could compare with it in  
its beauty.
- 9 'I made it beautiful with the multitude of its branches,  
And all the trees of <sup>a</sup>Eden, which were in the <sup>a</sup>garden  
of God, were jealous of it.
- 10 "Therefore, thus says the Lord <sup>1</sup>God, "Because <sup>2</sup>it is high  
in stature, and it has set its top among the <sup>3</sup>clouds, and its <sup>a</sup>heart  
is haughty in its loftiness,
- 11 therefore, I will give it into the hand of a <sup>1a</sup>despot of the  
nations; he will thoroughly deal with it. According to its wicked-  
ness I have <sup>b</sup>driven it away.
- 12 "And <sup>a</sup>alien <sup>b</sup>tyrants of the nations have cut it down and  
left it; on the <sup>c</sup>mountains and in all the valleys its branches have  
fallen, and its boughs have been broken in all the ravines of the  
land. And all the peoples of the earth have <sup>d</sup>gone down from  
its shade and left it.
- 13 "On its ruin all the <sup>a</sup>birds of the heavens will dwell. And  
all the beasts of the field will be on its *fallen* branches
- 14 in order that all the trees by the waters may not be  
exalted in their stature, nor set their top among the <sup>1</sup>clouds, nor  
their <sup>2</sup>well-watered mighty ones stand *erect* in their height. For  
they have all been given over to death, to the earth <sup>a</sup>beneath,  
among the sons of men, with those who go down to the pit."
- 15 "Thus says the Lord God, "On the day when it went  
down to Sheol I <sup>a</sup>caused lamentations; I closed the <sup>1</sup>deep over  
it and held back its rivers. And *its* many waters were stopped up,  
and I made Lebanon <sup>2</sup>mourn for it, and all the trees of the field  
wilted away on account of it.
- 16 "I made the nations <sup>a</sup>quake at the sound of its fall when  
I made it <sup>b</sup>go down to Sheol with those who go down to the pit;  
and all the <sup>1</sup>well-watered trees of Eden, the choicest and best  
of <sup>c</sup>Lebanon, were <sup>d</sup>comforted in the earth beneath.

3 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *high of stature*  
<sup>2</sup>So Ck.; M.T., *thick*  
*boughs*  
•Ezek. 31:16; 17:3, 4, 22; Is.  
10:33, 34; Dan. 4:10, 20-23  
•Ezek. 31:5, 10; Is. 10:33

4 <sup>1</sup>I.e., *subterranean*  
waters <sup>2</sup>Lit., *was going*  
•Ezek. 17:5, 8; Rev. 17:1,  
15

5 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *in its sending*  
*forth*  
•Ezek. 17:5; Ps. 1:3

6 •Ezek. 31:12, 13; 17:23;  
Dan. 4:12, 21; Matt. 13:32

7 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *root was*

8 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *did* <sup>2</sup>Or,  
*Phoenician junipers* <sup>3</sup>Lit.,  
*were not like*  
•Ezek. 31:3; Ps. 80:10  
•Ezek. 31:16, 18; 28:13;  
Gen. 2:8, 9; 13:10; Is. 51:3

9 •Ezek. 31:16, 18; 28:13;  
Gen. 2:8, 9; 13:10; Is. 51:3

10 <sup>1</sup>YHWH, usually  
rendered *Lord*, and so  
throughout the chap. <sup>2</sup>Lit.,  
*you are* <sup>3</sup>Or, *thick boughs*  
•Ezek. 28:17; 2 Chr. 32:25;  
Is. 10:12; 14:13, 14; Dan.  
5:20

11 <sup>1</sup>Or, *mighty one*  
•Ezek. 30:10, 11; 32:11, 12;  
Dan. 5:18, 19 •Deut. 18:12;  
Nah. 3:18

12 •Ezek. 7:21; 28:7;  
30:12; Hab. 1:6 •Ezek. 28:7;  
30:11; 32:12 •Ezek. 32:5;  
35:8 •Ezek. 31:17; Dan.  
4:14; Nah. 3:17, 48

13 •Ezek. 31:6; 29:5; 32:4;  
Is. 18:6

14 <sup>1</sup>Or, *thick boughs* <sup>2</sup>Lit.,  
*drinkers of water*  
•Ezek. 31:18; 26:20; 32:24;  
Num. 16:30, 33; Ps. 63:9;  
Amos 9:2; Jon. 2:2, 6; Eph.  
4:9

15 <sup>1</sup>I.e., *subterranean*  
waters <sup>2</sup>Lit., *be darkened*  
•Ezek. 32:7; Nah. 2:10

16 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *drinkers of water*  
•Ezek. 26:15; 27:28; Hag.  
2:7 •Ezek. 32:18; Is. 14:15  
•Is. 14:8; Hab. 2:17 •Ezek.  
14:22, 23; 32:31

17 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *arm*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 9:17 <sup>b</sup>Ezek. 32:18-20;  
 Is. 14:9; Nah. 3:17, 18  
<sup>c</sup>Ezek. 31:3, 6; Dan. 4:12

18 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *like*  
<sup>a</sup>Ezek. 28:10; 32:19, 21; Jer.  
 9:25, 26 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 52:7; Matt.  
 13:19

1 <sup>a</sup>Ezek. 32:17; 30:20;  
 31:1; 33:21

2 <sup>1</sup>Or, *were like* <sup>2</sup>Lit.,  
*fouled by stamping*  
<sup>a</sup>Ezek. 32:16; 19:1; 27:2;  
 28:12 <sup>b</sup>Ezek. 19:2-6; 38:13;  
 Jer. 4:7; Nah. 2:11-13  
<sup>c</sup>Ezek. 29:3; Is. 27:1 <sup>d</sup>Jer.  
 46:7,8

3 <sup>1</sup>YHWH, usually  
 rendered LORD, and so  
 throughout the chap.

4 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *surface of the*  
*field* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *from*  
<sup>a</sup>Ezek. 29:5; 31:12, 13; 39:4,  
 5, 17-20; Jer. 8:2 <sup>b</sup>Is. 18:6

6 <sup>a</sup>Ezek. 35:6; Ex. 7:17;  
 Is. 34:3, 7; Rev. 14:20

7 <sup>a</sup>Job 18:5, 6; Prov. 13:9  
<sup>b</sup>Ezek. 30:3, 18; 34:12; Ex.  
 10:21-23; Is. 34:4 <sup>c</sup>Is. 13:10  
<sup>d</sup>Joel 2:2, 31; 3:15; Amos  
 8:9

8 <sup>a</sup>Gen. 1:14

9 <sup>a</sup>Ezek. 27:29-32; 28:19;  
 Rev. 18:10-15 <sup>b</sup>Ex. 15:14-16

17 “They also <sup>a</sup>went down with it to Sheol to those who were  
<sup>b</sup>slain by the sword; and those who were its <sup>1</sup>strength lived  
<sup>c</sup>under its shade among the nations.

18 “To which among the trees of Eden are you thus <sup>1</sup>equal  
 in glory and greatness? Yet you will be brought down with the  
 trees of Eden to the earth beneath; you will lie in the midst of  
 the <sup>a</sup>uncircumcised, with those who were slain by the sword. <sup>b</sup>So  
 is Pharaoh and all his multitude!” declares the Lord GOD.”

## CHAPTER 32

AND it came about in the <sup>a</sup>twelfth year, in the twelfth *month*,  
 on the first of the month, that the word of the LORD came to  
 me saying,

2 “Son of man, take up a <sup>a</sup>lamentation over Pharaoh king  
 of Egypt, and say to him,

“You <sup>1</sup>compared yourself to a young <sup>b</sup>lion of the  
 nations,

Yet you are like the <sup>c</sup>monster in the seas;  
 And you <sup>d</sup>burst forth in your rivers,  
 And muddied the waters with your feet,  
 And <sup>2</sup>fouled their rivers.”

3 Thus says the Lord <sup>1</sup>GOD,

“Now I will spread My net over you  
 With a company of many peoples,  
 And they shall lift you up in My net.

4 “And I will leave you on the <sup>a</sup>land;  
 I will cast you on the <sup>1</sup>open field.

And I will cause all the <sup>b</sup>birds of the heavens to dwell  
 on you,  
 And I will satisfy the beasts of the whole earth <sup>2</sup>with  
 you.

5 “And I will lay your flesh on the mountains,  
 And fill the valleys with your refuse.

6 “I will also make the land drink the discharge of your  
<sup>a</sup>blood,

As far as the mountains,  
 And the ravines shall be full of you.

7 “And when I <sup>a</sup>extinguish you,  
 I will <sup>b</sup>cover the heavens, and darken their <sup>c</sup>stars;  
 I will cover the <sup>d</sup>sun with a cloud,  
 And the moon shall not give its light.

8 “All the shining <sup>a</sup>lights in the heavens  
 I will darken over you  
 And will set darkness on your land,”  
 Declares the Lord GOD.

9 “I will also <sup>a</sup>trouble the hearts of many peoples, when I  
<sup>b</sup>bring your destruction among the nations, into lands which  
 you have not known.

10 “And I will make many peoples appalled at you, and their  
 kings shall be horribly afraid for you when I brandish My sword  
 before them; and they shall tremble every moment, every man  
 for his own life, on the day of your fall.”

11 For thus says the Lord GOD, “The sword of the king of  
 Babylon shall come upon you.

12 "By the swords of the mighty ones I will cause your multitude to fall; all of them are tyrants of the nations, And they shall devastate the pride of Egypt, And all its multitude shall be destroyed.

13 "I will also destroy all its cattle from beside many waters; And the foot of man shall not muddy them any more, And the hoofs of beasts shall not muddy them.

14 "Then I will make their waters settle, And will cause their rivers to run like oil," Declares the Lord God.

15 "When I make the land of Egypt a <sup>a</sup>desolation, And the land is destitute of that which filled it, When I smite all those who live in it, Then they shall <sup>b</sup>know that I am the LORD.

16 "This is a <sup>a</sup>lamentation and they shall <sup>1</sup>chant it. The daughters of the nations shall <sup>1</sup>chant it. Over Egypt and over all her multitude they shall <sup>1</sup>chant it," declares the Lord God.

17 And it came about in the <sup>a</sup>twelfth year, on the <sup>a</sup>fifteenth of the month, that the word of the LORD came to me saying,

18 "Son of man, <sup>a</sup>wail for the multitude of Egypt, and <sup>b</sup>bring it down, her and the daughters of the powerful nations, to the <sup>c</sup>nether world, with those who go down to the pit;

19 "Whom do you surpass in beauty? Go down and make your bed with the <sup>a</sup>uncircumcised."

20 "They shall fall in the midst of those who are slain by the sword. <sup>1</sup>She is given over to the sword; they have <sup>a</sup>drawn her and all her multitudes away.

21 "The <sup>a</sup>strong among the mighty ones shall speak of him and his helpers from the midst of Sheol, "They have gone down, they lie still, the uncircumcised, slain by the sword."

22 "<sup>a</sup>Assyria is there and all her company; <sup>1</sup>her graves are round about <sup>2</sup>her. All of them are slain, fallen by the sword,

23 whose graves are set in the remotest parts of the pit, and her company is round about her grave. All of them are slain, fallen by the sword, who <sup>1</sup>spread terror in the land of the living.

24 "<sup>a</sup>Elam is there and all her multitude around her grave; all of them slain, fallen by the sword, who went down uncircumcised to the <sup>b</sup>lower parts of the earth, who instilled their terror in the <sup>c</sup>land of the living, and <sup>b</sup>bore their disgrace with those who went down to the pit.

25 "They have made a <sup>a</sup>bed for her among the slain with all her multitude. Her graves are around it, they are all uncircumcised, slain by the sword (although their terror was <sup>1</sup>instilled in the land of the living), and they bore their disgrace with those who go down to the pit; <sup>2</sup>they were put in the midst of the slain.

26 "<sup>a</sup>Meshech, <sup>b</sup>Tubal and all their multitude are there; their graves <sup>1</sup>surround them. All of them were slain by the sword <sup>c</sup>uncircumcised, though they instilled their terror in the land of the living.

27 "<sup>a</sup>Nor do they lie beside the fallen <sup>b</sup>heroes of the uncircumcised, who went down to Sheol with their weapons of war, and whose swords were laid under their heads; but the punishment for their <sup>c</sup>iniquity rested on their bones, though the terror of *these* <sup>1</sup>heroes was once in the land of the living.

15 <sup>a</sup>Ezek. 29:12, 19, 20; Ps. 107:34 <sup>b</sup>Ezek. 6:7; 30:19, 26; Ex. 7:5; 14:4, 18; Ps. 9:16; 83:17, 18

16 <sup>1</sup>Or, *lament*  
<sup>a</sup>Ezek. 32:2; 26:17; 2 Sam. 1:17; 3:33, 34; 2 Chr. 35:25; Jer. 9:17

17 <sup>a</sup>Ezek. 32:1; 31:1; 33:21

18 <sup>a</sup>Ezek. 32:2, 16; 21:6; Is. 16:9; Mic. 1:8 <sup>b</sup>Ezek. 43:3; Jer. 1:10; Hos. 6:5  
<sup>c</sup>Ezek. 32:24; 31:14, 16, 18

19 <sup>a</sup>Ezek. 32:21, 24, 29, 30; 31:18; Jer. 9:25, 26

20 <sup>1</sup>Or, *The sword is given*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 28:3

21 <sup>a</sup>Ezek. 32:27; Is. 14:9-12

22 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *his* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *him*  
<sup>a</sup>Ezek. 27:23; 31:3, 16

23 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *gave, and so*  
throughout the chap.

24 <sup>a</sup>Gen. 10:22; 14:1; Is. 11:11; Jer. 25:25; 49:34-39  
<sup>b</sup>Ezek. 32:18; 26:20; 31:14, 18  
<sup>c</sup>Job 28:13; Ps. 27:13; 52:5, 14:2; Is. 38:11; Jer. 11:19  
<sup>d</sup>Ezek. 32:25, 30; 16:52, 54

25 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *given* <sup>2</sup>So with ancient versions; M.T. reads: *he was*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 139:8

26 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *are around him*  
<sup>a</sup>Ezek. 27:13; 38:2, 3; 39:1; Gen. 10:2  
<sup>b</sup>Ezek. 27:13; 38:2, 3; 39:1; Gen. 10:2; Is. 66:19  
<sup>c</sup>Ezek. 32:19

27 <sup>1</sup>Or, *mighty ones*  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 14:18, 19  
<sup>b</sup>Ezek. 32:21; Job 3:13-15  
<sup>c</sup>Job 20:11; Ps. 109:18

## Ezekiel 32, 33

29 <sup>1</sup>Or, leaders <sup>2</sup>Or, in  
<sup>a</sup>Ezek. 25:13; 35:9, 15; Is.  
 34:5-15; Jer. 49:7-22

30 <sup>1</sup>Or, princes  
<sup>a</sup>Ezek. 38:6, 15; 39:2; Jer.  
 1:15; 25:26 <sup>b</sup>Ezek. 28:21-23;  
 Jer. 25:22

31 <sup>a</sup>Ezek. 14:22; 31:16

2 <sup>a</sup>Ezek. 33:12, 17, 30;  
 3:11; 37:18

3 <sup>a</sup>Ezek. 33:9; Neh. 4:18-  
 20; Is. 58:1; Hos. 8:1; Joel  
 2:1

4 <sup>a</sup>2 Chr. 25:16; Jer. 6:17;  
 Zech. 1:4 <sup>b</sup>Ezek. 33:5, 9;  
 18:13; Acts 18:6

5 <sup>a</sup>Ex. 9:19-21; Heb. 11:7

6 <sup>1</sup>Or, for, and so  
 throughout the chap.  
<sup>a</sup>Ezek. 33:8, 9; 18:20, 24  
<sup>b</sup>Ezek. 3:18, 20

7 <sup>1</sup>Or, given <sup>2</sup>Lit., word  
<sup>a</sup>Ezek. 3:17-21; Is. 62:6  
<sup>b</sup>Ezek. 2:7, 8; Jer. 1:17;  
 26:2; Acts 5:20

8 <sup>a</sup>Ezek. 33:14; 18:4, 13,  
 18, 20; Is. 3:11

9 <sup>a</sup>Acts 13:40, 41, 46  
<sup>b</sup>Ezek. 3:19, 21; Acts 20:26

10 <sup>1</sup>Lit., live  
<sup>a</sup>Ezek. 4:17; 24:23; Lev.  
 26:39 <sup>b</sup>Ezek. 37:11; Is.  
 49:14

11 <sup>1</sup>YHWH, usually  
 rendered LORD, and so  
 throughout the chap.  
<sup>a</sup>Ezek. 5:11; Is. 49:18  
<sup>b</sup>Ezek. 18:23, 32; Hos. 11:8  
<sup>c</sup>1 Tim. 2:4; 2 Pet. 3:9  
<sup>d</sup>Ezek. 18:30, 31; Is. 55:6, 7;  
 Jer. 3:22; 31:20; Hos. 14:1;  
 Acts 3:19

28 "But in the midst of the uncircumcised you will be broken and lie with those slain by the sword.

29 "There also is <sup>a</sup>Edom, its kings, and all its <sup>1</sup>princes, who <sup>2</sup>for all their might are laid with those slain by the sword; they will lie with the uncircumcised, and with those who go down to the pit.

30 "There also are the <sup>1</sup>chiefs of the <sup>a</sup>north, all of them, and all the <sup>b</sup>Sidonians, who in spite of the terror resulting from their might, in shame went down with the slain. So they lay down uncircumcised with those slain by the sword, and bore their disgrace with those who go down to the pit.

31 "These Pharaoh will see, and he will be <sup>a</sup>comforted for all his multitude slain by the sword, *even* Pharaoh and all his army," declares the Lord God.

32 "Though I instilled a terror of him in the land of the living, yet he will be made to lie down among *the* uncircumcised along with those slain by the sword, *even* Pharaoh and all his multitude," declares the Lord God.

## CHAPTER 33

AND the word of the LORD came to me saying,

2 "Son of man, speak to the <sup>a</sup>sons of your people, and say to them, 'If I bring a sword upon a land, and the people of the land take one man from among them and make him their watchman;

3 and he sees the sword coming upon the land, and he <sup>a</sup>blows on the trumpet and warns the people,

4 then he who hears the sound of the trumpet and does not <sup>a</sup>take warning, and a sword comes and takes him away, his blood will be on his <sup>b</sup>own head.

5 'He heard the sound of the trumpet, but did not take warning; his blood will be on himself. But had he taken warning, he would have <sup>a</sup>delivered his life.

6 'But if the watchman sees the sword coming and does not blow the trumpet, and the people are not warned, and a sword comes and takes a person from them, he is <sup>a</sup>taken away <sup>1</sup>in his iniquity; but his <sup>b</sup>blood I will require from the watchman's hand.'

7 "Now as for you, son of man, I have <sup>1a</sup>appointed you a watchman for the house of Israel; so you will hear a <sup>2</sup>message from My mouth, and give them <sup>b</sup>warning from Me.

8 "When I say to the wicked, 'O wicked man, you shall <sup>a</sup>surely die,' and you do not speak to warn the wicked from his way, that wicked man shall die in his iniquity, but his blood I will require from your hand.

9 "But if you on your part warn a wicked man to turn from his way, and he does not <sup>a</sup>turn from his way, he will die in his iniquity; but you have <sup>b</sup>delivered your life.

10 "Now as for you, son of man, say to the house of Israel, 'Thus you have spoken, saying, "Surely our transgressions and our sins are upon us, and we are <sup>a</sup>rotting away in them; <sup>b</sup>how then can we <sup>1</sup>survive?"'

11 "Say to them, '<sup>a</sup>As I live!' declares the Lord <sup>1</sup>GOD, 'I take <sup>b</sup>no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but rather that the wicked <sup>c</sup>turn from his way and live. <sup>d</sup>Turn back, turn back from your evil ways! Why then will you die, O house of Israel?'

12 "And you, son of man, say to <sup>1</sup>your fellow-citizens, "The <sup>a</sup>righteousness of a righteous man will not deliver him in the day of his transgression, and as for the wickedness of the wicked, he will <sup>b</sup>not stumble because of it in the day when he turns from his wickedness; whereas a righteous man will not be able to live <sup>2</sup>by his righteousness on the day when he commits sin."

13 "When I say to the righteous he will surely live, and he so trusts in his righteousness that he <sup>a</sup>commits iniquity, none of his righteous deeds will be remembered; but in that same iniquity of his which he has committed he will die.

14 "But when I say to the wicked, 'You will surely die,' and he <sup>a</sup>turns from his sin and practices <sup>b</sup>justice and righteousness,

15 *if a* wicked man restores a pledge, <sup>a</sup>pays back what he has taken by robbery, walks by the <sup>b</sup>statutes <sup>1</sup>which ensure life without committing iniquity, he will surely live; he shall not die.

16 "None of his sins that he has committed will be remembered against him. He has practiced justice and righteousness; he will surely live.

17 "Yet <sup>1</sup>your fellow citizens say, 'The way of the Lord is not right', when it is their own way that is not right.

18 "When the righteous turns from his righteousness and <sup>a</sup>commits iniquity, then he shall die in <sup>1</sup>it.

19 "But when the wicked turns from his wickedness and practices justice and righteousness, he will live by them.

20 "Yet you say, 'The way of the Lord is not right.' O house of Israel, I will judge each of you according to his ways."

21 Now it <sup>a</sup>came about in the <sup>b</sup>twelfth year of our exile, on the fifth of the tenth month, that the <sup>1</sup>refugees from Jerusalem came to me, saying, "The city has been <sup>2</sup>taken."

22 Now the <sup>a</sup>hand of the LORD had been upon me in the evening, before the <sup>1</sup>refugees came. And He <sup>b</sup>opened my mouth <sup>2</sup>at the time *they* came to me in the morning; so my mouth was <sup>c</sup>opened, and I was no longer <sup>3</sup>speechless.

23 Then the word of the LORD came to me saying,

24 "Son of man, they who <sup>a</sup>live in these waste places in the land of Israel are saying, <sup>b</sup>'Abraham was *only* one, yet he possessed the land; so to <sup>c</sup>us who are many the land has been given as a possession.'

25 "Therefore, say to them, 'Thus says the Lord God, "You eat *meat* with the <sup>a</sup>blood *in it*, lift up your eyes to your idols as you shed blood. <sup>b</sup>Should you then possess the land?"

26 "You <sup>a</sup>rely on your sword, you commit abominations, and each of you defiles his neighbor's wife. Should you then possess the land?"

27 "Thus you shall say to them, 'Thus says the Lord God, "As I live, surely those who are in the waste places will <sup>a</sup>fall by the sword, and whoever is in the <sup>1</sup>open field I will give to the beasts to be devoured, and those who are in the strongholds and in the <sup>b</sup>heaves will die of pestilence.

28 "And I shall make the land a desolation and a <sup>a</sup>waste, and the <sup>b</sup>pride of her power will cease; and the mountains of Israel will be desolate, so that no one will pass through.

29 "Then they will know that I am the LORD, when I make the land a desolation and a waste because of all their abominations which they have committed."

12 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *the sons of your people* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *by it*  
<sup>a</sup>Ezek. 33:18; 3:18; 18:24  
<sup>b</sup>Ezek. 33:19; 18:21; 2 Chr. 7:14

13 <sup>a</sup>Ezek. 18:26; Heb. 10:38; 2 Pet. 2:20, 21

14 <sup>a</sup>Ezek. 33:8; 18:27; Is. 55:7; Jer. 18:7, 8; Hos. 14:1.  
<sup>4</sup> <sup>b</sup>Mic. 6:8

15 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *of life*  
<sup>a</sup>Ex. 22:1-4; Lev. 6:4, 5; Luke 19:8 <sup>b</sup>Ezek. 20:11; Ps. 119:59; 143:8

16 <sup>a</sup>Ezek. 18:22; Is. 1:18; 43:25

17 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *the sons of your people*

18 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *them*  
<sup>a</sup>Ezek. 33:12, 13; 3:20; 18:24

21 <sup>1</sup>Or, *refugee* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *smitten*  
<sup>a</sup>Ezek. 31:1; 32:1, 17; 40:1  
<sup>b</sup>Ezek. 24:1, 2; Jer. 39:1, 2; 52:4-7

22 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *refugee* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *until he came* <sup>3</sup>Or, *dumb*  
<sup>a</sup>Ezek. 1:3; 8:1; 37:1 <sup>b</sup>Ezek. 3:26, 27; 24:27 <sup>c</sup>Luke 1:64

24 <sup>a</sup>Ezek. 33:27; Jer. 39:10; 40:7 <sup>b</sup>Is. 51:2; Acts 7:5 <sup>c</sup>Ezek. 11:15; Luke 3:8; Rom. 4:12

25 <sup>a</sup>Lev. 17:10, 12, 14; Deut. 12:16, 23; 15:23 <sup>b</sup>Jer. 7:9, 10

26 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *stand*  
<sup>a</sup>Mic. 2:1, 2; Zeph. 3:3

27 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *surface of the field*  
<sup>a</sup>Ezek. 33:24; 5:12-14; Jer. 15:2-4; 42:22 <sup>b</sup>1 Sam. 13:6; Is. 2:19

28 <sup>a</sup>Ezek. 5:15; 6:14; Jer. 42:22; Mic. 7:13 <sup>b</sup>Ezek. 7:24; 24:21; 30:6, 7

30 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *the sons of your people* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *word*  
<sup>a</sup>Ezek. 14:3; 20:3, 31; Is. 29:13; 58:2

31 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 78:36, 37; Is. 29:13;  
 1 John 3:18 <sup>b</sup>Ezek. 22:13,  
 27; Luke 12:15

32 <sup>a</sup>Mark 6:20; John 5:35

33 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *behold, it is coming*  
<sup>a</sup>Ezek. 33:29; Jer. 28:9

2 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *them, the shepherds* <sup>2</sup>YHWH, usually rendered LORD, and so throughout the chap.  
<sup>3</sup>Lit., *pasturing, pasture*  
<sup>a</sup>Jer. 2:8; 3:15; 10:21; 12:10  
<sup>b</sup>Ezek. 34:8-10; 22:25; Jer. 23:1; Mic. 3:1-3, 11 <sup>c</sup>Ezek. 34:14, 15; Ps. 78:71, 72; Is. 40:11; John 10:11; 21:15-17

3 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *pasturing*  
<sup>a</sup>Zech. 11:5, 16 <sup>b</sup>Ezek. 22:25, 27

4 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *sick*  
<sup>a</sup>Zech. 11:15, 16 <sup>b</sup>Matt. 9:36; 10:6; 18:12, 13; Luke 15:4

5 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 10:21; 50:6, 7  
<sup>b</sup>Ezek. 34:8, 28; Jer. 23:2

6 <sup>a</sup>Ezek. 7:16; Jer. 40:11, 12; 1 Pet. 2:25 <sup>b</sup>John 10:16  
<sup>c</sup>Ps. 142:4

8 <sup>a</sup>Acts 20:29

10 <sup>1</sup>Or, (a) *flock* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *from their hand* <sup>3</sup>Lit., *pasture*, and so throughout the chap.  
<sup>a</sup>Ezek. 34:2; 5:8; 13:8; Jer. 21:13; Zech. 10:3 <sup>b</sup>1 Sam. 2:29, 30; Jer. 52:24-27  
<sup>c</sup>Ezek. 13:23; Ps. 72:12-14

11 <sup>a</sup>Ezek. 11:17; 20:41; Is. 51:12

12 <sup>1</sup>Or, *seek(s) out* <sup>2</sup>Or, *flock*  
<sup>a</sup>Jer. 31:10 <sup>b</sup>Is. 40:11; 56:8; Jer. 23:3; 31:8; Luke 19:10; John 10:16 <sup>c</sup>Ezek. 30:3; Jer. 13:16; Joel 2:2

30 "But as for you, son of man, <sup>1</sup>your fellow-citizens who talk about you by the walls and in the doorways of the houses, speak to one another, each to his brother, saying, <sup>a</sup>"Come now, and hear what the <sup>2</sup>message is which comes forth from the LORD."

31 "And they come to you as people come, and they sit before you as My people, but they do the lustful desires expressed by their <sup>a</sup>mouth, and their heart <sup>b</sup>goes after their gain.

32 "And behold, you are to them like a sensual song by one who has a <sup>a</sup>beautiful voice and plays well on an instrument; for they hear your words, but they do not practice them.

33 "So when it <sup>a</sup>comes to pass—<sup>1</sup>as surely it will—then they will know that a prophet has been in their midst."

## CHAPTER 34

THEN the word of the LORD came to me saying,

2 "Son of man, prophesy against the <sup>a</sup>shepherds of Israel. Prophesy and say to <sup>1</sup>those shepherds, 'Thus says the Lord <sup>2</sup>GOD, "Woe, shepherds of Israel who have been <sup>3</sup>feeding <sup>b</sup>themselves! Should not the shepherds <sup>3</sup>feed the <sup>c</sup>flock?"

3 "You <sup>a</sup>eat the fat and clothe yourselves with the wool, you <sup>b</sup>slaughter the fat *sheep* without <sup>1</sup>feeding the flock.

4 "Those who are sickly you have not strengthened, the <sup>1</sup>disheveled you have not healed, the broken you have not <sup>a</sup>bound up, the scattered you have not brought back, nor have you <sup>b</sup>sought for the lost; but with force and with severity you have dominated them.

5 "And they were <sup>a</sup>scattered for lack of a shepherd, and they became <sup>b</sup>food for every beast of the field and were scattered.

6 "My flock <sup>a</sup>wandered through all the mountains and on every high hill, and <sup>b</sup>My flock was scattered over all the surface of the earth; and there was <sup>c</sup>no one to search or seek for them." "

7 Therefore, you shepherds, hear the word of the LORD:

8 "As I live," declares the Lord GOD, "surely because My flock has become a <sup>a</sup>prey, My flock has even become food for all the beasts of the field for lack of a shepherd, and My shepherds did not search for My flock, but *rather* the shepherds fed themselves and did not feed My flock;

9 therefore, you shepherds, hear the word of the LORD:

10 "Thus says the Lord GOD, "Behold, I am <sup>a</sup>against the shepherds, and I shall demand My <sup>1</sup>sheep <sup>2</sup>from them and make them <sup>b</sup>cease from feeding <sup>1</sup>sheep. So the shepherds will not <sup>3</sup>feed themselves any more, but I shall <sup>c</sup>deliver My flock from their mouth, that they may not be food for them." "

11 For thus says the Lord GOD, "Behold, <sup>a</sup>I Myself will search for My sheep and seek them out.

12 "<sup>a</sup>As a shepherd <sup>1</sup>cares for his herd in the day when he is among his scattered <sup>2</sup>sheep, so I will <sup>1</sup>bcare for My <sup>2</sup>sheep and will deliver them from all the places to which they were scattered on a <sup>c</sup>cloudy and gloomy day.

13 "And I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries and bring them to their own land; and



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I will <sup>a</sup>feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the <sup>b</sup>streams, and in all the inhabited places of the land.

14 "I will feed them in a <sup>a</sup>good pasture, and their grazing ground will be on the mountain heights of Israel. There they will lie down in good grazing ground, and they will feed in <sup>1</sup>rich pasture on the mountains of Israel.

15 "I will feed My flock and I will <sup>1</sup>lead them to rest," declares the Lord God.

16 "I will seek the lost, bring back the scattered, bind up the broken, and strengthen the sick; but the <sup>a</sup>fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with <sup>b</sup>judgment.

17 "And as for you, My flock, thus says the Lord God, 'Behold, I will <sup>a</sup>judge between one <sup>1</sup>sheep and another, between the rams and the male goats.

18 'Is it too <sup>a</sup>slight a thing for you that you should feed in the good pasture, that you must <sup>b</sup>tread down with your feet the rest of your pastures? Or that you should drink of the clear waters, that you must <sup>1</sup>foul the rest with your feet?

19 'And as for My flock, they must eat what you tread down with your feet, and they must drink what you <sup>1</sup>foul with your feet!'"

20 Therefore, thus says the Lord God to them, "Behold, I, even I, will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep.

21 "Because you <sup>a</sup>push with side and with shoulder, and thrust at all the <sup>1</sup>weak with your horns, until you have scattered them <sup>2</sup>abroad,

22 therefore, I will <sup>a</sup>deliver My flock, and they will no longer be a prey; and I will judge between one sheep and another.

23 "Then I will set over them one shepherd, My servant David, and he will feed them; he will feed them himself and be their shepherd.

24 "And I, the LORD, will be their God, and My servant <sup>a</sup>David will be prince among them; I, the LORD, have spoken.

25 "And I will make a <sup>a</sup>covenant of peace with them and <sup>b</sup>eliminate harmful beasts from the land, so that they may <sup>c</sup>live securely in the wilderness and sleep in the woods.

26 "And I will make them and the places around My hill a <sup>a</sup>blessing. And I will cause <sup>b</sup>showers to come down in their season; they will be showers of <sup>c</sup>blessing.

27 "Also the tree of the field will yield its fruit, and the earth will yield its increase, and they will be <sup>a</sup>secure on their land. Then they will know that I am the LORD, when I have <sup>b</sup>broken the bars of their yoke and have delivered them from the hand of those who enslaved them.

28 "And they will no longer be a prey to the nations, and the beasts of the earth will not devour them; but they will live <sup>a</sup>securely, and no one will make *them* afraid.

29 "And I will establish for them a renowned <sup>a</sup>planting place, and they will not again be <sup>1</sup>victims of <sup>b</sup>famine in the land, and they will not <sup>c</sup>endure the insults of the nations any more.

30 "Then they will know that <sup>a</sup>I, the LORD their God, am with them, and that they, the house of Israel, are My people," declares the Lord God.

31 "As for you, <sup>a</sup>My sheep, the sheep of <sup>b</sup>My pasture, you are men, and I am your God," declares the Lord God.

13 <sup>a</sup>Ezek. 34:23; 36:29, 30; Mic. 7:14 <sup>b</sup>Is. 30:25

14 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *fat*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 23:1, 2; Jer. 31:12-14, 25; John 10:9 <sup>b</sup>Ezek. 28:25, 26; 36:29, 30

15 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *cause them to lie down*  
<sup>a</sup>Ezek. 34:23; Ps. 23:1, 2

16 <sup>a</sup>Is. 10:16 <sup>b</sup>Is. 49:26

17 <sup>1</sup>Or, *lamb*  
<sup>a</sup>Ezek. 34:20-22; 20:38; Mal. 4:1; Matt. 25:32

18 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *foul by trampling*  
<sup>a</sup>Num. 16:9, 13; 2 Sam. 7:19; Is. 7:13 <sup>b</sup>Matt. 23:13; Luke 11:52

19 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *foul by trampling*

21 <sup>1</sup>Or, *sick* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *to the outside*  
<sup>a</sup>Deut. 33:17; Dan. 8:4; Luke 13:14-16

22 <sup>a</sup>Ezek. 34:10; Ps. 72:12-14; Jer. 23:2, 3

24 <sup>a</sup>Ezek. 37:24, 25; Is. 55:3-5; Jer. 30:9; Hos. 3:5

25 <sup>a</sup>Ezek. 16:60; 20:37; 37:26 <sup>b</sup>Job 5:22; Is. 11:6-9  
<sup>c</sup>Ezek. 34:27, 28; 28:26; Jer. 33:16

26 <sup>a</sup>Ezek. 34:14; Gen. 12:2  
<sup>b</sup>Deut. 11:13-15; 28:12  
<sup>c</sup>Lev. 25:21; Is. 44:3

27 <sup>a</sup>Ezek. 38:8, 11 <sup>b</sup>Lev. 26:13; Is. 52:2, 3; Jer. 30:8

28 <sup>a</sup>Ezek. 39:26; Jer. 30:10

29 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *those gathered*  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 4:2; 60:21; 61:3 <sup>b</sup>Ezek. 34:26, 27; 36:29 <sup>c</sup>Ezek. 36:6, 15

30 <sup>a</sup>Ezek. 14:11; 36:28; Ps. 46:7, 11

31 <sup>a</sup>Ezek. 36:38; Ps. 78:52; 80:1 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 100:3; Jer. 23:1

## CHAPTER 35

2 <sup>a</sup>Ezek. 25:12; 36:5;  
Gen. 36:8

3 <sup>1</sup>YHWH, usually rendered LORD, and so throughout the chap. <sup>a</sup>Ezek. 25:13; Jer. 6:12; 15:6 <sup>b</sup>Ezek. 35:7; Jer. 49:13, 17, 18

4 <sup>a</sup>Ezek. 35:9; 6:6; Mal. 1:3, 4

5 <sup>1</sup>Lit., poured <sup>2</sup>Or, iniquity <sup>a</sup>Ezek. 25:12, 15; 36:5; Ps. 137:7; Amos 1:11; Obad. 10 <sup>b</sup>Ezek. 7:2; 21:25, 29

6 <sup>1</sup>Lit., prepare you for <sup>a</sup>Ezek. 16:38; 32:6; Is. 63:2-6

8 <sup>1</sup>Lit., fall in them <sup>a</sup>Ezek. 31:12; 32:4, 5; 39:4, 5; Is. 34:5, 6

9 <sup>a</sup>Ezek. 25:13; Jer. 49:13

10 <sup>1</sup>Lit., it <sup>a</sup>Ezek. 36:2, 5; Ps. 83:4-12 <sup>b</sup>Ezek. 48:35; Ps. 48:1-3; 132:13, 14; Is. 12:6; Zeph. 3:15

11 <sup>a</sup>Ezek. 25:14; Ps. 137:7; Amos 1:11 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 9:16; 73:17, 18

12 <sup>1</sup>Or, that I am the LORD: I have heard <sup>a</sup>Ezek. 36:2; Jer. 50:7

13 <sup>1</sup>Lit., made great with your mouth <sup>a</sup>Is. 10:13, 14; 36:20; Jer. 48:26, 42; Dan. 11:36 <sup>b</sup>Jer. 7:11; 29:23

14 <sup>a</sup>Is. 44:23; 49:13; Jer. 51:48

15 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 50:11; Lam. 4:21 <sup>b</sup>Obad. 12, 15 <sup>c</sup>Ezek. 35:3, 4; Is. 34:5, 6

2 <sup>1</sup>YHWH, usually rendered LORD, and so throughout the chap. <sup>2</sup>Lit., Bamoth <sup>a</sup>Deut. 32:13; Ps. 78:69; Is. 58:14; Hab. 3:19

**MOREOVER**, the word of the LORD came to me saying,  
2 "Son of man, set your face against <sup>a</sup>Mount Seir, and prophesy against it,

3 and say to it, 'Thus says the Lord <sup>1</sup>God,  
'Behold, I am against you, Mount Seir,  
And I will <sup>a</sup>stretch out My hand against you,  
And I will make you a <sup>b</sup>desolation and a waste.

4 "I will <sup>a</sup>lay waste your cities,  
And you will become a desolation.  
Then you will know that I am the LORD.

5 "Because you have had everlasting <sup>a</sup>enmity and have <sup>1</sup>delivered the sons of Israel to the power of the sword at the time of their calamity, at the time of the <sup>2b</sup>punishment of the end,

6 therefore, as I live," declares the Lord God, "I will <sup>1</sup>give you over to <sup>a</sup>bloodshed, and bloodshed will pursue you; since you have not hated bloodshed, therefore bloodshed will pursue you.

7 "And I will make Mount Seir a waste and a desolation, and I will cut off from it the one who passes through and returns.

8 "And I will <sup>a</sup>fill its mountains with its slain; on your hills and in your valleys and in all your ravines those slain by the sword will <sup>1</sup>fall.

9 "I will make you an everlasting <sup>a</sup>desolation, and your cities will not be inhabited. Then you will know that I am the LORD.

10 "Because you have <sup>a</sup>said, 'These two nations and these two lands will be mine, and we will possess <sup>1</sup>them,' although the <sup>b</sup>LORD was there,

11 therefore, as I live," declares the Lord God, "I will deal with you <sup>a</sup>according to your anger and according to your envy which you showed because of your hatred against them; so I will <sup>b</sup>make Myself known among them when I judge you.

12 "Then you will know <sup>1</sup>that I, the LORD, have heard all your revilings which you have spoken against the mountains of Israel saying, 'They are laid desolate; they are <sup>a</sup>given to us for food.'

13 "And you have <sup>1a</sup>spoken arrogantly against Me and have multiplied your words against Me; <sup>b</sup>I have heard."

14 "Thus says the Lord God, "As all the earth <sup>a</sup>rejoices, I will make you a desolation.

15 "As you <sup>a</sup>rejoiced over the inheritance of the house of Israel because it was desolate, <sup>b</sup>so I will do to you. You will be a <sup>c</sup>desolation, O Mount Seir, and all Edom, all of it. Then they will know that I am the LORD."

## CHAPTER 36

**“AND** you, son of man, prophesy to the mountains of Israel and say, 'O mountains of Israel, hear the word of the LORD.

2 'Thus says the Lord <sup>1</sup>God, "Because the enemy has spoken against you, 'Aha!' and, 'The everlasting <sup>2a</sup>heights have become our possession,'

3 therefore, prophesy and say, "Thus says the Lord God, "1For good cause they have made you <sup>a</sup>desolate and <sup>b</sup>crushed you from every side, that you should become a possession of the rest of the nations, and you have been taken up in the <sup>2c</sup>talk and the whispering of the people."'"

4 "Therefore, O <sup>a</sup>mountains of Israel, hear the word of the Lord God. Thus says the Lord God to the mountains and to the hills, to the ravines and to the valleys, to the desolate wastes and to the forsaken cities, which have become a <sup>b</sup>prey and a derision to the rest of the nations which are round about,

5 therefore, thus says the Lord God, "Surely in the fire of My <sup>a</sup>jealousy I have spoken against the <sup>b</sup>rest of the nations, and against all Edom, who <sup>1</sup>appropriated My land for themselves as a possession with wholehearted <sup>c</sup>joy and with scorn of soul, to drive it out for a prey."

6 "Therefore, prophesy concerning the land of Israel, and say to the mountains and to the hills, to the ravines and to the valleys, "Thus says the Lord God, 'Behold, I have spoken in My jealousy and in My wrath because you have <sup>a</sup>endured the insults of the nations.'

7 "Therefore, thus says the Lord God, 'I have <sup>1</sup>sworn that surely the nations which are around you will themselves endure their insults.

8 'But you, O mountains of Israel, you will <sup>a</sup>put forth your branches and bear your fruit for My people Israel; for they will soon come.

9 'For, behold, I am for you, and I will <sup>a</sup>turn to you, and you shall be <sup>b</sup>cultivated and sown.

10 'And I will multiply men on you, <sup>a</sup>all the house of Israel, all of it; and the <sup>b</sup>cities will be inhabited, and the waste places will be rebuilt.

11 'And I will multiply on you man and beast; and they will increase and be fruitful; and I will cause you to be inhabited as you were <sup>a</sup>formerly and will <sup>1</sup>treat you <sup>b</sup>better than at the first. Thus you will know that I am the LORD.

12 'Yes, I will cause <sup>a</sup>men—My people Israel—to walk on you and possess you, so that you will become their <sup>b</sup>inheritance and never again <sup>c</sup>bereave them of children.'

13 "Thus says the Lord God, 'Because they say to you, "You are a devourer of men and have bereaved your <sup>1</sup>nation of children,"

14 therefore, you will no longer devour men, and no longer bereave your nation of children,' declares the Lord God.

15 "And I will not let you hear <sup>a</sup>insults from the nations any more, nor will you bear <sup>b</sup>disgrace from the peoples any longer, nor will you cause your nation to <sup>c</sup>stumble any longer," declares the Lord God."

16 Then the word of the LORD came to me saying,

17 "Son of man, when the house of Israel was living in their own land, they defiled it by their ways and their deeds; their way before Me was like the uncleanness of a woman in her impurity.

18 "Therefore, I <sup>a</sup>poured out My wrath on them for the blood which they had shed on the land, because they had defiled it with their idols.

3 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *Because of By the cause* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *lip of the tongue*  
<sup>a</sup>Jer. 2:15 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 35:25; Jer. 51:34; Lam. 2:2, 5, 16  
<sup>c</sup>Ezek. 35:13; Ps. 44:13, 14; Jer. 18:16

4 <sup>a</sup>Ezek. 36:1, 6, 8; Deut. 11:11 <sup>b</sup>Ezek. 34:8, 28

5 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *gave*  
<sup>a</sup>Ezek. 36:6; 5:13; 38:19; Is. 66:15, 16 <sup>b</sup>Ezek. 36:3; Jer. 25:9, 15-29 <sup>c</sup>Ezek. 35:15; Jer. 50:11; Mic. 7:8

6 <sup>a</sup>Ezek. 34:29; Ps. 74:10; 123:3, 4

7 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *lifted up My hand*

8 <sup>a</sup>Ezek. 17:23; 34:26-29; Is. 4:2; 27:6

9 <sup>a</sup>Lev. 26:9 <sup>b</sup>Ezek. 36:34; 28:26; 34:14

10 <sup>a</sup>Ezek. 37:21, 22; Is. 27:6; 49:17-23 <sup>b</sup>Ezek. 36:33; Jer. 31:27, 28; 33:12

11 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *cause good*  
<sup>a</sup>Ezek. 16:55; Jer. 30:18; Mic. 7:14 <sup>b</sup>Job 42:12; Is. 51:3

12 <sup>a</sup>Ezek. 34:13, 14 <sup>b</sup>Ezek. 47:14 <sup>c</sup>Num. 13:32

13 <sup>1</sup>Or, *nations*, and so throughout the chap.

15 <sup>a</sup>Ezek. 36:7; 34:29; Is. 54:4; 60:14 <sup>b</sup>Ezek. 22:4; Ps. 89:50 <sup>c</sup>Is. 63:13; Jer. 13:16; 18:15

18 <sup>a</sup>Ezek. 22:20; 2 Chr. 34:21, 25; Lam. 2:4; 4:11

19 <sup>a</sup>Ezek. 5:12; 22:15; Deut. 28:64; Amos 9:9  
<sup>b</sup>Ezek. 24:14; 39:24; Rom. 2:6

20 <sup>a</sup>Ezek. 12:16; 14:22; Is. 52:5; Rom. 2:24 <sup>b</sup>Jer. 33:24

21 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *compassion*  
<sup>a</sup>Ezek. 20:44; Ps. 74:18; Is. 37:35; 48:9

22 <sup>a</sup>Ezek. 36:32; Deut. 7:7, 8; 9:5-7; Ps. 108:6

23 <sup>a</sup>Ezek. 20:41; 38:23; 39:7, 25; Is. 5:16; 1 Pet. 3:15 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 102:13, 15; 126:2

24 <sup>a</sup>Ezek. 34:13; 37:21; Is. 43:5, 6

25 <sup>a</sup>Num. 19:17-19; Ps. 51:7; Titus 3:5, 6; Heb. 9:13, 19; 10:22 <sup>b</sup>Is. 4:4; Zech. 13:1 <sup>c</sup>Is. 2:18, 20; Hos. 14:3, 8

26 <sup>a</sup>Ezek. 11:19; 18:31; Ps. 51:10; John 3:3, 5; 2 Cor. 5:17 <sup>b</sup>Ezek. 11:19; Zech. 7:12

27 <sup>a</sup>Ezek. 37:14; 39:29; Is. 44:3; 59:21; Joel 2:28, 29

28 <sup>a</sup>Ezek. 14:11; 37:23, 27

29 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *put*  
<sup>a</sup>Ezek. 34:27, 29; Hos. 2:21-23

30 <sup>a</sup>Lev. 26:4

31 <sup>a</sup>Ezek. 16:61-63; 20:43

33 <sup>a</sup>Ezek. 36:10; Zech. 8:7, 8 <sup>b</sup>Is. 58:12

35 <sup>a</sup>Ezek. 31:9; Is. 51:3; Joel 2:3

36 <sup>a</sup>Hos. 14:4-9

19 "Also I <sup>a</sup>scattered them among the nations, and they were dispersed throughout the lands. <sup>b</sup>According to their ways and their deeds I judged them.

20 "When they came to the nations where they went, they <sup>a</sup>profaned My holy name, because it was said of them, "These are the <sup>b</sup>people of the LORD; yet they have come out of His land."

21 "But I had <sup>1</sup>concern for My <sup>a</sup>holy name, which the house of Israel had profaned among the nations where they went.

22 "Therefore, say to the house of Israel, "Thus says the Lord God, "It is not for your sake, O house of Israel, that I am about to <sup>a</sup>act, but for My holy name, which you have profaned among the nations where you went.

23 "And I will <sup>a</sup>vindicate the holiness of My great name which has been profaned among the nations, which you have profaned in their midst. Then the <sup>b</sup>nations will know that I am the LORD," declares the Lord God, "when I prove Myself holy among you in their sight.

24 "For I will <sup>a</sup>take you from the nations, gather you from all the lands, and bring you into your own land.

25 "Then I will <sup>a</sup>sprinkle clean water on you, and you will be clean; I will cleanse you from all your <sup>b</sup>filthiness and from all your <sup>c</sup>idols.

26 "Moreover, I will give you a <sup>a</sup>new heart and put a new spirit within you; and I will remove the heart of <sup>b</sup>stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh.

27 "And I will <sup>a</sup>put My Spirit within you and cause you to walk in My statutes, and you will be careful to observe My ordinances.

28 "And you will live in the land that I gave to your forefathers; so you will be <sup>a</sup>My people, and I will be your God.

29 "Moreover, I will save you from all your uncleanness; and I will call for the grain and multiply it, and I will not <sup>1a</sup>bring a famine on you.

30 "And I will <sup>a</sup>multiply the fruit of the tree and the produce of the field, that you may not receive again the disgrace of famine among the nations.

31 "Then you will <sup>a</sup>remember your evil ways and your deeds that were not good, and you will loathe yourselves in your own sight for your iniquities and your abominations.

32 "I am not doing *this* for your sake," declares the Lord God, "let it be known to you. Be ashamed and confounded for your ways, O house of Israel!"

33 "Thus says the Lord God, "On the day that I cleanse you from all your iniquities, I will cause the <sup>a</sup>cities to be inhabited, and the <sup>b</sup>waste places will be rebuilt.

34 "And the desolate land will be cultivated instead of being a desolation in the sight of everyone who passed by.

35 "And they will say, "This desolate land has become like the <sup>a</sup>garden of Eden; and the waste, desolate, and ruined cities are fortified *and* inhabited."

36 "Then the nations that are left round about you will know that I, the LORD, have rebuilt the ruined places *and* planted that which was desolate; I, the LORD, have spoken and <sup>a</sup>will do it."

37 "Thus says the Lord GOD, "This also I will let the house of Israel ask Me to do for them: I will increase their men like a flock.

38 "Like the <sup>a</sup>flock <sup>l</sup>for sacrifices, like the flock at Jerusalem during her appointed feasts, so will the waste cities be filled with <sup>b</sup>flocks of men. Then they will know that I am the LORD." "

CHAPTER 37

THE <sup>a</sup>hand of the LORD was upon me, and He <sup>b</sup>brought me out <sup>l</sup>by the Spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of the <sup>c</sup>valley; and it was full of bones.

2 And He caused me to pass among them round about, and behold, *there were* very many on the surface of the valley; and lo, *they were* very dry.

3 And He said to me, "Son of man, <sup>a</sup>can these bones live?" And I answered, "O Lord <sup>l</sup>GOD, <sup>b</sup>Thou knowest."

4 Again He said to me, "<sup>a</sup>Prophecy over these bones, and say to them, 'O dry bones, <sup>b</sup>hear the word of the LORD.'

5 "Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones, 'Behold, I will cause <sup>l</sup>a breath to enter you that you may come to life.

6 'And I will put sinews on you, make flesh grow back on you, cover you with skin, and put breath in you that you may come alive; and you will <sup>a</sup>know that I am the LORD.' "

7 So I prophesied <sup>as</sup> I was commanded; and as I prophesied, there was a <sup>l</sup>noise, and behold, a rattling; and the bones came together, bone to its bone.

8 And I looked, and behold, sinews were on them, and flesh grew, and skin covered them; but there was no breath in them.

9 Then He said to me, "Prophecy to the breath, prophecy, son of man, and say to the breath, "Thus says the Lord GOD, "Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe on these slain, that they <sup>a</sup>come to life." "

10 So I prophesied as He commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they came to life, and stood on their feet, an <sup>a</sup>exceedingly great army.

11 Then He said to me, "Son of man, these bones are the <sup>a</sup>whole house of Israel; behold, they say, <sup>b</sup>Our bones are dried up, and our hope has perished. We are <sup>l</sup>completely 'cut off.'

12 "Therefore prophecy, and say to them, "Thus says the Lord GOD, "Behold, I will open your graves and <sup>a</sup>cause you to come up out of your graves, My people; and I will bring you into the land of Israel.

13 "Then you will know that I am the LORD, when I have opened your graves and caused you to come up out of your graves, My people.

14 "And I will <sup>a</sup>put My <sup>l</sup>Spirit within you, and you will come to life, and I will place you on your own land. Then you will know that I, the LORD, have spoken and done it," declares the LORD."

15 The word of the LORD came again to me saying,

16 "And you, son of man, take for yourself <sup>a</sup>one stick and write on it, <sup>b</sup>For Judah and for the sons of Israel, his companions'; then take another stick and write on it, 'For <sup>c</sup>Joseph, the stick of Ephraim and all the house of Israel, his companions.'

38 <sup>l</sup>Lit., of holy things  
<sup>a</sup>1 Kin. 8:63; 2 Chr. 35:7-9;  
 John 2:14 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 74:1; 100:3;  
 Jer. 23:1; Zech. 11:17; John  
 10:7, 9, 16

1 <sup>l</sup>Or, in  
<sup>a</sup>Ezek. 1:3; 33:22; 40:1  
<sup>b</sup>Ezek. 8:3; 11:24; 43:5; Acts  
 8:39 <sup>c</sup>Jer. 7:32-8:2

3 <sup>l</sup>YHWH, usually  
 rendered LORD, and so  
 throughout the chap.  
<sup>a</sup>Ezek. 26:19 <sup>b</sup>Deut. 32:39;  
 1 Sam. 2:6

4 <sup>a</sup>Ezek. 37:9, 12; Num.  
 20:8; 1 Kin. 13:2 <sup>b</sup>Ezek.  
 36:1; Is. 42:18; Jer. 22:29

5 <sup>l</sup>Or, spirit, and so  
 throughout the chap.  
<sup>a</sup>Ezek. 37:9, 10, 14; Gen.  
 2:7; Ps. 104:29, 30

6 <sup>a</sup>Ezek. 35:9; 38:23;  
 39:6; Is. 49:23; Joel 2:27;  
 3:17

7 <sup>l</sup>Lit., voice; or thunder  
<sup>a</sup>Jer. 13:5-7

9 <sup>a</sup>Hos. 13:14

10 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 30:19; 33:22

11 <sup>l</sup>Lit., cut off to  
 ourselves  
<sup>a</sup>Ezek. 36:10; 39:25; Jer.  
 33:24 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 141:7; Is. 40:27  
<sup>c</sup>Ps. 88:5; Lam. 3:54

12 <sup>a</sup>Deut. 32:39; 1 Sam.  
 2:6; Is. 26:19; 66:14; Hos.  
 13:14

14 <sup>l</sup>Or, breath  
<sup>a</sup>Ezek. 37:9; 11:19; 36:27;  
 39:29; Is. 32:15; Joel 2:28,  
 29; Zech. 12:10

16 <sup>a</sup>Num. 17:2, 3 <sup>b</sup>2 Chr.  
 10:17; 11:11-17; 15:9 <sup>c</sup>1 Kin.  
 12:16-20; 2 Chr. 10:19

17 <sup>a</sup>Ezek. 37:22-24; Is. 11:13; Jer. 50:4; Hos. 1:11; Zeph. 3:9

18 <sup>a</sup>Ezek. 12:9; 17:12; 20:49; 24:19

21 <sup>a</sup>Ezek. 36:24; 39:27; Is. 43:5, 6; Jer. 29:14; Amos 9:14, 15

22 <sup>a</sup>Ezek. 36:10; Jer. 3:18; 50:4, 5 <sup>b</sup>Ezek. 37:24; 34:23, 24

23 <sup>1</sup>Another reading is, *backslidings*.

24 <sup>a</sup>Ezek. 37:25; 34:24; Jer. 30:9; Hos. 3:5 <sup>b</sup>Ezek. 34:23; Ps. 78:71; Is. 40:11

25 <sup>a</sup>Ezek. 37:24; Is. 11:1; Zech. 6:12

26 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *give*  
<sup>a</sup>Ezek. 16:62; 20:37; 34:25  
<sup>b</sup>Ezek. 16:60; Ps. 89:3, 4; Is. 55:3; 59:21 <sup>c</sup>Ezek. 36:10, 11, 37; Jer. 30:19 <sup>d</sup>Ezek. 20:40; 43:7

27 <sup>a</sup>John 1:14 <sup>b</sup>Ezek. 37:23; 2 Cor. 6:16

28 <sup>a</sup>Ezek. 20:12; Ex. 31:13

2 <sup>1</sup>Or, *chief prince of Meshech*  
<sup>a</sup>Ezek. 38:3, 14, 16, 18; 39:1, 11; Rev. 20:8 <sup>b</sup>Ezek. 39:6; Gen. 10:2; Rev. 20:8  
<sup>c</sup>Ezek. 38:3; 39:1 <sup>d</sup>Ezek. 38:3; 27:13; 39:1

3 <sup>1</sup>YHWH, usually rendered LORD, and so throughout the chap. <sup>2</sup>Or, *chief prince of Meshech*

4 <sup>1</sup>Or, *clothed in full armor*  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 43:17 <sup>b</sup>Ezek. 38:15; Dan. 11:40

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17 "Then <sup>a</sup>join them for yourself one to another into one stick, that they may become one in your hand.

18 "And when the sons of your people speak to you saying, 'Will you not declare to us <sup>a</sup>what you mean by these?'

19 say to them, "Thus says the Lord God, "Behold, I will take the stick of Joseph, which is in the hand of Ephraim, and the tribes of Israel, his companions; and I will put them with it, with the stick of Judah, and make them one stick, and they will be one in My hand." "

20 "And the sticks on which you write will be in your hand before their eyes.

21 "And say to them, 'Thus says the Lord God, "Behold, I will <sup>a</sup>take the sons of Israel from among the nations where they have gone, and I will gather them from every side and bring them into their own land;

22 and I will make them <sup>a</sup>one nation in the land, on the mountains of Israel; and <sup>b</sup>one king will be king for all of them; and they will no longer be two nations, and they will no longer be divided into two kingdoms.

23 "And they will no longer defile themselves with their idols, or with their detestable things, or with any of their transgressions; but I will deliver them from all their <sup>1</sup>dwelling places in which they have sinned, and will cleanse them. And they will be My people, and I will be their God.

24 "And My servant <sup>a</sup>David will be king over them, and they will all have <sup>b</sup>one shepherd; and they will walk in My ordinances, and keep My statutes, and observe them.

25 "And they shall live on the land that I gave to Jacob My servant, in which your fathers lived; and they will live on it, they, and their sons, and their sons' sons, forever; and <sup>a</sup>David My servant shall be their prince forever.

26 "And I will make a <sup>a</sup>covenant of peace with them; it will be an <sup>b</sup>everlasting covenant with them. And I will <sup>1</sup>place them and <sup>c</sup>multiply them, and will set My <sup>d</sup>sanctuary in their midst forever.

27 "My <sup>a</sup>dwelling place also will be with them; and <sup>b</sup>I will be their God, and they will be My people.

28 "And the nations will know that I am the LORD <sup>a</sup>who sanctifies Israel, when My sanctuary is in their midst forever." "

## CHAPTER 38

AND the word of the LORD came to me saying,

2 "Son of man, set your face toward <sup>a</sup>Gog of the land of <sup>b</sup>Magog, the <sup>1</sup>prince of <sup>c</sup>Rosh, <sup>d</sup>Meshech, and <sup>d</sup>Tubal, and prophesy against him,

3 and say, 'Thus says the Lord <sup>1</sup>God, "Behold, I am against you, O Gog, <sup>2</sup>prince of Rosh, Meshech, and Tubal.

4 "And I will turn you about, and put hooks into your jaws, and I will <sup>a</sup>bring you out, and all your army, <sup>b</sup>horses and horsemen, all of them <sup>1</sup>splendidly attired, a great company *with* buckler and shield, all of them wielding swords;

5 <sup>a</sup>Persia, <sup>1b</sup>Ethiopia, and <sup>c</sup>Put with them, all of them *with* shield and helmet;

6 <sup>a</sup>Gomer with all its troops; Beth-<sup>b</sup>togarmah *from* the remote parts of the north with all its troops—many peoples with you.

7 “Be prepared, and prepare yourself, you and all your companies that are assembled about you, and be a guard for them.

8 <sup>a</sup>“After many days you will be summoned; in the latter years you will come into the land that is restored from the sword, *whose inhabitants* have been <sup>b</sup>gathered from many <sup>1</sup>nations to the <sup>c</sup>mountains of Israel which had been a continual waste; but <sup>2</sup>its people were brought out from the <sup>1</sup>nations, and they are <sup>d</sup>living securely, all of them.

9 “And you will go up, you will come <sup>a</sup>like a storm; you will be like a <sup>b</sup>cloud covering the land, you and all your troops, and many peoples with you.”

10 “Thus says the Lord God, “It will come about on that day, that <sup>1</sup>thoughts will come into your mind, and you will <sup>a</sup>devise an evil plan,

11 and you will say, ‘I will go up against the land of <sup>1a</sup>unwalled villages. I will go against those who are <sup>b</sup>at rest, that live securely, all of them living without walls, and having no bars or gates;

12 to <sup>a</sup>capture spoil and to seize plunder, to turn your hand against the waste places which are *now* inhabited, and against the people who are gathered from the nations, who have acquired cattle and goods, who live at the <sup>1</sup>center of the world.’

13 “<sup>a</sup>Sheba, and <sup>b</sup>Dedan, and the merchants of <sup>c</sup>Tarshish, with all its <sup>1d</sup>villages, will say to you, ‘Have you come to capture spoil? Have you assembled your company to seize plunder, to carry away silver and gold, to take away cattle and goods, to capture great <sup>a</sup>spoil?’ ”

14 “Therefore, prophesy, son of man, and say to Gog, “Thus says the Lord God, “On that day when My people Israel are <sup>a</sup>living securely, will you not know *it*?

15 “And you will come from your place out of the remote parts of the north, you and many peoples with you, all of them riding on horses, a great assembly and a mighty army;

16 and you will come up against My people Israel like a cloud to cover the land. It will come about in the last days that I shall bring you against My land, in order that the nations may <sup>a</sup>know Me when I shall be <sup>b</sup>sanctified through you before their eyes, O Gog.”

17 “Thus says the Lord God, “Are you the one of whom I spoke in former days through My servants the prophets of Israel, who <sup>a</sup>prophesied in those days for *many* years that I would bring you against them?

18 “And it will come about on that day, when Gog comes against the land of Israel,” declares the Lord God, “that My fury will mount up in My <sup>a</sup>anger.

19 “And in My <sup>a</sup>zeal and in My blazing wrath I declare *that* on that day there will surely be a great <sup>1b</sup>earthquake in the land of Israel.

<sup>5</sup> <sup>1</sup>Lit. *Cush*  
<sup>a</sup>Ezek. 27:10; 2 Chr. 36:20; Ezra 1:1; Dan. 8:20 <sup>b</sup>Ezek. 30:4, 5; Gen. 10:6-8 <sup>c</sup>Ezek. 27:10; 30:5

<sup>6</sup> <sup>a</sup>Gen. 10:2, 3 <sup>b</sup>Ezek. 27:14; Gen. 10:3

<sup>8</sup> <sup>1</sup>Lit., *peoples* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *it was*  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 24:22 <sup>b</sup>Ezek. 38:12; 36:24; 37:21; 39:27, 28; Is. 11:11 <sup>c</sup>Ezek. 34:13; 36:1-8 <sup>d</sup>Ezek. 38:11, 14; 39:26

<sup>9</sup> <sup>a</sup>Is. 5:28; 21:1; 25:4; 28:2; Jer. 4:13 <sup>b</sup>Ezek. 39:16; 30:18; Joel 2:2

<sup>10</sup> <sup>1</sup>Lit., *words*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 36:4; Mic. 2:1

<sup>11</sup> <sup>1</sup>Or, *open country*  
<sup>a</sup>Zech. 2:4 <sup>b</sup>Jer. 49:31

<sup>12</sup> <sup>1</sup>Lit., *navel*  
<sup>a</sup>Ezek. 29:19; Is. 10:6

<sup>13</sup> <sup>1</sup>Or, *young lions*  
<sup>a</sup>Ezek. 27:22, 23 <sup>b</sup>Ezek. 25:13; 27:15, 20 <sup>c</sup>Ezek. 27:12 <sup>d</sup>Ezek. 32:2; Nah. 2:11-13 <sup>e</sup>Is. 10:6; 33:23; Jer. 15:13

<sup>14</sup> <sup>a</sup>Ezek. 38:8, 11; Jer. 23:6; Zech. 2:5, 8

<sup>16</sup> <sup>a</sup>Ezek. 38:23; 36:23; Ps. 83:18 <sup>b</sup>Ezek. 28:22; Is. 5:16; 8:13; 29:23

<sup>17</sup> <sup>a</sup>Is. 5:26-29; 34:1-6; 63:1-6; 66:15, 16; Joel 3:9-14

<sup>18</sup> <sup>a</sup>Ps. 18:8, 15

<sup>19</sup> <sup>1</sup>Or, *shaking*  
<sup>a</sup>Ezek. 5:13; 36:5, 6; Deut. 32:22; Ps. 18:7, 8; Nah. 1:2; Heb. 12:29 <sup>b</sup>Ezek. 37:7; Joel 3:16; Hag. 2:6, 7, 21, 22

20 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *fall*  
<sup>a</sup>Jer. 4:24, 25; Hos. 4:3;  
 Nah. 1:4-6 <sup>b</sup>Zech. 14:4

21 <sup>1</sup>i.e. Gog  
<sup>a</sup>Ezek. 14:17 <sup>b</sup>Judg. 7:22;  
 1 Sam. 14:20; 2 Chr. 20:23;  
 Hag. 2:22

22 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *overflowing*  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 66:16; Jer. 25:31 <sup>b</sup>Ps.  
 11:6; 18:12-14; Is. 28:17

23 <sup>a</sup>Ezek. 38:16; 37:28; Ps.  
 9:16

1 <sup>1</sup>YHWH, usually  
 rendered *Lord*, and so  
 throughout the chap. <sup>2</sup>Or,  
*chief prince of Meshech*

3 <sup>a</sup>Ezek. 30:21-24; Ps.  
 76:3; Jer. 21:4, 5; Hos. 1:5

4 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *wing*  
<sup>a</sup>Ezek. 39:17-20; Is. 14:24,  
 25 <sup>b</sup>Ezek. 29:5; 32:4, 5;  
 33:27

5 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *face of the*

6 <sup>a</sup>Ezek. 30:8, 16; 38:19,  
 22; Amos 1:4, 7, 10; Nah.  
 1:6 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 72:10; Is. 66:19;  
 Jer. 25:22

7 <sup>a</sup>Ezek. 39:25; 36:20-22  
<sup>b</sup>Ezek. 20:9, 14, 39; Ez.  
 20:7 <sup>c</sup>Ezek. 38:16, 23 <sup>d</sup>Is.  
 12:6; 43:3, 14; 55:5; 60:9, 14

9 <sup>a</sup>Is. 66:24; Mal. 1:5  
<sup>b</sup>Josh. 11:6; Ps. 46:9

10 <sup>a</sup>Is. 14:2; 33:1; Mic. 5:8;  
 Hab. 2:8

20 <sup>a</sup>And the fish of the sea, the birds of the heavens, the beasts of the field, all the creeping things that creep on the earth, and all the men who are on the face of the earth will shake at My presence; the <sup>b</sup>mountains also will be thrown down, the steep pathways will <sup>1</sup>collapse, and every wall will fall to the ground.

21 "And I shall call for a <sup>a</sup>sword against <sup>1</sup>him on all My mountains," declares the Lord God. "<sup>b</sup>Every man's sword will be against his brother.

22 "And with pestilence and with blood I shall enter into <sup>a</sup>judgment with him; and I shall rain on him, and on his troops, and on the many peoples who are with him, a <sup>1</sup>torrential rain, with <sup>b</sup>hailstones, fire, and brimstone.

23 "And I shall magnify Myself, sanctify Myself, and make <sup>a</sup>Myself known in the sight of many nations; and they will know that I am the LORD."

## CHAPTER 39

"AND you, son of man, prophesy against Gog, and say, 'Thus says the Lord <sup>1</sup>God, "Behold, I am against you, O Gog, <sup>2</sup>prince of Rosh, Meshech, and Tubal;

2 and I shall turn you around, drive you on, take you up from the remotest parts of the north, and bring you against the mountains of Israel.

3 "And I shall <sup>a</sup>strike your bow from your left hand, and dash down your arrows from your right hand.

4 "You shall <sup>a</sup>fall on the mountains of Israel, you and all your troops, and the peoples who are with you; I shall give you as food to every <sup>1</sup>kind of <sup>b</sup>predatory bird and beast of the field.

5 "You will fall on the <sup>1</sup>open field; for it is I who have spoken," declares the Lord God.

6 "And I shall send <sup>a</sup>fire upon Magog and those who inhabit the <sup>b</sup>coastlands in safety; and they will know that I am the LORD.

7 "And My <sup>a</sup>holy name I shall make known in the midst of My people Israel; and I shall not let My holy name be <sup>b</sup>profaned any more. And the <sup>c</sup>nations will know that I am the Lord, the <sup>d</sup>Holy One in Israel.

8 "Behold, it is coming and it shall be done," declares the Lord God. "That is the day of which I have spoken.

9 "Then those who inhabit the cities of Israel will <sup>a</sup>go out, and make <sup>b</sup>fires with the weapons and burn *them*, both shields and bucklers, bows and arrows, war clubs and spears and for seven years they will make fires of them.

10 "And they will not take wood from the field or gather firewood from the forests, for they will make fires with the weapons; and they will take the spoil of those who despoiled them, and seize the <sup>a</sup>plunder of those who plundered them," declares the Lord God.

11 "And it will come about on that day that I shall give Gog a burial ground there in Israel, the valley of those who pass by east of the sea, and it will block off the passers-by. So they will



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bury Gog there with all his multitude, and they will call it the valley of <sup>1</sup>Hamon-gog.

12 "For seven months the house of Israel will be burying them in order to <sup>a</sup>cleanse the land.

13 "Even all the people of the land will bury *them*; and it will be <sup>1</sup>to their <sup>a</sup>renown on the day that I <sup>b</sup>glorify Myself," declares the Lord God.

14 "And they will set apart men who will constantly pass through the land, <sup>a</sup>burying those who were passing through, even those left on the surface of the ground, in order to cleanse it. At the end of seven months they will make a search.

15 "And as those who pass through the land pass through and anyone sees a man's bone, then he will <sup>1</sup>set up a marker by it until the buriers have buried it in the valley of <sup>2</sup>Hamon-gog.

16 "And even the name of the city will be Hamonah. So they will cleanse the land."

17 "And as for you, son of man, thus says the Lord God, "Speak to every <sup>1</sup>kind of <sup>a</sup>bird and to every <sup>a</sup>beast of the field, "Assemble and come, gather from every side to My sacrifice which I am going to <sup>b</sup>sacrifice for you, as a great sacrifice on the mountains of Israel, that you may eat flesh and drink blood.

18 "You shall eat the <sup>a</sup>flesh of mighty men, and drink the blood of the princes of the earth, as *though they were* brams, lambs, goats, and <sup>c</sup>bulls, all of them fatlings of <sup>d</sup>Bashan.

19 "So you will eat fat until you are glutted, and drink blood until you are drunk, from My sacrifice which I have sacrificed for you.

20 "And you will be glutted at My table with <sup>a</sup>horses and charioteers, with mighty men and all the men of war," declares the Lord God.

21 "And I shall set My <sup>a</sup>glory among the nations; and all the nations will see My judgment which I have executed, and My hand which I have laid on them.

22 "And the house of Israel will <sup>a</sup>know that I am the LORD their God from that day onward.

23 "And the nations will know that the house of Israel went into exile for their <sup>a</sup>iniquity because they acted treacherously against Me, and I <sup>b</sup>hid My face from them; so I gave them into the hand of their adversaries, and all of them fell by the sword.

24 "According to their <sup>a</sup>uncleanness and according to their transgressions I dealt with them, and I hid My face from them."

25 Therefore thus says the Lord God, "Now I shall <sup>1</sup>reverse the fortunes of Jacob, and have mercy on the whole <sup>b</sup>house of Israel; and I shall be <sup>c</sup>jealous for My holy name.

26 "And they shall <sup>1</sup>forget their disgrace and all their treachery which they <sup>2</sup>perpetrated against Me, when they <sup>b</sup>live securely on their *own* land with <sup>c</sup>no one to make them afraid.

27 "When I <sup>a</sup>bring them back from the peoples and gather them from the lands of their enemies, then I shall be <sup>b</sup>sanctified <sup>1</sup>through them in the sight of the many nations.

28 "Then they will know that I am the LORD their God because I made them go into exile among the nations, and then

11 <sup>1</sup>Or, *the multitude of Gog*

12 <sup>a</sup>Ezek. 39:14, 16; Deut. 21:23

13 <sup>1</sup>Or, *a memorial for them*  
<sup>a</sup>Jer. 33:9; Zeph. 3:19, 20  
<sup>b</sup>Ezek. 28:22

14 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 14:16

15 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *build* <sup>2</sup>Or, *the multitude of Gog*

17 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *wing*  
<sup>a</sup>Ezek. 39:4; Is. 56:9; Jer. 12:9; Zeph. 1:7; Rev. 19:17, 18  
<sup>b</sup>Is. 34:6, 7; Jer. 46:10; Zeph. 1:7

18 <sup>a</sup>Ezek. 29:5; Rev. 19:18  
<sup>b</sup>Jer. 51:40 <sup>c</sup>Jer. 50:27 <sup>d</sup>Ps. 22:12; Amos 4:1

20 <sup>a</sup>Ezek. 38:4; Ps. 76:5, 6; Hag. 2:22; Rev. 19:18

21 <sup>a</sup>Ezek. 39:13; 36:23; 38:16, 23; Ex. 9:16; Is. 37:20

22 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 24:7

23 <sup>a</sup>Ezek. 36:18, 19; Jer. 22:8, 9; 44:22 <sup>b</sup>Ezek. 39:29; Is. 1:15; 59:2

24 <sup>a</sup>Ezek. 36:19; 2 Kin. 17:7; Jer. 2:17, 19; 4:18

25 <sup>1</sup>Or, *return the captivity*  
<sup>a</sup>Ezek. 34:13; Is. 27:12, 13; Jer. 33:7 <sup>b</sup>Ezek. 36:10; 37:21, 22; Jer. 31:1; Hos. 1:11 <sup>c</sup>Ex. 20:5; Nah. 1:2

26 <sup>1</sup>Another reading is, *bear* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *did treacherously*  
<sup>a</sup>Ezek. 16:63; 20:43; 36:31  
<sup>b</sup>Ezek. 34:25-28; 1 Kin. 4:25  
<sup>c</sup>Is. 17:2; Mic. 4:4

27 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *in*  
<sup>a</sup>Ezek. 36:24; 37:21 <sup>b</sup>Ezek. 36:23; 38:16, 23

29 <sup>a</sup>Ezek. 36:27; 37:14; Is. 32:15; Joel 2:28

1 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *struck*  
<sup>a</sup>Ezek. 32:1, 17; 33:21  
<sup>b</sup>Ezek. 33:21; 2 Kin. 25:1-7;  
 Jer. 39:1-9; 52:4-11 <sup>c</sup>Ezek.  
 1:3; 3:14, 22; 37:1

2 <sup>a</sup>Ezek. 1:1; 8:3; Dan.  
 7:1, 7 <sup>b</sup>Ezek. 17:23; 20:40;  
 37:22; Is. 2:2, 3; Mic. 4:1;  
 Rev. 21:10 <sup>c</sup>1 Chr. 28:12, 19  
<sup>d</sup>Ps. 48:2; Is. 14:13

3 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *reed*, and so  
 throughout the chap.  
<sup>a</sup>Ezek. 1:7; Dan. 10:5, 6;  
 Rev. 1:15 <sup>b</sup>Ezek. 47:3;  
 Zech. 2:1, 2 <sup>c</sup>Rev. 11:1;  
 21:15

4 <sup>a</sup>Ezek. 2:1, 3, 6, 8; 44:5  
<sup>b</sup>Ezek. 2:7, 8; 43:10; 44:5  
<sup>c</sup>Is. 21:10; Jer. 26:2; Acts  
 20:27

5 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *house* <sup>2</sup>i.e., 20.4  
 inches <sup>3</sup>Lit., *building*  
<sup>a</sup>Ezek. 42:20

6 <sup>1</sup>Or, *in depth*  
<sup>a</sup>Ezek. 40:20; 8:16; 11:1;  
 43:1

7 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *from the house*  
<sup>a</sup>Ezek. 40:10-16, 21, 29, 33,  
 36

8 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *from the house*

9 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *from the house*

11 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *entrance of the  
 gate*

12 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *border*

14 <sup>a</sup>Ezek. 8:7; 42:1; Ex.  
 27:9; 1 Chr. 28:6; Ps. 100:4;  
 Is. 62:9

gathered them *again* to their own land; and I will leave none of them there any longer.

29 "And I will not hide My face from them any longer, for I shall have *pour*ed out My Spirit on the house of Israel," declares the Lord GOD.

## CHAPTER 40

IN the <sup>a</sup>twenty-fifth year of our exile, at the beginning of the year, on the tenth of the month, in the fourteenth year after the city was <sup>1b</sup>taken, on that same day the <sup>c</sup>hand of the LORD was upon me and He brought me there.

2 In the <sup>a</sup>visions of God He brought me into the land of Israel, and set me on a very <sup>b</sup>high mountain; and on it to the <sup>c</sup>south *there was a* <sup>d</sup>structure like a city.

3 So He brought me there; and behold, there was a man whose appearance was like the appearance of <sup>a</sup>bronze, with a <sup>b</sup>line of flax and a measuring <sup>1c</sup>rod in his hand; and he was standing in the gateway.

4 And the man said to me, "<sup>a</sup>Son of man, <sup>b</sup>see with your eyes, hear with your ears, and give attention to all that I am going to show you; for you have been brought here in order to show *it* to you. <sup>c</sup>Declare to the house of Israel all that you see."

5 And behold, there was a <sup>a</sup>wall on the outside of the <sup>1</sup>temple all around, and in the man's hand was a measuring rod of six cubits, *each of which was* a cubit and a <sup>2</sup>handbreadth. So he measured the thickness of the <sup>3</sup>wall, one rod; and the height, one rod.

6 Then he went to the gate which faced <sup>a</sup>east, went up its steps, and measured the threshold of the gate, one rod <sup>1</sup>in width; and the other threshold *was* one rod <sup>1</sup>in width.

7 And the <sup>a</sup>guardroom *was* one rod long and one rod wide; and *there were* five cubits between the guardrooms. And the threshold of the gate by the porch of the gate <sup>1</sup>facing inward *was* one rod.

8 Then he measured the porch of the gate <sup>1</sup>facing inward, one rod.

9 And he measured the porch of the gate, eight cubits; and its side pillars, two cubits. And the porch of the gate was <sup>1</sup>faced inward.

10 And the guardrooms of the gate towards the east *numbered* three on each side; the three of them had the same measurement. The side pillars also had the same measurement on each side.

11 And he measured the width of the <sup>1</sup>gateway, ten cubits, and the length of the gate, thirteen cubits.

12 And *there was a* <sup>1</sup>barrier wall one cubit *wide* in front of the guardrooms on each side; and the guardrooms *were* six cubits *square* on each side.

13 And he measured the gate from the roof of the one guardroom to the roof of the other, a width of twenty-five cubits from *one door to the door* opposite.

14 And he made the side pillars sixty cubits *high*; the gate *extended* round about to the side pillar of the <sup>a</sup>courtyard.

15 And *from* the front of the entrance gate to the front of the inner porch of the gate was fifty cubits.

16 And *there were* <sup>1</sup>shuttered windows *looking* toward the guardrooms, and toward their side pillars within the gate all around, and likewise for the porches. And *there were* windows all around inside; and on *each* side pillar *were* <sup>b</sup>palm tree ornaments.

17 Then he brought me into the <sup>a</sup>outer court, and behold, *there were* <sup>b</sup>chambers and a pavement, made for the court all around; thirty chambers <sup>1</sup>faced the pavement.

18 And the pavement (*that is*, the lower <sup>a</sup>pavement) was by the <sup>1</sup>side of the gates, corresponding to the length of the gates.

19 Then he measured the width from the front of the lower gate to the front of the exterior of the inner court, <sup>a</sup>hundred cubits on the east and on the north.

20 And *as for* the <sup>a</sup>gate of the outer court which faced the north, he measured its length and its width.

21 And <sup>1</sup>it had three <sup>a</sup>guardrooms on each side; and its <sup>b</sup>side pillars and its porches <sup>2</sup>had the same measurement as the first gate. Its length was <sup>c</sup>fifty cubits, and the width <sup>d</sup>twenty-five cubits.

22 And its <sup>a</sup>windows, and its porches, and its palm tree ornaments *had* the same measurements as the <sup>b</sup>gate which faced toward the east; and <sup>1</sup>it was reached by seven <sup>c</sup>steps, and its <sup>2</sup>porch was in front of them.

23 And the inner court had a gate opposite the gate on the north as well as *the gate* on the east; and he measured <sup>a</sup>hundred cubits from gate to gate.

24 Then he led me toward the <sup>a</sup>south, and behold, there was a gate toward the south; and he measured its <sup>b</sup>side pillars and its porches according to <sup>1</sup>those same measurements.

25 And <sup>1</sup>the gate and its porches had <sup>a</sup>windows all around like <sup>2</sup>those other windows; the length was <sup>b</sup>fifty cubits and the width twenty-five cubits.

26 And *there were* seven <sup>a</sup>steps going up to it, and its porches *were* in front of them; and it had <sup>b</sup>palm tree ornaments on its side pillars, one on each side.

27 And the inner court had a gate toward the <sup>a</sup>south; and he measured from gate to gate toward the south, <sup>a</sup>hundred cubits.

28 Then he brought me to the inner court by the south gate; and he measured the south gate <sup>a</sup>according to those same measurements.

29 Its <sup>a</sup>guardrooms also, its side pillars, and its <sup>b</sup>porches *were* according to those same measurements. And <sup>1</sup>the gate and its porches had <sup>b</sup>windows all around; it was <sup>c</sup>fifty cubits long and twenty-five cubits wide.

30 And *there were* <sup>a</sup>porches all around, twenty-five cubits long and five cubits wide.

31 And its porches *were* toward the outer court; and <sup>a</sup>palm tree ornaments *were* on its side pillars, and its stairway had eight <sup>b</sup>steps.

32 And he brought me into the <sup>a</sup>inner court toward the east. And he measured the gate <sup>b</sup>according to those same measurements.

16 <sup>1</sup>Or, *beveled inwards*  
<sup>a</sup>Ezek. 41:16, 26; 1 Kin. 6:4  
<sup>b</sup>Ezek. 40:22, 26, 31, 34, 37;  
 41:18-20, 25, 26; 1 Chr.  
 6:29, 32, 35; 2 Chr. 3:5

17 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *to*  
<sup>a</sup>Ezek. 10:5; 42:1; 46:21;  
 Rev. 11:2 <sup>b</sup>Ezek. 40:38;  
 2 Kin. 23:11; 1 Chr. 9:26;  
 23:28; 2 Chr. 31:11

18 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *shoulder*  
<sup>a</sup>Ezek. 40:23, 27; 46:1, 2

19 <sup>a</sup>Ezek. 40:23, 27

20 <sup>a</sup>Ezek. 40:6

21 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *its guardrooms were three* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *was*  
<sup>a</sup>Ezek. 40:7 <sup>b</sup>Ezek. 40:16,  
 30 <sup>c</sup>Ezek. 40:15 <sup>d</sup>Ezek.  
 40:13

22 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *they were going up into it* <sup>2</sup>Or, *porches*  
<sup>a</sup>Ezek. 40:16 <sup>b</sup>Ezek. 40:6  
<sup>c</sup>Ezek. 40:6, 26, 31, 34, 37,  
 49

23 <sup>a</sup>Ezek. 40:19, 27

24 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *these measurements, and so throughout the chap.*  
<sup>a</sup>Ezek. 40:6, 20, 35; 46:9  
<sup>b</sup>Ezek. 40:21

25 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *it* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *these windows*  
<sup>a</sup>Ezek. 40:16, 22, 29 <sup>b</sup>Ezek.  
 40:21, 33

26 <sup>a</sup>Ezek. 40:6, 22 <sup>b</sup>Ezek.  
 40:16

27 <sup>a</sup>Ezek. 40:23, 32 <sup>b</sup>Ezek.  
 40:19, 23

28 <sup>a</sup>Ezek. 40:32, 35

29 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *it*  
<sup>a</sup>Ezek. 40:7, 10, 21 <sup>b</sup>Ezek.  
 40:16, 22, 25 <sup>c</sup>Ezek. 40:21

30 <sup>a</sup>Ezek. 40:16, 21

31 <sup>a</sup>Ezek. 40:16 <sup>b</sup>Ezek.  
 40:22, 26, 34, 37

32 <sup>a</sup>Ezek. 40:28-31, 35  
<sup>b</sup>Ezek. 40:28

33 <sup>1</sup>Lit., it  
<sup>a</sup>Ezek. 40:29 <sup>b</sup>Ezek. 40:16  
<sup>c</sup>Ezek. 40:21

34 <sup>a</sup>Ezek. 40:16 <sup>b</sup>Ezek.  
40:22, 37

35 <sup>a</sup>Ezek. 40:27, 32; 44:4;  
47:2

36 <sup>1</sup>Lit., it  
<sup>a</sup>Ezek. 40:7, 29 <sup>b</sup>Ezek.  
40:16 <sup>c</sup>Ezek. 40:21

37 <sup>a</sup>Ezek. 40:16 <sup>b</sup>Ezek.  
40:35

38 <sup>a</sup>Ezek. 40:17; 41:10;  
42:13; 1 Chr. 28:12; Neh.  
13:5, 9; Jer. 35:4; 36:10  
<sup>b2</sup> Chr. 4:6

39 <sup>a</sup>Ezek. 40:42 <sup>b</sup>Ezek.  
46:2; Lev. 1:3-17

40 <sup>1</sup>Lit., shoulder <sup>2</sup>Lit., to  
the one going up <sup>3</sup>Lit.,  
entrance of the gate

41 <sup>1</sup>Lit., by the shoulder  
of  
<sup>a</sup>Ezek. 40:39, 40

42 <sup>a</sup>Ezek. 40:39 <sup>b</sup>Ex. 20:25  
<sup>c</sup>Ezek. 40:39

43 <sup>1</sup>Or, ledges <sup>2</sup>Or, inside

44 <sup>1</sup>Gk. reads: in two  
chambers <sup>2</sup>Lit., shoulder  
<sup>3</sup>Lit., their <sup>4</sup>Gk. reads:  
south  
<sup>a</sup>Ezek. 40:23, 27 <sup>b</sup>Ezek.  
40:17, 38 <sup>c1</sup> Chr. 6:31, 32;  
16:41-43; 25:1-7

45 <sup>1</sup>Or, house  
<sup>a</sup>Ezek. 40:17, 38 <sup>b1</sup> Chr.  
9:23; Ps. 134:1

46 <sup>a</sup>Ezek. 40:17, 38 <sup>b</sup>Ezek.  
44:15; Lev. 6:12, 13 <sup>c</sup>Ezek.  
43:19; 44:15; 48:11; 1 Kin.  
2:35 <sup>d</sup>Ezek. 42:13; 45:4;  
Lev. 10:3; Num. 16:5, 40

47 <sup>1</sup>Lit., house  
<sup>a</sup>Ezek. 40:19, 23, 27

48 <sup>1</sup>Lit., house  
<sup>a1</sup> Kin. 6:3; 2 Chr. 3:4

49 <sup>a</sup>Ezek. 40:31, 34, 37  
<sup>b1</sup> Kin. 7:15-21; 2 Chr. 3:17;  
Jer. 52:17-23; Rev. 3:12

33 Its <sup>a</sup>guardrooms also, its side pillars, and its porches *were* according to those same measurements. And <sup>1</sup>the gate and its porches had <sup>b</sup>windows all around; it was <sup>c</sup>fifty cubits long and twenty-five cubits wide.

34 And its <sup>a</sup>porches *were* toward the outer court; and <sup>a</sup>palm tree ornaments *were* on its side pillars, on each side, and its stairway had eight <sup>b</sup>steps.

35 Then he brought me to the <sup>a</sup>north gate; and he measured it according to those same measurements,

36 *with* its <sup>a</sup>guardrooms, its side pillars, and its <sup>b</sup>porches. And <sup>1</sup>the gate had <sup>b</sup>windows all around; the length was <sup>c</sup>fifty cubits and the width twenty-five cubits.

37 And its side pillars *were* toward the outer court; and <sup>a</sup>palm tree ornaments *were* on its side pillars on each side, and its stairway had eight <sup>b</sup>steps.

38 And a <sup>a</sup>chamber with its doorway was by the side pillars at the gates; there they <sup>b</sup>rinse the burnt offering.

39 And in the porch of the gate *were* two <sup>a</sup>tables on each side, on which to slaughter the <sup>b</sup>burnt offering, the sin offering, and the guilt offering.

40 And on the outer <sup>1</sup>side, <sup>2</sup>as one went up to the <sup>3</sup>gateway toward the north, were two tables; and on the other <sup>1</sup>side of the porch of the gate *were* two tables.

41 Four <sup>a</sup>tables *were* on each side <sup>1</sup>next to the gate; *or*, eight tables on which they slaughter *sacrifices*.

42 And for the burnt offering *there were* <sup>a</sup>four tables of <sup>b</sup>hewn stone, a cubit and a half long, a cubit and a half wide, and one cubit high, on which they lay the instruments with which they slaughter the <sup>c</sup>burnt offering and the sacrifice.

43 And the double <sup>1</sup>hooks, one handbreadth in length, were installed <sup>2</sup>in the house all around; and on the tables was the flesh of the offering.

44 And from the outside to the <sup>a</sup>inner gate were <sup>1b</sup>chambers for the <sup>c</sup>singers in the inner court, *one of* which was at the <sup>2</sup>side of the north gate, with <sup>3</sup>its front toward the south, and one at the <sup>2</sup>side of the <sup>4</sup>east gate facing toward the north.

45 And he said to me, "This is the <sup>a</sup>chamber which faces toward the south, *intended* for the priests who <sup>b</sup>keep charge of the <sup>1</sup>temple;

46 but the <sup>a</sup>chamber which faces toward the north is for the priests who <sup>b</sup>keep charge of the altar. These are the <sup>c</sup>sons of Zadok, who from the sons of Levi <sup>d</sup>come near to the LORD to minister to Him."

47 And he measured the court, a *perfect square*, a <sup>a</sup>hundred cubits long and a hundred cubits wide; and the altar was in front of the <sup>1</sup>temple.

48 Then he brought me to the <sup>a</sup>porch of the <sup>1</sup>temple and measured *each* side pillar of the porch, five cubits on each side; and the width of the gate was three cubits on each side.

49 The length of the porch was twenty cubits, and the width eleven cubits; and at the <sup>a</sup>stairway by which it was ascended *were* <sup>b</sup>columns belonging to the side pillars, one on each side.

## CHAPTER 41

THEN he <sup>a</sup>brought me to the <sup>1b</sup>nave and measured the <sup>c</sup>side pillars; six cubits wide on each side *was* the width of the <sup>2</sup>side pillar.

2 And the width of the entrance *was* ten cubits, and the <sup>1</sup>sides of the entrance were five cubits on each side. And he measured <sup>2</sup>the length of the nave, <sup>a</sup>forty cubits, and the width, <sup>a</sup>twenty cubits.

3 Then he went <sup>1a</sup>inside and measured each <sup>b</sup>side pillar of the doorway, two cubits, and the doorway, six cubits *high*; and the width of the doorway, seven cubits.

4 And he measured its length, twenty cubits, and the width, <sup>a</sup>twenty cubits, before the <sup>b</sup>nave; and he said to me, "This is the <sup>c</sup>most holy *place*."

5 Then he measured the wall of the <sup>1</sup>temple, six cubits; and the width of the <sup>a</sup>side chambers, four cubits, all around about the house on every side.

6 And the side chambers were in three stories, <sup>1</sup>one above another, and <sup>2</sup>thirty in each story; and <sup>3</sup>the side chambers <sup>a</sup>extended to the wall which *stood* on <sup>4</sup>their inward side all around, that they might be fastened, and not be fastened into the wall of the temple *itself*.

7 And the side chambers surrounding the temple were wider at each successive story. Because the structure <sup>a</sup>surrounding the temple went upward by stages on all sides of the temple, therefore the width of the temple increased as it went higher; and thus one went up from the lowest *story* to the highest by way of the <sup>1</sup>second *story*.

8 I saw also that the house had a raised <sup>1</sup>platform all around; the foundations of the side chambers were a full rod of <sup>a</sup>six <sup>2</sup>long cubits *in height*.

9 The <sup>1</sup>thickness of the outer wall of the side chambers was five cubits. But the <sup>a</sup>free space between the side chambers belonging to the temple

10 and the <sup>1</sup>outer <sup>a</sup>chambers *was* twenty cubits in width all around the temple on every side.

11 And the <sup>1</sup>doorways of the <sup>2</sup>side chambers toward the <sup>a</sup>free space *consisted* of one doorway toward the north and another doorway toward the south; and the width of the <sup>a</sup>free space *was* five cubits all around.

12 And the <sup>a</sup>building that *was* in front of the <sup>b</sup>separate area at the side toward the west *was* seventy cubits wide; and the wall of the building *was* five cubits <sup>1</sup>thick all around, and its length *was* ninety cubits.

13 Then he measured the temple, <sup>a</sup>a hundred cubits long; the <sup>b</sup>separate area with the <sup>c</sup>building and its walls *were* also <sup>a</sup>a hundred cubits long.

14 Also the width of the front of the temple and *that* of the separate <sup>1</sup>areas along the east *side totaled* a hundred cubits.

15 And he measured the length of the <sup>a</sup>building <sup>1</sup>along the front of the <sup>b</sup>separate area behind it, with a <sup>2</sup>gallery on each side, <sup>a</sup>a hundred cubits; *he* also *measured* the inner nave and the porches of the court.

1 <sup>1</sup>i.e., the main inner hall <sup>2</sup>Heb., tent <sup>a</sup>Ezek. 40:2, 3, 17 <sup>b</sup>Ezek. 41:21, 23; 42:8 <sup>c</sup>Ezek. 41:3; 40:9

2 <sup>1</sup>Lit., shoulders <sup>2</sup>Lit., its length, <sup>a</sup>1 Kin. 6:2, 17; 2 Chr. 3:3

3 <sup>1</sup>i.e., of the inner sanctuary <sup>a</sup>Ezek. 40:16 <sup>b</sup>Ezek. 41:1

4 <sup>a</sup>1 Kin. 6:20 <sup>b</sup>1 Kin. 6:5 <sup>c</sup>Ex. 26:33, 34; Heb. 9:3-8; 1 Kin. 6:16; 7:50; 8:6; 2 Chr. 5:7

5 <sup>1</sup>Lit., house, and so throughout the chap. <sup>a</sup>Ezek. 41:6-11; 1 Kin. 6:5

6 <sup>1</sup>Lit., chamber upon chamber <sup>2</sup>Lit., thirty times; <sup>3</sup>Lit., they were coming <sup>4</sup>Lit., to the inside of the side chambers <sup>a</sup>1 Kin. 6:6, 10

7 <sup>1</sup>Lit., middle <sup>a</sup>1 Kin. 6:8

8 <sup>1</sup>Lit., height <sup>2</sup>Or, to the joint <sup>a</sup>Ezek. 40:5

9 <sup>1</sup>Lit., width <sup>a</sup>Ezek. 41:11

10 <sup>1</sup>cf. 42:1 <sup>a</sup>Ezek. 40:17

11 <sup>1</sup>Lit., doorway <sup>2</sup>Lit., side chamber <sup>a</sup>Ezek. 41:9

12 <sup>1</sup>Lit., wide <sup>a</sup>Ezek. 41:13, 15; 42:1 <sup>b</sup>Ezek. 41:13-15; 42:1, 10, 13

13 <sup>a</sup>Ezek. 40:47 <sup>b</sup>Ezek. 41:13-15; 42:1, 10, 13 <sup>c</sup>Ezek. 41:13, 15; 42:1

14 <sup>1</sup>Lit., area

15 <sup>1</sup>Lit., to <sup>2</sup>Or, passageway <sup>a</sup>Ezek. 41:13, 15; 42:1 <sup>b</sup>Ezek. 41:13-15; 42:1, 10, 13 <sup>c</sup>Ezek. 41:16; 42:3, 5

16 <sup>1</sup>Or, *framed* <sup>2</sup>Or, *passageways*  
<sup>a</sup>Ezek. 41:25; 10:18; 40:6;  
 Is. 6:4 <sup>b</sup>Ezek. 41:26; 40:16;  
 25; 1 Kin. 6:4 <sup>c</sup>Ezek. 41:15  
<sup>d</sup>Ezek. 42:3 <sup>e</sup>1 Kin. 6:15

18 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *made*  
<sup>a</sup>Ezek. 41:20, 25; 1 Kin.  
 6:29, 32, 35; 7:36 <sup>b</sup>Ezek.  
 40:16; 2 Chr. 3:5

19 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *made*  
<sup>a</sup>Ezek. 1:10; 10:14

20 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *made*  
<sup>a</sup>Ezek. 41:18

21 <sup>a</sup>Ezek. 41:1; 40:9, 14,  
 16; 1 Kin. 6:33 <sup>b</sup>Ezek. 41:1

22 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *length* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *walls*  
<sup>a</sup>Ex. 30:1-3; 1 Kin. 6:20;  
 Rev. 8:3 <sup>b</sup>Ezek. 23:41;  
 44:16; Ex. 25:23, 30; Lev.  
 24:6; Mal. 1:7, 12

23 <sup>a</sup>Ezek. 41:1 <sup>b</sup>Ezek. 41:4  
<sup>c</sup>1 Kin. 6:31-35

24 <sup>1</sup>Or, *turning*  
<sup>a</sup>1 Kin. 6:34

25 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *made* <sup>2</sup>Or,  
*canopy of wood over*  
<sup>a</sup>Ezek. 41:18 <sup>b</sup>Ezek. 41:16

26 <sup>1</sup>Or, *framed* <sup>2</sup>Or,  
*canopies*  
<sup>a</sup>Ezek. 41:16 <sup>b</sup>Ezek. 40:16  
<sup>c</sup>Ezek. 40:9, 48 <sup>d</sup>Ezek. 41:5

1 <sup>a</sup>Ezek. 40:17, 28, 48;  
 41:1 <sup>b</sup>Ezek. 40:17, 20  
<sup>c</sup>Ezek. 40:20 <sup>d</sup>Ezek. 42:4;  
 40:17 <sup>e</sup>Ezek. 42:10, 13;  
 41:12 <sup>f</sup>Ezek. 41:12

2 <sup>a</sup>Ezek. 41:13

3 <sup>1</sup>Or, *passageway*  
<sup>a</sup>Ezek. 41:10 <sup>b</sup>Ezek. 40:17  
<sup>c</sup>Ezek. 42:5; 41:15, 15

4 <sup>a</sup>Ezek. 46:19

5 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *shorter* <sup>2</sup>Or,  
*passageways*  
<sup>a</sup>Ezek. 42:3

6 <sup>1</sup>Or, *reduced*  
<sup>a</sup>Ezek. 41:6

16 The <sup>a</sup>thresholds, the <sup>b</sup>latticed windows, and the <sup>2c</sup>gal-  
 leries round about their <sup>d</sup>three stories, opposite the threshold,  
 were <sup>e</sup>paneled with wood all around, and *from* the ground to the  
 windows (but the windows were covered),

17 over the entrance, and to the inner house, and on the  
 outside, and on all the wall all around inside and outside, by  
 measurement.

18 And it was <sup>1</sup>carved with <sup>a</sup>cherubim and <sup>b</sup>palm trees; and  
 a palm tree was between cherub and cherub, and every cherub  
 had two faces,

19 a <sup>a</sup>man's face toward the palm tree on one side, and a  
 young <sup>a</sup>lion's face toward the palm tree on the other side; they  
 were <sup>1</sup>carved on all the house all around.

20 From the ground to above the entrance <sup>a</sup>cherubim and  
<sup>a</sup>palm trees were <sup>1</sup>carved, as well as *on* the wall of the nave.

21 The <sup>a</sup>doorposts of the <sup>b</sup>nave were square; as for the front  
 of the sanctuary, the appearance of one doorpost was like that  
 of the other.

22 The <sup>a</sup>altar was of wood, three cubits high, and its length  
 two cubits; its corners, its <sup>1</sup>base, and its <sup>2</sup>sides *were* of wood. And  
 he said to me, "This is the <sup>b</sup>table that is before the LORD."

23 And the <sup>a</sup>nave and the <sup>b</sup>sanctuary each had a double  
<sup>c</sup>door.

24 And each of the doors had two leaves, two <sup>1a</sup>swinging  
 leaves; two *leaves* for one door and two leaves for the other.

25 Also there were <sup>1</sup>carved on them, on the doors of the  
 nave, <sup>a</sup>cherubim and <sup>a</sup>palm trees like those <sup>1</sup>carved on the walls;  
 and *there was* a <sup>2b</sup>threshold of wood on the front of the porch  
 outside.

26 And *there were* <sup>1a</sup>latticed windows and <sup>b</sup>palm trees on  
 one side and on the other, on the sides of the <sup>c</sup>porch; thus *were*  
 the <sup>d</sup>side chambers of the house and the <sup>2</sup>thresholds.

## CHAPTER 42

THEN he <sup>a</sup>brought me out into the <sup>b</sup>outer court, the way  
<sup>c</sup>toward the north; and he brought me to the <sup>d</sup>chamber which  
 was opposite the <sup>e</sup>separate area and opposite the <sup>f</sup>building  
 toward the north.

2 Along the length, *which was* a <sup>a</sup>hundred cubits, *was* the  
 north door; the width *was* fifty cubits.

3 Opposite the <sup>a</sup>twenty cubits which belonged to the  
 inner court, and opposite the <sup>b</sup>pavement which belonged to the  
 outer court, *was* <sup>1c</sup>gallery corresponding to <sup>1</sup>gallery in three  
 stories.

4 And before the <sup>a</sup>chambers *was* an inner walk ten cubits  
 wide, a way of one *hundred* cubits; and their openings *were* on  
 the north.

5 Now the upper chambers *were* <sup>1</sup>smaller because the  
<sup>2a</sup>galleries took more *space* away from them than from the  
 lower and middle ones in the building.

6 For they *were* in <sup>a</sup>three stories and had no pillars like the  
 pillars of the courts; therefore *the upper chambers* were <sup>1</sup>set  
 back from the ground upward, more than the lower and middle  
 ones.

7 As for the outer <sup>a</sup>wall by the side of the chambers, toward the outer court facing the chambers, its length *was* fifty cubits.

8 For the length of the chambers which *were* in the outer court *was* fifty cubits; and behold, the length of those facing the temple *was* a <sup>a</sup>hundred cubits.

9 And below these chambers *was* the <sup>a</sup>entrance on the east side, as one enters them from the outer court.

10 In the <sup>1</sup>thickness of the <sup>a</sup>wall of the court toward the east, facing the <sup>b</sup>separate area and facing the building, *there were* <sup>c</sup>chambers.

11 And the <sup>a</sup>way in front of them *was* like the appearance of the chambers which *were* on the north, according to their length so *was* their width; and all their exits *were* both according to their arrangements and openings.

12 And corresponding to the openings of the chambers which *were* toward the south *was* an opening at the head of the way, the way in front of the <sup>a</sup>wall toward the east, as one enters them.

13 Then he said to me, "The north chambers *and* the south chambers, which are opposite the <sup>a</sup>separate area, they are the <sup>b</sup>holy chambers where the priests who are <sup>c</sup>near to the LORD shall eat the <sup>d</sup>most holy things. There they shall lay the most holy things, the grain offering, the sin offering, and the guilt offering; for the place is holy.

14 "When the priests enter, then they shall not go out into the outer court from the sanctuary <sup>1</sup>without <sup>a</sup>laying there their <sup>b</sup>garments in which they minister, for they are holy. They shall put on other garments; then they shall approach that which is for the people."

15 Now when he had finished measuring the inner house, he brought me out by the way of the <sup>a</sup>gate which faced toward the east, and measured it all around.

16 He measured on the east side with the measuring reed five hundred reeds, by the measuring <sup>a</sup>reed.

17 He measured on the north side five hundred reeds by the measuring reed.

18 On the south side he measured five hundred reeds with the measuring reed.

19 He turned to the west side, *and* measured five hundred reeds with the measuring reed.

20 He measured it <sup>1</sup>on the four sides; it had a <sup>a</sup>wall all around, the <sup>b</sup>length five hundred and the <sup>b</sup>width five hundred, to <sup>c</sup>divide between the holy and the profane.

CHAPTER 43

**T**HEN he led me to the <sup>a</sup>gate, the gate facing toward the east;

2 and behold, the <sup>a</sup>glory of the God of Israel *was* coming from the way of the <sup>b</sup>east. And His <sup>c</sup>voice *was* like the sound of many waters; and the earth <sup>d</sup>shone with His glory.

3 And *it was* like the appearance of the vision which I saw, like the <sup>a</sup>vision which I saw when <sup>1</sup>He came to <sup>b</sup>destroy the city. And the visions *were* like the vision which I saw by the <sup>c</sup>river Chebar; and I <sup>d</sup>fell on my face.

7 <sup>a</sup>Ezek. 42:10, 12

8 <sup>a</sup>Ezek. 41:13, 14

9 <sup>a</sup>Ezek. 44:5; 46:19

10 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *width*  
<sup>a</sup>Ezek. 42:7 <sup>b</sup>Ezek. 42:1, 13  
<sup>c</sup>Ezek. 40:17

11 <sup>a</sup>Ezek. 42:4

12 <sup>a</sup>Ezek. 42:7

13 <sup>a</sup>Ezek. 42:1, 10 <sup>b</sup>Ex. 29:31; Lev. 7:6; 10:13, 14, 17 <sup>c</sup>Ezek. 40:46; Lev. 10:3; Deut. 21:5 <sup>d</sup>Lev. 6:25, 29; 14:13; Num. 18:9, 10

14 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *but there they shall lay*  
<sup>a</sup>Ezek. 44:19 <sup>b</sup>Ex. 29:4, 9; Lev. 8:7, 13; Is. 61:10; Zech. 3:4, 5

15 <sup>a</sup>Ezek. 40:6; 43:1

16 <sup>a</sup>Ezek. 40:3

20 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *toward the four winds*  
<sup>a</sup>Ezek. 40:5; Is. 60:18; Zech. 2:5 <sup>b</sup>Ezek. 45:2; Rev. 21:16  
<sup>c</sup>Ezek. 22:26; 44:23; 48:15

1 <sup>a</sup>Ezek. 43:4; 10:19; 40:6; 42:15; 44:1; 46:1

2 <sup>a</sup>Ezek. 1:28; 3:23; 10:18, 19; Is. 6:3 <sup>b</sup>Ezek. 1:1:23 <sup>c</sup>Ezek. 1:24; Rev. 1:15; 14:2 <sup>d</sup>Ezek. 1:28; 10:4; Rev. 18:1

3 <sup>1</sup>So with some mss. and some ancient versions; M.T., *l*

<sup>a</sup>Ezek. 1:4-28 <sup>b</sup>Ezek. 9:1, 5; 32:18; Jer. 1:10 <sup>c</sup>Ezek. 1:3; 10:20 <sup>d</sup>Ezek. 1:28; 3:23

4 <sup>a</sup>Ezek. 43:2; 10:19;  
11:23

5 <sup>a</sup>Ezek. 3:14; 8:3; 11:1,  
24; 2 Cor. 12:2-4 <sup>b</sup>Ezek.  
10:4

6 <sup>a</sup>Ezek. 1:26

7 <sup>1</sup>Or, *monuments* as in  
Ugaritic; cf. Lev. 26:30  
<sup>2</sup>Or, *in their high places*  
<sup>a</sup>Ezek. 1:26; Ps. 47:8 <sup>b</sup>Ezek.  
37:26, 28 <sup>c</sup>Ezek. 6:5, 13  
<sup>d</sup>Ezek. 20:29, 30

8 <sup>a</sup>Ezek. 8:3, 16

9 <sup>1</sup>Or, *monuments* as in  
Ugaritic  
<sup>a</sup>Ezek. 18:30, 31 <sup>b</sup>Ezek.  
43:7; 37:26-28

10 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *declare* <sup>2</sup>Lit.,  
*house* <sup>3</sup>Lit., *perfection or*  
*pattern*; cf. 28:12  
<sup>a</sup>Ezek. 40:4 <sup>b</sup>Ezek. 43:11;  
16:61, 63

11 <sup>1</sup>Or, *form* <sup>2</sup>Or, *forms*  
<sup>3</sup>M.T. adds, *and all its*  
*designs after statutes*  
<sup>a</sup>Ezek. 44:5 <sup>b</sup>Ezek. 12:3  
<sup>c</sup>Ezek. 11:20; 36:27

12 <sup>1</sup>Or, *instruction for*  
<sup>2</sup>Lit., *border*  
<sup>a</sup>Ezek. 40:2; 42:20

13 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *lap* <sup>2</sup>Or, *back*  
<sup>a</sup>Ex. 27:1-8, 2 Chr. 4:1  
<sup>b</sup>Ezek. 40:5; 41:8

14 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *the*  
<sup>a</sup>Ezek. 43:17, 20; 45:19

15 <sup>1</sup>Or, *ariel* shall  
<sup>a</sup>Ex. 27:2; Lev. 9:9; 1 Kin.  
1:50; Ps. 118:27

16 <sup>1</sup>Or, *ariel* shall  
<sup>a</sup>Ex. 27:1

17 <sup>1</sup>Or, *be on the east*  
*side*  
<sup>a</sup>Ex. 20:26 <sup>b</sup>Ezek. 40:6

18 <sup>1</sup>YHWH, usually  
rendered LORD, and so  
throughout the chap.  
<sup>a</sup>Ezek. 2:1 <sup>b</sup>Ex. 40:29 <sup>c</sup>Lev.  
1:5, 11; Heb. 9:21, 22

19 <sup>a</sup>Ezek. 40:46; 44:15;  
1 Kin. 2:35 <sup>b</sup>Num. 16:5, 40  
<sup>c</sup>Ezek. 43:23; 45:18, 19;  
Lev. 4:3 <sup>d</sup>Heb. 7:27

4 And the glory of the LORD came into the house by the way of the gate facing toward the <sup>a</sup>east.

5 And the <sup>a</sup>Spirit lifted me up and brought me into the inner court; and behold, the <sup>b</sup>glory of the LORD filled the house.

6 Then I heard one speaking to me from the house, while a <sup>a</sup>man was standing beside me.

7 And He said to me, "Son of man, *this is* the place of My <sup>a</sup>throne and the place of the soles of My feet, where I will <sup>b</sup>dwell among the sons of Israel forever. And the house of Israel will not again defile My holy name, neither they nor their kings, by their harlotry and by the <sup>1c</sup>corpses of their kings <sup>2</sup>when they <sup>d</sup>die,

8 by setting their threshold by My threshold, and their door post beside My door post, with *only* the wall between Me and them. And they have <sup>a</sup>defiled My holy name by their abominations which they have committed. So I have consumed them in My anger.

9 "Now let them <sup>a</sup>put away their harlotry and the <sup>1</sup>corpses of their kings far from Me; and I will <sup>b</sup>dwell among them forever.

10 "As for you, son of man, <sup>1a</sup>describe the <sup>2</sup>temple to the house of Israel, that they may be <sup>b</sup>ashamed of their iniquities; and let them measure the <sup>3</sup>plan.

11 "And if they are ashamed of all that they have done, make known to them the <sup>1</sup>design of the house, its structure, its <sup>a</sup>exits, its entrances, all its <sup>2</sup>designs, all its <sup>3</sup>statutes, and all its laws. And write *it* <sup>b</sup>in their sight, so that they may observe its whole <sup>1</sup>design and all its statutes, and <sup>c</sup>do them.

12 "This is the <sup>1</sup>law of the house: its entire <sup>2</sup>area on the top of the <sup>a</sup>mountain all around *shall be* most holy. Behold, this is the <sup>1</sup>law of the house.

13 "And these are the measurements of the <sup>a</sup>altar by cubits (the <sup>b</sup>cubit being a cubit and a handbreadth): the <sup>1</sup>base *shall be* a cubit, and the width a cubit, and its border on its edge round about one span; and this *shall be the height of the* <sup>2</sup>base of the altar.

14 "And from the base on the ground to the lower <sup>a</sup>ledge *shall be* two cubits, and the width one cubit; and from the smaller ledge to the larger ledge *shall be* four cubits, and the width <sup>1</sup>one cubit.

15 "And the <sup>1</sup>altar hearth *shall be* four cubits; and from the <sup>1</sup>altar hearth shall extend upwards four <sup>a</sup>horns.

16 "Now the <sup>1</sup>altar hearth *shall be* twelve cubits long by twelve wide, <sup>a</sup>square in its four sides.

17 "And the ledge *shall be* fourteen cubits long by fourteen wide in its four sides, the border around it *shall be* half a cubit, and its base *shall be* a cubit round about; and its <sup>a</sup>steps shall <sup>b</sup>face the east."

18 And He said to me, "<sup>a</sup>Son of man, thus says the Lord <sup>1</sup>GOD, 'These are the statutes for the altar on the day it is built, to offer <sup>b</sup>burnt offerings on it and to <sup>c</sup>sprinkle blood on it.

19 'And you shall give to the Levitical priests who are from the offspring of <sup>a</sup>Zadok, who draw <sup>b</sup>near to Me to minister to Me,' declares the Lord GOD, 'a <sup>c</sup>young bull for a <sup>d</sup>sin offering,



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20 'And you shall take some of its blood, and put it on its four <sup>a</sup>horns, and on the four corners of the <sup>b</sup>ledge, and on the border round about; thus you shall <sup>c</sup>cleanse it and make atonement for it.

21 'You shall also take the bull for the sin offering; and it shall be <sup>a</sup>burned in the appointed place of the house, outside the sanctuary.

22 'And on the second day you shall offer a <sup>a</sup>male goat without blemish for a sin offering; and they shall <sup>b</sup>cleanse the altar, as they cleansed it with the bull.

23 'When you have finished cleansing it, you shall present a young <sup>a</sup>bull without blemish and a <sup>b</sup>ram without blemish from the flock.

24 'And you shall present them before the LORD, and the priests shall throw <sup>a</sup>salt on them, and they shall offer them up as a burnt offering to the LORD.

25 '<sup>a</sup>For seven days you shall prepare daily a goat for a sin offering; also a young bull and a ram from the flock, without blemish, shall be prepared.

26 'For seven days they shall make atonement for the altar and purify it; so shall they <sup>1</sup>consecrate it.

27 'And when they have completed the days, it shall be that on the <sup>a</sup>eighth day and onward, the priests shall <sup>1</sup>offer your burnt offerings on the altar, and your <sup>b</sup>peace offerings; and I will <sup>c</sup>accept you,' declares the Lord God."

**CHAPTER 44**

**T**HEN He brought me back by the way of the <sup>a</sup>outer gate of the sanctuary, which faces the east; and it was shut.

2 And the LORD said to me, "This gate shall be shut; it shall not be opened, and no one shall enter by it, for the <sup>a</sup>LORD God of Israel has entered by it; therefore it shall be shut.

3 "As for the <sup>a</sup>prince, He shall sit in it as prince to <sup>a</sup>eat bread before the LORD; he shall <sup>c</sup>enter by way of the <sup>d</sup>porch of the gate, and shall go out <sup>1</sup>by the same way."

4 Then He brought me by way of the <sup>a</sup>north gate to the front of the house; and I looked, and behold, the <sup>b</sup>glory of the LORD filled the house of the LORD, and I <sup>c</sup>fell on my face.

5 And the LORD said to me, "<sup>a</sup>Son of man, <sup>1</sup>mark well, see with your eyes, and hear with your ears all that I say to you concerning all the <sup>b</sup>statutes of the house of the LORD and concerning all its laws; and <sup>1</sup>mark well the entrance of the house, with all exits of the sanctuary.

6 "And you shall say to the <sup>1</sup>rebellious ones, to the house of Israel, 'Thus says the Lord <sup>2</sup>God, "<sup>b</sup>Enough of all your abominations, O house of Israel,

7 when you brought in <sup>a</sup>foreigners, uncircumcised in <sup>b</sup>heart and uncircumcised in flesh, to be in My sanctuary to profane it, *even* My house, when you <sup>c</sup>offered My food, the fat and the blood; for they made My covenant <sup>d</sup>void—*this* in addition to all your abominations.

8 "And you have not <sup>a</sup>kept charge of My holy things yourselves, but you have set *foreigners* <sup>1</sup>to keep charge of My sanctuary."

20 <sup>a</sup>Ezek. 43:15; Lev. 8:15; 9:9 <sup>b</sup>Ezek. 43:14, 16, 17 <sup>c</sup>Ezek. 43:22, 26; Lev. 16:19

21 <sup>a</sup>Ex. 29:14; Lev. 4:12; Heb. 13:11

22 <sup>a</sup>Ezek. 43:25 <sup>b</sup>Ezek. 43:20, 26

23 <sup>a</sup>Ezek. 45:18; Ex. 29:1, 10 <sup>b</sup>Ex. 29:1

24 <sup>a</sup>Lev. 2:13; Num. 18:19; Mark 9:49, 50; Col. 4:6

25 <sup>a</sup>Ex. 29:35-37; Lev. 8:33, 35

26 <sup>1</sup>Lit., fill its hands

27 <sup>1</sup>Lit., make <sup>a</sup>Lev. 9:2 <sup>b</sup>Lev. 3:1; 17:5 <sup>c</sup>Ezek. 20:40

1 <sup>a</sup>Ezek. 40:6, 17; 42:14

2 <sup>a</sup>Ezek. 43:2-4

3 <sup>1</sup>Lit., by his way <sup>a</sup>Ezek. 34:24; 37:25 <sup>b</sup>Gen. 31:54; Ex. 24:9-11 <sup>c</sup>Ezek. 46:2, 8-10 <sup>d</sup>Ezek. 40:9

4 <sup>a</sup>Ezek. 40:20, 40 <sup>b</sup>Ezek. 1:28; 3:23; 43:4, 5; Is. 6:3, 4; Hag. 2:7 <sup>c</sup>Ezek. 1:28; 43:3

5 <sup>1</sup>Lit., set your heart on <sup>a</sup>Ezek. 40:4; Deut. 32:46 <sup>b</sup>Ezek. 43:10, 11; Deut. 12:32

6 <sup>1</sup>Lit., rebellion <sup>2</sup>YHWH, usually rendered LORD, and so throughout the chap. <sup>a</sup>Ezek. 2:5-7; 3:9 <sup>b</sup>Ezek. 45:9; 1 Pet. 4:3

7 <sup>a</sup>Ex. 12:43-49 <sup>b</sup>Lev. 26:41; Deut. 10:16; Jer. 4:4; 9:26 <sup>c</sup>Lev. 22:25 <sup>d</sup>Gen. 17:14

8 <sup>1</sup>Lit., as keepers of My charge in My <sup>a</sup>Num. 18:7

9 <sup>a</sup>Ezek. 44:7; Joel 3:17; Zech. 14:21

10 <sup>a</sup>Ezek. 44:12; 22:26; 2 Kin. 23:8, 9 <sup>b</sup>Num. 18:23

11 <sup>a</sup>Num. 3:5-37; 4:1-33; 18:2-6 <sup>b</sup>1 Chr. 26:1-19 <sup>c</sup>Ezek. 44:14; 40:45 <sup>d</sup>2 Chr. 29:34; 30:17 <sup>e</sup>Num. 16:9

12 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *lifted up My hand*  
<sup>2</sup> Kin. 16:10-16; Hos. 4:6; 5:1

13 <sup>a</sup>Num. 18:3 <sup>b</sup>Ezek. 16:61, 63; 39:26

14 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *give* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *keepers of the charge*  
<sup>a</sup>Ezek. 44:11; Num. 18:4; 1 Chr. 23:28-32

15 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 33:18-22 <sup>b</sup>Ezek. 40:45; Num. 18:7 <sup>c</sup>Ezek. 44:10; 48:11 <sup>d</sup>Zech. 3:1, 7 <sup>e</sup>Ezek. 44:7; Lev. 3:16, 17

16 <sup>a</sup>Num. 18:5, 7, 8 <sup>b</sup>Ezek. 41:22; Mal. 1:7, 12

17 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *come upon*  
<sup>a</sup>Ex. 28:42, 43; 39:27-29; Rev. 19:8

18 <sup>a</sup>Ezek. 24:17, 23; Ex. 28:40; Is. 3:20 <sup>b</sup>Ex. 28:42

19 <sup>a</sup>Ezek. 42:14; Lev. 6:10; 16:4, 23, 24 <sup>b</sup>Ezek. 46:20; Lev. 6:27

20 <sup>1</sup>Or, *hang loose*  
<sup>a</sup>Lev. 21:5 <sup>b</sup>Num. 6:5

22 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *take as wives for themselves*

23 <sup>a</sup>Ezek. 22:26; Lev. 10:10, 11; Hos. 4:6; Mic. 3:9-11; Zeph. 3:4; Hag. 2:11-13; Mal. 2:6-8

24 <sup>a</sup>Deut. 17:8, 9; 19:17; 21:5; 1 Chr. 23:4; 2 Chr. 19:8-10 <sup>b</sup>Lev. 23:2, 4, 44

9 "Thus says the Lord God, "No foreigner, uncircumcised in heart and uncircumcised in flesh, of all the foreigners who are among the sons of Israel, shall enter My sanctuary.

10 "But the Levites who went far from Me, when Israel went astray, who went astray from Me after their idols, shall bear the punishment for their iniquity.

11 "Yet they shall be ministers in My sanctuary, having oversight at the gates of the house and ministering in the house; they shall slaughter the burnt offering and the sacrifice for the people, and they shall stand before them to minister to them.

12 "Because they ministered to them before their idols and became a stumbling block of iniquity to the house of Israel, therefore I have sworn against them," declares the Lord God, "that they shall bear the punishment for their iniquity.

13 "And they shall not come near to Me to serve as a priest to Me, nor come near to any of My holy things, to the things that are most holy; but they shall bear their shame and their abominations which they have committed.

14 "Yet I will appoint them to keep charge of the house, of all its service, and of all that shall be done in it.

15 "But the Levitical priests, the sons of Zadok, who kept charge of My sanctuary when the sons of Israel went astray from Me, shall come near to Me to minister to Me; and they shall stand before Me to offer Me the fat and the blood," declares the Lord God.

16 "They shall enter My sanctuary; they shall come near to My table to minister to Me and keep My charge.

17 "And it shall be that when they enter at the gates of the inner court, they shall be clothed with linen garments; and wool shall not be on them while they are ministering in the gates of the inner court and in the house.

18 "Linen turbans shall be on their heads, and linen undergarments shall be on their loins; they shall not gird themselves with anything which makes them sweat.

19 "And when they go out into the outer court, into the outer court to the people, they shall put off their garments in which they have been ministering and lay them in the holy chambers; then they shall put on other garments that they may not transmit holiness to the people with their garments.

20 "Also they shall not shave their heads, yet they shall not let their locks grow long; they shall only trim the hair of their heads.

21 "Nor shall any of the priests drink wine when they enter the inner court.

22 "And they shall not marry a widow or a divorced woman but shall take virgins from the offspring of the house of Israel, or a widow who is the widow of a priest.

23 "Moreover, they shall teach My people the difference between the holy and the profane, and cause them to discern between the unclean and the clean.

24 "And in a dispute they shall take their stand to judge; they shall judge it according to My ordinances. They shall also keep My laws and My statutes in all My appointed feasts, and sanctify My sabbaths.

25 "And <sup>1</sup>they shall not go to a dead person to defile *themselves*; however, for father, for mother, for son, for daughter, for brother, or for a sister who has not had a husband, they may defile themselves.

26 "And after he is <sup>a</sup>cleansed, seven days shall <sup>l</sup>elapse for him.

27 "And on the day that he goes into the sanctuary, into the inner court to minister in the sanctuary, he shall offer his <sup>a</sup>sin offering," declares the Lord God.

28 "And it shall be with regard to an inheritance for them, *that* <sup>a</sup>I am their inheritance; and you shall give them no possession in Israel—I am their possession.

29 "They shall <sup>a</sup>eat the grain offering, the sin offering, and the guilt offering; and every <sup>b</sup>devoted thing in Israel shall be theirs.

30 "And the first of all the <sup>a</sup>first fruits of every kind and every <sup>l</sup>contribution of every kind, from all your <sup>l</sup>contributions, shall be for the priests; you shall also give to the priest the <sup>b</sup>first of your <sup>2</sup>dough to cause a <sup>c</sup>blessing to rest on your house.

31 "The priests shall not eat any bird or beast that <sup>l</sup>has <sup>a</sup>died a natural death or has been torn to pieces.

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"AND when you shall <sup>a</sup>divide by lot the land for inheritance, you shall offer <sup>l</sup>an allotment to the LORD, a <sup>c</sup>holy portion of the land; the length shall be the length of 25,000 <sup>d</sup>cubits, and the width shall be <sup>2</sup>10,000. It shall be holy within all its boundary round about.

2 "Out of this there shall be for the holy place a square round about five hundred by five hundred *cubits*, and fifty cubits for its <sup>l</sup>open space round about.

3 "And from this <sup>l</sup>area you shall measure a length of 25,000 *cubits*, and a width of 10,000 *cubits*; and in it shall be the sanctuary, the most holy place.

4 "It shall be the holy portion of the land; it shall be for the <sup>a</sup>priests, the ministers of the sanctuary, who <sup>b</sup>come near to minister to the LORD, and it shall be a place for their houses and a holy place for the sanctuary.

5 "And *an area* 25,000 *cubits* in length and 10,000 in width shall be for the Levites, the ministers of the house, *and* for their possession <sup>l</sup>cities to dwell in.

6 "And you shall give the <sup>a</sup>city possession of *an area* 5,000 *cubits* wide and 25,000 *cubits* long, alongside the <sup>l</sup>allotment of the holy portion; it shall be for the whole house of Israel.

7 "And the <sup>a</sup>prince shall have *land* on either side of the holy allotment and the <sup>2</sup>property of the city, adjacent to the holy allotment and the <sup>2</sup>property of the city, on the west side toward the west and on the east side toward the east, and in length comparable to one of the portions, from the west border to the east border.

8 "This shall be his land for a possession in Israel; so My princes shall no longer <sup>a</sup>oppress My people, but they shall give *the rest* of the land to the house of Israel <sup>b</sup>according to their tribes."

25 <sup>1</sup>Lit. *he*

26 <sup>1</sup>Lit. *be counted*  
<sup>a</sup>Num. 19:13-19

27 <sup>a</sup>Lev. 5:3, 6; Num. 6:9-11

28 <sup>a</sup>Num. 18:20; Deut. 10:9; 18:1, 2; Josh. 13:33

29 <sup>1</sup>Or. *dedicated*; cf. Num. 18:14  
<sup>a</sup>Num. 18:9, 14; Josh. 13:14  
<sup>b</sup>Lev. 27:21, 28

30 <sup>1</sup>Or. *heave offering*  
<sup>2</sup>Or. *coarse meal*  
<sup>a</sup>Num. 18:12; 2 Chr. 31:4-6, 10; Neh. 10:35-37  
<sup>b</sup>Num. 15:20, 21  
<sup>c</sup>Mal. 3:10

31 <sup>1</sup>Lit. *a corpse*  
<sup>a</sup>Ezek. 4:14; Lev. 22:8; Deut. 14:21

<sup>1</sup> Or. *a contribution*  
<sup>2</sup>Or. *with Gk., 20,000*  
<sup>a</sup>Ezek. 47:21; 48:29; Num. 34:13; Josh. 13:7; 14:3  
<sup>b</sup>Ezek. 48:8, 9  
<sup>c</sup>Zech. 14:20, 21  
<sup>d</sup>Ezek. 45:2; 42:16

<sup>2</sup> <sup>1</sup>Or. *pasture land*; cf. 27:28

<sup>3</sup> <sup>1</sup>Lit. *measure*

<sup>4</sup> <sup>a</sup>Ezek. 48:10, 11  
<sup>b</sup>Ezek. 40:45; 43:19; Num. 16:5

<sup>5</sup> <sup>1</sup>So with Gk.; M.T., *twenty chambers*

<sup>6</sup> <sup>1</sup>Or. *contribution*  
<sup>a</sup>Ezek. 48:15-18, 30-35

<sup>7</sup> <sup>1</sup>Or. *contribution*  
<sup>2</sup>Lit. *possession*  
<sup>a</sup>Ezek. 34:24; 37:24; 46:16-18; 48:21

<sup>8</sup> <sup>a</sup>Ezek. 19:7; 22:27; 46:18; Is. 11:3-5; Jer. 23:5  
<sup>b</sup>Josh. 11:23

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9 <sup>1</sup>YHWH, usually rendered LORD, and so throughout the chap.  
<sup>a</sup>Ezek. 7:11, 23; 8:17; Jer. 6:7 <sup>b</sup>Jer. 22:3; Zech. 8:16  
<sup>c</sup>Neh. 5:1-5

10 <sup>a</sup>Lev. 19:36; Deut. 25:15; Prov. 16:11; Amos 8:4-6; Mic. 6:10, 11 <sup>b</sup>Is. 5:10

11 <sup>1</sup>Lit., one <sup>2</sup>Lit., its measure  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 5:10

12 <sup>1</sup>Or, mina  
<sup>a</sup>Ex. 30:13; Lev. 27:25; Num. 3:47

15 <sup>a</sup>Lev. 1:4; 6:30

16 <sup>1</sup>Lit., be  
<sup>a</sup>Ex. 30:14, 15 <sup>b</sup>Is. 16:1

17 <sup>a</sup>1 Kin. 8:64; 1 Chr. 16:2; 2 Chr. 31:3 <sup>b</sup>Lev. 23:1-44; Num. 28:1-29, 39 <sup>c</sup>Is. 66:23 <sup>d</sup>Ezek. 43:27; 1 Kin. 8:63

18 <sup>a</sup>Ex. 12:2 <sup>b</sup>Lev. 22:20; Heb. 9:14 <sup>c</sup>Ezek. 43:22, 26; Lev. 16:16, 33

19 <sup>a</sup>Ezek. 43:20; Lev. 16:18-20 <sup>b</sup>Ezek. 43:14, 17, 20

20 <sup>1</sup>Lit., simple  
<sup>a</sup>Lev. 4:27; Ps. 19:12 <sup>b</sup>Ezek. 45:15, 18; Lev. 16:20

21 <sup>a</sup>Ex. 12:1-24; Lev. 23:5-8

22 <sup>a</sup>Lev. 4:14

23 <sup>a</sup>Lev. 23:8 <sup>b</sup>Num. 28:16-25 <sup>c</sup>Num. 23:1, 2; Job 42:8

24 <sup>1</sup>Lit., for  
<sup>a</sup>Ezek. 46:5-7; Num. 28:12-15

25 <sup>1</sup>Lit., according to  
<sup>a</sup>Lev. 23:33-43; Num. 29:12-38; 2 Chr. 5:3; 7:8, 10

9 "Thus says the Lord <sup>1</sup>GOD, "Enough, you princes of Israel; put away <sup>a</sup>violence and destruction, and <sup>b</sup>practice justice and righteousness. Stop your <sup>c</sup>expropriations from My people," declares the Lord GOD.

10 "You shall have <sup>a</sup>just balances, a just <sup>b</sup>ephah, and a just <sup>b</sup>bath.

11 "The ephah and the bath shall be <sup>1</sup>the same quantity, so that the bath may contain a tenth of a <sup>a</sup>homer, and the ephah a tenth of a homer; <sup>2</sup>their standard shall be according to the homer.

12 "And the <sup>a</sup>shekel shall be twenty <sup>a</sup>gerahs; twenty shekels, twenty-five shekels, and fifteen shekels shall be your <sup>1</sup>maneh.

13 "This is the offering that you shall offer: a sixth of an ephah from a homer of wheat; a sixth of an ephah from a homer of barley;

14 and the prescribed portion of oil (*namely*, the bath of oil), a tenth of a bath from *each* kor (*which is ten baths or a homer, for ten baths are a homer*);

15 and one sheep from *each* flock of two hundred from the watering places of Israel—for a grain offering, for a burnt offering, and for peace offerings, to <sup>a</sup>make atonement for them," declares the Lord GOD.

16 "All the people of the land shall <sup>1</sup>give to this offering for the <sup>b</sup>prince in Israel.

17 "And it shall be the prince's part to *provide* the <sup>a</sup>burnt offerings, the grain offerings, and the drink offerings, at the <sup>b</sup>feasts, on the <sup>c</sup>new moons, and on the sabbaths, at all the appointed feasts of the house of Israel; he shall provide the sin offering, the grain offering, the burnt offering, and the <sup>a</sup>peace offerings, to make atonement for the house of Israel."

18 "Thus says the Lord GOD, "In the <sup>a</sup>first month, on the first of the month, you shall take a young bull <sup>b</sup>without blemish and <sup>c</sup>cleanse the sanctuary.

19 "And the priest shall take some of the blood from the sin offering and put *it* on the door posts of the house, on the <sup>a</sup>four corners of the <sup>b</sup>ledge of the altar, and on the posts of the gate of the inner court.

20 "And thus you shall do on the seventh *day* of the month for every one who goes <sup>a</sup>astray or is <sup>1</sup>naive; so you shall make <sup>b</sup>atonement for the house.

21 "In the first *month*, on the fourteenth day of the month, you shall have the <sup>a</sup>Passover, a feast of seven days; unleavened bread shall be eaten.

22 "And on that day the prince shall provide for himself and all the people of the land a <sup>a</sup>bull for a sin offering.

23 "And *during* the <sup>a</sup>seven days of the feast he shall provide as a <sup>b</sup>burnt offering to the LORD <sup>c</sup>seven bulls and seven rams without blemish on every day of the seven days, and a male goat daily for a sin offering.

24 "And he shall provide as a <sup>a</sup>grain offering an ephah <sup>1</sup>with a bull, an ephah <sup>1</sup>with a ram, and a hin of oil <sup>1</sup>with an ephah.

25 "In the <sup>a</sup>seventh month, on the fifteenth day of the month, at the feast, he shall provide like this, seven days <sup>1</sup>for the sin offering, the burnt offering, the grain offering, and the oil."

CHAPTER 46

1 **T**HUS says the Lord <sup>1</sup>God, "The gate of the <sup>a</sup>inner court facing east shall be <sup>b</sup>shut the six <sup>c</sup>working days; but it shall be opened on the <sup>d</sup>sabbath day, and opened on the day of the <sup>e</sup>new moon.

2 "And the <sup>a</sup>prince shall enter by way of the <sup>a</sup>porch of the gate from outside and stand by the <sup>b</sup>post of the gate. Then the priests shall provide his burnt offering and his peace offerings, and he shall worship at the threshold of the gate and then go out; but the gate shall not be shut until the evening.

3 "The <sup>a</sup>people of the land shall also worship at the doorway of that gate before the LORD on the sabbaths and on the new moons.

4 "And the <sup>a</sup>burnt offering which the prince shall offer to the LORD on the sabbath day shall be <sup>b</sup>six lambs without blemish and a ram without blemish;

5 and the <sup>a</sup>grain offering shall be an ephah <sup>1</sup>with the ram, and the grain offering <sup>1</sup>with the lambs <sup>2</sup>as much as he is <sup>b</sup>able to give, and a hin of oil <sup>1</sup>with an ephah.

6 "And on the day of the new moon *he shall offer* a young bull without blemish, also six lambs and a ram, *which* shall be without blemish.

7 "And he shall provide a grain offering, an ephah <sup>1</sup>with the bull, and an ephah <sup>1</sup>with the ram, and <sup>1</sup>with the lambs as <sup>2</sup>much as he is <sup>a</sup>able, and a hin of oil <sup>1</sup>with an ephah.

8 "And when the prince enters, he shall go in by way of the porch of the gate and go out <sup>1</sup>by the same way.

9 "But when the people of the land come <sup>a</sup>before the LORD at the appointed feasts, he who enters by way of the north gate to worship shall go out by way of the south gate. And he who enters by way of the south gate shall go out by way of the north gate. <sup>1</sup>No one shall return by way of the gate by which he entered but shall go straight out.

10 "And when they go in, the prince shall go in <sup>a</sup>among them; and when they go out, <sup>1</sup>he shall go out.

11 "And at the <sup>a</sup>festivals and the appointed feasts the grain offering shall be an ephah <sup>1</sup>with a bull and an ephah <sup>1</sup>with a ram, and <sup>1</sup>with the lambs as <sup>2</sup>much as one is able to give, and a hin of oil <sup>1</sup>with an ephah.

12 "And when the prince provides a <sup>a</sup>freewill offering, a burnt offering, or peace offerings as a freewill offering to the LORD, the gate facing east shall be <sup>b</sup>opened for him. And he shall provide his burnt offering and his peace offerings as he does on the <sup>c</sup>sabbath day. Then he shall go out, and the gate shall be shut after he goes out.

13 "And you shall provide a <sup>a</sup>lamb a year old without blemish for a burnt offering to the LORD daily; <sup>b</sup>morning by morning you shall provide it.

14 "Also you shall provide a grain offering with it morning by morning, a <sup>a</sup>sixth of an ephah, and a third of a hin of oil to moisten the fine flour, a grain offering to the LORD continually by a perpetual <sup>1</sup>ordinance.

15 "Thus they shall provide the lamb, the grain offering, and the oil, morning by morning, for a <sup>a</sup>continual burnt offering."

1 <sup>1</sup>YHWH, usually rendered LORD, and so throughout the chap.  
<sup>a</sup>Ezek. 8:16; 10:3 <sup>b</sup>Ezek. 44:1, 2 <sup>c</sup>Ex. 20:9 <sup>d</sup>Ezek. 45:17; Is. 66:23 <sup>e</sup>Ezek. 46:3, 6; 45:18

2 <sup>a</sup>Ezek. 46:8; 44:3  
<sup>b</sup>Ezek. 45:19

3 <sup>a</sup>Luke 1:10

4 <sup>a</sup>Ezek. 45:17 <sup>b</sup>Num. 28:9, 10

5 <sup>1</sup>Lit., for <sup>2</sup>Lit., a gift of his hand  
<sup>a</sup>Ezek. 46:7, 11; 45:24; Num. 28:12 <sup>b</sup>Ezek. 46:7

7 <sup>1</sup>Lit., for <sup>2</sup>Lit., his hand can reach  
<sup>a</sup>Ezek. 46:5; Lev. 14:21; Deut. 16:17

8 <sup>1</sup>Lit., by its way

9 <sup>1</sup>Lit., He shall not  
<sup>a</sup>Ex. 34:23; Ps. 84:7; Mic. 6:6

10 <sup>1</sup>So with many mss. and the ancient versions; M.T., they  
<sup>a</sup>2 Sam. 6:14, 15; 1 Chr. 29:20, 21; 2 Chr. 6:3; 7:4; Ps. 42:4

11 <sup>1</sup>Lit., for <sup>2</sup>Lit., a gift of his hand  
<sup>a</sup>Ezek. 45:17

12 <sup>a</sup>Lev. 23:38; 2 Chr. 29:31 <sup>b</sup>Ezek. 46:1, 2, 8; 44:3  
<sup>c</sup>Ezek. 45:17

13 <sup>a</sup>Num. 28:3-5 <sup>b</sup>Is. 50:4

14 <sup>1</sup>Lit., statutes  
<sup>a</sup>Num. 28:5

15 <sup>a</sup>Ex. 29:42; Num. 28:6

16 +2 Chr. 21:3

17 +Lev. 25:10

18 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *oppressing*  
<sup>a</sup>Ezek. 45:8; Is. 11:3, 4  
<sup>b</sup>Ezek. 22:27; 1 Kin. 21:19;  
Mic. 2:1, 2

19 +Ezek. 42:9; 44:5

20 +Ezek. 44:29; 2 Chr.  
35:13 <sup>b</sup>Lev. 2:4-722 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *one measure*24 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *houses*1 +Ezek. 41:2, 23-25 <sup>b</sup>Ps.  
46:4; Is. 30:25; 55:1; Jer.  
2:13; Joel 3:18; Zech. 13:1;  
14:8; Rev. 22:1, 172 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *by way of*

5 +Is. 11:9; Hab. 2:14

6 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *and caused me  
to return*  
<sup>a</sup>Ezek. 8:6; 40:4; 44:5

16 'Thus says the Lord God, "If the prince gives a <sup>a</sup>gift out of his inheritance to any of his sons, it shall belong to his sons; it is their possession by inheritance.

17 "But if he gives a gift from his inheritance to one of his servants, it shall be his until the <sup>a</sup>year of liberty; then it shall return to the prince. His inheritance *shall be* only his sons'; it shall belong to them.

18 "And the prince shall <sup>a</sup>not take from the people's inheritance, <sup>1b</sup>thrusting them out of their possession; he shall give his sons inheritance from his own possession so that My people shall not be scattered, anyone from his possession."

19 Then he brought me through the <sup>a</sup>entrance, which was at the side of the gate, into the holy chambers for the priests, which faced north; and behold, there was a place at the extreme rear toward the west.

20 And he said to me, "This is the place where the priests shall boil the <sup>a</sup>guilt offering and the sin offering, and where they shall <sup>b</sup>bake the grain offering, in order that they may not bring *them* out into the outer court to transmit holiness to the people."

21 Then he brought me out into the outer court and led me across to the four corners of the court; and behold, in every corner of the court *there was a small court.*

22 In the four corners of the court *there were* enclosed courts, forty *cubits* long and thirty wide; these four in the corners *were* <sup>1</sup>the same size.

23 And *there was a row of masonry* round about in them, around the four of them, and boiling places were made under the rows round about.

24 Then he said to me, "These are the boiling <sup>1</sup>places where the ministers of the house shall boil the sacrifices of the people."

## CHAPTER 47

THEN he brought me back to the <sup>a</sup>door of the house; and behold, <sup>b</sup>water was flowing from under the threshold of the house toward the east, for the house faced east. And the water was flowing down from under, from the right side of the house, from south of the altar.

2 And he brought me out by way of the north gate and led me around <sup>1</sup>on the outside to the outer gate by way of *the gate* that faces east. And behold, water was trickling from the south side.

3 When the man went out toward the east with a line in his hand, he measured a thousand cubits, and he led me through the water, water *reaching* the ankles.

4 Again he measured a thousand and led me through the water, water *reaching* the knees. Again he measured a thousand and led me through *the water*, water *reaching* the loins.

5 Again he measured a thousand; *and it was a river* that I could not ford, for the water had risen, *enough* water to swim in, a <sup>a</sup>river that could not be forded.

6 And he said to me, "Son of man, have you <sup>a</sup>seen *this*?" Then he brought me <sup>1</sup>back to the bank of the river.

7 Now when I had returned, behold, on the bank of the river there were very many trees on the one side and on the other.

8 Then he said to me, "These waters go out toward the eastern region and go down into the Arabah; then they go toward the sea, being made to flow into the sea, and the waters of the sea become fresh.

9 "And it will come about that every living creature which swarms in every place where the river goes, will live. And there will be very many fish, for these waters go there, and the others become fresh; so everything will live where the river goes.

10 "And it will come about that fishermen will stand beside it; from Engedi to Eneglaim there will be a place for the spreading of nets. Their fish will be according to their kinds, like the fish of the Great Sea, very many.

11 "But its swamps and marshes will not become fresh; they will be left for salt.

12 "And by the river on its bank, on one side and on the other, will grow all kinds of trees for food. Their leaves will not wither, and their fruit will not fail. They will bear every month because their water flows from the sanctuary, and their fruit will be for food and their leaves for healing."

13 Thus says the Lord God, "This shall be the boundary by which you shall divide the land for an inheritance among the twelve tribes of Israel; Joseph shall have two portions.

14 "And you shall divide it for an inheritance, each one equally with the other; for I swore to give it to your forefathers, and this land shall fall to you as an inheritance.

15 "And this shall be the boundary of the land: on the north side, from the Great Sea by the way of Hethlon, to the entrance of Zedad;

16 Hamath, Berthah, Sibram, which is between the border of Damascus and the border of Hamath; Hazerticon, which is by the border of Hauran.

17 "And the boundary shall extend from the sea to Hazaran at the border of Damascus, and on the north toward the north is the border of Hamath. This is the north side.

18 "And the east side, from between Hauran, Damascus, Gilead, and the land of Israel, shall be the Jordan; from the north border to the Eastern Sea you shall measure. This is the east side.

19 "And the south side toward the south shall extend from Tamar as far as the waters of Meribath-kadesh, to the brook of Egypt, and to the Great Sea. This is the south side toward the south.

20 "And the west side shall be the Great Sea, from the south border to a point opposite Lebo-hamath. This is the west side.

21 "So you shall divide this land among yourselves according to the tribes of Israel.

22 "And it will come about that you shall divide it by lot for an inheritance among yourselves and among the aliens who stay in your midst, who bring forth sons in your midst. And they shall be to you as the native-born among the sons of Israel; they shall be allotted an inheritance with you among the tribes of Israel.

7 Ezek. 47:12; Is. 60:13, 21; 61:3

8 Lit., healed Deut. 3:17; Is. 35:6, 7; 41:17-19; 44:3 Josh. 3:16

9 Lit., two rivers Lit., are healed Is. 12:3; 55:1; John 4:14; 7:37, 38; Rev. 21:7

10 Matt. 4:19; 13:47; Luke 5:10 Sam. 23:24; 24:1 Gen. 14:7; Josh. 15:62; 1 Sam. 23:29; 24:1; 2 Chr. 20:2 Ezek. 26:5, 14 Ezek. 47:15; 48:28; Num. 34:6; Ps. 104:25 Luke 5:5-9; John 21:6

11 Lit., healed Lit., given Deut. 29:23

12 Ezek. 47:7; Rev. 22:2 Gen. 2:9 Ps. 1:3; Jer. 17:8 Rev. 22:2

13 YHWH, usually rendered Lord, and so throughout the chap. Num. 34:2-12 Ezek. 48:4, 5; Gen. 48:5; 49:26

14 Lit., like his brother Lit., lifted up My hand Lit., in Ezek. 20:6; Deut. 1:8

15 Or, Hamath Num. 34:7-9 Num. 34:8

16 Or, Zedad Ezek. 47:17, 20; 48:1; Num. 13:21; Is. 10:9; Zech. 9:2 Ezek. 47:17, 18; 48:1; Gen. 14:15

17 Lit., be

18 Num. 34:10-12 Gen. 37:25; Jer. 50:19 Gen. 13:10, 11

19 Num. 34:3-5 Ezek. 48:28 Deut. 32:51 Num. 34:5; 1 Kin. 8:65; Is. 27:12 Ezek. 47:10, 15

20 Or, entrance of Hamath Num. 34:6 Ezek. 48:1; Judg. 3:3; 2 Chr. 7:8; Amos 6:14

22 Num. 26:55, 56 Is. 14:1; 56:6, 7 Acts 11:18; 15:9; Eph. 2:12-14; 3:6; Col. 3:11

<sup>1</sup> *Lit., at the hand of*  
<sup>2</sup> *Or, the entrance of*  
*Hamath* <sup>3</sup> *Lit., and there*  
*shall be to it an east and*  
*west side*  
<sup>a</sup> *Ex. 1:1* <sup>b</sup> *Josh. 19:40-48*

2 <sup>a</sup> *Josh. 19:24-31*

3 <sup>a</sup> *Josh. 19:32-39*

4 <sup>a</sup> *Josh. 13:29-31; 17:1-11*

5 <sup>a</sup> *Josh. 16:5-9; 17:8-10,*  
*14-18*

6 <sup>a</sup> *Josh. 13:15-21*

7 <sup>a</sup> *Josh. 15:1-63; 19:9*

<sup>8</sup> *Or, contribution, and*  
*so throughout the chap.*  
<sup>2</sup> *Lit., offer* <sup>3</sup> *Or, possibly,*  
*reeds, and so throughout*  
*the chap.*  
<sup>a</sup> *Ezek. 45:3, 4; Is. 12:6;*  
*33:20-22*

10 <sup>a</sup> *Ezek. 44:28; 45:4*

11 <sup>a</sup> *Ezek. 40:46; 44:15*  
<sup>b</sup> *Ezek. 44:10, 12*

14 <sup>1</sup> *Lit., first or first fruits*  
<sup>a</sup> *Lev. 25:32-34*

15 <sup>1</sup> *Lit., in front* <sup>2</sup> *Or,*  
*pasture land*  
<sup>a</sup> *Ezek. 42:20; 45:6*

16 <sup>a</sup> *Rev. 21:16*

17 <sup>1</sup> *Or, pasture land*

23 "And it will come about that in the tribe with which the alien stays, there you shall give *him* his inheritance," declares the Lord God.

## CHAPTER 48

"NOW these are the names of the tribes: from the northern extremity, <sup>1</sup> beside the way of Hethlon to <sup>2</sup> Lebo-hamath, *as far as* Hazar-enan at the border of Damascus, toward the north <sup>1</sup> beside Hamath, <sup>3</sup> running from east to west, <sup>b</sup> Dan, one *portion*.

2 "And beside the border of Dan, from the east side to the west side, <sup>a</sup> Asher, one *portion*.

3 "And beside the border of Asher, from the east side to the west side, <sup>a</sup> Naphtali, one *portion*.

4 "And beside the border of Naphtali, from the east side to the west side, <sup>a</sup> Manasseh, one *portion*.

5 "And beside the border of Manasseh, from the east side to the west side, <sup>a</sup> Ephraim, one *portion*.

6 "And beside the border of Ephraim, from the east side to the west side, <sup>a</sup> Reuben, one *portion*.

7 "And beside the border of Reuben, from the east side to the west side, <sup>a</sup> Judah, one *portion*.

8 "And beside the border of Judah, from the east side to the west side, shall be the <sup>1</sup> allotment which you shall <sup>2</sup> set apart, 25,000 <sup>3</sup> cubits in width, and in length like one of the portions, from the east side to the west side; and the <sup>a</sup> sanctuary shall be in the middle of it.

9 "The allotment that you shall set apart to the LORD shall be 25,000 cubits in length, and 10,000 in width.

10 "And the holy allotment shall be for these, *namely* for the <sup>a</sup> priests, toward the north 25,000 cubits in length, toward the west 10,000 in width, toward the east 10,000 in width, and toward the south 25,000 in length; and the sanctuary of the LORD shall be in its midst.

11 "It shall be for the priests who are sanctified of the <sup>a</sup> sons of Zadok, who have kept My charge, who did not go astray when the sons of Israel went astray, as the <sup>b</sup> Levites went astray.

12 "And it shall be an allotment to them from the allotment of the land, a most holy place, by the border of the Levites.

13 "And alongside the border of the priests the Levites shall have 25,000 cubits in length and 10,000 in width. The whole length shall be 25,000 cubits and the width 10,000.

14 "Moreover, they shall not <sup>a</sup> sell or exchange any of it, or alienate this <sup>1</sup> choice portion of land; for it is holy to the LORD.

15 "And the remainder, 5,000 cubits in width and 25,000 <sup>1</sup> in length, shall be for <sup>a</sup> common use for the city, for dwellings and for <sup>2</sup> open spaces; and the city shall be in its midst.

16 "And these shall be its measurements: the north side 4,500 cubits, the south side <sup>a</sup> 4,500 cubits, the east side 4,500 cubits, and the west side 4,500 cubits.

17 "And the city shall have <sup>1</sup> open spaces: on the north 250 cubits, on the south 250 cubits, on the east 250 cubits, and on the west 250 cubits.

18 "And the remainder of the length alongside the holy allotment shall be 10,000 cubits toward the east, and 10,000



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toward the west; and it shall be <sup>1</sup>alongside the holy allotment. And its produce shall be food for the workers of the city.

19 "And the workers of the city, out of all the tribes of Israel, shall cultivate it.

20 "The whole allotment *shall be* 25,000 by 25,000 cubits; you shall <sup>1</sup>set apart the holy allotment, a <sup>2</sup>square, with the <sup>3</sup>property of the city.

21 "And the <sup>a</sup>remainder *shall be* for the prince, on the one side and on the other of the holy allotment and of the <sup>1</sup>property of the city; in front of the 25,000 cubits of the allotment toward the east border and westward in front of the 25,000 toward the west border, alongside the portions, *it shall be* for the prince. And the holy allotment and the sanctuary of the house shall be in the middle of it.

22 "And exclusive of the <sup>1</sup>property of the Levites and the <sup>1</sup>property of the city, *which* are in the middle of that which belongs to the prince, *everything* between the border of Judah and the border of Benjamin shall be for the prince.

23 "As for the rest of the tribes: from the east side to the west side, <sup>a</sup>Benjamin, one *portion*.

24 "And beside the border of Benjamin, from the east side to the west side, <sup>a</sup>Simeon, one *portion*.

25 "And beside the border of Simeon, from the east side to the west side, <sup>a</sup>Issachar, one *portion*.

26 "And beside the border of Issachar, from the east side to the west side, <sup>a</sup>Zebulun, one *portion*.

27 "And beside the border of Zebulun, from the east side to the west side, <sup>a</sup>Gad, one *portion*.

28 "And beside the border of Gad, at the south side toward the south, the border shall be from <sup>a</sup>Tamar to the waters of Meribath-kadesh, to the brook of *Egypt*, to the <sup>b</sup>Great Sea.

29 "This is the <sup>a</sup>land which you shall divide by lot to the tribes of Israel for an inheritance, and these are their *several* portions," declares the Lord <sup>1</sup>God.

30 "And these are the exits of the city: on the <sup>a</sup>north side, 4,500 cubits by measurement,

31 <sup>1</sup>shall be the gates of the city, <sup>2a</sup>named for the tribes of Israel, three gates toward the north: the gate of Reuben, one; the gate of Judah, one; the gate of Levi, one.

32 "And on the east side, 4,500 cubits, <sup>1</sup>shall be three gates: the gate of Joseph, one; the gate of Benjamin, one; the gate of Dan, one.

33 "And on the south side, 4,500 cubits by measurement, <sup>1</sup>shall be three gates: the gate of Simeon, one; the gate of Issachar, one; the gate of Zebulun, one.

34 "On the west side, 4,500 cubits, *shall be* three gates: the gate of Gad, one; the gate of Asher, one; the gate of Naphtali, one.

35 "The city shall be 18,000 cubits round about; and the <sup>a</sup>name of the city from *that day shall be*, 'The <sup>b</sup>LORD is there.' "

18 <sup>1</sup>Or, *exactly as*

20 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *offer* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *fourth*  
<sup>3</sup>Or, *possession*

21 <sup>1</sup>Or, *possession*  
<sup>a</sup>Ezek. 48:22; 34:24; 45:7

22 <sup>1</sup>Or, *possession*

23 <sup>a</sup>Josh. 18:21-28

24 <sup>a</sup>Josh. 19:1-9

25 <sup>a</sup>Josh. 19:17-23

26 <sup>a</sup>Josh. 19:10-16

27 <sup>a</sup>Josh. 13:24-28

28 <sup>a</sup>Ezek. 47:19; Gen. 14:7; 2 Chr. 20:2 <sup>b</sup>Ezek. 47:10, 15, 19, 20

29 <sup>1</sup>YHWH, usually rendered LORD  
<sup>a</sup>Ezek. 47:13-20

30 <sup>a</sup>Ezek. 48:32, 33, 34

31 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *and* <sup>2</sup>Lit.,  
*according to the names of*  
<sup>a</sup>Rev. 21:12, 13

32 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *and*

33 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *and*

35 <sup>1</sup>Heb., *YHWH-shammah*  
<sup>a</sup>Jer. 23:6; 33:16 <sup>b</sup>Ezek. 35:10; Is. 12:6; 14:32; 24:23; Jer. 3:17; 8:19; 14:9; Joel 3:21; Zech. 2:10; Rev. 21:3; 22:3

# THE BOOK OF DANIEL

The Choice Young Men.

1 <sup>2</sup> Kin. 24:1; 2 Chr. 36:5, 6 <sup>b</sup> Jer. 25:1; 52:12, 28-30

2 <sup>1</sup> Or, gods  
<sup>a</sup> Dan. 2:37, 38; Is. 42:24  
<sup>b</sup> Dan. 5:2; 2 Chr. 36:7; Jer. 27:19, 20 <sup>c</sup> Gen. 10:10; 11:2; Is. 11:11; Zech. 5:11 <sup>d</sup> Jer. 50:2; 51:44

3 <sup>1</sup> Or, said to <sup>2</sup> Or, eunuchs, and so throughout the chap. <sup>3</sup> Lit., seed of the  
<sup>2</sup> Kin. 24:14; Is. 39:7

4 <sup>1</sup> Lit., standing <sup>2</sup> Lit., palace <sup>3</sup> Or, writing  
<sup>2</sup> Sam. 14:25 <sup>b</sup> Dan. 2:4; Is. 36:11; Jer. 5:15 <sup>c</sup> Dan. 2:2, 4, 5, 10, 3:8; 4:7; 5:7, 11, 30; 9:1

5 <sup>1</sup> Or, reared <sup>2</sup> Lit., stand before the king  
<sup>a</sup> Dan. 1:19; 1 Sam. 16:22; Jer. 15:1

6 <sup>a</sup> Ezek. 14:14, 20; 28:3; Matt. 24:15

7 <sup>a</sup> Dan. 2:26; 4:8; 5:12  
<sup>b</sup> Dan. 2:49; 3:12

8 <sup>1</sup> Lit., set upon his heart  
<sup>a</sup> Lev. 11:47; Ezek. 4:13, 14; Hos. 9:3, 4 <sup>b</sup> Dan. 1:5; Ps. 141:4 <sup>c</sup> Dan. 5:4; Deut. 32:38

9 <sup>1</sup> Lit., lovingkindness  
<sup>a</sup> Job 5:15, 16; Ps. 106:46; Prov. 16:7

10 <sup>1</sup> Lit., make my head guilty

<sup>13</sup> Lit., seen

15 <sup>1</sup> Lit., fat of flesh  
<sup>a</sup> Ex. 23:25; Prov. 10:22

IN the third year of the reign of <sup>a</sup>Jehoiakim king of Judah, <sup>b</sup>Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon came to Jerusalem and besieged it.

2 And the <sup>a</sup>Lord gave Jehoiakim king of Judah into his hand, along with some of the <sup>b</sup>vessels of the house of God; and he brought them to the land of <sup>c</sup>Shinar, to the house of his <sup>1</sup>god, and he brought the vessels into the treasury of his <sup>1d</sup>god.

3 Then the king <sup>1</sup>ordered Ashpenaz, the chief of his <sup>2</sup>officials, to bring in some of the sons of Israel, including some of the <sup>3</sup>royal <sup>a</sup>family and of the nobles,

4 youths in whom was <sup>a</sup>no defect, who were good-looking, showing intelligence in every *branch* of wisdom, endowed with understanding, and discerning knowledge, and who had ability for <sup>1</sup>serving in the king's <sup>2</sup>court; and *he ordered him* to teach them the <sup>3</sup>literature and <sup>b</sup>language of the <sup>c</sup>Chaldeans.

5 And the king appointed for them a daily ration from the king's choice food and from the wine which he drank, and *appointed* that they should be <sup>1</sup>educated three years, at the end of which they were to <sup>2</sup>enter the king's personal service.

6 Now among them from the sons of Judah were <sup>a</sup>Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael and Azariah.

7 Then the commander of the officials assigned *new* names to them; and to Daniel he assigned *the name* <sup>a</sup>Beltshazzar, to Hananiah <sup>b</sup>Shadrach, to Mishael <sup>b</sup>Meshach, and to Azariah <sup>b</sup>Abed-nego.

8 But Daniel <sup>1</sup>made up his mind that he would not <sup>a</sup>defile himself with the <sup>b</sup>king's choice food or with the <sup>c</sup>wine which he drank; so he sought *permission* from the commander of the officials that he might not defile himself.

9 Now God granted Daniel <sup>1a</sup>favor and compassion in the sight of the commander of the officials,

10 and the commander of the officials said to Daniel, "I am afraid of my lord the king, who has appointed your food and your drink; for why should he see your faces looking more haggard than the youths who are your own age? Then you would <sup>1</sup>make me forfeit my head to the king."

11 But Daniel said to the overseer whom the commander of the officials had appointed over Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael and Azariah,

12 "Please test your servants for ten days, and let us be given some vegetables to eat and water to drink.

13 "Then let our appearance be <sup>1</sup>observed in your presence, and the appearance of the youths who are eating the king's choice food; and deal with your servants according to what you see."

14 So he listened to them in this matter and tested them for ten days.

15 And at the end of ten days their appearance seemed <sup>a</sup>better and <sup>1</sup>they were fatter than all the youths who had been eating the king's choice food.

## They Enter the King's Personal Service. The King's Forgotten Dream.

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16 So the overseer continued to withhold their choice food and the wine they were to drink, and kept giving them vegetables.

17 And as for these four youths, God gave them knowledge and intelligence in every branch of literature and wisdom; Daniel even understood all kinds of visions and dreams.

18 Then at the end of the days which the king had specified for presenting them, the commander of the officials presented them before Nebuchadnezzar.

19 And the king talked with them, and out of them all not one was found like Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael and Azariah; so they entered the king's personal service.

20 And as for every matter of wisdom and understanding about which the king consulted them, he found them better than all the magicians and conjurers who were in all his realm.

21 And Daniel continued until the first year of Cyrus the king.

### CHAPTER 2

NOW in the second year of the reign of Nebuchadnezzar, Nebuchadnezzar had dreams; and his spirit was troubled and his sleep left him.

2 Then the king gave orders to call in the magicians, the conjurers, the sorcerers and the Chaldeans, to tell the king his dreams. So they came in and stood before the king.

3 And the king said to them, "I had a dream, and my spirit is anxious to understand the dream."

4 Then the Chaldeans spoke to the king in Aramaic: "O king, live forever! Tell the dream to your servants, and we will declare the interpretation."

5 The king answered and said to the Chaldeans, "The command from me is firm: if you do not make known to me the dream and its interpretation, you will be torn limb from limb, and your houses will be made a rubbish heap.

6 "But if you declare the dream and its interpretation, you will receive from me gifts and a reward and great honor; therefore declare to me the dream and its interpretation."

7 They answered a second time and said, "Let the king tell the dream to his servants, and we will declare the interpretation."

8 The king answered and said, "I know for certain that you are bargaining for time, inasmuch as you have seen that the command from me is firm,

9 that if you do not make the dream known to me, there is only one decree for you. For you have agreed together to speak lying and corrupt words before me until the situation is changed; therefore tell me the dream, that I may know that you can declare to me its interpretation."

10 The Chaldeans answered the king and said, "There is not a man on earth who could declare the matter for the king, inasmuch as no great king or ruler has ever asked anything like this of any magician, conjurer or Chaldean.

16 <sup>1</sup>Lit., take away

17 <sup>1</sup>Or, writing  
<sup>a</sup>Dan. 1:20; 2:21, 23; 1 Kin. 3:12, 28; Job 32:8 <sup>b</sup>Dan. 2:19; 7:1; 8:1

18 <sup>1</sup>Lit., said <sup>2</sup>Lit., to bring them in <sup>3</sup>Lit., brought in

19 <sup>1</sup>Lit., stood before the king  
<sup>a</sup>Dan. 1:5; Gen. 41:46; 1 Kin. 17; Prov. 22:29; Jer. 15:1

20 <sup>1</sup>Lit., of <sup>2</sup>Or, soothsayer priests  
<sup>a</sup>Dan. 1:17; 1 Kin. 4:30, 31  
<sup>b</sup>Gen. 31:7; Num. 14:22; Neh. 4:12; Job 19:3 <sup>a</sup>Dan. 2:27, 28, 46, 48 <sup>b</sup>Dan. 2:2; 4:18; 5:7; Is. 19:3

21 <sup>1</sup>Lit., was until  
<sup>a</sup>Dan. 6:28; 10:1

1 <sup>1</sup>Lit., dreamed dreams  
<sup>2</sup>Lit., was gone upon him  
<sup>a</sup>Dan. 2:3; 4:5; Gen. 40:5-8; 14:1; Job 33:15-17 <sup>b</sup>Dan. 6:18; Esth. 6:1

2 <sup>1</sup>Lit., said to call <sup>2</sup>Or, soothsayer priests <sup>3</sup>Or, master astrologers, and so throughout the chap.  
<sup>a</sup>Dan. 2:10, 27; 1:20; 4:6; 5:7; Gen. 41:8; Is. 47:12, 13

3 <sup>1</sup>Lit., dreamed <sup>2</sup>Lit., was troubled <sup>3</sup>Lit., know  
<sup>a</sup>Dan. 4:5; Gen. 40:8; 41:15

4 <sup>1</sup>The text is in Aramaic from here through 7:28  
<sup>a</sup>Ezra 4:7; Is. 36:11

5 <sup>1</sup>Another reading is, The word has gone from me <sup>2</sup>Lit., made into limbs  
<sup>a</sup>Dan. 2:12; 3:29; Ezra 6:11

6 <sup>a</sup>Dan. 2:48; 5:7, 16, 29

8 <sup>1</sup>Lit., buying <sup>2</sup>Sec v. 5 nt. 1

9 <sup>1</sup>Or, law <sup>2</sup>Lit., word  
<sup>3</sup>Lit., time  
<sup>a</sup>Dan. 3:15; Esth. 4:11 <sup>b</sup>Is. 41:23

10 <sup>1</sup>Lit., before the <sup>2</sup>Lit., of <sup>3</sup>Or, soothsayer priest

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11 <sup>1</sup>Or, *rare* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *before*  
<sup>a</sup>Dan. 5:11; Gen. 41:39 <sup>b</sup>Ex.  
29:45; Is. 57:15

12 <sup>a</sup>Dan. 2:5; 3:13, 19; Ps.  
76:10

13 <sup>1</sup>Or, *law* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *be  
killed*

14 <sup>1</sup>Or, *executioners*

15 <sup>1</sup>Or, *law* <sup>2</sup>Or, *harsh*

16 <sup>1</sup>Or, *appoint a time  
for him*

18 <sup>a</sup>Dan. 2:23; Esth. 4:15,  
16; Is. 37:4; Jer. 33:3; Ezek.  
36:37 <sup>b</sup>Gen. 18:28; Mal.  
3:18

19 <sup>a</sup>Dan. 1:17; 7:2, 7, 13;  
Num. 12:6; Job 33:15, 16

20 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 103:1, 2; 113:1, 2  
<sup>b</sup>Dan. 2:21-23; 1 Chr. 29:11,  
12; Job 12:13, 16-22

21 <sup>1</sup>Or, *sets up* <sup>2</sup>Lit.,  
*knowers*  
<sup>a</sup>Dan. 2:9; 7:25; Ps. 31:15  
<sup>b</sup>Dan. 4:17, 32; Job 12:18;  
Ps. 75:6, 7 <sup>c</sup>1 Kin. 3:9, 10;  
4:29; James 1:5

22 <sup>a</sup>Dan. 2:19, 28; Job  
12:22 <sup>b</sup>Job 26:6; Ps. 139:12;  
Is. 45:7; Jer. 23:24 <sup>c</sup>Dan.  
5:11, 14; Ps. 36:9; 1 John  
1:5

23 <sup>a</sup>Gen. 31:42; Ex. 3:15  
<sup>b</sup>Dan. 2:21; 1:17 <sup>c</sup>Dan.  
2:18, 29, 30; Ps. 21:2, 4

24 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *in before the  
king*  
<sup>a</sup>Dan. 2:12, 13; Acts 27:24

25 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *in before the  
king* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *sons of the exile  
of*  
<sup>a</sup>Gen. 41:14 <sup>b</sup>Dan. 1:6;  
5:13; 6:13

26 <sup>a</sup>Dan. 1:7; 4:8; 5:12

27 <sup>1</sup>Or, *soothsayer priests*  
<sup>a</sup>Dan. 2:2, 10, 11; 5:7, 8

11 "Moreover, the thing which the king demands is <sup>1</sup>difficult, and there is no one else who could declare it <sup>2</sup>to the king except <sup>a</sup>gods, whose <sup>b</sup>dwelling place is not with *mortal flesh*."

12 Because of this the king became <sup>a</sup>indignant and very furious, and gave orders to destroy all the wise men of Babylon.

13 So the <sup>1</sup>decree went forth that the wise men should be slain; and they looked for Daniel and his friends to <sup>2</sup>kill *them*.

14 Then Daniel replied with discretion and discernment to Arioch, the captain of the king's <sup>1</sup>bodyguard, who had gone forth to slay the wise men of Babylon;

15 he answered and said to Arioch, the king's commander, "For what reason is the <sup>1</sup>decree from the king so <sup>2</sup>urgent?" Then Arioch informed Daniel about the matter.

16 So Daniel went in and requested of the king that he would <sup>1</sup>give him time, in order that he might declare the interpretation to the king.

17 Then Daniel went to his house and informed his friends, Hananiah, Mishael and Azariah, about the matter,

18 in order that they might <sup>a</sup>request compassion from the God of heaven concerning this mystery, so that Daniel and his friends might not be <sup>b</sup>destroyed with the rest of the wise men of Babylon.

19 Then the mystery was revealed to Daniel in a night <sup>a</sup>vision. Then Daniel blessed the God of heaven;

20 Daniel answered and said,

"Let the name of God be <sup>a</sup>blessed forever and ever,  
For <sup>b</sup>wisdom and power belong to Him.

21 "And it is He who <sup>a</sup>changes the times and the epochs;  
He <sup>b</sup>removes kings and <sup>1</sup>establishes kings;  
He gives <sup>c</sup>wisdom to wise men,  
And knowledge to <sup>2</sup>men of understanding.

22 "It is He who <sup>a</sup>reveals the profound and hidden things;  
<sup>b</sup>He knows what is in the darkness,  
And the <sup>c</sup>light dwells with Him.

23 "To Thee, O <sup>a</sup>God of my fathers, I give thanks and  
praise,

For Thou hast given me <sup>b</sup>wisdom and power;

Even now Thou hast made known to me what we  
<sup>c</sup>requested of Thee,

For Thou hast made known to us the king's matter."

24 Therefore, Daniel went in to Arioch, whom the king had appointed to destroy the wise men of Babylon; he went and spoke to him as follows: "<sup>a</sup>Do not destroy the wise men of Babylon! Take me <sup>1</sup>into the king's presence, and I will declare the interpretation to the king."

25 Then Arioch hurriedly <sup>a</sup>brought Daniel <sup>1</sup>into the king's presence and spoke to him as follows: "I have found a man among the <sup>2</sup>bexiles from Judah who can make the interpretation known to the king!"

26 The king answered and said to Daniel, whose name was <sup>a</sup>Beltshazzar, "Are you able to make known to me the dream which I have seen and its interpretation?"

27 Daniel answered before the king and said, "As for the mystery about which the king has inquired, neither <sup>a</sup>wise men, conjurers, <sup>1</sup>magicians, *nor* diviners are able to declare *it* to the king.

## Daniel Reveals the King's Dream and Interprets It.

28 "However, there is a <sup>a</sup>God in heaven who reveals mysteries, and He has made known to King Nebuchadnezzar what will take place in the <sup>b</sup>latter days. This was your dream and the visions <sup>2</sup>in your mind *while* on your bed.

29 "As for you, O king, *while* on your bed your thoughts <sup>1</sup>turned to what would take place <sup>2</sup>in the future; and He who reveals mysteries has made known to you what will take place.

30 "But as for me, this mystery has not been revealed to me for any <sup>a</sup>wisdom <sup>1</sup>residing in me more than *in* any *other* living man, but for the purpose of <sup>b</sup>making the interpretation known to the king, and that you may <sup>2</sup>understand the <sup>c</sup>thoughts of your <sup>3</sup>mind.

31 "You, O king, were looking and behold, there was a single great statue; that statue, which was large and <sup>1</sup>of extraordinary splendor, was standing in front of you, and its appearance was <sup>a</sup>awesome.

32 "The head of that statue *was made* of fine gold, its breast and its arms of silver, its belly and its thighs of bronze,

33 its legs of iron, its feet partly of iron and partly of clay.

34 "You <sup>1</sup>continued looking until a stone was cut out <sup>a</sup>without hands, and it struck the statue on its feet of iron and clay, and <sup>b</sup>crushed them.

35 "Then the iron, the clay, the bronze, the silver and the gold were crushed <sup>1</sup>all at the same time, and became <sup>a</sup>like chaff from the summer threshing floors; and the wind carried them away so that <sup>b</sup>not a trace of them was found. But the stone that struck the statue became a great <sup>c</sup>mountain and filled the whole earth.

36 "This *was* the dream; now we shall tell its interpretation before the king.

37 "You, O king, are the <sup>a</sup>king of kings, to whom the God of heaven has given the <sup>1</sup>kingdom, the <sup>b</sup>power, the strength, and the glory;

38 and wherever the sons of men dwell, or the <sup>a</sup>beasts of the field, or the birds of the sky, He has given *them* into your hand and has caused you to rule over them all. You are the head of gold.

39 "And after you there will arise another kingdom inferior to you, then another third kingdom of bronze, which will rule over all the earth.

40 "Then there will be a fourth kingdom as strong as iron; inasmuch as iron crushes and shatters all things, so, like iron that breaks in pieces, it will crush and break all these in pieces.

41 "And in that you saw the feet and toes, partly of potter's clay and partly of iron, it will be a divided kingdom; but it will have in it the toughness of iron, inasmuch as you saw the iron mixed with <sup>1</sup>common clay.

42 "And *as* the toes of the feet *were* partly of iron and partly of pottery, so some of the kingdom will be strong and part of it will be brittle.

43 "And in that you saw the iron mixed with <sup>1</sup>common clay, they will combine with one another <sup>2</sup>in the seed of men; but they will not adhere to one another, even as iron does not combine with pottery.

28 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *end of the days*  
<sup>2</sup>Lit., *of your head*  
<sup>a</sup>Dan. 2:22, 45; Gen. 40:8;  
41:16 <sup>b</sup>Dan. 10:14; Gen.  
49:1; Is. 2:2; Mic. 4:1

29 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *came up* <sup>2</sup>Lit.,  
*after this*

30 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *which is* <sup>2</sup>Lit.,  
*know* <sup>3</sup>Lit., *heart*  
<sup>a</sup>Dan. 1:17; Gen. 41:16 <sup>b</sup>Is.  
45:3 <sup>c</sup>Ps. 139:2; Amos 4:13

31 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *its splendor was*  
*surpassing*  
<sup>a</sup>Dan. 7:7; Is. 25:3-5; Hab.  
1:7

34 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *were*  
<sup>a</sup>Dan. 8:25; Zech. 4:6 <sup>b</sup>Ps.  
2:9; Is. 60:12

35 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *like one*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 1:4; Is. 17:13; 41:15, 16;  
Hos. 13:3 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 37:10, 36 <sup>c</sup>Is.  
2:2; Mic. 4:1

37 <sup>1</sup>Or, *sovereignty*  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 47:5; Jer. 27:6, 7; Ezek.  
26:7 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 62:11

38 <sup>a</sup>Dan. 4:21, 22; Ps.  
50:10, 11

41 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *clay of mud*

43 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *clay of mud* <sup>2</sup>Or,  
*with*

Daniel 2, 3

44 <sup>1</sup>Or, *passed on to*  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 9:6, 7 <sup>b</sup>Dan. 4:3, 34;  
6:26; 7:14, 27; Ps. 145:13;  
Ezek. 37:25; Mic. 4:7 <sup>c</sup>Dan.  
2:34, 35; Ps. 2:9; Is. 60:12

45 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *after this*  
<sup>a</sup>Dan. 2:29; Deut. 10:17;  
2 Sam. 7:22; Ps. 48:1; Jer.  
32:18, 19; Mal. 1:11 <sup>b</sup>Gen.  
41:28, 32

46 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *sweet odors*  
<sup>a</sup>Dan. 3:5, 7; Acts 10:25;  
14:13; Rev. 19:10; 22:8  
<sup>b</sup>Lev. 26:31

47 <sup>a</sup>Dan. 3:15; 4:25 <sup>b</sup>Dan.  
11:36; Deut. 10:17; Ps.  
136:2, 3 <sup>c</sup>Dan. 2:22, 30;  
Amos 3:7

48 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *made great* <sup>2</sup>Lit.,  
*of the prefects*  
<sup>a</sup>Dan. 2:6; 5:16, 29; Gen.  
41:39-43 <sup>b</sup>Dan. 3:1, 12, 30

49 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *gate*  
<sup>a</sup>Esth. 2:19, 21; Amos 5:15

1 <sup>1</sup>A cubit equals approx.  
18 inches  
<sup>a</sup>Dan. 2:31; Is. 46:6; Jer.  
16:20; Hab. 2:19 <sup>b</sup>Dan.  
3:30; 2:48

2 <sup>a</sup>Dan. 3:3, 27; 6:1-7

4 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *they command*  
<sup>2</sup>Lit., *tongue*  
<sup>a</sup>Dan. 4:14; Is. 40:9; 58:1;  
Rev. 18:2 <sup>b</sup>Dan. 3:7; 4:1;  
6:25

5 <sup>1</sup>Or, *zither* <sup>2</sup>Lit.,  
*triangular lyre* <sup>3</sup>Or, *a type*  
*of harp*  
<sup>a</sup>Dan. 3:7, 10, 15

6 <sup>1</sup>Or, *in the same hour*  
<sup>a</sup>Dan. 3:11, 15, 21; 6:7 <sup>b</sup>Jer.  
29:22; Ezek. 22:18-22;  
Matt. 13:42, 50; Rev. 9:2;  
14:11

7 <sup>1</sup>See notes at v. 5 <sup>2</sup>Lit.,  
*tongue*

8 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *ate the pieces of*  
<sup>a</sup>Dan. 2:2, 10; 4:7 <sup>b</sup>Dan.  
6:12, 13; Ezra 4:12-16; Esth.  
3:8, 9

44 "And in the days of those kings the God of heaven will <sup>a</sup>set up a <sup>b</sup>kingdom which will never be destroyed, and *that* kingdom will not be <sup>1</sup>left for another people; it will <sup>c</sup>crush and put an end to all these kingdoms, but it will itself endure forever.

45 "Inasmuch as you saw that a stone was cut out of the mountain without hands and that it crushed the iron, the bronze, the clay, the silver, and the gold, the <sup>a</sup>great God has made known to the king what <sup>b</sup>will take place <sup>1</sup>in the future; so the dream is true, and its interpretation is trustworthy."

46 Then King Nebuchadnezzar fell on his face and did <sup>a</sup>homage to Daniel, and gave orders to present to him an offering and <sup>1</sup>fragrant incense.

47 The king answered Daniel and said, "Surely <sup>a</sup>your God is a <sup>b</sup>God of gods and a Lord of kings and a <sup>c</sup>revealer of mysteries, since you have been able to reveal this mystery."

48 Then the king <sup>1</sup>promoted Daniel and gave him many great gifts, and he made him ruler over the whole <sup>b</sup>province of Babylon and chief <sup>2</sup>prefect over all the wise men of Babylon.

49 And Daniel made request of the king, and he appointed Shadrach, Meshach and Abed-nego over the administration of the province of Babylon, while Daniel was at the king's <sup>1</sup>court.

CHAPTER 3

NEBUCHADNEZZAR the king made an <sup>a</sup>image of gold, the height of which was sixty <sup>1</sup>cubits *and* its width six <sup>1</sup>cubits; he set it up on the plain of Dura in the <sup>b</sup>province of Babylon.

2 Then Nebuchadnezzar the king sent *word* to assemble the <sup>a</sup>satraps, the prefects and the governors, the counselors, the treasurers, the judges, the magistrates and all the rulers of the provinces to come to the dedication of the image that Nebuchadnezzar the king had set up.

3 Then the satraps, the prefects and the governors, the counselors, the treasurers, the judges, the magistrates and all the rulers of the provinces were assembled for the dedication of the image that Nebuchadnezzar the king had set up; and they stood before the image that Nebuchadnezzar had set up.

4 Then the herald <sup>a</sup>loudly proclaimed: "To you <sup>1</sup>the command is given, <sup>b</sup>O peoples, nations and *men of every* <sup>2</sup>language,

5 that at the moment you <sup>a</sup>hear the sound of the horn, flute, <sup>1</sup>lyre, <sup>2</sup>trigon, <sup>3</sup>psaltery, bagpipe, and all kinds of music, you are to fall down and worship the golden image that Nebuchadnezzar the king has set up.

6 "But whoever does not fall down and worship shall <sup>1</sup>immediately be <sup>a</sup>cast into the midst of a <sup>b</sup>furnace of blazing fire."

7 Therefore at that time, when all the peoples heard the sound of the horn, flute, <sup>1</sup>lyre, trigon, psaltery, bagpipe, and all kinds of music, all the peoples, nations and *men of every* <sup>2</sup>language fell down *and* worshiped the golden image that Nebuchadnezzar the king had set up.

8 For this reason at that time certain <sup>a</sup>Chaldeans came forward and <sup>1</sup>brought charges against the Jews.

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The Flery Furnace.**

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9 They responded and said to Nebuchadnezzar the king:  
“O king, live forever!

10 “You yourself, O king, have <sup>a</sup>made a decree that every man who hears the sound of the horn, flute, <sup>1</sup>lyre, trigon, psaltery, and bagpipe, and all kinds of music, is to fall down and worship the golden image.

11 “But whoever does not fall down and worship shall be cast into the midst of a furnace of blazing fire.

12 “There are certain Jews whom you have appointed over the administration of the province of Babylon, *namely* Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego. These men, O king, have disregarded you; they do not serve your gods or worship the golden image which you have set up.”

13 Then Nebuchadnezzar in <sup>a</sup>rage and anger gave orders to bring Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego; then these men were brought before the king.

14 Nebuchadnezzar responded and said to them, “Is it true, Shadrach, Meshach and Abed-nego, that you do not serve <sup>a</sup>my gods or worship the golden image that I have set up?

15 “Now if you are ready, at the moment you hear the sound of the horn, flute, <sup>1</sup>lyre, trigon, psaltery, and bagpipe, and all kinds of music, to fall down and worship the image that I have made, *very well*. But if you will not worship, you will <sup>2</sup>immediately be cast into the midst of a furnace of blazing fire; and <sup>a</sup>what god is there who can deliver you out of my hands?”

16 <sup>a</sup>Shadrach, Meshach and Abed-nego answered and said to the king, “O Nebuchadnezzar, we do not need to give you an answer concerning this.

17 “If it be so, our <sup>a</sup>God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the furnace of blazing fire; <sup>2</sup>and He will deliver us out of your hand, O king.

18 “<sup>a</sup>But *even if He does not*, let it be known to you, O king, that we are not going to serve your gods or worship the golden image that you have set up.”

19 Then Nebuchadnezzar was filled with <sup>a</sup>wrath, and his facial expression was altered toward Shadrach, Meshach and Abed-nego. He answered <sup>1</sup>by giving orders to heat the furnace <sup>b</sup>seven times more than it was usually heated.

20 And he commanded certain valiant warriors who *were* in his army to tie up Shadrach, Meshach and Abed-nego, in order to cast *them* into the furnace of blazing fire.

21 Then these men were tied up in their <sup>1</sup>trousers, their <sup>2</sup>coats, their caps and their *other* clothes, and were cast into the midst of the furnace of blazing fire.

22 For this reason, because the king's <sup>1</sup>command was <sup>2</sup>urgent and the furnace had been made extremely hot, the flame of the fire slew those men who carried up Shadrach, Meshach and Abed-nego.

23 But these three men, Shadrach, Meshach and Abed-nego, fell into the midst of the furnace of blazing fire *still* tied up.

24 Then Nebuchadnezzar the king was astounded and stood up in haste; he responded and said to his high officials, “Was it not three men we cast bound into the midst of the fire?” They answered and said to the king, “Certainly, O king.”

9 <sup>a</sup>Dan. 2:4; 5:10

10 <sup>1</sup>See notes at v. 5  
<sup>a</sup>Dan. 3:4-6; 6:12; Esth. 3:12-14

13 <sup>a</sup>Dan. 2:12; 3:19

14 <sup>a</sup>Dan. 3:1; 4:8; Is. 46:1; Jer. 50:2

15 <sup>1</sup>See notes at v. 5 <sup>2</sup>Or, in the same hour  
<sup>a</sup>Dan. 2:47; Ex. 5:2; Is. 36:18-20

16 <sup>a</sup>Dan. 1:7; 3:12

17 <sup>1</sup>Or, If our God... is able <sup>2</sup>Or, then  
<sup>a</sup>Job 5:19; Ps. 27:1, 2; Is. 26:3, 4; Jer. 1:8; 15:20, 21

18 <sup>a</sup>Dan. 3:28; Josh. 24:15; 1 Kin. 19:14, 18; Is. 51:12, 13

19 <sup>1</sup>Lit., and ordered to  
<sup>a</sup>Dan. 3:13; Esth. 7:7 <sup>b</sup>Lev. 26:18, 21, 24, 28

21 <sup>1</sup>Or, cloaks <sup>2</sup>Or, leggings

22 <sup>1</sup>Lit., word <sup>2</sup>Or, harsh  
<sup>a</sup>Dan. 2:15; Ex. 12:33

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25 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *there is no injury in them*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 91:3-9; Is. 43:2 <sup>b</sup>Jer. 1:8, 19; 15:21; Ezek. 34:10

26 <sup>a</sup>Dan. 3:17; 4:2 <sup>b</sup>Deut. 4:20; 1 Kin. 8:51; Jer. 11:4

27 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *power over* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *their* <sup>3</sup>Or., *cloaks* <sup>4</sup>Lit., *changed*  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 43:2; Heb. 11:34 <sup>b</sup>Dan. 3:21

28 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *and changed the king's word*  
<sup>a</sup>Dan. 3:15; 2:47 <sup>b</sup>Dan. 3:25; 6:22; Ps. 34:7, 8; Is. 37:36; Acts 5:19; 12:7 <sup>c</sup>Ps. 22:4, 5; Is. 26:3, 4

29 <sup>a</sup>Dan. 3:12; 1:7, 19; 2:17, 49 <sup>b</sup>Dan. 2:5; Ezra 6:11 <sup>c</sup>Dan. 3:15; 2:47

30 <sup>a</sup>Dan. 3:12; 2:49

1 <sup>1</sup>Chap. 3:31 in Aram.  
<sup>2</sup>Lit., *tongue* <sup>3</sup>Or., *welfare or prosperity*  
<sup>a</sup>Dan. 6:25; Ezra 4:17

2 <sup>a</sup>Dan. 4:17, 24, 25, 32, 34; 3:26

3 <sup>a</sup>Dan. 6:27; Ps. 77:19; 105:27; Is. 25:1 <sup>b</sup>Dan. 4:34; 2:44; 6:26

4 <sup>1</sup>Chap. 4:1 in Aram.  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 30:6; Is. 47:7, 8

5 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *of my head*  
<sup>a</sup>Dan. 4:10, 13; 2:28

6 <sup>a</sup>Dan. 2:2; Gen. 41:8

7 <sup>1</sup>Or., *soothsayer priests*, and so throughout the chap. <sup>2</sup>Or., *master astrologers* <sup>3</sup>Lit., *before*  
<sup>a</sup>Dan. 2:10, 27; 5:7 <sup>b</sup>Dan. 2:7; Is. 44:25; Jer. 27:9, 10

8 <sup>1</sup>Or., possibly, *the Spirit of the holy God*, and so throughout the chap.  
<sup>2</sup>Lit., *before*  
<sup>a</sup>Dan. 1:7; 2:26; 5:12 <sup>b</sup>Dan. 4:9, 18; 5:11, 14

9 <sup>a</sup>Dan. 1:20; 2:48; 5:11 <sup>b</sup>Dan. 4:8; Gen. 41:38  
<sup>c</sup>Dan. 2:47; Ezek. 28:3  
<sup>d</sup>Dan. 2:4, 5; Gen. 41:15

25 He answered and said, "Look! I see four men loosed *and* <sup>a</sup>walking *about* in the midst of the fire <sup>1</sup>without harm, and the appearance of the fourth is like a son of *the* <sup>b</sup>gods!"

26 Then Nebuchadnezzar came near to the door of the furnace of blazing fire; he responded and said, "Shadrach, Meshach and Abed-nego, come out, you servants of the <sup>a</sup>Most High God, and come here!" Then Shadrach, Meshach and Abed-nego <sup>b</sup>came out of the midst of the fire.

27 And the satraps, the prefects, the governors and the king's high officials gathered around *and* saw in regard to these men that the <sup>a</sup>fire had no <sup>1</sup>effect on <sup>2</sup>the bodies of these men nor was the hair of their head singed, nor were their <sup>3</sup>b<sup>b</sup>trousers <sup>d</sup>damaged, nor had the smell of fire *even* come upon them.

28 Nebuchadnezzar responded and said, "Blessed be the <sup>a</sup>God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego, who has <sup>b</sup>sent His angel and delivered His servants who put their <sup>c</sup>trust in Him, <sup>1</sup>violating the king's command, and yielded up their bodies so as not to serve or worship any god except their own God.

29 "Therefore, I make a decree that any people, nation or tongue that speaks anything offensive against the God of <sup>a</sup>Shadrach, Meshach and Abed-nego shall be torn limb from limb and their <sup>b</sup>houses reduced to a rubbish heap, inasmuch as there is <sup>c</sup>no other god who is able to deliver in this way."

30 Then the king <sup>a</sup>caused Shadrach, Meshach and Abed-nego to prosper in the province of Babylon.

CHAPTER 4

<sup>1</sup>NEBUCHADNEZZAR the king to all the peoples, nations, and *men of every* <sup>2</sup>language that live in all the earth: "May your <sup>3</sup>peace abound!

2 "It has seemed good to me to declare the signs and wonders which the <sup>a</sup>Most High God has done for me.

3 "How great are His <sup>a</sup>signs,  
And how mighty are His wonders!  
His <sup>b</sup>kingdom is an everlasting kingdom,  
And His dominion is from generation to generation.

4 "I, Nebuchadnezzar, was at ease in my house and <sup>a</sup>flourishing in my palace.

5 "I saw a dream and it made me fearful; and *these* fantasies *as I lay* on my bed and the <sup>a</sup>visions <sup>1</sup>in my mind kept alarming me.

6 "So I gave orders to <sup>a</sup>bring into my presence all the wise men of Babylon, that they might make known to me the interpretation of the dream.

7 "Then the <sup>1</sup>magicians, the conjurers, the <sup>2</sup>Chaldeans, and the diviners came in, and I related the dream <sup>3</sup>to them; but they could not make its <sup>b</sup>interpretation known to me.

8 "But finally Daniel came in before me, whose name is <sup>a</sup>Belteshazzar according to the name of my god, and in whom is <sup>1</sup>ba spirit of the holy gods; and I related the dream <sup>2</sup>to him, *saying*,

9 "O Belteshazzar, <sup>a</sup>chief of the magicians, since <sup>1</sup>I know that <sup>ba</sup> spirit of the holy gods is in you and <sup>c</sup>no mystery baffles you, <sup>d</sup>tell me the visions of my dream which I have seen, along with its interpretation.



**The King's Dream of the Tree.**  
**Daniel Interprets the Dream.**

10 'Now *these were* the visions <sup>1</sup>in my mind *as I lay* on my bed: I was looking, and behold, *there was* a tree in the midst of the <sup>2</sup>earth, and its height *was great*.

11 'The tree grew large and became strong,  
And its height <sup>a</sup>reached to the sky,  
And it *was* visible to the end of the whole earth.

12 'Its foliage *was* <sup>b</sup>beautiful and its fruit abundant,  
And in it *was* food for all.  
The <sup>b</sup>beasts of the field found <sup>c</sup>shade under it,  
And the <sup>d</sup>birds of the sky dwelt in its branches,  
And all <sup>1</sup>living creatures fed themselves from it.

13 'I was looking in the visions <sup>1</sup>in my mind *as I lay* on my bed, and behold, an *angelic* watcher, a <sup>a</sup>holy one, descended from heaven.

14 'He shouted out and spoke as follows:  
"Chop down the tree and cut off its branches,  
Strip off its foliage and scatter its fruit;  
Let the <sup>b</sup>beasts flee from under it,  
And the birds from its branches.

15 "Yet <sup>a</sup>leave the stump <sup>1</sup>with its roots in the ground,  
But with a band of iron and bronze *around it*  
In the new grass of the field;  
And let him be drenched with the dew of heaven,  
And let <sup>2</sup>him share with the beasts in the grass of the earth.

16 "Let his <sup>1</sup>mind be changed from *that of a man*,  
And let a beast's <sup>1</sup>mind be given to him,  
And let <sup>a</sup>seven <sup>2</sup>periods of time <sup>b</sup>pass over him.

17 "This sentence is by the decree of the *angelic* watchers,  
And the decision is a command of the holy ones,  
In order that the living may <sup>a</sup>know  
That the Most High is ruler over the realm of mankind,  
And <sup>b</sup>bestows it on whom He wishes,  
And sets over it the <sup>c</sup>lowliest of men."

18 'This is the dream *which* I, King Nebuchadnezzar, have seen. Now you, Belteshazzar, tell *me* its interpretation, inasmuch as none of the <sup>a</sup>wise men of my kingdom is able to make known to me the interpretation; but you are able, for a spirit of the holy gods is in you.'

19 "Then Daniel, whose name is Belteshazzar, was appalled for a while as his <sup>a</sup>thoughts alarmed him. The king responded and said, 'Belteshazzar, do not <sup>b</sup>let the dream or its interpretation alarm you.' Belteshazzar answered and said, '<sup>c</sup>My lord, *if only* the dream applied to those who hate you, and its interpretation to <sup>d</sup>your adversaries!

20 'The tree that you saw, which became large and grew strong, whose height reached to the sky and was visible to all the earth,

21 and whose foliage *was* beautiful and its fruit abundant, and in which *was* food for all, under which the beasts of the field dwelt and in whose branches the birds of the sky lodged—

22 it is <sup>a</sup>you, O king; for you have become great and grown strong, and your <sup>1</sup>majesty has become great and reached to the sky and your <sup>b</sup>dominion to the end of the earth.

10 <sup>1</sup>Lit., of my head <sup>2</sup>Or, land, and so throughout the chap.

11 <sup>a</sup>Dan. 4:21, 22; Deut. 9:1

12 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *feesh*  
<sup>a</sup>Ezek. 31:7 <sup>b</sup>Jer. 27:6;  
Ezek. 31:6 <sup>c</sup>Lam. 4:20  
<sup>d</sup>Matt. 13:32; Luke 13:19

13 <sup>1</sup>Lit., of my head  
<sup>a</sup>Dan. 8:13; Deut. 33:2; Ps. 89:7

14 <sup>a</sup>Dan. 4:23; Ezek. 31:10-14; Matt. 3:10; 7:19; Luke 13:7-9 <sup>b</sup>Dan. 4:12; Ezek. 31:12, 13

15 <sup>1</sup>Lit., of <sup>2</sup>Lit., his portion *be with*  
<sup>a</sup>Job 14:7-9

16 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *heart* <sup>2</sup>i.e., years  
<sup>a</sup>Dan. 4:23, 25, 32; 7:25;  
11:13 <sup>b</sup>Chr. 29:30

17 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 9:16; 83:18 <sup>b</sup>Dan. 4:25; 5:18, 19; Jer. 27:5-7  
<sup>c</sup>Dan. 11:21; 1 Sam. 2:8

18 <sup>a</sup>Dan. 4:7; 5:8, 15; Gen. 41:8

19 <sup>a</sup>Dan. 7:15, 28; 8:27; 10:16, 17; Jer. 4:19 <sup>b</sup>Dan. 4:4, 5; 1 Sam. 3:17 <sup>c</sup>Dan. 4:24; 10:16; 2 Sam. 18:31; 1 Kin. 18:7 <sup>d</sup>2 Sam. 16:32; Jer. 29:7

22 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *greatness*  
<sup>a</sup>Dan. 2:37, 38; 2 Sam. 12:7  
<sup>b</sup>Jer. 27:6, 7

23 <sup>1</sup>Lit., of <sup>2</sup>Lit., his portion be with <sup>3</sup>i.e., years

24 <sup>a</sup>Job 40:11, 12; Ps. 107:40

25 <sup>1</sup>i.e., years  
<sup>a</sup>Dan. 4:33; 5:21 <sup>b</sup>Dan. 4:2, 17; Ps. 83:18; Jer. 27:5  
<sup>c</sup>Dan. 4:17; 2:37; 5:21

26 <sup>1</sup>Lit., of <sup>2</sup>Lit., enduring  
<sup>a</sup>Dan. 4:31; 2:18, 19, 28, 37, 44

27 <sup>1</sup>Or, redeem now your sins  
<sup>a</sup>Gen. 41:33-37 <sup>b</sup>Prov. 28:13; Is. 55:6, 7; Ezek. 18:21, 22 <sup>c</sup>Ps. 41:1-3; Is. 58:6, 7, 10 <sup>d</sup>1 Kin. 21:29; Jon. 3:9

28 <sup>a</sup>Num. 23:19; Zech. 1:6

29 <sup>a2</sup> Pet. 3:9

30 <sup>1</sup>Lit., answered <sup>2</sup>Lit., house  
<sup>a</sup>Hab. 2:4

31 <sup>1</sup>Lit., fell <sup>2</sup>Or, kingdom

32 <sup>1</sup>i.e., years

33 <sup>a</sup>Dan. 4:25; 5:21

34 <sup>1</sup>Lit., the days <sup>2</sup>Lit., knowledge  
<sup>a</sup>Dan. 4:2; 5:18, 21 <sup>b</sup>Dan. 6:26; 12:7; Ps. 102:24 <sup>c</sup>Dan. 4:3; Ps. 145:13; Jer. 10:10

35 <sup>1</sup>Lit., strike against  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 40:17 <sup>b</sup>Dan. 6:27; Ps. 135:6 <sup>c</sup>Job 42:2; Is. 43:13  
<sup>d</sup>Is. 45:9

23 'And in that the king saw an *angelic* watcher, a holy one, descending from heaven and saying, "Chop down the tree and destroy it; yet leave the stump <sup>1</sup>with its roots in the ground, but with a band of iron and bronze *around it* in the new grass of the field, and let him be drenched with the dew of heaven, and let <sup>2</sup>him share with the beasts of the field until seven <sup>3</sup>periods of time pass over him";

24 This is the interpretation, O king, and this is the decree of the Most High, which has <sup>a</sup>come upon my lord the king:

25 that you be <sup>a</sup>driven away from mankind, and your dwelling place be with the beasts of the field, and you be given grass to eat like cattle and be drenched with the dew of heaven; and seven <sup>1</sup>periods of time will pass over you, until you recognize that the <sup>b</sup>Most High is ruler over the realm of mankind, and <sup>c</sup>bestows it on whomever He wishes.

26 'And in that it was commanded to leave the stump <sup>1</sup>with the roots of the tree, your kingdom will be <sup>2</sup>assured to you after you recognize that *it is* <sup>a</sup>Heaven *that* rules.

27 'Therefore, O king, may my <sup>a</sup>advice be pleasing to you: <sup>1b</sup>break away now from your sins by *doing* righteousness, and from your iniquities by <sup>c</sup>showing mercy to *the* poor, in case there may be a <sup>d</sup>prolonging of your prosperity.'

28 "All *this* <sup>a</sup>happened to Nebuchadnezzar the king.

29 <sup>a</sup>"Twelve months later he was walking on the *roof* of the royal palace of Babylon.

30 "The king <sup>1</sup>reflected and said, 'Is this not Babylon the <sup>a</sup>great, which I myself have built as a royal <sup>2</sup>residence by the might of my power and for the glory of my majesty?'

31 "While the word was in the king's mouth, a voice <sup>1</sup>came from heaven, *saying*, 'King Nebuchadnezzar, to you it is declared: <sup>2</sup>sovereignty has been removed from you,

32 and you will be driven away from mankind, and your dwelling place *will be* with the beasts of the field. You will be given grass to eat like cattle, and seven <sup>1</sup>periods of time will pass over you, until you recognize that the Most High is ruler over the realm of mankind, and bestows it on whomever He wishes.'

33 "Immediately the word concerning Nebuchadnezzar was fulfilled; and he was <sup>a</sup>driven away from mankind and began eating grass like cattle, and his body was drenched with the dew of heaven, until his hair had grown like eagles' *feathers* and his nails like birds' *claws*.

34 "But at the end of <sup>1</sup>that period I, Nebuchadnezzar, raised my eyes toward heaven, and my <sup>2</sup>reason returned to me, and I blessed the <sup>a</sup>Most High and praised and honored Him who <sup>b</sup>lives forever;

For His dominion is an <sup>c</sup>everlasting dominion, And His kingdom *endures* from generation to generation.

35 "And <sup>a</sup>all the inhabitants of the earth are accounted as nothing,

But <sup>b</sup>He does according to His will in the host of heaven

And *among* the inhabitants of earth;

And <sup>c</sup>no one can <sup>1</sup>ward off His hand

Or say to Him, <sup>d</sup>"What hast Thou done?'

36 "At that time my <sup>1</sup>reason returned to me. And my majesty and <sup>2</sup>splendor were restored to me for the glory of my kingdom, and my counselors and my nobles began seeking me out; so I was reestablished in my <sup>3</sup>sovereignty, and surpassing greatness was added to me.

37 "Now I Nebuchadnezzar praise, exalt, and honor the King of <sup>a</sup>heaven, for <sup>b</sup>all His works are <sup>1</sup>true and His ways <sup>2</sup>just, and He is able to humble those who <sup>c</sup>walk in pride."

CHAPTER 5

**BELSHAZZAR** the king <sup>1</sup>held a great <sup>a</sup>feast for a thousand of his nobles, and he was drinking wine in the presence of the thousand.

2 When Belshazzar tasted the wine, he gave orders to bring the gold and silver <sup>a</sup>vessels which Nebuchadnezzar his <sup>1</sup>father had taken out of the temple which *was* in Jerusalem, in order that the king and his nobles, his wives, and his concubines might drink from them.

3 Then they brought the gold vessels that had been taken out of the temple, the house of God which *was* in Jerusalem; and the king and his nobles, his wives, and his concubines drank from them.

4 They <sup>a</sup>drank the wine and praised the gods of <sup>b</sup>gold and silver, of bronze, iron, wood, and stone.

5 Suddenly the fingers of a man's hand emerged and began writing opposite the lampstand on the plaster of the wall of the king's palace, and the king saw the <sup>1</sup>back of the hand that did the writing.

6 Then the king's <sup>1</sup>face grew pale, and his thoughts alarmed him; and his <sup>b</sup>hip joints went slack, and his <sup>c</sup>knees began knocking together.

7 The king called aloud to bring in the <sup>a</sup>conjurers, the <sup>1</sup>Chaldeans and the diviners. The king spoke and said to the wise men of Babylon, "Any man who can read this inscription and explain its interpretation to me will be <sup>b</sup>clothed with purple, and *have* a <sup>c</sup>necklace of gold around his neck, and have authority as <sup>2</sup>third ruler in the kingdom."

8 Then all the king's wise men came in, but they could not read the inscription or make known its interpretation to the king.

9 Then King Belshazzar was greatly <sup>a</sup>alarmed, his <sup>1</sup>face grew *even* paler, and his nobles were perplexed.

10 The queen entered the banquet <sup>1</sup>hall because of the words of the king and his nobles; the queen spoke and said, "<sup>a</sup>O king, live forever! Do not let your thoughts alarm you or your <sup>2</sup>face be pale.

11 "There is a <sup>a</sup>man in your kingdom in whom is <sup>1</sup>a <sup>b</sup>spirit of the holy gods; and in the days of your father, illumination, insight, and wisdom like the wisdom of the gods were found in him. And King Nebuchadnezzar, your father, your father <sup>2</sup>the king, appointed him chief of the <sup>3</sup>magicians, conjurers, <sup>4</sup>Chaldeans, *and* diviners.

36 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *knowledge* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *returning* <sup>3</sup>Or, *kingdom*  
<sup>a</sup>Dan. 4:34; 2 Chr. 33:12, 13  
<sup>b</sup>Dan. 2:31 <sup>c</sup>Dan. 4:22;  
 Prov. 22:4

37 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *truth* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *justice*  
<sup>a</sup>Dan. 4:26; 5:23 <sup>b</sup>Deut. 32:4; Ps. 33:4, 5; Is. 5:16  
<sup>c</sup>Dan. 5:20; Ex. 18:11; Job 40:11, 12

1 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *made*  
<sup>a</sup>Esth. 1:3; Is. 22:12-14

2 <sup>1</sup>Or, *forefather*, and so throughout the chap.  
<sup>a</sup>Dan. 1:2; 2 Kin. 24:13; 25:15; Ezra 1:7-11

4 <sup>a</sup>Dan. 5:23; Is. 42:8  
<sup>b</sup>Dan. 3:1; Ps. 115:4; 135:15; Is. 40:19, 20; Hab. 2:19

5 <sup>1</sup>Or, *palm*

6 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *brightness changed for him*  
<sup>a</sup>Dan. 5:9, 10; 7:28 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 69:23; Nah. 2:10 <sup>c</sup>Ezek. 7:17; 21:7

7 <sup>1</sup>Or, *master astrologers*  
<sup>2</sup>Or, *a triumvir*  
<sup>a</sup>Dan. 5:11, 15; 4:6, 7; Is. 44:25; 47:13 <sup>b</sup>Dan. 5:16, 29; Gen. 41:42-44 <sup>c</sup>Ezek. 16:11  
<sup>d</sup>Dan. 5:16, 29; 2:48; 6:2, 3

9 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *brightness was changing upon him*  
<sup>a</sup>Dan. 5:6; 2:1; Job 18:11; Is. 21:2-4; Jer 6:24 <sup>b</sup>Is. 13:6-8

10 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *house* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *brightness be changed*  
<sup>a</sup>Dan. 3:9; 6:6

11 <sup>1</sup>Or possibly, *the Spirit of the holy God* <sup>2</sup>Or, *O king* <sup>3</sup>Or, *soothsayer* <sup>4</sup>Or, *master astrologers*  
<sup>a</sup>Dan. 2:47; Gen. 41:11-15  
<sup>b</sup>Dan. 5:14; 4:8, 9, 18

Daniel 5

12 <sup>a</sup>Dan 5:14; 6:3 <sup>b</sup>Dan. 1:7; 4:8

13 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *sons of the exile*  
<sup>a</sup>Dan. 2:25; 6:13; Ezra 4:1;  
6:16, 19, 20 <sup>b</sup>Dan. 1:1, 2

14 <sup>1</sup>Or possibly, *the Spirit of God*

15 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *word*  
<sup>a</sup>Dan. 5:8; Is. 47:12

16 <sup>1</sup>Or, *triumvir*  
<sup>a</sup>Gen. 40:8

17 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *Let . . . be for*  
<sup>a</sup>2 Kin. 5:16

18 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *You, O king* <sup>2</sup>Or, *the kingdom*  
<sup>a</sup>Dan. 5:21; 4:2 <sup>b</sup>Dan. 2:37,  
38; 4:17 <sup>c</sup>Jer. 25:9; 27:5-7

19 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *tongue*  
<sup>a</sup>Dan. 2:12, 13; 3:6; 11:3,  
16, 36

20 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *strong*  
<sup>a</sup>Dan. 4:30, 31; Ex. 9:17;  
Job 15:25; Is. 14:13-15  
<sup>b</sup>2 Kin. 17:14; 2 Chr. 36:13  
<sup>c</sup>Job 40:11, 12; Jer. 13:18

21 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *the sons of man*  
<sup>a</sup>Dan. 4:33; Job 30:3-7 <sup>b</sup>Job  
39:5-8 <sup>c</sup>Dan. 4:34, 35; Ex.  
9:14-16; Ps. 83:17, 18; Ezek.  
17:24

22 <sup>1</sup>Or, *descendant* <sup>2</sup>Lit.,  
*inasmuch as you*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 119:46 <sup>b</sup>Ex. 10:3;  
2 Chr. 33:23; 36:12

23 <sup>a</sup>Dan. 5:3, 4; 2 Kin.  
14:10; Is. 2:12; 37:23; Jer.  
50:29 <sup>b</sup>Dan. 4:37 <sup>c</sup>Ps. 115:4-  
8; Is. 37:19; Hab. 2:18, 19  
<sup>d</sup>Job 12:10 <sup>e</sup>Job 31:4; Ps.  
139:3; Prov. 20:24; Jer.  
10:23

24 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *palm of the hand*

25 <sup>1</sup>Or, *a mina* (50  
shekels)—from verb "to  
number"; <sup>2</sup>Or, *a shekel*—  
from verb "to weigh" <sup>3</sup>Or,  
*and half-shekels* (sing.:  
*peres*—)from verb "to  
divide"

12 "This was because an <sup>a</sup>extraordinary spirit, knowledge and insight, interpretation of dreams, explanation of enigmas, and solving of difficult problems were found in this Daniel, whom the king named <sup>b</sup>Belteshazzar. Let Daniel now be summoned, and he will declare the interpretation."

13 Then Daniel was brought in before the king. The king spoke and said to Daniel, "Are you that Daniel who is one of the <sup>1</sup>exiles from Judah, whom my father the king <sup>b</sup>brought from Judah?"

14 "Now I have heard about you that <sup>1</sup>a spirit of the gods is in you, and that illumination, insight, and extraordinary wisdom have been found in you.

15 "Just now the wise men *and* the conjurers were brought in before me that they might read this inscription and make its interpretation known to me, but they <sup>a</sup>could not declare the interpretation of the <sup>1</sup>message.

16 "But I personally have heard about you, that you are able to give interpretations and solve difficult problems. Now if you are able to read the inscription and make its <sup>a</sup>interpretation known to me, you will be clothed with purple and *wear* a necklace of gold around your neck, and you will have authority as the <sup>1</sup>third ruler in the kingdom."

17 Then Daniel answered and said before the king, "<sup>1</sup>Keep your <sup>a</sup>gifts for yourself, or give your rewards to someone else; however, I will read the inscription to the king and make the interpretation known to him.

18 "O king, the <sup>a</sup>Most High God <sup>b</sup>granted <sup>2</sup>sovereignty, <sup>c</sup>grandeur, glory, and majesty to Nebuchadnezzar your father.

19 "And because of the grandeur which He bestowed on him, all the peoples, nations, and *men of every* <sup>1</sup>language feared and trembled before him; <sup>a</sup>whomever he wished he killed, and whomever he wished he spared alive; and whomever he wished he elevated, and whomever he wished he humbled.

20 "But when his heart was <sup>a</sup>lifted up and his spirit became so <sup>b</sup>proud that he behaved arrogantly, he was <sup>c</sup>deposed from his royal throne, and *his* glory was taken away from him.

21 "He was also <sup>a</sup>driven away from <sup>d</sup>mankind, and his heart was made like *that of* beasts, and his dwelling place *was* with the <sup>b</sup>wild donkeys. He was given grass to eat like cattle, and his body was drenched with the dew of heaven, until he recognized that the <sup>c</sup>Most High God is ruler over the realm of mankind, and *that* He sets over it whomever He wishes.

22 "Yet <sup>a</sup>you, his <sup>1</sup>son, Belshazzar, have <sup>b</sup>not humbled your heart, <sup>2</sup>even though you knew all this,

23 but you have <sup>a</sup>exalted yourself against the <sup>b</sup>Lord of heaven; and they have brought the vessels of His house before you, and you and your nobles, your wives and your concubines have been drinking wine from them; and you have praised the gods of silver and gold, of bronze, iron, wood and stone, which do not <sup>c</sup>see, hear or understand. But the God <sup>d</sup>in whose hand are your life-breath and your <sup>e</sup>ways, you have not glorified.

24 "Then the <sup>1</sup>hand was sent from Him, and this inscription was written out.

25 "Now this is the inscription that was written out: <sup>1</sup>MENĒ, <sup>1</sup>IMENĒ, <sup>2</sup>TEKĒL, <sup>3</sup>UPHARSIN.'

26 "This is the interpretation of the <sup>1</sup>message: 'MENE'—God has numbered your kingdom and <sup>2</sup>put an end to it.

27 " 'TEKEL'—you have been <sup>a</sup>weighed on the scales and found deficient.

28 " 'PERES'—your kingdom has been divided and given over to the <sup>a</sup>Medes and <sup>1</sup>Persians."

29 Then Belshazzar gave orders, and they clothed Daniel with purple and *put* a necklace of gold around his neck, and issued a proclamation concerning him that he *now* had authority as the <sup>1</sup>third ruler in the kingdom.

30 That same night Belshazzar the Chaldean king was <sup>a</sup>slain.

31 <sup>1</sup>So <sup>a</sup>Darius the Mede received the kingdom at about the age of sixty-two.

CHAPTER 6

<sup>1</sup>IT seemed good to Darius to appoint <sup>a</sup>120 satraps over the kingdom, that they should be in charge of the whole kingdom,

2 and over them three commissioners (of whom <sup>a</sup>Daniel was one), that these satraps might be accountable to them, and that the king might not suffer <sup>b</sup>bloss.

3 Then this Daniel began distinguishing himself <sup>1</sup>among the commissioners and satraps because <sup>2</sup>he possessed an <sup>a</sup>extraordinary spirit, and the king planned to appoint him over the <sup>b</sup>entire kingdom.

4 Then the commissioners and satraps began <sup>a</sup>trying to find a ground of accusation against Daniel in regard to <sup>1</sup>government affairs; but they could find <sup>b</sup>no ground of accusation or *evidence* of corruption, inasmuch as he was faithful, and no negligence or corruption was *to be* found in him.

5 Then these men said, "We shall not find any ground of accusation against this Daniel unless we find *it* against him with regard to the <sup>a</sup>law of his God."

6 Then these commissioners and satraps came <sup>1</sup>by agreement to the king and spoke to him as follows: "King Darius, <sup>a</sup>live forever!

7 "All the commissioners of the kingdom, the prefects and the satraps, the high officials and the governors have <sup>a</sup>consulted together that the king should establish a statute and enforce an injunction that anyone who makes a petition to any god or man besides you, O king, for thirty days, shall <sup>b</sup>be cast into the lions' <sup>1</sup>den.

8 "Now, O king, <sup>a</sup>establish the injunction and sign the document so that it may not be changed, according to the <sup>1</sup>law of the Medes and Persians, which <sup>1</sup>may not be revoked."

9 Therefore King Darius <sup>a</sup>signed the document, that is, the injunction.

10 Now when Daniel knew that the document was signed, he entered his house (now in his roof chamber he had windows open <sup>a</sup>toward Jerusalem); and he continued <sup>b</sup>kneeling on his knees three times a day, <sup>c</sup>praying and <sup>d</sup>giving thanks before his God, <sup>1</sup>as he had been doing previously.

11 Then these men came <sup>1</sup>by agreement and found Daniel making petition and supplication before his God.

<sup>26</sup> <sup>1</sup>Lit., word  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 13:6, 17; Jer. 27:7;  
 50:41-43

<sup>27</sup> <sup>1</sup>Job 31:6; Ps. 62:9

<sup>28</sup> <sup>1</sup>Aram.: PARAS  
<sup>a</sup>Dan. 5:31; 6:8, 28; Is. 21:2;  
 45:1, 2

<sup>29</sup> <sup>1</sup>Or, *triumvir*

<sup>30</sup> <sup>a</sup>Is. 21:4-9; 47:9; Jer.  
 51:11, 31, 39, 57

<sup>31</sup> <sup>1</sup>Chap. 6:1 in Aram.  
<sup>a</sup>Dan. 6:1; 9:1

<sup>1</sup> <sup>1</sup>Chap. 6:2 in Aram.  
<sup>a</sup>Esth. 1:1

<sup>2</sup> <sup>a</sup>Dan. 2:48, 49; 5:16, 29  
<sup>b</sup>Ezra 4:22; Esth. 7:4

<sup>3</sup> <sup>1</sup>Lit., *above* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *there was in him*  
<sup>a</sup>Dan. 5:12, 14; 9:23 <sup>b</sup>Gen.  
 41:40; Esth. 10:3

<sup>4</sup> <sup>1</sup>Lit., *the kingdom*  
<sup>a</sup>Dan. 3:8; Gen. 43:18;  
 Judg. 14:4; Jer. 20:10; Luke  
 20:20 <sup>b</sup>Luke 20:26; 23:14,  
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<sup>5</sup> <sup>a</sup>Acts 24:13-16, 20, 21

<sup>6</sup> <sup>1</sup>Or, *thronging*  
<sup>a</sup>Dan. 6:21; 5:10

<sup>7</sup> <sup>1</sup>Or, *pit*, and so  
 throughout the chap.  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 59:3; 62:4; 64:2-6; 83:1-  
 3 <sup>b</sup>Dan. 6:16; 3:6; Ps. 10:9

<sup>8</sup> <sup>1</sup>Lit., *does not pass away*  
<sup>a</sup>Esth. 3:12; 8:10; Is. 10:1  
<sup>b</sup>Dan. 6:12, 15; Esth. 1:19;  
 8:8

<sup>9</sup> <sup>a</sup>Ps. 118:9; 146:3

<sup>10</sup> <sup>1</sup>Or, *because*  
<sup>a</sup>1 Kin. 8:48, 49; Ps. 5:7;  
 Jon. 2:4 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 95:6 <sup>c</sup>Dan.  
 9:4-19; Luke 14:26; Acts  
 4:17, 19 <sup>d</sup>Ps. 34:1; Phil. 4:6;  
 1 Thess. 5:17, 18

<sup>11</sup> <sup>1</sup>Or, *thronging*  
<sup>a</sup>Dan. 6:6; Ps. 37:32, 33

**Daniel In the Lion's Den. Daniel Is Safe.  
His Enemies Are Destroyed. His God Is Honored.**

**Daniel 6**

12 <sup>1</sup>Lit., does not pass away  
<sup>a</sup>Dan. 3:8-12; Acts 16:19-21  
<sup>b</sup>Dan. 6:8; Esth. 1:19

13 <sup>1</sup>Lit., sons of the exile  
<sup>a</sup>Dan. 3:12; Esth. 3:8; Acts 5:29

14 <sup>a</sup>Mark 6:26

15 <sup>1</sup>Or, thronging  
<sup>a</sup>Dan. 6:8, 12; Esth. 8:8; Ps. 94:20, 21

16 <sup>1</sup>Or, May your God... Himself deliver you  
<sup>a</sup>Dan. 6:7; 2 Sam. 3:39; Jer. 38:5 <sup>b</sup>Dan. 6:20; 3:17, 28; Job 5:19; Ps. 37:39, 40

17 <sup>a</sup>Lam. 3:53; Matt. 27:66

18 <sup>a</sup>2 Sam. 12:16, 17  
<sup>b</sup>Dan. 2:1; Esth. 6:1; Ps. 77:4

20 <sup>a</sup>Dan. 3:17; Gen. 18:14; Num. 11:23; Jer. 32:17

21 <sup>1</sup>Lit., with

22 <sup>1</sup>Lit., innocence was found for me <sup>2</sup>Lit., before  
<sup>a</sup>Dan. 3:28; Num. 20:16; Is. 63:9; Acts 12:11 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 91:11-13; 2 Tim. 4:17; Heb. 11:33

23 <sup>a</sup>Dan. 3:17, 28; 1 Chr. 5:20; 2 Chr. 20:20; Ps. 118:8, 9; Is. 26:3

24 <sup>1</sup>Lit., eaten the pieces of Daniel  
<sup>a</sup>Deut. 19:18, 19; Esth. 7:10  
<sup>b</sup>Deut. 24:16; 2 Kin. 14:6; Esth. 9:10

25 <sup>1</sup>Lit., tongue <sup>2</sup>Or, welfare or prosperity  
<sup>a</sup>Dan. 4:1; Ezra 1:1, 2; Esth. 3:12; 8:9 <sup>b</sup>Ezra 4:17; 1 Pet. 1:2

26 <sup>1</sup>Lit., From me a decree is made <sup>2</sup>Lit., to the end  
<sup>a</sup>Dan. 3:29; Ezra 6:8-12; 7:13, 21 <sup>b</sup>Dan. 6:20; Hos. 1:10; Rom. 9:26 <sup>c</sup>Ps. 93:1, 2; Mal. 3:6

12 Then they approached and <sup>a</sup>spoke before the king about the king's injunction, "Did you not sign an injunction that any man who makes a petition to any god or man besides you, O king, for thirty days, is to be cast into the lions' den?" The king answered and said, "The statement is true, according to the <sup>b</sup>law of the Medes and Persians, which <sup>1</sup>may not be revoked."

13 Then they answered and spoke before the king, "Daniel, who is one of the <sup>1</sup>exiles from Judah, pays <sup>a</sup>no attention to you, O king, or to the injunction which you signed, but keeps making his petition three times a day."

14 Then, as soon as the king heard this statement, he was deeply <sup>a</sup>distressed and set his mind on delivering Daniel; and even until sunset he kept exerting himself to rescue him.

15 Then these men came <sup>1</sup>by agreement to the king and said to the king, "Recognize, O king, that it is a <sup>a</sup>law of the Medes and Persians that no injunction or statute which the king establishes may be changed."

16 Then the king gave orders, and Daniel was brought in and <sup>a</sup>cast into the lions' den. The king spoke and said to Daniel, "<sup>1</sup>b>Your God whom you constantly serve will Himself deliver you."

17 And a <sup>a</sup>stone was brought and laid over the mouth of the den; and the king sealed it with his own signet ring and with the signet rings of his nobles, so that nothing might be changed in regard to Daniel.

18 Then the king went off to his palace and spent the night <sup>a</sup>fasting, and no entertainment was brought before him; and his <sup>b</sup>sleep fled from him.

19 Then the king arose with the dawn, at the break of day, and went in haste to the lions' den.

20 And when he had come near the den to Daniel, he cried out with a troubled voice. The king spoke and said to Daniel, "Daniel, servant of the living God, has your God, whom you constantly serve, been <sup>a</sup>able to deliver you from the lions?"

21 Then Daniel spoke <sup>1</sup>to the king, "O king, live forever!

22 "My God <sup>a</sup>sent His angel and <sup>b</sup>shut the lions' mouths, and they have not harmed me, inasmuch as <sup>1</sup>I was found innocent before Him; and also <sup>2</sup>toward you, O king, I have committed no crime."

23 Then the king was very pleased and gave orders for Daniel to be taken up out of the den. So Daniel was taken up out of the den, and no injury whatever was found on him, because he had <sup>a</sup>trusted in his God.

24 The king then gave orders, and they brought those men who had <sup>1</sup>maliciously accused Daniel, and they <sup>a</sup>cast them, their <sup>b</sup>children, and their wives into the lions' den; and they had not reached the bottom of the den before the lions overpowered them and crushed all their bones.

25 Then Darius the king wrote to all the <sup>a</sup>peoples, nations, and men of every <sup>1</sup>language who were living in all the land: "<sup>b</sup>May your <sup>2</sup>peace abound!

26 "I <sup>a</sup>make a decree that in all the dominion of my kingdom men are to fear and tremble before the God of Daniel; For He is the <sup>b</sup>living God and <sup>c</sup>enduring forever, And His kingdom is one which will not be destroyed, And His dominion will be <sup>2</sup>forever.

27 "He delivers and rescues and performs signs and wonders  
In heaven and on earth,  
Who has *also* delivered Daniel from the <sup>1</sup>power of the lions."

28 So this Daniel enjoyed success in the reign of Darius and in the reign of Cyrus the Persian.

CHAPTER 7

**I**N the first year of Belshazzar king of Babylon Daniel saw a <sup>a</sup>dream and visions <sup>1</sup>in his mind *as he lay* on his bed; then he <sup>b</sup>wrote the dream down *and* related the following <sup>2</sup>summary of <sup>3</sup>it.

2 Daniel <sup>1</sup>said, "I was looking in my vision by night, and behold, the <sup>a</sup>four winds of heaven were stirring up the great sea.

3 "And four great <sup>a</sup>beasts were coming up from the sea, different from one another.

4 "The first *was* like a lion and had *the* wings of an eagle. I kept looking until its wings were plucked, and it was lifted up from the ground and made to stand on two feet like a man; a human <sup>1</sup>mind also was given to it.

5 "And behold, another beast, a second one, resembling a bear. And it was raised up on one side, and three ribs *were* in its mouth between its teeth; and thus they said to it, 'Arise, devour much meat!'

6 "After this I kept looking, and behold, another one, like a leopard, which had on its <sup>1</sup>back four wings of a bird; the beast also had four heads, and dominion was given to it.

7 "After this I kept looking in the night visions, and behold, a fourth beast, dreadful and terrifying and extremely strong; and it had large iron teeth. It devoured and crushed, and trampled down the remainder with its feet; and it was different from all the beasts that were before it, and it had <sup>a</sup>ten horns.

8 "While I was contemplating the horns, behold, another horn, a little one, came up among them, and three of the first horns were pulled out by the roots before it; and behold, <sup>1</sup>this horn possessed eyes like the eyes of a man, and a mouth uttering great *boasts*.

9 "I kept looking  
Until thrones were set up,  
And the Ancient of Days took *His* seat;  
His <sup>a</sup>vesture *was* like white snow,  
And the <sup>b</sup>hair of His head like pure wool.  
His <sup>c</sup>throne *was* <sup>1</sup>ablaze with flames,  
Its <sup>d</sup>wheels *were* a burning fire.

10 "A river of <sup>a</sup>fire was flowing  
And coming out from before Him;  
And <sup>b</sup>Thousands upon thousands were attending Him,  
And <sup>c</sup>myriads upon myriads were standing before Him;  
The <sup>d</sup>court sat,  
And <sup>e</sup>the books were opened.

27 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *hand*

<sup>1</sup> Lit., *of his head* <sup>2</sup>Or, *beginning* <sup>3</sup>Lit., *words*  
<sup>a</sup>Dan. 1:17; 2:1, 26-28; 4:5-9; Job 33:14-16; Joel 2:28  
<sup>b</sup>Jer. 36:4, 32

2 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *spoke and said*  
<sup>a</sup>Rev. 7:1

3 <sup>a</sup>Rev. 13:1

4 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *heart*

6 <sup>1</sup>Or, *sides*

7 <sup>a</sup>Rev. 12:3; 13:1

8 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *in this horn were eyes*

9 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *flames of fire*  
<sup>a</sup>Mark 9:3 <sup>b</sup>Rev. 1:14  
<sup>c</sup>Ezek. 1:13, 26 <sup>d</sup>Ezek. 10:2, 6

10 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 18:8; 50:3; 97:3; Is. 30:27, 33 <sup>b</sup>Rev. 5:11 <sup>c</sup>Deut. 33:2 <sup>d</sup>Dan. 7:22, 26; Ps. 96:11-13 <sup>e</sup>Dan. 12:1; Rev. 20:11-15

11 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *great*  
<sup>2</sup>Lit., *of the fire*  
<sup>a</sup>Rev. 19:20; 20:10

13 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 26:64; Mark  
14:62

14 <sup>1</sup>Or, *sovereignty* <sup>2</sup>Lit.,  
*tongue*  
<sup>a</sup>Dan. 7:27; 1 Cor. 15:27;  
Eph. 1:20-22; Phil. 2:9-11;  
Rev. 1:6 <sup>b</sup>Dan. 2:37 <sup>c</sup>Ps.  
72:11; 102:22 <sup>d</sup>Heb. 12:28

15 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *in the midst of*  
*its sheath* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *of my head*  
<sup>a</sup>Dan. 7:28; 4:19

16 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *truth concerning*  
<sup>a</sup>Zech. 1:9, 19; Rev. 5:5;  
7:13, 14 <sup>b</sup>Dan. 8:16, 17;  
9:22

18 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *holy ones* <sup>2</sup>Lit.,  
*and unto the age of the*  
*ages*  
<sup>a</sup>Dan. 7:22, 25, 27 <sup>b</sup>Dan.  
7:14; Ps. 149:5-9; Is. 60:12-  
14; Rev. 2:26, 27; 20:4

19 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *truth concerning*  
<sup>2</sup>Lit., *of them*

20 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *its appearance*  
*was larger*

21 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *holy ones*  
<sup>a</sup>Rev. 13:7

22 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *given for* <sup>2</sup>Lit.,  
*holy ones*  
<sup>a</sup>Dan. 7:10; 1 Cor. 6:2, 3

11 "Then I kept looking because of the sound of the <sup>1</sup>boastful words which the horn was speaking; I kept looking until the beast was slain, and its body was destroyed and given to the <sup>a</sup>burning <sup>2</sup>fire.

12 "As for the rest of the beasts, their dominion was taken away, but an extension of life was granted to them for an appointed period of time.

13 "I kept looking in the night visions,  
And behold, with the clouds of heaven  
One like a <sup>a</sup>Son of Man was coming,  
And He came up to the Ancient of Days  
And was presented before Him.

14 "And to Him was given <sup>a</sup>dominion,  
Glory and <sup>1b</sup>a kingdom,  
<sup>c</sup>That all the peoples, nations, and *men of every*  
<sup>2</sup>language  
Might serve Him.

His dominion is an everlasting dominion  
Which will not pass away;  
And His kingdom is one  
Which will <sup>a</sup>not be destroyed.

15 "As for me, Daniel, my spirit was distressed <sup>1</sup>within me, and the visions <sup>2</sup>in my mind kept <sup>a</sup>alarming me.

16 "I approached one of those who were <sup>a</sup>standing by and began asking him the <sup>1</sup>exact meaning of all this. So he <sup>b</sup>told me and made known to me the interpretation of these things:

17 "These great beasts, which are four *in number*, are four kings *who* will arise from the earth.

18 "But the <sup>1a</sup>saints of the Highest One will <sup>b</sup>receive the kingdom and possess the kingdom forever, <sup>2</sup>for all ages to come.'

19 "Then I desired to know the <sup>1</sup>exact meaning of the fourth beast, which was different from all <sup>2</sup>the others, exceedingly dreadful, with its teeth of iron and its claws of bronze, *and which* devoured, crushed, and trampled down the remainder with its feet,

20 *and the meaning* of the ten horns that *were* on its head, and the other *horn* which came up, and before which three of *them* fell, namely, that horn which had eyes and a mouth uttering great *boasts*, and <sup>1</sup>which was larger in appearance than its associates.

21 "I kept looking, and that horn was <sup>a</sup>waging war with the <sup>1</sup>saints and overpowering them

22 until the Ancient of Days came, and <sup>a</sup>judgment was <sup>1</sup>passed in favor of the <sup>2</sup>saints of the Highest One, and the time arrived when the <sup>2</sup>saints took possession of the kingdom.

23 "Thus he said: "The fourth beast will be a fourth kingdom on the earth, which will be different from all the *other* kingdoms, and it will devour the whole earth and tread it down and crush it.

24 "As for the ten horns, out of this kingdom ten kings will arise; and another will arise after them, and he will be different from the previous ones and will subdue three kings.



**"His Kingdom Everlasting." Another Vision.  
The Male Goat with the Desecrating Horn.**

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25 'And he will <sup>a</sup>speak <sup>1</sup>out against the <sup>b</sup>Most High and <sup>c</sup>swear down the <sup>2</sup>saints of the Highest One, and he will intend to make alterations in times and in law; and <sup>3</sup>they will be given into his hand for a <sup>4</sup>dtime, <sup>4</sup>times, and half a <sup>4</sup>time.

26 'But the court will sit for judgment, and his dominion will be <sup>a</sup>taken away, <sup>1</sup>annihilated and destroyed <sup>2</sup>forever.

27 'Then the <sup>1</sup>sovereignty, the dominion, and the greatness of all the kingdoms under the whole heaven will be given to the people of the <sup>2</sup>saints of the Highest One; His kingdom will be an <sup>b</sup>everlasting kingdom, and all the dominions will <sup>c</sup>serve and obey Him.'

28 'At this point the revelation ended. As for me, Daniel, my thoughts were greatly alarming me and my <sup>2</sup>face grew pale, but I <sup>a</sup>kept the matter <sup>3</sup>to myself.'

**CHAPTER 8**

**I**N the third year of the reign of Belshazzar the king a vision appeared to me, <sup>1</sup>Daniel, subsequent to the one which appeared to me <sup>2</sup>previously.

2 And I <sup>a</sup>looked in the vision, and it came about while I was looking, that I was in the citadel of <sup>b</sup>Susa, which is in the province of <sup>c</sup>Elam; and I looked in the vision, and I myself was beside the Ulai <sup>1</sup>Canal.

3 Then I lifted my gaze and looked, and behold, a <sup>a</sup>ram which had two horns was standing in front of the <sup>1</sup>canal. Now the two horns *were* <sup>2</sup>long, but one *was* <sup>2</sup>longer than the other, with the <sup>2</sup>longer one coming up last.

4 I saw the ram <sup>a</sup>butting westward, northward, and southward, and no *other* beasts could stand before him, nor was there anyone to rescue from his <sup>1</sup>power; but he did as he pleased and magnified *himself*.

5 While I was observing, behold, a male goat was coming from the west over the surface of the whole earth without touching the ground; and the <sup>1</sup>goat *had* a <sup>a</sup>conspicuous horn between his eyes.

6 And he came up to the ram that had the two horns, which I had seen standing in front of the <sup>1</sup>canal, and rushed at him in his mighty wrath.

7 And I saw him come beside the ram, and he was enraged at him; and he struck the ram and shattered his two horns, and the ram had no strength to withstand him. So he hurled him to the ground and trampled on him, and there was none to rescue the ram from his <sup>1</sup>power.

8 Then the male goat magnified *himself* exceedingly. But as soon as <sup>a</sup>he was mighty, the large horn was broken; and in its place there came up four conspicuous *horns* toward the <sup>b</sup>four winds of heaven.

9 And out of one of them came forth a rather <sup>a</sup>small horn which grew exceedingly great toward the south, toward the east, and toward the <sup>1</sup>Beautiful Land.

10 And it grew up to the host of heaven and caused some of the host and some of the <sup>a</sup>stars to fall to the earth, and it <sup>b</sup>trampled them down.

25 <sup>1</sup>Lit., words <sup>2</sup>Lit., holy ones <sup>3</sup>I.e., the saints <sup>4</sup>I.e., year(s)  
<sup>a</sup>Dan. 11:36; Rev. 13:6  
<sup>b</sup>Dan. 3:26; 4:2, 17, 34  
<sup>c</sup>Rev. 13:7 <sup>d</sup>Dan. 12:7; Rev. 12:14

26 <sup>1</sup>Lit., to annihilate and to destroy <sup>2</sup>Lit., to the end  
<sup>a</sup>Rev. 17:14; 19:2

27 <sup>1</sup>Or, kingdom <sup>2</sup>Lit., holy ones  
<sup>a</sup>Dan. 7:14, 18, 22; Is. 54:3; Rev. 20:4 <sup>b</sup>Dan. 7:14; 2:44; 4:34; Ps. 145:13; Is. 9:7 <sup>c</sup>Ps. 2:6-12; 22:27; 72:11; 86:9; Is. 60:12; Rev. 11:1

28 <sup>1</sup>Lit., To here the end of the word <sup>2</sup>Lit., brightness was changing upon me <sup>3</sup>Lit., in my heart  
<sup>a</sup>Luke 2:19, 51

1 <sup>1</sup>Lit., I, Daniel <sup>2</sup>Lit., at the beginning

2 <sup>1</sup>Or, river  
<sup>a</sup>Dan. 8:3; 7:2, 15; Num. 12:6 <sup>b</sup>Neh. 1:1; Esth. 1:2; 2:8 <sup>c</sup>Gen. 10:22; 14:1; Is. 11:11; Jer. 25:25; Ezek. 32:24

3 <sup>1</sup>Or, river <sup>2</sup>Lit., high(er)  
<sup>a</sup>Dan. 8:20

4 <sup>1</sup>Lit., hand  
<sup>a</sup>Deut. 33:17; 1 Kin. 22:11; Ezek. 34:21

5 <sup>1</sup>Lit., buck  
<sup>a</sup>Dan. 8:8, 21; 11:3

6 <sup>1</sup>Or, river

7 <sup>1</sup>Lit., hand

8 <sup>a</sup>Dan. 5:20; 2 Chr. 26:16 <sup>b</sup>Dan. 7:2; Rev. 7:1

9 <sup>1</sup>I.e., Palestine  
<sup>a</sup>Dan. 8:23 <sup>b</sup>Dan. 11:16, 41

10 <sup>a</sup>Is. 14:13 <sup>b</sup>Dan. 8:7; 7:7

11 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *up to the* <sup>2</sup>Or, Prince  
<sup>a</sup>Dan. 8:25; 11:36, 37;  
<sup>2</sup>Kin. 19:22, 23; <sup>2</sup>Chr. 32:15-17; Is. 37:23 <sup>b</sup>Dan. 11:31; 12:11; Ezek. 46:14

12 <sup>a</sup>Is. 59:14

13 <sup>1</sup>Or possibly, *and the transgression that horrifies*  
<sup>2</sup>Lit., *as a trampling*  
<sup>a</sup>Dan. 4:13, 23 <sup>b</sup>Dan. 12:6, 8; Ps. 74:10; 79:5; Is. 6:11; Rev. 6:10 <sup>c</sup>Is. 63:18; Jer. 12:10; Luke 21:24; Heb. 10:29; Rev. 11:2

14 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *vindicated*  
<sup>a</sup>Dan. 7:25; 12:7, 11; Rev. 11:2, 3; 12:14; 13:5

15 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *understanding*  
<sup>2</sup>Lit., *like the appearance of a man*  
<sup>a</sup>Dan. 7:13; 10:16, 18

16 <sup>a</sup>Dan. 9:21; Luke 1:19, 26

17 <sup>a</sup>Dan. 2:46; Ezek. 1:28; 44:4 <sup>b</sup>Dan. 8:19; 11:35, 40

18 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *on my standing*  
<sup>a</sup>Dan. 10:9; Luke 9:32  
<sup>b</sup>Dan. 10:10, 16, 18; Ezek. 2:2

19 <sup>a</sup>Dan. 8:15-17

21 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *buck* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *king*

23 <sup>1</sup>Or, *kingdom* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *finished* <sup>3</sup>Lit., *Strong of face* <sup>4</sup>Or, *ambiguous speech*

24 <sup>1</sup>Or, *corrupt* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *people of the saints*  
<sup>a</sup>Dan. 8:11-13; 12:7; Rev. 16:6

25 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *hand* <sup>2</sup>Or, *corrupt* <sup>3</sup>Or, *secure* <sup>4</sup>Lit., *stand against*  
<sup>a</sup>Dan. 2:34, 45; Job 34:20

11 It even <sup>a</sup>magnified *itself* <sup>1</sup>to be equal with the <sup>2</sup>Com-mander of the host; and it removed the <sup>b</sup>regular sacrifice from Him, and the place of His sanctuary was thrown down.

12 And on account of transgression the host will be given over to *the horn* along with the regular sacrifice; and it will <sup>a</sup>fling truth to the ground and perform *its will* and prosper.

13 Then I heard a <sup>a</sup>holy one speaking, and another holy one said to that particular one who was speaking, “<sup>b</sup>How long will the vision *about* the regular sacrifice apply, <sup>1</sup>while the transgression causes horror, so as to allow both the holy place and the host <sup>2</sup>to be <sup>c</sup>trampled?”

14 And he said to me, “For <sup>a</sup>2,300 evenings *and* mornings; then the holy place will be <sup>1</sup>properly restored.”

15 And it came about when I, Daniel, had seen the vision, that I sought <sup>1</sup>to understand it; and behold, standing before me was one <sup>2</sup>who looked like a <sup>a</sup>man.

16 And I heard the voice of a man between *the banks of* Ulai, and he called out and said, “<sup>a</sup>Gabriel, give this *man* an understanding of the vision.”

17 So he came near to where I was standing, and when he came I was frightened and <sup>a</sup>fell on my face; but he said to me, “<sup>a</sup>Son of man, understand that the vision pertains to the <sup>b</sup>time of the end.”

18 Now while he was talking with me, I <sup>a</sup>sank into a deep sleep with my face to the ground; but he <sup>b</sup>touched me and made me stand <sup>1</sup>upright.

19 And he said, “Behold, I am going to <sup>a</sup>let you know what will occur at the final period of the indignation, for *it* pertains to the appointed time of the end.

20 “The ram which you saw with the two horns represents the kings of Media and Persia.

21 “And the shaggy <sup>1</sup>goat *represents* the <sup>2</sup>kingdom of Greece, and the large horn that is between his eyes is the first king.

22 “And the broken *horn* and the four *horns that* arose in its place *represent* four kingdoms *which* will arise from his nation, although not with his power.

23 “And in the latter period of their <sup>1</sup>rule, When the transgressors have <sup>2</sup>run *their course*, A king will arise

<sup>3</sup>Insolent and skilled in <sup>4</sup>intrigue.

24 “And his power will be mighty, but not by his own power,

And he will <sup>1a</sup>destroy to an extraordinary degree And prosper and perform *his will*;

He will <sup>1</sup>destroy mighty men and <sup>2</sup>the holy people.

25 “And through his shrewdness

He will cause deceit to succeed by his <sup>1</sup>influence;

And he will magnify *himself* in his heart,

And he will <sup>2</sup>destroy many while *they are* <sup>3</sup>at ease.

He will even <sup>4</sup>oppose the Prince of princes, But he will be broken without <sup>1a</sup>human agency.

26 “And the vision of the evenings and mornings Which has been told is true;

But keep the vision secret,

For *it* pertains to many days *in the future*.”

27 Then I, Daniel, was <sup>1a</sup>exhausted and sick for days. Then I got up *again* and carried on the king's business; but I was astounded at the vision, and there was none to <sup>2</sup>explain it.

CHAPTER 9

IN the first year of <sup>a</sup>Darius the son of Ahasuerus, of Median descent, who was made king over the kingdom of the Chaldeans—

2 in the first year of his reign I, Daniel, observed in the books the number of the years which was *revealed* as the word of the LORD to <sup>a</sup>Jeremiah the prophet for the completion of the desolations of Jerusalem, *namely*, <sup>a</sup>seventy years.

3 So I <sup>1</sup>gave my attention to the Lord God to seek *Him* by prayer and supplications, with fasting, sackcloth, and ashes.

4 And I prayed to the LORD my God and confessed and said, "Alas, O Lord, the <sup>a</sup>great and awesome God, who <sup>b</sup>keeps His covenant and lovingkindness for those who love Him and keep His commandments,

5 we have <sup>a</sup>sinned, committed iniquity, acted wickedly, and <sup>b</sup>rebelled, even <sup>c</sup>turning aside from Thy commandments and ordinances.

6 "Moreover, we have not <sup>a</sup>listened to Thy servants the prophets, who spoke in Thy name to our kings, our princes, our fathers, and all the people of the land.

7 "<sup>a</sup>Righteousness belongs to Thee, O Lord, but to us <sup>b</sup>open shame, as it is this day—to the men of Judah, the inhabitants of Jerusalem, and all Israel, those who are near by and those who are far away in all the countries to which Thou hast driven them, because of their unfaithful deeds which they have committed against Thee.

8 "<sup>1</sup>Open shame belongs to us, O Lord, to our kings, our princes, and our fathers, because we have sinned against Thee.

9 "To the Lord our God belong <sup>a</sup>compassion and forgiveness, <sup>1</sup>for we have <sup>b</sup>rebelled against Him;

10 nor have we obeyed the voice of the LORD our God, to walk in His <sup>1</sup>teachings which He <sup>a</sup>set before us through His servants the prophets.

11 "Indeed all Israel has transgressed Thy law and turned aside, not obeying Thy voice; so the curse has been poured out on us, along with the oath which is written in the law of Moses the servant of God, for we have sinned against Him.

12 "Thus He has <sup>a</sup>confirmed His words which He had spoken against us and against our <sup>1</sup>brulers who ruled us, to bring on us great calamity; for under the whole heaven there has <sup>c</sup>not been done *anything* like what was done to Jerusalem.

13 "As it is written in the <sup>a</sup>law of Moses, all this calamity has come on us; yet we have <sup>b</sup>not <sup>1</sup>sought the favor of the LORD our God by <sup>c</sup>turning from our iniquity and <sup>2</sup>giving attention to Thy truth.

14 "Therefore, the LORD has <sup>1a</sup>kept the calamity in store and brought it on us; for the LORD our God is <sup>b</sup>righteous with respect to all His deeds which He has done, but we have not obeyed His voice.

27 <sup>1</sup>Or, *done in* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *make me understand*  
<sup>a</sup>Dan. 7:28; 8:17; Hab. 3:16

1 <sup>a</sup>Dan. 5:31; 11:1

2 <sup>a</sup>2 Chr. 36:21; Ezra 1:1; Jer. 25:11, 12; 29:10; Zech. 7:5

3 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *set my face*

4 <sup>a</sup>Deut. 7:21; Neh. 9:32  
<sup>b</sup>Deut. 7:9

5 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 106:6 <sup>b</sup>Lam. 1:18, 20  
<sup>a</sup>Dan. 9:11; Ps. 119:176; Is. 53:6

6 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 44:4, 5, 21

7 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *the shame of face*  
<sup>a</sup>Dan. 9:18; Jer. 23:6; 33:16  
<sup>b</sup>Ps. 44:15; Jer. 2:26, 27; 3:25

8 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *The shame of face*

9 <sup>1</sup>Or, *though*  
<sup>a</sup>Neh. 9:17; Ps. 130:4 <sup>b</sup>Dan. 9:5, 6; Ps. 106:43; Jer. 14:7

10 <sup>1</sup>Or, *laws*  
<sup>a</sup>2 Kin. 17:13-15; 18:12

12 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *judges who judged us*  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 44:26; Jer. 44:2-6; Lam. 2:17; Zech. 1:6 <sup>b</sup>Job 12:17; Ps. 82:2-7; 148:11 <sup>c</sup>Lam. 1:12; 2:13; Ezek. 5:9

13 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *softened the face of* <sup>2</sup>Or, *having insight into*  
<sup>a</sup>Dan. 9:11; Lev. 26:14-45; Deut. 28:15-68 <sup>b</sup>Job 36:13; Is. 9:13; Jer. 2:30; 5:3 <sup>c</sup>Jer. 31:18

14 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *watched over the evil*  
<sup>a</sup>Jer. 31:28; 44:27 <sup>b</sup>Dan. 9:7; Ps. 51:14

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15 <sup>a</sup>Deut. 5:15  
<sup>b</sup>Neh. 9:10; Jer. 32:20

16 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *righteousnesses*  
<sup>a</sup>Jer. 32:31, 32 <sup>b</sup>Dan. 9:20;  
Ps. 87:1-3; Joel 3:17; Zech.  
8:3 <sup>c</sup>Ezek. 5:14

17 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *for the sake of the Lord*  
<sup>a</sup>Num. 6:24-26; Ps. 80:3, 7,  
19 <sup>b</sup>Lam. 5:18

18 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *causing to fall*  
<sup>2</sup>Lit., *our righteousnesses*  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 37:17 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 80:14 <sup>c</sup>Jer.  
7:10-12 <sup>d</sup>Jer. 36:7

19 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 44:23; 74:10, 11

20 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *causing to fall*  
<sup>a</sup>Dan. 9:3; 10:12; Ps.  
145:18; Is. 58:9 <sup>b</sup>Is. 6:5

21 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *at the beginning*  
<sup>2</sup>Lit., *was reaching or touching* <sup>3</sup>Lit., *wearied with weariness*  
<sup>a</sup>Dan. 8:16; Luke 1:19, 26  
<sup>b</sup>Ex. 29:39; 1 Kin. 18:36;  
Ezra 9:4

22 <sup>a</sup>Dan. 8:16; 10:21;  
Zech. 1:9, 14

23 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *word went out*  
<sup>2</sup>Lit., *desirable or precious*  
<sup>a</sup>Matt. 24:15

24 <sup>1</sup>Or, *units of seven*,  
and so throughout the  
chap. <sup>2</sup>Or, *restrain*  
<sup>3</sup>Another reading is: *seal up sins* <sup>4</sup>Lit., *prophet*  
<sup>a</sup>Lev. 25:8; Num. 14:34;  
Ezek. 4:6 <sup>b</sup>Chr. 29:24; Is.  
53:10; Rom. 5:10 <sup>c</sup>Is. 51:6,  
8; 56:1; Jer. 23:5, 6; Rom.  
3:21, 22

25 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *word* <sup>2</sup>Or, *an*  
*anointed one* <sup>3</sup>Or, *streets*  
<sup>a</sup>Ezra 4:24; 6:1-15; Neh.  
2:1-8; 3:1 <sup>b</sup>John 1:41; 4:25  
<sup>c</sup>Dan. 8:11, 25; Is. 9:6

26 <sup>1</sup>Or, *anointed one* <sup>2</sup>Or,  
*no one* <sup>3</sup>Or, *his* <sup>4</sup>Or, *war*  
*will be decreed for*  
*desolations*  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 53:8; Mark 9:12; Luke  
24:26 <sup>b</sup>Matt. 24:2; Mark  
13:2; Luke 19:43, 44 <sup>c</sup>Nah.  
1:8

27 <sup>1</sup>Or, *detestable things*  
<sup>2</sup>Or, *causes horror*  
<sup>a</sup>Dan. 11:31; Matt. 24:15;  
Mark 13:14; Luke 21:20 <sup>b</sup>Is.  
10:23; 28:22

15 "And now, O Lord our God, who hast <sup>a</sup>brought Thy people out of the land of Egypt with a mighty hand and hast <sup>b</sup>made a name for Thyself, as it is this day—we have sinned, we have been wicked.

16 "O Lord, in accordance with all Thy <sup>1</sup>righteous acts, let now Thine <sup>a</sup>anger and Thy wrath turn away from Thy city Jerusalem, Thy <sup>b</sup>holy mountain; for because of our sins and the iniquities of our fathers, Jerusalem and Thy people *have become* a <sup>c</sup>reproach to all those around us.

17 "So now, our God, listen to the prayer of Thy servant and to his supplications, and for <sup>1</sup>Thy sake, O Lord, <sup>a</sup>let Thy face shine on Thy <sup>b</sup>desolate sanctuary.

18 "O my God, <sup>a</sup>incline Thine ear and hear! Open Thine eyes and <sup>b</sup>see our desolations and the city which is <sup>c</sup>called by Thy name; for we are not <sup>d</sup>presenting our supplications before Thee on account of <sup>2</sup>any merits of our own, but on account of Thy great compassion.

19 "O Lord, hear! O Lord, forgive! O Lord, listen and take action! For Thine own sake, O my God, do not <sup>a</sup>delay, because Thy city and Thy people are called by Thy name."

20 Now while I was <sup>a</sup>speaking and praying, and confessing my sin and the sin of <sup>b</sup>my people Israel, and <sup>1</sup>presenting my supplication before the LORD my God in behalf of the holy mountain of my God,

21 while I was still speaking in prayer, then the man <sup>a</sup>Gabriel, whom I had seen in the vision <sup>1</sup>previously, <sup>2</sup>came to me <sup>3</sup>in my extreme weariness about the time of the <sup>b</sup>evening offering.

22 And he gave *me* instruction and talked with me, and said, "O Daniel, I have now come forth to give you insight with <sup>a</sup>understanding.

23 "At the beginning of your supplications the <sup>1</sup>command was issued, and I have come to tell *you*, for you are <sup>2</sup>highly esteemed; so give heed to the message and gain <sup>a</sup>understanding of the vision.

24 "Seventy <sup>1</sup>weeks have been decreed for your people and your holy city, to <sup>2</sup>finish the transgression, to <sup>3</sup>make an end of sin, to <sup>b</sup>make atonement for iniquity, to bring in <sup>c</sup>everlasting righteousness, to seal up vision and <sup>4</sup>prophecy, and to anoint the most holy *place*.

25 "So you are to know and discern *that* from the issuing of a <sup>1</sup>decree to restore and rebuild Jerusalem until <sup>2</sup>Messiah the <sup>c</sup>Prince *there will be* seven weeks and sixty-two weeks; it will be built again, with <sup>3</sup>plaza and moat, even in times of distress.

26 "Then after the sixty-two weeks the <sup>1</sup>Messiah will be <sup>a</sup>cut off and have <sup>2</sup>nothing, and the people of the prince who is to come will <sup>b</sup>destroy the city and the sanctuary. And <sup>3</sup>its end *will come* with a <sup>c</sup>flood; even to the end <sup>4</sup>there will be war; desolations are determined.

27 "And he will make a firm covenant with the many for one week, but in the middle of the week he will put a stop to sacrifice and grain offering; and on the wing of <sup>1</sup>abominations *will come* one who <sup>2</sup>makes desolate, even until a <sup>b</sup>complete destruction, one that is decreed, is poured out on the one who <sup>2</sup>makes desolate."

CHAPTER 10

IN the third year of <sup>a</sup>Cyrus king of Persia a <sup>1</sup>message was revealed to Daniel, who was named Belteshazzar; and the <sup>1</sup>message was true and *one* of great <sup>2</sup>conflict, but he understood the <sup>1</sup>message and had an <sup>b</sup>understanding of the vision.

<sup>2</sup> In those days I, Daniel, had been <sup>a</sup>mourning for three entire weeks.

<sup>3</sup> I did not eat any <sup>1</sup>tasty food, nor did meat or wine enter my mouth, nor did I use any ointment at all, until the entire three weeks were completed.

<sup>4</sup> And on the twenty-fourth day of the first month, while I was by the bank of the great <sup>a</sup>river, that is, the <sup>1</sup>Tigris,

<sup>5</sup> I lifted my eyes and looked, and behold, there was a certain man <sup>a</sup>dressed in linen, whose waist was <sup>b</sup>girded with a *belt* of pure <sup>c</sup>gold of Uphaz.

<sup>6</sup> His body also was like <sup>1</sup>beryl, his face <sup>2</sup>had the appearance of lightning, his eyes were like flaming torches, his arms and feet like the gleam of polished bronze, and the sound of his words like the sound of a <sup>3</sup>tumult.

<sup>7</sup> Now I, Daniel, <sup>a</sup>alone saw the vision, while the <sup>b</sup>men who were with me did not see the vision; nevertheless, a great <sup>c</sup>dread fell on them, and they ran away to hide themselves.

<sup>8</sup> So I was <sup>1</sup>left alone and saw this great vision; yet no strength was <sup>b</sup>left in me, for my <sup>1</sup>natural color turned to <sup>2</sup>a deathly pallor, and I retained no strength.

<sup>9</sup> But I heard the sound of his words; and as soon as I heard the sound of his words, I <sup>1</sup>fell into a deep sleep on my face, with my face to the ground.

<sup>10</sup> Then behold, a hand touched me and set me trembling on my <sup>1</sup>hands and knees.

<sup>11</sup> And he said to me, "O Daniel, man of <sup>1</sup>high esteem, <sup>a</sup>understand the words that I am about to tell you and <sup>b</sup>stand <sup>2</sup>upright, for I have now been sent to you." And when he had spoken this word to me, I stood up <sup>c</sup>trembling.

<sup>12</sup> Then he said to me, "<sup>a</sup>Do not be afraid, Daniel, for from the first day that you set your heart on understanding *this* and on <sup>b</sup>humbling yourself before your God, your words were heard, and I have come in response <sup>c</sup>to your words.

<sup>13</sup> "But the prince of the kingdom of Persia was <sup>1</sup>withstanding me for twenty-one days; then behold, <sup>a</sup>Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me, for I had been left there with the kings of Persia.

<sup>14</sup> "Now I have come to give you an understanding of what will happen to your people in the <sup>1</sup>latter days, for the vision pertains to <sup>b</sup>the days yet *future*."

<sup>15</sup> And when he had spoken to me according to these words, I <sup>1</sup>turned my face toward the ground and became <sup>a</sup>speechless.

<sup>16</sup> And behold, <sup>1</sup>one who resembled a human being was <sup>a</sup>touching my lips; then I opened my mouth and spoke, and said to him who was standing before me, "O my lord, as a result of the vision <sup>2</sup>anguish has come upon me, and I have retained no strength.

<sup>1</sup> Lit., word <sup>2</sup>Or, warfare  
<sup>a</sup>Dan. 1:21; 6:28 <sup>b</sup>Dan. 1:17; 2:21

<sup>2</sup> <sup>a</sup>Ezra 9:4, 5; Neh. 1:4

<sup>3</sup> <sup>1</sup>Lit., bread of desirability

<sup>4</sup> <sup>1</sup>Heb., Hiddeqel  
<sup>a</sup>Dan. 8:2; Ezek. 1:3

<sup>5</sup> <sup>a</sup>Dan. 12:6, 7; Ezek. 9:2  
<sup>b</sup>Rev. 1:13; 15:6 <sup>c</sup>Jer. 10:9

<sup>6</sup> <sup>1</sup>Or, yellow serpentine  
<sup>2</sup>Lit., like <sup>3</sup>Or, roaring

<sup>7</sup> <sup>2</sup> Kin. 6:17 <sup>b</sup>Acts 9:7  
<sup>c</sup>Ezek. 12:18

<sup>8</sup> <sup>1</sup>Lit., splendor <sup>2</sup>Lit., corruption  
<sup>a</sup>Gen. 32:24 <sup>b</sup>Dan. 7:28; 8:27; Hab. 3:16

<sup>9</sup> <sup>a</sup>Dan. 8:18; Gen. 15:12; Job 4:13

<sup>10</sup> <sup>1</sup>Lit., knees and the palms of my hands

<sup>11</sup> <sup>1</sup>Lit., desirability, or preciousness <sup>2</sup>Lit., upon your standing  
<sup>a</sup>Dan. 8:16, 17 <sup>b</sup>Ezek. 2:1  
<sup>c</sup>Job 4:14, 15

<sup>12</sup> <sup>a</sup>Dan. 10:19; Is. 41:10, 14 <sup>b</sup>Dan. 10:2, 3; 9:20-23  
<sup>c</sup>Acts 10:30, 31

<sup>13</sup> <sup>1</sup>Lit., standing opposite  
<sup>a</sup>Dan. 10:21; 12:1; Jude 9; Rev. 12:7

<sup>14</sup> <sup>1</sup>Lit., end of the days  
<sup>a</sup>Dan. 2:28; Deut. 31:29  
<sup>b</sup>Dan. 8:26; 12:4, 9

<sup>15</sup> <sup>1</sup>Lit., set  
<sup>a</sup>Ezek. 24:27; Luke 1:20

<sup>16</sup> <sup>1</sup>Lit., as a likeness of sons of man <sup>2</sup>Lit., my pains have  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 6:7; Jer. 1:9 <sup>b</sup>Dan. 10:8, 9; 7:15, 28; 8:17, 27

17 <sup>a</sup>Ex. 24:10, 11; Is. 6:1-5

18 <sup>a</sup>Is. 35:3, 4

19 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *desirability, or preciousness* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *to you*  
<sup>a</sup>Dan. 10:12; Judg. 6:23; Is. 43:1 <sup>b</sup>Josh. 1:6, 7, 9; Is. 35:4 <sup>c</sup>Ps. 138:3; 2 Cor. 12:9

20 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *know* <sup>2</sup>I.e.,  
Satanic angel <sup>3</sup>Heb., *Javan*  
<sup>a</sup>Dan. 8:21; 11:2

21 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *shows himself strong*  
<sup>a</sup>Dan. 12:1, 4

1 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *my standing up*  
was <sup>2</sup>Lit., *for a strengthener*  
<sup>a</sup>Dan. 5:31; 9:1

2 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *for* <sup>2</sup>Or, *they all will stir up the realm of Greece* <sup>3</sup>Heb., *Javan*  
<sup>a</sup>Dan. 8:26; 10:1, 21 <sup>b</sup>Dan. 8:21; 10:20

3 <sup>a</sup>Dan. 8:5, 21 <sup>b</sup>Dan. 11:16, 36; 5:19; 8:4

4 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *winds of the heaven* <sup>2</sup>I.e., *his descendants*  
<sup>a</sup>Dan. 8:8, 22 <sup>b</sup>Dan. 7:2; 8:8; Jer. 49:36; Ezek. 37:9; Zech. 2:6; Rev. 7:1 <sup>c</sup>Jer. 12:15, 17; 18:7

5 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *and* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *and he*  
<sup>a</sup>Dan. 11:9, 11, 14, 25, 40

6 <sup>1</sup>Or, *an equitable agreement* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *strength of arm* <sup>3</sup>Lit., *arm*  
<sup>a</sup>Dan. 11:7, 13, 15, 40

7 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *branch of her roots*  
<sup>a</sup>Dan. 11:19, 38, 39

8 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *cast images* <sup>2</sup>Or, *stand against the king*  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 37:19; 46:1, 2; Jer. 43:12, 13

9 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *he will*, and so throughout the chap.

17 "For <sup>a</sup>how can such a servant of my lord talk with such as my lord? As for me, there remains just now no strength in me, nor has any breath been left in me."

18 Then *this* one with human appearance touched me again and <sup>a</sup>strengthened me.

19 And he said, "O man of <sup>1</sup>high esteem, <sup>a</sup>do not be afraid. Peace <sup>2</sup>be with you; take <sup>b</sup>courage and be courageous!" Now as soon as he spoke to me, I received strength and said, "May my lord speak, for you have <sup>c</sup>strengthened me."

20 Then he said, "Do you <sup>1</sup>understand why I came to you? But I shall now return to fight against the <sup>2</sup>prince of Persia; so I am going forth, and behold, the <sup>2a</sup>prince of <sup>3</sup>Greece is about to come.

21 "However, I will tell you what is inscribed in the writing of <sup>a</sup>truth. (Yet there is no one who <sup>1</sup>stands firmly with me against these *forces* except Michael your prince.

## CHAPTER 11

"**AND** in the <sup>a</sup>first year of Darius the Mede, I <sup>1</sup>arose to be <sup>2</sup>an encouragement and a protection for him.)

2 "And now I will tell you the <sup>a</sup>truth. Behold, three more kings are going to arise <sup>1</sup>in Persia. Then a fourth will gain far more riches than all of *them*; as soon as he becomes strong through his riches, <sup>2</sup>he will arouse the whole *empire* against the realm of <sup>3b</sup>Greece.

3 "And a <sup>a</sup>mighty king will arise, and he will rule with great authority and <sup>b</sup>do as he pleases.

4 "But as soon as he has arisen, his kingdom will be broken up and parceled out <sup>a</sup>toward the <sup>b</sup>four <sup>1</sup>points of the compass, though not to his own descendants, nor according to his authority which he wielded; for his sovereignty will be <sup>c</sup>uprooted and *given* to others besides <sup>2</sup>them.

5 "Then the <sup>a</sup>king of the South will grow strong, <sup>1</sup>along with *one* of his princes <sup>2</sup>who will gain ascendancy over him and obtain dominion; his domain *will be* a great dominion *indeed*.

6 "And after some years they will form an alliance, and the daughter of the king of the South will come to the <sup>a</sup>king of the North to carry out <sup>1a</sup> a peaceful arrangement. But she will not retain her <sup>2</sup>position of power, nor will he remain with his <sup>3</sup>power, but she will be given up, along with those who brought her in, and the one who sired her, as well as he who supported her in *those* times.

7 "But one of the <sup>1</sup>descendants of her line will arise in his place, and he will come against *their* army and enter the <sup>a</sup>fortress of the king of the North, and he will deal with them and display *great* strength.

8 "And also their <sup>a</sup>gods with their <sup>1</sup>metal images *and* their precious vessels of silver and gold he will take into captivity to Egypt, and he on his part will <sup>2</sup>refrain from *attacking* the king of the North for *some* years.

9 "Then <sup>1</sup>the latter will enter the realm of the king of the South, but will return to his *own* land.

**Conflicts between King of the North and King of the South.**

10 "And his sons will mobilize and assemble a multitude of great forces; and one of them will keep on coming and overflow and pass through, that he may again wage war up to his very fortress.

11 "And the king of the South will be enraged and go forth and fight with the king of the North. Then the latter will raise a great multitude, but that multitude will be given into the hand of the former.

12 "When the multitude is carried away, his heart will be lifted up, and he will cause tens of thousands to fall; yet he will not prevail.

13 "For the king of the North will again raise a greater multitude than the former, and after an interval of some years he will press on with a great army and much equipment.

14 "Now in those times many will rise up against the king of the South; the violent ones among your people will also lift themselves up in order to fulfill the vision, but they will fall down.

15 "Then the king of the North will come, cast up a siege mound, and capture a well-fortified city; and the forces of the South will not stand their ground, not even their choicest troops, for there will be no strength to make a stand.

16 "But he who comes against him will do as he pleases, and no one will be able to withstand him; he will also stay for a time in the Beautiful Land, with destruction in his hand.

17 "And he will set his face to come with the power of his whole kingdom, bringing with him a proposal of peace which he will put into effect; he will also give him the daughter of women to ruin it. But she will not take a stand for him or be on his side.

18 "Then he will turn his face to the coastlands and capture many. But a commander will put a stop to his scorn against him; moreover, he will repay him for his scorn.

19 "So he will turn his face toward the fortresses of his own land, but he will stumble and fall and be found no more.

20 "Then in his place one will arise who will send an oppressor through the Jewel of his kingdom; yet within a few days he will be shattered, though neither in anger nor in battle.

21 "And in his place a despicable person will arise, on whom the honor of kingship has not been conferred, but he will come in a time of tranquility and seize the kingdom by intrigue.

22 "And the overflowing forces will be flooded away before him and shattered, and also the prince of the covenant.

23 "And after an alliance is made with him he will practice deception, and he will go up and gain power with a small force of people.

24 "In a time of tranquility he will enter the richest parts of the realm, and he will accomplish what his fathers never did, nor his ancestors; he will distribute plunder, booty, and possessions among them, and he will devise his schemes against strongholds, but only for a time.

25 "And he will stir up his strength and courage against the king of the South with a large army; so the king of the South will mobilize an extremely large and mighty army for war; but he will not stand, for schemes will be devised against him.

10 <sup>1</sup>Or, wage war <sup>2</sup>Or, return and wage  
<sup>a</sup>Dan. 11:26, 40; Is. 8:8; Jer. 46:7, 8; 51:42

11 <sup>1</sup>Lit., with him, with <sup>2</sup>Lit., his hand

13 <sup>1</sup>Lit., at the end of the times, years <sup>2</sup>Or, keep on coming  
<sup>a</sup>Dan. 4:16; 12:7

14 <sup>1</sup>Lit., stumble, and so throughout the chap.

15 <sup>1</sup>Lit., the people of its choice ones  
<sup>a</sup>Jer. 6:6; Ezek. 4:2; 17:17

16 <sup>1</sup>i.e., Palestine  
<sup>a</sup>Dan. 11:3, 36; 5:19 <sup>b</sup>Josh. 1:5 <sup>c</sup>Dan. 11:41; 8:9

17 <sup>1</sup>Lit., and <sup>2</sup>Lit., equitable things <sup>3</sup>Lit., for him; i.e., for her father  
<sup>a</sup>2 Kin. 12:17; Ezek. 4:3, 7

18 <sup>a</sup>Gen. 10:5; Is. 66:19; Jer. 2:10; 31:10; Zeph. 2:11  
<sup>b</sup>Hos. 12:14

19 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 27:2; Jer. 46:6 <sup>b</sup>Joh 20:8; Ps. 37:36; Ezek. 26:21

20 <sup>1</sup>Or, exactor of tribute  
<sup>2</sup>Lit., adornment; i.e., probably Jerusalem and its temple  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 60:17

22 <sup>a</sup>Dan. 11:10; 9:26

24 <sup>1</sup>Lit., Into tranquility and the richest . . . he will enter <sup>2</sup>Or, province <sup>3</sup>Lit., fathers' fathers  
<sup>a</sup>Num. 13:20; Neh. 9:25; Ezek. 34:14

25 <sup>1</sup>Lit., heart

26 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *break* <sup>2</sup>Or, *be swept away, and many*  
<sup>a</sup>Dan. 11:10, 40

27 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 52:1; 64:6 <sup>b</sup>Jer. 9:3-5; 41:1-3 <sup>c</sup>Dan. 11:35, 40; 8:19; Hab. 2:3

28 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *possessions*

29 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *it will not happen as the first and as the last*

30 <sup>a</sup>Gen. 10:4; Num. 24:24; Is. 23:1, 12; Jer. 2:10

31 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *that makes desolate, or that causes horror*  
<sup>a</sup>Dan. 8:11-13; 12:11 <sup>b</sup>Dan. 9:27; 12:11; Matt. 24:15; Mark 13:14

32 <sup>1</sup>Or, *pollute those*  
<sup>a</sup>Dan. 11:21, 34 <sup>b</sup>Mic. 5:7-9; Zech. 9:13-16; 10:3-6

33 <sup>1</sup>Or, *instructors of the people*  
<sup>a</sup>Matt. 24:9; John 16:2; Heb. 11:36-38

34 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 7:15; Acts 20:29, 30 <sup>b</sup>Dan. 11:21, 32; Rom. 16:18

35 <sup>1</sup>Or, *the instructors*  
<sup>2</sup>Lit., *white*  
<sup>a</sup>Dan. 12:10; Deut. 8:16; Prov. 17:3; Zech. 13:9; Mal. 3:2, 3 <sup>b</sup>John 15:2 <sup>c</sup>Rev. 7:14

36 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *extraordinary*  
<sup>a</sup>Dan. 11:3, 16; 5:19 <sup>b</sup>Dan. 5:20; 8:11, 25; Is. 14:13; 2 Thess. 2:4 <sup>c</sup>Dan. 7:8, 11; Rev. 13:5, 6 <sup>d</sup>Dan. 2:47; Deut. 10:17; Ps. 136:2 <sup>e</sup>Dan. 8:19; Is. 10:25; 26:20 <sup>f</sup>Dan. 9:27

37 <sup>1</sup>Or, *God*

38 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *in his place*

39 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *the one who acknowledges*

40 <sup>a</sup>Dan. 11:27, 35; 12:4, 9  
<sup>b</sup>Is. 5:28; Jer. 4:13

41 <sup>1</sup>i.e., *Palestine*  
<sup>a</sup>Jer. 48:47 <sup>b</sup>Jer. 49:6

43 <sup>1</sup>Or, *rule over* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *footsteps*  
<sup>a</sup>2 Chr. 12:3; Nah. 3:9  
<sup>b</sup>2 Chr. 12:3; Ezek. 30:4, 5; Nah. 3:9

26 "And those who eat his choice food will <sup>1</sup>destroy him, and his army will <sup>2a</sup>overflow, but many will fall down slain.

27 "As for both kings, their hearts will be *intent* on <sup>a</sup>evil, and they will <sup>b</sup>speak lies to *each other* at the same table; but it will not succeed, for the <sup>c</sup>end is still to *come* at the appointed time.

28 "Then he will return to his land with much <sup>1</sup>plunder; but his heart will be *set* against the holy covenant, and he will take action and *then* return to his own land.

29 "At the appointed time he will return and come into the South, but <sup>1</sup>this last time it will not turn out the way it did before.

30 "For ships of <sup>a</sup>Kittim will come against him; therefore he will be disheartened, and will return and become enraged at the holy covenant and take action; so he will come back and show regard for those who forsake the holy covenant.

31 "And forces from him will arise, <sup>a</sup>desecrate the sanctuary fortress, and do away with the regular sacrifice. And they will set up the <sup>b</sup>abomination <sup>1</sup>of desolation.

32 "And by <sup>a</sup>smooth words he will <sup>1</sup>turn to godlessness those who act wickedly toward the covenant, but the people who know their God will display <sup>b</sup>strength and take action.

33 "And <sup>1</sup>those who have insight among the people will give understanding to the many; yet they will <sup>a</sup>fall by sword and by flame, by captivity and by plunder, for *many* days.

34 "Now when they fall they will be granted a little help, and many will <sup>a</sup>join with them in <sup>b</sup>hypocrisy.

35 "And some of <sup>1</sup>those who have insight will fall, in order to <sup>a</sup>refine, <sup>b</sup>purge, and make them <sup>2c</sup>pure, until the end time; because *it is still to come* at the appointed time.

36 "Then the king will <sup>a</sup>do as he pleases, and he will exalt and <sup>b</sup>magnify himself above every god, and will speak <sup>1c</sup>monstrous things against the <sup>d</sup>God of gods; and he will prosper until the <sup>e</sup>indignation is finished, for that which is <sup>1</sup>decreed will be done.

37 "And he will show no regard for the <sup>1</sup>gods of his fathers or for the desire of women, nor will he show regard for any other god; for he will magnify himself above *them* all.

38 "But <sup>1</sup>instead he will honor a god of fortresses, a god whom his fathers did not know; he will honor *him* with gold, silver, costly stones, and treasures.

39 "And he will take action against the strongest of fortresses with *the help* of a foreign god; he will give great honor to <sup>1</sup>those who acknowledge *him*, and he will cause them to rule over the many, and will parcel out land for a price.

40 "And at the end <sup>a</sup>time the king of the South will collide with him, and the king of the North will <sup>b</sup>storm against him with chariots, with horsemen, and with many ships; and he will enter countries, overflow *them*, and pass through.

41 "He will also enter the <sup>1</sup>Beautiful Land, and many *countries* will fall; but these will be rescued out of his hand: Edom, <sup>a</sup>Moab and the foremost of the sons of <sup>b</sup>Ammon.

42 "Then he will stretch out his hand against *other* countries, and the land of Egypt will not escape.

43 "But he will <sup>1</sup>gain control over the hidden treasures of gold and silver, and over all the precious things of Egypt; and <sup>a</sup>Libyans and <sup>b</sup>Ethiopians *will follow* at his <sup>2</sup>heels.



44 "But rumors from the East and from the North will disturb him, and he will go forth with great wrath to destroy and annihilate many.

45 "And he will pitch the tents of his royal pavilion between the seas and the beautiful Holy Mountain; yet he will come to his end, and no one will help him.

CHAPTER 12

"NOW at that time Michael, the great prince who stands guard over the sons of your people, will arise. And there will be a time of distress such as never occurred since there was a nation until that time; and at that time your people, everyone who is found written in the book, will be rescued.

2 "And many of those who sleep in the dust of the ground will awake, these to everlasting life, but the others to disgrace and everlasting contempt.

3 "And those who have insight will shine brightly like the brightness of the <sup>2</sup>expanse of heaven, and those who lead the many to righteousness, like the stars forever and ever.

4 "But as for you, Daniel, conceal these words and seal up the book until the end of time; many will go back and forth, and knowledge will increase."

5 Then I, Daniel, looked and behold, two others were standing, one on this bank of the river, and the other on that bank of the river.

6 And one said to the man dressed in linen, who was above the waters of the river, "How long will it be until the end of these wonders?"

7 And I heard the man dressed in linen, who was above the waters of the river, as he raised his right hand and his left toward heaven, and swore by Him who lives forever that it would be for a <sup>2b</sup>time, <sup>2</sup>times, and half a <sup>2</sup>time; and as soon as they finish shattering the power of the holy people, all these events will be completed.

8 As for me, I heard but could not understand; so I said, "My lord, what will be the outcome of these events?"

9 And he said, "Go your way, Daniel, for these words are concealed and sealed up until the end time.

10 "Many will be purged, purified and refined; but the wicked will act wickedly, and none of the wicked will understand, but those who have insight will understand.

11 "And from the time that the regular sacrifice is abolished, and the abomination of desolation is set up, there will be 1,290 days.

12 "How blessed is he who keeps waiting and attains to the 1,335 days!

13 "But as for you, go your way to the end; then you will enter into rest and rise again for your allotted portion at the end of the age."

44 <sup>1</sup>Lit. devote to destruction

45 <sup>a</sup>Dan. 9:16, 20; Is. 11:9; 27:13; 65:25; 66:20

1 <sup>a</sup>Dan. 9:12; Jer. 30:7; Ezek. 5:9; Matt. 24:21; Mark 13:19 <sup>b</sup>Dan. 12:4; 7:10; 10:21

2 <sup>1</sup>Lit. abhorrence <sup>a</sup>Is. 26:19; Ezek. 37:12-14 <sup>b</sup>John 5:28, 29

3 <sup>1</sup>Or, the instructors will <sup>2</sup>Or, firmament <sup>a</sup>Dan. 12:10; 11:33, 35 <sup>b</sup>John 5:35 <sup>c</sup>Dan. 11:33; Is. 53:11

4 <sup>a</sup>Dan. 12:9; 8:26 <sup>b</sup>Dan. 12:9; Is. 8:16 <sup>c</sup>Dan. 12:9, 13; 8:17 <sup>d</sup>Dan. 11:33; Is. 11:9; 29:18, 19

6 <sup>a</sup>Dan. 8:16; Zech. 1:12, 13 <sup>b</sup>Dan. 10:5; Ezek. 9:2 <sup>c</sup>Dan. 12:8; 8:13; Matt. 24:3; Mark 13:4

7 <sup>1</sup>Lit. and <sup>2</sup>i.e., year(s) <sup>3</sup>Lit., to finish <sup>4</sup>Lit., hand <sup>a</sup>Ezek. 20:5; Rev. 10:5, 6 <sup>b</sup>Dan. 7:25; Rev. 12:14 <sup>c</sup>Dan. 8:24; Luke 21:24

8 <sup>1</sup>Or, final end

10 <sup>1</sup>Lit., made white <sup>2</sup>Or, the instructors will <sup>a</sup>Is. 32:6, 7 <sup>b</sup>Dan. 12:3; Hos. 14:9

11 <sup>1</sup>Or, horrible abomination <sup>a</sup>Dan. 9:27; 11:31; Matt. 24:15; Mark 13:14

12 <sup>a</sup>Is. 30:18 <sup>b</sup>Dan. 8:14; Rev. 11:2; 12:6; 13:5

13 <sup>1</sup>i.e., end of your life <sup>2</sup>Lit., days <sup>a</sup>Rev. 14:13 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 16:5

# THE BOOK OF HOSEA

Hosea's Wife and Children. Restoration of Israel.

<sup>1</sup> \*Rom. 9:25 <sup>b2</sup> Chr. 26:1-23; Is. 1:1; Amos 1:1 <sup>c2</sup> Kin. 15:5, 7, 32-38; 2 Chr. 27:1-9 <sup>d2</sup> Kin. 16:1-20; 2 Chr. 28:1-27; Is. 1:1; 7:1-17; Mic. 1:1 <sup>e2</sup> Kin. 18:1-20:21; 2 Chr. 29:1-32:33; Mic. 1:1

<sup>2</sup> <sup>1</sup>Lit., from not following after  
<sup>a</sup>Hos. 3:1; Is. 20:2, 3

<sup>4</sup> <sup>1</sup>Lit., visit the bloodshed of Jezreel on the house of Jehu

<sup>5</sup> \*Jer. 49:35; Ezek. 39:3  
<sup>b</sup>Josh. 17:16; Judg. 6:33

<sup>6</sup> <sup>1</sup>Lit., He <sup>2</sup>I.e., She has not obtained compassion

<sup>7</sup> <sup>1</sup>Is. 30:18 <sup>b</sup>Jer. 25:5, 6; Zech. 9:9, 10 <sup>c</sup>Ps. 44:3-7

<sup>9</sup> <sup>1</sup>Lit., He <sup>2</sup>I.e., Not my people <sup>3</sup>Lit., yours

<sup>10</sup> <sup>1</sup>Ch. 2:1 in Heb. <sup>a</sup>Gen. 22:17; Jer. 33:22  
<sup>b</sup>Hos. 1:9; Is. 65:1 <sup>c</sup>Is. 63:16; 64:8

<sup>11</sup> <sup>a</sup>Hos. 3:5; Jer. 30:21

<sup>1</sup> <sup>1</sup>Ch. 2:3 in Heb. <sup>2</sup>I.e., My people <sup>3</sup>I.e., She has obtained compassion

<sup>2</sup> <sup>a</sup>Hos. 2:5; 4:5; Ezek. 23:45

**T**HE word of the LORD which came to <sup>a</sup>Hosea the son of Beeri, during the days of <sup>b</sup>Uzziah, <sup>c</sup>Jotham, <sup>d</sup>Ahaz, and <sup>e</sup>Hezekiah, kings of Judah, and during the days of Jeroboam the son of Joash, king of Israel.

**2** When the LORD first spoke through Hosea, the LORD said to Hosea, "<sup>a</sup>Go, take to yourself a wife of harlotry, and have children of harlotry; for the land commits flagrant harlotry, <sup>1</sup>forsaking the LORD."

**3** So he went and took Gomer the daughter of Diblaim, and she conceived and bore him a son.

**4** And the LORD said to him, "Name him Jezreel; for yet a little while, and I will <sup>1</sup>punish the house of Jehu for the bloodshed of Jezreel, and I will put an end to the kingdom of the house of Israel.

**5** "And it will come about on that day, that I will <sup>a</sup>break the bow of Israel in the <sup>b</sup>valley of Jezreel."

**6** Then she conceived again and gave birth to a daughter. And <sup>1</sup>the LORD said to him, "Name her <sup>2</sup>Lo-ruhamah, for I will no longer have compassion on the house of Israel, that I should ever forgive them.

**7** "But I will have <sup>a</sup>compassion on the house of Judah and <sup>b</sup>deliver them by the LORD their God, and will not deliver them by <sup>c</sup>bow, sword, battle, horses, or horsemen."

**8** When she had weaned Lo-ruhamah, she conceived and gave birth to a son.

**9** And <sup>1</sup>the LORD said, "Name him <sup>2</sup>Lo-ammi, for you are not My people and I am not <sup>3</sup>your God."

**10** <sup>1</sup>Yet the number of the sons of Israel

Will be like the <sup>a</sup>sand of the sea,  
Which cannot be measured or numbered;  
And it will come about that, in the place

Where it is said to them,  
"You are <sup>b</sup>not My people,"

It will be said to them,

"You are the <sup>c</sup>sons of the living God."

**11** And the sons of Judah and the sons of Israel will be gathered together,

And they will appoint for themselves <sup>a</sup>one leader,

And they will go up from the land,

For great will be the day of Jezreel.

## CHAPTER 2

**1** **S**AY to your brothers, "<sup>2</sup>Ammi," and to your sisters, "<sup>3</sup>Ruhamah."

**2** "Contend with your mother, <sup>a</sup>contend,  
For she is not my wife, and I am not her husband;  
And let her put away her harlotry from her face,  
And her adultery from between her breasts,

- 3 Lest I strip her <sup>a</sup>naked  
 And expose her as on the day when she was born.  
 I will also <sup>b</sup>make her like a wilderness,  
 Make her like desert land,  
 And slay her with <sup>c</sup>thirst.
- 4 "Also, I will have no compassion on her children,  
 Because they are children of harlotry.
- 5 "For their mother has played the harlot;  
 She who conceived them has acted shamefully.  
 For she said, '<sup>a</sup>I will go after my lovers,  
 Who <sup>b</sup>give me my bread and my water,  
 My wool and my flax, my oil and my drink.'
- 6 "Therefore, behold, I will <sup>a</sup>hedge up <sup>1</sup>her way with  
 thorns,  
 And I will build <sup>2a</sup> a wall against her so that she cannot  
 find her <sup>b</sup>paths.
- 7 "And she will <sup>a</sup>pursue her lovers, but she will not overtake  
 them;  
 And she will seek them, but will not find *them*.  
 Then she will say, 'I will go back to my <sup>b</sup>first husband,  
 For it was <sup>c</sup>better for me then than now!'
- 8 "For she does <sup>a</sup>not know that it was <sup>b</sup>I who gave her the  
 grain, the new wine, and the oil,  
 And lavished on her silver and gold,  
 Which they <sup>1</sup>used for Baal.
- 9 "Therefore, I will take back My grain at <sup>1</sup>harvest time  
 And My new wine in its season.  
 I will also take away My wool and My flax  
 Given to cover her nakedness.
- 10 "And then I will <sup>a</sup>uncover her lewdness  
 In the sight of her lovers,  
 And no one will rescue her out of My hand.
- 11 "I will also <sup>a</sup>put an end to all her gaiety,  
 Her <sup>b</sup>feasts, her <sup>c</sup>new moons, her sabbaths,  
 And all her festal assemblies.
- 12 "And I will <sup>a</sup>destroy her vines and fig trees,  
 Of which she said, 'These are my wages  
 Which my lovers have given me.'  
 And I will <sup>b</sup>make them a forest,  
 And the <sup>c</sup>beasts of the field will devour them.
- 13 "And I will punish her for the <sup>a</sup>days of the Baals  
 When she used to <sup>1</sup>offer sacrifices to them  
 And adorn herself with her <sup>2</sup>earrings and jewelry,  
 And follow her lovers, so that she forgot Me," declares  
 the LORD.
- 14 "Therefore, behold, I will allure her,  
<sup>a</sup>Bring her into the wilderness,  
 And speak <sup>1</sup>kindly to her.
- 15 "Then I will give her her <sup>a</sup>vineyards from there,  
 And the <sup>b</sup>valley of Achor as a door of hope.  
 And she will <sup>1</sup>sing there as in the days of her youth,  
 As in the day when she came up from the land of Egypt.
- 16 "And it will come about in that day," declares the LORD,

3 <sup>a</sup>Ezek. 16:7, 22, 39  
<sup>b</sup>Hos. 13:15; Is. 32:13, 14  
<sup>c</sup>Jer. 14:3; Amos 8:11-13

5 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 2:25; 3:1, 2 <sup>b</sup>Hos.  
 2:12; Jer. 44:17, 18

6 <sup>1</sup>So with some ancient  
 versions; Heb., your <sup>2</sup>Lit.,  
*her wall so that*  
<sup>a</sup>Job 19:8 <sup>b</sup>Jer. 18:15

7 <sup>a</sup>Hos. 5:13; 2 Chr.  
 28:20-22 <sup>b</sup>Jer. 2:2; 3:1;  
 Ezek. 16:8; 23:4 <sup>c</sup>Hos. 13:6;  
 Jer. 14:22

8 <sup>1</sup>Or, *made into the*  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 1:3 <sup>b</sup>Ezek. 16:19

9 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *its time*

10 <sup>a</sup>Ezek. 16:37

11 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 7:34; 16:9 <sup>b</sup>Hos.  
 3:4; Amos 5:21; 8:10 <sup>c</sup>Is.  
 1:13, 14

12 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 5:17; 8:13 <sup>b</sup>Ps.  
 80:12; Is. 5:5; 7:23 <sup>c</sup>Hos.  
 13:8; Is. 32:13-15

13 <sup>1</sup>Or, *burn incense* <sup>2</sup>Or,  
*nose rings*  
<sup>a</sup>Hos. 4:13; 11:2 <sup>b</sup>Jer. 7:9

14 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *upon her heart*  
<sup>a</sup>Ezek. 20:33-39

15 <sup>1</sup>Or, *give answer*  
<sup>a</sup>Ezek. 28:25, 26 <sup>b</sup>Josh. 7:26  
<sup>c</sup>Jer. 2:1-3

16 <sup>1</sup>I.e., my Husband  
<sup>2</sup>I.e., my Master, or my  
Baal  
<sup>a</sup>Hos. 2:7; Is. 54:5

17 <sup>1</sup>Or, remembered

18 <sup>1</sup>Lit., break  
<sup>a</sup>Ezek. 39:1-10 <sup>b</sup>Ezek. 34:25

19 <sup>a</sup>Is. 62:4, 5; Jer. 3:14  
<sup>b</sup>Is. 1:27; 54:6-8

20 <sup>a</sup>Hos. 6:6; 13:4

21 <sup>a</sup>Is. 55:10; Zech. 8:12;  
Mal. 3:10, 11

22 <sup>1</sup>I.e., God sows  
<sup>a</sup>Jer. 31:12; Joel 2:19

23 <sup>1</sup>Heb., Lo-ruhamah  
<sup>2</sup>Heb., Lo-ammi <sup>3</sup>Lit., he  
<sup>a</sup>Jer. 31:27 <sup>b</sup>Rom. 9:25  
<sup>c</sup>Hos. 1:9

1 <sup>1</sup>I.e., Gomer <sup>2</sup>Lit.,  
companion  
<sup>a</sup>2 Sam. 6:19; 1 Chr. 16:3;  
Song of Sol. 2:5

2 <sup>1</sup>Heb., *lethech*  
<sup>a</sup>Ruth 4:10

3 <sup>1</sup>Or, husband

4 <sup>1</sup>Heb., *teraphim*  
<sup>a</sup>Hos. 2:11; Dan. 9:27;  
11:31; 12:11 <sup>b</sup>Hos. 10:1, 2  
<sup>c</sup>Ex. 28:4-12; 1 Sam. 23:9-12

5 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 50:4, 5 <sup>b</sup>Ezek.  
34:24

1 <sup>1</sup>Or, truth <sup>2</sup>Or, loyalty  
<sup>a</sup>Hos. 12:2; Mic. 6:2 <sup>b</sup>Is.  
50:4; Jer. 7:28

- "That you will call Me <sup>1</sup>Ishi  
And will no longer call Me <sup>2</sup>Baali.
- 17 "For I will remove the names of the Baals from her  
mouth,  
So that they will be <sup>1</sup>mentioned by their names no more.
- 18 "In that day I will also make a covenant for them  
With the beasts of the field,  
The birds of the sky,  
And the creeping things of the ground.  
And I will <sup>1</sup>abolish the bow, the sword, and war from  
the land,  
And will make them <sup>b</sup>lie down in safety.
- 19 "And I will <sup>a</sup>betroth you to Me forever;  
Yes, I will betroth you to Me in <sup>b</sup>righteousness and in  
justice,  
In lovingkindness and in compassion,
- 20 And I will betroth you to Me in faithfulness.  
Then you will <sup>a</sup>know the LORD.
- 21 "And it will come about in that day that <sup>a</sup>I will respond,"  
declares the LORD.  
"I will respond to the heavens, and they will respond to  
the earth,
- 22 And the <sup>a</sup>earth will respond to the grain, to the new  
wine, and to the oil,  
And they will respond to <sup>1</sup>Jezreel.
- 23 "And I will <sup>a</sup>sow her for Myself in the land.  
I will also have compassion on <sup>1</sup>her who had not ob-  
tained compassion,  
And <sup>b</sup>I will say to <sup>2</sup>those who were <sup>c</sup>not My people,  
'You are My people!'  
And <sup>3</sup>they will say, 'Thou art my God!'"

## CHAPTER 3

THEN the LORD said to me, "Go again, love a <sup>1</sup>woman *who*  
is loved by *her* <sup>2</sup>husband, yet an adulteress, even as the LORD  
loves the sons of Israel, though they turn to other gods and love  
raisin <sup>a</sup>cakes."

2 So I <sup>a</sup>bought her for myself for fifteen *shekels* of silver  
and a homer and a <sup>1</sup>half of barley.

3 Then I said to her, "You shall stay with me for many  
days. You shall not play the harlot, nor shall you have a <sup>1</sup>man;  
so I will also be toward you."

4 For the sons of Israel will remain for many days without  
king or prince, <sup>a</sup>without sacrifice or *sacred* <sup>b</sup>pillar, and without  
<sup>c</sup>ephod or <sup>1</sup>household idols.

5 Afterward the sons of Israel will <sup>a</sup>return and seek the  
LORD their God and <sup>b</sup>David their king; and they will come  
trembling to the LORD and to His goodness in the last days.

## CHAPTER 4

LISTEN to the word of the LORD, O sons of Israel,  
For the LORD has a <sup>a</sup>case against the inhabitants of the  
land,  
Because there is <sup>b</sup>no <sup>1</sup>faithfulness or <sup>2</sup>kindness  
Or knowledge of God in the land.

- 2 *There is* swearing, deception, murder, stealing, and adultery.  
They employ violence, so that bloodshed <sup>1</sup>follows bloodshed.
- 3 Therefore the land <sup>a</sup>mourns,  
And every one who lives in it languishes  
Along with the beasts of the field and the birds of the sky;  
And also the fish of the sea <sup>1</sup>disappear.
- 4 Yet let no one <sup>1a</sup>find fault, and let none offer reproof;  
For your people are like those who <sup>b</sup>contend with the priest.
- 5 So you will <sup>a</sup>stumble by day,  
And the prophet also will stumble with you by night;  
And I will destroy your <sup>b</sup>mother.
- 6 My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge.  
Because you have <sup>a</sup>rejected knowledge,  
I also will reject you from being My priest.  
Since you have forgotten the law of your God,  
I also will forget your children.
- 7 The more they <sup>a</sup>multiplied, the more they sinned against Me;  
I will <sup>b</sup>change their glory into shame.
- 8 They feed on the <sup>1</sup>sin of My people,  
And <sup>a</sup>direct their desire toward their iniquity.
- 9 And it will be, like people, <sup>a</sup>like priest;  
So I will punish them for their ways,  
And repay them for their deeds.
- 10 And they will eat, but not have enough;  
They will play the harlot, but not increase,  
Because they have <sup>1</sup>stopped giving heed to the LORD.
- 11 Harlotry, wine, and new wine <sup>a</sup>take away the <sup>1</sup>understanding.
- 12 My people <sup>a</sup>consult their wooden idol, and their *diviner's* wand informs them;  
For a spirit of harlotry has led *them* astray,  
And they have played the harlot, *departing* <sup>1</sup>from their God.
- 13 They offer sacrifices on the <sup>a</sup>tops of the mountains  
And <sup>1b</sup>burn incense on the hills,  
<sup>c</sup>Under oak, poplar, and terebinth,  
Because their shade is pleasant.  
Therefore your daughters play the harlot,  
And your <sup>2</sup>brides commit adultery.
- 14 I will not punish your daughters when they play the harlot  
Or your <sup>1</sup>brides when they commit adultery,  
For *the men* themselves go apart with harlots  
And offer sacrifices with temple <sup>a</sup>prostitutes;  
So the people without understanding are <sup>2</sup>ruined.
- 15 Though you, Israel, play the harlot,  
Do not let Judah become guilty;

2 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *touches*

3 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *are taken away*  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 24:4; 33:9

4 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *contend*  
<sup>a</sup>Ezek. 3:26; Amos 5:10, 13  
<sup>b</sup>Deut. 17:12

5 <sup>a</sup>Hos. 5:5; Ezek. 14:3, 7  
<sup>b</sup>Hos. 2:2, 5

6 <sup>a</sup>Hos. 4:14; Zech. 11:8,  
9, 15-17

7 <sup>a</sup>Hos. 10:1; 13:6 <sup>b</sup>Hab.  
2:16

8 <sup>1</sup>Or, *sin offering*  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 56:11; Mic. 3:11

9 <sup>a</sup>Is. 24:2; Jer. 5:31

10 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *forsaken giving heed; or, forsaken the LORD to practice* (v. 11) *harlotry.*

11 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *heart*  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 5:12; 28:7

12 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *from under*  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 44:19; Jer. 2:27

13 <sup>1</sup>Or, *offer sacrifices*  
<sup>2</sup>Or, *daughters-in-law*  
<sup>a</sup>Jer. 3:6 <sup>b</sup>Hos. 2:13; 11:2  
<sup>c</sup>Jer. 2:20

14 <sup>1</sup>Or, *daughters-in-law*  
<sup>2</sup>Lit., *thrust down*  
<sup>a</sup>Deut. 23:17

15 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 5:2; 44:26

16 <sup>1</sup>Or, *Now the LORD will pasture . . . field.*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 78:8 <sup>b</sup>Is. 5:17; 7:25

17 <sup>a</sup>Hos. 13:2 <sup>b</sup>Hos. 4:4;  
Ps. 81:12

18 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *shields*

19 <sup>a</sup>Hos. 12:1; 13:15

2 <sup>1</sup>Or, *waded deep in slaughter*  
<sup>a</sup>Hos. 4:2; 6:9

3 <sup>a</sup>Amos 3:2; 5:12

4 <sup>a</sup>Hos. 4:6, 14

5 <sup>a</sup>Ezek. 23:31-35

6 <sup>a</sup>Hos. 8:13; Mic. 6:6, 7  
<sup>b</sup>Is. 1:15; Jer. 14:12 <sup>c</sup>Ezek. 8:6

7 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *strange* <sup>2</sup>Lit.,  
*portions*  
<sup>a</sup>Hos. 6:7; Is. 48:8 <sup>b</sup>Hos. 2:4  
<sup>c</sup>Hos. 2:11, 12; Is. 1:14

8 <sup>a</sup>Judg. 5:14

9 <sup>a</sup>Hos. 9:11-17; Is. 28:1-4  
<sup>b</sup>Is. 37:3 <sup>c</sup>Is. 46:10; Zech. 1:6

10 <sup>a</sup>Deut. 27:17 <sup>b</sup>Ezek. 7:8  
<sup>c</sup>Ps. 32:6; 93:3, 4

Also do not go to Gilgal,  
Or go up to Beth-aven,  
<sup>a</sup>And take the oath:  
"As the LORD lives!"

- 16 Since Israel is <sup>a</sup>stubborn  
Like a stubborn heifer,  
<sup>1</sup>Can the LORD now <sup>b</sup>pasture them  
Like a lamb in a large field?  
17 Ephraim is joined to <sup>a</sup>idols;  
<sup>b</sup>Let him alone.  
18 Their liquor gone,  
They play the harlot continually;  
Their <sup>1</sup>rulers dearly love shame.  
19 <sup>a</sup>The wind wraps them in its wings,  
And they will be ashamed because of their sacrifices.

## CHAPTER 5

HEAR this, O priests!

- Give heed, O house of Israel!  
Listen, O house of the king!  
For the judgment applies to you,  
For you have been a snare at Mizpah,  
And a net spread out on Tabor.  
2 And the revolvers have <sup>1</sup>gone deep in depravity,  
But I will chastise all of them.  
3 I <sup>a</sup>know Ephraim, and Israel is not hidden from Me;  
For now, O Ephraim, you have played the harlot,  
Israel has defiled itself.  
4 Their deeds will not allow them  
To return to their God.  
For a spirit of harlotry is within them,  
And they do not <sup>a</sup>know the LORD.  
5 Moreover, the pride of Israel testifies against him,  
And Israel and Ephraim stumble in their iniquity;  
<sup>a</sup>Judah also has stumbled with them.  
6 They will <sup>a</sup>go with their flocks and herds  
To seek the LORD, but they will <sup>b</sup>not find *Him*;  
He has <sup>c</sup>withdrawn from them.  
7 They have <sup>a</sup>dealt treacherously against the LORD,  
For they have borne <sup>1</sup>illegitimate children.  
Now the <sup>c</sup>new moon will devour them with their <sup>2</sup>land.  
8 Blow the horn in Gibeah,  
The trumpet in Ramah.  
Sound an alarm at Beth-aven:  
"aBehind you, Benjamin!"  
9 Ephraim will become a <sup>a</sup>desolation in the <sup>b</sup>day of re-  
buke;  
Among the tribes of Israel I declare what is <sup>c</sup>sure.  
10 The princes of Judah have become like those who  
<sup>a</sup>remove a boundary;  
On them I will <sup>b</sup>pour out My wrath <sup>c</sup>like water.

- 11 Ephraim is oppressed, crushed in judgment,  
Because he was determined to <sup>1</sup>follow *man's* command.
- 12 Therefore I am like a <sup>a</sup>moth to Ephraim,  
And like rotteness to the house of Judah.
- 13 When Ephraim saw his sickness,  
And Judah his <sup>1</sup>wound,  
Then Ephraim went to Assyria  
And sent to <sup>2</sup>King Jareb.  
But he is unable to heal you,  
Or to cure you of your <sup>1</sup>wound.
- 14 For I *will be* <sup>a</sup>like a lion to Ephraim,  
And like a young lion to the house of Judah.  
<sup>b</sup>I, even I, will tear to pieces and go away,  
I will carry away, and there will be <sup>c</sup>none to deliver.
- 15 I will go away *and* return to My place  
Until they <sup>1a</sup>acknowledge their guilt and seek My face;  
In their affliction they will earnestly <sup>b</sup>seek Me.

11 <sup>1</sup>Or, with some ancient versions, *follow nothingness*

12 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 39:11; Is. 51:8

13 <sup>1</sup>Or, *ulcer* <sup>2</sup>Or, *the avenging king; or, the great king*

14 <sup>a</sup>Hos. 13:7, 8; Ps. 7:2; Amos 3:4 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 50:22 <sup>c</sup>Mic. 5:8

15 <sup>1</sup>Or, *bear their punishment*  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 64:7-9; Jer. 3:13, 14  
<sup>b</sup>Hos. 3:5; Ps. 50:15; 78:34;  
Jer. 2:27

CHAPTER 6

- <sup>a</sup>COME, let us return to the LORD.  
For He has torn *us*, but He will heal us;  
He has <sup>1</sup>wounded *us*, but He will <sup>b</sup>bandage *us*.
- 2 "He will <sup>a</sup>revive *us* after two days;  
He will raise *us* up on the third day  
That *we* may live before Him.
- 3 "So let *us* <sup>a</sup>know, let *us* press on to know the LORD.  
His <sup>b</sup>going forth is as certain as the dawn;  
And He will come to *us* like the <sup>c</sup>rain,  
Like the spring rain watering the earth."
- 4 What shall I do with you, O Ephraim?  
What shall I do with you, O Judah?  
For your <sup>1</sup>loyalty is like a <sup>a</sup>morning cloud,  
And like the dew which goes away early.
- 5 Therefore I have <sup>a</sup>hewn *them* in pieces by the prophets;  
I have slain them by the words of My mouth;  
And the judgments on you are *like* the light that goes forth.
- 6 For <sup>a</sup>I delight in loyalty rather than sacrifice,  
And in the knowledge of God rather than burnt offerings.
- 7 But like <sup>1</sup>Adam they have transgressed the covenant;  
There they have dealt treacherously against Me.
- 8 Gilead is a city of wrongdoers,  
Tracked with bloody *footprints*.
- 9 And as raiders wait for a man,  
So a band of priests <sup>a</sup>murder on the way to Shechem;  
Surely they have committed <sup>1b</sup>crime.
- 10 In the house of Israel I have seen a <sup>a</sup>horrible thing;  
Ephraim's harlotry is there, Israel has defiled itself.
- 11 Also, O Judah, there is a <sup>a</sup>harvest appointed for you,  
When I <sup>b</sup>restore the fortunes of My people.

1 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *struck*  
<sup>a</sup>Jer. 50:4, 5 <sup>b</sup>Is. 30:26

2 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 30:5

3 <sup>a</sup>Is. 2:3; Mic. 4:2 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 19:6; Mic. 5:2 <sup>c</sup>Joel 2:23

4 <sup>1</sup>Or, *lovingkindness*  
<sup>a</sup>Hos. 13:3; Ps. 78:34-37

5 <sup>a</sup>1 Sam. 15:32, 33; Jer. 1:10, 18; 5:14

6 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 9:13; 42:7

7 <sup>1</sup>Or, *men*

9 <sup>1</sup>Or, *lewdness*  
<sup>a</sup>Hos. 4:2; Jer. 7:9, 10 <sup>b</sup>Hos. 2:10; Ezek. 22:9; 23:27

10 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 5:30, 31; 23:14

11 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 51:33; Joel 3:13  
<sup>b</sup>Zeph. 2:7

1 <sup>a</sup>Hos. 7:13; 6:4; 11:8;  
Ezek. 24:13

2 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *say to their heart*  
<sup>a</sup>Hos. 8:13; 9:9; Ps. 25:7;  
Jer. 14:10; Amos 8:7 <sup>b</sup>Hos.  
4:9; Jer. 2:19; 4:18

3 <sup>a</sup>Hos. 7:5; Jer. 28:1-4;  
Mic. 7:3

4 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 9:2; 23:10

5 <sup>1</sup>I.e., a festive occasion  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 28:1, 7, 8 <sup>b</sup>Is. 28:14

6 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *ambush* <sup>2</sup>So with  
some ancient versions;  
M.T., *baker* <sup>3</sup>Lit., *sleeps*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 21:9

8 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *peoples*

9 <sup>a</sup>Is. 1:7

11 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *heart*

12 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *report*  
<sup>a</sup>Ezek. 12:13

13 <sup>a</sup>Hos. 9:17; Jer. 14:10;  
Ezek. 34:6 <sup>b</sup>Hos. 7:1; Jer.  
51:9; Matt. 23:37

14 <sup>1</sup>Or, with Gk. and  
many ancient mss., *gash*  
*themselves*  
<sup>a</sup>Judg. 9:27; Amos 2:8; Mic.  
2:11

15 <sup>a</sup>Nah. 1:9

- WHEN I <sup>a</sup>would heal Israel,  
The iniquity of Ephraim is uncovered,  
And the evil deeds of Samaria,  
For they deal falsely;  
The thief enters in,  
Bandits raid outside,  
2 And they do not <sup>1</sup>consider in their hearts  
That I <sup>a</sup>remember all their wickedness.  
Now their <sup>b</sup>deeds are all around them;  
They are before My face.  
3 With their wickedness they make the <sup>a</sup>king glad,  
And the princes with their lies.  
4 They are <sup>a</sup>all adulterers  
Like an oven heated by the baker,  
Who ceases to stir up *the fire*  
From the kneading of the dough until it is leavened.  
5 On the <sup>1</sup>day of our king, the princes <sup>a</sup>became sick with  
the heat of wine;  
He stretched out his hand with <sup>b</sup>scoffers,  
6 For their hearts are like an <sup>a</sup>oven  
As they approach their <sup>1</sup>plotting;  
Their <sup>2</sup>anger <sup>3</sup>smolders all night,  
In the morning it burns like a flaming fire.  
7 All of them are hot like an oven,  
And they consume their rulers;  
All their kings have fallen.  
None of them calls on Me.
- 8 Ephraim mixes himself with the <sup>1</sup>nations;  
Ephraim has become a cake not turned.  
9 <sup>a</sup>Strangers devour his strength,  
Yet he does not know *it*;  
Gray hairs also are sprinkled on him,  
Yet he does not know *it*.  
10 Though the pride of Israel testifies against him,  
Yet they have neither returned to the LORD their God,  
Nor have they sought Him, for all this.  
11 So Ephraim has become like a silly dove, without <sup>1</sup>sense;  
They call to Egypt, they go to Assyria.  
12 When they go, I will <sup>a</sup>spread My net over them;  
I will bring them down like the birds of the sky.  
I will chastise them in accordance with the <sup>1</sup>proclama-  
tion to their assembly.  
13 Woe to them, for they have <sup>a</sup>strayed from Me!  
Destruction is theirs, for they have rebelled against Me!  
I <sup>b</sup>would redeem them, but they speak lies against Me.  
14 And they do not cry to Me from their heart  
When they wail on their beds;  
For the sake of grain and new wine they <sup>1</sup>assemble  
themselves,  
They turn away from Me.  
15 Although I trained *and* strengthened their arms,  
Yet they <sup>a</sup>devise evil against Me.



- 16 They turn, *but* not <sup>1</sup>upward,  
 They are like a <sup>2</sup>deceitful bow;  
 Their princes will fall by the sword  
 Because of the <sup>2b</sup>insolence of their tongue.  
 This *will be* their <sup>c</sup>derision in the land of Egypt.

CHAPTER 8

- PUT** the trumpet to your <sup>1</sup>lips!  
<sup>a</sup>Like an eagle *the enemy comes* <sup>b</sup>against the house of  
 the LORD,  
 Because they have transgressed My covenant,  
 And rebelled against My law.
- 2 They cry out to Me,  
 "My God, we of Israel know Thee!"
- 3 Israel has rejected the good;  
 The enemy will pursue him.
- 4 They have set up kings, but not by Me;  
 They have appointed princes, but I did not know *it*.  
 With their <sup>a</sup>silver and gold they have made idols for  
 themselves,  
 That <sup>1</sup>they might be cut off.
- 5 <sup>1</sup>He has rejected your calf, O Samaria, saying,  
 "My anger burns against them!"  
 How long will they be incapable of <sup>a</sup>innocence?
- 6 For from Israel is even this!  
 A craftsman made it, so it is not God;  
 Surely the calf of Samaria will be broken to <sup>1</sup>pieces.
- 7 For they sow the wind,  
 And they reap the <sup>a</sup>whirlwind.  
 The standing grain has no <sup>1</sup>heads;  
 It yields no <sup>2</sup>grain.  
 Should it yield, strangers would swallow it up.
- 8 Israel is <sup>a</sup>swallowed up;  
 They are now among the nations  
 Like a <sup>b</sup>vessel in which no one delights.
- 9 For they have gone up to Assyria,  
 Like a wild donkey all alone;  
 Ephraim has <sup>a</sup>hired <sup>1</sup>lovers.
- 10 Even though they hire *allies* among the nations,  
 Now I will <sup>a</sup>gather them up;  
 And they will begin <sup>b</sup>to <sup>1</sup>diminish  
 Because of the burden of the <sup>c</sup>king of princes.
- 11 Since Ephraim has multiplied altars for sin,  
 They have become altars of sinning for him.
- 12 Though I wrote for him ten thousand *precepts* of My  
 law,  
 They are regarded as a strange thing.
- 13 As for My sacrificial gifts,  
 They <sup>a</sup>sacrifice the flesh and eat *it*,  
 But the LORD has taken no delight in them.  
 Now He will <sup>b</sup>remember their iniquity,  
 And punish *them* for their sins;  
 They will return to Egypt.

16 <sup>1</sup>Or possibly, to the  
 Most High <sup>2</sup>Lit.,  
 indignation or cursing  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 78:57 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 12:3, 4;  
 17:10; Dan. 7:25; Mal. 3:13,  
 14 <sup>c</sup>Ezek. 23:32

1 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *palate*  
<sup>a</sup>Hab. 1:8 <sup>b</sup>Deut. 28:49

4 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *he*  
<sup>a</sup>Hos. 2:8; 13:1, 2

5 <sup>1</sup>Or, *Your calf has  
 rejected you*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 19:13; Jer. 13:27

6 <sup>1</sup>Or, *splinters*

7 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *growth* <sup>2</sup>Or, *meal*  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 66:15; Nah. 1:3

8 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 51:34 <sup>b</sup>Hos. 13:15;  
 Jer. 25:34

9 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *loves*  
<sup>a</sup>Ezek. 16:33

10 <sup>1</sup>Or, *suffer for awhile*  
<sup>a</sup>Ezek. 22:20 <sup>b</sup>Jer. 42:2 <sup>c</sup>Is.  
 10:8

13 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 6:20; 7:21 <sup>b</sup>Hos.  
 7:2; Luke 12:2; 1 Cor. 4:5

14 <sup>a</sup>Hos. 2:13; 4:6; 13:6  
<sup>b</sup>Is. 9:9, 10 <sup>c</sup>Jer. 17:27

1 <sup>1</sup>Lit., to <sup>2</sup>Lit., *peoples*  
<sup>3</sup>Lit., *away from your God*  
<sup>4</sup>Lit., *all threshing floors of grain*  
<sup>a</sup>Hos. 10:5; Is. 22:12, 13

2 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *her*

3 <sup>a</sup>Ezek. 4:13

4 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *be to them* <sup>2</sup>Or, *bread of misfortune* <sup>3</sup>Lit., *their appetite*  
<sup>a</sup>Ex. 29:40 <sup>b</sup>Hag. 2:14

5 <sup>a</sup>Is. 10:3; Jer. 5:31  
<sup>b</sup>Hos. 2:11; Joel 1:13

6 <sup>a</sup>Hos. 10:8; Is. 5:6; 7:23

7 <sup>1</sup>Or, *Israel will know it*  
<sup>2</sup>Lit., *man of the spirit*  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 10:3; Jer. 10:15; Mic. 7:4  
<sup>b</sup>Is. 34:8; Jer. 16:18; 25:14  
<sup>c</sup>Lam. 2:14; Ezek. 13:3, 10  
<sup>d</sup>Is. 44:25  
<sup>e</sup>Ezek. 14:9, 10

9 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *they have corrupted*  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 31:6 <sup>b</sup>Hos. 7:2; 8:13

10 <sup>1</sup>I.e., *Baal*  
<sup>a</sup>Mic. 7:1 <sup>b</sup>Jer. 24:2  
<sup>c</sup>Hos. 4:18; Jer. 11:13  
<sup>d</sup>Ezek. 20:8

11 <sup>a</sup>Hos. 4:7; 10:5

12 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *without a man*

- 14 For Israel has <sup>a</sup>forgotten his Maker and <sup>b</sup>built palaces;  
And Judah has multiplied fortified cities,  
But I will send a <sup>c</sup>fire on its cities that it may consume  
its palatial dwellings.

## CHAPTER 9

- <sup>a</sup>Do not rejoice, O Israel, <sup>1</sup>with exultation like the <sup>2</sup>nations!  
For you have played the harlot, <sup>3</sup>forsaking your God.  
You have loved *harlots'* earnings on <sup>4</sup>every threshing  
floor.
- 2 Threshing floor and wine press will not feed them,  
And the new wine will fail <sup>1</sup>them.
- 3 They will not remain in the LORD's land,  
But Ephraim will return to Egypt,  
And in Assyria they will eat <sup>a</sup>unclean food.
- 4 They will not pour out libations of <sup>a</sup>wine to the LORD,  
Their sacrifices will not please Him.  
*Their bread will* <sup>1</sup>be like <sup>2</sup>mourners' bread;  
All who eat of it will be <sup>b</sup>defiled,  
For their bread will be for <sup>3</sup>themselves *alone*;  
It will not enter the house of the LORD.
- 5 <sup>a</sup>What will you do on the day of the appointed festival  
And on the day of the <sup>b</sup>feast of the LORD?
- 6 For behold, they will go because of destruction;  
Egypt will gather them up, Memphis will bury them.  
Weeds will take over their treasures of silver;  
<sup>a</sup>Thorns *will be* in their tents.
- 7 The days of <sup>a</sup>punishment have come,  
The days of <sup>b</sup>retribution have come;  
<sup>1</sup>Let Israel know *this!*  
The prophet is a <sup>c</sup>fool,  
The <sup>2</sup>inspired man is <sup>d</sup>demented,  
Because of the grossness of your <sup>e</sup>iniquity,  
And *because* your hostility is so great.
- 8 Ephraim *was* a watchman with my God, a prophet;  
*Yet* the snare of a bird catcher is in all his ways,  
And there is *only* hostility in the house of his God.
- 9 They have gone <sup>a</sup>deep <sup>1</sup>in depravity  
As in the days of Gibeah;  
He will <sup>b</sup>remember their iniquity,  
He will punish their sins.
- 10 I found Israel like <sup>a</sup>grapes in the wilderness;  
I saw your forefathers as the <sup>b</sup>earliest fruit on the fig tree  
in its first *season*.  
*But* they came to Baal-peor and devoted themselves to  
<sup>1</sup>shame,  
And they became as <sup>d</sup>detestable as that which they  
loved.
- 11 As for Ephraim, their glory will <sup>a</sup>fly away like a bird—  
No birth, no pregnancy, and no conception!
- 12 Though they bring up their children,  
Yet I will bereave them <sup>1</sup>until not a man is left.  
Yes, woe to them indeed when I depart from them!

- 13 Ephraim, as I have seen,  
Is planted in a pleasant meadow like Tyre;  
But Ephraim will bring out his children for slaughter.
- 14 Give them, O LORD— what wilt Thou give?  
Give them a <sup>a</sup>miscarrying womb and dry breasts.
- 15 All their evil is at Gilgal;  
Indeed, I came to hate them there!  
Because of the <sup>a</sup>wickedness of their deeds  
I will drive them out of My house!  
I will love them no more;  
All their princes are <sup>b</sup>rebels.
- 16 Ephraim is stricken, their root is dried up,  
They will bear no fruit.  
Even though they bear children,  
I will slay the <sup>a</sup>precious ones of their womb.
- 17 My God will cast them away  
Because they have not listened to Him;  
And they will be wanderers among the nations.

14 <sup>a</sup>Hos. 9:11

15 <sup>a</sup>Hos. 4:9; 7:2; 12:2  
<sup>b</sup>Hos. 5:2

16 <sup>a</sup>Ezek. 24:21

1 <sup>1</sup>Or, *degenerate* <sup>2</sup>Or, *better* <sup>3</sup>Lit., *they*  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 5:1-7; Ezek. 15:1-5  
<sup>b</sup>Hos. 8:11; 12:11; Jer. 2:28  
<sup>c</sup>Hos. 3:4; 1 Kin. 14:23

2 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *smooth* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *He*  
<sup>a</sup>1 Kin. 18:21; Zeph. 1:5  
<sup>b</sup>Hos. 13:16 <sup>c</sup>Hos. 10:8;  
Mic. 5:13

3 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 12:4; Is. 5:19

4 <sup>1</sup>Or, *Swearing falsely in making a covenant*  
<sup>a</sup>Hos. 4:2; Ezek. 17:13-19  
<sup>b</sup>Deut. 31:16, 17; 2 Kin. 17:3, 4

5 <sup>1</sup>So with some ancient versions; Heb., *calves* <sup>2</sup>Or, *who used to rejoice over*

6 <sup>1</sup>Or, *the avenging king; or, the great king* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *receive shame*  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 30:3; Jer. 7:24

7 <sup>a</sup>Hos. 13:11

8 <sup>a</sup>Hos. 4:13 <sup>b</sup>1 Kin. 12:28-30; 13:34 <sup>c</sup>Hos. 10:2; 9:6; Is. 32:13 <sup>d</sup>Luke 23:30; Rev. 6:16

CHAPTER 10

- ISRAEL is a <sup>1</sup>luxuriant <sup>a</sup>vine;  
He produces fruit for himself.  
The more his fruit,  
The more altars he <sup>b</sup>made;  
The <sup>2</sup>richer his land,  
The better <sup>3</sup>he made the *sacred* <sup>c</sup>pillars.
- 2 Their heart is <sup>1a</sup>faithless;  
Now they must bear their <sup>b</sup>guilt.  
<sup>2</sup>The LORD will <sup>c</sup>break down their altars  
And destroy their *sacred* pillars.
- 3 Surely now they will say, "We have <sup>a</sup>no king,  
For we do not revere the LORD.  
As for the king, what can he do for us?"
- 4 They speak *mere* words,  
<sup>1</sup>With worthless <sup>a</sup>oaths they make covenants;  
And <sup>b</sup>judgment sprouts like poisonous weeds in the  
furrows of the field.
- 5 The inhabitants of Samaria will fear  
For the <sup>1</sup>calf of Beth-aven.  
Indeed, its people will mourn for it,  
And its idolatrous priests <sup>2</sup>will cry out over it,  
Over its glory, since it has departed from it.
- 6 The thing itself will be carried to Assyria  
As tribute to <sup>1</sup>King Jareb;  
Ephraim will <sup>2</sup>be seized with shame,  
And Israel will be ashamed of its <sup>a</sup>own counsel.
- 7 Samaria will be <sup>a</sup>cut off *with* her king,  
Like a stick on the surface of the water.
- 8 Also the <sup>a</sup>high places of Aven, the <sup>b</sup>sin of Israel, will be  
destroyed;  
<sup>c</sup>Thorn and thistle will grow on their altars,  
Then they will <sup>d</sup>say to the mountains,  
"Cover us!" And to the hills, "Fall on us!"

10 <sup>1</sup>Or, *bind*  
<sup>a</sup>Ezek. 5:13

11 <sup>a</sup>Hos. 4:16; Jer. 50:11  
<sup>b</sup>Jer. 28:14 <sup>c</sup>Ps. 66:12

12 <sup>1</sup>Or, *loyalty* <sup>2</sup>Or, *teach*  
<sup>a</sup>Prov. 11:18 <sup>b</sup>Jer. 4:3 <sup>c</sup>Is.  
44:3; 45:8

13 <sup>a</sup>Job 4:8; Gal. 6:7  
<sup>b</sup>Hos. 4:2; 7:3; 11:12 <sup>c</sup>Ps.  
33:16

14 <sup>a</sup>Is. 17:3 <sup>b</sup>Hos. 13:16

1 <sup>a</sup>Hos. 2:15; 12:9, 13;  
13:4 <sup>b</sup>Matt. 2:15

2 <sup>1</sup>I.e., God's prophets  
<sup>a2</sup> Kin. 17:13-15 <sup>b</sup>Is. 65:7;  
Jer. 18:15

3 <sup>1</sup>So ancient versions;  
Heb., *He . . . His*  
<sup>a</sup>Deut. 1:31; 32:10, 11 <sup>b</sup>Ps.  
107:20; Jer. 30:17

4 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 31:2, 3 <sup>b</sup>Ex. 16:32

5 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *He* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *his*

6 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *his*  
<sup>a</sup>Lam. 2:9 <sup>b</sup>Hos. 4:16, 17

7 <sup>1</sup>I.e., God's prophets  
<sup>2</sup>Lit., *him*; i.e., Israel  
<sup>a</sup>Jer. 8:5

- 9 From the days of Gibeah you have sinned, O Israel;  
There they stand!  
Will not the battle against the sons of iniquity overtake  
them in Gibeah?
- 10 When it is My <sup>a</sup>desire, I will <sup>1</sup>chastise them;  
And the peoples will be gathered against them  
When they are bound for their double guilt.
- 11 And Ephraim is a trained <sup>a</sup>heifer that loves to thresh,  
But I will <sup>b</sup>come over her fair neck *with a yoke*;  
I will <sup>c</sup>harness Ephraim,  
Judah will plow, Jacob will harrow for himself.
- 12 <sup>a</sup>Sow with a view to righteousness,  
Reap in accordance with <sup>1</sup>kindness;  
<sup>b</sup>Break up your fallow ground,  
For it is time to seek the LORD  
Until He comes to <sup>2</sup>rain righteousness on you.
- 13 You have <sup>a</sup>plowed wickedness, you have reaped injustice,  
You have eaten the fruit of <sup>b</sup>lies.  
Because you have trusted in your way, in your <sup>c</sup>numerous warriors,
- 14 Therefore, a tumult will arise among your people,  
And all your <sup>a</sup>fortresses will be destroyed,  
As Shalman destroyed Beth-arbel on the day of battle,  
*When* <sup>b</sup>mothers were dashed in pieces with *their* children.
- 15 Thus it will be done to you at Bethel because of your  
great wickedness.  
At dawn the king of Israel will be completely cut off.

## CHAPTER 11

- WHEN Israel *was* a youth I loved him,  
And <sup>a</sup>out of Egypt I <sup>b</sup>called My son.
- 2 The more <sup>1</sup>they called them,  
The more they went from <sup>1</sup>them;  
They kept sacrificing to the Baals  
And <sup>b</sup>burning incense to idols.
- 3 Yet it is I who taught Ephraim to walk,  
<sup>1</sup>I <sup>a</sup>took them in <sup>1</sup>My arms;  
But they did not know that I <sup>b</sup>healed them.
- 4 I <sup>a</sup>led them with cords of a man, with bonds of love,  
And I became to them as one who lifts the yoke from  
their jaws;  
And I bent down *and* <sup>b</sup>fed them.
- 5 <sup>1</sup>They will not return to the land of Egypt;  
But Assyria—he will be <sup>2</sup>their king,  
Because they refused to return *to Me*.
- 6 And the sword will whirl against <sup>1</sup>their cities,  
And will demolish <sup>1</sup>their gate bars  
And <sup>a</sup>consume *them* because of their <sup>b</sup>counsels.
- 7 So My people are bent on <sup>a</sup>turning from Me.  
Though <sup>1</sup>they call <sup>2</sup>them to *the One* on high,  
None at all exalts *Him*.

- 8 <sup>a</sup>How can I give you up, O Ephraim?  
How can I surrender you, O Israel?  
How can I <sup>1</sup>make you like <sup>b</sup>Admah?  
How can I treat you like <sup>b</sup>Zeboiim?  
My heart is turned over within Me,  
<sup>2</sup>All my compassions are kindled.
- 9 I will <sup>a</sup>not execute My fierce anger;  
I will not destroy Ephraim <sup>b</sup>again.  
For I am God and not man, the <sup>c</sup>Holy One in your  
midst,  
And I will not come in <sup>1</sup>wrath.
- 10 They will <sup>a</sup>walk after the LORD,  
He will <sup>b</sup>roar like a lion;  
Indeed He will roar,  
And His sons will come <sup>c</sup>trembling from the west.
- 11 They will come trembling like birds from <sup>a</sup>Egypt,  
And like <sup>b</sup>doves from the land of <sup>a</sup>Assyria;  
And I will <sup>c</sup>settle them in their houses, declares the  
LORD.
- 12 <sup>1</sup>Ephraim surrounds Me with lies,  
And the house of Israel with deceit;  
Judah is also unruly against God,  
Even against the Holy One who is faithful.

CHAPTER 12

- <sup>1</sup>EPHRAIM feeds on <sup>a</sup>wind,  
And pursues the east <sup>b</sup>wind continually;  
He multiplies lies and violence.  
Moreover, <sup>2</sup>he makes a covenant with Assyria,  
And oil is carried to Egypt.
- 2 The LORD also has a <sup>a</sup>dispute with Judah,  
And will punish Jacob <sup>b</sup>according to his ways;  
He will repay him according to his deeds.
- 3 In the womb he <sup>a</sup>took his brother by the heel,  
And in his maturity he <sup>b</sup>contended with God.
- 4 Yes, he wrestled with the angel and prevailed;  
He wept and <sup>a</sup>sought His favor.  
He found Him at <sup>b</sup>Bethel,  
And there He spoke with us,
- 5 Even the LORD, the God of hosts;  
The LORD is His <sup>1</sup>name.
- 6 Therefore, return to your God,  
Observe <sup>1</sup>kindness and justice,  
And <sup>a</sup>wait for your God continually.
- 7 A <sup>1</sup>merchant, in whose hands are false <sup>b</sup>balances,  
He loves to oppress.
- 8 And Ephraim said, "Surely I have become <sup>a</sup>rich,  
I have found wealth for myself;  
In all my labors they will find in me  
<sup>b</sup>No iniquity, which *would be* sin."
- 9 But I *have been* the LORD your God since the land of  
Egypt;  
I will make you <sup>a</sup>live in tents again,  
As in the days of the appointed festival.

8 <sup>1</sup>Lit., give <sup>2</sup>Lit.,  
Together  
<sup>a</sup>Hos. 6:4; 7:1 <sup>b</sup>Gen. 14:8;  
Deut. 29:23

9 <sup>1</sup>Lit., excitement  
<sup>a</sup>Deut. 13:17 <sup>b</sup>Jer. 26:3;  
30:11 <sup>c</sup>Is. 5:24; 12:6; 41:14,  
16

10 <sup>a</sup>Hos. 3:5; 6:1-3 <sup>b</sup>Is.  
31:4; Joel 3:16; Amos 1:2  
<sup>c</sup>Is. 66:2, 5

11 <sup>a</sup>Is. 11:11 <sup>b</sup>Hos. 7:11;  
Is. 60:8 <sup>c</sup>Ezek. 34:27, 28

12 <sup>1</sup>Chap. 12:1 in Heb.

1 <sup>1</sup>Chap. 12:2 in Heb.  
<sup>2</sup>Lit., they make  
<sup>a</sup>Jer. 22:22 <sup>b</sup>Gen. 41:6;  
Ezek. 17:10

2 <sup>a</sup>Hos. 4:1 <sup>b</sup>Hos. 4:9; 7:2

3 <sup>a</sup>Gen. 25:26 <sup>b</sup>Gen.  
32:28

4 <sup>a</sup>Gen. 32:26 <sup>b</sup>Gen.  
28:13-15; 35:10-15

5 <sup>1</sup>Lit., memorial  
<sup>a</sup>Ex. 3:15

6 <sup>1</sup>Or, loyalty  
<sup>a</sup>Mic. 7:7

7 <sup>1</sup>Or, Canaanite  
<sup>a</sup>Hos. 7:14 <sup>b</sup>Prov. 11:1;  
Amos 8:5; Mic. 6:11

8 <sup>a</sup>Hos. 13:6; Ps. 62:10  
<sup>b</sup>Hos. 4:8; 14:1

9 <sup>a</sup>Lev. 23:42

10 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *multiplied the vision*  
<sup>a</sup>Jer. 7:25 <sup>b</sup>Ezek. 17:2; 20:49

12 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *field*  
<sup>a</sup>Gen. 28:5 <sup>b</sup>Gen. 29:20

13 <sup>a</sup>Ex. 14:19-22; Is. 63:11-14

14 <sup>a</sup>2 Kin. 17:7-18 <sup>b</sup>Ezek. 18:10-13 <sup>c</sup>Dan. 11:18; Mic. 6:16

1 <sup>1</sup>Or, *spoke with trembling* <sup>2</sup>Or, *became guilty*  
<sup>a</sup>Job 29:21, 22 <sup>b</sup>Judg. 8:1; 12:1 <sup>c</sup>Hos. 2:8-17; 11:2

2 <sup>1</sup>Or, *according to their own understanding* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *sacrificers of (or, among) mankind*  
<sup>a</sup>Hos. 2:8; Is. 46:6; Jer. 10:4 <sup>b</sup>Is. 44:17-20 <sup>c</sup>Hos. 8:6

3 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *goes away early*  
<sup>2</sup>Lit., *window*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 1:4; Is. 17:13; Dan. 2:35 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 68:2

4 <sup>a</sup>Ex. 20:3; 2 Kin. 18:35 <sup>b</sup>Is. 43:11; 45:21, 22

5 <sup>1</sup>Or, *knew*  
<sup>a</sup>Deut. 32:10

6 <sup>a</sup>Deut. 8:12, 14; 32:13-15; Jer. 5:7 <sup>b</sup>Hos. 2:13; 4:6; 8:14

7 <sup>1</sup>Or, *watch*  
<sup>a</sup>Jer. 5:6

8 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *the enclosure of their heart*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 50:22

9 <sup>1</sup>Or, *But in Me is your help*  
<sup>a</sup>Jer. 2:17, 19; Mal. 1:12, 13 <sup>b</sup>Deut. 33:26, 29

10 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *said*  
<sup>a</sup>Hos. 8:4; 2 Kin. 17:4

- 10 I have also spoken to the <sup>a</sup>prophets,  
 And I <sup>1</sup>gave numerous visions;  
 And through the prophets I gave <sup>b</sup>parables.
- 11 Is there iniquity *in* Gilead?  
 Surely they are worthless.  
 In Gilgal they sacrifice bulls,  
 Yes, their altars are like the stone heaps  
 Beside the furrows of the field.
- 12 Now <sup>a</sup>Jacob fled to the <sup>1</sup>land of Aram,  
 And <sup>b</sup>Israel worked for a wife,  
 And for a wife he kept *sheep*.
- 13 But by a <sup>a</sup>prophet the LORD brought Israel from Egypt,  
 And by a prophet he was kept.
- 14 <sup>a</sup>Ephraim has provoked to bitter anger;  
 So his Lord will leave his <sup>b</sup>bloodguilt on him,  
 And bring back his <sup>c</sup>reproach to him.

## CHAPTER 13

- <sup>a</sup>WHEN Ephraim <sup>1</sup>spoke, *there was* trembling.  
 He <sup>b</sup>exalted himself in Israel,  
 But through <sup>c</sup>Baal he <sup>2</sup>did wrong and died.
- 2 And now they sin more and more,  
 And make for themselves <sup>a</sup>molten images,  
 Idols <sup>1b</sup>skillfully made from their silver,  
 All of them the <sup>c</sup>work of craftsmen.  
 They say of them, "Let the <sup>2</sup>men who sacrifice kiss the calves!"
- 3 Therefore, they will be like the morning cloud,  
 And like dew which <sup>1</sup>soon disappears,  
 Like <sup>a</sup>chaff which is blown away from the threshing floor,  
 And like <sup>b</sup>smoke from a <sup>2</sup>chimney.
- 4 Yet I *have been* the LORD your God  
 Since the land of Egypt;  
 And you were not to know <sup>a</sup>any god except Me,  
 For there is no savior <sup>b</sup>besides Me.
- 5 I <sup>1a</sup>cares for you in the wilderness,  
 In the land of drought.
- 6 As *they had* their pasture, they became <sup>a</sup>satisfied,  
 And being satisfied, their heart became proud;  
 Therefore, they <sup>b</sup>forgot Me.
- 7 So I will be like a lion to them;  
 Like a <sup>a</sup>leopard I will <sup>1</sup>lie in wait by the wayside.
- 8 I will encounter them like a bear robbed of her cubs,  
 And I will tear open <sup>1</sup>their chests;  
 There I will also <sup>a</sup>devour them like a lioness,  
 As a wild beast would tear them.
- 9 *It is your destruction*, O Israel,  
<sup>1</sup>That you *are* <sup>a</sup>against Me, against your <sup>b</sup>help.
- 10 Where now is your <sup>a</sup>king  
 That he may save you in all your cities,  
 And your judges of whom you <sup>1</sup>requested,  
 "Give me a king and princes"?"

- 11 I <sup>a</sup>gave you a king in My anger,  
And <sup>b</sup>took him away in My wrath.
- 12 The iniquity of Ephraim is bound up;  
His sin is <sup>a</sup>stored up.
- 13 The pains of <sup>a</sup>childbirth come upon him;  
He is <sup>b</sup>not a wise son,  
For <sup>1</sup>it is not the time that he should <sup>c</sup>delay at the  
opening of the womb.
- 14 I will <sup>a</sup>ransom them from the <sup>1</sup>power of Sheol;  
I will redeem them from death.  
<sup>b</sup>O Death, where are your thorns?  
<sup>b</sup>O Sheol, where is your sting?  
<sup>c</sup>Compassion will be hidden from My sight.
- 15 Though he <sup>a</sup>flourishes among the <sup>1</sup>reeds,  
An <sup>b</sup>east wind will come,  
The wind of the LORD coming up from the wilderness;  
And his fountain will <sup>b</sup>become dry,  
And his spring will be dried up;  
It will <sup>d</sup>plunder *his* treasury of every precious article.
- 16 <sup>1</sup>Samaria will be held guilty,  
For she has rebelled against her God.  
They will fall by the sword,  
Their little ones will be dashed in pieces,  
And their pregnant <sup>a</sup>women will be ripped open.

## CHAPTER 14

- <sup>1a</sup> RETURN, O Israel, to the LORD your God,  
For you have stumbled <sup>2</sup>because of your <sup>b</sup>iniquity.
- 2 Take words with you and return to the LORD.  
Say to Him, "Take away all iniquity,  
And <sup>1</sup>receive us graciously,  
That we may <sup>b</sup>present <sup>2</sup>the fruit of our lips.
- 3 "Assyria will not save us,  
We will <sup>a</sup>not ride on horses;  
Nor will we say again, "Our god,"  
To the <sup>c</sup>work of our hands;  
For in <sup>d</sup>Thee the <sup>1</sup>orphan finds mercy."
- 4 I will <sup>a</sup>heal their apostasy,  
I will <sup>b</sup>love them freely,  
For My anger has <sup>c</sup>turned away from them.
- 5 I will be like the <sup>a</sup>dew to Israel;  
He will blossom like the <sup>b</sup>lily,  
And he will <sup>1</sup>take root like *the cedars of Lebanon*.
- 6 His shoots will <sup>1</sup>sprout,  
And his <sup>2</sup>beauty will be like the <sup>a</sup>olive tree,  
And his fragrance like *the cedars of Lebanon*.
- 7 Those who <sup>a</sup>live in his shadow  
Will <sup>1</sup>again raise grain,  
And they will blossom like the vine.  
His renown *will be* like the wine of Lebanon.

11 <sup>a</sup>1 Sam. 8:7 <sup>b</sup>Hos. 10:7;  
1 Kin. 14:7-10

12 <sup>a</sup>Deut. 32:34, 35; Job  
14:17; Rom. 2:5

13 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *it is the time  
that he should not tarry at  
the breaking forth of  
children*  
<sup>a</sup>Mic. 4:9, 10 <sup>b</sup>Hos. 5:4;  
Deut. 32:6 <sup>c</sup>Is. 37:3; 66:9

14 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *hand*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 49:15; Ezek. 37:12, 13  
<sup>b</sup>1 Cor. 15:55 <sup>c</sup>Jer. 20:16;  
31:35-37

15 <sup>1</sup>Or, *brothers*  
<sup>a</sup>Hos. 10:1; Gen. 49:22  
<sup>b</sup>Gen. 41:6; Ezek. 17:10;  
19:12 <sup>c</sup>Jer. 51:36 <sup>d</sup>Jer. 20:5

16 <sup>1</sup>Ch. 14:1 in Heb.  
<sup>2</sup>Kin. 15:16

1 <sup>1</sup>Ch. 14:2 in Heb. <sup>2</sup>Or,  
*in*  
<sup>a</sup>Hos. 6:1; 10:12; 12:6 <sup>b</sup>Hos.  
4:8; 5:5; 9:7

2 <sup>1</sup>Or, *accept that which  
is good* <sup>2</sup>So with ancient  
versions; M.T., *our lips as  
bulls*  
<sup>a</sup>Mic. 7:18, 19 <sup>b</sup>Hos. 6:6;  
Ps. 51:16, 17

3 <sup>1</sup>Or, *fatherless*  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 31:1 <sup>b</sup>Hos. 8:6; 13:2  
<sup>c</sup>Hos. 4:12 <sup>d</sup>Ps. 68:5

4 <sup>a</sup>Hos. 6:1; Is. 57:18  
<sup>b</sup>Zeph. 3:17 <sup>c</sup>Is. 12:1

5 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *strike his roots*  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 26:19 <sup>b</sup>Song of Sol. 2:1;  
Matt. 6:28

6 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *go* <sup>2</sup>Or, *splendor*  
<sup>a</sup>Jer. 11:16 <sup>b</sup>Song of Sol.  
4:11

7 <sup>1</sup>Or, *return, they will  
raise grain*  
<sup>a</sup>Ezek. 17:23

8 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *him*  
<sup>a</sup>Hos. 14:3; Job 34:32 <sup>b</sup>Is.  
 41:19 <sup>c</sup>Ezek. 17:23

9 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 107:43; Jer. 9:12  
<sup>b</sup>Ps. 111:7, 8; Zeph. 3:5 <sup>c</sup>Is.  
 26:7 <sup>d</sup>Is. 1:28

1 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 1:2; Ezek. 1:3;  
 Hos. 1:1 <sup>b</sup>Acts 2:16

2 <sup>a</sup>Hos. 4:1; 5:1 <sup>b</sup>Joel  
 1:14; Job 8:8 <sup>c</sup>Joel 2:2; Jer.  
 30:7

3 <sup>a</sup>Ex. 10:2; Ps. 78:4

4 <sup>a</sup>Joel 2:25; Amos 4:9  
<sup>b</sup>Nah. 3:15, 16 <sup>c</sup>Is. 33:4

6 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *come up against*  
<sup>a</sup>Joel 2:2, 11, 25

7 <sup>1</sup>Or, *a stump*  
<sup>a</sup>Amos 4:9

8 <sup>a</sup>Joel 1:13; Amos 8:10

9 <sup>a</sup>Joel 1:13; 2:14; Hos.  
 9:4

- 8 O Ephraim, what more have I to do with <sup>a</sup>idols?  
 It is I who answer and look after <sup>b</sup>you.  
 I am like a luxuriant <sup>c</sup>ycypress;  
 From <sup>c</sup>Me comes your fruit.
- 9 <sup>a</sup>Whoever is wise, let him understand these things;  
*Whoever* is discerning, let him know them.  
 For the <sup>b</sup>ways of the LORD are right,  
 And the <sup>c</sup>righteous will walk in them,  
 But <sup>d</sup>transgressors will stumble in them.

## THE BOOK OF JOEL

### Devastation of Locusts.

THE <sup>a</sup>word of the LORD that came to <sup>b</sup>Joel, the son of  
 Pethuel.

- 2 <sup>a</sup>Hear this, O <sup>b</sup>elders,  
 And listen, all inhabitants of the land.  
 Has *anything like* this happened in <sup>c</sup>your days  
 Or in your fathers' days?
- 3 <sup>a</sup>Tell your sons about it,  
 And *let* your sons *tell* their sons,  
 And their sons the next generation.
- 4 What the <sup>a</sup>gnawing locust has left, the swarming locust  
 has eaten;  
 And what the swarming locust has left, the <sup>b</sup>creeping  
 locust has eaten;  
 And what the creeping locust has left, the <sup>c</sup>stripping  
 locust has eaten.
- 5 Awake, drunkards, and weep;  
 And wail, all you wine drinkers,  
 On account of the sweet wine  
 That is cut off from your mouth.
- 6 For a <sup>a</sup>nation has <sup>b</sup>invaded my land,  
 Mighty and without number;  
 Its teeth are the teeth of a lion,  
 And it has the fangs of a lioness.
- 7 It has <sup>a</sup>made my vine a waste,  
 And my fig tree <sup>b</sup>splinters.  
 It has stripped them bare and cast *them* away;  
 Their branches have become white.
- 8 Wail like a virgin <sup>a</sup>girded with sackcloth  
 For the bridegroom of her youth.
- 9 The <sup>a</sup>grain offering and the libation are cut off  
 From the house of the LORD.  
 The priests mourn,  
 The ministers of the LORD.



- 10 The field is <sup>a</sup>ruined,  
The land mourns,  
For the grain is ruined,  
The new wine dries up,  
Fresh oil <sup>1</sup>fails.
- 11 <sup>1a</sup>Be ashamed, O farmers,  
Wail, O vinedressers,  
For the wheat and the barley;  
Because the <sup>b</sup>harvest of the field is destroyed.
- 12 The <sup>a</sup>vine dries up,  
And the fig tree <sup>1</sup>fails;  
The <sup>b</sup>pomegranate, the <sup>c</sup>palm also, and the <sup>2d</sup>apple tree,  
All the trees of the field dry up.  
Indeed, <sup>e</sup>rejoicing dries up  
From the sons of men.
- 13 Gird yourselves *with sackcloth*,  
And lament, O priests;  
<sup>a</sup>Wail, O ministers of the altar!  
Come, <sup>b</sup>spend the night in sackcloth,  
O ministers of my God,  
For the grain offering and the libation  
Are withheld from the house of your God.
- 14 Consecrate a fast,  
Proclaim a solemn assembly;  
Gather the elders  
*And* all the inhabitants of the land  
To the house of the LORD your God,  
And <sup>a</sup>cry out to the LORD.
- 15 <sup>a</sup>Alas for the day!  
For the day of the LORD is near,  
And it will come as <sup>b</sup>destruction from the <sup>1</sup>Almighty.
- 16 Has not <sup>a</sup>food been cut off before our eyes,  
Gladness and <sup>b</sup>joy from the house of our God?
- 17 The <sup>1a</sup>seeds shrivel under their <sup>2</sup>clouds;  
The storehouses are desolate,  
The barns are torn down,  
For the grain is dried up.
- 18 How the beasts groan!  
The herds of cattle wander aimlessly  
Because there is no pasture for them;  
Even the flocks of sheep <sup>1</sup>suffer.
- 19 <sup>a</sup>To Thee, O LORD, I cry;  
For <sup>b</sup>fire has devoured the pastures of the wilderness,  
And the flame has burned up all the trees of the field.
- 20 Even the beasts of the field <sup>1a</sup>pant for Thee;  
For the <sup>b</sup>water brooks are dried up,  
And fire has devoured the pastures of the wilderness.

<sup>10</sup> <sup>1</sup>Lit., *wastes away*  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 24:4, 7

<sup>11</sup> <sup>1</sup>Or, *The farmers are ashamed, The vinedressers wail*  
<sup>a</sup>Jer. 14:4; Amos 5:16 <sup>b</sup>Is. 17:11; Jer. 9:12

<sup>12</sup> <sup>1</sup>Lit., *wastes away* <sup>2</sup>Or, *apricot*  
<sup>a</sup>Hab. 3:17, 18 <sup>b</sup>Hag. 2:19  
<sup>c</sup>Song of Sol. 7:8 <sup>d</sup>Song of Sol. 2:3 <sup>e</sup>Is. 16:10; 24:11

<sup>13</sup> <sup>a</sup>Jer. 9:10 <sup>b</sup>1 Kin. 21:27

<sup>14</sup> <sup>a</sup>Jon. 3:8

<sup>15</sup> <sup>1</sup>Heb., *Shaddai*  
<sup>a</sup>Jer. 30:7; Amos 5:16 <sup>b</sup>Is. 13:6; Ezek. 7:2-12

<sup>16</sup> <sup>a</sup>Is. 3:7; Amos 4:6, 7  
<sup>b</sup>Deut. 12:6, 7; Ps. 43:4

<sup>17</sup> <sup>1</sup>Or, *dried figs* <sup>2</sup>Or, *shovels*  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 17:10, 11

<sup>18</sup> <sup>1</sup>Lit., *bear punishment*

<sup>19</sup> <sup>a</sup>Ps. 50:15; Mic. 7:7  
<sup>b</sup>Jer. 9:10; Amos 7:4

<sup>20</sup> <sup>1</sup>Lit., *long for*  
<sup>a</sup>Joel 1:18; Ps. 104:21; 147:9  
<sup>b</sup>1 Kin. 17:7; 18:5

<sup>1</sup> <sup>a</sup>Joel 2:15; Zeph. 1:16  
<sup>b</sup>Joel 2:11, 31; 1:15; 3:14

CHAPTER 2

<sup>a</sup>  
**BLOW** a trumpet in Zion,  
And sound an alarm on My holy mountain!  
Let all the inhabitants of the land tremble,  
For the <sup>b</sup>day of the LORD is coming;  
Surely it is near,

2 \*Joel 2:10, 31; Zeph. 1:15 <sup>b</sup>Joel 2:11, 25; 1:6  
<sup>c</sup>Joel 1:2; Lam. 1:12; Dan. 9:12; 12:1

3 \*Ps. 97:3; Is. 9:18, 19  
<sup>b</sup>Is. 51:3; Ezek. 36:35 <sup>c</sup>Ex. 10:5, 15; Ps. 105:34, 35

4 \*Rev. 9:7

5 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *Like the noise of chariots* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *noise*  
 \*Rev. 9:9 <sup>b</sup>Is. 5:24; 30:30

6 <sup>1</sup>Or, *become flushed*  
 \*Is. 13:8; Nah. 2:10 <sup>b</sup>Jer. 30:6

7 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *in his ways*  
 \*Is. 5:26, 27

8 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *fall* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *weapon, probably javelin*

9 \*Ex. 10:6 <sup>b</sup>Jer. 9:21

10 \*Joel 3:16, Ps. 18:7; Nah. 1:5 <sup>b</sup>Joel 2:31; 3:15; Is. 13:10; 34:4; Jer. 4:23; Ezek. 32:7

11 \*Joel 3:16; Ps. 46:6; Is. 13:4 <sup>b</sup>Jer. 50:34; Rev. 18:8  
<sup>c</sup>Joel 1:31; 1:15; 3:14 <sup>d</sup>Ezek. 22:14

12 \*Deut. 4:29; Ezek. 33:11

13 \*Ex. 34:6 <sup>b</sup>Jer. 18:8; 42:10; Amos 7:3, 6

14 \*Hag. 2:19

- 2 A day of <sup>a</sup>darkness and gloom,  
 A day of clouds and thick darkness.  
 As the dawn is spread over the mountains,  
 So there is a <sup>b</sup>great and mighty people;  
 There has <sup>c</sup>never been *anything* like it,  
 Nor will there be again after it  
 To the years of many generations.
- 3 A <sup>a</sup>fire consumes before them,  
 And behind them a flame burns.  
 The land is <sup>b</sup>like the garden of Eden before them,  
 But a <sup>c</sup>desolate wilderness behind them,  
 And nothing at all escapes them.
- 4 Their <sup>a</sup>appearance is like the appearance of horses;  
 And like war horses, so they run.
- 5 <sup>1</sup>With a <sup>a</sup>noise as of chariots  
 They leap on the tops of the mountains,  
 Like the <sup>2</sup>crackling of a <sup>b</sup>flame of fire consuming the  
 stubble,  
 Like a mighty people arranged for battle.
- 6 Before them the people are in <sup>a</sup>anguish;  
 All <sup>b</sup>faces <sup>1</sup>turn pale.
- 7 They run like <sup>a</sup>mighty men;  
 They climb the wall like soldiers;  
 And they each march <sup>1</sup>in line,  
 Nor do they deviate from their paths.
- 8 They do not crowd each other;  
 They march every one in his path.  
 When they <sup>1</sup>burst through the <sup>2</sup>defenses,  
 They do not break ranks.
- 9 They rush on the city,  
 They run on the wall;  
 They climb into the <sup>a</sup>houses,  
 They <sup>b</sup>enter through the windows like a thief.
- 10 Before them the earth <sup>a</sup>quakes,  
 The heavens tremble,  
 The <sup>b</sup>sun and the moon grow dark,  
 And the stars lose their brightness.
- 11 And the LORD <sup>a</sup>utters His voice before His army;  
 Surely His camp is very great,  
 For <sup>b</sup>strong is He who carries out His word.  
 The <sup>c</sup>day of the LORD is indeed great and very awesome,  
 And <sup>d</sup>who can endure it?
- 12 "Yet even now," declares the LORD,  
 "Return to Me with all your heart,  
 And with fasting, weeping, and mourning;
- 13 And rend your heart and not your garments."  
 Now return to the LORD your God,  
 For He is <sup>a</sup>gracious and compassionate,  
 Slow to anger, abounding in lovingkindness,  
 And <sup>b</sup>relenting of evil.
- 14 Who knows whether He will *not* turn and relent,  
 And leave a <sup>a</sup>blessing behind Him,  
 Even a grain offering and a libation  
 For the LORD your God?
- 15 Blow a trumpet in Zion,  
 Consecrate a fast, proclaim a solemn assembly,

- 16 Gather the people, sanctify the congregation,  
 Assemble the elders,  
 Gather the children and the nursing infants.  
 Let the <sup>a</sup>bridegroom come out of his room  
 And the bride out of her *bridal* chamber.
- 17 Let the priests, the LORD's ministers,  
<sup>a</sup>Weep between the porch and the altar,  
 And let them say, "<sup>b</sup>Spare Thy people, O LORD,  
 And do not make Thine inheritance a <sup>c</sup>reproach,  
 A byword among the nations.  
 Why should they among the peoples say,  
 '<sup>d</sup>Where is their God?'"
- 18 Then the LORD <sup>1</sup>will be <sup>a</sup>zealous for His land,  
 And <sup>2</sup>will have <sup>b</sup>pity on His people.
- 19 And the LORD <sup>1</sup>will answer and say to His people,  
 "Behold, I am going to send you grain, new wine, and oil,  
 And you will be satisfied *in full* with <sup>2</sup>them;  
 And I will <sup>a</sup>never again make you a reproach among the  
 nations.
- 20 "But I will remove the <sup>a</sup>northern army far from you,  
 And I will drive it into a parched and desolate land,  
 And its vanguard into the <sup>b</sup>eastern sea,  
 And its rear guard into the <sup>c</sup>western sea.  
 And its <sup>d</sup>stench will arise and its foul smell will come up,  
 For it has done great things."
- 21 Do not <sup>a</sup>fear, O land, rejoice and be glad,  
 For the LORD has done <sup>b</sup>great things.
- 22 Do not fear, beasts of the field,  
 For the pastures of the wilderness have turned green,  
 For the tree has borne its fruit,  
 The fig tree and the vine have yielded <sup>1</sup>in full.
- 23 So rejoice, O sons of Zion,  
 And <sup>a</sup>be glad in the LORD your God;  
 For He has <sup>b</sup>given you <sup>1</sup>the early rain for *your* vindica-  
 tion.  
 And He has poured down for you the rain,  
 The <sup>2</sup>early and <sup>3</sup>latter rain <sup>4</sup>as before.
- 24 And the threshing <sup>a</sup>floors will be full of grain,  
 And the vats will overflow with the new wine and oil.
- 25 "Then I will make up to you for the years  
 That the swarming <sup>a</sup>locust has eaten,  
 The creeping locust, the stripping locust, and the gnaw-  
 ing locust,  
 My great army which I sent among you.
- 26 "And you shall have plenty to <sup>a</sup>eat and be satisfied,  
 And <sup>b</sup>praise the name of the LORD your God,  
 Who has <sup>c</sup>dealt wondrously with you;  
 Then My people will never be <sup>d</sup>put to shame.
- 27 "Thus you will <sup>a</sup>know that I am in the midst of Israel,  
 And that I am the LORD your God  
 And there is <sup>b</sup>no other;  
 And My people will never be put to shame.

16 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 19:5

<sup>17</sup> <sup>a</sup>2 Chr. 8:12; Ezek. 8:16  
<sup>b</sup>Is. 37:20; Amos 7:2, 5 <sup>c</sup>Ps.  
 44:13; 74:10 <sup>d</sup>Ps. 79:10;  
 115:2

<sup>18</sup> <sup>1</sup>Or, *was zealous* <sup>2</sup>Or,  
*had pity*  
<sup>a</sup>Zech. 1:14; 8:2 <sup>b</sup>Is. 60:10;  
 63:9, 15

<sup>19</sup> <sup>1</sup>Or, *answered and said*  
<sup>2</sup>Lit., *it*  
<sup>a</sup>Ezek. 34:29; 36:15

<sup>20</sup> <sup>a</sup>Jer. 1:14, 15 <sup>b</sup>Zech.  
 14:8 <sup>c</sup>Deut. 11:24 <sup>d</sup>Is. 34:3;  
 Amos 4:10

<sup>21</sup> <sup>a</sup>Is. 54:4; Jer. 30:10;  
 Zeph. 3:16, 17 <sup>b</sup>Joel 2:26;  
 Ps. 126:3

<sup>22</sup> <sup>1</sup>Lit., *their wealth*

<sup>23</sup> <sup>1</sup>I.e., autumn; or  
 possibly, *the teacher for*  
*righteousness* <sup>2</sup>I.e., autumn  
<sup>3</sup>I.e., spring <sup>4</sup>So with  
 ancient versions; Heb., *in*  
*the first*  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 12:2-6 <sup>b</sup>Deut. 11:14;  
 Jer. 5:24 <sup>c</sup>Hos. 6:3; Zech.  
 10:1

<sup>24</sup> <sup>a</sup>Lev. 26:10; Amos 9:13;  
 Mal. 3:10

<sup>25</sup> <sup>a</sup>Joel 2:2-11; 1:4-7

<sup>26</sup> <sup>a</sup>Deut. 11:15; Is. 62:9  
<sup>b</sup>Deut. 12:7; Ps. 67:5-7 <sup>c</sup>Ps.  
 126:2, 3; Is. 25:1 <sup>d</sup>Is. 45:17

<sup>27</sup> <sup>a</sup>Joel 3:17, 21 <sup>b</sup>Is.  
 45:5, 6

28 <sup>1</sup>Chap. 3:1 in Heb.  
<sup>2</sup>Lit., *flesh*  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 32:15; 44:3; Ezek. 39:29  
<sup>b</sup>Is. 40:5; 49:6

29 <sup>a1</sup> Cor. 12:13

30 <sup>a</sup>Luke 21:11, 25, 26;  
Acts 2:19

31 <sup>a</sup>Joel 2:10; 3:15; Is.  
13:9, 10; 34:4; Matt. 24:29;  
Mark 13:24; Acts 2:20  
<sup>b</sup>Zeph. 1:14-16; Mal. 4:1, 5

32 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 33:3; Acts 2:21;  
Rom. 10:13 <sup>b</sup>Is. 4:2;  
Obad. 17

1 <sup>1</sup>Chap. 4:1 in Heb.

2 <sup>1</sup>Lit., YHWH judges  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 66:18; Mic. 4:12 <sup>b</sup>Joel  
3:14 <sup>c</sup>Is. 66:16; Jer. 25:31  
<sup>d</sup>Jer. 50:17; Ezek. 34:6  
<sup>e</sup>Ezek. 35:10; 36:1-5

3 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *Given*  
<sup>a</sup>Obad. 11; Nah. 3:10  
<sup>b</sup>Amos 2:6

5 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *goodly things*  
<sup>a2</sup> Kin. 12:18; 2 Chr.  
21:16, 17

6 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *sons of Javan*

9 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 51:27, 28 <sup>b</sup>Jer. 6:4;  
Mic. 3:5 <sup>c</sup>Is. 8:9, 10; Jer.  
46:3, 4; Zech. 14:2, 3

10 <sup>a</sup>Is. 2:4; Mic. 4:3

11 <sup>1</sup>Or, *Lend aid*  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 13:3

- 28 <sup>1</sup>And it will come about after this  
That I will pour out My <sup>a</sup>Spirit on all <sup>2b</sup>mankind;  
And your sons and daughters will prophesy,  
Your old men will dream dreams,  
Your young men will see visions.
- 29 "And even on the <sup>a</sup>male and female servants  
I will pour out My Spirit in those days.
- 30 "And I will <sup>a</sup>display wonders in the sky and on the earth,  
Blood, fire, and columns of smoke.
- 31 "The <sup>a</sup>sun will be turned into darkness,  
And the moon into blood,  
Before the <sup>b</sup>great and awesome day of the LORD comes.
- 32 "And it will come about that <sup>a</sup>whoever calls on the name  
of the LORD  
Will be delivered;  
For on Mount Zion and in Jerusalem  
There will be those who <sup>b</sup>escape,  
As the LORD has said,  
Even among the survivors whom the LORD calls.

CHAPTER 3

- <sup>41</sup>FOR behold, in those days and at that time,  
When I restore the fortunes of Judah and Jerusalem,
- 2 I will <sup>a</sup>gather all the nations,  
And bring them down to the <sup>b</sup>valley of <sup>1</sup>Jehoshaphat.  
Then I will <sup>c</sup>enter into judgment with them there  
On behalf of My people and My inheritance, Israel,  
Whom they have <sup>d</sup>scattered among the nations;  
And they have <sup>e</sup>divided up My land.
- 3 "They have also <sup>a</sup>cast lots for My people,  
<sup>1b</sup>Traded a boy for a harlot,  
And sold a girl for wine that they may drink.
- 4 "Moreover, what are you to Me, O Tyre, Sidon, and all  
the regions of Philistia? Are you rendering Me a recompense?  
But if you do recompense Me, swiftly and speedily I will return  
your recompense on your head.
- 5 "Since you have <sup>a</sup>taken My silver and My gold, brought  
My precious <sup>1</sup>treasures to your temples,
- 6 and sold the sons of Judah and Jerusalem to the <sup>1</sup>Greeks  
in order to remove them far from their territory,
- 7 behold, I am going to arouse them from the place where  
you have sold them, and return your recompense on your head.
- 8 "Also I will sell your sons and your daughters into the  
hand of the sons of Judah, and they will sell them to the  
Sabeans, to a distant nation," for the LORD has spoken.
- 9 <sup>a</sup>Proclaim this among the nations:  
<sup>b</sup>Prepare a war; <sup>c</sup>rouse the mighty men!  
Let all the soldiers draw near, let them come up!
- 10 <sup>a</sup>Beat your plowshares into swords,  
And your pruning hooks into spears;  
Let the weak say, "I am a mighty man."
- 11 <sup>1</sup>Hasten and come, all you surrounding nations,  
And gather yourselves there.  
Bring down, O LORD, Thy <sup>a</sup>mighty ones.

- 12 Let the nations be aroused  
And come up to the <sup>a</sup>valley of <sup>1</sup>Jehoshaphat,  
For there I will sit to <sup>b</sup>judge  
All the surrounding nations.
- 13 Put in the sickle, for the <sup>a</sup>harvest is ripe.  
Come, tread, for the wine press is full;  
The vats overflow, for their <sup>b</sup>wickedness is great.
- 14 <sup>a</sup>Multitudes, multitudes in the <sup>b</sup>valley of <sup>1</sup>decision!  
For the <sup>c</sup>day of the LORD is near in the valley of  
<sup>1</sup>decision.
- 15 The <sup>a</sup>sun and moon grow dark,  
And the stars lose their brightness.
- 16 And the LORD <sup>a</sup>roars from Zion  
And utters His voice from Jerusalem,  
And the <sup>b</sup>heavens and the earth tremble.  
But the LORD is a <sup>c</sup>refuge for His people  
And a <sup>d</sup>stronghold to the sons of Israel.
- 17 Then you will know that I am the LORD your God,  
Dwelling in Zion My <sup>a</sup>holy mountain.  
So Jerusalem will be <sup>b</sup>holy,  
And <sup>c</sup>strangers will pass through it no more.
- 18 And it will come about in that day  
That the <sup>a</sup>mountains will drip with <sup>1</sup>sweet wine,  
And the hills will <sup>b</sup>flow with milk,  
And all the <sup>c</sup>brooks of Judah will flow with water;  
And a <sup>d</sup>spring will go out from the house of the LORD,  
To water the valley of <sup>2</sup>Shittim.
- 19 Egypt will become a waste,  
And Edom will become a desolate wilderness,  
Because of the <sup>a</sup>violence done to the sons of Judah,  
In whose land they have shed innocent blood.
- 20 But Judah will be <sup>a</sup>inhabited forever,  
And Jerusalem for all generations.
- 21 And I will <sup>a</sup>avenge their blood which I have not avenged,  
For the LORD dwells in Zion.

<sup>12</sup> <sup>1</sup>L.e. YHWH judges  
<sup>a</sup>Joel 3:2, 14 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 7:6, 98:9;  
Is. 3:13

<sup>13</sup> <sup>a</sup>Jer. 51:33; Hos. 6:11  
<sup>b</sup>Gen. 18:20

<sup>14</sup> <sup>1</sup>L.e., God's verdict  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 34:2-8 <sup>b</sup>Joel 3:2, 12  
<sup>c</sup>Joel 1:15; 2:1, 11, 31

<sup>15</sup> <sup>a</sup>Joel 2:10, 31

<sup>16</sup> <sup>a</sup>Hos. 11:10; Amos 1:2  
<sup>b</sup>Joel 2:10; Ezek. 38:19;  
Hag. 2:6 <sup>c</sup>Ps. 61:3; Is.  
33:16; Jer. 17:17 <sup>d</sup>Jer. 16:19;  
Nah. 1:7

<sup>17</sup> <sup>a</sup>Is. 11:9; 56:7; Ezek.  
20:40 <sup>b</sup>Is. 4:3; Obad. 17 <sup>c</sup>Is.  
52:1; Nah. 1:15

<sup>18</sup> <sup>1</sup>Lit., *freshly pressed  
out grape juice* <sup>2</sup>Or,  
*acacias*  
<sup>a</sup>Amos 9:13 <sup>b</sup>Ex. 3:8 <sup>c</sup>Is.  
30:25; 35:6 <sup>d</sup>Ezek. 47:1-12

<sup>19</sup> <sup>a</sup>Obad. 10

<sup>20</sup> <sup>a</sup>Ezek. 37:25; Amos  
9:15

<sup>21</sup> <sup>a</sup>Is. 4:4; Ezek. 36:25

## THE BOOK OF AMOS

### Judgment on Neighbor Nations.

THE words of Amos, who was among the shepherders from <sup>a</sup>Tekoa, which he <sup>1</sup>envisioned in visions concerning Israel in the days of Uzziah king of Judah, and in the days of Jeroboam son of Joash, king of Israel, two years before the <sup>b</sup>earthquake.

2 And he said,

“The <sup>a</sup>LORD roars from Zion,  
And from Jerusalem He utters His voice;  
And the shepherds’ <sup>b</sup>pasture grounds mourn,  
And the <sup>1</sup>summit of Carmel dries up.”

3 Thus says the LORD,

“For three transgressions of Damascus and for four

<sup>1</sup> <sup>1</sup>Lit., *concerning saw*  
<sup>a</sup>2 Sam. 14:2; Jer. 6:1  
<sup>b</sup>Zech. 14:5

<sup>2</sup> <sup>1</sup>Lit., *head*  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 42:13; Jer. 25:30; Joel  
3:16 <sup>b</sup>Jer. 12:4; Joel 1:18,  
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3 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *cause it to turn back*, and so throughout the chap.  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 8:4

5 <sup>1</sup>Possibly *Baalbek*  
<sup>a</sup>Jer. 51:30; Lam. 2:9

6 <sup>a1</sup> Sam. 6:17; Jer. 47:1, 5; Zeph. 2:4 <sup>b</sup>Ezek. 35:5; Obad. 11

8 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *cause to return*  
<sup>2</sup>Lit., *hand* <sup>3</sup>YHWH, usually rendered LORD  
<sup>a</sup>Amos 3:9; 2 Chr. 26:6; Zech. 9:6 <sup>b</sup>Jer. 47:5; Zeph. 2:4 <sup>c1</sup> Is. 14:29-31; Ezek. 25:16

9 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *brothers*  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 23:1-18; Jer. 25:22; Ezek. 26:2-4 <sup>b1</sup> Kin. 5:1; 9:11-14

11 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *corrupted*  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 34:5, 6; 63:1-6; Jer. 49:7-22 <sup>b</sup>Num. 20:14-21; 2 Chr. 28:17; Obad. 10-12 <sup>c1</sup> Is. 57:16; Mic. 7:18

12 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 49:7, 20

13 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 49:1-6; Ezek. 25:2-7; Zeph. 2:8, 9 <sup>b2</sup> Kin. 5:16; Hos. 13:16 <sup>c1</sup> Is. 5:8; Ezek. 35:10

14 <sup>1</sup>Or, *shouts*  
<sup>a</sup>Amos 2:2; Ezek. 21:22 <sup>b1</sup> Is. 29:6; 30:30

15 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 49:3

I will <sup>a</sup>not <sup>1</sup>revoke its *punishment*,  
Because they threshed Gilead with *implements* of sharp iron.

- 4 "So I will send fire upon the house of Hazael,  
And it will consume the citadels of Ben-hadad.
- 5 "I will also <sup>a</sup>break the *gate* bar of Damascus,  
And cut off the inhabitant from the <sup>1</sup>valley of Aven,  
And him who holds the scepter, from Beth-eden;  
So the people of Syria will go exiled to Kir,"  
Says the LORD.
- 6 Thus says the LORD,  
"For three transgressions of <sup>a</sup>Gaza and for four  
I will not revoke its *punishment*,  
Because they deported an entire population  
To deliver it up to <sup>b</sup>Edom.
- 7 "So I will send fire upon the wall of Gaza,  
And it will consume her citadels.
- 8 "I will also cut off the inhabitant from <sup>a</sup>Ashdod,  
And him who holds the scepter, from <sup>b</sup>Ashkelon;  
I will even <sup>1</sup>unleash My <sup>2</sup>power upon Ekron,  
And the remnant of the <sup>c</sup>Philistines will perish,"  
Says the Lord <sup>3</sup>God.
- 9 Thus says the LORD,  
"For three transgressions of <sup>a</sup>Tyre and for four  
I will not revoke its *punishment*,  
Because they delivered up an entire population to  
Edom  
And did not remember *the* covenant of <sup>1b</sup>brotherhood.
- 10 "So I will send fire upon the wall of Tyre,  
And it will consume her citadels."
- 11 Thus says the LORD,  
"For three transgressions of <sup>a</sup>Edom and for four  
I will not revoke its *punishment*,  
Because he <sup>b</sup>pursued his brother with the sword,  
While he <sup>1</sup>stifled his compassion;  
His anger also <sup>c</sup>tore continually,  
And he maintained his fury forever.
- 12 "So I will send fire upon <sup>a</sup>Teman,  
And it will consume the citadels of Bozrah."
- 13 Thus says the LORD,  
"For three transgressions of the sons of <sup>a</sup>Ammon and  
for four  
I will not revoke its *punishment*,  
Because they <sup>b</sup>ripped open the pregnant women of  
Gilead  
In order to <sup>c</sup>enlarge their borders.
- 14 "So I will kindle a fire on the wall of Rabbah,  
And it will consume her citadels  
Amid <sup>1a</sup>war cries on the day of battle  
And a <sup>b</sup>storm on the day of tempest.
- 15 "Their <sup>a</sup>king will go into exile,  
He and his princes together," says the LORD.

## CHAPTER 2

THUS says the LORD,

- “For three transgressions of <sup>a</sup>Moab and for four  
I will not <sup>1</sup>revoke its *punishment*,  
Because he burned the bones of the king of Edom to  
lime.
- 2 “So I will send fire upon Moab,  
And it will consume the citadels of <sup>a</sup>Kerioth;  
And Moab will die amid <sup>b</sup>tumult,  
With <sup>1</sup>war cries and the sound of a trumpet.
- 3 “I will also cut off the <sup>1a</sup>judge from her midst,  
And slay all her princes with him,” says the LORD.
- 4 Thus says the LORD,  
“For three transgressions of <sup>a</sup>Judah and for four  
I will not revoke its *punishment*,  
Because they <sup>b</sup>rejected the law of the LORD  
And have not kept His statutes;  
Their <sup>1c</sup>lies also have led them astray,  
Those after which their <sup>d</sup>fathers walked.
- 5 “So I will <sup>a</sup>send fire upon Judah,  
And it will consume the citadels of Jerusalem.”
- 6 Thus says the LORD,  
“For three transgressions of Israel and for four  
I will not revoke its *punishment*,  
Because they <sup>a</sup>sell the righteous for money  
And the needy for a pair of sandals.
- 7 “These who <sup>1</sup>pant after the *very* dust of the earth on the  
head of the <sup>a</sup>helpless  
Also turn aside the way of the humble;  
And a <sup>b</sup>man and his father <sup>2</sup>resort to the same <sup>3</sup>girl  
In order to profane My holy name.
- 8 “And on garments <sup>a</sup>taken as pledges they stretch out  
beside every altar,  
And in the house of their God they drink the wine of  
those who have been fined.
- 9 “Yet it was I who destroyed the Amorite before them,  
<sup>1</sup>Though his height was like the height of cedars  
And he was strong as the oaks;  
I even destroyed his <sup>a</sup>fruit above and his root below.
- 10 “And it was I who brought you up from the land of  
Egypt,  
And I led you in the wilderness <sup>a</sup>forty years  
<sup>1</sup>That you might take possession of the land of the  
Amorite.
- 11 “Then I <sup>a</sup>raised up some of your sons to be prophets  
And some of your young men to be <sup>b</sup>Nazirites.  
Is this not so, O sons of Israel?” declares the LORD.
- 12 “But you made the Nazirites drink wine,  
And you commanded the prophets saying, ‘You shall  
not <sup>a</sup>prophecy!’

<sup>1</sup> Lit., *cause it to turn back*, and so throughout the chap.  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 15:1-16:14; Jer. 48:1-47; Zeph. 2:8, 9

<sup>2</sup> Or, *shouts*  
<sup>a</sup>Jer. 48:24, 41 <sup>b</sup>Jer. 48:45

<sup>3</sup> Or, *executive officer*  
<sup>a</sup>Amos 5:7, 12; 6:12; Ps. 2:10; 141:6

<sup>4</sup> Or, *false gods*  
<sup>a</sup>Amos 3:2; 2 Kin. 17:19; Hos. 12:2 <sup>b</sup>Judg. 2:17-20; 2 Kin. 22:11-17; Jer. 6:19; 8:9 <sup>c</sup>Is. 9:15, 16, 28:15; Hab. 2:18 <sup>d</sup>Jer. 9:14; 16:11, 12; Ezek. 20:18, 24, 30

<sup>5</sup> <sup>a</sup>Jer. 17:27; 21:10

<sup>6</sup> <sup>a</sup>Amos 5:11, 12; 8:6; Joel 3:3

<sup>7</sup> Or, *trample the head of the helpless on the dust*; or, *snap at*, etc. <sup>2</sup>Lit., *go*  
<sup>3</sup>Possibly a harlot, or a temple prostitute.  
<sup>a</sup>Amos 8:4; Mic. 2:2, 9  
<sup>b</sup>Hos. 4:14

<sup>8</sup> <sup>a</sup>Ex. 22:26

<sup>9</sup> Lit., *Whose height*  
<sup>a</sup>Ezek. 17:9; Mal. 4:1

<sup>10</sup> Lit., *To possess*  
<sup>a</sup>Deut. 2:7

<sup>11</sup> <sup>a</sup>Deut. 18:17; Jer. 7:25  
<sup>b</sup>Num. 6:2, 3

<sup>12</sup> <sup>a</sup>Amos 7:13, 16; Jer. 11:21

13 <sup>1</sup>Or, tottering <sup>2</sup>Or, totters  
<sup>3</sup>Joel 3:13

14 <sup>1</sup>Or, A place of refuge  
<sup>2</sup>Lit., soul  
<sup>3</sup>Is. 30:16, 17 <sup>b</sup>Jer. 9:23

15 <sup>1</sup>Lit., soul  
<sup>2</sup>Is. 31:3

16 <sup>1</sup>Lit., stout of heart  
<sup>2</sup>Judg. 4:17; Jer. 48:41

1 <sup>1</sup>I.e., nation <sup>2</sup>Lit., I  
<sup>3</sup>Jer. 8:3; 13:11

2 <sup>1</sup>Lit., visit  
<sup>2</sup>Ex. 19:5, 6; Deut. 4:32:37

3 <sup>1</sup>Or, agreement  
<sup>2</sup>Lev. 26:23, 24

4 <sup>1</sup>Lit., give his voice  
<sup>2</sup>Ps. 104:21; Hos. 5:14; 11:10

5 <sup>1</sup>Or, striker-bar set

6 <sup>2</sup>Jer. 4:5, 19, 21; 6:1; Hos. 5:8; Zeph. 1:16 <sup>b</sup>Is. 14:24-27; 45:7

7 <sup>1</sup>Or, For  
<sup>2</sup>Gen. 18:17; Jer. 23:22; Dan. 9:22

8 <sup>1</sup>YHWH, usually rendered LORD, and so throughout the chap.  
<sup>2</sup>Jon. 1:1-3; 3:1-3 <sup>b</sup>Jer. 20:9

9 <sup>2</sup>Amos 4:1; 6:1; Is. 28:1; Ezek. 37:22 <sup>b</sup>Amos 4:1; 5:11; 8:6

10 <sup>1</sup>I.e., the booty from violence, etc.  
<sup>2</sup>Amos 5:7; 6:12; Ps. 14:4; Jer. 4:22 <sup>b</sup>Hab. 2:8-11; Zeph. 1:9; Zech. 5:3, 4

11 <sup>1</sup>Or, stronghold

12 <sup>1</sup>Or, delivers <sup>2</sup>Or, delivered <sup>3</sup>Lit., damask  
<sup>4</sup>1 Sam. 17:34-37

13 <sup>2</sup>Ezek. 2:7

14 <sup>2</sup>Amos 4:4; 5:5, 6; 7:10; 13; Hos. 10:5-8, 14, 15

- 13 "Behold, I am <sup>1</sup>weighted down beneath you  
As a wagon <sup>2</sup>is weighted down when filled with sheaves.
- 14 "<sup>1a</sup>Flight will perish from the swift,  
And the stalwart will not strengthen his power,  
Nor the <sup>b</sup>mighty man save his <sup>2</sup>life.
- 15 "He who grasps the bow will not stand *his ground*,  
The swift of foot will not escape,  
Nor will he who <sup>a</sup>rides the horse save his <sup>1</sup>life.
- 16 "Even the <sup>1</sup>bravest among the warriors will <sup>a</sup>flee naked  
in that day," declares the LORD.

## CHAPTER 3

**H**EAR this word which the LORD has spoken against you, sons of Israel, against the entire <sup>1a</sup>family which <sup>2</sup>He brought up from the land of Egypt,

2 "<sup>a</sup>You only have Me among all the families of the earth;  
Therefore, I will <sup>1</sup>punish you for all your iniquities."

3 Do two men <sup>a</sup>walk together unless they have made an  
<sup>1</sup>appointment?

4 Does a lion <sup>a</sup>roar in the forest when he has no prey?  
Does a young lion <sup>1</sup>growl from his den unless he has  
captured *something*?

5 Does a bird fall into a trap on the ground when there is  
no <sup>1</sup>bait in it?

Does a trap spring up from the earth when it captures  
nothing at all?

6 If a <sup>a</sup>trumpet is blown in a city will not the people  
tremble?

If a <sup>b</sup>calamity occurs in a city has not the LORD done it?

7 <sup>1</sup>Surely the LORD God does nothing  
Unless He <sup>a</sup>reveals His secret counsel  
To His servants the prophets.

8 A lion has roared! Who will not fear?  
The <sup>a</sup>Lord <sup>1</sup>God has spoken! <sup>b</sup>Who can but prophesy?

9 Proclaim on the citadels in Ashdod and on the citadels  
in the land of Egypt and say, "Assemble yourselves on the  
<sup>a</sup>mountains of Samaria and see *the* great tumults within her  
and *the* <sup>b</sup>oppressions in her midst.

10 "But they do not <sup>a</sup>know how to do what is right," declares  
the LORD, "these who <sup>b</sup>hoard up <sup>1</sup>violence and devastation in  
their citadels."

11 Therefore, thus says the Lord GOD,  
"An enemy, even one surrounding the land,  
Will pull down your <sup>1</sup>strength from you  
And your citadels will be looted."

12 Thus says the LORD,  
"Just as the shepherd <sup>1a</sup>snatches from the lion's mouth a  
couple of legs or a piece of an ear,  
So will the sons of Israel dwelling in Samaria be  
<sup>2</sup>snatched away—

With *the* corner of a bed and *the* <sup>3</sup>cover of a couch!

13 "Hear and <sup>a</sup>testify against the house of Jacob,"  
Declares the Lord GOD, the God of hosts.

14 "For on the day that I punish Israel's transgressions,  
I will also punish the altars of <sup>a</sup>Bethel;



The horns of the altar will be cut off,  
And they will fall to the ground.

- 15 "I will also smite the <sup>1</sup>winter house together with the <sup>b</sup>summer house;  
The houses of <sup>2</sup>ivory will also perish  
And the great houses will come to an end,"  
Declares the LORD.

CHAPTER 4

HEAR this word, you cows of <sup>a</sup>Bashan who are on the  
mountain of Samaria,

Who oppress the poor, who crush the needy,  
Who say to <sup>1</sup>your husbands, "Bring now, that we may  
drink!"

- 2 The Lord <sup>1</sup>God has sworn by His <sup>a</sup>holiness,  
"Behold, the days are coming upon you  
When <sup>2</sup>they will take you away with <sup>b</sup>meat hooks,  
And the last of you with <sup>c</sup>fish hooks.
- 3 "You will <sup>a</sup>go out *through breaches in the walls*,  
Each one straight before her,  
And you <sup>1</sup>will be cast to Harmon," declares the LORD.
- 4 "Enter Bethel and transgress;  
In Gilgal multiply transgression!  
Bring your sacrifices every morning,  
Your tithes every three days.
- 5 "Offer a <sup>a</sup>thank offering also from that which is leav-  
ened,  
And proclaim <sup>b</sup>freewill offerings, make them known.  
For so you <sup>c</sup>love to do, you sons of Israel,"  
Declares the Lord God.
- 6 "But I gave you also <sup>a</sup>cleanness of teeth in all your cities  
And lack of bread in all your places,  
Yet you have <sup>b</sup>not returned to Me," declares the LORD.
- 7 "And furthermore, I <sup>a</sup>withheld the rain from you  
While there *were* still three months until harvest.  
Then I would send rain on one city  
And on <sup>b</sup>another city I would not send rain;  
One part would be rained on,  
While the part not rained on would dry up.
- 8 "So two or three cities would stagger to another city to  
drink <sup>a</sup>water,  
But would <sup>b</sup>not be satisfied;  
Yet you have <sup>c</sup>not returned to Me," declares the LORD.
- 9 "I <sup>a</sup>smote you with scorching *wind* and mildew;  
And the <sup>b</sup>caterpillar was devouring  
Your many gardens and vineyards, fig trees and olive  
trees;  
Yet you have not returned to Me," declares the LORD.
- 10 "I sent a <sup>a</sup>plague among you after the manner of Egypt;  
I slew your <sup>b</sup>young men by the sword along with your  
<sup>c</sup>captured horses,  
And I made the <sup>d</sup>stench of your camp rise up in your  
nostrils;  
Yet you have <sup>e</sup>not returned to Me," declares the LORD.

15 <sup>1</sup>Or, autumn <sup>2</sup>i.e.,  
ivory inlay  
<sup>a</sup>Jer. 36:22 <sup>b</sup>Judg. 3:20  
<sup>c</sup>1 Kin. 22:39; Ps. 45:8

<sup>1</sup>Lit., *their lords*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 22:12; Ezek. 39:18

<sup>2</sup>YHWH, usually  
rendered LORD, and so  
throughout the chap. <sup>3</sup>Lit.,  
*he*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 89:35 <sup>b</sup>Is. 37:29; Ezek.  
38:4 <sup>c</sup>Ezek. 29:4

<sup>3</sup>So Gk.; M.T. reads,  
*will cast*  
<sup>a</sup>Jer. 52:7

<sup>5</sup>Lit., *Offer up in*  
*smoke*  
<sup>a</sup>Lev. 7:13 <sup>b</sup>Lev. 22:18-21  
<sup>c</sup>Hos. 9:1, 10; Jer. 7:9, 10

<sup>6</sup>Is. 3:1; Jer. 14:18 <sup>b</sup>Is.  
9:13; Jer. 5:3; Hag. 2:17

<sup>7</sup>Deut. 11:17; 2 Chr.  
7:13; Is. 5:6 <sup>b</sup>Ex. 9:4, 26;  
10:22, 23

<sup>8</sup>1 Kin. 18:5; Jer. 14:4  
<sup>b</sup>Ezek. 4:16; Hag. 1:6 <sup>c</sup>Jer.  
3:7

<sup>9</sup>Deut. 28:22; Hag. 2:17  
<sup>b</sup>Amos 7:1, 2; Joel 1:4, 7

<sup>10</sup>Lev. 26:25; Deut.  
28:27, 60 <sup>b</sup>Jer. 11:22; 18:21;  
48:15 <sup>c</sup>2 Kin. 13:3, 7 <sup>d</sup>Joel  
2:20 <sup>e</sup>Is. 9:13

11 <sup>a</sup>Gen. 19:25; Deut. 29:23 <sup>b</sup>Zech. 3:2 <sup>c</sup>Jer. 23:14

12 <sup>a</sup>Is. 32:11; 64:2; Jer. 5:22

13 <sup>a</sup>Job 38:4-7; Ps. 65:6; Is. 40:12 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 135:7; Jer. 10:13 <sup>c</sup>Ps. 139:2; Dan. 2:30 <sup>d</sup>Amos 5:8; Jer. 13:16; Joel 2:2 <sup>e</sup>Mic. 1:3

1 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 7:29; 9:10, 17; Ezek. 19:1

2 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 14:17 <sup>b</sup>Is. 51:18; Jer. 50:32

3 <sup>1</sup>YHWH, usually rendered LORD, and so throughout the chap. <sup>a</sup>Is. 6:13

4 <sup>a</sup>Deut. 4:29; 32:46, 47

5 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *seek* <sup>2</sup>Or, *become iniquity*

6 <sup>1</sup>Or, *in the house* <sup>a</sup>Amos 5:14; Is. 55:3, 6, 7 <sup>b</sup>Deut. 4:24

7 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *they have put down* <sup>a</sup>Amos 5:12; 2:3; 6:12

8 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *He darkened* <sup>a</sup>Job 9:9; 38:31 <sup>b</sup>Job 12:22; 38:12; Is. 42:16 <sup>c</sup>Amos 9:6; Ps. 104:6-9

9 <sup>a</sup>Amos 2:14; Job 5:3; Is. 29:5 <sup>b</sup>Mic. 5:11

10 <sup>1</sup>I.e., the place where court was held <sup>a</sup>Amos 5:15; Is. 29:21 <sup>b</sup>Is. 59:15; Jer. 17:16-18

- 11 "I overthrew you as <sup>a</sup>God overthrew Sodom and Gomorrah,  
And you were like a <sup>b</sup>firebrand snatched from a blaze;  
Yet you have <sup>c</sup>not returned to Me," declares the LORD.
- 12 "Therefore, thus I will do to you, O Israel;  
Because I shall do this to you,  
Prepare to <sup>a</sup>meet your God, O Israel."
- 13 For behold, He who <sup>a</sup>forms mountains and <sup>b</sup>creates the wind  
And <sup>c</sup>declares to man what are His thoughts,  
He who <sup>d</sup>makes dawn into darkness  
And <sup>e</sup>treads on the high places of the earth,  
The LORD God of hosts is His name.

## CHAPTER 5

HEAR this word which I take up for you as a <sup>a</sup>dirge, O house of Israel.

- 2 She has fallen, she will not rise again—  
The <sup>a</sup>virgin Israel.  
She *lies* neglected on her land;  
There is <sup>b</sup>none to raise her up.
- 3 For thus says the Lord <sup>1</sup>God,  
"The city which goes forth a thousand *strong*  
Will have a <sup>a</sup>hundred left,  
And the *one* which goes forth a hundred *strong*  
Will have ten left to the house of Israel."
- 4 For thus says the LORD to the house of Israel,  
"<sup>a</sup>Seek Me that you may live.
- 5 "But do not <sup>1</sup>resort to Bethel,  
And do not come to Gilgal,  
Nor cross over to Beersheba;  
For Gilgal will certainly go into captivity,  
And Bethel will <sup>2</sup>come to trouble.
- 6 "<sup>a</sup>Seek the LORD that you may live,  
Lest He break forth like a <sup>b</sup>fire, <sup>1</sup>O house of Joseph,  
And it consume with none to quench it for Bethel,
- 7 For those who turn <sup>a</sup>justice into wormwood  
And <sup>1</sup>cast righteousness down to the earth."
- 8 He who made the <sup>a</sup>Pleiades and Orion  
And <sup>b</sup>changes deep darkness into morning,  
Who also <sup>1</sup>darkens day *into* night,  
Who <sup>c</sup>calls for the waters of the sea  
And pours them out on the surface of the earth,  
The LORD is His name.
- 9 It is He who <sup>a</sup>flashes forth *with* destruction upon the *strong*,  
So that <sup>b</sup>destruction comes upon the fortress.
- 10 They hate him who <sup>a</sup>reproves in the <sup>1</sup>gate,  
And they <sup>b</sup>abhor him who speaks *with* integrity.

- 11 Therefore, because you <sup>1</sup>impose heavy rent on the poor  
And exact a tribute of grain from them,  
*Though* you have built houses of well-hewn stone,  
Yet you will not live in them;  
You have planted pleasant vineyards, yet you will <sup>2</sup>not  
drink their wine.
- 12 For I know your transgressions are many and your sins  
are great,  
You who <sup>3</sup>distress the righteous *and* accept bribes,  
And <sup>1</sup>turn aside the poor in the <sup>2</sup>gate.
- 13 Therefore, at <sup>1</sup>such a time the prudent person <sup>3</sup>keeps  
silence, for it is an evil time.
- 14 Seek good and not evil, that you may live;  
And thus may the LORD God of hosts be with you,  
Just as you have said!
- 15 <sup>3</sup>Hate evil, love good,  
And establish justice in the <sup>1</sup>gate!  
Perhaps the LORD God of hosts  
<sup>b</sup>May be gracious to the <sup>c</sup>remnant of Joseph.
- 16 Therefore, thus says the LORD God of hosts, the Lord,  
“There is <sup>a</sup>wailing in all the plazas,  
And in all the streets they say, ‘Alas! Alas!’  
They also call the <sup>b</sup>farmer to mourning  
And <sup>1c</sup>professional mourners to lamentation.
- 17 “And in all the <sup>a</sup>vineyards *there is* wailing,  
Because I shall pass through the midst of you,” says the  
LORD.
- 18 Alas, you who are longing for the <sup>a</sup>day of the LORD,  
For what purpose *will* the day of the LORD *be* to you?  
It *will be* <sup>b</sup>darkness and not light;
- 19 As when a man <sup>a</sup>flees from a lion,  
And a bear meets him,  
<sup>1</sup>Or goes home, leans his hand against the wall,  
And a snake bites him.
- 20 *Will* not the day of the LORD *be* <sup>a</sup>darkness instead of  
light,  
Even gloom with no brightness in it?
- 21 “I hate, I <sup>a</sup>reject your festivals,  
Nor do I <sup>1b</sup>delight in your solemn assemblies.
- 22 “Even though you <sup>a</sup>offer up to Me burnt offerings and  
your grain offerings,  
I will not accept *them*;  
And I will not *even* look at the <sup>b</sup>peace offerings of your  
fatlings.
- 23 “Take away from Me the noise of your songs;  
I will not even listen to the sound of your harps.
- 24 “But let <sup>a</sup>justice roll down like waters  
And righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.
- 25 “<sup>1a</sup>Did you present Me with sacrifices and grain offerings  
in the wilderness for forty years, O house of Israel?  
26 “<sup>a</sup>You also carried along <sup>1</sup>Sikkuth your king and <sup>2</sup>Kiyyun,  
your images, <sup>3</sup>the star of your gods which you made for your-  
selves.

11 <sup>1</sup>Another reading is:  
*trample upon*  
<sup>a</sup>Mic. 6:15

12 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *they turn* <sup>2</sup>i.e.,  
the place where court was  
held  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 1:23; 5:23

13 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *that time*  
<sup>a</sup>Eccles. 3:7; Hos. 4:4

15 <sup>1</sup>i.e., the place where  
court was held  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 97:10 <sup>b</sup>Joel 2:14 <sup>c</sup>Mic.  
5:3, 7, 8

16 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *those who know*  
*lamentation*  
<sup>a</sup>Amos 8:3; Jer. 9:10, 18-20  
<sup>b</sup>Joel 1:11 <sup>c</sup>Chr. 35:25

17 <sup>a</sup>Is. 16:10; Jer. 48:33

18 <sup>a</sup>Is. 5:19; Joel 1:15; 2:1,  
11, 31 <sup>b</sup>Is. 5:30; 9:19; Jer.  
30:7

19 <sup>1</sup>Or, *Then*  
<sup>a</sup>Job 20:24; Is. 24:17, 18;  
Jer. 15:2, 3

20 <sup>a</sup>Is. 13:10; Zeph. 1:15

21 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *like to smell*  
<sup>a</sup>Amos 4:4, 5; 8:10; Is. 1:11-  
16; 66:3 <sup>b</sup>Lev. 26:31; Jer.  
14:12; Hos. 5:6

22 <sup>a</sup>Mic. 6:6, 7 <sup>b</sup>Amos 4:5;  
Lev. 7:11-15

24 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 22:3; Ezek. 45:9;  
Mic. 6:8

25 <sup>1</sup>Or, *You presented*  
*Me with the sacrifices and*  
*a grain offering*  
<sup>a</sup>Acts 7:42

26 <sup>1</sup>Or, *Sakkuth* or  
*(Saturn)*; or else, *shrine of*  
*your Moloch* <sup>2</sup>Or, *Kaiwan*  
*(Saturn)*; or else: *stands of*  
<sup>3</sup>Or, *your star gods*  
<sup>a</sup>Acts 7:43

1 <sup>a</sup>Is. 32:9-11; Zeph. 1:12  
<sup>b</sup>Amos 3:2; Ex. 19:5

2 <sup>1</sup>Or, you  
<sup>a</sup>Gen. 10:10; Is. 10:9  
<sup>b</sup>1 Kin. 8:65; 2 Kin. 18:34;  
Is. 10:9 <sup>c</sup>1 Sam. 5:8; 2 Chr.  
26:6

3 <sup>a</sup>Amos 9:10; Is. 56:12  
<sup>b</sup>Ps. 94:20

4 <sup>a</sup>Ezek. 34:2, 3

5 <sup>1</sup>Or, invented musical  
instruments  
<sup>a</sup>1 Chr. 15:16

6 <sup>1</sup>Lit., sprinkling basins  
<sup>a</sup>Ezek. 9:4

7 <sup>1</sup>Or, cultic feasts <sup>2</sup>Lit.,  
turn aside  
<sup>a</sup>1 Kin. 20:16-20; Dan. 5:4-  
6, 30

8 <sup>1</sup>YHWH, usually  
rendered LORD <sup>2</sup>Lit., hate  
<sup>3</sup>Lit., its fulness  
<sup>a</sup>Amos 5:21; Lev. 26:30;  
Deut. 32:19; Ps. 106:40  
<sup>b</sup>Hos. 11:6

10 <sup>1</sup>Or, beloved one <sup>2</sup>Lit.,  
one who burns him <sup>3</sup>Lit.,  
say <sup>4</sup>Lit., not to make  
mention of the name of  
<sup>a</sup>1 Sam. 31:12 <sup>b</sup>Amos 5:13;  
8:3 <sup>c</sup>Jer. 44:26; Ezek. 20:39

12 <sup>1</sup>Another reading is:  
the sea with oxen <sup>2</sup>Lit.,  
bitterness  
<sup>a</sup>Amos 5:7, 11, 12; 1 Kin.  
21:7-13; Is. 59:13, 14

13 <sup>1</sup>Lit., a thing of  
nothing <sup>2</sup>Lit., Who <sup>3</sup>Lit., a  
pair of horns  
<sup>a</sup>Job 8:14, 15; Ps. 2:2-4;  
Luke 12:19, 20 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 75:4, 5;  
Is. 28:14, 15

27 "Therefore, I will make you go into exile beyond Damascus," says the LORD, whose name is the God of hosts.

## CHAPTER 6

<sup>a</sup>WOE to those who are at ease in Zion,  
And to those who *feel* secure in the mountain of  
Samaria,

The <sup>b</sup>distinguished men of the foremost of nations,  
To whom the house of Israel comes.

2 Go over to <sup>a</sup>Calneh and look,  
And go from there to <sup>b</sup>Hamath the great,  
Then go down to <sup>c</sup>Gath of the Philistines.  
Are <sup>1</sup>they better than these kingdoms,  
Or is their territory greater than yours?

3 Do you <sup>a</sup>put off the day of calamity,  
And would you <sup>b</sup>bring near the seat of violence?

4 Those who recline on beds of ivory  
And sprawl on their couches,  
And <sup>a</sup>eat lambs from the flock  
And calves from the midst of the stall,

5 Who improvise to the sound of the harp,  
And like David have <sup>1a</sup>composed songs for themselves,

6 Who drink wine from <sup>1</sup>sacrificial bowls  
While they anoint themselves with the finest of oils,  
Yet they have not <sup>a</sup>grieved over the ruin of Joseph.

7 Therefore, they will now go into exile at the head of the  
exiles,  
And the <sup>a</sup>sprawlers' <sup>1</sup>banqueting will <sup>2</sup>pass away.

8 The Lord <sup>1</sup>GOD has sworn by Himself, the LORD God of  
hosts has declared:

"I <sup>a</sup>loathe the arrogance of Jacob,  
And I <sup>2</sup>detest his citadels;  
Therefore, I will <sup>b</sup>deliver up *the* city and <sup>3</sup>all its con-  
tains."

9 And it will be, if ten men are left in one house, they will  
die.

10 Then one's <sup>1</sup>uncle, or his <sup>2a</sup>undertaker, will lift him up  
to carry out *his* bones from the house, and he will say to the  
one who is in the innermost part of the house, "Is anyone else  
with you?" And that one will say, "No one." Then he will  
<sup>3</sup>answer, "<sup>b</sup>Keep quiet. For <sup>a</sup>the name of the LORD is <sup>c</sup>not to be  
mentioned."

11 For behold, the LORD is going to command that the  
great house be smashed to pieces and the small house to  
fragments.

12 Do horses run on rocks?  
Or does one plow <sup>1</sup>them with oxen?  
Yet you have turned <sup>a</sup>justice into poison,  
And the fruit of righteousness into <sup>2</sup>wormwood,

13 You who rejoice in <sup>1a</sup>Lo-debar,  
<sup>2</sup>And say, "Have we not by our *own* strength <sup>b</sup>taken  
<sup>3</sup>Karnaim for ourselves?"

- 14 "For behold, I am going to raise up a nation against you, O house of Israel," declares the LORD God of hosts, "And they will afflict you from the entrance of Hamath To the brook of the Arabah."

CHAPTER 7

THUS the Lord God showed me, and behold, He was forming a locust-swarm when the spring crop began to sprout. And behold, the spring crop was after the king's mowing.

2 And it came about, when it had finished eating the vegetation of the land, that I said,

"Lord God, please pardon!

How can Jacob stand,  
For he is small?"

3 The Lord changed His mind about this.

"It shall not be," said the Lord.

4 Thus the Lord God showed me, and behold, the Lord God was calling to contend with them by fire, and it consumed the great deep and began to consume the farm land.

5 Then I said,

"Lord God, please stop!  
How can Jacob stand, for he is small?"

6 The Lord changed His mind about this.

"This too shall not be," said the Lord God.

7 Thus He showed me, and behold, the Lord was standing by a vertical wall, with a plumb line in His hand.

8 And the Lord said to me, "What do you see, Amos?" And I said, "A plumb line." Then the Lord said,

"Behold I am about to put a plumb line  
In the midst of My people Israel.  
I will spare them no longer.

9 "The high places of Isaac will be desolated  
And the sanctuaries of Israel laid waste.  
Then shall I rise up against the house of Jeroboam with the sword."

10 Then Amaziah, the priest of Bethel, sent word to Jeroboam, king of Israel, saying, "Amos has conspired against you in the midst of the house of Israel; the land is unable to endure all his words.

11 "For thus Amos says, 'Jeroboam will die by the sword and Israel will certainly go from its land into exile.'"

12 Then Amaziah said to Amos, "Go, you seer, flee away to the land of Judah, and there eat bread and there do your prophesying!

13 "But no longer prophesy at Bethel, for it is a sanctuary of the king and a royal residence."

14 Then Amos answered and said to Amaziah, "I am not a prophet, nor am I the son of a prophet; for I am a herdsman and a grower of sycamore figs.

15 "But the Lord took me from following the flock and the Lord said to me, 'Go prophesy to My people Israel.'

16 "And now hear the word of the Lord: you are saying, 'You shall not prophesy against Israel nor shall you preach against the house of Isaac.'

14 Num. 34:7, 8; 2 Kin. 14:25

1 YHWH, usually rendered LORD, and so throughout the chap. Lat. at the beginning of the coming up of Or, shearings  
Amos 4:9; Joel 1:4; Nah. 3:15

2 Lit., if Lit., as who  
Ex. 10:15 Jer. 14:7, 20, 21; Ezek. 9:8; 11:13 Is. 37:4; Jer. 42:2

3 Or, relented  
Amos 5:15; Jer. 26:19; Hos. 11:8

4 Lit., portion  
Amos 2:5; Deut. 32:22; Is. 66:15, 16

5 Ps. 85:4; Joel 2:17

6 Or, relented  
Amos 7:3; Ps. 106:45; Jon. 3:10

7 Or, upon Lit., wall of a plumb line

8 Lit., pass him by  
Amos 8:2; Jer. 1:11 Is. 28:17; 34:11; Lam. 2:8  
Amos 8:2; Jer. 15:6; Ezek. 7:2-9

9 Hos. 10:8; Mic. 1:5  
Amos 7:13; Lev. 26:31; Is. 63:18; Jer. 51:51 Amos 7:11; 2 Kin. 15:8-10

10 1 Kin. 12:31, 32; 13:33  
Jer. 26:8-11; 38:4

12 Matt. 8:34

13 Lit., house  
Amos 2:12; Acts 4:18  
Amos 7:9; 1 Kin. 12:29, 32

14 Or, nipper  
2 Kin. 2:3; 4:38; 2 Chr. 19:2

15 Lit., behind  
Jer. 1:7; Ezek. 2:3, 4

16 Lit., drip  
Amos 7:13; 2:12 Deut. 32:2; Ezek. 20:46; 21:2

17 <sup>1</sup>Or, in an unclean land  
<sup>a</sup>Hos. 4:13, 14 <sup>b</sup>Jer. 14:16  
<sup>c</sup>2 Kin. 17:6; Ezek. 4:13;  
 Hos. 9:3

1 <sup>1</sup>YHWH, usually rendered LORD, and so throughout the chap.

2 <sup>1</sup>Lit., pass him by  
<sup>a</sup>Jer. 24:3 <sup>b</sup>Ezek. 7:2, 3, 6

3 <sup>1</sup>Or, They will howl the palace songs  
<sup>2</sup>Lit., he has thrown  
<sup>3</sup>Or, hush!  
<sup>a</sup>Amos 8:10; 5:23; 6:4, 5

4 <sup>1</sup>Or, snap at  
<sup>a</sup>Amos 2:7; 5:11, 12

5 <sup>1</sup>Lit., pass by  
<sup>2</sup>Lit., ephah  
<sup>3</sup>Lit., balances of deception  
<sup>a</sup>Num. 28:11; 2 Kin. 4:23  
<sup>b</sup>Ex. 31:13-17 <sup>c</sup>Hos. 12:7

6 <sup>1</sup>Lit., silver

7 <sup>a</sup>Deut. 33:26, 29; Ps. 68:34  
<sup>b</sup>Ps. 10:11; Jer. 17:1;  
 Hos. 7:2

8 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 18:7; 60:2; Is. 5:25  
<sup>b</sup>Hos. 4:3 <sup>c</sup>Amos 9:5; Jer. 46:7, 8

9 <sup>1</sup>Lit., a day of light  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 13:10; Jer. 15:9; Mic. 3:6  
<sup>b</sup>Amos 4:13; 5:8; Is. 59:9, 10

10 <sup>1</sup>Or, a dirge  
<sup>a</sup>Amos 5:21; Job 20:23  
<sup>b</sup>Ezek. 7:18 <sup>c</sup>Jer. 6:26;  
 Zech. 12:10

12 <sup>a</sup>Ezek. 20:3, 31

17 "Therefore, thus says the LORD, 'Your <sup>a</sup>wife will become a harlot in the city, your <sup>b</sup>sons and your daughters will fall by the sword, your land will be parceled up by a *measuring* line, and you yourself will die <sup>1</sup>upon <sup>c</sup>unclean soil. Moreover, Israel will certainly go from its land into exile.'"

## CHAPTER 8

THUS the Lord <sup>1</sup>GOD showed me, and behold, *there was* a basket of summer fruit.

2 And He said, "What do you see, Amos?" And <sup>a</sup>I said, "A basket of summer fruit." Then the LORD said to me, "The <sup>b</sup>end has come for My people Israel. I will <sup>1</sup>spare them no longer.

3 "The <sup>a</sup>songs of the palace will turn to wailing in that day," declares the Lord GOD. "Many *will be* the corpses; in every place <sup>2</sup>they will cast them forth <sup>3</sup>in silence."

4 Hear this, you who <sup>1</sup>trample the <sup>a</sup>needy, to do away with the humble of the land,

5 saying,

"When will the <sup>a</sup>new moon <sup>1</sup>be over,

So that we may buy grain,

And the <sup>b</sup>sabbath, that we may open the wheat *market*,

To make the <sup>2</sup>bushel smaller and the shekel bigger,

And to <sup>c</sup>cheat with <sup>3</sup>dishonest scales,

6 So as to buy the helpless for <sup>1</sup>money

And the needy for a pair of sandals,

And *that* we may sell the refuse of the wheat?"

7 The LORD has sworn by the <sup>a</sup>pride of Jacob,

"Indeed, I will <sup>b</sup>never forget any of their deeds.

8 "Because of this will not the land <sup>a</sup>quake

And everyone who dwells in it <sup>b</sup>mourn?

Indeed, all of it will <sup>c</sup>rise up like the Nile,

And it will be tossed about,

And subside like the Nile of Egypt.

9 "And it will come about in that day," declares the Lord GOD,

"That I shall make the <sup>a</sup>sun go down at noon

And <sup>b</sup>make the earth dark in <sup>1</sup>broad daylight.

10 "Then I shall turn your <sup>a</sup>festivals into mourning

And all your songs into <sup>1</sup>lamentation;

And I will bring <sup>b</sup>sackcloth on everyone's loins

And baldness on every head.

And I will make it <sup>c</sup>like *a time of mourning* for an only son,

And the end of it will be like a bitter day.

11 "Behold, days are coming," declares the Lord GOD,

"When I will send a famine on the land,

Not a famine for bread or a thirst for water,

But rather for hearing the words of the LORD.

12 "And people will stagger from sea to sea,

And from the north even to the east;

They will go to and fro to <sup>a</sup>seek the word of the LORD,

But they will not find it.

- 13 "In that day the beautiful <sup>a</sup>virgins  
And the young men will <sup>b</sup>faint from thirst.  
14 "As for those who swear by the <sup>1a</sup>guilt of Samaria,  
Who say, 'As your god lives, O <sup>b</sup>Dan,'  
And, 'As the way of Beersheba lives,'  
They will fall and not rise again."

CHAPTER 9

- I SAW the Lord standing beside the altar, and He said,  
"Smite the <sup>a</sup>capitals so that the thresholds will shake,  
And break them on the heads of them all!  
Then I will slay the rest of them with the sword;  
They will not have a <sup>b</sup>fugitive who will flee,  
Or a refugee who will escape.  
2 "Though they dig into <sup>a</sup>Sheol,  
From there shall My hand take them;  
And though they <sup>b</sup>ascend to heaven,  
From there will I bring them down.  
3 "And though they hide on the summit of Carmel,  
I will <sup>a</sup>search them out and take them from there;  
And though they <sup>b</sup>conceal themselves from My sight on  
the floor of the sea,  
From there I will command the <sup>c</sup>serpent and it will bite  
them.  
4 "And though they go into <sup>a</sup>captivity before their enemies,  
From there I will command the sword that it slay them,  
And I will <sup>b</sup>set My eyes against them for evil and not for  
good."  
5 And the Lord <sup>1</sup>God of hosts,  
The One who <sup>a</sup>touches the land so that it melts,  
And all those who dwell in it mourn,  
And all of it rises up like the Nile  
And subsides like the Nile of Egypt;  
6 The One who builds His <sup>1</sup>upper <sup>a</sup>chambers in the  
heavens,  
And has founded His vaulted dome over the earth,  
He who calls for the waters of the sea  
And <sup>b</sup>pours them out on the face of the earth,  
The LORD is His name.  
7 "Are you not as the sons of <sup>a</sup>Ethiopia to Me,  
O sons of Israel?" declares the LORD.  
"Have I not brought up Israel from the land of Egypt,  
And the Philistines from Caphtor and <sup>1</sup>the Syrians from  
Kir?  
8 "Behold, the eyes of the Lord GOD are on the sinful  
kingdom,  
And I will <sup>a</sup>destroy it from the face of the earth;  
Nevertheless, I will <sup>b</sup>not totally destroy the house of  
Jacob,"  
Declares the LORD.  
9 "For behold, I am commanding,  
And I will <sup>a</sup>shake the house of Jacob among all nations  
As *grain* is shaken in a sieve,  
But not a <sup>1</sup>kernel will fall to the ground.

13 <sup>a</sup>Lam. 1:18; 2:21 <sup>b</sup>Is. 41:17; Hos. 2:3

14 <sup>1</sup>Or, *Ashimah*  
<sup>a</sup>Hos. 8:5 <sup>b</sup>1 Kin. 12:28, 29

1 <sup>a</sup>Zeph. 2:14 <sup>b</sup>Jer. 11:11

2 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 139:8 <sup>b</sup>Jer. 51:53;  
Obad. 4

3 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 16:16 <sup>b</sup>Job 34:22;  
Ps. 139:9-12; Jer. 16:16, 17  
<sup>c</sup>Is. 27:1

4 <sup>a</sup>Lev. 26:33 <sup>b</sup>Jer. 21:10;  
39:16; 44:11

5 <sup>1</sup>YHWH, usually  
rendered LORD, and so  
throughout the chap.  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 104:32; 144:5; Is. 64:1

6 <sup>1</sup>Or, *stairs*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 104:3, 13 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 104:6

7 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *Aram*  
<sup>a</sup>2 Chr. 14:9, 12; Is. 20:4;  
43:3

8 <sup>a</sup>Amos 9:10; 3:12; 7:17  
<sup>b</sup>Jer. 5:10; 30:11; 31:35, 36;  
Joel 2:32

9 <sup>1</sup>Or, *pebble*  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 30:28; Luke 22:31

10 <sup>a</sup>Is. 33:14; Zech. 13:8, 9

11 <sup>1</sup>Or, *shelter*; or, *tabernacle*  
<sup>a</sup>Acts 15:16-18 <sup>b</sup>Is. 16:5 <sup>c</sup>Ps. 80:12 <sup>d</sup>Is. 63:11; Jer. 46:26

12 <sup>1</sup>Or, *Gentiles*  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 43:7

13 <sup>a</sup>Lev. 26:5 <sup>b</sup>Joel 3:18

14 <sup>1</sup>Or, *fortunes*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 53:6; Is. 60:4; Jer. 30:18  
<sup>b</sup>Is. 61:4; 65:21

- 10 "All the <sup>a</sup>sinners of My people will die by the sword, Those who say, 'The calamity will not overtake or confront us.'
- 11 "In that day I will <sup>a</sup>raise up the fallen <sup>1b</sup>booth of David, And wall up its <sup>c</sup>breaches; I will also raise up its ruins, And rebuild it as in the <sup>d</sup>days of old;
- 12 That they may possess the remnant of Edom And all the <sup>1</sup>nations who are <sup>a</sup>called by My name," Declares the LORD who does this.
- 13 "Behold, days are coming," declares the LORD, "When the <sup>a</sup>plowman will overtake the reaper And the treader of grapes him who sows seed; When the <sup>b</sup>mountains will drip sweet wine, And all the hills will be dissolved.
- 14 "Also I will <sup>a</sup>restore the <sup>1</sup>captivity of My people Israel, And they will <sup>b</sup>rebuild the ruined cities and live *in them*, They will also plant vineyards and drink their wine, And make gardens and eat their fruit.
- 15 "I will also plant them on their land, And they will not again be rooted out from their land Which I have given them," Says the LORD your God.

## THE BOOK OF OBADIAH

Edom Will Be Humbled.

THE vision of Obadiah.

Thus says the Lord <sup>1</sup>GOD concerning <sup>a</sup>Edom—

<sup>b</sup>We have heard a report from the LORD, And an <sup>c</sup>envoy has been sent among the nations saying, "dArise and let us go against her for battle"—

2 "Behold, I will make you <sup>a</sup>small among the nations; You are greatly despised.

3 "The <sup>a</sup>arrogance of your heart has deceived you, You who live in the clefts of <sup>1</sup>the <sup>b</sup>rock, In the loftiness of your dwelling place, Who say in your heart, 'cWho will bring me down to earth?'

4 "Though you <sup>a</sup>build high like the eagle, Though you set your nest among the <sup>b</sup>stars, From there I will bring you down," declares the LORD.

5 "If <sup>a</sup>thieves came to you, If <sup>1</sup>robbers by night— O how you will be ruined!— Would they not steal *only* <sup>2</sup>until they had enough? If grape gatherers came to you, Would they not leave *some* gleanings?

1 <sup>1</sup>YHWH, usually rendered LORD  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 137:7; Is. 34:1-17; 63:1-6; Jer. 49:7-22; Ezek. 25:12-14 <sup>b</sup>Obad. 1:4; Jer. 49:14-18  
<sup>c</sup>Is. 18:2; 30:4 <sup>d</sup>Jer. 6:4, 5

2 <sup>a</sup>Num. 24:18; Is. 23:9

3 <sup>1</sup>Or, *Sela*  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 16:6; Jer. 49:16 <sup>b</sup>2 Kin. 14:7; 2 Chr. 25:12 <sup>c</sup>Is. 14:13-15

4 <sup>a</sup>Job 20:6, 7; Hab. 2:9  
<sup>b</sup>Is. 14:12-15

5 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *devastators of the night* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *their sufficiency*  
<sup>a</sup>Jer. 49:9



- 6 "O how Esau will be <sup>a</sup>ransacked,  
And his hidden treasures searched out!
- 7 "All the <sup>a</sup>men <sup>1</sup>allied with you  
Will send you forth to the border,  
And the men <sup>a</sup>at <sup>b</sup>peace with you  
Will deceive you and overpower you.  
*They who eat your <sup>c</sup>bread*  
Will set an ambush for you.  
(There is no <sup>d</sup>understanding <sup>2</sup>in him.)
- 8 "Will I not on that day," declares the LORD,  
<sup>a</sup>"Destroy wise men from Edom  
And understanding from the mountain of Esau?"
- 9 "Then your <sup>a</sup>mighty men will be dismayed, O Teman,  
In order that every one may be <sup>b</sup>cut off from the  
mountain of Esau by slaughter.
- 10 "Because of <sup>a</sup>violence to your brother Jacob,  
<sup>1</sup>You will be covered *with* shame,  
And you will be cut off forever.
- 11 "On the day that you <sup>a</sup>stood aloof,  
On the day that strangers carried off his wealth,  
And foreigners entered his gate  
And <sup>b</sup>cast lots for Jerusalem—  
<sup>c</sup>You too were as one of them.
- 12 "Do not <sup>a</sup>gloat over your brother's day,  
The day of his misfortune.  
And do not <sup>b</sup>rejoice over the sons of Judah  
In the day of their destruction;  
Yes, do not <sup>2c</sup>boast  
In the day of *their* distress.
- 13 "Do not enter the gate of My people  
In the <sup>a</sup>day of their disaster.  
Yes, you, do not <sup>1</sup>gloat over their calamity  
In the day of their disaster.  
And do not <sup>b</sup>loot their wealth  
In the day of their disaster.
- 14 "And do not <sup>a</sup>stand at the fork of the road  
To cut down their fugitives;  
And do not imprison their survivors  
In the day of their distress.
- 15 "For the <sup>a</sup>day of the LORD draws near on all the nations.  
<sup>b</sup>As you have done, it will be done to you.  
Your <sup>c</sup>dealings will return on your own head.
- 16 "Because just as you drank on My holy mountain,  
All the nations will drink continually.  
They will drink and <sup>1</sup>swallow,  
And become as if they had never existed.
- 17 "But on Mount <sup>a</sup>Zion there will be those who escape,  
And it will be holy.  
And the house of Jacob will <sup>b</sup>possess their possessions.
- 18 "Then the house of Jacob will be a <sup>a</sup>fire  
And the house of Joseph a flame;  
But the house of Esau *will be* as stubble.  
And they will set <sup>1</sup>them on fire and consume <sup>1</sup>them,  
So that there will be <sup>b</sup>no survivor of the house of Esau,"  
For the LORD has spoken.

6 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 49:10

7 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *of your covenant*  
<sup>2</sup>I.e., in Esau; or, of it  
<sup>a</sup>Jer. 30:14 <sup>b</sup>Jer. 38:22 <sup>c</sup>Ps.  
41:9 <sup>d</sup>Jer. 49:7

8 <sup>a</sup>Job 5:12-14

9 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 49:22 <sup>b</sup>Obad. 5;  
Is. 34:5-8; 63:1-3

10 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *Shame will cover*  
*you*  
<sup>a</sup>Ezek. 25:12; Joel 3:19;  
Amos 1:11

11 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 83:5, 6; 137:7;  
Amos 1:6, 9 <sup>b</sup>Joel 3:3; Nah.  
3:10 <sup>c</sup>Ezek. 35:10

12 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *look on* <sup>2</sup>Lit.,  
*make your mouth large*  
<sup>a</sup>Mic. 4:11; 7:10 <sup>b</sup>Ezek.  
35:15; 36:5 <sup>c</sup>Ps. 31:18; Ezek.  
35:12

13 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *look on*  
<sup>a</sup>Ezek. 35:5 <sup>b</sup>Ezek. 35:10;  
36:2, 3

14 <sup>a</sup>Is. 16:3, 4

15 <sup>a</sup>Joel 1:15; 2:1, 11, 31;  
Amos 5:18, 20 <sup>b</sup>Jer. 50:29;  
51:56 <sup>c</sup>Ezek. 35:11

16 <sup>1</sup>Or, *stagger*

17 <sup>a</sup>Is. 4:2, 3 <sup>b</sup>Is. 14:1, 2;  
Amos 9:11-15

18 <sup>1</sup>I.e., the people of  
Esau  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 5:24; 9:18, 19 <sup>b</sup>Jer.  
11:23; Amos 1:8

19 <sup>1</sup>I.e., South country  
<sup>2</sup>I.e., the foothills  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 11:14; Amos 9:12 <sup>b</sup>Is.  
 11:14 <sup>c</sup>Jer. 31:5; 32:44

20 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 32:44; 33:13

21 <sup>a</sup>Neh. 9:27 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 22:28;  
 47:7-9; 67:4; Zech. 14:9

1 <sup>a</sup>2 Kin. 14:25; Matt.  
 12:39-41; 16:4; Luke 11:29;  
 30, 32

2 <sup>a</sup>Gen. 10:11; 2 Kin.  
 19:36; Is. 37:37; Nah. 1:1;  
 Zeph. 2:13 <sup>b</sup>Is. 58:1 <sup>c</sup>Gen.  
 18:20; Hos. 7:2

3 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 139:7, 9, 10

4 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *be broken*

5 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *vessels* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *from  
 upon them*  
<sup>a</sup>1 Kin. 18:26 <sup>b</sup>Acts 27:18,  
 19, 38

6 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 107:28  
<sup>b</sup>Jon. 3:9; 2 Sam. 12:22;  
 Amos 5:15

7 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *know*  
<sup>a</sup>Num. 32:23; Prov. 16:33

8 <sup>a</sup>Josh. 7:19; 1 Sam.  
 14:43 <sup>b</sup>Gen. 47:3; 1 Sam.  
 30:13

9 <sup>a</sup>Gen. 14:13; Ex. 1:15;  
 2:13 <sup>b</sup>2 Kin. 17:25, 28, 32,  
 33 <sup>c</sup>Ezra 1:2; Neh. 1:4; Ps.  
 136:26; Dan. 2:18 <sup>d</sup>Neh.  
 9:6; Ps. 95:5; 146:6

10 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *What is this you  
 have done*  
<sup>a</sup>Jon. 1:3; Job 27:22

- 19 Then *those* of the <sup>1</sup>Negev will <sup>a</sup>possess the mountain of Esau,  
 And *those* of the <sup>2</sup>shephelah the <sup>b</sup>Philistine plain;  
 Also, they will <sup>c</sup>possess the territory of Ephraim and the territory of Samaria,  
 And Benjamin will possess Gilead.
- 20 And the exiles of this host of the sons of Israel,  
 Who are *among* the Canaanites as far as Zarephath,  
 And the exiles of Jerusalem who are in Sepharad  
 Will possess the <sup>a</sup>cities of the Negev.
- 21 The <sup>a</sup>deliverers will ascend Mount Zion  
 To judge the mountain of Esau,  
 And the <sup>b</sup>kingdom will be the LORD's.

## THE BOOK OF JONAH

### Jonah's Disobedience.

THE word of the LORD came to <sup>a</sup>Jonah the son of Amittai saying,

2 "Arise, go to <sup>a</sup>Nineveh the great city, and <sup>b</sup>cry against it, for their <sup>c</sup>wickedness has come up before Me."

3 But Jonah rose up to flee to Tarshish <sup>a</sup>from the presence of the LORD. So he went down to Joppa, found a ship which was going to Tarshish, paid the fare, and went down into it to go with them to Tarshish from the presence of the LORD.

4 And the LORD hurled a great wind on the sea and there was a great storm on the sea so that the ship was about to <sup>1</sup>break up.

5 Then the sailors became afraid, and every man cried to <sup>a</sup>his god, and they <sup>b</sup>threw the <sup>1</sup>cargo which was in the ship into the sea to lighten it <sup>2</sup>for them. But Jonah had gone below into the hold of the ship, lain down, and fallen sound asleep.

6 So the captain approached him and said, "How is it that you are sleeping? Get up, <sup>a</sup>call on your god. Perhaps your <sup>b</sup>god will be concerned about us so that we will not perish."

7 And each man said to his mate, "Come, let us cast lots so we may <sup>1</sup>learn on whose account this calamity *has struck* us." So they cast lots and the <sup>a</sup>lot fell on Jonah.

8 Then they said to him, "<sup>a</sup>Tell us, now! On whose account *has* this calamity *struck* us? What is your <sup>b</sup>occupation? And where do you come from? What is your country? From what people are you?"

9 And he said to them, "I am a <sup>a</sup>Hebrew, and I <sup>b</sup>fear the LORD <sup>c</sup>God of heaven who <sup>d</sup>made the sea and the dry land."

10 Then the men became extremely frightened and they said to him, "<sup>1</sup>How could you do this?" For the men knew that he was <sup>a</sup>fleeing from the presence of the LORD, because he had told them.

11 So they said to him, "What should we do to you that

the sea may become calm <sup>1</sup>for us?"—for the sea was becoming increasingly stormy.

12 And he said to them, "Pick me up and throw me into the sea. Then the sea will become calm <sup>1</sup>for you, for I know that <sup>b</sup>on account of me this great storm *has come* upon you."

13 However, the men <sup>1</sup>rowed *desperately* to return to land but they <sup>a</sup>could not, for the sea was becoming *even* stormier against them.

14 Then they called on the <sup>a</sup>LORD and said, "We earnestly pray, O LORD, do not let us perish on account of this man's life and do not put innocent blood on us; for Thou, O LORD, hast done as Thou hast pleased."

15 So they picked up Jonah, threw him into the sea, and the sea <sup>a</sup>stopped its raging.

16 Then the men feared the LORD greatly, and they offered a sacrifice to the LORD and made <sup>a</sup>vows.

17 <sup>1</sup>And the LORD appointed a great fish to swallow Jonah, and Jonah was in the stomach of the fish three days and three nights.

## CHAPTER 2

**T**HEN Jonah prayed to the LORD his God <sup>a</sup>from the stomach of the fish,

2 and he said,

"I <sup>a</sup>called out of my distress to the LORD,  
And He answered me.  
I cried for help from the <sup>1</sup>depth of Sheol;  
Thou didst hear my voice.

3 "For Thou hadst <sup>a</sup>cast me into the deep,  
Into the heart of the seas,  
And the current <sup>1</sup>engulfed me.  
All Thy <sup>b</sup>breakers and billows passed over me.

4 "So I said, 'I have been <sup>a</sup>expelled from <sup>1</sup>Thy sight.  
Nevertheless I will look again <sup>b</sup>toward Thy holy temple.'

5 "Water encompassed me to the very soul,  
The great <sup>b</sup>deep <sup>1</sup>engulfed me,  
Weeds were wrapped around my head.

6 "I <sup>a</sup>descended to the roots of the mountains.  
The earth with its <sup>b</sup>bars was around me forever,  
But Thou hast <sup>b</sup>brought up my life from <sup>1</sup>the pit, O  
LORD my God.

7 "While I was <sup>a</sup>fainting away,  
I <sup>b</sup>remembered the LORD;  
And my <sup>c</sup>prayer came to Thee,  
Into Thy holy temple.

8 "Those who regard <sup>1</sup>vain idols  
Forsake their faithfulness,

9 But I will <sup>a</sup>sacrifice to Thee  
With the voice of thanksgiving.  
That which I have vowed I will <sup>b</sup>pay.  
'Salvation is from the LORD.'

10 Then the LORD commanded the fish, and it vomited Jonah up onto the dry land.

11 <sup>1</sup>Lit., from upon us

12 <sup>1</sup>Lit., from upon you  
<sup>a</sup>2 Sam. 24:17 <sup>b</sup>1 Chr. 21:17

13 <sup>1</sup>Lit., dug their oars  
into the water  
<sup>a</sup>Prov. 21:30

14 <sup>1</sup>Jon. 1:16; Ps. 107:28

15 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 65:7; 93:3, 4;  
107:29

16 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 50:14; 66:13, 14

17 <sup>1</sup>Chap. 2:1 in Heb.

<sup>1</sup> Chap. 2:2 in Heb.  
<sup>a</sup>Job 13:15; Ps. 130:1, 2;  
Lam. 3:53-56

<sup>2</sup> <sup>1</sup>Lit., belly  
<sup>a</sup>1 Sam. 30:6; Ps. 18:4-6;  
22:24; 120:1

<sup>3</sup> <sup>1</sup>Lit., surrounded  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 69:1, 2, 14, 15; Lam.  
3:54 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 42:7

<sup>4</sup> <sup>1</sup>Lit., before Thine  
eyes  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 31:22; Jer. 7:15 <sup>b</sup>1 Kin.  
8:38; 2 Chr. 6:38; Ps. 5:7

<sup>5</sup> <sup>1</sup>Lit., surrounded  
<sup>a</sup>Lam. 3:54 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 69:1, 2

<sup>6</sup> <sup>1</sup>Or, corruption  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 18:5; 116:3 <sup>b</sup>Is. 38:10;  
Matt. 16:18 <sup>c</sup>Job 33:28; Ps.  
16:10; 30:3; Is. 38:17

<sup>7</sup> <sup>1</sup>Lit., my  
soul . . . within me  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 142:3 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 77:10, 11;  
143:5 <sup>c</sup>2 Chr. 30:27; Ps.  
18:6

<sup>8</sup> <sup>1</sup>Lit., empty vanities

<sup>9</sup> <sup>a</sup>Ps. 50:14, 23; Jer.  
33:11; Hos. 14:2 <sup>b</sup>Job 22:27;  
Eccles. 5:4, 5 <sup>c</sup>Ps. 3:8; Is.  
45:17

2 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 1:17; Ezek. 2:73 <sup>1</sup>Lit., a great city to God  
<sup>a</sup>Jon. 1:2; 4:114 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 12:41; Luke 11:325 <sup>a</sup>Dan. 9:3; Joel 1:146 <sup>1</sup>Or, dust7 <sup>a</sup>Jon. 3:5; 2 Chr. 20:3; Ezra 8:218 <sup>1</sup>Lit., them <sup>2</sup>Lit., their  
<sup>a</sup>Jon. 1:6, 14; Ps. 130:1 <sup>b</sup>Is. 1:16-19; 55:6, 7; Jer. 18:119 <sup>a</sup>2 Sam. 12:22; Joel 2:1410 <sup>1</sup>Lit., do  
<sup>a</sup>1 Kin. 21:27-29; Jer. 31:18  
<sup>b</sup>Ex. 32:14; Jer. 18:8; Amos 7:3, 62 <sup>1</sup>Lit., my word <sup>2</sup>Lit., I was beforehand in fleeing  
<sup>a</sup>Jer. 20:7 <sup>b</sup>Ex. 34:6; Num. 14:18; Ps. 86:5, 15; Joel 2:13; Mic. 7:83 <sup>1</sup>Lit., soul  
<sup>a</sup>Jon. 3:8; 1 Kin. 19:4; Job 6:8, 9 <sup>b</sup>Job 7:15, 16; Eccles. 7:15 <sup>1</sup>Lit., the city  
<sup>a</sup>1 Kin. 19:9, 136 <sup>1</sup>Probably a castor oil plant, and so in v. 7, 9 and 10 <sup>2</sup>Lit., greatly  
<sup>a</sup>Amos 6:137 <sup>a</sup>Joel 1:12

## CHAPTER 3

**N**OW the word of the LORD came to Jonah the second time, saying,

2 "Arise, go to Nineveh the great city and <sup>a</sup>proclaim to it the proclamation which I am going to tell you."

3 So Jonah arose and went to Nineveh according to the word of the LORD. Now Nineveh was <sup>a</sup>an <sup>a</sup>exceedingly great city, a three days' walk.

4 Then Jonah began to go through the city one day's walk; and he <sup>a</sup>cried out and said, "Yet forty days and Nineveh will be overthrown."

5 Then the people of Nineveh believed in God; and they called a <sup>a</sup>fast and put on sackcloth from the greatest to the least of them.

6 When the word reached the king of Nineveh, he arose from his throne, laid aside his robe from him, covered *himself* with sackcloth, and sat on the <sup>1</sup>ashes.

7 And he issued a <sup>a</sup>proclamation and it said, "In Nineveh by the decree of the king and his nobles: Do not let man, beast, herd, or flock taste a thing. Do not let them eat or drink water.

8 "But both man and beast must be covered with sackcloth; and let <sup>1</sup>men <sup>a</sup>call on God earnestly that each may <sup>b</sup>turn from his wicked way and from the violence which is in <sup>2</sup>his hands.

9 "Who knows, God may turn and relent, and withdraw His burning anger so that we shall not perish?"

10 When God saw their deeds, that they <sup>a</sup>turned from their wicked way, then <sup>b</sup>God relented concerning the calamity which He had declared He would <sup>1</sup>bring upon them. And He did not do it.

## CHAPTER 4

**B**UT it greatly displeased Jonah, and he became angry.

2 And he <sup>a</sup>prayed to the LORD and said, "Please LORD, was not this <sup>1</sup>what I said while I was still in my own country? Therefore, <sup>2</sup>in order to forestall this I fled to Tarshish, for I knew that Thou art a <sup>b</sup>gracious and compassionate God, slow to anger and abundant in lovingkindness, and one who relents concerning calamity.

3 "Therefore now, O LORD, please <sup>a</sup>take my <sup>1</sup>life from me, for death is <sup>b</sup>better to me than life."

4 And the LORD said, "Do you have good reason to be angry?"

5 Then Jonah went out from the city and sat east of it. There he made a shelter for himself and <sup>a</sup>sat under it in the shade until he could see what would happen in the city.

6 So the LORD God appointed a <sup>1</sup>plant and it grew up over Jonah to be a shade over his head to deliver him from his discomfort. And Jonah was <sup>2a</sup>extremely happy about the <sup>1</sup>plant.

7 But God appointed a worm when dawn came the next day, and it attacked the plant and it <sup>a</sup>withered.

8 And it came about when the sun came up that God:

appointed a scorching <sup>a</sup>east wind, and the <sup>b</sup>sun beat down on Jonah's head so that he became faint and begged with *all* his soul to die, saying, "Death is better to me than life."

9 Then God said to Jonah, "Do you have good reason to be angry about the plant?" And he said, "I have good reason to be angry, even to death."

10 Then the LORD said, "You had compassion on the plant for which you did not work, and *which* you did not cause to grow, which *came up* <sup>1</sup>overnight and perished <sup>1</sup>overnight.

11 "And should I not <sup>a</sup>have compassion on Nineveh, the great city in which there are more than 120,000 persons who do not <sup>b</sup>know *the difference* between their right and left hand, as well as many <sup>c</sup>animals?"

8 <sup>a</sup>Ezek. 19:12; Hos. 13:15 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 121:6; Is. 49:10

10 <sup>1</sup>Lit., a son of a night

11 <sup>a</sup>Jon. 3:10 <sup>b</sup>Deut. 1:39; Is. 7:16 <sup>c</sup>Ps. 36:6

## THE BOOK OF MICAH

Destruction in Israel and Judah.

THE word of the LORD which came to <sup>a</sup>Micah of Moresheth in the days of Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah, kings of Judah, which he saw concerning Samaria and Jerusalem.

2 Hear, O peoples, all of <sup>1</sup>you;

<sup>a</sup>Listen, O earth and <sup>2</sup>all it contains,

And let the Lord <sup>3</sup>God be a <sup>b</sup>witness against you,  
The Lord from His holy temple.

3 For behold, the LORD is <sup>a</sup>coming forth from His place.  
He will come down and <sup>b</sup>tread on the high places of the <sup>1</sup>earth.

4 <sup>a</sup>The mountains will melt under Him,  
And the valleys will be split,  
Like wax before the fire,  
Like water poured down a steep place.

5 All this is for the rebellion of Jacob  
And for the sins of the house of Israel.  
What is the rebellion of Jacob?

Is it not <sup>a</sup>Samaria?

What is the <sup>b</sup>high <sup>1</sup>place of Judah?

Is it not Jerusalem?

6 For I will make Samaria a heap of ruins <sup>1</sup>in the open country,

<sup>a</sup>Planting places for a vineyard.

I will <sup>b</sup>pour her stones down into the valley,  
And will <sup>c</sup>lay bare her foundations.

7 All of her <sup>a</sup>idols will be smashed,  
All of her <sup>b</sup>earnings will be burned with fire,  
And all of her images I will make desolate,  
For she collected *them* from a harlot's earnings,  
And to the earnings of a harlot they will return.

8 Because of this I must lament and wail,  
I must go <sup>a</sup>barefoot and naked;  
I must make a lament like the <sup>b</sup>jackals  
And a mourning like the ostriches.

1 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 26:18

2 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *them* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *its fulness* <sup>3</sup>YHWH, usually rendered LORD  
<sup>a</sup>Jer. 6:19; 22:29 <sup>b</sup>Is. 50:7

3 <sup>1</sup>Or, *land*  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 26:21 <sup>b</sup>Amos 4:13

4 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 97:5; Is. 64:1, 2; Nah. 1:5

5 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *places*  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 7:9; 28:1; Amos 8:14  
<sup>b2</sup>Chr. 34:3, 4

6 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *of the field*  
<sup>a</sup>Jer. 31:5; Amos 5:11  
<sup>b</sup>Lam. 4:1 <sup>c</sup>Ezek. 13:14

7 <sup>a</sup>Deut. 9:21; 2 Chr. 34:7 <sup>b</sup>Deut. 23:18; Is. 23:17

8 <sup>a</sup>Is. 32:11 <sup>b</sup>Is. 13:21, 22

9 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *wounds*  
<sup>a</sup>Jer. 30:12, 15 <sup>b</sup>Mic. 1:12;  
 Is. 3:26

10 <sup>1</sup>I.e., House of dust  
<sup>a</sup>2 Sam. 1:20

11 <sup>1</sup>I.e., Go into captivity  
<sup>2</sup>I.e., Pleasantness <sup>3</sup>I.e.,  
 Going out <sup>4</sup>Lit., go out  
<sup>5</sup>I.e., House of removal  
<sup>6</sup>Lit., standing place  
<sup>a</sup>Ezek. 23:29 <sup>b</sup>Josh. 15:37

12 <sup>1</sup>I.e., Bitterness  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 59:9-11; Jer. 14:19

13 <sup>a</sup>Amos 2:14 <sup>b</sup>Josh. 10:3;  
 2 Kin. 14:19; Is. 36:2

14 <sup>a</sup>2 Kin. 16:8 <sup>b</sup>Josh.  
 15:44 <sup>c</sup>Jer. 15:18

15 <sup>1</sup>I.e., Possession  
<sup>a</sup>Josh. 15:44 <sup>b</sup>Josh. 12:14;  
 15:35; 2 Sam. 23:13

16 <sup>a</sup>Is. 22:12 <sup>b</sup>Amos  
 7:11, 17

1 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *In the light of  
 the morning*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 36:4; Is. 32:7; Nah.  
 1:11 <sup>b</sup>Hos. 7:6, 7 <sup>c</sup>Gen.  
 31:29; Deut. 28:32; Prov.  
 3:27

2 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *oppress*  
<sup>a</sup>Jer. 22:17; Amos 8:4 <sup>b</sup>Is.  
 5:8 <sup>c</sup>1 Kin. 21:1-15

3 <sup>a</sup>Deut. 28:48; Jer. 18:11  
<sup>b</sup>Jer. 8:3; Amos 3:1, 2  
<sup>c</sup>Lam. 1:14; 5:5 <sup>d</sup>Is. 2:11, 12  
<sup>e</sup>Amos 5:13

4 <sup>1</sup>Or, *proverb* <sup>2</sup>Lit.,  
*lament*  
<sup>a</sup>Hab. 2:6 <sup>b</sup>Mic. 1:8; Jer.  
 9:10, 17-21 <sup>c</sup>Is. 6:11; 24:3;  
 Jer. 4:13 <sup>d</sup>Jer. 6:12; 8:10

- 9 For her <sup>1a</sup>wound is incurable,  
 For it has come to Judah;  
 It has reached the <sup>b</sup>gate of my people,  
*Even* to Jerusalem.
- 10 <sup>a</sup>Tell it not in Gath,  
 Weep not at all.  
 At <sup>1</sup>Beth-le-aphrah roll yourself in the dust.
- 11 <sup>1</sup>Go on your way, inhabitant of <sup>2</sup>Shaphir, in <sup>a</sup>shameful  
 nakedness.  
 The inhabitant of <sup>3b</sup>Zaanan does not <sup>4</sup>escape.  
 The lamentation of <sup>5</sup>Beth-ezel: "He will take from you  
 its <sup>6</sup>support."
- 12 For the inhabitant of <sup>1</sup>Maroth  
 Becomes weak <sup>a</sup>waiting for good,  
 Because a calamity has come down from the LORD:  
 To the gate of Jerusalem.
- 13 <sup>a</sup>Harness the chariot to the team of horses,  
 O inhabitant of <sup>b</sup>Lachish—  
 She was the beginning of sin  
 To the daughter of Zion—  
 Because in you were found  
 The rebellious acts of Israel.
- 14 Therefore, you will give parting <sup>a</sup>gifts  
 On behalf of Moresheth-gath;  
 The houses of <sup>b</sup>Achzib *will* become a <sup>c</sup>deception  
 To the kings of Israel.
- 15 Moreover, I will bring on you  
 The one who takes possession,  
 O inhabitant of <sup>1a</sup>Mareshah.  
 The glory of Israel will enter <sup>b</sup>Adullam.
- 16 Make yourself <sup>a</sup>bald and cut off your hair,  
 Because of the children of your delight;  
 Extend your baldness like the eagle,  
 For they will <sup>b</sup>go from you into exile.

CHAPTER 2

**W**OE to those who <sup>a</sup>scheme iniquity,  
 Who work out evil on their beds!  
<sup>1b</sup>When morning comes, they do it,  
 For it is in the <sup>c</sup>power of their hands.

2 They <sup>a</sup>covet fields and then <sup>b</sup>seize *them*,  
 And houses, and take *them* away.  
 They <sup>1c</sup>rob a man and his house,  
 A man and his inheritance.

3 Therefore, thus says the LORD,  
 "Behold, I am <sup>a</sup>planning against this <sup>b</sup>family a calamity  
 From which you <sup>c</sup>cannot remove your necks;  
 And you will not walk <sup>d</sup>haughtily,  
 For it will be an <sup>e</sup>evil time.

4 "On that day they will <sup>a</sup>take up against you a <sup>1</sup>taunt  
 And <sup>2b</sup>utter a bitter lamentation *and* say,  
 'We are completely <sup>c</sup>destroyed!  
 He exchanges the portion of my people;  
 How He removes it from me!  
 To the apostate He <sup>d</sup>apportions our fields.'

- 5 "Therefore, you will have no one <sup>1</sup>stretching a measuring line  
For you by lot in the assembly of the LORD. 5 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *casting*  
<sup>2</sup>Num. 34:13, 16-29; Josh. 18:4, 10
- 6 'Do not <sup>1</sup>speak out,' so they <sup>1</sup>speak out.  
*But if* <sup>2</sup>they do <sup>b</sup>not <sup>1</sup>speak out concerning these things,  
Reproaches will not be turned back. 6 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *drip* <sup>2</sup>i.e., God's prophets  
<sup>3</sup>Is. 30:10; Amos 2:12; 7:16  
<sup>b</sup>Mic. 3:6; Is. 29:10
- 7 "Is it being said, O house of Jacob:  
'Is the Spirit of the LORD <sup>a</sup>impatient?  
Are these His doings?  
Do not My words <sup>b</sup>do good  
To the one <sup>c</sup>walking uprightly?" 7 <sup>1</sup>Is. 50:2; 59:1 <sup>b</sup>Ps.  
119:65, 68, 116; Jer. 15:16  
<sup>c</sup>Ps. 15:2; 84:11
- 8 "<sup>1</sup>Recently My people have arisen as an <sup>a</sup>enemy—  
You <sup>b</sup>strip the <sup>2</sup>robe off a fellow-Israelite,  
From <sup>c</sup>unsuspecting passers-by,  
*From* those returned from war. 8 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *And yesterday*  
<sup>2</sup>Or, *ornaments*  
<sup>a</sup>Jer. 12:8 <sup>b</sup>Mic. 3:2, 3;  
7:2, 3 <sup>c</sup>Ps. 120:6, 7
- 9 "The women of My people you <sup>a</sup>evict,  
Each *one* from her pleasant house.  
From her children you take My <sup>b</sup>splendor forever. 9 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 10:20 <sup>b</sup>Ezek.  
39:21; Hab. 2:14
- 10 "Arise and go,  
For this is no place <sup>a</sup>of rest  
Because of the <sup>b</sup>uncleanness that brings on destruction,  
A painful destruction. 10 <sup>a</sup>Deut. 12:9 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 106:38
- 11 "If a man walking after wind and falsehood  
Had told lies *and said*,  
'I will <sup>1</sup>speak out to you concerning wine and liquor,'  
He would be <sup>2</sup>spokesman to <sup>a</sup>this people. 11 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *drip* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *one who drips*  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 30:10, 11
- 12 "I will surely assemble all of you, Jacob,  
I will surely gather the <sup>a</sup>remnant of Israel.  
I will put them together like sheep in the fold;  
Like a flock in the midst of its pasture  
They will be noisy with men. 12 <sup>a</sup>Mic. 5:7, 8; 7:18
- 13 "The breaker goes up before them;  
They break out, pass through the gate, and go out by it.  
So their king goes on before them,  
And the LORD at their head." 1 <sup>a</sup>Mic. 3:9; Is. 1:10 <sup>b</sup>Ps.  
82:1-5; Jer. 5:5

CHAPTER 3

AND I said,

- "<sup>a</sup>Hear now, heads of Jacob  
And rulers of the house of Israel.  
Is it not for you to <sup>b</sup>know justice? 2 <sup>a</sup>Mic. 2:8; 7:2, 3; Ps.  
53:4; Ezek. 22:27
- 2 "You who hate good and love evil,  
Who <sup>a</sup>tear off their skin from them  
And their flesh from their bones,  
3 And who <sup>a</sup>eat the flesh of my people,  
<sup>b</sup>Strip off their skin from them,  
Break their bones,  
And <sup>c</sup>chop *them* up as for the pot  
And as meat in a kettle." 3 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 14:4; 27:2; Zeph.  
3:3 <sup>b</sup>Ezek. 34:2, 3 <sup>c</sup>Ezek.  
11:3, 6, 7
- 4 Then they will cry out to the LORD,  
But He will not answer them.  
Instead, He will <sup>a</sup>hide His face from them at that time,  
Because they have <sup>b</sup>practiced evil deeds. 4 <sup>a</sup>Deut. 31:17; Is. 59:2  
<sup>b</sup>Mic. 7:13; Is. 3:11

5 <sup>a</sup>Is. 3:12; 9:15, 16; Jer. 14:14, 15 <sup>b</sup>Is. 56:9-11 <sup>c</sup>Jer. 6:14

6 <sup>a</sup>Is. 8:20-22; 29:10-12 <sup>b</sup>Is. 59:10

7 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *mustache*  
<sup>a</sup>Zech. 13:4 <sup>b</sup>Is. 44:25;  
47:12-14 <sup>c</sup>Mic. 3:4; 1 Sam. 28:6

8 <sup>a</sup>Is. 61:1, 2; Jer. 1:18 <sup>b</sup>Is. 58:1

9 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 58:1, 2; Is. 1:23

10 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 22:13, 17; Hab. 2:12

11 <sup>a</sup>Mic. 7:3; Is. 1:23 <sup>b</sup>Jer. 6:13 <sup>c</sup>Is. 48:2

12 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *house*  
<sup>a</sup>Jer. 26:18 <sup>b</sup>Jer. 9:11

1 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *on*  
<sup>a</sup>Dan. 2:28; 10:14; Hos. 3:5  
<sup>b</sup>Mic. 3:12; Ezek. 43:12;  
Zech. 8:3 <sup>c</sup>Ps. 22:27; 86:9;  
Jer. 3:17

2 <sup>a</sup>Zech. 2:11; 14:16 <sup>b</sup>Is. 2:3; Jer. 31:6 <sup>c</sup>Ps. 25:8, 9, 12; Is. 54:13 <sup>d</sup>Is. 42:1-4;  
Zech. 14:8, 9

3 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *at a distance*  
<sup>2</sup>Lit., *learn*  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 2:4; 11:3-5

- 5 Thus says the LORD concerning the prophets  
Who <sup>a</sup>lead my people astray;  
When they have *something* to <sup>b</sup>bite with their teeth,  
They <sup>c</sup>cry, "Peace,"  
But against him who puts nothing in their mouths,  
They declare holy war.
- 6 Therefore *it will be* <sup>a</sup>night for you—without vision,  
And darkness for you—without divination.  
The <sup>b</sup>sun will go down on the prophets,  
And the day will become dark over them.
- 7 The seers will be <sup>a</sup>ashamed  
And the <sup>b</sup>diviners will be embarrassed.  
Indeed, they will all cover *their* <sup>1</sup>mouths  
Because there is <sup>c</sup>no answer from God.
- 8 On the other hand <sup>a</sup>I am filled with power—  
With the Spirit of the LORD—  
And with justice and courage  
To make <sup>b</sup>known to Jacob his rebellious act,  
Even to Israel his sin.
- 9 Now hear this, heads of the house of Jacob  
And rulers of the house of Israel,  
Who <sup>a</sup>abhor justice  
And twist everything that is straight,
- 10 Who <sup>a</sup>build Zion with bloodshed  
And Jerusalem with violent injustice.
- 11 Her leaders pronounce <sup>a</sup>judgment for a bribe,  
Her <sup>b</sup>priests instruct for a price,  
And her prophets divine for money.  
Yet they lean on the LORD saying,  
"Is not the LORD in our midst?  
Calamity will not come upon us."
- 12 Therefore, on account of you,  
<sup>a</sup>Zion will be plowed as a field,  
<sup>b</sup>Jerusalem will become a heap of ruins,  
And the mountain of the <sup>1</sup>temple *will become* high  
places of a forest.

## CHAPTER 4

- AND it will come about in the <sup>a</sup>last days  
That the <sup>b</sup>mountain of the house of the LORD  
Will be established <sup>a</sup>s the chief of the mountains.  
It will be raised above the hills,  
And the <sup>c</sup>peoples will stream to it.
- 2 And <sup>a</sup>many nations will come and say,  
"Come and let us go up to the mountain of the LORD  
And to the house of the God of Jacob,  
That <sup>c</sup>He may teach us about His ways  
And that we may walk in His paths."  
For <sup>d</sup>from Zion will go forth the law,  
Even the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.
- 3 And He will <sup>a</sup>judge between many peoples  
And render decisions for mighty, <sup>1</sup>distant nations.  
Then they will hammer their swords into plowshares  
And their spears into pruning hooks;  
Nation will not lift up sword against nation,  
And never again will they <sup>2</sup>train for war.



- 4 And each of them will sit under his vine  
And under his fig tree,  
With <sup>a</sup>no one to make *them* afraid,  
For the <sup>b</sup>mouth of the LORD of hosts has spoken.
- 5 Though all the peoples walk  
Each in the <sup>a</sup>name of his god,  
As for us, we will walk  
In the name of the LORD our God forever and ever.
- 6 "In that day," declares the LORD,  
"I will assemble the <sup>a</sup>lame,  
And gather the outcasts,  
Even those whom I have afflicted.
- 7 "I will make the lame a <sup>a</sup>remnant,  
And the outcasts a strong nation,  
And the <sup>b</sup>LORD will reign over them in Mount Zion  
From now on and forever.
- 8 "And as for you, <sup>1a</sup>tower of the flock,  
<sup>2</sup>Hill of the daughter of Zion,  
To you it will come—  
Even the <sup>b</sup>former dominion will come,  
The kingdom of the daughter of Jerusalem.
- 9 "Now, why do you <sup>a</sup>cry out loudly?  
Is there no king among you,  
Or has your <sup>b</sup>counselor perished,  
That agony has gripped you like a woman in childbirth?
- 10 "Writhe and labor to give birth,  
Daughter of Zion,  
Like a woman in childbirth,  
For now you will <sup>a</sup>go out of the city,  
Dwell in the field,  
And go to Babylon.  
<sup>b</sup>There you will be rescued;  
<sup>c</sup>There the LORD will redeem you  
From the hand of your enemies.
- 11 "And now <sup>a</sup>many nations have been assembled against  
you  
Who say, 'Let her be polluted,  
And let our eyes <sup>1</sup>gloat over Zion.'
- 12 "But they do not <sup>a</sup>know the thoughts of the LORD,  
And they do not understand His purpose;  
For He has gathered them like sheaves to the threshing  
floor.
- 13 "Arise and <sup>a</sup>thresh, daughter of Zion,  
For your horn I will make iron  
And your hoofs I will make bronze,  
That you may <sup>b</sup>pulverize many peoples,  
That you may <sup>c</sup>devote to the LORD their unjust gain  
And their wealth to the Lord of all the earth.

4 <sup>a</sup>Lev. 26:6; Jer. 30:10  
<sup>b</sup>Is. 1:20; 40:5

5 <sup>a</sup>2 Kin. 17:29

6 <sup>a</sup>Zeph. 3:19

7 <sup>a</sup>Mic. 5:7, 8; 7:18 <sup>b</sup>Is. 24:23

8 <sup>1</sup>Heb., *Migdal-eder*  
<sup>2</sup>Heb., *Ophel of*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 48:3, 12; 61:3 <sup>b</sup>Is. 1:26;  
Zech. 9:10

9 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 8:19 <sup>b</sup>Is. 3:1-3;  
28:29

10 <sup>a</sup>2 Kin. 20:18; Hos.  
2:14 <sup>b</sup>Mic. 7:8-12; Is. 43:14;  
45:13 <sup>c</sup>Is. 48:20; 52:9-12

11 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *look on*  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 5:25-30; 17:12-14

12 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 147:19, 20

13 <sup>a</sup>Is. 41:15 <sup>b</sup>Jer. 51:20-23  
<sup>c</sup>Is. 60:9

1 <sup>1</sup>Chap. 4:14 in Heb.  
<sup>2</sup>Lit., *He has*  
<sup>a</sup>Jer. 5:7 <sup>b</sup>1 Kin. 22:24; Job  
16:10; Lam. 3:30

CHAPTER 5

<sup>a</sup>“**N**OW <sup>a</sup>muster yourselves in troops, daughter of troops;  
<sup>2</sup>They have laid siege against us;  
With a rod they will <sup>b</sup>smite the judge of Israel on the  
cheek.

2 <sup>1</sup>Chap. 5:1 in Heb.

<sup>2</sup>Or, *His appearances are from long ago, from days of old*

<sup>a</sup>Matt. 2:6 <sup>b</sup>Is. 11:1; Luke 2:4 <sup>c</sup>Jer. 30:21; Zech. 9:9  
<sup>d</sup>Ps. 102:25; Prov. 8:22, 23

3 <sup>a</sup>Mic. 4:10; 7:13; Hos. 11:8 <sup>b</sup>Mic. 5:7, 8; Is. 10:20-22

4 <sup>1</sup>Or, *live in safety* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *now*  
<sup>a</sup>Mic. 7:14; Is. 40:11; 49:9; Ezek. 34:13-15, 23, 24 <sup>b</sup>Is. 45:22; 52:10

5 <sup>1</sup>Or, *palaces*  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 8:7, 8; 10:24-27

6 <sup>a</sup>Nah. 2:11-13; Zeph. 2:13 <sup>b</sup>Gen. 10:8-11 <sup>c</sup>Is. 14:25; 37:36, 37

7 <sup>a</sup>Mic. 5:3; 2:12; 4:7; 7:18 <sup>b</sup>Deut. 32:2; Ps. 110:3; Hos. 14:5 <sup>c</sup>Ps. 72:6; Is. 44:3

8 <sup>a</sup>Gen. 49:9; Num. 24:9  
<sup>b</sup>Mic. 4:13; Ps. 44:5; Is. 41:15, 16; Zech. 10:5  
<sup>c</sup>Hos. 5:14 <sup>d</sup>Ps. 50:22

11 <sup>a</sup>Is. 1:7; 6:11 <sup>b</sup>Is. 2:12-17; Hos. 10:14; Amos 5:9

12 <sup>a</sup>Deut. 18:10-12; Is. 2:6; 8:19

2 “<sup>1</sup>But as for <sup>a</sup>you, Bethlehem Ephrathah,  
Too little to be among the clans of Judah,  
From <sup>b</sup>you One will go forth for Me to be <sup>c</sup>ruler in  
Israel.

<sup>2</sup>His goings forth are <sup>d</sup>from long ago,  
From the days of eternity.”

3 Therefore, He will <sup>a</sup>give them *up* until the time  
When she who is in labor has borne a child.  
Then the <sup>b</sup>remainder of His brethren  
Will return to the sons of Israel.

4 And He will arise and <sup>a</sup>shepherd *His flock*  
In the strength of the LORD,  
In the majesty of the name of the LORD His God.  
And they will <sup>1</sup>remain,  
Because <sup>2</sup>at that time He will be great  
To the <sup>b</sup>bends of the earth.

5 And this One will be *our* peace.

When the <sup>a</sup>Assyrian invades our land,  
When he tramples on our <sup>1</sup>citadels,  
Then we will raise against him  
Seven shepherds and eight leaders of men.

6 And they will <sup>a</sup>shepherd the land of Assyria with the  
sword,  
The land of <sup>b</sup>Nimrod at its entrances;  
And He will <sup>c</sup>deliver us from the Assyrian  
When he attacks our land  
And when he tramples our territory.

7 Then the <sup>a</sup>remnant of Jacob  
Will be among many peoples  
Like <sup>b</sup>dew from the LORD,  
Like <sup>c</sup>showers on vegetation  
Which do not wait for man  
Or delay for the sons of men.

8 And the remnant of Jacob  
Will be among the nations,  
Among many peoples  
<sup>a</sup>Like a lion among the beasts of the forest,  
Like a young lion among flocks of sheep,  
Which, if he passes through,  
<sup>b</sup>Tramples down and <sup>c</sup>tears,  
And there is <sup>d</sup>none to rescue.

9 Your hand will be lifted up against your adversaries,  
And all your enemies will be cut off.

10 “And it will be in that day,” declares the LORD,  
“That I will cut off your horses from among you  
And destroy your chariots.

11 “I will also cut off the <sup>a</sup>cities of your land  
And tear down all your <sup>b</sup>fortifications.

12 “I will cut off <sup>a</sup>sorceries from your hand,  
And you will have fortunetellers no more.

- 13 "I will cut off your carved images  
And your *sacred* pillars from among you,  
So that you will no longer bow down  
To the work of your hands.  
14 "I will root out your <sup>1a</sup>Asherim from among you  
And destroy your cities.  
15 "And I will <sup>a</sup>execute vengeance in anger and wrath  
On the nations which have not obeyed."

CHAPTER 6

- HEAR now what the LORD is saying,  
"Arise, plead your case <sup>1</sup>before the mountains,  
And let the hills hear your voice.  
2 "Listen, you mountains, to the indictment of the LORD,  
And you enduring <sup>a</sup>foundations of the earth,  
Because the <sup>b</sup>LORD has a case against His people;  
Even with Israel He will dispute.  
3 "My people, <sup>b</sup>what have I done to you,  
And <sup>c</sup>how have I wearied you? Answer Me.  
4 "Indeed, I <sup>a</sup>brought you up from the land of Egypt  
And <sup>b</sup>ransomed you from the house of slavery,  
And I sent before you <sup>c</sup>Moses, Aaron, and <sup>d</sup>Miriam.  
5 "My people, remember now  
What <sup>a</sup>Balak king of Moab counseled  
And what Balaam son of Beor answered him,  
And from Shittim to Gilgal,  
In order <sup>1</sup>that you might know the <sup>b</sup>righteous acts of the  
LORD."  
6 <sup>a</sup>With what shall I come to the LORD  
And bow myself before the God on high?  
Shall I come to Him with <sup>b</sup>burnt offerings,  
With yearling calves?  
7 Does the LORD take delight in <sup>a</sup>thousands of rams,  
In ten thousand rivers of oil?  
Shall I present my <sup>b</sup>first-born for my rebellious acts,  
The fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?  
8 He has <sup>a</sup>told you, O man, what is good;  
And <sup>b</sup>what does the LORD require of you  
But to <sup>c</sup>do justice, to <sup>d</sup>love <sup>1</sup>kindness,  
And to walk <sup>2c</sup>humbly with your God?  
9 The voice of the LORD will call to the city—  
And it is sound wisdom to fear Thy name:  
"Hear, O <sup>a</sup>tribe. Who has appointed <sup>1</sup>its time?  
10 "Is there yet a man in the wicked house,  
*Along with* treasures of <sup>a</sup>wickedness,  
And a <sup>1b</sup>short measure *that is* cursed?  
11 "Can I justify wicked <sup>a</sup>scales  
And a bag of deceptive weights?  
12 "For the rich men of *the* <sup>1</sup>city are full of violence,  
Her residents speak lies,  
And their <sup>a</sup>tongue is deceitful in their mouth.

13 <sup>a</sup>Is. 2:18; 17:8; Ezek. 6:9

14 <sup>1</sup>i.e., wooden symbols of a female deity  
<sup>a</sup>Ex. 34:13; Is. 17:8; 27:9

15 <sup>a</sup>Is. 1:24; 65:12

1 <sup>1</sup>Lit., with

2 <sup>a</sup>2 Sam. 22:16; Ps. 104:5 <sup>b</sup>Is. 1:18; Hos. 4:1; 12:2

3 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 50:7 <sup>b</sup>Jer. 2:5 <sup>c</sup>Is. 43:22, 23

4 <sup>a</sup>Ex. 20:2 <sup>b</sup>Deut. 7:8  
<sup>c</sup>Ps. 77:20 <sup>d</sup>Ex. 15:20

5 <sup>1</sup>Lit., to know  
<sup>a</sup>Num. 22:5, 6 <sup>b1</sup> Sam. 12:7; Is. 1:27

6 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 40:6-8 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 51:16, 17

7 <sup>a</sup>Is. 40:16 <sup>b</sup>Lev. 18:21; 20:1-5; Jer. 7:31

8 <sup>1</sup>Or, loyalty <sup>2</sup>Or, circumspectly  
<sup>a</sup>Deut. 30:15 <sup>b</sup>Deut. 10:12  
<sup>c</sup>Is. 56:1; Jer. 22:3 <sup>d</sup>Hos. 6:6  
<sup>e</sup>Is. 57:15; 66:2

9 <sup>1</sup>Lit., it  
<sup>a</sup>Job 5:6-8, 17; Is. 11:4

10 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *shrunk ephah*  
<sup>a</sup>Jer. 5:26, 27; Amos 3:10  
<sup>b</sup>Ezek. 45:9, 10; Amos 8:5

11 <sup>a</sup>Lev. 19:36; Hos. 12:7

12 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *her*  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 3:8

13 <sup>a</sup>Is. 1:7; 6:1114 <sup>1</sup>Or possibly, *garbage or excreta*  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 9:20 <sup>b</sup>Is. 30:615 <sup>a</sup>Deut. 28:38-40; Jer. 12:13 <sup>b</sup>Amos 5:11; Zeph. 1:1316 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *her*  
<sup>a</sup>1 Kin. 16:25, 26 <sup>b</sup>1 Kin. 16:29-33 <sup>c</sup>Jer. 7:24 <sup>d</sup>Mic. 6:13; Jer. 18:16 <sup>e</sup>Jer. 19:8; 25:9, 18; 29:18 <sup>f</sup>Ps. 44:13; Jer. 51:51; Hos. 12:141 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *my soul*  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 24:13 <sup>b</sup>Is. 28:4; Hos. 9:102 <sup>1</sup>Or, *loyal*  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 57:1 <sup>b</sup>Mic. 3:10; Is. 59:7 <sup>c</sup>Jer. 5:26; Hos. 5:13 <sup>a</sup>Prov. 4:16, 17 <sup>b</sup>Mic. 3:11; Amos 5:124 <sup>a</sup>Ezek. 2:6; 28:24 <sup>b</sup>Nah. 1:10 <sup>c</sup>Is. 10:3; Hos. 9:7 <sup>d</sup>Is. 22:55 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *openings of your mouth*  
<sup>a</sup>Jer. 9:46 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 10:367 <sup>a</sup>Hab. 2:1 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 130:5; Is. 25:9 <sup>c</sup>Ps. 4:38 <sup>a</sup>Amos 9:11 <sup>b</sup>Is. 9:2

- 13 "So also I will make you sick, striking you down,  
<sup>a</sup>Desolating you because of your sins.
- 14 "You will eat, but you will <sup>a</sup>not be satisfied,  
And your <sup>1</sup>vileness will be in your midst.  
You will *try to remove for safekeeping,*  
But you will <sup>b</sup>not preserve *anything,*  
And what you do preserve I will give to the sword.
- 15 "You will sow but you will <sup>a</sup>not reap.  
You will tread the olive but will not anoint yourself  
with oil;  
And the grapes, but you will <sup>b</sup>not drink wine.
- 16 "The statutes of <sup>a</sup>Omri  
And all the works of the house of <sup>b</sup>Ahab are observed;  
And in their devices you <sup>c</sup>walk.  
Therefore, I will give you up for <sup>d</sup>destruction  
And <sup>1</sup>your inhabitants for <sup>e</sup>derision,  
And you will bear the <sup>f</sup>reproach of My people."

## CHAPTER 7

- Woe is me! For I am  
Like the fruit pickers and the <sup>a</sup>grape gatherers.  
There is not a cluster of grapes to eat,  
Or a <sup>b</sup>first-ripe fig *which* <sup>1</sup>I crave.
- 2 The <sup>1</sup>godly person has <sup>a</sup>perished from the land,  
And there is no upright *person* among men.  
All of them lie in wait for <sup>b</sup>bloodshed;  
Each of them hunts the other with a <sup>c</sup>net.
- 3 Concerning evil, both hands do it <sup>a</sup>well.  
The prince asks, also the judge, for a <sup>b</sup>bribe,  
And a great man speaks the desire of his soul;  
So they weave it together.
- 4 The best of them is like a <sup>a</sup>briar,  
The most upright like a <sup>b</sup>thorn hedge.  
The day when you post a watchman,  
Your <sup>c</sup>punishment will come.  
Then their <sup>d</sup>confusion will occur.
- 5 Do not <sup>a</sup>trust in a neighbor;  
Do not have confidence in a friend.  
From her who lies in your bosom  
Guard <sup>1</sup>your lips.
- 6 For son treats father contemptuously,  
Daughter rises up against her mother,  
Daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law;  
<sup>a</sup>A man's enemies are the men of his own household.
- 7 But as for me, I will <sup>a</sup>watch expectantly for the LORD;  
I will <sup>b</sup>wait for the God of my salvation.  
My <sup>c</sup>God will hear me.
- 8 Do not rejoice over me, O my enemy.  
Though I fall I will <sup>a</sup>rise;  
Though I dwell in darkness, the LORD is a <sup>b</sup>blight for me.
- 9 I will bear the indignation of the LORD  
Because I have sinned against Him,

**God the Source of Light and Salvation.  
God's Mercy Will Be Renewed.**

- Until He <sup>a</sup>pleads my case and executes justice for me.  
He will bring me out to the <sup>b</sup>light,  
And I will see His <sup>1</sup>righteousness.
- 10 Then my enemy will see,  
And shame will cover her who <sup>a</sup>said to me,  
“Where is the LORD your God?”  
My eyes will look on her;  
<sup>1</sup>At that time she will <sup>2</sup>be <sup>b</sup>trampled down,  
Like mire of the streets.
- 11 *It will be* a day for <sup>a</sup>building your walls.  
On that day will your <sup>b</sup>boundary be extended.
- 12 *It will be* a day when <sup>1</sup>they will <sup>a</sup>come to you  
From Assyria and the cities of Egypt,  
From Egypt even to <sup>2</sup>the Euphrates,  
Even from sea to sea and mountain to mountain.
- 13 And the earth will become <sup>a</sup>desolate because of her  
inhabitants,  
On account of the <sup>b</sup>fruit of their deeds.
- 14 Shepherd Thy people with Thy <sup>a</sup>scepter,  
The flock of Thy <sup>1</sup>possession  
Which dwells by itself in the woodland,  
In the midst of <sup>2a</sup> <sup>b</sup>fruitful field.  
Let them feed in Bashan and Gilead  
<sup>b</sup>As in the days of old.
- 15 “As in the days when you came out from the land of  
Egypt,  
I will show <sup>1a</sup>you miracles.”
- 16 Nations will see and be ashamed  
Of all their might.  
They will <sup>a</sup>put *their* hand on *their* mouth,  
Their ears will be deaf.
- 17 They will <sup>a</sup>lick the dust like a serpent,  
Like reptiles of the earth.  
They will come trembling out of their <sup>1</sup>fortresses;  
To the LORD our God they will come in <sup>b</sup>dread,  
And they will be afraid before Thee.
- 18 Who is a God like Thee, who <sup>a</sup>pardons iniquity  
And passes over the rebellious act of the <sup>b</sup>remnant of  
His <sup>1</sup>possession?  
He does not <sup>a</sup>retain His anger forever,  
Because He <sup>d</sup>delights in <sup>2</sup>unchanging love.
- 19 He will again have compassion on us;  
<sup>a</sup>He will tread our iniquities underfoot.  
Yes, Thou wilt <sup>b</sup>cast all <sup>1</sup>their sins  
Into the depths of the sea.
- 20 Thou wilt give <sup>1a</sup>truth to Jacob  
And <sup>2</sup>unchanging love to Abraham,  
Which Thou didst <sup>b</sup>swear to our forefathers  
From the days of old.

<sup>9</sup> <sup>1</sup>Lit., right dealing  
<sup>a</sup>Jer. 50:34 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 37:6; Is.  
42:7, 16 <sup>c</sup>Is. 46:13; 56:1

<sup>10</sup> <sup>1</sup>Lit., Now <sup>2</sup>Lit.,  
become a trampled place  
<sup>a</sup>Joel 2:17 <sup>b</sup>Is. 51:23; Zech.  
10:5

<sup>11</sup> <sup>a</sup>Is. 54:11; Amos 9:11  
<sup>b</sup>Zeph. 2:2

<sup>12</sup> <sup>1</sup>Lit., he <sup>2</sup>Lit., the  
River  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 19:23-25; 60:4, 9

<sup>13</sup> <sup>a</sup>Mic. 6:13; Jer. 25:11  
<sup>b</sup>Mic. 3:4; Is. 3:10, 11

<sup>14</sup> <sup>1</sup>Or, inheritance <sup>2</sup>Or,  
Carmel  
<sup>a</sup>Lev. 27:32; Ps. 23:4 <sup>b</sup>Amos  
9:11

<sup>15</sup> <sup>1</sup>Lit., him  
<sup>a</sup>Ex. 3:20; 34:10; Ps. 78:12

<sup>16</sup> <sup>a</sup>Mic. 3:7

<sup>17</sup> <sup>1</sup>Lit., fastnesses  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 72:9; Is. 49:23 <sup>b</sup>Is. 25:3;  
59:19

<sup>18</sup> <sup>1</sup>Or, inheritance <sup>2</sup>Or,  
lovingkindness  
<sup>a</sup>Ex. 34:7, 9; Is. 43:25 <sup>b</sup>Mic.  
2:12; 4:7; 5:7, 8 <sup>c</sup>Ps. 103:8,  
9, 13 <sup>d</sup>Jer. 32:41

<sup>19</sup> <sup>1</sup>Several ancient  
versions read, *our*  
<sup>a</sup>Jer. 50:20 <sup>b</sup>Is. 38:17; 43:25;  
Jer. 31:34

<sup>20</sup> <sup>1</sup>Or, faithfulness <sup>2</sup>Or,  
lovingkindness  
<sup>a</sup>Gen. 24:27; 32:10 <sup>b</sup>Deut.  
7:8, 12

# THE BOOK OF NAHUM

God Is Awesome.

1 <sup>1</sup>Or, *burden*  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 13:1; 19:1; Jer. 23:33;  
34; Hab. 1:1; Zech. 9:1;  
Mal. 1:1

2 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *a possessor of wrath*  
<sup>a</sup>Deut. 32:35, 41 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 94:1

3 <sup>a</sup>Ex. 34:6, 7 <sup>b</sup>Is. 29:6;  
Amos 1:1 <sup>c</sup>Ps. 104:3; Is.  
19:1

4 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 106:9; Is. 50:2 <sup>b</sup>Is.  
33:9

5 <sup>a</sup>Ex. 19:18 <sup>b</sup>Mic. 1:4  
<sup>c</sup>Is. 24:1, 20 <sup>d</sup>Ps. 98:7

6 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 10:10 <sup>b</sup>Is. 13:13  
<sup>c</sup>Is. 66:15 <sup>d</sup>1 Kin. 19:11

7 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 25:8; 37:39, 40

8 <sup>1</sup>i.e., *Nineveh's*  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 28:2, 18 <sup>b</sup>Is. 13:9, 10

9 <sup>a</sup>Nah. 1:11 <sup>b</sup>Is. 28:22

10 <sup>a</sup>Mic. 7:4 <sup>b</sup>Is. 56:12 <sup>c</sup>Is.  
5:24; 10:17

11 <sup>1</sup>Or, *worthless*; Heb.,  
*Belial*  
<sup>a</sup>Nah. 1:9; Is. 10:7-11  
<sup>b</sup>Ezek. 11:2

12 <sup>a</sup>Is. 10:16-19, 33, 34

13 <sup>a</sup>Is. 9:4; 10:27; Jer. 2:20

**T**HE <sup>1</sup>oracle of Nineveh. The book of the vision of Nahum the Elkoshite.

- 2 A jealous and avenging God is the LORD;  
The LORD is <sup>a</sup>avenging and <sup>1</sup>wrathful.  
The LORD takes <sup>b</sup>vengeance on His adversaries,  
And He reserves wrath for His enemies.
- 3 The LORD is <sup>a</sup>slow to anger and great in power,  
And the LORD will by no means leave *the guilty* unpunished.  
In <sup>b</sup>whirlwind and storm is His way,  
And <sup>c</sup>clouds are the dust beneath His feet.
- 4 He <sup>a</sup>rebukes the sea and makes it dry;  
He dries up all the rivers.  
<sup>b</sup>Bashan and Carmel wither;  
The blossoms of Lebanon wither.
- 5 Mountains <sup>a</sup>quake because of Him,  
And the hills <sup>b</sup>dissolve;  
Indeed the earth is <sup>c</sup>upheaved by His presence,  
The <sup>d</sup>world and all the inhabitants in it.
- 6 Who can stand before His <sup>a</sup>indignation?  
Who can endure the <sup>b</sup>burning of His anger?  
His <sup>c</sup>wrath is poured out like fire,  
And the <sup>d</sup>rocks are broken up by Him.
- 7 The LORD is <sup>a</sup>good,  
A stronghold in the day of trouble,  
And He knows those who take refuge in Him.
- 8 But with an <sup>a</sup>overflowing flood  
He will make a complete end of <sup>1</sup>its site,  
And will pursue His enemies into <sup>b</sup>darkness.
- 9 Whatever you <sup>a</sup>devise against the LORD,  
He will make a <sup>b</sup>complete end of it.  
Distress will not rise up twice.
- 10 Like tangled <sup>a</sup>thorns,  
And like those who are <sup>b</sup>drunken with their drink,  
They are <sup>c</sup>consumed  
As stubble completely withered.
- 11 From you has gone forth  
One who <sup>a</sup>plotted evil against the LORD,  
A <sup>1</sup>wicked <sup>b</sup>counselor.
- 12 Thus says the LORD,  
“Though they are at full *strength* and likewise many,  
Even so, they will be <sup>a</sup>cut off and pass away.  
Though I have afflicted you,  
I will afflict you no longer.
- 13 “So now, I will <sup>a</sup>break his yoke bar from upon you,  
And I will tear off your shackles.”

14 The LORD has issued a command concerning <sup>1</sup>you:  
 “<sup>2</sup>Your name will no longer be perpetuated.  
 I will cut off <sup>3</sup>idol and <sup>4</sup>image  
 From the house of your gods.  
 I will prepare your <sup>b</sup>grave,  
 For you are contemptible.”

<sup>14</sup> <sup>1</sup>I.e., the king of Nineveh <sup>2</sup>Lit., *No more of your name will be sown*  
<sup>3</sup>Or, *a graven image*  
<sup>4</sup>Lit., *cast metal image*  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 46:1; <sup>2</sup>Mic. 5:13, 14  
<sup>b</sup>Ezek. 32:22, 23

15 <sup>1</sup>Behold, <sup>a</sup>on the mountains the feet of him who brings good news,  
 Who announces peace!  
<sup>b</sup>Celebrate your feasts, O Judah;  
 Pay your vows.  
 For never again will the <sup>2</sup>wicked one <sup>c</sup>pass through you;  
 He is <sup>d</sup>cut off completely.

<sup>15</sup> <sup>1</sup>Chap. 2:1 in Heb.  
<sup>2</sup>Or, *worthless one*; Heb., *Belial*  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 40:9; 52:7; Rom. 10:15  
<sup>b</sup>Lev. 23:2, 4 <sup>c</sup>Is. 52:1; Joel 3:17 <sup>d</sup>Is. 29:7, 8

CHAPTER 2

<sup>1</sup>THE one who <sup>a</sup>scatters has come up against <sup>2</sup>you.  
 Man the fortress, watch the road;  
<sup>3</sup>Strengthen your back, <sup>4</sup>summon all *your* strength.  
 2 For the LORD will restore the <sup>a</sup>splendor of Jacob  
<sup>b</sup>Like the splendor of Israel,  
 Even though devastators have <sup>c</sup>devastated them  
 And <sup>d</sup>destroyed their vine branches.  
 3 The shields of <sup>1</sup>his mighty men are *colored* red,  
 The warriors are dressed in scarlet,  
 The chariots are *enveloped* in <sup>2</sup>flashing steel  
<sup>3</sup>When he is prepared *to march*,  
 And the cypress *spears* are brandished.  
 4 The <sup>a</sup>chariots race madly in the streets,  
 They rush wildly in the <sup>1</sup>squares,  
 Their appearance is like torches,  
 They <sup>b</sup>dash to and fro like lightning flashes.  
 5 He remembers his nobles;  
 They stumble in their march,  
 They hurry to her wall,  
 And the <sup>1</sup>mantelet is set up.  
 6 The gates of the rivers are opened,  
 And the palace is dissolved.  
 7 And it is fixed:  
 She is stripped, she is carried away,  
 And her handmaids are moaning like the sound of doves,  
 Beating on their <sup>1</sup>breasts.  
 8 Though Nineveh *was* like a pool of water throughout her days,  
 Now they are fleeing;  
 “Stop, stop,”  
 But <sup>a</sup>no one turns back.  
 9 Plunder the silver!  
 Plunder the gold!  
 For there is no limit to the treasure—  
 Wealth from every kind of desirable object.

<sup>1</sup> <sup>1</sup>Chap. 2:2 in Heb.  
<sup>2</sup>Lit., *your face* <sup>3</sup>Lit., *Make strong your loins* <sup>4</sup>Lit., *strengthen power greatly*  
<sup>a</sup>Jer. 51:20-23

<sup>2</sup> <sup>a</sup>Is. 60:15 <sup>b</sup>Ezek. 37:21-23  
<sup>c</sup>Jer. 48:11 <sup>d</sup>Ps. 80:12, 13

<sup>3</sup> <sup>1</sup>I.e., those attacking Nineveh <sup>2</sup>Lit., *fire of steel*  
<sup>3</sup>Lit., *On the day of his preparation*

<sup>4</sup> <sup>1</sup>Lit., *broad places*  
<sup>a</sup>Nab. 3:2, 3; Is. 66:15;  
 Ezek. 26:10 <sup>b</sup>Jer. 4:13

<sup>5</sup> <sup>1</sup>Lit., *covering* used in a siege

<sup>7</sup> <sup>1</sup>Lit., *hearts*

<sup>8</sup> <sup>a</sup>Jer. 46:5; 47:3

10 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *all the loin*  
<sup>a</sup>Nah. 2:2; Is. 24:1; 34:10-15  
<sup>b</sup>Ps. 22:14; Is. 13:7, 8; Ezek.  
 21:7 <sup>c</sup>Joel 2:6

12 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *Strangled*

13 <sup>a</sup>Nah. 3:5; Jer. 21:13;  
 Ezek. 5:8 <sup>b</sup>Josh. 11:6, 9; Ps.  
 46:9

1 <sup>a</sup>Ezek. 24:6, 9

2 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *skipping*  
<sup>a</sup>Nah. 2:3, 4; Job 39:22-25;  
 Jer. 47:3

3 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *there is no end*  
 to <sup>2</sup>Lit., *their*  
<sup>a</sup>Hab. 3:11 <sup>b</sup>Is. 34:3; 66:16  
<sup>c</sup>Is. 37:36; Ezek. 39:4

5 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *uncover your*  
<sup>a</sup>Nah. 2:13; Jer. 50:31;  
 Ezek. 26:3 <sup>b</sup>Jer. 13:26  
<sup>c</sup>Ezek. 16:37

6 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *detestable things*  
<sup>a</sup>Job 9:31 <sup>b</sup>Job 30:8; Mal.  
 2:9 <sup>c</sup>Is. 14:16; Jer. 51:37

7 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *flee*  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 51:19; Jer. 15:5

8 <sup>1</sup>I.e., the city of Amon:  
 Thebes <sup>2</sup>I.e., the Nile  
<sup>a</sup>Jer. 46:25; Ezek. 30:14-16  
<sup>b</sup>Is. 19:6-8

9 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *your*  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 20:5

- 10 She is <sup>a</sup>emptied! Yes, she is desolate and waste!  
<sup>b</sup>Hearts are melting and knees knocking!  
 Also anguish is in <sup>1</sup>the whole body,  
 And all their <sup>c</sup>faces are grown pale!
- 11 Where is the den of the lions  
 And the feeding place of the young lions,  
 Where the lion, lioness, and lion's cub prowled,  
 With nothing to disturb *them*?
- 12 The lion tore enough for his cubs,  
<sup>1</sup>Killed *enough* for his lionesses,  
 And filled his lairs with prey  
 And his dens with torn flesh.
- 13 "Behold, <sup>a</sup>I am against you," declares the LORD of hosts.  
 "I will <sup>b</sup>burn up her chariots in smoke, a sword will devour your  
 young lions, I will cut off your prey from the land, and no longer  
 will the voice of your messengers be heard."

CHAPTER 3

- <sup>a</sup>W<sup>O</sup>E to the bloody city, completely full of lies *and* pillage;  
*Her* prey never departs.
- 2 The <sup>a</sup>noise of the whip,  
 The noise of the rattling of the wheel,  
 Galloping horses,  
 And <sup>1</sup>bounding chariots!
- 3 Horsemen charging,  
 Swords flashing, spears <sup>a</sup>gleaming,  
<sup>b</sup>Many slain, a mass of corpses,  
 And <sup>1</sup>countless dead bodies—  
 They stumble over <sup>2</sup>the dead bodies!
- 4 *All* because of the many harlotries of the harlot,  
 The charming one, the mistress of sorceries,  
 Who sells nations by her harlotries  
 And families by her sorceries.
- 5 "Behold, <sup>a</sup>I am against you," declares the LORD of hosts;  
 "And I will <sup>1</sup>blift up your skirts over your face,  
 And <sup>c</sup>show to the nations your nakedness  
 And to the kingdoms your disgrace.
- 6 "I will <sup>a</sup>throw <sup>1</sup>filth on you  
 And <sup>b</sup>make you vile,  
 And set you up as a <sup>c</sup>spectacle.
- 7 "And it will come about that all who see you  
 Will <sup>1</sup>shrink from you and say,  
 'Nineveh is devastated!  
<sup>a</sup>Who will grieve for her?'  
 Where will I seek comforters for you?"
- 8 Are you better than <sup>1</sup>aNo-amon,  
 Which was situated by the <sup>b</sup>waters of the Nile,  
 With water surrounding her,  
 Whose rampart was <sup>2</sup>the sea,  
 Whose wall consisted of <sup>2</sup>the sea?
- 9 <sup>a</sup>Ethiopia was *her* might,  
 And Egypt too, without limits.  
 Put and Lubim were among <sup>1</sup>her helpers.



- 10 Yet she <sup>a</sup>became an exile,  
She went into captivity;  
Also her <sup>b</sup>small children were dashed to pieces  
At the head of every street;  
They <sup>c</sup>cast lots for her honorable men,  
And all her great men were bound with fetters.
- 11 You too will become <sup>a</sup>drunk,  
You will be hidden.  
You too will search for a refuge from the enemy.
- 12 All your fortifications are fig trees with <sup>1a</sup>ripe fruit—  
When shaken, they fall into the eater's mouth.
- 13 Behold, your people are <sup>a</sup>women in your midst!  
The gates of your land are <sup>b</sup>opened wide to your enemies;  
Fire consumes your gate bars.
- 14 <sup>a</sup>Draw for yourself water for the siege!  
<sup>b</sup>Strengthen your fortifications!  
Go into the clay and tread the mortar!  
Take hold of the brick mold!
- 15 There <sup>a</sup>fire will consume you,  
The sword will cut you down;  
It will consume you as the locust *does*.
- M**ultiply yourself like the creeping locust,  
Multiply yourself like the swarming locust.
- 16 You have increased your traders more than the stars of  
heaven—  
The creeping locust <sup>1</sup>strips and flies away.
- 17 Your <sup>1</sup>guardsmen are like the swarming locust.  
Your marshals are like hordes of grasshoppers  
Settling in the stone walls on a cold day.  
The sun rises and they flee,  
And the place where they are is not known.
- 18 Your shepherds are <sup>a</sup>sleeping, O king of Assyria;  
Your nobles are lying down.  
Your people are <sup>b</sup>scattered on the mountains,  
And there is no one to regather *them*.
- 19 There is no <sup>a</sup>relief for your breakdown,  
Your <sup>b</sup>wound is incurable.  
All who hear <sup>1</sup>about you  
Will <sup>c</sup>clap *their* hands over you,  
For on whom has not your evil passed continually?

10 <sup>a</sup>Is. 19:4; 20:4 <sup>b</sup>Hos. 1:16 <sup>c</sup>Joel 3:3; Obad. 11

11 <sup>a</sup>Is. 49:26; Jer. 25:27

12 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *first fruits*  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 28:4; Hab. 1:10

13 <sup>a</sup>Is. 19:16; Jer. 51:30  
<sup>b</sup>Nah. 2:6; Is. 45:1, 2

14 <sup>a</sup>2 Chr. 32:3, 4, 11  
<sup>b</sup>Nah. 2:1

15 <sup>a</sup>Nah. 3:13; 2:13; Is. 66:15, 16

16 <sup>1</sup>I.e., *strips vegetation*;  
or, *malts*

17 <sup>1</sup>Or, *officials*

18 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 76:5, 6; Is. 56:10;  
Jer. 51:57 <sup>b</sup>1 Kin. 22:17; Is. 13:14

19 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *your report*  
<sup>a</sup>Jer. 46:11; Mic. 1:9 <sup>b</sup>Jer. 30:12 <sup>c</sup>Job 27:23; Lam. 2:15

# THE BOOK OF HABAKKUK

Chaldeans Raised Up to Punish Judah.

1 <sup>1</sup>Or, *burden*  
<sup>1</sup>Is. 13:1; Nah. 1:1

2 <sup>2</sup>Ps. 13:1, 2; 22:1, 2  
<sup>b</sup>Jer. 14:9

3 <sup>3</sup>Jer. 20:8 <sup>b</sup>Jer. 15:10

4 <sup>1</sup>Or, *ineffective*; lit.,  
*numbered* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *never goes forth*  
<sup>3</sup>Ps. 119:126; Is. 59:12-14  
<sup>b</sup>Ps. 22:12; Is. 1:21-23 <sup>c</sup>Is.  
5:20; Ezek. 9:9

5 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *it*  
<sup>2</sup>Is. 29:9 <sup>b</sup>Is. 29:14; Ezek.  
12:22-28

6 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *bitter* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *the  
breadth of* <sup>3</sup>Lit., *take  
possession of*  
<sup>4</sup>2 Kin. 24:2; Jer. 4:11-13  
<sup>b</sup>Jer. 8:10

7 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *eminence* <sup>2</sup>Lit.,  
*proceeds from*  
<sup>3</sup>Is. 18:2, 7 <sup>b</sup>Jer. 39:5-9

8 <sup>1</sup>Or, *more eager to  
attack* <sup>2</sup>Or, *steeds paw the  
ground*  
<sup>3</sup>Ezek. 17:3; Hos. 8:1

9 <sup>1</sup>Or, *The eagerness of  
their faces*  
<sup>2</sup>2 Kin. 12:17; Dan. 11:17

10 <sup>2</sup>Chr. 36:6, 10; Is.  
37:13 <sup>b</sup>Is. 10:9; 14:16 <sup>c</sup>Jer.  
32:24; Ezek. 26:8

11 <sup>2</sup>Jer. 2:3 <sup>b</sup>Hab. 1:16;  
Dan. 4:30

12 <sup>3</sup>Is. 10:5, 6; Mal. 3:5  
<sup>b</sup>Deut. 32:4

13 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *look at*  
<sup>2</sup>Ps. 11:4-6; 34:16 <sup>b</sup>Jer.  
12:1, 2 <sup>c</sup>Is. 24:16 <sup>d</sup>Ps. 50:21

THE <sup>1</sup>oracle which Habakkuk the prophet saw.

- 2 <sup>a</sup>How long, O LORD, will I call for help,  
And Thou wilt not hear?  
I cry out to Thee, "Violence!"  
Yet Thou dost <sup>b</sup>not save.
- 3 Why dost Thou make me see iniquity,  
And cause *me* to look on wickedness?  
Yes, <sup>a</sup>destruction and violence are before me;  
<sup>b</sup>Strife exists and contention arises.
- 4 Therefore, the <sup>a</sup>law is <sup>1</sup>ignored  
And justice <sup>2</sup>is never upheld.  
For the wicked <sup>b</sup>surround the righteous;  
Therefore, justice comes out <sup>c</sup>perverted.
- 5 "Look among the nations! Observe!  
Be astonished! <sup>a</sup>Wonder!  
Because *I* am doing <sup>b</sup>something in your days—  
You would not believe if <sup>1</sup>you were told.
- 6 "For behold, I am <sup>a</sup>raising up the Chaldeans,  
That <sup>1</sup>fierce and impetuous people  
Who march <sup>2</sup>throughout the earth  
To <sup>3</sup>seize dwelling places which are not theirs.
- 7 "They are dreaded and <sup>a</sup>feared.  
Their <sup>b</sup>justice and <sup>1</sup>authority <sup>2</sup>originate with themselves.
- 8 "Their horses are swifter than leopards  
And <sup>1</sup>keener than wolves in the evening.  
Their <sup>2</sup>horsemen come galloping,  
Their horsemen come from afar;  
They fly like an <sup>a</sup>eagle swooping *down* to devour.
- 9 "All of them come for violence.  
<sup>1</sup>Their <sup>a</sup>horde of faces *moves* forward.  
They collect captives like sand.
- 10 "They <sup>a</sup>mock at kings,  
And rulers are a laughing matter to them.  
They <sup>b</sup>laugh at every fortress,  
And <sup>c</sup>heap up rubble to capture it.
- 11 "Then they will sweep through *like* the wind and pass on.  
But they will be held <sup>a</sup>guilty,  
They whose <sup>b</sup>strength is their god."
- 12 Art Thou not from everlasting,  
O LORD, my God, my Holy One?  
We will not die.  
Thou, O LORD, hast <sup>a</sup>appointed them to judge;  
And Thou, O <sup>b</sup>Rock, hast established them to correct.
- 13 *Thine* eyes are too <sup>a</sup>pure to <sup>1</sup>approve evil,  
And Thou canst not look on wickedness *with favor*.  
Why dost Thou <sup>b</sup>look with favor  
On those who deal <sup>c</sup>treacherously?  
Why art Thou <sup>d</sup>silent when the wicked swallowed up  
Those more righteous than they?

**The Prophet Remonstrates.  
God Replies.**

**Habakkuk 1, 2**

- 14 Why hast Thou made men like the fish of the sea,  
Like creeping things without a ruler over them?  
15 *The Chaldeans* <sup>a</sup>bring all of them up with a hook,  
<sup>b</sup>Drag them away with their net,  
And gather them together in their fishing net.  
Therefore, they rejoice and are glad.  
16 Therefore, they offer a sacrifice to their net.  
And <sup>1</sup>burn incense to their fishing net;  
Because through <sup>a</sup>these things their <sup>2</sup>catch is <sup>3</sup>large,  
And their food is <sup>4</sup>plentiful.  
17 Will they therefore empty their <sup>a</sup>net  
And continually <sup>b</sup>slay nations without sparing?

<sup>15</sup> <sup>a</sup>Jer. 16:16; Amos 4:2  
<sup>b</sup>Ps. 10:9

<sup>16</sup> <sup>1</sup>Or, *sacrifice* <sup>2</sup>Lit.,  
*portion* <sup>3</sup>Lit., *fat* or  
*plentiful* <sup>4</sup>Lit., *the fat*  
*portion*  
<sup>a</sup>Jer. 44:17

<sup>17</sup> <sup>a</sup>Is. 19:8 <sup>b</sup>Is. 14:5, 6

CHAPTER 2

- I WILL <sup>a</sup>stand on my guard post  
And station myself on the rampart;  
And I will <sup>b</sup>keep watch to see <sup>c</sup>what He will speak to me,  
And how I may reply <sup>1</sup>when I am reproved.  
2 Then the LORD answered me and said,  
“<sup>a</sup>Record the vision  
And inscribe *it* on tablets,  
That <sup>1</sup>the one who <sup>2</sup>reads it may run.  
3 “For the vision is yet for the <sup>a</sup>appointed time;  
It <sup>1</sup>hastens toward the goal, and it will not <sup>2</sup>fail.  
Though it tarries, <sup>b</sup>wait for it;  
For it will certainly come, it will not delay.  
4 “Behold, as for the <sup>a</sup>proud one,  
His soul is not right within him;  
But the <sup>b</sup>righteous will live by his <sup>1</sup>faith.  
5 “Furthermore, wine betrays the haughty man,  
So that he does not <sup>a</sup>stay at home.  
He <sup>b</sup>enlarges his appetite like Sheol,  
And he is like death, never satisfied.  
He also gathers to himself all nations  
And collects to himself all peoples.  
6 “Will not all of these <sup>a</sup>take up a taunt-song against him,  
Even mockery *and* insinuations against him,  
And say, <sup>b</sup>Woe to him who increases what is not his—  
For how long—  
And makes himself <sup>1</sup>rich with loans?  
7 “Will not <sup>1</sup>your creditors <sup>a</sup>rise up suddenly,  
And those who <sup>2</sup>collect from you awaken?  
Indeed, you will become plunder for them.  
8 “Because you have <sup>a</sup>looted many nations,  
All the remainder of the peoples will loot you—  
Because of human bloodshed and violence done to the  
land,  
To the town and all its inhabitants.  
9 “Woe to him who gets <sup>a</sup>evil gain for his house  
To <sup>b</sup>put his nest on high  
To be delivered from the hand of calamity!

<sup>1</sup> <sup>1</sup>Lit., *upon my reproof*  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 21:8 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 5:3 <sup>c</sup>Ps. 85:8

<sup>2</sup> <sup>1</sup>Or, *one may read it*  
*fluently* <sup>2</sup>Or, *is to proclaim*  
*it*  
<sup>a</sup>Deut. 27:8; Rev. 1:19

<sup>3</sup> <sup>1</sup>Lit., *pants* <sup>2</sup>Or, *lie*  
<sup>a</sup>Dan. 8:17, 19 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 27:14

<sup>4</sup> <sup>1</sup>Or, *faithfulness*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 49:18; Ps. 13:11 <sup>b</sup>Rom.  
1:17; Gal. 3:11

<sup>5</sup> <sup>a</sup>2 Kin. 14:10 <sup>b</sup>Is.  
5:11-15

<sup>6</sup> <sup>1</sup>Lit., *heavy*  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 14:4-10; Jer. 50:13  
<sup>b</sup>Hab. 2:12; Job. 20:15-29

<sup>7</sup> <sup>1</sup>Lit., *those who bite*  
*you* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *violently shake*  
*you*  
<sup>a</sup>Prov. 29:1

<sup>8</sup> <sup>a</sup>Is. 33:1; Jer. 27:7;  
Zech. 2:8

<sup>9</sup> <sup>a</sup>Jer. 22:13; Ezek. 22:27  
<sup>b</sup>Is. 47:7; Jer. 49:16

10 <sup>a</sup>Hab. 2:16; 2 Kin. 9:26; Nah. 1:14

11 <sup>1</sup>Lit., wood  
<sup>a</sup>Josh. 24:27; Luke 19:40

12 <sup>1</sup>Or, injustice  
<sup>a</sup>Mic. 3:10; Nah. 3:1

13 <sup>a</sup>Is. 50:11; 55:2; Jer. 51:58

14 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 22:27; Is. 11:9; Zech. 14:8, 9

15 <sup>1</sup>Lit., his neighbor

16 <sup>1</sup>Lit., show yourself uncircumcised; or, stagger; so DSS and ancient versions  
<sup>a</sup>Jer. 25:15, 27 <sup>b</sup>Nah. 3:6

17 <sup>1</sup>Lit., cover <sup>2</sup>Lit., which terrified them  
<sup>a</sup>Joel 3:19; Zech. 11:1  
<sup>b</sup>Hab. 2:8; Ps. 55:23 <sup>c</sup>Hab. 2:8; Jer. 51:35

18 <sup>1</sup>Or, a graven image  
<sup>2</sup>Lit., a cast metal image  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 42:17; 44:9; Jer. 2:27, 28  
<sup>b</sup>Jer. 10:8, 14; Zech. 10:2  
<sup>c</sup>Ps. 115:4, 8

19 <sup>a</sup>1 Kin. 18:26-29 <sup>b</sup>Jer. 10:9, 14 <sup>c</sup>Ps. 135:17

20 <sup>1</sup>Lit., Hush before Him, all the earth.  
<sup>a</sup>Zeph. 1:7; Zech. 2:13

<sup>1</sup> I.e., a highly emotional poetic form

<sup>2</sup> <sup>1</sup>Or, Thy report <sup>2</sup>Or, I stand in awe of Thy work, O LORD; In the midst of the years revive it, <sup>3</sup>Or, compassion  
<sup>a</sup>Job 42:5, 6 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 119:120; Jer. 10:7 <sup>c</sup>Ps. 71:20; 85:6  
<sup>d</sup>Hab. 1:5; Ps. 44:1-8 <sup>e</sup>Num. 14:19; 2 Sam. 24:15-17; Is. 54:8

Woes Pronounced on Chaldeans. "Revive Thy Work."

- 10 "You have devised a <sup>a</sup>shameful thing for your house  
By cutting off many peoples;  
So you are sinning against yourself.
- 11 "Surely the <sup>a</sup>stone will cry out from the wall,  
And the rafter will answer it from the <sup>1</sup>framework.
- 12 "Woe to him who <sup>a</sup>builds a city with bloodshed  
And founds a town with <sup>1</sup>violence!  
13 "Is it not indeed from the LORD of hosts  
That peoples <sup>a</sup>toil for fire,  
And nations grow weary for nothing?  
14 "For the earth will be <sup>a</sup>filled  
With the knowledge of the glory of the LORD,  
As the waters cover the sea.
- 15 "Woe to you who make <sup>1</sup>your neighbors drink,  
Who mix in your venom even to make *them* drunk  
So as to look on their nakedness!  
16 "You will be filled with disgrace rather than honor.  
Now you yourself drink and <sup>1</sup>expose your own nakedness.  
The <sup>a</sup>cup in the LORD's right hand will come around to you,  
And <sup>b</sup>utter disgrace *will come* upon your glory.
- 17 "For the <sup>a</sup>violence done to Lebanon will <sup>1</sup>overwhelm you,  
And the devastation of *its* beasts <sup>2</sup>by which you terrified them,  
<sup>b</sup>Because of human bloodshed and <sup>c</sup>violence *done* to the land,  
To the town and all its inhabitants.
- 18 "What <sup>a</sup>profit is the <sup>1</sup>idol when its maker has carved it,  
Or <sup>2</sup>an image, a <sup>b</sup>teacher of falsehood?  
For its maker <sup>c</sup>trusts in his own handiwork  
When he fashions speechless idols.
- 19 "Woe to him who says to a *piece of wood*, <sup>a</sup>"Awake!"  
To a dumb stone, "Arise!"  
And that is *your* teacher?  
Behold, it is overlaid with <sup>b</sup>gold and silver,  
And there is <sup>c</sup>no breath at all inside it.
- 20 "But the LORD is in His holy temple.  
<sup>1</sup>Let all the earth <sup>a</sup>be silent before Him."

CHAPTER 3

A PRAYER of Habakkuk the prophet, according to <sup>1</sup>Shigio-noth.

- 2 LORD, I have <sup>a</sup>heard <sup>1</sup>the report about Thee <sup>2</sup>and I <sup>b</sup>fear.  
O LORD, <sup>c</sup>revive <sup>d</sup>Thy work in the midst of the years,  
In the midst of the years make it known;  
In wrath remember <sup>3</sup>mercy.
- 3 God comes from Teman,  
And the Holy One from Mount Paran. [Selah.]

- His <sup>a</sup>splendor covers the heavens,  
And the <sup>b</sup>earth is full of His praise.
- 4 His <sup>a</sup>radiance is like the sunlight;  
He has rays *flashing* from His hand,  
And there is the hiding of His <sup>b</sup>power.
- 5 Before Him goes <sup>a</sup>pestilence,  
And <sup>b</sup>plague comes <sup>1</sup>after Him.
- 6 He stood and surveyed the earth;  
He looked and <sup>a</sup>startled the nations.  
Yes, the perpetual mountains were shattered,  
The ancient hills <sup>1</sup>collapsed.  
His ways are everlasting.
- 7 I saw the tents of Cushan under <sup>a</sup>distress,  
The tent curtains of the land of Midian were trembling.
- 8 Did the LORD rage against the <sup>a</sup>ivers,  
Or *was* Thine anger against the rivers,  
Or *was* Thy wrath against the <sup>b</sup>sea,  
That Thou didst <sup>c</sup>ride on Thy horses,  
On Thy <sup>d</sup>chariots of salvation?
- 9 Thy <sup>a</sup>bow was made bare,  
The rods of <sup>1b</sup>chastisement were sworn. [Selah.]  
Thou didst <sup>c</sup>leave the earth with rivers.
- 10 The mountains saw Thee *and* quaked;  
The downpour of waters swept by.  
The deep <sup>a</sup>uttered forth its voice,  
It lifted high its hands.
- 11 <sup>a</sup>Sun *and* moon stood in their places;  
They went away at the <sup>b</sup>light of Thine arrows,  
At the radiance of Thy gleaming spear.
- 12 In indignation Thou didst <sup>a</sup>march through the earth;  
In anger Thou didst <sup>1b</sup>trample the nations.
- 13 Thou didst go forth for the <sup>a</sup>salvation of Thy people,  
For the salvation of Thine <sup>b</sup>anointed.  
Thou didst strike the <sup>c</sup>head of the house of the evil  
To lay him open from <sup>1d</sup>thigh to neck. [Selah.]
- 14 Thou didst pierce with his <sup>a</sup>own <sup>1</sup>spears  
The head of his <sup>2</sup>thongs.  
They <sup>b</sup>stormed in to scatter <sup>3</sup>us;  
Their exultation *was* like those  
Who <sup>c</sup>devour the oppressed in secret.
- 15 Thou didst tread on the sea with Thy horses,  
On the <sup>a</sup>surge of many waters.
- 16 I heard and my <sup>1</sup>inward parts <sup>a</sup>trembled;  
At the sound my lips quivered.  
Decay enters my <sup>b</sup>bones,  
And in my place I tremble.  
Because I must <sup>c</sup>wait quietly for the day of distress,  
<sup>2</sup>For the people to <sup>d</sup>arise *who* will invade us.
- 17 Though the fig tree should not blossom,

3 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 113:4; 148:13 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 48:10

4 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 18:12 <sup>b</sup>Job 26:14

5 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *at His feet*  
<sup>a</sup>Ex. 12:29, 30; Num. 16:46-49 <sup>b</sup>Num. 11:1-3; Ps. 18:12, 13

6 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *bowed or sank down*  
<sup>a</sup>Job 21:18; Ps. 35:5

7 <sup>a</sup>Ex. 15:14-16

8 <sup>a</sup>Ex. 7:19, 20; Josh. 3:16; Is. 50:2 <sup>b</sup>Ex. 14:16, 21; Ps. 114:3, 5 <sup>c</sup>Deut. 33:26; Ps. 18:10 <sup>d</sup>Ps. 68:17

9 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *word*  
<sup>a</sup>Hab. 3:11; Ps. 7:12, 13  
<sup>1c</sup>Gen. 2:3; Deut. 7:8 <sup>c</sup>Ps. 78:16; 105:41

10 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 93:3; 98:7, 8

11 <sup>a</sup>Josh 10:12-14; Ps. 18:9, 11 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 18:14

12 <sup>1</sup>Or, *thresh*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 68:7 <sup>b</sup>Is. 41:15; Jer. 51:33; Mic. 4:13

13 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *foundation*  
<sup>a</sup>Ex. 15:2; Ps. 68:19, 20 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 20:6; 28:8 <sup>c</sup>Ps. 68:21; 110:6  
<sup>d</sup>Ezek. 13:14

14 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *shafts* <sup>2</sup>Or, *warriors or, villagers* <sup>3</sup>Lit., *me*  
<sup>a</sup>Judg. 7:22 <sup>b</sup>Dan. 11:40; Zech. 9:14 <sup>c</sup>Ps. 10:8; 64:2-5

15 <sup>a</sup>Ex. 15:8

16 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *belly* <sup>2</sup>Or, *To come upon the people who will*  
<sup>a</sup>Hab. 3:2; Dan. 10:8 <sup>b</sup>Job 30:17, 30; Jer. 23:9 <sup>c</sup>Luke 21:19 <sup>d</sup>Jer. 5:15

17 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *produce*  
<sup>2</sup>Mic. 6:15 <sup>b</sup>Joel 1:18 <sup>c</sup>Jer. 5:17

18 <sup>a</sup>Ex. 15:1, 2; Is. 61:10;  
 Rom. 5:2, 3; Phil. 4:4 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 46:1-5 <sup>c</sup>Ps. 25:5; 27:1; Is. 12:2

19 <sup>1</sup>YHWH, usually rendered LORD  
<sup>2</sup>Ps. 18:32, 33; Is. 45:24

2 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *ground*  
<sup>2</sup>Jer. 7:20; Ezek. 33:27, 28

3 <sup>1</sup>Or, *stumbling blocks*  
<sup>2</sup>Lit., *ground*  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 6:11, 12 <sup>b</sup>Jer. 4:25; 9:10  
<sup>c</sup>Ezek. 7:19; 14:3, 4, 8

4 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 6:12; Ezek. 6:14  
<sup>b</sup>Mic. 5:13

5 <sup>1</sup>Or, *their king*; M.T., *Malcam*, probably a variant spelling of Milcom  
<sup>2</sup>Kin. 23:12; Jer. 19:13  
<sup>b</sup>Jer. 5:2, 7; 7:9, 10

6 <sup>a</sup>Is. 1:4 <sup>b</sup>Is. 9:13

7 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *Hush* <sup>2</sup>YHWH, usually rendered LORD  
<sup>a</sup>Hab. 2:20; Zech. 2:13 <sup>b</sup>Is. 34:6; Jer. 46:10 <sup>c</sup>1 Sam. 16:5; Is. 13:3

8 <sup>a</sup>Is. 24:21; Hab. 1:10  
<sup>b</sup>Is. 2:6

9 <sup>1</sup>Or, *Lord*  
<sup>2</sup>Jer. 5:27; Amos 3:10

And there be no <sup>1</sup>fruit on the vines,  
*Though* the yield of the <sup>a</sup>olive should fail,  
 And the fields produce no food,  
 Though the <sup>b</sup>flock should be cut off from the fold,  
 And there be <sup>c</sup>no cattle in the stalls,  
 18 Yet I will <sup>a</sup>exult in the LORD,  
 I will <sup>b</sup>rejoice in the <sup>c</sup>God of my salvation.  
 19 The Lord <sup>1</sup>God is my <sup>a</sup>strength,  
 And He has made my feet like hinds' feet,  
 And makes me walk on my high places.

For the choir director, on my stringed instruments.

## THE BOOK OF ZEPHANIAH

Day of Wrath upon Judah.

**T**HE word of the LORD which came to Zephaniah son of Cushi, son of Gedaliah, son of Amariah, son of Hezekiah, in the days of Josiah son of Amon, king of Judah:

- 2 "I will completely <sup>a</sup>remove all *things*  
 From the face of the <sup>1</sup>earth," declares the LORD.
- 3 "I will remove <sup>a</sup>man and beast;  
 I will remove the <sup>b</sup>birds of the sky  
 And the fish of the sea,  
 And the <sup>1</sup>ruins along with the wicked;  
 And I will cut off man from the face of the <sup>2</sup>earth,"  
 declares the LORD.
- 4 "So I will <sup>a</sup>stretch out My hand against Judah  
 And against all the inhabitants of Jerusalem.  
 And I will <sup>b</sup>cut off the remnant of Baal from this place,  
 And the names of the idolatrous priests along with the  
 priests.
- 5 "And those who bow down on the housetops to the  
<sup>a</sup>host of heaven,  
 And those who bow down *and* <sup>b</sup>swear to the LORD and  
 yet swear by <sup>1</sup>Milcom,
- 6 And those who have <sup>a</sup>turned back from following the  
 LORD,  
 And those who have <sup>b</sup>not sought the LORD or inquired  
 of Him."
- 7 <sup>1a</sup>Be silent before the Lord <sup>2</sup>God!  
 For the day of the LORD is near,  
 For the LORD has prepared a <sup>b</sup>sacrifice,  
 He has <sup>c</sup>consecrated His guests.
- 8 "Then it will come about on the day of the LORD's  
 sacrifice,  
 That I will <sup>a</sup>punish the princes, the king's sons,  
 And all who clothe themselves with <sup>b</sup>foreign garments.
- 9 "And I will punish on that day all who leap on the *temple*  
 threshold,  
 Who fill the house of their <sup>1</sup>lord with <sup>a</sup>violence and  
 deceit.

- 10 "And on that day," declares the LORD,  
 "There will be the sound of a cry from the <sup>a</sup>Fish Gate,  
 A wail from the <sup>b</sup>Second Quarter,  
 And a loud crash from the <sup>c</sup>hills.
- 11 "Wail, O inhabitants of the <sup>1</sup>Mortar,  
 For all the <sup>2</sup>people of Canaan will be silenced;  
 All who weigh out <sup>a</sup>silver will be cut off.
- 12 "And it will come about at that time  
 That I will <sup>a</sup>search Jerusalem with lamps,  
 And I will punish the men  
 Who are <sup>1b</sup>stagnant in spirit,  
 Who say in their hearts,  
 'The LORD will <sup>c</sup>not do good or evil!'
- 13 "Moreover, their wealth will become <sup>a</sup>plunder,  
 And their houses desolate;  
 Yes, <sup>b</sup>they will build houses but not inhabit *them*,  
 And plant vineyards but not drink their wine."
- 14 Near is the <sup>a</sup>great <sup>b</sup>day of the LORD,  
 Near and coming very quickly;  
 Listen, the day of the LORD!  
<sup>1</sup>In it the warrior <sup>c</sup>cries out bitterly.
- 15 A day of wrath is that day,  
 A day of <sup>a</sup>trouble and distress,  
 A day of destruction and desolation,  
 A day of <sup>b</sup>darkness and gloom,  
 A day of clouds and thick darkness,
- 16 A day of <sup>a</sup>trumpet and battle cry,  
 Against the <sup>b</sup>fortified cities  
 And the high corner towers.
- 17 And I will bring <sup>a</sup>distress on men,  
 So that they will walk <sup>b</sup>like the blind,  
 Because they have sinned against the LORD;  
 And their <sup>c</sup>blood will be poured out like dust,  
 And their <sup>d</sup>flesh like dung.
- 18 Neither their silver nor their gold  
 Will be able to deliver them  
 On the day of the LORD's wrath;  
 And all the earth will be devoured  
 In the fire of His jealousy,  
 For He will <sup>a</sup>make a complete end,  
 Indeed a terrifying one,  
 Of all the inhabitants of the earth.

## CHAPTER 2

**G**ATHER yourselves together, yes, <sup>a</sup>gather,  
 O nation <sup>b</sup>without <sup>1</sup>shame,

- 2 Before the decree <sup>1</sup>takes effect—  
 The day passes <sup>a</sup>like the chaff—  
 Before the <sup>b</sup>burning anger of the LORD comes upon you,  
 Before the day of the LORD's anger comes upon you.

10 <sup>1</sup>I.e., a district of  
 Jerusalem  
<sup>2</sup>Chr. 33:14 <sup>b2</sup>Chr. 34:22  
<sup>c2</sup>Sam. 5:7; Ezek. 6:13

11 <sup>1</sup>I.e., a district of  
 Jerusalem <sup>2</sup>Or, merchant  
 people will  
<sup>a</sup>Job 27:16, 17; Hos. 9:6

12 <sup>1</sup>Lit., thickening on  
 their lees  
<sup>a</sup>Jer. 16:16, 17; Ezek. 9:4-  
 11; Amos 9:1-3 <sup>b</sup>Jer. 48:11;  
 Amos 6:1 <sup>c</sup>Ezek. 8:12; 9:9

13 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 15:13; 17:3 <sup>b</sup>Amos  
 5:11; Mic. 6:15

14 <sup>1</sup>Lit., There  
<sup>a</sup>Jer. 30:7; Joel 2:11; Mal.  
 4:5 <sup>b</sup>Zeph. 1:7; Ezek. 7:7,  
 12; 30:3; Joel 1:15; 3:14  
<sup>c</sup>Ezek. 7:16-18

15 <sup>a</sup>Is. 22:5 <sup>b</sup>Joel 2:2, 31;  
 Amos 5:18-20

16 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 4:19 <sup>b</sup>Is. 2:12-15

17 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 10:18 <sup>b</sup>Deut.  
 28:29 <sup>c</sup>Ezek. 24:7, 8 <sup>d</sup>Jer.  
 8:2; 9:22

18 <sup>a</sup>Ezek. 7:5-7

1 <sup>1</sup>Or, longing  
<sup>2</sup>Chr. 20:4; Joel 1:14 <sup>b</sup>Jer.  
 3:3; 6:15

2 <sup>1</sup>Lit., is born  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 17:13; Hos. 13:3 <sup>b</sup>Lam.  
 4:11; Nah. 1:6

3 <sup>1</sup>Or, land <sup>2</sup>Or, justice  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 105:4; Amos 5:6 <sup>b</sup>Pss.  
 22:26; Is. 11:4 <sup>c</sup>Amos 5:14,  
 15 <sup>d</sup>Ps. 57:1; Is. 26:20

4 <sup>a</sup>Amos 1:7, 8; Zech.  
 9:5-7

5 <sup>1</sup>I.e., a segment of the  
 Philistines with roots in  
 Crete  
<sup>a</sup>Amos 3:1 <sup>b</sup>Is. 14:29, 30

6 <sup>1</sup>Or, meadows; or,  
 wells  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 7:25

7 <sup>a</sup>Is. 11:14; Jer. 32:44  
<sup>b</sup>Is. 32:14 <sup>c</sup>Ex. 4:31; Ps.  
 80:14 <sup>d</sup>Zeph. 3:20; Ps.  
 126:4

8 <sup>1</sup>Lit., reproach <sup>2</sup>Lit.,  
 reproached <sup>3</sup>Lit., made  
 themselves great  
<sup>a</sup>Ezek. 25:8 <sup>b</sup>Ezek. 25:3  
<sup>c</sup>Amos 1:13

9 <sup>a</sup>Is. 11:14

10 <sup>1</sup>Lit., reproached <sup>2</sup>Lit.,  
 made themselves great  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 16:6

11 <sup>1</sup>Lit., make lean  
<sup>a</sup>Joel 2:11 <sup>b</sup>Is. 24:15 <sup>c</sup>Zeph.  
 3:9; Ps. 72:8-11

12 <sup>a</sup>Is. 20:4, 5; Ezek.  
 30:4-9

13 <sup>a</sup>Nah. 3:7

14 <sup>1</sup>Or, All kinds of beasts  
 in crowds; lit., Every kind  
 of beast of a nation <sup>2</sup>Or,  
 owl; or, jackdaw <sup>3</sup>Lit., her  
 capitals <sup>4</sup>Lit., A voice  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 14:23; 34:11-15

3 <sup>a</sup>Seek the LORD,  
 All you <sup>b</sup>humble of the <sup>1</sup>earth  
 Who have carried out His <sup>2</sup>ordinances;  
<sup>c</sup>Seek righteousness, seek humility.  
 Perhaps you will be <sup>d</sup>hidden  
 In the day of the LORD's anger.

4 For <sup>a</sup>Gaza will be abandoned,  
 And Ashkelon a desolation;  
<sup>a</sup>Ashdod will be driven out at noon,  
 And <sup>a</sup>Ekron will be uprooted.

5 Woe to the inhabitants of the seacoast,  
 The nation of the <sup>1</sup>Cherethites!  
 The word of the LORD is <sup>a</sup>against you,  
 O Canaan, land of the Philistines;  
 And I will <sup>b</sup>destroy you,  
 So that there will be no inhabitant.

6 So the seacoast will be <sup>a</sup>pastures,  
 With <sup>1</sup>caves for shepherds and folds for flocks.

7 And the coast will be  
 For the <sup>a</sup>remnant of the house of Judah,  
 They will <sup>b</sup>pasture on it.  
 In the houses of Ashkelon they will lie down at evening;  
 For the LORD their God will <sup>c</sup>care for them  
 And <sup>d</sup>restore their fortune.

8 "I have heard the <sup>1a</sup>taunting of Moab  
 And the <sup>b</sup>revilings of the sons of Ammon,  
 With which they have <sup>2</sup>taunted My people  
 And <sup>3</sup>become arrogant against their territory.  
 9 "Therefore, as I live," declares the LORD of hosts,  
 The God of Israel,  
 "Surely Moab will be like Sodom,  
 And the sons of Ammon like Gomorrah—  
 A place possessed by nettles and salt pits,  
 And a perpetual desolation.  
 The remnant of My people will <sup>a</sup>plunder them,  
 And the remainder of My nation will inherit them."

10 This they will have in return for their <sup>a</sup>pride, because  
 they have <sup>1</sup>taunted and <sup>2</sup>become arrogant against the people of  
 the LORD of hosts.

11 The LORD will be <sup>a</sup>terrifying to them, for He will <sup>1</sup>starve  
 all the gods of the earth; and all the <sup>b</sup>coastlands of the nations  
 will <sup>c</sup>bow down to Him, every one from his own place.

12 "You also, O <sup>a</sup>Ethiopians, will be slain by My sword."

13 And He will stretch out His hand against the north  
 And destroy Assyria,  
 And He will make <sup>a</sup>Nineveh a desolation,  
 Parched like the wilderness.

14 And flocks will lie down in her midst,  
<sup>1</sup>All beasts which range in herds;  
 Both the <sup>2a</sup>pelican and the hedgehog  
 Will lodge in <sup>3</sup>the tops of her pillars;  
<sup>4</sup>Birds will sing in the window,  
 Desolation will be on the threshold;  
 For He has laid bare the cedar work.



- 15 This is the <sup>a</sup>exultant city  
Which <sup>b</sup>dwells securely,  
Who says in her heart,  
“I am, and there is no one besides me.”  
How she has become a <sup>d</sup>desolation,  
A resting place for beasts!  
<sup>e</sup>Every one who passes by her will hiss  
And wave his hand in contempt.

CHAPTER 3

- W<sup>O</sup>E to her who is <sup>a</sup>rebellious and <sup>b</sup>defiled,  
The <sup>c</sup>tyrannical city!
- 2 She <sup>a</sup>heeded no voice;  
She <sup>b</sup>accepted no instruction.  
She did not <sup>c</sup>trust in the LORD;  
She did not <sup>d</sup>draw near to her God.
- 3 Her <sup>a</sup>princes within her are roaring lions,  
Her judges are <sup>b</sup>wolves at evening;  
They leave nothing for the morning.
- 4 Her prophets are <sup>a</sup>reckless, treacherous men;  
Her <sup>b</sup>priests have profaned the sanctuary.  
They have done violence to the law.
- 5 The LORD is <sup>a</sup>righteous within her;  
He will do no <sup>b</sup>injustice.  
<sup>c</sup>Every morning He brings His justice to light;  
He does not fail.  
But the unjust knows no shame.
- 6 “I have cut off nations;  
Their corner towers are in ruins.  
I have made their streets <sup>a</sup>desolate,  
With no one passing by;  
Their <sup>b</sup>cities are laid waste,  
Without a man, without an inhabitant.
- 7 “I said, ‘Surely you will revere Me,  
Accept instruction.’  
So her dwelling will <sup>a</sup>not be cut off  
*According to* all that I have appointed concerning her.  
But they were eager to <sup>b</sup>corrupt all their deeds.
- 8 “Therefore, <sup>a</sup>wait for Me,” declares the LORD,  
“For the day when I rise up to the prey.  
Indeed, My decision is to <sup>b</sup>gather nations,  
To assemble kingdoms,  
To pour out on them My indignation,  
All My burning anger;  
For all the earth will be devoured  
By the fire of My zeal.
- 9 “For then I will <sup>1</sup>give to the peoples <sup>a</sup>purified lips,  
That all of them may <sup>b</sup>call on the name of the LORD,  
To serve Him <sup>2</sup>shoulder to shoulder.
- 10 “From beyond the rivers of Ethiopia  
My <sup>1</sup>worshipers, <sup>2</sup>My dispersed ones,  
Will <sup>a</sup>bring My offerings.

15 <sup>a</sup>Is. 22:2 <sup>b</sup>Is. 32:9, 11;  
47:8 <sup>c</sup>Is. 47:8; Ezek. 28:2, 9  
<sup>d</sup>Is. 32:14 <sup>e</sup>Jer. 18:16; 19:8

1 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 5:23 <sup>b</sup>Ezek. 23:30  
<sup>c</sup>Jer. 6:6

2 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 7:23-28 <sup>b</sup>Jer. 2:30;  
5:3 <sup>c</sup>Ps. 78:22; Jer. 13:25  
<sup>d</sup>Ps. 73:28

3 <sup>a</sup>Ezek. 22:27 <sup>b</sup>Jer. 5:6;  
Hab. 1:8

4 <sup>a</sup>Judg. 9:4 <sup>b</sup>Ezek. 22:26;  
Mal. 2:7, 8

5 <sup>a</sup>Deut. 32:4 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 92:15  
<sup>c</sup>Job 7:18

6 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 9:12 <sup>b</sup>Is. 6:11

7 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 7:7 <sup>b</sup>Hos. 9:9

8 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 27:14; Is. 30:18;  
Hab. 2:3 <sup>b</sup>Ezek. 38:14-23;  
Joel 3:2

9 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *change* <sup>2</sup>Lit.,  
*with one shoulder*  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 19:18; 57:19 <sup>b</sup>Zeph.  
2:11; Ps. 22:27; 86:9; Hab.  
2:14

10 <sup>1</sup>Or, *suppliants* <sup>2</sup>Lit.,  
*the daughter of My*  
*dispersed ones*  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 60:6, 7

11 <sup>a</sup>Is. 45:17; 54:4; Joel 2:26, 27 <sup>b</sup>Is. 2:12; 5:15 <sup>c</sup>Is. 11:9; 56:7; Ezek. 20:40

12 <sup>a</sup>Is. 14:30, 32; Zech. 13:8, 9 <sup>b</sup>Is. 50:10; Nah. 1:7

13 <sup>a</sup>Zeph. 2:7; Is. 10:20-22; Mic. 4:7 <sup>b</sup>Zeph. 3:5; Ps. 119:3; Jer. 31:33 <sup>c</sup>Zech. 8:3, 16

15 <sup>a</sup>Zeph. 3:5; Ezek. 37:26-28 <sup>b</sup>Is. 54:14

16 <sup>a</sup>Is. 35:3, 4

17 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *A warrior who saves* <sup>2</sup>Or, with some ancient versions, *renew you* in <sup>a</sup>Is. 63:1 <sup>b</sup>Is. 62:5

18 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *were* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *her* <sup>a</sup>Ps. 42:2-4; Ezek. 9:4, 6

19 <sup>a</sup>Is. 60:14; Zech. 8:23 <sup>b</sup>Ezek. 16:27, 57 <sup>c</sup>Is. 60:18; 62:7

20 <sup>a</sup>Ezek. 37:12, 21 <sup>b</sup>Deut. 26:18, 19; Is. 56:5; 66:22 <sup>c</sup>Zeph. 2:7; Jer. 29:14; Joel 3:1

- 11 "In that day you will <sup>a</sup>feel no shame  
Because of all your deeds  
By which you have rebelled against Me;  
For then I will remove from your midst  
Your <sup>b</sup>proud, exulting ones,  
And you will never again be haughty  
On My <sup>c</sup>holy mountain.
- 12 "But I will leave among you  
A <sup>a</sup>humble and lowly people,  
And they will <sup>b</sup>take refuge in the name of the LORD.
- 13 "The <sup>a</sup>remnant of Israel will <sup>b</sup>do no wrong  
And <sup>c</sup>tell no lies,  
Nor will a deceitful tongue  
Be found in their mouths;  
For they shall feed and lie down  
With no one to make them tremble."
- 14 Shout for joy, O daughter of Zion!  
Shout *in triumph*, O Israel!  
Rejoice and exult with all *your* heart,  
O daughter of Jerusalem!
- 15 The LORD has taken away *His* judgments against you,  
He has cleared away your enemies.  
The King of Israel, the LORD, is <sup>a</sup>in your midst;  
You will <sup>b</sup>fear disaster no more.
- 16 In that day it will be said to Jerusalem:  
<sup>a</sup>"Do not be afraid, O Zion;  
Do not let your hands fall limp.
- 17 "The LORD your God is in your midst,  
A <sup>1a</sup>victorious warrior.  
He will <sup>b</sup>exult over you with joy,  
He will <sup>2</sup>be quiet in His love,  
He will rejoice over you with shouts of joy.
- 18 "I will gather those who <sup>a</sup>grieve about the appointed  
feasts—  
They <sup>1</sup>came from you, O Zion;  
*The reproach of exile* is a burden on <sup>2</sup>them.
- 19 "Behold, I am going to deal at that time  
With all your <sup>a</sup>oppressors,  
I will save the lame  
And gather the outcast,  
And I will turn their <sup>b</sup>shame into <sup>c</sup>praise and renown  
In all the earth.
- 20 "At that time I will <sup>a</sup>bring you in,  
Even at the time when I gather you together;  
Indeed, I will give you <sup>b</sup>renown and praise  
Among all the peoples of the earth,  
When I <sup>c</sup>restore your fortunes before your eyes,"  
Says the LORD.

# THE BOOK OF HAGGAI

## Haggai Begins Temple Building.

**I**N the second year of Darius the king, on the first day of the sixth month, the word of the LORD came by the prophet <sup>a</sup>Haggai to Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, <sup>b</sup>governor of Judah, and to Joshua the son of Jehozadak, the high priest saying,

2 "Thus says the LORD of <sup>1</sup>hosts, "This people says, "The time has not come, *even* the time for the house of the LORD to be rebuilt." "

3 Then the word of the LORD came by Haggai the prophet saying,

4 "Is it time for you yourselves to dwell in your paneled houses while this house <sup>a</sup>lies desolate?"

5 Now therefore, thus says the LORD of hosts, "<sup>1</sup>Consider your ways!

6 "You have <sup>a</sup>sown much, but <sup>1</sup>harvest little; you eat, but *there is not enough* to be satisfied; you drink, but *there is not enough* <sup>2</sup>to become drunk; you put on clothing, but no one is warm *enough*; and he who earns, earns wages *to put* into a purse with holes."

7 Thus says the LORD of hosts, "<sup>1</sup>Consider your ways!

8 "Go up to the <sup>1</sup>mountains, bring wood and rebuild the <sup>2</sup>temple, that I may be <sup>a</sup>pleased with it and be glorified," says the LORD.

9 "*You look for much, but behold, it comes* to little; when you bring *it home*, I <sup>a</sup>blow it *away*. Why?" declares the LORD of hosts, "Because of My house which *lies desolate*, while each of you runs to his own house.

10 "Therefore, because of you the <sup>a</sup>sky has withheld <sup>1</sup>its dew, and the earth has withheld its produce.

11 "And I called for a <sup>a</sup>drought on the land, on the mountains, on the grain, on the new wine, on the oil, on what the ground produces, on <sup>b</sup>men, on cattle, and on all the labor of <sup>1</sup>your hands."

12 Then Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, and Joshua the son of Jehozadak, the high priest, with all the remnant of the people, <sup>a</sup>obeyed the voice of the LORD their God and the words of Haggai the prophet, as the LORD their God had sent him. And the people <sup>b</sup>showed reverence for the LORD.

13 Then Haggai, the <sup>a</sup>messenger of the LORD, spoke <sup>1</sup>by the commission of the LORD to the people saying, " "<sup>b</sup>I am with you," declares the LORD."

14 So the LORD stirred up the spirit of <sup>a</sup>Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, <sup>a</sup>governor of Judah, and the spirit of Joshua the son of Jehozadak, the high priest, and the spirit of all the <sup>b</sup>remnant of the people; and they came and <sup>c</sup>worked on the house of the LORD of hosts, their God,

15 on the twenty-fourth day of the sixth month in the second year of Darius the king.

1 <sup>a</sup>Hag. 1:3, 12, 13; 2:1, 10, 20; Ezra 5:1; 6:14  
<sup>b</sup>1 Kin. 10:15; Ezra 5:3

2 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *hosts, saying*

4 <sup>a</sup>Hag. 1:9; Jer. 33:10, 12

5 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *set your heart on*

6 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *bring in* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *not becoming drunk*  
<sup>a</sup>Hag. 1:9, 10; 2:16, 17;  
Deut. 28:38-40; Hos. 8:7

7 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *set your heart on*

8 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *mountain* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *house*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 132:13, 14

9 <sup>a</sup>Is. 40:7

10 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *from dew*  
<sup>a</sup>Deut. 28:23-24; 1 Kin. 17:1; Joel 1:18-20

11 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *the palms*  
<sup>a</sup>Jer. 14:2-6; Mal. 3:9; 11  
<sup>b</sup>Deut. 28:22

12 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *feared before*  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 1:19; 1 Thess. 2:13  
<sup>b</sup>Deut. 31:12, 13; Ps. 112:1;  
Is. 50:10

13 <sup>1</sup>Or, *the message*  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 44:26; Ezek. 3:17; Mal. 2:7; 3:1 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 46:11; Is. 41:10; 43:2

14 <sup>a</sup>Hag. 1:1; 2:2, 21  
<sup>b</sup>Hag. 1:12 <sup>c</sup>Ezra 5:2; Neh. 4:6

1 <sup>1</sup>Hag. 1:1

2 <sup>2</sup>Hag. 1:1 <sup>b</sup>Hag. 1:12

3 <sup>1</sup>Lit., house <sup>2</sup>Lit., is in your eyes <sup>3</sup>Lit., like it  
<sup>a</sup>Ezra 3:12

4 <sup>1</sup>Lit., be strong  
<sup>a</sup>Deut. 31:23; 1 Chr. 22:13; 28:20; Zech. 8:9; Eph. 6:10  
<sup>b</sup>2 Sam. 5:10; Acts 7:9

5 <sup>1</sup>Lit., word <sup>2</sup>Lit., cut with <sup>3</sup>Or, while . . . was standing  
<sup>a</sup>Ex. 19:4-6; 33:12-14; 34:8-10  
<sup>b</sup>Neh. 9:20; Is. 63:11, 14  
<sup>c</sup>Is. 41:10, 13; Zech. 8:13

6 <sup>1</sup>Lit., it is a little  
<sup>a</sup>Heb. 12:26 <sup>b</sup>Is. 10:25; 29:17

7 <sup>1</sup>Or, the Desire of all nations will come  
<sup>a</sup>Dan. 2:44; Joel 3:9, 16 <sup>b</sup>Is. 60:4-9  
<sup>c</sup>1 Kin. 8:11; Is. 60:7

8 <sup>a</sup>1 Chr. 29:14, 16; Is. 60:17

9 <sup>a</sup>Zech. 2:5 <sup>b</sup>Is. 9:6, 7; 66:12

11 <sup>1</sup>Lit., law  
<sup>a</sup>Deut. 17:8-11; Mal. 2:7

12 <sup>1</sup>Lit., wing <sup>2</sup>Lit., his wing  
<sup>a</sup>Ex. 29:37; Lev. 6:27, 29; 7:6; Ezek. 44:19; Matt. 23:19

13 <sup>1</sup>Lit., soul  
<sup>a</sup>Lev. 22:4-6; Num. 19:22

14 <sup>a</sup>Prov. 15:8; Is. 1:11-15

15 <sup>1</sup>Lit., set your heart  
<sup>2</sup>Or, backward  
<sup>a</sup>Ezra 3:10; 4:24

16 <sup>1</sup>Lit., since they were  
<sup>2</sup>Or, troughs full

17 <sup>1</sup>Heb. obscure; perhaps, but what did we have in common?  
<sup>a</sup>Deut. 28:22; 1 Kin. 8:37; Amos 4:9

18 <sup>1</sup>Lit., set your heart  
<sup>2</sup>Or, backward  
<sup>a</sup>Hag. 2:15; Deut. 32:29  
<sup>b</sup>Ezra 5:1, 2; Zech. 8:9, 12

ON the twenty-first of the seventh month, the word of the LORD came by <sup>a</sup>Haggai the prophet saying,

2 "Speak now to <sup>a</sup>Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, <sup>a</sup>governor of Judah, and to <sup>a</sup>Joshua the son of Jehozadak, the high priest, and to the <sup>b</sup>remnant of the people saying,

3 "Who is <sup>a</sup>left among you who saw this <sup>1</sup>temple in its former glory? And how do you see it now? Does it not <sup>2</sup>seem to you like nothing <sup>3</sup>in comparison?

4 'But now <sup>1a</sup>take courage, Zerubbabel,' declares the LORD, 'take courage also, Joshua son of Jehozadak, the high priest, and all you people of the land take courage,' declares the LORD, 'and work; for <sup>b</sup>I am with you,' says the LORD of hosts.

5 'As for the <sup>1</sup>promise which I <sup>2a</sup>made you when you came out of Egypt, <sup>3</sup>My <sup>b</sup>Spirit is abiding in your midst; <sup>c</sup>do not fear!

6 "For thus says the LORD of hosts, <sup>a</sup>Once more <sup>1</sup>in a <sup>b</sup>little while, I am going to shake the heavens and the earth, the sea also and the dry land.

7 'And I will shake <sup>a</sup>all the nations; and <sup>1</sup>they will come with the <sup>b</sup>wealth of all nations; and I will <sup>c</sup>fill this house with glory,' says the LORD of hosts.

8 'The <sup>a</sup>silver is Mine, and the gold is Mine,' declares the LORD of hosts.

9 'The latter <sup>a</sup>glory of this house will be greater than the former,' says the LORD of hosts, 'and in this place I shall give <sup>b</sup>peace,' declares the LORD of hosts."

10 On the twenty-fourth of the ninth *month*, in the second year of Darius, the word of the LORD came to Haggai the prophet saying,

11 "Thus says the LORD of hosts, <sup>a</sup>Ask now the priests for a <sup>1</sup>ruling:

12 'If a man carries <sup>a</sup>holy meat in the <sup>1</sup>fold of his garment, and touches bread with <sup>2</sup>this fold, or cooked food, wine, oil, or any <sup>other</sup> food, will it become holy?' " And the priests answered and said, "No."

13 Then Haggai said, <sup>a</sup>"If one who is unclean from a <sup>1</sup>corpse touches any of these, will *the latter* become unclean?" And the priests answered and said, "It will become unclean."

14 Then Haggai answered and said, <sup>a</sup>"So is this people. And so is this nation before Me,' declares the LORD, 'and so is every work of their hands; and what they offer there is unclean.

15 'But now, do <sup>1</sup>consider from this day <sup>2</sup>onward: before one <sup>a</sup>stone was placed on another in the temple of the LORD,

16 <sup>1</sup>from that time *when* one came to a *grain* heap of twenty *measures*, there would be only ten; and *when* one came to the wine vat to draw fifty <sup>2</sup>measures, there would be *only* twenty.

17 'I smote you *and* every work of your hands with <sup>a</sup>blasting wind, mildew, and hail; yet you did not <sup>1</sup>come *back* to me,' declares the LORD.

18 'Do <sup>1a</sup>consider from this day <sup>2</sup>onward, from the twenty-fourth day of the ninth *month*; from the day when the temple of the LORD was <sup>b</sup>founded, <sup>1</sup>consider:

19 'Is the seed still in the barn? Even including the vine, the fig tree, the pomegranate, and the olive tree, it has not borne fruit. Yet from this day on I will <sup>a</sup>'bless you.'

20 Then the word of the LORD came a second time to Haggai on the twenty-fourth day of the month saying,

21 "Speak to Zerubbabel governor of Judah saying, 'I am going to shake the heavens and the earth.

22 'And I will overthrow the <sup>a</sup>thrones of kingdoms and destroy the <sup>b</sup>power of the kingdoms of the <sup>1</sup>nations; and I will overthrow the <sup>c</sup>chariots and their riders, and the horses and their riders will go down, <sup>d</sup>every one by the sword of another.'

23 'On that day,' declares the LORD of hosts, 'I will take you, Zerubbabel, son of Shealtiel, my servant,' declares the LORD, 'and I will make you like a <sup>1a</sup>signet ring, for <sup>b1</sup>I have chosen you,' " declares the LORD of hosts.

19 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 128:1-6; Jer. 31:12, 14; Mal. 3:10

22 <sup>1</sup>Or, *Gentiles*  
<sup>a</sup>Ezek. 26:16; Zeph. 3:8  
<sup>b</sup>Mic. 7:16 <sup>c</sup>Ps. 46:9; Ezek. 39:20; Mic. 5:10 <sup>d</sup>Judg. 7:22; 2 Chr. 20:23

23 <sup>1</sup>Or, *seal*  
<sup>a</sup>Song of Sol. 8:6; Jer. 22:24  
<sup>b1</sup>Is. 42:1; 43:10

## THE BOOK OF ZECHARIAH

### The Vision of Horses.

IN the eighth month of the second year of Darius, the word of the LORD came to Zechariah the prophet, the son of Berechiah, the son of Iddo saying,

2 "The LORD was very <sup>a</sup>angry with your fathers.

3 "Therefore say to them, "Thus says the LORD of hosts, "<sup>a</sup>Return to Me," declares the LORD of hosts, "that I may return to you," says the LORD of hosts.

4 "Do not be <sup>a</sup>like your fathers, to whom the <sup>b</sup>former prophets proclaimed, saying, "Thus says the LORD of hosts, "<sup>c</sup>Return now from your evil ways and from your evil deeds.'" But they did not <sup>d</sup>listen or give heed to Me," declares the LORD.

5 "Your fathers, where are they? And the <sup>a</sup>prophets, do they live forever?

6 "But did not My words and My statutes, which I commanded My servants the prophets, <sup>a</sup>overtake your fathers? Then they repented and said, <sup>b</sup>As the LORD of hosts purposed to do to us in accordance with our ways and our deeds, so He has dealt with us.' " " "

7 On the twenty-fourth day of the eleventh month, which is the month Shebat, in the second year of Darius, the word of the LORD came to Zechariah the prophet, the son of Berechiah, the son of Iddo, as follows:

8 I saw at night, and behold, a man was riding on a red horse, and he was standing among the <sup>a</sup>myrtle trees which were in the ravine, with red, sorrel, and white horses behind him.

9 Then I said, "My <sup>a</sup>lord, what are these?" And the angel who was speaking with me said to me, "I will show you what these are."

10 And the man who was standing among the myrtle trees answered and said, "These are those whom the LORD has sent to <sup>1a</sup>patrol the earth."

2 <sup>a</sup>Zech. 1:15; 2 Chr. 36:16; Jer. 44:6

3 <sup>a</sup>Is. 31:6; Mal. 3:7

4 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 78:8; 106:6, 7  
<sup>b</sup>2 Chr. 24:19; 36:15 <sup>c</sup>Is. 1:16-19; Jer. 4:1; Ezek. 33:11 <sup>d</sup>Jer. 6:17; 11:7, 8

5 <sup>a</sup>John 8:52

6 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 12:16, 17; 44:28, 29; Amos 9:10 <sup>b</sup>Lam. 2:17

8 <sup>a</sup>Zech. 1:10, 11; Neh. 8:15; Is. 41:19; 55:13

9 <sup>a</sup>Zech. 1:19; 4:4, 5, 13; 6:4

10 <sup>1</sup>Lit. *walk about through*  
<sup>a</sup>Zech. 1:11; 4:10; 6:5-8; Job 1:7

11 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *walked about through* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *sitting*  
<sup>a</sup>Zech. 1:15; Is. 14:7

12 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 74:10; Jer. 12:4; Hab. 1:2 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 102:13; Jer. 30:18 <sup>c</sup>Ps. 102:10; Jer. 15:17 <sup>d</sup>Jer. 25:11; 29:10; Dan. 9:2; Zech. 7:5

13 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *good*  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 40:1, 2; 57:18

14 <sup>a</sup>Zech. 1:17; Is. 40:2, 6

15 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *helped for evil*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 123:4; Jer. 48:11  
<sup>b</sup>Amos 1:11

16 <sup>a</sup>Zech. 2:10, 11; Is. 54:8-10 <sup>b</sup>Zech. 4:9; Ezra 6:14, 15 <sup>c</sup>Zech. 2:2, 4; Jer. 31:39

17 <sup>a</sup>Is. 44:26; 61:4 <sup>b</sup>Is. 51:3

18 <sup>1</sup>Ch. 2:1 in Heb.

19 <sup>a</sup>1 Kin. 22:11; Ps. 75:4, 5; Amos 6:13

20 <sup>a</sup>Is. 44:12; 54:16

21 <sup>a</sup>Zech. 1:17 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 73:10

<sup>1</sup>Ch. 2:5 in Heb.  
<sup>a</sup>Zech. 1:16; Jer. 31:39; Ezek. 40:3; 47:3

<sup>2</sup>Jer. 31:39; Ezek. 40:3; Rev. 21:15-17

<sup>4</sup> <sup>1</sup>Lit., like *unwalled villages*, or, like *open country*  
<sup>a</sup>Jer. 1:6; Dan. 1:4; 1 Tim. 4:12 <sup>b</sup>Ezek. 38:11 <sup>c</sup>Is. 49:20; Jer. 30:19; 33:22

<sup>5</sup> <sup>1</sup>Lit., *to her*  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 4:5; 26:1; 60:18 <sup>b</sup>Zech. 2:10, 11; Hag. 2:9

<sup>6</sup> <sup>1</sup>Lit., *Ho! ho!*  
<sup>a</sup>Jer. 3:18 <sup>b</sup>Jer. 31:10; Ezek. 11:16

<sup>7</sup> <sup>a</sup>Is. 48:20; Jer. 51:6

<sup>8</sup> <sup>1</sup>Or, *the glory* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *pupil*  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 60:7-9  
<sup>b</sup>Deut. 32:10; Ps. 19:8

11 So they answered the angel of the LORD who was standing among the myrtle trees, and said, "We have <sup>1</sup>patrolled the earth, and behold, <sup>a</sup>all the earth is <sup>2</sup>peaceful and quiet."

12 Then the angel of the LORD answered and said, "O LORD of hosts, <sup>a</sup>how long wilt Thou <sup>b</sup>have no compassion for Jerusalem and the cities of Judah, with which Thou hast been <sup>c</sup>indignant these <sup>d</sup>seventy years?"

13 And the LORD answered the angel who was speaking with me with <sup>1</sup>gracious words, <sup>a</sup>comforting words.

14 So the angel who was speaking with me said to me, "Proclaim, saying, 'Thus says the LORD of hosts, "I am exceedingly jealous for Jerusalem and Zion."

15 "But I am very angry with the nations who are <sup>a</sup>at ease; for while I was only a little angry, they <sup>b</sup>furthered the disaster."

16 "Therefore, thus says the LORD, "I will <sup>a</sup>return to Jerusalem with compassion; My <sup>b</sup>house will be built in it," declares the LORD of hosts, "and a measuring <sup>c</sup>line will be stretched over Jerusalem."

17 "Again, proclaim, saying, 'Thus says the LORD of hosts, "My <sup>a</sup>cities will again overflow with prosperity, and the LORD will again <sup>b</sup>comfort Zion and again choose Jerusalem."'"

18 <sup>1</sup>Then I lifted up my eyes and looked, and behold, *there were* four horns.

19 So I said to the angel who was speaking with me, "What are these?" And he answered me, "These are the <sup>a</sup>horns which have scattered Judah, Israel, and Jerusalem."

20 Then the LORD showed me four <sup>a</sup>craftsmen.

21 And I said, "What are these coming to do?" And he said, "These are the <sup>a</sup>horns which have scattered Judah, so that no man lifts up his head; but these *craftsmen* have come to terrify them, to <sup>b</sup>throw down the horns of the nations who have lifted up *their* horns against the land of Judah in order to scatter it."

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<sup>1</sup> THEN I lifted up my eyes and looked, and behold, *there was* a man with a <sup>a</sup>measuring line in his hand.

2 So I said, "Where are you going?" And he said to me, "To <sup>a</sup>measure Jerusalem, to see how wide it is and how long it is."

3 And behold, the angel who was speaking with me was going out, and another angel was coming out to meet him,

4 and said to him, "Run, speak to that <sup>a</sup>young man, saying, 'Jerusalem will be inhabited <sup>b</sup>without walls, because of the <sup>c</sup>multitude of men and cattle within it."

5 'For I,' declares the LORD, 'will be a <sup>a</sup>wall of fire <sup>1</sup>around her, and I will be the <sup>b</sup>glory in her midst.'

6 "Ho there! <sup>a</sup>Flee from the land of the north," declares the LORD, "for I have <sup>b</sup>dispersed you as the four winds of the heavens," declares the LORD.

7 "Ho, Zion! <sup>a</sup>Escape, you who are living with the daughter of Babylon."

8 For thus says the LORD of hosts, "After <sup>1</sup>agony He has sent me against the nations which plunder you, for he who touches you, touches the <sup>2</sup>apple of His eye.

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Joshua Typifies the Branch.**

9 "For behold, I will <sup>a</sup>wave My hand over them, so that they will be <sup>b</sup>plunder for their slaves. Then you will know that the LORD of hosts has sent Me.

10 "Sing for joy and be glad, O daughter of Zion; for behold I am coming and I will dwell in your midst," declares the LORD.

11 "And <sup>a</sup>many nations will join themselves to the LORD in that day and will become My people. Then I will dwell in your midst, and you will know that the LORD of hosts has sent Me to you.

12 "And the LORD will <sup>1a</sup>possess Judah as His portion in the holy land, and will again <sup>b</sup>choose Jerusalem.

13 "Be silent, all flesh, before the LORD; for He is <sup>b</sup>aroused from His holy habitation."

CHAPTER 3

**T**HEN he showed me <sup>a</sup>Joshua the high priest standing before the angel of the LORD, and <sup>1b</sup>Satan standing at his right hand to accuse him.

2 And the LORD said to Satan, "The LORD rebuke you, Satan! Indeed, the LORD who has <sup>a</sup>chosen Jerusalem rebuke you! Is this not a brand plucked from the fire?"

3 Now Joshua was clothed with <sup>a</sup>filthy garments and standing before the angel.

4 And he spoke and said to those who were standing before him saying, "Remove the filthy garments from him." Again he said to him, "See, I have <sup>b</sup>taken your iniquity away from you and <sup>1</sup>will <sup>c</sup>clothe you with festal robes."

5 Then I said, "Let them put a clean <sup>a</sup>turban on his head." So they put a clean turban on his head and clothed him with garments, while the angel of the LORD was standing by.

6 And the angel of the LORD admonished Joshua saying,

7 "Thus says the LORD of hosts, 'If you will <sup>a</sup>walk in My ways, and if you will perform My service, then you will also <sup>b</sup>govern My house and also have charge of My <sup>c</sup>courts, and I will grant you <sup>1</sup>free access among these who are standing *here*.'

8 'Now listen, Joshua the high priest, you and your friends who are sitting in front of you—indeed they are men who are a <sup>a</sup>symbol, for behold, I am going to bring in My Servant the <sup>1b</sup>Branch.

9 'For behold, the stone that I have set before Joshua; on one stone are seven eyes. Behold, I will engrave an inscription on it,' declares the LORD of hosts, 'and I will remove the iniquity of that land in one day.

10 'In that day,' declares the LORD of hosts, 'every one of you will invite his neighbor to *sit* under *his* <sup>a</sup>vine and under *his* fig tree.'

CHAPTER 4

**T**HEN the angel who was speaking with me returned, and <sup>a</sup>roused me as a man who is awakened from his sleep.

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9 <sup>a</sup>Is. 19:16 <sup>b</sup>Is. 14:2

10 <sup>a</sup>Zech. 9:9; Is. 65:18, 19

11 <sup>a</sup>Mic. 4:2

12 <sup>1</sup>Or, *inherit*  
<sup>a</sup>Deut. 32:9; Ps. 33:12; Jer. 10:16 <sup>b</sup>Zech. 1:17; 2 Chr. 6:6; Ps. 132:13, 14

13 <sup>1</sup>Lit, *Hush*  
<sup>a</sup>Hab. 2:20; Zeph. 1:7 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 78:65; Is. 51:9

1 <sup>1</sup>Or, *the Adversary or, Accuser*  
<sup>a</sup>Zech. 6:11; Ezra 5:2; Hag. 1:1 <sup>b</sup>1 Chr. 21:1; Job 1:6; Ps. 109:6

2 <sup>a</sup>Zech. 2:12

3 <sup>a</sup>Ezra 9:15; Is. 4:4; 64:6

4 <sup>1</sup>Lit, *to clothe*  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 43:25; Ezek. 36:25  
<sup>b</sup>Zech. 3:9; Mic. 7:18, 19  
<sup>c</sup>Is. 52:1; 61:10

5 <sup>a</sup>Job 29:14; Is. 3:23

7 <sup>1</sup>Lit, *goings*  
<sup>a</sup>1 Kin. 3:14 <sup>b</sup>Deut. 17:9, 12  
<sup>c</sup>Is. 62:9

8 <sup>1</sup>Lit, *Sprout*  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 8:18; 20:3; Ezek. 12:11  
<sup>b</sup>Zech. 6:12; Is. 11:1; 53:2; Jer. 33:15

10 <sup>a</sup>1 Kin. 4:25; Is. 36:16; Mic. 4:4

1 <sup>a</sup>1 Kin. 19:5-7; Jer. 31:26

2 <sup>a</sup>Zech. 5:2; Jer. 1:13  
<sup>b</sup>Ex. 25:31, 37; Jer. 52:19  
<sup>c</sup>Rev. 4:5

3 <sup>a</sup>Zech. 4:11; Rev. 11:4

6 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *said to me, saying*  
<sup>a</sup>Hag. 2:4, 5 <sup>b</sup>Is. 11:24;  
30:1; Hos. 1:7 <sup>c2</sup>Chr. 32:7,  
8; Eph. 6:17

7 <sup>a</sup>Ezra 3:10, 11; Ps.  
84:11

9 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *you (plural)*  
<sup>a</sup>Ezra 3:8-10; 5:16; Hag.  
2:18 <sup>b</sup>Zech. 6:12, 13; Ezra  
6:14, 15

10 <sup>1</sup>Or, *But they will rejoice when they see . . . Zerubbabel. These seven are the eyes of the LORD* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *plummet stone*  
<sup>a</sup>Neh. 4:24; Amos 7:2, 5;  
Hag. 2:3 <sup>b</sup>Zech. 3:9; Rev.  
8:2 <sup>c</sup>Amos 7:7, 8

12 <sup>1</sup>Or, *clusters*

14 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *sons of fresh oil*  
<sup>a</sup>Ex. 29:7; 40:15; 1 Sam.  
16:1, 12, 13; Is. 61:1-3;  
Dan. 9:24-26 <sup>b</sup>Zech. 3:1-7  
<sup>c</sup>Mic. 4:13

1 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 36:2; Ezek. 2:9

2 <sup>1</sup>A cubit equals 18 in.

3 <sup>1</sup>Or, *earth* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *it*  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 24:6; 43:28; Jer. 26:6  
<sup>b</sup>Ex. 20:15; Lev. 19:11; Mal.  
3:8, 9

4 <sup>a</sup>Mal. 3:5 <sup>b</sup>Hos. 4:2, 3  
<sup>c</sup>Jer. 2:26 <sup>d</sup>Lev. 14:34-35;  
Job 18:15

2 And he said to me, “<sup>a</sup>What do you see?” And I said, “I see, and behold, a <sup>b</sup>lampstand all of gold with its bowl on the top of it, and its <sup>c</sup>seven lamps on it with seven spouts belonging to each of the lamps which are on the top of it;

3 also <sup>a</sup>two olive trees by it, one on the right side of the bowl and the other on its left side.”

4 Then I answered and said to the angel who was speaking with me saying, “What are these, my lord?”

5 So the angel who was speaking with me answered and said to me, “Do you not know what these are?” And I said, “No, my lord.”

6 Then he answered and <sup>1</sup>said to me, “This is the word of the LORD to <sup>a</sup>Zerubbabel saying, <sup>b</sup>Not by might nor by power, but by My <sup>c</sup>Spirit,’ says the LORD of hosts.

7 ‘What are you, O great mountain? Before Zerubbabel you *will become* a plain, and he will bring forth the top stone with <sup>a</sup>shouts of “Grace, grace to it!”’ ”

8 Also the word of the LORD came to me saying,

9 “The hands of Zerubbabel have <sup>a</sup>laid the foundation of this house, and his hands will <sup>b</sup>finish it. Then you will know that the LORD of hosts has sent me to <sup>1</sup>you.

10 “For who has despised the day of <sup>a</sup>small things? <sup>1</sup>But these <sup>b</sup>seven will be glad when they see the <sup>2</sup>plumb line in the hand of Zerubbabel—*these are* the eyes of the LORD which range to and fro throughout the earth.”

11 Then I answered and said to him, “What are these two olive trees on the right of the lampstand and on its left?”

12 And I answered the second time and said to him, “What are the two olive <sup>1</sup>branches which are beside the two golden pipes, which empty the golden *oil* from themselves?”

13 So he answered me saying, “Do you not know what these are?” And I said, “No, my lord.”

14 Then he said, “These are the two <sup>1a</sup>anointed ones, who are <sup>b</sup>standing by the <sup>c</sup>Lord of the whole earth.”

## CHAPTER 5

**T**HEN I lifted up my eyes again and looked, and behold, *there was a flying scroll*.

2 And he said to me, “What do you see?” And I answered, “I see a flying scroll; its length is twenty <sup>1</sup>cubits and its width ten cubits.”

3 Then he said to me, “This is the <sup>a</sup>curse that is going forth over the face of the whole <sup>1</sup>land; surely everyone who <sup>b</sup>steals will be purged away according to <sup>2</sup>the writing on one side, and everyone who swears will be purged away according to <sup>2</sup>the writing on the other side.

4 “I will <sup>a</sup>make it go forth,” declares the LORD of hosts, “and it will <sup>b</sup>enter the house of the <sup>c</sup>thief and the house of the one who swears falsely by My name; and it will spend the night within that house and <sup>d</sup>consume it with its timber and stones.”

5 Then the angel who was speaking with me went out, and said to me, “Lift up now your eyes, and see what this is, going forth.”



6 And I said, "What is it?" And he said, "This is the <sup>1a</sup>ephah going forth." Again he said, "This is their <sup>2a</sup>appearance in all the <sup>3</sup>land

7 (and behold, a lead cover was lifted up); and this is a woman sitting inside the ephah."

8 Then he said, "This is <sup>a</sup>Wickedness!" And he threw her down into the middle of the ephah and cast the lead weight on its <sup>1</sup>opening.

9 Then I lifted up my eyes and looked, and there two women were coming out with the wind in their wings; and they had wings like the wings of a <sup>a</sup>stork, and they lifted up the ephah between the earth and the heavens.

10 And I said to the angel who was speaking with me, "Where are they taking the ephah?"

11 Then he said to me, "To build a <sup>1</sup>temple for her in the land of <sup>a</sup>Shinar; and when it is prepared, she will be set there on her own pedestal."

**CHAPTER 6**

**N**OW I lifted up my eyes again and looked, and behold, <sup>a</sup>four chariots were coming forth from between the two mountains; and the mountains were bronze mountains.

2 With the first chariot were red horses, with the second chariot black horses,

3 with the third chariot white horses, and with the fourth chariot strong dappled horses.

4 Then I spoke and said to the angel who was speaking with me, "What are these, my lord?"

5 And the angel answered and said to me, "These are the <sup>a</sup>four spirits of heaven, going forth after standing before the Lord of all the earth,

6 with one of which the black horses are going forth to the <sup>a</sup>north country; and the white ones go forth after them, while the dappled ones go forth to the <sup>b</sup>south country.

7 "When the strong ones went out, they <sup>1</sup>were eager to go to <sup>2</sup>patrol the earth." And He said, "Go, <sup>2</sup>patrol the earth." So they <sup>3</sup>patrolled the earth.

8 Then He cried out to me and spoke to me saying, "See, those who are going to the land of the north have <sup>1a</sup>appeased My wrath in the land of the north."

9 The word of the LORD also came to me saying,

10 "Take *an offering* from the exiles, from Heldai, Tobijah, and Jedaiah; and you go the same day and enter the house of Josiah the son of Zephaniah, where they have arrived from Babylon.

11 "And take silver and gold, make an *ornate* <sup>a</sup>crown, and set it on the head of <sup>b</sup>Joshua the son of Jehozadak, the high priest.

12 "Then say to him, "Thus says the LORD of hosts, "Behold, a man whose name is <sup>1a</sup>Branch, for He will <sup>2b</sup>branch out from where He is; and He will <sup>c</sup>build the temple of the LORD.

13 "Yes, it is He who will build the temple of the LORD, and He who will <sup>a</sup>bear the honor and sit and <sup>b</sup>rule on His throne. Thus, He will be a <sup>c</sup>priest on His throne, and the counsel of peace will be between the two <sup>1</sup>offices."

6 <sup>1</sup>I.e., a bushel measure  
<sup>2</sup>Lit., eye; some ancient versions read, *iniquity* <sup>3</sup>Or, earth  
<sup>a</sup>Lev. 19:36; Amos 8:5

8 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *mouth*  
<sup>a</sup>Hos. 12:7; Amos 8:5; Mic. 6:11

9 <sup>a</sup>Lev. 11:13, 19; Ps. 104:17; Jer. 8:7

11 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *house*  
<sup>a</sup>Gen. 10:10; 11:2; 14:1; Is. 11:11; Dan. 1:2

1 <sup>a</sup>Zech. 6:5; 1:18; Dan. 7:3; 8:22

5 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 49:36; Ezek. 37:9; Dan. 7:2; 11:4; Matt. 24:31; Rev. 7:1

6 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 1:14, 15; 4:6; 6:1; 25:9; 46:10; Ezek. 1:4 <sup>b</sup>Is. 43:6; Dan. 11:5

7 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *sought to go*  
<sup>2</sup>Lit., *walk about through*  
<sup>3</sup>Lit., *walked about through*

8 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *caused My spirit to rest in*  
<sup>a</sup>Zech. 1:15; Ezek. 5:13; 24:13

10 <sup>a</sup>Ezra 7:14-16; 8:26-30; Jer. 28:6

11 <sup>a</sup>2 Sam. 12:30; Ps. 21:3; Song of Sol. 3:11 <sup>b</sup>Zech. 3:1; Ezra 3:2; Hag. 1:1

12 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *Sprout* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *sprout up*  
<sup>a</sup>Zech. 3:8; Is. 4:2; 11:1; Jer. 23:5; 33:15 <sup>b</sup>Is. 53:2 <sup>c</sup>Zech. 4:6-9; Ezra 3:8, 10; Amos 9:11

13 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *of them*  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 9:6; 11:10; 22:24; 49:5, 6 <sup>b</sup>Is. 9:7 <sup>c</sup>Ps. 110:1, 4

14 <sup>1</sup>I.e., Josiah

15 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *build in*  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 56:6-8; 60:10 <sup>b</sup>Zech. 3:7; Is. 58:10-14; Jer. 7:23

2 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *his* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *soften the face of*  
<sup>a</sup>Zech. 8:21; 1 Kin. 13:6; Jer. 26:19

3 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *abstaining*; or, *dedicating myself*  
<sup>a</sup>Ezra 3:10-12

5 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *and these*  
<sup>a</sup>Zech. 1:12 <sup>b</sup>Is. 1:11, 12; 58:5

6 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *is it not you who eat and you who drink*

7 <sup>1</sup>Or, *at ease* <sup>2</sup>I.e., *South country* <sup>3</sup>Heb., *shephelah*  
<sup>a</sup>Zech. 1:4; Is. 1:16-20; Jer. 7:5, 23 <sup>b</sup>Jer. 22:21 <sup>c</sup>Jer. 13:19; 32:44

9 <sup>a</sup>Zech. 8:16; Ezek. 18:8; 45:9 <sup>b</sup>Sam. 9:7; Job 6:14; Mic. 6:8

10 <sup>1</sup>Or, *fatherless* <sup>2</sup>Or, *resident alien*  
<sup>a</sup>Ex. 22:22; Ps. 72:4; Jer. 7:6 <sup>b</sup>Zech. 8:17; Ps. 21:11; Mic. 2:1

11 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *gave* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *made heavy*  
<sup>a</sup>Jer. 5:3; 8:5; 11:10 <sup>b</sup>Jer. 7:26; 17:23 <sup>c</sup>Ps. 58:4; Jer. 5:21

12 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *corundum* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *from hearing*  
<sup>a</sup>2 Chr. 36:13; Ezek. 2:4; 3:7-9 <sup>b</sup>Jer. 17:1; Ezek. 3:9 <sup>c</sup>Neh. 9:30 <sup>d</sup>Chr. 36:16; Dan. 9:11, 12

13 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 11:10, 14; 14:12 <sup>b</sup>Prov. 1:24-28; Is. 1:15

14 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *stormed them away upon all* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *from passing and from returning*  
<sup>a</sup>Deut. 4:27; 28:64 <sup>b</sup>Jer. 23:19 <sup>c</sup>Jer. 44:6 <sup>d</sup>Is. 60:15 <sup>e</sup>Jer. 12:10

14 "Now the crown will become a reminder in the temple of the LORD to Helem, Tobijah, <sup>1</sup>Jedaiah, and Hen the son of Zephaniah.

15 "And <sup>a</sup>those who are far off will come and <sup>1</sup>build the temple of the LORD." Then you will know that the LORD of hosts has sent me to you. And it will take place, if you completely <sup>b</sup>obey the LORD your God.

CHAPTER 7

**T**HEN it came about in the fourth year of King Darius, that the word of the LORD came to Zechariah on the fourth *day* of the ninth month, *which is* Chisleu.

2 Now *the town* of Bethel had sent Sharezer and Regem-melech and <sup>1</sup>their men to <sup>2a</sup>seek the favor of the LORD,

3 speaking to the <sup>a</sup>priests who belong to the house of the LORD of hosts, and to the prophets saying, "Shall I weep in the fifth month <sup>1</sup>and abstain, as I have done these many years?"

4 Then the word of the LORD of hosts came to me saying,

5 "Say to all the people of the land and to the priests, 'When you fasted and mourned in the fifth and seventh months <sup>1</sup>these <sup>a</sup>seventy years, was it actually for <sup>b</sup>Me that you fasted?"

6 'And when you eat and drink, <sup>1</sup>do you not eat for yourselves and do you not drink for yourselves?"

7 'Are not *these* the words which the LORD <sup>a</sup>proclaimed by the former prophets, when Jerusalem was inhabited and <sup>1</sup>prosperous with its cities around it, and the <sup>2c</sup>Negev and the <sup>3</sup>foothills were inhabited?"

8 Then the word of the LORD came to Zechariah saying,

9 "Thus has the LORD of hosts said, <sup>a</sup>Dispense true justice, and practice <sup>b</sup>kindness and compassion each to his brother;

10 and do not <sup>a</sup>oppress the widow or the <sup>1</sup>orphan, the <sup>2</sup>stranger or the poor; and do <sup>b</sup>not devise evil in your hearts against one another.'

11 "But they <sup>a</sup>refused to pay attention, and <sup>1</sup>turned a stubborn shoulder and <sup>2c</sup>stopped their ears from hearing.

12 "And they made their <sup>a</sup>hearts like <sup>1</sup>flint <sup>2</sup>so that they could not hear the law and the words which the LORD of hosts had sent by His Spirit through the <sup>c</sup>former prophets; therefore great <sup>d</sup>wrath came from the LORD of hosts.

13 "And it came about that just as <sup>a</sup>He called and they would not listen, so <sup>b</sup>they called and I would not listen," says the LORD of hosts;

14 "but I <sup>1</sup>scattered them with a <sup>b</sup>storm wind among all the nations whom they have not known. Thus the land is <sup>c</sup>desolated behind them, <sup>2</sup>so that <sup>d</sup>no one went back and forth, for they <sup>e</sup>made the pleasant land desolate."

CHAPTER 8

**T**HEN the word of the LORD of hosts came saying,  
2 "Thus says the LORD of hosts, 'I am exceedingly jealous for Zion, yes, with great wrath I am jealous for her.'

3 "Thus says the LORD, 'I will return to Zion and will dwell in the midst of Jerusalem. Then Jerusalem will be called the

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City of Truth, and the mountain of the LORD of hosts will be called the Holy Mountain.'

4 "Thus says the LORD of hosts, 'Old men and old women will again sit in the streets of Jerusalem, each man with his staff in his hand because of age.

5 'And the streets of the city will be filled with boys and girls playing in its streets.'

6 "Thus says the LORD of hosts, 'If it is too difficult in the sight of the remnant of this people in those days, will it also be too difficult in My sight?' declares the LORD of hosts.

7 "Thus says the LORD of hosts, 'Behold, I am going to save My people from the land of the east and from the land of the west;

8 and I will bring them back, and they will live in the midst of Jerusalem, and they will be My people and I will be their God in truth and righteousness.'

9 "Thus says the LORD of hosts, 'Let your hands be strong, you who are listening in these days to these words from the mouth of the prophets, those who spoke in the day that the foundation of the house of the LORD of hosts was laid, to the end that the temple might be built.

10 'For before those days there was no wage for man or any wage for animal; and for him who went out or came in there was no peace because of his enemies, and I set all men one against another.

11 'But now I will not treat the remnant of this people as in the former days,' declares the LORD of hosts.

12 'For there will be peace for the seed: the vine will yield its fruit, the land will yield its produce, and the heavens will give their dew; and I will cause the remnant of this people to inherit all these things.

13 'And it will come about that just as you were a curse among the nations, O house of Judah and house of Israel, so I will save you that you may become a blessing. Do not fear; let your hands be strong.'

14 "For thus says the LORD of hosts, 'Just as I purposed to do harm to you when your fathers provoked Me to wrath,' says the LORD of hosts, 'and I have not relented,

15 so I have again purposed in these days to do good to Jerusalem and to the house of Judah. Do not fear!

16 'These are the things which you should do: speak the truth to one another; judge with truth and judgment for peace in your gates.

17 'Also let none of you devise evil in your heart against another, and do not love perjury; for all these are what I hate,' declares the LORD."

18 Then the word of the LORD of hosts came to me saying,

19 "Thus says the LORD of hosts, 'The fast of the fourth, the fast of the fifth, the fast of the seventh, and the fast of the tenth months will become joy, gladness, and cheerful feasts for the house of Judah; so love truth and peace.'

20 "Thus says the LORD of hosts, 'It will yet be that peoples will come, even the inhabitants of many cities;

21 and the inhabitants of one will go to another saying, "Let us go at once to entreat the favor of the LORD, and to seek the LORD of hosts; I will also go."

4 <sup>1</sup>Or, squares <sup>2</sup>Lit., the multitude of days  
<sup>1</sup>Is. 65:20

5 <sup>1</sup>Or, squares  
<sup>1</sup>Jer. 30:19, 20; 31:12, 13

6 <sup>1</sup>Or, wonderful  
<sup>1</sup>Ps. 118:23; 126:1-3 <sup>1</sup>Jer. 32:17, 27

7 <sup>1</sup>Lit., rising <sup>2</sup>Lit., setting sun  
<sup>1</sup>Ps. 107:3; Is. 11:11; 27:12, 13; 43:5

8 <sup>1</sup>Or, faithfulness  
<sup>1</sup>Zech. 10:10; Zeph. 3:20  
<sup>1</sup>Jer. 3:17; Ezek. 37:25  
<sup>1</sup>Zech. 2:11; Ezek. 11:20; 36:28

9 <sup>1</sup>Chr. 22:13; Is. 35:4;  
<sup>1</sup>Hag. 2:4 <sup>2</sup>Ezra 5:1; 6:14

10 <sup>1</sup>Or, safety <sup>2</sup>Lit., the adversary  
<sup>1</sup>Hag. 2:15-19 <sup>2</sup>Chr. 15:5  
<sup>1</sup>Is. 19:2; Amos 3:6; 9:4

11 <sup>1</sup>Lit., be to the  
<sup>1</sup>Ps. 103:9; Is. 12:1; Hag. 2:19

12 <sup>1</sup>Gen. 27:28; Deut. 33:13, 28; Hos. 13:3 <sup>1</sup>Is. 61:7; Obad. 17

13 <sup>1</sup>Jer. 29:18; Dan. 9:11  
<sup>1</sup>Zech. 14:11; Ps. 72:17; Is. 19:24, 25; Ezek. 34:26

14 <sup>1</sup>Jer. 31:28 <sup>1</sup>Jer. 4:28;  
<sup>1</sup>Ezek. 24:14

15 <sup>1</sup>Jer. 29:11; Mic. 7:18-20

16 <sup>1</sup>I.e., law courts  
<sup>1</sup>Zech. 8:3; Ps. 15:2; Prov. 12:17-19

17 <sup>1</sup>Lit., false oath  
<sup>1</sup>Zech. 7:10; Prov. 3:29; Jer. 4:14 <sup>2</sup>Zech. 5:4; Mal. 3:5  
<sup>1</sup>Prov. 6:16-19; Hab. 1:13

19 <sup>1</sup>Or, goodly  
<sup>2</sup>Kin. 25:3, 4; Jer. 39:2  
<sup>1</sup>Zech. 7:5; 2 Kin. 25:25  
<sup>1</sup>Jer. 52:4 <sup>1</sup>Ps. 30:11; Is. 12:1 <sup>1</sup>Zech. 8:16; Luke 1:74, 75

20 <sup>1</sup>Zech. 2:11; 14:16; Ps. 117:1; Jer. 16:19; Mic. 4:2, 3

21 <sup>1</sup>Or, let me go too

22 <sup>a</sup>Is. 2:2, 3; 25:7; 49:6, 22, 23; 60:3-12

23 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *grasp, and they will grasp* <sup>2</sup>Or, *corner of the garment*  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 45:14, 24; 60:14

<sup>1</sup>Or, *oracle*  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 17:1

2 <sup>1</sup>Or, *because* <sup>2</sup>I.e., they think they are (cf. Ezek. 28:2)  
<sup>a</sup>Jer. 49:23 <sup>b</sup>Ezek. 28:3-5, 12  
<sup>c</sup>Ezek. 28:21

3 <sup>a</sup>Josh. 19:29; 2 Sam. 24:7 <sup>b</sup>Job 27:16; Ezek. 27:33; 28:4, 5 <sup>c</sup>1 Kin. 10:21, 27

4 <sup>a</sup>Ezek. 26:3-5 <sup>b</sup>Ezek. 28:18

6 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *bastard will*

7 <sup>1</sup>Or, *chief*

8 <sup>1</sup>Or, *as a guard, so that none will go back and forth*  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 52:1; Joel 3:1 <sup>b</sup>Is. 54:14; 60:18

9 <sup>1</sup>Or, *vindicated and victorious* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *son of a female donkey*  
<sup>a</sup>Zech. 2:10; Zeph. 3:14, 15  
<sup>b</sup>Ps. 110:1; Is. 9:6, 7; Jer. 23:5, 6; Matt. 21:5; John 12:15  
<sup>c</sup>Zeph. 3:5 <sup>d</sup>Is. 43:3, 11  
<sup>e</sup>Is. 57:15 <sup>f</sup>Judg. 10:4; Is. 30:6

10 <sup>1</sup>I.e., the Euphrates  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 57:19; Mic. 4:2-4 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 72:8; Is. 60:12

11 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *cistern in which there is no water*  
<sup>a</sup>Ex. 24:8; Heb. 10:2 <sup>b</sup>Is. 24:22; 51:14

22 'So <sup>a</sup>many peoples and mighty nations will come to seek the LORD of hosts in Jerusalem and to entreat the favor of the LORD.'

23 "Thus says the LORD of hosts, 'In those days ten men from the nations of every language will <sup>1</sup>grasp the <sup>2</sup>garment of a Jew saying, "Let us go with you, for we have heard that God is with you."'"

## CHAPTER 9

THE <sup>1</sup>burden of the word of the LORD is against the land of Hadrach, with <sup>a</sup>Damascus as its resting place (for the eyes of men, especially of all the tribes of Israel, are toward the LORD),

2 And <sup>a</sup>Hamath also, which borders on it;

<sup>b</sup>Tyre and <sup>c</sup>Sidon, <sup>1</sup>though they are <sup>b</sup>very <sup>2</sup>wise.

3 For Tyre built herself a <sup>a</sup>fortress

And <sup>b</sup>piled up silver like dust,  
And <sup>c</sup>gold like the mire of the streets.

4 Behold, the Lord will <sup>a</sup>dispossess her  
And cast her wealth into the sea;  
And she will be <sup>b</sup>consumed with fire.

5 Ashkelon will see *it* and be afraid.

Gaza too will writhe in great pain;  
Also Ekron, for her expectation has been con-  
founded.

Moreover, the king will perish from Gaza,  
And Ashkelon will not be inhabited.

6 And a <sup>1</sup>mongrel race will dwell in Ashdod,  
And I will cut off the pride of the Philistines.

7 And I will remove their blood from their mouth,  
And their detestable things from between their teeth.  
Then they also will be a remnant for our God,  
And be like a <sup>1</sup>clan in Judah,  
And Ekron like a Jebusite.

8 But I will camp around My house <sup>1</sup>because of an  
army,

Because of <sup>a</sup>him who passes by and returns;  
And <sup>b</sup>no oppressor will pass over them any more,  
For now I have seen with My eyes.

9 <sup>a</sup>Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion!  
Shout *in triumph*, O daughter of Jerusalem!  
Behold, your <sup>b</sup>king is coming to you;  
He is <sup>1</sup>cjust and <sup>d</sup>endowed with salvation,  
<sup>e</sup>Humble, and mounted on a donkey,  
Even on a <sup>f</sup>colt, the <sup>2</sup>foal of a donkey.

10 And I will cut off the chariot from Ephraim,  
And the horse from Jerusalem;  
And the bow of war will be cut off.

And He will speak <sup>a</sup>peace to the nations;  
And His <sup>b</sup>dominion will be from sea to sea,  
And from <sup>1</sup>the River to the ends of the earth.

11 As for you also, because of the <sup>a</sup>blood of My covenant  
with you,  
I have set your <sup>b</sup>prisoners free from the <sup>1</sup>waterless pit.

- 12 Return to the <sup>1</sup>stronghold, O prisoners <sup>2</sup>who have the hope;  
This very day I am declaring that I will restore <sup>b</sup>double to you.
- 13 For I will <sup>a</sup>bend Judah <sup>1</sup>as My bow,  
I will fill the bow with Ephraim.  
And I will stir up your sons, O Zion, against your sons,  
O <sup>b</sup>Greece;  
And I will make you like a warrior's sword.
- 14 Then the LORD will appear <sup>a</sup>over them,  
And His <sup>b</sup>arrow will go forth like lightning;  
And the Lord <sup>1</sup>God will blow the <sup>c</sup>trumpet,  
And will march in the <sup>d</sup>storm winds of the south.
- 15 The LORD of hosts will defend them.  
And they will devour, and <sup>a</sup>trample on the sling stones;  
And they will drink, *and* be <sup>b</sup>boisterous as with wine;  
And they will be filled like a *sacrificial* basin,  
*Drenched* like the <sup>c</sup>corners of the altar.
- 16 And the LORD their God will <sup>a</sup>save them in that day  
As the flock of His people;  
For *they are as* the stones of a <sup>b</sup>crowns,  
<sup>1</sup>Sparkling in His land.
- 17 For what <sup>1</sup>acomeliness and <sup>b</sup>beauty *will be* <sup>2</sup>theirs!  
Grain will make the young men flourish, and new wine the virgins.

12 <sup>1</sup>Or, *Stronghold* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *of the hope*  
<sup>a</sup>Jer. 16:19; Joel 3:16 <sup>b</sup>Is. 61:7

13 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *for Me*  
<sup>a</sup>Jer. 51:20 <sup>b</sup>Joel 3:6

14 <sup>1</sup>YHWH, usually rendered LORD  
<sup>a</sup>Zech. 2:5; Is. 31:5 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 18:14; Hab. 3:11 <sup>c</sup>Is. 27:13 <sup>d</sup>Is. 21:1; 66:15

15 <sup>1</sup>Job 41:28 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 78:65  
<sup>c</sup>Ex. 27:2

16 <sup>1</sup>Or, *Displayed over*  
<sup>a</sup>Jer. 31:10, 11 <sup>b</sup>Is. 62:3

17 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *goodness* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *his*  
<sup>a</sup>Jer. 31:12, 14 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 27:4; Is. 33:17

CHAPTER 10

- ASK <sup>a</sup>rain from the LORD at the time of the spring rain—  
The LORD who <sup>b</sup>makes the <sup>1</sup>storm clouds;  
And He will give them <sup>c</sup>showers of rain, vegetation in the field to *each* man.
- 2 For the <sup>a</sup>teraphim speak <sup>1</sup>iniquity,  
And the <sup>b</sup>diviners see <sup>2</sup>lying visions,  
And tell <sup>c</sup>false dreams;  
They comfort in vain.  
Therefore *the people* <sup>3</sup>wander like <sup>d</sup>sheep,  
They are afflicted, because there is no shepherd.
- 3 "My <sup>a</sup>anger is kindled against the shepherds,  
And I will punish the <sup>1</sup>male goats;  
For the LORD of hosts has <sup>b</sup>visited His flock, the house of Judah,  
And will make them like His majestic horse in battle.
- 4 "From <sup>1</sup>them will come the cornerstone,  
From <sup>1</sup>them the tent peg,  
From <sup>1</sup>them the bow of <sup>a</sup>battle,  
From <sup>1</sup>them every <sup>2</sup>ruler, *all* of them together.
- 5 "And they will be as mighty men,  
<sup>a</sup>Treading down *the enemy* in the mire of the streets in battle;  
And they will fight, for the LORD *will be* with them;  
And the <sup>b</sup>riders on horses will be put to shame.
- 6 "And I shall strengthen the house of Judah,  
And I shall save the house of Joseph,

1 <sup>1</sup>Or, *thunderbolts*  
<sup>a</sup>Jer. 2:23 <sup>b</sup>Jer. 10:13 <sup>c</sup>Is. 30:23

2 <sup>1</sup>Or, *futility* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *a lie*  
<sup>3</sup>Lit., *journey*  
<sup>a</sup>Ezek. 21:21; Hos. 3:4 <sup>b</sup>Jer. 27:9 <sup>c</sup>Jer. 23:32 <sup>d</sup>Ezek. 34:5, 8

3 <sup>1</sup>I.e., *leaders*  
<sup>a</sup>Jer. 25:34-36 <sup>b</sup>Ezek. 34:12

4 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *him* <sup>2</sup>Or, *oppressor*  
<sup>a</sup>Zech. 9:10; Jer. 51:20

5 <sup>a</sup>2 Sam. 22:43 <sup>b</sup>Amos 2:15; Hag. 2:22

6 <sup>1</sup>Or, *make them dwell*  
<sup>a</sup>Zech. 1:16; Is. 54:8 <sup>b</sup>Is.  
54:4

7 <sup>1</sup>Or, *Let their heart  
rejoice*  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 54:13; Ezek. 37:25

8 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *were numerous*  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 5:26; 7:18, 19 <sup>b</sup>Jer.  
33:22 <sup>c</sup>Jer. 30:20; Ezek.  
36:11

9 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *sow* <sup>a1</sup> Kin. 8:47,  
48; Ezek. 6:9

10 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *And*  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 11:11 <sup>b</sup>Jer. 50:19 <sup>c</sup>Is.  
49:19, 20

11 <sup>a</sup>Is. 51:9, 10 <sup>b</sup>Is. 19:5-7  
<sup>c</sup>Zeph. 2:13 <sup>d</sup>Ezek. 30:13

12 <sup>a</sup>Mic. 4:5

1 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 22:6, 7 <sup>b</sup>Ezek.  
31:3

2 <sup>1</sup>Or, *juniper* <sup>2</sup>Another  
reading is: *forest of the  
vintage*

3 <sup>1</sup>Or, *jungle*  
<sup>a</sup>Jer. 25:34-36 <sup>b</sup>Jer. 2:15;  
50:44

5 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *are not held  
guilty*  
<sup>a</sup>Jer. 50:7 <sup>b</sup>Hos. 12:8;  
1 Tim. 6:9  
<sup>c</sup>Ezek. 34:2, 3

6 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *find* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *hand*  
<sup>a</sup>Jer. 13:14 <sup>b</sup>Zech. 14:13; Is.  
9:19-21; Mic. 7:2-6 <sup>c</sup>Ps.  
50:22; Mic. 5:8

7 <sup>1</sup>Another reading is: *for  
the sheep dealers* <sup>2</sup>Or,  
*Pleasantness* <sup>3</sup>Or, *Cords*  
<sup>a</sup>Jer. 39:10; Zeph. 3:12  
<sup>b</sup>Ezek. 37:16 <sup>c</sup>Zech. 11:10;  
Ps. 27:4; 90:17 <sup>d</sup>Zech.  
11:14; Ps. 133:1; Ezek.  
37:16-23

- And I shall <sup>1</sup>bring them back,  
Because I have had <sup>a</sup>compassion on them;  
And they will be as though I had <sup>b</sup>not rejected them,  
For I am the LORD their God, and I will answer them.
- 7 “And Ephraim will be like a mighty man,  
And their heart will be glad as if *from* wine;  
Indeed, their <sup>a</sup>children will see *it* and be glad,  
<sup>1</sup>Their heart will rejoice in the LORD.
- 8 “I will <sup>a</sup>whistle for them to gather them together,  
For I have redeemed them;  
And they will be as <sup>b</sup>numerous as they <sup>1c</sup>were before.
- 9 “When I <sup>1</sup>scatter them among the peoples,  
They will <sup>a</sup>remember Me in far countries,  
And they with their children will live and come back.
- 10 “I will <sup>a</sup>bring them back from the land of Egypt,  
And gather them from Assyria;  
And I will bring them into the land of <sup>b</sup>Gilead and  
Lebanon,  
<sup>1</sup>Until <sup>c</sup>no room can be found for them.
- 11 “And He will pass through the <sup>a</sup>sea of distress,  
And strike the waves in the sea,  
So that all the depths of the <sup>b</sup>Nile will dry up;  
And the pride of <sup>c</sup>Assyria will be brought down,  
And the scepter of <sup>d</sup>Egypt will depart.
- 12 “And I shall strengthen them in the LORD,  
And in His name <sup>a</sup>they will walk,” declares the LORD.

CHAPTER 11

- O**PEN your doors, O Lebanon,  
That a <sup>a</sup>fire may feed on your <sup>b</sup>cedars.
- 2 Wail, O <sup>1</sup>cypress, for the cedar has fallen,  
Because the glorious *trees* have been destroyed;  
Wail, O oaks of Bashan,  
For the <sup>2</sup>impenetrable forest has come down.
- 3 There is a sound of the shepherds’ <sup>a</sup>wail,  
For their glory is ruined;  
There is a <sup>b</sup>sound of the young lions’ roar,  
For the <sup>1</sup>pride of the Jordan is ruined.
- 4 Thus says the LORD my God: “Pasture the flock *doomed*  
to slaughter.
- 5 “Those who buy them slay them and <sup>1</sup>go <sup>a</sup>unpunished,  
and *each* of those who sell them says, ‘Blessed be the LORD, for  
<sup>b</sup>I have become rich!’ And their <sup>c</sup>own shepherds have no pity on  
them.
- 6 “For I shall <sup>a</sup>no longer have pity on the inhabitants of the  
land,” declares the LORD; “but behold, I shall <sup>b</sup>cause the men  
to <sup>1</sup>fall into one another’s <sup>2</sup>power and into the <sup>2</sup>power of his  
king; and they will strike the land, and I shall <sup>c</sup>not deliver *them*  
from their <sup>2</sup>power.”
- 7 So I pastured the flock *doomed* to slaughter, <sup>1</sup>hence the  
<sup>a</sup>afflicted of the flock. And I took for myself two <sup>b</sup>staffs: the one  
I called <sup>2c</sup>Favor, and the other I called <sup>3d</sup>Union; so I pastured  
the flock.

## Thirty Shekels Wages. The Might of Judah.

8 Then I annihilated the three shepherds in <sup>a</sup>one month, for my soul was impatient with them, and their soul also <sup>1</sup>was weary of me.

9 Then I said, "I will not pasture you. What is to <sup>a</sup>die, <sup>1</sup>let it die, and what is to be annihilated, <sup>2</sup>let it be annihilated; and <sup>3</sup>let those who are left eat one another's flesh."

10 And I took my staff <sup>1</sup>Favor and cut it in pieces, to <sup>2a</sup>break my covenant which I had made with all the peoples.

11 So it was <sup>1</sup>broken on that day; and <sup>2</sup>thus the <sup>a</sup>afflicted of the flock who were watching me realized that it was the word of the LORD.

12 And I said to them, "If it is good in your sight, give me my <sup>a</sup>wages; but if not, <sup>1</sup>never mind!" So they weighed out <sup>b</sup>thirty *shekels* of silver as my wages.

13 Then the LORD said to me, "Throw it to the <sup>a</sup>potter, *that* magnificent price at which I was valued by them." So I took the thirty *shekels* of silver and threw them to the potter in the house of the LORD.

14 Then I cut my second staff, <sup>1</sup>Union, in pieces, to <sup>a</sup>break the brotherhood between Judah and Israel.

15 And the LORD said to me, "Take again for yourself the equipment of a <sup>1a</sup>foolish shepherd.

16 "For behold, I am going to raise up a shepherd in the land who will not <sup>a</sup>care for the perishing, seek the scattered, heal the broken, or sustain the one standing, but will <sup>b</sup>devour the flesh of the fat *sheep* and tear off their hoofs.

17 "Woe to the worthless shepherd  
Who leaves the flock!  
A sword will be on his arm  
And on his right eye!  
His arm will be totally withered,  
And his right eye will be <sup>1</sup>blind."

## CHAPTER 12

**T**HE <sup>1</sup>burden of the word of the LORD concerning Israel.

*Thus* declares the LORD who <sup>a</sup>stretches out the heavens, <sup>b</sup>lays the foundation of the earth, and <sup>c</sup>forms the spirit of man within him:

2 "Behold, I am going to make Jerusalem a <sup>a</sup>cup <sup>1</sup>that causes reeling to all the peoples around; and when the siege is against Jerusalem, it will also be against Judah.

3 "And it will come about in that day that I will make Jerusalem a heavy <sup>a</sup>stone for all the peoples; all who lift it will be <sup>b</sup>severely <sup>1</sup>injured. And all the nations of the earth will be gathered against it.

4 "In that day," declares the LORD, "I will strike every horse with bewilderment, and his rider with madness. But I will <sup>1</sup>watch over the house of Judah, while I strike every horse of the peoples with blindness.

5 "Then the clans of Judah will say in their hearts, <sup>a</sup>A strong support for us are the inhabitants of Jerusalem through the LORD of hosts, their God."

6 "In that day I will make the clans of Judah like a <sup>a</sup>firepot

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8 <sup>1</sup>Or, *detested*  
<sup>a</sup>Hos. 5:7

9 <sup>1</sup>Or, *will die* <sup>2</sup>Or, *will be annihilated* <sup>1</sup>Or, *those . . . will eat*  
<sup>a</sup>Jer. 15:2

10 <sup>1</sup>Or, *Pleasantness* <sup>2</sup>Or, *annul*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 89:39; Jer. 14:21

11 <sup>1</sup>Or, *annulled*  
<sup>2</sup>Another reading is: *the sheep dealers who*  
<sup>a</sup>Zeph. 3:12

12 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *cease*  
<sup>a</sup>1 Kin. 3:5 <sup>b</sup>Gen. 37:28; Ex. 21:32; Matt. 26:15; 27:9, 10

13 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 27:3-10; Acts 1:18, 19

14 <sup>1</sup>Or, *Cords*  
<sup>a</sup>Zech. 11:6; Is. 9:21

15 <sup>1</sup>Or, *useless*  
<sup>a</sup>Zech. 11:17; Is. 6:10-12

16 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 23:2 <sup>b</sup>Ezek. 34:2-6

17 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *completely dimmed*  
<sup>a</sup>Zech. 11:15, 10:2; Jer. 23:1

1 <sup>1</sup>Or, *oracle*  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 42:5; 44:24; Jer. 51:15  
<sup>b</sup>Job 26:7; Ps. 102:25, 26;  
<sup>c</sup>Hcb. 1:10-12 <sup>d</sup>Is. 57:16;  
<sup>e</sup>Heb. 12:9

2 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *of reeling*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 75:8; Is. 51:22, 23

3 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *scratched*  
<sup>a</sup>Dan. 2:34, 35, 44, 45  
<sup>b</sup>Matt. 21:44

4 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *open My eyes*

5 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *My strength is*

6 <sup>a</sup>Zech. 11:1; Is. 10:17, 18; Obad. 18

7 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 30:18 <sup>b</sup>Amos 9:11

8 <sup>1</sup>Or, *stumbles*  
<sup>a</sup>Zech. 9:14, 15; Joel 3:16  
<sup>b</sup>Lev. 26:8; Josh. 23:10;  
 Mic. 7:8 <sup>c</sup>Ps. 8:5; 82:6 <sup>d</sup>Ex.  
 14:19; 33:2

9 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *seek to*

10 <sup>1</sup>Or, *a spirit*  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 44:3; Ezek. 39:29; Joel  
 2:28, 29 <sup>b</sup>John 19:37; Rev.  
 1:7 <sup>c</sup>Jer. 6:26; Amos 8:10

11 <sup>1</sup>I.e., broad valley  
<sup>2</sup>Heb., *Megiddon*  
<sup>a</sup>Matt. 24:30; Rev. 1:7

1 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 2:13; 17:13 <sup>b</sup>Ps.  
 51:2, 7; Is. 1:16-18; John  
 1:29 <sup>c</sup>Num. 19:17; Is. 4:4;  
 Ezek. 36:25

2 <sup>a</sup>Ex. 23:13; Hos. 2:17  
<sup>b</sup>Jer. 23:14, 15 <sup>c</sup>1 Kin.  
 22:22; Ezek. 36:25, 29

3 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 23:34 <sup>b</sup>Deut.  
 18:20; Ezek. 14:9 <sup>c</sup>Jer. 23:25  
<sup>d</sup>Deut. 13:6-11; Matt. 10:37

4 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 6:15; 8:9; Mic. 3:7  
<sup>b</sup>2 Kin. 1:8; Is. 20:2; Matt.  
 3:4

5 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *caused another  
 to buy me*  
<sup>a</sup>Amos 7:14

6 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *hands* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *those  
 who love me*

among pieces of wood and a flaming torch among sheaves, so they will consume on the right hand and on the left all the surrounding peoples, while the inhabitants of Jerusalem again dwell on their own sites in Jerusalem.

7 "The LORD also will <sup>a</sup>save the tents of Judah first in order that the glory of the house of <sup>b</sup>David and the glory of the inhabitants of Jerusalem may not be magnified above Judah.

8 "In that day the LORD will <sup>a</sup>defend the inhabitants of Jerusalem, and the one who <sup>1</sup>is feeble among them in that day will be like David, and the house of David *will be* like <sup>c</sup>God, like the <sup>d</sup>angel of the LORD before them.

9 "And it will come about in that day that I will <sup>1</sup>set about to destroy all the nations that come against Jerusalem.

10 "And I will <sup>a</sup>pour out on the house of David and on the inhabitants of Jerusalem, <sup>1</sup>the Spirit of grace and of supplication, so that they will look on Me whom they have <sup>b</sup>pierced; and they will mourn for Him, as one <sup>c</sup>mourns for an only son, and they will weep bitterly over Him, like the bitter weeping over a first-born.

11 "In that day there will be great <sup>a</sup>mourning in Jerusalem, like the mourning of Hadadrimmon in the <sup>1</sup>plain of <sup>2</sup>Megiddo.

12 "And the land will mourn, every family by itself; the family of the house of David by itself, and their wives by themselves; the family of the house of Nathan by itself, and their wives by themselves;

13 the family of the house of Levi by itself, and their wives by themselves; the family of the Shimeites by itself, and their wives by themselves;

14 all the families that remain, every family by itself, and their wives by themselves.

## CHAPTER 13

"**I**N that day a <sup>a</sup>fountain will be opened for the house of David and for the inhabitants of Jerusalem, for <sup>b</sup>sin and for <sup>c</sup>impurity.

2 "And it will come about in that day," declares the LORD of hosts, "that I will <sup>a</sup>cut off the names of the idols from the land, and they will no longer be remembered; and I will also remove the <sup>b</sup>prophets and the <sup>c</sup>unclean spirit from the land.

3 "And it will come about that if anyone still <sup>a</sup>prophesies, then his father and mother who gave birth to him will say to him, 'You shall <sup>b</sup>not live, for you have spoken <sup>c</sup>falsely in the name of the LORD'; and his <sup>d</sup>father and mother who gave birth to him will pierce him through when he prophesies.

4 "Also it will come about in that day that the prophets will each be <sup>a</sup>ashamed of his vision when he prophesies, and they will not put on a <sup>b</sup>hairy robe in order to deceive;

5 but he will say, 'I am <sup>a</sup>not a prophet; I am a tiller of the ground, for a man <sup>1</sup>sold me as a slave in my youth.'

6 "And one will say to him, 'What are these wounds between your <sup>1</sup>arms?' Then he will say, 'Those with which I was wounded in the house of <sup>2</sup>my friends.'



- 7 "Awake, O sword, against My <sup>a</sup>Shepherd,  
And against the man, My <sup>b</sup>Associate,"  
Declares the LORD of hosts.  
"Strike the Shepherd that the sheep may be scattered;  
And I will <sup>d</sup>turn My hand <sup>1</sup>against the little ones.
- 8 "And it will come about in all the land,"  
Declares the LORD,  
"That <sup>a</sup>two parts in it will be cut off *and* perish;  
But the third will be left in it.
- 9 "And I will bring the third part through the <sup>a</sup>fire,  
Refine them as silver is refined,  
And test them as gold is tested.  
They will <sup>b</sup>call on My name,  
And I will <sup>c</sup>answer them;  
I will say, 'They are <sup>d</sup>My people,'  
And they will say, 'The LORD is my God.' "

CHAPTER 14

**BEHOLD**, a <sup>a</sup>day is coming for the LORD when the spoil taken  
from you will be divided among you.

2 For I will gather all the nations against Jerusalem to  
battle, and the city will be captured, the <sup>a</sup>houses plundered, the  
women ravished, and half of the city exiled, but the rest of the  
people will not be cut off from the city.

3 Then the LORD will go forth and fight against those  
nations, as <sup>1</sup>when He fights on a day of battle.

4 And in that day His feet will <sup>a</sup>stand on the Mount of  
Olives, which is in front of Jerusalem on the east; and the  
Mount of Olives will be <sup>b</sup>split in its middle from east to west  
by a very large valley, so that half of the mountain will move  
toward the north and the other half toward the south.

5 And you will flee by the valley of My mountains, for the  
valley of the mountains will reach to Azel; yes, you will flee just  
as you fled before the <sup>a</sup>earthquake in the days of Uzziah king  
of Judah. Then the LORD, my God, will come, *and* all the holy  
ones with <sup>1</sup>Him!

6 And it will come about in that day that there will be <sup>a</sup>no  
light; the <sup>1</sup>luminaries will dwindle.

7 For it will be <sup>a</sup>a unique day which is <sup>b</sup>known to the LORD,  
neither day nor night; but it will come about that at <sup>c</sup>evening  
time there will be light.

8 And it will come about in that day that <sup>a</sup>living waters will  
flow out of Jerusalem, half of them toward the eastern sea and  
the other half toward the western sea; it will be in summer as  
well as in winter.

9 And the LORD will be <sup>a</sup>king over all the earth; in that day  
the LORD will be *the only* <sup>b</sup>one, and His name *the only* one.

10 All the land will be changed into a plain from <sup>a</sup>Geba to  
<sup>b</sup>Rimmon south of Jerusalem; but <sup>1</sup>Jerusalem will <sup>c</sup>rise and  
<sup>d</sup>remain on its site from <sup>e</sup>Benjamin's Gate as far as the place of  
the First Gate to the <sup>f</sup>Corner Gate, and from the <sup>g</sup>Tower of  
Hananel to the king's wine presses.

11 And <sup>1</sup>people will live in it, and there will be <sup>a</sup>no more  
curse, for Jerusalem will <sup>b</sup>dwell in security.

7 <sup>1</sup>Or, upon  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 40:11; Ezek. 34:23, 24;  
37:24; Mic. 5:2, 4 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 2:2;  
Jer. 23:5, 6 <sup>c</sup>Is. 53:4, 5, 10;  
Matt. 26:31; Mark 14:27  
<sup>d</sup>Is. 1:25

8 <sup>a</sup>Is. 6:13; Ezek.  
5:2-4, 12

9 <sup>a</sup>Is. 48:10; Mal. 3:3  
<sup>b</sup>Zech. 12:10; Ps. 34:15-17;  
50:15 <sup>c</sup>Zech. 10:6; Is. 58:9;  
65:24; Jer. 29:11-13 <sup>d</sup>Hos.  
2:23

1 <sup>a</sup>Is. 13:6, 9; Joel 2:1;  
Mal. 4:1

2 <sup>a</sup>Is. 13:16

3 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *His day of  
fighting*

4 <sup>a</sup>Ezek. 11:23 <sup>b</sup>Zech.  
14:8; 4:7; Is. 64:1, 2; Ezek.  
47:1-10; Mic. 1:3, 4; Hab.  
3:6

5 <sup>1</sup>So the versions; Heb.,  
*Thee*  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 29:6; Amos 1:1

6 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *glorious ones will  
congeal*  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 13:10; Jer. 4:23; Ezek.  
32:7, 8; Joel 2:30, 31; Acts  
2:16, 19

7 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 30:7; Amos 8:9  
<sup>b</sup>Is. 45:21; Acts 15:18 <sup>c</sup>Is.  
58:10; Rev. 22:5

8 <sup>a</sup>Ezek. 47:1-12; Joel  
3:18; Rev. 22:1, 2

9 <sup>a</sup>Zech. 14:16, 17; 9:9;  
<sup>b</sup>Is. 2:2-4; 45:23 <sup>b</sup>Deut. 6:4;  
<sup>c</sup>Is. 45:21-24

10 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *it*  
<sup>a</sup>1 Kin. 15:22 <sup>b</sup>Josh. 15:32;  
Judg. 20:45, 47 <sup>c</sup>Is. 2:2;  
Amos 9:11 <sup>d</sup>Zech. 12:6; Jer.  
30:18 <sup>e</sup>Jer. 37:13; 38:7  
<sup>f</sup>2 Kin. 14:13 <sup>g</sup>Jer. 31:8

11 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *they*  
<sup>a</sup>Zech. 8:13; Rev. 22:3 <sup>b</sup>Jer.  
23:5, 6; Ezek. 34:25-28

12 <sup>a</sup>Lev. 26:16; Deut. 28:21, 22

13 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *be among* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *rise up against*

14 <sup>a</sup>Zech. 14:1; Is. 23:18

16 <sup>a</sup>Is. 60:6-9; 66:18-21, 23  
<sup>b</sup>Lev. 23:34-44

17 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 14:3-6; Amos 4:7

19 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *sin*

20 <sup>a</sup>Ex. 28:36-38 <sup>b</sup>Ezek. 46:20

21 <sup>1</sup>Or, *merchant*  
<sup>a</sup>Neh. 8:10; Rom. 14:6, 7;  
<sup>1</sup>Cor. 10:31

12 Now this will be the plague with which the LORD will strike all the peoples who have gone to war against Jerusalem; their flesh will <sup>a</sup>rot while they stand on their feet, and their eyes will rot in their sockets, and their tongue will rot in their mouth.

13 And it will come about in that day that a great panic from the LORD will <sup>1</sup>fall on them; and they will seize one another's hand, and the hand of one will <sup>2</sup>be lifted against the hand of another.

14 And Judah also will fight at Jerusalem; and the <sup>a</sup>wealth of all the surrounding nations will be gathered, gold and silver and garments in great abundance.

15 So also like this plague, will be the plague on the horse, the mule, the camel, the donkey, and all the cattle that will be in those camps.

16 Then it will come about that any who are left of all the nations that went against Jerusalem will <sup>a</sup>go up from year to year to worship the King, the LORD of hosts, and to celebrate the <sup>b</sup>Feast of Booths.

17 And it will be that whichever of the families of the earth does not go up to Jerusalem to worship the King, the LORD of hosts, there will be <sup>a</sup>no rain on them.

18 And if the family of Egypt does not go up or enter, then *no rain will fall* on them; it will be the plague with which the LORD smites the nations who do not go up to celebrate the Feast of Booths.

19 This will be the <sup>1</sup>punishment of Egypt, and the <sup>1</sup>punishment of all the nations who do not go up to celebrate the Feast of Booths.

20 In that day there will *be inscribed* on the bells of the horses, "<sup>a</sup>HOLY TO THE LORD." And the <sup>b</sup>cooking pots in the LORD's house will be like the bowls before the altar.

21 And every cooking pot in Jerusalem and in Judah will be <sup>a</sup>holy to the LORD of hosts; and all who sacrifice will come and take of them and boil in them. And there will no longer be a <sup>1</sup>Canaanite in the house of the LORD of hosts in that day.

## THE BOOK OF MALACHI

God's Love for Jacob.

**T**HE <sup>1a</sup>oracle of the word of the LORD to Israel through <sup>2</sup>Malachi.

2 "I have <sup>a</sup>loved you," says the LORD. But you say, "How hast Thou loved us?" "Was not Esau Jacob's brother?" declares the LORD. "Yet I <sup>b</sup>have loved Jacob;

3 but I have hated Esau, and I have made his mountains a desolation, and *appointed* his inheritance for the jackals of the wilderness."

<sup>1</sup> Lit., *burden* <sup>2</sup>Or, *My messenger*  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 13:1; Nah. 1:1; Hab. 1:1; Zech. 9:1

<sup>2</sup> <sup>a</sup>Rom. 9:13 <sup>b</sup>Jer. 49:16-18; Ezek. 35:8, 15

4 Though Edom says, "We have been <sup>a</sup>beaten down, but we will <sup>b</sup>return and build up the ruins"; thus says the LORD of hosts, "They may <sup>c</sup>build, but I will tear down; and *men* will call them the <sup>2</sup>wicked territory, and the people <sup>3</sup>toward whom the LORD is indignant forever."

5 And your eyes will see this and you will say, "The LORD <sup>1a</sup>be magnified beyond the <sup>2</sup>border of Israel!"

6 "A son <sup>a</sup>honors his father, and a servant his master. Then if I am a <sup>b</sup>father, where is My honor? And if I am a master, where is My <sup>1</sup>respect? says the LORD of hosts to you, O <sup>c</sup>priests who despise My name. But you say, 'How have we despised Thy name?'

7 "You are presenting defiled <sup>1a</sup>food upon My altar. But you say, 'How have we defiled Thee?' In that you say, 'The table of the LORD is to be despised.'

8 "But when you present the <sup>a</sup>blind for sacrifice, is it not evil? And when you present the lame and sick, is it not evil? <sup>1</sup>Why not offer it to your governor? Would he be pleased with you? Or would he receive you kindly?" says the LORD of hosts.

9 "But now <sup>1</sup>will you not <sup>a</sup>entreat God's favor, that He may be gracious to us? <sup>2</sup>With such an offering on your part, will He <sup>b</sup>receive any of you kindly?" says the LORD of hosts.

10 "Oh that there were one among you who would <sup>a</sup>shut the <sup>1</sup>gates, that you might not uselessly kindle *fire on My altar!* I am not pleased with you," says the LORD of hosts, "nor will I <sup>b</sup>accept an offering from <sup>2</sup>you.

11 "For from the <sup>a</sup>rising of the sun, even to its setting, My name *will be great* among the nations, and in every place <sup>b</sup>incense is going to be offered to My name, and a grain offering *that is pure*; for My name *will be* <sup>c</sup>great among the nations," says the LORD of hosts.

12 "But you are profaning it, in that you say, 'The table of the LORD is defiled, and as for its fruit, its food is to be despised.'

13 "You also say, 'My, how <sup>a</sup>tiresome it is!' And you disdainfully sniff at it," says the LORD of hosts, "and you bring what was taken by <sup>b</sup>robbery, and *what is lame or sick*; so you bring the offering! Should I receive that from your hand?" says the LORD.

14 "But cursed be the swindler who has a male in his flock, and vows it, but sacrifices a <sup>a</sup>blemished animal to the Lord, for I am a great <sup>b</sup>King," says the LORD of hosts, "and My name is <sup>1</sup>feared among the <sup>2</sup>nations."

## CHAPTER 2

"AND now, this commandment is for you, O priests.

2 "If you do <sup>a</sup>not listen, and if you do not take it to heart to give honor to My name," says the LORD of hosts, "then I will send the <sup>b</sup>curse upon you, and I will curse your blessings; and indeed, I have cursed them *already*, because you are not taking it to heart.

3 "Behold, I am going to <sup>a</sup>rebuke your <sup>1</sup>offspring, and I will <sup>b</sup>spread <sup>2</sup>refuse on your faces, the <sup>2</sup>refuse of your <sup>c</sup>feasts; and you will be taken away <sup>3</sup>with it.

4 "Then you will know that I have sent this commandment

4 <sup>1</sup>Or, *rebuild the ruins*  
<sup>2</sup>Lit., *border of wickedness*  
<sup>3</sup>Or, *whom the Lord has cursed*  
<sup>a</sup>Jer. 5:17 <sup>b</sup>Is. 9:9, 10 <sup>c</sup>Amos 3:15; 5:11; 6:11

5 <sup>1</sup>Or, *will be great* <sup>2</sup>Or, *teritory*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 33:27; Mic. 5:4

6 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *fear*  
<sup>a</sup>Ex. 20:12; Prov. 30:11, 17  
<sup>b</sup>Mal. 2:10; Deut. 1:31; Is. 1:2; Jer. 3:4 <sup>c</sup>Mal. 2:1-9; Zeph. 3:4

7 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *bread*  
<sup>a</sup>Lev. 21:6, 8

8 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *Offer, please*  
<sup>a</sup>Deut. 15:21

9 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *entreat please*  
<sup>2</sup>Lit., *This has been from your hand*  
<sup>a</sup>Jer. 27:18; Joel 2:12-14  
<sup>b</sup>Amos 5:22

10 <sup>1</sup>Or, *doors* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *your hand*  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 1:13 <sup>b</sup>Jer. 14:10, 12; Hos. 5:6

11 <sup>a</sup>Is. 45:6 <sup>b</sup>Is. 60:6 <sup>c</sup>Is. 12:4, 5; 54:5; Jer. 10:6, 7

13 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *Behold it is weariness*  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 43:22 <sup>b</sup>Lev. 6:4; Is. 61:8

14 <sup>1</sup>Or, *revered* <sup>2</sup>Or, *Centiles*  
<sup>a</sup>Lev. 22:18-20; Acts 5:1-4  
<sup>b</sup>Zech. 14:9 <sup>c</sup>Zeph. 2:11

2 <sup>a</sup>Lev. 26:14, 15; Deut. 28:15 <sup>b</sup>Deut. 28:16-20

3 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *seed* <sup>2</sup>Or, *vomit*  
<sup>3</sup>Lit., *to*  
<sup>a</sup>Lev. 26:16; Deut. 28:38  
<sup>b</sup>Nah. 3:6 <sup>c</sup>Ex. 29:14

4 <sup>1</sup>Or, to be My covenant with <sup>2</sup>Lit., be  
<sup>a</sup>Num. 3:45; 18:21

5 <sup>1</sup>Or, fear <sup>2</sup>Or, feared  
<sup>a</sup>Num. 25:12 <sup>b</sup>Num. 25:7,  
8, 13

6 <sup>1</sup>Or, Law of truth  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 119:142, 151, 160  
<sup>b</sup>Deut. 33:8, 9; Ps. 37:37  
<sup>c</sup>Jer. 23:22

7 <sup>1</sup>Lit., they <sup>2</sup>Or, law  
<sup>a</sup>Lev. 10:11; Neh. 8:7  
<sup>b</sup>Num. 27:21; Deut. 17:8-11

8 <sup>1</sup>Or, in the law <sup>2</sup>Or,  
violated  
<sup>a</sup>Jer. 18:15 <sup>b</sup>Ezek. 44:10

9 <sup>1</sup>Lit., to <sup>2</sup>Or, law  
<sup>a</sup>Deut. 1:17; Mic. 3:11

10 <sup>a</sup>Is. 63:16; 64:8; Jer.  
31:9 <sup>b</sup>Jer. 9:4, 5 <sup>c</sup>Ex. 19:4-6;  
24:3, 7, 8

11 <sup>1</sup>Or, in that he has  
loved and married  
<sup>a</sup>Jer. 3:7-9 <sup>b</sup>Ezra 9:1, 2

12 <sup>1</sup>Or, grain offering  
<sup>a</sup>Ezek. 24:21; Hos. 9:12

13 <sup>1</sup>Lit., second <sup>2</sup>Or, grain  
offering  
<sup>a</sup>Jer. 11:14; 14:12

14 <sup>a</sup>Mal. 3:5; Jer. 9:2

15 <sup>1</sup>Or, Did He not make  
one, although He had the  
remnant <sup>2</sup>Or, why one? He  
sought a godly offspring  
<sup>3</sup>Lit., seed  
<sup>a</sup>Gen. 2:24; Matt. 19:4, 5  
<sup>b</sup>Ruth 4:12; 1 Sam. 2:20  
<sup>c</sup>Ex. 20:14; Lev. 20:10

16 <sup>1</sup>Lit., He hates <sup>2</sup>Lit.,  
sending away <sup>3</sup>Lit., he  
covers <sup>4</sup>Or, violence  
<sup>a</sup>Deut. 24:1; Matt. 5:31;  
19:6-8 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 73:6; Is. 59:6

17 <sup>a</sup>Is. 43:22, 24 <sup>b</sup>Is. 5:20;  
Zeph. 1:12 <sup>c</sup>Job 9:24 <sup>d</sup>Is.  
5:19; Jer. 17:15

1 <sup>1</sup>Or, angel <sup>2</sup>Or,  
prepare <sup>3</sup>Or, even  
<sup>a</sup>Matt. 11:10, 14; Mark 1:2;  
Luke 7:27 <sup>b</sup>Is. 63:9

to you, <sup>1</sup>that My <sup>a</sup>covenant may <sup>2</sup>continue with Levi," says the LORD of hosts.

5 "My covenant with him was *one of life and peace*, and I gave them to him *as an object of reverence*; so he <sup>2</sup>revered Me, and stood in awe of My name.

6 "<sup>1a</sup>True instruction was in his mouth, and unrighteousness was not found on his lips; he walked <sup>b</sup>with Me in peace and uprightness, and he <sup>c</sup>turned many back from iniquity.

7 "For the lips of a priest should preserve <sup>a</sup>knowledge, and <sup>1</sup>men should <sup>b</sup>seek <sup>2</sup>instruction from his mouth; for he is the messenger of the LORD of hosts.

8 "But as for you, you have turned aside from the way; you have caused many to <sup>a</sup>stumble <sup>1</sup>by the instruction; you have <sup>2</sup>corrupted the covenant of Levi," says the LORD of hosts.

9 "So I also have made you despised and abased <sup>1</sup>before all the people, just as you are not keeping My ways, but are showing <sup>a</sup>partiality in the <sup>2</sup>instruction.

10 "Do we not all have <sup>a</sup>one father? Has not one God created us? Why do we deal <sup>b</sup>treacherously each against his brother so as to profane the <sup>c</sup>covenant of our fathers?

11 "Judah has dealt <sup>a</sup>treacherously, and an abomination has been committed in Israel and in Jerusalem; for Judah has <sup>b</sup>profaned the sanctuary of the LORD <sup>1</sup>which He loves, and has married the daughter of a foreign god.

12 "As for the man who does this, may the <sup>a</sup>LORD cut off from the tents of Jacob *everyone* who awakes and answers, or who presents an <sup>1</sup>offering to the LORD of hosts.

13 "And this is <sup>1</sup>another thing you do: you cover the altar of the LORD with tears, with weeping and with groaning, because He <sup>a</sup>no longer regards the <sup>2</sup>offering or accepts *it with favor* from your hand.

14 "Yet you say, 'For what reason?' Because the LORD has been a witness between you and the wife of your youth, against whom you have dealt <sup>a</sup>treacherously, though she is your companion and your wife by covenant.

15 "<sup>1</sup>But not one has <sup>a</sup>done so who has a remnant of the Spirit. And <sup>2</sup>what did *that* one *do* while he was seeking a <sup>b</sup>godly <sup>3</sup>offspring? Take heed then, to your spirit, and let no one deal <sup>c</sup>treacherously against the wife of your youth.

16 "For <sup>1</sup>I hate <sup>2</sup>divorce," says the LORD, the God of Israel, "and <sup>3</sup>him who covers his garment with <sup>4</sup>wrong," says the LORD of hosts. "So take heed to your spirit, that you do not deal <sup>c</sup>treacherously."

17 You have <sup>a</sup>wearied the LORD with your words. Yet you say, "How have we wearied *Him*?" In that you say, "<sup>b</sup>Everyone who does evil is good in the sight of the LORD, and He <sup>c</sup>delights in them," or, "Where is the God of <sup>d</sup>justice?"

## CHAPTER 3

"**B**EHOLD, I am going to send My <sup>1</sup>messenger, and he will <sup>2</sup>clear the way before Me. And the Lord, whom you seek, will suddenly come to His temple; <sup>3</sup>and the <sup>1b</sup>messenger of the covenant, in whom you delight, behold, He is coming," says the LORD of hosts.

2 "But who can endure the day of His coming? And who can stand when He appears? For He is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap.

3 "And He will sit as a smelter and purifier of silver, and He will purify the sons of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, so that they may present to the LORD offerings in righteousness.

4 "Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD, as in the days of old and as in former years.

5 "Then I will draw near to you for judgment; and I will be a swift witness against the sorcerers and against the adulterers and against those who swear falsely, and against those who oppress the wage earner in his wages, the widow and the orphan, and those who turn aside the alien, and do not fear Me," says the LORD of hosts.

6 "For I, the LORD, do not change; therefore you, O sons of Jacob, are not consumed.

7 "From the days of your fathers you have turned aside from My statutes, and have not kept them. Return to Me, and I will return to you," says the Lord of hosts. "But you say, 'How shall we return?'

8 "Will a man rob God? Yet you are robbing Me! But you say, 'How have we robbed Thee?' In tithes and contributions.

9 "You are cursed with a curse, for you are robbing Me, the whole nation of you!

10 "Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, so that there may be food in My house, and test Me now in this," says the LORD of hosts, "if I will not open for you the windows of heaven, and pour out for you a blessing until there is no more need.

11 "Then I will rebuke the devourer for you, so that it may not destroy the fruits of the ground; nor will your vine in the field cast its grapes," says the LORD of hosts.

12 "And all the nations will call you blessed, for you shall be a delightful land," says the LORD of hosts.

13 "Your words have been arrogant against Me," says the LORD. "Yet you say, 'What have we spoken against Thee?'

14 "You have said, 'It is vain to serve God; and what profit is it that we have kept His charge, and that we have walked in mourning before the LORD of hosts?'

15 "So now we call the arrogant blessed; not only are the doers of wickedness built up, but they also test God and escape."

16 "Then those who feared the LORD spoke to one another, and the LORD gave attention and heard it, and a book of remembrance was written before Him for those who fear the LORD and who esteem His name.

17 "And they will be Mine," says the LORD of hosts, "on the day that I prepare My own possession, and I will spare them as a man spares his own son who serves him."

18 So you will again distinguish between the righteous and the wicked, between one who serves God and one who does not serve Him.

2 <sup>1</sup>Lit. *laundrymen's*  
<sup>1</sup>Is. 33:14; Ezek. 22:14  
<sup>b</sup>Zech. 13:9; Matt. 3:10-12;  
<sup>1</sup>Cor. 3:13-15

3 <sup>1</sup>Or. *grain offerings*  
<sup>1</sup>Is. 1:25; Dan. 12:10 <sup>b</sup>Ps.  
 45; 51:19

4 <sup>1</sup>Or. *grain offering*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 51:17-19 <sup>b2</sup>Chr. 7:1-3,  
 12

5 <sup>1</sup>Or. *fatherless* <sup>2</sup>Or.  
*sojourner* <sup>3</sup>Or. *reverse*  
<sup>a</sup>Deut. 18:10; Jer. 27:9, 10  
<sup>b</sup>Ezek. 22:9-11 <sup>c</sup>Jer. 5:2; 7:9;  
 Zech. 5:4 <sup>d</sup>Lev. 19:13 <sup>e</sup>Ex.  
 22:22-24 <sup>f</sup>Deut. 27:19

6 <sup>1</sup>Or. *I am the Lord; I*  
*do not* <sup>2</sup>Or. *have not come*  
*to an end*

7 <sup>a</sup>Zech. 1:3

8 <sup>1</sup>Or. *defraud* <sup>2</sup>Or.  
*heave offerings*  
<sup>a</sup>Neh. 13:11

9 <sup>1</sup>Or. *defrauding*

10 <sup>1</sup>Lit. *prey* <sup>2</sup>Or. *not*  
*room enough*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 78:23-29 <sup>b</sup>Ezek. 34:26  
<sup>c</sup>Lev. 26:3-5

11 <sup>1</sup>Lit. *ruin*  
<sup>a</sup>Joel 1:4; 2:25

12 <sup>a</sup>Is. 61:9 <sup>b</sup>Is. 62:4

13 <sup>1</sup>Lit. *strong*

14 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 2:25; 18:12 <sup>b</sup>Is.  
 58:3

15 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 7:10

16 <sup>1</sup>Or. *reversed* <sup>2</sup>Or.  
*reverse*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 34:15; Jer. 31:18-20 <sup>b</sup>Is.  
 4:3; Dan. 12:1

17 <sup>1</sup>Lit. *make* <sup>2</sup>Or.  
*special treasure* <sup>3</sup>Or. *have*  
*(has) compassion on*  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 43:1 <sup>b</sup>Is. 4:2 <sup>c</sup>Ex. 19:5;  
 Deut. 7:6; Is. 43:21; 1 Pet.  
 2:9 <sup>d</sup>Neh. 13:22; Ps. 103:13;  
 Is. 26:20

18 <sup>a</sup>Gen. 18:25; Amos 5:15

## CHAPTER 4

<sup>1</sup> In Heb., chap. 3, v. 19  
<sup>a</sup>Mal. 3:2, 3; Ps. 21:9; Nah.  
 1:5, 6 <sup>b</sup>Is. 5:24; Obad. 18  
<sup>c</sup>Is. 9:18, 19

<sup>2</sup> <sup>1</sup>Or, *reverse*  
<sup>a</sup>2 Sam. 23:4; Is. 30:26; 60:1  
<sup>b</sup>Jer. 30:17; 33:6 <sup>c</sup>Is. 35:6

<sup>3</sup> <sup>1</sup>Or, *when I act*  
<sup>a</sup>Job 40:12; Is. 26:6; Mic.  
 5:8 <sup>b</sup>Ezek. 28:18

<sup>4</sup> <sup>1</sup>In Heb., chap. 3, v.  
 22  
<sup>a</sup>Deut. 4:23; 8:11, 19

<sup>5</sup> <sup>a</sup>Matt. 11:14; Mark  
 9:11-13; Luke 1:17

<sup>6</sup> <sup>1</sup>Or, *turn* <sup>2</sup>Or, *ban the  
 destruction*  
<sup>a</sup>Luke 1:17 <sup>b</sup>Is. 11:4; Rev.  
 19:15

“<sup>1</sup>FOR behold, the day is coming, <sup>a</sup>burning like a furnace; and all the arrogant and every evildoer will be <sup>b</sup>chaff; and the day that is coming will <sup>c</sup>set them ablaze,” says the LORD of hosts, “so that it will leave them neither root nor branch.”

<sup>2</sup> “But for you who <sup>1</sup>fear My name the <sup>a</sup>sun of righteousness will rise with <sup>b</sup>healing in its wings; and you will go forth and <sup>c</sup>skip about like calves from the stall.

<sup>3</sup> “And you will <sup>a</sup>tread down the wicked, for they shall be <sup>b</sup>ashes under the soles of your feet on the day <sup>1</sup>which I am preparing,” says the LORD of hosts.

<sup>4</sup> “<sup>1a</sup>Remember the law of Moses My servant, *even the* statutes and ordinances which I commanded him in Horeb for all Israel.

<sup>5</sup> “Behold, I am going to send you <sup>a</sup>Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and terrible day of the LORD.

<sup>6</sup> “And he will <sup>1a</sup>restore the hearts of the fathers to *their* children, and the hearts of the children to their fathers, lest I come and <sup>b</sup>smite the land with a <sup>2</sup>curse.”

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# THE GOSPEL

## ACCORDING TO MATTHEW

### Genealogy of Jesus. Birth of Jesus.

THE book of the genealogy of Jesus Christ, <sup>a</sup>the son of David, <sup>b</sup>the son of Abraham.

2 To Abraham was born Isaac; and to Isaac, Jacob; and to Jacob, <sup>1</sup>Judah and his brothers;

3 and to Judah were born Perez and Zerah by Tamar; and to <sup>a</sup>Perez was born Hezron; and to Hezron, <sup>1</sup>Ram;

4 and to Ram was born Amminadab; and to Amminadab, Nahshon; and to Nahshon, Salmon;

5 and to Salmon was born Boaz by Rahab; and to Boaz was born Obed by Ruth; and to Obed, Jesse;

6 and to Jesse was born David the king.

And to David <sup>a</sup>was born Solomon by her *who had been the wife* of Uriah;

7 and to Solomon <sup>a</sup>was born Rehoboam; and to Rehoboam, Abijah; and to Abijah, <sup>1</sup>Asa;

8 and to Asa was born Jehoshaphat; and to Jehoshaphat, <sup>1</sup>Joram; and to Joram, Uzziah;

9 and to Uzziah was born <sup>1</sup>Jotham; and to Jotham, Ahaz; and to Ahaz, Hezekiah;

10 and to Hezekiah was born Manasseh; and to Manasseh, <sup>1</sup>Amon; and to Amon, Josiah;

11 and to Josiah were born <sup>1</sup>Jeconiah and his brothers, at the time of the <sup>a</sup>deportation to Babylon.

12 And after the <sup>a</sup>deportation to Babylon, to Jeconiah was born <sup>1</sup>Shealtiel; and to Shealtiel, Zerubbabel;

13 and to Zerubbabel was born <sup>1</sup>Abiud; and to Abiud, Eliakim; and to Eliakim, Azor;

14 and to Azor was born Zadok; and to Zadok, Achim; and to Achim, Eliud;

15 and to Eliud was born Eleazar; and to Eleazar, Matthan; and to Matthan, Jacob;

16 and to Jacob was born Joseph the husband of Mary, by whom was born Jesus, <sup>a</sup>who is called <sup>1</sup>Christ.

17 Therefore all the generations from Abraham to David are fourteen generations; and from David to the <sup>a</sup>deportation to Babylon fourteen generations; and from the <sup>a</sup>deportation to Babylon to the *time of* <sup>1</sup>Christ fourteen generations.

18 Now the birth of Jesus Christ was as follows. When His <sup>a</sup>mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was <sup>b</sup>found to be with child by the Holy Spirit.

19 And Joseph her husband, being a righteous man, and not wanting to disgrace her, desired <sup>1</sup>to put her away secretly.

20 But when he had considered this, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife; for that which has been <sup>1</sup>conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit.

1 <sup>a</sup>2 Sam. 7:12-16; Ps. 89:3f.; 132:11; Is. 9:6f.; 11:1; Luke 1:32, 69; John 7:42; Acts 13:23; Rom. 1:3; Rev. 22:16; Matt. 9:27  
<sup>b</sup>Gen. 22:18; Gal. 3:16; Matt. 1:1-6; Luke 3:32-34

2 <sup>1</sup>Gr., *Judas*. Names of Old Testament characters will be given in their Old Testament form throughout this version.

3 <sup>1</sup>Gr., *Aram*  
<sup>a</sup>Matt. 1:3-6; Ruth 4:18-22; 1 Chr. 2:1-15

6 <sup>a</sup>2 Sam. 11:27; 12:24

7 <sup>1</sup>Gr., *Asaph*  
<sup>a</sup>1 Chr. 3:10ff.

8 <sup>1</sup>Gr., *Jehoram*

9 <sup>1</sup>Gr., *Jotham*

10 <sup>1</sup>Gr., *Amos*

11 <sup>1</sup>Or, *Jehoiachin*  
<sup>a</sup>2 Kin. 24:14f.; Jer. 27:20; Matt. 1:17

12 <sup>1</sup>Gr., *Salathiel*  
<sup>a</sup>2 Kin. 24:14f.; Jer. 27:20; Matt. 1:17

13 <sup>1</sup>Gr., *Abihud*

16 <sup>1</sup>I.e., the Messiah  
<sup>a</sup>Matt. 27:17, 22; Luke 2:11; John 4:25

17 <sup>1</sup>I.e., the Messiah  
<sup>a</sup>2 Kin. 24:14f.; Jer. 27:20; Matt. 1:11, 12

18 <sup>a</sup>Luke 1:27; Matt. 12:46  
<sup>b</sup>Luke 1:35

19 <sup>1</sup>Or, *to divorce her*

20 <sup>1</sup>Gr., *begotten*

21 <sup>a</sup>Luke 1:31; 2:21 <sup>b</sup>Luke 2:11; Acts 13:23; John 1:29

22 <sup>1</sup>Or, *has taken place*

23 <sup>1</sup>Or, *Emmanuel*  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 7:14

24 <sup>1</sup>Or, *took his wife to himself*

25 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *was not knowing her*  
<sup>a</sup>Matt. 1:21

<sup>1</sup> Pronounced may-ii, a caste of wise men specializing in astrology, medicine and natural science  
<sup>a</sup>Luke 2:4-7 <sup>b</sup>Luke 1:5

<sup>2</sup> <sup>a</sup>Jer. 23:5; 30:9; Zech. 9:9; Matt. 27:11; Luke 19:38; 23:38; John 1:49  
<sup>b</sup>Num. 24:17; Rev. 22:16

<sup>4</sup> <sup>1</sup>i.e., the Messiah

<sup>5</sup> <sup>1</sup>Lit., *through*  
<sup>a</sup>John 7:42

<sup>6</sup> <sup>a</sup>Mic. 5:2 <sup>b</sup>John 21:16

<sup>7</sup> <sup>1</sup>Lit., *the time of the appearing star*

<sup>11</sup> <sup>a</sup>Matt. 1:18; 12:46

<sup>12</sup> <sup>a</sup>Matt. 2:22; Acts 10:22; Heb. 8:5; 11:7; Matt. 2:13, 19; Luke 2:26

<sup>13</sup> <sup>a</sup>Matt. 2:19; 2:12

21 "And she will bear a Son; and <sup>a</sup>you shall call His name Jesus, for it is He who <sup>b</sup>will save His people from their sins."

22 Now all this <sup>1</sup>took place that what was spoken by the Lord through the prophet might be fulfilled, saying,

23 "<sup>a</sup>BEHOLD, THE VIRGIN SHALL BE WITH CHILD, AND SHALL BEAR A SON, AND THEY SHALL CALL HIS NAME <sup>1</sup>IMMANUEL," which translated means, "GOD WITH US."

24 And Joseph arose from his sleep, and did as the angel of the Lord commanded him, and <sup>1</sup>took *her* as his wife,

25 and <sup>1</sup>kept her a virgin until she gave birth to a Son; and <sup>a</sup>he called His name Jesus.

CHAPTER 2

**N**OW after Jesus was <sup>a</sup>born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of <sup>b</sup>Herod the king, behold, <sup>1</sup>magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying,

2 "Where is He who has been born <sup>a</sup>King of the Jews? For we saw <sup>b</sup>His star in the east, and have come to worship Him."

3 And when Herod the king heard it, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him.

4 And gathering together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he *began* to inquire of them where <sup>1</sup>the Christ was to be born.

5 And they said to him, "<sup>a</sup>In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it has been written <sup>1</sup>by the prophet,

6 "<sup>a</sup>AND YOU, BETHLEHEM, LAND OF JUDAH, ARE BY NO MEANS LEAST AMONG THE LEADERS OF JUDAH; FOR OUT OF YOU SHALL COME FORTH A RULER, WHO WILL <sup>b</sup>SHEPHERD MY PEOPLE ISRAEL."

7 Then Herod secretly called the magi, and ascertained from them <sup>1</sup>the time the star appeared.

8 And he sent them to Bethlehem, and said, "Go and make careful search for the Child; and when you have found *Him*, report to me, that I too may come and worship Him."

9 And having heard the king, they went their way; and lo, the star, which they had seen in the east, went on before them, until it came and stood over where the Child was.

10 And when they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy.

11 And they came into the house and saw the Child with <sup>a</sup>Mary His mother; and they fell down and worshiped Him; and opening their treasures they presented to Him gifts of gold and frankincense and myrrh.

12 And having been <sup>a</sup>warned by God in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed for their own country by another way.

13 Now when they had departed, behold, an angel of the Lord <sup>a</sup>appeared to Joseph in a dream, saying, "Arise and take the Child and His mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you; for Herod is going to search for the Child to destroy Him."

14 And he arose and took the Child and His mother by night, and departed for Egypt;

15 and was there until the death of Herod, that what was

spoken by the Lord through the prophet might be fulfilled, saying, "aOUT OF EGYPT DID I CALL bMY SON."

16 Then when Herod saw that he had been tricked by the magi, he became very enraged, and sent and slew all the male children who were in Bethlehem and in all its environs, from two years old and under, according to the time which he had ascertained from the magi.

17 Then that which was spoken through Jeremiah the prophet was fulfilled, saying,

18 "aA VOICE WAS HEARD IN RAMAH,  
WEEPING AND GREAT MOURNING,  
RACHEL WEEPING FOR HER CHILDREN;  
AND SHE REFUSED TO BE COMFORTED,  
BECAUSE THEY WERE NO MORE."

19 But when Herod was dead, behold, an angel of the Lord \*appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt, saying,

20 "Arise and take the Child and His mother, and go into the land of Israel; for those who sought the Child's life are dead."

21 And he arose and took the Child and His mother, and came into the land of Israel.

22 But when he heard that Archelaus was reigning over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there. And being awarned by God in a dream, he departed for the regions of Galilee,

23 and came and resided in a city called aNazareth, that what was spoken through the prophets might be fulfilled, "bHe shall be called a cNazarene."

## CHAPTER 3

NOW a<sup>1</sup>in those days John the Baptist \*<sup>1</sup>came, <sup>2</sup>preaching in the b<sup>2</sup>wilderness of Judea, saying,

2 "aRepent, for bthe kingdom of <sup>1</sup>heaven <sup>2</sup>is at hand."

3 For this is the one referred to <sup>1</sup>by Isaiah the prophet, saying,

"aTHE VOICE OF ONE CRYING IN THE WILDERNESS,  
bMAKE READY THE WAY OF THE LORD,  
MAKE HIS PATHS STRAIGHT!"

4 Now John himself had <sup>1</sup>a garment of camel's hair, and a leather belt about his waist; and his food was b<sup>2</sup>locusts and wild honey.

5 Then Jerusalem was going out to him, and all Judea, and all a<sup>3</sup>the district around the Jordan;

6 and they were being baptized by him in the Jordan River, as they confessed their sins.

7 But when he saw many of the aPharisees and bSadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, "You c<sup>4</sup>brood of vipers, who warned you to flee from d<sup>5</sup>the wrath to come?"

8 "Therefore bring forth fruit a<sup>6</sup>in keeping with your repentance;

9 and do not suppose that you can say to yourselves, 'aWe have Abraham for our father'; for I say to you, that God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham.

10 "And the axe is already laid at the root of the trees; aevery

15 \*Hos. 11:1 bEx. 4:22f.

18 \*Jer. 31:15

19 \*Matt. 2:13; 2:12, 22

22 \*Matt. 2:12

23 \*Luke 1:26 bIs. 11:1  
cMark 1:24

1 <sup>1</sup>Or, arrived <sup>2</sup>Or,  
proclaiming as a herald  
\*Matt. 3:1-12; Mark 1:3-8;  
Luke 3:2-17; John 1:6-8, 19;  
28 bJudg. 1:16; Josh. 15:61

2 <sup>1</sup>Lit., of the heavens  
2<sup>1</sup>Lit., has come near  
\*Matt. 4:17 bDan. 2:44;  
Matt. 4:17; 6:10; 10:7;  
Mark 1:15; Luke 10:9f.;  
11:20; 21:31; Matt. 4:23

3 <sup>1</sup>Lit., through  
\*Is. 40:3 bJohn 1:23

4 <sup>1</sup>Lit., his garment  
\*2 Kin. 1:8; Zech. 13:4  
bLev. 11:22

5 \*Luke 3:3

7 \*Matt. 23:13, 15; 16:1ff.  
bMatt. 22:23; 16:1ff; Acts  
4:1; 5:17; 23:6ff. cMatt.  
12:34; 23:33 d1 Thess. 1:10

8 \*Acts 26:20

9 \*John 8:33, 39

10 \*Matt. 7:19

11 <sup>1</sup>The Greek here can be translated in, with or by  
<sup>a</sup>John 1:26 <sup>b</sup>John 1:33

12 <sup>a</sup>Luke 3:17; Is. 30:24  
<sup>b</sup>Matt. 13:30 <sup>c</sup>Mark 9:43, 48

13 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 3:13-17; Mark 1:9-11; Luke 3:21, 22; John 1:31-34 <sup>b</sup>Matt. 2:22

16 <sup>1</sup>Or, He  
<sup>a</sup>John 1:32

17 <sup>1</sup>Lit., My Son, the Beloved  
<sup>a</sup>Matt. 12:18; 17:5; Mark 9:7; Luke 9:35; Is. 42:1

1 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 4:1-11; Mark 1:12, 13; Luke 4:1-13

2 <sup>1</sup>Lit., later, afterward  
<sup>a</sup>Ex. 34:28; 1 Kin. 19:8

3 <sup>1</sup>Lit., loaves  
<sup>a</sup>1 Thess. 3:5

4 <sup>a</sup>Deut. 8:3

5 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 27:53; Neh. 11:1, 18; Dan. 9:24

6 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 91:11-12

7 <sup>1</sup>Lit., Again <sup>2</sup>Or, put to the test  
<sup>a</sup>Deut. 6:16

10 <sup>1</sup>Or, fulfill religious duty to Him  
<sup>a</sup>Deut. 6:13

11 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 26:53; Luke 22:43

12 <sup>1</sup>Lit., been delivered up  
<sup>a</sup>Matt. 14:3; Mark 1:14; Luke 3:20; John 3:24  
<sup>b</sup>Mark 1:14; Luke 4:14; John 1:43; 2:11

tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.

11 "As for me, <sup>a</sup>I baptize you <sup>1</sup>in water for repentance, but He who is coming after me is mightier than I, and I am not even fit to remove His sandals; <sup>b</sup>He Himself will baptize you <sup>1</sup>with the Holy Spirit and fire.

12 "And His <sup>a</sup>winnowing fork is in His hand, and He will thoroughly clean His threshing floor; and He will <sup>b</sup>gather His wheat into the barn, but He will burn up the chaff with <sup>c</sup>unquenchable fire."

13 <sup>a</sup>Then Jesus <sup>a</sup>arrived <sup>b</sup>from Galilee at the Jordan coming to John, to be baptized by him.

14 But John tried to prevent Him, saying, "I have need to be baptized by You, and do You come to me?"

15 But Jesus answering said to him, "Permit it at this time; for in this way it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness." Then he <sup>a</sup>permitted Him.

16 And after being baptized, Jesus went up immediately from the water; and behold, the heavens were opened, and <sup>1a</sup>he saw the Spirit of God descending as a dove, and coming upon Him,

17 and behold, a voice out of the heavens, saying, "<sup>a</sup>This is <sup>1</sup>My beloved Son, in whom I am well-pleased."

CHAPTER 4

<sup>a</sup>THEN Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil.

2 And after He had <sup>a</sup>fasted forty days and forty nights, He <sup>1</sup>then became hungry.

3 And <sup>a</sup>the tempter came and said to Him, "If You are the Son of God, command that these stones become <sup>1</sup>bread."

4 But He answered and said, "It is written, <sup>a</sup>MAN SHALL NOT LIVE ON BREAD ALONE, BUT ON EVERY WORD THAT PROCEEDS OUT OF THE MOUTH OF GOD."

5 Then the devil <sup>a</sup>took Him into <sup>a</sup>the holy city; and he stood Him on the pinnacle of the temple,

6 and <sup>a</sup>said to Him, "If You are the Son of God throw Yourself down; for it is written,

<sup>a</sup>HE WILL GIVE HIS ANGELS CHARGE CONCERNING YOU; AND ON THEIR HANDS THEY WILL BEAR YOU UP, LEST YOU STRIKE YOUR FOOT AGAINST A STONE."

7 Jesus said to him, "<sup>1</sup>On the other hand, it is written, <sup>a</sup>YOU SHALL NOT <sup>2</sup>TEMPT THE LORD YOUR GOD."

8 Again, the devil <sup>a</sup>took Him to a very high mountain, and <sup>a</sup>showed Him all the kingdoms of the world, and their glory;

9 and he said to Him, "All these things will I give You, if You fall down and worship me."

10 Then Jesus <sup>a</sup>said to him, "Begone, Satan! For it is written, <sup>a</sup>YOU SHALL WORSHIP THE LORD YOUR GOD, AND <sup>1</sup>SERVE HIM ONLY."

11 Then the devil <sup>a</sup>left Him; and behold, <sup>a</sup>angels came and began to minister to Him.

12 Now when He heard that <sup>a</sup>John had <sup>1</sup>been taken into custody, <sup>b</sup>He withdrew into Galilee;

13 and leaving Nazareth, He came and <sup>a</sup>settled in Capernaum, which is by the sea, in the region of Zebulun and Naphtali.

14 <sup>This was to fulfill what was spoken through Isaiah the prophet, saying,</sup>

15 <sup>"<sup>a</sup>THE LAND OF ZEBULUN AND THE LAND OF NAPHTALI,  
<sup>1</sup>BY THE WAY OF THE SEA, BEYOND THE JORDAN, GALILEE  
 OF THE <sup>2</sup>GENTILES—</sup>

16 <sup>"<sup>a</sup>THE PEOPLE WHO WERE SITTING IN DARKNESS SAW A  
 GREAT LIGHT,  
 AND TO THOSE WHO WERE SITTING IN THE LAND AND  
 SHADOW OF DEATH,  
 UPON THEM A LIGHT DAWNED."</sup>

17 <sup>a</sup>From that time Jesus began to <sup>1</sup>preach and say, <sup>"b</sup>Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."

18 <sup>a</sup>And walking by <sup>b</sup>the Sea of Galilee, He saw two brothers, <sup>c</sup>Simon who was called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea; for they were fishermen.

19 And He <sup>a</sup>said to them, <sup>"1</sup>Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men."

20 And they immediately left the nets, and followed Him.

21 And going on from there He saw two other brothers, <sup>1a</sup>James the son of Zebedee, and <sup>2</sup>John his brother, in the boat with Zebedee their father, mending their nets; and He called them.

22 And they immediately left the boat and their father, and followed Him.

23 And *Jesus* was going about <sup>a</sup>in all Galilee, <sup>b</sup>teaching in their synagogues, and <sup>c</sup>proclaiming the <sup>1</sup>gospel of the kingdom, and <sup>d</sup>healing every kind of disease and every kind of sickness among the people.

24 And the news about Him went out <sup>a</sup>into all Syria; and they brought to Him all who were ill, taken with various diseases and pains, <sup>b</sup>demoniacs, <sup>1c</sup>epileptics, <sup>d</sup>paralytics; and He healed them.

25 And great multitudes <sup>a</sup>followed Him from Galilee and <sup>b</sup>Decapolis and Jerusalem and Judea and *from* <sup>c</sup>beyond the Jordan.

CHAPTER 5

<sup>a</sup>AND when He saw the multitudes, He went up on <sup>b</sup>the <sup>1</sup>mountain; and after He sat down, His disciples came to Him.

2 And <sup>a</sup>opening His mouth He *began* to teach them, saying,

3 <sup>"<sup>a</sup>Blessed are the poor in spirit, for <sup>b</sup>theirs is the kingdom of heaven.</sup>

4 <sup>"<sup>a</sup>Blessed are <sup>a</sup>those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.</sup>

5 <sup>"<sup>a</sup>Blessed are <sup>a</sup>the <sup>1</sup>gentle, for they shall inherit the earth.</sup>

6 <sup>"<sup>a</sup>Blessed are <sup>a</sup>those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.</sup>

7 <sup>"<sup>a</sup>Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.</sup>

8 <sup>"<sup>a</sup>Blessed are <sup>a</sup>the pure in heart, for <sup>b</sup>they shall see God.</sup>

9 <sup>"<sup>a</sup>Blessed are the peacemakers, for <sup>a</sup>they shall be called sons of God.</sup>

13 <sup>a</sup>Mark 1:21; 2:1; Luke 4:23, 31; John 2:12; 4:46f.; Matt. 11:23

15 <sup>1</sup>Or, *Toward the sea*  
<sup>2</sup>Or, *nations*  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 9:1

16 <sup>a</sup>Is. 9:2

17 <sup>1</sup>Or, *proclaim*  
<sup>a</sup>Mark 1:14, 15 <sup>b</sup>Matt. 3:2

18 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 4:18-22; Mark 1:16-20; Luke 5:2-11; John 1:40-42 <sup>b</sup>Matt. 15:29; Mark 7:31; John 6:1; Luke 5:1  
<sup>c</sup>Matt. 10:2; 16:18; John 1:40, 42

19 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *Come here after Me*

21 <sup>1</sup>Or, *Jacob* <sup>2</sup>Cr., *Joannes*, Heb., *Johan*an  
<sup>a</sup>Matt. 10:2; 20:20

23 <sup>1</sup>Or, *good news*  
<sup>a</sup>Mark 1:39; Luke 4:15, 44  
<sup>b</sup>Matt. 9:35; 13:54; Mark 1:21; 6:2; Luke 4:15; 6:6; 13:10; John 6:59; 18:20; Mark 10:1 <sup>c</sup>Matt. 9:35; Mark 1:14; Matt. 24:14; Luke 4:43; 8:1; 16:16; Acts 20:25; 28:31; Matt. 3:2  
<sup>d</sup>Matt. 8:16; 9:35; 14:14; 15:30; 19:2; 21:14; Mark 1:34; 3:10; Luke 4:40; 7:21; Acts 10:38

24 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *moon-smitten*  
<sup>a</sup>Luke 2:2; Acts 15:23; 18:18; 20:3; 21:3; Gal. 1:21; Mark 7:26 <sup>b</sup>Matt. 8:16, 28, 33; 9:32; 12:22; 15:22; Mark 1:32; 5:15, 16, 18; Luke 8:36; John 10:21 <sup>c</sup>Matt. 17:15 <sup>d</sup>Matt. 8:6; 9:2, 6; Mark 2:3, 4, 5, 9; Luke 5:24

25 <sup>a</sup>Mark 3:7, 8; Luke 6:17 <sup>b</sup>Mark 5:20; 7:31  
<sup>c</sup>Matt. 4:15

1 <sup>1</sup>Or, *hill*  
<sup>a</sup>Matt. 5:7; Luke 6:20-49  
<sup>b</sup>Mark 3:13; Luke 9:28;  
 John 6:3, 15; Luke 6:17

2 <sup>a</sup>Acts 8:35; 10:34;  
 18:14; Matt. 13:35

3 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 5:3-12; Luke 6:20-23 <sup>b</sup>Matt. 5:10; 19:14; 25:34; Mark 10:14; Luke 6:20; 22:29f.

4 <sup>a</sup>Is. 61:2; John 16:20;  
 Rev. 7:17

5 <sup>1</sup>Or, *humble, meek*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 37:11

6 <sup>a</sup>Is. 55:1, 2; John 4:14;  
 6:48f.; 7:37

8 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 24:4 <sup>b</sup>Heb. 12:14;  
 1 John 3:2; Rev. 22:4

9 <sup>a</sup>Rom. 8:14; Matt. 5:45; Luke 6:35

10 \*1 Pet. 3:14 <sup>b</sup>Matt. 5:3; 19:14; 25:34; Mark 10:14; Luke 6:20; 22:29f.

11 \*1 Pet. 4:14

12 \*2 Chr. 36:16; Matt. 23:37; Acts 7:52; 1 Thess. 2:15; James 5:10; Heb. 11:33ff.

13 \*Mark 9:50; Luke 14:34f.

14 <sup>1</sup>Or, *mountain*  
<sup>2</sup>John 8:12

15 \*Mark 4:21; Luke 8:16; 11:33

16 \*1 Pet. 2:12 <sup>b</sup>Matt. 9:8

18 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *one iota (yodh) or one projection of a letter (seif)*  
<sup>2</sup>Luke 16:17; Matt. 24:35

19 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *the men* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *does*

21 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *it was said to the ancients* <sup>2</sup>Or, *guilty before*  
<sup>3</sup>Matt. 5:27, 33, 38, 43 <sup>b</sup>Ex. 20:13; Deut. 5:17 <sup>c</sup>Deut. 16:18; 2 Chr. 19:5f.

22 <sup>1</sup>Some mss. insert here: *without cause* <sup>2</sup>Or, *liable to* <sup>3</sup>Aramaic for *empty-head or, good for nothing* <sup>4</sup>Lit., *the Sanhedrin* <sup>5</sup>Gr. *Gehenna*  
<sup>6</sup>Deut. 16:18; 2 Chr. 19:5f. <sup>b</sup>Matt. 10:17; 26:59; Mark 13:9; 14:55; 15:1; Luke 22:66; John 11:47; Acts 4:15; 5:21; 6:12; 22:30; 23:1; 24:20 <sup>c</sup>Matt. 5:29f.; 10:28; 18:9; 23:15, 33; Mark 9:43ff.; Luke 12:5; James 3:6

23 <sup>1</sup>Or, *gift*

24 <sup>1</sup>Or, *gift*

25 \*Luke 12:58

26 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *quadrans (equaling two lepta or mites), i.e., 1/64 of a denarius*

27 \*Matt. 5:21, 33, 38, 43 <sup>b</sup>Ex. 20:14; Deut. 5:18

10 "Blessed are those who have been <sup>a</sup>persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for <sup>b</sup>theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

11 "Blessed are you when *men* <sup>a</sup>revile you, and persecute you, and say all kinds of evil against you falsely, on account of Me.

12 "Rejoice, and be glad, for your reward in heaven is great, for <sup>a</sup>so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

13 "You are the salt of the earth; but <sup>a</sup>if the salt has become tasteless, how will it be made salty *again*? It is good for nothing any more, except to be thrown out and trampled under foot by men.

14 "You are <sup>a</sup>the light of the world. A city set on a <sup>1</sup>hill cannot be hidden.

15 "<sup>a</sup>Nor do *men* light a lamp, and put it under the peck-measure, but on the lampstand; and it gives light to all who are in the house.

16 "Let your light shine before men in such a way that they may <sup>a</sup>see your good works, and <sup>b</sup>glorify your Father who is in heaven.

17 "Do not think that I came to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I did not come to abolish, but to fulfill.

18 "For truly I say to you, <sup>a</sup>until heaven and earth pass away, not the <sup>1</sup>smallest letter or stroke shall pass away from the Law, until all is accomplished.

19 "Whoever then annuls one of the least of these commandments, and so teaches <sup>1</sup>others, shall be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever <sup>2</sup>keeps and teaches *them*, he shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven.

20 "For I say to you, that unless your righteousness surpasses *that* of the scribes and Pharisees, you shall not enter the kingdom of heaven.

21 "<sup>a</sup>You have heard that <sup>1</sup>the ancients were told, <sup>b</sup>You shall not commit murder' and 'Whoever commits murder shall be <sup>2</sup>liable to <sup>c</sup>the court.'

22 "But I say to you that every one who is angry with his brother<sup>1</sup> shall be <sup>2</sup>guilty before <sup>a</sup>the court; and whoever shall say to his brother, '<sup>3</sup>Raca,' shall be <sup>2</sup>guilty before <sup>4</sup>bthe supreme court; and whoever shall say, 'You fool,' shall be <sup>2</sup>guilty *enough* to go into the <sup>5</sup>hell of fire.

23 "If therefore you are presenting your <sup>1</sup>offering at the altar, and there remember that your brother has something against you,

24 leave your <sup>1</sup>offering there before the altar, and go your way; first be reconciled to your brother, and then come and present your <sup>1</sup>offering.

25 "<sup>a</sup>Make friends quickly with your opponent at law while you are with him on the way, in order that your opponent may not deliver you to the judge, and the judge to the officer, and you be thrown into prison.

26 "Truly I say to you, you shall not come out of there, until you have paid up the last <sup>1</sup>cent.

27 "<sup>a</sup>You have heard that it was said, <sup>b</sup>YOU SHALL NOT COMMIT ADULTERY';

28 but I say to you, that every one who looks on a woman to lust for her has committed adultery with her already in his heart.

29 "And <sup>a</sup>if your right eye makes you <sup>1</sup>stumble, tear it out, and throw it from you; for it is better for you that one of the parts of your body perish, <sup>2</sup>than for your whole body to be thrown into <sup>3</sup>hell.

30 "And <sup>a</sup>if your right hand makes you <sup>1</sup>stumble, cut it off, and throw it from you; for it is better for you that one of the parts of your body perish, <sup>2</sup>than for your whole body to go into <sup>3</sup>hell.

31 "And it was said, <sup>a</sup>'WHOEVER <sup>1</sup>DIVORCES HIS WIFE, LET HIM GIVE HER A CERTIFICATE OF DISMISSAL';

32 <sup>a</sup>but I say to you that every one who divorces his wife, except for *the* cause of unchastity, makes her commit adultery; and whoever marries a divorced woman commits adultery.

33 "Again, <sup>a</sup>you have heard that <sup>1</sup>the ancients were told, <sup>2</sup>'YOU SHALL NOT <sup>3</sup>MAKE FALSE VOWS, BUT SHALL FULFILL YOUR <sup>4</sup>VOWS TO THE LORD.'

34 "But I say to you, <sup>a</sup>make no oath at all, either by heaven, for it is <sup>b</sup>the throne of God,

35 or by the earth, for it is the <sup>a</sup>footstool of His feet, or <sup>1</sup>by Jerusalem, for it is <sup>b</sup>THE CITY OF THE GREAT KING.

36 "Nor shall you make an oath by your head, for you cannot make one hair white or black.

37 "But let your statement be, 'Yes, yes' or 'No, no'; and anything beyond these is of <sup>1</sup>evil.

38 "<sup>a</sup>You have heard that it was said, <sup>b</sup>'AN EYE FOR AN EYE, AND A TOOTH FOR A TOOTH.'

39 "But I say to you, do not resist him who is evil; but <sup>a</sup>whoever slaps you on your right cheek, turn to him the other also.

40 "And if any one wants to sue you, and take your <sup>1</sup>shirt, let him have your <sup>2</sup>coat also.

41 "And whoever shall force you to go one mile, go with him two.

42 "<sup>a</sup>Give to him who asks of you, and do not turn away from him who wants to borrow from you.

43 "<sup>a</sup>You have heard that it was said, <sup>b</sup>'YOU SHALL LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR, and hate your enemy.'

44 "But I say to you, <sup>a</sup>love your enemies, and pray for those who persecute you

45 in order that you may <sup>1</sup>be <sup>a</sup>sons of your Father who is in heaven; for He causes His sun to rise on *the* evil and *the* good, and sends rain on *the* righteous and *the* unrighteous.

46 "For <sup>a</sup>if you love those who love you, what reward have you? Do not even the <sup>1</sup>tax-gatherers do the same?

47 "And if you greet your brothers only, what do you do more *than others*? Do not even the Gentiles do the same?

48 "Therefore <sup>a</sup>you are to be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect.

29 <sup>1</sup>i.e., cause to sin <sup>2</sup>Lit., not your whole body <sup>3</sup>Cr., Gehenna <sup>a</sup>Matt. 18:9; Mark 9:47; Matt. 17:27 <sup>b</sup>Matt. 5:22

30 <sup>1</sup>i.e., cause to sin <sup>2</sup>Lit., not your whole body <sup>3</sup>Cr., Gehenna <sup>a</sup>Matt. 18:8; Mark 9:43; Matt. 17:27 <sup>b</sup>Matt. 5:22

31 <sup>1</sup>Lit., puts away <sup>a</sup>Deut. 24:1, 3

32 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 19:9; Mark 10:11f.; Luke 16:18; 1 Cor. 7:11f.

33 <sup>1</sup>Lit., it was said to the ancients <sup>2</sup>you and your arc singular here <sup>3</sup>Or, break your vows <sup>4</sup>Lit., oaths <sup>a</sup>Matt. 5:21, 27, 38, 43; 23:16ff. <sup>b</sup>Lev. 19:12; Num. 30:2; Deut. 23:21

34 <sup>a</sup>James 5:12 <sup>b</sup>Matt. 23:22; Is. 66:1

35 <sup>1</sup>Or, toward <sup>a</sup>Is. 66:1; Acts 7:49 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 48:2

37 <sup>1</sup>Or, from the evil one <sup>a</sup>Matt. 6:13; 13:19, 38; John 17:15; 2 Thess. 3:3; 1 John 2:13ff.; 3:12; 5:18f.

38 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 5:21, 27, 33, 43 <sup>b</sup>Ex. 21:24; Lev. 24:20; Deut. 19:21

39 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 5:39-42; Luke 6:29, 30; 1 Cor. 6:7

40 <sup>1</sup>Tunic or garment worn next to the body <sup>2</sup>Cloak or outer garment

42 <sup>a</sup>Luke 6:34f.

43 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 5:21, 27, 33, 38 <sup>b</sup>Lev. 19:18

44 <sup>a</sup>Luke 6:27f.; Luke 23:34; Acts 7:60

45 <sup>1</sup>Or, show yourselves to be <sup>a</sup>Matt. 5:9

46 <sup>1</sup>Publicans who collected Roman taxes on commission <sup>a</sup>Luke 6:32

48 <sup>a</sup>Lev. 19:2

1 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 6:5, 16; 23:5

**CHAPTER 6**

**"BEWARE** of practicing your righteousness before men <sup>a</sup>to be noticed by them; otherwise you have no reward with your Father who is in heaven.

2 <sup>1</sup>Or, *do an act of charity*  
<sup>a</sup>Matt. 6:5, 16; 23:5 <sup>b</sup>Matt. 6:5, 16; Luke 6:24

4 <sup>1</sup>Or, *deeds of charity*  
<sup>a</sup>Matt. 6:6, 18

5 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *to be apparent to men*  
<sup>a</sup>Mark 11:25; Luke 18:11, 13 <sup>b</sup>Matt. 6:1, 16 <sup>c</sup>Matt. 6:2, 16; Luke 6:24

6 <sup>a</sup>Is. 26:20 <sup>b</sup>Matt. 6:4, 18

7 <sup>a</sup>1 Kin. 18:26f.

8 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 6:32

9 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *the heavens*  
<sup>a</sup>Matt. 6:9-13; Luke 11:2-4

10 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 3:2

11 <sup>1</sup>Or, *our bread for the coming day or, our needful bread*  
<sup>a</sup>Prov. 30:8

12 <sup>1</sup>i.e., moral debts or sins

13 <sup>1</sup>Or, *the evil one* <sup>2</sup>This clause omitted in the earliest manuscripts  
<sup>a</sup>Matt. 5:37

14 <sup>a</sup>Mark 11:25f.; Matt. 18:35

16 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *render their faces unrecognizable* (sc., by neglect)  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 58:5 <sup>b</sup>Matt. 6:2

18 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 6:4, 6

20 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 19:21; Luke 12:33; 1 Tim. 6:19

21 <sup>a</sup>Luke 12:34

22 <sup>1</sup>Or, *healthy*  
<sup>a</sup>Matt. 6:22, 23; Luke 11:34, 35

23 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 20:15; Mark 7:22

2 "When therefore you <sup>1</sup>give alms, do not sound a trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, that they <sup>a</sup>may be honored by men. <sup>b</sup>Truly I say to you, they have their reward in full.

3 "But when you give alms, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing

4 that your <sup>1</sup>alms may be in secret; and <sup>a</sup>your Father who sees in secret will repay you.

5 "And when you pray, you are not to be as the hypocrites; for they love to <sup>a</sup>stand and pray in the synagogues and on the street corners, <sup>b</sup>in order to be seen by men. <sup>c</sup>Truly I say to you, they have their reward in full.

6 "But you, when you pray, <sup>a</sup>GO INTO YOUR INNER ROOM, AND WHEN YOU HAVE SHUT YOUR DOOR, pray to your Father who is in secret, and <sup>b</sup>your Father who sees in secret will repay you.

7 "And when you are praying, do not use meaningless repetition, as the Gentiles do, for they suppose that they will be heard for their <sup>a</sup>many words.

8 "Therefore do not be like them; for <sup>a</sup>your Father knows what you need, before you ask Him.

9 "<sup>a</sup>Pray, then, in this way:

'Our Father who art in <sup>1</sup>heaven,  
 Hallowed be Thy name.

10 <sup>a</sup>Thy kingdom come.

Thy will be done,  
 On earth as it is in heaven.

11 <sup>a</sup>Give us this day <sup>1</sup>our daily bread.

12 'And forgive us our <sup>1</sup>debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors.

13 'And do not lead us into temptation, but deliver us from <sup>1</sup>evil. <sup>2</sup>[For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen].'

14 "<sup>a</sup>For if you forgive men for their transgressions, your heavenly Father will also forgive you.

15 "But if you do not forgive men, then your Father will not forgive your transgressions.

16 "And <sup>a</sup>whenever you fast, do not put on a gloomy face as the hypocrites *do*, for they <sup>1</sup>neglect their appearance in order to be seen fasting by men. <sup>b</sup>Truly I say to you, they have their reward in full.

17 "But you, when you fast, anoint your head, and wash your face

18 so that you may not be seen fasting by men, but by your Father who is in secret; and your <sup>a</sup>Father who sees in secret will repay you.

19 "Do not lay up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal.

20 "But lay up for yourselves <sup>a</sup>treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys, and where thieves do not break in or steal;

21 for <sup>a</sup>where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

22 "<sup>a</sup>The lamp of the body is the eye; if therefore your eye is <sup>1</sup>clear, your whole body will be full of light.

23 "But if <sup>a</sup>your eye is bad, your whole body will be full of darkness. If therefore the light that is in you is darkness, how great is the darkness!



24 "No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will hold to one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and <sup>1b</sup>mammon.

25 "For this reason I say to you, <sup>1</sup>do not be <sup>b</sup>anxious for your life, *as to* what you shall eat, or what you shall drink; nor for your body, *as to* what you shall put on. Is not life more than food, and the body than clothing?

26 "Look at the birds of the <sup>1a</sup>air, that they do not sow, neither do they reap, nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not worth much more than they?

27 "And which of you by being <sup>a</sup>anxious can <sup>b</sup>add a *single* <sup>1</sup>cubit to his <sup>2</sup>life's span?

28 "And why are you <sup>a</sup>anxious about clothing? Observe how the lilies of the field grow; they do not toil nor do they spin,

29 yet I say to you that even <sup>a</sup>Solomon in all his glory did not clothe himself like one of these.

30 "But if God so arrays the grass of the field, which is *alive* today and tomorrow is thrown into the furnace, *will He* not much more *do so* for you, <sup>a</sup>O men of little faith?

31 "Do not be <sup>a</sup>anxious then, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'With what shall we clothe ourselves?'

32 "For all these things the Gentiles eagerly seek; for <sup>a</sup>your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things.

33 "But <sup>1</sup>seek first <sup>2</sup>His kingdom and His righteousness; and <sup>a</sup>all these things shall be <sup>3</sup>added to you.

34 "Therefore do not be <sup>a</sup>anxious for tomorrow; for tomorrow will <sup>1</sup>care for itself. *Each* day has enough trouble of its own.

## CHAPTER 7

1 "Do not judge lest you be judged *yourselves*.

2 "For in the way you judge, you will be judged; and <sup>1a</sup>by your standard of measure, it shall be measured to you.

3 "And why do you look at the speck in your brother's eye, but do not notice the log that is in your own eye?

4 "Or how <sup>1</sup>can you say to your brother, 'Let me take the speck out of your eye,' and behold, the log is in your own eye?

5 "You hypocrite, first take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly *enough* to take the speck out of your brother's eye.

6 "Do not give what is holy to dogs, and do not throw your pearls before swine, lest they trample them under their feet, and turn and tear you to pieces.

7 "1a Ask, and <sup>b</sup>it shall be given to you; <sup>2</sup>seek, and you shall find; <sup>3</sup>knock, and it shall be opened to you.

8 "For every one who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it shall be opened.

9 "Or what man is there among you, <sup>1</sup>when his son shall ask him for a loaf, <sup>2</sup>will give him a stone?

10 "Or <sup>1</sup>if he shall ask for a fish, he will not give him a snake, will he?

11 "If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more shall your Father who is in heaven give what is good to those who ask Him!

24 <sup>1</sup>Or, *riches*  
<sup>a</sup>Luke 16:13 <sup>b</sup>Luke 16:9, 11, 13

25 <sup>1</sup>Or, *stop being anxious*  
<sup>a</sup>Matt. 6:25-33; Luke 12:22-31 <sup>b</sup>Matt. 6:27, 28, 31, 34; Luke 10:41; 12:11, 22; Phil. 4:6; 1 Pet. 5:7

26 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *heaven*  
<sup>a</sup>Matt. 10:29R.

27 <sup>1</sup>I.e., approximately 18 inches <sup>2</sup>Or, *height*  
<sup>a</sup>Matt. 6:25, 28, 31, 34; Luke 10:41; 12:11, 22; Phil. 4:6; 1 Pet. 5:7 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 39:5

28 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 6:25, 27, 31, 34; Luke 10:41; 12:11, 22; Phil. 4:6; 1 Pet. 5:7

29 <sup>a</sup>1 Kin. 10:4-7

30 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 8:26; 14:31; 16:8

31 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 6:25, 27, 28, 34; Luke 10:41; 12:11, 22; Phil. 4:6; 1 Pet. 5:7

32 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 6:8

33 <sup>1</sup>Or, *continually seek*  
<sup>2</sup>Or, *the kingdom* <sup>3</sup>Or, *provided*  
<sup>a</sup>Matt. 19:28; Mark 10:29f.; Luke 18:29f.; 1 Tim. 4:8

34 <sup>1</sup>Or, *will worry about itself*  
<sup>a</sup>Matt. 6:25, 27, 28, 31; Luke 10:41; 12:11, 22; Phil. 4:6; 1 Pet. 5:7

1 <sup>1</sup>Or, *Do not pass judgments*  
<sup>a</sup>Matt. 7:1-5; Luke 6:37f., 41f.

2 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *by what measure you measure*  
<sup>a</sup>Mark 4:24; Luke 6:38

4 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *will*

7 <sup>1</sup>Or, *Keep asking* <sup>2</sup>Or, *keep seeking* <sup>3</sup>Or, *keep knocking*  
<sup>a</sup>Matt. 7:7-11; Luke 11:9-13  
<sup>b</sup>Matt. 18:19; 21:22; John 14:13; 15:7, 16; 16:23f.; James 1:5f.; 1 John 3:22; 5:14f.; Mark 11:24

9 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *whom* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *he will not give him a stone, will he?*

10 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *also*

12 <sup>1</sup>Or, you too do so  
<sup>2</sup>Luke 6:31 <sup>3</sup>Matt. 22:40;  
 Gal. 5:14; Rom. 13:8ff.

13 <sup>3</sup>Luke 13:24

15 <sup>1</sup>Matt. 24:11, 24; Mark  
 13:22; Luke 6:26; Acts 13:6;  
 2 Pet. 2:1; 1 John 4:1; Rev.  
 16:13; 19:20; 20:10 <sup>2</sup>Ezek.  
 22:27; Acts 20:29; John  
 10:12

16 <sup>1</sup>Or, recognize <sup>2</sup>Lit.,  
 They do not gather  
<sup>3</sup>Matt. 7:20; 12:33; Luke  
 6:44; James 3:12

19 <sup>2</sup>Matt. 3:10; Luke 13:7

20 <sup>1</sup>Or, recognize  
<sup>2</sup>Matt. 7:16; 12:33; Luke  
 6:44; James 3:12

21 <sup>2</sup>Luke 6:46

22 <sup>1</sup>Or, works of power  
<sup>2</sup>Matt. 25:11f.; Luke  
 13:25ff. <sup>3</sup>Matt. 10:15

23 <sup>2</sup>Matt. 25:41; Luke  
 13:27; Ps. 6:8

24 <sup>1</sup>Lit., does <sup>2</sup>Lit., will be  
 compared to  
<sup>3</sup>Matt. 7:24-27; Luke 6:47-  
 49; James 1:22-25

25 <sup>1</sup>Lit., rivers

26 <sup>1</sup>Lit., do

27 <sup>1</sup>Lit., rivers

28 <sup>1</sup>Lit., And it came to  
 pass  
<sup>2</sup>Matt. 11:1; 13:53; 19:1;  
 26:1 <sup>3</sup>Matt. 13:54; 22:33;  
 Mark 1:22; 6:2; 11:18; Luke  
 4:32; John 7:46

2 <sup>1</sup>Or, worshiped  
<sup>2</sup>Matt. 8:2-4; Mark 1:40-44;  
 Luke 5:12-14 <sup>3</sup>Matt. 9:18;  
 15:25; 18:26; 20:20; John  
 9:38; Acts 10:25

12 <sup>1</sup>Therefore whatever you want others to do for you, <sup>1</sup>do so for them, for <sup>2</sup>this is the Law and the Prophets.

13 <sup>1</sup>Enter by the narrow gate; for the gate is wide, and the way is broad that leads to destruction, and many are those who enter by it.

14 <sup>1</sup>For the gate is small, and the way is narrow that leads to life, and few are those who find it.

15 <sup>1</sup>Beware of the <sup>2</sup>false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly are <sup>3</sup>brave wolves.

16 <sup>1</sup>You will <sup>2</sup>know them <sup>3</sup>by their fruits. <sup>2</sup>Grapes are not gathered from thorn bushes, nor figs from thistles, are they?

17 <sup>1</sup>Even so, every good tree bears good fruit; but the rotten tree bears bad fruit.

18 <sup>1</sup>A good tree cannot produce bad fruit, nor can a rotten tree produce good fruit.

19 <sup>1</sup>Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.

20 <sup>1</sup>So then, you will <sup>2</sup>know them <sup>3</sup>by their fruits.

21 <sup>1</sup>Not every one who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven; but he who does the will of My Father who is in heaven.

22 <sup>1</sup>Many will say to Me on <sup>2</sup>that day, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in Your name, and in Your name cast out demons, and in Your name perform many <sup>3</sup>miracles?'

23 <sup>1</sup>And then I will declare to them, 'I never knew you; <sup>2</sup>DEPART FROM ME, YOU WHO PRACTICE LAWLESSNESS.'

24 <sup>1</sup>Therefore <sup>2</sup>every one who hears these words of Mine, and <sup>3</sup>acts upon them, <sup>4</sup>may be compared to a wise man, who built his house upon the rock.

25 <sup>1</sup>And the rain descended, and the <sup>2</sup>floods came, and the winds blew, and burst against that house; and yet it did not fall, for it had been founded upon the rock.

26 <sup>1</sup>And every one who hears these words of Mine, and does not <sup>2</sup>act upon them, will be like a foolish man, who built his house upon the sand.

27 <sup>1</sup>And the rain descended, and the <sup>2</sup>floods came, and the winds blew, and burst against that house; and it fell, and great was its fall."

28 <sup>1</sup>The result was that when Jesus had finished these words, <sup>2</sup>the multitudes were amazed at His teaching;

29 for He was teaching them as <sup>3</sup>one having authority, and not as their scribes.

CHAPTER 8

AND when He had come down from the mountain, great multitudes followed Him.

2 And behold, a leper <sup>1</sup>came to Him, and <sup>2</sup>bowed down to Him, saying, "Lord, if You are willing, You can make me clean."

3 And stretching out His hand, He touched him, saying, "I am willing; be cleansed." And immediately his leprosy was cleansed.

**The Centurion Commended.  
Diseases Cured. Discipleship.**

**Matthew 8**

4 And Jesus \*said to him, “\*See that you tell no one; but <sup>b</sup>go, <sup>c</sup>SHOW YOURSELF TO THE PRIEST, and present the <sup>1</sup>offering that Moses prescribed, for a testimony to them.”

5 And <sup>a</sup>when He had entered Capernaum, a centurion came to Him, entreating Him,

6 and saying, “<sup>1</sup>Sir, my <sup>2</sup>servant is <sup>3</sup>lying <sup>a</sup>paralyzed at home, <sup>4</sup>suffering great pain.”

7 And He \*said to him, “I will come and heal him.”

8 But the centurion answered and said, “<sup>1</sup>Lord, I am not qualified for You to come under my roof, but <sup>2</sup>just say the word, and my <sup>3</sup>servant will be healed.

9 “For I, too, am a man under authority, with soldiers under me; and I say to this one, ‘Go!’ and he goes, and to another, ‘Come!’ and he comes, and to my slave, ‘Do this!’ and he does it.”

10 Now when Jesus heard *this*, He marveled, and said to those who were following, “Truly I say to you, I have not found such great faith <sup>1</sup>with anyone in Israel.

11 “And I say to you, that many <sup>a</sup>shall come from east and west, and <sup>1</sup>recline *at table* with Abraham, and Isaac, and Jacob, in the kingdom of heaven;

12 but <sup>a</sup>the sons of the kingdom shall be cast out into <sup>b</sup>the outer darkness; in that place <sup>c</sup>there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.”

13 And Jesus said to the centurion, “Go your way; let it be done to you <sup>a</sup>as you have believed.” And the <sup>1</sup>servant was healed that *very* hour.

14 <sup>a</sup>And when Jesus had come to Peter’s <sup>1</sup>home, He saw his mother-in-law lying <sup>2</sup>sick in bed with a fever.

15 And He touched her hand, and the fever left her; and she arose, and began to <sup>1</sup>wait on Him.

16 And when evening had come, they brought to Him many <sup>a</sup>who were demon-possessed; and He cast out the spirits with a word, and <sup>b</sup>healed all who were ill

17 in order that what was spoken through Isaiah the prophet might be fulfilled, saying, “<sup>a</sup>HE HIMSELF TOOK OUR INFIRMITIES, AND <sup>1</sup>CARRIED AWAY OUR DISEASES.”

18 Now when Jesus saw a crowd around Him, <sup>a</sup>He gave orders to depart to the other side.

19 <sup>a</sup>And a certain scribe came and said to Him, “Teacher, I will follow You wherever You go.”

20 And Jesus \*said to him, “The foxes have holes, and the birds of the <sup>1</sup>air *have* <sup>2</sup>nests; but <sup>a</sup>the Son of Man has nowhere to lay His head.”

21 And another of the disciples said to Him, “Lord, permit me first to go and bury my father.”

22 But Jesus \*said to him, “<sup>a</sup>Follow Me; and allow the dead to bury their own dead.”

23 <sup>a</sup>And when He got into the boat, His disciples followed Him.

24 And behold, there arose <sup>1</sup>a great storm in the sea, so that the boat was covered with the waves; but He Himself was asleep.

25 And they came to *Him*, and awoke Him, saying, “Save us, Lord; we are perishing!”

4 <sup>1</sup>Or, *gift*  
\*Matt. 9:30; 12:16; 17:9;  
Mark 1:44; 3:12; 5:43; 7:36;  
8:30; 9:9; Luke 4:41; 8:56;  
9:21 <sup>b</sup>Mark 1:44; Luke 5:14;  
17:14 <sup>c</sup>Lev. 13:49; 14:2ff.

5 \*Matt. 8:5-13; Luke 7:1-10

6 <sup>1</sup>Or, *Lord* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *boy*  
<sup>3</sup>Lit., *throwing* <sup>4</sup>Lit.,  
*fearfully tormented*  
\*Matt. 4:24

8 <sup>1</sup>Or, *Sir* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *say with*  
*a word* <sup>3</sup>Lit., *boy*

10 <sup>1</sup>Some manuscripts  
read, *not even in Israel*

11 <sup>1</sup>Or, *dine*  
\*Luke 13:29; Is. 49:12;  
59:19; Mal. 1:11

12 \*Matt. 13:38 <sup>b</sup>Matt.  
22:13; 25:30 <sup>c</sup>Matt. 13:42,  
50; 22:13; 24:51; 25:30;  
Luke 13:28

13 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *boy*  
\*Matt. 9:22, 29

14 <sup>1</sup>Or, *house* <sup>2</sup>Lit.,  
*thrown*  
\*Matt. 8:14-16; Mark 1:29-  
34; Luke 4:38-41

15 <sup>1</sup>Or, *serve*

16 \*Matt. 4:24 <sup>b</sup>Matt.  
4:23; 8:33

17 <sup>1</sup>Or, *removed*  
<sup>2</sup>Is. 53:4

18 \*Mark 4:35; Luke 8:22

19 \*Matt. 8:19-22; Luke  
9:57-60

20 <sup>1</sup>Or, *sky* <sup>2</sup>Gr., *roosting*  
*places*  
\*Often: for example, Matt.  
9:6; 12:8, 32, 40; 13:41;  
16:13, 27f.; 17:9; 19:28;  
26:64; Mark 8:38; Luke  
12:8; 18:8; 21:36; John 1:51;  
3:13f.; 6:27; 12:34; Acts  
7:56; Dan. 7:13

22 \*Matt. 9:9; Mark 2:14;  
Luke 9:59; John 1:43; 21:19

23 \*Matt. 8:23-27; Mark  
4:36-41; Luke 8:22-25

24 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *a shaking*

26 <sup>1</sup>Lit., a great calm occurred  
<sup>a</sup>Matt. 6:30; 14:31; 16:8

28 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 8:28-34; <sup>Mark</sup> 5:1-17; <sup>Luke</sup> 8:26-37 <sup>b</sup>Matt. 4:24

29 <sup>1</sup>i.e., the appointed time of judgment  
<sup>9</sup>Judg. 11:12; 2 Sam. 16:10; 19:22; 1 Kin. 17:18; 2 Kin. 3:13; 2 Chr. 35:21; <sup>Mark</sup> 1:24; 5:7; <sup>Luke</sup> 4:34; 8:28; <sup>John</sup> 2:4

33 <sup>1</sup>Lit., and  
<sup>a</sup>Matt. 4:24

1 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 4:13; <sup>Mark</sup> 5:21

2 <sup>1</sup>Lit., thrown <sup>2</sup>Cr., child <sup>3</sup>Lit., are being forgiven  
<sup>a</sup>Matt. 9:2-8; <sup>Mark</sup> 2:3-12; <sup>Luke</sup> 5:18-26 <sup>b</sup>Matt. 4:24; 9:6 <sup>c</sup>Matt. 9:22; 14:27; <sup>Mark</sup> 6:50; 10:49; <sup>John</sup> 16:33; <sup>Acts</sup> 23:11 <sup>d</sup>Mark 2:5, 9; <sup>Luke</sup> 5:20, 23; 7:48

3 <sup>1</sup>Lit., within

4 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 12:25; <sup>Luke</sup> 6:8; 9:47

5 <sup>1</sup>Lit., are being forgiven  
<sup>a</sup>Mark 2:5, 9; <sup>Luke</sup> 5:20, 23; 7:48

6 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 8:20 <sup>b</sup>Matt. 4:24; 9:2

7 <sup>1</sup>Or, departed

8 <sup>1</sup>Lit., were afraid  
<sup>a</sup>Matt. 5:16; 15:31; <sup>Mark</sup> 2:12; <sup>Luke</sup> 2:20; 5:25, 26; 7:16; 13:13; 17:15; 23:47; <sup>John</sup> 15:8; <sup>Acts</sup> 4:21; 11:18; 21:20; 2 Cor. 9:13; <sup>Gal.</sup> 1:24

9 <sup>1</sup>Lit., at the tax booth  
<sup>a</sup>Matt. 9:9-17; <sup>Mark</sup> 2:14-22; <sup>Luke</sup> 5:27-38 <sup>b</sup>Matt. 10:3; <sup>Mark</sup> 3:18; <sup>Luke</sup> 6:15; <sup>Acts</sup> 1:13; <sup>Mark</sup> 2:14  
<sup>c</sup>Matt. 8:22

10 <sup>1</sup>Publicans who collected Roman taxes for profit <sup>2</sup>i.e., irreligious or non-practicing Jews <sup>3</sup>Lit., reclined with

11 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 11:19; <sup>Mark</sup> 2:16; <sup>Luke</sup> 5:30; 15:2

12 <sup>a</sup>Mark 2:17; <sup>Luke</sup> 5:31

26 And He <sup>a</sup>said to them, "Why are you timid, <sup>a</sup>you men of little faith?" Then He arose, and rebuked the winds and the sea; and <sup>1</sup>it became perfectly calm.

27 And the men marveled, saying, "What kind of a man is this, that even the winds and the sea obey Him?"

28 <sup>a</sup>And when He had come to the other side into the country of the Gadarenes, two men who were <sup>b</sup>demon-possessed met Him as they were coming out of the tombs; *they were* so exceedingly violent that no one could pass by that road.

29 And behold, they cried out, saying, "<sup>a</sup>What do we have to do with You, Son of God? Have You come here to torment us before <sup>1</sup>the time?"

30 Now there was at a distance from them a herd of many swine feeding.

31 And the demons *began* to entreat Him, saying, "If You are *going* to cast us out, send us into the herd of swine."

32 And He said to them, "Be gone!" And they came out, and went into the swine, and behold, the whole herd rushed down the steep bank into the sea and perished in the waters.

33 And the herdsmen fled, and went away to the city, and reported everything, <sup>1</sup>including the *incident* of the <sup>a</sup>demoniacs.

34 And behold, the whole city came out to meet Jesus; and when they saw Him, they entreated *Him* to depart from their region.

CHAPTER 9

AND getting into a boat, He crossed over, and came to <sup>a</sup>His own city.

2 <sup>a</sup>And behold, they were bringing to Him a <sup>b</sup>paralytic, <sup>1</sup>lying on a bed; and Jesus seeing their faith said to the paralytic, "<sup>c</sup>Take courage, <sup>My</sup> <sup>2</sup>son, <sup>d</sup>your sins <sup>3</sup>are forgiven."

3 And behold, some of the scribes said <sup>1</sup>to themselves, "This *fellow* blasphemes."

4 And Jesus <sup>a</sup>knowing their thoughts said, "Why are you thinking evil in your hearts?"

5 "For which is easier, to say, '<sup>a</sup>Your sins <sup>1</sup>are forgiven,' or to say, 'Rise, and walk'?"

6 "But in order that you may know that <sup>a</sup>the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins"—then He <sup>a</sup>said to the <sup>b</sup>paralytic, "Rise, take up your bed, and go home."

7 And he rose, and <sup>1</sup>went to his home.

8 But when the multitudes saw *this*, they <sup>1</sup>were filled with awe, and <sup>a</sup>glorified God, who had given such authority to men.

9 <sup>a</sup>And as Jesus passed on from there, He saw a man, called <sup>b</sup>Matthew, sitting <sup>1</sup>in the tax office; and He <sup>a</sup>said to him, "<sup>c</sup>Follow Me!" And he rose, and followed Him.

10 And it happened that as He was reclining *at table* in the house, behold many <sup>1</sup>tax-gatherers and <sup>2</sup>sinners came and <sup>3</sup>joined Jesus and His disciples *at the table*.

11 And when the Pharisees saw *this*, they said to His disciples, "<sup>a</sup>Why does your Teacher eat with the tax-gatherers and sinners?"

12 But when He heard this, He said, "*It is not* <sup>a</sup>those who are healthy who need a physician, but those who are ill.

## Curing the Ruler's Daughter; a Woman's Chronic Illness.

Matthew 9

13 "But go and learn <sup>a</sup>what *this* means, <sup>b</sup>I DESIRE <sup>1</sup>COMPASSION, <sup>2</sup>AND NOT SACRIFICE,' for <sup>c</sup>I did not come to call *the* righteous, but sinners."

14 Then the disciples of John <sup>a</sup>came to Him, saying, "Why do we and <sup>a</sup>the Pharisees fast, but Your disciples do not fast?"

15 And Jesus said to them, "The <sup>1</sup>attendants of the bridegroom cannot mourn, as long as the bridegroom is with them, can they? But the days will come when the bridegroom is taken away from them, and then they will fast.

16 "But no one puts <sup>1</sup>a patch of unshrunk cloth on an old garment; for <sup>2</sup>the patch pulls away from the garment, and a worse tear results.

17 "Nor do *men* put new wine into old <sup>1</sup>wineskins; otherwise the wineskins burst, and the wine pours out, and the wineskins are ruined; but they put new wine into fresh wineskins, and both are preserved."

18 <sup>a</sup>While He was saying these things to them, behold, there came <sup>1</sup>a <sup>2</sup>synagogue official, and <sup>3b</sup>bowed down before Him, saying, "My daughter has just died; but come and lay Your hand on her, and she will live."

19 And Jesus rose and *began* to follow him, and *so did* His disciples.

20 And behold, a woman who had been suffering from a hemorrhage for twelve years, came up behind Him and touched <sup>a</sup>the fringe of His <sup>1</sup>cloak;

21 for she was saying <sup>1</sup>to herself, "If I only <sup>a</sup>touch His garment, I shall <sup>2</sup>get well."

22 But Jesus turning and seeing her said, "Daughter, <sup>a</sup>take courage; <sup>b</sup>your faith has <sup>1</sup>made you well." And <sup>2</sup>at once the woman was <sup>1</sup>made well.

23 And when Jesus came into the <sup>1</sup>official's house, and saw <sup>a</sup>the flute-players, and the crowd in noisy disorder,

24 He *began* to say, "Depart; for the girl <sup>a</sup>is not dead, but is asleep." And they were laughing at Him.

25 But when the crowd had been put out, He entered and took her by the hand; and the girl <sup>1</sup>arose.

26 And <sup>a</sup>this news went out into all that land.

27 And as Jesus passed on from there, two blind men followed Him, crying out, and saying, "Have mercy on us, <sup>a</sup>Son of David!"

28 And after He had come into the house, the blind men came up to Him, and Jesus <sup>a</sup>said to them, "Do you believe that I am able to do this?" They <sup>a</sup>said to Him, "Yes, Lord."

29 Then He touched their eyes, saying, "Be it done to you <sup>a</sup>according to your faith."

30 And their eyes were opened. And Jesus <sup>a</sup>sternly warned them, saying, "See *here*, let no one know *about this!*"

31 But they went out, and <sup>a</sup>spread the news about Him in all that land.

32 And as they were going out, behold, <sup>a</sup>a dumb man, <sup>b</sup>demon-possessed, <sup>1</sup>was brought to Him.

33 And after the demon was cast out, the dumb man spoke; and the multitudes marveled, saying, "<sup>a</sup>Nothing like this <sup>1</sup>was ever seen in Israel."

13 <sup>1</sup>Or, *mercy* <sup>2</sup>i.e., more than  
<sup>a</sup>Matt. 12:7; <sup>b</sup>Hos. 6:6  
<sup>c</sup>Mark 2:17; Luke 5:32;  
1 Tim. 1:15

14 <sup>a</sup>Luke 18:12

15 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *sons of the bridalchamber*

16 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *that which is put on* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *that which fills up*

17 <sup>1</sup>i.e., *skins used as bottles*

18 <sup>1</sup>Or, *one* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *ruler*  
<sup>3</sup>Or, *worshiped*  
<sup>a</sup>Matt. 9:18-26; Mark 5:22-43; Luke 8:41-56 <sup>b</sup>Matt. 8:2

20 <sup>1</sup>Or, *outer garment*  
<sup>a</sup>Num. 15:38; Deut. 22:12;  
Matt. 14:36; 23:5

21 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *in herself* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *be saved*  
<sup>a</sup>Matt. 14:36; Mark 3:10;  
Luke 6:19

22 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *saved* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *from that hour*  
<sup>a</sup>Matt. 9:2 <sup>b</sup>Mark 5:34;  
10:52; Luke 7:50; 8:48;  
17:19; 18:42; Matt. 9:29;  
15:28

23 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *ruler's*  
<sup>2</sup>Chr. 35:25; Jer. 9:17;  
16:6; Ezek. 24:17

24 <sup>a</sup>John 11:13; Acts 20:10

25 <sup>1</sup>Or, *was raised up*

26 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 9:31; 4:24; 14:1;  
Mark 1:28, 45; Luke 4:14,  
37; 5:15; 7:17

27 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 12:23; 15:22;  
20:30, 31; 21:9, 15; 22:42;  
Mark 10:47, 48; 12:35;  
Luke 18:38, 39; 20:41f.;  
Matt. 1:1

29 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 9:22; 8:13

30 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 8:4

31 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 9:26; 4:24; 14:1;  
Mark 1:28, 45; Luke 4:14,  
37; 5:15; 7:17

32 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *they brought*  
<sup>a</sup>Matt. 12:22, 24 <sup>b</sup>Matt.  
4:24

33 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *ever appeared*  
<sup>a</sup>Mark 2:12

34 \*Matt. 12:24; Mark 3:22; Luke 11:15; John 7:20f.

35 \*Matt. 4:23 \*bMatt. 4:23; Mark 1:14

36 <sup>1</sup>Or, *harassed* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *thrown down* <sup>3</sup>Lit., *not having*  
\*Matt. 14:14; 15:32; Mark 6:34; 8:2 \*bMark 6:34; Num. 27:17; Ezek. 34:5; Zech. 10:2

37 \*Luke 10:2

38 \*Luke 10:2

<sup>1</sup> \*Mark 3:13-15; 6:7 \*bMatt. 9:35; Luke 9:1

<sup>2</sup> <sup>1</sup>Or, *Jacob* <sup>2</sup>Gr., *Joannes* from Heb., *Johanan*  
\*Matt. 10:24; Mark 3:16-19; Luke 6:14-16; Acts 1:13  
<sup>3</sup>bMatt. 4:18 \*cMatt. 4:18  
<sup>4</sup>bMatt. 4:21

<sup>3</sup> I.e., son of Talmai (Aram) <sup>2</sup>Or, *Jacob*  
<sup>1</sup>John 1:45ff; <sup>b</sup>John 11:16; 14:5; 20:24ff.; <sup>2</sup>1:2 \*cMatt. 9:9 \*bMark 15:40 \*cMark 3:18; Luke 6:16; Acts 1:13

<sup>4</sup> <sup>1</sup>Or, *Zealot*  
<sup>2</sup>Luke 22:3; John 6:71; 13:2, 26; Matt. 26:14

<sup>5</sup> <sup>1</sup>Or, *go off to*  
<sup>2</sup>Mark 6:7; Luke 9:2 \*b2 Kin. 17:24ff.; Luke 9:52; 10:33; 17:16; John 4:9, 39f.; 8:48; Acts 2:5

<sup>6</sup> <sup>1</sup>Or, *proceed*  
<sup>2</sup>Matt. 15:24

<sup>7</sup> <sup>1</sup>Or, *proceed* <sup>2</sup>Or, *proclaim* <sup>3</sup>Lit., *has come near*  
<sup>4</sup>Matt. 3:2

<sup>9</sup> <sup>1</sup>Lit., *into*  
<sup>2</sup>Matt. 10:9-15; Mark 6:8-11; Luke 9:3-5; 10:4-12; Luke 22:35

<sup>10</sup> <sup>1</sup>Or, *knapsack* or, *beggar's bag* <sup>2</sup>Or, *inner garments* <sup>3</sup>Lit., *nourishment*  
<sup>4</sup>1 Cor. 9:14; 1 Tim. 5:18

<sup>12</sup> <sup>1</sup>Or, *household*  
<sup>2</sup>1 Sam. 25:6; Ps. 122:7, 8

14 \*Acts 13:51

15 \*Matt. 11:22, 24 \*bMatt. 11:24; 2 Pet. 2:6; Jude 7  
<sup>c</sup>Matt. 11:22, 24; 12:36; Acts 17:31; 2 Pet. 2:9; 3:7; 1 John 4:17; Jude 6; Matt. 7:22; 1 Thess. 5:4; Heb. 10:25

<sup>16</sup> <sup>1</sup>Or, *show yourselves to be*  
<sup>2</sup>Luke 10:3 \*bGen. 3:1; Rom. 16:19; Matt. 24:45  
<sup>c</sup>Hos. 7:11

<sup>17</sup> <sup>1</sup>Or, *Sanhedrin*, or *Council*  
<sup>2</sup>Matt. 5:22 \*bMatt. 23:34; Mark 13:9; Acts 5:40; 22:19; 26:11; Luke 12:11

34 But the Pharisees were saying, "He casts out the demon: <sup>a</sup>by the ruler of the demons."

35 And Jesus was going about all the cities and the villages <sup>a</sup>teaching in their synagogues, and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom, and <sup>b</sup>healing every kind of disease and every kind of sickness.

36 And <sup>a</sup>seeing the multitudes, He felt compassion for them, <sup>b</sup>because they were <sup>1</sup>distressed and <sup>2</sup>downcast like sheep <sup>3</sup>without a shepherd.

37 Then He <sup>a</sup>said to His disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few.

38 "Therefore beseech the Lord of the harvest to send out workers into His harvest."

CHAPTER 10

AND <sup>a</sup>having summoned His twelve disciples, He gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to <sup>b</sup>heal every kind of disease and every kind of sickness.

2 <sup>a</sup>Now the names of the twelve apostles are these: The first, <sup>b</sup>Simon, who is called Peter, and <sup>c</sup>Andrew his brother; and <sup>1d</sup>James the son of Zebedee, and <sup>2</sup>John his brother;

3 <sup>a</sup>Philip and <sup>1</sup>Bartholomew; <sup>b</sup>Thomas and <sup>c</sup>Matthew the tax-gatherer; <sup>2d</sup>James the son of Alphaeus, and <sup>e</sup>Thaddaeus;

4 Simon the <sup>1</sup>Cananaean, and <sup>a</sup>Judas Iscariot, the one who betrayed Him.

5 <sup>a</sup>These twelve Jesus sent out after instructing them, saying, "Do not <sup>1</sup>go in *the way of the Gentiles*, and do not enter *any city of the Samaritans*;

6 but rather <sup>1</sup>go to <sup>a</sup>the lost sheep of the house of Israel.

7 "And as you <sup>1</sup>go, <sup>2</sup>preach, saying, 'The kingdom of heaven <sup>3</sup>is at hand.'

8 "Heal *the sick*, raise *the dead*, cleanse *the lepers*, cast out demons; freely you received, freely give.

9 "Do not acquire gold, or silver, or copper <sup>1</sup>for your money belts;

10 or a <sup>1</sup>bag for *your journey*, or even two <sup>2</sup>tunics, or sandals, or a staff; for <sup>a</sup>the worker is worthy of his <sup>3</sup>support.

11 "And into whatever city or village you enter, inquire who is worthy in it; and abide there until you go away.

12 "And as you enter the <sup>1</sup>house, <sup>a</sup>give it your greeting.

13 "And if the house is worthy, let your *greeting of peace* come upon it; but if it is not worthy, let your *greeting of peace* return to you.

14 "And whoever does not receive you, nor heed your words, as you go out of that house or that city, <sup>a</sup>shake off the dust of your feet.

15 "Truly I say to you, <sup>a</sup>it will be more tolerable for *the land of Sodom and Gomorrah* in <sup>c</sup>the day of judgment, than for that city.

16 "Behold, I send you out as sheep in the midst of wolves; therefore <sup>1</sup>be <sup>b</sup>shrewd as serpents, and <sup>c</sup>innocent as doves.

17 "But beware of men; for they will deliver you up to the <sup>1a</sup>courts, and scourge you <sup>b</sup>in their synagogues;

18 and you shall even be brought before governors and kings for My sake, as a testimony to them and to the Gentiles.

19 "But when they deliver you up, do not become anxious about how or what you will speak; for it shall be given you in that hour what you are to speak.

20 "For it is not you who speak, but it is the Spirit of your Father who speaks in you.

21 "And brother will deliver up brother to death, and a father his child; and CHILDREN WILL RISE UP AGAINST PARENTS, and cause them to be put to death.

22 "And you will be hated by all on account of My name, but it is the one who has endured to the end who will be saved.

23 "But whenever they persecute you in this city, flee to the next; for truly I say to you, you shall not finish going through the cities of Israel, until the Son of Man comes.

24 "A disciple is not above his teacher, nor a slave above his master.

25 "It is enough for the disciple that he become as his teacher, and the slave as his master. If they have called the head of the house Beelzebub, how much more the members of his household!

26 "Therefore do not fear them, for there is nothing covered that will not be revealed, and hidden that will not be known.

27 "What I tell you in the darkness, speak in the light; and what you hear whispered in your ear, proclaim upon the housetops.

28 "And do not fear those who kill the body, but are unable to kill the soul; but rather fear Him who is able to destroy both soul and body in hell.

29 "Are not two sparrows sold for a cent? And yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father.

30 "But the very hairs of your head are all numbered.

31 "Therefore do not fear; you are of more value than many sparrows.

32 "Every one therefore who shall confess Me before men, I will also confess him before My Father who is in heaven.

33 "But whoever shall deny Me before men, I will also deny him before My Father who is in heaven.

34 "Do not think that I came to bring peace on the earth; I did not come to bring peace, but a sword.

35 "For I came to set a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law;

36 and a man's enemies will be the members of his household.

37 "He who loves father or mother more than Me is not worthy of Me; and he who loves son or daughter more than Me is not worthy of Me.

38 "And he who does not take his cross and follow after Me is not worthy of Me.

39 "He who has found his life shall lose it, and he who has lost his life for My sake shall find it.

40 "He who receives you receives Me, and he who receives Me receives Him who sent Me.

19 Matt. 10:19-22; Mark 13:11-13; Luke 21:12-17  
bMatt. 6:25

20 Luke 12:12; Acts 4:8; 13:9; 2 Cor. 13:3

21 Or, put them to death  
aMatt. 10:35, 36 bMic. 7:6

22 Matt. 24:9; John 15:18ff. bMatt. 24:13

23 Lit., the other  
aMatt. 23:34 bMatt. 16:27f.

24 Or, pupil  
aLuke 6:40; John 13:16; 15:20

25 Or, Beelzebub; others read Beelzebub  
aMatt. 9:34 b2 Kin. 1:2; Matt. 12:24, 27; Mark 3:22; Luke 11:15, 18, 19

26 Matt. 10:26-33; Luke 12:2-9 bMark 4:22; Luke 8:17; 12:2

27 Luke 12:3 bMatt. 24:17

28 Cr., Gehenna  
aHeb. 10:31 bMatt. 5:22

29 Cr., assarion, the smallest copper coin  
aLuke 12:6

30 Luke 21:18; 1 Sam. 14:45; 2 Sam. 14:11; 1 Kin. 1:52; Acts 27:34

31 Matt. 12:12

32 Cr., in Me bCr., in him  
aRev. 3:5; Luke 12:8

33 2 Tim. 2:12; Mark 8:38; Luke 9:26

34 Lit., cast  
aMatt. 10:34, 35; Luke 12:51-53

35 Matt. 10:21; Mic. 7:6

36 Matt. 10:21; Mic. 7:6

37 Luke 14:26

38 Matt. 16:24; Mark 8:34; Luke 9:23; 14:27

39 Or, soul-life  
aMatt. 16:25; Mark 8:35; Luke 9:24; 17:33; John 12:25

40 Luke 10:16; John 13:20; Matt. 18:5; Gal. 4:14  
bMark 9:37; Luke 9:48; John 12:44

42 <sup>1</sup>Or, *humble folk*  
<sup>a</sup>Mark 9:41; Matt. 25:40

1 <sup>1</sup>Or, *commanding* <sup>2</sup>Or, *proclaim*  
<sup>a</sup>Matt. 7:28 <sup>b</sup>Matt. 9:35

2 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 11:2-19; *Luke*  
 7:18-35 <sup>b</sup>Matt. 14:3; *Mark*  
 6:17; *Luke* 9:7ff.

3 <sup>a</sup>John 6:14; 11:27; *Heb.*  
 10:37; *Matt.* 11:10; *Ps.*  
 118:26

5 <sup>1</sup>Or, *good news*  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 35:5f.; 61:1

6 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *whoever* <sup>2</sup>Or, *taking offense at*  
<sup>a</sup>Matt. 13:21, 57; 24:10;  
 26:31; *Mark* 6:3; *John* 6:61;  
 16:1; *Matt.* 5:29

7 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 3:1

8 <sup>1</sup>Or, *Well then,* <sup>2</sup>Lit.,  
*houses*

9 <sup>1</sup>Or, *Well then,*  
<sup>a</sup>Matt. 14:5; 21:26; *Luke*  
 1:76; 20:6

10 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *has been written*  
<sup>a</sup>Mark 1:2; *Mal.* 3:1

11 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *less*

12 <sup>1</sup>Or, *is forcibly entered*  
<sup>2</sup>Or, *seize it for themselves*  
<sup>a</sup>Luke 16:16

13 <sup>a</sup>Luke 16:16

14 <sup>1</sup>Or, *is to come*  
<sup>a</sup>Mal. 4:5; *Matt.* 17:10-13;  
*Mark* 9:11-13; *Luke* 1:17;  
*John* 1:21

15 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 13:9, 43; *Mark*  
 4:9, 23; *Luke* 8:8; 14:35;  
*Rev.* 13:9; 2:7, 11, 17, 29;  
 3:6, 13, 22

17 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *beat the breast*

18 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 3:4 <sup>b</sup>Luke 1:15  
<sup>c</sup>John 7:20; 8:48f., 52;  
 10:20; *Matt.* 9:34

41 "He who receives a prophet in *the* name of a prophet shall receive a prophet's reward; and he who receives a righteous man in the name of a righteous man shall receive a righteous man's reward.

42 "And <sup>a</sup>whoever in the name of a disciple gives to one of these <sup>1</sup>little ones even a cup of cold water to drink, truly I say to you he shall not lose his reward."

CHAPTER 11

<sup>a</sup>AND it came about that when Jesus had finished <sup>1</sup>giving instructions to His twelve disciples, He departed from there <sup>b</sup>to teach and <sup>2</sup>preach in their cities.

2 <sup>a</sup>Now when <sup>b</sup>John in prison heard of the works of Christ, he sent *word* by his disciples,

3 and said to Him, "Are You <sup>a</sup>the Coming One, or shall we look for someone else?"

4 And Jesus answered and said to them, "Go and report to John the things which you hear and see:

5 <sup>a</sup>*the BLIND RECEIVE SIGHT and the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed and the deaf hear, and the dead are raised up, and the POOR HAVE THE* <sup>1</sup>GOSPEL PREACHED to them.

6 "And blessed is he <sup>1</sup>who <sup>a</sup>keeps from <sup>2</sup>stumbling over Me."

7 And as these were going *away*, Jesus began to say to the multitudes concerning John, "What did you go out into <sup>a</sup>the wilderness to look at? A reed shaken by the wind?

8 "But what did you go out to see? A man dressed in soft *clothing*? Behold, those who wear soft *clothing* are in kings' <sup>2</sup>palaces.

9 "But why did you go out? To see <sup>a</sup>a prophet? Yes, I tell you, and one who is more than a prophet.

10 "This is the one about whom it <sup>1</sup>was written,  
<sup>a</sup>BEHOLD, I SEND MY MESSENGER BEFORE YOUR FACE,  
 WHO WILL PREPARE YOUR WAY BEFORE YOU."

11 "Truly, I say to you, among those born of women there has not arisen *anyone* greater than John the Baptist; yet he who is <sup>1</sup>least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.

12 "And <sup>a</sup>from the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven <sup>1</sup>suffers violence, and violent men <sup>2</sup>take it by force.

13 "For <sup>a</sup>all the prophets and the Law prophesied until John.

14 "And if you care to accept it, he himself is <sup>a</sup>Elijah, who <sup>1</sup>was to come.

15 "He who has ears to hear, let him hear.

16 "But to what shall I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the market places, who call out to the other *children*,

17 and say, 'We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we sang a dirge, and you did not <sup>1</sup>mourn.'

18 "For John came neither <sup>a</sup>eating nor <sup>b</sup>drinking, and they say, 'He has a demon!'

19 "The Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say,



'Behold, a gluttonous man and a drunkard, <sup>a</sup>a friend of <sup>2</sup>tax-gatherers and sinners!' <sup>3</sup>Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds.'

20 Then He began to reproach the cities in which most of His <sup>1</sup>miracles were done, because they did not repent.

21 "Woe to you, Chorazin! Woe to you, <sup>b</sup>Bethsaida! For if the <sup>1</sup>miracles had occurred in <sup>c</sup>Tyre and <sup>c</sup>Sidon which occurred in you, they would have repented long ago in <sup>d</sup>sackcloth and ashes.

22 "Nevertheless I say to you, <sup>a</sup>it shall be more tolerable for Tyre and Sidon in <sup>b</sup>the day of judgment, than for you.

23 "And you, <sup>a</sup>Capernaum, will not be exalted to heaven, will you? You shall <sup>b</sup>DESCEND TO <sup>c</sup>HADES; for if the <sup>2</sup>miracles had occurred in <sup>d</sup>Sodom which occurred in you, it would have remained to this day.

24 "Nevertheless I say to you that <sup>a</sup>it shall be more tolerable for the land of <sup>b</sup>Sodom in <sup>b</sup>the day of judgment, than for you."

25 "At that <sup>1</sup>time Jesus <sup>b</sup>answered and said, "I <sup>2</sup>praise Thee, O <sup>c</sup>Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that <sup>d</sup>Thou didst hide these things from <sup>e</sup>the wise and intelligent and didst reveal them to babes.

26 "Yes, <sup>a</sup>Father, for thus it was well-pleasing in Thy sight.

27 "All things <sup>1</sup>have been handed over to Me by My Father; and no one <sup>2</sup>knows the Son, except the Father; nor does anyone <sup>2</sup>know the Father, <sup>b</sup>except the Son, and anyone to whom the Son wills to reveal <sup>him</sup>.

28 "Come to Me, all <sup>1</sup>who are weary and heavy-laden, and I will give you rest.

29 "Take My yoke upon you, and <sup>a</sup>learn from Me, for I am gentle and humble in heart; and <sup>b</sup>YOU SHALL FIND REST FOR YOUR SOULS.

30 "For My yoke is <sup>1</sup>easy, and My load is light."

## CHAPTER 12

<sup>a</sup>AT that <sup>1</sup>time Jesus went on the Sabbath through the grain-fields, and His disciples became hungry and began to <sup>b</sup>pick the heads of <sup>c</sup>grain and eat.

2 But when the Pharisees saw it, they said to Him, "Behold, Your disciples do what <sup>a</sup>is not lawful to do on a Sabbath."

3 But He said to them, "Have you not read what David did, when he became hungry, he and his companions;

4 how he entered the house of God, and <sup>a</sup>they ate the <sup>1</sup>consecrated bread, which was not lawful for him to eat, nor for those with him, but for the priests alone?

5 "Or have you not read in the Law, that on the Sabbath the priests in the temple <sup>1</sup>break the Sabbath, and are innocent?

6 "But I say to you, that something <sup>a</sup>greater than the temple is here.

7 "But if you had known what this <sup>1</sup>means, '<sup>a</sup>I DESIRE COMPASSION, AND NOT A SACRIFICE,' you would not have condemned the innocent.

8 "For <sup>a</sup>the Son of Man is Lord of the Sabbath."

19 <sup>1</sup>Or, wine-drinker <sup>2</sup>Or, publicans who collected Roman taxes for profit  
<sup>3</sup>Lit., And  
<sup>a</sup>Matt. 9:11; Luke 15:2

20 <sup>1</sup>Or, works of power

21 <sup>1</sup>Or, works of power  
<sup>a</sup>Matt. 11:21-23; Luke 10:13-15  
<sup>b</sup>Mark 6:45; 8:22; Luke 9:10; John 1:44; 12:21  
<sup>c</sup>Matt. 11:22; 15:21; Mark 3:8; 7:24, 31; Luke 6:17; Acts 12:20; Luke 4:26; Acts 27:3  
<sup>d</sup>Rev. 11:3

22 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 10:15; 11:24  
<sup>b</sup>Matt. 10:15

23 Some mss. read, be brought down  
<sup>2</sup>Or, works of power  
<sup>a</sup>Matt. 4:13 bts. 14:13, 15; Ezek. 26:20; 31:14; 32:18, 24  
<sup>c</sup>Matt. 16:18; Luke 10:15; 16:23; Acts 2:27, 31; Rev. 1:18; 6:8; 20:13f.  
<sup>d</sup>Matt. 10:15

24 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 10:15; 11:22  
<sup>b</sup>Matt. 10:15

25 <sup>1</sup>Or, occasion <sup>2</sup>Or, acknowledge to Thy praise  
<sup>a</sup>Matt. 11:25-27; Luke 10:21, 22  
<sup>b</sup>Acts 3:12  
<sup>c</sup>Luke 22:42; 23:34; John 11:41; 12:27, 28  
<sup>d</sup>1 Cor. 1:26ff.

26 <sup>a</sup>Luke 22:42; 23:34; John 11:41; 12:27, 28

27 <sup>1</sup>Lit., were given over  
<sup>2</sup>Or, perfectly know(s)  
<sup>a</sup>Matt. 28:18; John 3:35; 13:3; 17:2  
<sup>b</sup>John 7:29; 10:15; 17:25

28 <sup>1</sup>Or, who work to exhaustion  
<sup>a</sup>John 7:37; Jer. 31:25

29 <sup>a</sup>John 13:15; Eph. 4:20; Phil. 2:5; 1 Pet. 2:21; 1 John 2:6  
<sup>b</sup>Jer. 6:16

30 <sup>1</sup>Or, kindly, or, pleasant

1 <sup>1</sup>Or, occasion  
<sup>a</sup>Matt. 12:1-8; Mark 2:23-28; Luke 6:1-5  
<sup>b</sup>Deut. 23:25

2 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 12:10; Luke 13:14; 14:3; John 5:10; 7:23; 9:16

4 <sup>1</sup>Or, showbread; lit., loaves of presentation  
<sup>a</sup>1 Sam. 21:6

5 <sup>1</sup>Or, profane

6 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 12:41, 42

7 <sup>1</sup>Lit., is <sup>2</sup>Or, mercy  
<sup>a</sup>Hos. 6:6

8 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 8:20; 12:32, 40

9 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 12:9-14; Mark 3:1-6; Luke 6:6-11

10 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 12:2; Luke 13:14; 14:3; John 5:10; 7:23; 9:16

11 <sup>1</sup>Lit., of

12 <sup>1</sup>Lit., well  
<sup>a</sup>Matt. 10:31

13 <sup>1</sup>Lit., health

14 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 26:4; Mark 14:1; Luke 22:2; John 7:30, 44; 8:59; 10:31, 39; 11:53

15 <sup>1</sup>Lit., knowing  
<sup>a</sup>Matt. 4:23

16 <sup>1</sup>Lit., evident  
<sup>a</sup>Matt. 8:4

18 <sup>1</sup>Lit., Child <sup>2</sup>Lit., chose  
<sup>1</sup>Or, took pleasure <sup>4</sup>Or, judgment <sup>5</sup>Or, nations  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 42:1 <sup>b</sup>Matt. 3:17; 17:5  
<sup>c</sup>Luke 4:18; John 3:34

19 <sup>a</sup>Is. 42:2

20 <sup>1</sup>Or, puts forth <sup>2</sup>Or, judgment  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 42:3

21 <sup>1</sup>Or, nations  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 42:4; Rom. 15:12

22 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 12:22, 24; Luke 11:14, 15; Matt. 9:32, 34  
<sup>b</sup>Matt. 4:24

23 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 9:27

24 <sup>1</sup>Or, Beelzebul; others read Beelzebub  
<sup>a</sup>Matt. 9:34

25 <sup>1</sup>Lit., Every  
<sup>a</sup>Matt. 12:25-29; Mark 3:23-27; Luke 11:17-22 <sup>b</sup>Matt. 9:4

26 <sup>1</sup>Lit., was  
<sup>a</sup>Matt. 4:10

27 <sup>1</sup>vs. 24  
<sup>a</sup>Matt. 9:34 <sup>b</sup>Acts 19:13

30 <sup>a</sup>Luke 11:23; Mark 9:40; Luke 9:50

31 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 12:31, 32; Mark 3:28-30; Luke 12:10

9 <sup>a</sup>And departing from there, He went into their synagogue.

10 And behold, *there was* a man with a withered hand. And they questioned Him, saying, "Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbath?"—in order that they might accuse Him.

11 And He said to them, "What man shall there be among you, who shall have one sheep, and if it falls into a pit on the Sabbath, will he not take hold of it, and lift it out?"

12 "Of how much more value then is a man than a sheep! So then, it is lawful to do good on the Sabbath."

13 Then He said to the man, "Stretch out your hand!" And he stretched it out, and it was restored to normal, like the other.

14 But the Pharisees went out, and counseled together against Him, as to how they might destroy Him.

15 But Jesus, aware of this, withdrew from there. And many followed Him, and He healed them all,

16 and warned them not to make Him known,

17 in order that what was spoken through Isaiah the prophet, might be fulfilled, saying,

18 "BEHOLD, MY SERVANT WHOM I HAVE CHOSEN;  
MY BELOVED IN WHOM MY SOUL IS WELL-PLEASSED;  
I WILL PUT MY SPIRIT UPON HIM,  
AND HE SHALL PROCLAIM JUSTICE TO THE GENTILES.

19 "HE WILL NOT QUARREL, NOR CRY OUT;  
NOR WILL ANY ONE HEAR HIS VOICE IN THE STREETS.

20 "A BATTERED REED HE WILL NOT BREAK OFF,  
AND A SMOLDERING WICK HE WILL NOT PUT OUT,  
UNTIL HE LEADS JUSTICE TO VICTORY.

21 "AND IN HIS NAME THE GENTILES WILL HOPE."

22 Then there was brought to Him a demon-possessed man who was blind and dumb, and He healed him, so that the dumb man spoke and saw.

23 And all the multitudes were amazed, and began to say, "This man cannot be the Son of David, can he?"

24 But when the Pharisees heard it, they said, "This man casts out demons only by Beelzebul the ruler of the demons."

25 And knowing their thoughts He said to them, "Any kingdom divided against itself is laid waste; and any city or house divided against itself shall not stand.

26 "And if Satan casts out Satan, he is divided against himself; how then shall his kingdom stand?"

27 "And if I by Beelzebul cast out demons, by whom do your sons cast them out? Consequently they shall be your judges.

28 "But if I cast out demons by the Spirit of God, then the kingdom of God has come upon you.

29 "Or how can anyone enter the strong man's house and carry off his property, unless he first binds the strong man? And then he will plunder his house.

30 "He who is not with Me is against Me; and he who does not gather with Me scatters.

31 "Therefore I say to you, any sin and blasphemy shall be forgiven men, but blasphemy against the Spirit shall not be forgiven.

32 "And whoever shall speak a word against the Son of Man, it shall be forgiven him; but whoever shall speak against the Holy Spirit, it shall not be forgiven him, either in <sup>a</sup>this age, or in the *age* to come.

33 "Either make the tree good, and its fruit good; or make the tree rotten, and its fruit rotten; for <sup>a</sup>the tree is known by its fruit.

34 "A You brood of vipers, how can you, being evil, speak <sup>1</sup>what is good? <sup>b</sup>For the mouth speaks out of that which fills the heart.

35 "The good man out of *his* good treasure brings forth <sup>1</sup>what is good; and the evil man out of *his* evil treasure brings forth <sup>2</sup>what is evil.

36 "And I say to you, that every <sup>1</sup>careless word that men shall speak, they shall render account for it in <sup>a</sup>the day of judgment.

37 "For <sup>1</sup>by your words you shall be justified, and <sup>1</sup>by your words you shall be condemned."

38 Then some of the scribes and Pharisees answered Him, saying, "Teacher, <sup>a</sup>we want to see a <sup>1</sup>sign from You."

39 But He answered and said to them, "<sup>a</sup>An evil and adulterous generation craves for a <sup>1</sup>sign; and yet no <sup>1</sup>sign shall be given to it but the <sup>1</sup>sign of Jonah the prophet;

40 for just as <sup>a</sup>JONAH WAS THREE DAYS AND THREE NIGHTS IN THE BELLY OF THE SEA MONSTER, so shall <sup>b</sup>the Son of Man be <sup>c</sup>three days and three nights in the heart of the earth.

41 "<sup>a</sup>The men of Nineveh shall stand up with this generation at the judgment, and shall condemn it because <sup>b</sup>they repented at the preaching of Jonah; and behold, <sup>c</sup>something greater than Jonah is here.

42 "<sup>a</sup>The Queen of the South shall rise up with this generation at the judgment and shall condemn it, because she came from the ends of the earth to hear the wisdom of Solomon; and behold, <sup>b</sup>something greater than Solomon is here.

43 "<sup>a</sup>Now when the unclean spirit goes out of a man, it passes through waterless places, seeking rest, and does not find it.

44 "Then it says, 'I will return to my house from which I came'; and when it comes, it finds it unoccupied, swept, and put in order.

45 "Then it goes, and takes along with it seven other spirits more wicked than itself, and they go in and live there; and <sup>a</sup>the last state of that man becomes worse than the first. That is the way it will also be with this evil generation."

46 <sup>a</sup>While He was still speaking to the multitudes, behold, His <sup>b</sup>mother and His <sup>c</sup>brothers were standing outside, seeking to speak to Him.

47 And someone said to Him, "Behold, Your mother and Your brothers are standing outside seeking to speak to You."

48 But He answered the one who was telling Him and said, "Who is My mother and who are My brothers?"

49 And stretching out His hand toward His disciples, He said, "Behold, My mother and My brothers!

50 "For whoever shall do the will of My Father who is in heaven, he is My brother and sister and mother."

32 <sup>a</sup>Mark 10:30; Luke 16:8; 18:30; 20:34, 35; Eph. 1:21; 1 Tim. 6:17; 2 Tim. 4:10; Titus 2:12; Heb. 6:5; Matt. 13:22 and 13:39

33 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 7:16

34 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *good things*  
<sup>a</sup>Matt. 3:7; 23:33 <sup>b</sup>Matt. 12:34, 35; Luke 6:45; Matt. 15:18; Eph. 4:29; James 3:2; 1 Sam. 24:13

35 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *good things* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *evil things*

36 <sup>1</sup>Or, *useless*  
<sup>a</sup>Matt. 10:15

37 <sup>1</sup>Or, *in accordance with*

38 <sup>1</sup>Or, *attesting miracle*  
<sup>a</sup>Matt. 16:1; Mark 8:11, 12; Luke 11:16; John 2:18; 6:30; 1 Cor. 1:22

39 <sup>1</sup>Or, *attesting miracle*  
<sup>a</sup>Matt. 12:39-42; Luke 11:29-32; Matt. 16:4

40 <sup>a</sup>Jonah 1:17 <sup>b</sup>Matt. 8:20 <sup>c</sup>Matt. 16:21

41 <sup>a</sup>Jonah 1:2 <sup>b</sup>Jonah 3:5  
<sup>c</sup>Matt. 12:6, 42

42 <sup>1</sup>Kin. 10:1; 2 Chr. 9:1  
<sup>b</sup>Matt. 12:6, 41

43 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 12:43-45; Luke 11:24-26

45 <sup>a</sup>2 Pet. 2:20

46 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 12:46-50; Mark 3:31-35; Luke 8:19-21  
<sup>b</sup>Matt. 1:18; 2:11f.; 13:55; Luke 1:43; 2:31f., 48, 51; John 2:1, 5, 12; 19:25f.; Acts 1:14 <sup>c</sup>Matt. 13:55; Mark 6:3; John 2:12; 7:3, 5, 10; Acts 1:14; 1 Cor. 9:5; Gal. 1:19

1 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 13:36; 9:28;  
Mark 3:19 <sup>b</sup>Matt. 13:1-15;  
Mark 4:1-12; Luke 8:4-10

2 <sup>a</sup>Luke 5:3

3 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 13:10ff.; Mark  
4:2ff.

5 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *were not having*

7 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *upon*

8 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 13:23; Gen.  
26:12

9 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 11:15

11 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 19:11; 20:23;  
John 6:65; 1 Cor. 2:10; Col.  
1:27; 1 John 2:20, 27

12 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 25:29; Mark  
4:25; Luke 8:18; 19:26

13 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 5:21; Ezek. 12:2;  
Is. 42:19, 20; Deut. 29:4

14 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *for them* <sup>2</sup>Lit.,  
*With a hearing* <sup>3</sup>Lit., *and*  
<sup>4</sup>Lit., *seeing you will see*  
<sup>5</sup>Is. 6:9; Mark 4:12; Luke  
8:10; John 12:40; Acts  
28:26, 27; Rom. 10:16; 11:8

15 <sup>a</sup>Is. 6:10

16 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 13:16, 17; Luke  
10:23, 24

17 <sup>a</sup>John 8:56; Heb. 11:13;  
1 Pet. 1:10-12

18 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 13:18-23; Mark  
4:13-20; Luke 8:11-15

19 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 4:23 <sup>b</sup>Matt. 5:37

ON that day Jesus went out of <sup>a</sup>the house, and was sitting <sup>b</sup>by the sea.

2 And great multitudes gathered about Him, so that <sup>a</sup>He got into a boat and sat down, and the whole multitude was standing on the beach.

3 And He spoke many things to them in <sup>a</sup>parables, saying, "Behold, the sower went out to sow;

4 and as he sowed, some *seeds* fell beside the road, and the birds came and devoured them.

5 "And others fell upon the rocky places, where they <sup>1</sup>did not have much soil; and immediately they sprang up, because they had no depth of soil.

6 "But when the sun had risen, they were scorched; and because they had no root, they withered away.

7 "And others fell <sup>1</sup>among the thorns, and the thorns came up and choked them out.

8 "And others fell on the good soil, and <sup>\*</sup>yielded a crop, some a <sup>a</sup>hundredfold, some sixty, and some thirty.

9 "aHe who has ears, let him hear."

10 And the disciples came and said to Him, "Why do You speak to them in parables?"

11 And He answered and said to them, "aTo you it has been granted to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it has not been granted.

12 "aFor whoever has, to him shall *more* be given, and he shall have an abundance; but whoever does not have, even what he has shall be taken away from him.

13 "Therefore I speak to them in parables; because while <sup>a</sup>seeing they do not see, and while hearing they do not hear, nor do they understand.

14 "And <sup>1</sup>in their case the prophecy of Isaiah is being fulfilled, which says,

<sup>2a</sup>YOU WILL KEEP ON HEARING, <sup>3</sup>BUT WILL NOT UNDER-  
STAND;

AND <sup>4</sup>YOU WILL KEEP ON SEEING, BUT WILL NOT PER-  
CEIVE;

15 <sup>a</sup>FOR THE HEART OF THIS PEOPLE HAS BECOME DULL,  
AND WITH THEIR EARS THEY SCARCELY HEAR,  
AND THEY HAVE CLOSED THEIR EYES  
LEST THEY SHOULD SEE WITH THEIR EYES,  
AND HEAR WITH THEIR EARS,  
AND UNDERSTAND WITH THEIR HEART AND TURN AGAIN,  
AND I SHOULD HEAL THEM.'

16 "aBut blessed are your eyes, because they see; and your ears, because they hear.

17 "For truly I say to you, that <sup>a</sup>many prophets and right-  
eous men desired to see what you see, and did not see *it*; and to hear what you hear, and did not hear *it*.

18 "aHear then the parable of the sower.

19 "When any one hears <sup>a</sup>the word of the kingdom, and does not understand it, <sup>b</sup>the evil *one* comes and snatches away

what has been sown in his heart. This is the one on whom seed was sown beside the road.

20 "And the one on whom seed was sown on the rocky places, this is the man who hears the word, and immediately receives it with joy;

21 yet he has no *firm* root in himself, but is *only* temporary, and when affliction or persecution arises because of the word, immediately he <sup>1</sup>falls away.

22 "And the one on whom seed was sown among the thorns, this is the man who hears the word, and the worry of <sup>a</sup>the <sup>1</sup>world, and the <sup>b</sup>deceitfulness of riches choke the word, and it becomes unfruitful.

23 "And the one on whom seed was sown on the good ground, this is the man who hears the word and understands it; who indeed bears fruit, and brings forth, some <sup>a</sup>a hundredfold, some sixty, and some thirty."

24 He presented another parable to them, saying, "The kingdom of heaven <sup>1</sup>may be compared to <sup>ba</sup>a man who sowed good seed in his field.

25 "But while men were sleeping, his enemy came and sowed <sup>1</sup>tares also among the wheat, and went away.

26 "But when the <sup>1</sup>wheat sprang up and bore grain, then the tares became evident also.

27 "And the slaves of the landowner came and said to him, 'Sir, did you not sow good seed in your field? <sup>1</sup>How then does it have tares?'

28 "And he said to them, 'An <sup>1</sup>enemy has done this!' And the slaves <sup>a</sup>said to him, 'Do you want us, then, to go and gather them up?'

29 "But he <sup>a</sup>said, 'No; lest while you are gathering up the tares, you may root up the wheat with them.

30 'Allow both to grow together until the harvest; and in the time of the harvest I will say to the reapers, "First gather up the tares and bind them in bundles to burn them up; but <sup>a</sup>gather the wheat into my barn." ' "

31 He presented another parable to them, saying, "The kingdom of heaven is like <sup>ba</sup>a mustard seed, which a man took and sowed in his field;

32 and this is smaller than all *other* seeds; but when it is full grown, it is larger than the garden plants, and becomes a tree, so that <sup>a</sup>THE BIRDS OF THE <sup>1</sup>AIR COME AND NEST IN ITS BRANCHES."

33 He spoke another parable to them, "The kingdom of heaven is like leaven, which a woman took, and hid in <sup>b</sup>three <sup>1</sup>pecks of meal, until it was all leavened."

34 All these things Jesus spoke to the multitudes in parables, and He was not talking to them <sup>a</sup>without a parable,

35 so that what was spoken through the prophet might be fulfilled, saying,

"I WILL OPEN MY MOUTH IN PARABLES;

I WILL UTTER THINGS HIDDEN SINCE THE FOUNDATION OF THE WORLD."

36 Then He left the multitudes, and went into <sup>a</sup>the house. And His disciples came to Him, saying, "bExplain to us the parable of the <sup>1</sup>tares of the field."

21 <sup>1</sup>Lit. *is caused to tumble*  
<sup>a</sup>Matt. 11:6

22 <sup>1</sup>Or, *age*  
<sup>a</sup>Mark 4:19; Rom. 12:2; 1 Cor. 1:20; 2:6, 8; 3:18; 2 Cor. 4:4; Gal. 1:4; Eph. 2:2; Matt. 12:32 and 13:39  
<sup>b</sup>Matt. 19:23; 1 Tim. 6:9, 10, 17

23 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 13:8

24 <sup>1</sup>Lit. *was compared to*  
<sup>a</sup>Matt. 13:31, 33, 45, 47; 18:23; 20:1; 22:2; 25:1; Mark 4:30; Luke 13:18, 20  
<sup>b</sup>Mark 4:26-29

25 <sup>1</sup>Or, *darnel, a weed resembling wheat.*

26 <sup>1</sup>Lit. *grass*

27 <sup>1</sup>Lit. *From where*

28 <sup>1</sup>Lit. *enemy man*

30 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 3:12

31 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 13:31, 32; Mark 4:30-32; Luke 13:18, 19; Matt. 13:24 <sup>b</sup>Matt. 17:20; Luke 17:6

32 <sup>1</sup>Or, *sky*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 104:12; Ezek. 17:23; 31:6; Dan. 4:12

33 <sup>1</sup>Or, *sata*  
<sup>a</sup>Matt. 13:33; Luke 13:21; Matt. 13:24 <sup>b</sup>Gen. 18:6; Judg. 6:19; 1 Sam. 1:24

34 <sup>a</sup>Mark 4:34; John 10:6; 16:25

35 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 78:2

36 <sup>1</sup>Or, *darnel* cf. vs. 25  
<sup>a</sup>Matt. 13:1 <sup>b</sup>Matt. 15:15

Matthew 13

37 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 8:20

38 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 8:12 <sup>b</sup>John 8:44;  
Acts 13:10; 1 John 3:10  
<sup>c</sup>Matt. 5:37

39 <sup>1</sup>Or, *consummation*  
<sup>a</sup>Matt. 13:40, 49; 24:3;  
28:20; 1 Cor. 10:11; Heb.  
9:26; Matt. 12:32 and 13:22

40 <sup>1</sup>Or, *consummation*  
<sup>a</sup>Matt. 13:39, 49; 24:3;  
28:20; 1 Cor. 10:11; Heb.  
9:26; Matt. 12:32 and 13:22

41 <sup>1</sup>Or, *everything that is  
offensive*  
<sup>a</sup>Matt. 8:20 <sup>b</sup>Matt. 24:31  
<sup>c</sup>Zeph. 1:3

42 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 13:50 <sup>b</sup>Matt.  
8:12

43 <sup>a</sup>Dan. 12:3 <sup>b</sup>Matt.  
11:15

44 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 13:24 <sup>b</sup>Matt.  
13:46

45 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 13:24

47 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 13:44

49 <sup>1</sup>Or, *consummation*  
<sup>2</sup>Or, *separate*  
<sup>a</sup>Matt. 13:39, 40

50 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 13:42 <sup>b</sup>Matt.  
8:12

53 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 7:28

54 <sup>1</sup>Or, *His own part of  
the country* <sup>2</sup>Or, *was  
teaching* <sup>3</sup>Or, *miracles*  
<sup>a</sup>Matt. 13:54-58; Mark 6:1-6  
<sup>b</sup>Matt. 4:23 <sup>c</sup>Matt. 7:28

55 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 12:46

56 <sup>a</sup>Mark 6:3

57 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *were being made  
to stumble* <sup>2</sup>Or, *his own  
part of the country*  
<sup>a</sup>Matt. 11:6 <sup>b</sup>Mark 6:4;  
Luke 4:24; John 4:44

58 <sup>1</sup>Or, *works of power*

37 And He answered and said, "The one who sows the good seed is <sup>a</sup>the Son of Man,

38 and the field is the world; and *as for* the good seed, these are <sup>a</sup>the sons of the kingdom; and the tares are <sup>b</sup>the sons of <sup>c</sup>the evil one;

39 and the enemy who sowed them is the devil, and the harvest is <sup>a</sup>the <sup>1</sup>end of the age; and the reapers are angels.

40 "Therefore just as the tares are gathered up and burned with fire, so shall it be at <sup>a</sup>the <sup>1</sup>end of the age.

41 "The Son of Man <sup>b</sup>will send forth His angels, and they will gather out of His kingdom all <sup>1c</sup>STUMBLING BLOCKS, AND THOSE WHO COMMIT LAWLESSNESS,

42 and <sup>a</sup>will cast them into the furnace of fire; in that place <sup>b</sup>there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

43 "Then THE RIGHTEOUS WILL SHINE FORTH AS THE SUN in the kingdom of their Father. <sup>b</sup>He who has ears, let him hear.

44 "The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure hidden in the field, which a man found and hid; and from joy over it he goes and <sup>b</sup>sells all that he has, and buys that field.

45 "Again, <sup>a</sup>the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant seeking fine pearls,

46 and upon finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had, and bought it.

47 "Again, <sup>a</sup>the kingdom of heaven is like a dragnet cast into the sea, and gathering *fish* of every kind;

48 and when it was filled, they drew it up on the beach; and they sat down, and gathered the good *fish* into containers, but the bad they threw away.

49 "So it will be at <sup>a</sup>the <sup>1</sup>end of the age; the angels shall come forth, and <sup>2</sup>take out the wicked from among the righteous,

50 and <sup>a</sup>will cast them into the furnace of fire; <sup>b</sup>there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

51 "Have you understood all these things?" They <sup>a</sup>said to Him, "Yes."

52 And He said to them, "Therefore every scribe who has become a disciple of the kingdom of heaven is like a head of a household, who brings forth out of his treasure things new and old."

53 <sup>a</sup>And it came about that when Jesus had finished these parables, He departed from there.

54 <sup>a</sup>And coming to <sup>1</sup>His home town He <sup>2b</sup>began teaching them in their synagogue, so that <sup>c</sup>they became astonished, and said, "Where *did* this man *get* this wisdom, and *these* <sup>3</sup>miraculous powers?"

55 "Is not this the carpenter's son? Is not <sup>a</sup>His mother called Mary, and His <sup>a</sup>brothers, James and Joseph and Simon and Judas?"

56 "And <sup>a</sup>His sisters, are they not all with us? Where then *did* this man *get* all these things?"

57 And they <sup>1</sup>took <sup>a</sup>offense at Him. But Jesus said to them, "A prophet is not without honor except in his <sup>2</sup>home town, and in his own household."

58 And He did not do many <sup>1</sup>miracles there because of their unbelief.

CHAPTER 14

<sup>a</sup>AT that <sup>1</sup>time <sup>b</sup>Herod the tetrarch heard the news about Jesus, <sup>2</sup> and said to his servants, "This is John the Baptist; he has risen from the dead; and that is why miraculous powers are at work in him."

<sup>3</sup> For <sup>a</sup>Herod had seized John, and bound him, and put him <sup>b</sup>in prison on account of <sup>c</sup>Herodias, the wife of his brother Philip.

<sup>4</sup> For John had been saying to him, "It is not lawful for you to have her."

<sup>5</sup> And although he wanted to put him to death, he feared the multitude, because <sup>1</sup>they regarded him as <sup>a</sup>a prophet.

<sup>6</sup> But when Herod's birthday <sup>1</sup>came, the daughter of <sup>a</sup>Herodias danced <sup>2</sup>before them and pleased <sup>b</sup>Herod.

<sup>7</sup> Thereupon he promised with an oath to give her whatever she asked.

<sup>8</sup> And having been prompted by her mother, she <sup>\*</sup>said, "Give me here on a platter the head of John the Baptist."

<sup>9</sup> And although he was grieved, the king commanded it to be given because of his oaths, and because of <sup>1</sup>his dinner guests.

<sup>10</sup> And he sent and had John beheaded in the prison.

<sup>11</sup> And his head was brought on a platter and given to the girl; and she brought it to her mother.

<sup>12</sup> And his disciples came and took away the body and buried <sup>1</sup>it; and they went and reported to Jesus.

<sup>13</sup> <sup>a</sup>Now when Jesus heard it, He withdrew from there in a boat, to a lonely place by Himself; and when the multitudes heard of this, they followed Him on foot from the cities.

<sup>14</sup> And when He came out, He <sup>a</sup>saw a great multitude, and felt compassion for them, and <sup>b</sup>healed their sick.

<sup>15</sup> And when it was evening, the disciples came to Him, saying, "The place is desolate, and the time is already past; so send the multitudes away, that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves."

<sup>16</sup> But Jesus said to them, "They do not need to go away; you give them *something* to eat!"

<sup>17</sup> And they <sup>\*</sup>said to Him, "We have here only <sup>a</sup>five loaves and two fish."

<sup>18</sup> And He said, "Bring them here to Me."

<sup>19</sup> And ordering the multitudes to recline on the grass, He took the five loaves and the two fish, and looking up toward heaven, He <sup>b</sup>blest the food, and breaking the loaves He gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave to the multitudes,

<sup>20</sup> and they all ate, and were satisfied. And they picked up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve full <sup>1a</sup>baskets.

<sup>21</sup> And there were about five thousand men who ate, aside from women and children.

<sup>22</sup> <sup>a</sup>And immediately He <sup>1</sup>made the disciples get into the boat, and go ahead of Him to the other side, while He sent the multitudes away.

<sup>23</sup> And after He had sent the multitudes away, <sup>a</sup>He went up to the mountain by Himself to pray; and when it was evening, He was there alone.

<sup>1</sup> Or, occasion  
<sup>a</sup>Matt. 14:1-12; Mark 6:14-29; Matt. 14:1, 2; Luke 9:7-9  
<sup>b</sup>Matt. 14:1-12; Mark 6:14-29; Matt. 14:1, 2; Luke 9:7-9, also Mark 8:15; Luke 3:1, 19; 8:3; 13:31; 23:7f., 11f., 15; Acts 4:27; 12:1

<sup>2</sup> Or, he, himself  
<sup>a</sup>Matt. 16:14; Mark 6:14; Luke 9:7

<sup>3</sup> <sup>a</sup>Matt. 14:1-12; Mark 6:14-29; Matt. 14:1, 2; Luke 9:7-9; also Mark 8:15; Luke 3:1, 19; 8:3; 13:31; 23:7f., 11f., 15; Acts 4:27; 12:1  
<sup>b</sup>Matt. 4:12; 11:2  
<sup>c</sup>Matt. 14:6; Mark 6:17, 19, 22; Luke 3:19

<sup>4</sup> <sup>a</sup>Lev. 18:16; 20:21

<sup>5</sup> <sup>1</sup>Lit., they were holding  
<sup>a</sup>Matt. 11:9

<sup>6</sup> <sup>1</sup>Lit., occurred <sup>2</sup>Lit., in the midst  
<sup>a</sup>Matt. 14:3; Mark 6:17, 19, 22; Luke 3:19  
<sup>b</sup>Matt. 14:1-12; Mark 6:14-29; Matt. 14:1, 2; Luke 9:7-9; also Mark 8:15; Luke 3:1, 19; 8:3; 13:31; 23:7f., 11f., 15; Acts 4:27; 12:1

<sup>9</sup> <sup>1</sup>Lit., those who reclined at table with him

<sup>12</sup> <sup>1</sup>Lit., him

<sup>13</sup> <sup>a</sup>Matt. 14:13-21; Mark 6:32-44; Luke 9:10-17; John 6:1-13; Matt. 15:32-38

<sup>14</sup> <sup>a</sup>Matt. 9:36 <sup>b</sup>Matt. 4:23

<sup>17</sup> <sup>a</sup>Matt. 16:9

<sup>19</sup> <sup>1</sup> Sam. 9:13; Matt. 15:36; 26:26; Mark 6:41; 8:7; 14:22; Luke 24:30; Acts 27:35; Rom. 14:6

<sup>20</sup> <sup>1</sup>i.e., large-sized baskets  
<sup>a</sup>Matt. 16:9; Mark 6:43; 8:19; Luke 9:17; John 6:13

<sup>22</sup> <sup>1</sup>Lit., compelled  
<sup>a</sup>Matt. 14:22-33; Mark 6:45-51; John 6:15-21

<sup>23</sup> <sup>a</sup>Mark 6:46; Luke 6:12; 9:28; John 6:15

24 <sup>1</sup>A stadion was about 600 feet <sup>2</sup>Lit., *tormented*

25 I.e., 3-6 a.m.  
\*Mark 13:35; Matt. 24:43

26 <sup>1</sup>Or, *troubled*  
\*Luke 24:37

27 \*Matt. 9:2 <sup>b</sup>Matt. 17:7; 28:10; Mark 6:50; Luke 5:10; 12:32; John 6:20; Rev. 1:17; Matt. 28:5; Luke 1:13, 30; 2:10

31 \*Matt. 6:30; 8:26; 16:8

33 \*Matt. 4:3

34 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *the land*  
\*Matt. 14:34-36; Mark 6:53-56; John 6:24, 25 <sup>b</sup>Mark 6:53; Luke 5:1

35 <sup>1</sup>Or, *knew*

36 \*Matt. 9:20 <sup>b</sup>Matt. 9:21; Mark 3:10; 6:56; 8:22; Luke 6:19

1 \*Matt. 15:1-20; Mark 7:1-23 <sup>b</sup>Mark 3:22; 7:1; John 1:19; Acts 25:7

2 \*Luke 11:38

3 <sup>1</sup>Or, *you also*

4 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *die the death*  
\*Ex. 20:12; Deut. 5:16 <sup>b</sup>Ex. 21:17; Lev. 20:9

5 <sup>1</sup>Or, *a gift, an offering*

6 <sup>1</sup>Many mss. omit, or *his mother* <sup>2</sup>I.e., by supporting them with it  
<sup>3</sup>Some mss. read, *law*

8 \*Is. 29:13

9 \*Is. 29:13 <sup>b</sup>Col. 2:22

24 But the boat was already many <sup>1</sup>stadia away from the land, <sup>2</sup>battered by the waves; for the wind was contrary.

25 And in <sup>a</sup>the <sup>1</sup>fourth watch of the night He came to them, walking upon the sea.

26 And when the disciples saw Him walking on the sea, they were <sup>1</sup>frightened, saying, "It is <sup>a</sup>a ghost!" And they cried out for fear.

27 But immediately Jesus spoke to them, saying, "<sup>a</sup>Take courage, it is I; <sup>b</sup>do not be afraid."

28 And Peter answered Him and said, "Lord, if it is You, command me to come to You on the water."

29 And He said, "Come!" And Peter got out of the boat, and walked on the water and came toward Jesus.

30 But seeing the wind, he became afraid, and beginning to sink, he cried out, saying, "Lord, save me!"

31 And immediately Jesus stretched out His hand and took hold of him, and <sup>a</sup>said to him, "<sup>a</sup>O you of little faith, why did you doubt?"

32 And when they got into the boat, the wind stopped.

33 And those who were in the boat worshiped Him, saying, "You are certainly <sup>a</sup>God's Son!"

34 <sup>a</sup>And when they had crossed over, they came to <sup>1</sup>land at <sup>b</sup>Gennesaret.

35 And when the men of that place <sup>1</sup>recognized Him, they sent into all that surrounding district and brought to Him all who were ill;

36 and they *began* to entreat Him that they might just touch <sup>a</sup>the fringe of His cloak; and as many as <sup>b</sup>touched it were cured.

CHAPTER 15

<sup>a</sup>**T**HEN some Pharisees and scribes <sup>a</sup>came to Jesus <sup>b</sup>from Jerusalem, saying,

2 "Why do Your disciples transgress the tradition of the elders? For they <sup>a</sup>do not wash their hands when they eat bread."

3 And He answered and said to them, "And why do <sup>1</sup>you yourselves transgress the commandment of God for the sake of your tradition?"

4 "For God said, '<sup>a</sup>HONOR YOUR FATHER AND MOTHER,' and, '<sup>b</sup>HE WHO SPEAKS EVIL OF FATHER OR MOTHER, LET HIM <sup>1</sup>BE PUT TO DEATH.'"

5 "But you say, 'Whoever shall say to *his* father or mother, 'Anything of mine you might have been helped by has been <sup>1</sup>given to God,'"

6 he is not to honor his father <sup>1</sup>or his mother?' And *thus* you invalidated the <sup>3</sup>word of God for the sake of your tradition.

7 "You hypocrites, rightly did Isaiah prophesy of you, saying,

8 '<sup>a</sup>THIS PEOPLE HONORS ME WITH THEIR LIPS, BUT THEIR HEART IS FAR AWAY FROM ME.

9 '<sup>a</sup>BUT IN VAIN DO THEY WORSHIP ME, TEACHING AS THEIR <sup>b</sup>DOCTRINES THE PRECEPTS OF MEN.'"



10 And He called to Himself the multitude, and said to them, "Hear, and understand.

11 "Not what enters into the mouth defiles the man, but what proceeds out of the mouth, this defiles the man."

12 Then the disciples came and said to Him, "Do You know that the Pharisees were offended when they heard this statement?"

13 But He answered and said, "Every plant which My heavenly Father did not plant shall be rooted up.

14 "Let them alone; they are blind guides of the blind. And if a blind man guides a blind man, both will fall into a pit."

15 And Peter answered and said to Him, "Explain the parable to us."

16 And He said, "Are you also still without understanding?"

17 "Do you not understand that everything that goes into the mouth passes into the stomach, and is eliminated?"

18 "But the things that proceed out of the mouth come from the heart, and those defile the man.

19 "For out of the heart come evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, slanders.

20 "These are the things which defile the man; but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile the man."

21 And Jesus went away from there, and withdrew into the district of Tyre and Sidon.

22 And behold, a Canaanite woman came out from that region, and began to cry out, saying, "Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David; my daughter is cruelly demon-possessed."

23 But He did not answer her a word. And His disciples came to Him and kept asking Him, saying, "Send her away, for she is shouting out after us."

24 But He answered and said, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel."

25 But she came and began to bow down before Him, saying, "Lord, help me!"

26 And He answered and said, "It is not good to take the children's bread and throw it to the dogs."

27 But she said, "Yes, Lord; but even the dogs feed on the crumbs which fall from their master's table."

28 Then Jesus answered and said to her, "O woman, your faith is great; be it done for you as you wish." And her daughter was healed at once.

29 And departing from there, Jesus went along by the Sea of Galilee, and having gone up to the mountain, He was sitting there.

30 And great multitudes came to Him, bringing with them those who were lame, crippled, blind, dumb, and many others, and they laid them down at His feet; and He healed them,

31 so that the multitude marveled as they saw the dumb speaking, the crippled restored, and the lame walking, and the blind seeing; and they glorified the God of Israel.

32 And Jesus summoned to Himself His disciples, and said, "I feel compassion for the multitude, because they have remained with Me now for three days and have nothing to eat; and I do not wish to send them away hungry, lest they faint on the way."

11 <sup>a</sup>Acts 10:14, 15; Matt. 15:18; 1 Tim. 4:3

12 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *caused to stumble*

13 <sup>a</sup>Is. 60:21; 61:3; John 15:2; 1 Cor. 3:9

14 <sup>1</sup>Some mss. omit of the blind  
<sup>a</sup>Matt. 23:16, 24 <sup>b</sup>Luke 6:39

15 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 13:36

17 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *belly* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *cast out into the latrine*

18 <sup>a</sup>Mark 7:20; Matt. 12:34

19 <sup>1</sup>i.e., *sexual immorality*  
<sup>a</sup>Gal. 5:19ff.

21 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 15:21-28; Mark 7:24-30 <sup>b</sup>Matt. 11:21

22 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 9:27 <sup>b</sup>Matt. 4:24

24 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 10:6

25 <sup>1</sup>Or., *to worship*  
<sup>a</sup>Matt. 8:2

26 <sup>1</sup>Or., *proper*

27 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *for*

28 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *from that hour*  
<sup>a</sup>Matt. 9:22

29 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 15:29-31; Mark 7:31-37 <sup>b</sup>Matt. 4:18

30 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 4:23

31 <sup>1</sup>Or., *healthy*  
<sup>a</sup>Matt. 9:8

32 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *are remaining*  
<sup>a</sup>Matt. 15:32-39; Mark 8:1-10; Matt. 14:13-21 <sup>b</sup>Matt. 9:36

35 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *recline*

36 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 14:19

37 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 16:10; Mark 8:8, 20; Acts 9:25

39 <sup>a</sup>Mark 3:9 <sup>b</sup>Mark 8:10

1 <sup>1</sup>Or, *attesting miracle*  
<sup>a</sup>Matt. 16:1-12; *Mark 8:11-21* <sup>b</sup>Matt. 16:6, 11, 12;  
Matt. 3:7 <sup>c</sup>Matt. 12:38

2 <sup>1</sup>The earliest mss. omit  
verses 2 & 3  
<sup>a</sup>Luke 12:54f.

3 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *face*

4 <sup>1</sup>Or, *attesting miracle*  
<sup>a</sup>Matt. 12:39

6 <sup>1</sup>Or, *yeast*  
<sup>a</sup>Matt. 16:11; Mark 8:15;  
Luke 12:1 <sup>b</sup>Matt. 16:1, 11,  
12; 3:7

8 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 6:30; 8:26; 14:31

9 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 14:17-21 <sup>b</sup>Matt.  
14:20

10 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 15:34-38 <sup>b</sup>Matt.  
15:37

11 <sup>1</sup>Or, *yeast*  
<sup>a</sup>Matt. 16:6; Mark 8:15;  
Luke 12:1 <sup>b</sup>Matt. 16:6, 12;  
3:7

12 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 16:6, 11; 3:7

13 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 16:13-16; *Mark 8:27-29; Luke 9:18-20*  
<sup>b</sup>Mark 8:27 <sup>c</sup>Matt. 8:20;  
16:27, 28

33 And the disciples <sup>a</sup>said to Him, "Where would we get so many loaves in a desert place to satisfy such a great multitude?"

34 And Jesus <sup>a</sup>said to them, "How many loaves do you have?" And they said, "Seven, and a few small fish."

35 And He directed the multitude to <sup>1</sup>sit down on the ground;

36 and He took the seven loaves and the fish; and <sup>a</sup>giving thanks, He broke *them* and started giving *them* to the disciples, and the disciples *in turn*, to the multitudes.

37 And they all ate, and were satisfied, and they picked up what was left over of the broken pieces, seven <sup>a</sup>full baskets.

38 And those who ate were four thousand men, besides women and children.

39 And dismissing the multitudes, He got into <sup>a</sup>the boat, and came to the region of <sup>b</sup>Magadan.

CHAPTER 16

<sup>a</sup>AND the <sup>b</sup>Pharisees and Sadducees came up, and testing Him <sup>c</sup>asked Him to show them a <sup>1</sup>sign from heaven.

2 <sup>1</sup>But He answered and said to them, "<sup>a</sup>When it is evening, you say, '*It will be fair weather, for the sky is red.*'

3 "<sup>a</sup>And in the morning, '*There will be a storm today, for the sky is red and threatening.*' Do you know how to discern the <sup>1</sup>appearance of the sky, but cannot *discern* the signs of the times?"

4 "<sup>a</sup>An evil and adulterous generation seeks after a <sup>1</sup>sign; and a <sup>1</sup>sign will not be given it, except the sign of Jonah." And He left them, and went away.

5 And the disciples came to the other side and had forgotten to take bread.

6 And Jesus said to them, "Watch out and <sup>a</sup>beware of the <sup>1</sup>heaven of the <sup>b</sup>Pharisees and Sadducees."

7 And they began to discuss among themselves, saying, "*It is because we took no bread.*"

8 But Jesus, aware of this, said, "<sup>a</sup>You men of little faith, why do you discuss among yourselves because you have no bread?"

9 "Do you not yet understand or remember <sup>a</sup>the five loaves of the five thousand, and how many large <sup>b</sup>baskets you took up?"

10 "Or <sup>a</sup>the seven loaves of the four thousand, and how many <sup>b</sup>baskets you took up?"

11 "How is it that you do not understand that I did not speak to you concerning bread? But <sup>a</sup>beware of the <sup>1</sup>heaven of the <sup>b</sup>Pharisees and Sadducees."

12 Then they understood that He did not say to beware of the heaven of bread, but of the teaching of the <sup>a</sup>Pharisees and Sadducees.

13 <sup>a</sup>Now when Jesus came into the district of <sup>b</sup>Caesarea Philippi, He *began* asking His disciples, saying, "Who do people say that <sup>c</sup>the Son of Man is?"

14 And they said, "Some say <sup>a</sup>John the Baptist; some, <sup>b</sup>Elijah; and others, <sup>2</sup>Jeremiah, or one of the prophets."

15 He <sup>a</sup>said to them, "But who do you say that I am?"

16 And Simon Peter answered and said, "Thou art <sup>1a</sup>the Christ, <sup>b</sup>the Son of <sup>c</sup>the living God."

17 And Jesus answered and said to him, "Blessed are you, <sup>a</sup>Simon <sup>1</sup>Barjona, because <sup>b</sup>flesh and blood did not reveal *this* to you, but My Father who is in heaven.

18 "And I also say to you that you are <sup>1a</sup>Peter, and upon this <sup>2</sup>rock I will build My church; and <sup>3</sup>the gates of <sup>b</sup>Hades shall not overpower it.

19 "I will give you <sup>a</sup>the keys of the kingdom of heaven; and <sup>b</sup>whatever you shall bind on earth shall have been bound in heaven, and whatever you shall loose on earth shall have been loosed in heaven."

20 <sup>a</sup>Then He <sup>1</sup>warned the disciples that they should tell no one that He was <sup>2b</sup>the Christ.

21 <sup>a</sup>From that time Jesus Christ began to show His disciples that He must go to Jerusalem, and <sup>b</sup>suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and be raised up on the third day.

22 And Peter took Him aside and began to rebuke Him, saying, "<sup>1</sup>God forbid it, Lord! This shall never <sup>2</sup>happen to You."

23 But He turned and said to Peter, "Get behind Me, <sup>a</sup>Satan! You are a stumbling block to Me; for you are not setting your mind on <sup>1</sup>God's interests, but man's."

24 Then Jesus said to His disciples, "If any one wishes to come after Me, let him deny himself, and <sup>a</sup>take up his cross, and follow Me.

25 "For <sup>a</sup>whoever wishes to save his <sup>1</sup>life shall lose it; but whoever loses his <sup>1</sup>life for My sake shall find it.

26 "For what will a man be profited, if he gains the whole world, and forfeits his <sup>1</sup>soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his <sup>1</sup>soul?

27 "For the <sup>a</sup>Son of Man <sup>b</sup>is going to come in the glory of His Father with His angels; and <sup>c</sup>WILL THEN RECOMPENSE EVERY MAN ACCORDING TO HIS <sup>1</sup>DEEDS.

28 "Truly I say to you, there are some of those who are standing here who shall not taste death until they see the <sup>a</sup>Son of Man <sup>b</sup>coming in His kingdom."

**CHAPTER 17**

<sup>a</sup>**A**ND six days later Jesus <sup>a</sup>took with Him <sup>b</sup>Peter and <sup>1</sup>James and John his brother, and <sup>a</sup>brought them up to a high mountain by themselves.

2 And He was transfigured before them; and His face shone like the sun, and His garments became as white as light.

3 And behold, Moses and Elijah appeared to them, talking with Him.

4 And Peter <sup>a</sup>answered and said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here; if You wish, <sup>b</sup>I will make three <sup>1</sup>tabernacles here, one for You, and one for Moses, and one for Elijah."

5 While he was still speaking, behold, a bright cloud

14 <sup>1</sup>Gr., *Elias* <sup>2</sup>Gr.,

*Jeremias*

<sup>a</sup>Matt. 14:2 <sup>b</sup>Mark 6:15; Luke 9:8; Matt. 17:10; John 1:21

16 <sup>1</sup>I.e., the Messiah <sup>a</sup>Matt. 16:20; John 11:27; Matt. 1:16 <sup>b</sup>Matt. 4:3 <sup>c</sup>Ps. 42:2; Matt. 26:63; Acts 14:15; Rom. 9:26; 2 Cor. 3:3; 6:16; 1 Thess. 1:9; 1 Tim. 3:15; 4:10; Heb. 3:12; 9:14; 10:31; 12:22; Rev. 7:2

17 <sup>1</sup>I.e., son of Jonah <sup>a</sup>John 1:42; 21:15-17 <sup>b</sup>1 Cor. 15:50; Gal. 1:16; Eph. 6:12; Heb. 2:14

18 <sup>1</sup>Gr., *Petros*, a stone <sup>2</sup>Gr., *petra*, large rock, bed-rock <sup>1</sup>I.e., the powers of death <sup>a</sup>Matt. 4:18 <sup>b</sup>Matt. 11:23

19 <sup>a</sup>Is. 22:22; Rev. 1:18; 3:7 <sup>b</sup>Matt. 18:18; John 20:23

20 <sup>1</sup>Or, *strictly admonished* <sup>2</sup>I.e., the Messiah <sup>a</sup>Mark 8:30; Luke 9:21; Matt. 8:4 <sup>b</sup>Matt. 16:16; John 11:27; Matt. 1:16

21 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 16:21-28; Mark 8:31-9:1; Luke 9:22-27 <sup>b</sup>Matt. 17:9, 12, 22f.; 20:18f.; 27:63; Mark 9:12, 31; Luke 17:25; 18:32; 24:7; Matt. 12:40; John 2:19

22 <sup>1</sup>Lit., (God be) *merciful to You* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *be*

23 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *the things of God* <sup>a</sup>Matt. 4:10

24 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 10:38

25 <sup>1</sup>Or, *soul-life* <sup>a</sup>Matt. 10:39

26 <sup>1</sup>Or, *soul-life*

27 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *doing* <sup>a</sup>Matt. 8:20 <sup>b</sup>Matt. 10:23; 24:3, 27, 37, 39; 26:64; Mark 8:38; 13:26; Luke 21:27; Acts 1:11; 1 Cor. 15:23; 1 Thess. 1:10; 4:16; 2 Thess. 1:7, 10; 2:1, 8; James 5:7f.; 2 Pet. 1:16; 3:4, 12; 1 John 2:28; Rev. 1:7; John 21:22 <sup>c</sup>Ps. 62:12; Prov. 24:12; Rom. 2:6; 14:12; 2 Cor. 5:10; Eph. 6:8; Col. 3:25; Rev. 2:23; 20:12; 22:12; 1 Cor. 3:13

28 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 8:20 <sup>b</sup>Matt. 10:23; 24:3, 27, 37, 39; 26:64; Mark 8:38; 13:26; Luke 21:27; Acts 1:11; 1 Cor. 15:23; 1 Thess. 1:10; 4:16; 2 Thess. 1:7, 10; 2:1, 8; James 5:7f.; 2 Pet. 1:16; 3:4, 12; 1 John 2:28; Rev. 1:7; John 21:22

1 <sup>1</sup>Or, *Jacob* <sup>a</sup>Matt. 17:1-8; Mark 9:2-8; Luke 9:28-36 <sup>b</sup>Matt. 26:37; Mark 5:37; Mark 13:3

4 <sup>1</sup>Or, *sacred tents* <sup>a</sup>Acts 3:12 <sup>b</sup>Mark 9:5; Luke 9:33

Matthew 17

5 <sup>a</sup>2 Pet. 1:17f. <sup>b</sup>Matt. 3:17

7 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 14:27

9 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 17:9-13; *Mark* 9:9-13 <sup>b</sup>Matt. 8:4 <sup>c</sup>Matt. 17:12, 22; 8:20 <sup>d</sup>Matt. 16:21

10 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 11:14; 16:14

12 <sup>1</sup>Lit., in him; or, in his case <sup>2</sup>Lit., by them <sup>a</sup>Matt. 17:9, 22; 8:20

14 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 17:14-19; *Mark* 9:14-28; *Matt.* 17:14-18; *Luke* 9:37-42

15 <sup>1</sup>Or, Sir <sup>2</sup>Lit., moon-smitten <sup>a</sup>Matt. 4:24

18 <sup>1</sup>Lit., from that hour

20 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 21:21f.; *Mark* 11:23f.; *Luke* 17:6 <sup>b</sup>Matt. 13:31; *Luke* 17:6 <sup>c</sup>Matt. 17:9; *1 Cor.* 13:2 <sup>d</sup>*Mark* 9:23; *John* 11:40

21 <sup>1</sup>Some late mss. add verse 21, "But this kind does not go out except by prayer and fasting." <sup>a</sup>*Mark* 9:29

22 <sup>1</sup>Or, betrayed <sup>a</sup>Matt. 17:22, 23; *Mark* 9:30-32; *Luke* 9:44, 45

23 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 16:21; 17:9

24 <sup>1</sup>Equivalent to two denarii or two days' wages paid as a temple tax <sup>a</sup>Ex. 30:13; 38:26

25 <sup>1</sup>Or, anticipated what he was going to say, <sup>a</sup>Rom. 13:7 <sup>b</sup>Matt. 22:17, 19

26 <sup>1</sup>Or, free

overshadowed them; and behold, <sup>a</sup>a voice out of the cloud, saying, "<sup>b</sup>This is My beloved Son, with whom I am well-pleased; hear Him!"

6 And when the disciples heard *this*, they fell on their faces and were much afraid.

7 And Jesus came to *them* and touched them and said, "Arise, and <sup>a</sup>do not be afraid."

8 And lifting up their eyes, they saw no one, except Jesus Himself alone.

9 <sup>a</sup>And as they were coming down from the mountain, Jesus commanded them, saying, "<sup>b</sup>Tell the vision to no one until <sup>c</sup>the Son of Man has <sup>d</sup>risen from the dead."

10 And His disciples asked Him, saying, "Why then do the scribes say that <sup>a</sup>Elijah must come first?"

11 And He answered and said, "Elijah is coming and will restore all things;

12 but I say to you, that Elijah already came, and they did not recognize him, but did <sup>1</sup>to him whatever they wished. So also <sup>a</sup>the Son of Man is going to suffer <sup>2</sup>at their hands."

13 Then the disciples understood that He had spoken to them about John the Baptist.

14 <sup>a</sup>And when they came to the multitude, a man came up to Him, falling on his knees before Him, and saying,

15 "<sup>1</sup>Lord, have mercy on my son, for he is <sup>2</sup>an <sup>a</sup>epileptic, and is very ill; for he often falls into the fire, and often into the water.

16 "And I brought him to Your disciples, and they could not cure him."

17 And Jesus answered and said, "O unbelieving and perverted generation, how long shall I be with you? How long shall I put up with you? Bring him here to Me."

18 And Jesus rebuked him, and the demon came out of him, and the boy was cured <sup>a</sup>at once.

19 Then the disciples came to Jesus privately and said, "Why could we not cast it out?"

20 And He <sup>a</sup>said to them, "Because of the littleness of your faith; for truly I say to you, <sup>a</sup>if you have faith as <sup>b</sup>a mustard seed, you shall say to <sup>c</sup>this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it shall move; and <sup>d</sup>nothing shall be impossible to you.

21 (<sup>1</sup>See marginal note.)

22 <sup>a</sup>And while they were gathering together in Galilee, Jesus said to them, "The Son of Man is going to be <sup>1</sup>delivered into the hands of men;

23 and <sup>a</sup>they will kill Him, and He will be raised again on the third day." And they were deeply grieved.

24 And when they had come to Capernaum, those who collected <sup>a</sup>the <sup>1</sup>two-drachma tax came to Peter, and said, "Does your teacher not pay <sup>a</sup>the <sup>1</sup>two-drachma tax?"

25 He <sup>a</sup>said, "Yes." And when he came into the house, Jesus <sup>1</sup>spoke to him first, saying, "What do you think, Simon? From whom do the kings of the earth collect <sup>a</sup>customs or <sup>b</sup>poll-tax, from their sons or from strangers?"

26 And upon his saying, "From strangers," Jesus said to him, "Consequently the sons are <sup>1</sup>exempt.

**Rank in the Kingdom.  
Stumbling Blocks. The Lost Sheep.**

**Matthew 17, 18**

27 "But, lest we <sup>1</sup>give them offense, go to the sea, and throw in a hook, and take the first fish that comes up; and when you open its mouth, you will find a <sup>2</sup>stater. Take that and give it to them for you and Me."

CHAPTER 18

<sup>a</sup> **A**T that <sup>1</sup>time the disciples came to Jesus, saying, "Who then is <sup>2</sup>greatest in the kingdom of heaven?"

2 And He called a child to Himself and stood him in their midst,

3 and said, "Truly I say to you, unless you <sup>1</sup>are converted and <sup>a</sup>become like children, you shall not enter the kingdom of heaven.

4 "Whoever then humbles himself as this child, he is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.

5 "And whoever receives one such child in My name receives Me;

6 but <sup>a</sup>whoever <sup>b</sup>causes one of these little ones who believe in Me to stumble, it is better for him that a <sup>1</sup>heavy millstone be hung around his neck, and that he be drowned in the depth of the sea.

7 "Woe to the world because of *its* stumbling blocks! For <sup>a</sup>it is inevitable that stumbling blocks come; but woe to that man through whom the stumbling block comes!

8 "And <sup>a</sup>if your hand or your foot <sup>b</sup>causes you to stumble, cut it off and throw it from you; it is better for you to enter life crippled or lame, than having two hands or two feet, to be cast into the eternal fire.

9 "And <sup>a</sup>if your eye <sup>b</sup>causes you to stumble, pluck it out, and throw it from you. It is better for you to enter life with one eye, than having two eyes, to be cast into the <sup>1</sup>hell of fire.

10 "See that you do not despise one of these little ones, for I say to you, that <sup>a</sup>their angels in heaven continually behold the face of My Father who is in heaven.

11 [<sup>1</sup><sup>a</sup>For the Son of Man has come to save that which was lost.]

12 "What do you think? <sup>a</sup>If any man <sup>1</sup>has a hundred sheep, and one of them has gone astray, does he not leave the ninety-nine on the mountains and go and search for the one that is straying?

13 "And if it turns out that he finds it, truly I say to you, he rejoices over it more than over the ninety-nine which have not gone astray.

14 "Thus it is not *the* will <sup>1</sup>of your Father who is in heaven that one of these little ones perish.

15 "And <sup>a</sup>if your brother sins<sup>1</sup>, go and reprove him <sup>2</sup>in private; if he listens to you, you have won your brother.

16 "But if he does not listen to you, take one or two more with you, so that <sup>a</sup>BY THE MOUTH OF TWO OR THREE WITNESSES EVERY <sup>1</sup>FACT MAY BE CONFIRMED.

17 "And if he refuses to listen to them, <sup>a</sup>tell it to the church; and if he refuses to listen even to the church, <sup>b</sup>let him be to you as <sup>1</sup>a Gentile and <sup>1</sup>a <sup>2</sup>tax-gatherer.

27 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *cause them to stumble* <sup>2</sup>Or, *shekel*, worth four drachmas  
<sup>a</sup>Matt. 5:29, 30; 18:6, 8, 9; Mark 9:42, 43, 45, 47; Luke 17:2; John 6:61; 1 Cor. 8:13

1 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *hour* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *greater*  
<sup>a</sup>Matt. 18:1-5; Mark 9:33-37; Luke 9:46-48

3 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *are turned*  
<sup>a</sup>Matt. 19:14; Mark 10:15; Luke 18:17; 1 Cor. 14:20; 1 Pet. 2:2

6 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *millstone turned by a donkey*  
<sup>a</sup>Mark 9:42; Luke 17:2; 1 Cor. 8:12 <sup>b</sup>Matt. 17:27

7 <sup>1</sup>Luke 17:1; 1 Cor. 11:19; 1 Tim. 4:1

8 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 5:30; Mark 9:43; Matt. 17:27 <sup>b</sup>Matt. 17:27

9 <sup>1</sup>Cr., *Gehenna of fire*  
<sup>a</sup>Matt. 5:29; Mark 9:47; Matt. 17:27 <sup>b</sup>Matt. 17:27  
<sup>c</sup>Matt. 5:22

10 <sup>a</sup>Acts 12:15; Luke 1:19; Rev. 8:2; 2 Kin. 25:19; 1 Kin. 10:8

11 <sup>1</sup>Most ancient mss. omit this verse  
<sup>a</sup>Luke 19:10

12 <sup>1</sup>Or, *comes to have*  
<sup>a</sup>Matt. 18:12-14; Luke 15:4-7

14 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *before*

15 <sup>1</sup>Many mss. add here: *against you* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *between you and him alone*  
<sup>a</sup>Luke 17:3; Gal. 6:1; 2 Thess. 3:15; James 5:19; Lev. 19:17

16 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *word*  
<sup>a</sup>Deut. 19:15; John 8:17; 2 Cor. 13:1; 1 Tim. 5:19; Heb. 10:28

17 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *the* <sup>2</sup>A publican who collected Roman taxes  
<sup>a</sup>1 Cor. 6:1ff. <sup>b</sup>2 Thess. 3:6, 14f.

18 <sup>1</sup>Or, *forbid* <sup>2</sup>Or, *permit*  
<sup>a</sup>Matt. 16:19; John 20:23

19 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *from*  
<sup>a</sup>Matt. 7:7

21 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 18:15 <sup>b</sup>Luke 17:4

22 <sup>a</sup>Gen. 4:24

23 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 13:24 <sup>b</sup>Matt. 25:19

24 <sup>1</sup>About \$10,000,000 in silver content but worth much more in buying power

25 <sup>1</sup>Or, *was unable to*  
<sup>a</sup>Luke 7:42 <sup>b</sup>Ex. 21:2; Lev. 25:39; 2 Kin. 4:1; Neh. 5:5

26 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 8:2

27 <sup>1</sup>Or, *loan*

28 <sup>1</sup>The denarius was worth 18 cents in silver, equivalent to a day's wage

35 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *your hearts*  
<sup>a</sup>Matt. 6:14

1 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 7:28 <sup>b</sup>Matt. 19:1-9; Mark 10:1-12

2 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 4:23

3 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 5:31

18 "Truly I say to you, <sup>a</sup>whatever you shall <sup>1</sup>bind on earth shall have been bound in heaven; and whatever you <sup>2</sup>loose on earth shall have been loosed in heaven.

19 "Again I say to you, that if two of you agree on earth about anything that they may ask, <sup>a</sup>it shall be done for them <sup>1</sup>by My Father who is in heaven.

20 "For where two or three have gathered together in My name, there I am in their midst."

21 Then Peter came and said to Him, "Lord, <sup>a</sup>how often shall my brother sin against me and I forgive him? Up to <sup>b</sup>seven times?"

22 Jesus <sup>a</sup>said to him, "I do not say to you, up to seven times, but up to <sup>a</sup>seventy times seven.

23 "For this reason <sup>a</sup>the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a certain king who wished to <sup>b</sup>settle accounts with his slaves.

24 "And when he had begun to settle *them*, there was brought to him one who owed him <sup>1</sup>ten thousand talents.

25 "But since he <sup>1a</sup>did not have *the means* to repay, his lord commanded him <sup>b</sup>to be sold, along with his wife and children and all that he had, and repayment to be made.

26 "The slave therefore falling down, <sup>a</sup>prostrated himself before him, saying, 'Have patience with me, and I will repay you everything.'

27 "And the lord of that slave felt compassion and released him and forgave him the <sup>1</sup>debt.

28 "But that slave went out and found one of his fellow-slaves who owed him a hundred <sup>1</sup>denarii; and he seized him and *began* to choke *him*, saying, 'Pay back what you owe.'

29 "So his fellow-slave fell down and *began* to entreat him, saying, 'Have patience with me and I will repay you.'

30 "He was unwilling however, but went and threw him in prison until he should pay back what was owed.

31 "So when his fellow-slaves saw what had happened, they were deeply grieved and came and reported to their lord all that had happened.

32 "Then summoning him, his lord <sup>a</sup>said to him, 'You wicked slave, I forgave you all that debt because you entreated me.

33 'Should you not also have had mercy on your fellow-slave, even as I had mercy on you?'

34 "And his lord, moved with anger, handed him over to the torturers until he should repay all that was owed him.

35 "<sup>a</sup>So shall My heavenly Father also do to you, if each of you does not forgive his brother from <sup>1</sup>your heart."

CHAPTER 19

<sup>a</sup>AND it came about that when Jesus had finished these words, He departed from Galilee, and <sup>b</sup>came into the region of Judea beyond the Jordan;

2 and great multitudes followed Him, and <sup>a</sup>He healed them there.

3 And *some* Pharisees came to Him, testing Him, and saying, "<sup>a</sup>Is it lawful *for a man* to divorce his wife for any cause at all?"

## Divorce.

### Children Blessed. The Peril of Riches.

Matthew 19

4 And He answered and said, "Have you not read, <sup>a</sup>that He who created *them* from the beginning MADE THEM MALE AND FEMALE,

4 \*Gen. 1:27; 5:2

5 and said, <sup>a</sup>"FOR THIS CAUSE A MAN SHALL LEAVE HIS FATHER AND MOTHER, AND SHALL CLEAVE TO HIS WIFE; AND <sup>b</sup>THE TWO SHALL BECOME ONE FLESH?"

5 \*Eph. 5:31; Gen. 2:24  
b1 Cor. 6:16

6 "Consequently they are no more two, but one flesh. What therefore God has joined together, let no man separate."

7 \*Deut. 24:1-4

7 They <sup>a</sup>said to Him, "<sup>a</sup>Why then did Moses command to GIVE HER A CERTIFICATE AND DIVORCE HER?"

8 <sup>1</sup>Or, With reference to

8 He <sup>a</sup>said to them, "<sup>1</sup>Because of your hardness of heart, Moses permitted you to divorce your wives; but from the beginning it has not been this way.

9 <sup>1</sup>i.e., sexual immorality  
2Some early mss. read: makes her commit adultery  
3Some early mss. add: and he who marries a divorced woman commits adultery  
\*Matt. 5:32

9 "And I say to you, <sup>a</sup>whoever divorces his wife, except for <sup>1</sup>immorality, and marries another <sup>2</sup>commits adultery."<sup>3</sup>

10 The disciples <sup>a</sup>said to Him, "If the relationship of the man with his wife is like this, it is better not to marry."

11 But He said to them, "<sup>a</sup>Not all men *can* accept this statement, but <sup>b</sup>only those to whom it has been given.

11 <sup>a</sup>1 Cor. 7:7ff. <sup>b</sup>Matt. 13:11

12 "For there are eunuchs who were born that way from their mother's womb; and there are *also* eunuchs who made themselves eunuchs for the sake of the kingdom of heaven. He who *is* able to accept *this*, let him accept *it*."

13 \*Matt. 19:13-15; Mark 10:13-16; Luke 18:15-17

13 <sup>a</sup>Then *some* children were brought to Him so that He might lay His hands on them and pray; and the disciples rebuked them.

14 <sup>1</sup>Or, Permit the children  
\*Matt. 18:3; Mark 10:15; Luke 18:17; 1 Cor. 14:20; 1 Pet. 2:2 <sup>b</sup>Matt. 5:3

14 But Jesus said, "<sup>a</sup>Let the children alone, and do not hinder them from coming to Me; for <sup>b</sup>the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these."

15 And after laying His hands on them, He departed from there.

16 \*Matt. 19:16-29; Mark 10:17-30; Luke 18:18-30; Luke 10:25-28 <sup>b</sup>Matt. 25:46

16 <sup>a</sup>And behold, one came to Him and said, "Teacher, what good thing shall I do that I may obtain <sup>b</sup>eternal life?"

17 And He said to him, "Why are you asking Me about what is good? There is *only* One who is good; but <sup>a</sup>if you wish to enter into life, keep the commandments."

17 \*Lev. 18:5; Neh. 9:29; Ezek. 20:21

18 He <sup>a</sup>said to Him, "Which ones?" And Jesus said, "<sup>a</sup>YOU SHALL NOT COMMIT MURDER; YOU SHALL NOT COMMIT ADULTERY; YOU SHALL NOT STEAL; YOU SHALL NOT BEAR FALSE WITNESS;

18 \*Ex. 20:13-16; Deut. 5:17-20

19 <sup>a</sup>HONOR YOUR FATHER AND MOTHER; and <sup>b</sup>YOU SHALL LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF."

19 \*Ex. 20:12; Deut. 5:16 <sup>b</sup>Lev. 19:18

20 The young man <sup>a</sup>said to Him, "All these things I have kept; what am I still lacking?"

21 Jesus said to him, "If you wish to be <sup>1</sup>complete, go and <sup>a</sup>sell your possessions and give to *the* poor, and you shall have <sup>b</sup>treasure in heaven; and come, follow Me."

21 <sup>1</sup>Or, perfect  
\*Luke 12:33; Luke 16:9; Acts 2:45; 4:34f. <sup>b</sup>Matt. 6:20

22 But when the young man heard this statement, he went away grieved; for he was one who owned much property.

23 And Jesus said to His disciples, "Truly I say to you, <sup>a</sup>it is hard for a rich man to enter the kingdom of heaven.

23 \*Matt. 13:22; Mark 10:23f.; Luke 18:24

24 "And again I say to you, <sup>a</sup>it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle, than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God."

24 \*Mark 10:25; Luke

25 And when the disciples heard *this*, they were very astonished and said, "Then who can be saved?"

26 <sup>a</sup>Gen. 18:14; Job 42:2; Jer. 32:17; Zech. 8:6; Mark 10:27; Luke 18:27; 1:37

28 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *the throne of His glory*  
<sup>2</sup>Matt. 25:31 <sup>b</sup>Luke 22:30; Rev. 3:21; 4:4; 11:16; 20:4

29 <sup>1</sup>Many mss. add here, or wife <sup>2</sup>Many mss. read, *a hundredfold*  
<sup>a</sup>Mark 10:29f.; Luke 18:29f.; Matt. 6:33

30 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 20:16; Mark 10:31; Luke 13:30

1 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *a man, a landowner* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *into*  
<sup>a</sup>Matt. 13:24 <sup>b</sup>Matt. 21:28, 33

2 <sup>1</sup>Cf. Matt. 18:28

3 <sup>1</sup>i.e., 9 a.m.

5 <sup>1</sup>i.e., Noon and 3 p.m.  
<sup>2</sup>Lit., *similarly*

6 <sup>1</sup>i.e., 5 p.m.

8 <sup>1</sup>Or, *lord*  
<sup>a</sup>Lev. 19:13 <sup>b</sup>Luke 8:3

9 <sup>1</sup>The denarius was worth 18 cents in silver, equivalent to one day's wage

12 <sup>a</sup>Jonah 4:8; Luke 12:55; James 1:11

13 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 22:12; 26:50

15 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *evil* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *good*  
<sup>a</sup>Matt. 6:23; Mark 7:22; Deut. 15:9

16 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 19:30

17 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 20:17-19; Mark 10:32-34; Luke 18:31-33

18 <sup>1</sup>Or, *betrayed*  
<sup>a</sup>Matt. 16:21

26 And looking upon *them* Jesus said to them, "aWith men this is impossible, but with God all things are possible."

27 Then Peter answered and said to Him, "Behold, we have left everything and followed You; what then will there be for us?"

28 And Jesus said to them, "Truly I say to you, that you who have followed Me, in the regeneration when <sup>a</sup>the Son of Man will sit on <sup>1</sup>His glorious throne, <sup>b</sup>you also shall sit upon twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel.

29 "And <sup>a</sup>everyone who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother<sup>1</sup> or children or farms for My name's sake, shall receive <sup>2</sup>many times as much, and shall inherit eternal life.

30 "aBut many *who are* first will be last; and *the* last, first.

CHAPTER 20

"FOR <sup>a</sup>the kingdom of heaven is like <sup>1</sup>a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers <sup>2</sup>for his <sup>b</sup>vineyard.

2 "And when he had agreed with the laborers for a <sup>1</sup>denarius for the day, he sent them into his vineyard.

3 "And he went out about the <sup>1</sup>third hour and saw others standing idle in the market place;

4 and to those he said, 'You too go into the vineyard, and whatever is right I will give you.' And so they went.

5 "Again he went out about the <sup>1</sup>sixth and the ninth hour, and did <sup>2</sup>the same thing.

6 "And about the <sup>1</sup>eleventh hour he went out, and found others standing; and he <sup>a</sup>said to them, 'Why have you been standing here idle all day long?'

7 "They <sup>a</sup>said to him, 'Because no one hired us.' He <sup>a</sup>said to them, 'You too go into the vineyard.'

8 "And when <sup>a</sup>evening had come, the <sup>1</sup>owner of the vineyard <sup>a</sup>said to his <sup>b</sup>foreman, 'Call the laborers and pay them their wages, beginning with the last *group* to the first.'

9 "And when those *hired* about the eleventh hour came, each one received a <sup>1</sup>denarius.

10 "And when those *hired* first came, they thought that they would receive more; and they also received each one a denarius.

11 "And when they received it, they grumbled at the landowner,

12 saying, 'These last men have worked *only* one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden and the <sup>a</sup>scorching heat of the day.'

13 "But he answered and said to one of them, 'aFriend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for a denarius?'

14 "Take what is yours and go your way, but I wish to give to this last man the same as to you.

15 'Is it not lawful for me to do what I wish with what is my own? Or is your <sup>a</sup>eye <sup>1</sup>envious because I am <sup>2</sup>generous?'

16 "Thus <sup>a</sup>the last shall be first, and the first last."

17 <sup>a</sup>And as Jesus was about to go up to Jerusalem, He took the twelve *disciples* aside by themselves, and on the way He said to them,

18 "Behold, we are going up to Jerusalem; and the Son of Man <sup>a</sup>will be <sup>1</sup>delivered up to the chief priests and scribes, and they will condemn Him to death,



## The Passion Foretold a Third Time. Two Blind Men at Jericho.

Matthew 20, 21

19 and <sup>a</sup>will deliver Him up to the Gentiles to mock and scourge and crucify *Him*, and on <sup>b</sup>the third day He will be raised up."

19 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 27:2; Acts 2:23; 3:13; 4:27; 21:11 <sup>b</sup>Matt. 16:21

20 <sup>a</sup>Then the mother of <sup>b</sup>the sons of Zebedee came to Him with her sons, <sup>c</sup>bowing down, and making a request of Him.

20 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 20:20-28; *Mark* 10:35-45 <sup>b</sup>Matt. 4:21; 10:2 <sup>c</sup>Matt. 8:2

21 And He said to her, "What do you wish?" She <sup>a</sup>said to Him, "Command that in Your kingdom these two sons of mine <sup>a</sup>may sit, one on Your right and one on Your left."

21 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 19:28

22 But Jesus answered and said, "You do not know what you are asking for. Are you able <sup>a</sup>to drink the cup that I am about to drink?" They <sup>a</sup>said to Him, "We are able."

22 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 26:39, 42; *Luke* 22:42; *John* 18:11; *Is.* 51:17, 22; *Jer.* 49:12

23 He <sup>a</sup>said to them, "<sup>a</sup>My cup you shall drink; but to sit on My right and on My left, this is not Mine to give, <sup>b</sup>but *it is* for those for whom it has been <sup>c</sup>prepared by My Father."

23 <sup>a</sup>Acts 12:2; *Rev.* 1:9 <sup>b</sup>Matt. 13:11 <sup>c</sup>Matt. 25:34

24 And hearing *this*, the ten became indignant at the two brothers.

25 <sup>a</sup>But Jesus called them to Himself, and said, "You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and *their* great men exercise authority over them.

25 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 20:25-28; *Luke* 22:25-27

26 "It is not so among you, <sup>a</sup>but whoever wishes to become great among you shall be your servant,

27 and whoever wishes to be first among you shall be your slave;

26 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 23:11; *Mark* 9:35; 10:43

28 just as <sup>a</sup>the Son of Man <sup>b</sup>did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His <sup>1</sup>life a ransom for many."

28 <sup>1</sup>Or, *soul* <sup>a</sup>Matt. 8:20 <sup>b</sup>Matt. 26:28; *John* 13:13ff.; 2 *Cor.* 8:9; *Phil.* 2:7; 1 *Tim.* 2:6; *Titus* 2:14; *Heb.* 9:28; *Rev.* 1:5

29 <sup>a</sup>And as they were going out from Jericho, a great multitude followed Him.

30 And behold, two blind men sitting by the road, hearing that Jesus was passing by, cried out, saying, "Lord, <sup>a</sup>have mercy on us, <sup>b</sup>Son of David!"

29 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 20:29-34; *Mark* 10:46-52; *Luke* 18:35-43; *Matt.* 9:27-31

31 And the multitude sternly told them to be quiet; but they cried out all the more, saying, "Lord, have mercy on us, <sup>a</sup>Son of David!"

30 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 20:31 <sup>b</sup>Matt. 9:27

32 And Jesus stopped and called them, and said, "What do you wish Me to do for you?"

33 They <sup>a</sup>said to Him, "Lord, we want our eyes to be opened."

31 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 9:27

34 And moved with compassion, Jesus touched their eyes; and immediately they received their sight, and followed Him.

## CHAPTER 21

<sup>a</sup>AND when they had approached Jerusalem and had come to Bethphage, to <sup>b</sup>the Mount of Olives, then Jesus sent two disciples,

1 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 21:1-9; *Mark* 11:1-10; *Luke* 19:29-38 <sup>b</sup>Matt. 24:3; 26:30; *Mark* 11:1; 13:3; 14:26; *Luke* 19:37; 22:39; *John* 8:1; *Luke* 19:29; 21:37; *Acts* 1:12

2 saying to them, "Go into the village opposite you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied *there* and a colt with her; untie *them*, and bring *them* to Me.

4 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 21:4-9; *John* 12:12-15

3 "And if anyone says something to you, you shall say, 'The Lord has need of them,' and immediately he will send them."

4 <sup>a</sup>Now this took place that what was spoken through the prophet might be fulfilled, saying,

5 <sup>a</sup>Is. 62:11; *Zech.* 9:9

5 "SAY TO THE DAUGHTER OF ZION,  
'BEHOLD YOUR KING IS COMING TO YOU,

7 <sup>1</sup>Lit., on them

8 <sup>2</sup> Kin. 9:13

9 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 118:26f. <sup>b</sup>Matt. 9:27 <sup>c</sup>Luke 2:14

11 <sup>1</sup>John 1:21, 25; 6:14; 7:40; Acts 3:22f.; 7:37; Matt. 21:26; Mark 6:15; Luke 7:16, 39; 13:33; 24:19; John 4:19; 9:17 <sup>b</sup>Matt. 2:23

12 <sup>1</sup>Lit. the doves  
<sup>a</sup>Matt. 21:12-16; Mark 11:15-18; Luke 19:45-47; Matt. 21:12, 13; John 2:13-16 <sup>b</sup>Ex. 30:13 <sup>c</sup>Lev. 1:14; 5:7; 12:8

13 <sup>1</sup>Lit., cave  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 56:7; Jer. 7:11

14 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 4:23

15 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 9:27

16 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 8:2

17 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 26:6; Mark 11:1, 11, 12; 14:3; Luke 19:29; 24:50; John 11:1, 18; 12:1

18 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 21:18-22; Mark 11:12-14, 20-24

21 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 17:20; Mark 11:23; Luke 17:6; James 1:6

22 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 7:7

23 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 21:23-27; Mark 11:27-33; Luke 20:1-8

GENTLE, AND MOUNTED UPON A DONKEY,  
EVEN UPON A COLT, THE FOAL OF A BEAST OF BURDEN.' ”

6 And the disciples went and did just as Jesus had directed them,

7 and brought the donkey and the colt, and laid on them their garments, <sup>1</sup>on which He sat.

8 And most of the multitude <sup>a</sup>spread their garments in the road, and others were cutting branches from the trees, and spreading them in the road.

9 And the multitudes going before Him, and those who followed after were crying out, saying,

“<sup>a</sup>HOSANNA to the <sup>b</sup>Son of David;

<sup>a</sup>BLESSED IS HE WHO COMES IN THE NAME OF THE LORD;  
HOSANNA <sup>c</sup>in the highest!”

10 And when He had entered Jerusalem, all the city was stirred, saying, “Who is this?”

11 And the multitudes were saying, “This is <sup>a</sup>the prophet Jesus, from <sup>b</sup>Nazareth in Galilee.”

12 <sup>a</sup>And Jesus entered the temple and cast out all those who were buying and selling in the temple, and overturned the tables of the <sup>b</sup>moneychangers and the seats of those who were selling <sup>1c</sup>doves.

13 And He <sup>a</sup>said to them, “It is written, <sup>a</sup>MY HOUSE SHALL BE CALLED A HOUSE OF PRAYER’; but you are making it a robbers’ <sup>1</sup>den.”

14 And *the* blind and *the* lame came to Him in the temple, and <sup>a</sup>He healed them.

15 But when the chief priests and the scribes saw the wonderful things that He had done, and the children who were crying out in the temple and saying, “Hosanna to the <sup>a</sup>Son of David,” they became indignant,

16 and said to Him, “Do You hear what these are saying?” And Jesus <sup>a</sup>said to them, “Yes; have you never read, <sup>a</sup>OUT OF THE MOUTH OF INFANTS AND NURSING BABES THOU HAST PREPARED PRAISE FOR THYSELF’?”

17 And He left them and went out of the city to <sup>a</sup>Bethany, and lodged there.

18 <sup>a</sup>Now in the morning, when He returned to the city, He became hungry.

19 And seeing a lone fig tree by the road, He came to it, and found nothing on it except leaves only; and He <sup>a</sup>said to it, “No longer shall there ever be *any* fruit from you.” And at once the fig tree withered.

20 And seeing *this*, the disciples marveled, saying, “How did the fig tree wither at once?”

21 And Jesus answered and said to them, “Truly I say to you, <sup>a</sup>if you have faith, and do not doubt, you shall not only do what was done to the fig tree, but even if you say to this mountain, ‘Be taken up and cast into the sea,’ it shall happen.

22 “<sup>a</sup>And <sup>a</sup>everything you ask in prayer, believing, you shall receive.”

23 <sup>a</sup>And when He had come into the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to Him as He was teaching, and said, “By what authority are You doing these things, and who gave You this authority?”

**The Authority of Jesus Questioned.  
Wicked Tenant Farmers.**

**Matthew 21**

24 But Jesus answered and said to them, "I will ask you one thing too, which if you tell Me, I will also tell you by what authority I do these things.

25 "The baptism of John was from what *source*, from heaven or from men?" And they *began* reasoning among themselves, saying, "If we say, 'From heaven,' He will say to us, 'Then why did you not believe him?'"

26 "But if we say, 'From men,' we fear the multitude; for they all hold John to be <sup>a</sup>a prophet."

27 And they answered Jesus and said, "We do not know." He also said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I do these things.

28 "But what do you think? A man had two <sup>1</sup>sons, and he came to the first and said, '<sup>2</sup>Son, go work today in the <sup>a</sup>vineyard.'

29 "And he answered and said, 'I will, sir'; and he did not go.

30 "And he came to the second and said <sup>1</sup>the same thing. But he answered and said, '<sup>2</sup>I will not'; yet he afterward regretted *it* and went.

31 "Which of the two did the will of his father?" They <sup>\*</sup>said, "The latter." Jesus <sup>\*</sup>said to them, "Truly I say to you that <sup>a</sup>the <sup>1</sup>tax-gatherers and harlots <sup>2</sup>will get into the kingdom of God before you.

32 "For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him; but <sup>a</sup>the tax-gatherers and harlots did believe him; and you, seeing this, did not even feel remorse afterward so as to believe him.

33 "Listen to another parable. <sup>a</sup>There was a <sup>1</sup>landowner who <sup>b</sup>PLANTED A <sup>c</sup>VINEYARD AND PUT A WALL AROUND IT AND DUG A <sup>d</sup>WINE PRESS IN IT, AND <sup>e</sup>BUILT A TOWER, and rented it out to <sup>2</sup>vine-growers, and <sup>e</sup>went on a journey.

34 "And when the <sup>1</sup>harvest time approached, he <sup>a</sup>sent his slaves to the vine-growers to receive his produce.

35 "And the vine-growers took his slaves and beat one, and killed another, and stoned a third.

36 "Again he <sup>a</sup>sent another group of slaves larger than the first; and they did <sup>1</sup>the same thing to them.

37 "But afterward he sent his son to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.'

38 "But when the vine-growers saw the son, they said among themselves, 'This is the heir; come, let us kill him, and seize his inheritance.'

39 "And they took him, and cast him out of the vineyard, and killed *him*.

40 "Therefore when the <sup>1</sup>owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those vine-growers?"

41 They <sup>\*</sup>said to Him, "He will bring those wretches to a wretched end, and <sup>a</sup>will rent out the vineyard to other vine-growers, who will pay him the proceeds at the *proper* seasons."

42 Jesus <sup>\*</sup>said to them, "Did you never read in the Scriptures,

<sup>a</sup>THE STONE WHICH THE BUILDERS REJECTED,  
THIS BECAME THE CHIEF CORNER *stone*;  
THIS CAME ABOUT FROM THE LORD,  
AND IT IS MARVELOUS IN OUR EYES'?

24 <sup>1</sup>Lit., word

26 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 11:9; Mark 6:20

28 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *children* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *Child*  
<sup>a</sup>Matt. 21:33; 20:1

29 <sup>1</sup>Some mss. read '*I will not*'; yet he afterward regretted and went

30 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *likewise* <sup>2</sup>Some mss. read '*I will*'; and he did not go

31 <sup>1</sup>A publican who collected Roman taxes <sup>2</sup>Or, *are getting into*  
<sup>a</sup>Luke 7:29, 37-50

32 <sup>a</sup>Luke 3:12

33 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *a man, a householder* <sup>2</sup>Or, *tenant farmers* (Here and in vss. 34, 35, 38, 40)  
<sup>a</sup>Matt. 21:33-46; Mark 12:1-12; Luke 20:9-19 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 80:8; Is. 5:1ff. <sup>c</sup>Matt. 21:28; 20:1 <sup>d</sup>Is. 5:2 <sup>e</sup>Matt. 25:14

34 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *the season of the fruits*  
<sup>a</sup>Matt. 22:3

36 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *likewise*  
<sup>a</sup>Matt. 22:4

40 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *lord*

41 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 8:11f.; Acts 13:46; 18:6; 28:28

42 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 118:22; Acts 4:11; 1 Pet. 2:7; Rom. 9:33

46 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 21:26 <sup>b</sup>Matt. 21:11

1 <sup>a</sup>Acts 3:12

2 <sup>1</sup>Lit., a man, a king  
<sup>2</sup>Lit., made  
<sup>a</sup>Matt. 22:2-14; Luke 14:16-24; Matt. 13:24

3 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 21:34

4 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 21:36

5 <sup>1</sup>Or, field

9 <sup>a</sup>Ezek. 21:21; Obad. 14

10 <sup>1</sup>Lit., those reclining at table

11 <sup>a2</sup> Kin. 10:22

12 <sup>1</sup>Lit., not having  
<sup>a</sup>Matt. 20:13; 26:50

13 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 8:12

14 <sup>1</sup>Or, invited  
<sup>a</sup>Rev. 17:14; 2 Pet. 1:10; Matt. 24:22

15 <sup>1</sup>Lit., in word  
<sup>a</sup>Matt. 22:15-22; Mark 12:13-17; Luke 20:20-26

16 <sup>1</sup>i.e., you court no man's favor  
<sup>a</sup>Mark 3:6; 12:13; Mark 8:15

17 <sup>1</sup>Or, permissible  
<sup>a</sup>Matt. 17:25 <sup>b</sup>Luke 2:1; 3:1

18 <sup>1</sup>Or, wickedness

43 "Therefore I say to you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you, and be given to a nation producing the fruit of it.

44 "And he who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; but on whomever it falls, it will scatter him like dust."

45 And when the chief priests and the Pharisees heard His parables, they understood that He was speaking about them.

46 And when they sought to seize Him, they <sup>a</sup>became afraid of the multitudes, because they held Him to be a <sup>b</sup>prophet.

CHAPTER 22

AND Jesus <sup>a</sup>answered and spoke to them again in parables, saying,

2 <sup>a</sup>"The kingdom of heaven may be compared to <sup>1</sup>a king, who <sup>2</sup>gave a wedding feast for his son.

3 "And he <sup>a</sup>sent out his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding feast, and they were unwilling to come.

4 "Again he <sup>a</sup>sent out other slaves saying, 'Tell those who have been invited, "Behold, I have prepared my dinner; my oxen and my fattened livestock are *all* butchered and everything is ready; come to the wedding feast."'

5 "But they paid no attention and went their way, one to his own <sup>1</sup>farm, another to his business,

6 and the rest seized his slaves and mistreated them and killed them.

7 "But the king was enraged and sent his armies, and destroyed those murderers, and set their city on fire.

8 "Then he <sup>a</sup>said to his slaves, 'The wedding is ready, but those who were invited were not worthy.

9 'Go therefore to <sup>a</sup>the main highways, and as many as you find *there*, invite to the wedding feast.'

10 "And those slaves went out into the streets, and gathered together all they found, both evil and good; and the wedding hall was filled with <sup>1</sup>dinner guests.

11 "But when the king came in to look over the dinner guests, he saw there <sup>a</sup>a man not dressed in wedding clothes,

12 and he <sup>a</sup>said to him, '<sup>a</sup>Friend, how did you come in here <sup>1</sup>without wedding clothes?' And he was speechless.

13 "Then the king said to the servants, 'Bind him hand and foot, and cast him into <sup>a</sup>the outer darkness; in that place <sup>a</sup>there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'

14 "For many are <sup>1</sup>called, but few *are* <sup>a</sup>chosen."

15 <sup>a</sup>Then the Pharisees went and counseled together how they might trap Him <sup>1</sup>in what He said.

16 And they <sup>a</sup>sent their disciples to Him, along with the <sup>a</sup>Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that You are truthful and teach the way of God in truth, and <sup>1</sup>defer to no one; for You are not partial to any.

17 "Tell us therefore, what do You think? Is it <sup>1</sup>lawful to give a <sup>a</sup>poll-tax to <sup>b</sup>Caesar, or not?"

18 But Jesus perceived their <sup>1</sup>malice, and said, "Why are you testing Me, you hypocrites?"

19 "Show Me the <sup>a</sup>coin used for the poll-tax." And they brought Him a <sup>1</sup>denarius.

20 And He <sup>\*</sup>said to them, "Whose likeness and inscription is this?"

21 They <sup>\*</sup>said to Him, "Caesar's." Then He <sup>\*</sup>said to them, "<sup>a</sup>Then render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's; and to God the things that are God's."

22 And hearing *this*, they marveled, and <sup>a</sup>leaving Him, they went away.

23 <sup>a</sup>On that day *some* <sup>b</sup>Sadducees (who say <sup>c</sup>there is no resurrection) came to Him and questioned Him,

24 saying, "Teacher, Moses said, '<sup>a</sup>IF A MAN DIES, HAVING NO CHILDREN, HIS BROTHER AS NEXT OF KIN SHALL MARRY HIS WIFE, AND RAISE UP AN OFFSPRING TO HIS BROTHER.'

25 "Now there were seven brothers with us; and the first married and died, and having no offspring left his wife to his brother;

26 so also the second, and the third, down to the seventh.

27 "And last of all, the woman died.

28 "In the resurrection therefore whose wife of the seven shall she be? For they all had her."

29 But Jesus answered and said to them, "You are mistaken, <sup>a</sup>not <sup>1</sup>understanding the Scriptures, or the power of God.

30 "For in the resurrection they neither <sup>a</sup>marry, nor are given in marriage, but are like angels<sup>1</sup> in heaven.

31 "But regarding the resurrection of the dead, have you not read that which was spoken to you by God, saying,

32 '<sup>a</sup>I AM THE GOD OF ABRAHAM, AND THE GOD OF ISAAC, AND THE GOD OF JACOB'? God is not *the God of the dead* but of *the living*."

33 And when the multitudes heard *this*, <sup>a</sup>they were astonished at His teaching.

34 <sup>a</sup>But when the Pharisees heard that He had put <sup>b</sup>the Sadducees to silence, they gathered themselves together.

35 And one of them, <sup>1a</sup>a lawyer, asked Him a question, testing Him,

36 "Teacher, which is the great commandment in the Law?"

37 And He said to him, "<sup>a</sup>YOU SHALL LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD WITH ALL YOUR HEART, AND WITH ALL YOUR SOUL, AND WITH ALL YOUR MIND.'

38 "This is the great and <sup>1</sup>foremost commandment.

39 "And a second is like it, '<sup>a</sup>YOU SHALL LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF.'

40 "<sup>a</sup>On these two commandments depend the whole Law and the Prophets."

41 <sup>a</sup>Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them a question,

42 saying, "What do you think about <sup>1</sup>the Christ, whose son is He?" They <sup>\*</sup>said to Him, "<sup>a</sup>The son of David."

43 He <sup>\*</sup>said to them, "Then how does David <sup>1a</sup>in the Spirit call Him 'Lord,' saying,

44 '<sup>a</sup>THE LORD SAID TO MY LORD,

"SIT AT MY RIGHT HAND,

UNTIL I PUT THINE ENEMIES BENEATH THY FEET?'"

45 "If David then calls Him 'Lord,' how is He his son?"

19 <sup>1</sup>The denarius was worth 18 cents in silver, equivalent to one day's wage  
<sup>a</sup>Matt. 17:25

21 <sup>a</sup>Mark 12:17; Luke 20:25; Rom. 13:7

22 <sup>a</sup>Mark 12:12

23 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 22:23-33; Mark 12:18-27; Luke 20:27-40  
<sup>b</sup>Matt. 3:7 <sup>c</sup>Acts 23:8

24 <sup>a</sup>Deut. 25:5

29 <sup>1</sup>Or, knowing  
<sup>a</sup>John 20:9

30 <sup>1</sup>Other mss. add: of God  
<sup>a</sup>Matt. 24:38; Luke 17:27

32 <sup>a</sup>Ex. 3:6

33 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 7:28

34 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 22:34-40; Mark 12:28-31; Luke 10:25-37  
<sup>b</sup>Matt. 3:7

35 <sup>1</sup>i.e., an expert in the Mosaic law  
<sup>a</sup>Luke 7:30; 10:25; 11:45, 46, 52; 14:3; Titus 3:13

37 <sup>a</sup>Deut. 6:5

38 <sup>1</sup>Or, first

39 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 19:19; Gal. 5:14; Lev. 19:18

40 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 7:12

41 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 22:41-46; Mark 12:35-37; Luke 20:41-44

42 <sup>1</sup>i.e., the Messiah  
<sup>a</sup>Matt. 9:27

43 <sup>1</sup>Or, by inspiration  
<sup>a</sup>Rev. 1:10; 4:2; 2 Sam. 23:2

44 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 110:1; Acts 2:34f.; Heb. 1:13; 1 Cor. 15:25; Heb. 10:13; Matt. 26:64; Mark 16:19

46 \*Mark 12:34; Luke 14:6; 20:40

1 \*Matt. 23:1-7; Mark 12:38, 39; Luke 20:45, 46

2 \*Ezra 7:6, 25; Neh. 8:4; Deut. 33:3f.

4 \*Luke 11:46; Acts 15:10

5 I.e., small boxes containing Scripture texts worn for religious purposes \*Matt. 6:1, 5, 16 \*Ex. 13:9; Deut. 6:8; 11:18 \*Matt. 9:20

6 \*Luke 11:43; Luke 14:7; 20:46

7 \*Matt. 23:8; 26:25, 49; Mark 9:5; 11:21; John 1:38, 49; 3:2, 26; 4:31; 6:25; 9:2; 11:8; Mark 10:51; John 20:16

8 \*James 3:1 \*Matt. 23:7; 26:25, 49; Mark 9:5; 11:21; 14:45; John 1:38, 49; 3:2, 26; 4:31; 6:25; 9:2; 11:8; Mark 10:51; John 20:16

9 \*Matt. 6:9; 7:11

10 <sup>1</sup>Or, *teachers* or *guides*

11 \*Matt. 20:26

12 \*Luke 14:11; 18:14

13 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *in front of* \*Matt. 23:15, (16), 23, 25, 27, 29 \*Luke 11:52

14 <sup>1</sup>This verse not found in the earliest mss. \*Mark 12:40; Luke 20:47

15 <sup>1</sup>Or, *convert* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *Gehenna* \*Acts 2:10; 6:5; 13:43 \*Matt. 5:22

16 <sup>1</sup>Or, *sanctuary* \*Matt. 23:24; 15:14 \*Matt. 5:33-35

17 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *greater* <sup>2</sup>Or, *sanctuary* \*Ex. 30:29

18 <sup>1</sup>Or, *gift*

19 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *greater* <sup>2</sup>Or, *gift* \*Ex. 29:37

21 <sup>1</sup>Or, *sanctuary* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *it* \*1 Kin. 8:13; Ps. 26:8; 132:14

46 And <sup>a</sup>no one was able to answer Him a word, nor did anyone dare from that day on to ask Him another question.

CHAPTER 23

<sup>a</sup>THEN Jesus spoke to the multitudes and to His disciples, <sup>2</sup>saying, "<sup>a</sup>The scribes and the Pharisees have seated themselves in the chair of Moses;

<sup>3</sup>therefore all that they tell you, do and observe, but do not do according to their deeds; for they say *things*, and do not do *them*.

<sup>4</sup>"And <sup>a</sup>they tie up heavy loads, and lay them on men's shoulders; but they themselves are unwilling to move them with so *much as* a finger.

<sup>5</sup>"But they do all their deeds <sup>a</sup>to be noticed by men; for they <sup>b</sup>broaden their <sup>1</sup>phylacteries, and lengthen <sup>c</sup>the tassels of *their garments*.

<sup>6</sup>"And they <sup>a</sup>love the place of honor at banquets, and the chief seats in the synagogues,

<sup>7</sup>and respectful greetings in the market places, and being called by men, <sup>a</sup>Rabbi.

<sup>8</sup>"But <sup>a</sup>do not be called <sup>b</sup>Rabbi; for One is your Teacher, and you are all brothers.

<sup>9</sup>"And do not call *anyone* on earth your father; for <sup>a</sup>One is your Father, He who is in heaven.

<sup>10</sup>"And do not be called <sup>1</sup>leaders; for One is your Leader, *that is*, Christ.

<sup>11</sup>"<sup>a</sup>But the greatest among you shall be your servant.

<sup>12</sup>"And <sup>a</sup>whoever exalts himself shall be humbled; and whoever humbles himself shall be exalted.

<sup>13</sup>"<sup>a</sup>But woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites, <sup>b</sup>because you shut off the kingdom of heaven <sup>1</sup>from men; for you do not enter in yourselves, nor do you allow those who are entering to go in.

<sup>14</sup>["<sup>1</sup>Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites, because <sup>a</sup>you devour widows' houses, even while for a pretense you make long prayers; therefore you shall receive greater condemnation.]

<sup>15</sup>"<sup>a</sup>Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites, because you travel about on sea and land to make one <sup>1a</sup>proselyte; and when he becomes one, you make him twice as much a son of <sup>2b</sup>hell as yourselves.

<sup>16</sup>"<sup>a</sup>Woe to you, <sup>a</sup>blind guides, who say, <sup>b</sup>Whoever swears by the <sup>1</sup>temple, that is nothing; but whoever swears by the gold of the <sup>1</sup>temple, he is obligated.'

<sup>17</sup>"You fools and blind men; <sup>a</sup>which is <sup>1</sup>more important, the gold, or the <sup>2</sup>temple that sanctified the gold?

<sup>18</sup>"And, 'Whoever swears by the altar, *that is* nothing, but whoever swears by the <sup>1</sup>offering upon it, he is obligated.'

<sup>19</sup>"You blind men, <sup>a</sup>which is <sup>1</sup>more important, the <sup>2</sup>offering or the altar that sanctifies the <sup>2</sup>offering?

<sup>20</sup>"Therefore he who swears, swears *both* by the altar and by everything on it.

<sup>21</sup>"And he who swears by the <sup>1</sup>temple, swears *both* by <sup>2</sup>the temple and by Him who <sup>a</sup>dwells within it.

22 "And he who swears by heaven, <sup>a</sup>swears *both* by the throne of God and by Him who sits upon it.

23 "Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you tithe the mint and dill and <sup>l</sup>cummin, and have neglected the weightier provisions of the law: justice and mercy and faithfulness; but these are the things you should have done without neglecting the others.

24 "You <sup>a</sup>blind guides, who strain out a gnat and swallow a camel!

25 "Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For <sup>a</sup>you clean the outside of the cup and of the dish, but inside they are full <sup>l</sup>of robbery and self-indulgence.

26 "You blind Pharisee, first <sup>a</sup>clean the inside of the cup and of the dish, so that the outside of it may become clean also.

27 "Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you are like whitewashed tombs which on the outside appear beautiful, but inside they are full of dead men's bones and all uncleanness.

28 "Even so you too outwardly appear righteous to men, but inwardly you are full of hypocrisy and lawlessness.

29 "Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you build the tombs of the prophets and adorn the monuments of the righteous,

30 and say, 'If we had been *living* in the days of our fathers, we would not have been partners with them in *shedding* the blood of the prophets.'

31 "Consequently you bear witness against yourselves, that you <sup>a</sup>are <sup>l</sup>sons of those who murdered the prophets.

32 "<sup>l</sup>Fill up then the measure *of the guilt* of your fathers.

33 "You serpents, <sup>a</sup>you brood of vipers, how shall you escape the <sup>l</sup>sentence of <sup>2</sup>hell?

34 "Therefore, behold, <sup>b</sup>I am sending you prophets and wise men and scribes; some of them you will kill and crucify, and some of them you will <sup>c</sup>scourge in your synagogues, and <sup>d</sup>persecute from city to city,

35 that upon you may fall *the guilt* of all the righteous blood shed on earth, from the blood of righteous <sup>a</sup>Abel to the blood of Zechariah, the <sup>b</sup>son of Berechiah, whom <sup>c</sup>you murdered between the <sup>l</sup>temple and the altar.

36 "Truly I say to you, all these things shall come upon <sup>a</sup>this generation.

37 "O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, who <sup>b</sup>kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to her! How often I wanted to gather your children together, <sup>c</sup>the way a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, and you were unwilling.

38 "Behold, <sup>a</sup>your house is being left to you <sup>l</sup>desolate!

39 "For I say to you, from now on you shall not see Me until you say, '<sup>a</sup>BLESSED IS HE WHO COMES IN THE NAME OF THE LORD!'"

22 \*Matt. 5:34

23 <sup>l</sup>(Similar to caraway seeds)  
\*Matt. 23:13; Luke 11:42

24 \*Matt. 23:16

25 <sup>l</sup>Or, as a result of  
\*Luke 11:39f.; Mark 7:4

26 \*Luke 11:39f.; Mark 7:4

27 \*Luke 11:44; Acts 23:3

29 \*Luke 11:47f.

31 <sup>l</sup>Or, descendants  
\*Acts 7:51f.; Matt. 23:34, 37

32 <sup>l</sup>Lit., And fill up

33 <sup>l</sup>Or, judgment <sup>2</sup>Gr., Gehenna  
\*Matt. 3:7 \*Matt. 5:22

34 \*Matt. 23:34-36; Luke 11:49-51 <sup>2</sup>Chr. 36:15, 16  
\*Matt. 10:17 <sup>4</sup>Matt. 10:23

35 <sup>l</sup>Or, sanctuary  
\*Gen. 4:8ff.; Heb. 11:4  
<sup>2</sup>Zech. 1:1 <sup>2</sup>Chr. 24:21

36 \*Matt. 10:23; 24:34

37 \*Matt. 23:37-39; Luke 13:34, 35 \*Matt. 5:12 <sup>c</sup>Ruth 2:12

38 <sup>l</sup>Some mss. omit, desolate  
<sup>1</sup>Kin. 9:7f.; Jer. 22:5

39 \*Ps. 118:26; Matt. 21:9

<sup>l</sup>Lit., and  
\*Matt. 24:1-51; Mark 13;  
Luke 21:5-36 <sup>b</sup>Matt. 21:23

CHAPTER 24

<sup>a</sup>AND Jesus <sup>b</sup>came out from the temple and was going away <sup>l</sup>when His disciples came up to point out the temple buildings to Him.

2 <sup>a</sup>Luke 19:44

3 <sup>1</sup>Or, *presence* <sup>2</sup>Or, *consummation*  
<sup>a</sup>Matt. 21:1 <sup>b</sup>Matt. 24:27, 37, 39; Matt. 16:27f.

4 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 29:8

5 <sup>1</sup>I.e., Messiah  
<sup>a</sup>Matt. 24:24; 1 John 2:18; Matt. 24:11; Acts 5:36f.; 1 John 4:3

7 <sup>a</sup>2 Chr. 15:6; Is. 19:2  
<sup>b</sup>Acts 11:28

9 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 10:17; John 16:2  
<sup>b</sup>Matt. 10:22; John 15:18ff.

10 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *be caused to stumble* <sup>2</sup>Or, *deliver up*  
<sup>a</sup>Matt. 11:6

11 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 24:24; Matt. 7:15

12 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *the love of many*

13 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 10:22

14 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *inhabited earth*  
<sup>a</sup>Matt. 4:23 <sup>b</sup>Rom. 10:18; Col. 1:6, 23 <sup>c</sup>Luke 2:1; 4:5; Acts 11:28; 17:6, 31; 19:27; Rom. 10:18; Heb. 1:6; 2:5; Rev. 3:10; 16:14

15 <sup>a</sup>Dan. 9:27; 11:31; 12:11 <sup>b</sup>Acts 6:13f.; 21:28; John 11:48; Luke 21:20; Mark 13:14 <sup>c</sup>Mark 13:14; Rev. 1:3

17 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 10:27; Luke 5:19; 12:3; Acts 10:9; 1 Sam. 9:25; 2 Sam. 11:2

19 <sup>a</sup>Luke 23:29

21 <sup>a</sup>Dan. 12:1; Joel 2:2; Matt. 24:29

22 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *flesh* <sup>2</sup>Or, *chosen ones*  
<sup>a</sup>Matt. 24:24, 31; 22:14; Luke 18:7

23 <sup>1</sup>Or, *Messiah* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *here*  
<sup>a</sup>Luke 17:23f.

24 <sup>1</sup>Or, *attesting miracles* <sup>2</sup>Or, *chosen ones*  
<sup>a</sup>Matt. 24:11; 7:15 <sup>b</sup>John 4:48; 2 Thess. 2:9 <sup>c</sup>Matt. 24:22, 31; 22:14 [Cr.]; Luke 18:7

2 And He answered and said to them, "Do you not see all these things? Truly I say to you, <sup>a</sup>not one stone here shall be left upon another, which will not be torn down."

3 And as He was sitting on <sup>a</sup>the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to Him privately, saying, "Tell us, when will these things be, and what *will be* the sign of <sup>b</sup>Your <sup>1</sup>coming, and of the <sup>2</sup>end of the age?"

4 And Jesus answered and said to them, "<sup>a</sup>See to it that no one misleads you.

5 "For <sup>a</sup>many will come in My name, saying, 'I am the <sup>1</sup>Christ,' and will mislead many.

6 "And you will be hearing of wars and rumors of wars; see that you are not frightened, for *those things* must take place, but *that* is not yet the end.

7 "For <sup>a</sup>nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom, and in various places there will be <sup>b</sup>famines and earthquakes.

8 "But all these things are *merely* the beginning of birth pangs.

9 "<sup>a</sup>Then they will deliver you up to tribulation, and will kill you, and <sup>b</sup>you will be hated by all nations on account of My name.

10 "And at that time many will <sup>1a</sup>fall away and will <sup>2</sup>betray one another and hate one another.

11 "And many <sup>a</sup>false prophets will arise, and will mislead many.

12 "And because lawlessness is increased, <sup>1</sup>most people's love will grow cold.

13 "<sup>a</sup>But the one who endures to the end, it is he who shall be saved.

14 "And this <sup>a</sup>gospel of the kingdom <sup>b</sup>shall be preached in the whole <sup>1c</sup>world for a witness to all the nations, and then the end shall come.

15 "Therefore when you see the <sup>a</sup>ABOMINATION OF DESOLATION which was spoken of through Daniel the prophet, standing in <sup>b</sup>the holy place (<sup>c</sup>let the reader understand),

16 then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains;

17 let him who is on <sup>a</sup>the housetop not go down to get the things out that are in his house;

18 and let him who is in the field not turn back to get his cloak.

19 "But <sup>a</sup>woe to those who are with child and to those who nurse babes in those days!

20 "But pray that your flight may not be in the winter, or on a Sabbath;

21 for then there will be a <sup>a</sup>great tribulation, such as has not occurred since the beginning of the world until now, nor ever shall.

22 "And unless those days had been cut short, no <sup>1</sup>life would have been saved; but for <sup>a</sup>the sake of the <sup>2</sup>elect those days shall be cut short.

23 "<sup>a</sup>Then if any one says to you, 'Behold, here is the <sup>1</sup>Christ,' or '<sup>2</sup>There *He is*,' do not believe *him*.

24 "For false Christs and <sup>a</sup>false prophets will arise and will show great <sup>1b</sup>signs and wonders, so as to mislead, if possible, even <sup>c</sup>the <sup>2</sup>elect.



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25 "Behold, I have told you in advance.

26 "If therefore they say to you, 'Behold, He is in the wilderness,' do not go forth, or, 'Behold, He is in the inner rooms,' do not believe *them*.

27 "For just as the lightning comes from the east, and flashes even to the west, so shall the <sup>1</sup>coming of the <sup>c</sup>Son of Man be.

28 "Wherever the corpse is, there the <sup>1</sup>vultures will gather.

29 "But immediately after the <sup>a</sup>tribulation of those days <sup>b</sup>THE SUN WILL BE DARKENED, AND THE MOON WILL NOT GIVE ITS LIGHT, AND <sup>c</sup>THE STARS WILL FALL FROM <sup>1</sup>the sky, and the POWERS OF <sup>1</sup>THE HEAVENS WILL BE SHAKEN,

30 and then <sup>a</sup>the sign of the Son of Man will appear in the sky, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see <sup>b</sup>the SON OF MAN COMING ON THE CLOUDS OF THE SKY with power and great glory.

31 "And <sup>a</sup>He will send forth His angels WITH <sup>b</sup>A GREAT TRUMPET and THEY WILL GATHER TOGETHER His <sup>1</sup>elect FROM <sup>d</sup>THE FOUR WINDS, <sup>c</sup>FROM ONE END OF THE SKY TO THE OTHER.

32 "Now learn the parable from the fig tree: when its branch has already become tender, and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near;

33 even so you too, when you see all these things, <sup>1</sup>recognize that <sup>2</sup>He is near, *right* <sup>a</sup>at the <sup>3</sup>door.

34 "Truly I say to you, <sup>a</sup>this <sup>1</sup>generation will not pass away until all these things take place.

35 "Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words shall not pass away.

36 "But <sup>a</sup>of that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but the Father alone.

37 "For <sup>1</sup>the <sup>2</sup>coming of the Son of Man will be <sup>b</sup>just like the days of Noah.

38 "For as in those days which were before the flood they were eating and drinking, they were <sup>a</sup>marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that <sup>b</sup>NOAH ENTERED THE ARK,

39 and they did not <sup>1</sup>understand until the flood came and took them all away, so shall the <sup>2</sup>coming of the Son of Man be.

40 "Then there shall be two men in the field; one <sup>1</sup>will be taken, and one <sup>1</sup>will be left.

41 "Two women *will be* grinding at the <sup>1</sup>mill; one <sup>2</sup>will be taken, and one <sup>2</sup>will be left.

42 "Therefore <sup>a</sup>be on the alert, for you do not know which day your Lord is coming.

43 "But <sup>1</sup>be sure of this, that <sup>a</sup>if the head of the house had known <sup>b</sup>at what time of the night the thief was coming, he would have been on the alert and would not have allowed his house to be <sup>2</sup>broken into.

44 "For this reason <sup>a</sup>you be ready too; for <sup>b</sup>the Son of Man is coming at an hour when you do not think *He will*.

45 "Who then is the <sup>b</sup>faithful and <sup>c</sup>sensible slave whom his <sup>1</sup>master <sup>d</sup>put in charge of his household to give them their food at the proper time?

46 "Blessed is that slave whom his <sup>1</sup>master finds so doing when he comes.

## Matthew 24

27 <sup>1</sup>Or, *presence*  
<sup>a</sup>Luke 17:23f; <sup>b</sup>Matt. 24:3, 37, 39; <sup>c</sup>Matt. 8:20

28 <sup>1</sup>Or, *eagles*  
<sup>a</sup>Luke 17:37; Job 39:30; Hab. 1:8; Ezek. 39:17

29 <sup>1</sup>Or, *heaven*  
<sup>a</sup>Matt. 24:21; <sup>b</sup>Is. 13:10; 24:23; Ezek. 32:7; Joel 2:10, 31; 3:15; Acts 2:20; Amos 5:20; 8:9; Zeph. 1:15; Rev. 6:12; 8:12; <sup>c</sup>Rev. 6:13; Is. 34:4

30 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 24:3; Dan. 7:13; Rev. 1:7; <sup>b</sup>Matt. 24:3, 37, 39; 16:27

31 <sup>1</sup>Or, *chosen ones*  
<sup>a</sup>Matt. 13:41; <sup>b</sup>Is. 27:13; 1 Cor. 15:52; 1 Thess. 4:16; Ex. 19:16; Zech. 9:14; Rev. 8:2; 11:15; Heb. 12:19; <sup>c</sup>Matt. 24:22; <sup>d</sup>Dan. 7:2; Zech. 2:6; Rev. 7:1; <sup>e</sup>Deut. 4:32

33 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *know* <sup>2</sup>Or, *it*  
<sup>1</sup>Lit., *doors*  
<sup>a</sup>James 5:9; Rev. 3:20

34 <sup>1</sup>Or, *race*  
<sup>a</sup>Matt. 16:28; Matt. 10:23; 23:36

35 <sup>a</sup>Mark 13:31; Luke 21:33; Matt. 5:18

36 <sup>a</sup>Mark 13:32; Acts 1:7

37 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *just as . . . were the days* <sup>2</sup>Or, *presence*  
<sup>a</sup>Matt. 24:3, 30, 39; 16:27; <sup>b</sup>Luke 17:26f.; Gen. 6:5; 7:6-23

38 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 22:30; <sup>b</sup>Gen. 7:7

39 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *know* <sup>2</sup>Or, *presence*  
<sup>a</sup>Matt. 24:3, 30, 37; 16:27

40 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *is*

41 <sup>1</sup>i.e., *handmill* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *is*  
<sup>a</sup>Luke 17:35; <sup>b</sup>Deut. 24:6; Ex. 11:5; Is. 47:2

42 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 24:43, 44; 25:10, 13; Luke 12:39f.; Luke 21:36

43 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *know* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *dug through*  
<sup>a</sup>Matt. 24:42, 44; 25:10, 13; Luke 12:39f.; 21:36; <sup>b</sup>Luke 12:38; Matt. 14:25; Mark 6:48; 13:35

44 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 24:42, 43; 25:10, 13; Luke 12:39f.; 21:36; <sup>b</sup>Matt. 24:27

45 <sup>1</sup>Or, *lord*  
<sup>a</sup>Matt. 24:45-51; Luke 1:42-46; <sup>b</sup>Matt. 25:21, 23; Luke 16:10; <sup>c</sup>Matt. 7:24; 10:16; 25:2ff.; <sup>d</sup>Matt. 25:21, 23

46 <sup>1</sup>Or, *lord*

47 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 25:21, 23

48 <sup>1</sup>Or, *lord* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *lingers*

49 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *those who get drunk*

50 <sup>1</sup>Or, *Lord*

51 <sup>1</sup>Or, *severely scourge him* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *appoint his portion*  
<sup>a</sup>Matt. 8:12

1 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 13:24 <sup>b</sup>John 18:3; Acts 20:8; Rev. 4:5; 8:10 [Gr.]

2 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 7:24; 10:16; 25:2ff.

4 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 7:24; 10:16; 25:2ff.

9 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 7:24; 10:16; 25:2ff.

10 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 24:42ff. <sup>b</sup>Luke 12:35f. <sup>c</sup>Luke 13:25; Matt. 7:21ff.

11 <sup>a</sup>Luke 13:25; Matt. 7:21ff.

13 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 24:42ff.

14 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 25:14-30; Luke 19:12-27 <sup>b</sup>Matt. 21:33

15 <sup>1</sup>A talent was \$1,000 in silver content, much more in buying power.  
<sup>a</sup>Matt. 18:24; Luke 19:13  
<sup>b</sup>Matt. 21:33

16 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 18:24; Luke 19:13

18 <sup>1</sup>Or, *lord's*

19 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 18:23

47 "Truly I say to you, that <sup>a</sup>he will put him in charge of all his possessions.

48 "But if that evil slave says in his heart, 'My <sup>1</sup>master <sup>2</sup>is not coming for a long time,'

49 and shall begin to beat his fellow-slaves and eat and drink with <sup>1</sup>drunkards;

50 the <sup>1</sup>master of that slave will come on a day when he does not expect *him* and at an hour which he does not know,

51 and shall <sup>1</sup>cut him in pieces and <sup>2</sup>assign him a place with the hypocrites; <sup>a</sup>weeping shall be there and the gnashing of teeth.

CHAPTER 25

"**T**HEN <sup>a</sup>the kingdom of heaven will be comparable to ten virgins, who took their <sup>b</sup>lamps, and went out to meet the bridegroom.

2 "And five of them were foolish, and five were <sup>a</sup>prudent.

3 "For when the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them,

4 but the <sup>a</sup>prudent took oil in flasks along with their lamps.

5 "Now while the bridegroom was delaying, they all got drowsy and *began* to sleep.

6 "But at midnight there was a shout, 'Behold, the bridegroom! Come out to meet *him*.'

7 "Then all those virgins arose, and trimmed their lamps.

8 "And the foolish said to the prudent, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.'

9 "But the <sup>a</sup>prudent answered, saying, 'No, there will not be enough for us and you *too*; go instead to the dealers and buy *some* for yourselves.'

10 "And while they were going away to make the purchase, the bridegroom came, and those who were <sup>a</sup>ready went in with him to <sup>b</sup>the wedding feast; and <sup>c</sup>the door was shut.

11 "And later the other virgins also came, saying, '<sup>a</sup>Lord, lord, open up for us.'

12 "But he answered and said, 'Truly I say to you, I do not know you.'

13 "<sup>a</sup>Be on the alert then, for you do not know the day nor the hour.

14 "<sup>a</sup>For *it is* just like a man <sup>b</sup>about to go on a journey, who called his own slaves, and entrusted his possessions to them.

15 "And to one he gave five <sup>1</sup>talents, to another, two, and to another, one, each according to his own ability; and he <sup>b</sup>went on his journey.

16 "Immediately the one who had received the five <sup>a</sup>talents went and traded with them, and gained five more talents.

17 "In the same manner the one who had *received* the two *talents* gained two more.

18 "But he who received the one *talent* went away and dug in the ground, and hid his <sup>1</sup>master's money.

19 "Now after a long time the master of those slaves <sup>a</sup>came and <sup>a</sup>settled accounts with them.

20 "And the one who had received the five <sup>a</sup>talents came up and brought five more talents, saying, 'Master, you entrusted five talents to me; see, I have gained five more talents.'

21 "His master said to him, 'Well done, good and <sup>a</sup>faithful slave; you were faithful with a few things, I will put you in charge of many things, enter into the joy of your <sup>1</sup>master.'

22 "The one also who had *received* the two <sup>a</sup>talents came up and said, 'Master, you entrusted to me two talents; see, I have gained two more talents.'

23 "His master said to him, 'Well done, good and <sup>a</sup>faithful slave; you were faithful with a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.'

24 "And the one also who had received the one <sup>a</sup>talent came up and said, 'Master, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you scattered no *seed*.

25 'And I was afraid, and went away and hid your talent in the ground; see, you have what is yours.'

26 "But his master answered and said to him, 'You wicked, lazy slave, you knew that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I scattered no *seed*.

27 'Then you ought to have put my money <sup>1</sup>in the bank, and on my arrival I would have received my *money* back with interest.

28 'Therefore take away the talent from him, and give it to the one who has the ten talents.'

29 "<sup>a</sup>For to everyone who has shall *more* be given, and he shall have an abundance; but from the one who does not have, even what he does have shall be taken away.

30 "And cast out the worthless slave into <sup>a</sup>the outer darkness; in that place there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

31 "But when <sup>a</sup>the Son of Man comes in His glory, and all the angels with Him, then <sup>b</sup>He will sit on His glorious throne.

32 "And all the nations will be gathered before Him; and He will separate them from one another, <sup>a</sup>as the shepherd separates the sheep from the goats;

33 and He will put the sheep <sup>a</sup>on His right, and the goats <sup>b</sup>on the left.

34 "Then the King will say to those on His right, 'Come, you who are blessed of My Father, <sup>a</sup>inherit the kingdom prepared for you <sup>b</sup>from the foundation of the world.

35 'For <sup>a</sup>I was hungry, and you gave Me *something* to eat; I was thirsty, and you gave Me drink; <sup>b</sup>I was a stranger, and you invited Me in;

36 <sup>a</sup>naked, and you clothed Me; I was sick, and you <sup>b</sup>visited Me; <sup>c</sup>I was in prison, and you came to Me.'

37 "Then the righteous will answer Him, saying, 'Lord, when did we see You hungry, and feed You, or thirsty, and give You drink?

38 'And when did we see You a stranger, and invite You in, or naked, and clothe You?

39 'And when did we see You sick, or in prison, and come to You?'

40 "And <sup>a</sup>the King will answer and say to them, 'Truly I say to you, <sup>b</sup>to the extent that you did it to one of these brothers of Mine, *even* the least of *them*, you did it to Me.'

20 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 18:24; Luke 19:13

21 <sup>1</sup>Or, *lord*  
<sup>a</sup>Matt. 25:23; Matt. 24:45, 47

22 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 18:24; Luke 19:13

23 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 25:21; Matt. 24:45, 47

24 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 18:24; Luke 19:13

27 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *to the bankers*

29 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 13:12

30 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 8:12

31 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 16:27f. <sup>b</sup>Matt. 19:28

32 <sup>a</sup>Ezek. 34:17, 20

33 <sup>1</sup>Kin. 2:19; Ps. 45:9  
<sup>b</sup>Eccles. 10:2

34 <sup>a</sup>Luke 12:32; 1 Cor. 6:9; 15:50; Gal. 5:21; James 2:5; Matt. 5:3; 19:29  
<sup>b</sup>Luke 11:50; Heb. 4:3; 9:26; Rev. 13:8; 17:8; John 17:24; Eph. 1:4; 1 Pet. 1:20; Matt. 13:35

35 <sup>a</sup>Is. 58:7; Ezek. 18:7, 16; James 2:15, 16  
<sup>b</sup>Job 31:32; Heb. 13:2

36 <sup>a</sup>Is. 58:7; Ezek. 18:7, 16; James 2:15, 16  
<sup>b</sup>James 1:27  
<sup>c</sup>2 Tim. 1:16f.

40 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 25:34; Luke 19:38; Rev. 17:14; 19:16  
<sup>b</sup>Matt. 10:42; Heb. 6:10; Prov. 19:17

41 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 7:23 <sup>b</sup>Mark 9:48; Luke 16:24; Jude 7  
<sup>c</sup>Rev. 12:9; Matt. 4:10

44 <sup>1</sup>Or, serve

46 <sup>a</sup>Dan. 12:2; John 5:29; Acts 24:15 <sup>b</sup>Matt. 19:29; John 3:15f., 36; 5:24; 6:27, 40, 47, 54; 17:2f.; Acts 13:46, 48; Rom. 2:7; 5:21; 6:23; Gal. 6:8; 1 John 5:11

1 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 7:28

2 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 26:2-5; Mark 14:1-2; Luke 22:1-2 <sup>b</sup>John 11:55; 13:1 <sup>c</sup>Matt. 10:4

3 <sup>a</sup>John 11:47 <sup>b</sup>Matt. 26:58, 69; Mark 14:54, 66; 15:16; Luke 11:21; 22:55; John 18:15; Matt. 27:27 <sup>c</sup>Matt. 26:57; Luke 3:2; John 11:49; 18:13, 14, 24, 28; Acts 4:6

4 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 12:14

5 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 27:24

6 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 26:6-13; Mark 14:3-9; John 12:1-8; Luke 7:37-39 <sup>b</sup>Matt. 21:17

11 <sup>a</sup>Mark 14:7; John 12:8; Deut. 15:11

12 <sup>a</sup>John 19:40

13 <sup>a</sup>Mark 14:9

14 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 26:14-16; Mark 14:10, 11; Luke 22:3-6 <sup>b</sup>Matt. 10:4; 26:25, 47; 27:3; John 6:71; 12:4; 13:26; Acts 1:16

15 <sup>1</sup>Lit., and I will <sup>2</sup>Or, betray <sup>3</sup>Or, silver shekels <sup>a</sup>Matt. 10:4 <sup>b</sup>Zech. 11:12; Ex. 21:32

16 <sup>1</sup>Or, deliver Him up

41 "Then He will also say to those on His left, <sup>a</sup>Depart from Me, accursed ones, into the <sup>b</sup>eternal fire which has been prepared for <sup>c</sup>the devil and his angels;

42 for I was hungry, and you gave Me *nothing* to eat; I was thirsty, and you gave Me nothing to drink;

43 I was a stranger, and you did not invite Me in; naked, and you did not clothe Me; sick, and in prison, and you did not visit Me."

44 "Then they themselves also will answer, saying, 'Lord, when did we see You hungry, or thirsty, or a stranger, or naked, or sick, or in prison, and did not <sup>1</sup>take care of You?'

45 "Then He will answer them, saying, 'Truly I say to you, to the extent that you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to Me.'

46 "And these will go away into <sup>a</sup>eternal punishment, but the righteous into <sup>b</sup>eternal life."

CHAPTER 26

<sup>a</sup> **AND** it came about that when Jesus had finished all these words, He said to His disciples,

2 "<sup>a</sup>You know that after two days <sup>b</sup>the Passover is coming, and the Son of Man is to *be* <sup>c</sup>delivered up for crucifixion."

3 <sup>a</sup>Then the chief priests and the elders of the people were gathered together in <sup>b</sup>the court of the high priest, named <sup>c</sup>Caiaphas;

4 and they <sup>a</sup>plotted together to seize Jesus by stealth, and kill Him.

5 But they were saying, "Not during the festival, <sup>a</sup>lest a riot occur among the people."

6 <sup>a</sup>Now when Jesus was in <sup>b</sup>Bethany, at the home of Simon the leper,

7 a woman came to Him with an alabaster vial of very costly perfume, and she poured it upon His head as He reclined *at table*.

8 But the disciples were indignant when they saw *this*, and said, "What is the point of this waste?"

9 "For this *perfume* might have been sold for a high price and the *money* given to the poor."

10 But Jesus, aware of this, said to them, "Why do you bother the woman? For she has done a good deed to Me.

11 "For <sup>a</sup>the poor you have with you always; but you do not always have Me.

12 "For when she poured this perfume upon My body, she did it <sup>a</sup>to prepare Me for burial.

13 "Truly I say to you, <sup>a</sup>wherever this gospel is preached in the whole world, what this woman has done shall also be spoken of in memory of her."

14 <sup>a</sup>Then one of the twelve, named <sup>b</sup>Judas Iscariot, went to the chief priests,

15 and said, "What are you willing to give me <sup>1</sup>to <sup>2a</sup>deliver Him up to you?" And <sup>b</sup>they weighed out to him thirty <sup>3</sup>pieces of silver.

16 And from then on he *began* looking for a good opportunity to <sup>1</sup>betray Him.

**Preparation for the Passover.  
Peter's Denial Foretold.**

17 <sup>a</sup>Now on the first *day* of <sup>b</sup>the *Feast of Unleavened Bread* the disciples came to Jesus, saying, "Where do You want us to prepare for You to eat the Passover?"

18 And He said, "Go into the city to <sup>a</sup>a certain man, and say to him, "The Teacher says, "<sup>b</sup>My time is at hand; I *am* to keep the Passover at your house with My disciples."'"

19 And the disciples did as Jesus had directed them; and they prepared the Passover.

20 <sup>a</sup>Now when evening had come, He was reclining *at table* with the twelve disciples.

21 And as they were eating, He said, "<sup>a</sup>Truly I say to you that one of you will betray Me."

22 And being deeply grieved, they <sup>l</sup>each one began to say to Him, "Surely not I, Lord?"

23 And He answered and said, "<sup>a</sup>He who dipped his hand with Me in the bowl is the one who will betray Me.

24 "The Son of Man is to go, <sup>a</sup>just as it is written of Him; but woe to that man through whom the Son of Man is betrayed! <sup>b</sup>It would have been good <sup>l</sup>for that man if he had not been born."

25 And <sup>a</sup>Judas, who was betraying Him, answered and said, "Surely it is not I, <sup>b</sup>Rabbi?" He <sup>\*</sup>said to him, "<sup>c</sup>You have said it yourself."

26 <sup>a</sup>And while they were eating, Jesus took *some* bread, and <sup>l</sup>after a blessing, He broke it and gave *it* to the disciples, and said, "Take, eat; this is My body."

27 And He took a cup and gave thanks, and gave *it* to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you;

28 for <sup>a</sup>this is My blood of the covenant, which is to *be* shed on behalf of <sup>b</sup>many for forgiveness of sins.

29 "But I say to you, I will not drink of this fruit of the vine from now on until that day when I drink it new with you in My Father's kingdom."

30 <sup>a</sup>And after singing a hymn, they went out to <sup>b</sup>the Mount of Olives.

31 Then Jesus <sup>\*</sup>said to them, "You will all <sup>l</sup>fall away because of Me this night, for it is written, '<sup>b</sup>I WILL STRIKE DOWN THE SHEPHERD, AND THE SHEEP OF THE FLOCK SHALL BE <sup>c</sup>SCATTERED.'

32 "But after I have been raised, <sup>a</sup>I will go before you to Galilee."

33 But Peter answered and said to Him, "Even though all may <sup>l</sup>fall away because of You, I will never fall away."

34 Jesus said to him, "<sup>a</sup>Truly I say to you that <sup>b</sup>this very night, before a cock crows, you shall deny Me three times."

35 Peter <sup>\*</sup>said to Him, "<sup>a</sup>Even if I must die with You, I will not deny You." All the disciples said the same thing too.

36 <sup>a</sup>Then Jesus <sup>\*</sup>came with them to a place called <sup>b</sup>Gethsemane, and <sup>\*</sup>said to His disciples, "Sit here while I go over there and pray."

37 And He took with Him <sup>a</sup>Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, and began to be grieved and distressed.

38 Then He <sup>\*</sup>said to them, "<sup>a</sup>My soul is deeply grieved, to the point of death; remain here and <sup>b</sup>keep watch with Me."

39 And He went a little beyond *them*, and fell on His face

17 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 26:17-19; Mark 14:12-16; Luke 22:7-13 <sup>b</sup>Ex. 12:18-20

18 <sup>a</sup>Mark 14:13; Luke 22:10 <sup>b</sup>John 7:6, 8

20 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 26:20-24; Mark 14:17-21

21 <sup>a</sup>Luke 22:21-23; John 13:21f.

22 <sup>l</sup>Or, *one after another*

23 <sup>a</sup>John 13:26; John 13:18

24 <sup>l</sup>Lit., *for him if that man had not been born*  
<sup>a</sup>Matt. 26:31, 54, 56; Mark 9:12; Luke 24:25-27, 46; Acts 17:2f.; 26:22f.; 1 Cor. 15:3; 1 Pet. 1:10f. <sup>b</sup>Mark 14:21; Matt. 18:7

25 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 26:14 <sup>b</sup>Matt. 23:7; 26:49 <sup>c</sup>Matt. 26:64; 27:11; Luke 22:70

26 <sup>l</sup>Lit., *having blessed*  
<sup>a</sup>Matt. 26:26-29; Mark 14:22-25; Luke 22:17-20; 1 Cor. 11:23-25; 1 Cor. 10:16 <sup>b</sup>Matt. 14:19

28 <sup>a</sup>Heb. 9:20 <sup>b</sup>Matt. 20:28

30 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 26:30-35; Mark 14:26-31; Luke 22:31-34 <sup>b</sup>Matt. 21:1

31 <sup>l</sup>Or, *stumble*  
<sup>a</sup>Matt. 11:6 <sup>b</sup>Zech. 13:7  
<sup>c</sup>John 16:32

32 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 28:7, 10, 16; Mark 16:7

33 <sup>l</sup>Or, *stumble*

34 <sup>a</sup>John 13:38; Matt. 26:75 <sup>b</sup>Mark 14:30

35 <sup>a</sup>John 13:37

36 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 26:36-46; Mark 14:32-42; Luke 22:40-46  
<sup>b</sup>Mark 14:32; Luke 22:39; John 18:1

37 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 17:1; Mark 5:37; Matt. 4:21

38 <sup>a</sup>John 12:27 <sup>b</sup>Matt. 26:40, 41

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39 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 20:22 <sup>b</sup>Matt. 26:42; Mark 14:36; Luke 22:42; John 6:38

40 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 26:38

41 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 26:38 <sup>b</sup>Mark 14:38

42 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 20:22 <sup>b</sup>Matt. 26:39; Mark 14:36; Luke 22:42; John 6:38

45 <sup>1</sup>Or, *Keep on sleeping therefore*  
<sup>a</sup>Mark 14:41; John 12:27; 13:1

47 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *and with him*  
<sup>a</sup>Matt. 26:47-56; Mark 14:43-50; Luke 22:47-53; John 18:3-11 <sup>b</sup>Matt. 26:14

49 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 23:7; 26:25

50 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 20:13; 22:12

51 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *extended the hand* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *took off*  
<sup>a</sup>John 18:10; Mark 14:47; Luke 22:50 <sup>b</sup>Luke 22:38  
<sup>c</sup>John 18:10; Mark 14:47; Luke 22:50

52 <sup>a</sup>Gen. 9:6; Rev. 13:10

53 <sup>1</sup>A legion equaled 6,000 troops  
<sup>a</sup>Mark 5:9, 15; Luke 8:30  
<sup>b</sup>Matt. 4:11

54 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 26:24

55 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *as against a robber*  
<sup>a</sup>Mark 12:35; 14:49; Luke 4:20; 19:47; 20:1; 21:37; John 7:14, 28; 8:2, 20; 18:20

56 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 26:24

57 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 26:57-68; Mark 14:53-65; John 18:12f., 19:24 <sup>b</sup>Matt. 26:3

58 <sup>1</sup>Or, *servants*  
<sup>a</sup>John 18:15 <sup>b</sup>Matt. 26:3  
<sup>c</sup>Matt. 5:25; John 7:32, 45f.; 19:6; Acts 5:22, 26

59 <sup>1</sup>Or, *Sanhedrin*  
<sup>a</sup>Matt. 5:22

and prayed, saying, "My Father, if it is possible, let <sup>a</sup>this cup pass from Me; <sup>b</sup>yet not as I will, but as Thou wilt."

40 And He <sup>a</sup>came to the disciples and <sup>a</sup>found them sleeping, and <sup>a</sup>said to Peter, "So, you *men* could not <sup>a</sup>keep watch with Me for one hour?"

41 <sup>a</sup>"Keep watching and praying, that you may not enter into temptation; <sup>b</sup>the spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak."

42 He went away again a second time and prayed, saying, "My Father, if this <sup>a</sup>cannot pass away unless I drink it, <sup>b</sup>Thy will be done."

43 And He came back and found them sleeping, for their eyes were heavy.

44 And He left them again, and went away and prayed a third time, saying the same thing once more.

45 Then He <sup>a</sup>came to the disciples, and <sup>a</sup>said to them, "<sup>1</sup>Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? Behold, <sup>a</sup>the hour is at hand and the Son of Man is being betrayed into the hands of sinners.

46 "Arise, let us be going; behold, the one who betrays Me is at hand!"

47 <sup>a</sup>And while He was still speaking, behold, <sup>b</sup>Judas, one of the twelve, came up, <sup>1</sup>accompanied by a great multitude with swords and clubs, from the chief priests and elders of the people.

48 Now he who was betraying Him gave them a sign, saying, "Whomever I shall kiss, He is the one; seize Him."

49 And immediately he came to Jesus and said, "Hail, <sup>a</sup>Rabbi!" and kissed Him.

50 And Jesus said to him, "<sup>a</sup>Friend, *do* what you have come for." Then they came and laid hands on Jesus and seized Him.

51 And behold, <sup>a</sup>one of those who were with Jesus <sup>1</sup>reached and drew out his <sup>b</sup>sword, and struck the <sup>c</sup>slave of the high priest, and <sup>2</sup>cut off his ear.

52 Then Jesus <sup>a</sup>said to him, "Put your sword back into its place; for <sup>a</sup>all those who take up the sword shall perish by the sword.

53 "Or do you think that I cannot appeal to My Father, and He will at once put at My disposal more than twelve <sup>1</sup>legions of <sup>b</sup>angels?"

54 "How then shall <sup>a</sup>the Scriptures be fulfilled, that it must happen this way?"

55 At that time Jesus said to the multitudes, "Have you come out with swords and clubs to arrest Me <sup>1</sup>as though I were a robber? <sup>a</sup>Every day I used to sit in the temple teaching and you did not seize Me.

56 "But all this has taken place that <sup>a</sup>the Scriptures of the prophets may be fulfilled." Then all the disciples left Him and fled.

57 <sup>a</sup>And those who had seized Jesus led Him away to <sup>b</sup>Caiaphas, the high priest, where the scribes and the elders were gathered together.

58 But <sup>a</sup>Peter also followed Him at a distance as far as the <sup>b</sup>courtyard of the high priest, and entered in, and sat down with the <sup>1</sup>officers to see the outcome.

59 Now the chief priests and the whole <sup>1</sup>aCouncil kept

trying to obtain false testimony against Jesus, in order that they might put Him to death;

60 and they did not find it, even though many false witnesses came forward. But later on <sup>a</sup>two came forward,

61 and said, "This man stated, 'I am able to destroy the temple of God and to rebuild it <sup>2</sup>in three days.'"

62 And the high priest stood up and said to Him, "Do You make no answer? What is it that these men are testifying against You?"

63 But <sup>a</sup>Jesus kept silent. <sup>b</sup>And the high priest said to Him, "I <sup>c</sup>adjure You by <sup>d</sup>the living God, that You tell us whether You are <sup>2</sup>the Christ, <sup>e</sup>the Son of God."

64 Jesus <sup>\*</sup>said to him, "<sup>a</sup>You have said it *yourself*; nevertheless I tell you, <sup>1</sup>hereafter you shall see <sup>b</sup>THE SON OF MAN SITTING AT THE RIGHT HAND OF POWER, and <sup>c</sup>COMING ON THE CLOUDS OF HEAVEN."

65 Then the high priest <sup>a</sup> tore his robes, saying, "He has blasphemed! What further need do we have of witnesses? Behold, you have now heard the blasphemy;

66 what do you think?" They answered and said, "<sup>a</sup>He is deserving of death!"

67 <sup>a</sup>Then they <sup>b</sup> spat in His face and beat Him with their fists; and others <sup>1</sup>slapped Him,

68 and said, "<sup>a</sup>Prophecy to us, You <sup>1</sup>Christ; who is the one who hit You?"

69 <sup>a</sup>Now Peter was sitting outside in the <sup>b</sup>courtyard, and a certain servant-girl came to him and said, "You too were with Jesus the Galilean."

70 But he denied it before them all, saying, "I do not know what you are talking about."

71 And when he had gone out to the gateway, another *servant-girl* saw him and <sup>\*</sup>said to those who were there, "This man was with Jesus of Nazareth."

72 And again he denied it with an oath, "I do not know the man."

73 And a little later the bystanders came up and said to Peter, "Surely you too are *one* of them; <sup>a</sup>for the way you talk gives you away."

74 Then he began to curse and swear, "I do not know the man!" And immediately a cock crowed.

75 And Peter remembered the word which Jesus had said, "<sup>a</sup>Before a cock crows, you will deny Me three times." And he went out and wept bitterly.

**CHAPTER 27**

<sup>a</sup>**N**OW when morning had come, all the chief priests and the elders of the people took counsel against Jesus to put Him to death;

2 and they bound Him, and led Him away, and <sup>a</sup>delivered Him up to <sup>b</sup>Pilate the governor.

3 Then when <sup>a</sup>Judas, who had betrayed Him, saw that He had been condemned, he felt remorse and returned <sup>b</sup>the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and elders,

4 saying, "I have sinned by betraying innocent blood." But they said, "What is that to us? <sup>a</sup>See to that yourself!"

60 <sup>a</sup>Deut. 19:15

61 <sup>1</sup>Or, sanctuary <sup>2</sup>Or, after  
<sup>a</sup>Matt. 27:40; Mark 14:58; 15:29; John 2:19; Acts 6:14

63 <sup>1</sup>Or, charge You under oath <sup>2</sup>i.e., the Messiah  
<sup>a</sup>Matt. 27:12, 14; John 19:9  
<sup>b</sup>Matt. 26:63-66; Luke 22:67-71 <sup>c</sup>Lev. 5:1 <sup>d</sup>Matt. 16:16 <sup>e</sup>Matt. 4:3

64 <sup>1</sup>Or, from now on  
<sup>a</sup>Matt. 26:25 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 110:1  
<sup>c</sup>Dan. 7:13; Matt. 16:27f.

65 <sup>1</sup>Or, outer garments  
<sup>a</sup>Mark 14:63; Num. 14:6; Acts 14:14

66 <sup>a</sup>Lev. 24:16; John 19:7

67 <sup>1</sup>Or, possibly, beat Him with rods  
<sup>a</sup>Matt. 26:67, 68; Luke 22:63-65; John 18:22 <sup>b</sup>Matt. 27:30; Mark 10:34

68 <sup>1</sup>i.e., the Messiah  
<sup>a</sup>Mark 14:65; Luke 22:64

69 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 26:69-75; Mark 14:66-72; Luke 22:55-62; John 18:16-18, 25-27 <sup>b</sup>Matt. 26:3

73 <sup>1</sup>Lit., makes you evident  
<sup>a</sup>Mark 14:70; Luke 22:59; John 18:26

75 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 26:34

1 <sup>a</sup>Mark 15:1; Luke 22:66; John 18:28

2 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 20:19 <sup>b</sup>Luke 3:1; 13:1; 23:12; Acts 3:13; 4:27; 1 Tim. 6:13

3 <sup>1</sup>Or, silver shekels  
<sup>a</sup>Matt. 26:14 <sup>b</sup>Matt. 26:15

4 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 27:24

5 <sup>a</sup>Luke 1:9, 21; Matt. 26:61 marg. <sup>b</sup>Acts 1:18

7 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *them*

8 <sup>a</sup>Acts 1:19

9 <sup>1</sup>Some mss. read, *I took*  
<sup>a</sup>Zech. 11:12, 13; cf., Jer. 18:2; 19:2, 11; 32:6-9

10 <sup>1</sup>Some mss. read, *I gave*

11 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 27:11-14; *Mark* 15:2-5; *Luke* 23:2-3; *John* 18:29-38 <sup>b</sup>Matt. 2:2 <sup>c</sup>Matt. 26:25

12 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 26:63; *John* 19:9

14 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *word*  
<sup>a</sup>Matt. 27:12; *Mark* 15:5; *John* 19:9; *Luke* 23:9

15 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 27:15-26; *Mark* 15:6-15; *Luke* 23:[17]:25; *John* 18:39-19:16

17 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 1:16; 27:22

19 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *today*  
<sup>a</sup>*John* 19:13; *Acts* 12:21 marg.; 18:12, 16f.; 25:6, 10, 17 <sup>b</sup>Matt. 27:24 <sup>c</sup>Matt. 1:20; 2:12f., 19, 22; *Gen.* 20:6; 31:11; *Num.* 12:6; *Job* 33:15

20 <sup>a</sup>Acts 3:14

22 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 1:16

24 <sup>1</sup>Many mss. read, *the blood of this righteous Man*  
<sup>a</sup>Matt. 26:5 <sup>b</sup>Deut. 21:6-8 <sup>c</sup>Matt. 27:19 <sup>d</sup>Matt. 27:4

25 <sup>a</sup>Josh. 2:19; *Acts* 5:28

26 <sup>1</sup>Or, *to them*  
<sup>a</sup>Mark 15:15; *John* 19:1; *Luke* 23:16

5 And he threw the pieces of silver into <sup>a</sup>the sanctuary and departed; and <sup>b</sup>he went away and hanged himself.

6 And the chief priests took the pieces of silver and said, "It is not lawful to put them into the temple treasury, since it is the price of blood."

7 And they counseled together and with <sup>1</sup>the money bought the Potter's Field as a burial place for strangers.

8 <sup>a</sup>For this reason that field has been called the Field of Blood to this day.

9 Then that which was spoken through Jeremiah the prophet was fulfilled, saying, "<sup>a</sup>AND <sup>1</sup>THEY TOOK THE THIRTY PIECES OF SILVER, THE PRICE OF THE ONE WHOSE PRICE HAD BEEN SET BY THE SONS OF ISRAEL;

10 AND <sup>1</sup>THEY GAVE THEM FOR THE POTTER'S FIELD, AS THE LORD DIRECTED ME."

11 <sup>a</sup>Now Jesus stood before the governor, and the governor questioned Him, saying, "Are You the <sup>b</sup>King of the Jews?" And Jesus said to him, "<sup>c</sup>*It is as you say.*"

12 And while He was being accused by the chief priests and elders, <sup>a</sup>He made no answer.

13 Then Pilate <sup>a</sup>said to Him, "Do You not hear how many things they testify against You?"

14 And <sup>a</sup>He did not answer him with regard to even a single <sup>1</sup>charge, so that the governor was quite amazed.

15 <sup>a</sup>Now at *the* feast the governor was accustomed to release for the multitude *any* one prisoner whom they wanted.

16 And they were holding at that time a notorious prisoner, called Barabbas.

17 When therefore they were gathered together, Pilate said to them, "Whom do you want me to release for you? Barabbas, or Jesus <sup>a</sup>who is called Christ?"

18 For he knew that because of envy they had delivered Him up.

19 And <sup>a</sup>while he was sitting on the judgment seat, his wife sent to him, saying, "Have nothing to do with that <sup>b</sup>righteous Man; for <sup>1</sup>last night I suffered greatly <sup>c</sup>in a dream because of Him."

20 But the chief priests and the elders persuaded the multitudes to <sup>a</sup>ask for Barabbas, and to put Jesus to death.

21 But the governor answered and said to them, "Which of the two do you want me to release for you?" And they said, "Barabbas."

22 Pilate <sup>a</sup>said to them, "What then shall I do with Jesus <sup>a</sup>who is called Christ?" They all <sup>a</sup>said, "Let Him be crucified!"

23 And he said, "Why, what evil has He done?" But they kept shouting all the more, saying, "Let Him be crucified!"

24 And when Pilate saw that he was accomplishing nothing, but rather that <sup>a</sup>a riot was starting, he took water and <sup>b</sup>washed his hands in front of the multitude, saying, "I am innocent of <sup>1</sup>this Man's blood; <sup>d</sup>see *to that* yourselves."

25 And all the people answered and said, "<sup>a</sup>His blood *be* on us and on our children!"

26 Then he released Barabbas <sup>1</sup>for them; but Jesus he <sup>a</sup>scourged and delivered over to be crucified.



27 <sup>a</sup>Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into <sup>b</sup>the Praetorium and gathered the whole *Roman* <sup>1c</sup>cohort around Him.

28 And they stripped Him, and <sup>a</sup>put a scarlet robe on Him.

29 <sup>a</sup>And after weaving a crown of thorns, they put it on His head, and a <sup>1</sup>reed in His right hand; and they kneeled down before Him and mocked Him, saying, <sup>b</sup>"Hail, King of the Jews!"

30 And <sup>a</sup>they spat on Him, and took the reed and *began* to beat Him on the head.

31 <sup>a</sup>And after they had mocked Him, they took His robe off and put His garments on Him, and led Him away to crucify Him.

32 <sup>a</sup>And as they were coming out, they found a <sup>1</sup>certain *Cyrenian* named Simon; this man they pressed into service to bear His cross.

33 <sup>a</sup>And when they had come to a place called *Golgotha*, which means Place of a Skull,

34 <sup>a</sup>THEY GAVE HIM <sup>b</sup>WINE TO DRINK MINGLED WITH GALL; and after tasting it, He was unwilling to drink.

35 And when they had crucified Him, <sup>a</sup>THEY DIVIDED UP HIS GARMENTS AMONG THEMSELVES, CASTING <sup>1</sup>LOTS;

36 and sitting down, they *began* to <sup>a</sup>keep watch over Him there.

37 And they put up above His head the charge against Him <sup>1</sup>which read, <sup>a</sup>"THIS IS JESUS THE KING OF THE JEWS."

38 At that time two robbers <sup>a</sup>were crucified with Him, one on the right and one on the left.

39 And those who were passing by were <sup>1</sup>hurling abuse at Him, <sup>a</sup>WAGGING THEIR HEADS,

40 and saying, <sup>a</sup>"You who destroy the temple and rebuild it in three days, save Yourself! <sup>b</sup>If You are the Son of God, come down from the cross."

41 In the same way the chief priests, along with the scribes and elders, were mocking Him, and saying,

42 <sup>a</sup>"He saved others; <sup>1</sup>He cannot save Himself. <sup>b</sup>He is the King of Israel; let Him now come down from the cross, and we shall believe in Him.

43 <sup>a</sup>"HE TRUSTS IN GOD; LET HIM DELIVER Him now, IF HE TAKES PLEASURE IN HIM; for He said, 'I am the Son of God.'"

44 <sup>a</sup>And the robbers also who had been crucified with Him were casting the same insult at Him.

45 <sup>a</sup>Now from the <sup>1</sup>sixth hour darkness <sup>2</sup>fell upon all the land until the <sup>3</sup>ninth hour.

46 And about the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, "ELI, ELI, LAMA SABACHTHANI?" that is, <sup>a</sup>"MY GOD, MY GOD, WHY HAST THOU FORSAKEN ME?"

47 And some of those who were standing there, when they heard it, *began* saying, "This man is calling for Elijah."

48 And <sup>a</sup>immediately one of them ran, and taking a sponge, he filled it with sour wine, and put it on a reed, and gave Him a drink.

49 But the rest of them said, <sup>a</sup>"Let us see whether Elijah will come to save Him."<sup>2</sup>

27 <sup>1</sup>Or, *battalion*  
<sup>a</sup>Matt. 27:27-31; Mark 15:16-20 <sup>b</sup>John 18:28, 33; 19:9; Matt. 26:3 <sup>c</sup>Acts 10:1

28 <sup>a</sup>Mark 15:17; John 19:2

29 <sup>1</sup>Or, *staff* (made of a reed)  
<sup>a</sup>Mark 15:17; John 19:2  
<sup>b</sup>Mark 15:18; John 19:1

30 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 26:67; Mark 10:34; 14:65; 15:19

31 <sup>a</sup>Mark 15:20

32 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *a man, a Cyrenian*  
<sup>a</sup>Matt. 27:32; Mark 15:21; Luke 23:26; John 19:17  
<sup>b</sup>Acts 2:10; 6:9; 11:20; 13:1

33 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 27:34-44; Mark 15:22-32; Luke 23:33-43; John 19:17-24 <sup>b</sup>John 19:17; Luke 23:33 and marg.

34 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 69:21 <sup>b</sup>Mark 15:23

35 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *a lot*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 22:18

36 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 27:54

37 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *written*  
<sup>a</sup>Mark 15:26; Luke 23:38; John 19:19

39 <sup>1</sup>Or, *blaspheming*  
<sup>a</sup>Mark 15:29; Job 16:4; Ps. 22:7; 109:25; Lam. 2:15

40 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 26:61 <sup>b</sup>Matt. 27:42

42 <sup>1</sup>Or, *can He not save Himself*  
<sup>a</sup>Mark 15:31; Luke 23:35  
<sup>b</sup>John 1:49; 12:13; Matt. 27:37; Luke 23:37

43 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 22:8

44 <sup>a</sup>Luke 23:39-43

45 <sup>1</sup>I.e., noon <sup>2</sup>Or, *occurred* <sup>3</sup>I.e., 3 p.m.  
<sup>a</sup>Matt. 27:45-56; Mark 15:33-41; Luke 23:44-49

46 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 22:1

48 <sup>a</sup>Mark 15:36; Luke 23:36; John 19:29

49 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *Permit that we see* <sup>2</sup>Some early mss. add: *And another took a spear and pierced His side, and there came out water and blood.* (cf. John 19:34)

50 <sup>a</sup>Mark 15:37; Luke 23:46; John 19:30

51 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 27:51-56; Mark 15:38-41; Luke 23:47-49  
<sup>b</sup>Mark 15:38; Luke 23:45; Ex. 26:31ff.; Heb. 9:3  
<sup>c</sup>Matt. 27:54

52 <sup>1</sup>i.e. true believers; lit., *holy ones*  
<sup>a</sup>Acts 7:60

53 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 4:5

54 <sup>1</sup>Or, possibly, *a son of God, or, a son of a god*  
<sup>a</sup>Mark 15:39; Luke 23:47  
<sup>b</sup>Matt. 27:36 <sup>c</sup>Matt. 27:51  
<sup>d</sup>Matt. 4:3; Matt. 27:43

55 <sup>1</sup>Or, *waiting on*  
<sup>a</sup>Mark 15:40f.; Luke 23:49; John 19:25 <sup>b</sup>Luke 8:2, 3; Mark 15:41

56 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 28:1; Mark 15:40, 47; 16:9; Luke 8:2; John 19:25; 20:1, 18 <sup>b</sup>Matt. 20:20

57 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 27:57-61; Mark 15:42-47; Luke 23:50-56; John 19:38-42

60 <sup>a</sup>Mark 16:4; Matt. 27:66; 28:2

61 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 27:56; 28:1

62 <sup>1</sup>Or, *Friday*  
<sup>a</sup>Mark 15:42; Luke 23:54; John 19:14, 31, 42

63 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 16:21

65 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 27:66; 28:11

66 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 27:65; 28:11  
<sup>b</sup>Dan. 6:17 <sup>c</sup>Mark 16:4; Matt. 27:60; 28:2

1 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 28:1-8; Mark 16:1-8; Luke 24:1-10; John 20:1-8 <sup>b</sup>Matt. 27:56, 61

2 <sup>a</sup>Luke 24:4; John 20:12  
<sup>b</sup>Mark 16:4; Matt. 27:66; 28:2

3 <sup>a</sup>Dan. 7:9; 10:6; Mark 9:3; John 20:12; Acts 1:10

50 And Jesus <sup>a</sup>cried out again with a loud voice, and yielded up *His* spirit.

51 <sup>a</sup>And behold, <sup>b</sup>the veil of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom, and <sup>c</sup>the earth shook; and the rocks were split,

52 and the tombs were opened; and many bodies of the <sup>1</sup>saints who had <sup>a</sup>fallen asleep were raised;

53 and coming out of the tombs after His resurrection they entered <sup>a</sup>the holy city and appeared to many.

54 <sup>a</sup>Now the centurion, and those who were with him <sup>b</sup>keeping guard over Jesus, when they saw <sup>c</sup>the earthquake and the things that were happening, became very frightened and said, "Truly this was <sup>1d</sup>the Son of God!"

55 <sup>a</sup>And many women were there looking on from a distance, who had followed Jesus from Galilee, <sup>1b</sup>ministering to Him,

56 among whom was <sup>a</sup>Mary Magdalene, *along with* Mary the mother of James and Joseph, and <sup>b</sup>the mother of the sons of Zebedee.

57 <sup>a</sup>And when it was evening, there came a rich man from Arimathea, named Joseph, who himself had also become a disciple of Jesus.

58 This man came to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Then Pilate ordered *it* to be given over *to him*.

59 And Joseph took the body and wrapped it in a clean linen cloth,

60 and laid it in his own new tomb, which he had hewn out in the rock; and he rolled <sup>a</sup>a large stone against the entrance of the tomb and went away.

61 And <sup>a</sup>Mary Magdalene was there, and the other Mary, sitting opposite the grave.

62 <sup>1</sup>Now on the next day, which is *the one* after <sup>1a</sup>the preparation, the chief priests and the Pharisees gathered together with Pilate,

63 and said, "Sir, we remember that when He was still alive that deceiver said, '<sup>a</sup>After three days I *am* to rise again.'

64 "Therefore, give orders for the grave to be made secure until the third day, lest the disciples come and steal Him away and say to the people, 'He has risen from the dead,' and the last deception will be worse than the first."

65 Pilate said to them, "You have a <sup>a</sup>guard; go, make it *as* secure as you know how."

66 And they went and made the grave secure, and along with <sup>a</sup>the guard they set a <sup>b</sup>seal on <sup>c</sup>the stone.

CHAPTER 28

<sup>a</sup>**N**OW late on the Sabbath, as it began to dawn toward the first *day* of the week, <sup>b</sup>Mary Magdalene and the other Mary came to look at the grave.

2 And behold, a severe earthquake had occurred, for <sup>a</sup>an angel of the Lord descended from heaven and came and rolled away <sup>b</sup>the stone and sat upon it.

3 And <sup>a</sup>his appearance was like lightning, and his garment as white as snow;

4 and the guards shook for fear of him, and became like dead men.

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5 And the angel answered and said to the women, "1aDo not be afraid; for I know that you are looking for Jesus who has been crucified.

6 "He is not here, for He has risen, ajust as He said. Come, see the place where He was lying.

7 "And go quickly and tell His disciples that He has risen from the dead; and behold, He is going before you ainto Galilee, there you will see Him; behold, I have told you."

8 And they departed quickly from the tomb with fear and great joy and ran to report it to His disciples.

9 And behold, Jesus met them land greeted them. And they came up and took hold of His feet and worshiped Him.

10 Then Jesus asaid to them, "1aDo not be afraid; go and take word to bMy brethren to leave cfor Galilee, and there they shall see Me."

11 Now while they were on their way, behold, some of athe guard came into the city and reported to the chief priests all that had happened.

12 And when they had assembled with the elders and counseled together, they gave a large sum of money to the soldiers,

13 and said, "You are to say, 'His disciples came by night and stole Him away while we were asleep.'

14 "And if this should come to athe governor's ears, we will win him over and lkeep you out of trouble."

15 And they took the money and did as they had been instructed; and this story was widely aspread among the Jews, and is bto this day.

16 But the eleven disciples proceeded ato Galilee, to the mountain which Jesus had designated.

17 And when they saw Him, they worshiped Him; but asome were doubtful.

18 And Jesus came up and spoke to them, saying, "aAll authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth.

19 "aGo therefore and bmake disciples of c'all the nations, dbaptizing them l' in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit,

20 teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, aI am with you l'always, even to bthe end of the age."

5 1Or, *Stop being afraid*  
\*Matt. 28:10; 14:27

6 \*Matt. 27:63; 12:40; 16:21

7 \*Matt. 26:32; 28:10, 16

9 1Lit., *saying hello*

10 1Or, *Stop being afraid*  
\*Matt. 28:5; 14:27 bJohn 20:17; Rom. 8:29; Heb. 2:11f., 17 cMatt. 26:32; 28:7, 16

11 \*Matt. 27:65, 66

14 1Lit., *make you free from care*  
\*Matt. 27:2

15 \*Matt. 9:31; Mark 1:45  
bMatt. 27:8

16 \*Matt. 26:32; 28:7, 10

17 \*Mark 16:11

18 \*Matt. 26:64; Dan. 7:13f.; Rom. 14:9; Eph. 1:20-22; Phil. 2:9f.; Col. 2:10; 1 Pet. 3:22; Matt. 11:27

19 1Lit., *into*  
\*Mark 16:15f. bMatt. 13:52; Acts 14:21 cLuke 24:47; Matt. 25:32 dActs 2:38; 8:16; Rom. 6:3; 1 Cor. 1:13, 15f.; Gal. 3:27

20 1Lit., *all the days*  
\*Matt. 18:20; Acts 18:10  
bMatt. 13:39

# THE GOSPEL

ACCORDING TO

## MARK

Preaching of the Baptist. Baptism of Jesus.  
Temptation of Jesus.

1 <sup>1</sup>Many mss. omit, *the Son of God*  
<sup>a</sup>Matt. 4:3

2 <sup>2</sup>Mark 1:2-8; *Matt. 3:1-11; Luke 3:2-16* <sup>b</sup>Mal. 3:1; *Matt. 11:10; Luke 7:27*

3 <sup>3</sup>Is. 40:3; *Matt. 3:3; Luke 3:4; John 1:23*

4 <sup>1</sup>Or, *proclaiming*  
<sup>a</sup>Acts 13:24 <sup>b</sup>Luke 1:77

6 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *he was eating*

7 <sup>1</sup>Or, *proclaiming*

8 <sup>1</sup>The Greek here can be translated *in, with or by*

9 <sup>a</sup>Mark 1:9-11; *Matt. 3:13-17; Luke 3:21, 22*  
<sup>b</sup>Matt. 2:23; *Luke 2:51*

10 <sup>1</sup>Or, *being parted*

11 <sup>a</sup>Luke 3:22; *Matt. 3:17*

12 <sup>a</sup>Mark 1:12, 13; *Matt. 4:1-11; Luke 4:1-13*

13 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 4:10

14 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *delivered up* <sup>2</sup>Or, *proclaiming*  
<sup>a</sup>Matt. 4:12 <sup>b</sup>Matt. 4:23

15 <sup>1</sup>Or, *put your trust in*  
<sup>a</sup>Gal. 4:4; *Eph. 1:10; 1 Tim. 2:6; Titus 1:3* <sup>b</sup>Acts 20:21

16 <sup>a</sup>Mark 1:16-20; *Matt. 4:18-22; Luke 5:2-11; John 1:40-42*

19 <sup>1</sup>Or, *Jacob*

**T**HE beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, <sup>1a</sup>the Son of God.

**2** <sup>a</sup>As it is written in Isaiah the prophet,  
“<sup>b</sup>BEHOLD, I SEND MY MESSENGER BEFORE YOUR FACE,  
WHO WILL PREPARE YOUR WAY;

**3** “<sup>a</sup>THE VOICE OF ONE CRYING IN THE WILDERNESS,  
‘MAKE READY THE WAY OF THE LORD,  
MAKE HIS PATHS STRAIGHT.’ ”

**4** John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness <sup>1a</sup>preaching a baptism of repentance for the <sup>b</sup>forgiveness of sins.

**5** And all the country of Judea was going out to him, and all the people of Jerusalem; and they were being baptized by him in the Jordan River, confessing their sins.

**6** And John was clothed with camel’s hair and wore a leather belt around his waist, and <sup>1</sup>his diet was locusts and wild honey.

**7** And he was <sup>1</sup>preaching, and saying, “After me comes One who is mightier than I, and I am not *even* fit to stoop down and untie the thong of His sandals.

**8** “I baptized you <sup>1</sup>with water; but He will baptize you <sup>1</sup>with the Holy Spirit.”

**9** <sup>a</sup>And it came about in those days that Jesus <sup>b</sup>came from Nazareth in Galilee, and was baptized by John in the Jordan.

**10** And immediately coming up out of the water, He saw the heavens <sup>1</sup>opening, and the Spirit like a dove descending upon Him;

**11** and a voice came out of the heavens: “<sup>a</sup>Thou art My beloved Son, in Thee I am well-pleased.”

**12** <sup>a</sup>And immediately the Spirit <sup>\*</sup>impelled Him *to go out* into the wilderness.

**13** And He was in the wilderness forty days being tempted by <sup>a</sup>Satan; and He was with the wild beasts, and the angels were ministering to Him.

**14** <sup>a</sup>And after John had been <sup>1</sup>taken into custody, Jesus came into Galilee, <sup>2b</sup>preaching the gospel of God,

**15** and saying, “<sup>a</sup>The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; <sup>b</sup>repent and <sup>1</sup>believe in the gospel.”

**16** <sup>a</sup>And as He was going along by the Sea of Galilee, He saw Simon and Andrew, the brother of Simon, casting a net in the sea; for they were fishermen.

**17** And Jesus said to them, “Follow Me, and I will make you become fishers of men.”

**18** And they immediately left the nets and followed Him.

**19** And going on a little farther, He saw <sup>1</sup>James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother, who were also in the boat mending the nets.

**Jesus Calls Disciples.  
Teaches In Capernaum. Heals Many.**

**Mark 1**

20 And immediately He called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired servants, and went away <sup>1</sup>to follow Him.

21 <sup>a</sup>And they <sup>a</sup>went into Capernaum; and immediately on the Sabbath <sup>b</sup>He entered the synagogue and *began* to teach.

22 And <sup>a</sup>they were amazed at His teaching; for He was teaching them as *one* having authority, and not as the scribes.

23 And just then there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit; and he cried out,

24 saying, "What do we have to do with You, Jesus of <sup>1b</sup>Nazareth? Have You come to destroy us? I know who You are—"the Holy One of God!"

25 And Jesus rebuked him, saying, "Be quiet, and come out of him!"

26 And throwing him into convulsions, the unclean spirit cried out with a loud voice, and came out of him.

27 And they were all <sup>a</sup>amazed, so that they debated among themselves, saying, "What is this? A new teaching with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey Him."

28 And immediately the news about Him went out everywhere into all the surrounding district of Galilee.

29 <sup>a</sup>And immediately <sup>1</sup>after they had come <sup>b</sup>out of the synagogue, they came into the house of Simon and Andrew, with <sup>2</sup>James and John.

30 Now Simon's mother-in-law was lying sick with a fever; and immediately they <sup>a</sup>spoke to Him about her.

31 And He came to her and raised her up, taking her by the hand, and the fever left her, and she began to <sup>1</sup>wait on them.

32 <sup>a</sup>And <sup>b</sup>when evening had come, <sup>b</sup>after the sun had set, they *began* bringing to Him all who were ill and those who were <sup>c</sup>demon-possessed.

33 And the whole <sup>a</sup>city had gathered at the door.

34 And He <sup>a</sup>healed many who were ill with various diseases, and cast out many demons; and He was not permitting the demons to speak, because they <sup>1</sup>knew who He was.

35 <sup>a</sup>And in the early morning, while it was still dark, He arose and went out and departed to a lonely place, and <sup>b</sup>was praying there.

36 And Simon and his companions hunted for Him;

37 and they found Him, and <sup>a</sup>said to Him, "Everyone is looking for You."

38 And He <sup>a</sup>said to them, "Let us go somewhere else to the towns nearby, in order that I may <sup>1</sup>preach there also; for that is what I came out for."

39 <sup>a</sup>And He went into their synagogues throughout all Galilee, <sup>1</sup>preaching and casting out the demons.

40 <sup>a</sup>And a leper <sup>a</sup>came to Him, beseeching Him and <sup>b</sup>falling on his knees before Him, and saying to Him, "If You are willing, You can make me clean."

41 And moved with compassion, He stretched out His hand and touched him, and <sup>a</sup>said to him, "I am willing; be cleansed."

42 And immediately the leprosy left him and he was cleansed.

20 <sup>1</sup>Lit. *after Him*

21 <sup>a</sup>Mark 1:21-28; Luke 4:31-37 <sup>b</sup>Matt. 4:23; Mark 1:39; 10:1

22 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 7:28

24 <sup>1</sup>Lit. *Nazarene*  
<sup>a</sup>Matt. 8:29 <sup>b</sup>Mark 10:47; 14:67; 16:6; Luke 4:34; 24:19; Matt. 2:23; Acts 24:5  
<sup>c</sup>Luke 4:34; John 6:69; Luke 1:35; Acts 3:14

27 <sup>a</sup>Mark 10:24, 32; Mark 14:33; 16:5, 6

29 <sup>1</sup>Some mss. read: *after He had come out, He came* <sup>2</sup>Or, *Jacob*  
<sup>a</sup>Mark 1:29-31; *Matt. 8:14, 15; Luke 4:38, 39* <sup>b</sup>Mark 1:21, 23

31 <sup>1</sup>Or, *serve*

32 <sup>a</sup>Mark 1:32-34; *Matt. 8:16, 17; Luke 4:40, 41*  
<sup>b</sup>Matt. 8:16; Luke 4:40  
<sup>c</sup>Matt. 4:24

33 <sup>a</sup>Mark 1:21

34 <sup>1</sup>Some mss. read: *knew Him to be Christ*  
<sup>a</sup>Matt. 4:23

35 <sup>a</sup>Mark 1:35-38; Luke 4:42, 43 <sup>b</sup>Luke 5:16; Matt. 14:23

38 <sup>1</sup>Or, *proclaim*

39 <sup>1</sup>Or, *proclaiming*  
<sup>a</sup>Matt. 4:23; Mark 1:23; 3:1

40 <sup>a</sup>Mark 1:40-44; *Matt. 8:2-4; Luke 5:12-14* <sup>b</sup>Mark 10:17; Matt. 8:2; Luke 5:12

44 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 8:4 <sup>b</sup>Matt. 8:4

45 <sup>1</sup>Lit., was  
<sup>a</sup>Luke 5:15; Matt. 28:15  
<sup>b</sup>Mark 2:2, 13; 3:7; Luke  
5:17; John 6:2

2 <sup>a</sup>Mark 2:13; Mark 1:45

3 <sup>a</sup>Mark 2:3-12; Matt.  
9:2-8; Luke 5:18-26 <sup>b</sup>Matt.  
4:24

4 <sup>1</sup>Lit., bring to <sup>2</sup>Lit.,  
where He was  
<sup>a</sup>Luke 5:19 <sup>b</sup>Matt. 4:24

5 <sup>1</sup>Lit., child  
<sup>a</sup>Matt. 9:2

7 <sup>1</sup>Lit., if not one, God  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 43:25

8 <sup>1</sup>Lit., by

9 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 4:24

12 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 9:8 <sup>b</sup>Matt. 9:33

13 <sup>a</sup>Mark 1:45

14 <sup>a</sup>Mark 2:14-17; Matt.  
9:9-13; Luke 5:27-32 <sup>b</sup>Matt.  
9:9 <sup>c</sup>Matt. 8:22

15 <sup>1</sup>Lit., comes <sup>2</sup>Publicans  
who collected Roman taxes  
for profit <sup>3</sup>Lit., were  
reclining with

16 <sup>a</sup>Acts 23:9; Luke 5:30  
<sup>b</sup>Matt. 9:11

17 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 9:12, 13; Luke  
5:31, 32

43 And He sternly warned him and immediately sent him away,

44 and He <sup>a</sup>said to him, “<sup>a</sup>See that you say nothing to anyone; but <sup>b</sup>go, show yourself to the priest and offer for your cleansing what Moses commanded, for a testimony to them.”

45 But he went out and began to <sup>a</sup>proclaim it freely and to <sup>a</sup>spread the news about, to such an extent that Jesus could no longer publicly enter a city, but <sup>1</sup>stayed out in unpopulated areas; and <sup>b</sup>they were coming to Him from everywhere.

CHAPTER 2

AND when He had come back to Capernaum several days afterward, it was heard that He was at home.

2 And <sup>a</sup>many were gathered together, so that there was no longer room, even near the door; and He was speaking the word to them.

3 <sup>a</sup>And they <sup>a</sup>came, bringing to Him a <sup>b</sup>paralytic, carried by four men.

4 And being unable to <sup>1</sup>get to Him on account of the crowd, they <sup>a</sup>removed the roof <sup>2</sup>above Him; and when they had dug an opening, they let down the pallet on which the <sup>b</sup>paralytic was lying.

5 And Jesus seeing their faith <sup>a</sup>said to the paralytic, “My <sup>1</sup>son, <sup>a</sup>your sins are forgiven.”

6 But there were some of the scribes sitting there and reasoning in their hearts,

7 “Why does this man speak that way? He is blaspheming; <sup>a</sup>who can forgive sins <sup>1</sup>but God alone?”

8 And immediately Jesus, perceiving <sup>1</sup>in His spirit that they were reasoning that way within themselves, <sup>a</sup>said to them, “Why are you reasoning about these things in your hearts?”

9 “Which is easier, to say to the <sup>a</sup>paralytic, ‘Your sins are forgiven’; or to say, ‘Arise, and take up your pallet and walk’?”

10 “But in order that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins,” He <sup>a</sup>said to the paralytic,

11 “I say to you, rise, take up your pallet and go home.”

12 And he rose and immediately took up the pallet and went out in the sight of all; so that they were all amazed and <sup>a</sup>were glorifying God, saying, “<sup>b</sup>We have never seen anything like this.”

13 And He went out again by the seashore; and <sup>a</sup>all the multitude were coming to Him, and He was teaching them.

14 <sup>a</sup>And as He passed by, He saw <sup>b</sup>Levi the son of Alphaeus sitting in the tax office, and He <sup>a</sup>said to him, “<sup>c</sup>Follow Me!” And he rose and followed Him.

15 And it <sup>1</sup>came about that He was reclining *at table* in his house, and many <sup>2</sup>tax-gatherers and sinners <sup>3</sup>were dining with Jesus and His disciples; for there were many of them, and they were following Him.

16 And when <sup>a</sup>the scribes of the Pharisees saw that He was eating with the sinners and tax-gatherers, they *began* saying to His disciples, “<sup>b</sup>Why is He eating and drinking with tax-gatherers and sinners?”

17 And hearing this, Jesus <sup>a</sup>said to them, “<sup>a</sup>*It is not those*

who are healthy who need a physician, but those who are sick; I did not come to call *the* righteous, but sinners."

18 <sup>a</sup>And John's disciples and the Pharisees were fasting; and they <sup>a</sup>came and <sup>a</sup>said to Him, "Why do John's disciples and the disciples of the Pharisees fast, but Your disciples do not fast?"

19 And Jesus said to them, "While the bridegroom is with them, <sup>1</sup>the attendants of the bridegroom do not fast, do they? So long as they have the bridegroom with them, they cannot fast.

20 "But the <sup>a</sup>days will come when the bridegroom is taken away from them, and then they will fast in that day.

21 "No one sews <sup>1a</sup> patch of unshrunk cloth on an old garment; otherwise <sup>2</sup>the patch pulls away from it, the new from the old, and a worse tear results.

22 "And no one puts new wine into old <sup>1</sup>wineskins; otherwise the wine will burst the skins, and the wine is lost, and the skins *as well*; but *one puts* new wine into fresh wineskins."

23 <sup>a</sup>And it came about that He was passing through the grainfields on the Sabbath, and His disciples began to make their way along while <sup>b</sup>picking the heads of grain.

24 And the Pharisees were saying to Him, "See here, <sup>a</sup>why are they doing what is not lawful on the Sabbath?"

25 And He <sup>a</sup>said to them, "Have you never read what David did when he was in need and became hungry, he and his companions:

26 how he entered into the house of God in the time of <sup>a</sup>Abiathar *the* high priest, and ate the <sup>1</sup>consecrated bread, which is not lawful for *anyone* to eat except the priests, and he gave it also to those who were with him?"

27 And He was saying to them, "<sup>a</sup>The Sabbath <sup>1</sup>was made <sup>2</sup>for man, and <sup>b</sup>not man <sup>2</sup>for the Sabbath.

28 "Consequently, the Son of Man is Lord even of the Sabbath."

CHAPTER 3

<sup>a</sup>AND He <sup>b</sup>entered again into a synagogue; and a man was there with a withered hand.

2 And <sup>a</sup>they were watching Him *to see* if He would heal him on the Sabbath, <sup>b</sup>in order that they might accuse Him.

3 And He <sup>a</sup>said to the man with the withered hand, "<sup>1</sup>Rise and *come* forward!"

4 And He <sup>a</sup>said to them, "Is it lawful on the Sabbath to do good or to do harm, to save a life or to kill?" But they kept silent.

5 And after <sup>a</sup>looking around at them with anger, grieved at their hardness of heart, He <sup>a</sup>said to the man, "Stretch out your hand." And he stretched it out, and his hand was restored.

6 And the Pharisees went out and immediately *began* <sup>1</sup>taking counsel with the <sup>a</sup>Herodians against Him, *as to* how they might destroy Him.

7 <sup>a</sup>And Jesus withdrew to the sea with His disciples; and <sup>ba</sup> a great multitude from Galilee followed; and *also* from Judea,

8 and from Jerusalem, and from <sup>a</sup>Idumea, and beyond the Jordan, and the vicinity of <sup>b</sup>Tyre and Sidon, a great multitude heard of all that He was doing and came to Him.

18 <sup>a</sup>Mark 2:18-22: *Matt.* 9:14-17; *Luke* 5:33-38

19 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *sons of the bridalchamber*

20 <sup>a</sup>Luke 17:22; *Matt.* 9:15

21 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *that which is put on* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *that which fills up*

22 <sup>1</sup>i.e., *skins used as bottles*

23 <sup>a</sup>Mark 2:23-28: *Matt.* 12:1-8; *Luke* 6:1-5 <sup>b</sup>Deut. 23:25

24 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 12:2

26 <sup>1</sup>Or, *showbread*; lit., *loaves of presentation* <sup>1</sup>Chr. 24:6; 1 Sam. 21:1; 2 Sam. 8:17

27 <sup>1</sup>Or, *came into being* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *for the sake of* <sup>a</sup>Ex. 23:12; Deut. 5:14 <sup>b</sup>Col. 2:16

1 <sup>a</sup>Mark 3:1-6: *Matt.* 12:9-14; *Luke* 6:6-11 <sup>b</sup>Mark 1:21, 39

2 <sup>a</sup>Luke 6:7; 14:1; 20:20 <sup>b</sup>Matt. 12:10; *Luke* 6:7; *Luke* 11:54

3 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *Arise into the midst*

5 <sup>a</sup>Luke 6:10

6 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *giving* <sup>a</sup>Matt. 22:16; *Mark* 12:13

7 <sup>a</sup>Mark 3:7-12: *Matt.* 12:15, 16; *Luke* 6:17-19 <sup>b</sup>Matt. 4:25; *Luke* 6:17

8 <sup>a</sup>Josh. 15:1, 21; *Ezek.* 35:15; 36:5 <sup>b</sup>Matt. 11:21

10 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 4:23 <sup>b</sup>Mark 5:29, 34, Luke 7:21 <sup>c</sup>Mark 6:56; 8:22; Matt. 9:21; 14:36

11 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 4:3

12 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *make Him manifest*  
<sup>a</sup>Matt. 8:4

13 <sup>a</sup>Luke 6:12; Matt. 5:1  
<sup>b</sup>Matt. 10:1; Mark 6:7;  
Luke 9:1-6

14 <sup>1</sup>Some early mss. add:  
*whom He named apostles*

16 <sup>a</sup>Mark 3:16-19; Matt. 10:2-4; Luke 6:14-16; Acts 1:13; names in Matthew's list.

17 <sup>1</sup>Or, *Jacob*

18 <sup>1</sup>Or, *Jacob* <sup>2</sup>Or, *the Zealot*

20 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *into a house*  
<sup>2</sup>Lit., *bread*  
<sup>a</sup>Mark 2:1; 7:17; 9:28  
<sup>b</sup>Mark 1:45; Mark 3:7  
<sup>c</sup>Mark 6:31

21 <sup>1</sup>Or, *kinsmen*  
<sup>a</sup>Mark 3:31f. <sup>b</sup>John 10:20;  
Acts 26:24

22 <sup>1</sup>Or, *Beezebul*; others read: *Beelzebub* <sup>a</sup>Matt. 15:1 <sup>b</sup>Matt. 10:25; Matt. 11:18 <sup>c</sup>Matt. 9:34

23 <sup>a</sup>Mark 3:23-27; Matt. 12:25-29; Luke 11:17-22  
<sup>b</sup>Matt. 13:3ff.; Mark 4:2ff.  
<sup>c</sup>Matt. 4:10

26 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *he has an end*  
<sup>a</sup>Matt. 4:10

27 <sup>1</sup>Is. 49:24, 25

28 <sup>a</sup>Mark 3:28-30; Matt. 12:31, 32; Luke 12:10

31 <sup>a</sup>Mark 3:31-35; Matt. 12:46-50; Luke 8:19-21

32 <sup>1</sup>Later mss. add: *and Your sisters*

9 And He told His disciples that a boat should stand ready for Him because of the multitude, in order that they might not crowd Him;

10 For He had <sup>a</sup>healed many, with the result that all those who had <sup>b</sup>afflictions pressed about Him in order to <sup>c</sup>touch Him.

11 And whenever the unclean spirits beheld Him, they would fall down before Him and cry out, saying, "You are <sup>a</sup>the Son of God!"

12 And He <sup>a</sup>earnestly warned them not to <sup>1</sup>reveal His identity.

13 And He <sup>\*</sup>went up to <sup>a</sup>the mountain and <sup>\*</sup><sup>b</sup>summoned those whom He Himself wanted, and they came to Him.

14 And He appointed twelve<sup>1</sup>, that they might be with Him, and that He might send them out to preach,

15 and to have authority to cast out the demons.

16 And He appointed the twelve: <sup>a</sup>Simon (to whom He gave the name Peter),

17 and <sup>1</sup>James, the son of Zebedee, and John the brother of <sup>1</sup>James (to them He gave the name Boanerges, which means, "Sons of Thunder");

18 and Andrew, and Philip, and Bartholomew, and Matthew, and Thomas, and <sup>1</sup>James the son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus, and Simon <sup>2</sup>the Cananaean;

19 and Judas Iscariot, who also betrayed Him.

20 And He <sup>\*</sup>came <sup>1a</sup>home, and the <sup>b</sup>multitude <sup>\*</sup>gathered again, <sup>c</sup>to such an extent that they could not even eat <sup>2a</sup>a meal.

21 And when <sup>a</sup>His own <sup>1</sup>people heard of *this*, they went out to take custody of Him; for they were saying, "<sup>b</sup>He has lost His senses."

22 And the scribes who came down <sup>a</sup>from Jerusalem were saying, "He is possessed by <sup>1b</sup>Beelzebul," and "<sup>c</sup>He casts out the demons by the ruler of the demons."

23 <sup>a</sup>And He called them to Himself and began speaking to them in <sup>b</sup>parables, "How can <sup>c</sup>Satan cast out Satan?"

24 "And if a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand.

25 "And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand.

26 "And if <sup>a</sup>Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand, but <sup>1</sup>he is finished!

27 "But no one can enter the strong man's house and plunder his property unless he first binds the strong man, and then he will plunder his house.

28 "<sup>a</sup>Truly I say to you, all sins shall be forgiven the sons of men, and whatever blasphemies they utter;

29 but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit never has forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin" —

30 because they were saying, "He has an unclean spirit."

31 <sup>a</sup>And His mother and His brothers <sup>\*</sup>arrived, and standing outside they sent *word* to Him, and called Him.

32 And a multitude was sitting around Him, and they <sup>\*</sup>said to Him, "Behold, Your mother and Your brothers<sup>1</sup> are outside looking for You."

33 And answering them, He <sup>\*</sup>said, "Who are My mother and My brothers?"



34 And looking about on those who were sitting around Him, He <sup>a</sup>said, "Behold, My mother and My brothers!

35 "For whoever does the will of God, he is My brother and sister and mother."

CHAPTER 4

<sup>a</sup>AND He began to teach again <sup>b</sup>by the seashore. And such a very great multitude <sup>1</sup>gathered before Him that He got into a boat in the sea and sat down; and all the multitude were by the seashore on the land.

2 And He was teaching them many things in <sup>a</sup>parables, and was saying to them in His teaching,

3 "Listen to *this*! Behold, the sower went out to sow;

4 and it came about that as he was sowing, some *seed* fell beside the road, and the birds came and ate it up.

5 "And other *seed* fell on the rocky *ground* where it did not have much soil; and immediately it sprang up because it had no depth of soil.

6 "And after the sun had risen, it was scorched; and because it had no root, it withered away.

7 "And other *seed* fell among the thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked it, and it yielded no crop.

8 "And other *seeds* fell into the good soil and as they grew up and increased, they were yielding a crop and were producing thirty, sixty, and a hundredfold."

9 And He was saying, "<sup>a</sup>He who has ears to hear, let him hear."

10 And as soon as He was alone, <sup>1</sup>His followers, along with the twelve, *began* asking Him *about* the parables.

11 And He was saying to them, "To you has been given the mystery of the kingdom of God; but <sup>a</sup>those who are outside get everything <sup>b</sup>in parables,

12 <sup>a</sup>in order that WHILE SEEING, THEY MAY SEE AND NOT PERCEIVE; AND WHILE HEARING, THEY MAY HEAR AND NOT UNDERSTAND LEST THEY RETURN AGAIN AND BE FORGIVEN."

13 <sup>a</sup>And He <sup>a</sup>said to them, "Do you not understand this parable? And how will you understand all the parables?

14 "The sower sows the word.

15 "And these are the ones who are beside the road where the word is sown; and when they hear, immediately <sup>a</sup>Satan comes and takes away the word which has been sown in them.

16 "And in a similar way these are the ones on whom seed was sown on the rocky *places*, who, when they hear the word, immediately receive it with joy;

17 and they have no *firm* root in themselves, but are *only* temporary; then, when affliction or persecution arises because of the word, immediately they <sup>1</sup>fall away.

18 "And others are the ones on whom seed was sown among the thorns; these are the ones who have heard the word,

19 and the worries of <sup>a</sup>the <sup>1</sup>world, and the deceitfulness of riches, and the desires for other things enter in and choke the word, and it becomes unfruitful.

1 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *is gathered*  
<sup>a</sup>Mark 4:1-12; Matt. 13:1-15; Luke 8:4-10 <sup>b</sup>Mark 2:13; 3:7

2 <sup>a</sup>Mark 3:23; Matt. 13:3ff.; Mark 4:2ff.

9 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 11:15; Mark 4:23

10 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *those about Him*

11 <sup>1</sup>1 Cor. 5:12f.; Col. 4:5; 1 Thess. 4:12; 1 Tim. 3:7  
<sup>b</sup>Mark 4:2; Mark 3:23

12 <sup>a</sup>Is. 6:9; Matt. 13:14

13 <sup>a</sup>Mark 4:13-20; Matt. 13:18-23; Luke 8:11-15

15 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 4:10

17 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *are caused to stumble*

19 <sup>1</sup>Or, *age*  
<sup>a</sup>Matt. 13:22

## Mark 4

21 \*Matt. 5:15; Luke 8:16;  
11:33

22 \*Matt. 10:26; Luke  
8:17; 12:2

23 \*Mark 4:9; Matt. 11:15

24 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *by what measure  
you measure*  
\*Matt. 7:2; Luke 6:38

25 \*Matt. 13:12

26 \*Mark 4:26-29; Matt.  
13:24-30

29 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *sends forth*

30 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *compare*  
\*Mark 4:30-32; Matt. 13:31,  
32; Luke 13:18, 19 <sup>b</sup>Matt.  
13:24

32 <sup>1</sup>Or, *sky*

34 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *a parable*  
\*Matt. 13:34; John 10:6;  
16:25

35 \*Mark 4:35-41; Matt.  
8:18, 23-27; Luke 8:22, 25

36 <sup>1</sup>Or, *sending away*  
\*Mark 4:1; 5:2, 21; Mark  
3:9

39 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *a great calm  
occurred*

20 "And those are the ones on whom seed was sown on the good ground; and they hear the word and accept it, and bear fruit, thirty, sixty, and a hundredfold."

21 And He was saying to them, "A lamp is not brought to be put under a peck-measure, is it, or under a bed? Is it not *brought* to be put on the lampstand?"

22 "For nothing is hidden, except to be revealed; nor has *anything* been secret, but that it should come to light.

23 "If any man has ears to hear, let him hear."

24 And He was saying to them, "Take care what you listen to. <sup>1a</sup>By your standard of measure it shall be measured to you; and more shall be given you besides.

25 "For whoever has, to him shall *more* be given; and whoever does not have, even what he has shall be taken away from him."

26 And He was saying, "The kingdom of God is like a man who casts seed upon the ground;

27 and goes to bed at night and gets up by day, and the seed sprouts up and grows — how, he himself does not know.

28 "The earth produces crops by itself; first the blade, then the head, then the mature grain in the head.

29 "But when the crop permits, he immediately <sup>1</sup>puts in the sickle, because the harvest has come."

30 "And He said, "How shall we <sup>1b</sup>picture the kingdom of God, or by what parable shall we present it?"

31 "It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, though it is smaller than all the seeds that are upon the ground,

32 yet when it is sown, grows up and becomes larger than all the garden plants and forms large branches; so that the birds of the <sup>1</sup>air can nest under its shade."

33 And with many such parables He was speaking the word to them as they were able to hear it;

34 and He was not speaking to them <sup>a</sup>without <sup>1</sup>parables; but He was explaining everything privately to His own disciples.

35 "And on that day, when evening had come, He <sup>\*</sup>said to them, "Let us go over to the other side."

36 And <sup>1</sup>leaving the multitude, they <sup>\*</sup>took Him along with them, just as He was, <sup>a</sup>in the boat; and other boats were with Him.

37 And there <sup>\*</sup>arose a fierce gale of wind, and the waves were breaking over the boat so much that the boat was already filling up.

38 And He Himself was in the stern, asleep on the cushion; and they <sup>a</sup>awoke Him and <sup>\*</sup>said to Him, "Teacher, do You not care that we are perishing?"

39 And being aroused, He rebuked the wind and said to the sea, "Hush, be still." And the wind died down and <sup>1</sup>it became perfectly calm.

40 And He said to them, "Why are you so timid? How is it that you have no faith?"

41 And they became very much afraid and said to one another, "Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey Him?"

CHAPTER 5

<sup>a</sup>AND they came to the other side of the sea, into the country of the Gerasenes.

2 And when He had come out of <sup>a</sup>the boat, immediately a man from the tombs <sup>b</sup>with an unclean spirit met Him,

3 and he had his dwelling among the tombs. And no one was able to bind him any more, even with a chain;

4 because he had often been bound with shackles and chains, and the chains had been torn apart by him, and the shackles broken in pieces, and no one was strong enough to subdue him.

5 And constantly night and day, among the tombs and in the mountains, he was crying out and gashing himself with stones.

6 And seeing Jesus from a distance, he ran up and bowed down before Him;

7 and crying out with a loud voice, he <sup>\*</sup>said, "What do I have to do with You, Jesus, <sup>b</sup>Son of <sup>c</sup>the Most High God? I implore You by God, do not torment me!"

8 For He had been saying to him, "Come out of the man, you unclean spirit!"

9 And He was asking him, "What is your name?" And he <sup>\*</sup>said to Him, "My name is <sup>a</sup>Legion; for we are many."

10 And he *began* to entreat Him earnestly not to send them out of the country.

11 Now there was a big herd of swine feeding there on the mountain side.

12 And they entreated Him, saying, "Send us into the swine so that we may enter them."

13 And He gave them permission. And coming out, the unclean spirits entered the swine; and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the sea, about two thousand of *them*; and they <sup>l</sup>were drowned in the sea.

14 And those who tended them ran away and reported it in the city and *out* in the country. And *the people* came to see what it was that had happened.

15 And they <sup>\*</sup>came to Jesus and <sup>\*</sup>observed the man who had been <sup>a</sup>demon-possessed sitting down, <sup>b</sup>clothed and <sup>c</sup>in his right mind, the very man who had had the "<sup>d</sup>legion"; and they became frightened.

16 And those who had seen it described to them how it had happened to the <sup>a</sup>demon-possessed man, and *all* about the swine.

17 And they began to entreat Him to depart from their region.

18 <sup>\*</sup>And as He was getting into the boat, the man who had been <sup>b</sup>demon-possessed was entreating Him that he might <sup>l</sup>accompany Him.

19 And He did not let him, but He <sup>\*</sup>said to him, "Go home to your people and report to them <sup>l</sup>what great things the Lord has done for you, and *how* He had mercy on you."

20 And he went off and began to proclaim in <sup>a</sup>Decapolis <sup>l</sup>what great things Jesus had done for him; and everyone marveled.

1 <sup>\*</sup>Mark 5:1-17; Matt. 8:28-34; Luke 8:26-37

2 <sup>\*</sup>Mark 4:1, 36; 5:21; Mark 3:9 <sup>b</sup>Mark 1:23

7 <sup>\*</sup>Matt. 8:29 <sup>b</sup>Matt. 4:3 <sup>c</sup>Luke 8:28; Acts 16:17; Heb. 7:1

9 <sup>\*</sup>Mark 5:15; Matt. 26:53; Luke 8:30

13 <sup>l</sup>Lit., *were drowning*

15 <sup>\*</sup>Mark 5:16, 18; Matt. 4:24 <sup>b</sup>Luke 8:27 <sup>c</sup>Luke 8:35 <sup>d</sup>Mark 5:9

16 <sup>\*</sup>Mark 5:15; Matt. 4:24

18 <sup>l</sup>Lit., *be with Him* <sup>\*</sup>Mark 5:18-20; Luke 8:38, 39 <sup>b</sup>Mark 5:15, 16; Matt. 4:24

19 <sup>l</sup>Or., *everything that*

20 <sup>l</sup>Or., *everything that* <sup>\*</sup>Mark 7:31; Matt. 4:25

21 <sup>1</sup>Lit., was  
\*Matt 9:1; Luke 8:40  
bMark 4:36 cMark 4:1

22 <sup>1</sup>Or, rulers  
\*Mark 5:22-43; Matt 9:18-26; Luke 8:41-56 bMark 5:35, 36, 38; Luke 8:49; 13:14; Acts 13:15; 18:8, 17; Matt. 9:18

23 <sup>1</sup>Lit., be saved  
\*Mark 6:5; 7:32; 8:23; 16:18; Luke 4:40; 13:13; Acts 9:17; 28:8; Acts 6:6

27 <sup>1</sup>Or, outer garment

28 <sup>1</sup>Lit., was saying <sup>2</sup>Lit., be saved

29 \*Mark 5:34; Mark 3:10

30 \*Luke 1:17

34 <sup>1</sup>Lit., saved you  
\*Matt. 9:22 bLuke 7:50; 8:48; Acts 16:36; James 2:16  
cMark 5:29; Mark 3:10

35 \*Mark 5:22

36 <sup>1</sup>Or, keep on believing  
\*Mark 5:22 bLuke 8:50

37 <sup>1</sup>Or, Jacob  
\*Matt. 17:1; 26:37

38 \*Mark 5:22

41 \*Luke 7:14; Acts 9:40

21 <sup>a</sup>And when Jesus had crossed over again in <sup>b</sup>the boat to the other side, a great multitude gathered about Him; and He <sup>1</sup>stayed <sup>c</sup>by the seashore.

22 <sup>a</sup>And one of <sup>b</sup>the synagogue <sup>1</sup>officials named Jairus <sup>\*</sup>came up, and upon seeing Him, <sup>\*</sup>fell at His feet,

23 and <sup>\*</sup>entreated Him earnestly, saying, "My little daughter is at the point of death; *please* come and <sup>a</sup>lay Your hands on her, that she may <sup>1</sup>get well and live."

24 And He went off with him; and a great multitude was following Him and pressing in on Him.

25 And a woman who had had a hemorrhage for twelve years,

26 and had endured much at the hands of many physicians, and had spent all that she had and was not helped at all, but rather had grown worse,

27 after hearing about Jesus, came up in the crowd behind Him, and touched His <sup>1</sup>cloak.

28 For she <sup>1</sup>thought, "If I just touch His garments, I shall <sup>2</sup>get well."

29 And immediately the flow of her blood was dried up; and she felt in her body that she was healed of her <sup>a</sup>affliction.

30 And immediately Jesus, perceiving in Himself that <sup>a</sup>the power *proceeding* from Him had gone forth, turned around in the crowd and said, "Who touched My garments?"

31 And His disciples said to Him, "You see the multitude pressing in on You, and You say, 'Who touched Me?'"

32 And He looked around to see the woman who had done this.

33 But the woman fearing and trembling, aware of what had happened to her, came and fell down before Him, and told Him the whole truth.

34 And He said to her, "Daughter, <sup>a</sup>your faith has <sup>1</sup>made you well; <sup>b</sup>go in peace, and be healed of your <sup>a</sup>affliction."

35 While He was still speaking, they <sup>\*</sup>came from the *house* of the <sup>a</sup>synagogue official, saying, "Your daughter has died; why trouble the Teacher any more?"

36 But Jesus, overhearing what was being spoken, <sup>\*</sup>said to the <sup>a</sup>synagogue official, "<sup>b</sup>Do not be afraid *any longer*, only <sup>1</sup>believe."

37 And He allowed no one to follow with Him, except <sup>a</sup>Peter and <sup>1</sup>James and John the brother of <sup>1</sup>James.

38 And they <sup>\*</sup>came to the house of the <sup>a</sup>synagogue official; and He <sup>\*</sup>beheld a commotion, and *people* loudly weeping and wailing.

39 And entering in, He <sup>\*</sup>said to them, "Why make a commotion and weep? The child has not died, but is asleep."

40 And they were laughing at Him. But putting them all out, He <sup>\*</sup>took along the child's father and mother and His own companions, and <sup>\*</sup>entered the *room* where the child was.

41 And taking the child by the hand, He <sup>\*</sup>said to her, "Talitha kum!" (which translated means, "Little girl, <sup>a</sup>I say to you, arise!")

42 And immediately the girl got up and *began* to walk; for she was twelve years old. And immediately they were completely astounded.

43 And He gave them strict orders that no one should know about this; and He said that *something* should be given her to eat.

CHAPTER 6

<sup>a</sup>AND He went out from there, and He \*came into <sup>b</sup>His home town; and His disciples \*followed Him.

2 And when the Sabbath had come, He began <sup>a</sup>to teach in the synagogue; and the <sup>b</sup>many listeners were astonished, saying, "Where did this man *get* these things, and what is *this* wisdom given to Him, and such <sup>1</sup>miracles as these performed by His hands?"

3 "Is not this <sup>a</sup>the carpenter, <sup>b</sup>the son of Mary, and brother of <sup>1</sup>James, and Joses, and Judas, and Simon? Are not <sup>c</sup>His sisters here with us?" And they <sup>2</sup>took <sup>d</sup>offense at Him.

4 And Jesus said to them, "A prophet is not without honor except in <sup>b</sup>his home town and among his *own* relatives and in his *own* household."

5 And He could do no <sup>1</sup>miracle there except that He <sup>a</sup>laid His hands upon a few sick people and healed them.

6 And He wondered at their unbelief.

<sup>a</sup>And He was going around the villages teaching.

7 <sup>a</sup>And <sup>b</sup>He <sup>a</sup>summoned the twelve and began to send them out <sup>c</sup>in pairs; and He was giving them authority over the unclean spirits;

8 <sup>a</sup>and He instructed them that they should take nothing for *their* journey, except a mere staff; no bread, no <sup>1</sup>bag, no money in their belt;

9 but <sup>1</sup>to wear sandals; and *He added*, "Do not put on two <sup>2</sup>tunics."

10 And He said to them, "Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you <sup>1</sup>leave town.

11 "And any place that does not receive you or listen to you, as you go out from there, <sup>a</sup>shake off the dust <sup>1</sup>from the soles of your feet for a testimony against them."

12 <sup>a</sup>And they went out and <sup>1</sup>preached that *men* should repent.

13 And they were casting out many demons and <sup>a</sup>were anointing with oil many sick people and healing them.

14 <sup>a</sup>And King Herod heard *of it*, for His name had become well known; and *people* were saying, "<sup>b</sup>John the Baptist has risen from the dead, and therefore these miraculous powers are at work in Him."

15 But others were saying, "*He is* <sup>a</sup>Elijah." And others were saying, "*He is* <sup>a</sup>prophet, like one of the prophets of old."

16 But when Herod heard *of it*, he kept saying, "John, whom I beheaded, has risen!"

17 For Herod himself had sent and had John arrested and bound in prison on account of <sup>a</sup>Herodias, the wife of his brother Philip, because he had married her.

18 For John had been saying to Herod, "<sup>a</sup>It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife."

19 And <sup>a</sup>Herodias had a grudge against him and wanted to kill him; and could not *do so*;

43 \*Matt. 8:4

1 <sup>1</sup>Or, *His own part of the country*  
<sup>a</sup>Mark 6:1-6; Matt. 13:54-58  
<sup>b</sup>Luke 4:16, 23; Matt. 13:54, 57

2 <sup>1</sup>Or, *works of power*  
<sup>a</sup>Matt. 4:23; Mark 10:1  
<sup>b</sup>Matt. 7:28

3 <sup>1</sup>Or, *Jacob* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *were being made to stumble*  
<sup>a</sup>Matt. 13:55 <sup>b</sup>Matt. 12:46  
<sup>c</sup>Matt. 13:56 <sup>d</sup>Matt. 11:6

4 <sup>1</sup>Or, *his own part of the country*  
<sup>a</sup>Matt. 13:57 <sup>b</sup>Mark 6:1

5 <sup>1</sup>Or, *work of power*  
<sup>a</sup>Mark 5:23

6 \*Matt. 9:35; Luke 13:22; Mark 1:39; 10:1

7 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *summons*  
<sup>a</sup>Mark 6:7-11; Matt. 10:1, 9-14; Luke 9:1, 3-5; Luke 10:4-11 <sup>b</sup>Mark 3:13; Matt. 10:1, 5; Luke 9:1 <sup>c</sup>Luke 10:1

8 <sup>1</sup>Or, *knapsack or, beggar's bag*  
<sup>a</sup>Matt. 10:10

9 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *being shod with*  
<sup>2</sup>Or, *inner garments*

10 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *go out from there*

11 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *under your feet*  
<sup>a</sup>Matt. 10:14

12 <sup>1</sup>Or, *proclaimed as a herald*  
<sup>a</sup>Matt. 11:1; Luke 9:6

13 \*James 5:14

14 \*Mark 6:14-29; Matt. 14:1-12; Mark 6:14-16; Luke 9:7-9 <sup>b</sup>Matt. 14:2

15 \*Matt. 16:14; Mark 8:28 <sup>b</sup>Matt. 21:11

17 \*Matt. 14:3

18 \*Matt. 14:4

19 \*Matt. 14:3

20 <sup>1</sup>Lit., and <sup>2</sup>Lit., was hearing him gladly  
<sup>a</sup>Matt. 21:26

21 <sup>1</sup>I.e., chiliarchs in command of a thousand troops  
<sup>a</sup>Esther 1:3; 2:18 <sup>b</sup>Luke 3:1

22 <sup>1</sup>Lit., those who reclined at table with him  
<sup>a</sup>Matt. 14:3

23 <sup>a</sup>Esther 5:3, 6; 7:2

26 <sup>1</sup>Lit., those reclining at table

30 <sup>a</sup>Luke 9:10 <sup>b</sup>Matt. 10:2 [Mark 3:14 in Gr.]; Luke 6:13; 9:10; 17:5; 22:14; 24:10; Acts 1:2, 26

31 <sup>a</sup>Mark 3:20

32 <sup>a</sup>Mark 6:32-44; Matt. 14:13-21; Luke 9:10-17; John 6:5-13; Mark 8:2-9  
<sup>b</sup>Mark 6:45; 3:9; 4:36

34 <sup>1</sup>Lit., having come forth  
<sup>a</sup>Matt. 9:36

36 <sup>1</sup>Lit., what they may eat

37 <sup>1</sup>A denarius represented a day's wages for a common laborer  
<sup>a</sup>John 6:7 <sup>b</sup>Matt. 18:28; Luke 7:41

20 for <sup>a</sup>Herod was afraid of John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and kept him safe. And when he heard him, he was very perplexed; <sup>1</sup>but he <sup>2</sup>used to enjoy listening to him.

21 And a strategic day came when Herod on his birthday <sup>a</sup>gave a banquet for his lords and <sup>1</sup>military commanders and the leading men <sup>b</sup>of Galilee;

22 and when the daughter of <sup>a</sup>Herodias herself came in and danced, she pleased Herod and <sup>1</sup>his dinner guests; and the king said to the girl, "Ask me for whatever you want and I will give it to you."

23 And he swore to her, "Whatever you ask of me, I will give it to you; up to <sup>a</sup>half of my kingdom."

24 And she went out and said to her mother, "What shall I ask for?" And she said, "The head of John the Baptist."

25 And immediately she came in haste before the king and asked, saying, "I want you to give me right away the head of John the Baptist on a platter."

26 And although the king was very sorry, yet because of his oaths and because of <sup>1</sup>his dinner guests, he was unwilling to refuse her.

27 And immediately the king sent an executioner and commanded *him* to bring *back* his head. And he went and beheaded him in the prison,

28 and brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl; and the girl gave it to her mother.

29 And when his disciples heard *about this*, they came and took away his body and laid it in a tomb.

30 <sup>a</sup>And the <sup>b</sup>apostles <sup>a</sup>gathered together with Jesus; and they reported to Him all that they had done and taught.

31 And He <sup>a</sup>said to them, "Come away by yourselves to a lonely place and rest a while." (For there were many *people* coming and going, and <sup>a</sup>they did not even have time to eat.)

32 <sup>a</sup>And they went away in <sup>b</sup>the boat to a lonely place by themselves.

33 And *the people* saw them going, and many recognized *them*, and they ran there together on foot from all the cities, and got there ahead of them.

34 And <sup>1</sup>disembarking, He <sup>a</sup>saw a great multitude, and He felt compassion for them because <sup>a</sup>they were like sheep without a shepherd; and He began to teach them many things.

35 And when it was already quite late, His disciples came up to Him and *began* saying, "The place is desolate and it is already quite late;

36 send them away so that they may go into the surrounding countryside and villages and buy themselves <sup>1</sup>something to eat."

37 But He answered and said to them, "You give them something to eat!" <sup>a</sup>And they <sup>a</sup>said to Him, "Shall we go and spend two hundred <sup>1</sup>denarii on bread and give them something to eat?"

38 And He <sup>a</sup>said to them, "How many loaves do you have? Go look!" And when they found out, they <sup>a</sup>said, "Five and two fish."

39 And He commanded them all to recline by groups on the green grass.

40 And they reclined in companies of hundreds and of fifties.

41 And He took the five loaves and the two fish, and looking up toward heaven, He <sup>a</sup>blessed *the food* and broke the loaves and He kept giving *them* to the disciples to set before them; and He divided up the two fish among them all.

42 And they all ate and were satisfied.

43 And they picked up twelve full <sup>a</sup>baskets of the broken pieces, and also of the fish.

44 And there were <sup>a</sup>five thousand men who ate the loaves.

45 <sup>a</sup>And immediately He made His disciples get into <sup>b</sup>the boat and go ahead of *Him* to the other side to <sup>c</sup>Bethsaida, while He Himself was sending the multitude away.

46 And after <sup>a</sup>bidding them farewell, He departed <sup>b</sup>to the mountain to pray.

47 And when it was evening, the boat was in the midst of the sea, and He *was* alone on the land.

48 And seeing them <sup>1</sup>straining at the oars, for the wind was against them, at about the <sup>2a</sup>fourth watch of the night, He <sup>\*</sup>came to them, walking on the sea; and He intended to pass by them.

49 But when they saw Him walking on the sea, they supposed that it was a ghost, and cried out;

50 for they all saw Him and were <sup>1</sup>frightened. But immediately He spoke with them and <sup>\*</sup>said to them, "<sup>a</sup>Take courage; it is I, <sup>b</sup>do not be afraid."

51 And He got into <sup>a</sup>the boat with them, and the wind stopped; and they were greatly astonished,

52 for <sup>a</sup>they <sup>1</sup>had not gained any insight from the *incident* of the loaves, but <sup>2</sup>their heart <sup>b</sup>was hardened.

53 <sup>a</sup>And when they had crossed over they came to land at Gennesaret, and moored to the shore.

54 And when they had come out of the boat, immediately *the people* recognized Him,

55 and ran about that whole country and began to carry about on their pallets those who were sick, to <sup>1</sup>the place they heard He was.

56 And wherever He entered villages, or cities, or countryside, they were laying the sick in the market places, and entreating Him that they might just <sup>a</sup>touch <sup>b</sup>the fringe of His cloak; and as many as touched it were being cured.

CHAPTER 7

<sup>a</sup>AND the Pharisees and some of the scribes gathered together around Him when they had come <sup>b</sup>from Jerusalem,

2 and had seen that some of His disciples were eating their bread with <sup>a</sup>impure hands, that is, unwashed.

3 (For the Pharisees and all the Jews do not eat unless they <sup>1</sup>carefully wash their hands, *thus* observing the <sup>a</sup>traditions of the elders;

4 and *when they come* from the market place, they do not eat unless they <sup>1</sup>cleans themselves; and there are many other things which they have received in order to observe, such as the <sup>2</sup>washing of <sup>a</sup>cups and pitchers and copper pots.)

41 \*Matt. 14:19

43 <sup>1</sup>Lit., large-sized baskets  
\*Matt. 14:20

44 \*Matt. 14:21

45 \*Mark 6:45-51: *Matt.*  
14:22-23; *John* 6:15-21  
<sup>b</sup>Mark 6:32 \**Matt.* 11:21;  
*Mark* 8:22

46 \*Acts 18:18, 21; 2 Cor.  
2:13 <sup>b</sup>Matt. 14:23

48 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *harassed in rowing*  
<sup>2</sup>Lit., 3-6 a.m.  
\*Mark 13:35; *Matt.* 24:43

50 <sup>1</sup>Or, *troubled*  
\*Matt. 9:2 <sup>b</sup>Matt. 14:27

51 \*Mark 6:32

52 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *had not understood on the basis of*  
<sup>2</sup>Or, *their mind was closed, made dull, or insensible*  
\*Mark 8:17ff. <sup>b</sup>Rom. 1:17

53 \*Mark 6:53-56: *Matt.*  
14:34-36; *John* 6:24, 25

55 <sup>1</sup>Or, *where they were hearing that He was*

56 \*Mark 3:10 <sup>b</sup>Matt. 9:20

1 \*Mark 7:1-23: *Matt.*  
15:1-20 <sup>b</sup>Matt. 15:1

2 \*Mark 7:5; Acts 10:14, 28; 11:8; Rom. 14:14; Heb. 10:29; Rev. 21:27; *Matt.* 15:2; Luke 11:38

3 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *with the fist*  
\*Mark 7:5, 8, 9, 13; Gal. 1:14

4 <sup>1</sup>Or, *sprinkle*  
<sup>2</sup>Lit., *baptizing*  
\*Matt. 23:25

5 <sup>a</sup>Mark 7:3, 8, 9, 13;  
Gal. 1:14 <sup>b</sup>Mark 7:2

6 <sup>a</sup>Is. 29:13

7 <sup>a</sup>Is. 29:13

8 <sup>a</sup>Mark 7:3, 5, 9, 13;  
Gal. 1:14

9 <sup>a</sup>Mark 7:3, 5, 8, 13;  
Gal. 1:14

10 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *die the death*  
<sup>a</sup>Ex. 20:12; Deut. 5:16 <sup>b</sup>Ex.  
21:17; Lev. 20:9

11 <sup>1</sup>Or, *a gift, an offering*  
<sup>a</sup>Lev. 1:2 [Heb.]; Matt.  
27:6 marg.

13 <sup>a</sup>Mark 7:3, 5, 8, 9; Gal.  
1:14

16 <sup>1</sup>Later mss. add verse  
16: "If any man has ears to  
hear, let him hear."

17 <sup>a</sup>Mark 9:28; Mark 2:1;  
3:19 <sup>b</sup>Matt. 15:15

19 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *goes out into the  
latrine*  
<sup>a</sup>Rom. 14:1-12; Col. 2:16  
<sup>b</sup>Luke 11:41; Acts 10:15;  
11:9

20 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 15:18; Mark  
7:23

21 <sup>1</sup>I.e., acts of sexual  
immorality

22 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *an evil eye* <sup>2</sup>Or,  
*arrogance*  
<sup>a</sup>Matt. 6:23; 20:15

24 <sup>1</sup>Some early mss. add:  
*and Sidon* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *and*  
<sup>a</sup>Mark 7:24-30; Matt. 15:21-  
28 <sup>b</sup>Matt. 11:21; Mark 7:31

26 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *Greek*

5 And the Pharisees and the scribes <sup>a</sup>asked Him, "Why do Your disciples not walk according to the <sup>a</sup>tradition of the elders, but eat their bread with <sup>b</sup>impure hands?"

6 And He said to them, "Rightly did Isaiah prophesy of you hypocrites, as it is written,

<sup>a</sup>THIS PEOPLE HONORS ME WITH THEIR LIPS,  
BUT THEIR HEART IS FAR AWAY FROM ME.

7 <sup>a</sup>BUT IN VAIN DO THEY WORSHIP ME,  
TEACHING AS DOCTRINES THE PRECEPTS OF MEN.'

8 "Neglecting the commandment of God, you hold to the <sup>a</sup>tradition of men."

9 He was also saying to them, "You nicely set aside the commandment of God in order to keep your <sup>a</sup>tradition.

10 "For Moses said, <sup>a</sup>HONOR YOUR FATHER AND YOUR MOTHER'; and, <sup>b</sup>HE WHO SPEAKS EVIL OF FATHER OR MOTHER, LET HIM <sup>1</sup>BE PUT TO DEATH';

11 but you say, 'If a man says to *his* father or *his* mother, anything of mine you might have been helped by is <sup>a</sup>Corban (that is to say, <sup>1</sup>given to God),'

12 you no longer permit him to do anything for *his* father or *his* mother;

13 *thus* invalidating the word of God by your <sup>a</sup>tradition which you have handed down; and you do many things such as that."

14 And summoning the multitude again, He *began* saying to them, "Listen to Me, all of you, and understand:

15 there is nothing outside the man which going into him can defile him; but the things which proceed out of the man are what defile the man."

16 (See marginal note.<sup>1</sup>)

17 And when leaving the multitude, He had entered <sup>a</sup>the house, <sup>b</sup>His disciples questioned Him about the parable.

18 And He <sup>a</sup>said to them, "Are you too so uncomprehending? Do you not see that whatever goes into the man from outside cannot defile him;

19 because it does not go into his heart, but into his stomach, and <sup>1</sup>is eliminated?" (*Thus He* declared <sup>a</sup>all foods <sup>b</sup>clean.)

20 And He was saying, "<sup>a</sup>That which proceeds out of the man, that is what defiles the man.

21 "For from within, out of the heart of men, proceed the evil thoughts and <sup>1</sup>fornications, thefts, murders, adulteries, <sup>22</sup>deeds of coveting *and* wickedness, *as well as* deceit, sensuality, <sup>1a</sup>envy, slander, <sup>2</sup>pride *and* foolishness.

23 "All these evil things proceed from within and defile the man."

24 <sup>a</sup>And from there He arose and went away to the region of <sup>b</sup>Tyre<sup>1</sup>. And when He had entered a house, He wanted no one to know *of it*; <sup>2</sup>yet He could not escape notice.

25 But after hearing of Him, a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit, immediately came and fell at His feet.

26 Now the woman was a <sup>1</sup>Gentile, of the Syrophoenician race. And she kept asking Him to cast the demon out of her daughter.

27 And He was saying to her, "Let the children be satisfied



first, for it is not <sup>1</sup>good to take the children's bread and throw it to the dogs."

28 But she answered and <sup>\*</sup>said to Him, "Yes, Lord, *but* even the dogs under the table feed on the children's crumbs."

29 And He said to her, "Because of this <sup>1</sup>answer go your way; the demon has gone out of your daughter."

30 And going back to her home, she found the child <sup>1</sup>lying on the bed, <sup>2</sup>the demon having departed.

31 <sup>\*</sup>And again He went out from the region of <sup>b</sup>Tyre, and came through Sidon to <sup>c</sup>the Sea of Galilee, within the region of <sup>d</sup>Decapolis.

32 And they <sup>\*</sup>brought to Him one who was deaf and spoke with difficulty, and they <sup>\*</sup>entreated Him to <sup>a</sup>lay His hand upon him.

33 And <sup>a</sup>He took him aside from the multitude by himself, and put His fingers into his ears, and after <sup>a</sup>spitting, He touched his tongue *with the saliva*;

34 and looking up to heaven with a deep <sup>a</sup>sigh, He <sup>\*</sup>said to him, "Ephphatha!" that is, "Be opened!"

35 And his ears were opened, and the <sup>1</sup>impediment of his tongue <sup>2</sup>was removed, and he *began* speaking plainly.

36 And <sup>a</sup>He gave them orders not to tell anyone; but the more He ordered them, the more widely they <sup>b</sup>continued to proclaim it.

37 And they were utterly astonished, saying, "He has done all things well; He makes even the deaf to hear, and the dumb to speak."

## CHAPTER 8

**I**N those days again, when there was a great multitude and they had nothing to eat, <sup>a</sup>He summoned His disciples and <sup>\*</sup>said to them,

2 "<sup>a</sup>I feel compassion for the multitude because they have remained with Me now three days, and have nothing to eat;

3 and if I send them away fasting to their home, they will faint on the way; and some of them have come from a distance."

4 And His disciples answered Him, "Where will anyone be able to *find enough* to satisfy these men with <sup>1</sup>bread here in the wilderness?"

5 And He was asking them, "How many loaves do you have?" And they said, "Seven."

6 And He <sup>\*</sup>directed the multitude to <sup>1</sup>sit down on the ground; and taking the seven loaves, He gave thanks and broke them, and *began* giving them to His disciples to <sup>2</sup>serve to them, and they <sup>2</sup>served them to the multitude.

7 They also had a few small fish; and <sup>a</sup>after He had blessed them, He ordered these to be <sup>1</sup>served as well.

8 And they ate and were satisfied; and they picked up seven full <sup>a</sup>baskets of what was left over of the broken pieces.

9 And about four thousand were *there*; and He sent them away.

10 And immediately He entered the boat with His disciples, and came to the district of <sup>a</sup>Dalmanutha.

27 <sup>1</sup>Or, proper29 <sup>1</sup>Lit., word30 <sup>1</sup>Lit., thrown <sup>2</sup>Lit., and the31 <sup>a</sup>Mark 7:31-37; Matt. 15:29-31 <sup>b</sup>Matt. 11:21; Mark 7:24 <sup>c</sup>Matt. 4:18 <sup>d</sup>Mark 5:20; Matt. 4:2532 <sup>a</sup>Mark 5:2333 <sup>a</sup>Mark 8:2334 <sup>a</sup>Mark 8:1235 <sup>1</sup>Or, bond <sup>2</sup>Lit., was loosed36 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 8:4 <sup>b</sup>Mark 1:451 <sup>a</sup>Mark 8:1-9; [6:34-44] Matt. 15:32-392 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 9:36; Mark 6:344 <sup>1</sup>Lit., loaves6 <sup>1</sup>Lit., recline <sup>2</sup>Lit., set before7 <sup>1</sup>Lit., set before <sup>a</sup>Matt. 14:198 <sup>a</sup>Mark 8:20; Matt. 15:3710 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 15:39

11 <sup>1</sup>Or, *attesting miracle*  
<sup>2</sup>Lit., *testing Him*  
<sup>a</sup>Mark 8:11-21; Matt. 16:1-12  
<sup>b</sup>Matt. 12:38

12 <sup>1</sup>Or, *to Himself* <sup>2</sup>Or, *attesting miracle* <sup>3</sup>Lit., *if a sign shall be given*  
<sup>a</sup>Mark 7:34

14 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *were not having*

15 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 16:6; Luke 12:1  
<sup>b</sup>Matt. 14:1; 22:16

17 <sup>1</sup>Or, *dull, insensible*  
<sup>a</sup>Mark 6:52

18 <sup>a</sup>Ezek. 12:2

19 <sup>a</sup>Mark 6:41-44 <sup>b</sup>Matt. 14:20

20 <sup>a</sup>Mark 8:6-9 <sup>b</sup>Mark 8:8

21 <sup>a</sup>Mark 6:52

22 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 11:21; Mark 6:45  
<sup>b</sup>Mark 3:10

23 <sup>a</sup>Mark 7:33 <sup>b</sup>Mark 5:23

24 <sup>1</sup>Or, *gained sight* <sup>2</sup>Or, *they look to me*

26 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 8:4 <sup>b</sup>Mark 8:23

27 <sup>a</sup>Mark 8:27-29; Matt. 16:13-16; Luke 9:18-20  
<sup>b</sup>Matt. 16:13

28 <sup>a</sup>Mark 6:14

29 <sup>1</sup>i.e., the Messiah

30 <sup>1</sup>Or, *strictly admonished*  
<sup>a</sup>Matt. 16:20; Luke 9:21; Matt. 8:4

31 <sup>a</sup>Mark 8:31-9:1; Matt. 16:21-28; Luke 9:22-27  
<sup>b</sup>Matt. 16:21

32 <sup>a</sup>John 18:20; John 10:24; 11:14; 16:25, 29 [in Gr.]

11 <sup>a</sup>And the Pharisees came out and began to argue with Him, <sup>b</sup>seeking from Him a <sup>1</sup>sign from heaven, <sup>2</sup>to test Him.

12 And <sup>a</sup>sighing deeply <sup>1</sup>in His spirit, He <sup>\*</sup>said, "Why does this generation seek for a <sup>2</sup>sign? Truly I say to you, <sup>3</sup>no <sup>2</sup>sign shall be given to this generation."

13 And leaving them, He again embarked and went away to the other side.

14 And they had forgotten to take bread; and <sup>1</sup>did not have more than one loaf in the boat with them.

15 And He was giving orders to them, saying, "<sup>a</sup>Watch out! Beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and the leaven of <sup>b</sup>Herod."

16 And they *began* to discuss with one another *the fact* that they had no bread.

17 And Jesus, aware of this, <sup>\*</sup>said to them, "Why do you discuss *the fact* that you have no bread? <sup>a</sup>Do you not yet see or understand? Do you have a <sup>1</sup>hardened heart?"

18 "<sup>a</sup>HAVING EYES, DO YOU NOT SEE? AND HAVING EARS, DO YOU NOT HEAR? And do you not remember,

19 when I broke <sup>a</sup>the five loaves for the five thousand, how many large <sup>b</sup>baskets full of broken pieces you picked up?" They <sup>\*</sup>said to Him, "Twelve."

20 "And when *I broke* <sup>a</sup>the seven for the four thousand, how many <sup>b</sup>baskets full of broken pieces did you pick up?" And they <sup>\*</sup>said to Him, "Seven."

21 And He was saying to them, "<sup>a</sup>Do you not yet understand?"

22 And they <sup>\*</sup>came to <sup>a</sup>Bethsaida. And they <sup>\*</sup>brought a blind man to Him, and <sup>\*</sup>entreated Him to <sup>b</sup>touch him.

23 And taking the blind man by the hand, He <sup>a</sup>brought him out of the village; and after <sup>a</sup>spitting on his eyes, and <sup>b</sup>blaying His hands upon him, He asked him, "Do you see anything?"

24 And he <sup>1</sup>looked up and said, "I see men, for <sup>2</sup>I am seeing *them* like trees, walking about."

25 Then again He laid His hands upon his eyes; and he looked intently and was restored, and *began* to see everything clearly.

26 And He sent him to his home, saying, "<sup>a</sup>Do not even enter <sup>b</sup>the village."

27 <sup>a</sup>And Jesus went out, along with His disciples, to the villages of <sup>b</sup>Caesarea Philippi; and on the way He questioned His disciples, saying to them, "Who do people say that I am?"

28 <sup>a</sup>And they told Him, saying, "John the Baptist; and others say Elijah; but still others, one of the prophets."

29 And He *continued* by questioning them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter <sup>\*</sup>answered and <sup>\*</sup>said to Him, "Thou art <sup>1</sup>the Christ."

30 And <sup>a</sup>He <sup>1</sup>warned them to tell no one about Him.

31 <sup>a</sup>And He began to teach them that <sup>b</sup>the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again.

32 And He was stating the matter <sup>a</sup>plainly. And Peter took Him aside and began to rebuke Him.

33 But turning around and seeing His disciples, He re-

buked Peter, and <sup>a</sup>said, "Get behind Me, <sup>a</sup>Satan; for you are not setting your mind on <sup>1</sup>God's interests, but man's."

34 And He summoned the multitude with His disciples, and said to them, "If anyone wishes to come after Me, let him deny himself, and <sup>a</sup>take up his cross, and follow Me.

35 "For <sup>a</sup>whoever wishes to save his <sup>1</sup>life shall lose it; and whoever loses his <sup>1</sup>life for My sake and the gospel's shall save it.

36 "For what does it profit a man to gain the whole world, and forfeit his <sup>1</sup>soul?

37 "For what shall a man give in exchange for his <sup>1</sup>soul?

38 "For <sup>a</sup>whoever is ashamed of Me and My words in this adulterous and sinful generation, <sup>b</sup>the Son of Man will also be ashamed of him when He <sup>c</sup>comes in the glory of His Father with the holy angels."

CHAPTER 9

AND He was saying to them, "<sup>a</sup>Truly I say to you, there are some of those who are standing here who shall not taste of death until they see the kingdom of God after it has come with power."

2 <sup>a</sup>And six days later, Jesus <sup>a</sup>took with Him <sup>b</sup>Peter and <sup>1</sup>James and John, and <sup>a</sup>brought them up to a high mountain by themselves. And He was transfigured before them;

3 and <sup>a</sup>His garments became radiant and exceedingly white, as no launderer on earth can whiten them.

4 And Elijah appeared to them along with Moses; and they were conversing with Jesus.

5 And Peter <sup>a</sup>answered and <sup>a</sup>said to Jesus, "<sup>a</sup>Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; and <sup>b</sup>let us make three <sup>1</sup>tabernacles, one for You, and one for Moses, and one for Elijah."

6 For he did not know what to answer; for they became terrified.

7 Then a cloud <sup>1</sup>formed, overshadowing them, and <sup>a</sup>a voice <sup>1</sup>came out of the cloud, "<sup>b</sup>This is My beloved Son, <sup>2</sup>listen to Him!"

8 And all at once they looked around and saw no one with them any more, except Jesus only.

9 <sup>a</sup>And as they were coming down from the mountain, He <sup>b</sup>gave them orders not to relate to anyone what they had seen, <sup>1</sup>until the Son of Man should rise from the dead.

10 And they <sup>1</sup>seized upon <sup>2</sup>that statement, discussing with one another <sup>3</sup>what rising from the dead might mean.

11 And they <sup>began</sup>questioning Him, saying, "<sup>a</sup>Why is it that the scribes say that first <sup>a</sup>Elijah must come?"

12 And He said to them, "<sup>a</sup>Elijah does first come and restore everything. And yet how is it written of <sup>a</sup>the Son of Man that <sup>b</sup>He should suffer many things and be treated with contempt?

13 "But I say to you, that Elijah has <sup>1</sup>indeed come, and they did to him whatever they wished, just as it is written of him."

14 <sup>a</sup>And when they came <sup>back</sup> to the disciples, they saw a large crowd around them, and <sup>some</sup> scribes arguing with them.

15 And immediately, when the entire crowd saw Him, they were <sup>a</sup>amazed, and <sup>began</sup> running up to greet Him.

16 And He asked them, "What are you discussing with them?"

33 <sup>1</sup>Lit. *the things of God*  
<sup>a</sup>Matt. 4:10

34 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 10:38

35 <sup>1</sup>Cr., *soul-life*  
<sup>a</sup>Matt. 10:39

36 <sup>1</sup>Cr., *soul-life*

37 <sup>1</sup>Cr., *soul-life*

38 <sup>a</sup>Luke 9:26; Matt. 10:33; Heb. 11:16 <sup>b</sup>Matt. 8:20 <sup>c</sup>Matt. 16:27; Mark 13:26; Luke 9:27

1 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 16:27; Mark 13:26; Luke 9:27

2 <sup>1</sup>Or, *Jacob*  
<sup>a</sup>Mark 9:2-8; Matt. 17:1-8; Luke 9:28-36 <sup>b</sup>Mark 5:37

3 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 28:3

5 <sup>1</sup>Or, *sacred tents*  
<sup>a</sup>Matt. 23:7 <sup>b</sup>Matt. 17:4; Luke 9:33

7 <sup>1</sup>Or, *occurred* <sup>2</sup>Or, *give constant heed*  
<sup>a</sup>2 Pet. 1:17f. <sup>b</sup>Mark 1:11; Matt. 3:17

9 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *except when*  
<sup>a</sup>Mark 9:9-13; Matt. 17:9-13 <sup>b</sup>Mark 5:43; 7:36; Mark 8:30; Matt. 8:4

10 <sup>1</sup>Or, *kept to themselves* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *the statement* <sup>3</sup>Lit., *what was the rising from the dead*

11 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 11:14

12 <sup>a</sup>Mark 9:31 <sup>b</sup>Matt. 16:21; 26:24

13 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *also*

14 <sup>a</sup>Mark 9:14-28; Matt. 17:14-19; Luke 9:37-42

15 <sup>a</sup>Mark 14:33; 16:5, 6

18 <sup>1</sup>Or, *wherever* <sup>2</sup>Or, *tears him* <sup>3</sup>Or, *withers away*

20 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *him*

23 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 17:20; John 11:40

25 <sup>1</sup>Or, *running together*  
<sup>2</sup>Or, *I Myself command*  
<sup>3</sup>Or, *from now on*  
<sup>a</sup>Mark 9:15

28 <sup>a</sup>Mark 7:17; 2:1

29 <sup>1</sup>Many mss. add: *and fasting*

30 <sup>a</sup>Mark 9:30-32; Matt. 17:22-23; Luke 9:43-45

31 <sup>1</sup>Or, *betrayed*  
<sup>a</sup>Mark 9:12; 8:31; Matt. 16:21

32 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *were not knowing*  
<sup>a</sup>Luke 2:50; 9:45; 18:34; John 12:16

33 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *had become*  
<sup>a</sup>Mark 9:33-37; Matt. [17:24] 18:1-5; Luke 9:46-48  
<sup>b</sup>Mark 3:19

34 <sup>a</sup>Luke 22:24; Mark 9:50

35 <sup>1</sup>Or, *let him be*  
<sup>a</sup>Matt. 20:26

17 And one of the crowd answered Him, "Teacher, I brought You my son, possessed with a spirit which makes him mute;

18 and <sup>1</sup>whenever it seizes him, it <sup>2</sup>dashes him to *the ground* and he foams *at the mouth*, and grinds his teeth, and <sup>3</sup>stiffens out. And I told Your disciples to cast it out, and they could not *do it*."

19 And He <sup>a</sup>answered them and <sup>a</sup>said, "O unbelieving generation, how long shall I be with you? How long shall I put up with you? Bring him to Me!"

20 And they brought <sup>1</sup>the boy to Him. And when he saw Him, immediately the spirit threw him into a convulsion, and falling to the ground, he *began* rolling about and foaming *at the mouth*.

21 And He asked his father, "How long has this been happening to him?" And he said, "From childhood.

22 "And it has often thrown him both into the fire and into the water to destroy him. But if You can do anything, take pity on us and help us!"

23 And Jesus said to him, "'If You can!' <sup>a</sup>All things are possible to him who believes."

24 Immediately the boy's father cried out and *began* saying, "I do believe; help *me in my unbelief*."

25 And when Jesus saw that <sup>a</sup>a crowd was <sup>1</sup>rapidly gathering, He rebuked the unclean spirit, saying to it, "You deaf and dumb spirit, I <sup>2</sup>command you, come out of him and do not enter him <sup>3</sup>again."

26 And after crying out and throwing him into terrible convulsions, it came out; and *the boy* became so much like a corpse that most of *them* said, "He is dead!"

27 But Jesus took him by the hand and raised him; and he got up.

28 And when He had come <sup>a</sup>into *the house*, His disciples *began* questioning Him privately, "Why is it that we could not cast it out?"

29 And He said to them, "This kind cannot come out by anything but prayer.<sup>1</sup>"

30 <sup>a</sup>And from there they went out and *began* to go through Galilee, and He was unwilling for anyone to know *about it*.

31 For He was teaching His disciples and telling them, "The Son of Man is to be <sup>1</sup>delivered up into the hands of men, and they will kill Him; and when He has been killed, He will rise again three days later."

32 But <sup>a</sup>they <sup>1</sup>did not understand *this* statement, and they were afraid to ask Him.

33 <sup>a</sup>And they came to Capernaum; and when He <sup>1</sup>was in <sup>b</sup>the house, He *began* to question them, "What were you discussing on the way?"

34 But they kept silent, for on the way <sup>a</sup>they had discussed with one another which of *them* was the greatest.

35 And sitting down, He called the twelve and <sup>a</sup>said to them, "<sup>a</sup>If any one wants to be first, <sup>1</sup>he shall be last of all, and servant of all."

36 And taking a child, He stood him in the midst of them; and taking him in His arms, He said to them,

37 <sup>a</sup>Whoever receives <sup>1</sup>one child like this in My name is receiving Me; and whoever receives Me is not receiving Me, but Him who sent Me."

38 <sup>a</sup>John said to Him, "Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in Your name, and <sup>b</sup>we tried to hinder him because he was not following us."

39 But Jesus said, "Do not hinder him, for there is no one who shall perform a miracle in My name, and be able soon afterward to speak evil of Me.

40 "For he who is not against us is <sup>1</sup>for us.

41 "For <sup>a</sup>whoever gives you a cup of water to drink <sup>1</sup>because of your name as *followers* of Christ, truly I say to you, he shall not lose his reward.

42 "And <sup>a</sup>whoever causes one of these little ones who believe to stumble, it <sup>1</sup>would be better for him if, with a heavy millstone hung around his neck, he <sup>2</sup>had been cast into the sea.

43 "And <sup>a</sup>if your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life crippled, than having your two hands, to go into <sup>1</sup>hell, into the <sup>c</sup>unquenchable fire.<sup>2</sup>

44 (See marginal note<sup>2</sup>, vs. 43.)

45 "And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame, than having your two feet, to be cast into <sup>1</sup>hell<sup>2</sup>.

46 (See marginal note <sup>2</sup>, vs. 43.)

47 "And <sup>a</sup>if your eye causes you to stumble, cast it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye, than having two eyes, to be cast into <sup>1</sup>hell,

48 <sup>a</sup>where THEIR WORM DOES NOT DIE, AND <sup>b</sup>THE FIRE IS NOT QUENCHED.

49 "For everyone will be salted with fire.

50 "Salt is good; but <sup>a</sup>if the salt becomes unsalty, with what will you <sup>1</sup>make it salty *again*? <sup>b</sup>Have salt in yourselves, and <sup>c</sup>be at peace with one another."

CHAPTER 10

<sup>a</sup>AND rising up, He <sup>a</sup>went from there to the region of Judea, and beyond the Jordan; and crowds <sup>a</sup>gathered around Him again, and, <sup>b</sup>according to His custom, He once more *began* to teach them.

2 And *some* Pharisees came up to Him, testing Him, and *began* to question Him whether it was lawful for a man to divorce a wife.

3 And He answered and said to them, "What did Moses command you?"

4 And they said, "<sup>a</sup>Moses permitted a man to write a certificate of divorce and <sup>1</sup>send her away."

5 But Jesus said to them, "<sup>1</sup>Because of your hardness of heart he wrote you this commandment.

6 "But <sup>a</sup>from the beginning of creation, God <sup>b</sup>MADE THEM MALE AND FEMALE.

7 "<sup>a</sup>FOR THIS CAUSE A MAN SHALL LEAVE HIS FATHER AND MOTHER,<sup>1</sup>

8 <sup>a</sup>AND THE TWO SHALL BECOME ONE FLESH; consequently they are no longer two, but one flesh.

37 <sup>1</sup>Lit., one of such children  
<sup>a</sup>Matt. 10:40

38 <sup>a</sup>Mark 9:38-40; Luke 9:49-50 <sup>b</sup>Num. 11:27-29

40 <sup>1</sup>Or, on our side  
<sup>a</sup>Matt. 12:30

41 <sup>1</sup>Lit., in a name that you are Christ's  
<sup>a</sup>Matt. 10:42

42 <sup>1</sup>Lit., is better for him if a millstone turned by a donkey is hung <sup>2</sup>Lit., has been cast  
<sup>a</sup>Matt. 18:6; Luke 17:2; 1 Cor. 8:12

43 <sup>1</sup>Lit., Gehenna <sup>2</sup>Verses 44 and 46, which are identical with verse 48, are omitted by the best ancient mss.  
<sup>a</sup>Matt. 5:30; 18:8; 17:27  
<sup>b</sup>Matt. 5:22 <sup>c</sup>Matt. 3:12; 25:41

45 <sup>1</sup>Lit., Gehenna <sup>2</sup>cf. vs. 43, note 2  
<sup>a</sup>Matt. 5:22

47 <sup>1</sup>Lit., Gehenna  
<sup>a</sup>Matt. 5:29; 18:9; Matt. 17:27 <sup>b</sup>Matt. 5:22

48 <sup>a</sup>Is. 66:24 <sup>b</sup>Matt. 3:12; Matt. 25:41

50 <sup>1</sup>Lit., season it  
<sup>a</sup>Matt. 5:13; Luke 14:34f.  
<sup>b</sup>Col. 4:6 <sup>c</sup>Mark 9:34; Rom. 12:18; 2 Cor. 13:11; 1 Thess. 5:13

1 <sup>a</sup>Mark 10:1-12; Matt. 19:1-9 <sup>b</sup>Mark 1:21; 2:13; 4:2; 6:2, 6, 34; 12:35; 14:49; Matt. 4:23; 26:55

4 <sup>1</sup>Or, divorce her  
<sup>a</sup>Deut. 24:1, 3

5 <sup>1</sup>Or, With reference to  
<sup>a</sup>Matt. 19:8

6 <sup>a</sup>Mark 13:19; 2 Pet. 3:4  
<sup>b</sup>Gen. 1:27; 5:2

7 <sup>1</sup>Some mss. add: and shall cleave to his wife  
<sup>a</sup>Gen. 2:24

8 <sup>a</sup>Gen. 2:24

11 \*Matt. 5:32

12 \*1 Cor. 7:11, 13

13 \*Mark 10:13-16; *Matt. 19:13-15; Luke 18:15-17*

14 \*Matt. 5:3

15 \*Matt. 18:3; 19:14; Luke 18:17; 1 Cor. 14:20; 1 Pet. 2:2

16 \*Mark 9:36

17 \*Mark 10:17-31; *Matt. 19:16-30; Luke 18:18-30*  
\*Mark 1:40 \*Luke 10:25; 18:18; Acts 20:32; Eph. 1:18; 1 Pet. 1:4; Matt. 25:34

19 \*Ex. 20:12-16; Deut. 5:16-20

20 \*Matt. 19:20

21 \*Matt. 6:20

22 <sup>1</sup>Or, *he became gloomy*

23 \*Matt. 19:23

24 <sup>1</sup>Later mss. insert: *for those who trust in wealth*  
\*Mark 1:27

25 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *the*  
\*Matt. 19:24

26 <sup>1</sup>Later mss. read, *to one another* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *And*

27 \*Matt. 19:26

28 \*Matt. 4:20-22

29 \*Matt. 19:29; Luke 18:29f.; Matt. 6:33

30 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *this time* <sup>2</sup>Or, *age*  
\*Matt. 12:32

9 "What therefore God has joined together, let no man separate."

10 And in the house the disciples *began* questioning Him about this again.

11 And He \*said to them, "aWhoever divorces his wife and marries another woman commits adultery against her;

12 and \*if she herself divorces her husband and marries another man, she is committing adultery."

13 \*And they *began* bringing children to Him, so that He might touch them; and the disciples rebuked them.

14 But when Jesus saw this, He was indignant and said to them, "Permit the children to come to Me; do not hinder them; afor the kingdom of God belongs to such as these.

15 "Truly I say to you, awhoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it *at all*."

16 And He \*took them in His arms and *began* blessing them, laying His hands upon them.

17 \*And as He was setting out on a journey, a man ran up to Him and *knelt* before Him, and *began* asking Him, "Good Teacher, what shall I do to *inherit eternal life*?"

18 And Jesus said to him, "Why do you call Me good? No one is good except God alone.

19 "You know the commandments, aDO NOT MURDER, DO NOT COMMIT ADULTERY, DO NOT STEAL, DO NOT BEAR FALSE WITNESS, Do not defraud, HONOR YOUR FATHER AND MOTHER.' "

20 And he said to Him, "Teacher, I have kept aall these things from my youth up."

21 And looking at him, Jesus felt a love for him, and said to him, "One thing you lack: go and sell all you possess, and give it to the poor, and you shall have a**treasure in heaven**; and come, follow Me."

22 But at these words <sup>1</sup>his face fell, and he went away grieved, for he was one who owned much property.

23 And Jesus, looking around, \*said to His disciples, "aHow hard it will be for those who are wealthy to enter the kingdom of God!"

24 And the disciples a**were** amazed at His words. But Jesus \*answered again and \*said to them, "Children, how hard it is <sup>1</sup>to enter the kingdom of God!

25 "aIt is easier for a camel to go through the eye of <sup>1</sup>a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God."

26 And they were even more astonished and said <sup>1</sup>to Him, "a<sup>2</sup>Then who can be saved?"

27 Looking upon them, Jesus \*said, "aWith men it is impossible, but not with God; for all things are possible with God."

28 aPeter began to say to Him, "Behold, we have left everything and followed You."

29 Jesus said, "Truly I say to you, a**there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or farms, for My sake and for the gospel's sake,**

30 but that he shall receive a hundred times as much now in the <sup>1</sup>present age, houses and brothers and sisters and mothers and children and farms, along with persecutions; and in a**the** <sup>2</sup>world to come, eternal life.

**Request of James and John.  
Blind Bartimaeus Cured.**

**Mark 10**

31 "But <sup>a</sup>many *who are* first, will be last; and the last, first."  
32 <sup>a</sup>And they were on the road, going up to Jerusalem, and Jesus was walking on ahead of them; and they <sup>b</sup>were amazed, and those who followed were fearful. And again He took the twelve aside and began to tell them what was going to happen to Him,  
33 *saying*, "Behold, we are going up to Jerusalem, and <sup>a</sup>the Son of Man will be <sup>1</sup>delivered up to the chief priests and the scribes; and they will condemn Him to death, and will <sup>2</sup>deliver Him up to the Gentiles.  
34 "And they will mock Him and <sup>a</sup>spit upon Him, and scourge Him, and kill *Him*, and three days later He will rise again."  
35 <sup>a</sup>And <sup>1</sup>James and John, the two sons of Zebedee, <sup>a</sup>came up to Him, saying to Him, "Teacher, we want You to do for us whatever we ask of You."  
36 And He said to them, "What do you want Me to do for you?"  
37 And they said to Him, "<sup>1</sup>Grant that we <sup>a</sup>may sit in Your glory, one on Your right, and one on Your left."  
38 But Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you are asking for. Are you able <sup>a</sup>to drink the cup that I drink, or <sup>b</sup>to be baptized with the baptism with which I am baptized?"  
39 And they said to Him, "We are able." And Jesus said to them, "The cup that I drink <sup>a</sup>you shall drink; and you shall be baptized with the baptism with which I am baptized.  
40 "But to sit on My right or on My left, this is not Mine to give; <sup>a</sup>but it is for those for whom it has been prepared."  
41 <sup>a</sup>And hearing this, the ten began to feel indignant toward <sup>1</sup>James and John.  
42 And calling them to Himself, Jesus <sup>a</sup>said to them, "You know that those who are recognized as rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them; and their great men exercise authority over them.  
43 "But it is not so among you, <sup>a</sup>but whoever wishes to become great among you shall be your servant;  
44 and whoever wishes to be first among you shall be slave of all.  
45 "For even the Son of Man <sup>a</sup>did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His <sup>1</sup>life a ransom for many."  
46 <sup>a</sup>And they <sup>a</sup>came to Jericho. And <sup>b</sup>as He was going out from Jericho with His disciples and a great multitude, a blind beggar *named* Bartimaeus, the son of Timaeus, was sitting by the road.  
47 And when he heard that it was Jesus the <sup>a</sup>Nazarene, he began to cry out and say, "Jesus, <sup>b</sup>Son of David, have mercy on me!"  
48 And many were sternly telling him to be quiet, but he *began* crying out all the more, "<sup>a</sup>Son of David, have mercy on me!"  
49 And Jesus stopped and said, "Call him *here*." And they <sup>a</sup>called the blind man, saying to him, "<sup>a</sup>Take courage, arise! He is calling for you."  
50 And casting aside his cloak, he jumped up, and came to Jesus.

31 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 19:30

32 <sup>a</sup>Mark 10:32-34; *Matt.* 20:17-19; *Luke* 18:31-33  
<sup>b</sup>Mark 1:27

33 <sup>1</sup>Or. *betrayed* <sup>2</sup>Or. *betray*  
<sup>a</sup>Mark 8:31; 9:12

34 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 26:67; 27:30; *Mark* 14:65; *Matt.* 16:21; *Mark* 9:31

35 <sup>1</sup>Or. *Jacob*  
<sup>a</sup>Mark 10:35-45; *Matt.* 20:20-28

37 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *Give to us*  
<sup>a</sup>Matt. 19:28

38 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 20:22 <sup>b</sup>Luke 12:50

39 <sup>a</sup>Acts 12:2; *Rev.* 1:9

40 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 13:11

41 <sup>1</sup>Or. *Jacob*  
<sup>a</sup>Mark 10:42-45; *Luke* 22:25-27

43 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 20:26; *Mark* 9:35

45 <sup>1</sup>Or. *soul*  
<sup>a</sup>Matt. 20:28

46 <sup>a</sup>Mark 10:46-52; *Matt.* 20:29-34; *Luke* 18:35-43  
<sup>b</sup>Luke 18:35; 19:1

47 <sup>a</sup>Mark 1:24 <sup>b</sup>Matt. 9:27

48 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 9:27

49 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 9:2

51 <sup>1</sup>i.e., My Master  
<sup>a</sup>John 20:16; Matt. 23:7

52 <sup>1</sup>Lit., saved you  
<sup>a</sup>Matt. 9:22

1 <sup>a</sup>Mark 11:1-10; Matt.  
21:1-9; Luke 19:29-38  
<sup>b</sup>Matt. 21:17 <sup>c</sup>Matt. 21:1

3 <sup>1</sup>Lit., sends

7 <sup>a</sup>Mark 11:7-10; John  
12:12-15

9 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 21:9; Ps. 118:25

10 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 21:9

11 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 21:12 <sup>b</sup>Matt.  
21:17

12 <sup>a</sup>Mark 11:12-14 [20-24];  
Matt. 21:18-22

15 <sup>1</sup>Lit., the doves  
<sup>a</sup>Mark 11:15-18; Matt.  
21:12-16; Luke 19:45-47;  
John 2:13-16

16 <sup>1</sup>Lit., a vessel, i.e., a  
receptacle or implement of  
any kind

17 <sup>1</sup>Lit., cave  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 56:7 <sup>b</sup>Jer. 7:11

51 And answering him, Jesus said, "What do you want Me to do for you?" And the blind man said to Him, "Rabboni, I want to regain my sight!"

52 And Jesus said to him, "Go your way; your faith has made you well." And immediately he received his sight and began following Him on the road.

CHAPTER 11

<sup>a</sup>AND as they approached Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, He sent two of His disciples,

2 and said to them, "Go into the village opposite you, and immediately as you enter it, you will find a colt tied there, on which no one yet has ever sat; untie it and bring it here.

3 "And if anyone says to you, 'Why are you doing this?' you say, 'The Lord has need of it;' and immediately he will send it back here."

4 And they went away and found a colt tied at the door outside in the street; and they untied it.

5 And some of the bystanders were saying to them, "What are you doing, untying the colt?"

6 And they spoke to them just as Jesus had told them, and they gave them permission.

7 And they brought the colt to Jesus and put their garments on it; and He sat upon it.

8 And many spread their garments in the road, and others spread leafy branches which they had cut from the fields.

9 And those who went before, and those who followed after, were crying out,

"HOSANNA!

BLESSED IS HE WHO COMES IN THE NAME OF THE LORD;

10 Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David; HOSANNA in the highest!"

11 And He entered Jerusalem and came into the temple; and after looking all around, He departed for Bethany with the twelve, since it was already late.

12 And on the next day, when they had departed from Bethany, He became hungry.

13 And seeing at a distance a fig tree in leaf, He went to see if perhaps He would find anything on it; and when He came to it, He found nothing but leaves, for it was not the season for figs.

14 And He answered and said to it, "May no one ever eat fruit from you again!" And His disciples were listening.

15 And they came to Jerusalem. And He entered the temple and began to cast out those who were buying and selling in the temple, and overturned the tables of the moneychangers and the seats of those who were selling doves;

16 and He would not permit anyone to carry goods through the temple.

17 And He began to teach and say to them, "Is it not written, MY HOUSE SHALL BE CALLED A HOUSE OF PRAYER FOR ALL THE NATIONS? But you have made it a robbers' den."



18 And the chief priests and the scribes heard *this*, and <sup>a</sup>*began* seeking how to destroy Him; for they were afraid of Him, for <sup>b</sup>all the multitude was astonished at His teaching.

19 And <sup>a</sup>whenever evening came, <sup>1</sup>they would go out of the city.

20 <sup>a</sup>And as they were passing by in the morning, they saw the fig tree withered from the roots *up*.

21 And being reminded, Peter <sup>a</sup>said to Him, “<sup>a</sup>Rabbi, behold, the fig tree which You cursed has withered.”

22 And Jesus <sup>a</sup>answered saying to them, “<sup>a</sup>Have faith in God.

23 “Truly I say to you, whoever says to this mountain, ‘Be taken up and cast into the sea,’ and does not doubt in his heart, but believes that what he says is going to happen, it shall be *granted* him.

24 “Therefore I say to you, <sup>a</sup>all things for which you pray and ask, believe that you have received them, and they shall be *granted* you.

25 “And whenever you <sup>a</sup>stand praying, <sup>b</sup>forgive, if you have anything against anyone; so that your Father also who is in heaven may forgive you your transgressions.”

26 (See marginal note.1)

27 And they <sup>a</sup>came again to Jerusalem. <sup>a</sup>And as He was walking in the temple, the chief priests, and scribes, and elders <sup>a</sup>came to Him,

28 and *began* saying to Him, “By what authority are You doing these things, or who gave You this authority to do these things?”

29 And Jesus said to them, “I will ask you one question, and you answer Me, and *then* I will tell you by what authority I do these things.

30 “Was the baptism of John from heaven, or from men? Answer Me.”

31 And they *began* reasoning with one another, saying, “If we say, ‘From heaven,’ He will say, ‘Then why did you not believe him?’

32 “But <sup>1</sup>shall we say, ‘From men?’ —they were afraid of the multitude, for all considered John to have been a prophet indeed.

33 And answering Jesus, they <sup>a</sup>said, “We do not know.” And Jesus <sup>a</sup>said to them, “Neither <sup>1</sup>will I tell you by what authority I do these things.”

CHAPTER 12

<sup>a</sup>AND He began to speak to them in parables: “<sup>a</sup>A man <sup>c</sup>PLANTED A VINEYARD, AND PUT A <sup>1</sup>WALL AROUND IT, AND DUG A VAT UNDER THE WINE PRESS, AND BUILT A TOWER, AND RENTED IT OUT TO <sup>2</sup>vine-growers and went on a journey.

2 “And at the *harvest* time he sent a slave to the vine-growers, in order to receive *some* of the produce of the vineyard from the vine-growers.

3 “And they took him, and beat him, and sent him away empty-handed.

18 <sup>a</sup>Mark 12:12; Matt. 21:46; Luke 20:19; John 7:1 <sup>b</sup>Matt. 7:28

19 <sup>1</sup>I.e., Jesus and His disciples <sup>a</sup>Luke 21:37; Matt. 21:17; Mark 11:11

20 <sup>a</sup>Mark 11:20-24 [Mark 11:12-14]; Matt. 21:19-22

21 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 23:7

22 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 17:20; 21:21f.

24 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 7:7f.

25 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 6:5 <sup>b</sup>Matt. 6:14

26 <sup>1</sup>Later mss. add vs. 26: “But if you do not forgive, neither will your Father who is in heaven forgive your transgressions.” Matt. 6:15; 18:35

27 <sup>a</sup>Mark 11:27-33; Matt. 21:23-27; Luke 20:1-8

32 <sup>1</sup>Or, if we say

33 <sup>1</sup>Lit., do I tell

1 <sup>1</sup>Or, fence <sup>2</sup>Here and in verses 2, 7, and 9: or, tenant farmers <sup>a</sup>Mark 3:23; 4:2ff. <sup>b</sup>Mark 12:1-12; Matt. 21:33-46; Luke 20:9-19 <sup>c</sup>Is. 5:2

Mark 12

9 <sup>1</sup>Lit., lord

10 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 118:22

11 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 118:23

12 <sup>a</sup>Mark 11:18 <sup>b</sup>Matt. 22:22

13 <sup>a</sup>Mark 12:13-17: Matt. 22:15-22; Luke 20:20-26  
<sup>b</sup>Matt. 22:16 <sup>c</sup>Luke 11:54

14 <sup>1</sup>Lit., it is not a concern to You about anyone, i.e., You court no man's favor <sup>2</sup>Or, permissible

15 <sup>1</sup>The denarius was worth 18 cents in silver, equivalent to a day's wage

17 <sup>1</sup>Or, were greatly marveling  
<sup>a</sup>Matt. 22:21

18 <sup>a</sup>Mark 12:18-27: Matt. 22:23-33; Luke 20:27-38

19 <sup>a</sup>Deut. 25:5

22 <sup>1</sup>Lit., the seven

23 <sup>1</sup>Most ancient mss. omit: when they rise again  
<sup>2</sup>Lit., the seven

24 <sup>1</sup>Or, know

4 "And again he sent them another slave, and they wounded him in the head, and treated him shamefully.

5 "And he sent another, and that one they killed; and so with many others, beating some, and killing others.

6 "He had one more to send, a beloved son; he sent him last of all to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.'

7 "But those vine-growers said to one another, 'This is the heir; come, let us kill him, and the inheritance will be ours!'

8 "And they took him, and killed him, and threw him out of the vineyard.

9 "What will the <sup>1</sup>owner of the vineyard do? He will come and destroy the vine-growers, and will give the vineyard to others.

10 "Have you not even read this scripture:

<sup>a</sup>THE STONE WHICH THE BUILDERS REJECTED,  
THIS BECAME THE CHIEF CORNER STONE;

11 <sup>a</sup>THIS CAME ABOUT FROM THE LORD,  
AND IT IS MARVELOUS IN OUR EYES?"

12 And <sup>a</sup>they were seeking to seize Him; and yet they feared the multitude; for they understood that He had spoken the parable against them. And so <sup>b</sup>they left Him, and went away.

13 <sup>a</sup>And they <sup>\*</sup>sent some of the Pharisees and <sup>b</sup>Herodians to Him, in order to <sup>c</sup>trap Him in a statement.

14 And they <sup>\*</sup>came and <sup>\*</sup>said to Him, "Teacher, we know that You are truthful, and <sup>1</sup>defer to no one; for You are not partial to any, but teach the way of God in truth. Is it <sup>2</sup>lawful to pay a poll-tax to Caesar, or not?"

15 "Shall we pay, or shall we not pay?" But He, knowing their hypocrisy, said to them, "Why are you testing Me? Bring Me a <sup>1</sup>denarius to look at."

16 And they brought one. And He <sup>\*</sup>said to them, "Whose likeness and inscription is this?" And they said to Him, "Caesar's."

17 And Jesus said to them, "<sup>a</sup>Render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's." And they <sup>1</sup>were amazed at Him.

18 <sup>a</sup>And some Sadducees (who say that there is no resurrection) <sup>\*</sup>came to Him, and began questioning Him, saying,

19 "Teacher, Moses wrote for us a law that <sup>a</sup>IF A MAN'S BROTHER DIES, and leaves behind a wife, AND LEAVES NO CHILD, HIS BROTHER SHOULD TAKE THE WIFE, AND RAISE UP OFFSPRING TO HIS BROTHER.

20 "There were seven brothers; and the first one took a wife, and died, leaving no offspring.

21 "And the second one took her, and died, leaving behind no offspring; and the third likewise;

22 and so <sup>1</sup>all seven left no offspring. Last of all the woman died too.

23 "In the resurrection, <sup>1</sup>when they rise again, which one's wife will she be? For <sup>2</sup>all seven had her as wife."

24 Jesus said to them, "Is this not the reason you are mistaken, that you do not <sup>1</sup>understand the Scriptures, or the power of God?"

25 "For when they rise from the dead, they neither marry, nor are given in marriage, but are like angels in heaven.

26 "But <sup>1</sup>regarding the fact that the dead rise again, have you not read in the book of Moses, <sup>2</sup>in the *passage about the burning bush*, how God spoke to him, saying, <sup>3</sup>**I AM THE GOD OF ABRAHAM, AND THE GOD OF ISAAC, AND THE GOD OF JACOB?**"

27 "He is not *the* God <sup>1</sup>of *the* dead, but of *the* living; you are greatly mistaken."

28 "And one of the scribes came and heard them arguing, and <sup>2</sup>recognizing that He had answered them well, asked Him, "What commandment is the <sup>1</sup>foremost of all?"

29 Jesus answered, "The foremost is, <sup>2</sup>**HEAR, O ISRAEL; THE LORD OUR GOD IS ONE LORD;**

30 <sup>2</sup>**AND YOU SHALL LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD WITH ALL YOUR HEART, AND WITH ALL YOUR SOUL, AND WITH ALL YOUR MIND, AND WITH ALL YOUR STRENGTH.'**

31 "The second is this, <sup>2</sup>**YOU SHALL LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF.'** There is no other commandment greater than these."

32 And the scribe said to Him, "Right, Teacher, You have truly stated that <sup>2</sup>**HE IS ONE; AND THERE IS NO ONE ELSE BESIDES HIM;**

33 <sup>2</sup>**AND TO LOVE HIM WITH ALL THE HEART AND WITH ALL THE UNDERSTANDING AND WITH ALL THE STRENGTH, AND TO LOVE ONE'S NEIGHBOR AS HIMSELF, <sup>2</sup>his much more than all burnt offerings and sacrifices.'**

34 And when Jesus saw that he had answered intelligently, He said to him, "You are not far from the kingdom of God." <sup>2</sup>And after that, no one would venture to ask Him any more questions.

35 <sup>2</sup>And Jesus answering *began* to say, as He <sup>2</sup>taught in the temple, "How *is it that* the scribes say that <sup>1</sup>the Christ is the <sup>2</sup>son of David?"

36 "David himself said <sup>1</sup>in the Holy Spirit,

<sup>2</sup>**THE LORD SAID TO MY LORD,**

<sup>2</sup>**SIT AT MY RIGHT HAND,**

<sup>2</sup>**UNTIL I PUT THINE ENEMIES BENEATH THY FEET.'**"

37 "David himself calls Him 'Lord'; and so in what sense is He his son?" And <sup>2</sup>the great crowd <sup>1</sup>enjoyed listening to Him.

38 <sup>2</sup>And in His teaching He was saying: "Beware of the scribes who like to walk around in long robes, and *like* <sup>2</sup>respectful greetings in the market places,

39 and chief seats in the synagogues, and places of honor at banquets.

40 "They *are* the ones who devour widows' houses, and for appearance's sake offer long prayers; these will receive greater condemnation."

41 <sup>2</sup>And He sat down opposite <sup>2</sup>the treasury, and *began* observing how the multitude were <sup>2</sup>putting <sup>1</sup>money into the treasury; and many rich people were putting in large sums.

42 And a poor widow came and put in two <sup>1</sup>small copper coins, which amount to a <sup>2</sup>cent.

43 And calling His disciples to Him, He said to them, "Truly I say to you, this poor widow put in more than all <sup>1</sup>the contributors to the treasury;

44 for they all put in out of their <sup>1</sup>surplus, but she, out of her poverty, put in all she owned, <sup>2</sup>all she had <sup>2</sup>to live on."

<sup>26</sup> <sup>1</sup>Lit., concerning the dead, that they rise  
<sup>a</sup>Luke 20:37; Rom. 11:2  
<sup>b</sup>Ex. 3:6

<sup>27</sup> <sup>1</sup>Or, of corpses  
<sup>a</sup>Matt. 22:32; Luke 20:38

<sup>28</sup> <sup>1</sup>Or, first  
<sup>a</sup>Mark 12:28-34; Matt. 22:34-40; Luke 10:25-28; 20:39f. <sup>b</sup>Luke 20:39; Matt. 22:34

<sup>29</sup> <sup>a</sup>Deut. 6:4

<sup>30</sup> <sup>a</sup>Deut. 6:5

<sup>31</sup> <sup>a</sup>Lev. 19:18

<sup>32</sup> <sup>a</sup>Deut. 4:35

<sup>33</sup> <sup>a</sup>Deut. 6:5 <sup>b</sup>1 Sam. 15:22; Hos. 6:6; Mic. 6:6-8; Matt. 9:13; 12:7

<sup>34</sup> <sup>a</sup>Matt. 22:46

<sup>35</sup> <sup>1</sup>i.e., the Messiah  
<sup>a</sup>Mark 12:35-37; Matt. 22:41-46; Luke 20:41-44  
<sup>b</sup>Matt. 26:55; Mark 10:1  
<sup>c</sup>Matt. 9:27

<sup>36</sup> <sup>1</sup>Or, by  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 110:1

<sup>37</sup> <sup>1</sup>Lit., was gladly hearing Him  
<sup>a</sup>John 12:9

<sup>38</sup> <sup>a</sup>Mark 12:38-40; Matt. 23:1-7; Luke 20:45-47  
<sup>b</sup>Luke 11:43; Matt. 23:6

<sup>40</sup> <sup>a</sup>Luke 20:47

<sup>41</sup> <sup>1</sup>i.e., copper coins  
<sup>a</sup>Mark 12:41-44; Luke 21:1-4  
<sup>b</sup>John 8:20 <sup>c</sup>2 Kin. 12:9

<sup>42</sup> <sup>1</sup>Lit., lepta <sup>2</sup>Lit., quadrans, i.e., 1/64 of a denarius

<sup>43</sup> <sup>1</sup>Lit., those who were putting in

<sup>44</sup> <sup>1</sup>Or, abundance <sup>2</sup>Lit., her whole livelihood  
<sup>a</sup>Luke 8:43; 15:12, 30; 21:4

1 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *how great*  
<sup>a</sup>Mark 13:1-37; Matt. 24;  
Luke 21:5-36

2 <sup>a</sup>Luke 19:44

3 <sup>1</sup>Or, *Jacob*  
<sup>a</sup>Matt. 21:1 <sup>b</sup>Matt. 17:1

4 <sup>1</sup>Or, *attesting miracle*

6 <sup>a</sup>John 8:24

9 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *look to yourselves* <sup>2</sup>Or, *Sanhedrin, or council*  
<sup>a</sup>Matt. 10:17 <sup>b</sup>Matt. 10:17

10 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 24:14

11 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *lead*  
<sup>a</sup>Mark 13:11-13; Matt.  
10:19-22; Luke 21:12-17

12 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *put them to death*

13 <sup>a</sup>John 15:21

14 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 24:15 <sup>b</sup>Dan.  
9:27; 11:31; 12:11

19 <sup>a</sup>Mark 10:6

20 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *flesh* <sup>2</sup>Or, *chosen ones*

<sup>a</sup>AND as He was going out of the temple, one of His disciples <sup>a</sup>said to Him, "Teacher, behold <sup>1</sup>what wonderful stones and <sup>1</sup>what wonderful buildings!"

2 And Jesus said to him, "Do you see these great buildings? <sup>a</sup>Not one stone shall be left upon another which will not be torn down."

3 And as He was sitting on <sup>a</sup>the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, <sup>b</sup>Peter and <sup>1</sup>James and John and Andrew were questioning Him privately,

4 "Tell us, when will these things be, and what *will be* the <sup>1</sup>sign when all these things are going to be fulfilled?"

5 And Jesus began to say to them, "See to it that no one misleads you.

6 "Many will come in My name, saying, '<sup>a</sup>I am He!' and will mislead many.

7 "And when you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be frightened; *those things* must take place; but *that is* not yet the end.

8 "For nation will arise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be earthquakes in various places; there will *also* be famines. These things are *merely* the beginning of birth pangs.

9 "But <sup>1</sup>be on your guard; for they will <sup>a</sup>deliver you up to *the* <sup>2</sup>courts, and you will be flogged <sup>in</sup> *the* synagogues, and you will stand before governors and kings for My sake, as a testimony to them.

10 "And the gospel must first be preached to all the nations.

11 "And when they <sup>1</sup>arrest you and deliver you up, do not be anxious beforehand about what you are to say, but say whatever is given you in that hour; for it is not you who speak, but *it is* the Holy Spirit.

12 "And brother will deliver up brother to death, and a father *his* child; and children will rise up against parents and <sup>1</sup>cause them to be put to death.

13 "And <sup>a</sup>you will be hated by all on account of My name, but it is the one who has endured to the end who will be saved.

14 "But <sup>a</sup>when you see the <sup>b</sup>ABOMINATION OF DESOLATION standing where it should not be (let the reader understand), then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains.

15 "And let him who is on the housetop not go down, or enter in, to get anything out of his house;

16 and let him who is in the field not turn back to get his cloak.

17 "But woe to those who are with child and to those who nurse babes in those days!

18 "But pray that it may not happen in the winter.

19 "For those days will be a *time of* tribulation such as has not occurred <sup>a</sup>since the beginning of the creation which God created, until now, and never shall.

20 "And unless the Lord had shortened *those* days, no <sup>1</sup>life would have been saved; but for the sake of the <sup>2</sup>elect whom He chose, He shortened the days.

**The Son of Man Coming in Glory.  
Precious Ointment.**

**Mark 13, 14**

21 "And then if anyone says to you, 'Behold, here is <sup>1</sup>the Christ'; or, 'Behold, *He is there*'; do not believe *him*;

22 for false Christs and <sup>a</sup>false prophets will arise, and will show <sup>1b</sup>signs and <sup>b</sup>wonders, in order, if possible, to lead the elect astray.

23 "But take heed; behold, I have told you everything in advance.

24 "But in those days, after that tribulation, <sup>a</sup>THE SUN WILL BE DARKENED, AND THE MOON WILL NOT GIVE ITS LIGHT,

25 <sup>a</sup>AND THE STARS WILL BE FALLING from heaven, and the POWERS THAT ARE IN <sup>1</sup>THE HEAVENS WILL BE SHAKEN.

26 <sup>a</sup>AND THEN THEY SHALL SEE THE SON OF MAN <sup>b</sup>COMING IN CLOUDS with great power and glory.

27 "And then He will send forth the angels, and <sup>a</sup>WILL GATHER TOGETHER His <sup>1</sup>elect FROM THE FOUR WINDS, <sup>b</sup>FROM THE FARTHEST END OF THE earth, TO THE FARTHEST END OF HEAVEN.

28 "Now learn the parable from the fig tree: when its branch has already become tender, and puts forth its leaves, you know that the summer is near.

29 "Even so you too, when you see these things happening, <sup>1</sup>recognize that <sup>2</sup>He is near, *right* at the <sup>3</sup>door.

30 "Truly I say to you, this <sup>1</sup>generation will not pass away until all these things take place.

31 "Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will not pass away.

32 <sup>a</sup>But of that day or hour no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but the Father *alone*.

33 "Take heed, <sup>a</sup>keep on the alert; for you do not know when the *appointed* time is.

34 "*It is like a man, away on a journey, who upon leaving his house and putting his slaves in charge, assigning to each one his task, also commanded the doorkeeper to stay on the alert.*

35 "Therefore, <sup>a</sup>be on the alert — for you do not know when the <sup>1</sup>master of the house is coming, whether in the evening, at midnight, at <sup>b</sup>cockcrow, or <sup>c</sup>in the morning—

36 lest he come suddenly and find you <sup>a</sup>asleep.

37 "And what I say to you I say to all, <sup>a</sup>'Be on the alert!'"

**CHAPTER 14**

<sup>a</sup>**N**OW *the feast of* <sup>b</sup>the Passover and Unleavened Bread was two days off; and the chief priests and the scribes <sup>c</sup>were seeking how to seize Him by stealth, and kill *Him*;

2 for they were saying, "Not during the festival, lest there be a riot of the people."

3 <sup>a</sup>And while He was in <sup>b</sup>Bethany at the home of Simon the leper, and reclining *at table*, there came a woman with an alabaster vial of <sup>c</sup>costly perfume of pure nard; *and she broke the vial and poured it over His head.*

4 But some were indignantly *remarking* to one another, "For what purpose has this perfume been wasted?"

5 "For this perfume might have been sold for over three hundred <sup>1</sup>denarii, and *the money given to the poor.*" And they were scolding her.

21 <sup>1</sup>I.e., the Messiah

22 <sup>1</sup>Or, *attesting miracles*  
<sup>a</sup>Matt. 7:15 <sup>b</sup>Matt. 24:24;  
John 4:48

24 <sup>a</sup>Is. 13:10

25 <sup>1</sup>Or, *heaven*  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 34:4

26 <sup>a</sup>Dan. 7:13 <sup>b</sup>Matt.  
16:27; Mark 8:38

27 <sup>1</sup>Or, *chosen ones*  
<sup>a</sup>Deut. 30:4 <sup>b</sup>Zech. 2:6

29 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *know* <sup>2</sup>Or, *it*  
<sup>1</sup>Lit., *doors*

30 <sup>1</sup>Or, *race*

32 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 24:36; Acts 1:7

33 <sup>a</sup>Eph. 6:18; Col. 4:2

34 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *giving the*  
*authority to*

35 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *lord*  
<sup>a</sup>Mark 13:37; Matt. 24:42  
<sup>b</sup>Mark 14:30 <sup>c</sup>Mark 6:48;  
Matt. 14:25

36 <sup>a</sup>Rom. 13:11

37 <sup>a</sup>Mark 13:35; Matt.  
24:42

1 <sup>a</sup>Mark 14:1, 2; Matt.  
26:2-5; Luke 22:1, 2 <sup>b</sup>John  
11:55; 13:1; Mark 14:12  
<sup>c</sup>Matt. 12:14

3 <sup>a</sup>Mark 14:3-9; Matt.  
26:6-13; Luke 7:37-39; John  
12:1-8 <sup>b</sup>Matt. 21:17 <sup>c</sup>Matt.  
26:6f.; John 12:3

5 <sup>1</sup>The denarius was  
worth 18 cents in silver,  
equivalent to a day's wage

7 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 26:11; John 12:8; Deut. 15:11

8 <sup>a</sup>John 19:40

9 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 26:13

10 <sup>1</sup>Or, *deliver Him up*  
<sup>a</sup>Mark 14:10, 11; *Matt.*  
*26:14-16; Luke 22:3-6* <sup>b</sup>John  
6:71

12 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *they were*  
*sacrificing*  
<sup>a</sup>Mark 14:12-16; *Matt.*  
*26:17-19; Luke 22:7-13*  
<sup>b</sup>Matt. 26:17 <sup>c</sup>Luke 22:7;  
1 Cor. 5:7; Deut. 16:5;  
Mark 14:1

14 <sup>a</sup>Luke 22:11; Luke 2:7  
Gr.

17 <sup>a</sup>Mark 14:17-21; *Matt.*  
*26:20-24; Luke 22:14, 21-23;*  
John 13:18ff.

18 <sup>1</sup>Or, *deliver Me up*  
<sup>2</sup>Or, *the one*

20 <sup>1</sup>Or, *the one*

21 <sup>1</sup>Or, *through* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *for*  
*him if that man had not*  
*been born*

22 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *having blessed*  
<sup>a</sup>Mark 14:22-25; *Matt.*  
*26:26-29; Luke 22:17-20;*  
1 Cor. 11:23-25; Mark 10:16  
<sup>b</sup>Matt. 14:19

26 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 26:30 <sup>b</sup>Matt.  
21:1

27 <sup>1</sup>Or, *stumble*  
<sup>a</sup>Mark 14:27-31; *Matt.*  
*26:31-35* <sup>b</sup>Zech. 13:7

6 But Jesus said, "Let her alone; why do you bother her? She has done a good deed to Me.

7 "For <sup>a</sup>the poor you always have with you, and whenever you wish, you can do them good; but you do not always have Me.

8 "She has done what she could; <sup>a</sup>she has anointed My body beforehand for the burial.

9 "And truly I say to you, <sup>a</sup>wherever the gospel is preached in the whole world, that also which this woman has done shall be spoken of in memory of her."

10 <sup>a</sup>And Judas Iscariot, <sup>b</sup>who was one of the twelve, went off to the chief priests, in order to <sup>1</sup>betray Him to them.

11 And they were glad when they heard *this*, and promised to give him money. And he *began* seeking how to betray Him at an opportune time.

12 <sup>a</sup>And on the first day of *the feast of* <sup>b</sup>Unleavened Bread, when <sup>1</sup>the Passover *lamb* was being <sup>c</sup>sacrificed, His disciples <sup>a</sup>said to Him, "Where do You want us to go and prepare for You to eat the Passover?"

13 And He <sup>a</sup>sent two of His disciples, and <sup>a</sup>said to them, "Go into the city, and a man will meet you carrying a pitcher of water; follow him;

14 and wherever he enters, say to the owner of the house, "The Teacher says, "Where is My <sup>a</sup>guest room in which I may eat the Passover with My disciples?"

15 "And he himself will show you a large upper room furnished *and* ready; and prepare for us there."

16 And the disciples went out, and came to the city, and found it just as He had told them; and they prepared the Passover.

17 <sup>a</sup>And when it was evening He <sup>a</sup>came with the twelve.

18 And as they were reclining *at table* and eating, Jesus said, "Truly I say to you that one of you will <sup>1</sup>betray Me — <sup>2</sup>one who is eating with Me."

19 They began to be grieved and to say to Him one by one, "Surely not I?"

20 And He said to them, "*It is* one of the twelve, <sup>1</sup>one who dips with Me in the bowl.

21 "For the Son of Man is to go, just as it is written of Him; but woe to that man <sup>1</sup>by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! *It would have been* good <sup>2</sup>for that man if he had not been born."

22 <sup>a</sup>And while they were eating, He took *some* bread, and <sup>1</sup>after a <sup>b</sup>blessing He broke it; and gave it to them, and said, "Take it; this is My body."

23 And He took a cup, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them; and they all drank from it.

24 And He said to them, "This is My blood of the covenant, which is to *be* shed on behalf of many.

25 "Truly I say to you, I shall never again drink of the fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God."

26 <sup>a</sup>And after singing a hymn, they went out to <sup>b</sup>the Mount of Olives.

27 <sup>a</sup>And Jesus <sup>a</sup>said to them, "You will all <sup>1</sup>fall away, because it is written, <sup>b</sup>I WILL STRIKE DOWN THE SHEPHERD, AND THE SHEEP SHALL BE SCATTERED.'

**Peter's Denial Foretold.  
Gethsemane. The Betrayal.**

**Mark 14**

28 "But after I have been raised, I will go before you to Calilee."

29 But Peter said to Him, "Even though all may <sup>1</sup>fall away, yet I will not."

30 And Jesus <sup>\*</sup>said to him, "Truly I say to you, that you yourself <sup>1a</sup>this very night, before <sup>ba</sup>a cock crows twice, shall three times deny Me."

31 But Peter kept saying insistently, "Even if I have to die with You, I will not deny You!" And they all were saying the same thing, too.

32 <sup>a</sup>And they <sup>\*</sup>came to a place named Gethsemane; and He <sup>\*</sup>said to His disciples, "Sit here until I have prayed."

33 And He <sup>\*</sup>took with Him Peter and <sup>1</sup>James and John, and began to be very <sup>a</sup>distressed and troubled.

34 And He <sup>\*</sup>said to them, "<sup>a</sup>My soul is deeply grieved to the point of death; remain here and keep watch."

35 And He went a little beyond *them*, and <sup>1</sup>fell to the ground, and *began* praying that if it were possible, <sup>a</sup>the hour might <sup>2</sup>pass Him by.

36 And He was saying, "<sup>a</sup>Abba! Father! All things are possible for Thee; remove this cup from Me; <sup>b</sup>yet not what I will, but what Thou wilt."

37 And He <sup>\*</sup>came and <sup>\*</sup>found them sleeping, and <sup>\*</sup>said to Peter, "Simon, are you asleep? Could you not keep watch for one hour?"

38 "<sup>a</sup>Keep watching and praying, that you may not come into temptation; the spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak."

39 And again He went away and prayed, saying the same <sup>1</sup>words.

40 And again He came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were very heavy; and they did not know what to answer Him.

41 And He <sup>\*</sup>came the third time, and <sup>\*</sup>said to them, "<sup>1</sup>Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? It is enough; <sup>a</sup>the hour has come; behold, the Son of Man is being <sup>2</sup>betrayed into the hands of sinners.

42 "Arise, let us be going; behold, the one who betrays Me is at hand!"

43 <sup>a</sup>And immediately while He was still speaking, Judas, one of the twelve, <sup>\*</sup>came up, <sup>1</sup>accompanied by a multitude with swords and clubs, from the chief priests and the scribes and the elders.

44 Now he who was betraying Him had given them a signal, saying, "Whomever I shall kiss, He is the one; seize Him, and lead Him away <sup>1</sup>under guard."

45 And after coming, he immediately went up to Him, saying, "<sup>a</sup>Rabbi!" and kissed Him.

46 And they laid hands on Him, and seized Him.

47 But a certain one of those who stood by drew his sword, and struck the slave of the high priest, and <sup>1</sup>cut off his ear.

48 And Jesus answered and said to them, "Have you come out with swords and clubs to arrest Me, as though I were a robber?"

49 "Every day I was with you <sup>a</sup>in the temple teaching, and you did not seize Me; but <sup>1</sup>this has happened that the Scriptures might be fulfilled."

29 <sup>1</sup>Or, *stumble*

30 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *today, on this night*  
<sup>a</sup>Matt. 26:34 <sup>b</sup>Mark 14:68, 72; John 13:38

32 <sup>a</sup>Mark 14:32-42; *Matt. 26:36-46; Luke 22:40-46*

33 <sup>1</sup>Or, *Jacob*  
<sup>a</sup>Mark 9:15; 16:5, 6

34 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 26:38; John 12:27

35 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *was falling* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *pass from Him*  
<sup>a</sup>Mark 14:41; *Matt. 26:45*

36 <sup>a</sup>Rom. 8:15; Gal. 4:6  
<sup>b</sup>Matt. 26:39

38 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 26:41

39 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *word*

41 <sup>1</sup>Or, *Keep on sleeping therefore* <sup>2</sup>Or, *delivered up*  
<sup>a</sup>Mark 14:35

43 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *and with him*  
<sup>a</sup>Mark 14:43-50; *Matt. 26:47-56; Luke 22:47-53; John 18:3-11*

44 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *safely*

45 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 23:7

47 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *took off*

49 <sup>1</sup>Or possibly: *let the Scriptures be fulfilled*  
<sup>a</sup>Mark 12:35

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53 <sup>a</sup>Mark 14:53-65; *Matt.* 26:57-68; *John* 18:12f.; 19:24

54 <sup>1</sup>Or, *servants* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *light*  
<sup>a</sup>Mark 14:68 <sup>b</sup>Matt. 26:3  
<sup>c</sup>Mark 14:67; *John* 18:18

55 <sup>1</sup>Or, *Sanhedrin*  
<sup>a</sup>Matt. 5:22

58 <sup>1</sup>Or, *sanctuary*  
<sup>a</sup>Mark 15:29; *Matt.* 26:61

60 <sup>1</sup>Or, *what do these testify?*

61 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *says* <sup>2</sup>i.e., *the Messiah*  
<sup>a</sup>Matt. 26:63 <sup>b</sup>Mark 14:61-63; *Matt.* 26:63ff.; *Luke* 22:67-71

62 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 110:1; *Mark* 13:26  
<sup>b</sup>Dan. 7:13

63 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 26:65; *Acts* 14:14; *Num.* 14:6

65 <sup>1</sup>Or, *cover over His face* <sup>2</sup>Or, *treated* <sup>3</sup>Or possibly: *blows with rods*  
<sup>a</sup>Mark 10:34; *Matt.* 26:67  
<sup>b</sup>*Esther* 7:8 <sup>c</sup>Matt. 26:68; *Luke* 22:64

66 <sup>a</sup>Mark 14:66-72; *Matt.* 26:69-75; *Luke* 22:56-62; *John* 18:16-18, 25-27 <sup>b</sup>Mark 14:54

67 <sup>a</sup>Mark 14:54 <sup>b</sup>Mark 1:24

68 <sup>1</sup>Or, *forecourt, gateway* <sup>2</sup>Later mss. add: *and a cock crowed*  
<sup>a</sup>Mark 14:54

70 <sup>a</sup>Mark 14:68 <sup>b</sup>Matt. 26:73; *Luke* 22:59

71 <sup>1</sup>Or, *put himself under a curse*

50 And they all left Him and fled.

51 And a certain young man was following Him, wearing *nothing but* a linen sheet over *his naked body*; and they <sup>\*</sup>seized him.

52 But he left the linen sheet behind, and escaped naked.

53 <sup>a</sup>And they led Jesus away to the high priest; and all the chief priests and the elders and the scribes <sup>\*</sup>gathered together.

54 And Peter had followed Him at a distance, <sup>a</sup>right into <sup>b</sup>the courtyard of the high priest; and he was sitting with the <sup>1</sup>officers, and <sup>c</sup>warming himself at the <sup>2</sup>fire.

55 Now the chief priests and the whole <sup>1a</sup>Council kept trying to obtain testimony against Jesus to put Him to death; and they were finding none.

56 For many were giving false testimony against Him, and yet their testimony was not consistent.

57 And some stood up and *began* to give false testimony against Him, saying,

58 "We heard Him say, 'I will destroy this <sup>1</sup>temple made with hands, and in three days I will build another made without hands.' "

59 And not even in this respect was their testimony consistent.

60 And the high priest arose *and came* forward and questioned Jesus, saying, "Do You make no answer <sup>1</sup>to what these men are testifying against You?"

61 <sup>a</sup>But He kept silent, and made no answer. <sup>b</sup>Again the high priest was questioning Him, and <sup>1</sup>saying to Him, "Are You <sup>2</sup>the Christ, the Son of the Blessed One?"

62 And Jesus said, "I am; and you shall see the <sup>a</sup>SON OF MAN SITTING AT THE RIGHT HAND OF POWER, and <sup>b</sup>COMING WITH THE CLOUDS OF HEAVEN."

63 And <sup>a</sup>tearing his clothes, the high priest <sup>\*</sup>said, "What further need do we have of witnesses?"

64 "You have heard the blasphemy; how does it seem to you?" And they all condemned Him to be deserving of death.

65 And some began to <sup>a</sup>spit at Him, and <sup>1b</sup>to blindfold Him, and to beat Him with their fists, and to say to Him, "<sup>c</sup>Prophecy!" And the officers <sup>2</sup>received Him with <sup>3</sup>slaps *in the face*.

66 <sup>a</sup>And as Peter was below in <sup>b</sup>the courtyard, one of the servant-girls of the high priest <sup>\*</sup>came,

67 and seeing Peter <sup>a</sup>warming himself, she looked at him, and <sup>\*</sup>said, "You, too, were with Jesus the <sup>b</sup>Nazarene."

68 But he denied *it*, saying, "I neither know nor understand what you are talking about." And he <sup>a</sup>went out onto the <sup>1</sup>porch.<sup>2</sup>

69 And the maid saw him, and began once more to say to the bystanders, "This is *one* of them!"

70 But again <sup>a</sup>he was denying it. And after a little while the bystanders were again saying to Peter, "Surely you are *one* of them, <sup>b</sup>for you are a Galilean too."

71 But he began to <sup>1</sup>curse and swear, "I do not know this fellow you are talking about!"

72 And immediately a cock crowed a second time. And



**Jesus Before Pilate.  
Call for Barabbas. The Scouring.**

**Mark 14, 15**

Peter remembered how Jesus had made the remark to him, "Before <sup>a</sup>a cock crows twice, you will deny Me three times."  
<sup>1</sup>And he *began* to weep.

CHAPTER 15

<sup>a</sup>AND early in the morning the chief priests with the elders and scribes, and the whole <sup>1b</sup>Council, immediately held a consultation; and binding Jesus, they led Him away, and delivered Him up to Pilate.

<sup>2</sup> And Pilate questioned Him, "Are You the King of the Jews?" And answering He <sup>\*</sup>said to him, "It is as you say."

<sup>3</sup> And the chief priests *began* to accuse Him <sup>1</sup>harshly.

<sup>4</sup> And Pilate was questioning Him again, saying, "Do You make no answer? See how many charges they bring against You!"

<sup>5</sup> But Jesus <sup>a</sup>made no further answer; so that Pilate was astonished.

<sup>6</sup> <sup>a</sup>Now at *the* feast he used to release for them *any* one prisoner whom they requested.

<sup>7</sup> And the man named Barabbas had been imprisoned with the insurrectionists who had committed murder in the insurrection.

<sup>8</sup> And the multitude went up and began asking him *to do* as he had been accustomed to do for them.

<sup>9</sup> And Pilate answered them, saying, "Do you want me to release for you the King of the Jews?"

<sup>10</sup> For he was aware that the chief priests had delivered Him up because of envy.

<sup>11</sup> But the chief priests stirred up the multitude <sup>a</sup>to ask him to release Barabbas for them instead.

<sup>12</sup> And answering again, Pilate was saying to them, "Then what shall I do to Him whom you call the King of the Jews?"

<sup>13</sup> And they shouted <sup>1</sup>back, "Crucify Him!"

<sup>14</sup> But Pilate was saying to them, "Why, what evil has He done?" But they shouted all the more, "Crucify Him!"

<sup>15</sup> And wishing to satisfy the multitude, Pilate released Barabbas for them, and after having Jesus <sup>a</sup>scourged, he delivered Him over to be crucified.

<sup>16</sup> <sup>a</sup>And the soldiers took Him away into <sup>b</sup>the <sup>1</sup>palace (that is, the Praetorium), and they <sup>\*</sup>called together the whole *Roman* <sup>2c</sup>cohort.

<sup>17</sup> And they <sup>\*</sup>dressed Him up in <sup>1</sup>purple, and after weaving a crown of thorns, they put it on Him;

<sup>18</sup> and they began to acclaim Him, "Hail, King of the Jews!"

<sup>19</sup> And they kept beating His head with a <sup>1</sup>reed, and spitting at Him, and kneeling and bowing before Him.

<sup>20</sup> And after they had mocked Him, they took the purple off Him, and put His garments on Him. And they <sup>\*</sup>led Him out to crucify Him.

<sup>21</sup> <sup>a</sup>And they <sup>\*</sup>pressed into service a passerby coming from the country, Simon of Cyrene (the father of Alexander and Rufus), that he might bear His cross.

<sup>22</sup> <sup>a</sup>And they <sup>\*</sup>brought Him to the place <sup>b</sup>Golgotha, which is translated, Place of a Skull.

<sup>72</sup> <sup>1</sup>Or, *Thinking of this, he began weeping, or, Rushing out, he began weeping*  
<sup>a</sup>Mark 14:30, 68

<sup>1</sup> <sup>1</sup>Or, *Sanhedrin*  
<sup>a</sup>Matt. 27:1 <sup>b</sup>Matt. 5:22

<sup>2</sup> <sup>a</sup>Mark 15:2-5; *Matt. 27:11-14; Luke 23:2, 3; John 18:29-38*

<sup>3</sup> <sup>1</sup>Or, *of many things*

<sup>5</sup> <sup>a</sup>Matt. 27:12

<sup>6</sup> <sup>a</sup>Mark 15:6-15; *Matt. 27:15-26; Luke 23:18-25; John 18:39-19:16*

<sup>11</sup> <sup>a</sup>Acts 3:14

<sup>13</sup> <sup>1</sup>Or, *again*

<sup>15</sup> <sup>a</sup>Matt. 27:26

<sup>16</sup> <sup>1</sup>Or, *court* <sup>2</sup>Or, *battalion*  
<sup>a</sup>Mark 15:16-20; *Matt. 27:27-31* <sup>b</sup>Matt. 27:27; *Mark 26:3* <sup>c</sup>Acts 10:1

<sup>17</sup> <sup>1</sup>A term for shades varying from rose to purple

<sup>19</sup> <sup>1</sup>Or, *staff* (made of a reed)

<sup>21</sup> <sup>a</sup>Mark 15:21; *Matt. 27:32; Luke 23:26*

<sup>22</sup> <sup>a</sup>Mark 15:22-32; *Matt. 27:33-44; Luke 23:33-43; John 19:17-24* <sup>b</sup>John 19:17; *Luke 23:33* and *margin*.

23 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 27:34

24 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *a lot upon* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *who should take what*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 22:18; John 19:24

25 <sup>1</sup>I.e., 9 a.m. <sup>2</sup>Lit., and  
<sup>a</sup>John 19:14; Mark 15:33

26 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *had been*  
*inscribed*  
<sup>a</sup>Matt. 27:37

28 <sup>1</sup>Later mss. add verse  
28: *And the Scripture was*  
*fulfilled which says, "And*  
*He was reckoned with*  
*transgressors."*

29 <sup>1</sup>Or, *blaspheming*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 22:8; Matt. 27:39  
<sup>b</sup>Mark 14:58

31 <sup>1</sup>Or, *can He not save*  
*Himself?*  
<sup>a</sup>Matt. 27:42; Luke 23:35

32 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 27:42; Mark  
15:26 <sup>b</sup>Mark 15:27; Matt.  
27:44; Luke 23:39-43

33 <sup>1</sup>I.e., noon <sup>2</sup>Or,  
occurred <sup>1</sup>I.e., 3 p.m.  
<sup>a</sup>Mark 15:33-41; Matt.  
27:45-56; Luke 23:44-49  
<sup>b</sup>Matt. 27:45f.; Luke 23:44;  
Mark 15:25

34 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 27:45f.; Luke  
23:44; Mark 15:25 <sup>b</sup>Ps.  
22:1; Matt. 27:46

36 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *Permit that we*  
*see; or, Hold off, let us see*

37 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 27:50; Luke  
23:46; John 19:30

38 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 27:51; Luke  
23:45

39 <sup>1</sup>Or, *opposite Him*  
<sup>2</sup>Lit., *that He thus* <sup>3</sup>Or,  
possibly: *a son of God, or,*  
*son of a god*  
<sup>a</sup>Matt. 27:54; Luke 23:47;  
Mark 15:45

40 <sup>1</sup>Or, *Jacob* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *little*  
*(either in stature or age)*  
<sup>a</sup>Mark 15:40, 41; Matt.  
27:55f.; Luke 23:49; John  
19:25 <sup>b</sup>Luke 19:3 <sup>c</sup>Mark  
16:1

41 <sup>1</sup>Or, *wait on*  
<sup>a</sup>Matt. 27:55f.

42 <sup>a</sup>Mark 15:42-47; Matt.  
27:57-61; Luke 23:50-56;  
John 19:38-42 <sup>b</sup>Matt. 27:62

43 <sup>a</sup>Luke 23:51; Acts  
13:50; 17:12; Matt. 27:57  
<sup>b</sup>Luke 23:51; 2:25, 38;  
Matt. 27:57; John 19:38  
<sup>c</sup>John 19:38

45 <sup>a</sup>Mark 15:39

23 And they tried to give Him <sup>a</sup>wine mixed with myrrh; but He did not take it.

24 And they <sup>\*</sup>crucified Him, and <sup>\*</sup>DIVIDED UP HIS GARMENTS AMONG THEMSELVES, CASTING <sup>1</sup>LOTS FOR THEM, *to decide* <sup>2</sup>what each should take.

25 And it was the <sup>1a</sup>third hour <sup>2</sup>when they crucified Him.

26 And the inscription of the charge against Him <sup>1</sup>read, <sup>a</sup>"THE KING OF THE JEWS."

27 And they <sup>\*</sup>crucified two robbers with Him, one on the right and one on the left.

28 (See marginal note.<sup>1</sup>)

29 And those passing by were <sup>1</sup>hurling abuse at Him, <sup>a</sup>WAGGING THEIR HEADS, and saying, "Ha! You who *were going to* <sup>b</sup>destroy the temple and rebuild it in three days,

<sup>30</sup> save Yourself, and come down from the cross!"

31 In the same way the chief priests along with the scribes were also mocking Him among themselves and saying, <sup>a</sup>"He saved others; <sup>1</sup>He cannot save Himself.

32 "Let *this* Christ, <sup>a</sup>the King of Israel, now come down from the cross, so that we may see and believe!" And <sup>b</sup>those who were crucified with Him were casting the same insult at Him.

33 <sup>a</sup>And when the <sup>1b</sup>sixth hour had come, darkness <sup>2</sup>fell over the whole land until the <sup>3b</sup>ninth hour.

34 And at the <sup>a</sup>ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, <sup>b</sup>"ELOI, ELOI, LAMA SABACHTHANI?" which is translated, "MY GOD, MY GOD, WHY HAST THOU FORSAKEN ME?"

35 And when some of the bystanders heard it, they *began* saying, "Behold, He is calling for Elijah."

36 And someone ran and filled a sponge with sour wine, put it on a reed, and gave Him a drink, saying, <sup>1</sup>"Let us see whether Elijah will come to take Him down."

37 <sup>a</sup>And Jesus uttered a loud cry, and breathed His last.

38 <sup>a</sup>And the veil of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom.

39 <sup>a</sup>And when the centurion, who was standing <sup>1</sup>right in front of Him, saw <sup>2</sup>the way He breathed His last, he said, "Truly this man was <sup>3</sup>the Son of God!"

40 <sup>a</sup>And there were also *some* women looking on from afar, among whom *were* Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of <sup>1</sup>James <sup>b</sup>the <sup>2</sup>Less and Joses, and <sup>c</sup>Salome.

41 And when He was in Galilee, they used to follow Him and <sup>1a</sup>minister to Him; and *there were* many other women who had come up with Him to Jerusalem.

42 <sup>a</sup>And when evening had already come, because it was <sup>b</sup>the Preparation Day, that is, the day before the Sabbath.

43 Joseph of Arimathea came, a <sup>a</sup>prominent member of the Council, a man who was himself <sup>b</sup>waiting for the kingdom of God; and he <sup>c</sup>gathered up courage and went in before Pilate, and asked for the body of Jesus.

44 And Pilate wondered if He was dead by this time, and summoning the centurion, he questioned him as to whether He was already dead.

45 And ascertaining this from <sup>a</sup>the centurion, he granted the body to Joseph.

**The Entombment. "He Has Risen."  
Jesus Appears to Mary, to the Eleven.**

**Mark 15, 16**

46 And *Joseph* bought a linen sheet, took Him down, wrapped Him in the linen sheet, and laid Him in a tomb which had been hewn out in the rock; and he rolled a stone against the entrance of the tomb.

47 And <sup>a</sup>Mary Magdalene and Mary the *mother* of *Joses* were looking on to *see* where He was laid.

CHAPTER 16

<sup>a</sup>AND when the Sabbath was over, <sup>b</sup>Mary Magdalene, and Mary the *mother* of <sup>1</sup>James, and Salome, <sup>c</sup>bought spices, that they might come and anoint Him.

2 And very early on the first day of the week, they <sup>\*</sup>came to the tomb when the sun had risen.

3 And they were saying to one another, "Who will roll away <sup>a</sup>the stone for us from the entrance of the tomb?"

4 And looking up, they <sup>\*</sup>saw that the stone had been rolled away, <sup>1</sup>although it was extremely large.

5 And <sup>a</sup>entering the tomb, they saw a young man sitting at the right, wearing a white robe; and they <sup>b</sup>were amazed.

6 And he <sup>\*</sup>said to them, "<sup>a</sup>Do not be amazed; you are looking for Jesus the <sup>b</sup>Nazarene, who has been crucified. <sup>c</sup>He has risen; He is not here; behold, *here* is the place where they laid Him.

7 "But go, tell His disciples and Peter, <sup>a</sup>He is going before you into Galilee; there you will see Him, just as He said to you."

8 And they went out and fled from the tomb, for trembling and astonishment had gripped them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.<sup>1</sup>

9 [<sup>1</sup>Now after He had risen early on the first day of the week, He first appeared to <sup>a</sup>Mary Magdalene, from whom He had cast out seven demons.

10 <sup>a</sup>She went and reported to those who had been with Him, while they were mourning and weeping.

11 And when they heard that He was alive, and had been seen by her, <sup>a</sup>they refused to believe it.

12 And after that, <sup>a</sup>He appeared in a different form <sup>b</sup>to two of them, while they were walking along on their way to the country.

13 And they went away and reported it to the others, but they <sup>a</sup>did not believe them either.

14 And afterward <sup>a</sup>He appeared <sup>b</sup>to the eleven themselves as they were reclining *at table*; and He reproached them for their <sup>c</sup>unbelief and hardness of heart, because they had not believed those who had seen Him after He had risen.

15 And He said to them, "<sup>a</sup>Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation.

16 "<sup>a</sup>He who has believed and has been baptized shall be saved; but he who has disbelieved shall be condemned.

17 "And these <sup>1</sup>signs will accompany those who have believed: <sup>a</sup>in My name they will cast out demons, they will <sup>b</sup>speak with new tongues;

47 <sup>a</sup>Mark 15:40; 16:1; Matt. 27:56

1 <sup>1</sup>Or, *Jacob*  
<sup>a</sup>Mark 16:1-8; Matt. 28:1-8; Luke 24:1-10; John 20:1-8  
<sup>b</sup>Mark 15:47 <sup>c</sup>Luke 23:56; John 19:39f.

3 <sup>a</sup>Mark 16:3, 4; 15:46; Matt. 27:60

4 <sup>1</sup>Lit. *for*

5 <sup>a</sup>John 20:11, 12 <sup>b</sup>Mark 9:15

6 <sup>a</sup>Mark 9:15 <sup>b</sup>Mark 1:24  
<sup>c</sup>Matt. 28:6; Luke 24:6

7 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 26:32; Mark 14:28

8 <sup>1</sup>See addition at end of chapter.

9 <sup>1</sup>Some of the oldest mss. omit from verse 9 through 20.  
<sup>a</sup>John 20:14; Matt. 27:56

10 <sup>a</sup>John 20:18

11 <sup>a</sup>Mark 16:13, 14; Luke 24:11, 41; John 20:25; Matt. 28:17

12 <sup>a</sup>Mark 16:14; John 21:1, 14 <sup>b</sup>Luke 24:13-35

13 <sup>a</sup>Mark 16:11, 14; Luke 24:11, 41; John 20:25; Matt. 28:17

14 <sup>a</sup>Mark 16:12; John 21:1, 14 <sup>b</sup>Luke 24:36; John 20:19, 26; 1 Cor. 15:5  
<sup>c</sup>Mark 16:11, 13; Luke 24:11, 41; John 20:25; Matt. 28:17

15 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 28:19

16 <sup>a</sup>John 3:18, 36; Acts 16:31

17 <sup>1</sup>Or, *attesting miracles*  
<sup>a</sup>Mark 9:38; Luke 10:17; Acts 5:16; 8:7; 16:18; 19:12  
<sup>b</sup>Acts 2:4; 10:46; 19:6;  
1 Cor. 12:10, 28, 30; 13:1; 14:2

18 <sup>a</sup>Luke 10:19; Acts 28:3-5 <sup>b</sup>Mark 5:23

19 <sup>a</sup>Acts 1:3 <sup>b</sup>Luke 9:51; 24:51; John 6:62; 20:17; Acts 1:2; 1 Tim 3:16 <sup>c</sup>Ps. 110:1; Luke 22:69; Acts 7:55f.; Rom. 8:34; Eph. 1:20; Col. 3:1; Heb. 1:3; 8:1; 10:12; 12:2; 1 Pet. 3:22

20 <sup>1</sup>Or, *attesting miracles*  
<sup>2</sup>Many mss. add: *Amen*

Addition: <sup>1</sup>A few later mss. and versions contain this paragraph, usually after verse 8; a few have it at the end of chapter.

18 they will <sup>a</sup>pick up serpents, and if they drink any deadly *poison*, it shall not hurt them; they will <sup>b</sup>lay hands on the sick, and they will recover."

19 So then, when the Lord Jesus had <sup>a</sup>spoken to them, He <sup>b</sup>was received up into heaven, and <sup>c</sup>SAT DOWN AT THE RIGHT HAND OF GOD.

20 And they went out and preached everywhere, while the Lord worked with them, and confirmed the word by the <sup>1</sup>signs that followed.<sup>2]</sup>

ADDITION <sup>1</sup>

*And they promptly reported all these instructions to Peter and his companions. And after that, Jesus Himself sent out through them from east to west the sacred and imperishable proclamation of eternal salvation.*

THE GOSPEL  
ACCORDING TO  
LUKE

Preface. Zacharias Visited.

1 <sup>1</sup>Or, *on which there is full conviction*  
<sup>a</sup>[Gr. in] Rom. 4:21; 14:5; Col. 4:12; 2 Tim. 4:5; 17; Col. 2:2; 1 Thess. 1:5; Heb. 6:11; 10:22

2 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *became* <sup>2</sup>Or, *ministers* <sup>3</sup>i.e., *Gospel*  
<sup>a</sup>John 15:27; Acts 1:21f.  
<sup>b</sup>2 Pet. 1:16; 1 John 1:1  
<sup>c</sup>Acts 26:16; 1 Cor. 4:1; Heb. 2:3 <sup>d</sup>Mark 4:14; 16:20; Acts 8:4; 14:25; 16:6; 17:11

3 <sup>1</sup>Or, *followed*  
<sup>a</sup>1 Tim. 4:6; 2 Tim. 3:10 [in Gr.] <sup>b</sup>Acts 11:4; 18:23 <sup>c</sup>Acts 23:26; 24:3; 26:25 <sup>d</sup>Acts 1:1

4 <sup>1</sup>Or, *orally instructed in*  
<sup>a</sup>Acts 18:25; Rom. 2:18; 1 Cor. 14:19; Gal. 6:6 [Gr.]

5 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *came into being*  
<sup>2</sup>i.e., *Zachariah* <sup>3</sup>Gr., *Abia*  
<sup>4</sup>i.e., *of priestly descent*  
<sup>a</sup>Matt. 2:1 <sup>b</sup>1 Chr. 24:10

6 <sup>a</sup>Gen. 7:1; Acts 2:25; 8:21 <sup>b</sup>Phil. 2:15; 3:6; 1 Thess. 3:13 [Gr.]

7 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *days*  
<sup>8</sup> <sup>a</sup>1 Chr. 24:19; 2 Chr. 8:14; 31:2

9 <sup>a</sup>Ex. 30:7f.

10 <sup>a</sup>Lev. 16:17

11 <sup>a</sup>Luke 2:9; Acts 5:19

INASMUCH as many have undertaken to compile an account of the things <sup>1a</sup>accomplished among us,

2 just as those who <sup>a</sup>from the beginning <sup>1</sup>were <sup>b</sup>eyewitnesses and <sup>2c</sup>servants of <sup>d</sup>the <sup>3</sup>Word have handed them down to us,

3 it seemed fitting for me as well, <sup>a</sup>having <sup>1</sup>investigated everything carefully from the beginning, to write *it* out for you <sup>b</sup>in consecutive order, <sup>c</sup>most excellent <sup>d</sup>Theophilus;

4 so that you might know the exact truth about the things you have been <sup>1a</sup>taught.

5 <sup>a</sup>In the days of Herod, king of Judea, there <sup>1</sup>was a certain priest named <sup>2</sup>Zacharias, of the <sup>b</sup>division of <sup>3</sup>Abijah; and he had a wife <sup>4</sup>from the daughters of Aaron, and her name was Elizabeth.

6 And they were both <sup>a</sup>righteous in the sight of God, walking <sup>b</sup>blamelessly in all the commandments and requirements of the Lord.

7 And they had no child, because Elizabeth was barren, and they were both advanced in <sup>1</sup>years.

8 Now it came about, while <sup>a</sup>he was performing his priestly service before God in the *appointed* order of his division,

9 according to the custom of the priestly office, he was chosen by lot <sup>a</sup>to enter the temple of the Lord and burn incense.

10 And the whole multitude of the people were in prayer <sup>a</sup>outside at the hour of the incense offering.

11 And <sup>a</sup>an angel of the Lord appeared to him, standing to the right of the altar of incense.

**Birth of John the Baptist and Jesus Foretold.  
The Annunciation.**

**Luke 1**

12 And Zacharias was troubled when he saw *him*, and fear<sup>1</sup>gripped him.

13 But the angel said to him, "Do not be afraid, Zacharias, for your petition has been heard, and your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you will give him the name John.

14 "And you will have joy and gladness, and many will rejoice at his birth.

15 "For he will be great in the sight of the Lord, and he will drink no wine or liquor; and he will be filled with the Holy Spirit, while yet in his mother's womb.

16 "And he will turn back many of the sons of Israel to the Lord their God.

17 "And it is he who will go as a forerunner before Him in the spirit and power of <sup>b</sup>Elijah, TO TURN THE HEARTS OF THE FATHERS BACK TO THE CHILDREN, and the disobedient to the attitude of the righteous; so as to make ready a people prepared for the Lord."

18 And Zacharias said to the angel, "How shall I know this for certain? For I am an old man, and my wife is advanced in years."

19 And the angel answered and said to him, "I am Gabriel, who stands in the presence of God; and I have been sent to speak to you, and to bring you this good news.

20 "And behold, you shall be silent and unable to speak until the day when these things take place, because you did not believe my words, which shall be fulfilled in their proper time."

21 And the people were waiting for Zacharias, and were wondering at his delay in the temple.

22 But when he came out, he was unable to speak to them; and they realized that he had seen a vision in the temple; and he kept making signs to them, and remained mute.

23 And it came about, when the days of his priestly service were ended, that he went back home.

24 And after these days Elizabeth his wife became pregnant; and she kept herself in seclusion for five months, saying,

25 "This is the way the Lord has dealt with me in the days when He looked with favor upon me, to take away my disgrace among men."

26 Now in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city in Galilee, called Nazareth,

27 to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the descendants of David; and the virgin's name was Mary.

28 And coming in, he said to her, "Hail, favored one! The Lord is with you."

29 But she was greatly troubled at this statement, and kept pondering what kind of salutation this might be.

30 And the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary; for you have found favor with God.

31 "And behold, you will conceive in your womb, and bear a son, and you shall name Him Jesus.

32 "He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High; and the Lord God will give Him the throne of His father David;

33 and He will reign over the house of Jacob forever; and His kingdom will have no end."

12 <sup>1</sup>Or, fell upon

13 <sup>1</sup>Lit., call his name  
<sup>a</sup>Luke 1:30; Matt. 14:27  
<sup>b</sup>Luke 1:60, 63

15 <sup>1</sup>Lit., even from  
<sup>a</sup>Num. 6:3; Judg. 13:4;  
Matt. 11:18; Luke 7:33

17 <sup>a</sup>Luke 1:76 <sup>b</sup>Matt.  
11:14 <sup>c</sup>Mal. 4:6

18 <sup>1</sup>Lit., days

19 <sup>1</sup>Lit., stand beside  
<sup>a</sup>Luke 1:26; Dan. 8:16; 9:21  
<sup>b</sup>Matt. 18:10

22 <sup>1</sup>Or, beckoning to, or,  
nodding to  
<sup>a</sup>Luke 1:62

24 <sup>1</sup>Lit., was hidden

25 <sup>a</sup>Gen. 30:23; Is. 4:1

26 <sup>a</sup>Luke 1:19 <sup>b</sup>Matt. 2:23

27 <sup>1</sup>Lit., house  
<sup>a</sup>Matt. 1:18 <sup>b</sup>Matt. 1:16, 20;  
Luke 2:4

28 <sup>1</sup>Or, O woman richly  
blessed <sup>2</sup>Or, be <sup>3</sup>Later mss.  
add: you are blessed  
among women

29 <sup>a</sup>Luke 1:12

30 <sup>a</sup>Luke 1:13; Matt.  
14:27

31 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 1:21, 25; Luke  
2:21

32 <sup>a</sup>Luke 1:35, 76; 6:35;  
Acts 7:48; Mark 5:7

33 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 1:1 <sup>b</sup>Matt.  
28:18; Dan. 2:44; 7:14, 18,  
27

34 <sup>1</sup>Lit., shall <sup>2</sup>Lit., know  
no man

35 <sup>1</sup>Lit., the holy thing  
begotten  
<sup>a</sup>Matt. 1:18 <sup>b</sup>Luke 1:32  
<sup>c</sup>Mark 1:24 <sup>d</sup>Matt. 4:3

36 <sup>1</sup>Lit., this is the sixth  
month to her who

37 <sup>1</sup>Lit., not any word  
<sup>a</sup>Matt. 19:26

38 <sup>1</sup>Gr. *Mariam*, i.e.,  
Miriam; so throughout  
Luke <sup>2</sup>i.e., female slave

39 <sup>1</sup>Lit., in these days  
<sup>a</sup>Luke 1:65; Josh. 20:7;  
21:11

41 <sup>a</sup>Luke 1:67

43 <sup>1</sup>Lit., whence this to  
me  
<sup>a</sup>Luke 2:11

45 <sup>1</sup>Or, possibly: because  
there will be <sup>2</sup>Lit., from  
<sup>a</sup>Luke 1:48; Luke 1:20

46 <sup>1</sup>Lit., makes great  
<sup>a</sup>Luke 1:46-53; <sup>1</sup>Sam. 2:1-  
10 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 34:2f.

47 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 35:9 <sup>b1</sup>Tim. 1:1;  
2:3; Titus 1:3; 2:10; 3:4;  
Jude 25

48 <sup>1</sup>i.e., female slave  
<sup>a</sup>Luke 1:45

50 <sup>1</sup>Lit., unto generations  
and generations  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 103:17

51 <sup>1</sup>Lit., might <sup>2</sup>Lit.,  
thought, attitude  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 98:1; 118:15

53 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 107:9

54 <sup>1</sup>Lit., So as to  
remember

55 <sup>1</sup>Lit., seed  
<sup>a</sup>Gen. 17:19; Ps. 132:11;  
Gal. 3:16

57 <sup>1</sup>Lit., was fulfilled

34 And Mary said to the angel, "How <sup>1</sup>can this be, since I <sup>2</sup>am a virgin?"

35 And the angel answered and said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of <sup>b</sup>the Most High will overshadow you; and for that reason <sup>c</sup>the <sup>1</sup>holy offspring shall be called <sup>d</sup>the Son of God.

36 "And behold, even your relative Elizabeth has also conceived a son in her old age; and <sup>1</sup>she who was called barren is now in her sixth month.

37 "For <sup>1a</sup>nothing will be impossible with God."

38 And <sup>1</sup>Mary said, "Behold, the <sup>2</sup>bondslave of the Lord; be it done to me according to your word." And the angel departed from her.

39 Now <sup>1a</sup>at this time Mary arose and went with haste to <sup>a</sup>the hill country, to a city of Judah,

40 and entered the house of Zacharias and greeted Elizabeth.

41 And it came about that when Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the baby leaped in her womb; and Elizabeth was <sup>a</sup>filled with the Holy Spirit.

42 And she cried out with a loud voice, and said, "Blessed among women *are* you, and blessed *is* the fruit of your womb!

43 "And <sup>1</sup>how has it *happened* to me, that the mother of <sup>a</sup>my Lord should come to me?

44 "For behold, when the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the baby leaped in my womb for joy.

45 "And <sup>a</sup>blessed *is* she who believed <sup>1</sup>that there would be a fulfillment of what had been spoken to her <sup>2</sup>by the Lord."

46 And Mary said:

"<sup>a</sup>My soul <sup>1b</sup>exalts the Lord,

47 "And <sup>a</sup>my spirit has rejoiced in <sup>b</sup>God my Savior.

48 "For He has had regard for the humble state of His <sup>1</sup>bondslave;

For behold, from this time on all generations will count me <sup>a</sup>blessed.

49 "For the Mighty One has done great things for me; And holy is His name.

50 "AND HIS MERCY IS <sup>1</sup>UPON GENERATION AFTER GENERATION

TOWARDS THOSE WHO FEAR HIM.

51 "He has done <sup>1</sup>mighty deeds with His arm; He has scattered *those who were* proud in the <sup>2</sup>thoughts of their heart.

52 "He has brought down rulers from *their* thrones, And has exalted those who were humble.

53 "HE HAS FILLED THE HUNGRY WITH GOOD THINGS; And sent away the rich empty-handed.

54 "He has given help to Israel His servant, <sup>1</sup>In remembrance of His mercy,

55 <sup>a</sup>As He spoke to our fathers, To Abraham and his <sup>1</sup>offspring forever."

56 And Mary stayed with her about three months, and *then* returned to her home.

57 Now the time <sup>1</sup>had come for Elizabeth to give birth, and she brought forth a son.

58 And her neighbors and her relatives heard that the Lord had <sup>1</sup>displayed His great mercy toward her; and they were rejoicing with her.

59 And it came about that on <sup>a</sup>the eighth day they came to circumcise the child, and they were going to call him Zacharias, <sup>1</sup>after his father.

60 And his mother answered and said, "No indeed; but <sup>a</sup>he shall be called John."

61 And they said to her, "There is no one among your relatives who is called by that name."

62 And they <sup>a</sup>made signs to his father, as to what he wanted him called.

63 And he asked for a tablet, and wrote as follows, "<sup>a</sup>His name is John." And they were all astonished.

64 <sup>a</sup>And at once his mouth was opened and his tongue loosed, and he *began* to speak in praise of God.

65 And fear came on all those living around them; and all these matters were being talked about in all <sup>a</sup>the hill country of Judea.

66 And all who heard them kept them in mind, saying, "What then will this child *turn out to be*?" For <sup>a</sup>the hand of the Lord was certainly with him.

67 And his father Zacharias <sup>a</sup>was filled with the Holy Spirit, and <sup>b</sup>prophesied, saying:

68 "Blessed *be* the Lord God of Israel,  
For He has visited us and accomplished <sup>a</sup>redemption  
for His people,

69 And has raised up a <sup>a</sup>horn of salvation for us  
In the house of David <sup>b</sup>His servant—

70 <sup>a</sup>As He spoke by the mouth of His holy prophets  
<sup>b</sup>from of old—

71 <sup>1</sup>Salvation <sup>b</sup>FROM OUR ENEMIES,  
And FROM THE HAND OF ALL WHO HATE US;

72 <sup>a</sup>To show mercy toward our fathers,  
<sup>b</sup>And to remember His holy covenant,

73 <sup>a</sup>The oath which He swore to Abraham our father,  
74 To grant us that we, being delivered from the hand  
of our enemies,

Might serve Him without fear,  
75 In holiness and righteousness before Him all our days.

76 "And you, child, will be called the <sup>a</sup>prophet of <sup>b</sup>the  
Most High;

For you will go on <sup>c</sup>BEFORE THE LORD TO <sup>d</sup>PREPARE HIS  
WAYS;

77 To give to His people *the* knowledge of salvation  
<sup>1</sup>By <sup>a</sup>the forgiveness of their sins,

78 Because of the tender mercy of our God,  
With which <sup>a</sup>the Sunrise from on high shall visit us,

79 <sup>a</sup>TO SHINE UPON THOSE WHO SIT IN DARKNESS AND THE  
SHADOW OF DEATH,

To guide our feet into the way of peace."

80 <sup>a</sup>And the child continued to grow, and to become strong in spirit, and he lived in the deserts until the day of his public appearance to Israel.

58 <sup>1</sup>Lit. *magnified*  
<sup>a</sup>Gen. 19:19

59 <sup>1</sup>Lit. *after the name*  
of  
<sup>a</sup>Gen. 17:12; Lev. 12:3;  
Luke 2:21; Phil. 3:5

60 <sup>a</sup>Luke 1:13, 63

62 <sup>a</sup>Luke 1:22

63 <sup>a</sup>Luke 1:13, 60

64 <sup>a</sup>Luke 1:20

65 <sup>a</sup>Luke 1:39

66 <sup>a</sup>Acts 11:21

67 <sup>a</sup>Luke 1:41 <sup>b</sup>Joel 2:28

68 <sup>a</sup>Luke 2:38; Heb. 9:12;  
Luke 1:71; Acts 1:6

69 <sup>1</sup>Sam. 2:1, 10; Ps.  
18:2; 89:17; 132:17; Ezek.  
29:21; <sup>b</sup>Matt. 1:1

70 <sup>a</sup>Rom. 1:2 <sup>b</sup>Acts 3:21

71 <sup>1</sup>Or, *Deliverance*  
<sup>a</sup>Luke 1:68 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 106:10

72 <sup>a</sup>Mic. 7:20 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 105:8f.;  
106:45

73 <sup>a</sup>Gen. 22:16ff.

76 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 11:9 <sup>b</sup>Luke 1:32  
<sup>c</sup>Mal. 3:1 <sup>d</sup>Luke 1:17

77 <sup>1</sup>Or, *Consisting in*  
<sup>a</sup>Mark 1:4; Jer. 31:34

78 <sup>a</sup>Mal. 4:2; Eph. 5:14;  
2 Pet. 1:19

79 <sup>a</sup>Is. 9:1, 2; 59:8; Matt.  
4:16

80 <sup>a</sup>Luke 2:40

1 <sup>1</sup>I.e., the Roman empire  
<sup>a</sup>Luke 3:1; Matt. 22:17  
<sup>b</sup>Matt. 24:14

2 <sup>1</sup>Or, *This took place as a first census* <sup>2</sup>Cr.,  
 Kyrenios  
<sup>a</sup>Matt. 4:24

4 <sup>a</sup>Luke 1:27

7 <sup>1</sup>Or, *feeding trough*

9 <sup>a</sup>Luke 1:11; Acts 5:19  
<sup>b</sup>Luke 24:4; Acts 12:7

10 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 14:27

11 <sup>1</sup>I.e., Messiah  
<sup>a</sup>John 4:42; Acts 5:31;  
 Matt. 1:21 <sup>b</sup>Matt. 16:16,  
 20; John 11:27; Matt. 1:16  
<sup>c</sup>Acts 2:36; 10:36; Luke 1:43

12 <sup>1</sup>Or, *feeding trough*  
<sup>a</sup>1 Sam. 2:34; 2 Kin. 19:29;  
 20:8f.; Is. 7:11, 14

14 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *of His good pleasure; or possibly, of good will*  
<sup>a</sup>Luke 19:38; Matt. 21:9  
<sup>b</sup>Luke 3:22; Eph. 1:9; Phil. 2:13

16 <sup>1</sup>Or, *feeding trough*

19 <sup>a</sup>Luke 2:51

20 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 9:8

21 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *so as to circumcise Him*  
<sup>a</sup>Luke 1:59 <sup>b</sup>Luke 1:31

NOW it came about in those days that a decree went out from <sup>a</sup>Caesar Augustus, that a census be taken of <sup>all</sup> <sup>1</sup>the inhabited earth.

2 <sup>1</sup>This was the first census taken while <sup>2</sup>Quirinius was governor of <sup>a</sup>Syria.

3 And all were proceeding to register for the census, everyone to his own city.

4 And Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the city of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because <sup>a</sup>he was of the house and family of David,

5 in order to register, along with Mary, who was engaged to him, and was with child.

6 And it came about that while they were there, the days were completed for her to give birth.

7 And she gave birth to her first-born son; and she wrapped Him in cloths, and laid Him in a <sup>1</sup>manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.

8 And in the same region there were *some* shepherds staying out in the fields, and keeping watch over their flock by night.

9 And <sup>a</sup>an angel of the Lord suddenly <sup>b</sup>stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them; and they were terribly frightened.

10 And the angel said to them, “<sup>a</sup>Do not be afraid; for behold, I bring you good news of a great joy which shall be for all the people;

11 for today in the city of David there has been born for you a <sup>a</sup>Savior, who is <sup>1b</sup>Christ <sup>c</sup>the Lord.

12 “<sup>a</sup>This *will be* a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in cloths, and lying in a <sup>1</sup>manger.”

13 And suddenly there appeared with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying,

14 “<sup>a</sup>Glory to God in the highest,

And on earth peace among men <sup>1b</sup>with whom He is pleased.”

15 And it came about when the angels had gone away from them into heaven, that the shepherds *began* saying to one another, “Let us go straight to Bethlehem then, and see this thing that has happened which the Lord has made known to us.”

16 And they came in haste and found their way to Mary and Joseph, and the baby as He lay in the <sup>1</sup>manger.

17 And when they had seen this, they made known the statement which had been told them about this Child.

18 And all who heard it wondered at the things which were told them by the shepherds.

19 But Mary <sup>a</sup>treasured up all these things, pondering them in her heart.

20 And the shepherds went back, <sup>a</sup>glorifying and praising God for all that they had heard and seen, just as had been told them.

21 And when <sup>a</sup>eight days were completed <sup>1b</sup>before His circumcision, <sup>b</sup>His name was *then* called Jesus, the name given by the angel before He was conceived in the womb.



22 And when the days for their purification according to the law of Moses were completed, they brought Him up to Jerusalem to present Him to the Lord

23 (as it is written in the Law of the Lord, "EVERY first-born MALE THAT OPENS THE WOMB SHALL BE CALLED HOLY TO THE LORD"),

24 and to offer a sacrifice according to what was said in the Law of the Lord, "A PAIR OF TURTLEDOVES, OR TWO YOUNG PIGEONS."

25 And behold, there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; and this man was righteous and devout, looking for the consolation of Israel; and the Holy Spirit was upon him.

26 And it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Christ.

27 And he came in the Spirit into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to carry out for Him the custom of the Law,

28 then he took Him into his arms, and blessed God, and said,

29 "Now Lord, Thou dost let Thy bond-servant depart In peace, according to Thy word;

30 For mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,

31 Which Thou hast prepared in the presence of all peoples,

32 A LIGHT OF REVELATION TO THE GENTILES, And the glory of Thy people Israel."

33 And His father and mother were amazed at the things which were being said about Him.

34 And Simeon blessed them, and said to Mary His mother, "Behold, this Child is appointed for the fall and rise of many in Israel, and for a sign to be opposed —

35 and a sword will pierce even your own soul — to the end that thoughts from many hearts may be revealed."

36 And there was a prophetess, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was advanced in years, having lived with a husband seven years after her marriage,

37 and then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. And she never left the temple, serving night and day with fastings and prayers.

38 And at that very moment she came up and began giving thanks to God, and continued to speak of Him to all those who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem.

39 And when they had performed everything according to the Law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own city of Nazareth.

40 And the Child continued to grow and become strong, increasing in wisdom; and the grace of God was upon Him.

41 And His parents used to go to Jerusalem every year at the Feast of the Passover.

42 And when He became twelve, they went up there according to the custom of the Feast;

43 and as they were returning, after spending the full number of days, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem. And His parents were unaware of it,

23 \*Ex. 13:2, 12

24 \*Lev. 12:8; 5:11

25 \*Luke 1:6 <sup>b</sup>Luke 2:38; 23:51; Mark 15:43

26 <sup>1</sup>Or, *Messiah* \*Matt. 2:12 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 89:48; Heb. 11:5; John 8:51

27 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *to do for Him according to* \*Luke 2:22

29 \*Luke 2:26

30 \*Is. 52:10; Luke 3:6

32 <sup>1</sup>Or, *for* \*Is. 42:6; 49:6; Acts 13:47; 26:23

33 \*Matt. 12:46

34 <sup>1</sup>Or, *resurrection* \*Matt. 12:46 <sup>b</sup>Matt. 21:44; 1 Cor. 1:23; 2 Cor. 2:16; 1 Pet. 2:8

36 <sup>1</sup>Or, *Hannah* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *days* <sup>3</sup>Lit., *virginity* \*Acts 21:9; Luke 2:38 <sup>b</sup>Josh. 19:24 <sup>c</sup>1 Tim. 5:9

37 \*Luke 5:33; Acts 13:3; 14:23; 1 Tim. 5:5

38 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *hour* \*Luke 2:25; Luke 1:68

39 \*Luke 2:51; 4:16; Luke 1:26; Matt. 2:23

40 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *becoming full of* \*Luke 1:80; Luke 2:52

41 \*Ex. 23:15; Deut. 16:1-6

43 \*Ex. 12:15

**Luke 2, 3**

48 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *Child* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *are looking*  
<sup>a</sup>Matt. 12:46 <sup>b</sup>Luke 3:23;  
4:22; Luke 2:49

49 <sup>1</sup>Or., *affairs*; lit., *in the things of My Father*

50 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *had spoken*  
<sup>a</sup>Mark 9:32

51 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *was treasuring*  
<sup>2</sup>Lit., *words*  
<sup>a</sup>Luke 2:39 <sup>b</sup>Matt. 12:46  
<sup>c</sup>Luke 2:19

52 <sup>1</sup>Or., *age*  
<sup>a</sup>Luke 2:40

1 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 27:2 <sup>b</sup>Matt. 14:1

2 <sup>a</sup>John 18:13, 24; Acts 4:6  
<sup>b</sup>Matt. 26:3 <sup>c</sup>Luke 3:3-10;  
<sup>d</sup>Matt. 3:1-10; <sup>e</sup>Mark 1:3-5

3 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 3:5

4 <sup>a</sup>Is. 40:3

5 <sup>1</sup>Or., *leveled*  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 40:4

6 <sup>1</sup>Or., *mankind*  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 40:5 <sup>b</sup>Luke 2:30

8 <sup>1</sup>Or., *in*  
<sup>a</sup>Luke 5:21; 13:25, 26; 14:9

44 but supposed Him to be in the caravan, and went a day's journey; and they *began* looking for Him among their relatives and acquaintances.

45 And when they did not find Him, they returned to Jerusalem, looking for Him.

46 And it came about that after three days they found Him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the teachers, both listening to them, and asking them questions.

47 And all who heard Him were amazed at His understanding and His answers.

48 And when they saw Him, they were astonished; and <sup>a</sup>His mother said to Him, "Son, why have You treated us this way? Behold, <sup>b</sup>Your father and I <sup>2</sup>have been anxiously looking for You."

49 And He said to them, "Why is it that you were looking for Me? Did you not know that I had to be in My Father's <sup>1</sup>house?"

50 And <sup>a</sup>they did not understand the statement which He <sup>1</sup>had made to them.

51 And He went down with them, and came to <sup>a</sup>Nazareth; and He continued in subjection to them; and <sup>b</sup>His mother <sup>1</sup>treasured all *these* <sup>2</sup>things in her heart.

52 And Jesus kept increasing in wisdom and <sup>1</sup>stature, and in <sup>a</sup>favor with God and men.

CHAPTER 3

**N**OW in the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar, when <sup>a</sup>Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and <sup>b</sup>Herod was tetrarch of Galilee, and his brother Philip was tetrarch of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias was tetrarch of Abilene,

2 in the high priesthood of <sup>a</sup>Annas and <sup>b</sup>Caiaphas, <sup>c</sup>the word of God came to John, the son of Zacharias, in the wilderness.

3 And he came into all <sup>a</sup>the district around the Jordan, preaching a baptism of repentance for forgiveness of sins;

4 as it is written in the book of the words of Isaiah the prophet, "The voice of one crying in the wilderness,

<sup>a</sup>MAKE READY THE WAY OF THE LORD,  
MAKE HIS PATHS STRAIGHT.

5 <sup>a</sup>EVERY RAVINE SHALL BE FILLED UP,  
AND EVERY MOUNTAIN AND HILL SHALL BE <sup>1</sup>BROUGHT LOW;

AND THE CROOKED SHALL BECOME STRAIGHT,  
AND THE ROUGH ROADS SMOOTH;

6 AND ALL <sup>1</sup>FLESH SHALL <sup>b</sup>SEE THE SALVATION OF GOD.' "

7 He therefore *began* saying to the multitudes who were going out to be baptized by him, "You brood of vipers, who warned you to flee from the wrath to come?

8 "Therefore bring forth fruits in keeping with your repentance, and <sup>a</sup>do not begin to say <sup>1</sup>to yourselves, 'We have Abraham for our father,' for I say to you that God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham.

9 "And also the axe is already laid at the root of the trees;

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every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire."

10 And the multitudes were questioning him, saying, "Then what shall we do?"

11 And he would answer and say to them, "Let the man who has two tunics share with him who has none; and let him who has food do likewise."

12 And some <sup>1</sup>tax-gatherers also came to be baptized, and they said to him, "Teacher, what shall we do?"

13 And he said to them, "<sup>1</sup>Collect no more than what you have been ordered to."

14 And some <sup>1</sup>soldiers were questioning him, saying, "And *what about* us, what shall we do?" And he said to them, "Do not take money from anyone by force, or accuse *anyone* falsely, and be content with your wages."

15 Now while the people were in a state of expectation and all were <sup>1</sup>wondering in their hearts about John, <sup>2</sup>as to whether he might be <sup>2</sup>the Christ,

16 <sup>3</sup>John answered and said to them all, "As for me, I baptize you with water; but He who is mightier than I is coming, and I am not fit to untie the thong of His sandals; He Himself will baptize you <sup>1</sup>in the Holy Spirit and fire.

17 "And His <sup>2</sup>winnowing fork is in His hand to clean out His threshing floor, and to gather the wheat into His barn; but He will burn up the chaff with <sup>1</sup>unquenchable fire."

18 So with many other exhortations also he preached the gospel to the people.

19 But when <sup>2</sup>Herod the tetrarch was reproved by him on account of <sup>2</sup>Herodias, his brother's wife, and on account of all the wicked things which <sup>1</sup>Herod had done,

20 He added this also to them all, that <sup>2</sup>he locked John up in prison.

21 <sup>2</sup>Now it came about when all the people were baptized, that Jesus also was baptized, and while He was <sup>1</sup>praying, heaven was opened,

22 and the Holy Spirit descended upon Him in bodily form like a dove, and a voice came out of heaven, "<sup>2</sup>Thou art My beloved Son, in Thee I am well-pleased."

23 And <sup>2</sup>when He began His ministry, Jesus Himself was about thirty years of age, being <sup>1</sup>supposedly *the* son of <sup>1</sup>Joseph, the son of <sup>2</sup>Eli,

24 the son of Matthat, the son of Levi, the son of Melchi, the son of Jannai, the son of Joseph,

25 the son of Mattathias, the son of Amos, the son of Nahum, the son of <sup>1</sup>Hesli, the son of Naggai,

26 the son of Maath, the son of Mattathias, the son of Semein, the son of Josech, the son of Joda,

27 the son of Joanan, the son of Rhesa, <sup>2</sup>the son of Zerubabel, the son of <sup>1</sup>Shealtiel, the son of Neri,

28 the son of Melchi, the son of Addi, the son of Cosam, the son of Elmadam, the son of Er,

29 the son of <sup>1</sup>Joshua, the son of Eliezer, the son of Jorim, the son of Matthat, the son of Levi,

30 the son of Simeon, the son of <sup>1</sup>Judah, the son of Joseph, the son of Jonam, the son of Eliakim,

12 <sup>1</sup>Publicans who collected Roman taxes on commission

13 <sup>1</sup>Or, Extort

14 <sup>1</sup>I.e., men in active military service

15 <sup>1</sup>Or, reasoning, or debating <sup>2</sup>I.e., the Messiah <sup>3</sup>John 1:19f.

16 <sup>1</sup>Or, with <sup>2</sup>Luke 3:16, 17; Matt. 3:11, 12; Mark 1:7, 8

17 <sup>1</sup>Is. 30:24 <sup>2</sup>Mark 9:43, 48

19 <sup>2</sup>Matt. 14:3; Mark 6:17 <sup>1</sup>Luke 3:1; Matt. 14:1

20 <sup>2</sup>John 3:24

21 <sup>2</sup>Luke 3:21, 22; Matt. 3:13-17; Mark 1:9-11 <sup>1</sup>Luke 5:16; 9:18, 28f.; Matt. 14:23

22 <sup>2</sup>Matt. 3:17

23 <sup>1</sup>Lit., as it was being thought <sup>2</sup>Also spelled Heli <sup>3</sup>Matt. 4:17; Acts 1:1 <sup>1</sup>Luke 3:23-27; Matt. 1:16

25 <sup>1</sup>Also spelled Esi

27 <sup>1</sup>Cr., Salathiel <sup>2</sup>Matt. 1:12

29 <sup>1</sup>Cr., Jesus

30 <sup>1</sup>Cr., Judas

32 <sup>1</sup>Gr., *Sala* <sup>2</sup>Gr.,  
Naasson  
<sup>a</sup>Luke 3:32-34; Matt. 1:1-6

33 <sup>1</sup>Gr., *Armi*

34 <sup>a</sup>Luke 3:34-36; Gen.  
11:26-30; 1 Chr. 1:24-27

35 <sup>1</sup>Gr., *Ragau* <sup>2</sup>Gr., *Eber*

36 <sup>a</sup>Luke 3:36-38; Gen.  
5:3-32; 1 Chr. 1:1-4

<sup>1</sup> Or, *under the influence of, lit., in*  
<sup>a</sup>Luke 4:1-13; Matt. 4:1-11;  
Mark 1:12, 13 <sup>b</sup>Luke 3:3,  
21

4 <sup>a</sup>Deut. 8:3

<sup>5</sup> Lit., *the inhabited earth*  
<sup>a</sup>Matt. 4:8-10 <sup>b</sup>Matt. 24:14

<sup>6</sup> Lit., *their* (referring to the kingdom)  
<sup>a1</sup> John 5:19

7 <sup>1</sup>Or, *bow down*

8 <sup>a</sup>Deut. 6:13

9 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 4:5-7

10 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 91:11

11 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 91:12

<sup>12</sup> <sup>1</sup>Or, *tempt*  
<sup>a</sup>Deut. 6:16

14 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 4:12 <sup>b</sup>Luke 4:37;  
Matt. 9:26

15 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 4:23

31 the son of Melea, the son of Menna, the son of Mattatha, the son of Nathan, the son of David,

32 <sup>a</sup>the son of Jesse, the son of Obed, the son of Boaz, the son of <sup>1</sup>Salmon, the son of <sup>2</sup>Nahshon,

33 the son of Amminadab, the son of Admin, the son of <sup>1</sup>Ram, the son of Hezron, the son of Perez, the son of Judah,

34 the son of Jacob, the son of Isaac, <sup>a</sup>the son of Abraham, the son of Terah, the son of Nahor,

35 the son of Serug, the son of <sup>1</sup>Reu, the son of Peleg, the son of <sup>2</sup>Heber, the son of Shelah,

36 the son of Cainan, the son of Arphaxad, the son of Shem, <sup>a</sup>the son of Noah, the son of Lamech,

37 the son of Methuselah, the son of Enoch, the son of Jared, the son of Mahalaleel, the son of Cainan,

38 the son of Enosh, the son of Seth, the son of Adam, the son of God.

CHAPTER 4

<sup>a</sup> AND Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, <sup>b</sup>returned from the Jordan and was led about <sup>1</sup>by the Spirit in the wilderness

2 for forty days, while tempted by the devil. And He ate nothing during those days; and when they had ended, He became hungry.

3 And the devil said to Him, "If You are the Son of God, tell this stone to become bread."

4 And Jesus answered him, "It is written, '<sup>a</sup>MAN SHALL NOT LIVE ON BREAD ALONE.'"

5 <sup>a</sup>And he led Him up and showed Him all the kingdoms of <sup>1b</sup>the world in a moment of time.

6 And the devil said to Him, "I will give You all this domain and <sup>1</sup>its glory; <sup>a</sup>for it has been handed over to me, and I give it to whomever I wish.

7 "Therefore if You <sup>1</sup>worship before me, it shall all be Yours."

8 And Jesus answered and said to him, "It is written, '<sup>a</sup>YOU SHALL WORSHIP THE LORD YOUR GOD AND SERVE HIM ONLY.'"

9 <sup>a</sup>And he led Him to Jerusalem and set Him on the pinnacle of the temple, and said to Him, "If You are the Son of God, cast Yourself down from here;

10 for it is written,

<sup>a</sup>HE WILL GIVE HIS ANGELS CHARGE CONCERNING YOU TO GUARD YOU,"

11 and,

<sup>a</sup>ON THEIR HANDS THEY WILL BEAR YOU UP, LEST YOU STRIKE YOUR FOOT AGAINST A STONE.'"

12 And Jesus answered and said to him, "It is said, '<sup>a</sup>YOU SHALL NOT <sup>1</sup>FORCE A TEST ON THE LORD YOUR GOD.'"

13 And when the devil had finished every temptation, he departed from Him until an opportune time.

14 And <sup>a</sup>Jesus returned to Galilee in the power of the Spirit; and <sup>b</sup>news about Him spread through all the surrounding district.

15 And He *began* <sup>a</sup>teaching in their synagogues and was praised by all.

**Jesus Preaches at Nazareth. Violent Reaction.  
At Capernaum He Cures a Demoniac.**

**Luke 4**

16 And He came to <sup>a</sup>Nazareth, where He had been brought up; and as was His custom, <sup>b</sup>He entered the synagogue on the Sabbath, and <sup>c</sup>stood up to read.

17 And the <sup>1</sup>book of the prophet Isaiah was handed to Him. And He opened the <sup>1</sup>book, and found the place where it was written,

18 "THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD IS UPON ME,  
BECAUSE HE ANOINTED ME TO PREACH THE GOSPEL TO  
THE POOR.

HE HAS SENT ME TO PROCLAIM RELEASE TO THE CAP-  
TIVES,

AND RECOVERY OF SIGHT TO THE BLIND,  
TO SET FREE THOSE WHO ARE DOWNTRODDEN,

19 "TO PROCLAIM THE FAVORABLE YEAR OF THE LORD."

20 And He <sup>a</sup>closed the <sup>1</sup>book, and gave it back to the attendant, and <sup>b</sup>sat down; and the eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed upon Him.

21 And He began to say to them, "Today this Scripture has been fulfilled in your <sup>1</sup>hearing."

22 And all were <sup>1</sup>speaking well of Him, and wondering at the gracious words which <sup>2</sup>were falling from His lips; and they were saying, "Is this not Joseph's son?"

23 And He said to them, "No doubt you will quote this proverb to Me, 'Physician, heal yourself; whatever we heard was done <sup>a</sup>at Capernaum, do here in <sup>b</sup>your home town as well.'"

24 And He said, "Truly I say to you, <sup>a</sup>no prophet is welcome in his home town.

25 "But I say to you in truth, there were many widows in Israel <sup>a</sup>in the days of Elijah, when the sky was shut up for three years and six months, when a great famine came over all the land;

26 and yet Elijah was sent to none of them, but <sup>a</sup>only to <sup>1</sup>Zarephath, in the land of <sup>b</sup>Sidon, to a woman who was a widow.

27 "And there were many lepers in Israel in the time of Elisha the prophet; and none of them was cleansed, but <sup>a</sup>only Naaman the Syrian."

28 And all in the synagogue were filled with rage as they heard these things;

29 and they rose up and <sup>a</sup>cast Him out of the city, and led Him to the brow of the hill on which their city had been built, in order to throw Him down the cliff.

30 But <sup>a</sup>passing through their midst, He went His way.

31 And <sup>a</sup>He came down to <sup>b</sup>Capernaum, a city of Galilee. And He was teaching them on Sabbath days;

32 and <sup>a</sup>they were continually amazed at His teaching, for <sup>b</sup>His <sup>1</sup>message was with authority.

33 And there was a man in the synagogue <sup>1</sup>possessed by the spirit of an unclean demon, and he cried out with a loud voice,

34 "Ha! <sup>a</sup>What do we have to do with You, Jesus of <sup>2b</sup>Nazareth? Have You come to destroy us? I know who You are — <sup>b</sup>the Holy One of God!"

35 And Jesus <sup>a</sup>rebuked him, saying, "Be quiet and come out of him!" And when the demon had thrown him down in *their* midst, he went out of him without doing him any harm.

16 <sup>a</sup>Luke 2:39, 51 <sup>b</sup>Matt. 13:54; Mark 6:1f. <sup>c</sup>Acts 13:14-16

17 <sup>1</sup>Or, scroll

18 <sup>a</sup>Is. 61:1; Matt. 12:18; Matt. 11:5; John 3:34

19 <sup>a</sup>Is. 61:2; Lev. 25:10

20 <sup>1</sup>Or, scroll  
<sup>a</sup>Luke 4:17 <sup>b</sup>Matt. 26:55

21 <sup>1</sup>Lit., ears

22 <sup>1</sup>Or, testifying <sup>2</sup>Lit., were proceeding out of His mouth  
<sup>a</sup>Matt. 13:55; Mark 6:3; John 6:42

23 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 4:13; Mark 1:21ff.; 2:1ff.; John 4:46ff.; Luke 4:35ff. <sup>b</sup>Luke 4:16; 2:39, 51; Mark 6:1

24 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 13:57; Mark 6:4; John 4:44

25 <sup>a</sup>1 Kin. 17:1; 18:1; James 5:17

26 <sup>1</sup>Cr., Serepta  
<sup>a</sup>1 Kin. 17:9 <sup>b</sup>Matt. 11:21

27 <sup>a</sup>2 Kin. 5:1-14

29 <sup>a</sup>Acts 7:58; Num. 15:35; Heb. 13:12

30 <sup>a</sup>John 10:39

31 <sup>a</sup>Luke 4:31-37; Mark 1:21-28 <sup>b</sup>Matt. 4:13; Luke 4:23

32 <sup>1</sup>Lit., word  
<sup>a</sup>Matt. 7:28 <sup>b</sup>Luke 4:36; John 7:46

33 <sup>1</sup>Lit., having a spirit

34 <sup>1</sup>Or possibly, Let us alone <sup>2</sup>Lit., Nazarene  
<sup>a</sup>Matt. 8:29 <sup>b</sup>Mark 1:24

35 <sup>a</sup>Luke 4:39, 41; Matt. 8:26; Mark 4:39; Luke 8:24

36 <sup>1</sup>Or, *this word, that with authority . . . come out?*  
<sup>a</sup>Luke 4:32

37 <sup>a</sup>Luke 4:14

38 <sup>a</sup>Luke 4:38, 39; *Matt.* 8:14-15; *Mark* 1:29-31  
<sup>b</sup>*Matt.* 4:24

39 <sup>1</sup>Or, *serve*  
<sup>a</sup>Luke 4:35, 41

40 <sup>a</sup>Luke 4:40, 41; *Matt.* 8:16-17; *Mark* 1:32-34  
<sup>b</sup>*Mark* 1:32 <sup>c</sup>*Mark* 5:23  
<sup>d</sup>*Matt.* 4:23

41 <sup>1</sup>i.e., the Messiah  
<sup>a</sup>*Matt.* 4:3 <sup>b</sup>Luke 4:35  
<sup>c</sup>*Mark* 1:34; *Matt.* 8:4

42 <sup>a</sup>Luke 4:42, 43; *Mark* 1:35-38

43 <sup>a</sup>Mark 1:38

44 <sup>1</sup>i.e., the country of the Jews (including Galilee); some mss. read, *Galilee*  
<sup>a</sup>*Matt.* 4:23

<sup>1</sup> <sup>a</sup>Luke 5:1-11; *Matt.* 4:18-22; *Mark* 1:16-20; *John* 1:40-42 <sup>b</sup>*Num.* 34:11; *Deut.* 3:17; *Josh.* 12:3; 13:27; *Matt.* 4:18

3 <sup>a</sup>*Matt.* 13:2; *Mark* 4:1

4 <sup>a</sup>*John* 21:6

5 <sup>1</sup>Or, *word*  
<sup>a</sup>Cr. as in *Luke* 8:24; 9:33, 49; 17:13

8 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *knees*

10 <sup>1</sup>Or, *Jacob*  
<sup>a</sup>*Matt.* 14:27 <sup>b2</sup> *Tim.* 2:26

36 And amazement came upon them all, and they *began* discussing with one another, and saying, "What is <sup>1</sup>this message? For <sup>a</sup>with authority and power He commands the unclean spirits, and they come out."

37 And <sup>a</sup>the report about Him was getting out into every locality in the surrounding district.

38 <sup>a</sup>And He arose and *left* the synagogue, and entered Simon's home. Now Simon's mother-in-law was <sup>b</sup>suffering from a high fever; and they made request of Him on her behalf.

39 And standing over her, He <sup>a</sup>rebuked the fever, and it left her; and she immediately arose and *began* to <sup>1</sup>wait on them.

40 <sup>a</sup>And while <sup>b</sup>the sun was setting, all who had any sick with various diseases brought them to Him; and <sup>c</sup>laying His hands on every one of them, He was <sup>d</sup>healing them.

41 And demons also were coming out of many, crying out and saying, "You are <sup>a</sup>the Son of God!" And <sup>b</sup>rebuking them, He would <sup>c</sup>not allow them to speak, because they knew Him to be <sup>1</sup>the Christ.

42 <sup>a</sup>And when day came, He departed and went to a lonely place; and the multitudes were searching for Him, and came to Him, and tried to keep Him from going away from them.

43 But He said to them, "I must preach the kingdom of God to the other cities also, <sup>a</sup>for I was sent for this purpose."

44 And He kept on preaching in the synagogues <sup>a</sup>of <sup>1</sup>Judea.

CHAPTER 5

<sup>a</sup> **N**OW it came about that while the multitude were pressing around Him and listening to the word of God, He was standing by <sup>b</sup>the lake of Gennesaret;

2 and He saw two boats lying at the edge of the lake; but the fishermen had gotten out of them, and were washing their nets.

3 And <sup>a</sup>He got into one of the boats, which was Simon's, and asked him to put out a little way from the land. And He sat down and *began* teaching the multitudes from the boat.

4 And when He had finished speaking, He said to Simon, "Put out into the deep water and <sup>a</sup>let down your nets for a catch."

5 And Simon answered and said, "<sup>a</sup>Master, we worked hard all night and caught nothing, but at Your <sup>1</sup>bidding I will let down the nets."

6 And when they had done this, they enclosed a great quantity of fish; and their nets *began* to break;

7 and they signaled to their partners in the other boat, for them to come and help them. And they came, and filled both of the boats, so that they began to sink.

8 But when Simon Peter saw *that*, he fell down at Jesus' <sup>1</sup>feet, saying, "Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord!"

9 For amazement had seized him and all his companions because of the catch of fish which they had taken;

10 and so also <sup>1</sup>James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. And Jesus said to Simon, "<sup>a</sup>Do not fear, from now on you will be <sup>b</sup>catching men."

11 And when they had brought their boats to land, <sup>a</sup>they left everything and followed Him.

11 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 4:20, 22; Mark 1:18, 20; Luke 5:28; Matt. 19:29

12 <sup>a</sup>And it came about that while He was in one of the cities, behold, *there* was a man full of leprosy; and when he saw Jesus, he fell on his face and implored Him, saying, "Lord, if You are willing, You can make me clean."

12 <sup>a</sup>Luke 5:12-14; Matt. 8:2-4; Mark 1:40-44

13 And He stretched out His hand, and touched him, saying, "I am willing; be cleansed." And immediately the leprosy left him.

14 <sup>a</sup>Lev. 13:49; 14:2ff.

14 And He ordered him to tell no one, "But go and <sup>a</sup>SHOW YOURSELF TO THE PRIEST, and make an offering for your cleansing, just as Moses commanded, for a testimony to them."

15 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 9:26

15 But <sup>a</sup>the news about Him was spreading even farther, and great multitudes were gathering to hear *Him* and to be healed of their sicknesses.

16 <sup>1</sup>Lit., in <sup>2</sup>Or, *lonely places*  
<sup>a</sup>Matt. 14:23; Mark 1:35; Luke 6:12

16 But He Himself would *often* slip away <sup>1</sup>to the <sup>2</sup>wilderness and <sup>a</sup>pray.

17 <sup>1</sup>Lit., on one of the days  
<sup>a</sup>Matt. 15:1 <sup>b</sup>Luke 2:46  
<sup>c</sup>Mark 1:45 <sup>d</sup>Mark 5:30; Luke 6:19; 8:46

17 And it came about <sup>1</sup>one day that He was teaching; and <sup>a</sup>there were *some* Pharisees and <sup>b</sup>teachers of the law sitting *there*, who had <sup>c</sup>come from every village of Galilee and Judea and *from* Jerusalem; and <sup>d</sup>the power of the Lord was *present* for Him to perform healing.

18 <sup>1</sup>Here, *stretcher*  
<sup>a</sup>Luke 5:18-26; Matt. 9:2-8; Mark 2:3-12

18 <sup>a</sup>And behold, *some* men were carrying on a <sup>1</sup>bed a man who was paralyzed; and they were trying to bring him in, and to set him down in front of Him.

19 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 24:17 <sup>b</sup>Mark 2:4

19 And not finding any way to bring him in because of the crowd, they went up on <sup>a</sup>the roof and let him down <sup>b</sup>through the tiles with his stretcher, right in the center, in front of Jesus.

20 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *Man*  
<sup>a</sup>Matt. 9:2

20 And seeing their faith, He said, "Friend, <sup>a</sup>your sins are forgiven you."

21 <sup>a</sup>Luke 3:8 <sup>b</sup>Is. 43:25

21 And the scribes and the Pharisees <sup>a</sup>began to reason, saying, "Who is this *man* who speaks blasphemies? <sup>b</sup>Who can forgive sins, but God alone?"

22 <sup>1</sup>Or, *perceiving*

22 But Jesus, <sup>1</sup>aware of their reasonings, answered and said to them, "Why are you reasoning in your hearts?"

24 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 4:24

23 "Which is easier, to say, 'Your sins have been forgiven you,' or to say, 'Rise and walk'?"

25 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 9:8

24 "But in order that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins," He said to the <sup>a</sup>paralytic, "I say to you, rise, and take up your stretcher and go home."

26 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 9:8 <sup>b</sup>Luke 7:16; 1:65

25 And at once he rose up before them, and took up what he had been lying on, and went home, <sup>a</sup>glorifying God.

27 <sup>1</sup>Publicans who collected Roman taxes for profit  
<sup>a</sup>Luke 5:27-39; Matt. 9:9-17; Mark 2:14-22 <sup>b</sup>Matt. 9:9

26 And they were all seized with astonishment and *began* glorifying God; and they were filled <sup>b</sup>with fear, saying, "We have seen remarkable things today."

28 <sup>a</sup>Luke 5:11

27 <sup>a</sup>And after that He went out, and noticed a <sup>1</sup>tax-gatherer named <sup>b</sup>Levi, sitting in the tax office, and He said to him, "Follow Me."

29 <sup>1</sup>Or, *banquet*  
<sup>a</sup>Matt. 9:9 <sup>b</sup>Luke 15:1

28 And he <sup>a</sup>left everything behind, and rose up and *began* to follow Him.

29 And <sup>a</sup>Levi gave a big <sup>1</sup>reception for Him in his house; and there was a great crowd of <sup>b</sup>tax-gatherers and other *people* who were reclining *at table* with them.

30 <sup>a</sup>Mark 2:16; Acts 23:9

30 And the Pharisees and <sup>a</sup>their scribes *began* grumbling at

**Luke 5, 6**

31 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 9:12, 13; Mark 2:17

33 <sup>1</sup>Or, *likewise*  
<sup>a</sup>Matt. 9:14; Mark 2:18

34 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *sons of the  
bridalchamber*

35 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 9:15; Mark 2:20;  
Luke 17:22

36 <sup>1</sup>Or, *cloak*

37 <sup>1</sup>I.e., *skins used as  
bottles*

<sup>1</sup> Many mss. read, *the  
second-first Sabbath*; i.e.,  
the second Sabbath after  
the first  
<sup>a</sup>Luke 5:1-5; Matt. 12:1-8;  
Mark 2:23-28 <sup>b</sup>Deut. 23:25

2 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 12:2

3 <sup>1</sup> Sam. 21:6

4 <sup>1</sup>Or, *showbread*, lit.,  
*loaves of presentation*

6 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *and his*  
<sup>a</sup>Luke 5:6-11; Matt. 12:9-  
14; Mark 3:1-6 <sup>b</sup>Luke 6:1  
<sup>c</sup>Matt. 4:23

7 <sup>a</sup>Mark 3:2

8 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *their thoughts*  
<sup>2</sup>Lit., *stand or stood into  
the midst* <sup>3</sup>Lit., *stood*  
<sup>a</sup>Matt. 9:4

9 <sup>1</sup>Or, *to harm*

10 <sup>a</sup>Mark 3:5

His disciples, saying, "Why do you eat and drink with the tax-gatherers and sinners?"

31 And Jesus answered and said to them, "<sup>a</sup>*It is not those who are well who need a physician, but those who are sick.*

32 "I have not come to call righteous men but sinners to repentance."

33 And they said to Him, "<sup>a</sup>The disciples of John often fast and offer prayers; the *disciples* of the Pharisees also do <sup>1</sup>the same; but Yours eat and drink."

34 And Jesus said to them, "You cannot make the <sup>1</sup>attendants of the bridegroom fast while the bridegroom is with them, can you?"

35 "<sup>a</sup>But *the* days will come; and when the bridegroom is taken away from them, then they will fast in those days."

36 And He was also telling them a parable: "No one tears a piece from a new <sup>1</sup>garment and puts it on an old <sup>1</sup>garment; otherwise he will both tear the new, and the piece from the new will not match the old.

37 "And no one puts new wine into old <sup>1</sup>wineskins; otherwise the new wine will burst the <sup>1</sup>skins, and it will be spilled out, and the <sup>1</sup>skins will be ruined.

38 "But new wine must be put into fresh wineskins.

39 "And no one, after drinking old *wine* wishes for new; for he says, 'The old is good *enough*.' "

CHAPTER 6

<sup>a</sup>**N**OW it came about that on a *certain* <sup>1</sup>Sabbath He was passing through *some* grainfields; and His disciples <sup>b</sup>were picking and eating the heads of *wheat*, rubbing them in their hands.

2 But some of the Pharisees said, "Why do you do what <sup>a</sup>is not lawful on the Sabbath?"

3 And Jesus answering them said, "Have you not even read <sup>a</sup>what David did when he was hungry, he and those who were with him,

4 how he entered the house of God, and took and ate the <sup>1</sup>consecrated bread which is not lawful for any to eat except the priests alone, and gave it to his companions?"

5 And He was saying to them, "The Son of Man is Lord of the Sabbath."

6 <sup>a</sup>And it came about <sup>b</sup>on another Sabbath, that He entered <sup>c</sup>the synagogue and was teaching; and there was a man there <sup>1</sup>whose right hand was withered.

7 And the scribes and the Pharisees <sup>a</sup>were watching Him closely, *to see* if He healed on the Sabbath, in order that they might find *reason* to accuse Him.

8 But He <sup>a</sup>knew <sup>1</sup>what they were thinking, and He said to the man with the withered hand, "Arise and <sup>2</sup>come forward!" And he arose and <sup>3</sup>came forward.

9 And Jesus said to them, "I ask you, is it lawful on the Sabbath to do good, or <sup>1</sup>to do evil, to save a life, or to destroy it?"

10 And after <sup>a</sup>looking around at them all, He said to him, "Stretch out your hand!" And he did so; and his hand was *completely* restored.



**Jesus Chooses the Twelve. Beatitudes.  
Love Enemies. The Golden Rule.**

**Luke 6**

11 But they themselves were filled with <sup>1</sup>rage, and discussed together what they might do to Jesus.

12 And it was <sup>1</sup>at this time that He went off to <sup>a</sup>the mountain to <sup>b</sup>pray, and He spent the whole night in prayer to God.

13 And when day came, <sup>a</sup>He called His disciples to Him; and chose twelve of them, whom He also named as <sup>b</sup>apostles:

14 Simon, whom He also named Peter, and Andrew his brother; <sup>1</sup>James and John; Philip and Bartholomew;

15 <sup>a</sup>Matthew and Thomas; James *the son* of Alphaeus, and Simon who was called the Zealot;

16 Judas *the son* of James, and Judas Iscariot, who became a traitor.

17 And He <sup>a</sup>descended with them, and stood on a level place; and *there was* <sup>b</sup>a great multitude of His disciples, and a great throng of people from all Judea and Jerusalem and the coastal region of <sup>c</sup>Tyre and Sidon,

18 <sup>1</sup>who had come to hear Him, and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were being cured.

19 And all the multitude were trying to <sup>a</sup>touch Him, for <sup>b</sup>power was coming from Him and healing *them* all.

20 And turning His gaze on His disciples, He *began* to say, <sup>a</sup>"Blessed *are* you *who are* poor, for <sup>b</sup>yours is the kingdom of God.

21 "Blessed *are* you who hunger now, for you shall be satisfied. Blessed *are* you who weep now, for you shall laugh.

22 "Blessed *are* you when men hate you, and <sup>a</sup>ostracize you, and heap insults upon you, and spurn your name as evil, for the sake of the Son of Man.

23 "Be glad in that day, and <sup>a</sup>leap for joy, for behold, your reward is great in heaven; for in the same way their fathers used to <sup>1</sup>treat the prophets.

24 "But woe to <sup>a</sup>you who are rich, for <sup>b</sup>you are receiving your comfort in full.

25 "Woe to you who are <sup>1</sup>well-fed now, for you shall be hungry. Woe to you who laugh now, for you shall mourn and weep.

26 "Woe to you when all men speak well of you, for in the same way their fathers used to <sup>1</sup>treat the <sup>a</sup>false prophets.

27 "But I say to you who hear, <sup>a</sup>love your enemies, do good to those who hate you,

28 <sup>a</sup>bless those who curse you, <sup>a</sup>pray for those who <sup>1</sup>mistreat you.

29 "Whoever hits you on the cheek, offer him the other also; and whoever takes away your <sup>1</sup>coat, do not withhold your <sup>2</sup>shirt from him either.

30 "Give to everyone who asks of you, and whoever takes away what is yours, do not demand it back.

31 "And just as you want men to <sup>1</sup>treat you, <sup>1</sup>treat them in the same way.

32 "And <sup>a</sup>if you love those who love you, what credit is *that* to you? For even sinners love those who love them.

33 "And if you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is *that* to you? For even sinners do the same thing.

11 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *folly*

12 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *in these days*  
<sup>a</sup>Matt. 5:1 <sup>b</sup>Matt. 14:23;  
Luke 9:28; 9:18; 5:16

13 <sup>a</sup>Luke 6:13-16; *Matt.*  
*10:2-4; Mark 3:16-19; Acts*  
*1:13* <sup>b</sup>Mark 6:30

14 <sup>1</sup>Here and in verses 15  
and 16, Cr., *Jacob*

15 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 9:9

17 <sup>a</sup>Luke 6:12 <sup>b</sup>Matt. 4:25;  
Mark 3:7, 8 <sup>c</sup>Matt. 11:21

18 <sup>1</sup>Most English versions  
begin verse 18 with, *and*  
*those who*

19 <sup>a</sup>Mark 3:10; *Matt.* 9:21;  
14:36 <sup>b</sup>Luke 5:17

20 <sup>a</sup>Luke 6:20-23; *Matt.*  
5:3-12 <sup>b</sup>Matt. 5:3

22 <sup>a</sup>John 9:22; 16:2

23 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *do to*  
<sup>a</sup>Mal. 4

24 <sup>a</sup>James 5:1; *Luke* 16:25  
<sup>b</sup>Matt. 6:2

25 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *having been*  
*filled*

26 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *do to*  
<sup>a</sup>Matt. 7:15

27 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 5:44; *Luke* 6:35

28 <sup>1</sup>Or, *revile*  
<sup>a</sup>Matt. 5:44; *Luke* 6:35

29 <sup>1</sup>Or, *cloak*, or, *outer*  
*garment* <sup>2</sup>Or, *tunic*, or,  
*garment worn next to body*  
<sup>a</sup>Luke 6:29, 30; *Matt.* 5:39-  
42

31 <sup>1</sup>Or, *do to*  
<sup>a</sup>Matt. 7:12

32 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 5:46

34 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 5:42

35 <sup>1</sup>Or, *not despairing at all*  
<sup>a</sup>Luke 6:27 <sup>b</sup>Matt. 5:9  
<sup>c</sup>Luke 1:32

36 <sup>1</sup>Or, *Become*

37 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *do not judge*  
<sup>2</sup>Lit., *release*  
<sup>a</sup>Luke 6:37-42; *Matt. 7:1-5*  
<sup>b</sup>Luke 23:16; Acts 3:13;  
*Matt. 6:14*

38 <sup>a</sup>Mark 4:24 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 79:12;  
*Is. 65:6, 7; Jer. 32:18*

39 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 15:14

40 <sup>1</sup>Or, *disciple* <sup>2</sup>Or,  
*reach his teacher's level*  
<sup>a</sup>Matt. 10:24

43 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *again*  
<sup>a</sup>Luke 6:43, 44; *Matt. 7:16,*  
*18, 20*

44 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 7:16

45 <sup>1</sup>Or, *treasury,*  
*storehouse* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *the*  
*abundance of*  
<sup>a</sup>Matt. 12:35 <sup>b</sup>Matt. 12:34

46 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 7:21; *Mal. 1:6*

47 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *does*  
<sup>a</sup>Luke 6:47-49; *Matt. 7:24-*  
*27*

48 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *dug and went*  
*deep*

<sup>1</sup> <sup>a</sup>Matt. 7:28 <sup>b</sup>Luke 7:1-  
*10; Matt. 8:5-13*

**Love Your Enemies. Self Knowledge. Two Builders.**

34 <sup>a</sup>And if you lend to those from whom you expect to receive, what credit is *that* to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, in order to receive back the same *amount*.

35 <sup>a</sup>But <sup>a</sup>love your enemies, and do good, and lend, <sup>1</sup>expecting nothing in return; and your reward will be great, and you will be <sup>b</sup>sons of <sup>c</sup>the Most High; for He Himself is kind to ungrateful and evil *men*.

36 <sup>1</sup>Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

37 <sup>a</sup>And <sup>1</sup>do not pass judgment and you will not be judged; and do not condemn, and you shall not be condemned; <sup>2b</sup>ardon, and you will be pardoned.

38 "Give, and it will be given to you; <sup>a</sup>good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, they will pour <sup>b</sup>into your lap. For whatever measure you deal out *to others*, it will be dealt to you in return."

39 And He also spoke a parable to them: "A blind man cannot guide a blind man, can he? Will they not both fall into a pit?

40 <sup>a</sup>A <sup>1</sup>pupil is not above his teacher; but everyone, after he has been fully trained, will <sup>2b</sup>e like his teacher.

41 "And why do you look at the speck that is in your brother's eye, but do not notice the log that is in your own eye?

42 "Or how can you say to your brother, 'Brother, let me take out the speck that is in your eye,' when you yourself do not see the log that is in your own eye? You hypocrite, first take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take out the speck that is in your brother's eye.

43 <sup>a</sup>For there is no good tree which produces bad fruit; nor, <sup>1</sup>on the other hand, a bad tree which produces good fruit.

44 <sup>a</sup>For each tree is known by its own fruit. For men do not gather figs from thorns, nor do they pick grapes from a briar bush.

45 <sup>a</sup>The good man out of the good <sup>1</sup>treasure of his heart brings forth what is good; and the evil *man* out of the evil <sup>1</sup>treasure brings forth what is evil; <sup>b</sup>for his mouth speaks from <sup>2</sup>that which fills his heart.

46 "And <sup>a</sup>why do you call Me, 'Lord, Lord,' and do not do what I say?

47 <sup>a</sup>Everyone who comes to Me, and hears My words, and <sup>1</sup>acts upon them, I will show you whom he is like:

48 he is like a man building a house, who <sup>1</sup>dug deep and laid a foundation upon the rock; and when a flood arose, the river burst against that house and could not shake it, because it had been well built.

49 "But the one who has heard, and has not acted *accordingly*, is like a man who built a house upon the ground without any foundation; and the river burst against it and immediately it collapsed, and the ruin of that house was great."

CHAPTER 7

**W**HEN He had completed all His discourse in the hearing of the people, <sup>b</sup>He went to Capernaum.

**The Centurion Commended.  
The Widow's Son. A Deputation.**

**Luke 7**

2 And a certain centurion's slave, <sup>1</sup>who was highly regarded by him, was sick and about to die.

3 And when he heard about Jesus, <sup>a</sup>he sent some <sup>1</sup>Jewish elders asking Him to come and <sup>2</sup>save the life of his slave.

4 And when they had come to Jesus, they earnestly entreated Him, saying, "He is worthy for You to grant this to him;

5 for he loves our nation, and it was he who built us our synagogue."

6 Now Jesus *started* on His way with them; and when He was already not far from the house, the centurion sent friends, saying to Him, "<sup>1</sup>Lord, do not trouble Yourself further, for I am not fit for You to come under my roof;

7 for this reason I did not even consider myself worthy to come to You, but just <sup>1</sup>say the word, and my <sup>2</sup>servant will be healed.

8 "For indeed, I am a man under authority, with soldiers under me; and I say to this one, 'Go!' and he goes; and to another, 'Come!' and he comes; and to my slave, 'Do this!' and he does it."

9 And when Jesus heard this, He marveled at him, and turned and said to the multitude that was following Him, "I say to you, <sup>a</sup>not even in Israel have I found such great faith."

10 And when those who had been sent returned to the house, they found the slave in good health.

11 And it came about <sup>1</sup>soon afterwards, that He went to a city called Nain; and His disciples were going along with Him, <sup>2</sup>accompanied by a large multitude.

12 Now as He approached the gate of the city, behold, <sup>1</sup>a dead man was being carried out, the <sup>2</sup>only son of his mother, and she was a widow; and a sizeable crowd from the city was with her.

13 And when <sup>a</sup>the Lord saw her, He felt compassion for her, and said to her, "<sup>1</sup>Do not weep."

14 And He came up and touched the coffin; and the bearers came to a halt. And He said, "Young man, I say to you, arise!"

15 And the <sup>1</sup>dead man sat up, and began to speak. And *Jesus* gave him back to his mother.

16 And <sup>a</sup>fear gripped them all, and they *began* <sup>b</sup>glorifying God, saying, "A great <sup>c</sup>prophet has arisen among us!" and, "God has <sup>1</sup>visited His people!"

17 <sup>a</sup>And this report concerning Him went out all over Judea, and in all the surrounding district.

18 <sup>a</sup>And the disciples of John reported to him about all these things.

19 And summoning <sup>1</sup>two of his disciples, John sent them to <sup>a</sup>the Lord, saying, "Are You the One who is coming, or do we look for someone <sup>2</sup>else?"

20 And when the men had come to Him, they said, "John the Baptist has sent us to You, saying, 'Are You the One who is coming, or do we look for someone else?'"

21 At that <sup>1</sup>very time He <sup>a</sup>cured many *people* of diseases and <sup>b</sup>afflictions and evil spirits; and He granted sight to many *who were blind*.

22 And He answered and said to them, "Go and report to

2 <sup>1</sup>Lit., to whom he was honorable

3 <sup>1</sup>Lit., elders of the Jews  
<sup>2</sup>Lit., bring safely through, rescue  
<sup>a</sup>Matt. 8:5

6 <sup>1</sup>Or, Sir

7 <sup>1</sup>Lit., speak with a word  
<sup>2</sup>Or, boy

9 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 8:10; Luke 7:50

11 <sup>1</sup>Some mss. read, on the next day  
<sup>2</sup>Lit., and

12 <sup>1</sup>Lit., one who had died  
<sup>2</sup>Or, only begotten

13 <sup>1</sup>Or, Stop weeping  
<sup>a</sup>Luke 7:19; 10:1; 11:1, 39; 12:42; 13:15; 17:5, 6; 18:6; 19:8; 22:61; 24:34; John 4:1; 6:23; 11:2

15 <sup>1</sup>Or, corpse

16 <sup>1</sup>Or, cared for  
<sup>a</sup>Luke 5:26 <sup>b</sup>Matt. 9:8  
<sup>c</sup>Matt. 21:11; Luke 7:39

17 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 9:26

18 <sup>a</sup>Luke 7:18-35; Matt. 11:2-19

19 <sup>1</sup>Lit., a certain two  
<sup>2</sup>Some early mss. read, one who is different  
<sup>a</sup>Luke 7:13; 10:1; 11:1, 39; 12:42; 13:15; 17:5, 6; 18:6; 19:8; 22:61; 24:34; John 4:1; 6:23; 11:2

21 <sup>1</sup>Lit., hour  
<sup>a</sup>Matt. 4:23 <sup>b</sup>Mark 3:10

22 <sup>a</sup>Is. 61:1

23 <sup>1</sup>Lit., whoever

25 <sup>1</sup>Or, *Well then, what*  
<sup>2</sup>Or, *garments*

27 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *has been written*  
<sup>a</sup>Mal. 3:1; Matt. 11:10;  
Mark 1:2

28 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *less*

29 <sup>1</sup>Publicans who  
collected Roman taxes on  
commission <sup>2</sup>Or, *justified*  
*God*  
<sup>a</sup>Luke 7:35 <sup>b</sup>Luke 3:12;  
Matt. 21:32 <sup>c</sup>Acts 18:25;  
19:3

30 <sup>1</sup>I.e., experts on the  
Mosaic law <sup>2</sup>Lit., *him*  
<sup>a</sup>Matt. 22:35

33 <sup>a</sup>Luke 1:15

34 <sup>1</sup>Or, *wine-drinker*  
<sup>2</sup>Publicans who collected  
Roman taxes on  
commission

35 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *And*  
<sup>a</sup>Luke 7:29

36 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *eat*

37 <sup>1</sup>I.e., an immoral  
woman  
<sup>a</sup>Luke 7:37-39; Matt. 26:6-  
13; Mark 14:3-9; John  
12:1-8

39 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *to himself, saying*  
<sup>2</sup>Some mss. read, *the*  
*prophet* <sup>3</sup>I.e., an immoral  
woman  
<sup>a</sup>Luke 7:16; John 4:19

40 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *says*

41 <sup>1</sup>The denarius was  
worth 18 cents in silver,  
equivalent to a day's wage  
<sup>a</sup>Matt. 18:28; Mark 6:37

42 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 18:25

John what you have seen and heard: *the* <sup>a</sup>BLIND RECEIVE SIGHT, *the* lame walk, *the* lepers are cleansed, and *the* deaf hear, *the* dead are raised up, *the* <sup>a</sup>POOR HAVE THE GOSPEL PREACHED TO THEM.

23 "And blessed is he <sup>1</sup>who keeps from stumbling over Me."

24 And when the messengers of John had left, He began to speak to the multitudes about John, "What did you go out into the wilderness to look at? A reed shaken by the wind?

25 "But what did you go out to see? A man dressed in soft <sup>2</sup>clothing? Behold, those who are splendidly clothed and live in luxury are *found* in royal palaces.

26 "But what did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I say to you, and one who is more than a prophet.

27 "This is the one about whom it <sup>1</sup>is written,  
<sup>a</sup>BEHOLD, I SEND MY MESSENGER BEFORE YOUR FACE,  
WHO WILL PREPARE YOUR WAY BEFORE YOU."

28 "I say to you, among those born of women, there is no one greater than John; yet he who is <sup>1</sup>least in the kingdom of God is greater than he."

29 And when all the people and the <sup>1</sup>tax-gatherers heard *this*, they <sup>2</sup>acknowledged <sup>a</sup>God's justice, <sup>b</sup>having been baptized with <sup>c</sup>the baptism of John.

30 But the Pharisees and the <sup>1</sup>lawyers rejected God's purpose for themselves, not having been baptized by <sup>2</sup>John.

31 "To what then shall I compare the men of this generation, and what are they like?

32 "They are like children who sit in the market place and call to one another; and they say, 'We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we sang a dirge, and you did not weep.'

33 "For John the Baptist has come <sup>a</sup>eating no bread and drinking no wine; and you say, 'He has a demon!'

34 "The Son of Man has come eating and drinking; and you say, 'Behold, a gluttonous man, and a <sup>1</sup>drunkard, a friend of <sup>2</sup>tax-gatherers and sinners!'

35 "Yet wisdom <sup>a</sup>is vindicated by all her children."

36 Now one of the Pharisees was requesting Him to <sup>1</sup>dine with him. And He entered the Pharisee's house, and reclined *at table*.

37 <sup>a</sup>And behold, there was a woman in the city who was a <sup>1</sup>sinner; and when she learned that He was reclining *at table* in the Pharisee's house, she brought an alabaster vial of perfume,

38 and standing behind *Him* at His feet, weeping, she began to wet His feet with her tears, and kept wiping them with the hair of her head, and kissing His feet, and anointing them with the perfume.

39 Now when the Pharisee who had invited Him saw this, he said <sup>1</sup>to himself, "If this man were <sup>2</sup>a prophet He would know who and what sort of person this woman is who is touching Him, that she is a <sup>3</sup>sinner."

40 And Jesus answered and said to him, "Simon, I have something to say to you." And he <sup>1</sup>replied, "Say it, Teacher."

41 "A certain moneylender had two debtors: one owed five hundred <sup>1</sup>denarii, and the other fifty.

42 "When they <sup>a</sup>were unable to repay, he graciously forgave them both. Which of them therefore will love him more?"

43 Simon answered and said, "I suppose the one whom he forgave more." And He said to him, "You have judged correctly."

44 And turning toward the woman, He said to Simon, "Do you see this woman? I entered your house; you <sup>a</sup>gave Me no water for My feet, but she has wet My feet with her tears, and wiped them with her hair.

45 "You <sup>a</sup>gave Me no kiss; but she, since the time I came in, <sup>l</sup>has not ceased to kiss My feet.

46 "You did not anoint My head with oil, but she anointed My feet with perfume.

47 "For this reason I say to you, her sins, which are many, have been forgiven, for she loved much; but he who is forgiven little, loves little."

48 And He said to her, "<sup>a</sup>Your sins have been forgiven."

49 And those who were reclining *at table* with Him began to say <sup>l</sup>to themselves, "Who is this *man* who even forgives sins?"

50 And He said to the woman, "<sup>a</sup>Your faith has saved you; <sup>b</sup>go in peace."

CHAPTER 8

AND it came about soon afterwards, that He *began* going about from one city and village to another, <sup>a</sup>proclaiming and preaching the kingdom of God; and the twelve were with Him,

2 and *also* <sup>a</sup>some women who had been healed of evil spirits and sicknesses: <sup>a</sup>Mary who was called Magdalene, from whom seven demons had gone out,

3 and Joanna the wife of Chuza, <sup>a</sup>Herod's <sup>b</sup>steward, and Susanna, and many others who were contributing to their support out of their private means.

4 <sup>a</sup>And when a great multitude were coming together, and those from the various cities were journeying to Him, He spoke by way of a parable:

5 "The sower went out to sow his seed; and as he sowed, some fell beside the road; and it was trampled under foot, and the birds of the <sup>l</sup>air devoured it.

6 "And other *seed* fell on rocky *soil*, and as soon as it grew up, it withered away, because it had no moisture.

7 "And other *seed* fell among the thorns; and the thorns grew up with it, and choked it out.

8 "And other *seed* fell into the good ground, and grew up, and produced a crop a hundred times as great." As He said these things, He would call out, "<sup>a</sup>He who has ears to hear, let him hear."

9 <sup>a</sup>And His disciples *began* questioning Him as to what this parable might be.

10 And He said, "<sup>a</sup>To you it is granted to know the mysteries of the kingdom of God, but to the rest *it is* in parables; in order that <sup>b</sup>SEEING THEY MAY NOT SEE, AND HEARING THEY MAY NOT UNDERSTAND.

11 "Now the parable is this: <sup>a</sup>the seed is the word of God.

12 "And those beside the road are those who have heard;

44 <sup>a</sup>Gen. 18:4; 19:2; 43:24; Judg. 19:21; 1 Tim. 5:10

45 <sup>l</sup>Lit. *was not ceasing*  
2 Sam. 15:5

46 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 23:5; Eccles. 9:8; 2 Sam. 12:20; Dan. 10:3

48 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 9:2

49 <sup>l</sup>Or. *among*

50 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 9:22 <sup>b</sup>Luke 8:48; Mark 5:34

1 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 4:23

2 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 27:55f.; Luke 23:49

3 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 14:1 <sup>b</sup>Matt. 20:8

4 <sup>a</sup>Luke 8:4-8; Matt. 13:2-9; Mark 4:1-9

5 <sup>l</sup>Lit. *heaven*

8 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 11:15

9 <sup>a</sup>Luke 8:9-15; Matt. 13:10-23; Mark 4:10-20

10 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 13:11 <sup>b</sup>Is. 6:9; Matt. 13:14

11 <sup>l</sup>1 Pet. 1:23

13 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *who believe*

15 <sup>1</sup>Or, *steadfastness*

16 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 5:15; Mark 4:21; Luke 11:33

17 <sup>a</sup>Luke 12:2; Matt. 10:26; Mark 4:22

18 <sup>1</sup>Or, *seems to have*  
<sup>a</sup>Matt. 13:12; Luke 19:26

19 <sup>a</sup>Luke 8:19-21; Matt. 12:46-50; Mark 3:31-35

21 <sup>a</sup>Luke 11:28

22 <sup>a</sup>Luke 8:22-25; Matt. 8:23-27; Mark 4:36-41  
<sup>b</sup>Luke 8:23; 5:1f.

23 <sup>a</sup>Luke 8:22; 5:1f.

24 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *a calm occurred*  
<sup>a</sup>Luke 5:5 <sup>b</sup>Luke 4:39

26 <sup>1</sup>Other mss. read, *Cergesenes, or Gadarenes*  
<sup>a</sup>Luke 8:26-37; Matt. 8:28-34; Mark 5:1-17

28 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 8:29 <sup>b</sup>Mark 5:7

29 <sup>1</sup>Or, *was commanding*

30 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 26:53

then the devil comes and takes away the word from their heart, so that they may not believe and be saved.

13 "And those on the rocky *soil* *are* those who, when they hear, receive the word with joy; and these have no *firm* root; <sup>1</sup>they believe for a while, and in time of temptation fall away.

14 "And the *seed* which fell among the thorns, these are the ones who have heard, and as they go on their way they are choked with worries and riches and pleasures of *this* life, and bring no fruit to maturity.

15 "And the *seed* in the good ground, these are the ones who have heard the word in an honest and good heart, and hold it fast, and bear fruit with <sup>1</sup>perseverance.

16 "Now <sup>a</sup>no one after lighting a lamp covers it over with a container, or puts it under a bed; but he puts it on a lampstand, in order that those who come in may see the light.

17 <sup>a</sup>For nothing is hidden that shall not become evident, nor *anything* secret that shall not be known and come to light.

18 "Therefore take care how you listen; <sup>a</sup>for whoever has, to him shall *more* be given; and whoever does not have, even what he <sup>1</sup>thinks he has shall be taken away from him."

19 <sup>a</sup>And His mother came to Him and *His* brothers *also*, and they were unable to get to Him because of the crowd.

20 And it was reported to Him, "Your mother and Your brothers are standing outside, wishing to see You."

21 But He answered and said to them, "My mother and My brothers are these <sup>a</sup>who hear the word of God and do it."

22 <sup>a</sup>Now it came about on one of *those* days, that He and His disciples got into a boat, and He said to them, "Let us go over to the other side of <sup>b</sup>the lake." And they launched out.

23 But as they were sailing along He fell asleep; and a fierce gale of wind descended upon <sup>a</sup>the lake, and they *began* to be swamped and to be in danger.

24 And they came to Him and woke Him up, saying, "<sup>a</sup>Master, Master, we are perishing!" And being aroused, He rebuked the wind and the surging waves, and they stopped, and <sup>1</sup>it became calm.

25 And He said to them, "Where is your faith?" And they were fearful and amazed, saying to one another, "Who then is this, that He commands even the winds and the water, and they obey Him?"

26 <sup>a</sup>And they sailed to the country of the <sup>1</sup>Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee.

27 And when He had come out onto the land, a certain man from the city met Him who was possessed with demons; and who had not put on any clothing for a long time, and was not living in a house, but in the tombs.

28 And seeing Jesus, he cried out and fell before Him, and said in a loud voice, "<sup>a</sup>What do I have to do with You, Jesus, Son of <sup>b</sup>the Most High God? I beg You, do not torment me."

29 For He <sup>1</sup>had been commanding the unclean spirit to come out of the man. For it had seized him many times; and he was bound with chains and shackles and kept under guard; and *yet* he would burst his fetters and be driven by the demon into the desert.

30 And Jesus asked him, "What is your name?" And he said, "<sup>a</sup>Legion"; for many demons had entered him.

**The Demoniac Cured. Jairus' Daughter.  
The Ailing Woman.**

**Luke 8**

31 And they were entreating Him not to command them to depart into <sup>a</sup>the abyss.

32 Now there was a herd of many swine feeding there on the mountain; and *the demons* entreated Him to permit them to enter <sup>1</sup>the swine. And He gave them permission.

33 And the demons came out from the man and entered the swine; and the herd rushed down the steep bank into <sup>a</sup>the lake, and were drowned.

34 And when those who tended them saw what had happened, they ran away and reported it in the city and *out* in the country.

35 *And the people* went out to see what had happened; and they came to Jesus, and found the man from whom the demons had gone out, sitting down <sup>a</sup>at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind; and they became frightened.

36 And those who had seen it reported to them how the man who was <sup>a</sup>demon-possessed had been <sup>1</sup>made well.

37 And all the people of the country of the <sup>1</sup>Gerasenes and the surrounding district asked Him to depart from them; for they were gripped with great fear; and He got into a boat, and returned.

38 <sup>a</sup>But the man from whom the demons had gone out was begging Him that he might <sup>1</sup>accompany Him; but He sent him away, saying,

39 "Return to your house and describe what great things God has done for you." And he departed, proclaiming throughout the whole city what great things Jesus had done for him.

40 <sup>a</sup>And as Jesus returned, the multitude welcomed Him, for they had all been waiting for Him.

41 <sup>a</sup>And behold, there came a man named Jairus, and he was an <sup>1b</sup>official of the synagogue; and he fell at Jesus' feet, and *began* to entreat Him to come to his house;

42 for he had an <sup>1</sup>only daughter, about twelve years old, and she was dying. But as He went, the multitudes were pressing against Him.

43 And a woman who had a hemorrhage for twelve years, <sup>1</sup>and could not be healed by anyone,

44 came up behind Him, and touched the fringe of His <sup>1</sup>cloak; and immediately her hemorrhage stopped.

45 And Jesus said, "Who is the one who touched Me?" And while they were all denying it, Peter said, <sup>1</sup>"Master, the multitudes are crowding and pressing upon You."

46 But Jesus said, "Someone did touch Me, for I was aware that <sup>a</sup>power had gone out of Me."

47 And when the woman saw that she had not escaped notice, she came trembling and fell down before Him, and declared in the presence of all the people the reason why she had touched Him, and how she had been immediately healed.

48 And He said to her, "Daughter, <sup>a</sup>your faith has <sup>1</sup>made you well; <sup>b</sup>go in peace."

49 While He was still speaking, someone <sup>a</sup>came from *the house* of <sup>a</sup>the synagogue official, saying, "Your daughter has died; do not trouble the Teacher any more."

50 But when Jesus heard *this*, He answered him, "<sup>a</sup>Do not be afraid *any longer*; only believe, and she shall be <sup>1</sup>made well."

31 <sup>a</sup>Rom. 10:7; Rev. 9:1f., 11; 11:7; 17:8; 20:1, 3

32 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *them*

33 <sup>a</sup>Luke 8:22; 5:1f.

35 <sup>a</sup>Luke 10:39

36 <sup>1</sup>Or, *saved*  
<sup>a</sup>Matt. 4:24

37 <sup>1</sup>Other mss. read,  
*Gergesenes or Gadarenes*

38 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *be with*  
<sup>a</sup>Luke 8:38, 39; *Mark* 5:18, 20

40 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 9:1; *Mark* 5:21

41 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *ruler*  
<sup>a</sup>Luke 8:41-56; *Matt.* 9:18-26; *Mark* 5:22-43 <sup>b</sup>Luke 8:49; *Mark* 5:22

42 <sup>1</sup>Or, *only begotten*

43 <sup>1</sup>Some mss. add, *who had spent all her living upon physicians*

44 <sup>1</sup>Or, *outer garment*

45 <sup>1</sup>Some early mss. add, *and those with him*  
<sup>a</sup>Luke 5:5

46 <sup>a</sup>Luke 5:17

48 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *saved you*  
<sup>a</sup>Matt. 9:22 <sup>b</sup>Luke 7:50; *Mark* 5:34

49 <sup>a</sup>Luke 8:41

50 <sup>1</sup>Or, *saved*  
<sup>a</sup>Mark 5:36

The Daughter Raised. The Disciples' Ministry.  
Herod Perplexed.

Luke 8, 9

52 <sup>a</sup>Luke 23:27; Matt.  
11:17 <sup>b</sup>John 11:13

56 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 8:4

1 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 10:5; Mark 6:7

2 <sup>1</sup>Some mss. read, to  
heal the sick  
<sup>a</sup>Matt. 10:7

3 <sup>1</sup>Or, *knapsack*, or  
*beggar's bag* <sup>2</sup>Or, *inner  
garment*  
<sup>a</sup>Luke 9:3-5; Matt. 10:9-15;  
Mark 6:8-11; Luke 10:4-12;  
22:35 <sup>b</sup>Matt. 10:10; Mark  
6:8; Luke 22:35f.

5 <sup>a</sup>Acts 13:51; Luke 10:11

6 <sup>1</sup>Or, *from village to  
village*  
<sup>a</sup>Luke 8:1; Mark 6:12

7 <sup>a</sup>Luke 9:7-9; Matt.  
14:1, 2; Mark 6:14f. <sup>b</sup>Matt.  
14:1; Luke 3:1; 13:31; 23:7  
<sup>c</sup>Matt. 14:2

8 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 16:14

9 <sup>a</sup>Luke 23:8

10 <sup>a</sup>Mark 6:30 <sup>b</sup>Mark 6:30  
<sup>c</sup>Luke 9:10-17; Matt. 14:13-  
21; Mark 6:32-44; John 6:5-  
13 <sup>d</sup>Matt. 11:21

12 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *provisions*

14 <sup>a</sup>Mark 6:39

51 And when He had come to the house, He did not allow anyone to enter with Him, except Peter, John and James, and the girl's father and mother.

52 Now they were all weeping and lamenting for her; but He said, "Stop weeping, for she has not died, but is asleep."

53 And they began laughing at Him, knowing that she had died.

54 He, however, took her by the hand and called, saying, "Child, arise!"

55 And her spirit returned, and she rose up immediately; and He gave orders for something to be given her to eat.

56 And her parents were amazed; but He instructed them to tell no one what had happened.

CHAPTER 9

<sup>a</sup>AND He called the twelve together, and gave them power and authority over all the demons, and to heal diseases.

2 And He sent them out to proclaim the kingdom of God, and to perform healing.

3 And He said to them, "Take nothing for your journey, neither a staff, nor a bag, nor bread, nor money; and do not even have two tunics apiece.

4 "And whatever house you enter, stay there, and take your leave from there.

5 "And as for those who do not receive you, when you depart from that city, shake off the dust from your feet as a testimony against them."

6 And departing, they began going about among the villages, preaching the gospel, and healing everywhere.

7 Now Herod the tetrarch heard of all that was happening; and he was greatly perplexed, because it was said by some that John had risen from the dead,

8 and by some that Elijah had appeared, and by others, that one of the prophets of old had risen again.

9 And Herod said, "I myself had John beheaded; but who is this man about whom I hear such things?" And he kept trying to see Him.

10 And when the apostles returned, they gave an account to Him of all that they had done. And taking them with Him, He withdrew privately to a city called Bethsaida.

11 But the multitudes were aware of this and followed Him; and welcoming them, He began speaking to them about the kingdom of God and curing those who had need of healing.

12 And the day began to decline, and the twelve came and said to Him, "Send the multitude away, that they may go into the surrounding villages and countryside and find lodging and get something to eat; for here we are in a desolate place."

13 But He said to them, "You give them something to eat!" And they said, "We have no more than five loaves and two fish, unless perhaps we go and buy food for all these people."

14 (For there were about five thousand men). And He said to His disciples, "Have them recline to eat in groups of about fifty each."



**Five Thousand Fed. Peter's Confession.  
The Passion Foretold. The Transfiguration.**

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15 And they did so, and had them all recline.

16 And He took the five loaves and the two fish, and looking up to heaven, He blessed them, and broke *them*, and kept giving *them* to the disciples to set before the multitude.

17 And they all ate and were satisfied; and that which was left over to them of the broken pieces was picked up, twelve <sup>1a</sup>baskets full.

18 <sup>a</sup>And it came about that while He was <sup>b</sup>praying alone, the disciples were with Him, and He questioned them, saying, "Who do the multitudes say that I am?"

19 And they answered and said, "John the Baptist; but others say, Elijah; and others, that one of the prophets of old has risen again."

20 And He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" And Peter answered and said, "<sup>a</sup>The <sup>1</sup>Christ of God."

21 But He <sup>1a</sup>warned them, and instructed *them* not to tell this to anyone,

22 <sup>a</sup>saying, "<sup>b</sup>The Son of Man must suffer many things, and be rejected by the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and be raised up on the third day."

23 And He was saying to *them* all, "If anyone wishes to come after Me, let him deny himself, and <sup>a</sup>take up his cross daily, and follow Me.

24 "For <sup>a</sup>whoever wishes to save his <sup>1</sup>life shall lose it, but whoever loses his <sup>1</sup>life for My sake, he is the one who will save it.

25 "For what is a man profited if he gains the whole world, and <sup>a</sup>loses or forfeits himself?

26 "<sup>a</sup>For whoever is ashamed of Me and My words, of him will the Son of Man be ashamed when He comes in His glory, and *the glory* of the Father and of the holy angels.

27 "But I tell you truly, <sup>a</sup>there are some of those standing here who shall not taste death until they see the kingdom of God."

28 <sup>a</sup>And some eight days after these sayings, it came about that He took along <sup>b</sup>Peter and John and James, and <sup>c</sup>went up to the mountain <sup>d</sup>to pray.

29 And while He was <sup>a</sup>praying, the appearance of His face <sup>b</sup>became different, and His clothing *became* white and <sup>1</sup>gleaming.

30 And behold, two men were talking with Him; and they were Moses and Elijah,

31 who, appearing in <sup>1</sup>glory, were speaking of His <sup>a</sup>departure which He was about to accomplish at Jerusalem.

32 Now Peter and his companions <sup>a</sup>had been overcome with sleep; but when they were fully awake, they saw His glory and the two men standing with Him.

33 And it came about, as <sup>1</sup>these were parting from Him, Peter said to Jesus, "<sup>a</sup>Master, it is good for us to be here; and <sup>b</sup>let us make three <sup>2</sup>tabernacles: one for You, and one for Moses, and one for Elijah"—<sup>c</sup>not realizing what he was saying.

34 And while he was saying this, a cloud <sup>1</sup>formed and *began* to overshadow them; and they were afraid as they entered the cloud.

35 And <sup>a</sup>a voice came out of the cloud, saying, "<sup>b</sup>This is My Son, My Chosen One; listen to Him!"

17 <sup>1</sup>l.e., large-sized baskets  
<sup>a</sup>Matt. 14:20

18 <sup>a</sup>Luke 9:18-20; Matt. 16:13-16; Mark 8:27-29  
<sup>b</sup>Matt. 14:23; Luke 6:12; 9:28

20 <sup>1</sup>l.e., Messiah  
<sup>a</sup>John 6:68f.

21 <sup>1</sup>Or, strictly admonished  
<sup>a</sup>Matt. 16:20; Mark 8:30; Matt. 8:4

22 <sup>a</sup>Luke 9:22-27; Matt. 16:21-28; Mark 8:31-9:1  
<sup>b</sup>Matt. 16:21; Luke 9:44

23 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 10:38

24 <sup>1</sup>Gr., soul-life  
<sup>a</sup>Matt. 10:39

25 <sup>a</sup>Heb. 10:34 marg.

26 <sup>a</sup>Luke 12:9; Matt. 10:33

27 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 16:28

28 <sup>a</sup>Luke 9:28-36; Matt. 17:1-8; Mark 9:2-8  
<sup>b</sup>Matt. 17:1  
<sup>c</sup>Matt. 5:1  
<sup>a</sup>Luke 3:21; 5:16; 6:12; 9:18

29 <sup>1</sup>Lit., flashing like lightning  
<sup>a</sup>Luke 3:21; 5:16; 6:12; 9:18  
<sup>b</sup>Mark 16:12

31 <sup>1</sup>Or, splendor  
<sup>a</sup>2 Pet. 1:15

32 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 26:43; Mark 14:40

33 <sup>1</sup>Lit., they <sup>2</sup>Or, sacred tents  
<sup>a</sup>Luke 5:5; 9:49  
<sup>b</sup>Matt. 17:4; Mark 9:5  
<sup>c</sup>Mark 9:6

34 <sup>1</sup>Or, occurred

35 <sup>a</sup>2 Pet. 1:17f.  
<sup>b</sup>Matt. 3:17; Luke 3:22

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Debate About Rank. Inhospitable Samaritans.**

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36 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *occurred*  
<sup>a</sup>Matt. 17:9; Mark 9:9f.

37 <sup>a</sup>Luke 9:37-42; <sup>b</sup>Matt.  
17:14-18; <sup>c</sup>Mark 9:14-27

38 <sup>1</sup>Or, *only begotten*

42 <sup>1</sup>Or, *tore him*

43 <sup>1</sup>Or, *majesty*  
<sup>a2</sup> Pet. 1:16 <sup>b</sup>Luke 9:43-45;  
<sup>c</sup>Matt. 17:22f.; <sup>d</sup>Mark 9:30-32

44 <sup>1</sup>Or, *betrayed*  
<sup>a</sup>Luke 9:22

45 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *were not  
knowing*  
<sup>a</sup>Mark 9:32

46 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *entered in*  
<sup>a</sup>Luke 9:46-48; <sup>b</sup>Matt. 18:1-  
5; <sup>c</sup>Mark 9:33-37

47 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *the reasoning or  
argument*  
<sup>a</sup>Matt. 9:4

48 <sup>1</sup>Or, *lowliest*  
<sup>a</sup>Matt. 10:40 <sup>b</sup>Luke 22:26

49 <sup>a</sup>Luke 9:49, 50; <sup>b</sup>Mark  
9:38-40 <sup>c</sup>Luke 5:5; 9:33

50 <sup>1</sup>Or, *on your side*  
<sup>a</sup>Matt. 12:30; <sup>b</sup>Luke 11:23

51 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *taking up*  
<sup>a</sup>Mark 16:19 <sup>b</sup>Luke 13:22;  
17:11; 18:31; 19:11, 28

52 <sup>1</sup>Or, *prepare*  
<sup>a</sup>Matt. 10:5; <sup>b</sup>Luke 10:33;  
17:16; <sup>c</sup>John 4:4

53 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *His face was  
proceeding toward*  
<sup>a</sup>John 4:9

54 <sup>1</sup>Some mss. add, *as  
Elijah did*  
<sup>a</sup>Mark 3:17

55 <sup>1</sup>Later mss. add, *and  
said, "You do not know  
what kind of spirit you are  
of. 56 For the Son of Man  
did not come to destroy  
men's lives, but to save  
them."*

36 And when the voice <sup>1</sup>had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And <sup>a</sup>they kept silent, and reported to no one in those days any of the things which they had seen.

37 <sup>a</sup>And it came about on the next day, that when they had come down from the mountain, a great multitude met Him.

38 And behold, a man from the multitude shouted out, saying, "Teacher, I beg You to look at my son, for he is my <sup>1</sup>only boy,

39 and behold, a spirit seizes him, and he suddenly screams, and it throws him into a convulsion with foaming *at the mouth*, and as it mauls him, it scarcely leaves him.

40 "And I begged Your disciples to cast it out, and they could not."

41 And Jesus answered and said, "O unbelieving and perverted generation, how long shall I be with you, and put up with you? Bring your son here."

42 And while he was still approaching, the demon <sup>1</sup>dashed him *to the ground*, and threw him into a violent convulsion. But Jesus rebuked the unclean spirit, and healed the boy, and gave him back to his father.

43 And they were all amazed at the <sup>1a</sup>greatness of God.

<sup>b</sup>But while everyone was marveling at all that He was doing, He said to His disciples,

44 "Let these words sink into your ears; <sup>a</sup>for the Son of Man is going to be <sup>1</sup>delivered into the hands of men."

45 But <sup>a</sup>they <sup>1</sup>did not understand this statement, and it was concealed from them so that they might not perceive it; and they were afraid to ask Him about this statement.

46 <sup>a</sup>And an argument <sup>1</sup>arose among them as to which of them might be the greatest.

47 But Jesus, <sup>a</sup>knowing <sup>1</sup>what they were thinking in their heart, took a child and stood him by His side,

48 and said to them, "<sup>a</sup>Whoever receives this child in My name receives Me; and whoever receives Me receives Him who sent Me; <sup>b</sup>for he who is <sup>1</sup>least among you, this is the one who is great."

49 <sup>a</sup>And John answered and said, "<sup>b</sup>Master, we saw someone casting out demons in Your name; and we tried to hinder him because he does not follow along with us."

50 But Jesus said to him, "Do not hinder *him*; <sup>a</sup>for he who is not against you is <sup>1</sup>for you."

51 And it came about, when the days were approaching for <sup>a</sup>His <sup>1</sup>ascension, that He resolutely set His face <sup>b</sup>to go to Jerusalem;

52 and He sent messengers on ahead of Him. And they went, and entered a village of the <sup>a</sup>Samaritans, to <sup>1</sup>make arrangements for Him.

53 And they did not receive Him, <sup>a</sup>because <sup>1</sup>He was journeying with His face toward Jerusalem.

54 And when His disciples <sup>a</sup>James and John saw *this*, they said, "Lord, do You want us to command fire to come down from heaven and consume them?"

55 But He turned and rebuked them.<sup>1</sup>

56 And they went on to another village.

57 And <sup>a</sup>as they were going along the road, <sup>b</sup>someone said to Him, "I will follow You wherever You go."

58 And Jesus said to him, "The foxes have holes, and the birds of the <sup>1</sup>air have <sup>2</sup>nests, but <sup>a</sup>the Son of Man has nowhere to lay His head."

59 And He said to another, "<sup>a</sup>Follow Me." But he said, "<sup>1</sup>Permit me first to go and bury my father."

60 But He said to him, "Allow the dead to bury their own dead; but as for you, go and <sup>a</sup>proclaim everywhere the kingdom of God."

61 And another also said, "I will follow You, Lord; but <sup>a</sup>first permit me to say good-bye to those at home."

62 But Jesus said to him, "<sup>a</sup>No one, after putting his hand to the plow and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God."

## CHAPTER 10

NOW after this <sup>a</sup>the Lord appointed <sup>1</sup>seventy <sup>b</sup>others, and sent them <sup>c</sup>two and two ahead of Him to every city and place where He Himself was going to come.

2 And He was saying to them, "<sup>a</sup>The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore beseech the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest.

3 "<sup>a</sup>Go your ways; <sup>a</sup>behold, I send you out as lambs in the midst of wolves.

4 "<sup>a</sup>Carry no purse, no <sup>1</sup>bag, no shoes; and greet no one on the way.

5 "And whatever house you enter, first say, 'Peace *be* to this house.'

6 "And if a <sup>1</sup>man of peace is there, your peace will rest upon him; but if not, it will return to you.

7 "And stay in <sup>1</sup>that house, eating and drinking <sup>2</sup>what they give you; for <sup>a</sup>the laborer is worthy of his wages. Do not keep moving from house to house.

8 "And whatever city you enter, and they receive you, <sup>a</sup>eat what is set before you;

9 and heal those in it who are sick, and say to them, '<sup>a</sup>The kingdom of God has come near to you.'

10 "But whatever city you enter and they do not receive you, go out into its streets and say,

11 '<sup>a</sup>Even the dust of your city which clings to our feet, we wipe off *in protest* against you; yet <sup>1</sup>be sure of this, that <sup>b</sup>the kingdom of God has come near.'

12 "I say to you, <sup>a</sup>it will be more tolerable in that day for <sup>b</sup>Sodom, than for that city.

13 "<sup>a</sup>Woe to you, <sup>b</sup>Chorazin! Woe to you, <sup>b</sup>Bethsaida! For if the <sup>1</sup>miracles had been performed in <sup>b</sup>Tyre and Sidon which occurred in you, they would have repented long ago, sitting in <sup>c</sup>sackcloth and ashes.

14 "But it will be more tolerable for <sup>a</sup>Tyre and Sidon in the judgment, than for you.

15 "And you, <sup>a</sup>Capernaum, will not be exalted to heaven, will you? You will be brought down to <sup>b</sup>Hades!

16 "<sup>a</sup>The one who listens to you listens to Me, and <sup>b</sup>the one

57 <sup>a</sup>Luke 9:51 <sup>b</sup>Luke 9:57-60: Matt. 8:19-22

58 <sup>1</sup>Or, sky <sup>2</sup>Cr., roosting-places <sup>a</sup>Matt. 8:20

59 <sup>1</sup>Some mss. add, Lord <sup>a</sup>Matt. 8:22

60 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 4:23

61 <sup>a</sup>1 Kin. 19:20

62 <sup>a</sup>Phil. 3:13

1 <sup>1</sup>Some mss. read, seventy-two <sup>a</sup>Luke 7:13 <sup>b</sup>Luke 9:1f., 52 <sup>c</sup>Mark 6:7

2 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 9:37, 38; John 4:35

3 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 10:16

4 <sup>1</sup>Cr., knapsack, or beggar's bag <sup>a</sup>Luke 10:4-12; Matt. 10:9-14; Mark 6:8-11; Luke 9:3-5

6 <sup>1</sup>Lit., son

7 <sup>1</sup>Or, the house itself <sup>2</sup>Lit., the things from them <sup>a</sup>Matt. 10:10; 1 Cor. 9:14; 1 Tim. 5:18

8 <sup>a</sup>1 Cor. 10:27

9 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 3:2; 10:7; Luke 10:11

11 <sup>1</sup>Lit., know <sup>a</sup>Matt. 10:14; Mark 6:11; Luke 9:5 <sup>b</sup>Matt. 3:2; 10:7; Luke 10:9

12 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 10:15; 11:24 <sup>b</sup>Matt. 10:15

13 <sup>1</sup>Or, works of power <sup>a</sup>Luke 10:13-15; Matt. 11:21-23 <sup>b</sup>Matt. 11:21 <sup>c</sup>Rev. 11:3

14 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 11:21

15 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 4:13 <sup>b</sup>Matt. 11:23

16 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 10:40; John 13:20; Gal. 4:14 <sup>b</sup>John 12:48; 1 Thess. 4:8

17 <sup>1</sup>Some mss. read, seventy-two  
<sup>a</sup>Mark 16:17

18 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 4:10

19 <sup>a</sup>Mark 16:18

20 <sup>a</sup>Ex. 32:32; Ps. 69:28; Is. 4:3; Ezek. 13:9; Dan. 12:1; Phil. 4:3; Heb. 12:23; Rev. 3:5; 13:8; 17:8; 20:12, 15; 21:27

21 <sup>1</sup>Lit., hour <sup>2</sup>Or, acknowledge to Thy praise  
<sup>a</sup>Luke 10:21, 22: Matt. 11:25-27

23 <sup>a</sup>Luke 10:23, 24: Matt. 13:16, 17

25 <sup>1</sup>I.e., an expert in the Mosaic law  
<sup>a</sup>Luke 10:25-28: Matt. 22:34-40; Mark 12:28-31; Matt. 19:16-19 <sup>b</sup>Matt. 22:35

26 <sup>1</sup>Lit., do you read

27 <sup>a</sup>Deut. 6:5; Lev. 19:18

28 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 19:17; Lev. 18:5

29 <sup>a</sup>Luke 16:15

30 <sup>1</sup>Lit., laid blows upon  
<sup>a</sup>Luke 18:31; 19:28

33 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 10:5; Luke 9:52

35 <sup>1</sup>The denarius was worth 18 cents in silver, equivalent to a day's wage

who rejects you rejects Me; and he who rejects Me rejects the One who sent Me."

17 And the <sup>1</sup>seventy returned with joy, saying, "Lord, even <sup>a</sup>the demons are subject to us in Your name."

18 And He said to them, "I was watching <sup>a</sup>Satan fall from heaven like lightning.

19 "Behold, I have given you authority to <sup>a</sup>tread upon serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall injure you.

20 "Nevertheless do not rejoice in this, that the spirits are subject to you, but rejoice that <sup>a</sup>your names are recorded in heaven."

21 <sup>a</sup>At that very <sup>1</sup>time He rejoiced greatly in the Holy Spirit, and said, "I <sup>2</sup>praise Thee, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that Thou didst hide these things from *the* wise and intelligent and didst reveal them to babes. Yes, Father, for thus it was well-pleasing in Thy sight.

22 "All things have been handed over to Me by My Father, and no one knows who the Son is except the Father, and who the Father is except the Son, and anyone to whom the Son wills to reveal *Him*."

23 <sup>a</sup>And turning to the disciples, He said privately, "Blessed *are* the eyes which see the things you see,

24 for I say to you, that many prophets and kings wished to see the things which you see, and did not see *them*, and to hear the things which you hear, and did not hear *them*."

25 <sup>a</sup>And behold, a certain <sup>1b</sup>lawyer stood up and put Him to the test, saying, "Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?"

26 And He said to him, "What is written in the Law? How <sup>1</sup>does it read to you?"

27 And he answered and said, "<sup>a</sup>YOU SHALL LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD WITH ALL YOUR HEART, AND WITH ALL YOUR SOUL, AND WITH ALL YOUR STRENGTH, AND WITH ALL YOUR MIND; AND YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF."

28 And He said to him, "You have answered correctly; <sup>a</sup>DO THIS, AND YOU WILL LIVE."

29 But wishing <sup>a</sup>to justify himself, he said to Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?"

30 Jesus replied and said, "A certain man was <sup>a</sup>going down from Jerusalem to Jericho; and he fell among robbers, and they stripped him and <sup>1</sup>beat him, and went off leaving him half dead.

31 "And by chance a certain priest was going down on that road, and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side.

32 "And likewise a Levite also, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side.

33 "But a certain <sup>a</sup>Samaritan, who was on a journey, came upon him; and when he saw him, he felt compassion,

34 and came to him, and bandaged up his wounds, pouring oil and wine on *them*; and he put him on his own beast, and brought him to an inn, and took care of him.

35 "And on the next day he took out two <sup>1</sup>denarii and gave them to the innkeeper and said, 'Take care of him; and whatever more you spend, when I return, I will repay you.'

36 "Which of these three do you think proved to be a neighbor to the man who fell into the robbers' hands?"

37 And he said, "The one who showed mercy toward him." And Jesus said to him, "Go and do <sup>1</sup>the same."

38 Now as they were traveling along, He entered a certain village; and a <sup>1</sup>woman named <sup>a</sup>Martha welcomed Him into her home.

39 And she had a sister called <sup>a</sup>Mary, who moreover was listening to the Lord's word, <sup>b</sup>seated at His feet.

40 But <sup>a</sup>Martha was distracted with <sup>1</sup>all her preparations; and she came up to *Him*, and said, "Lord, do You not care that my sister has left me to do all the serving alone? Then tell her to help me."

41 But the Lord answered and said to her, "<sup>a</sup>Martha, Martha, you are <sup>b</sup>worried and bothered about so many things;

42 <sup>1a</sup>but *only* a few things are necessary, <sup>2</sup>really *only one*, for <sup>b</sup>Mary has chosen the good part, which shall not be taken away from her."

CHAPTER 11

AND it came about that while He was praying in a certain place, after He had finished, one of His disciples said to Him, "<sup>a</sup>Lord, teach us to pray just as John also taught his disciples."

2 And He said to them, "<sup>a</sup>When you pray, say:

<sup>1</sup>Father, hallowed be Thy name.

Thy kingdom come.

3 <sup>1</sup>Give us <sup>a</sup>each day our <sup>1</sup>daily bread.

4 <sup>1</sup>And forgive us our sins,

For we ourselves also forgive everyone who <sup>a</sup>is indebted to us.

And lead us not into temptation.' "

5 And He said to them, "<sup>1</sup>Suppose one of you shall have a friend, and shall go to him at midnight, and say to him, 'Friend, lend me three loaves;

6 for a friend of mine has come to me from a journey, and I have nothing to set before him';

7 and from inside he shall answer and say, 'Do not bother me; the door has already been shut and my children <sup>1</sup>and I are in bed; I cannot get up and give you *anything*.'

8 "I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him *anything* because he is his friend, yet <sup>a</sup>because of his <sup>1</sup>persistence he will get up and give him as much as he needs.

9 "And I say to you, <sup>1a</sup>ask, and it shall be given to you; <sup>2</sup>seek, and you shall find; <sup>3</sup>knock, and it shall be opened to you.

10 "For everyone who asks, receives; and he who seeks, finds; and to him who knocks, it shall be opened.

11 "Now <sup>1</sup>suppose one of you fathers is asked by his son for a <sup>2</sup>fish; he will not give him a snake instead of a fish, will he?

12 "Or *if* he is asked for an egg, he will not give him a scorpion, will he?

13 "If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more shall *your* <sup>1</sup>heavenly Father give the <sup>b</sup>Holy Spirit to those who ask Him?"

37 <sup>1</sup>Or, *likewise*

38 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *certain woman*  
<sup>a</sup>Luke 10:40f.; John 11:1, 5, 19ff., 30, 39; 12:2

39 <sup>a</sup>Luke 10:42; John 11:1f., 19f., 28, 31f., 45; 12:3 <sup>b</sup>Luke 8:35; Acts 22:3

40 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *much service*  
<sup>a</sup>Luke 10:38, 41; John 11:1, 5, 19ff., 30, 39; 12:2

41 <sup>a</sup>Luke 10:38, 40; John 11:1, 5, 19ff., 30, 39; 12:2  
<sup>b</sup>Matt. 6:25

42 <sup>1</sup>Some mss. read, *but one thing is necessary* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *or*  
<sup>a</sup>John 6:27; Ps. 27:4 <sup>b</sup>Luke 10:39; John 11:1f., 19f., 28, 31f., 45; 12:3

1 <sup>a</sup>Luke 7:13

2 <sup>1</sup>Some mss. insert phrases from Matt. 6:9-13 to make the two passages closely similar  
<sup>a</sup>Luke 11:2-4; Matt. 6:9-13

3 <sup>1</sup>Or, *bread for the coming day, or needful bread*  
<sup>a</sup>Acts 17:11

4 <sup>a</sup>Luke 13:4 marg.

5 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *Which one of you*

7 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *with me*

8 <sup>1</sup>Or, *shamelessness*  
<sup>a</sup>Luke 18:1-6

9 <sup>1</sup>Or, *keep asking* <sup>2</sup>Or, *keep seeking* <sup>3</sup>Or, *keep knocking*  
<sup>a</sup>Luke 11:9-13; Matt. 7:7-11

11 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *which of you shall a son ask the father*  
<sup>2</sup>Some early mss. insert: *loaf, he will not give him a stone, will he, or for a...*

13 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *Father from heaven*  
<sup>a</sup>Luke 18:7f.; <sup>b</sup>Matt. 7:11

14 <sup>a</sup>Luke 11:14, 15; *Matt.* 12:22, 24; *Matt.* 9:32-34

15 <sup>1</sup>Here and in verses 18 and 19 some mss. read, *Beelzebul*  
<sup>a</sup>Matt. 9:34 <sup>b</sup>Matt. 10:25

16 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *were testing* <sup>2</sup>Or, *attesting miracle*  
<sup>a</sup>Matt. 12:38

17 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *every* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *a house against a house falls*  
<sup>a</sup>Luke 11:17-22; *Matt.* 12:25-29; *Mark* 3:23-27

18 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 4:10 <sup>b</sup>Matt. 10:25

19 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 10:25

20 <sup>a</sup>Ex. 8:19 <sup>b</sup>Matt. 3:2

21 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *the* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *in peace*  
<sup>a</sup>Matt. 26:3

23 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 12:30

24 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *the*  
<sup>a</sup>Luke 11:24-26; *Matt.* 12:43-45

27 <sup>a</sup>Luke 23:29

28 <sup>a</sup>Luke 8:21

29 <sup>1</sup>Or, *attesting miracle*  
<sup>a</sup>Luke 11:29-32; *Matt.* 12:39-42 <sup>b</sup>Luke 11:16; *Matt.* 12:38

30 <sup>1</sup>Or, *attesting miracle*

33 <sup>a</sup>Luke 8:16; *Matt.* 5:15; *Mark* 4:21

14 <sup>a</sup>And He was casting out a demon, *and it was dumb*; and it came about that when the demon had gone out, the dumb man spoke; and the multitudes marveled.

15 But some of them said, "He casts out demons <sup>a</sup>by <sup>b</sup>Beelzebul, the ruler of the demons."

16 And others, <sup>1</sup>to test *Him*, <sup>a</sup>were demanding of Him a <sup>2</sup>sign from heaven.

17 <sup>a</sup>But He knew their thoughts, and said to them, "Any kingdom divided against itself is laid waste; and <sup>2</sup>a house divided against itself falls.

18 "And if <sup>a</sup>Satan also is divided against himself, how shall his kingdom stand? For you say that I cast out demons by <sup>b</sup>Beelzebul.

19 "And if I by <sup>a</sup>Beelzebul cast out demons, by whom do your sons cast them out? Consequently they shall be your judges.

20 "But if I cast out demons by the <sup>a</sup>finger of God, then <sup>b</sup>the kingdom of God has come upon you.

21 "When <sup>1</sup>a strong *man* fully armed guards his own <sup>a</sup>home-  
stead, his possessions are <sup>2</sup>undisturbed;

22 but when someone stronger than he attacks him and overpowers him, he takes away from him all his armor on which he had relied, and distributes his plunder.

23 "<sup>a</sup>He who is not with Me is against Me; and he who does not gather with Me, scatters.

24 "<sup>a</sup>When the unclean spirit goes out of <sup>1</sup>a man, it passes through waterless places seeking rest, and not finding any, it says, 'I will return to my house from which I came.'

25 "And when it comes, it finds it swept and put in order.

26 "Then it goes and takes *along* seven other spirits more evil than itself, and they go in and live there; and the last state of that man becomes worse than the first."

27 And it came about while He said these things, one of the women in the crowd raised her voice, and said to Him, "<sup>a</sup>Blessed is the womb that bore You, and the breasts at which You nursed."

28 But He said, "On the contrary, blessed are <sup>a</sup>those who hear the word of God, and observe it."

29 And as the crowds were increasing, He began to say, "<sup>a</sup>This generation is a wicked generation; it <sup>b</sup>seeks for a <sup>1</sup>sign, and yet no <sup>1</sup>sign shall be given to it but the <sup>1</sup>sign of Jonah.

30 "For just as Jonah became a <sup>1</sup>sign to the Ninevites, so shall the Son of Man be to this generation.

31 "The Queen of the South shall rise up with the men of this generation at the judgment and condemn them, because she came from the ends of the earth to hear the wisdom of Solomon; and behold, something greater than Solomon is here.

32 "The men of Nineveh shall stand up with this generation at the judgment and condemn it, because they repented at the preaching of Jonah; and behold, something greater than Jonah is here.

33 "No <sup>a</sup>one, after lighting a lamp, puts it away in a cellar, nor under a peck-measure, but on the lampstand, in order that those who enter may see the light.

34 "The lamp of your body is your eye; when your eye is clear, your whole body also is full of light; but when it is bad, your body also is full of darkness.

35 "Then watch out that the light in you may not be darkness.

36 "If therefore your whole body is full of light, with no dark part in it, it shall be wholly illumined, as when the lamp illumines you with its rays."

37 Now when He had spoken, a Pharisee asked Him to have lunch with him; and He went in, and reclined at table.

38 And when the Pharisee saw it, he was surprised that He had not first ceremonially washed before the meal.

39 But the Lord said to him, "Now you Pharisees clean the outside of the cup and of the platter; but inside of you, you are full of robbery and wickedness.

40 "You foolish ones, did not He who made the outside make the inside also?

41 "But give that which is within as charity, and then all things are clean for you.

42 "But woe to you Pharisees! For you pay tithes of mint and rue and every kind of garden herb, and yet disregard justice and the love of God; but these are the things you should have done without neglecting the others.

43 "Woe to you Pharisees! For you love the front seats in the synagogues, and the respectful greetings in the market places.

44 "Woe to you! For you are like concealed tombs, and the people who walk over them are unaware of it."

45 And one of the lawyers said to Him in reply, "Teacher, when You say this, You insult us too."

46 But He said, "Woe to you lawyers as well! For you weigh men down with burdens hard to bear, while you yourselves will not even touch the burdens with one of your fingers.

47 "Woe to you! For you build the tombs of the prophets, and it was your fathers who killed them.

48 "Consequently, you are witnesses and approve the deeds of your fathers; because it was they who killed them, and you build their tombs.

49 "For this reason also the wisdom of God said, 'I will send to them prophets and apostles, and some of them they will kill and some they will persecute,

50 in order that the blood of all the prophets, shed since the foundation of the world, may be charged against this generation,

51 from the blood of Abel to the blood of Zechariah, who perished between the altar and the house of God; yes, I tell you, it shall be charged against this generation.'

52 "Woe to you lawyers! For you have taken away the key of knowledge; you did not enter in yourselves, and those who were entering in you hindered."

53 And when He left there, the scribes and the Pharisees began to be very hostile and to question Him closely on many subjects,

54 plotting against Him, to catch Him in something He might say.

34 <sup>1</sup>Or, healthy  
<sup>a</sup>Luke 11:34, 35; Matt. 6:22, 23

38 <sup>1</sup>Cr., baptized <sup>2</sup>Or, lunch  
<sup>a</sup>Matt. 15:2; Mark 7:3f.

39 <sup>1</sup>Lit., your inside is full  
<sup>a</sup>Luke 7:13 <sup>b</sup>Matt. 23:25f.

40 <sup>a</sup>Luke 12:20; 1 Cor. 15:36

41 <sup>1</sup>Lit., behold  
<sup>a</sup>Luke 12:33; 16:9 <sup>b</sup>Mark 7:19; Titus 1:15

42 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 23:23 <sup>b</sup>Luke 18:12

43 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 23:6f.; Mark 12:38f.; Luke 20:46; 14:7

44 <sup>1</sup>Or, indistinct, unseen  
<sup>a</sup>Matt. 23:27

45 <sup>1</sup>i.e., experts in the Mosaic law  
<sup>a</sup>Luke 11:46, 52; Matt. 22:35

46 <sup>1</sup>Lit., and  
<sup>a</sup>Luke 11:45, 52; Matt. 22:35 <sup>b</sup>Matt. 23:4

47 <sup>1</sup>Or, monuments to  
<sup>a</sup>Matt. 23:29ff.

49 <sup>1</sup>Or, drive out  
<sup>a</sup>1 Cor. 1:24, 30; Col. 2:3  
<sup>b</sup>Luke 11:49-51; Matt. 23:34-36

50 <sup>1</sup>Or, required of  
<sup>a</sup>Matt. 25:34

51 <sup>1</sup>Or, required of

52 <sup>1</sup>i.e., experts in the Mosaic law  
<sup>a</sup>Luke 11:45, 46; Matt. 22:35 <sup>b</sup>Matt. 23:13

54 <sup>1</sup>Lit., something out of His mouth  
<sup>a</sup>Acts 23:2; Luke 20:20; Mark 3:2 <sup>b</sup>Mark 12:13

1 <sup>1</sup>Cr., *myriads*  
<sup>a</sup>Matt. 16:6, 11f.; Mark 8:15

2 <sup>2</sup>Luke 12:2-9; *Matt.*  
10:26-33; Luke 8:17; *Matt.*  
10:26; Mark 4:22

3 <sup>3</sup>Lit., *spoken in the ear*  
<sup>a</sup>Matt. 10:27; *Matt.* 24:17

4 <sup>4</sup>John 15:13-15

5 <sup>5</sup>Or, *show* <sup>2</sup>Cr.,  
*Cehenna*  
<sup>a</sup>Heb. 10:31 <sup>b</sup>Matt. 5:22

6 <sup>6</sup>Cr., *assaria*, the  
smallest of copper coins  
<sup>a</sup>Matt. 10:29

7 <sup>7</sup>Matt. 10:30

8 <sup>8</sup>Matt. 10:32; Luke  
15:10; Rom. 10:9

9 <sup>9</sup>Luke 9:26; *Matt.*  
10:33 <sup>b</sup>Matt. 10:32; Luke  
15:10; Rom. 10:9

10 <sup>10</sup>Matt. 12:31, 32; Mark  
3:28-30

11 <sup>11</sup>Matt. 10:17 <sup>b</sup>Luke  
12:22; *Matt.* 6:25; 10:19;  
Mark 13:11; Luke 21:14

12 <sup>12</sup>Matt. 10:20; Luke  
21:15

13 <sup>13</sup>Lit., *out of*

14 <sup>14</sup>Mic. 6:8; Rom. 2:1, 3;  
9:20

15 <sup>15</sup>1 Tim. 6:6-10

19 <sup>19</sup>Eccles. 11:9

20 <sup>20</sup>Lit., *they are*  
*demanding your soul from you*  
<sup>a</sup>Jer. 17:11; Luke 11:40  
<sup>b</sup>Job 27:8 <sup>c</sup>Ps. 39:6

**U**NDER these circumstances, after <sup>1</sup>so many thousands of the multitude had gathered together that they were stepping on one another, He began saying to His disciples first of all, <sup>a</sup>"Beware of the leaven of the Pharisees, which is hypocrisy.

2 <sup>a</sup>"But there is nothing covered up that will not be revealed, and hidden that will not be known.

3 "Accordingly whatever you have said in the dark shall be heard in the light, and what you have <sup>1</sup>whispered in the inner rooms shall be proclaimed upon <sup>a</sup>the housetops.

4 "And I say to you, <sup>a</sup>My friends, do not be afraid of those who kill the body, and after that have no more that they can do.

5 "But I will <sup>1</sup>warn you whom to fear: <sup>a</sup>fear the One who after He has killed has authority to cast into <sup>2</sup>hell; yes, I tell you, fear Him!

6 "Are not <sup>a</sup>five sparrows sold for two <sup>1</sup>cents? And yet not one of them is forgotten before God.

7 "Indeed the very hairs of your head are all numbered. Do not fear; you are of more value than many sparrows.

8 "And I say to you, everyone who confesses Me before men, the Son of Man shall confess him also <sup>a</sup>before the angels of God;

9 but <sup>a</sup>he who denies Me before men shall be denied <sup>b</sup>before the angels of God.

10 "And everyone who will speak a word against the Son of Man, it shall be forgiven him; but he who blasphemes against the Holy Spirit, it shall not be forgiven him.

11 "And when they bring you before <sup>a</sup>the synagogues and the rulers and the authorities, do not become <sup>b</sup>anxious about how or what you should speak in your defense, or what you should say;

12 for <sup>a</sup>the Holy Spirit will teach you in that very hour what you ought to say."

13 And someone <sup>1</sup>in the crowd said to Him, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the *family* inheritance with me."

14 But He said to him, "<sup>a</sup>Man, who appointed Me a judge or arbiter over you?"

15 And He said to them, "<sup>a</sup>Beware, and be on your guard against every form of greed; for not *even* when one has an abundance does his life consist of his possessions."

16 And He told them a parable, saying, "The land of a certain rich man was very productive.

17 "And he began reasoning to himself, saying, 'What shall I do, since I have no place to store my crops?'

18 "And he said, 'This is what I will do: I will tear down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods.

19 "And I will say to my soul, 'Soul, <sup>a</sup>you have many goods laid up for many years *to come*; take your ease, eat, drink *and* be merry.'"

20 "But God said to him, '<sup>a</sup>You fool! This *very* night <sup>b</sup>by your soul is required of you; and <sup>c</sup>now who will own what you have prepared?'



21 "So is the man who <sup>a</sup>lays up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God."

22 And He said to His disciples, "For this reason I say to you, do not be anxious for your <sup>1</sup>life, as to what you shall eat; nor for your body, as to what you shall put on.

23 "For life is more than food, and the body than clothing.

24 "Consider the <sup>a</sup>ravens, for they neither sow nor reap; and they have no storeroom nor <sup>b</sup>barn; and yet God feeds them; how much more valuable you are than the birds!

25 "And which of you by being anxious can add a *single* <sup>1</sup>acubit to his <sup>2</sup>life's span?

26 "If then you cannot do even a very little thing, why are you anxious about other matters?

27 "Consider the lilies, how <sup>1</sup>they grow; they neither toil nor spin; but I tell you, even <sup>a</sup>Solomon in all his glory did not clothe himself like one of these.

28 "But if God so *arrays* the grass in the field, which is *alive* today and tomorrow is thrown into the furnace, how much more *will He clothe* you, <sup>o</sup>O men of little faith!

29 "And do not seek what you shall eat, and what you shall drink, and do not <sup>a</sup>keep worrying.

30 "For <sup>1</sup>all these things the nations of the world eagerly seek; but your Father knows that you need these things.

31 "But seek for His kingdom, and <sup>a</sup>these things shall be added to you.

32 "<sup>a</sup>Do not be afraid, <sup>b</sup>little flock, for <sup>c</sup>your Father has chosen gladly to give you the kingdom.

33 "<sup>a</sup>Sell your possessions and give to charity; make yourselves purses which do not wear out, <sup>b</sup>an unfailling treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near, nor moth destroys.

34 "For <sup>a</sup>where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

35 "<sup>1</sup>Be dressed in <sup>b</sup>breadiness, and *keep* your lamps alight.

36 "And be like men who are waiting for their master when he returns from the wedding feast, so that they may immediately open *the door* to him when he comes and knocks.

37 "Blessed are those slaves whom the master shall find <sup>a</sup>on the alert when he comes; truly I say to you, that <sup>b</sup>he will gird himself to *serve*, and have them recline *at table*, and will come up and wait on them.

38 "Whether he comes in the <sup>1</sup>second watch, or even in the <sup>2</sup>third, and finds *them*, so, blessed are those *slaves*.

39 "<sup>a</sup>And <sup>1</sup>be sure of this, that if the head of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have allowed his house to be <sup>2</sup>broken into.

40 "<sup>a</sup>You too, be ready; for the Son of Man is coming at an hour that you do not <sup>1</sup>expect."

41 And Peter said, "Lord, are You addressing this parable to us, or <sup>a</sup>to everyone *else* as well?"

42 And <sup>a</sup>the Lord said, "<sup>b</sup>Who then is the faithful and sensible <sup>c</sup>steward, whom his master will put in charge of his <sup>1</sup>servants, to give them their rations at the proper time?

43 "Blessed is that <sup>a</sup>slave whom his <sup>1</sup>master finds so doing when he comes.

44 "Truly I say to you, that he will put him in charge of all his possessions.

21 <sup>a</sup>Luke 12:33

22 <sup>1</sup>Cr., *soul-life*  
<sup>a</sup>Luke 12:22-31; *Matt.* 6:25-33

24 <sup>a</sup>Job 38:41 <sup>b</sup>Luke 12:18

25 <sup>1</sup>I.e., 18 inches <sup>2</sup>Or, *height*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 39:5

27 <sup>1</sup>Some mss. omit, *they grow*  
<sup>a</sup>1 Kin. 10:4-7

28 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 6:30

29 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 6:31

30 <sup>1</sup>Or, *these things all the nations of the world*

31 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 6:33

32 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 14:27 <sup>b</sup>John 21:15-17 <sup>c</sup>Eph. 1:5, 9

33 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 19:21; Luke 18:22; 11:41 <sup>b</sup>Matt. 6:20; Luke 12:21

34 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 6:21

35 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *Let your loins be girded*  
<sup>a</sup>Luke 12:35, 36; *Matt.* 25:1ff. <sup>b</sup>Eph. 6:14; 1 Pet. 1:13

37 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 24:42 <sup>b</sup>Luke 17:8; John 13:4

38 <sup>1</sup>I.e., 9 p.m. to midnight <sup>2</sup>I.e., midnight to 3 a.m.  
<sup>a</sup>Matt. 24:43

39 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *know* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *dug through*  
<sup>a</sup>Luke 12:39, 40; *Matt.* 24:43, 44 <sup>b</sup>Matt. 6:19

40 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *think, suppose*  
<sup>a</sup>Luke 21:36; Mark 13:33

41 <sup>a</sup>Luke 12:47, 48

42 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *service*  
<sup>a</sup>Luke 7:13 <sup>b</sup>Luke 12:42-46; *Matt.* 24:45-51 <sup>c</sup>Matt. 24:45; Luke 16:1ff.

43 <sup>1</sup>Or, *lord*  
<sup>a</sup>Luke 12:42

45 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *is delaying to come*

47 <sup>a</sup>Deut. 25:2

48 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *blows*  
<sup>a</sup>Lev. 5:17; Num. 15:29f.  
<sup>b</sup>Matt. 13:12

49 <sup>1</sup>Or, *came* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *what do I wish if . . . ?*

50 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *be baptized with*  
<sup>a</sup>Mark 10:38

51 <sup>a</sup>Luke 12:51-53; *Matt.*  
10:34-36

53 <sup>a</sup>Mic. 7:6; *Matt.* 10:21

54 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 16:2f.

55 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 20:12

56 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *how*  
<sup>a</sup>Matt. 16:3

57 <sup>a</sup>Luke 21:30

58 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *be released from him*  
<sup>a</sup>Luke 12:58, 59; *Matt.*  
5:25, 26

59 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *lepton*, i.e.,  
1/128 of a denarius  
<sup>a</sup>Mark 12:42

1 <sup>1</sup>Or, *shed along with*  
<sup>a</sup>Matt. 27

2 <sup>a</sup>John 9:2f.

3 <sup>1</sup>Or, *are repentant*

45 "But if that slave says in his heart, 'My master <sup>1</sup>will be a long time in coming,' and begins to beat the slaves, *both* men and women, and to eat and drink and get drunk;

46 the master of that slave will come on a day when he does not expect *him*, and at an hour he does not know, and will cut him in pieces, and assign him a place with the unbelievers.

47 "And that slave who knew his master's will and did not get ready or act in accord with his will, shall <sup>a</sup>receive many lashes,

48 but the one who did not <sup>a</sup>know *it*, and committed deeds worthy of <sup>1a</sup> a flogging, will receive but few. <sup>b</sup>And from everyone who has been given much shall much be required; and to whom they entrusted much, of him they will ask all the more.

49 "I <sup>1</sup>have come to cast fire upon the earth; and <sup>2</sup>how I wish it were already kindled!

50 "But I have a <sup>a</sup>baptism to <sup>1</sup>undergo, and how distressed I am until it is accomplished!

51 "<sup>a</sup>Do you suppose that I came to grant peace on earth? I tell you, no, but rather division;

52 for from now on five *members* in one household will be divided, three against two, and two against three.

53 "They will be divided, <sup>a</sup>father against son, and son against father; mother against daughter, and daughter against mother; mother-in-law against daughter-in-law, and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law."

54 And He was also saying to the multitudes, "<sup>a</sup>When you see a cloud rising in the west, immediately you say, 'A shower is coming,' and so it turns out.

55 "And when you *see* a south wind blowing, you say, 'It will be a <sup>a</sup>hot day,' and it turns out *that way*.

56 "You hypocrites! <sup>a</sup>You know how to analyze the appearance of the earth and the sky, but <sup>1</sup>why do you not analyze this present time?

57 "And <sup>a</sup>why do you not even on your own initiative judge what is right?

58 "For <sup>a</sup>while you are going with your opponent to appear before the magistrate, on *your way there* make an effort to <sup>1</sup>settle with him, in order that he may not drag you before the judge, and the judge turn you over to the constable, and the constable throw you into prison.

59 "I say to you, you shall not get out of there until you have paid the very last <sup>1a</sup>cent."

## CHAPTER 13

**N**OW on the same occasion there were some present who reported to Him about the Galileans, whose blood <sup>a</sup>Pilate had <sup>1</sup>mingled with their sacrifices.

2 And He answered and said to them, "<sup>a</sup>Do you suppose that these Galileans were *greater* sinners than all *other* Galileans, because they suffered this *fate*?

3 "I tell you, no, but, unless you <sup>1</sup>repent, you will all likewise perish.

4 "Or do you suppose that those eighteen on whom the

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tower in <sup>a</sup>Siloam fell and killed them, were *worse* <sup>b</sup>culpits than all the men who live in Jerusalem?

5 "I tell you, no, but, unless you repent, you will all likewise perish."

6 And He *began* telling this parable: "A certain man had <sup>a</sup>a fig tree which had been planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it, and did not find any.

7 "And he said to the vineyard-keeper, 'Behold, for three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree <sup>1</sup>without finding any. <sup>a</sup>Cut it down! Why does it even use up the ground?'

8 "And he answered and said to him, 'Let it alone, sir, for this year too, until I dig around it and put in fertilizer;

9 and if it bears fruit next year, *fine*; but if not, cut it down.'"

10 And He was <sup>a</sup>teaching in one of the synagogues on the Sabbath.

11 And behold, there was a woman who for eighteen years had had <sup>a</sup>a sickness caused by a spirit; and she was bent double, and could not straighten up at all.

12 And when Jesus saw her, He called her over and said to her, "Woman, you are freed from your sickness."

13 And He <sup>a</sup>laid His hands upon her; and immediately she was made erect again, and *began* <sup>b</sup>glorifying God.

14 And <sup>a</sup>the synagogue official, indignant because Jesus <sup>b</sup>had healed on the Sabbath, *began* saying to the multitude in response, "<sup>c</sup>There are six days in which work should be done; therefore come during them and get healed, and not on the Sabbath day."

15 But <sup>a</sup>the Lord answered him and said, "You hypocrites, <sup>b</sup>does not each of you on the Sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the stall, and lead him away to water *him*?

16 "And this woman, <sup>a</sup>a daughter of Abraham as she is, whom <sup>b</sup>Satan has bound for eighteen long years, should she not have been released from this bond on the Sabbath day?"

17 And as He said this, all His opponents were being humiliated; and <sup>a</sup>the entire multitude was rejoicing over all the glorious things being done by Him.

18 Therefore <sup>a</sup>He was saying, "<sup>b</sup>What is the kingdom of God like, and to what shall I compare it?

19 "It is like a mustard seed, which a man took and threw into his own garden; and it grew and became a tree; and the birds of the <sup>1</sup>air nested in its branches."

20 And again He said, "<sup>a</sup>To what shall I compare the kingdom of God?

21 "<sup>a</sup>It is like leaven, which a woman took and hid in <sup>b</sup>three <sup>1</sup>pecks of meal, until it was all leavened."

22 And He was passing through from one city and village to another, teaching, and <sup>a</sup>proceeding on His way to Jerusalem.

23 And someone said to Him, "Lord, are there *just* a few who are being saved?" And He said to them,

24 "<sup>a</sup>Strive to enter by the narrow door; for many, I tell you, will seek to enter and will not be able.<sup>1</sup>

25 "Once the head of the house gets up and <sup>a</sup>shuts the door, and you <sup>b</sup>begin to stand outside and knock on the door, saying, 'Lord, open up to us!' <sup>1</sup>then He will answer and say to you, 'I do not know where you are from.'

4 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *debtors*  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 8:6 [Neh. 3:15]; John 9:7, 11 <sup>b</sup>Matt. 6:12; Luke 11:4

6 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 21:19

7 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *and I do not find*  
<sup>a</sup>Matt. 3:10; 7:19; Luke 3:9

10 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 4:23

11 <sup>a</sup>Luke 13:16

13 <sup>a</sup>Mark 5:23 <sup>b</sup>Matt. 9:8

14 <sup>a</sup>Mark 5:22 <sup>b</sup>Matt. 12:2; Luke 14:3 <sup>c</sup>Ex. 20:9; Deut. 5:13

15 <sup>a</sup>Luke 7:13 <sup>b</sup>Luke 14:5

16 <sup>a</sup>Luke 19:9 <sup>b</sup>Matt. 4:10; Luke 13:11

17 <sup>a</sup>Luke 18:43

18 <sup>a</sup>Luke 13:18, 19; *Matt.* 13:31, 32; *Mark* 4:30-32  
<sup>b</sup>Matt. 13:24; Luke 13:20

19 <sup>1</sup>Or, *sky*

20 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 13:24; Luke 13:18

21 <sup>1</sup>Cr., *sata*  
<sup>a</sup>Luke 13:20, 21; *Matt.* 13:33 <sup>b</sup>Matt. 13:33

22 <sup>a</sup>Luke 9:51

24 <sup>1</sup>Or, *able, once* ...  
<sup>a</sup>Matt. 7:13

25 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *and*  
<sup>a</sup>Matt. 25:10 <sup>b</sup>Luke 3:8  
<sup>c</sup>Matt. 25:11; 7:22 <sup>d</sup>Luke 13:27; *Matt.* 7:23; 25:12

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26 <sup>a</sup>Luke 3:8

27 <sup>a</sup>Luke 13:25 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 6:8;  
Matt. 25:41

28 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 8:12

29 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 8:11

30 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 19:30

31 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 14:1; Luke 3:1;  
9:7; 23:7

32 <sup>1</sup>Or possibly, *am  
perfected*  
<sup>a</sup>Heb. 2:10; 5:9; 7:28

33 <sup>a</sup>John 11:9 <sup>b</sup>Matt.  
21:11

34 <sup>a</sup>Luke 13:34, 35; *Matt.*  
23:37-39; Luke 19:41  
<sup>b</sup>Matt. 23:37

35 <sup>1</sup>Later mss. add,  
*desolate*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 118:26; Matt. 21:9;  
Luke 19:38

<sup>1</sup>I.e., members of the  
Sanhedrin  
<sup>a</sup>Mark 3:2

<sup>2</sup>Lit., *behold*

<sup>3</sup>I.e., experts in Mosaic  
Law  
<sup>a</sup>Acts 3:12 <sup>b</sup>Matt. 22:35  
<sup>c</sup>Matt. 12:2; Luke 13:14

<sup>5</sup>Some ancient mss.  
read, *donkey*  
<sup>a</sup>Luke 13:15

<sup>6</sup><sup>a</sup>Matt. 22:46; Luke  
20:40

<sup>7</sup><sup>a</sup>Matt. 23:6

<sup>8</sup><sup>1</sup>Lit., *recline at*  
<sup>a</sup>Prov. 25:6, 7

<sup>9</sup><sup>1</sup>Lit., *begin*  
<sup>a</sup>Luke 3:8

26 "Then you will <sup>a</sup>begin to say, 'We ate and drank in Your presence, and You taught in our streets';

27 and He will say, 'I tell you, <sup>a</sup>I do not know where you are from; <sup>b</sup>DEPART FROM ME, ALL YOU EVILDOERS.'

28 <sup>a</sup>"There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth there when you see Abraham and Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God, but yourselves being cast out.

29 "And they <sup>a</sup>will come from east and west, and from north and south, and will recline *at table* in the kingdom of God.

30 "And behold, <sup>a</sup>some are last who will be first and *some* are first who will be last."

31 Just at that time some Pharisees came up, saying to Him, "Go away and depart from here, for <sup>a</sup>Herod wants to kill You."

32 And He said to them, "Go and tell that fox, 'Behold, I cast out demons and perform cures today and tomorrow, and the third *day* I <sup>1</sup>reach My goal.'

33 "Nevertheless <sup>a</sup>I must journey on today and tomorrow and the next *day*; for it cannot be that a <sup>b</sup>prophet should perish outside of Jerusalem.

34 <sup>a</sup>"O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, *the city* that kills the prophets and stones those sent to her! How often I wanted to gather your children together, <sup>b</sup>just as a hen *gathers* her brood under her wings, and you would not *have it!*

35 "Behold, your house is left to you <sup>1</sup>*desolate*; and I say to you, you shall not see Me until *the time* comes when you say, '<sup>a</sup>Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!'"

CHAPTER 14

AND it came about when He went into the house of one of the <sup>1</sup>leaders of the Pharisees on *the Sabbath* to eat bread, that <sup>a</sup>they were watching Him closely.

2 And <sup>1</sup>there, in front of Him was a certain man suffering from dropsy.

3 And Jesus <sup>a</sup>answered and spoke to the <sup>1</sup>blawyers and Pharisees, saying, "<sup>c</sup>Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbath, or not?"

4 But they kept silent. And He took hold of him, and healed him, and sent him away.

5 And He said to them, "<sup>a</sup>Which one of you shall have a <sup>1</sup>son or an ox fall into a well, and will not immediately pull him out on a Sabbath day?"

6 <sup>a</sup>And they could make no reply to this.

7 And He *began* speaking a parable to the invited guests when He noticed how <sup>a</sup>they had been picking out the places of honor *at the table*; saying to them,

8 "When you are invited by someone to a wedding feast, <sup>a</sup>do not <sup>1</sup>take the place of honor, lest someone more distinguished than you may have been invited by him,

9 and he who invited you both shall come and say to you, 'Give place to this man', and then <sup>a</sup>in disgrace you <sup>1</sup>proceed to occupy the last place.

10 "But when you are invited, go and recline at the last place, so that when the one who has invited you comes, he may

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say to you, 'Friend, <sup>a</sup>move up higher'; then you will have honor in the sight of all who <sup>1</sup>are at the table with you.

11 <sup>a</sup>"For everyone who exalts himself shall be humbled, and he who humbles himself shall be exalted."

12 And He also went on to say to the one who had invited Him, "When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, lest they also invite you in return, and repayment come to you.

13 "But when you give a <sup>1</sup>reception, invite *the* poor, *the* crippled, *the* lame, *the* blind,

14 and you will be <sup>1</sup>blessed, since they <sup>2</sup>do not have *the* means to repay you; for you will be repaid at <sup>a</sup>the resurrection of the righteous."

15 And when one of those who were reclining *at table* with Him heard this, he said to Him, <sup>a</sup>"Blessed is everyone who shall eat bread in the kingdom of God!"

16 But He said to him, <sup>a</sup>"A certain man was giving a big dinner, and he invited many;

17 and at the dinner hour he sent his slave to say to those who had been invited, 'Come; for everything is ready now.'

18 "But they all alike began to make excuses. The first one said to him, 'I have bought a <sup>1</sup>piece of land and I need to go out and look at it; <sup>2</sup>please consider me excused.'

19 "And another one said, 'I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I am going to try them out; <sup>1</sup>please consider me excused.'

20 "And another one said, 'I have married a wife, and for that reason I cannot come.'

21 "And the slave came *back* and reported this to his master. Then the head of the household became angry and said to his slave, 'Go out at once into the streets and lanes of the city and bring in here the poor and crippled and blind and lame.'

22 "And the slave said, 'Master, what you commanded has been done, and still there is room.'

23 "And the master said to the slave, 'Go out into the highways and along the hedges, and compel *them* to come in, that my house may be filled.'

24 'For I tell you, none of those men who were invited shall taste of my dinner.'

25 Now great multitudes were going along with Him; and He turned and said to them,

26 <sup>a</sup>"If anyone comes to Me, and does not <sup>1</sup>hate his own father and mother and wife and children and brothers and sisters, yes, and even his own life, he cannot be My disciple.

27 "Whoever does not <sup>a</sup>carry his own cross and come after Me cannot be My disciple.

28 "For which one of you, when he wants to build a tower, does not first sit down and calculate the cost, to see if he has enough to complete it?

29 "Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation, and is not able to finish, all who observe it begin to ridicule him,

30 saying, 'This man began to build and was not able to finish.'

31 "Or what king, when he sets out to meet another king in battle, will not first sit down and take counsel whether he is

<sup>10</sup> <sup>1</sup>Lit., *recline at table*  
<sup>2</sup>Prov. 25:6, 7

<sup>11</sup> <sup>2</sup>Luke 18:14; Matt. 23:12

<sup>13</sup> <sup>1</sup>Or, *banquet*

<sup>14</sup> <sup>1</sup>Or, *happy* <sup>2</sup>Or, *are unable to*  
<sup>a</sup>John 5:29; Acts 24:15;  
Rev. 20:4, 5[?]

<sup>15</sup> <sup>a</sup>Rev. 19:9

<sup>16</sup> <sup>a</sup>Luke 14:16-24; Matt. 22:2-14

<sup>18</sup> <sup>1</sup>Or, *field* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *I request you*

<sup>19</sup> <sup>1</sup>Lit., *I request you*

<sup>20</sup> <sup>a</sup>Deut. 24:5; 1 Cor. 7:33

<sup>26</sup> <sup>1</sup>i.e., by comparison of his love for Me  
<sup>a</sup>Matt. 10:37f.

<sup>27</sup> <sup>a</sup>Matt. 10:38

32 <sup>1</sup>Or, an embassy

33 <sup>a</sup>Phil. 3:7; Heb. 11:26

34 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 5:13; Mark 9:50

35 <sup>1</sup>Lit., they throw it out  
<sup>a</sup>Matt. 11:15

<sup>1</sup> Publicans who collected Roman taxes for profit <sup>2</sup>I.e., irreligious or non-practicing Jews  
<sup>a</sup>Luke 5:29

<sup>2</sup> Lit., grumble among themselves  
<sup>a</sup>Matt. 9:11

<sup>4</sup> Lit., wilderness  
<sup>a</sup>Luke 15:4-7; Matt. 18:12-14

<sup>8</sup> Gr., drachmas, one drachma was equivalent to a day's wages

<sup>9</sup> Lit., women friends and neighbors

<sup>10</sup> <sup>a</sup>Luke 15:7; Matt. 10:32

<sup>12</sup> <sup>1</sup>Lit., living  
<sup>a</sup>Deut. 21:17 <sup>b</sup>Mark 12:44; Luke 15:30

<sup>15</sup> <sup>1</sup>Lit., was joined to

<sup>16</sup> Some mss. read, to be satisfied with <sup>2</sup>Lit., belly  
<sup>3</sup>I.e., of the carob tree

<sup>17</sup> <sup>1</sup>Lit., himself

strong enough with ten thousand *men* to encounter the one coming against him with twenty thousand?

32 "Or else, while the other is still far away, he sends <sup>1</sup>a delegation and asks terms of peace.

33 "So therefore, no one of you can be My disciple who <sup>a</sup>does not give up all his own possessions.

34 "Therefore, salt is good; but <sup>a</sup>if even salt has become tasteless, with what will it be seasoned?

35 "It is useless either for the soil or for the manure pile; <sup>1</sup>it is thrown out. <sup>a</sup>He who has ears to hear, let him hear."

CHAPTER 15

NOW all the <sup>1</sup>tax-gatherers and the <sup>2</sup>sinner were coming near Him to listen to Him.

2 And both the Pharisees and the scribes <sup>1</sup>began to grumble, saying, "This man receives sinners and <sup>a</sup>eats with them."

3 And He told them this parable, saying,

4 "A what man among you, if he has a hundred sheep and has lost one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the <sup>1</sup>open pasture, and go after the one which is lost, until he finds it?

5 "And when he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders, rejoicing.

6 "And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and his neighbors, saying to them, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep which was lost!'

7 "I tell you that in the same way, there will be *more* joy in heaven over one sinner who repents, than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.

8 "Or what woman, if she has ten <sup>1</sup>silver coins and loses one coin, does not light a lamp and sweep the house and search carefully until she finds it?

9 "And when she has found it, she calls together her <sup>1</sup>friends and neighbors, saying, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin which I had lost!'

10 "In the same way, I tell you, there is joy <sup>a</sup>in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents."

11 And He said, "A certain man had two sons;

12 and the younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me <sup>a</sup>the share of the estate that falls to me.' And he divided his <sup>1</sup>wealth between them.

13 "And not many days later, the younger son gathered everything together and went on a journey into a distant country, and there he squandered his estate with loose living.

14 "Now when he had spent everything, a severe famine occurred in that country, and he began to be in need.

15 "And he went and <sup>1</sup>attached himself to one of the citizens of that country, and he sent him into his fields to feed swine.

16 "And he was longing <sup>1</sup>to fill his <sup>2</sup>stomach with the <sup>3</sup>pods that the swine were eating, and no one was giving *anything* to him.

17 "But when he came to <sup>1</sup>his senses, he said, 'How many of my father's hired men have more than enough bread, but I am dying here with hunger!

18 'I will get up and go to my father, and will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven, and <sup>1</sup>in your sight;

19 "I am no longer worthy to be called your son; make me as one of your hired men."

20 "And he got up and came to <sup>1</sup>his father. But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him, and felt compassion for him, and ran and <sup>2</sup>embraced him, and <sup>3</sup>kissed him.

21 "And the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and in your sight; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.'

22 "But the father said to his slaves, 'Quickly bring out <sup>a</sup>the best robe and put it on him, and <sup>b</sup>put a ring on his hand and sandals on his feet;

23 and bring the fattened calf, kill it, and let us eat and be merry;

24 for this son of mine was <sup>a</sup>dead, and has come to life again; he was lost, and has been found.' And they began to be merry.

25 "Now his older son was in the field, and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing.

26 "And he summoned one of the servants and *began* inquiring what these things might be.

27 "And he said to him, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fattened calf, because he has received him back safe and sound.'

28 "But he became angry, and was not willing to go in; and his father came out and *began* entreating him.

29 "But he answered and said to his father, 'Look! For so many years I have been serving you, and I have never <sup>1</sup>neglected a command of yours; and yet you have never given me a <sup>2</sup>kid, that I might be merry with my friends;

30 but when this son of yours came, who has devoured your <sup>1</sup>wealth with harlots, you killed the fattened calf for him.'

31 "And he said to him, 'My child, you <sup>1</sup>have always been with me, and all that is mine is yours.

32 'But <sup>1</sup>we had to be merry and rejoice, for this brother of yours was <sup>a</sup>dead and *has begun* to live, and *was* lost and has been found.'"

CHAPTER 16

**N**OW He was also saying to the disciples, "There was a certain rich man who had a steward, and this *steward* was <sup>1</sup>reported to him as <sup>a</sup>squandering his possessions.

2 "And he called him and said to him, 'What is this I hear about you? Give an account of your stewardship, for you can no longer be steward.'

3 "And the steward said to himself, 'What shall I do, since my <sup>1</sup>master is taking the stewardship away from me? I am not strong enough to dig; I am ashamed to beg.

4 'I <sup>1</sup>know what I shall do, so that when I am removed from the stewardship, they will receive me into their homes.'

5 "And he summoned each one of his <sup>1</sup>master's debtors, and he *began* saying to the first, 'How much do you owe my master?'

18 <sup>1</sup>Lit., before you

20 <sup>1</sup>Lit., his own <sup>2</sup>Lit., fell on his neck <sup>3</sup>Lit., kissed him again and again  
<sup>a</sup>Gen. 45:14; 46:29; Acts 20:37

21 <sup>1</sup>Some ancient mss. add: make me as one of your hired men

22 <sup>a</sup>Zech. 3:4; Rev. 6:11  
<sup>b</sup>Gen. 41:42

24 <sup>a</sup>Luke 15:32; Matt. 8:22; Luke 9:60; 1 Tim. 5:6; Eph. 2:1, 5; 5:14; Col. 2:13; Rom. 11:15

29 <sup>1</sup>Or, disobeyed <sup>2</sup>Or, young goat

30 <sup>1</sup>Lit., living  
<sup>a</sup>Luke 15:12; Prov. 29:3

31 <sup>1</sup>Lit., are always with me

32 <sup>1</sup>Lit., it was necessary  
<sup>a</sup>Luke 15:24

1 <sup>1</sup>Or, accused  
<sup>a</sup>Luke 15:13

3 <sup>1</sup>Or, lord

4 <sup>1</sup>Lit., have come to the knowledge of

5 <sup>1</sup>Or, lord's

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The Rich Man and Lazarus.**

**Luke 16**

6 <sup>1</sup>Gr., *baths*, one bath equals between 8 and 9 gallons

7 <sup>1</sup>Gr., *kors*, one kor equals between 10 and 12 bushels

8 <sup>1</sup>Or, *lord* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *generation*  
<sup>a</sup>Matt. 12:32; Luke 20:34  
<sup>b</sup>John 12:36; Eph. 5:8;  
<sup>1</sup>Thess. 5:5

9 <sup>1</sup>Or, *riches*  
<sup>a</sup>Matt. 19:21; Luke 11:41;  
12:33 <sup>b</sup>Luke 16:11, 13;  
Matt. 6:24 <sup>c</sup>Luke 16:4

10 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 25:21, 23

11 <sup>1</sup>Or, *riches*  
<sup>a</sup>Luke 16:9

12 <sup>1</sup>Some mss. read, *our own*

13 <sup>1</sup>Or, *house-servant* <sup>2</sup>Or, *riches*  
<sup>a</sup>Matt. 6:24 <sup>b</sup>Luke 16:9

14 <sup>a2</sup>Tim. 3:2 <sup>b</sup>Luke 23:35

15 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *before men* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *high* <sup>3</sup>Lit., *before God*  
<sup>a</sup>Luke 10:29; 18:9, 14  
<sup>b1</sup>Sam. 16:7; Prov. 21:2;  
Rom. 8:27; Acts 1:24

16 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 11:12f. <sup>b</sup>Matt. 4:23

17 <sup>1</sup>I.e., projection of a letter (serif)  
<sup>a</sup>Matt. 5:18

18 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 5:32

20 <sup>a</sup>Acts 3:2

22 <sup>a</sup>John 13:23; 1:18

23 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *having lifted up*  
<sup>a</sup>Matt. 11:23

24 <sup>a</sup>Luke 16:30; Luke 3:8;  
19:9 <sup>b</sup>Matt. 25:41

25 <sup>a</sup>Luke 6:24

6 "And he said, 'A hundred <sup>1</sup>measures of oil.' And he said to him, 'Take your bill, and sit down quickly and write fifty.'

7 "Then he said to another, 'And how much do you owe?' And he said, 'A hundred <sup>1</sup>measures of wheat.' He <sup>a</sup>said to him, 'Take your bill, and write eighty.'

8 "And his <sup>1</sup>master praised the unrighteous steward because he had acted shrewdly; for the sons of <sup>a</sup>this age are more shrewd in relation to their own <sup>2</sup>kind than the <sup>b</sup>sons of light.

9 "And I say to you, <sup>a</sup>make friends for yourselves by means of the <sup>1b</sup>mammon of unrighteousness; that when it fails, <sup>c</sup>they may receive you into the eternal dwellings.

10 "<sup>a</sup>He who is faithful in a very little thing is faithful also in much; and he who is unrighteous in a very little thing is unrighteous also in much.

11 "If therefore you have not been faithful in the *use of unrighteous* <sup>1a</sup>mammon, who will entrust the true *riches* to you?

12 "And if you have not been faithful in *the use of that which is another's*, who will give you that which is <sup>1</sup>your own?

13 "<sup>a</sup>No <sup>1</sup>servant can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one, and love the other, or else he will hold to one, and despise the other. You cannot serve God and <sup>2b</sup>mammon."

14 Now the Pharisees, who were <sup>a</sup>lovers of money, were listening to all these things, and they <sup>b</sup>were scoffing at Him.

15 And He said to them, "You are those who <sup>a</sup>justify yourselves <sup>1</sup>in the sight of men, but <sup>b</sup>God knows your hearts; for that which is <sup>2</sup>highly esteemed among men is detestable <sup>3</sup>in the sight of God.

16 "<sup>a</sup>The Law and the Prophets *were* proclaimed until John; since then <sup>b</sup>the gospel of the kingdom of God is preached, and every one is forcing his way into it.

17 "<sup>a</sup>But it is easier for heaven and earth to pass away than for one <sup>1</sup>stroke of a letter of the Law to fail.

18 "<sup>a</sup>Every one who divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery; and he who marries one who is divorced from a husband commits adultery.

19 "Now there was a certain rich man, and he habitually dressed in purple and fine linen, gaily living in splendor every day.

20 "And a certain poor man named Lazarus <sup>a</sup>was laid at his gate, covered with sores,

21 and longing to be fed with the *crumbs* which were falling from the rich man's table; besides, even the dogs were coming and licking his sores.

22 "Now it came about that the poor man died and he was carried away by the angels to <sup>a</sup>Abraham's bosom; and the rich man also died and was buried.

23 "And in <sup>a</sup>Hades <sup>1</sup>he lifted up his eyes, being in torment, and <sup>a</sup>saw Abraham far away, and Lazarus in his bosom.

24 "And he cried out and said, '<sup>a</sup>Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus, that he may dip the tip of his finger in water and cool off my tongue; for I am in agony in <sup>b</sup>this flame.'

25 "But Abraham said, 'Child, remember that <sup>a</sup>during your life you received your good things, and likewise Lazarus had



things; but now he is being comforted here, and you are in agony.

26 'And besides all this, between us and you there is a great chasm fixed, in order that those who wish to come over from here to you may not be able, and *that* none may cross over from there to us.'

27 "And he said, 'Then I beg you, Father, that you send him to my father's house —

28 for I have five brothers — that he may warn them, lest they also come to this place of torment.'

29 "But Abraham said, 'They have Moses and the Prophets; let them hear them.'

30 "But he said, 'No, Father Abraham, but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent!'

31 "But he said to him, 'If they do not listen to Moses and the Prophets, neither will they be persuaded if someone rises from the dead.' "

CHAPTER 17

AND He said to His disciples, "It is inevitable that stumbling blocks should come, but woe to him through whom they come!

2 "It would be better for him if a millstone were hung around his neck and he were thrown into the sea, than that he should cause one of these little ones to stumble.

3 "Be on your guard! If your brother sins, rebuke him; and if he repents, forgive him.

4 "And if he sins against you seven times a day, and returns to you seven times, saying, 'I repent,' forgive him."

5 And the apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!"

6 And the Lord said, "If you had faith like a mustard seed, you would say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and be planted in the sea'; and it would obey you.

7 "But which of you, having a slave plowing or tending sheep, will say to him when he has come in from the field, 'Come immediately and sit down to eat'?

8 "But will he not say to him, 'Prepare something for me to eat, and properly clothe yourself and serve me until I have eaten and drunk; and afterward you will eat and drink'?

9 "He does not thank the slave because he did the things which were commanded, does he?

10 "So you too, when you do all the things which are commanded you, say, 'We are unworthy slaves; we have done only that which we ought to have done.' "

11 And it came about while He was on the way to Jerusalem, that He was passing between Samaria and Galilee.

12 And as He entered a certain village, there met Him ten leprorous men, who stood at a distance;

13 and they raised their voices, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!"

14 And when He saw them, He said to them, "Go and

26 <sup>1</sup>Lit., in all these things

28 <sup>a</sup>Acts 2:40; 8:25; 10:42; 18:5; 20:21ff.; 23:11; 28:23; Gal. 5:3; Eph. 4:17; 1 Thess. 2:11; 4:6

29 <sup>a</sup>Luke 4:17; Acts 15:21; John 5:45-47

30 <sup>a</sup>Luke 16:24; 3:8; 19:9

1 <sup>1</sup>Or, temptations to sin  
<sup>a</sup>Matt. 18:7; 1 Cor. 11:19; 1 Tim. 4:1

2 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 18:6; Mark 9:42; 1 Cor. 8:12

3 <sup>1</sup>Lit., Take heed to yourselves  
<sup>a</sup>Matt. 18:15

4 <sup>1</sup>Lit., you shall forgive  
<sup>a</sup>Matt. 18:21f.

5 <sup>a</sup>Mark 6:30 <sup>b</sup>Luke 7:13

6 <sup>1</sup>Gr., have obeyed  
<sup>a</sup>Luke 7:13 <sup>b</sup>Matt. 13:31; 17:20; Mark 4:31; Luke 13:19 <sup>c</sup>Luke 19:4

7 <sup>1</sup>Lit., recline

8 <sup>1</sup>Lit., gird <sup>2</sup>Lit., after these things  
<sup>a</sup>Luke 12:37

11 <sup>1</sup>Lit., through the midst of, or, along the borders of  
<sup>a</sup>Luke 9:51 <sup>b</sup>Luke 9:52ff.; John 4:3f.

12 <sup>a</sup>Lev. 13:45f.

13 <sup>a</sup>Luke 5:5

14 <sup>a</sup>Luke 5:14; Matt. 8:4

15 \*Matt. 9:8

16 \*Matt. 10:5

18 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *Were there not found those who*  
\*Matt. 9:8

19 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *has saved you*  
\*Matt. 9:22; Luke 18:42

20 <sup>1</sup>Or, *observation*  
\*Luke 19:11; Acts 1:6  
<sup>b</sup>Luke 14:1 [Gr.]

21 <sup>1</sup>Or, *within you*  
\*Luke 17:23

22 \*Matt. 9:15; Mark 2:20;  
Luke 5:35

23 \*Matt. 24:23; Mark  
13:21; Luke 21:8

24 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *under heaven*  
\*Matt. 24:27

25 \*Matt. 16:21; Luke  
9:22

26 \*Luke 17:26, 27; Matt.  
24:37-39 <sup>b</sup>Gen. 7

28 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *In the same way*  
*as*  
\*Gen. 19

29 <sup>1</sup>Or, *sulphur*

30 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *according to the*  
*same things*  
<sup>a</sup>1 Cor. 1:7; 2 Thess. 1:7;  
<sup>1</sup>1 Pet. 1:7; Col. 3:4; 1 John  
2:28; 1 Pet. 4:13; Matt.  
16:27

31 \*Matt. 24:17, 18; Mark  
13:15f.; Luke 21:21

32 \*Gen. 19:26

33 <sup>1</sup>Or, *soul-life*  
\*Matt. 10:39

35 \*Matt. 24:41

36 <sup>1</sup>Some mss. add verse  
36. *Two men will be in the*  
*field; one will be taken and*  
*the other will be left. Cf.*  
Matt. 24:40

37 <sup>1</sup>Or, *eagles*  
\*Matt. 24:28

show yourselves to the priests." And it came about that as they were going, they were cleansed.

15 Now one of them, when he saw that he had been healed, turned back, <sup>a</sup>glorifying God with a loud voice,

16 and he fell on his face at His feet, giving thanks to Him. And he was a <sup>a</sup>Samaritan.

17 And Jesus answered and said, "Were there not ten cleansed? But the nine — where are they?

18 "<sup>a</sup>Were none found who turned back to <sup>a</sup>give glory to God, except this foreigner?"

19 And He said to him, "Rise, and go your way; <sup>a</sup>your faith <sup>1</sup>has made you well."

20 Now having been questioned by the Pharisees <sup>a</sup>as to when the kingdom of God was coming, He answered them and said, "The kingdom of God is not coming with <sup>1b</sup>signs to be observed;

21 nor will <sup>a</sup>they say, 'Look, here *it is!*' or, 'There *it is!*' For behold, the kingdom of God is <sup>1</sup>in your midst."

22 And He said to the disciples, "<sup>a</sup>The days shall come when you will long to see one of the days of the Son of Man, and you will not see it.

23 "<sup>a</sup>And they will say to you, 'Look there! Look here!' Do not go away, and do not run after *them*.

24 "<sup>a</sup>For just as the lightning, when it flashes out of one part <sup>1</sup>of the sky, shines to the other part <sup>1</sup>of the sky, so will the Son of Man be in His day.

25 "<sup>a</sup>But first He must suffer many things and be rejected by this generation.

26 "<sup>a</sup>And just as it happened <sup>b</sup>in the days of Noah, so it shall be also in the days of the Son of Man:

27 they were eating, they were drinking, they were marrying, they were being given in marriage, until the day that Noah entered the ark, and the flood came and destroyed them all.

28 "<sup>1</sup>It was the same as happened in <sup>a</sup>the days of Lot: they were eating, they were drinking, they were buying, they were selling, they were planting, they were building;

29 but on the day that Lot went out from Sodom it rained fire and <sup>1</sup>brimstone from heaven and destroyed them all.

30 "It will be <sup>1</sup>just the same on the day that the Son of Man <sup>a</sup>is revealed.

31 "On that day, let not the one who is <sup>a</sup>on the housetop and whose goods are in the house go down to take them away; and likewise let not the one who is in the field turn back.

32 "<sup>a</sup>Remember Lot's wife.

33 "<sup>a</sup>Whoever seeks to keep his <sup>1</sup>life shall lose it, and whoever loses *his life* shall preserve it alive.

34 "I tell you, on that night there will be two men in one bed; one will be taken, and the other will be left.

35 "<sup>a</sup>There will be two women grinding at the same place; one will be taken, and the other will be left."

36 (See marginal note.<sup>1</sup>)

37 And answering they <sup>a</sup>said to Him, "Where, Lord?" And He said to them, "<sup>a</sup>Where the body is, there also will the <sup>1</sup>vultures be gathered."

**CHAPTER 18**

**N**OW He was telling them a parable to show that at all times they ought to pray and not to lose heart,

2 saying, "There was in a certain city a judge who did not fear God, and did not respect man.

3 "And there was a widow in that city, and she kept coming to him, saying, 'Give me legal protection from my opponent.'

4 "And for a while he was unwilling; but afterward he said to himself, 'Even though I do not fear God nor respect man,

5 yet because this widow bothers me, I will give her legal protection, lest by continually coming she wear me out.' "

6 And the Lord said, "Hear what the unrighteous judge said;

7 now shall not God bring about justice for His elect, who cry to Him day and night, and will He delay long over them?

8 "I tell you that He will bring about justice for them speedily. However, when the Son of Man comes, will He find faith on the earth?"

9 And He also told this parable to certain ones who trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and viewed others with contempt:

10 "Two men went up into the temple to pray, one a Pharisee, and the other a tax-gatherer.

11 "The Pharisee stood and was praying thus to himself, 'God, I thank Thee that I am not like other people: swindlers, unjust, adulterers, or even like this tax-gatherer.

12 'I fast twice a week; I pay tithes of all that I get.'

13 "But the tax-gatherer, standing some distance away, was even unwilling to lift up his eyes to heaven, but was beating his breast, saying, 'God, be merciful to me, the sinner!'

14 "I tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other; for every one who exalts himself shall be humbled, but he who humbles himself shall be exalted."

15 "And they were bringing even their babies to Him, in order that He might touch them, but when the disciples saw it, they began rebuking them.

16 But Jesus called for them, saying, "Permit the children to come to Me, and stop hindering them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these.

17 "Truly I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it at all."

18 "And a certain ruler questioned Him, saying, "Good Teacher, what shall I do to obtain eternal life?"

19 And Jesus said to him, "Why do you call Me good? No one is good except God alone.

20 "You know the commandments, 'DO NOT COMMIT ADULTERY, DO NOT MURDER, DO NOT STEAL, DO NOT BEAR FALSE WITNESS, HONOR YOUR FATHER AND MOTHER.' "

21 And he said, "All these things I have kept from my youth."

22 And when Jesus heard this, He said to him, "One thing

1 <sup>a</sup>Luke 11:5-10 <sup>b2</sup> Cor. 4:1

2 <sup>a</sup>Luke 18:4; 20:13; Heb. 12:9

3 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *Do me justice*

4 <sup>a</sup>Luke 18:2; 20:13; Heb. 12:9

5 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *do her justice*  
<sup>2</sup>Lit., *hit me under the eye*  
<sup>a</sup>Luke 11:8 <sup>b1</sup> Cor. 9:27  
[Gr.]

6 <sup>a</sup>Luke 7:13

7 <sup>1</sup>Or, *and yet He is long-suffering over them*  
<sup>a</sup>Rev. 6:10 <sup>b</sup>Matt. 24:22;  
Rom. 8:33; Col. 3:12;  
2 Tim. 2:10; Titus 1:1  
<sup>c2</sup> Pet. 3:9

8 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *the faith*  
<sup>a</sup>Luke 17:26ff.

9 <sup>a</sup>Luke 16:15 <sup>b</sup>Rom. 14:3, 10

10 <sup>1</sup>A publican who collected Roman taxes for profit  
<sup>a</sup>Acts 3:1; 2 Kin. 20:5, 8;  
1 Kin. 10:5

11 <sup>1</sup>Note, verse 10  
<sup>a</sup>Matt. 6:5; Mark 11:25;  
Luke 22:41

12 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 9:14 <sup>b</sup>Luke 11:42

13 <sup>1</sup>Note, verse 10 <sup>2</sup>Or, *propitious*  
<sup>a</sup>Matt. 6:5; Mark 11:25;  
Luke 22:41 <sup>b</sup>Ezra 9:6 <sup>c</sup>Luke 23:48

14 <sup>a</sup>Luke 14:11; Matt. 23:12

15 <sup>a</sup>Luke 18:15-17; Matt. 19:13-15; Mark 10:13-16

17 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 18:3; 19:14;  
Mark 10:15; 1 Cor. 14:20;  
1 Pet. 2:2

18 <sup>a</sup>Luke 18:18-30; Matt. 19:16-29; Mark 10:17-30;  
Luke 10:25-28

20 <sup>a</sup>Ex. 20:12-16; Deut. 5:16-20

22 <sup>a</sup>Luke 12:33; Matt. 19:21 <sup>b</sup>Matt. 6:20

24 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 19:23; Mark 10:23f.

25 <sup>1</sup>Lit., enter  
<sup>a</sup>Matt. 19:24; Mark 10:25

26 <sup>1</sup>Lit., And

27 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 19:26

28 <sup>1</sup>Lit., our own things  
<sup>a</sup>Luke 5:11

29 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 19:29; Mark 10:29f.; Matt. 6:33

30 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 12:32

31 <sup>a</sup>Luke 18:31-33; Matt. 20:17-19; Mark 10:32-34  
<sup>b</sup>Luke 9:51 <sup>c</sup>Ps. 22; Is. 53

32 <sup>1</sup>Or., betrayed  
<sup>a</sup>Matt. 16:21

34 <sup>a</sup>Mark 9:32; Luke 9:45

35 <sup>a</sup>Luke 18:35-43; Matt. 20:29-34; Mark 10:46-52  
<sup>b</sup>Matt. 20:29; Mark 10:46; Luke 19:1

38 <sup>a</sup>Luke 18:39; Matt. 9:27

39 <sup>a</sup>Luke 18:38

40 <sup>1</sup>Lit., stood

42 <sup>1</sup>Or., saved you  
<sup>a</sup>Matt. 9:22

43 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 9:8 <sup>b</sup>Luke 13:17; Luke 9:43; 19:37

<sup>1</sup> <sup>a</sup>Luke 18:35

<sup>2</sup> <sup>1</sup>A publican who collected Roman taxes for profit

you still lack; <sup>a</sup>sell all that you possess, and distribute it to the poor, and you shall have <sup>b</sup>treasure in heaven; and come, follow Me."

23 But when he had heard these things, he became very sad; for he was extremely rich.

24 And Jesus looked at him and said, "<sup>a</sup>How hard it is for those who are wealthy to enter the kingdom of God!

25 "For <sup>a</sup>it is easier for a camel to <sup>1</sup>go through the eye of a needle, than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God."

26 And they who heard it said, "<sup>1</sup>Then who can be saved?"

27 But He said, "<sup>a</sup>The things impossible with men are possible with God."

28 And Peter said, "Behold, <sup>a</sup>we have left <sup>1</sup>our own homes, and followed You."

29 And He said to them, "Truly I say to you, <sup>a</sup>there is no one who has left house or wife or brothers or parents or children, for the sake of the kingdom of God,

30 who shall not receive many times as much at this time and in <sup>a</sup>the age to come, eternal life."

31 <sup>a</sup>And He took the twelve aside and said to them, "Behold, <sup>b</sup>we are going up to Jerusalem, and <sup>c</sup>all things which are written through the prophets about the Son of Man will be accomplished.

32 <sup>a</sup>For He will be <sup>1</sup>delivered up to the Gentiles, and will be mocked and mistreated and spit upon,

33 and after they have scourged Him, they will kill Him; and the third day He will rise again."

34 And <sup>a</sup>they understood none of these things, and this saying was hidden from them, and they did not comprehend the things that were said.

35 <sup>a</sup>And it came about that <sup>b</sup>as He was approaching Jericho, a certain blind man was sitting by the road, begging.

36 Now hearing a multitude going by, he *began* to inquire what this might be.

37 And they told him that Jesus of Nazareth was passing by.

38 And he called out, saying, "Jesus, <sup>a</sup>Son of David, have mercy on me!"

39 And those who led the way were sternly telling him to be quiet; but he kept crying out all the more, "<sup>a</sup>Son of David, have mercy on me!"

40 And Jesus <sup>1</sup>stopped and commanded that he be brought to Him; and when he had come near, He questioned him,

41 "What do you want Me to do for you?" And he said, "Lord, *I want to receive my sight!*"

42 And Jesus said to him, "Receive your sight; <sup>a</sup>your faith has <sup>1</sup>made you well."

43 And immediately he received his sight, and *began* following Him, <sup>a</sup>glorifying God; and when <sup>b</sup>all the people saw it, they gave praise to God.

CHAPTER 19

AND He <sup>a</sup>entered and was passing through Jericho.

2 And behold, there was a man called by the name of Zaccheus; and he was a chief <sup>1</sup>tax-gatherer, and he was rich.

3 And he was trying to see who Jesus was, and he was unable because of the crowd, for he was small in stature.

4 And he ran on ahead and climbed up into a <sup>1</sup>asycamore tree in order to see Him, for He was about to pass through that way.

5 And when Jesus came to the place, He looked up and said to him, "Zaccheus, hurry and come down, for today I must stay at your house."

6 And he hurried and came down, and received Him <sup>1</sup>gladly.

7 And when they saw it, they all *began* to <sup>1</sup>grumble, saying, "He has gone <sup>2</sup>to be the guest of a man who is a sinner."

8 And Zaccheus <sup>1</sup>stopped and said to <sup>a</sup>the Lord, "Behold, Lord, half of my possessions I will give to the poor, and if I have <sup>b</sup>defrauded anyone of anything, I will give back <sup>c</sup>four times as much."

9 And Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, because he, too, is <sup>a</sup>a son of Abraham.

10 "For <sup>a</sup>the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost."

11 And while they were listening to these things, He went on to tell a parable, because <sup>a</sup>He was near Jerusalem, and they supposed that <sup>b</sup>the kingdom of God was going to appear immediately.

12 He said therefore, "A certain nobleman went to a distant country to receive a kingdom for himself, and *then* return.

13 "And he called ten of his slaves, and gave them ten <sup>1</sup>minas, and said to them, 'Do business *with this* <sup>2</sup>until I come *back*.'

14 "But his citizens hated him, and sent <sup>1</sup>a delegation after him, saying, 'We do not want this man to reign over us.'

15 "And it came about that when he returned, after receiving the kingdom, he ordered that these slaves, to whom he had given the money, be called to him in order that he might know what business they had done.

16 "And the first appeared, saying, '1Master, your <sup>2</sup>mina has made ten minas more.'

17 "And he said to him, 'Well done, good slave, because you have been <sup>a</sup>faithful in a very little thing, be in authority over ten cities.'

18 "And the second came, saying, 'Your <sup>1</sup>mina, <sup>2</sup>master, has made five minas.'

19 "And he said to him also, 'And you are to be over five cities.'

20 "And another came, saying, 'Master, behold your mina, which I kept put away in a handkerchief;

21 for I was afraid of you, because you are an exacting man; you take up what you did not lay down, and reap what you did not sow.'

22 "He <sup>a</sup>said to him, '1By your own words I will judge you, you worthless slave. Did you know that I am an exacting man, taking up what I did not lay down, and reaping what I did not sow?'

4 <sup>1</sup>I.e., a fig-mulberry  
<sup>a</sup>1 Kin. 10:27; 1 Chr. 27:28;  
 2 Chr. 1:15; 9:27; Ps. 78:47;  
 Is. 9:10; Luke 17:6 [?]

6 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *rejoicing*

7 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *grumble among themselves* <sup>2</sup>Or., *to find lodging*

8 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *stood*  
<sup>a</sup>Luke 7:13 <sup>b</sup>Luke 3:14  
 [Cr.] <sup>c</sup>Ex. 22:1; Lev. 6:5;  
 Num. 5:7; 2 Sam. 12:6

9 <sup>a</sup>Luke 3:8; 13:16; Rom. 4:16; Gal. 3:7

10 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 18:11 marg.

11 <sup>a</sup>Luke 9:51 <sup>b</sup>Luke 17:20

12 <sup>a</sup>Luke 19:12-27; Matt. 25:14-30

13 <sup>1</sup>A mina is equal to about 100 days' wages or nearly \$20 <sup>2</sup>Lit., *while I am coming*

14 <sup>1</sup>Or., *an embassy*

16 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *Lord* <sup>2</sup>Note, verse 13

17 <sup>a</sup>Luke 16:10

18 <sup>1</sup>Note, verse 13 <sup>2</sup>Lit., *lord*

22 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *Out of your own mouth*

23 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *And*

26 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 13:12; Luke 8:18

27 <sup>a</sup>Luke 19:14 <sup>b</sup>Matt. 22:7; Luke 20:16

28 <sup>a</sup>Mark 10:32 <sup>b</sup>Luke 9:51

29 <sup>1</sup>Or, *hill* <sup>2</sup>Or, *Olive Grove*  
<sup>a</sup>Luke 19:29-38; *Matt. 21:1-9; Mark 11:1-10* <sup>b</sup>Matt. 21:17 <sup>c</sup>Luke 21:37; Acts 1:12

33 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *lords*

35 <sup>a</sup>Luke 19:35-38; *John 12:12-15*

37 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *as they were rejoicing* <sup>2</sup>Or, *works of power*  
<sup>a</sup>Matt. 21:1; *Luke 19:29*  
<sup>b</sup>Luke 18:43

38 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 118:26 <sup>b</sup>Matt. 2:2; *Matt. 25:34* <sup>c</sup>Luke 2:14; *Matt. 21:9*

39 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *from*  
<sup>a</sup>Matt. 21:15f.

40 <sup>a</sup>Hab. 2:11

41 <sup>a</sup>Luke 13:34, 35

43 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *and* <sup>2</sup>i.e., a dirt wall or mound for siege purposes  
<sup>a</sup>Eccles. 9:14; *Is. 29:3; 37:33; Jer. 6:6; Ezek. 4:2; 26:8* <sup>b</sup>Luke 21:20

44 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 24:2; *Mark 13:2; Luke 21:6* <sup>b1</sup> *Pet. 2:12*

23 <sup>1</sup>Then why did you not put the money in the bank, and having come, I would have collected it with interest?

24 "And he said to the bystanders, "Take the mina away from him, and give it to the one who has the ten minas."

25 "And they said to him, "Master, he has ten minas *al-ready*."

26 "I tell you, that to everyone who has shall *more* be given, but from the one who does not have, even what he does have shall be taken away.

27 "But <sup>a</sup>these enemies of mine, who did not want me to reign over them, bring them here, and <sup>b</sup>slay them in my presence."

28 And after He had said these things, He <sup>a</sup>was going on ahead, <sup>b</sup>ascending to Jerusalem.

29 And it came about that <sup>a</sup>when He approached Bethphage and <sup>b</sup>Bethany, near the <sup>1</sup>mount that is called <sup>2c</sup>Olivet, He sent two of the disciples,

30 saying, "Go into the village opposite *you*, in which as you enter you will find a colt tied, on which no one yet has ever sat; untie it, and bring it *here*."

31 "And if anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' thus shall you speak, 'The Lord has need of it.'"

32 And those who were sent went away and found it just as He had told them.

33 And as they were untying the colt, its <sup>1</sup>owners said to them, "Why are you untying the colt?"

34 And they said, "The Lord has need of it."

35 And they brought it to Jesus, <sup>a</sup>and they threw their garments on the colt, and put Jesus on *it*.

36 And as He was going, they were spreading their garments in the road.

37 And as He was now approaching, near the descent of <sup>a</sup>the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to <sup>b</sup>praise God <sup>1</sup>joyfully with a loud voice for all the <sup>2</sup>miracles which they had seen,

38 saying,

"<sup>a</sup>BLESSED IS THE <sup>b</sup>KING WHO COMES IN THE NAME OF THE LORD;

Peace in heaven and <sup>c</sup>glory in the highest!"

39 <sup>a</sup>And some of the Pharisees <sup>1</sup>in the multitude said to Him, "Teacher, rebuke Your disciples."

40 And He answered and said, "I tell you, if these become silent, <sup>a</sup>the stones will cry out!"

41 And when He approached, He saw the city and <sup>a</sup>went over it,

42 saying, "If you had known in this day, even you, the things which make for peace! But now they have been hidden from your eyes.

43 "For the days shall come upon you <sup>1</sup>when your enemies will <sup>a</sup>throw up a <sup>2</sup>bank before you, and <sup>b</sup>surround you, and hem you in on every side,

44 and will level you to the ground and your children within you, and <sup>a</sup>they will not leave in you one stone upon another, because you did not recognize <sup>b</sup>the time of your visitation."

**Jesus Cleanses the Temple.  
His Authority Questioned. The Vine-growers.**

**Luke 19, 20**

**45** <sup>a</sup>And He entered the temple and began to cast out those who were selling,

**46** saying to them, "It is written, <sup>a</sup>AND MY HOUSE SHALL BE A HOUSE OF PRAYER,' but you have made it a robbers' <sup>1</sup>den."

**47** And <sup>a</sup>He was teaching daily in the temple; but the chief priests and the scribes and the leading men among the people <sup>b</sup>were trying to destroy Him,

**48** and they could not find <sup>1</sup>anything that they might do, for all the people were hanging upon <sup>2</sup>His words.

CHAPTER 20

<sup>a</sup>AND it came about on one of the days while <sup>b</sup>He was teaching the people in the temple and <sup>c</sup>preaching the gospel, that the chief priests and the scribes with the elders <sup>d</sup>confronted Him,

**2** and they spoke, saying to Him, "Tell us by what authority You are doing these things, or who is the one who gave You this authority?"

**3** And He answered and said to them, "I shall also ask you a <sup>1</sup>question, and you tell Me:

**4** "Was the baptism of John from heaven or from men?"

**5** And they reasoned among themselves, saying, "If we say, 'From heaven,' He will say, 'Why did you not believe him?'

**6** "But if we say, 'From men,' all the people will stone us to death, for they are convinced that John was a <sup>a</sup>prophet."

**7** And they answered that they did not know where *it came* from.

**8** And Jesus said to them, "Neither <sup>1</sup>will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things."

**9** <sup>a</sup>And He began to tell the people this parable: "A man planted a vineyard and rented it out to <sup>1</sup>vine-growers, and went on a journey for a long time.

**10** "And at the *harvest* time he sent a slave to the vine-growers, in order that they might give him *some* of the produce of the vineyard; but the vine-growers beat him and sent him away empty-handed.

**11** "And he proceeded to send another slave; and they beat him also and treated him shamefully, and sent him away empty-handed.

**12** "And he proceeded to send a third; and this one also they wounded and cast out.

**13** "And the <sup>1</sup>owner of the vineyard said, 'What shall I do? I will send my beloved son; perhaps they will <sup>a</sup>respect him.'

**14** "But when the vine-growers saw him, they reasoned with one another, saying, 'This is the heir; let us kill him that the inheritance may be ours.'

**15** "And they cast him out of the vineyard and killed him. What, therefore, will the <sup>1</sup>owner of the vineyard do to them?

**16** "He will come and <sup>a</sup>destroy these vine-growers and will give the vineyard to others." And when they heard it, they said, "<sup>b</sup>May it never be!"

**17** But He looked at them and said, "What then is this that is written,

<sup>a</sup>THE STONE WHICH THE BUILDERS REJECTED,  
THIS BECAME <sup>b</sup>THE CHIEF CORNER *stone*?"

<sup>45</sup> <sup>a</sup>Luke 19:45, 46; <sup>b</sup>Matt. 21:12-16; <sup>c</sup>Mark 11:15-18; <sup>d</sup>John 2:13-16

<sup>46</sup> <sup>1</sup>Lit., *cave*  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 56:7; Jer. 7:11; <sup>b</sup>Matt. 21:13; <sup>c</sup>Mark 11:17

<sup>47</sup> <sup>a</sup>Matt. 26:55 <sup>b</sup>Luke 20:19

<sup>48</sup> <sup>1</sup>Lit., *what they might do* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *Him, listening*

<sup>1</sup> <sup>a</sup>Luke 20:1-8; <sup>b</sup>Matt. 21:23-27; <sup>c</sup>Mark 11:27-33  
<sup>b</sup>Matt. 26:55 <sup>c</sup>Luke 8:1  
<sup>d</sup>Acts 4:1; 6:12

<sup>3</sup> <sup>1</sup>Lit., *word*

<sup>6</sup> <sup>a</sup>Matt. 11:9; <sup>b</sup>Luke 7:29,  
<sup>30</sup>

<sup>8</sup> <sup>1</sup>Lit., *do I tell*

<sup>9</sup> <sup>1</sup>Here and in verses 10, 14 and 16, or, *tenant farmers*  
<sup>a</sup>Luke 20:9-19; <sup>b</sup>Matt. 21:33-46; <sup>c</sup>Mark 12:1-12

<sup>13</sup> <sup>1</sup>Lit., *lord* <sup>2</sup>  
<sup>a</sup>Luke 18:2 [Gr.]

<sup>15</sup> <sup>1</sup>Lit., *lord*

<sup>16</sup> <sup>a</sup>Luke 19:27; <sup>b</sup>Matt. 21:41; <sup>c</sup>Mark 12:9 <sup>d</sup>Rom. 3:4, 6, 31; 6:2, 15; 7:7, 13; 9:14; 11:1, 11; 1 Cor. 6:15; Gal. 2:17; 3:21; 6:14, [Gr.]

<sup>17</sup> <sup>a</sup>Ps. 118:22 <sup>b</sup>Eph. 2:20; <sup>c</sup>1 Pet. 2:6

## Luke 20

18 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 21:4419 <sup>a</sup>Luke 19:47

20 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *feigned themselves* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *take hold of His word*  
<sup>a</sup>Luke 20:20-26; Matt. 22:15-22; Mark 12:13-17; Mark 3:2 <sup>b</sup>Luke 11:54; 20:26 <sup>c</sup>Matt. 27:2

21 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *do not receive a face*

22 <sup>1</sup>Or, *permissible*  
<sup>a</sup>Luke 23:2; Matt. 17:25

24 <sup>1</sup>The denarius was worth 18 cents in silver, equivalent to one day's wages <sup>2</sup>Lit., *image*

25 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 22:21; Mark 12:17

26 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *take hold of His saying*  
<sup>a</sup>Luke 11:54; 20:26

27 <sup>a</sup>Luke 20:27-40; Matt. 22:23-33; Mark 12:18-27

28 <sup>a</sup>Deut. 25:5

31 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *left no children, and died*

34 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 12:32; Luke 16:8

35 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 12:32; Luke 16:8

36 <sup>a</sup>Rom. 8:16f.; 1 John 3:1, 2

37 <sup>a</sup>Mark 12:26 <sup>b</sup>Ex. 3:6

38 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 22:32; Mark 12:27 <sup>b</sup>Rom. 14:8

40 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 22:46; Luke 14:6

41 <sup>1</sup>I.e., the Messiah  
<sup>a</sup>Luke 20:41-44; Matt. 22:41-46; Mark 12:35-37  
<sup>b</sup>Matt. 9:27

18 <sup>a</sup>“Every one who falls on that stone will be broken to pieces; but on whomever it falls, it will scatter him like dust.”

19 And the scribes and the chief priests <sup>a</sup>tried to lay hands on Him that very hour, and they feared the people; for they understood that He spoke this parable against them.

20 <sup>a</sup>And they watched Him, and sent spies who <sup>1</sup>pretended to be righteous, in order <sup>b</sup>that they might <sup>2</sup>catch Him in some statement, so as to deliver Him up to the rule and the authority of <sup>c</sup>the governor.

21 And they questioned Him, saying, “Teacher, we know that You speak and teach correctly, and You <sup>1</sup>are not partial to any, but teach the way of God in truth.

22 “Is it <sup>1</sup>lawful for us <sup>a</sup>to pay taxes to Caesar, or not?”

23 But He detected their trickery and said to them,

24 “Show Me a <sup>1</sup>denarius. Whose <sup>2</sup>head and inscription does it have?” And they said, “Caesar’s.”

25 And He said to them, “Then <sup>a</sup>render to Caesar the things that are Caesar’s, and to God the things that are God’s.”

26 And they were unable to <sup>1a</sup>catch Him in a saying in the presence of the people; and marveling at His answer, they became silent.

27 <sup>a</sup>Now there came to Him some of the Sadducees (who say that there is no resurrection),

28 and they questioned Him, saying, “Teacher, Moses wrote us that <sup>a</sup>IF A MAN’S BROTHER DIES, having a wife, AND HE IS CHILDLESS, HIS BROTHER SHOULD TAKE THE WIFE AND RAISE UP OFFSPRING TO HIS BROTHER.

29 “Now there were seven brothers; and the first took a wife, and died childless;

30 and the second

31 and the third took her; and in the same way the seven also <sup>1</sup>died, leaving no children.

32 “Finally the woman died also.

33 “In the resurrection therefore, which one’s wife will the woman be? For the seven had her as wife.”

34 And Jesus said to them, “The sons of <sup>a</sup>this age marry and are given in marriage,

35 but those who are considered worthy to attain to <sup>a</sup>that age and the resurrection from the dead, neither marry, nor are given in marriage;

36 for neither can they die any more, for they are like angels, and are <sup>a</sup>sons of God, being sons of the resurrection.

37 “But that the dead are raised, even Moses showed, in <sup>a</sup>the passage about the burning bush, where he calls the Lord <sup>b</sup>THE GOD OF ABRAHAM, AND THE GOD OF ISAAC, AND THE GOD OF JACOB.

38 <sup>a</sup>“Now He is not the God of the dead, but of the living; for <sup>b</sup>all live to Him.”

39 And some of the scribes answered and said, “Teacher, You have spoken well.”

40 For <sup>a</sup>they did not have courage to question Him any longer about anything.

41 <sup>a</sup>And He said to them, “How is it that they say <sup>1</sup>the Christ is <sup>b</sup>David’s son?



**The Widow's Coins. Destruction of the Temple.  
Persecution Coming.**

**Luke 20, 21**

- 42 "For David himself says in the book of Psalms,  
"THE LORD SAID TO MY LORD,  
"SIT AT MY RIGHT HAND,  
43 "UNTIL I MAKE THINE ENEMIES A FOOTSTOOL FOR THY  
FEET."  
44 "David therefore calls Him 'Lord,' and how is He his  
son?"  
45 "And while all the people were listening, He said to the  
disciples,  
46 "Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in long  
robes, and love respectful greetings in the market places, and  
chief seats in the synagogues, and places of honor at banquets,  
47 who devour widows' houses, and for appearance's sake  
offer long prayers; these will receive greater condemnation."

**CHAPTER 21**

AND He looked up and saw the rich putting their gifts into  
the treasury.

2 And He saw a certain poor widow putting <sup>1</sup>in <sup>2</sup>two <sup>3</sup>small  
copper coins.

3 And He said, "Truly I say to you, this poor widow put  
in more than all of them;

4 for they all out of their <sup>1</sup>surplus put into the <sup>2</sup>offering;  
but she out of her poverty put in all <sup>3</sup>that she had <sup>4</sup>to live on."

5 "And while some were talking about the temple, that it  
was adorned with beautiful stones and votive gifts, He said,

6 "As for these things which you are looking at, the days will  
come in which <sup>1</sup>there will not be left one stone upon another  
which will not be torn down."

7 And they questioned Him, saying, "Teacher, when  
therefore will these things be? And what *will be* the <sup>1</sup>sign when  
these things are about to take place?"

8 And He said, "Take heed that you be not misled; for  
many will come in My name, saying, 'I am He,' and, 'The time  
is at hand'; <sup>b</sup>do not go after them.

9 "And when you hear of wars and disturbances, do not be  
terrified; for these things must take place first, but the end *does*  
not follow immediately."

10 Then He continued by saying to them, "Nation will rise  
against nation, and kingdom against kingdom,

11 and there will be great earthquakes, and in various  
places plagues and famines; and there will be terrors and great  
<sup>1</sup>signs from heaven.

12 "But before all these things, <sup>1</sup>they will lay their hands on  
you and will persecute you, delivering you to the synagogues  
and prisons, <sup>1</sup>bringing you before kings and governors for My  
name's sake.

13 "It will lead to an <sup>1</sup>opportunity for your testimony.

14 "So make up your minds not to prepare beforehand to  
defend yourselves;

15 for <sup>1</sup>I will give you <sup>1</sup>utterance and wisdom which none  
of your opponents will be able to resist or refute.

42 <sup>1</sup>Ps. 110:1

43 <sup>1</sup>Ps. 110:1

45 <sup>1</sup>Luke 20:45-47; Matt.  
23:1-7; Mark 12:38-40

46 <sup>1</sup>Luke 11:43; Luke 14:7

1 <sup>1</sup>Luke 21:1-4; Mark  
12:41-44

2 <sup>1</sup>Or, therein <sup>2</sup>Lit.,  
lepta  
<sup>3</sup>Mark 12:42

4 <sup>1</sup>Or, abundance <sup>2</sup>Lit.,  
gifts <sup>3</sup>Lit., the living that  
she had  
<sup>4</sup>Mark 12:44

5 <sup>1</sup>Luke 21:5-36; Matt.  
24; Mark 13

6 <sup>1</sup>Luke 19:44

7 <sup>1</sup>Or, attesting miracle

8 <sup>1</sup>John 8:24 <sup>2</sup>Luke 17:23

11 <sup>1</sup>Or, attesting miracles

12 <sup>1</sup>Lit., being brought  
<sup>1</sup>Luke 21:12-17; Matt.  
10:19-22; Mark 13:11-13

13 <sup>1</sup>Lit., a testimony for  
you  
<sup>2</sup>Phil. 1:12

14 <sup>1</sup>Luke 12:11

15 <sup>1</sup>Lit., a mouth  
<sup>2</sup>Luke 12:12

18 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 10:30; Luke 12:7

19 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 10:22; 24:13; Rom. 2:7; 5:3f.; James 1:3; Heb. 10:36; 2 Pet. 1:6

20 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *know*  
<sup>a</sup>Luke 19:43

21 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *her*  
<sup>a</sup>Luke 17:31

22 <sup>2</sup>Is. 63:4; Hos. 9:7; Dan. 9:24-27

23 <sup>1</sup>Or, *earth*  
<sup>a</sup>Dan. 8:19; 1 Cor. 7:26

24 <sup>a</sup>Gen. 34:26; Ex. 17:13; Heb. 11:34 <sup>b</sup>Is. 63:18; Dan. 8:13; Rev. 11:2 <sup>c</sup>Rev. 11:2 <sup>d</sup>Rom. 11:25

25 <sup>1</sup>Or, *attesting miracles*

26 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *inhabited earth*  
<sup>2</sup>Or, *heaven*

27 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 24:30; Mark 13:26; Matt. 16:27; 26:64  
<sup>b</sup>Dan. 7:13

28 <sup>a</sup>Luke 18:7

30 <sup>a</sup>Luke 12:57

31 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *know*  
<sup>a</sup>Matt. 3:2

32 <sup>1</sup>Or, *race*

33 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 5:18; Luke 16:17

34 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 24:42-44; Luke 12:40, 45; Mark 4:19; 1 Thess. 5:2ff.

36 <sup>a</sup>Mark 13:33; Luke 12:40 <sup>b</sup>Luke 1:19; Rev. 7:9; 8:2; 11:4

37 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *days* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *nights*  
<sup>3</sup>Or, *the hill* <sup>4</sup>Or, *Olive Grove*  
<sup>a</sup>Matt. 26:55 <sup>b</sup>Mark 11:19  
<sup>c</sup>Matt. 21:1

38 <sup>a</sup>John 8:2

16 "But you will be betrayed even by parents and brothers and relatives and friends, and they will put *some* of you to death,

17 and you will be hated by all on account of My name.

18 "Yet <sup>a</sup>not a hair of your head will perish.

19 <sup>a</sup>By your perseverance you will win your souls.

20 "But when you see Jerusalem <sup>a</sup>surrounded by armies, then <sup>1</sup>recognize that her desolation is at hand.

21 "Then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains, and let those who are in the midst of <sup>1</sup>the city depart, and <sup>a</sup>let not those who are in the country enter <sup>1</sup>the city;

22 because these are <sup>a</sup>days of vengeance, in order that all things which are written may be fulfilled.

23 "Woe to those who are with child and to those who nurse babes in those days; for <sup>a</sup>there will be great distress upon the <sup>1</sup>land, and wrath to this people,

24 and they will fall by <sup>a</sup>the edge of the sword, and will be led captive into all the nations; and <sup>b</sup>Jerusalem will be <sup>c</sup>trampled underfoot by the Gentiles until <sup>d</sup>the times of the Gentiles be fulfilled.

25 "And there will be <sup>1</sup>signs in sun and moon and stars, and upon the earth dismay among nations, in perplexity at the roaring of the sea and the waves,

26 men fainting from fear and the expectation of the things which are coming upon the <sup>1</sup>world; for the powers of <sup>2</sup>the heavens will be shaken.

27 "And <sup>a</sup>then will they see <sup>b</sup>THE SON OF MAN COMING IN A CLOUD with power and great glory.

28 "But when these things begin to take place, straighten up and lift up your heads, because <sup>a</sup>your redemption is drawing near."

29 And He told them a parable: "Behold the fig tree, and all the trees;

30 as soon as they put forth *leaves*, you see it and <sup>a</sup>know for yourselves that the summer is now near.

31 "Even so you, too, when you see these things happening, <sup>1</sup>recognize that <sup>a</sup>the kingdom of God is near.

32 "Truly I say to you, this <sup>1</sup>generation will not pass away until all things take place.

33 <sup>a</sup>"Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will not pass away.

34 <sup>a</sup>"Be on guard, that your hearts may not be weighted down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of life, and that day come on you suddenly like a trap;

35 for it will come upon all those who dwell on the face of all the earth.

36 "But <sup>a</sup>keep on the alert at all times, praying in order that you may have strength to escape all these things that are about to take place, and to <sup>b</sup>stand before the Son of Man."

37 Now <sup>1</sup>during the day He was <sup>a</sup>teaching in the temple, but <sup>2</sup>at evening He would go out and spend the night on <sup>3</sup>the mount that is called <sup>4</sup>Olivet.

38 And all the people would get up <sup>a</sup>early in the morning to *come* to Him in the temple to listen to Him.

CHAPTER 22

<sup>a</sup>NOW the Feast of Unleavened Bread, which is called the <sup>b</sup>Passover, was approaching.

2 And the chief priests and the scribes <sup>a</sup>were seeking how they might put Him to death; for they were afraid of the people.

3 <sup>a</sup>And <sup>b</sup>Satan entered into Judas who was called Iscariot, <sup>l</sup>belonging to the number of the twelve.

4 And he went away and discussed with the chief priests and <sup>a</sup>officers how he might betray Him to them.

5 And they were delighted, and agreed to give him money.

6 And he consented, and *began* seeking a good opportunity to betray Him to them <sup>l</sup>apart from the multitude.

7 <sup>a</sup>Then came the day of Unleavened Bread on which <sup>b</sup>the Passover *lamb* had to be sacrificed.

8 And He sent <sup>a</sup>Peter and John, saying, "Go and prepare the Passover for us, that we may eat it."

9 And they said to Him, "Where do You want us to prepare it?"

10 And He said to them, "Behold, when you have entered the city, a man will meet you carrying a pitcher of water; follow him into the house that he enters.

11 "And you shall say to the owner of the house, 'The Teacher says to you, "Where is the guest room in which I may eat the Passover with My disciples?"'

12 "And he will show you a large, furnished, upper room; prepare it there."

13 And they departed and found *everything* just as He had told them; and they prepared the Passover.

14 <sup>a</sup>And when the hour had come He reclined *at table*, and <sup>b</sup>the apostles with Him.

15 And He said to them, "I have earnestly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer;

16 for I say to you, I shall never again eat it <sup>a</sup>until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God."

17 <sup>a</sup>And having taken a cup, <sup>b</sup>when He had given thanks, He said, "Take this and share it among yourselves;

18 for <sup>a</sup>I say to you, I will not drink of the fruit of the vine from now on until the kingdom of God comes."

19 And having taken *some* bread, <sup>a</sup>when He had given thanks, He broke it, and gave it to them, saying, "This is My body <sup>l</sup>which is given for you; do this in remembrance of Me."

20 And in the same way He took the cup after they had eaten, saying, "This cup which is <sup>a</sup>poured out for you is the <sup>b</sup>new covenant in My blood.

21 "But behold, the hand of the one betraying Me is with Me on the table.

22 "For indeed, the Son of Man is going <sup>a</sup>as it has been determined; but woe to that man through whom He is betrayed!"

23 And they began to discuss among themselves which one of them it might be who was going to do this thing.

24 And there arose also <sup>a</sup>a dispute among them *as to* which one of them was regarded to be greatest.

1 <sup>a</sup>Luke 22:1, 2; *Matt.* 26:2-5; *Mark* 14:1, 2 <sup>b</sup>John 11:55; 13:1

2 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 12:14

3 <sup>l</sup>Lit., *being of*  
<sup>a</sup>Luke 22:3-6; *Matt.* 26:14-16; *Mark* 14:10-11 <sup>b</sup>Matt. 4:10; John 13:2, 27

4 <sup>a</sup>Luke 22:52; Acts 4:1; 5:24, 26; 1 Chr. 9:11; Neh. 11:11

6 <sup>l</sup>Or, *without a disturbance*

7 <sup>a</sup>Luke 22:7-13; *Matt.* 26:17-19; *Mark* 14:12-16 <sup>b</sup>Mark 14:12

8 <sup>a</sup>Acts 3:1, 11; 4:13, 19; 8:14; Gal. 2:9

14 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 26:20; *Mark* 14:17 <sup>b</sup>Mark 6:30

16 <sup>a</sup>Luke 22:18, 30; 14:15; Rev. 19:9

17 <sup>a</sup>Luke 22:17-20; *Matt.* 26:26-29; *Mark* 14:22-25; 1 Cor. 11:23-25; 10:16 <sup>b</sup>Matt. 14:19

18 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 26:29; *Mark* 14:25

19 <sup>l</sup>Some ancient mss. omit the remainder of verse 19 and all of verse 20 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 14:19

20 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 26:28; *Mark* 14:24 <sup>b</sup>1 Cor. 11:25; 2 Cor. 3:6; Heb. 9:15; 8:8; Jer. 31:31; Ex. 24:8 [Heb. 8:13]

21 <sup>a</sup>Luke 22:21-23; *Matt.* 26:21-24; *Mark* 14:18-21; John 13:18, 21, 22, 26

22 <sup>a</sup>Acts 2:23; 4:28; 10:42; 17:31

24 <sup>a</sup>Mark 9:34; Luke 9:46

25 <sup>a</sup>Luke 22:25-27; *Matt.* 20:25-28; *Mark* 10:42-45

26 <sup>a</sup>Luke 9:48 <sup>b1</sup> Pet. 5:5

27 <sup>a</sup>Luke 12:37 <sup>b</sup>*Matt.* 20:28

28 <sup>a</sup>Heb. 2:18; 4:15

29 <sup>a</sup>*Matt.* 5:3; 2 *Tim.* 2:12

30 <sup>a</sup>Luke 22:16 <sup>b</sup>*Matt.* 5:3; 2 *Tim.* 2:12 <sup>c</sup>*Matt.* 19:28

31 <sup>1</sup>Or, *obtained by asking*  
<sup>a</sup>*Matt.* 4:10; *Job* 1:6-12; 2:1-6  
<sup>b</sup>*Amos* 9:9

32 <sup>a</sup>*John* 17:9, 15 <sup>b</sup>*John* 21:15-17

33 <sup>a</sup>Luke 22:33, 34; *Matt.* 26:33-35; *Mark* 14:29-31;  
*John* 13:37, 38

35 <sup>a</sup>Luke 9:3ff.; 10:4;  
*Matt.* 10:9f.; *Mark* 6:8

36 <sup>1</sup>Or, *outer garment*

37 <sup>1</sup>Or, *reckoned with transgressors*  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 53:12 <sup>b</sup>*John* 17:4; 19:30

38 <sup>a</sup>Luke 22:36, 49

39 <sup>a</sup>*Matt.* 26:30; *Mark* 14:26; *John* 18:1 <sup>b</sup>Luke 21:37 <sup>c</sup>*Matt.* 21:1

40 <sup>a</sup>Luke 22:40-46; *Matt.* 26:36-46; *Mark* 14:32-42  
<sup>b</sup>Luke 22:46; *Matt.* 6:13

41 <sup>a</sup>*Matt.* 26:39; *Mark* 14:35; *Luke* 18:11

42 <sup>a</sup>*Matt.* 20:22 <sup>b</sup>*Matt.* 26:39

43 <sup>1</sup>Some ancient mss. omit verses 43 and 44  
<sup>a</sup>*Matt.* 4:11

44 <sup>a</sup>Heb. 5:7

46 <sup>a</sup>Luke 22:40

47 <sup>a</sup>Luke 22:47-53; *Matt.* 26:47-56; *Mark* 14:43-50;  
*John* 18:3-11

25 <sup>a</sup>And He said to them, "The kings of the Gentiles lord it over them; and those who have authority over them are called 'Benefactors.'

26 <sup>a</sup>But not so with you, <sup>a</sup>but let him who is the greatest among you become as <sup>b</sup>the youngest, and the leader as the servant.

27 <sup>a</sup>For <sup>a</sup>who is greater, the one who reclines *at table*, or the one who serves? Is it not the one who reclines *at table*? But <sup>b</sup>I am among you as the one who serves.

28 <sup>a</sup>And you are those who have stood by Me in My <sup>a</sup>trials;  
29 and just as My Father has granted Me a <sup>a</sup>kingdom, I grant you

30 that you may <sup>a</sup>eat and drink at My table in My <sup>b</sup>kingdom, and <sup>c</sup>you will sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel.

31 <sup>a</sup>Simon, Simon, behold, <sup>a</sup>Satan has <sup>1</sup>demande*d permission* to <sup>b</sup>sift you like wheat;

32 but I <sup>a</sup>have prayed for you, that your faith may not fail; and you, when once you have turned again, <sup>b</sup>strengthen your brothers."

33 <sup>a</sup>And he said to Him, "Lord, with You I am ready to go both to prison and to death!"

34 And He said, "I tell you, Peter, the cock will not crow today until you have denied three times that you know Me."

35 And He said to them, <sup>a</sup>"When I sent you out without purse and bag and sandals, you did not lack anything, did you?" And they said, "No, nothing."

36 And He said to them, <sup>a</sup>"But now, let him who has a purse take it along, likewise also a bag, and let him who has no sword sell his <sup>1</sup>robe and buy one.

37 <sup>a</sup>For I tell you, that this which is written must be fulfilled in Me, <sup>a</sup>AND HE WAS <sup>1</sup>CLASSED AMONG CRIMINALS'; for <sup>b</sup>that which refers to Me has *its fulfillment*."

38 And they said, "Lord, look, here are two <sup>a</sup>swords." And He said to them, "It is enough."

39 <sup>a</sup>And He came out and proceeded <sup>b</sup>as was His custom to <sup>c</sup>the Mount of Olives; and the disciples also followed Him.

40 <sup>a</sup>And when He arrived at the place, He said to them, <sup>b</sup>"Pray that you may not enter into temptation."

41 And He withdrew from them about a stone's throw, and He <sup>a</sup>knelt down and *began* to pray,

42 saying, "Father, if Thou art willing, remove this <sup>a</sup>cup from Me; <sup>b</sup>yet not My will, but Thine be done."

43 <sup>1</sup>Now an <sup>a</sup>angel from heaven appeared to Him, strengthening Him.

44 And <sup>a</sup>being in agony He was praying very fervently; and His sweat became like drops of blood, falling down upon the ground.

45 And when He rose from prayer, He came to His disciples and found them sleeping from sorrow,

46 and said to them, "Why are you sleeping? Rise and <sup>a</sup>pray that you may not enter into temptation."

47 <sup>a</sup>While He was still speaking, behold, a multitude *came*, and the one called Judas, one of the twelve, was preceding them; and he approached Jesus to kiss Him.

48 But Jesus said to him, "Judas, are you betraying the Son of Man with a kiss?"

49 And when those who were around Him saw what was going to happen, they said, "Lord, shall we strike with the sword?"

50 And a certain one of them struck the slave of the high priest and cut off his right ear.

51 But Jesus answered and said, "Stop! No more of this." And He touched his ear and healed him.

52 And Jesus said to the chief priests and officers of the temple and elders who had come against Him, "Have you come out with swords and clubs against a robber?"

53 "While I was with you daily in the temple, you did not lay hands on Me; but this hour and the power of darkness are yours."

54 And having arrested Him, they led Him away, and brought Him to the house of the high priest; but Peter was following at a distance.

55 And after they had kindled a fire in the middle of the courtyard and had sat down together, Peter was sitting among them.

56 And a certain servant-girl, seeing him as he sat in the firelight, and looking intently at him, said, "This man was with Him too."

57 But he denied it, saying, "Woman, I do not know Him."

58 And a little later, another saw him and said, "You are one of them too!" But Peter said, "Man, I am not!"

59 And after about an hour had passed, another man began to insist, saying, "Certainly this man also was with Him, for he is a Galilean too."

60 But Peter said, "Man, I do not know what you are talking about." And immediately, while he was still speaking, a cock crowed.

61 And the Lord turned and looked at Peter. And Peter remembered the word of the Lord, how He had told him, "Before a cock crows today, you will deny Me three times."

62 And he went outside and wept bitterly.

63 And the men who were holding Jesus in custody were mocking Him, and beating Him,

64 and they blindfolded Him and were asking Him, saying, "Prophecy, who is the one who hit You?"

65 And they were saying many other things against Him, blaspheming.

66 And when it was day, the Council of Elders of the people assembled, both chief priests and scribes, and they led Him away to their council chamber, saying,

67 "If You are the Christ, tell us." But He said to them, "If I tell you, you will not believe;

68 and if I ask a question, you will not answer.

69 "But from now on the Son of Man will be seated at the right hand of the power of God."

70 And they all said, "Are You the Son of God, then?" And He said to them, "Yes, I am."

71 And they said, "What further need do we have of testimony? For we have heard it ourselves from His own mouth."

49 <sup>a</sup>Luke 22:38

51 <sup>1</sup>Or, "Let Me at least do this," and He touched...

52 <sup>a</sup>Luke 22:4 <sup>b</sup>Luke 22:37

53 <sup>1</sup>Lit., this is your hour and power of darkness

54 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 26:57; Mark 14:53 <sup>b</sup>Matt. 26:58; Mark 14:54; John 18:15

55 <sup>a</sup>Luke 22:55-62; Matt. 26:69-75; Mark 14:66-72; John 18:16-18, 25-27 <sup>b</sup>Matt. 26:3

58 <sup>a</sup>John 18:26

59 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 26:73; Mark 14:70

61 <sup>a</sup>Luke 7:13 <sup>b</sup>Luke 22:34

63 <sup>1</sup>Lit., Him <sup>a</sup>Luke 22:63-65; Matt. 26:67f.; Mark 14:65; John 18:22f.

64 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 26:68; Mark 14:65

65 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 27:39 Gr.

66 <sup>1</sup>Or, Sanhedrin <sup>a</sup>Matt. 27:1f.; Mark 15:1; John 18:28 <sup>b</sup>Acts 22:5 Gr. <sup>c</sup>Matt. 5:22

67 <sup>1</sup>I.e., Messiah <sup>a</sup>Luke 22:67-71; Matt. 26:63-66; Mark 14:61-63; John 18:19-21

69 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 26:64; Mark 14:62; Mark 16:19 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 110:1

70 <sup>1</sup>Lit., you say that I am <sup>a</sup>Matt. 4:3 <sup>b</sup>Matt. 27:11; Luke 23:3; Matt. 26:64

1 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 27:2; Mark 15:1; John 18:28

2 <sup>1</sup>I.e., Messiah  
<sup>a</sup>Luke 23:2, 3; <sup>b</sup>Matt. 27:11-14; <sup>c</sup>Mark 15:2-5; <sup>d</sup>John 18:29-37 <sup>e</sup>Luke 23:14 <sup>f</sup>Luke 20:22; <sup>g</sup>John 18:33ff.; 19:12; <sup>h</sup>Acts 17:7

3 <sup>a</sup>Luke 22:70

4 <sup>a</sup>Luke 23:14, 22; <sup>b</sup>Matt. 27:23; <sup>c</sup>Mark 15:14; <sup>d</sup>John 18:38; 19:4, 6

5 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 4:12

7 <sup>1</sup>Lit., in these days  
<sup>a</sup>Matt. 14:1; <sup>b</sup>Mark 6:14; <sup>c</sup>Luke 3:1; 9:7; 13:31

8 <sup>1</sup>Or, attesting miracle  
<sup>a</sup>Luke 9:9

9 <sup>1</sup>Lit., in many words  
<sup>a</sup>Matt. 27:12, 14; <sup>b</sup>Mark 15:5; <sup>c</sup>John 19:9

11 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 27:28

12 <sup>a</sup>Acts 4:27

13 <sup>a</sup>Luke 23:35; <sup>b</sup>John 7:26, 48; 12:42; <sup>c</sup>Acts 3:17; 4:5, 8; 13:27

14 <sup>a</sup>Luke 23:2 <sup>b</sup>Luke 23:4

15 <sup>a</sup>Luke 9:9

16 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 27:26; <sup>b</sup>Mark 15:15; <sup>c</sup>John 19:1; <sup>d</sup>Acts 16:37; <sup>e</sup>Luke 23:22

17 <sup>1</sup>Some mss. insert verse 17, *Now he was obliged to release to them at the feast one prisoner*

18 <sup>a</sup>Luke 23:18-25; <sup>b</sup>Matt. 27:15-26; <sup>c</sup>Mark 15:6-15; <sup>d</sup>John 18:39-19:16

22 <sup>a</sup>Luke 23:16

**T**HEN the whole body of them arose and <sup>a</sup>brought Him before Pilate.

2 <sup>a</sup>And they began to accuse Him, saying, "We found this man <sup>b</sup>misleading our nation and <sup>c</sup>forbidding to pay taxes to Caesar, and saying that He Himself is <sup>1</sup>Christ, a King."

3 And Pilate asked Him, saying, "Are You the King of the Jews?" And He answered him and said, "<sup>a</sup>*It is as you say.*"

4 And Pilate said to the chief priests and the multitudes, "I find no guilt in this man."

5 But they kept on insisting, saying, "He stirs up the people, teaching all over Judea, <sup>a</sup>starting from Galilee, even as far as this place."

6 But when Pilate heard it, he asked whether the man was a Galilean.

7 And when he learned that He belonged to Herod's jurisdiction, he sent Him to <sup>a</sup>Herod, who himself also was in Jerusalem <sup>1</sup>at that time.

8 Now Herod was very glad when he saw Jesus; for <sup>a</sup>he had wanted to see Him for a long time, because he had been hearing about Him and was hoping to see some <sup>1</sup>sign performed by Him.

9 And he questioned Him <sup>1</sup>at some length; but <sup>a</sup>He answered him nothing.

10 And the chief priests and the scribes were standing there, accusing Him vehemently.

11 And Herod with his soldiers, after treating Him with contempt and mocking Him, <sup>a</sup>dressed Him in a gorgeous robe and sent Him back to Pilate.

12 Now <sup>a</sup>Herod and Pilate became friends with one another that very day; for before they had been at enmity with each other.

13 And Pilate summoned the chief priests and the <sup>a</sup>rulers and the people,

14 and said to them, "You brought this man to me as one who <sup>a</sup>incites the people to rebellion, and behold, having examined Him before you, I <sup>b</sup>have found no guilt in this man regarding the charges which you make against Him.

15 "No, nor has <sup>a</sup>Herod, for he sent Him back to us; and behold, nothing deserving death has been done by Him.

16 "I will therefore <sup>a</sup>punish Him and release Him."

17 (See marginal note.<sup>1</sup>)

18 But they cried out all together, saying, "<sup>a</sup>Away with this man, and release for us Barabbas!"

19 (He was one who had been thrown in prison for a certain insurrection made in the city, and for murder.)

20 And Pilate, wanting to release Jesus, addressed them again,

21 but they kept on calling out, saying, "Crucify, crucify Him!"

22 And he said to them the third time, "Why, what evil has this man done? I have found in Him no guilt <sup>a</sup>demanding death; I will therefore <sup>a</sup>punish Him and release Him."

23 But they were insistent, with loud voices asking that He be crucified. And their voices <sup>a</sup>began to prevail.

24 And Pilate pronounced sentence that their demand should be granted.

25 And he released the man they were asking for who had been thrown into prison for insurrection and murder, but he turned Jesus over to their will.

26 <sup>a</sup>And when they led Him away, they laid hold of one Simon, a <sup>b</sup>Cyrenian, coming in from the country, and placed on him the cross to carry behind Jesus.

27 And there were following Him a great multitude of the people, and of women who were <sup>1a</sup>mourning and lamenting Him.

28 But Jesus turning to them said, "Daughters of Jerusalem, stop weeping for Me, but weep for yourselves and for your children.

29 "For behold, the days are coming when they will say, "Blessed are the barren, and the wombs that never bore, and the breasts that never nursed."

30 "Then they will begin to <sup>a</sup>SAY TO THE MOUNTAINS, 'FALL ON US,' AND TO THE HILLS, 'COVER US.'

31 "For if they do these things in the green tree, what will happen in the dry?"

32 <sup>a</sup>And two others also, who were criminals, were being led away to be put to death with Him.

33 <sup>a</sup>And when they came to the place called <sup>1</sup>The Skull, there they crucified Him and the criminals, one on the right and the other on the left.

34 <sup>1</sup>But Jesus was saying, "<sup>a</sup>Father forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing." <sup>b</sup>AND THEY CAST LOTS, DIVIDING UP HIS GARMENTS AMONG THEMSELVES.

35 And the people stood by, looking on. And even the <sup>a</sup>rulers were sneering at Him, saying, "He saved others; <sup>b</sup>let Him save Himself if this is the <sup>1</sup>Christ of God, His Chosen One."

36 And the soldiers also mocked Him, coming up to Him, <sup>a</sup>offering Him sour wine,

37 and saying, "<sup>a</sup>If You are the King of the Jews, save Yourself!"

38 Now there was also an inscription above Him, "<sup>a</sup>THIS IS THE KING OF THE JEWS."

39 <sup>a</sup>And one of the criminals who were hanged *there* was <sup>1</sup>hurling abuse at Him, saying, "Are You not the <sup>2</sup>Christ? <sup>b</sup>Save Yourself and us!"

40 But the other answered, and rebuking him said, "Do you not even fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation?"

41 "And we indeed justly, for we are receiving <sup>1</sup>what we deserve for our deeds; but this man has done nothing wrong."

42 And he was saying, "Jesus, remember me when You come <sup>1</sup>in Your kingdom!"

43 And He said to him, "Truly I say to you, today you shall be with Me in <sup>a</sup>Paradise."

44 <sup>a</sup>And it was now about <sup>1b</sup>the sixth hour, and darkness <sup>2</sup>fell over the whole land until <sup>3</sup>the ninth hour,

45 the sun <sup>1</sup>being obscured; and <sup>a</sup>the veil of the temple was torn <sup>2</sup>in two.

26 <sup>a</sup>Luke 23:26; Matt. 27:32; Mark 15:21; John 19:17 <sup>b</sup>Matt. 27:32

27 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *beating the breast*  
<sup>a</sup>Luke 8:52

29 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 24:19; Luke 21:23; 11:27

30 <sup>a</sup>Hos. 10:8; Rev. 6:16; Is. 2:19, 20

32 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 27:38; Mark 15:27; John 19:18

33 <sup>1</sup>In Latin, *Calvarius*, or *Calvary*  
<sup>a</sup>Luke 23:33-43; Matt. 27:33-44; Mark 15:22-32; John 19:17-24

34 <sup>1</sup>Some mss. omit, "But Jesus was saying . . . doing."  
<sup>a</sup>Matt. 11:25; Luke 22:42  
<sup>b</sup>Ps. 22:18; John 19:24

35 <sup>1</sup>I.e., Messiah  
<sup>a</sup>Luke 23:13 <sup>b</sup>Matt. 27:43

36 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 27:48

37 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 27:43

38 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 27:37; Mark 15:26; John 19:19

39 <sup>1</sup>Or, *blaspheming* <sup>2</sup>I.e., Messiah  
<sup>a</sup>Luke 23:39-43; Matt. 27:44; Mark 15:32 <sup>b</sup>Luke 23:35, 37

41 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *things worthy of what we have done*

42 <sup>1</sup>Or, *into*

43 <sup>a</sup>2 Cor. 12:4; Rev. 2:7; Gen. 2:8 [Sept.]

44 <sup>1</sup>I.e., 12 noon <sup>2</sup>Or, *occurred* <sup>3</sup>I.e., 3 p.m.  
<sup>a</sup>Luke 23:44-49; Matt. 27:45-56; Mark 15:33-41  
<sup>b</sup>John 19:14

45 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *failing* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *in the middle*  
<sup>a</sup>Matt. 27:51

46 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 27:50; Mark 15:37; John 19:30 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 31:5

47 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *righteous*  
<sup>a</sup>Matt. 27:54; Mark 15:39  
<sup>b</sup>Matt. 9:8

48 <sup>a</sup>Luke 18:13; Luke 8:52

49 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 27: 55f.; Mark 15:40f.; Luke 8:2; John 19:25

50 <sup>a</sup>Luke 23:50-56; *Matt.* 27:57-61; *Mark* 15:42-47; *John* 19:38-42 <sup>b</sup>Mark 15:43

51 <sup>a</sup>Mark 15:43; Luke 2:25

54 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *dawn*  
<sup>a</sup>Mark 15:42; *Matt.* 27:62

55 <sup>a</sup>Luke 23:49

56 <sup>a</sup>Mark 16:1; Luke 24:1  
<sup>b</sup>Ex. 20:10

1 <sup>a</sup>Luke 24:1-10; *Matt.* 28:1-8; *Mark* 16:1-8; *John* 20:1-8

3 <sup>a</sup>Acts 1:21; Luke 7:13

4 <sup>a</sup>John 20:12 <sup>b</sup>Luke 2:9; Acts 12:7

6 <sup>1</sup>Some ancient mss. omit: *He is not here, but He has risen* <sup>2</sup>Or, *been raised*  
<sup>a</sup>Mark 16:6 <sup>b</sup>Matt. 17:22f.; <sup>c</sup>Mark 9:30f.; Luke 9:44; Luke 24:44

7 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 16:21; Luke 24:46

8 <sup>a</sup>John 2:22

10 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 27:56 <sup>b</sup>Mark 6:30

11 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *in their sight*  
<sup>a</sup>Mark 16:11

46 And Jesus, <sup>a</sup>crying out with a loud voice, said, "Father, <sup>b</sup>INTO THY HANDS I COMMIT MY SPIRIT." And having said this, He breathed His last.

47 <sup>a</sup>Now when the centurion saw what had happened, he *began* <sup>b</sup>praising God, saying, "Certainly this man was <sup>1</sup>innocent."

48 And all the multitudes who came together for this spectacle, when they observed what had happened, *began* to return, <sup>a</sup>beating their breasts.

49 <sup>a</sup>And all His acquaintances and <sup>a</sup>the women who accompanied Him from Galilee, were standing at a distance, seeing these things.

50 <sup>a</sup>And behold, a man named Joseph, who was a <sup>b</sup>member of the Council, a good and righteous man

51 (he had not consented to their plan and action), *a man* from Arimathea, a city of the Jews, who was <sup>a</sup>waiting for the kingdom of God;

52 this man went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus.

53 And he took it down and wrapped it in a linen cloth, and laid Him in a tomb cut into the rock, where no one had ever lain.

54 And it was <sup>a</sup>the preparation day, and the Sabbath was about to <sup>1</sup>begin.

55 Now <sup>a</sup>the women who had come with Him out of Galilee followed after, and saw the tomb and how His body was laid.

56 And they returned and <sup>a</sup>prepared spices and perfumes.

And on the Sabbath they rested according to <sup>b</sup>the commandment.

CHAPTER 24

<sup>a</sup>**B**UT on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they came to the tomb, bringing the spices which they had prepared.

2 And they found the stone rolled away from the tomb,

3 but when they entered, they did not find the body of <sup>a</sup>the Lord Jesus.

4 And it happened that while they were perplexed about this, behold, <sup>a</sup>two men suddenly <sup>b</sup>stood near them in dazzling apparel;

5 and as *the women* were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, *the men* said to them, "Why do you seek the living One among the dead?"

6 <sup>1</sup>"He is not here, but He <sup>a</sup>has <sup>2</sup>risen. Remember how He spoke to you <sup>b</sup>while He was still in Galilee,

7 saying that <sup>a</sup>the Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, and be crucified, and the third day rise again."

8 And <sup>a</sup>they remembered His words,

9 and returned from the tomb and reported all these things to the eleven and to all the rest.

10 Now they were <sup>a</sup>Mary Magdalene and Joanna and Mary the *mother* of James; also the other women with them were telling these things to <sup>b</sup>the apostles.

11 And these words appeared <sup>1</sup>to them as nonsense, and they <sup>a</sup>would not believe them.



12 [But Peter arose and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen wrappings only; and he went away to his home, marveling at that which had happened.]

13 And behold, two of them were going that very day to a village named Emmaus, which was about seven miles from Jerusalem.

14 And they were conversing with each other about all these things which had taken place.

15 And it came about that while they were conversing and discussing, Jesus Himself approached, and began traveling with them.

16 But their eyes were prevented from recognizing Him.

17 And He said to them, "What are these words that you are exchanging with one another as you are walking?" And they stood still, looking sad.

18 And one of them, named Cleopas, answered and said to Him, "Are You the only one visiting Jerusalem and unaware of the things which have happened here in these days?"

19 And He said to them, "What things?" And they said to Him, "The things about Jesus the Nazarene, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word in the sight of God and all the people,

20 and how the chief priests and our rulers delivered Him up to the sentence of death, and crucified Him.

21 "But we were hoping that it was He who was going to redeem Israel. Indeed, besides all this, it is the third day since these things happened.

22 "But also some women among us amazed us. When they were at the tomb early in the morning,

23 and did not find His body, they came, saying that they had also seen a vision of angels, who said that He was alive.

24 "And some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just exactly as the women also had said; but Him they did not see."

25 And He said to them, "O foolish men and slow of heart to believe in all that the prophets have spoken!

26 "Was it not necessary for the Christ to suffer these things and to enter into His glory?"

27 And beginning with Moses and with all the prophets, He explained to them the things concerning Himself in all the Scriptures.

28 And they approached the village where they were going, and He acted as though He would go farther.

29 And they urged Him, saying, "Stay with us, for it is getting toward evening, and the day is now nearly over." And He went in to stay with them.

30 And it came about that when He had reclined at table with them, He took the bread and blessed it, and breaking it, He began giving it to them.

31 And their eyes were opened and they recognized Him; and He vanished from their sight.

32 And they said to one another, "Were not our hearts burning within us while He was speaking to us on the road, while He was explaining the Scriptures to us?"

33 And they arose that very hour and returned to Jerusa-

12 <sup>1</sup>Some ancient mss. omit verse 12 <sup>2</sup>Or, by themselves  
<sup>a</sup>John 20:3-6 <sup>b</sup>John 20:10

13 <sup>1</sup>i.e., 60 stadia, one stadion equals 600 feet  
<sup>a</sup>Mark 16:12

16 <sup>1</sup>Lit., were being prevented  
<sup>a</sup>John 20:14; 21:4; Luke 24:31

18 <sup>1</sup>Or, Are You visiting Jerusalem alone . . .

19 <sup>a</sup>Mark 1:24 <sup>b</sup>Matt. 21:11

20 <sup>a</sup>Luke 23:13

21 <sup>a</sup>Luke 1:68

22 <sup>a</sup>Luke 24:1ff.

25 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 26:24

26 <sup>1</sup>i.e., Messiah  
<sup>a</sup>Luke 24:7; 44ff.; Heb. 2:10; 1 Pet. 1:11

27 <sup>1</sup>Lit., from  
<sup>a</sup>Gen. 3:15; 12:3; Num. 21:9 [John 3:14]; Deut. 18:15 [John 1:45]; John 5:46 <sup>b2</sup> Sam. 7:12-16; Is. 7:14 [Matt. 1:23]; 9:1f. [Matt. 4:15f.]; 42; [Matt. 12:18ff.]; 53; [Matt. 8:17; Luke 22:37]; Dan. 7:13 [Matt. 24:30]; Mic. 5:2 [Matt. 2:6]; Zech. 9:9 [Matt. 21:5]; Acts 13:27

28 <sup>a</sup>Mark 6:48

29 <sup>1</sup>Lit., has now declined

30 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 14:19

31 <sup>1</sup>Lit., them  
<sup>a</sup>Luke 24:16

32 <sup>1</sup>Lit., Was not our heart  
<sup>2</sup>Lit., opening  
<sup>a</sup>Luke 24:45

33 <sup>a</sup>Mark 16:13 <sup>b</sup>Acts 1:14

34 <sup>a</sup>Luke 24:6 <sup>b</sup>1 Cor. 15:5

35 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *the things*  
<sup>a</sup>Luke 24:30f.

36 <sup>1</sup>Some ancient mss. insert, *And He says to them, "Peace be to you."*  
<sup>a</sup>Mark 16:14

37 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 14:26; Mark 6:49

38 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *heart*

39 <sup>a</sup>John 20:20, 27 <sup>b</sup>1 John 1:1; John 20:27

40 <sup>1</sup>Some mss. add verse 40, *And when He had said this, He showed them His hands and His feet.*

41 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *were disbelieving*  
<sup>a</sup>Luke 24:11 <sup>b</sup>John 21:5

43 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *before them*  
<sup>a</sup>Acts 10:41

44 <sup>a</sup>Luke 9:22, 44f.; 18:31-34; 22:37 <sup>b</sup>Luke 24:27 <sup>c</sup>Ps. 2 [Acts 13:33]; Ps. 16 [Acts 2:27]; Ps. 22 [Matt. 27:34-46]; Ps. 69 [John 19:28ff.]; Ps. 72; 110 [Matt. 22:43f.]; Ps. 118 [Matt. 21:42]

45 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *mind*  
<sup>a</sup>Luke 24:32; Acts 16:14;  
1 John 5:20

46 <sup>1</sup>i.e., *Messiah*  
<sup>a</sup>Luke 24:26, 44 <sup>b</sup>Luke 24:7

47 <sup>1</sup>Some mss. read, *and forgiveness* <sup>2</sup>Or, *on the basis of*  
<sup>a</sup>Acts 5:31; 10:43; 13:38; 26:18 <sup>b</sup>Matt. 28:19

48 <sup>a</sup>Acts 1:8, 22; 2:32; 3:15; 4:33; 5:32; 10:39, 41; 13:31; 1 Pet. 5:1

49 <sup>a</sup>John 14:26 <sup>b</sup>Acts 1:4

50 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 21:17; Acts 1:12

51 <sup>1</sup>Some mss. add, *and was carried up into heaven*

52 <sup>1</sup>Some mss. insert, *worshipped Him, and . . .*

53 <sup>1</sup>Lit.,  *blessing*

lem, and <sup>a</sup>found gathered together the eleven and <sup>b</sup>those who were with them,

34 saying, <sup>a</sup>"The Lord has really risen, and <sup>b</sup>has appeared to Simon."

35 And they *began* to relate <sup>1</sup>their experiences on the road and how <sup>a</sup>He was recognized by them in the breaking of the bread.

36 And while they were telling these things, <sup>a</sup>He Himself stood in their midst.<sup>1</sup>

37 But they were startled and frightened and thought that they were seeing <sup>a</sup>a spirit.

38 And He said to them, "Why are you troubled, and why do doubts arise in your <sup>1</sup>hearts?

39 <sup>a</sup>"See My hands and My feet, that it is I Myself; <sup>b</sup>touch Me and see, for a spirit does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have."

40 (See marginal note.<sup>1</sup>)

41 And while they still <sup>1a</sup>could not believe it for joy and were marveling, He said to them, <sup>b</sup>"Have you anything here to eat?"

42 And they gave Him a piece of a broiled fish;

43 and He took it and <sup>a</sup>ate it <sup>1</sup>in their sight.

44 Now He said to them, <sup>a</sup>"These are My words which I spoke to you while I was still with you, that all things which are written about Me in the <sup>b</sup>Law of Moses and <sup>b</sup>the Prophets and <sup>c</sup>the Psalms must be fulfilled."

45 Then He <sup>a</sup>opened their <sup>1</sup>minds to understand the Scriptures,

46 and He said to them, <sup>a</sup>"Thus it is written, that the <sup>1</sup>Christ should suffer and <sup>b</sup>rise again from the dead the third day;

47 and that <sup>a</sup>repentance <sup>1</sup>for forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed <sup>2</sup>in His name to <sup>b</sup>all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem.

48 "You are <sup>a</sup>witnesses of these things.

49 "And behold, <sup>a</sup>I am sending forth the promise of My Father upon you; but <sup>b</sup>you are to stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high."

50 And He led them out as far as <sup>a</sup>Bethany, and He lifted up His hands and blessed them.

51 And it came about that while He was blessing them, He parted from them.<sup>1</sup>

52 And they<sup>1</sup> returned to Jerusalem with great joy,

53 and were continually in the temple, <sup>1</sup>praising God.

# THE GOSPEL

ACCORDING TO

## JOHN

The Prologue. The Word Made Flesh  
Announced by John.

<sup>a</sup>**I**N the beginning was <sup>b</sup>the Word, and the Word was <sup>c</sup>with God, and <sup>d</sup>the Word was God.

<sup>2</sup> <sup>1</sup>He was in the beginning with God.

<sup>3</sup> <sup>a</sup>All things came into being through Him; and apart from Him nothing came into being that has come into being.

<sup>4</sup> <sup>a</sup>In Him was life; and the life was <sup>b</sup>the light of men.

<sup>5</sup> And <sup>a</sup>the light shines in the darkness; and the darkness did not <sup>1</sup>comprehend it.

<sup>6</sup> There <sup>1</sup>came a man, sent from God, whose name was <sup>a</sup>John.

<sup>7</sup> <sup>1</sup>He came <sup>a</sup>for a witness, that he might bear witness of the light, <sup>b</sup>that all might believe through him.

<sup>8</sup> <sup>1a</sup>He was not the light, but *came* that he might bear witness of the light.

<sup>9</sup> There was <sup>a</sup>the true light <sup>1</sup>which, coming into the world, enlightens every man.

<sup>10</sup> He was in the world, and <sup>a</sup>the world was made through Him, and the world did not know Him.

<sup>11</sup> He came to His <sup>1</sup>own, and those who were His own did not receive Him.

<sup>12</sup> But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become <sup>a</sup>children of God, *even* <sup>b</sup>to those who believe in His name,

<sup>13</sup> <sup>a</sup>who were <sup>1</sup>born not of <sup>2</sup>blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.

<sup>14</sup> And <sup>a</sup>the Word <sup>b</sup>became flesh, and <sup>1c</sup>dwelt among us, and <sup>d</sup>we beheld His glory, glory as of <sup>2</sup>the only begotten from the Father, full of <sup>e</sup>grace and <sup>f</sup>truth.

<sup>15</sup> John <sup>a</sup>abore witness of Him, and cried out, saying, "This was He of whom I said, <sup>b</sup>He who comes after me <sup>1</sup>has a higher rank than I, <sup>c</sup>for He existed before me."

<sup>16</sup> For of His <sup>a</sup>fulness <sup>1</sup>we have all received, and <sup>2</sup>grace upon grace.

<sup>17</sup> For <sup>a</sup>the law was given through Moses; <sup>b</sup>grace and <sup>c</sup>truth were realized through Jesus Christ.

<sup>18</sup> <sup>a</sup>No man has seen God at any time; <sup>b</sup>the only begotten <sup>1</sup>God, who is <sup>c</sup>in the bosom of the Father, <sup>d</sup>He has explained Him.

<sup>19</sup> And this is <sup>a</sup>the witness of John, when <sup>b</sup>the Jews sent to him priests and Levites <sup>c</sup>from Jerusalem to ask him, "Who are you?"

<sup>20</sup> And he confessed, and did not deny, and he confessed, "<sup>a</sup>I am not <sup>1</sup>the Christ."

<sup>21</sup> And they asked him, "What then? Are you <sup>a</sup>Elijah?" And he <sup>a</sup>said, "I am not." "Are you <sup>b</sup>the Prophet?" And he answered, "No."

<sup>1</sup> <sup>a</sup>Gen. 1:1; Col. 1:17;  
<sup>1</sup> John 1:1; <sup>b</sup>John 1:14; Rev. 19:13; <sup>c</sup>1 John 1:2; John 17:5; <sup>d</sup>Phil. 2:6

<sup>2</sup> <sup>1</sup>Lit., *This One*  
<sup>3</sup> <sup>a</sup>John 1:10; 1 Cor. 8:6; Col. 1:16; Heb. 1:2

<sup>4</sup> <sup>a</sup>John 5:26; John 11:25; 14:6; <sup>b</sup>John 8:12; 9:5; 12:46

<sup>5</sup> <sup>1</sup>Or, *overpower*  
<sup>a</sup>John 3:19

<sup>6</sup> <sup>1</sup>Or, *came into being*  
<sup>a</sup>Matt. 3:1

<sup>7</sup> <sup>1</sup>Lit., *This One*  
<sup>a</sup>John 1:15, 19, 32; 3:26; 5:33; <sup>b</sup>John 1:12; Acts 19:4; Gal. 3:26

<sup>8</sup> <sup>1</sup>Lit., *That One*  
<sup>a</sup>John 1:20

<sup>9</sup> <sup>1</sup>Or, *which enlightens every man coming into the world*

<sup>10</sup> <sup>1</sup>Or, 2:8  
<sup>a</sup>1 Cor. 8:6; Col. 1:16; Heb. 1:2

<sup>11</sup> <sup>1</sup>Gr., *His own things, possessions, domain*

<sup>12</sup> <sup>a</sup>John 11:52; Gal. 3:26; <sup>b</sup>John 1:7; 3:18; 1 John 5:13; 1 John 3:23

<sup>13</sup> <sup>1</sup>Or, *begotten* <sup>2</sup>Or, *Cr., bloods*

<sup>a</sup>John 3:5f.; 1 Pet. 1:23; James 1:18; 1 John 2:29; 3:9

<sup>14</sup> <sup>1</sup>Or, *Cr., tabernacled*  
<sup>2</sup>Lit., *an only or unique one or, an only begotten from a father*

<sup>a</sup>Rev. 19:13; <sup>b</sup>Rom. 1:3; Cal. 4:4; Phil. 2:7f.; 1 Tim. 3:16; Heb. 2:14; 1 John 1:1f.; 4:2; 2 John 7; <sup>c</sup>Rev. 21:3; <sup>d</sup>Luke 9:32; John 2:11; 17:22, 24; 2 Pet. 1:16f.; 1 John 1:1; <sup>e</sup>John 1:17; Rom. 5:21; 6:14; <sup>f</sup>John 8:32; 14:6; 18:37

<sup>15</sup> <sup>1</sup>Lit., *is become before me*

<sup>a</sup>John 1:7; <sup>b</sup>John 1:27, 30; Matt. 3:11; <sup>c</sup>John 1:30

<sup>16</sup> <sup>1</sup>Lit., *we all received*  
<sup>2</sup>Lit., *grace for grace*

<sup>a</sup>Eph. 1:23; 3:19; 4:13; Col. 1:19; 2:9

<sup>17</sup> <sup>a</sup>John 7:19; <sup>b</sup>John 1:14; Rom. 5:21; 6:14; <sup>c</sup>John 8:32; 14:6; 18:37

<sup>18</sup> <sup>1</sup>Some later mss. read, *Son*

<sup>a</sup>Ex. 33:20; John 6:46; Col. 1:15; 1 Tim. 6:16; 1 John 4:12; <sup>b</sup>John 3:16, 18; 1 John 4:9; <sup>c</sup>John 13:23; Luke 16:22

<sup>d</sup>John 3:11

<sup>19</sup> <sup>a</sup>John 1:7; <sup>b</sup>John 2:18, 20; 5:10, 15f.; 18; 6:41, 52; 7:1, 11, 13, 15, 35; 8:22, 48, 52, 57; 9:18, 22; 10:24, 31, 33; <sup>c</sup>Matt. 15:1

<sup>20</sup> <sup>1</sup>i.e., *the Messiah*  
<sup>a</sup>John 3:28; cf. Luke 3:15f.

<sup>21</sup> <sup>a</sup>Matt. 11:14; 16:14; <sup>b</sup>Deut. 18:15, 18; John 1:25; Matt. 21:11

23 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 3:3; Mark 1:3; Luke 3:4 <sup>b</sup>Is. 40:3

25 <sup>1</sup>I.e., Messiah  
<sup>a</sup>Deut. 18:15, 18; John 1:21; Matt. 21:11

26 <sup>1</sup>The Gr. here can be translated in, with, or by  
<sup>a</sup>Matt. 3:11; Mark 1:8; Luke 3:16; Acts 1:5

27 <sup>a</sup>John 1:30; Matt. 3:11  
<sup>b</sup>Mark 1:7; Luke 3:16; Matt. 3:11

28 <sup>a</sup>John 3:26; 10:40

29 <sup>a</sup>Is. 53:7; John 1:36; Acts 8:32; 1 Pet. 1:19; Rev. 5:6, 8, 12f.; 6:1 <sup>b1</sup>John 3:5; Matt. 1:21

30 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *has become before me*  
<sup>a</sup>John 1:27; Matt. 3:11  
<sup>b</sup>John 1:15

31 <sup>1</sup>I.e., as the Messiah  
<sup>2</sup>The Gr. here can be translated in, with, or by

32 <sup>a</sup>John 1:7 <sup>b</sup>Matt. 3:16; Mark 1:10; Luke 3:22

33 <sup>1</sup>I.e., as the Messiah  
<sup>2</sup>The Gr. here can be translated in, with, or by  
<sup>a</sup>Matt. 3:11; Mark 1:8; Luke 3:16; Acts 1:5

34 <sup>a</sup>John 1:49; Matt. 4:3

35 <sup>a</sup>John 1:29

36 <sup>a</sup>John 1:29

38 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 23:7f.; John 1:49

39 <sup>1</sup>I.e., 4 p.m.

40 <sup>a</sup>John 1:40-42; Matt. 4:18-22; Mark 1:16-20; Luke 5:2-11

41 <sup>1</sup>Greek for *Anointed One*  
<sup>a</sup>Dan. 9:25 marg.; John 4:25

42 <sup>1</sup>Cr. *Joannes*, called in Matt. 16:17, Jonas <sup>2</sup>I.e., Rock or Stone  
<sup>a</sup>John 21:15-17 <sup>b1</sup>Cor. 1:12; 3:2; 9:5; 15:5; Gal. 1:18; 2:9, 11, 14 <sup>c</sup>Matt. 16:18

43 <sup>a</sup>John 1:35; John 1:29  
<sup>b</sup>John 1:28; Matt. 4:12; John 2:11 <sup>c</sup>Matt. 10:3; John 1:44-48; John 6:5, 7; 12:21f.; 14:8f. <sup>d</sup>Matt. 8:22

22 They said then to him, "Who are you, so that we may give an answer to those who sent us? What do you say about yourself?"

23 He said, "<sup>a</sup>I am a voice of one crying in the wilderness, '<sup>b</sup>MAKE STRAIGHT THE WAY OF THE LORD,' as Isaiah the prophet said."

24 Now they had been sent from the Pharisees.

25 And they asked him, and said to him, "Why then are you baptizing, if you are not the <sup>1</sup>Christ, nor Elijah, nor <sup>a</sup>the Prophet?"

26 John answered them saying, "<sup>a</sup>I baptize <sup>1</sup>in water, *but* among you stands One whom you do not know.

27 "*It is* <sup>a</sup>He who comes after me, the <sup>b</sup>thong of whose sandal I am not worthy to untie."

28 These things took place in Bethany <sup>a</sup>beyond the Jordan, where John was baptizing.

29 The next day he <sup>a</sup>saw Jesus coming to him, and <sup>a</sup>said, "Behold, <sup>a</sup>the Lamb of God who <sup>b</sup>takes away the sin of the world!"

30 "This is He on behalf of whom I said, '<sup>a</sup>After me comes a Man who <sup>1</sup>has a higher rank than I, <sup>b</sup>for He existed before me.'

31 "And I did not recognize <sup>1</sup>Him, but in order that He might be manifested to Israel, I came baptizing <sup>2</sup>in water."

32 And John <sup>a</sup>bore witness saying, "<sup>b</sup>I have beheld the Spirit descending as a dove out of heaven; and He remained upon Him.

33 "And I did not recognize <sup>1</sup>Him, but He who sent me to baptize <sup>2</sup>in water said to me, 'He upon whom you see the Spirit descending and remaining upon Him, <sup>a</sup>this is the one who baptizes <sup>2</sup>in the Holy Spirit.'

34 "And I have seen, and have borne witness that this is <sup>a</sup>the Son of God."

35 Again <sup>a</sup>the next day John was standing, and two of his disciples;

36 and he looked upon Jesus as He walked, and <sup>a</sup>said, "Behold, <sup>a</sup>the Lamb of God!"

37 And the two disciples heard him speak, and they followed Jesus.

38 And Jesus turned, and beheld them following, and <sup>a</sup>said to them, "What do you seek?" And they said to Him, "<sup>a</sup>Rabbi (which translated means Teacher), where are You staying?"

39 He <sup>a</sup>said to them, "Come, and you will see." They came therefore and saw where He was staying; and they stayed with Him that day, for it was about the <sup>1</sup>tenth hour.

40 <sup>a</sup>One of the two who heard John *speak*, and followed Him, was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother.

41 He <sup>a</sup>found first his own brother Simon, and <sup>a</sup>said to him, "We have found the <sup>a</sup>Messiah" (which translated means <sup>1</sup>Christ).

42 He brought him to Jesus. Jesus looked at him, and said, "You are Simon the son of <sup>1a</sup>John; you shall be called <sup>b</sup>Cephas" (which translated means <sup>2c</sup>Peter).

43 <sup>a</sup>The next day *He* purposed to go forth into <sup>b</sup>Galilee, and He <sup>a</sup>found <sup>c</sup>Philip, and Jesus <sup>a</sup>said to him, "<sup>d</sup>Follow Me."

44 Now <sup>a</sup>Philip was from <sup>b</sup>Bethsaida, of the city of Andrew and Peter.

45 <sup>a</sup>Philip <sup>\*</sup>found <sup>b</sup>Nathanael, and <sup>\*</sup>said to him, "We have found Him of whom <sup>c</sup>Moses in the Law and also <sup>c</sup>the Prophets wrote, Jesus of <sup>d</sup>Nazareth, <sup>e</sup>the son of Joseph."

46 And Nathanael <sup>\*</sup>said to him, "<sup>a</sup>Can any good thing come out of Nazareth?" <sup>b</sup>Philip <sup>\*</sup>said to him, "Come and see."

47 Jesus saw Nathanael coming to Him, and <sup>\*</sup>said of him, "Behold, an <sup>a</sup>Israelite indeed, in whom is no guile!"

48 Nathanael <sup>\*</sup>said to Him, "How do You know me?" Jesus answered and said to him, "Before <sup>a</sup>Philip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw you."

49 Nathanael answered Him, "<sup>a</sup>Rabbi, You are <sup>b</sup>the Son of God; You are the <sup>c</sup>King of Israel."

50 Jesus answered and said to him, "Because I said to you that I saw you under the fig tree, do you believe? You shall see greater things than these."

51 And He <sup>\*</sup>said to him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, you shall see <sup>a</sup>the heavens opened, and <sup>b</sup>the angels of God ascending and descending upon <sup>c</sup>the Son of Man."

CHAPTER 2

AND on <sup>a</sup>the third day there was a wedding in <sup>b</sup>Cana of Galilee; and the <sup>c</sup>mother of Jesus was there;

2 and Jesus also was invited, and His <sup>a</sup>disciples, to the wedding.

3 And when the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus <sup>\*</sup>said to Him, "They have no wine."

4 And Jesus <sup>\*</sup>said to her, "<sup>a</sup>Woman, <sup>b</sup>what do I have to do with you? <sup>c</sup>My hour has not yet come."

5 His <sup>a</sup>mother <sup>\*</sup>said to the servants, "Whatever He says to you, do it."

6 Now there were six stone waterpots set there <sup>a</sup>for the Jewish custom of purification, containing <sup>b</sup>twenty or thirty gallons each.

7 Jesus <sup>\*</sup>said to them, "Fill the waterpots with water." And they filled them up to the brim.

8 And He <sup>\*</sup>said to them, "Draw *some* out now, and take it to the <sup>b</sup>headwaiter." And they took it to *him*.

9 And when the headwaiter tasted the water <sup>a</sup>which had become wine, and did not know where it came from (but the servants who had drawn the water knew), the headwaiter <sup>\*</sup>called the bridegroom,

10 and <sup>\*</sup>said to him, "Every man serves the good wine first, and when *men* <sup>a</sup>have <sup>b</sup>drunk freely, *then* that which is poorer; you have kept the good wine until now."

11 This beginning of His <sup>a</sup>signs Jesus did in Cana of <sup>b</sup>Galilee, and manifested His <sup>c</sup>glory, and His disciples believed in Him.

12 After this He went down to <sup>a</sup>Capernaum, He and His <sup>b</sup>mother, and His <sup>b</sup>brothers, and His <sup>c</sup>disciples; and there they stayed a few days.

13 And <sup>a</sup>the Passover of the Jews was at hand, and Jesus <sup>b</sup>went up to Jerusalem.

44 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 10:3; John 1:44-48; John 6:5, 7; 12:21f.; 14:8f. <sup>b</sup>Matt. 11:21

45 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 10:3; John 1:44-48; John 6:5, 7; 12:21f.; 14:8f. <sup>b</sup>John 1:46-49; 21:2 <sup>c</sup>Luke 24:27 <sup>d</sup>Matt. 2:23 <sup>e</sup>Luke 3:23; 2:48; 4:22; John 6:42

46 <sup>a</sup>John 7:41, 52 <sup>b</sup>Matt. 10:3; John 1:44-48; John 6:5, 7; 12:21f.; 14:8f.

47 <sup>a</sup>Rom. 9:4

48 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 10:3; John 1:44-48; John 6:5, 7; 12:21f.; 14:8f.

49 <sup>a</sup>John 1:38 <sup>b</sup>John 1:34 <sup>c</sup>Matt. 2:2; 27:42; Mark 15:32; John 12:13

51 <sup>a</sup>Ezek. 1:1; Matt. 3:16; Luke 3:21; Acts 7:56; 10:11; Rev. 19:11 <sup>b</sup>Gen. 28:12 <sup>c</sup>Matt. 8:20

1 <sup>a</sup>John 1:29, 35, 43 <sup>b</sup>John 2:11; 4:46; 21:2 <sup>c</sup>Matt. 12:46

2 <sup>a</sup>John 1:40-49; 2:12, 17, 22; 3:22; 4:2, 8, 27ff.; 6:8, 12, 16, 22, 24; John 6:60f., 66; 7:3; 8:31

4 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *what to Me and to you (a Hebrew idiom)* <sup>a</sup>John 19:26 <sup>b</sup>Matt. 8:29 <sup>c</sup>John 7:6, 8, 30; 8:20

5 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 12:46

6 <sup>1</sup>Two or three metretai <sup>a</sup>Mark 7:3f.; John 3:25

8 <sup>1</sup>Or, *steward*

9 <sup>a</sup>John 4:46

10 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *have become drunk* <sup>a</sup>Matt. 24:49; Luke 12:45; Acts 2:15; 1 Cor. 11:21; Eph. 5:18; 1 Thess. 5:7; Rev. 17:2, 6

11 <sup>1</sup>Or, *attesting miracles*, i.e., one which points to the supernatural power of God in redeeming grace <sup>a</sup>John 2:23; 3:2; 4:54; 6:2, 14, 26, 30; 7:31; 9:16; 10:41; 11:47; 12:18, 37; 20:30 <sup>b</sup>John 1:43 <sup>c</sup>John 1:14

12 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 4:13 <sup>b</sup>Matt. 12:46 <sup>c</sup>John 2:2

13 <sup>a</sup>John 6:4; 11:55; John 5:1 marg. <sup>b</sup>Deut. 16:1-6; Luke 2:41; John 2:23

14 <sup>a</sup>John 2:14-16; Matt. 21:12ff.; Mark 11:15, 17; Luke 19:45f.; Mal. 3:1ff.

16 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 21:12 <sup>b</sup>Luke 2:49

17 <sup>a</sup>John 2:2 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 69:9

18 <sup>a</sup>John 1:19 <sup>b</sup>Matt. 12:38

19 <sup>1</sup>Or, *sanctuary*  
<sup>a</sup>Matt. 26:61; 27:40; Mark 14:58; 15:29; Acts 6:14

20 <sup>1</sup>Or, *sanctuary*  
<sup>a</sup>John 1:19 <sup>b</sup>Ezra 5:16

21 <sup>1</sup>Or, *sanctuary*  
<sup>a</sup>1 Cor. 6:19

22 <sup>a</sup>John 2:2 <sup>b</sup>Luke 24:8; John 12:16; 2:17; 14:26 <sup>c</sup>Ps. 16:10; John 20:9; Luke 24:26f.; Acts 13:33

23 <sup>a</sup>John 2:13 <sup>b</sup>John 2:11

25 <sup>a</sup>John 6:61, 64; 13:11; Matt. 9:4; John 1:42, 47

1 <sup>a</sup>John 7:50; 19:39  
<sup>b</sup>Luke 23:13; John 7:26, 48

2 <sup>1</sup>Or, *attesting miracles*  
<sup>a</sup>Matt. 23:7; John 3:26  
<sup>b</sup>John 2:11 <sup>c</sup>Acts 10:38; John 9:33; 10:38; 14:10f.; Acts 2:22

3 <sup>1</sup>Or, *from above*  
<sup>a</sup>1 Pet. 1:23; 2 Cor. 5:17  
<sup>b</sup>John 3:5; Matt. 19:24; 21:31; Mark 9:47; 10:14f.

5 <sup>a</sup>Ezek. 36:25-27; Eph. 5:26; Titus 3:5 <sup>b</sup>John 3:3; Matt. 19:24; 21:31; Mark 9:47; 10:14f.

6 <sup>a</sup>John 1:13; 1 Cor. 15:50

7 <sup>1</sup>Or, *from above*

8 <sup>a</sup>Eccles. 11:5; Ezek. 37:9; Ps. 135:7

**Cleansing the Temple. Many In Jerusalem Believe. Nicodemus Visits Jesus.**

14 <sup>a</sup>And He found in the temple those who were selling oxen and sheep and doves, and the moneychangers seated.

15 And He made a scourge of cords, and drove *them* all out of the temple, with the sheep and the oxen; and He poured out the coins of the moneychangers, and overturned their tables;

16 and to those who were selling <sup>a</sup>the doves He said, "Take these things away; stop making <sup>b</sup>My Father's house a house of merchandise."

17 His <sup>a</sup>disciples remembered that it was written, "<sup>b</sup>ZEL FOR THY HOUSE WILL CONSUME ME."

18 <sup>a</sup>The Jews therefore answered and said to Him, "<sup>b</sup>What sign do You show to us, seeing that You do these things?"

19 Jesus answered and said to them, "<sup>a</sup>Destroy this <sup>1</sup>temple, and in three days I will raise it up."

20 <sup>a</sup>The Jews therefore said, "It took <sup>b</sup>forty-six years to build this <sup>1</sup>temple, and will You raise it up in three days?"

21 But He was speaking of <sup>1a</sup>the temple of His body.

22 When therefore He was raised from the dead, His <sup>a</sup>disciples <sup>b</sup>remembered that He said this; and they believed <sup>c</sup>the Scripture, and the word which Jesus had spoken.

23 Now when He was in Jerusalem at <sup>a</sup>the Passover, during the feast, many believed in His name, <sup>b</sup>beholding His signs which He was doing.

24 But Jesus, on His part, was not entrusting Himself to them, for He knew all men,

25 and because He did not need any one to bear witness concerning man <sup>a</sup>for He Himself knew what was in man.

CHAPTER 3

**N**OW there was a man of the Pharisees, named <sup>a</sup>Nicodemus, a <sup>b</sup>ruler of the Jews;

2 this man came to Him by night, and said to Him, "<sup>a</sup>Rabbi, we know that You have come from God *as* a teacher; for no one can do these <sup>1b</sup>signs that You do unless <sup>c</sup>God is with him."

3 Jesus answered and said to him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one <sup>a</sup>is born <sup>1a</sup>again, he cannot see <sup>b</sup>the kingdom of God."

4 Nicodemus <sup>a</sup>said to Him, "How can a man be born when he is old? He cannot enter a second time into his mother's womb and be born, can he?"

5 Jesus answered, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of <sup>a</sup>water and the Spirit, he cannot enter into <sup>b</sup>the kingdom of God.

6 "<sup>a</sup>That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.

7 "Do not marvel that I said to you, 'You must be born <sup>1a</sup>again.'

8 "<sup>a</sup>The wind blows where it wishes and you hear the sound of it, but do not know where it comes from and where it is going; so is every one who is born of the Spirit."

9 Nicodemus answered and said to Him, "How can these things be?"

**"God So Loved the World." Baptizing.  
John's Testimony.**

**John 3**

10 Jesus answered and said to him, "Are you <sup>a</sup>the teacher of Israel, and do not understand these things?

11 "Truly, truly, I say to you, <sup>a</sup>we speak that which we know, and <sup>b</sup>bear witness of that which we have seen; and <sup>b</sup>you do not receive our witness.

12 "If I told you earthly things and you do not believe, how shall you believe if I tell you heavenly things?

13 "And <sup>a</sup>no one has ascended into heaven, but <sup>b</sup>He who descended from heaven, *even* <sup>c</sup>the Son of Man.<sup>1</sup>

14 "And as <sup>a</sup>Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must <sup>b</sup>the Son of Man <sup>c</sup>be lifted up;

15 that whoever <sup>b</sup>believes may <sup>a</sup>in Him have eternal life.

16 "For God so <sup>a</sup>loved the world, that He <sup>b</sup>gave His <sup>1</sup>only begotten Son, that whoever <sup>a</sup>believes in Him should not perish, but have eternal life.

17 "For God <sup>a</sup>did not send the Son into the world <sup>b</sup>to judge the world; but that the world should be saved through Him.

18 "He who believes in Him is not judged; he who does not believe has been judged already, because he has not believed in the name of <sup>b</sup>the <sup>1</sup>only begotten Son of God.

19 "And this is the judgment, that <sup>a</sup>the light is come into the world, and men loved the darkness rather than the light; for <sup>b</sup>their deeds were evil.

20 "For everyone who does evil hates the light, and does not come to the light, lest his deeds should be exposed.

21 "But he who <sup>a</sup>practices the truth comes to the light, that his deeds may be manifested as having been wrought in God."

22 After these things Jesus and His <sup>a</sup>disciples came into the land of Judea; and there He was spending time with them, and <sup>b</sup>baptizing.

23 And John also was baptizing in Aenon near Salim, because there was much <sup>1</sup>water there; and they were coming, and were being baptized.

24 For <sup>a</sup>John had not yet been thrown into prison.

25 There arose therefore a discussion on the part of John's disciples with a Jew about <sup>a</sup>purification.

26 And they came to John, and said to him, "A Rabbi, He who was with you <sup>b</sup>beyond the Jordan, to whom you <sup>c</sup>have borne witness, behold, He is baptizing, and all are coming to Him."

27 John answered and said, "A man can receive nothing, unless it has been given him from heaven.

28 "You yourselves bear me witness, that I said, 'I am not the <sup>1</sup>Christ', but, 'I have been sent before Him.'

29 "He who has the bride is <sup>a</sup>the bridegroom; but the friend of the bridegroom, who stands and hears him, rejoices greatly because of the bridegroom's voice. And so this <sup>b</sup>joy of mine has been made full.

30 "He must increase, but I must decrease.

31 "He who comes from above is above all, he who is of the earth is from the earth and speaks <sup>b</sup>of the earth. <sup>a</sup>He who comes from heaven is above all.

32 "What He has seen and heard, of that He <sup>a</sup>bears witness; and <sup>a</sup>no man receives His witness.

33 "He who has received His witness <sup>a</sup>has set his seal to *this*, that God is true.

<sup>10</sup> <sup>a</sup>Luke 2:46; 5:17; Acts 5:34

<sup>11</sup> <sup>a</sup>John 7:16f.; 8:26, 28; 12:49; 14:24; John 1:18  
<sup>b</sup>John 3:32

<sup>13</sup> <sup>1</sup>Later manuscripts add, who is in heaven  
<sup>a</sup>Prov. 30:4; Deut. 30:12; Acts 2:34; Rom. 10:6; Eph. 4:9  
<sup>b</sup>John 3:31; 6:38, 42  
<sup>c</sup>Matt. 8:20

<sup>14</sup> <sup>a</sup>Num. 21:9  
<sup>b</sup>Matt. 8:20  
<sup>c</sup>John 8:28; 12:34

<sup>15</sup> <sup>1</sup>Some mss. read, *believes in Him may have eternal life*  
<sup>a</sup>John 20:31; 1 John 5:11-13

<sup>16</sup> <sup>1</sup>Or, *unique*, only one of His kind  
<sup>a</sup>Rom. 5:8; Eph. 2:4; 2 Thess. 2:16; 1 John 4:10; Rev. 1:5  
<sup>b</sup>Rom. 8:32; 1 John 4:9  
<sup>c</sup>John 1:18; 3:18; 1 John 4:9  
<sup>d</sup>John 3:36; 6:40; 11:25f.

<sup>17</sup> <sup>a</sup>John 3:34; 5:36, 38; 6:29, 38, 57; 7:29; 8:42; 10:36; 11:42; 17:3, 8, 18, 21, 23, 25; 20:21  
<sup>b</sup>John 8:15; 12:47; Luke 19:10; 1 John 4:14

<sup>18</sup> <sup>1</sup>Or, *unique*, only one of His kind  
<sup>a</sup>Mark 16:16; John 5:24  
<sup>b</sup>John 1:18; 1 John 4:9

<sup>19</sup> <sup>a</sup>John 1:4; 8:12; 9:5; 12:46  
<sup>b</sup>John 7:7

<sup>20</sup> <sup>a</sup>John 3:20, 21; Eph. 5:11, 13

<sup>21</sup> <sup>a</sup>1 John 1:6

<sup>22</sup> <sup>a</sup>John 2:2  
<sup>b</sup>John 4:1, 2

<sup>23</sup> <sup>1</sup>Lit., *many waters*

<sup>24</sup> <sup>a</sup>Matt. 4:12

<sup>25</sup> <sup>a</sup>John 2:6

<sup>26</sup> <sup>a</sup>John 3:2; Matt. 23:7  
<sup>b</sup>John 1:28  
<sup>c</sup>John 1:7

<sup>27</sup> <sup>a</sup>1 Cor. 4:7; Heb. 5:4

<sup>28</sup> <sup>1</sup>i.e., *Messiah*  
<sup>a</sup>John 1:20, 23

<sup>29</sup> <sup>a</sup>Matt. 25:1; 9:15  
<sup>b</sup>John 15:11; 16:24; 17:13; Phil. 2:2; 1 John 1:4; 2 John 12

<sup>31</sup> <sup>a</sup>John 3:13; 8:23  
<sup>b</sup>1 John 4:5

<sup>32</sup> <sup>a</sup>John 3:11

<sup>33</sup> <sup>a</sup>John 6:27; Rom. 4:11; 15:28; 1 Cor. 9:2; 2 Cor. 1:22; Eph. 1:13; 4:30; 2 Tim. 2:19; Rev. 7:3-8

34 <sup>1</sup>Lit., for He does not give the Spirit by measure  
<sup>a</sup>John 3:17 <sup>b</sup>Matt. 12:18;  
Luke 4:18; Acts 1:2; 10:38

35 <sup>a</sup>John 5:20; 17:2; Matt. 28:18

36 <sup>1</sup>Or, believe  
<sup>a</sup>John 3:16 <sup>b</sup>Acts 14:2; Heb. 3:18

1 <sup>a</sup>Luke 7:13 <sup>b</sup>John 3:22;  
26; 1 Cor. 1:17

2 <sup>a</sup>John 3:22, 26; 1 Cor. 1:17  
<sup>b</sup>John 2:2

3 <sup>a</sup>John 3:22 <sup>b</sup>John 2:11f.

4 <sup>a</sup>Luke 9:52

5 <sup>a</sup>Luke 9:52 <sup>b</sup>Gen. 33:19; 48:22; Josh. 24:32;  
John 4:12

6 <sup>1</sup>i.e., noon

8 <sup>a</sup>John 2:2 <sup>b</sup>John 4:5, 39

9 <sup>a</sup>Luke 9:52 <sup>b</sup>Matt. 10:5;  
John 8:48; Ezra 4:3-6, 11f.

10 <sup>a</sup>John 7:37f.; Rev. 21:6;  
22:17

11 <sup>1</sup>Or, Lord  
<sup>a</sup>John 7:37f.; Rev. 21:6;  
22:17

12 <sup>a</sup>John 4:6

14 <sup>a</sup>John 6:35; 7:38 <sup>b</sup>Matt. 25:46;  
John 6:27

15 <sup>1</sup>Or, Lord  
<sup>a</sup>John 6:34

19 <sup>1</sup>Or, Lord  
<sup>a</sup>Matt. 21:11; Luke 7:39

34 "For He whom God has <sup>a</sup>sent speaks the words of God;  
<sup>1b</sup>for He gives the Spirit without measure.

35 "<sup>a</sup>The Father loves the Son, and has given all things into His hand.

36 "He who <sup>a</sup>believes in the Son has eternal life; but he who <sup>b</sup>does not <sup>1</sup>obey the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God abides on him."

## CHAPTER 4

WHEN therefore <sup>a</sup>the Lord knew that the Pharisees had heard that Jesus was making and <sup>b</sup>baptizing more disciples than John

2 (although <sup>a</sup>Jesus Himself was not baptizing, but His <sup>b</sup>disciples were),

3 He left <sup>a</sup>Judea, and departed <sup>b</sup>again into Galilee.

4 And He had to pass through <sup>a</sup>Samaria.

5 So He <sup>\*</sup>came to a city of <sup>a</sup>Samaria, called Sychar, near the parcel of ground that <sup>b</sup>Jacob gave to his son Joseph;

6 and Jacob's well was there. Jesus therefore, being wearied from His journey, was sitting thus by the well. It was about <sup>1</sup>the sixth hour.

7 There <sup>\*</sup>came a woman of Samaria to draw water. Jesus <sup>\*</sup>said to her, "Give Me a drink."

8 For His <sup>a</sup>disciples had gone away into <sup>b</sup>the city to buy food.

9 The <sup>a</sup>Samaritan woman therefore <sup>\*</sup>said to Him, "How is it that You, being a Jew, ask me for a drink since I am a Samaritan woman?" (For <sup>b</sup>Jews have no dealings with Samaritans.)

10 Jesus answered and said to her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is who says to you, 'Give Me a drink,' you would have asked Him, and He would have given you <sup>a</sup>living water."

11 She <sup>\*</sup>said to Him, "<sup>1</sup>Sir, You have nothing to draw with and the well is deep; where then do You get that <sup>a</sup>living water?"

12 "You are not greater than our father Jacob, are You, who <sup>a</sup>gave us the well, and drank of it himself, and his sons, and his cattle?"

13 Jesus answered and said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water shall thirst again;

14 but whoever drinks of the water that I shall give him <sup>a</sup>shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall become in him a well of water springing up to <sup>b</sup>eternal life."

15 The woman <sup>\*</sup>said to Him, "<sup>1</sup>Sir, <sup>a</sup>give me this water, so I will not be thirsty, nor come all the way here to draw."

16 He <sup>\*</sup>said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come here."

17 The woman answered and said, "I have no husband." Jesus <sup>\*</sup>said to her, "You have well said, 'I have no husband';

18 for you have had five husbands; and the one whom you now have is not your husband; this you have said truly."

19 The woman <sup>\*</sup>said to Him, "<sup>1</sup>Sir, I perceive that You are <sup>a</sup>a prophet.



20 "Our fathers worshiped in <sup>b</sup>this mountain; and you *people* say that <sup>c</sup>in Jerusalem is the place where men ought to worship."

21 Jesus <sup>\*</sup>said to her, "Woman, believe Me, <sup>a</sup>an hour is coming when <sup>b</sup>neither in this mountain, nor in Jerusalem, shall you worship the Father.

22 "You worship that which you do not know; we worship that which we know; for <sup>b</sup>salvation is from the Jews.

23 "But <sup>a</sup>an hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers shall worship the Father <sup>b</sup>in spirit and truth; for such people the Father seeks to be His worshipers.

24 "God is <sup>1</sup>spirit; and those who worship Him must worship <sup>a</sup>in spirit and truth."

25 The woman <sup>\*</sup>said to Him, "I know that <sup>a</sup>Messiah is coming (<sup>b</sup>He who is called Christ); when that One comes, He will declare all things to us."

26 Jesus <sup>\*</sup>said to her, "<sup>a</sup>I who speak to you am *He*."

27 And at this point His <sup>a</sup>disciples <sup>b</sup>came, and they marveled that He had been speaking with a woman; yet no one said, "What do You seek?" or, "Why do You speak with her?"

28 So the woman left her waterpot, and went into the city, and <sup>\*</sup>said to the men,

29 "Come, see a man <sup>a</sup>who told me all the things that I *have* done; <sup>b</sup>this is not <sup>1</sup>the Christ, is it?"

30 They went out of the city, and were coming to Him.

31 In the meanwhile the disciples were requesting Him, saying, "<sup>a</sup>Rabbi, eat."

32 But He said to them, "I have food to eat that you do not know about."

33 The <sup>a</sup>disciples therefore were saying to one another, "No one brought Him *anything* to eat, did he?"

34 Jesus <sup>\*</sup>said to them, "My food is to <sup>a</sup>do the will of Him who sent Me, and to <sup>b</sup>accomplish His work.

35 "Do you not say, 'There are yet four months, and *then* comes the harvest'? Behold, I say to you, lift up your eyes, and look on the fields, that they are white <sup>a</sup>for harvest.

36 "Already he who reaps is receiving <sup>a</sup>wages, and is gathering <sup>b</sup>fruit for <sup>c</sup>life eternal; that he who sows and he who reaps may rejoice together.

37 "For in this *case* the saying is true, <sup>a</sup>'One sows, and another reaps.'

38 "I sent you to reap that for which you have not labored; others have labored, and you have entered into their labor."

39 And from <sup>a</sup>that city many of the Samaritans believed in Him because of the word of the woman who testified, "<sup>b</sup>He told me all the things that I *have* done."

40 So when the Samaritans came to Him, they were asking Him to stay with them; and He stayed there two days.

41 And many more believed because of His word;

42 and they were saying to the woman, "It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves and know that this One is indeed <sup>a</sup>the Savior of the world."

43 And after <sup>a</sup>the two days He went forth from there into Galilee.

20 <sup>a</sup>Gen. 33:20? (John 4:12) <sup>b</sup>Deut. 11:29; Josh. 8:33 <sup>c</sup>Luke 9:53

21 <sup>a</sup>John 5:28; 16:2; John 4:23; 5:25; 16:32 <sup>b</sup>Mal. 1:11; 1 Tim. 2:8

22 <sup>a</sup>2 Kin. 17:28-41 <sup>b</sup>Is. 2:3; Rom. 3:1f.; 9:4f.

23 <sup>a</sup>John 5:25; 16:32; John 4:21; 5:28; 16:2 <sup>b</sup>Phil. 3:3

24 <sup>1</sup>Or, *God is a Spirit* <sup>a</sup>Phil. 3:3

25 <sup>a</sup>John 1:41 <sup>b</sup>Matt. 1:16

26 <sup>a</sup>John 8:24; John 9:35-37

27 <sup>a</sup>John 4:8 <sup>b</sup>John 2:2

29 <sup>1</sup>i.e., the Messiah <sup>a</sup>John 4:17f. <sup>b</sup>John 7:26, 31; Matt. 12:23

31 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 23:7

33 <sup>a</sup>John 2:2

34 <sup>a</sup>John 5:30; 6:38 <sup>b</sup>John 5:36; 17:4; 19:28, 30

35 <sup>a</sup>Luke 10:2

36 <sup>a</sup>1 Cor. 9:17f. <sup>b</sup>Rom. 1:13 <sup>c</sup>John 4:14

37 <sup>a</sup>Job 31:8; Mic. 6:15

39 <sup>a</sup>John 4:5, 30 <sup>b</sup>John 4:29

42 <sup>a</sup>1 John 4:14; 1 Tim. 4:10; Luke 2:11; Acts 5:31; 13:23

43 <sup>a</sup>John 4:40

John 4, 5

44 \*Matt. 13:57

45 \*John 2:23

46 \*John 2:1 <sup>b</sup>John 2:9  
\*John 2:12; Luke 4:23

47 \*John 4:3, 54

48 <sup>1</sup>Or, *attesting miracles*  
\*Dan. 4:2f.; 6:27; Matt.  
24:24; Mark 13:22; Acts  
2:19, 22, 43; 4:30; 5:12; 6:8;  
7:36; 14:3; 15:12; Rom.  
15:19; 2 Cor. 12:12;  
2 Thess. 2:9; Heb. 2:4;  
1 Cor. 1:22

49 <sup>1</sup>Or, *Lord*

51 <sup>1</sup>Or, *boy*

52 <sup>1</sup>I.e., 1 p.m.

53 \*Acts 11:14

54 <sup>1</sup>Or, *attesting miracle*  
\*John 2:11 <sup>b</sup>John 4:45f.

1 <sup>1</sup>Many good mss. read,  
*the feast, i.e., the Passover*

2 <sup>1</sup>I.e., Jewish Aramaic  
<sup>2</sup>Many good mss. read,  
*Bethsaida or Bethzatha*  
<sup>3</sup>Neh. 3:1, 32; 12:39 <sup>b</sup>John  
19:13, 17, 20; 20:16; Rev.  
9:11; 16:16; Acts 21:40

4 Many authorities  
insert, wholly or in part,  
*waiting for the moving of  
the waters; V. 4 for an  
angel of the Lord went  
down at certain seasons  
into the pool, and stirred  
up the water, whoever  
then first, after the stirring  
up of the water, stepped  
in was made well from  
whatever disease with  
which he was afflicted.*

7 \*John 5:4 in marg.

8 \*Matt. 9:6; Mark 2:11;  
Luke 5:24

9 \*John 9:14

10 \*John 5:15, 16, 18; 1:19  
<sup>b</sup>Neh. 13:19; Jer. 17:21f.;  
John 7:23; 9:16; Matt. 12:2

44 For Jesus Himself testified that <sup>a</sup>a prophet has no honor in his own country.

45 So when He came to Galilee, the Galileans received Him, <sup>a</sup>having seen all the things that He did in Jerusalem at the feast; for they themselves also went to the feast.

46 He came therefore again to <sup>a</sup>Cana of Galilee <sup>b</sup>where He had made the water wine. And there was a certain royal official, whose son was sick at <sup>c</sup>Capernaum.

47 When he heard that Jesus had come <sup>a</sup>out of Judea into Galilee, he went to Him, and was requesting *Him* to come down and heal his son; for he was at the point of death.

48 Jesus therefore said to him, "Unless you *people* see <sup>1</sup>asigns and <sup>a</sup>wonders, you *simply* will not believe."

49 The royal official <sup>\*</sup>said to Him, "Sir, come down before my child dies."

50 Jesus <sup>\*</sup>said to him, "Go your way; your son lives." The man believed the word that Jesus spoke to him, and he started off.

51 And as he was now going down, *his* slaves met him, saying that his <sup>1</sup>son was living.

52 So he inquired of them the hour when he began to get better. They said therefore to him, "Yesterday at the <sup>1</sup>seventh hour the fever left him."

53 So the father knew that *it was* at that hour in which Jesus said to him, "Your son lives"; and he himself believed, and <sup>a</sup>his whole household.

54 This is again a <sup>a</sup>second <sup>1</sup>sign that Jesus performed, when He had <sup>b</sup>come out of Judea into Galilee.

CHAPTER 5

**A**FTER these things there was <sup>1</sup>a feast of the Jews; and Jesus went up to Jerusalem.

2 Now there is in Jerusalem by <sup>a</sup>the sheep *gate* a pool, which is called <sup>bin</sup> <sup>1</sup>Hebrew <sup>2</sup>Bethesda, having five porticoes.

3 In these lay a multitude of those who were sick, blind, lame, withered.

4 (See marginal note.)

5 And a certain man was there, who had been thirty-eight years in his sickness.

6 When Jesus saw him lying there, and knew that he had already been a long time *in that condition*, He <sup>\*</sup>said to him, "Do you wish to get well?"

7 The sick man answered Him, "Sir, I have no man to put me into the pool when <sup>a</sup>the water is stirred up, but while I am coming, another steps down before me."

8 Jesus <sup>\*</sup>said to him, "<sup>a</sup>Arise, take up your pallet, and walk."

9 And immediately the man became well, and took up his pallet and *began* to walk.

<sup>a</sup>Now it was the Sabbath on that day.

10 Therefore <sup>a</sup>the Jews were saying to him who was cured, "It is the Sabbath, and <sup>bit</sup> it is not permissible for you to carry your pallet."

11 But he answered them, "He who made me well was the one who said to me, 'Take up your pallet and walk.'"

**"My Father Is Working."  
Honor the Father and the Son.**

12 They asked him, "Who is the man who said to you, 'Take up *your* pallet, and walk'?"

13 But he who was healed did not know who it was; for Jesus had slipped away while there was a crowd in *that* place.

14 Afterward Jesus <sup>a</sup>found him in the temple, and said to him, "Behold, you have become well; do not <sup>a</sup>sin any more, <sup>b</sup>so that nothing worse may befall you."

15 The man went away, and told <sup>a</sup>the Jews that it was Jesus who had made him well.

16 And for this reason <sup>a</sup>the Jews were persecuting Jesus, because He was doing these things on the Sabbath.

17 But He answered them, "My Father is working until now, and I Myself am working."

18 For this cause therefore <sup>a</sup>the Jews <sup>b</sup>were seeking all the more to kill Him, because He not only was breaking the Sabbath, but also was calling God His own Father, <sup>c</sup>making Himself equal with God.

19 Jesus therefore answered and was saying to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, <sup>a</sup>the Son can do nothing of Himself, unless *it* is something He sees the Father doing; for whatever *the Father* does, these things the Son also does in like manner.

20 <sup>a</sup>For the Father loves the Son, and shows Him all things that He Himself is doing; and <sup>b</sup>greater works than these will He show Him, that you may marvel.

21 "For just as the Father raises the dead and <sup>a</sup>gives them life, even so <sup>b</sup>the Son also gives life to whom He wishes.

22 "For not even the Father judges any one, but <sup>a</sup>He has given all judgment to the Son,

23 in order that all may honor the Son, even as they honor the Father. <sup>a</sup>He who does not honor the Son does not honor the Father who sent Him.

24 "Truly, truly, I say to you, he who hears My word, and <sup>a</sup>believes Him who sent Me, has eternal life, and <sup>b</sup>does not come into judgment, but has <sup>c</sup>passed out of death into life.

25 "Truly, truly, I say to you, <sup>a</sup>an hour is coming and now is, when <sup>b</sup>the dead shall hear the voice of the Son of God; and those who <sup>c</sup>hear shall live.

26 "For just as the Father has life in Himself, even so He <sup>a</sup>gave to the Son also to have life in Himself;

27 and He gave Him authority to <sup>a</sup>execute judgment, because He is <sup>1</sup>*the* Son of Man.

28 "Do not marvel at this; for <sup>a</sup>an hour is coming, in which <sup>b</sup>all who are in the tombs shall hear His voice,

29 and shall come forth; <sup>a</sup>those who did the good *deeds*, to a resurrection of life, those who committed the evil *deeds* to a resurrection of judgment.

30 "I can do nothing on My own initiative. As I hear, I judge; and <sup>b</sup>My judgment is just, because I do not seek My own will, but <sup>c</sup>the will of Him who sent Me.

31 "If I *alone* bear witness of Myself, My testimony is not <sup>1</sup>true.

32 "There is <sup>a</sup>another who bears witness of Me; and I know that the testimony which He bears of Me is true.

33 "You have sent to John, and he <sup>a</sup>has borne witness to the truth.

14 <sup>a</sup>John 8:11; Mark 2:5  
<sup>b</sup>Ezra 9:14

15 <sup>a</sup>John 5:16, 18; 1:19

16 <sup>a</sup>John 5:10, 15, 18; 1:19

18 <sup>a</sup>John 5:15, 16; 1:19  
<sup>b</sup>John 5:16; 7:1 <sup>c</sup>John 10:33; 19:7

19 <sup>a</sup>John 5:30; 8:28; 12:49; 14:10

20 <sup>a</sup>John 3:35 <sup>b</sup>John 14:12

21 <sup>a</sup>Rom. 4:17; 8:11 <sup>b</sup>John 11:25

22 <sup>a</sup>John 5:27; 9:39; Acts 10:42; 17:31

23 <sup>a</sup>Luke 10:16; 1 John 2:23

24 <sup>a</sup>John 3:18; 12:44; 20:31; 1 John 5:13 <sup>b</sup>John 3:18 <sup>c</sup>1 John 3:14

25 <sup>a</sup>John 4:23; 5:28; 4:21  
<sup>b</sup>Luke 15:24 <sup>c</sup>John 6:60; 8:43, 47; 9:27

26 <sup>a</sup>John 1:4; 6:57

27 <sup>1</sup>Or, *a son of man*  
<sup>a</sup>John 9:39; Acts 10:42; 17:31

28 <sup>a</sup>John 4:21 <sup>b</sup>John 11:24; 1 Cor. 15:52

29 <sup>a</sup>Dan. 12:2; Acts 24:15; Matt. 25:46

30 <sup>a</sup>John 5:19 <sup>b</sup>John 8:16  
<sup>c</sup>John 4:34; 6:38

31 <sup>1</sup>I.e., admissible as legal evidence  
<sup>a</sup>John 8:14

32 <sup>a</sup>John 5:37

33 <sup>a</sup>John 1:7

34 <sup>a</sup>John 5:9; John 5:32

35 <sup>a2</sup>Sam. 21:17; 2 Pet. 1:19 <sup>b</sup>Mark 1:5

36 <sup>a</sup>John 10:25, 38; 14:11; 15:24; 2:23; Matt. 11:4  
<sup>b</sup>John 4:34 <sup>c</sup>John 3:17

37 <sup>a</sup>John 8:18; Luke 24:27

38 <sup>a1</sup> John 2:14 <sup>b</sup>John 3:17

39 <sup>1</sup>Or, (a command)  
*Search the Scriptures!*  
<sup>a</sup>John 7:52; Rom. 2:17ff.  
<sup>b</sup>Luke 24:25, 27; Acts 13:27

41 <sup>a</sup>John 5:44; 7:18

43 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 24:5

44 <sup>1</sup>Or, *honor or fame*  
<sup>a</sup>John 5:41 <sup>b</sup>Rom. 2:29  
<sup>c</sup>John 17:3; 1 Tim. 1:17

45 <sup>a</sup>John 9:28; Rom. 2:17ff.

46 <sup>a</sup>Luke 24:27

47 <sup>a</sup>Luke 16:29, 31

<sup>1</sup> John 6:1-13; Matt. 14:13-21; Mark 6:32-44;  
Luke 9:10-17 <sup>b</sup>Matt. 4:18;  
Luke 5:1 <sup>c</sup>John 21:1; 6:23

<sup>2</sup> <sup>1</sup>Or, *attesting miracles*  
<sup>a</sup>John 2:11

3 <sup>a</sup>John 6:15; Matt. 5:1

4 <sup>a</sup>John 2:13

5 <sup>a</sup>John 1:43

6 <sup>a2</sup> Cor. 13:5 and Rev. 2:2 in Cr.

7 <sup>1</sup>A denarius represented a days wages for a common laborer  
<sup>a</sup>John 1:43 <sup>b</sup>Mark 6:37

8 <sup>a</sup>John 2:2 <sup>b</sup>John 1:40

34 "But <sup>a</sup>the witness which I receive is not from man; but I say these things, that you may be saved.

35 "He was <sup>a</sup>the lamp that was burning and was shining and you <sup>b</sup>were willing to rejoice for a while in his light.

36 "But the witness which I have is greater than *that of John*; for <sup>a</sup>the works which the Father has given Me <sup>b</sup>to accomplish, the very works that I do, bear witness of Me, that the Father <sup>c</sup>has sent Me.

37 "And the Father who sent Me, <sup>a</sup>He has borne witness of Me. You have neither heard His voice at any time, nor seen His form.

38 "And you do not have <sup>a</sup>His word abiding in you, for you do not believe Him whom He <sup>b</sup>sent.

39 "<sup>1a</sup>You search the Scriptures, because you think that in them you have eternal life; and it is <sup>b</sup>these that bear witness of Me;

40 and you are unwilling to come to Me, that you may have life.

41 "I do not receive glory from men;

42 but I know you, that you do not have the love of God in yourselves.

43 "I have come in My Father's name, and you do not receive Me; <sup>a</sup>if another shall come in his own name, you will receive him.

44 "How can you believe, when you <sup>a</sup>receive <sup>l</sup>glory from one another, and you do not seek <sup>b</sup>the <sup>l</sup>glory that is from <sup>c</sup>the *one and only God*?

45 "Do not think that I will accuse you before the Father; the one who accuses you is <sup>a</sup>Moses, in whom you have set your hope.

46 "For if you believed Moses, you would believe Me; for <sup>a</sup>he wrote of Me.

47 "But <sup>a</sup>if you do not believe his writings, how will you believe My words?"

## CHAPTER 6

**A**<sup>T</sup>**A**<sup>F</sup>**T**<sup>E</sup>**R** these things <sup>a</sup>Jesus went away to the other side of <sup>b</sup>the Sea of Galilee (or <sup>c</sup>Tiberias).

2 And a great multitude was following Him, because they were seeing the <sup>l</sup>a signs which He was performing on those who were sick.

3 And Jesus went up on <sup>a</sup>the mountain, and there He sat with His disciples.

4 Now <sup>a</sup>the Passover, the feast of the Jews, was at hand.

5 Jesus therefore lifting up His eyes, and seeing that a great multitude was coming to Him, <sup>a</sup>said to <sup>a</sup>Philip, "Where are we to buy bread, that these may eat?"

6 And this He was saying to <sup>a</sup>test him; for He Himself knew what He was intending to do.

7 <sup>a</sup>Philip answered Him, "<sup>b</sup>Two hundred <sup>l</sup>denarii worth of bread is not sufficient for them, for every one to receive a little."

8 One of His <sup>a</sup>disciples, <sup>b</sup>Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, <sup>a</sup>said to Him,

**Five Thousand Fed. Make Him King.  
Jesus Walks on the Sea.**

**John 6**

9 "There is a lad here, who has five barley loaves, and two <sup>a</sup>fish; but what are these for so many people?"

10 Jesus said, "Have the people <sup>1</sup>sit down." Now there was <sup>a</sup>much grass in the place. So the men <sup>1</sup>sat down, in number about <sup>b</sup>five thousand.

11 Jesus therefore took the loaves; and <sup>a</sup>having given thanks, He distributed to those who were seated; likewise also of the <sup>b</sup>fish as much as they wanted.

12 And when they were filled, He <sup>a</sup>said to His <sup>a</sup>disciples, "Gather up the leftover fragments that nothing may be lost."

13 And so they gathered them up, and filled twelve <sup>a</sup>baskets with fragments from the five barley loaves, which were left over by those who had eaten.

14 When therefore the people saw the <sup>1</sup>sign which He had performed, they said, "This is of a truth the <sup>a</sup>Prophet who is to come into the world."

15 Jesus therefore perceiving that they were <sup>1</sup>intending to come and take Him by force, <sup>a</sup>to make Him king, <sup>b</sup>withdrew again to <sup>c</sup>the mountain by Himself alone.

16 Now when evening came, His <sup>a</sup>disciples went down to the sea,

17 and after getting into a boat, they *started* to cross the sea <sup>a</sup>to Capernaum. And it had already become dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them.

18 And the sea *began* to be stirred up because a strong wind was blowing.

19 When therefore they had rowed about <sup>1</sup>three or four miles, they <sup>a</sup>beheld Jesus walking on the sea and drawing near to the boat; and they were frightened.

20 But He <sup>a</sup>said to them, "It is I; <sup>1a</sup>do not be afraid."

21 They were willing therefore to receive Him into the boat; and immediately the boat was at the land to which they were going.

22 The next day <sup>a</sup>the multitude that stood on the other side of the sea saw that there was no other small boat there, except one, and that Jesus <sup>b</sup>had not entered with His disciples into the boat, but *that* His disciples had gone away alone.

23 There came other small boats from <sup>a</sup>Tiberias near to the place where they ate the bread after the <sup>b</sup>Lord <sup>c</sup>had given thanks.

24 When the multitude therefore saw that Jesus was not there, nor His disciples, they themselves got into the small boats, and <sup>a</sup>came to Capernaum, seeking Jesus.

25 And when they found Him on the other side of the sea, they said to Him, "aRabbi, when did You get here?"

26 Jesus answered them and said, "Truly, truly, I say to you, you <sup>a</sup>seek Me, not because you saw <sup>b</sup>signs, but because you ate of the loaves, and were filled.

27 "Do not <sup>a</sup>work for the food which perishes, but for the food which endures to <sup>b</sup>eternal life, which <sup>c</sup>the Son of Man shall give to you, for on Him the Father, *even* God, <sup>d</sup>has set His seal."

28 They said therefore to Him, "What shall we do, that we may work the works of God?"

29 Jesus answered and said to them, "This is <sup>a</sup>the work of God, that you believe in Him whom He <sup>b</sup>has sent."

9 <sup>a</sup>John 21:9, 10, 13;  
John 6:11

10 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *recline(d)*  
<sup>a</sup>John 6:4; Mark 6:39  
<sup>b</sup>Matt. 14:21

11 <sup>a</sup>John 6:23; Matt. 15:36  
<sup>b</sup>John 21:9, 10, 13; John 6:9

12 <sup>a</sup>John 2:2

13 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 14:20

14 <sup>1</sup>Or, *attesting miracle*  
<sup>a</sup>John 1:21; Matt. 11:3;  
21:11

15 <sup>1</sup>Or, *about*  
<sup>a</sup>John 18:36; <sup>b</sup>John 6:15-21;  
Matt. 14:22-33; Mark 6:45-  
51 <sup>c</sup>John 6:3

16 <sup>a</sup>John 2:2

17 <sup>a</sup>Mark 6:45; John 6:24,  
59

19 <sup>1</sup>I.e., 25 or 30 stadia

20 <sup>1</sup>Or, *stop fearing*  
<sup>a</sup>Matt. 14:27

22 <sup>a</sup>John 6:2 <sup>b</sup>John 6:15ff.

23 <sup>a</sup>John 6:1 <sup>b</sup>Luke 7:13  
<sup>c</sup>John 6:11

24 <sup>a</sup>John 6:17, 59; Matt.  
14:34; Mark 6:53

25 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 23:7

26 <sup>a</sup>John 6:24 <sup>b</sup>John 6:2,  
14, 30

27 <sup>1</sup>Is. 55:2 <sup>b</sup>John 6:40, 47,  
54; 3:15f.; 4:14; 10:28;  
17:2f. <sup>c</sup>Matt. 8:20; John  
6:53, 62 <sup>d</sup>John 3:33

29 <sup>1</sup>Thess. 1:3; James  
2:22; 1 John 3:23; Rev. 2:26  
<sup>b</sup>John 3:17

30 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 12:38 <sup>b</sup>John 6:2, 14, 26

31 <sup>a</sup>Ex. 16:21; Num. 11:8; John 6:49, 58 <sup>b</sup>Neh. 9:15; Ex. 16:4, 15; Ps. 78:24; 105:40

33 <sup>a</sup>Or, He who comes <sup>a</sup>John 6:50; 6:41

34 <sup>a</sup>John 4:15

35 <sup>a</sup>John 6:48, 51 <sup>b</sup>John 4:14

36 <sup>a</sup>John 6:26

37 <sup>a</sup>John 6:39; 17:2, 24

38 <sup>a</sup>John 3:13 <sup>b</sup>Matt. 26:39 <sup>c</sup>John 4:34; 5:30 <sup>d</sup>John 6:29

39 <sup>a</sup>John 6:37; 17:2, 24 <sup>b</sup>John 17:12; 18:9 <sup>c</sup>John 6:40, 44, 54; 11:24; Matt. 10:15

40 <sup>a</sup>John 12:45; 14:17, 19 <sup>b</sup>John 3:16 <sup>c</sup>John 6:39, 44, 54; 11:24; Matt. 10:15

41 <sup>a</sup>John 1:19; 6:52 <sup>b</sup>John 6:51, 58; 6:33

42 <sup>a</sup>Luke 4:22 <sup>b</sup>John 7:27f. <sup>c</sup>John 6:38, 62

44 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 31:3; Hos. 11:4; John 12:32; 6:65 <sup>b</sup>John 6:39

45 <sup>a</sup>Acts 7:42; 13:40; Heb. 8:11 <sup>b</sup>Is. 54:13; Jer. 31:34 <sup>c</sup>1 Thess. 4:9; Phil. 3:15; 1 John 2:27

46 <sup>a</sup>John 1:18

47 <sup>a</sup>John 6:51, 58; 3:36; 5:24; 11:26

48 <sup>a</sup>John 6:35, 51

49 <sup>a</sup>John 6:31, 58

50 <sup>a</sup>John 6:33 <sup>b</sup>John 6:47, 51, 58; 3:36; 5:24; 11:26

51 <sup>a</sup>John 6:35, 48 <sup>b</sup>John 6:41, 58 <sup>c</sup>John 6:47, 58; 3:36; 5:24; 11:26 <sup>d</sup>John 1:29; 3:14f.; Heb. 10:10; 1 John 4:10 <sup>e</sup>John 6:53-56

52 <sup>a</sup>John 1:19; 6:41 <sup>b</sup>John 9:16; 10:19

53 <sup>a</sup>John 6:27, 62; Matt. 8:20

30 They said therefore to Him, "What then do You do for a <sup>b</sup>sign, that we may see, and believe You? What work do You perform?"

31 "Our fathers ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, <sup>b</sup>HE GAVE THEM BREAD OUT OF HEAVEN TO EAT."

32 Jesus therefore said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, it is not Moses who has given you the bread out of heaven, but it is My Father who gives you the true bread out of heaven.

33 "For the bread of God is <sup>1</sup>that which <sup>a</sup>comes down out of heaven, and gives life to the world."

34 They said therefore to Him, "Lord, evermore <sup>a</sup>give us this bread."

35 Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life; he who comes to Me shall not hunger, and he who believes in Me <sup>b</sup>shall never thirst.

36 "But <sup>a</sup>I said to you, that you have seen Me, and yet do not believe.

37 "All that the Father gives Me shall come to Me; and the one who comes to Me I will certainly not cast out.

38 "For <sup>a</sup>I have come down from heaven, <sup>b</sup>not to do My own will, but <sup>c</sup>the will of Him who <sup>d</sup>sent Me.

39 "And this is the will of Him who sent Me, that of <sup>a</sup>all that He has given Me I <sup>b</sup>lose nothing, but <sup>c</sup>raise it up on the last day.

40 "For this is the will of My Father, that every one who <sup>a</sup>beholds the Son, and <sup>b</sup>believes in Him, may have eternal life; and I Myself will <sup>c</sup>raise him up on the last day."

41 "The Jews therefore were grumbling about Him, because He said, "I am the bread that <sup>b</sup>came down out of heaven."

42 And they were saying, "Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother <sup>b</sup>we know? How does He now say, <sup>c</sup>I have come down out of heaven?"

43 Jesus answered and said to them, "Do not grumble among yourselves.

44 "No one can come to Me, unless the Father who sent Me <sup>a</sup>draws him; and I will <sup>b</sup>raise him up on the last day.

45 "It is written <sup>a</sup>in the prophets, <sup>b</sup>AND THEY SHALL ALL BE <sup>c</sup>TAUGHT OF GOD.' Every one who has heard and learned from the Father, comes to Me.

46 "Not that any man has seen the Father, except the One who is from God; He has seen the Father.

47 "Truly, truly, I say to you, he who believes <sup>a</sup>has eternal life.

48 "I am the bread of life.

49 "Your fathers ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died.

50 "This is the bread which <sup>a</sup>comes down out of heaven, so that one may eat of it and <sup>b</sup>not die.

51 "I am the living bread that <sup>b</sup>came down out of heaven; if any one eats of this bread, <sup>c</sup>he shall live forever; and the bread also which I shall give <sup>d</sup>for the life of the world is <sup>e</sup>My flesh."

52 "The Jews therefore <sup>b</sup>began to argue with one another, saying, "How can this man give us His flesh to eat?"

53 Jesus therefore said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of <sup>a</sup>the Son of Man and drink His blood, you have no life in yourselves.

54 "He who eats My flesh and drinks My blood has eternal life; and I will raise him up on the last day.

55 "For My flesh is true food, and My blood is true drink.

56 "He who eats My flesh and drinks My blood abides in Me, and I in him.

57 "As the living Father sent Me, and I live because of the Father, so he who eats Me, he also shall live because of Me.

58 "This is the bread which came down out of heaven; not as the fathers ate, and died, he who eats this bread shall live forever."

59 These things He said in the synagogue, as He taught in Capernaum.

60 Many therefore of His disciples, when they heard this said, "bThis is a difficult statement; who can listen to it?"

61 But Jesus, conscious that His disciples grumbled at this, said to them, "Does this because you to stumble?"

62 "What then if you should behold the Son of Man ascending where He was before?"

63 "It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh profits nothing; the words that I have spoken to you are spirit and are life.

64 "But there are some of you who do not believe." For Jesus knew from the beginning who they were who did not believe, and who it was that would betray Him.

65 And He was saying, "For this reason I have said to you, that no one can come to Me, unless it has been granted him from the Father."

66 As a result of this many of His disciples withdrew, and were not walking with Him any more.

67 Jesus said therefore to the twelve, "You do not want to go away also, do you?"

68 Simon Peter answered Him, "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have words of eternal life.

69 "And we have believed and have come to know that You are the Holy One of God."

70 Jesus answered them, "Did I Myself not choose you, the twelve, and yet one of you is a devil?"

71 Now He meant Judas the son of Simon Iscariot, for he, one of the twelve, was going to betray Him.

CHAPTER 7

AND after these things Jesus was walking in Galilee; for He was unwilling to walk in Judea, because the Jews were seeking to kill Him.

2 Now the feast of the Jews, the Feast of Tabernacles, was at hand.

3 His brothers therefore said to Him, "Depart from here, and go into Judea, that Your disciples also may behold Your works which You are doing.

4 "For no one does anything in secret, when he himself seeks to be known publicly. If You do these things, show Yourself to the world."

5 For not even His brothers were believing in Him.

6 Jesus therefore said to them, "My time is not yet at hand; but your time is always opportune.

54 John 6:39

56 John 15:4f.; 1 John 2:24; 3:24; 4:15f.; John 17:23

57 Matt. 16:16; John 5:26  
bJohn 6:29, 38; 3:17

58 John 6:41, 51; 6:33  
bJohn 6:31, 49 cJohn 6:47, 51; 3:36; 5:24; 11:26

59 Matt. 4:23 bJohn 6:24

60 John 2:2; 6:66; 7:3  
bJohn 6:52

61 John 6:64 bMatt. 11:6

62 John 6:27, 53; Matt. 8:20 bMark 16:19; John 3:13

63 2 Cor. 3:6 bJohn 6:68

64 1Or, deliver Him up  
aJohn 6:60, 66 bJohn 2:25  
cJohn 6:71; 13:11; Matt. 10:4

65 John 6:37, 44 bMatt. 13:11; John 3:27

66 John 2:2; 7:3 bJohn 6:60, 64

67 John 6:70f.; 20:24;  
Matt. 10:2; John 2:2

68 Matt. 16:16 bJohn 6:63; 12:49f.; 17:8

69 Mark 1:24

70 John 15:16, 19 bJohn 6:71; 20:24; Matt. 10:2;  
John 2:2 cJohn 13:2, 27;  
8:44; 17:12

71 1Or, was intending to  
aJohn 13:26; 12:4; 13:2  
bMark 14:10 cJohn 6:70f.;  
20:24; Matt. 10:2; John 2:2

1 John 4:3; 6:1; 11:54  
bJohn 1:19; 7:11, 13, 15, 35  
cJohn 7:19; 5:18; 8:37, 40;  
11:53

2 Lev. 23:34; Zech. 14:16-19; Deut. 16:16

3 Matt. 12:46; John 7:5;  
10; Mark 3:21 bJohn 6:60

4 Lit., and

5 Matt. 12:46; John 7:3;  
10; Mark 3:21

6 Matt. 26:18; John 7:8;  
30; 2:4

**Jesus Attends the Feast Secretly.  
His Learned Teaching.**

**John 7**

7 <sup>a</sup>John 15:18f. <sup>b</sup>John 3:19f.

8 <sup>1</sup>Some authorities add *yet*.  
<sup>a</sup>John 7:6

10 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 12:46; John 7:3, 5; Mark 3:21

11 <sup>a</sup>John 7:13, 15, 35  
<sup>b</sup>John 11:56

12 <sup>a</sup>John 7:40-43

13 <sup>a</sup>John 19:38; 20:19;  
9:22; 12:42

14 <sup>a</sup>John 7:28; Matt. 26:55

15 <sup>a</sup>John 1:19; John 7:11,  
13, 35 <sup>b</sup>Acts 26:24 [Gr.]

16 <sup>a</sup>John 3:11

17 <sup>a</sup>John 3:21; 8:43f.; Ps.  
25:9, 14; Prov. 3:32; Dan.  
12:10

18 <sup>a</sup>John 5:41; 8:50, 54;  
12:43

19 <sup>a</sup>John 1:17 <sup>b</sup>John 7:1;  
Mark 11:18

20 <sup>1</sup>Or, *are demented*  
<sup>a</sup>John 8:48f., 52; 10:20;  
Matt. 11:18

21 <sup>1</sup>Or, *work*  
<sup>a</sup>John 7:23; 5:2-9, 16

22 <sup>a</sup>Lev. 12:3 <sup>b</sup>Gen.  
17:10ff.; 21:4; Acts 7:8

23 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 12:2; John 5:10

24 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *judge the  
righteous judgment*  
<sup>a</sup>Lev. 19:15; Is. 11:3; Zech.  
7:9; John 8:15

26 <sup>1</sup>I.e., the Messiah  
<sup>a</sup>Luke 23:13; John 3:1

27 <sup>a</sup>John 6:42; 7:41f.; 9:29

28 <sup>a</sup>John 7:14 <sup>b</sup>John 6:42;  
7:14f.; 9:29 <sup>c</sup>John 8:42

29 <sup>a</sup>John 8:55; 17:25;  
Matt. 11:27 <sup>b</sup>John 6:46  
<sup>c</sup>John 3:17

7 <sup>a</sup>The world cannot hate you; but it hates Me, because I testify of it, that <sup>b</sup>its deeds are evil.

8 <sup>a</sup>Go up to the feast yourselves; I do not go up <sup>1</sup>to this feast because <sup>a</sup>My time has not yet fully come."

9 And having said these things to them, He stayed in Galilee.

10 But when His <sup>a</sup>brothers had gone up to the feast, then He Himself also went up, not publicly, but as it were, in secret.

11 <sup>a</sup>The Jews therefore <sup>b</sup>were seeking Him at the feast, and were saying, "Where is He?"

12 And there was much grumbling among the multitudes concerning Him; <sup>a</sup>some were saying, "He is a good man"; others were saying, "No, on the contrary, He leads the multitude astray."

13 Yet no one was speaking openly of Him for <sup>a</sup>fear of the Jews.

14 But when it was now the midst of the feast Jesus went up into the temple, and *began to* <sup>a</sup>teach.

15 <sup>a</sup>The Jews therefore were marveling, saying, "How has this man <sup>b</sup>become learned, having never been educated?"

16 Jesus therefore answered them, and said, <sup>a</sup>"My teaching is not Mine, but His who sent Me.

17 <sup>a</sup>"If any man is willing to do His will, he shall know of the teaching, whether it is of God, or *whether* I speak from Myself.

18 "He who speaks from himself <sup>a</sup>seeks his own glory; but He who is seeking the glory of the one who sent Him, He is true, and there is no unrighteousness in Him.

19 <sup>a</sup>"Did not Moses give you the law, and yet none of you carries out the law? Why do you <sup>b</sup>seek to kill Me?"

20 The multitude answered, <sup>a</sup>"You <sup>1</sup>have a demon! Who seeks to kill You?"

21 Jesus answered and said to them, "I did <sup>a</sup>one <sup>1</sup>deed, and you all marvel.

22 "On this account <sup>a</sup>Moses has given you circumcision (not because it is from Moses, but from <sup>b</sup>the fathers); and on *the* Sabbath you circumcise a man.

23 <sup>a</sup>"If a man receives circumcision on *the* Sabbath that the Law of Moses may not be broken, are you angry with Me because I made an entire man well on *the* Sabbath?"

24 "Do not <sup>a</sup>judge according to appearance, but <sup>1</sup>judge with righteous judgment."

25 Therefore some of the people of Jerusalem were saying, "Is this not the man whom they are seeking to kill?"

26 "And look, He is speaking publicly, and they are saying nothing to Him. <sup>a</sup>The rulers do not really know that this is <sup>1</sup>the Christ, do they?"

27 "However <sup>a</sup>we know where this man is from; but when-ever the Christ may come, no one knows where He is from."

28 Jesus therefore cried out in the temple, <sup>a</sup>teaching and saying, <sup>b</sup>"You both know Me, and know where I am from; and <sup>c</sup>I have not come of Myself, but He who sent Me is true, whom you do not know.

29 "I know Him; because <sup>b</sup>I am from Him, and <sup>c</sup>He sent Me."



30 They <sup>a</sup>were seeking therefore to seize Him; and no man laid his hand on Him, because His <sup>b</sup>hour had not yet come.

31 But <sup>a</sup>many of the multitude believed in Him; and they were saying, “<sup>b</sup>When <sup>1</sup>the Christ shall come, He will not perform more <sup>2</sup>signs than those which this man has, will He?”

32 The Pharisees heard the multitude muttering these things about Him; and the chief priests and the Pharisees sent <sup>a</sup>officers to <sup>b</sup>seize Him.

33 Jesus therefore said, “<sup>a</sup>For a little while longer I am with you, then <sup>b1</sup> go to Him who sent Me.

34 “<sup>a</sup>You shall seek Me, and shall not find Me; and where I am, you cannot come.”

35 <sup>a</sup>The Jews therefore said to one another, “<sup>b</sup>Where does this man intend to go that we shall not find Him? He is not intending to go to <sup>c</sup>the Dispersion among <sup>d</sup>the Greeks, and teach the Greeks, is He?

36 “What is this statement that He said, ‘<sup>a</sup>You will seek Me, and will not find Me; and where I am, you cannot come?’”

37 Now on <sup>a</sup>the last day, the great <sup>day</sup> of the feast, Jesus stood and cried out, saying, “<sup>b</sup>If any man is thirsty, let him <sup>1</sup>come to Me and drink.

38 “He who believes in Me, <sup>a</sup>as the Scripture said, ‘From <sup>1</sup>his innermost being shall flow rivers of <sup>b</sup>living water.’”

39 But this He spoke <sup>a</sup>of the Spirit, whom those who believed in Him were to receive; <sup>1</sup>for <sup>b</sup>the Spirit was not yet <sup>given</sup>, because Jesus was not yet <sup>c</sup>glorified.

40 *Some* of the multitude therefore, when they heard these words, were saying, “This certainly is <sup>a</sup>the Prophet.”

41 Others were saying, “This is <sup>1</sup>the Christ.” Still others were saying, “<sup>a</sup>Surely <sup>1</sup>the Christ is not going to come from Galilee, is He?

42 “Has not the Scripture said that the Christ comes from <sup>a</sup>the offspring of David, and from Bethlehem, the village where David was?”

43 So <sup>a</sup>there arose a division in the multitude because of Him.

44 And <sup>a</sup>some of them wanted to seize Him, but no one laid hands on Him.

45 The <sup>a</sup>officers therefore came to the chief priests and Pharisees, and they said to them, “Why did you not bring Him?”

46 The <sup>a</sup>officers answered, “<sup>b</sup>Never did a man speak the way this man speaks.”

47 The Pharisees therefore answered them, “<sup>a</sup>You have not also been led astray, have you?

48 “<sup>a</sup>No one of <sup>b</sup>the rulers or Pharisees has believed in Him, has he?

49 “But this multitude which does not know the Law is accursed.”

50 <sup>a</sup>Nicodemus <sup>a</sup>said to them (he who came to Him before, being one of them),

51 “<sup>a</sup>Our Law does not judge a man, unless it first hears from him and knows what he is doing, does it?”

52 They answered and said to him, “<sup>a</sup>You are not also from

30 <sup>a</sup>John 7:32, 44; 10:39; Matt. 21:46 <sup>b</sup>John 8:20; John 7:6

31 <sup>1</sup>I.e., the Messiah <sup>2</sup>Or, *attesting miracles*  
<sup>a</sup>John 8:30; 10:42; 11:45; 12:11, 42; 2:23 <sup>b</sup>John 7:26  
<sup>c</sup>John 2:11

32 <sup>a</sup>John 7:45f., Matt. 26:58 <sup>b</sup>Matt. 12:14

33 <sup>a</sup>John 12:35; 13:33; 14:19; 16:16-19 <sup>b</sup>John 16:5, 10, 17, 28; John 14:12, 28; 20:17

34 <sup>a</sup>John 7:36; 8:21; 13:33

35 <sup>a</sup>John 7:1 <sup>b</sup>John 8:22  
<sup>c</sup>James 1:1; 1 Pet. 1:1; in the Gr. Ps. 147:2; Is. 11:12; 56:8; Zeph. 3:10 <sup>d</sup>John 12:20; Acts 14:1; 17:4; 18:4; Rom. 1:16

36 <sup>a</sup>John 7:34; 8:21; 13:33

37 <sup>1</sup>I.e., let him keep coming to Me and let him keep drinking  
<sup>a</sup>Lev. 23:36; Num. 29:35; Neh. 8:18 <sup>b</sup>John 4:10, 14; 6:35

38 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *out of his belly*  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 44:3; 55:1; 58:11 <sup>b</sup>John 4:10

39 <sup>1</sup>Other mss. read, *for the Holy Spirit was not yet given*  
<sup>a</sup>Joel 2:28; John 1:33 <sup>b</sup>Acts 1:41; 2:4, 33; 19:2; John 20:22 <sup>c</sup>John 12:16, 23; 13:31f.; 16:14; 17:1

40 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 21:11; John 1:21

41 <sup>1</sup>I.e., the Messiah  
<sup>a</sup>John 7:52; 1:46

42 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 1:1; 2:5f.; Luke 2:4ff.; Ps. 89:4; Micah 5:2

43 <sup>a</sup>John 10:19; 9:16

44 <sup>a</sup>John 7:30

45 <sup>a</sup>John 7:32

46 <sup>a</sup>John 7:32 <sup>b</sup>Matt. 7:28

47 <sup>a</sup>John 7:12

48 <sup>a</sup>John 12:42 <sup>b</sup>Luke 23:13; John 7:26

50 <sup>a</sup>John 3:1; 19:39

51 <sup>a</sup>Ex. 23:1; Deut. 17:6; 19:15; Prov. 18:13; Acts 23:3

52 <sup>a</sup>John 7:41; 1:46

53 <sup>1</sup>John 7:53-8:11 is not found in most of the old mss.

1 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 21:1

2 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 26:55; John 8:20

5 <sup>a</sup>Lev. 20:10; Deut. 22:22f.

6 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 16:1; 19:3; 22:18, 35; Mark 8:11; 10:2; 12:15; Luke 10:25; 11:16  
<sup>b</sup>Mark 3:2

7 <sup>a</sup>John 8:10 <sup>b</sup>Matt. 7:1; Rom. 2:1 <sup>c</sup>Deut. 17:7

10 <sup>a</sup>John 8:7

11 <sup>1</sup>Or, Sir  
<sup>a</sup>John 3:17 <sup>b</sup>John 5:14

12 <sup>a</sup>John 1:4; 12:35 <sup>b</sup>Matt. 5:14

13 <sup>1</sup>Or, valid  
<sup>a</sup>John 5:31

14 <sup>a</sup>John 18:37; Rev. 1:5; 3:14 <sup>b</sup>John 13:3; 16:28; 8:42  
<sup>c</sup>John 7:28; 9:29

15 <sup>1</sup>I.e., a carnal standard  
<sup>a</sup>1 Sam. 16:7; John 7:24  
<sup>b</sup>John 3:17

16 <sup>1</sup>Many ancient mss. read, *the Father who sent Me*  
<sup>a</sup>John 5:30

17 <sup>1</sup>I.e., valid or admissible  
<sup>a</sup>Deut. 19:15; 17:6 <sup>b</sup>Matt. 18:16

18 <sup>a</sup>John 5:37; 1 John 5:9

19 <sup>a</sup>John 14:7; 16:3; 7:28; 14:9; 8:55

20 <sup>a</sup>Mark 12:41, 43; Luke 21:1  
<sup>b</sup>John 7:14; John 8:2  
<sup>c</sup>John 7:30

Galilee, are you? Search, and see that no prophet arises out of Galilee."

53 [<sup>1</sup>And everyone went to his home.

## CHAPTER 8

**B**UT Jesus went to <sup>a</sup>the Mount of Olives.

2 And early in the morning He came again into the temple, and all the people were coming to Him; and <sup>a</sup>He sat down and *began* to teach them.

3 And the scribes and the Pharisees <sup>\*</sup>brought a woman caught in adultery, and having set her in the midst,

4 they <sup>\*</sup>said to Him, "Teacher, this woman has been caught in adultery, in the very act.

5 "Now in the Law <sup>a</sup>Moses commanded us to stone such women; what then do You say?"

6 And they were saying this, <sup>a</sup>testing Him, <sup>b</sup>in order that they might have grounds for accusing Him. But Jesus stooped down, and with His finger wrote on the ground.

7 But when they persisted in asking Him, <sup>a</sup>He straightened up, and said to them, "<sup>b</sup>He who is without sin among you, let him *be the* <sup>c</sup>first to throw a stone at her."

8 And again He stooped down, and wrote on the ground.

9 And when they heard it, they *began* to go out one by one, beginning with the older ones, and He was left alone, and the woman, *where she had been*, in the midst.

10 And <sup>a</sup>straightening up, Jesus said to her, "Woman, where are they? Did no one condemn you?"

11 And she said, "No one, <sup>1</sup>Lord." And Jesus said, "<sup>a</sup>Neither do I condemn you; go your way; from now on <sup>b</sup>sin no more."

12 Again therefore Jesus spoke to them, saying, "<sup>a</sup>I am the light of the world; <sup>b</sup>he who follows Me shall not walk in the darkness, but shall have the light of life."

13 The Pharisees therefore said to Him, "<sup>a</sup>You are bearing witness of Yourself; Your witness is not <sup>1</sup>true."

14 Jesus answered and said to them, "<sup>a</sup>Even if I bear witness of Myself, My witness is true; for I know <sup>b</sup>where I came from, and where I am going; but <sup>c</sup>you do not know where I come from, or where I am going.

15 "<sup>a</sup>You people judge <sup>1</sup>according to the flesh; <sup>b</sup>I am not judging any one.

16 "But even <sup>a</sup>if I do judge, My judgment is true; for I am not alone *in it*, but I and <sup>1</sup>He who sent Me.

17 "Even in <sup>a</sup>your law it has been written, that the testimony of <sup>b</sup>two men is <sup>1</sup>true.

18 "I am He who bears witness of Myself, and <sup>a</sup>the Father who sent Me bears witness of Me."

19 And so they were saying to Him, "Where is Your Father?" Jesus answered, "You know neither Me, nor My Father; <sup>a</sup>if you knew Me, you would know My Father also."

20 These words He spoke in <sup>a</sup>the treasury, as <sup>b</sup>He taught in the temple; and no one seized Him, because <sup>c</sup>His hour had not yet come.

21 He said therefore again to them, "I go away, and <sup>a</sup>you shall seek Me, and <sup>b</sup>shall die in your sin; where I am going, you cannot come."

22 Therefore <sup>a</sup>the Jews were saying, "Surely He will not kill Himself, will He, since He says, <sup>b</sup>Where I am going, you cannot come?"

23 And He was saying to them, "<sup>a</sup>You are from below, I am from above; <sup>b</sup>you are of this world; <sup>c</sup>I am not of this world.

24 "I said therefore to you, that you <sup>a</sup>shall die in your sins; for unless you believe that <sup>b</sup>I am He, <sup>a</sup>you shall die in your sins."

25 And so they were saying to Him, "Who are You?" Jesus said to them, "<sup>a</sup>What have I been saying to you *from* the beginning?

26 "I have many things to speak and to judge concerning you, but <sup>a</sup>He who sent Me is true; and <sup>b</sup>the things which I heard from Him, these I speak to the world."

27 They did not realize that He had been speaking to them about the Father.

28 Jesus therefore said, "When you <sup>a</sup>lift up the Son of Man, then you will know that <sup>b</sup>I am He, and <sup>c</sup>I do nothing on My own initiative, but I speak these things as the Father taught Me.

29 "And He who sent Me is with Me; <sup>a</sup>He <sup>1</sup>has not left Me alone, for <sup>b</sup>I always do the things that are pleasing to Him."

30 As He spoke these things, <sup>a</sup>many came to believe in Him.

31 Jesus therefore was saying to those Jews who had believed Him, "<sup>a</sup>If you abide in My word, *then* you are truly <sup>b</sup>disciples of Mine;

32 and <sup>a</sup>you shall know the truth, and <sup>b</sup>the truth shall make you free."

33 They answered Him, "<sup>a</sup>We are Abraham's offspring, and have never yet been enslaved to anyone; how is it that You say, 'You shall become free'?"

34 Jesus answered them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, <sup>a</sup>every one who commits sin is the slave of sin.

35 "And <sup>a</sup>the slave does not remain in the house forever; <sup>b</sup>the son does remain forever.

36 "If therefore the Son <sup>a</sup>shall make you free, you shall be free indeed.

37 "I know that you are <sup>a</sup>Abraham's offspring; yet <sup>b</sup>I seek to kill Me, because My word <sup>1</sup>has no place in you.

38 "I speak the things which I have seen <sup>1</sup>with My Father; therefore you also do the things which you heard from <sup>a</sup>your father."

39 They answered and said to Him, "Abraham is <sup>a</sup>our father." Jesus <sup>a</sup>said to them, "<sup>b</sup>If you are Abraham's children, do the deeds of Abraham.

40 "But as it is, <sup>a</sup>you are seeking to kill Me, a man who has <sup>b</sup>told you the truth, which I heard from God; this Abraham did not do.

41 "You are doing the deeds of <sup>a</sup>your father." They said to Him, "We were not born of fornication; <sup>b</sup>we have one Father, *even* God."

21 <sup>a</sup>John 7:34 <sup>b</sup>John 8:24

22 <sup>a</sup>John 1:19; John 8:48, 52, 57 <sup>b</sup>John 7:35

23 <sup>a</sup>John 3:31 <sup>b1</sup> John 4:5 <sup>c</sup>John 17:14, 16

24 <sup>1</sup>Most auth. connect this with Ex. 3:14 I AM THAT I AM  
<sup>a</sup>John 8:21 <sup>b</sup>John 8:28; Mark 13:6; Luke 21:8 [Matt. 24:5]; John 4:26; 13:19

25 <sup>1</sup>Or. *That which I have been saying to you from the beginning.*

26 <sup>a</sup>John 7:28; 3:33 <sup>b</sup>John 12:49; 15:15; 8:40

28 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *I am* (vs. 24 note)  
<sup>a</sup>John 3:14; 12:32 <sup>b</sup>John 8:24; Mark 13:6; Luke 21:8 [Matt. 24:5]; John 4:26; 13:19 <sup>c</sup>John 5:19; 3:11

29 <sup>1</sup>Or. *did not leave*  
<sup>a</sup>John 8:16; 16:32 <sup>b</sup>John 4:34

30 <sup>a</sup>John 7:31

31 <sup>a</sup>John 15:7; 2 John 9  
<sup>b</sup>John 2:2

32 <sup>a</sup>John 1:14, 17 <sup>b</sup>John 8:36; Rom. 8:2; 2 Cor. 3:17; Gal. 5:1, 13; James 2:12; 1 Pet. 2:16

33 <sup>a</sup>John 8:37, 39; Matt. 3:9

34 <sup>a</sup>Rom. 6:16; 2 Pet. 2:19

35 <sup>a</sup>Gen. 21:10; Gal. 4:30  
<sup>b</sup>Luke 15:31

36 <sup>a</sup>John 8:32

37 <sup>1</sup>Or. *makes no progress*  
<sup>a</sup>John 8:39; Matt. 3:9 <sup>b</sup>John 8:40; 7:1

38 <sup>1</sup>Or. *in the presence of*  
<sup>a</sup>John 8:41, 44

39 <sup>a</sup>John 8:37; Matt. 3:9  
<sup>b</sup>Rom. 9:7; Gal. 3:7

40 <sup>a</sup>John 8:37; 7:1 <sup>b</sup>John 8:26

41 <sup>a</sup>John 8:38, 44 <sup>b</sup>Deut. 32:6; Is. 63:16; 64:8

42 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *that One*  
<sup>a</sup>1 John 5:1 <sup>b</sup>John 13:3;  
 16:28, 30; 17:8 <sup>c</sup>John 7:28  
<sup>d</sup>John 3:17

43 <sup>1</sup>Or, *My mode of speaking*  
<sup>a</sup>John 8:33, 39, 41 <sup>b</sup>John 5:25

44 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *the lie* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *the father of it*  
<sup>a</sup>1 John 3:8 <sup>b</sup>John 8:38, 41  
<sup>c</sup>John 7:17 <sup>d</sup>Gen. 3:4;  
<sup>e</sup>1 John 3:8, 15 <sup>f</sup>1 John 2:4  
<sup>g</sup>Matt. 12:34

45 <sup>a</sup>John 18:37

46 <sup>a</sup>John 18:37

47 <sup>a</sup>1 John 4:6

48 <sup>a</sup>John 1:19 <sup>b</sup>Matt. 10:5;  
 John 4:9 <sup>c</sup>John 7:20

49 <sup>a</sup>John 7:20

50 <sup>a</sup>John 5:41; 8:54

51 <sup>a</sup>John 14:23; 15:20;  
 17:6; John 8:55 <sup>b</sup>Luke 2:26;  
 Heb. 11:5; Matt. 16:28;  
 Heb. 2:9; John 8:52

52 <sup>a</sup>John 1:19 <sup>b</sup>John 7:20  
<sup>c</sup>John 14:23; 15:20; 17:6;  
 8:55 <sup>d</sup>John 8:51

53 <sup>a</sup>John 4:12

54 <sup>a</sup>John 8:50 <sup>b</sup>John 7:39

55 <sup>a</sup>John 8:19; 15:21 <sup>b</sup>John 7:29  
<sup>c</sup>John 8:44 <sup>d</sup>John 15:10; 8:51

56 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *in order that he might see*  
<sup>a</sup>John 8:37, 39 <sup>b</sup>Matt. 13:17; Heb. 11:13

57 <sup>a</sup>John 1:19

58 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *came into being*  
<sup>2</sup>Or, *I have been*  
<sup>a</sup>John 17:5, 24; 1:1

59 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *was hidden*  
<sup>2</sup>Some mss. add, *and going through the midst of them went His way and so passed by*  
<sup>a</sup>John 10:31; 11:8; Matt. 12:14 <sup>b</sup>John 12:36

2 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 23:7 <sup>b</sup>John 9:34;  
 Luke 13:2; Acts 28:4 <sup>c</sup>Ex. 20:5

3 <sup>a</sup>John 11:4

4 <sup>a</sup>John 11:9; 12:35; 7:33;  
 Gal. 6:10

5 <sup>a</sup>John 1:4; 8:12; 12:46

42 Jesus said to them, "If God were your Father, <sup>a</sup>you would love Me; <sup>b</sup>for I proceeded forth and have come from God, for I have <sup>c</sup>not even come on My own initiative, but <sup>d</sup>He sent Me.

43 "Why do you not understand <sup>1a</sup>what I am saying? *It is* because you cannot <sup>b</sup>hear My word.

44 <sup>1a</sup>"You are of <sup>b</sup>your father the devil, and <sup>c</sup>you want to do the desires of your father. <sup>d</sup>He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because <sup>e</sup>there is no truth in him. Whenever he speaks <sup>f</sup>a lie, he <sup>g</sup>speaks from his own nature; for he is a liar, and the father of <sup>2</sup>lies.

45 "But because <sup>a</sup>I speak the truth, you do not believe Me.

46 "Which one of you convicts Me of sin? If <sup>a</sup>I speak truth, why do you not believe Me?

47 <sup>a</sup>"He who is of God hears the words of God; for this reason you do not hear *them*, because you are not of God."

48 <sup>a</sup>The Jews answered and said to Him, "Do we not say rightly that You are a <sup>b</sup>Samaritan and <sup>c</sup>have a demon?"

49 Jesus answered, "I do not <sup>a</sup>have a demon; but I honor My Father, and you dishonor Me.

50 "But <sup>a</sup>I do not seek My glory; there is One who seeks and judges.

51 "Truly, truly, I say to you, if anyone <sup>a</sup>keeps My word he shall never <sup>b</sup>see death."

52 <sup>a</sup>The Jews said to Him, "Now we know that You <sup>b</sup>have a demon. Abraham died, and the prophets *also*; and You say, 'If anyone <sup>c</sup>keeps My word, he shall never <sup>d</sup>taste of death.'

53 "Surely You <sup>a</sup>are not greater than our father Abraham, who died? The prophets died too; whom do You make Yourself out to be?"

54 Jesus answered, <sup>a</sup>"If I glorify Myself, My glory is nothing; <sup>b</sup>it is My Father who glorifies Me, of whom you say, 'He is our God';

55 and <sup>a</sup>you have not come to know Him, <sup>b</sup>but I know Him; and if I say that I do not know Him, I shall be <sup>c</sup>a liar like you, <sup>b</sup>but I do know Him, and <sup>d</sup>keep His word.

56 <sup>a</sup>"Your father Abraham <sup>b</sup>rejoiced <sup>1</sup>to see My day; and he saw it, and was glad."

57 <sup>a</sup>The Jews therefore said to Him, "You are not yet fifty years old, and have You seen Abraham?"

58 Jesus said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, before Abraham <sup>1</sup>was born, <sup>2a</sup>I AM."

59 Therefore they <sup>a</sup>picked up stones to throw at Him; but Jesus <sup>b</sup>hid Himself, <sup>2</sup>and went out of the temple.

## CHAPTER 9

AND as He passed by, He saw a man blind from birth.

2 And His disciples asked Him, saying, <sup>a</sup>"Rabbi, who sinned, <sup>b</sup>this man or his <sup>c</sup>parents, that he should be born blind?"

3 Jesus answered, "It was neither *that* this man sinned, nor his parents; but *it was* in order <sup>a</sup>that the works of God might be displayed in him.

4 "We must work the works of Him who sent Me, <sup>a</sup>as long as it is day; night is coming, when no man can work.

5 "While I am in the world, I am <sup>a</sup>the light of the world."

**The Blind Man Healed.  
Pharisees Question Him.**

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6 When He had said this, He <sup>a</sup>spat on the ground, and made clay of the spittle, and applied the clay to his eyes,  
7 and said to him, "Go, wash in <sup>a</sup>the pool of Siloam," (which is translated, Sent). And so he went away and washed, and <sup>b</sup>came back seeing.

6 <sup>a</sup>Mark 7:33; 8:23

8 The neighbors therefore, and those who previously saw him as a beggar, were saying, "Is not this the one who used to <sup>a</sup>sit and beg?"

7 <sup>a</sup>John 9:11; Luke 13:4  
<sup>b</sup>John 11:37

9 Others were saying, "This is he," <sup>still</sup> others were saying, "No, but he is like him." He kept saying, "I am the one."

8 <sup>a</sup>Acts 3:2, 10

10 Therefore they were saying to him, "How then were your eyes opened?"

11 He answered, "The man who is called Jesus made clay, and anointed my eyes, and said to me, 'Go to <sup>a</sup>Siloam, and wash'; so I went away and washed, and I received sight."

11 <sup>a</sup>John 9:7

12 And they said to him, "Where is He?" He <sup>a</sup>said, "I do not know."

14 <sup>a</sup>John 5:9

13 They <sup>a</sup>brought to the Pharisees him who was formerly blind.

14 <sup>a</sup>Now it was a Sabbath on the day when Jesus made the clay, and opened his eyes.

15 <sup>a</sup>John 9:10

15 <sup>a</sup>Again, therefore, the Pharisees also were asking him how he received his sight. And he said to them, "He applied clay to my eyes, and I washed, and I see."

16 Therefore some of the Pharisees were saying, "<sup>a</sup>This man is not from God, because He does not keep the Sabbath." But others were saying, "How can a man who is a sinner perform such <sup>b</sup>signs?" And <sup>c</sup>there was a division among them.

16 <sup>1</sup>Or, *attesting miracles*  
<sup>a</sup>Matt. 12:2 <sup>b</sup>John 2:11  
<sup>c</sup>John 6:52; 7:43; 10:19

17 They <sup>a</sup>said therefore to the blind man <sup>a</sup>again, "What do you say about Him, since He opened your eyes?" And he said, "He is a <sup>b</sup>prophet."

17 <sup>a</sup>John 9:15 <sup>b</sup>Matt. 21:11

18 <sup>a</sup>The Jews therefore did not believe *it* of him, that he had been blind, and had received sight, until they called the parents of the very one who had received his sight,

19 and questioned them, saying, "Is this your son, who you say was born blind? Then how does he now see?"

18 <sup>a</sup>John 1:19; 9:22

20 His parents answered them and said, "We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind;

21 but how he now sees, we do not know; or who opened his eyes, we do not know. Ask him; he is of age, he shall speak for himself."

22 <sup>1</sup>I.e., the Messiah  
<sup>a</sup>John 7:13 <sup>b</sup>John 7:45-52  
<sup>c</sup>John 12:42; 16:2; Luke 6:22

22 His parents said this because they <sup>a</sup>were afraid of the Jews; for the Jews <sup>b</sup>had already agreed, that if any one should confess Him to be <sup>1</sup>Christ, <sup>c</sup>he should be put out of the synagogue.

23 <sup>a</sup>John 9:21

23 For this reason his parents said, "<sup>a</sup>He is of age; ask him."

24 So a second time they called the man who had been blind, and said to him, "<sup>a</sup>Give glory to God; we know that <sup>b</sup>this man is a sinner."

24 <sup>a</sup>Josh. 7:19; Ezra 10:11;  
Rev. 11:13 <sup>b</sup>John 9:16

25 He therefore answered, "Whether He is a sinner, I do not know; one thing I do know, that, whereas I was blind, now I see."

26 They said therefore to him, "What did He do to you? How did He open your eyes?"

27 <sup>a</sup>John 9:15 <sup>b</sup>John 5:25  
 28 <sup>a</sup>John 5:45; Rom. 2:17  
 29 <sup>a</sup>John 8:14  
 31 <sup>a</sup>Job 27:8f.; 35:13; Ps. 34:15f.; 66:18; 145:19; Prov. 15:29; 28:9; Is. 1:15; James 5:16f.  
 32 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *From antiquity it was not heard*  
 33 <sup>a</sup>John 9:16; 3:2  
 34 <sup>a</sup>John 9:2 <sup>b</sup>John 9:22, 35; 3 John 10  
 35 <sup>a</sup>John 9:22, 34; 3 John 10 <sup>b</sup>Matt. 4:3  
 36 <sup>1</sup>Or, Sir  
<sup>a</sup>Rom. 10:14  
 37 <sup>a</sup>John 4:26  
 38 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 8:2  
 39 <sup>a</sup>John 5:22, 27; 3:19  
<sup>b</sup>Luke 4:18 <sup>c</sup>Matt. 13:13; 15:14  
 40 <sup>a</sup>Rom. 2:19  
 41 <sup>a</sup>John 15:22, 24 <sup>b</sup>Prov. 26:12  
 1 <sup>a</sup>John 10:8  
 2 <sup>a</sup>John 10:11f.  
 3 <sup>a</sup>John 10:4f., 16, 27  
<sup>b</sup>John 10:9  
 4 <sup>a</sup>John 10:5, 16, 27  
 5 <sup>a</sup>John 10:4f., 16, 27  
 6 <sup>a</sup>John 16:25, 29; 2 Pet. 2:22  
 7 <sup>a</sup>John 10:1f., 9  
 8 <sup>a</sup>John 10:1; Jer. 23:1f.; Ezek. 34:2ff.  
 9 <sup>a</sup>John 10:1f., 9

27 He answered them, <sup>a</sup>“I told you already, and you did not <sup>b</sup>listen; why do you want to hear *it* again? You do not want to become His disciples too, do you?”  
 28 And they reviled him, and said, <sup>a</sup>“You are His disciple; but <sup>a</sup>we are disciples of Moses.  
 29 <sup>a</sup>“We know that God has spoken to Moses; but as for this man, <sup>a</sup>we do not know where He is from.”  
 30 The man answered and said to them, <sup>a</sup>“Well, here is an amazing thing, that you do not know where He is from, and yet He opened my eyes.  
 31 <sup>a</sup>“We know that <sup>a</sup>God does not hear sinners; but if any one is God-fearing, and does His will, He hears him.  
 32 <sup>a</sup>“Since the beginning of time it has never been heard that any one opened the eyes of a person born blind.  
 33 <sup>a</sup>“If this man were not from God, He could do nothing.”  
 34 They answered and said to him, <sup>a</sup>“You were born entirely in sins, and are you teaching us?” And they <sup>b</sup>put him out.  
 35 Jesus heard that they had <sup>a</sup>put him out; and finding him, He said, <sup>a</sup>“Do you believe in the <sup>b</sup>Son of Man?”  
 36 He answered and said, <sup>a</sup>“And <sup>a</sup>who is He, <sup>1</sup>Lord, that I may believe in Him?”  
 37 Jesus said to him, <sup>a</sup>“You have both seen Him, and <sup>a</sup>He is the one who is talking with you.”  
 38 And he said, <sup>a</sup>“Lord, I believe.” And he <sup>a</sup>worshiped Him.  
 39 And Jesus said, <sup>a</sup>“For judgment I came into this world, that <sup>b</sup>those who do not see may see; and that <sup>c</sup>those who see may become blind.”  
 40 Those of the Pharisees who were with Him heard these things, and said to Him, <sup>a</sup>“We are not blind too, are we?”  
 41 Jesus said to them, <sup>a</sup>“If you were blind, you would have no sin; but now you say, <sup>b</sup>“We see”; your sin remains.

CHAPTER 10

<sup>a</sup>“**T**RULY, truly, I say to you, he who does not enter by the door into the fold of the sheep, but climbs up some other way, he is <sup>a</sup>a thief and a robber.  
 2 <sup>a</sup>“But he who enters by the door is <sup>a</sup>a shepherd of the sheep.  
 3 <sup>a</sup>“To him the doorkeeper opens, and the sheep hear <sup>a</sup>his voice, and he calls his own sheep by name, and <sup>b</sup>leads them out.  
 4 <sup>a</sup>“When he puts forth all his own, he goes before them, and the sheep follow him because they know <sup>a</sup>his voice.  
 5 <sup>a</sup>“And a stranger they simply will not follow, but will flee from him, because they do not know <sup>a</sup>the voice of strangers.”  
 6 This <sup>a</sup>figure of speech Jesus spoke to them, but they did not understand what those things were which He had been saying to them.  
 7 Jesus therefore said to them again, <sup>a</sup>“Truly, truly, I say to you, I am <sup>a</sup>the door of the sheep.  
 8 <sup>a</sup>“All who came before Me are <sup>a</sup>thieves and robbers; but the sheep did not hear them.  
 9 <sup>a</sup>“I am the door; if anyone enters through Me, he shall be saved, and shall go in and out, and find pasture.

**The Good Shepherd. Opinions Divided.  
"My Sheep Hear My Voice."**

10 "The thief comes only to steal, and kill, and destroy; I came that they <sup>a</sup>might have life, and might <sup>1</sup>have it abundantly.

11 "I am the good shepherd; the good shepherd <sup>b</sup>lays down His life for the sheep.

12 "He who is a hireling, and not a <sup>a</sup>shepherd, who is not the owner of the sheep, beholds the wolf coming, and leaves the sheep, and flees, and the wolf snatches them, and scatters *them*.

13 "*He flees* because he is a hireling, and is not concerned about the sheep.

14 "I am the good shepherd; and <sup>b</sup>I know My own, and My own know Me,

15 even as <sup>a</sup>the Father knows Me and I know the Father; and <sup>b</sup>I lay down My life for the sheep.

16 "And I have <sup>a</sup>other sheep, which are not of this fold; I must bring them also, and they shall hear My voice; and they shall become <sup>b</sup>one flock *with* <sup>c</sup>one shepherd.

17 "For this reason the Father loves Me, because I <sup>a</sup>lay down My life that I may take it again.

18 "No one <sup>1</sup>has taken it away from Me, but I <sup>b</sup>lay it down on My own initiative. I have authority to lay it down, and I have authority to take it up again. <sup>c</sup>This commandment I received from My Father."

19 <sup>a</sup>There arose a division again among the Jews because of these words.

20 And many of them were saying, "He <sup>a</sup>has a demon, and <sup>b</sup>is insane; why do you listen to Him?"

21 Others were saying, "These are not the sayings of one <sup>a</sup>demon-possessed. <sup>b</sup>A demon cannot open the eyes of the blind, can he?"

22 At that time the Feast of the Dedication took place at Jerusalem;

23 it was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple in the portico of <sup>a</sup>Solomon.

24 <sup>a</sup>The Jews therefore gathered around Him, and were saying to Him, "How long will You keep us in suspense? If You are <sup>1</sup>the Christ, tell us <sup>b</sup>plainly."

25 Jesus answered them, "<sup>a</sup>I told you, and you do not believe; <sup>b</sup>the works that I do in My Father's name, these bear witness of Me.

26 "But you do not believe, because <sup>a</sup>you are not of My sheep.

27 "My sheep <sup>a</sup>hear My voice, and <sup>b</sup>I know them, and they follow Me;

28 and I give <sup>a</sup>eternal life to them, and they shall never perish; and <sup>b</sup>no one shall snatch them out of My hand.

29 "I My Father, who has given *them* to Me, is greater than all; and no one is able to snatch *them* out of the Father's hand.

30 "I and the Father are <sup>1</sup>one."

31 The Jews <sup>a</sup>took up stones again to stone Him.

32 Jesus answered them, "I showed you many good works from the Father; for which of them are you stoning Me?"

33 The Jews answered Him, "For a good work we do not stone You, but for <sup>a</sup>blasphemy; and because You, being a man, <sup>b</sup>make Yourself out to be God."

10 <sup>1</sup>Or, *have abundance*  
<sup>a</sup>John 5:40

11 <sup>a</sup>John 10:14; Is. 40:11; Ezek. 34:11-16, 23; Heb. 13:20; 1 Pet. 5:4; Rev. 7:17  
<sup>b</sup>John 10:15, 17, 18; 1 John 3:16; John 15:13

12 <sup>a</sup>John 10:2

14 <sup>a</sup>John 10:11 <sup>b</sup>John 10:27

15 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 11:27 <sup>b</sup>John 10:11, 17, 18

16 <sup>a</sup>Is. 56:8 <sup>b</sup>John 11:52; 17:20f.; Eph. 2:13-18; 1 Pet. 2:25 <sup>c</sup>Ezek. 34:23; 37:24

17 <sup>a</sup>John 10:11, 15, 18

18 <sup>1</sup>Many Greek mss. read, *takes*  
<sup>a</sup>Matt. 26:53; John 2:19; 5:26 <sup>b</sup>John 10:11, 15, 17  
<sup>c</sup>John 14:31; 15:10; Phil. 2:8; Heb. 5:8

19 <sup>a</sup>John 7:43; 9:16

20 <sup>a</sup>John 7:20 <sup>b</sup>Mark 3:21

21 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 4:24 <sup>b</sup>John 9:32f.; Ex. 4:11

23 <sup>a</sup>Acts 3:11; 5:12

24 <sup>1</sup>i.e., the Messiah  
<sup>a</sup>John 1:19; 10:31, 33 <sup>b</sup>John 16:25; Luke 22:67

25 <sup>a</sup>John 8:56, 58 <sup>b</sup>John 5:36; 10:38

26 <sup>a</sup>John 8:47

27 <sup>a</sup>John 10:16; John 10:4  
<sup>b</sup>John 10:14

28 <sup>a</sup>John 17:2f.; 1 John 2:25; 5:11 <sup>b</sup>John 6:37, 39

29 <sup>1</sup>Some early mss. read, *What My Father has given Me is greater than all*

30 <sup>1</sup>Lit., (neuter) *a unity, or, one essence*  
<sup>a</sup>John 17:21f.

31 <sup>a</sup>John 8:59

33 <sup>a</sup>Lev. 24:16 <sup>b</sup>John 5:18

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34 <sup>a</sup>John 8:17 <sup>b</sup>John 12:34; 15:25; Rom. 3:19; 1 Cor. 14:21 <sup>c</sup>Ps. 82:6

36 <sup>a</sup>John 6:69; Jer. 1:5 <sup>b</sup>John 3:17 <sup>c</sup>John 10:30; 5:17f.

37 <sup>a</sup>John 15:24; 10:25

38 <sup>1</sup>Lit. *know and continue knowing* <sup>a</sup>John 10:25; 14:11 <sup>b</sup>John 14:10f., 20; 17:21, 23

39 <sup>a</sup>John 7:30 <sup>b</sup>John 8:59; Luke 4:30

40 <sup>a</sup>John 1:28

41 <sup>a</sup>John 2:11 <sup>b</sup>John 1:27, 30, 34; 3:27-30

42 <sup>a</sup>John 7:31

1 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 21:17; John 11:18 <sup>b</sup>John 11:5, 19f.; Luke 10:38

2 <sup>a</sup>John 12:3; Luke 7:38 <sup>b</sup>Luke 7:13; John 11:3, 21, 32; 13:13f.

3 <sup>a</sup>Luke 7:13; John 11:2, 21, 32; 13:13f. <sup>b</sup>John 11:5, 11, 36

4 <sup>a</sup>John 11:40; 9:3; 10:38

5 <sup>a</sup>John 11:1

7 <sup>a</sup>John 10:40

8 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 23:7 <sup>b</sup>John 10:31; 8:59

9 <sup>a</sup>Luke 13:33; John 9:4; 12:35

11 <sup>a</sup>John 11:3 <sup>b</sup>Matt. 27:52; Mark 5:39; John 11:13; Acts 7:60

12 <sup>1</sup>Lit. *he will be saved*

13 <sup>1</sup>Lit. *the slumber of sleep* <sup>a</sup>Matt. 9:24; Luke 8:52

34 Jesus answered them, "Has it not been written in <sup>a</sup>your <sup>b</sup>Law, 'I said, <sup>c</sup>you are gods'?"

35 "If he called them gods, to whom the word of God came (and the Scripture cannot be broken),

36 do you say of Him, whom the Father <sup>a</sup>sanctified and <sup>b</sup>sent into the world, 'You are blaspheming,' because I said, 'I am the Son of God'?"

37 "If I do not do the works of My Father, do not believe Me;

38 but if I do them, though you do not believe Me, believe <sup>a</sup>the works, that you may <sup>1</sup>know and understand that <sup>b</sup>the Father is in Me, and I in the Father."

39 Therefore <sup>a</sup>they were seeking again to seize Him; and <sup>b</sup>He eluded their grasp.

40 And He went away <sup>a</sup>again beyond the Jordan to the place where John was first baptizing; and He was staying there.

41 And many came to Him; and they were saying, "While John performed no <sup>a</sup>sign, yet <sup>b</sup>everything John said about this man was true."

42 And <sup>a</sup>many believed in Him there.

CHAPTER 11

**N**OW a certain man was sick, Lazarus of <sup>a</sup>Bethany, of the village of Mary and her sister <sup>b</sup>Martha.

2 And it was the Mary who <sup>a</sup>anointed <sup>b</sup>the Lord with ointment, and wiped His feet with her hair, whose brother Lazarus was sick.

3 The sisters therefore sent to Him, saying, "<sup>a</sup>Lord, behold, <sup>b</sup>he whom You love is sick."

4 But when Jesus heard it, He said, "This sickness is not unto death, but for <sup>a</sup>the glory of God, that the Son of God may be glorified by it."

5 Now Jesus loved <sup>a</sup>Martha, and her sister, and Lazarus.

6 When therefore He heard that he was sick, He stayed then two days *longer* in the place where He was.

7 Then after this He <sup>a</sup>said to the disciples, "<sup>a</sup>Let us go to Judea again."

8 The disciples <sup>a</sup>said to Him, "<sup>a</sup>Rabbi, the Jews were just now seeking <sup>b</sup>to stone You; and are You going there again?"

9 Jesus answered, "<sup>a</sup>Are there not twelve hours in the day? If anyone walks in the day, he does not stumble, because he sees the light of this world.

10 "But if anyone walks in the night, he stumbles, because the light is not in him."

11 This He said, and after that He <sup>a</sup>said to them, "Our <sup>a</sup>friend Lazarus <sup>b</sup>has fallen asleep; but I go, that I may awaken him out of sleep."

12 The disciples therefore said to Him, "Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will <sup>1</sup>recover."

13 Now <sup>a</sup>Jesus had spoken of his death; but they thought that He was speaking of <sup>1</sup>literal sleep.

14 Then Jesus therefore said to them plainly, "Lazarus is dead,

15 and I am glad for your sakes that I was not there, so that you may believe; but let us go to him."



**Jesus Consoles Martha and Mary.**  
**"I Am the Resurrection."**

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16 <sup>a</sup>Thomas therefore, who is called <sup>1b</sup>Didymus, said to *his* fellow disciples, "Let us also go, that we may die with Him."

17 So when Jesus came, He found that he had already been in the tomb <sup>a</sup>four days.

18 Now <sup>a</sup>Bethany was near Jerusalem, about <sup>1</sup>two miles off;

19 and many of <sup>a</sup>the Jews had come to <sup>b</sup>Martha and Mary, <sup>c</sup>to console them concerning *their* brother.

20 <sup>a</sup>Martha therefore, when she heard that Jesus was coming, went to meet Him; but <sup>a</sup>Mary still sat in the house.

21 Martha therefore said to Jesus, "<sup>a</sup>Lord, <sup>b</sup>if You had been here, my brother would not have died.

22 "Even now I know that <sup>a</sup>whatever You ask of God, God will give You."

23 Jesus <sup>\*</sup>said to her, "Your brother shall rise again."

24 Martha <sup>\*</sup>said to Him, "<sup>a</sup>I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day."

25 Jesus said to her, "<sup>a</sup>I am the resurrection and the life; he who believes in Me shall live even if he dies,

26 and everyone who lives and believes in Me <sup>a</sup>shall never die. Do you believe this?"

27 She <sup>\*</sup>said to Him, "Yes, Lord; I have believed that You are <sup>1a</sup>the Christ, the Son of God, *even* <sup>2b</sup>He who comes into the world."

28 And when she had said this, she <sup>a</sup>went away, and called Mary her sister, saying secretly, "<sup>b</sup>The Teacher is here, and is calling for you."

29 And when she heard it, she <sup>\*</sup>arose quickly, and was coming to Him.

30 Now Jesus had not yet come into the village, but <sup>a</sup>was still in the place where Martha met Him.

31 <sup>a</sup>The Jews then who were with her in the house, and <sup>b</sup>consoling her, when they saw that Mary rose up quickly and went out, followed her, supposing that she was going to the tomb to <sup>1</sup>weep there.

32 Therefore, when Mary came where Jesus was, she saw Him, and fell at His feet, saying to Him, "<sup>a</sup>Lord, <sup>b</sup>if You had been here, my brother would not have died."

33 When Jesus therefore saw her <sup>1</sup>weeping, and <sup>a</sup>the Jews who came with her, *also* <sup>1</sup>weeping, He <sup>b</sup>was deeply moved in spirit, and <sup>2c</sup>was troubled,

34 and said, "Where have you laid him?" They <sup>\*</sup>said to Him, "Lord, come and see."

35 Jesus <sup>a</sup>wept.

36 And so <sup>a</sup>the Jews were saying, "Behold how He <sup>1b</sup>loved him!"

37 But some of them said, "Could not this man, who <sup>a</sup>opened the eyes of him who was blind, <sup>1</sup>have kept this man also from dying?"

38 Jesus therefore again being deeply moved within, <sup>\*</sup>came to the tomb. Now it was a <sup>a</sup>cave, and a stone was lying against it.

39 Jesus <sup>\*</sup>said, "Remove the stone." Martha, the sister of the deceased, <sup>\*</sup>said to Him, "Lord, by this time <sup>1</sup>there will be a stench; for he *has been dead* <sup>a</sup>four days."

40 Jesus <sup>\*</sup>said to her, "<sup>a</sup>Did I not say to you, if you believe, you will see the glory of God?"

16 <sup>1</sup>E., the Twin  
<sup>a</sup>Matt. 10:3; Mark 3:18;  
Luke 6:15; John 14:5;  
20:26-28; Acts 1:13 <sup>b</sup>John  
20:24; 21:2

17 <sup>a</sup>John 11:39

18 <sup>1</sup>E., 15 stadia (9,090 ft.)  
<sup>a</sup>John 11:1

19 <sup>a</sup>John 1:19; 11:8 <sup>b</sup>John  
11:1 <sup>c</sup>John 11:31; Job 2:11;  
1 Sam. 31:13; 1 Chr. 10:12

20 <sup>a</sup>Luke 10:38-42

21 <sup>a</sup>John 11:2 <sup>b</sup>John 11:32,  
37

22 <sup>a</sup>John 11:41f.; 9:31

24 <sup>a</sup>Dan. 12:2; Acts 24:15;  
John 5:28f.

25 <sup>a</sup>John 1:4; 5:26; 6:39f.;  
Rev. 1:18

26 <sup>a</sup>John 6:47, 50, 51; 8:51

27 <sup>1</sup>E., the Messiah <sup>2</sup>The  
Coming One was the  
Messianic title  
<sup>a</sup>Matt. 16:16; Luke 2:11  
<sup>b</sup>John 6:14

28 <sup>a</sup>John 11:30 <sup>b</sup>Matt.  
26:18; Mark 14:14; Luke  
22:11; John 13:13

30 <sup>a</sup>John 11:20

31 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *wail*  
<sup>a</sup>John 11:19, 33 <sup>b</sup>John 11:19

32 <sup>a</sup>John 11:2 <sup>b</sup>John 11:21

33 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *wailing* <sup>2</sup>Lit.,  
*troubled Himself*.  
<sup>a</sup>John 11:19 <sup>b</sup>John 11:38  
<sup>c</sup>John 12:27; 13:21

35 <sup>a</sup>Luke 19:41 [where Gr.  
as in John 11:33 marg.]

36 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *was loving*  
<sup>a</sup>John 11:19 <sup>b</sup>John 11:3

37 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *have caused that  
this man also not die*  
<sup>a</sup>John 9:7

38 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 27:60; Mark  
15:46; Luke 24:2; John 20:1

39 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *he stinks*  
<sup>a</sup>John 11:17

40 <sup>a</sup>John 11:4, 23ff.

**Jesus Raises Lazarus from the Dead.  
Many Jews Believe. Others Plot His Death.**

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41 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 27:60; Mark 15:46; Luke 24:2; John 20:1  
<sup>b</sup>John 17:1; Acts 7:55  
<sup>c</sup>Matt. 11:25

42 <sup>a</sup>John 12:30; 17:21  
<sup>b</sup>John 3:17

44 <sup>a</sup>John 19:40 <sup>b</sup>John 20:7

45 <sup>a</sup>John 7:31 <sup>b</sup>John 11:19;  
John 12:17f. <sup>c</sup>John 2:23

46 <sup>a</sup>John 11:57; John 7:32,  
45

47 <sup>1</sup>Or, *attesting miracles*  
<sup>a</sup>John 11:57; John 7:32, 45  
<sup>b</sup>Matt. 26:3 <sup>c</sup>Matt. 5:22  
<sup>d</sup>John 2:11

48 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 24:15

49 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 26:3 <sup>b</sup>John  
11:51; 18:13

50 <sup>a</sup>John 18:14

51 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *from himself*  
<sup>a</sup>John 18:13 <sup>b</sup>Ex. 28:30;  
Num. 27:21; 1 Sam. 23:9;  
30:7; Ezra 2:63

52 <sup>a</sup>John 10:16

53 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 26:4

54 <sup>a</sup>John 7:1 <sup>b2</sup> Chr. 13:19  
*margin.*

55 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 26:1f.; Mark  
14:1; Luke 22:1; John 12:1;  
13:1; John 2:13 <sup>b</sup>Num.  
9:10; 2 Chr. 30:17f.; John  
18:28

56 <sup>a</sup>John 7:11

57 <sup>a</sup>John 11:47

1 <sup>a</sup>John 12:1-8. *Matt.*  
26:6-13; *Mark* 14:3-9; also  
*Luke* 7:37-39 <sup>b</sup>John 11:55;  
John 12:20 <sup>c</sup>Matt. 21:17;  
John 11:43f.

2 <sup>a</sup>Luke 10:38

41 And so they removed the <sup>a</sup>stone. And Jesus <sup>b</sup>braised His eyes, and said, “<sup>c</sup>Father, I thank Thee that Thou heardest Me.

42 “And I knew that Thou hearest Me always; but <sup>a</sup>because of the people standing around I said it, that they may believe that <sup>b</sup>Thou didst send Me.”

43 And when He had said these things, He cried out with a loud voice, “Lazarus, come forth.”

44 He who had died came forth, <sup>a</sup>bound hand and foot with wrappings; and <sup>b</sup>his face was wrapped around with a cloth. Jesus <sup>a</sup>said to them, “Unbind him, and let him go.”

45 <sup>a</sup>Many therefore of the Jews, <sup>b</sup>who had come to Mary and <sup>c</sup>beheld what He had done, believed in Him.

46 But some of them went away to the <sup>a</sup>Pharisees, and told them the things which Jesus had done.

47 Therefore <sup>a</sup>the chief priests and the Pharisees <sup>b</sup>convened a <sup>c</sup>council, and were saying, “What are we doing? For this man is performing many <sup>d</sup>signs.

48 “If we let Him *go on* like this, all men will believe in Him, and the Romans will come and take away both our <sup>a</sup>place and our nation.”

49 But a certain one of them, <sup>a</sup>Caiaphas, <sup>b</sup>who was high priest that year, said to them, “You know nothing at all,

50 nor do you take into account that <sup>a</sup>it is expedient for you that one man should die for the people, and that the whole nation should not perish.”

51 Now this he did not say <sup>1</sup>on his own initiative; but <sup>a</sup>being high priest that year, he <sup>b</sup>prophesied that Jesus was going to die for the nation;

52 and not for the nation only, but that He might also <sup>a</sup>gather together into one the children of God who are scattered abroad.

53 So from that day on they <sup>a</sup>planned together to kill Him.

54 Jesus therefore <sup>a</sup>no longer continued to walk publicly among the Jews, but went away from there to the country near the wilderness, into a city called <sup>b</sup>Ephraim; and there He stayed with the disciples.

55 Now <sup>a</sup>the Passover of the Jews was at hand, and many went up to Jerusalem out of the country before the Passover, <sup>b</sup>to purify themselves.

56 Therefore they <sup>a</sup>were seeking for Jesus, and were saying to one another, as they stood in the temple, “What do you think; that He will not come to the feast at all?”

57 Now <sup>a</sup>the chief priests and the Pharisees had given orders that if any one knew where He was, he should report it, that they might seize Him.

CHAPTER 12

<sup>a</sup>JESUS, therefore, six days before <sup>b</sup>the Passover, came to <sup>c</sup>Bethany where Lazarus was, whom Jesus had raised from the dead.

2 So they made Him a supper there; and <sup>a</sup>Martha was serving; but Lazarus was one of those reclining *at the table* with Him.

**The Anointing at Bethany.  
The Triumphal Entry.**

3 <sup>a</sup>Mary therefore took a pound of very costly, <sup>b</sup>genuine spikenard ointment, and anointed the feet of Jesus, and wiped His feet with her hair; and the house was filled with the fragrance of the ointment.

4 But <sup>a</sup>Judas Iscariot, one of His disciples, who was intending to <sup>b</sup>betray Him, <sup>\*</sup>said,

5 “Why was this ointment not sold for <sup>1</sup>three hundred denarii, and given to poor *people*?”

6 Now he said this, not because he was concerned about the poor, but because he was a thief, and as he <sup>a</sup>had the money box, he used to pilfer <sup>b</sup>what was put into it.

7 Jesus therefore said, “Let her alone, in order that she may keep <sup>1</sup>it for <sup>a</sup>the day of My burial.

8 “<sup>a</sup>For the poor you always have with you; but you do not always have Me.”

9 The <sup>a</sup>great multitude therefore of the Jews learned that He was there; and they came, not for Jesus' sake only, but that they might also see Lazarus, <sup>b</sup>whom He raised from the dead.

10 But the chief priests took counsel that they might put Lazarus to death also;

11 because <sup>a</sup>on account of him <sup>b</sup>many of the Jews were going away, and were believing in Jesus.

12 On the next day <sup>1a</sup>the great multitude who had come to <sup>b</sup>the feast, when they heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem,

13 took the branches of the palm trees, and went out to meet Him, and *began* to cry out, “<sup>a</sup>Hosanna! BLESSED IS HE WHO COMES IN THE NAME OF THE LORD, even the <sup>b</sup>King of Israel.”

14 And Jesus, finding a young donkey, sat on it; as it is written,

15 “<sup>a</sup>FEAR NOT, DAUGHTER OF ZION; BEHOLD, YOUR KING COMES SITTING ON A DONKEY'S COLT.”

16 <sup>a</sup>These things His disciples did not understand at the first; but when Jesus <sup>b</sup>was glorified, then they remembered that these things were written of Him, and that they had done these things to Him.

17 And so <sup>a</sup>the multitude who were with Him when He called Lazarus out of the tomb, and raised him from the dead, were bearing Him witness.

18 <sup>a</sup>For this cause also the multitude went and met Him, <sup>b</sup>because they heard that He had performed this <sup>1</sup>sign.

19 The Pharisees therefore said to one another, “You see that you are not doing any good; look, the world has gone after Him.”

20 Now there were certain <sup>a</sup>Greeks among those who were going up to worship at <sup>b</sup>the feast;

21 these therefore came to <sup>a</sup>Philip, who was from <sup>b</sup>Bethsaida of Galilee, and *began* to ask him, saying, “Sir, we wish to see Jesus.”

22 Philip <sup>\*</sup>came and <sup>\*</sup>told <sup>a</sup>Andrew; Andrew and Philip <sup>\*</sup>came, and they <sup>\*</sup>told Jesus.

23 And Jesus <sup>\*</sup>answered them, saying, “<sup>a</sup>The hour has come for the Son of Man to <sup>b</sup>be glorified.

24 “Truly, truly, I say to you, <sup>a</sup>unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains by itself alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit.

3 <sup>a</sup>John 11:2 <sup>b</sup>Mark 14:3

4 <sup>1</sup>Or, *deliver Him up*  
<sup>a</sup>John 6:71

5 <sup>1</sup>Monetary value \$50, but equal to 11 months' wages

6 <sup>a</sup>John 13:29 <sup>b</sup>Luke 8:3

7 <sup>1</sup>i.e., The custom of anointing for burial  
<sup>a</sup>John 19:40

8 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 26:11; Mark 14:7; Deut. 15:11

9 <sup>a</sup>Mark 12:37; John 12:12 marg. <sup>b</sup>John 11:43f.; 12:1, 17f.

11 <sup>a</sup>John 12:18; 11:45f.  
<sup>b</sup>John 7:31; 11:42

12 <sup>1</sup>Or, *the common people*  
<sup>a</sup>John 12:12-15; Matt. 21:4-9; Mark 11:7-10; Luke 19:35-38 <sup>b</sup>John 12:1

13 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 118:25f. <sup>b</sup>John 1:49

15 <sup>a</sup>Zech. 9:9

16 <sup>a</sup>Mark 9:32; John 2:22; 14:26 <sup>b</sup>John 7:39; 12:23

17 <sup>a</sup>John 11:42

18 <sup>1</sup>Or, *attesting miracle*  
<sup>a</sup>Luke 19:37; John 12:12  
<sup>b</sup>John 12:11

20 <sup>a</sup>John 7:35 <sup>b</sup>John 12:1

21 <sup>a</sup>John 1:44 <sup>b</sup>Matt. 11:21

22 <sup>a</sup>John 1:44

23 <sup>a</sup>John 13:1, 32; 17:1; Matt. 26:45; Mark 14:35, 41 <sup>b</sup>John 7:39; 12:16

24 <sup>a</sup>1 Cor. 15:36; Rom. 14:9

25 <sup>1</sup>Or, *soul*  
<sup>a</sup>Matt. 10:39 <sup>b</sup>Luke 14:26

26 <sup>a</sup>John 14:3; 17:24;  
 2 Cor. 5:8; Phil. 1:23;  
 1 Thess. 4:17 <sup>b1</sup> Sam. 2:30;  
 Ps. 91:15; Luke 12:37

27 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 26:38; Mark  
 14:34; John 11:33 <sup>b</sup>Matt.  
 11:25 <sup>c</sup>John 12:23

28 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 11:25 <sup>b</sup>Matt.  
 3:17; 17:5; Mark 1:11; 9:7;  
 Luke 3:22; 9:35

29 <sup>a</sup>Acts 2:9

30 <sup>a</sup>John 11:42

31 <sup>a</sup>John 16:11; 3:19; 9:39  
<sup>b</sup>John 14:30; 16:11; 2 Cor.  
 4:4; Eph. 2:2; Eph. 6:12;  
 1 John 4:4; 5:19

32 <sup>a</sup>John 3:14; 8:28; 12:34  
<sup>b</sup>John 6:44

33 <sup>a</sup>John 18:32; 21:19

34 <sup>1</sup>I.e., the Messiah  
<sup>a</sup>John 10:34 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 110:4; Is.  
 9:7; Ezek. 37:25; Dan. 7:14  
<sup>c</sup>Matt. 8:20 <sup>d</sup>John 3:14;  
 8:28; 12:32

35 <sup>a</sup>John 7:33; 9:4; 1 John  
 2:10 <sup>b</sup>John 12:46 <sup>c</sup>Eph. 5:8;  
 Gal. 6:10 <sup>d1</sup> John 1:6; 2:11

36 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *was hidden*  
<sup>a</sup>John 12:46 <sup>b</sup>Luke 16:8;  
 John 8:12 <sup>c</sup>John 8:59

37 <sup>1</sup>Or, *attesting miracles*

38 <sup>a</sup>Is. 53:1; Rom. 10:16

40 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *should be turned,*  
*i.e., turn about*  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 6:10; Matt. 13:14f.  
<sup>b</sup>Mark 6:52

41 <sup>a</sup>Is. 6:1ff. <sup>b</sup>Luke 24:27

42 <sup>1</sup>I.e., excommunicated  
<sup>a</sup>John 7:48; 12:11 <sup>b</sup>Luke  
 23:13 <sup>c</sup>John 7:13 <sup>d</sup>John 9:22

43 <sup>a</sup>John 5:41, 44

44 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 10:40; John 5:24

45 <sup>a</sup>John 14:9

25 <sup>a</sup>He who loves his <sup>1</sup>life loses it; and he who <sup>b</sup>hates his <sup>1</sup>life  
 in this world shall keep it to life eternal.

26 "If any one serves Me, let him follow Me; and <sup>a</sup>where I  
 am, there shall My servant also be; if any one serves Me, the  
 Father will <sup>b</sup>honor him.

27 <sup>a</sup>Now My soul has become troubled; and what shall I  
 say, <sup>b</sup>Father, save Me from <sup>c</sup>this hour? But for this purpose I  
 came to this hour.

28 <sup>a</sup>Father, glorify Thy name." There came therefore a  
 voice out of heaven: "I have both glorified it, and will glorify  
 it again."

29 The multitude therefore, who stood by and heard it,  
 were saying that it had thundered; others were saying, <sup>a</sup>"An  
 angel has spoken to Him."

30 Jesus answered and said, <sup>a</sup>"This voice has not come for  
 My sake, but for your sakes.

31 <sup>a</sup>Now judgment is upon this world; now <sup>b</sup>the ruler of this  
 world shall be cast out.

32 "And I, if I <sup>a</sup>be lifted up from the earth, will <sup>b</sup>draw all men  
 to Myself."

33 But He was saying this <sup>a</sup>to indicate the kind of death by  
 which He was to die.

34 The multitude therefore answered Him, "We have  
 heard out of <sup>a</sup>the Law that <sup>1b</sup>the Christ is to remain forever; and  
 how can You say, 'The <sup>c</sup>Son of Man must be <sup>d</sup>lifted up'? Who  
 is this <sup>c</sup>Son of Man?"

35 Jesus therefore said to them, <sup>a</sup>"For a little while longer  
<sup>b</sup>the light is among you. <sup>c</sup>Walk while you have the light, that  
 darkness may not overtake you; he who <sup>d</sup>walks in the darkness  
 does not know where he goes.

36 "While you have the light, <sup>a</sup>believe in the light, in order  
 that you may become <sup>b</sup>sons of light."

These things Jesus spoke, and He departed and <sup>1</sup>hid Him-  
 self from them.

37 But though He had performed so many <sup>1</sup>signs before  
 them, yet they were not believing in Him;

38 that the word of Isaiah the prophet might be fulfilled,  
 which he spoke, <sup>a</sup>"LORD, WHO HAS BELIEVED OUR REPORT? AND  
 TO WHOM HAS THE ARM OF THE LORD BEEN REVEALED?"

39 For this cause they could not believe, for Isaiah said  
 again,

40 <sup>a</sup>HE HAS BLINDED THEIR EYES, AND HE <sup>b</sup>HARDENED THEIR  
 HEART; LEST THEY SEE WITH THEIR EYES, AND PERCEIVE WITH  
 THEIR HEART, AND <sup>1</sup>BE CONVERTED, AND I HEAL THEM."

41 These things Isaiah said, because <sup>a</sup>he saw His glory, and  
<sup>b</sup>he spoke of Him.

42 Nevertheless <sup>a</sup>many even of <sup>b</sup>the rulers believed in Him,  
 but <sup>c</sup>because of the Pharisees they were not confessing *Him*, lest  
 they should be <sup>1d</sup>put out of the synagogue;

43 <sup>a</sup>for they loved the approval of men rather than the  
 approval of God.

44 And Jesus cried out and said, <sup>a</sup>"He who believes in Me  
 does not believe in Me, but in Him who sent Me.

45 "And <sup>a</sup>he who beholds Me beholds the One who sent Me.

**Jesus Sums Up His Claims.  
Jesus Washes the Disciples' Feet.**

**John 12, 13**

46 "I have come as light into the world, that everyone who believes in Me may not remain in darkness.

46 <sup>a</sup>John 1:4; 3:19; 8:12; 9:5; 12:35f.

47 "And if any one hears My sayings, and does not keep them, I do not judge him; for <sup>a</sup>I did not come to judge the world, but to save the world.

47 <sup>a</sup>John 3:17; 8:15f.

48 "He who rejects Me, and does not receive My sayings, has one who judges him; <sup>b</sup>the word I spoke is what will judge him at <sup>c</sup>the last day.

48 <sup>a</sup>Luke 10:16 <sup>b</sup>Deut. 18:18f.; John 5:45ff.; 8:47 <sup>c</sup>Matt. 10:15

49 "For I did not speak <sup>1</sup>on My own initiative, but the Father Himself who sent Me <sup>b</sup>has given Me commandment, what to say, and what to speak.

49 <sup>1</sup>Lit., of Myself <sup>a</sup>John 3:11 <sup>b</sup>John 14:31; 17:8

50 "And I know that <sup>a</sup>His commandment is eternal life; therefore the things I speak, I speak <sup>b</sup>just as the Father has told Me."

50 <sup>a</sup>John 6:68 <sup>b</sup>John 8:28

CHAPTER 13

**N**OW before the Feast of <sup>a</sup>the Passover, Jesus knowing that <sup>b</sup>His hour had come that He should depart out of this world <sup>c</sup>to the Father, having loved His own who were in the world, He loved them <sup>1</sup>to the end.

1 <sup>1</sup>Lit., to the uttermost, or, eternally <sup>a</sup>John 11:55; 2:13 <sup>b</sup>John 12:23 <sup>c</sup>John 16:28; 13:3

2 And during supper, <sup>a</sup>the devil having already put into the heart of <sup>b</sup>Judas Iscariot, *the son of Simon*, to betray Him,

2 <sup>a</sup>John 6:70; 13:27 <sup>b</sup>John 6:71

3 *Jesus*, <sup>a</sup>knowing that the Father had given all things into His hands, and that <sup>b</sup>He had come forth from God, and was going back to God,

3 <sup>a</sup>John 3:35 <sup>b</sup>John 8:42

4 <sup>a</sup>rose from supper, and <sup>a</sup>laid aside His garments; and taking a towel, <sup>a</sup>girded Himself about.

4 <sup>a</sup>Luke 12:37

5 Then He <sup>a</sup>poured water into the basin, and began to <sup>a</sup>wash the disciples' feet, and to wipe them with the towel with which He was girded.

5 <sup>a</sup>Luke 7:44

6 And so He <sup>a</sup>came to Simon Peter. He <sup>a</sup>said to Him, "Lord, do You wash my feet?"

7 <sup>a</sup>John 13:12ff.

7 Jesus answered and said to him, "What I do you do not realize now; but you shall understand <sup>a</sup>hereafter."

8 <sup>a</sup>Deut. 12:12; 2 Sam. 20:1; 1 Kin. 12:16

8 Peter <sup>a</sup>said to Him, "Never shall You wash my feet!" Jesus answered him, "If I do not wash you, <sup>a</sup>you have no part with Me."

10 <sup>a</sup>John 15:3

9 Simon Peter <sup>a</sup>said to Him, "Lord, not my feet only, but also my hands and my head."

11 <sup>a</sup>John 6:64; 13:2

10 Jesus <sup>a</sup>said to him, "He who has bathed needs only to wash his feet, but is completely clean; and <sup>a</sup>you are clean, but not all *of you*."

12 <sup>a</sup>John 13:4

11 For <sup>a</sup>He knew the one who was betraying Him; for this reason He said, "Not all of you are clean."

13 <sup>1</sup>Lit., you say well <sup>a</sup>John 11:28 <sup>b</sup>John 11:2; 1 Cor. 12:3; Phil. 2:11

12 And so when He had washed their feet, and <sup>a</sup>taken His garments, and reclined *at table* again, He said to them, "Do you know what I have done to you?"

14 <sup>a</sup>John 11:2; 1 Cor. 12:3; Phil. 2:11

13 "You call Me <sup>a</sup>Teacher and <sup>b</sup>Lord; and <sup>1</sup>you are right; for so I am.

15 <sup>a</sup>1 Pet. 5:3

14 "If I then, <sup>a</sup>the Lord and the Teacher, washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet.

15 "For I gave you <sup>a</sup>an example that you also should do as I did to you.

**John 13**

16 \*Matt. 10:24 \*2 Cor. 8:23; Phil. 2:25

17 \*Luke 11:28; James 1:25; Matt. 7:24ff.

18 \*John 13:10f. \*John 6:70; 15:16, 19 \*John 17:12; 19:24, 36; 15:25; 18:32 \*Ps. 41:9; John 13:18, 21, 22, 26; Matt. 26:21ff.; Mark 14:18ff.; Luke 22:21ff.

19 \*John 14:29; 16:4 \*John 8:24

20 \*Matt. 10:40; Luke 10:16; Gal. 4:14

21 \*Or, *deliver Me up* \*John 11:33 \*John 13:18, 21, 22, 26; Matt. 26:21f.; Mark 14:18ff.; Luke 22:21ff.

22 \*John 13:18, 21, 22, 26; Matt. 26:21ff.; Mark 14:18ff.; Luke 22:21ff.

23 \*John 1:18 \*John 19:26; 20:2; 21:7, 20

25 \*John 21:20

26 \*John 6:71

27 \*Matt. 4:10 \*Luke 22:3; John 13:2

29 \*John 12:6 \*John 13:1 \*John 12:5

30 \*Luke 22:53

31 \*Or, *was* \*Matt. 8:20 \*John 7:39 \*John 14:13; 17:4; 1 Pet. 4:11

32 \*Some ancient mss. omit this phrase \*John 17:1

33 \*1 John 2:1 \*John 7:33 \*John 7:34

34 \*1 John 2:7f.; 3:11, 23; 2 John 5; John 15:12, 17 \*Lev. 19:18; 1 Thess. 4:9; 1 Pet. 1:22; 1 John 4:7; Heb. 13:1; Gal. 5:14; Matt. 5:44 \*Eph. 5:2; 1 John 4:10f.

35 \*1 John 3:14; 4:20

36 \*John 13:33; John 14:2; 16:5 \*John 21:18f.; 2 Pet. 1:14

37 \*John 13:37, 38; Matt. 26:33-35; Mark 14:29-31; Luke 22:33-34

16 "Truly, truly, I say to you, <sup>a</sup>a slave is not greater than his master; neither <sup>b</sup>one who is sent greater than the one who sent him.

17 "If you know these things, you are <sup>a</sup>blessed if you do them.

18 "I do not speak of all of you. I know the ones I have <sup>b</sup>chosen; but *it is* <sup>c</sup>that the Scripture may be fulfilled, <sup>d</sup>"HE WHO EATS MY BREAD HAS LIFTED UP HIS HEEL AGAINST ME."

19 "From now on <sup>a</sup>I am telling you before *it* comes to pass, so that when it does occur, you may believe that <sup>b</sup>I am *He*.

20 "Truly, truly, I say to you, <sup>a</sup>he who receives whomever I send receives Me; and he who receives Me receives Him who sent Me."

21 When Jesus had said this, He <sup>a</sup>became troubled in spirit, and testified, and said, "Truly, truly, I say to you, that <sup>b</sup>one of you will <sup>b</sup>betray Me."

22 The disciples *began* looking at one another, <sup>a</sup>at a loss to *know* of which one He was speaking.

23 There was reclining on <sup>a</sup>Jesus' breast one of His disciples, <sup>b</sup>whom Jesus loved.

24 Simon Peter therefore <sup>a</sup>gestured to him, and <sup>a</sup>said to him, "Tell us who it is of whom He is speaking."

25 He, <sup>a</sup>leaning back thus on Jesus' breast, <sup>a</sup>said to Him, "Lord, who is it?"

26 Jesus therefore <sup>a</sup>answered, "That is the one for whom I shall dip the morsel and give it to him." So when He had dipped the morsel, He <sup>a</sup>took and <sup>a</sup>gave it to Judas, <sup>a</sup>the son of Simon Iscariot.

27 And after the morsel, <sup>a</sup>Satan then <sup>b</sup>entered into him. Jesus therefore <sup>a</sup>said to him, "What you do, do quickly."

28 Now no one of those reclining *at table* knew for what purpose He had said this to him.

29 For some were supposing, because Judas <sup>a</sup>had the money box, that Jesus was saying to him, "Buy the things we have need of <sup>b</sup>for the feast"; or else, that he should <sup>c</sup>give something to the poor.

30 And so after receiving the morsel he went out immediately; and <sup>a</sup>it was night.

31 When therefore he had gone out, Jesus <sup>a</sup>said, "Now <sup>b</sup>is <sup>a</sup>the Son of Man <sup>b</sup>glorified, and <sup>c</sup>God <sup>b</sup>is glorified in Him;

32 <sup>b</sup>if God is glorified in Him, <sup>a</sup>God will also glorify Him in Himself, and will glorify Him immediately.

33 "Little children, I am with you <sup>b</sup>a little while longer. <sup>c</sup>You shall seek Me; and as I said to the Jews, 'Where I am going, you cannot come,' now I say to you also.

34 "A <sup>a</sup>new commandment I give to you, <sup>b</sup>that you love one another, <sup>c</sup>even as I have loved you, that you also love one another.

35 "By this all men will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another."

36 Simon Peter <sup>a</sup>said to Him, "Lord, where are You going?" Jesus answered, "Where I go, you cannot follow Me now; but <sup>b</sup>you shall follow later."

37 Peter <sup>a</sup>said to Him, "Lord, why can I not follow You right now? <sup>a</sup>I will lay down my life for You."

38 Jesus <sup>a</sup>answered, "Will you lay down your life for Me?"

**Jesus' Farewell Discourse.  
The Holy Spirit Promised.**

**John 13, 14**

Truly, truly, I say to you, <sup>a</sup>a cock shall not crow, until you deny Me three times.

**CHAPTER 14**

<sup>1a</sup>LET not your heart be troubled; <sup>1</sup>believe in God, believe also in Me.

2 "In My Father's house are many dwelling places; if it were not so, I would have told you; for <sup>a1</sup> I go to prepare a place for you.

3 "And if I go and prepare a place for you, <sup>a1</sup> I will come again, and receive you to Myself; that <sup>b</sup>where I am, *there* you may be also.

4 "I And you know the way where I am going."

5 <sup>a</sup>Thomas <sup>\*</sup>said to Him, "Lord, we do not know where You are going; how do we know the way?"

6 Jesus <sup>\*</sup>said to him, "I am <sup>a</sup>the way, and <sup>b</sup>the truth, and <sup>c</sup>the life; no one comes to the Father, but through Me.

7 "<sup>a</sup>If you had known Me, you would have known My Father also; from now on you <sup>b</sup>know Him, and have <sup>c</sup>seen Him."

8 <sup>a</sup>Philip <sup>\*</sup>said to Him, "Lord, show us the Father, and it is enough for us."

9 Jesus <sup>\*</sup>said to him, "Have I been so long with you, and yet you have not come to know Me, Philip? <sup>a</sup>He who has seen Me has seen the Father; how do you say, 'Show us the Father?'"

10 "Do you not believe that <sup>a1</sup> I am in the Father, and the Father is in Me? <sup>b</sup>The words that I say to you I do not speak on My own initiative, but the Father abiding in Me does His works.

11 "Believe Me that <sup>a1</sup> I am in the Father, and the Father in Me; otherwise <sup>b</sup>believe on account of the works themselves.

12 "Truly, truly, I say to you, he who believes in Me, the works that I do shall he do also; and <sup>a</sup>greater works than these shall he do; because <sup>b1</sup> I go to the Father.

13 "And <sup>a</sup>whatever you ask in My name, that will I do, that <sup>b</sup>the Father may be glorified in the Son.

14 "If you ask Me anything <sup>a</sup>in My name, I will do it.

15 "<sup>a</sup>If you love Me, you will keep My commandments.

16 "And I will ask the Father, and He will give you another <sup>1a</sup>Helper, that He may be with you forever;

17 *that is* <sup>a</sup>the Spirit of truth, <sup>b</sup>whom the world cannot receive, because it does not behold Him or know Him, *but* you know Him because He abides with you, and will be in you.

18 "I will not leave you as orphans; <sup>a1</sup> I will come to you.

19 "<sup>1a</sup>After a little while <sup>b</sup>the world will behold Me no more; but you *will* behold Me; <sup>c</sup>because I live, you shall live also.

20 "<sup>a</sup>In that day you shall know that <sup>b1</sup> I am in My Father, and you in Me, and I in you.

21 "<sup>a</sup>He who has My commandments and keeps them, he it is who loves Me; and <sup>b</sup>he who loves Me shall be loved by My Father, and I will love him, and will <sup>c</sup>disclose Myself to him."

22 <sup>a</sup>Judas (not Iscariot) <sup>\*</sup>said to Him, "Lord, what then has happened <sup>b</sup>that You are going to disclose Yourself to us, and not to the world?"

38 <sup>a</sup>John 18:27; Mark 14:30

1 <sup>1</sup>Or, *you believe in God*

<sup>a</sup>John 14:27; 16:22, 24

2 <sup>a</sup>John 13:33, 36

3 <sup>a</sup>John 14:18, 28 <sup>b</sup>John 12:26

4 <sup>1</sup>Many ancient authorities read, *And where I go you know, and the way you know*

5 <sup>a</sup>John 11:16

6 <sup>a</sup>John 10:9; Rom. 5:2; Heb. 10:20; Eph. 2:18  
<sup>b</sup>John 1:14 <sup>c</sup>John 1:4; 11:25; 1 John 5:20

7 <sup>a</sup>John 8:19 <sup>b1</sup> John 2:13  
<sup>c</sup>John 6:46

8 <sup>a</sup>John 1:43

9 <sup>a</sup>John 12:45; 1:14; Col. 1:15; Heb. 1:3

10 <sup>a</sup>John 10:38; 14:11, 20  
<sup>b</sup>John 14:24; 5:19

11 <sup>a</sup>John 10:38; 14:10, 20  
<sup>b</sup>John 5:36

12 <sup>a</sup>John 5:20; 4:37f.  
<sup>b</sup>John 7:33; 14:28

13 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 7:7 <sup>b</sup>John 13:31

14 <sup>a</sup>John 15:16; 16:23f.

15 <sup>a</sup>John 14:21, 23; John 15:10; 1 John 5:3; 2 John 6

16 <sup>1</sup>Gr., *Paracletos*, equals one called alongside to help, or *Intercessor*  
<sup>a</sup>John 14:26; 15:26; 16:7; 1 John 2:1 marg.; John 7:39; Rom. 8:26

17 <sup>a</sup>John 15:26; 16:13; 1 John 4:6; 5:7 <sup>b1</sup> Cor. 2:14

18 <sup>a</sup>John 14:3, 28

19 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *Yet a little and the world*  
<sup>a</sup>John 7:33 <sup>b</sup>John 16:16, 22  
<sup>c</sup>John 6:57

20 <sup>a</sup>John 16:23, 26 <sup>b</sup>John 10:38; 14:11

21 <sup>a</sup>John 14:15, 23; 15:10; 1 John 5:3; 2 John 6 <sup>b</sup>John 16:27; 14:23 <sup>c</sup>Ex. 33:18f.; Prov. 8:17

22 <sup>a</sup>Luke 6:16; Acts 1:13; Matt. 10:3 <sup>b</sup>Acts 10:40, 41

John 14, 15

23 <sup>a</sup>John 14:15, 21; 15:10; 1 John 5:3; 2 John 6 <sup>b</sup>John 8:51; 1 John 2:5 <sup>c</sup>John 14:21 <sup>d</sup>Rev. 3:20; Eph. 3:17; 1 John 2:24; Rev. 21:3; 2 Cor. 6:16 for O.T.

24 <sup>a</sup>John 14:23 <sup>b</sup>John 14:10; 7:16

26 <sup>a</sup>John 14:16 <sup>b</sup>John 1:33; 15:26; 16:7; Luke 24:49; and esp. Acts 2:33 <sup>c</sup>John 16:13f.; 1 John 2:20, 27 <sup>d</sup>John 2:22

27 <sup>a</sup>John 16:33; Col. 3:15; Phil. 4:7; John 20:19 <sup>b</sup>John 14:1

28 <sup>a</sup>John 14:2-4 <sup>b</sup>John 14:3, 18 <sup>c</sup>John 14:12 <sup>d</sup>John 10:29; Phil. 2:6

29 <sup>a</sup>John 13:19

30 <sup>a</sup>John 12:31 <sup>b</sup>Heb. 4:15

31 <sup>a</sup>John 10:18; 12:49 <sup>b</sup>John 13:1; 18:1

1 <sup>a</sup>Is. 5:1ff.; Ezek. 19:10ff.; Ps. 80:8ff.; Matt. 21:33ff. <sup>b</sup>Matt. 15:13; Rom. 11:17; 1 Cor. 3:9

2 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *cleanses*

3 <sup>a</sup>John 13:10; 17:17; Eph. 5:26

4 <sup>a</sup>John 15:4-7; 1 John 2:6; John 6:56

5 <sup>a</sup>John 15:16

6 <sup>a</sup>John 15:2

7 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 7:7; John 15:16

8 <sup>1</sup>Another reading, *that you bear much fruit, and become My disciples* <sup>a</sup>Matt. 5:16 <sup>b</sup>John 8:31

9 <sup>a</sup>John 17:23, 24, 26; 3:35

10 <sup>a</sup>John 14:15 <sup>b</sup>John 8:29

11 <sup>a</sup>John 17:13 <sup>b</sup>John 3:29

12 <sup>a</sup>John 13:34; 15:17

23 Jesus answered and said to him, “<sup>a</sup>If anyone loves Me, he will <sup>b</sup>keep My word; and <sup>c</sup>My Father will love him, and We <sup>d</sup>will come to him, and make Our abode with him.

24 “He who does not love Me <sup>a</sup>does not keep My words; and <sup>b</sup>the word which you hear is not Mine, but the Father’s who sent Me.

25 “These things I have spoken to you, while abiding with you.

26 “But the <sup>a</sup>Helper, the Holy Spirit, <sup>b</sup>whom the Father will send in My name, <sup>c</sup>He will teach you all things, and <sup>d</sup>bring to your remembrance all that I said to you.

27 “Peace I leave with you; My peace I give to you; not as the world gives, do I give to you. <sup>b</sup>Let not your heart be troubled, nor let it be fearful.

28 “You heard that I said to you, ‘I go away, and <sup>b</sup>I will come to you.’ If you loved Me, you would have rejoiced, because <sup>c</sup>I go to the Father; for <sup>d</sup>the Father is greater than I.

29 “And now <sup>a</sup>I have told you before it comes to pass, that when it comes to pass, you may believe.

30 “I will not speak much more with you, for <sup>a</sup>the ruler of the world is coming, and <sup>b</sup>he has nothing in Me;

31 but that the world may know that I love the Father, and as <sup>a</sup>the Father gave Me commandment, even so I do. Arise, <sup>b</sup>let us go from here.

CHAPTER 15

“<sup>a</sup>I AM the true vine, and My Father is the <sup>b</sup>vinedresser.

2 “Every branch in Me that does not bear fruit, He takes away; and every *branch* that bears fruit, He <sup>1</sup>prunes it, that it may bear more fruit.

3 “<sup>a</sup>You are already clean because of the word which I have spoken to you.

4 “<sup>a</sup>Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, unless it abides in the vine, so neither *can* you, unless you abide in Me.

5 “I am the vine, you are the branches; he who abides in Me, and I in him, he <sup>a</sup>bears much fruit; for apart from Me you can do nothing.

6 “If anyone does not abide in Me, he is <sup>a</sup>thrown away as a branch, and dries up; and they gather them, and cast them into the fire, and they are burned.

7 “If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, <sup>a</sup>ask whatever you wish, and it shall be done for you.

8 “<sup>a</sup>By this is My Father glorified, <sup>1</sup>that you bear much fruit, and so <sup>b</sup>prove to be My disciples.

9 “Just as <sup>a</sup>the Father has loved Me, I have also loved you; abide in My love.

10 “<sup>a</sup>If you keep My commandments, you will abide in My love; just as <sup>b</sup>I have kept My Father’s commandments, and abide in His love.

11 “<sup>a</sup>These things I have spoken to you, that My joy may be in you, and *that* your <sup>b</sup>joy may be made full.

12 “This is <sup>a</sup>My commandment, that you love one another, just as I have loved you.



13 “<sup>a</sup>Greater love has no one than this, that one <sup>b</sup>lay down his life for his friends.

14 “You are My <sup>a</sup>friends, if <sup>b</sup>you do what I command you.

15 “No longer do I call you slaves; for the slave does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for <sup>a</sup>all things that I have heard from My Father I have made known to you.

16 “<sup>a</sup>You did not choose Me, but I chose you, and appointed you, that you should go and <sup>b</sup>bear fruit, and *that* your fruit should remain, that <sup>c</sup>whatever you ask of the Father in My name, He may give to you.

17 “This <sup>a</sup>I command you, that you love one another.

18 “<sup>a</sup>If the world hates you, <sup>b</sup>you know that it has hated Me before *it hated* you.

19 “<sup>a</sup>If you were of the world, the world would love its own; but because you are not of the world, but <sup>b</sup>I chose you out of the world, <sup>c</sup>therefore the world hates you.

20 “Remember the word that I said to you, ‘<sup>a</sup>A slave is not greater than his master.’ If they persecuted Me, <sup>b</sup>they will also persecute you; if they <sup>c</sup>kept My word, they will keep yours also.

21 “But all these things they will do to you <sup>a</sup>for My name’s sake, <sup>b</sup>because they do not know the One who sent Me.

22 “<sup>a</sup>If I had not come and spoken to them, they would not have <sup>b</sup>sin, but now they have no excuse for their sin.

23 “He who hates Me hates My Father also.

24 “<sup>a</sup>If I had not done among them <sup>b</sup>the works which no one else did, they would not have <sup>b</sup>sin; but now they have both seen and hated Me and My Father as well.

25 “But *they have done this* in order that the word may be fulfilled that is written in their <sup>a</sup>Law, <sup>b</sup>THEY HATED ME WITHOUT A CAUSE.’

26 “When the <sup>a</sup>Helper comes, <sup>b</sup>whom I will send to you from the Father, *that is* <sup>c</sup>the Spirit of truth, who proceeds from the Father, <sup>d</sup>He will bear witness of Me,

27 <sup>a</sup>and <sup>a</sup>you will bear witness also, because you have been with Me <sup>b</sup>from the beginning.

CHAPTER 16

“<sup>a</sup>THESE things I have spoken to you, that you may be kept from <sup>b</sup>stumbling.

2 “<sup>a</sup>They will <sup>a</sup>make you outcasts from the synagogue; but <sup>b</sup>an hour is coming for everyone <sup>c</sup>who kills you to think that he is offering service to God.

3 “And these things they will do, <sup>a</sup>because they have not known the Father, or Me.

4 “But these things I have spoken to you, <sup>a</sup>that when their hour comes, you <sup>b</sup>may remember that I told you of them. And these things I did not say to you <sup>b</sup>at the beginning, because I was with you.

5 “But now <sup>a</sup>I am going to Him who sent Me; and none of you asks Me, <sup>b</sup>Where are You going?

6 “But because I have said these things to you, <sup>a</sup>sorrow has filled your heart.

7 “But I tell you the truth, it is to your advantage that I go

13 <sup>a</sup>Rom. 5:7f. <sup>b</sup>John 10:11

14 <sup>a</sup>Luke 12:4 <sup>b</sup>Matt. 12:50

15 <sup>a</sup>John 8:26; 16:12

16 <sup>a</sup>John 15:19; 6:70; 13:18 <sup>b</sup>John 15:5 <sup>c</sup>John 14:13; 16:23; 15:7

17 <sup>a</sup>John 15:12

18 <sup>a</sup>Or, (imperative) *know that* <sup>b</sup>John 7:7; 1 John 3:13

19 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 10:22; 24:9 <sup>b</sup>John 15:16 <sup>c</sup>John 17:14

20 <sup>a</sup>John 13:16 <sup>b</sup>1 Cor. 4:12; 2 Cor. 4:9; 2 Tim. 3:12 <sup>c</sup>John 8:51

21 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 10:22; 24:9; Mark 13:13; Luke 21:12, 17; Acts 4:17; 5:41; 9:14; 26:9; 1 Pet. 4:14; Rev. 2:3 <sup>b</sup>John 16:3; John 8:19, 55; 17:25; Acts 3:17; 1 John 3:1

22 <sup>a</sup>I.e., guilt <sup>b</sup>John 9:41; John 15:24

24 <sup>a</sup>I.e., guilt <sup>b</sup>John 9:41; 15:21 <sup>b</sup>John 5:36; 10:37

25 <sup>a</sup>John 10:34 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 35:19; 69:4

26 <sup>a</sup>Gr. *Paracletos*, equals one called alongside to help, or, *Intercessor* <sup>b</sup>John 14:16 <sup>c</sup>John 14:26 <sup>d</sup>John 14:17 <sup>e</sup>1 John 5:7

27 <sup>a</sup>Or, (imperative) *and bear witness* <sup>b</sup>John 19:35; 21:24; 1 John 1:2; 4:14; Luke 24:48 <sup>b</sup>Luke 1:2

1 <sup>a</sup>John 15:18-27 <sup>b</sup>Matt. 11:6

2 <sup>a</sup>Or, *they will make you excommunicated* <sup>b</sup>John 9:22 <sup>b</sup>John 4:21; 16:25 <sup>c</sup>Acts 26:9-11; 15: 66:5; Rev. 6:9

3 <sup>a</sup>John 15:21; 8:19, 55; 17:25; Acts 3:17; 1 John 3:1

4 <sup>a</sup>Lit., *may remember them, that I told you* <sup>b</sup>John 13:19 <sup>b</sup>Luke 1:2

5 <sup>a</sup>John 7:33; 16:10, 17, 28 <sup>b</sup>John 13:36; 14:5

6 <sup>a</sup>John 16:22; 14:1

<sup>7</sup> *Gr. Paracletos, equals one called alongside to help, or, Intercessor*  
<sup>a</sup>John 14:16 <sup>b</sup>John 14:26

<sup>9</sup> <sup>a</sup>John 15:22, 24

<sup>10</sup> <sup>a</sup>Acts 3:14; 7:52; 17:31;  
<sup>1</sup> Pet. 3:18 <sup>b</sup>John 16:5

<sup>11</sup> <sup>a</sup>John 12:31

<sup>13</sup> <sup>a</sup>John 14:17 <sup>b</sup>John 14:26

<sup>14</sup> <sup>a</sup>John 7:39

<sup>15</sup> <sup>a</sup>John 17:10

<sup>16</sup> <sup>a</sup>John 7:33 <sup>b</sup>John 16:16-24; 14:18-24 <sup>c</sup>John 16:22

<sup>17</sup> <sup>a</sup>John 16:16 <sup>b</sup>John 16:5

<sup>19</sup> <sup>a</sup>John 6:61; Mark 9:32

<sup>20</sup> <sup>a</sup>Mark 16:10; Luke 23:27 <sup>b</sup>John 20:20

<sup>21</sup> <sup>1</sup>Lit., *human being*  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 13:8; 21:3; 26:17; 66:7;  
 Hos. 13:13; Mic. 4:9;  
<sup>1</sup> Thess. 5:3

<sup>22</sup> <sup>a</sup>John 16:6 <sup>b</sup>John 16:16

<sup>23</sup> <sup>1</sup>Lit., *question Me nothing*  
<sup>a</sup>John 16:26; 14:20 <sup>b</sup>John 16:19, 30 <sup>c</sup>John 15:16

<sup>24</sup> <sup>a</sup>John 14:14 <sup>b</sup>John 3:29; 15:11

<sup>25</sup> <sup>1</sup>Lit., *proverbs or, figures of speech*  
<sup>a</sup>John 16:29; 10:6; Matt. 13:34 <sup>b</sup>John 16:2

<sup>26</sup> <sup>a</sup>John 16:23; 14:20  
<sup>b</sup>John 16:19, 30

<sup>27</sup> <sup>a</sup>John 14:21, 23 <sup>b</sup>John 16:30; 2:11 <sup>c</sup>John 8:42; 16:30

<sup>28</sup> <sup>a</sup>John 8:42; 16:30 <sup>b</sup>John 16:5, 10, 17; 13:1, 3

away; for if I do not go away, the <sup>1a</sup>Helper shall not come to you; but if I go, <sup>b</sup>I will send Him to you.

<sup>8</sup> "And He, when He comes, will convict the world concerning sin, and righteousness, and judgment;

<sup>9</sup> concerning sin, <sup>a</sup>because they do not believe in Me; <sup>10</sup> and concerning <sup>a</sup>righteousness, because <sup>b</sup>I go to the Father, and you no longer behold Me;

<sup>11</sup> <sup>a</sup>and concerning judgment, because the ruler of this world has been judged.

<sup>12</sup> "I have many more things to say to you, but you cannot bear *them* now.

<sup>13</sup> "But when He, <sup>a</sup>the Spirit of truth, comes, He will <sup>b</sup>guide you into all the truth; for He will not speak on His own initiative, but whatever He hears, He will speak; and He will disclose to you what is to come.

<sup>14</sup> "He shall <sup>a</sup>glorify Me; for He shall take of Mine, and shall disclose *it* to you.

<sup>15</sup> "All things that the Father has are Mine; therefore I said, that He takes of Mine, and will disclose *it* to you.

<sup>16</sup> "A little while, and <sup>b</sup>you *will* no longer behold Me; and again a little while, and <sup>c</sup>you will see Me."

<sup>17</sup> *Some* of His disciples therefore said to one another, "What is this thing He is telling us, 'A little while, and you *will* not behold Me; and again a little while, and you will see Me'; and, 'Because <sup>b</sup>I go to the Father?'"

<sup>18</sup> And so they were saying, "What is this that He says, 'A little while'? We do not know what He is talking about."

<sup>19</sup> <sup>a</sup>Jesus knew that they wished to question Him, and He said to them, "Are you deliberating together about this, that I said, 'A little while, and you *will* not behold Me, and again a little while, and you *will* see Me'?"

<sup>20</sup> "Truly, truly, I say to you, that <sup>a</sup>you will weep and lament, but the world will rejoice; you will be sorrowful, but <sup>b</sup>your sorrow will be turned to joy.

<sup>21</sup> "Whenever a woman is in travail she has sorrow, because her hour has come; but when she gives birth to the child, she remembers the anguish no more, for joy that a <sup>1</sup>child has been born into the world.

<sup>22</sup> "Therefore <sup>a</sup>you, too, now have sorrow; but <sup>b</sup>I will see you again, and your heart will rejoice, and no one takes your joy away from you.

<sup>23</sup> "And <sup>a</sup>in that day <sup>b</sup>you will <sup>1</sup>ask Me no question. Truly, truly, I say to you, <sup>c</sup>if you shall ask the Father for anything, He will give *it* to you in My name.

<sup>24</sup> "Until now you have asked for nothing in My name; ask, and you will receive, that your <sup>b</sup>joy may be made full.

<sup>25</sup> "These things I have spoken to you in <sup>1a</sup>figurative language; <sup>b</sup>an hour is coming, when I will speak no more to you in <sup>1</sup>figurative language, but will tell you plainly of the Father.

<sup>26</sup> "In that day <sup>b</sup>you will ask in My name; and I do not say to you that I will request the Father on your behalf;

<sup>27</sup> for <sup>a</sup>the Father Himself loves you, because you have loved Me, and <sup>b</sup>have believed that <sup>c</sup>I came forth from the Father.

<sup>28</sup> "I came forth from the Father, and have come into the world; I am leaving the world again, and <sup>b</sup>going to the Father."

**"I Have Overcome the World."  
The Farewell Prayer.**

**John 16, 17**

29 His disciples \*said, "Lo, now You are speaking plainly, and are not using <sup>a</sup>a <sup>1</sup>figure of speech.

30 "Now we know that You know all things, and have no need for anyone to question You; by this we <sup>a</sup>believe that You <sup>b</sup>came from God."

31 Jesus answered them, "Do you now believe?"

32 "Behold, <sup>a</sup>an hour is coming, and has *already* come, for <sup>b</sup>you to be scattered, each to <sup>c</sup>his own *home*, and to leave Me alone; and yet <sup>d</sup>I am not alone, because the Father is with Me.

33 "These things I have spoken to you, that <sup>a</sup>in Me you may have peace. <sup>b</sup>In the world you have tribulation, but <sup>c</sup>take courage; <sup>d</sup>I have overcome the world."

CHAPTER 17

**T**HESE things Jesus spoke; and <sup>a</sup>lifting up His eyes to heaven, He said, "Father, the hour has come; <sup>b</sup>glorify Thy Son, that the Son may glorify Thee,

2 even as <sup>a</sup>Thou gavest Him authority over all <sup>1</sup>mankind, that <sup>b</sup>to <sup>2</sup>all whom Thou hast given Him, <sup>c</sup>He may give eternal life.

3 "And this is eternal life, that they may know Thee, <sup>a</sup>the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom <sup>b</sup>Thou hast sent.

4 "<sup>a</sup>I glorified Thee on the earth, <sup>b</sup>having accomplished the work which Thou hast given Me to do.

5 "And now, <sup>a</sup>glorify Thou Me together with Thyself, Father, with the glory which I ever had <sup>b</sup>with Thee before the world was.

6 "<sup>a</sup>I manifested Thy name to the men whom <sup>b</sup>Thou gavest Me out of the world; <sup>c</sup>Thine they were, and Thou gavest them to Me, and they have <sup>d</sup>kept Thy word.

7 "Now they have come to know that everything Thou hast given Me is from Thee;

8 for <sup>a</sup>the words which <sup>a</sup>Thou gavest Me <sup>b</sup>I have given to them; and they received *them*, and truly understood that <sup>c</sup>I came forth from Thee, and they believed that <sup>d</sup>Thou didst send Me.

9 "<sup>a</sup>I ask on their behalf; <sup>b</sup>I do not ask on behalf of the world, but of those whom <sup>c</sup>Thou hast given Me; for <sup>d</sup>they are Thine;

10 and <sup>a</sup>all things that are Mine are Thine, and Thine are Mine; and I have been glorified in them.

11 "And I am no more in the world; and yet <sup>a</sup>they themselves are in the world, and <sup>b</sup>I come to Thee. <sup>c</sup>Holy Father, keep them in Thy name, *the name* <sup>d</sup>which Thou hast given Me, that <sup>e</sup>they may be one, even as *We are*.

12 "While I was with them, I was keeping them in Thy name <sup>a</sup>which Thou hast given Me; and I guarded them, and <sup>b</sup>not one of them perished but <sup>c</sup>the son of perdition, that the <sup>d</sup>Scripture might be fulfilled.

13 "But now <sup>a</sup>I come to Thee; and <sup>b</sup>these things I speak in the world, that they may have My <sup>c</sup>joy made full in themselves.

14 "I have given them Thy word; and <sup>a</sup>the world has hated them, because <sup>b</sup>they are not of the world, even as I am not of the world.

29 <sup>1</sup>Lit. *proverb*  
<sup>a</sup>John 16:25; 10:6; Matt. 13:34

30 <sup>a</sup>John 16:27; 2:11 <sup>b</sup>John 8:42; 16:28

32 <sup>a</sup>John 4:23; 16:2, 25  
<sup>b</sup>Matt. 26:31; Zech. 13:7  
<sup>c</sup>John 19:27 <sup>d</sup>John 8:29

33 <sup>a</sup>John 14:27 <sup>b</sup>John 15:18f. <sup>c</sup>Matt. 9:2 <sup>d</sup>Rom. 8:37; 2 Cor. 2:14; 4:7ff.; 6:4ff.; Rev. 3:21; 12:11

1 <sup>a</sup>John 11:41 <sup>b</sup>John 7:39; 13:31f.

2 <sup>1</sup>Lit. *flesh* <sup>2</sup>Lit. *all that which Thou hast given Him, to them He*  
<sup>a</sup>John 3:35 <sup>b</sup>John 17:6, 9, 24; 6:37, 39 <sup>c</sup>John 10:28

3 <sup>a</sup>John 5:44 <sup>b</sup>John 3:17; 17:8, 21, 23, 25

4 <sup>a</sup>John 13:31 <sup>b</sup>John 4:34; Luke 22:37

5 <sup>a</sup>John 17:1 <sup>b</sup>John 1:1; 8:58; Phil. 2:6; John 17:24

6 <sup>a</sup>John 17:26 <sup>b</sup>John 17:2, 9, 24; John 6:37, 39 <sup>c</sup>John 17:9 <sup>d</sup>John 8:51

8 <sup>a</sup>John 6:68; 12:49 <sup>b</sup>John 17:14, 26; 15:15 <sup>c</sup>John 8:42; 16:27, 30 <sup>d</sup>John 3:17; 17:18, 21, 23, 25

9 <sup>a</sup>Luke 22:32; John 14:16 <sup>b</sup>John 17:20f.; Luke 23:34 <sup>c</sup>John 17:2, 6, 24; 6:37, 39 <sup>d</sup>John 17:6

10 <sup>a</sup>John 16:15

11 <sup>a</sup>John 13:1 <sup>b</sup>John 17:13; 7:33 <sup>c</sup>John 17:25 <sup>d</sup>Phil. 2:9; Rev. 19:12; John 17:6 <sup>e</sup>John 17:21f.; Rom. 12:5; Gal. 3:28

12 <sup>a</sup>Phil. 2:9; Rev. 19:12; John 17:6 <sup>b</sup>John 6:39; 18:9  
<sup>c</sup>John 6:70 <sup>d</sup>Ps. 41:9

13 <sup>a</sup>John 17:11; 7:33 <sup>b</sup>John 15:11 <sup>c</sup>John 3:29

14 <sup>a</sup>John 15:19 <sup>b</sup>John 17:16; 8:23

15 <sup>1</sup>Or, *out of the power of* <sup>2</sup>Or, *evil*  
<sup>a</sup>Matt. 5:37

16 <sup>a</sup>John 17:14

17 <sup>a</sup>John 15:3

18 <sup>a</sup>John 17:3, 8, 21, 23, 25; 3:17 <sup>b</sup>John 20:21; Matt. 10:5; John 4:38

19 <sup>a</sup>John 15:13 <sup>b</sup>John 15:3  
<sup>c</sup>2 Cor. 7:14; Col. 1:6;  
 1 John 3:18

21 <sup>1</sup>Cr. tense indicates *continually believe*  
<sup>a</sup>John 10:38; 17:23; 17:11  
<sup>b</sup>John 17:8 <sup>c</sup>John 17:3, 8, 18, 23, 25; 3:17

22 <sup>a</sup>John 17:24; 1:14

23 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *into a unit* <sup>2</sup>Cr. tense indicates *continually know*  
<sup>a</sup>John 10:38; 17:21; John 17:11 <sup>b</sup>John 17:3, 8, 18, 21, 25; John 3:17 <sup>c</sup>John 16:27

24 <sup>1</sup>Cr., *that which Thou hast given Me, I desire that where I am, they also may be with Me, that*  
<sup>a</sup>John 17:22 <sup>b</sup>John 12:26  
<sup>c</sup>John 17:22; 1:14 <sup>d</sup>Matt. 25:34; John 17:5

25 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *and*  
<sup>a</sup>John 17:11; 1 John 1:9  
<sup>b</sup>John 7:29; 15:21 <sup>c</sup>John 17:3, 8, 18, 21, 23; 3:17

26 <sup>a</sup>John 17:6 <sup>b</sup>John 15:9

1 <sup>1</sup>Cr., *winter-torrent*  
<sup>a</sup>Matt. 26:30, 36; Mark 14:26, 32; Luke 22:39  
<sup>b</sup>2 Sam. 15:23; 1 Kin. 2:37; 15:13; 2 Kin. 23:4, 6, 12; 2 Chr. 15:16; 29:16; 30:14; Jer. 31:40 <sup>c</sup>Matt. 26:36; Mark 14:32; John 18:26

2 <sup>1</sup>Or, *delivering Him up*  
<sup>a</sup>Luke 21:37; 22:39

3 <sup>1</sup>Normally 600 men; *a battalion*  
<sup>a</sup>John 18:3-11; Matt. 26:47-56; Mark 14:43-50; Luke 22:47-53 <sup>b</sup>John 18:12; Acts 10:1 <sup>c</sup>John 7:32; 18:12, 18  
<sup>d</sup>Matt. 25:1 and marg.

4 <sup>a</sup>John 6:64; 13:1, 11  
<sup>b</sup>John 18:7

7 <sup>a</sup>John 18:4

9 <sup>a</sup>John 17:12

10 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 26:51; Mark 14:47

15 "I do not ask Thee to take them out of the world, but to keep them <sup>1</sup>from <sup>2a</sup>the evil *one*.

16 "aThey are not of the world, even as I am not of the world.

17 "aSanctify them in the truth; Thy word is truth.

18 "As <sup>a</sup>Thou didst send Me into the world, <sup>b</sup>I also have sent them into the world.

19 "And for their sakes I <sup>a</sup>sanctify Myself, that they themselves also may be <sup>b</sup>sanctified <sup>c</sup>in truth.

20 "I do not ask in behalf of these alone, but for those also who believe in Me through their word;

21 that they may all be one; <sup>a</sup>even as Thou, Father, *art* in Me, and I in Thee, that they also may be in Us; <sup>b</sup>that the world may <sup>1</sup>believe that <sup>c</sup>Thou didst send Me.

22 "And the <sup>a</sup>glory which Thou hast given Me I have given to them; that they may be one, just as We are one;

23 <sup>a</sup>I in them, and Thou in Me, that they may be perfected <sup>1</sup>in unity, that the world may <sup>2</sup>know that <sup>b</sup>Thou didst send Me, and didst <sup>c</sup>love them, even as Thou didst love Me.

24 "Father, <sup>1</sup>I desire that <sup>a</sup>they also, whom Thou hast given Me, <sup>b</sup>be with Me where I am, in order that they may behold My <sup>c</sup>glory, which Thou hast given Me; for Thou didst love Me before <sup>d</sup>the foundation of the world.

25 "O <sup>a</sup>righteous Father, <sup>1</sup>although <sup>b</sup>the world has not known Thee, <sup>1</sup>yet I have known Thee; and these have known that <sup>c</sup>Thou didst send Me;

26 and <sup>a</sup>I have made Thy name known to them, and will make it known; that <sup>b</sup>the love wherewith Thou didst love Me may be in them, and I in them."

## CHAPTER 18

WHEN Jesus had spoken these words, <sup>a</sup>He went forth with His disciples over <sup>b</sup>the <sup>1</sup>ravine of the Kidron, where there was <sup>a</sup>a garden, into which He Himself entered, and His disciples.

2 Now Judas also, who was <sup>1</sup>betraying Him, knew the place, for Jesus had <sup>a</sup>often met there with His disciples.

3 <sup>a</sup>Judas then, having received <sup>b</sup>the <sup>1</sup>Roman cohort, and <sup>c</sup>officers from the chief priests and the Pharisees, <sup>a</sup>came there with lanterns and <sup>d</sup>torches and weapons.

4 Jesus therefore, <sup>a</sup>knowing all the things that were coming upon Him, went forth, and <sup>a</sup>said to them, "<sup>b</sup>Whom do you seek?"

5 They answered Him, "Jesus the Nazarene." He <sup>a</sup>said to them, "I am *He*." And Judas also who was betraying Him, was standing with them.

6 When therefore He said to them, "I am *He*", they drew back, and fell to the ground.

7 Again therefore He asked them, "<sup>a</sup>Whom do you seek?" And they said, "Jesus the Nazarene."

8 Jesus answered, "I told you that I am *He*; if therefore you seek Me, let these go their way."

9 that the word might be fulfilled which He spoke, "<sup>a</sup>Of those whom Thou hast given Me I lost not one."

10 Simon Peter therefore <sup>a</sup>having a sword, drew it, and

struck the high priest's slave, and cut off his right ear; and the slave's name was Malchus.

11 Jesus therefore said to Peter, "Put the sword into the sheath; <sup>a</sup>the cup which the Father has given Me, shall I not drink it?"

12 <sup>a</sup>So <sup>b</sup>the Roman <sup>1</sup>cohort and the <sup>2</sup>commander, and the <sup>b</sup>officers of the Jews, arrested Jesus and bound Him,

13 and led Him to <sup>a</sup>Annas first; for he was father-in-law of <sup>b</sup>Caiaphas, who was high priest that year.

14 Now Caiaphas was the one who had advised the Jews that <sup>a</sup>it was expedient for one man to die on behalf of the people.

15 And <sup>a</sup>Simon Peter was following Jesus, and so was another disciple. Now that disciple was known to the high priest, and entered with Jesus into <sup>b</sup>the court of the high priest,

16 <sup>a</sup>but Peter was standing at the door outside. So the other disciple, who was known to the high priest, went out and spoke to the doorkeeper, and brought in Peter.

17 <sup>a</sup>The slave-girl therefore who kept the door <sup>a</sup>said to Peter, "<sup>b</sup>You are not also *one* of this man's disciples, are you?" He <sup>a</sup>said, "I am not."

18 Now the slaves and the <sup>a</sup>officers were standing *there*, <sup>b</sup>having made <sup>a</sup>a charcoal fire, for it was cold and they were warming themselves; and Peter also was with them, standing and warming himself.

19 <sup>a</sup>The high priest therefore questioned Jesus about His disciples, and about His teaching.

20 Jesus answered him, "I <sup>a</sup>have spoken openly to the world; I always <sup>b</sup>taught in <sup>1</sup>synagogues, and <sup>c</sup>in the temple, where all the Jews come together; and I spoke nothing in secret.

21 "Why do you question Me? Question those who have heard what I spoke to them; behold, these know what I said."

22 And when He had said this, one of the <sup>a</sup>officers standing by <sup>b</sup>gave Jesus a blow, saying, "Is that the way You answer the high priest?"

23 <sup>a</sup>Jesus answered him, "If I have spoken wrongly, bear witness of the wrong; but if rightly, why do you strike Me?"

24 <sup>a</sup>Annas therefore sent Him bound to <sup>a</sup>Caiaphas the high priest.

25 <sup>a</sup>Now <sup>b</sup>Simon Peter was standing and warming himself. They said therefore to him, "<sup>c</sup>You are not also *one* of His disciples, are you?" He denied *it*, and said, "I am not."

26 One of the slaves of the high priest, being a relative of the one <sup>a</sup>whose ear Peter cut off, <sup>a</sup>said, "Did I not see you in <sup>b</sup>the garden with Him?"

27 Peter therefore denied *it* again; and immediately <sup>a</sup>a cock crowed.

28 <sup>a</sup>They <sup>a</sup>led Jesus therefore from <sup>b</sup>Caiaphas into <sup>c</sup>the <sup>1</sup>Praetorium; and it was early; and they themselves did not enter into <sup>c</sup>the <sup>1</sup>Praetorium in order that <sup>d</sup>they might not be defiled, but might eat the Passover.

29 <sup>a</sup>Pilate therefore went out to them, and <sup>a</sup>said, "What accusation do you bring against this Man?"

30 They answered and said to him, "If this Man were not an evildoer, we would not have delivered Him up to you."

11 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 20:22

12 <sup>1</sup>Or, *battalion* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *chiliarch*, in command of a thousand troops  
<sup>a</sup>John 18:12f.; Matt. 26:57ff. <sup>b</sup>John 18:3

13 <sup>a</sup>John 18:24; Luke 3:2  
<sup>b</sup>Matt. 26:3; John 11:49, 51

14 <sup>a</sup>John 11:50

15 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 26:58; Mark 14:54; Luke 22:54  
<sup>b</sup>Matt. 26:3; John 18:24, 28

16 <sup>a</sup>John 18:16-18; Matt. 26:69f.; Mark 14:66-68; Luke 22:55-57

17 <sup>a</sup>Acts 12:13  
<sup>b</sup>John 18:25

18 <sup>a</sup>John 18:3  
<sup>b</sup>Mark 14:54, 67  
<sup>c</sup>John 21:9

19 <sup>a</sup>John 18:19-24; Matt. 26:59-68; Mark 14:55-65; Luke 22:63-71

20 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *synagogue*  
<sup>a</sup>John 7:26; 8:26  
<sup>b</sup>Matt. 4:23; John 6:59  
<sup>c</sup>Matt. 26:55

22 <sup>a</sup>John 18:3  
<sup>b</sup>John 19:3

23 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 5:39; Acts 23:2-5

24 <sup>a</sup>John 18:13

25 <sup>a</sup>John 18:25-27; Matt. 26:71-75; Mark 14:69-72; Luke 22:58-62  
<sup>b</sup>John 18:18  
<sup>c</sup>John 18:17

26 <sup>a</sup>John 18:10  
<sup>b</sup>John 18:1

27 <sup>a</sup>John 13:38

28 <sup>1</sup>Or, *governor's official residence*  
<sup>a</sup>Matt. 27:2; Mark 15:1; Luke 23:1  
<sup>b</sup>John 18:13  
<sup>c</sup>John 18:33; 19:9; Matt. 27:27  
<sup>d</sup>John 11:55; Acts 11:3

29 <sup>a</sup>John 18:29-38; Matt. 27:11-14; Mark 15:2-5; Luke 23:2, 3

32 <sup>a</sup>John 12:32f.; 3:14; 8:26; Matt. 20:19; 26:2; Mark 10:33f.; Luke 18:32f.

33 <sup>a</sup>John 18:28, 29; 19:9  
<sup>b</sup>Luke 23:3; John 19:12

34 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *from yourself*

36 <sup>1</sup>Or, *is not derived from <sup>2</sup>Lit., from here*  
<sup>a</sup>John 6:15; Matt. 26:53; Luke 17:21

37 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 27:11; Mark 15:2; Luke 22:70; 23:3  
<sup>b</sup>John 3:32; 8:14; 1:14 <sup>c</sup>John 8:47; 1 John 4:6

38 <sup>a</sup>John 19:4; 18:33  
<sup>b</sup>Luke 23:4; John 19:4

39 <sup>1</sup>Or, *to you*  
<sup>a</sup>John 18:39; 19:16; Matt. 27:15-18, 20-23; Mark 15:6-15; Luke 23:18-25

40 <sup>a</sup>Acts 3:14

1 <sup>1</sup>Or, *had Him scourged*  
<sup>a</sup>Matt. 27:26

2 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 27:27-30; Mark 15:16-19

3 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 27:29; Mark 15:18 <sup>b</sup>John 18:22

4 <sup>a</sup>John 18:38; 18:33  
<sup>b</sup>John 18:38; 19:6; Luke 23:4

5 <sup>a</sup>John 19:2

6 <sup>a</sup>John 18:3; Matt. 26:58  
<sup>b</sup>John 18:38; 19:4; Luke 23:4

7 <sup>a</sup>Lev. 24:16; Matt. 26:63-66 <sup>b</sup>John 5:18; 10:33

9 <sup>1</sup>Or, *governor's official residence*  
<sup>a</sup>John 18:33 <sup>b</sup>Matt. 26:63; 27:12, 14; John 18:34-37

31 Pilate therefore said to them, "Take Him yourselves, and judge Him according to your law." The Jews said to him, "We are not permitted to put any one to death,"

32 that <sup>a</sup>the word of Jesus might be fulfilled, which He spoke, signifying by what kind of death He was about to die.

33 Pilate therefore <sup>a</sup>entered again into the Praetorium, and summoned Jesus, and said to Him, "<sup>b</sup>You are the King of the Jews?"

34 Jesus answered, "Are you saying this <sup>1</sup>on your own initiative, or did others tell you about Me?"

35 Pilate answered, "I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests delivered You up to me; what have You done?"

36 Jesus answered, "<sup>a</sup>My kingdom <sup>1</sup>is not of this world. If My kingdom were of this world, then My servants would be fighting, that I might not be delivered up to the Jews; but as it is, My kingdom is not <sup>2</sup>of this realm."

37 Pilate therefore said to Him, "So You are a king?" Jesus answered, "<sup>a</sup>You say *correctly* that I am a king. For this I have been born, and for this I have come into the world, <sup>b</sup>to bear witness to the truth. <sup>c</sup>Every one who is of the truth hears My voice."

38 Pilate <sup>a</sup>said to Him, "What is truth?"

And when he had said this, he <sup>a</sup>went out again to the Jews, and <sup>a</sup>said to them, "<sup>b</sup>I find no guilt in Him.

39 "<sup>a</sup>But you have a custom, that I should release someone <sup>1</sup>for you at the Passover; do you wish then that I release <sup>1</sup>for you the King of the Jews?"

40 Therefore they cried out again, saying, "<sup>a</sup>Not this Man, but Barabbas." Now Barabbas was a robber.

## CHAPTER 19

**T**HEN Pilate therefore took Jesus, and <sup>1a</sup>scourged Him.

2 <sup>a</sup>And the soldiers wove a crown of thorns and put it on His head, and arrayed Him in a purple robe;

3 and they *began* to come up to Him, and say, "<sup>a</sup>Hail, King of the Jews!" and to <sup>b</sup>give Him blows in the face.

4 And Pilate <sup>a</sup>came out again, and <sup>a</sup>said to them, "Behold, I am bringing Him out to you, that you may know that <sup>b</sup>I find no guilt in Him."

5 Jesus therefore came out, <sup>a</sup>wearing the crown of thorns and the purple robe. And *Pilate* <sup>a</sup>said to them, "Behold, the Man!"

6 When therefore the chief priests and the <sup>a</sup>officers saw Him, they cried out, saying, "Crucify, crucify!" Pilate <sup>a</sup>said to them, "Take Him yourselves, and crucify Him, for <sup>b</sup>I find no guilt in Him."

7 The Jews answered him, "<sup>a</sup>We have a law, and by that law He ought to die because He <sup>b</sup>made Himself out *to be* the Son of God."

8 When Pilate therefore heard this statement, he was the more afraid;

9 and he <sup>a</sup>entered into the <sup>1</sup>Praetorium again, and <sup>a</sup>said to Jesus, "Where are You from?" But <sup>b</sup>Jesus gave him no answer.

**The Crucifixion.  
Soldiers Gamble for Jesus' Robe.**

10 Pilate therefore <sup>a</sup>said to Him, "You do not speak to me? Do You not know that I have authority to release You, and I have authority to crucify You?"

11 Jesus answered, "<sup>a</sup>You would have no authority <sup>1</sup>over Me, unless it had been given you from above; for this reason <sup>b</sup>he who delivered Me up to you has *the* greater sin."

12 As a result of this Pilate <sup>1</sup>made efforts to release Him, but the Jews cried out, saying, "<sup>a</sup>If you release this Man, you are no friend of Caesar; every one who makes himself out to *be* a king <sup>2</sup>opposes Caesar."

13 When Pilate therefore heard these words, he brought Jesus out, and <sup>a</sup>sat down on the judgment seat at a place called <sup>1</sup>The Pavement, but <sup>b</sup>in <sup>2</sup>Hebrew, Gabbatha.

14 Now it was <sup>a</sup>the day of preparation for the Passover; it was about the <sup>1b</sup>sixth hour. And he <sup>a</sup>said to the Jews, "Behold, <sup>c</sup>your King!"

15 They therefore cried out, "<sup>a</sup>Away with Him, away with Him, crucify Him!" Pilate <sup>a</sup>said to them, "Shall I crucify your King?" The chief priests answered, "We have no king but Caesar."

16 And so he then <sup>a</sup>delivered Him up to them to be crucified.

17 <sup>a</sup>They took Jesus therefore; and He went out, <sup>1b</sup>bearing His own cross, to the place called <sup>c</sup>the Place of a Skull, which is called <sup>d</sup>in <sup>2</sup>Hebrew, Golgotha;

18 where they crucified Him, and with Him <sup>a</sup>two other men, one on either side, and Jesus in between.

19 And Pilate wrote an inscription also, and put it on the cross. And it was written, "<sup>a</sup>JESUS THE NAZARENE, <sup>b</sup>THE KING OF THE JEWS."

20 Therefore this inscription many of the Jews read, for the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city; and it was written <sup>a</sup>in <sup>1</sup>Hebrew, Latin, and in Greek.

21 And so the chief priests of the Jews were saying to Pilate, "Do not write, <sup>a</sup>The King of the Jews"; but that He said, 'I am <sup>a</sup>King of the Jews.'

22 Pilate answered, "<sup>a</sup>What I have written I have written."

23 <sup>a</sup>The soldiers therefore, when they had crucified Jesus, took His outer garments and made <sup>b</sup>four parts, a part to every soldier and *also* the <sup>1</sup>tunic; now the tunic was seamless, woven <sup>2</sup>in one piece.

24 They said therefore to one another, "<sup>a</sup>Let us not tear it, but cast <sup>1</sup>lots for it, to *decide* whose it shall be;" <sup>b</sup>that the Scripture might be fulfilled, "THEY <sup>c</sup>DIVIDED MY OUTER GARMENTS AMONG THEM, AND FOR MY CLOTHING THEY CAST <sup>1</sup>LOTS."

25 Therefore the soldiers did these things. <sup>a</sup>But there were standing by the cross of Jesus <sup>b</sup>His mother, and His mother's sister, Mary the *wife* of <sup>c</sup>Clopas, and <sup>d</sup>Mary Magdalene.

26 When Jesus therefore saw His mother, and <sup>a</sup>the disciple whom He loved standing nearby, He <sup>a</sup>said to His mother, "<sup>b</sup>Woman, behold, your son!"

27 Then He <sup>a</sup>said to the disciple, "Behold, your mother!" And from that hour the disciple took her into <sup>a</sup>his own *household*.

11 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *against*  
<sup>a</sup>Rom. 13:1 <sup>b</sup>John 18:13ff.  
28ff.; Acts 3:13

12 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *was seeking to*  
<sup>2</sup>Or, *speaks against*  
<sup>a</sup>Luke 23:2; John 18:33ff.

13 <sup>1</sup>Cr., *The Lithostroton*  
<sup>2</sup>L.e., *Jewish Aramaic*  
<sup>a</sup>Matt. 27:19 <sup>b</sup>John 5:2;  
19:17, 20

14 <sup>1</sup>L.e., *noon*  
<sup>a</sup>Matt. 27:62; John 19:31,  
42 <sup>b</sup>Mark 15:25; Matt.  
27:45 <sup>c</sup>John 19:19, 21

15 <sup>a</sup>Luke 23:18

16 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 27:26; Mark  
15:15; Luke 23:25

17 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *bearing the cross*  
*for Himself* <sup>2</sup>L.e., *Jewish*  
*Aramaic*  
<sup>a</sup>John 19:17-24; Matt.  
27:33-44; Mark 15:22-32;  
Luke 23:33-43 <sup>b</sup>Luke 14:27;  
Matt. 27:32; Mark 15:21;  
Luke 23:26 <sup>c</sup>Luke 23:33  
and marg. <sup>d</sup>John 19:13

18 <sup>a</sup>Luke 23:32

19 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 27:37; Mark  
15:26; Luke 23:38 <sup>b</sup>John  
19:14, 21

20 <sup>1</sup>L.e., *Jewish Aramaic*  
<sup>a</sup>John 19:13

21 <sup>a</sup>John 19:14, 19

22 <sup>a</sup>Gen. 43:14; Esther  
4:16

23 <sup>1</sup>Cr., *khiton*, the  
garment worn next to the  
skin <sup>2</sup>Lit., *woven from the*  
*upper part through the*  
*whole*  
<sup>a</sup>Matt. 27:35; Mark 15:24;  
Luke 23:34 <sup>b</sup>Acts 12:4

24 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *a lot*  
<sup>a</sup>Matt. 27:35; Mark 15:24;  
Luke 23:34; Ex. 28:32  
<sup>b</sup>John 19:28, 36f. <sup>c</sup>Ps. 22:18

25 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 27:55f.; Mark  
15:40f.; Luke 23:49 <sup>b</sup>Matt.  
12:46 <sup>c</sup>Luke 24:18 <sup>d</sup>John  
20:1, 18; Luke 8:2

26 <sup>a</sup>John 13:23 <sup>b</sup>John 2:4

27 <sup>a</sup>Luke 18:28 marg.;  
John 1:11; 16:32; Acts 21:6  
(Cr.)

28 <sup>a</sup>John 13:1; 17:4 <sup>b</sup>John 19:24; 36f. <sup>c</sup>Ps. 69:21

29 <sup>a</sup>John 19:29; 30: *Matt.* 27:48, 50; *Mark* 15:36f.; *Luke* 23:36

30 <sup>a</sup>John 17:4 <sup>b</sup>*Matt.* 27:50; *Mark* 15:37; *Luke* 23:46

31 <sup>1</sup>*Lit., for the day of that Sabbath was great* <sup>a</sup>John 19:14, 42 <sup>b</sup>*Deut.* 21:23; *Josh.* 8:29; 10:26f. <sup>c</sup>*Ex.* 12:16

32 <sup>a</sup>John 19:18

34 <sup>a1</sup> John 5:6, 8

35 <sup>a</sup>John 15:27; 21:24

36 <sup>1</sup>*Or, crushed or shattered* <sup>a</sup>John 19:24, 28 <sup>b</sup>*Ex.* 12:46; *Num.* 9:12; *Ps.* 34:20

37 <sup>a</sup>*Zech.* 12:10

38 <sup>a</sup>John 19:38-42: *Matt.* 27:57-61; *Mark* 15:42-47; *Luke* 23:50-56 <sup>b</sup>*Mark* 15:43 <sup>c</sup>John 7:13

39 <sup>1</sup>*Another reading, package of 21, e., 100 litras (12 oz. each)* <sup>a</sup>John 3:1 <sup>b</sup>*Mark* 16:1 <sup>c</sup>*Ps.* 45:8; *Prov.* 7:17; *Song of Sol.* 4:14; *Matt.* 2:11 <sup>d</sup>John 12:3

40 <sup>a</sup>John 11:44; *Matt.* 26:12; *Mark* 14:8 <sup>b</sup>John 20:5, 7; *Luke* 24:12

41 <sup>a</sup>*Matt.* 27:60 <sup>b</sup>*Luke* 23:53

42 <sup>a</sup>John 19:14, 31 <sup>b</sup>John 19:20, 41

<sup>1</sup> <sup>a</sup>John 20:1-8: *Matt.* 28:1-8; *Mark* 16:1-8; *Luke* 24:1-10 <sup>b</sup>John 19:25; *John* 20:18 <sup>c</sup>*Matt.* 27:60, 66; 28:2; *Mark* 15:46; 16:3f.; *Luke* 24:2; *John* 11:38

<sup>2</sup> <sup>1</sup>*Lit., was loving* <sup>a</sup>John 13:23 <sup>b</sup>John 20:13

<sup>3</sup> <sup>a</sup>John 20:3-10; *Luke* 24:12

28 After this, Jesus, <sup>a</sup>knowing that all things had already been accomplished, <sup>b</sup>in order that the Scripture might be fulfilled, <sup>c</sup>said, "I am thirsty."

29 A jar full of sour wine was standing there; so <sup>a</sup>they put a sponge full of the sour wine upon a *branch* of hyssop, and brought it up to His mouth.

30 When Jesus therefore had received the sour wine, He said, "<sup>a</sup>It is finished!" And He bowed His head, and <sup>b</sup>gave up His spirit.

31 The Jews therefore, because it was <sup>a</sup>the day of preparation, so that <sup>b</sup>the bodies should not remain on the cross on the Sabbath (<sup>1</sup>for that Sabbath was a <sup>c</sup>high day), asked Pilate that their legs might be broken, and *that* they might be taken away.

32 The soldiers therefore came, and broke the legs of the first man, and of the other man who was <sup>a</sup>crucified with Him;

33 but coming to Jesus, when they saw that He was already dead, they did not break His legs;

34 but one of the soldiers pierced His side with a spear, and immediately there came out <sup>a</sup>blood and water.

35 And he who has seen has <sup>a</sup>borne witness, and his witness is true; and he knows that he is telling the truth, so that you also may believe.

36 For these things came to pass, <sup>a</sup>that the Scripture might be fulfilled, "NOT A BONE OF HIM SHALL BE BROKEN."

37 And again another Scripture says, "<sup>a</sup>THEY SHALL LOOK ON HIM WHOM THEY PIERCED."

38 <sup>a</sup>And after these things Joseph of Arimathea, being a disciple of Jesus, but a <sup>b</sup>secret one, for <sup>c</sup>fear of the Jews, asked Pilate that he might take away the body of Jesus; and Pilate granted permission. He came therefore, and took away His body.

39 And <sup>a</sup>Nicodemus came also, who had first come to Him by night; <sup>b</sup>bringing a <sup>1</sup>mixture of <sup>c</sup>myrrh and aloes, about a <sup>d</sup>hundred <sup>2</sup>pounds *weight*.

40 And so they took the body of Jesus, and <sup>a</sup>bound it in <sup>b</sup>linen wrappings with the spices, as is the burial custom of the Jews.

41 Now in the place where He was crucified there was a garden; and in the garden a <sup>a</sup>new tomb, <sup>b</sup>in which no one had yet been laid.

42 Therefore on account of the Jewish day of <sup>a</sup>preparation, because the tomb was <sup>b</sup>nearby, they laid Jesus there.

CHAPTER 20

<sup>a</sup> NOW on the first *day* of the week <sup>b</sup>Mary Magdalene <sup>c</sup>came early to the tomb, while it <sup>a</sup>was still dark, and <sup>c</sup>saw <sup>c</sup>the stone *already* taken away from the tomb.

2 And so she <sup>a</sup>ran and <sup>c</sup>came to Simon Peter, and to the other <sup>a</sup>disciple whom Jesus <sup>1</sup>loved, and <sup>c</sup>said to them, "<sup>b</sup>They have taken away the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid Him."

3 <sup>a</sup>Peter therefore went forth, and the other disciple, and they were going to the tomb.

4 And the two were running together; and the other disciple ran ahead faster than Peter, and came to the tomb first;



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5 and <sup>a</sup>stooping and looking in, he <sup>a</sup>saw the <sup>b</sup>linen wrappings lying *there*; but he did not go in.

6 Simon Peter therefore also <sup>a</sup>came, following him, and entered the tomb; and he <sup>a</sup>beheld the linen wrappings lying *there*,

7 and <sup>a</sup>the face-cloth, which had been on His head, not lying with the <sup>b</sup>linen wrappings, but rolled up in a place by itself.

8 Then entered in therefore the other disciple also, who <sup>a</sup>had first come to the tomb, and he saw, and believed.

9 For as yet <sup>a</sup>they did not understand the Scripture, <sup>b</sup>that He must rise again from the dead.

10 So the disciples went away again <sup>a</sup>to their own homes.

11 <sup>a</sup>But Mary was standing outside the tomb weeping; and so, as she wept, she <sup>b</sup>stooped and looked into the tomb;

12 and she <sup>a</sup>beheld <sup>a</sup>two angels in white sitting, one at the head, and one at the feet, where the body of Jesus had been lying.

13 And they <sup>a</sup>said to her, “<sup>a</sup>Woman, why are you weeping?” She <sup>a</sup>said to them, “Because <sup>b</sup>they have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid Him.”

14 When she had said this, she turned around, and <sup>a</sup>beheld Jesus standing *there*, and <sup>b</sup>did not know that it was Jesus.

15 Jesus <sup>a</sup>said to her, “<sup>a</sup>Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you seeking?” Supposing Him to be the gardener, she <sup>a</sup>said to Him, “Sir, if you have carried Him away, tell me where you have laid Him, and I will take Him away.”

16 Jesus <sup>a</sup>said to her, “<sup>a</sup>Mary!” She <sup>a</sup>turned and <sup>a</sup>said to Him <sup>a</sup>in <sup>1</sup>Hebrew, “<sup>b</sup>Rabboni!” (which means, Teacher).

17 Jesus <sup>a</sup>said to her, “Stop clinging to Me; for I have not yet ascended to the Father; but go to <sup>a</sup>My brethren, and say to them, ‘I <sup>a</sup>ascend to My Father and your Father, and My God and your God.’”

18 <sup>a</sup>Mary Magdalene <sup>a</sup>came, <sup>b</sup>announcing to the disciples, “I have seen the Lord,” and *that* He had said these things to her.

19 When therefore it was evening, on that day, the first *day* of the week, and when the doors were shut where the disciples were, for <sup>a</sup>fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in their midst, and <sup>a</sup>said to them, “<sup>1</sup>*Peace be with you.*”

20 And when He had said this, <sup>a</sup>He showed them both His hands and His side. The disciples therefore <sup>b</sup>rejoiced when they saw the Lord.

21 Jesus therefore said to them again, “<sup>1</sup>*Peace be with you; <sup>a</sup>as the Father has sent Me, I also send you.*”

22 And when He had said this, He breathed on them, and <sup>a</sup>said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit.

23 “<sup>a</sup>If you forgive the sins of any, *their sins* <sup>1</sup>have been forgiven them; if you retain the *sins* of any, they have been retained.”

24 But <sup>a</sup>Thomas, one of <sup>b</sup>the twelve, called <sup>1</sup>*Didymus*, was not with them when Jesus came.

25 The other disciples therefore were saying to him, “We have seen the Lord!” But he said to them, “Unless I shall see in <sup>a</sup>His hands the imprint of the nails, and put my finger into the place of the nails, and put my hand into His side, <sup>b</sup>I will not believe.”

5 <sup>a</sup>John 20:11 <sup>b</sup>John 19:40

7 <sup>a</sup>John 11:44 <sup>b</sup>John 19:40

8 <sup>a</sup>John 20:4

9 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 22:29; John 2:22 <sup>b</sup>Luke 24:26ff., 46

10 <sup>a</sup>Luke 24:12

11 <sup>a</sup>Mark 16:5 <sup>b</sup>John 20:5

12 <sup>a</sup>Luke 24:4; Matt. 28:2f.; Mark 16:5

13 <sup>a</sup>John 20:15 <sup>b</sup>John 20:2

14 <sup>a</sup>Mark 16:9; Matt. 28:9 <sup>b</sup>John 21:4

15 <sup>a</sup>John 20:13

16 <sup>1</sup>*I.e., Jewish Aramaic* <sup>a</sup>John 5:2 <sup>b</sup>Mark 10:51; Matt. 23:7

17 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 28:10 <sup>b</sup>John 7:33; Mark 16:19; 12:26

18 <sup>a</sup>John 20:1 <sup>b</sup>Mark 16:10; Luke 24:10, 23

19 <sup>1</sup>*Lit., Peace to you* <sup>a</sup>John 7:13 <sup>b</sup>John 20:21, 26; Luke 24:36; John 14:27

20 <sup>a</sup>Luke 24:39, 40; John 19:34 <sup>b</sup>John 16:20, 22

21 <sup>1</sup>*Here as in verse 19 and 26* <sup>a</sup>John 20:19, 26; Luke 24:36; John 14:27 <sup>b</sup>John 17:18

23 <sup>1</sup>*I.e., have previously been forgiven* <sup>a</sup>Matt. 18:18; Matt. 16:19

24 <sup>1</sup>*I.e., the Twin* <sup>a</sup>John 11:16 <sup>b</sup>John 6:67

25 <sup>a</sup>John 20:20 <sup>b</sup>Mark 16:11

26 <sup>1</sup>Or, a week later <sup>2</sup>Or, locked  
<sup>a</sup>John 20:19, 21; Luke 24:36; John 14:27

27 <sup>a</sup>John 20:25; Luke 24:40

29 <sup>a</sup>1 Pet. 1:8

30 <sup>1</sup>Or, attesting miracles  
<sup>a</sup>John 21:25 <sup>b</sup>John 2:11

31 <sup>1</sup>I.e., the Messiah  
<sup>a</sup>John 19:35 <sup>b</sup>Matt. 4:3  
<sup>c</sup>John 3:15

1 <sup>1</sup>Or, made Himself visible  
<sup>a</sup>John 21:14; Mark 16:12  
<sup>b</sup>John 20:19, 26 <sup>c</sup>John 6:1

2 <sup>1</sup>I.e., the Twin  
<sup>a</sup>John 11:16 <sup>b</sup>John 1:45ff.  
<sup>c</sup>John 2:1 <sup>d</sup>Matt. 4:21;  
Mark 1:19; Luke 5:10

3 <sup>a</sup>Luke 5:5

4 <sup>a</sup>John 20:14; Luke 24:16

5 <sup>1</sup>Lit., something eaten with bread  
<sup>a</sup>Luke 24:41

6 <sup>a</sup>Luke 5:4ff.

7 <sup>1</sup>Lit., was loving  
<sup>a</sup>John 13:23; John 21:20

8 <sup>1</sup>Lit., 200 cubits

9 <sup>a</sup>John 18:18 <sup>b</sup>John 21:10, 13; John 6:9, 11

10 <sup>a</sup>John 21:10, 13; John 6:9, 11

12 <sup>a</sup>John 21:15

13 <sup>a</sup>John 21:9 <sup>b</sup>John 21:9, 10; 6:9, 11

26 And <sup>1</sup>after eight days again His disciples were inside, and Thomas with them. Jesus <sup>a</sup>came, the doors having been <sup>2</sup>shut, and stood in their midst, and said, "<sup>a</sup>Peace *be* with you."

27 Then He <sup>a</sup>said to Thomas, "<sup>a</sup>Reach here your finger, and see My hands; and reach here your hand, and put it into My side; and be not unbelieving, but believing."

28 Thomas answered and said to Him, "My Lord and my God!"

29 Jesus <sup>a</sup>said to him, "Because you have seen Me, have you believed? <sup>a</sup>Blessed *are* they who did not see, and yet believed."

30 <sup>a</sup>Many other <sup>1</sup>signs therefore Jesus also performed in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book;

31 but these have been written <sup>a</sup>that you may believe that Jesus is <sup>1</sup>the Christ, <sup>b</sup>the Son of God; and that <sup>c</sup>believing you may have life in His name.

CHAPTER 21

AFTER these things Jesus <sup>1a</sup>manifested Himself <sup>b</sup>again to the disciples at the <sup>c</sup>Sea of Tiberias; and He manifested *Himself* in this way.

2 There were together Simon Peter, and <sup>a</sup>Thomas called <sup>1</sup>Didymus, and <sup>b</sup>Nathanael of <sup>c</sup>Cana in Galilee, and <sup>d</sup>the sons of Zebedee, and two others of His disciples.

3 Simon Peter <sup>a</sup>said to them, "I am going fishing." They <sup>a</sup>said to him, "We will also come with you." They went out, and got into the boat; and <sup>a</sup>that night they caught nothing.

4 But when the day was now breaking, Jesus stood on the beach; yet the disciples did not <sup>a</sup>know that it was Jesus.

5 Jesus therefore <sup>a</sup>said to them, "Children, <sup>a</sup>you do not have any <sup>1</sup>fish, do you?" They answered Him, "No."

6 And He said to them, "<sup>a</sup>Cast the net on the right-hand side of the boat, and you will find *a catch*." They cast therefore, and then they were not able to haul it in because of the great number of fish.

7 <sup>a</sup>That disciple therefore whom Jesus <sup>1</sup>loved <sup>a</sup>said to Peter, "It is the Lord." And so when Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put his outer garment on (for he was stripped for work), and threw himself into the sea.

8 But the other disciples came in the little boat, for they were not far from the land, but about <sup>1</sup>one hundred yards away, dragging the net *full* of fish.

9 And so when they got out upon the land, they <sup>a</sup>saw a charcoal <sup>a</sup>fire *already* laid, and <sup>b</sup>fish placed on it, and bread.

10 Jesus <sup>a</sup>said to them, "Bring some of the <sup>a</sup>fish which you have now caught."

11 Simon Peter went up, and drew the net to land, full of large fish, a hundred and fifty-three; and although there were so many, the net was not torn.

12 Jesus <sup>a</sup>said to them, "Come *and* have <sup>a</sup>breakfast." None of the disciples ventured to question Him, "Who are You?" knowing that it was the Lord.

13 Jesus <sup>a</sup>came and <sup>a</sup>took <sup>a</sup>the bread, and <sup>a</sup>gave them, and the <sup>b</sup>fish likewise.

14 This is now the <sup>a</sup>third time that Jesus <sup>1</sup>was manifested to the disciples, after He was raised from the dead.

15 So when they had <sup>a</sup>finished breakfast, Jesus <sup>\*</sup>said to Simon Peter, "Simon, <sup>1</sup>son of John, do you <sup>2b</sup>love Me more than these?" He <sup>\*</sup>said to Him, "Yes, Lord; You know that I <sup>3</sup>love You." He <sup>\*</sup>said to him, "Tend <sup>c</sup>My lambs."

16 He <sup>\*</sup>said to him again a second time, "Simon, *son of John*, do you <sup>1</sup>love Me?" He <sup>\*</sup>said to Him, "Yes, Lord; You know that I <sup>2</sup>love You." He <sup>\*</sup>said to him, "<sup>a</sup>Shepherd My sheep."

17 He <sup>\*</sup>said to him the third time, "Simon, *son of John*, do you <sup>1</sup>love Me?" Peter was grieved because He said to him <sup>a</sup>the third time, "Do you <sup>1</sup>love Me?" And he said to Him, "Lord, <sup>b</sup>You know all things; You know that I <sup>1</sup>love You." Jesus <sup>\*</sup>said to him, "<sup>c</sup>Tend My sheep.

18 "Truly, truly, I say to you, when you were younger, you used to gird yourself, and walk wherever you wished; but when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will gird you, and bring you where you do not wish to go."

19 Now this He said, <sup>a</sup>signifying by <sup>b</sup>what kind of death he would glorify God. And when He had spoken this, He <sup>\*</sup>said to him, "<sup>c</sup>Follow Me!"

20 Peter, turning around, <sup>a</sup>saw the <sup>a</sup>disciple whom Jesus loved following *them*; the one who also had <sup>b</sup>leaned back on His breast at the supper, and said, "Lord, who is the one who betrays You?"

21 Peter therefore seeing him <sup>\*</sup>said to Jesus, "Lord, and what about this man?"

22 Jesus <sup>\*</sup>said to him, "If I want him to remain <sup>a</sup>until I come, what is *that* to you? You <sup>b</sup>follow Me!"

23 This saying therefore went out among <sup>a</sup>the brethren that that disciple would not die; yet Jesus did not say to him that he would not die, but *only*, "If I want him to remain <sup>b</sup>until I come, what is *that* to you?"

24 This is the disciple who <sup>a</sup>bears witness of these things, and wrote these things; and we know that his witness is true.

25 And there are also <sup>a</sup>many other things which Jesus did, which if they <sup>\*</sup>were written in detail, I suppose that even the world itself <sup>\*</sup>would not contain the books which <sup>\*</sup>were written.

14 <sup>1</sup>Or, *made Himself visible*  
<sup>a</sup>John 20:19, 26

15 <sup>1</sup>Here and in verses 16 and 17 some mss. read, *son of Jonas* <sup>2</sup>Cr., *agapao* <sup>3</sup>Cr., *phileo*  
<sup>a</sup>John 21:12 <sup>b</sup>John 13:37; <sup>c</sup>Matt. 26:33; <sup>d</sup>Mark 14:29  
<sup>e</sup>Luke 12:32

16 <sup>1</sup>Cr., *agapao* <sup>2</sup>Cr., *phileo*  
<sup>a</sup>Matt. 2:6; Acts 20:28; <sup>b</sup>1 Pet. 5:2; Rev. 7:17

17 <sup>1</sup>Cr., *phileo*  
<sup>a</sup>John 13:38 <sup>b</sup>John 16:30  
<sup>c</sup>John 21:16

19 <sup>a</sup>John 12:33; 18:32  
<sup>b2</sup> Pet. 1:14 <sup>c</sup>Matt. 8:22; 16:24; <sup>d</sup>John 21:22

20 <sup>a</sup>John 21:7 <sup>b</sup>John 13:25

22 <sup>a1</sup> Cor. 4:5; 11:26; James 5:7; Rev. 2:25; Matt. 16:27f; <sup>b</sup>Matt. 8:22; 16:24; <sup>c</sup>John 21:19

23 <sup>a</sup>Acts 1:15 <sup>b1</sup> Cor. 4:5; 11:26; James 5:7; Rev. 2:25; <sup>c</sup>Matt. 16:27f.

24 <sup>a</sup>John 15:27

25 <sup>a</sup>John 20:30

# THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES

The Introduction. The Ascension. The Upper Room.

<sup>1</sup> Lit., *made*  
\*Luke 1:3; <sup>b</sup>Luke 3:23

<sup>2</sup> Or, *through*  
\*Mark 16:19; Acts 1:9, 11, 22; <sup>b</sup>Matt. 28:19f.; Mark 16:15; John 20:21f.; Acts 10:42; <sup>c</sup>Mark 6:30 [and so elsewhere]; <sup>d</sup>John 13:18; Acts 10:41

<sup>3</sup> Lit., *whom*  
\*Matt. 28:17; Mark 16:12, 14; Luke 24:34, 36; John 20:19, 26; 21:1, 14; 1 Cor. 15:5-7; <sup>b</sup>Acts 8:12; 19:8; 28:23, 31

<sup>4</sup> Or, *eating with, or possibly, lodging with*; <sup>2</sup>Lit., *the promise of the Father*  
\*Luke 24:49; <sup>b</sup>Acts 2:33; John 14:16, 26; 15:26

<sup>5</sup> Or, in <sup>2</sup>Lit., *after these many days*  
\*Acts 11:16; Matt. 3:11; <sup>b</sup>Acts 2:1-4

<sup>6</sup> \*Matt. 17:11; Mark 9:12; Luke 17:20; 19:11

<sup>7</sup> \*Matt. 24:36; Mark 13:32

<sup>8</sup> \*Acts 2:1-4; <sup>b</sup>Luke 24:48; John 15:27; <sup>c</sup>Acts 8:1, 5, 14; <sup>d</sup>Matt. 28:19; Mark 16:15; Col. 1:23; Rom. 10:18

<sup>9</sup> \*Acts 1:2

<sup>10</sup> Or, *heaven*; <sup>2</sup>Lit., *and behold*  
\*Luke 24:4; John 20:12

<sup>11</sup> Or, *heaven*  
\*Acts 2:7; 13:31; <sup>b</sup>Mark 16:19; Acts 1:9, 22; <sup>c</sup>Matt. 16:27f.; Acts 3:21

<sup>12</sup> Or, *hill*; <sup>2</sup>Or, *Olive Grove*  
\*Luke 24:50, 52; <sup>b</sup>Matt. 21:1

<sup>13</sup> Or, *Jacob*; <sup>2</sup>Or possibly, *brother*  
\*Acts 9:37, 39; 20:8; Mark 14:15; Luke 22:12; <sup>b</sup>Acts 1:13; <sup>c</sup>Matt. 1:2-4; <sup>d</sup>Mark 3:16-19; Luke 6:14-16; <sup>e</sup>John 14:22

<sup>14</sup> Or, *certain women*  
\*Acts 2:42; 6:4; Rom. 12:12; Col. 4:2; Eph. 6:18; <sup>b</sup>Luke 8:2f.; <sup>c</sup>Matt. 12:46

<sup>15</sup> Lit., *in these days*  
<sup>2</sup>Lit., *names*  
\*John 21:23; Acts 6:3; 9:30; 10:23; 11:1, 12, 29; 12:17; 14:2; 15:1, 3, 22, 23, 32f.; 40; 16:2, 40; 17:6, 10, 14; 18:18, 27; 21:7, 17; 22:5; 28:14f.; Rom. 1:13; Acts 11:26

THE first account I <sup>1</sup> composed, <sup>a</sup>Theophilus, about all that Jesus <sup>b</sup>began to do and teach,

2 until the day when He <sup>a</sup>was taken up, after He <sup>b</sup>had <sup>1</sup>by the Holy Spirit given orders to <sup>c</sup>the apostles whom He had <sup>d</sup>chosen.

3 To <sup>1</sup>these <sup>a</sup>He also presented Himself alive, after His suffering, by many convincing proofs, appearing to them over *a period of forty days*, and speaking of <sup>b</sup>the things concerning the kingdom of God.

4 And <sup>1</sup>gathering them together, He commanded them <sup>a</sup>not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait for <sup>2</sup>what the Father had promised, "Which," *He said*, "you heard of from Me;

5 for <sup>a</sup>John baptized with water, but you shall be baptized <sup>1</sup>with the Holy Spirit <sup>2</sup>not many days from now."

6 And so when they had come together, they were asking Him, saying, "Lord, <sup>a</sup>is it at this time You are restoring the kingdom to Israel?"

7 He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or epochs which <sup>a</sup>the Father has fixed by His own authority;

8 but you shall receive power <sup>a</sup>when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be <sup>b</sup>My witnesses both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and <sup>c</sup>Samaria, and even to <sup>d</sup>the remotest part of the earth."

9 And after He had said these things, <sup>a</sup>He was lifted up while they were looking on, and a cloud received Him out of their sight.

10 And as they were gazing intently into <sup>1</sup>the sky while He was departing, <sup>2</sup>behold, <sup>a</sup>two men in white clothing stood beside them;

11 and they also said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into <sup>1</sup>the sky? This Jesus, who <sup>b</sup>has been taken up from you into heaven, will <sup>c</sup>come in just the same way as you have watched Him go into heaven."

12 Then they <sup>a</sup>returned to Jerusalem from the <sup>1</sup>mount called <sup>2</sup>Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day's journey away.

13 And when they had entered, they went up to <sup>a</sup>the upper room, where they were staying; <sup>b</sup>that is, Peter and John and <sup>1</sup>James and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, <sup>1</sup>James the son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and <sup>c</sup>Judas the <sup>2</sup>son of <sup>1</sup>James.

14 These all with one mind <sup>a</sup>were continually devoting themselves to prayer, along with <sup>1</sup>the women, and Mary the <sup>c</sup>mother of Jesus, and with His <sup>c</sup>brothers.

15 And <sup>a</sup>at this time Peter stood up in the midst of <sup>a</sup>the brethren (a gathering of about one hundred and twenty <sup>2</sup>persons was there together), and said,

**The Fate of Judas. Choice of Matthias.  
The Day of Pentecost.**

16 "Brethren, <sup>a</sup>the Scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit foretold by the mouth of David concerning Judas, <sup>b</sup>who became a guide to those who arrested Jesus.

17 "For he was <sup>a</sup>counted among us, and received his portion in <sup>b</sup>this ministry."

18 (Now this man <sup>a</sup>acquired a field with <sup>b</sup>the price of his wickedness; and falling headlong, he burst open in the middle and all his bowels gushed out.

19 And it became known to all who were living in Jerusalem; so that in <sup>a</sup>their own language that field was called <sup>1</sup>Hakeldama, that is, Field of Blood).

20 "For it is written in the book of Psalms,

<sup>a</sup>LET HIS HOMESTEAD BE MADE DESOLATE,

AND LET NO MAN DWELL IN IT';

and,

<sup>b</sup>HIS <sup>1</sup>OFFICE LET ANOTHER MAN TAKE.'

21 "It is therefore necessary that of the men who have accompanied us all the time that <sup>a</sup>the Lord Jesus went in and out <sup>1</sup>among us—

22 <sup>a</sup>beginning <sup>1</sup>with the baptism of John, until the day that He <sup>b</sup>was taken up from us—one of these should become a <sup>c</sup>witness with us of His resurrection."

23 And they put forward two men, Joseph called Barsabbas (who was also called Justus), and <sup>a</sup>Matthias.

24 And they <sup>a</sup>prayed, and said, "Thou, Lord, <sup>b</sup>who knowest the hearts of all men, show which one of these two Thou hast chosen

25 to <sup>1</sup>occupy <sup>a</sup>this ministry and <sup>b</sup>apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place."

26 And they <sup>1a</sup>drew lots for them, and the lot fell <sup>2</sup>to <sup>b</sup>Matthias; and he was <sup>3</sup>numbered with <sup>c</sup>the eleven apostles.

**CHAPTER 2**

**AND** when <sup>a</sup>the day of Pentecost <sup>1</sup>had come, they were all together in one place.

2 And suddenly there came from heaven a noise like a violent, rushing wind, and it filled <sup>a</sup>the whole house where they were sitting.

3 And there appeared to them tongues as of fire <sup>1</sup>distributed themselves, and <sup>2</sup>they <sup>3</sup>rested on each one of them.

4 And they were all <sup>a</sup>filled with the Holy Spirit and began to <sup>b</sup>speak with other tongues, as the Spirit was giving them <sup>1</sup>utterance.

5 Now there were Jews living in Jerusalem, <sup>a</sup>devout men, from every nation under heaven.

6 And when <sup>a</sup>this sound occurred, the multitude came together, and were bewildered, because they were each one hearing them speak in his own <sup>1</sup>language.

7 And <sup>a</sup>they were amazed and marveled, saying, "Why, are not all these who are speaking <sup>b</sup>Galileans?

8 "And how is it that we each hear <sup>them</sup> in our own <sup>1</sup>language <sup>2</sup>to which we were born?

9 "Parthians and Medes and Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and <sup>a</sup>Cappadocia, <sup>b</sup>Pontus and <sup>1c</sup>Asia,

16 <sup>a</sup>Acts 1:20; John 13:18; 17:12 <sup>b</sup>Matt. 26:47; Mark 14:43; Luke 22:47; John 18:3

17 <sup>a</sup>John 6:70f. <sup>b</sup>Acts 1:25; 20:24; 21:19

18 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 27:3-10 <sup>b</sup>Matt. 26:14f.

19 <sup>1</sup>Some early mss. read, *Hakeldamach*  
<sup>a</sup>Acts 21:40; Matt. 27:8

20 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *position as overseer*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 69:25 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 109:8

21 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *to us*  
<sup>a</sup>Luke 24:3

22 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *from*  
<sup>a</sup>Mark 1:1-4 <sup>b</sup>Acts 1:2 <sup>c</sup>Acts 1:8; 2:32

23 <sup>a</sup>Acts 1:26

24 <sup>a</sup>Acts 6:6; 13:3; 14:23  
<sup>b</sup>Acts 15:8; Rom. 8:27;  
1 Sam. 16:7; Jer. 17:10

25 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *take the place of*  
<sup>a</sup>Acts 1:17 <sup>b</sup>Rom. 1:5;  
1 Cor. 9:2; Gal. 2:8

26 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *gave* <sup>2</sup>Or., *upon*  
<sup>3</sup>Lit., *chosen*  
<sup>a</sup>Lev. 16:8; Josh. 14:2;  
1 Sam. 14:41f.; Neh. 10:34;  
11:1; Prov. 16:33 <sup>b</sup>Acts 1:23  
<sup>c</sup>Acts 2:14

1 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *was being fulfilled*  
<sup>a</sup>Acts 20:16; 1 Cor. 16:8;  
Lev. 23:15f.

2 <sup>a</sup>Acts 4:31

3 <sup>1</sup>Or., *being distributed*  
<sup>2</sup>Lit., *it* <sup>3</sup>Or., *sat*

4 <sup>1</sup>Or., *ability to speak out*  
<sup>a</sup>Acts 4:8, 31; 9:17; 13:9, 52;  
1:5, 8; 6:3, 5; 7:55; 8:17;  
11:15; Matt. 10:20 <sup>b</sup>Mark 16:17; 1 Cor. 12:10f.; 14:21

5 <sup>a</sup>Acts 8:2; Luke 2:25

6 <sup>1</sup>Or., *dialect*  
<sup>a</sup>Acts 2:2

7 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *Behold*  
<sup>a</sup>Acts 2:12 <sup>b</sup>Acts 1:11; Matt. 26:73

8 <sup>1</sup>Or., *dialect* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *in*

9 <sup>1</sup>i.e., west coast province of Asia Minor  
<sup>a</sup>1 Pet. 1:1 <sup>b</sup>1 Pet. 1:1; Acts 18:2 <sup>c</sup>Acts 6:9; 16:6; 19:10; 20:4; 21:27; 24:18; 27:2;  
Rom. 16:5; 1 Cor. 16:19;  
2 Cor. 1:8; 2 Tim. 1:15;  
Rev. 1:4

10 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *the sojourning Romans* <sup>2</sup>I.e., Gentile converts to Judaism  
<sup>a</sup>Acts 16:6; 18:23 <sup>b</sup>Acts 13:13; 14:24; 15:38; 27:5  
<sup>c</sup>Matt. 27:32 <sup>d</sup>Acts 17:21  
<sup>e</sup>Matt. 23:15

12 <sup>a</sup>Acts 2:7

13 <sup>1</sup>Or, *new wine*  
<sup>a</sup>1 Cor. 14:23

14 <sup>1</sup>Or, *being put forward as spokesman*  
<sup>a</sup>Acts 1:26

15 <sup>1</sup>I.e., 9 a.m.  
<sup>a</sup>1 Thess. 5:7

17 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *flesh*  
<sup>a</sup>Joel 2:28-32

21 <sup>a</sup>Rom. 10:13

22 <sup>1</sup>Or, *exhibited, or accredited* <sup>2</sup>Or, *works of power* <sup>3</sup>Or, *attesting miracles*  
<sup>a</sup>Acts 10:38; 3:6; 4:10 <sup>b</sup>John 3:2 <sup>c</sup>Acts 2:19, 43; John 4:48

23 <sup>1</sup>Or, *men without the Law, i.e., heathen*  
<sup>a</sup>Acts 3:18; 4:28; Luke 22:22; 1 Pet. 1:20 <sup>b</sup>Acts 3:13; Luke 24:20

24 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *Whom God raised up* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *birth pangs*  
<sup>a</sup>Acts 2:32; 3:15, 26; 4:10; 5:30; 10:40; 13:30, 33, 34, 37; 17:31; Rom. 4:24; 6:4; 8:11; 10:9; 1 Cor. 6:14; 15:15; 2 Cor. 4:14; Gal. 1:1; Eph. 1:20; Col. 2:12; 1 Thess. 1:10; Heb. 13:20; 1 Pet. 1:21 <sup>b</sup>John 20:9

25 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 16:8-11

27 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *give* <sup>2</sup>Or, *devout or pious* <sup>3</sup>Lit., *see corruption*  
<sup>a</sup>Matt. 11:23; Acts 2:31  
<sup>b</sup>Acts 13:35

10 <sup>a</sup>Phrygia and <sup>b</sup>Pamphylia, Egypt and the districts of Libya around <sup>c</sup>Cyrene, and <sup>d</sup>visitors from Rome, both Jews and <sup>e</sup>proselytes,

11 Cretans and Arabs—we hear them in our own tongues speaking of the mighty deeds of God.”

12 And <sup>a</sup>they continued in amazement and great perplexity, saying to one another, “What does this mean?”

13 But others were mocking and saying, “<sup>a</sup>They are full of <sup>1</sup>sweet wine.”

14 But Peter, <sup>1</sup>taking his stand with <sup>a</sup>the eleven, raised his voice and declared to them: “Men of Judea, and all you who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and give heed to my words.

15 “For these men are not drunk, as you suppose, <sup>a</sup>for it is only the <sup>1</sup>third hour of the day;

16 but this is what was spoken of through the prophet Joel:

17 <sup>a</sup>AND IT SHALL BE IN THE LAST DAYS, GOD SAYS,  
 ‘THAT I WILL POUR FORTH OF MY SPIRIT UPON ALL  
<sup>1</sup>MANKIND;

AND YOUR SONS AND YOUR DAUGHTERS SHALL PROPHECY,  
 AND YOUR YOUNG MEN SHALL SEE VISIONS,  
 AND YOUR OLD MEN SHALL DREAM DREAMS;

18 EVEN UPON MY BONDSLAVES, BOTH MEN AND WOMEN,  
 I WILL IN THOSE DAYS POUR FORTH OF MY SPIRIT  
 And they shall prophesy.

19 ‘AND I WILL GRANT WONDERS IN THE SKY ABOVE,  
 AND SIGNS ON THE EARTH BENEATH,  
 BLOOD, AND FIRE, AND VAPOR OF SMOKE.

20 ‘THE SUN SHALL BE TURNED INTO DARKNESS,  
 AND THE MOON INTO BLOOD,  
 BEFORE THE GREAT AND GLORIOUS DAY OF THE LORD  
 SHALL COME.

21 ‘AND IT SHALL BE, THAT <sup>a</sup>EVERY ONE WHO CALLS ON THE  
 NAME OF THE LORD SHALL BE SAVED.’

22 “Men of Israel, listen to these words: <sup>a</sup>Jesus the Nazarene, <sup>a</sup>a man <sup>1</sup>attested to you by God with <sup>2</sup>miracles and <sup>c</sup>wonders and <sup>3</sup>signs which God performed through Him in your midst, just as you yourselves know—

23 this *Man*, delivered up by the <sup>a</sup>predetermined plan and foreknowledge of God, <sup>b</sup>you nailed to a cross by the hands of <sup>1</sup>godless men and put *Him* to death.

24 “<sup>1</sup>And <sup>a</sup>God raised Him up again, putting an end to the <sup>2</sup>agony of death, since it <sup>b</sup>was impossible for Him to be held in its power.

25 “For David says of Him,

<sup>a</sup>I WAS ALWAYS BEHOLDING THE LORD IN MY PRESENCE;  
 FOR HE IS AT MY RIGHT HAND, THAT I MAY NOT BE  
 SHAKEN.

26 ‘THEREFORE MY HEART WAS GLAD AND MY TONGUE  
 EXULTED;

27 BECAUSE MY FLESH ALSO WILL ABIDE IN HOPE;  
 BECAUSE THOU WILT NOT ABANDON MY SOUL TO  
<sup>a</sup>HADES,

<sup>b</sup>NOR <sup>1</sup>ALLOW THY <sup>2</sup>HOLY ONE TO <sup>3</sup>UNDERGO DECAY.

28 "THOU HAST MADE KNOWN TO ME THE WAYS OF LIFE;  
THOU WILT MAKE ME FULL OF GLADNESS WITH THY  
PRESENCE."

29 "Brethren, I may confidently say to you regarding the  
patriarch David that he both died and was buried, and his  
tomb is with us to this day.

30 "And so, because he was a prophet, and knew that God  
had sworn to him with an oath to seat one of his descendants  
upon his throne,

31 he looked ahead and spoke of the resurrection of the  
Christ, that He was neither abandoned to Hades, nor did His  
flesh suffer decay.

32 "This Jesus God raised up again, to which we are all  
witnesses.

33 "Therefore having been exalted to the right hand of  
God, and having received from the Father the promise of the  
Holy Spirit, He has poured forth this which you both see and  
hear.

34 "For it was not David who ascended into heaven, but he  
himself says:

"THE LORD SAID TO MY LORD,

"SIT AT MY RIGHT HAND,

35 UNTIL I MAKE THINE ENEMIES A FOOTSTOOL FOR THY  
FEET."

36 "Therefore let all the house of Israel know for certain  
that God has made Him both Lord and Christ—this Jesus  
whom you crucified."

37 Now when they heard this, they were pierced to the  
heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, "Brethren,  
what shall we do?"

38 And Peter said to them, "Repent, and let each of you  
be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of  
your sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

39 "For the promise is for you and your children, and for  
all who are far off, as many as the Lord our God shall call to  
Himself."

40 And with many other words he solemnly testified and  
kept on exhorting them, saying, "Be saved from this perverse  
generation!"

41 So then, those who had received his word were baptized;  
and there were added that day about three thousand souls.

42 And they were continually devoting themselves to the  
apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread  
and to prayer.

43 And everyone kept feeling a sense of awe; and many  
wonders and signs were taking place through the apostles.

44 And all those who had believed were together, and had  
all things in common;

45 and they began selling their property and possessions,  
and were sharing them with all, as anyone might have need.

46 "And day by day continuing with one mind in the  
temple, and breaking bread from house to house, they were  
taking their meals together with gladness and sincerity of  
heart,

29 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *Men brothers*  
<sup>2</sup>Lit., *among*  
<sup>3</sup>Acts 7:8f.; Heb. 7:4 <sup>4</sup>Acts  
13:36 <sup>1</sup>Kin. 2:10 <sup>4</sup>Neh.  
3:16

30 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *of the fruit of his*  
*loins*  
<sup>2</sup>Matt. 22:43 <sup>3</sup>2 Sam. 7:12f.;  
Ps. 89:3f.; 132:11

31 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *the Messiah* <sup>2</sup>Lit.,  
*see corruption*  
<sup>3</sup>Matt. 11:23; Acts 2:27

32 <sup>1</sup>Acts 2:24; 3:15, 26;  
4:10; 5:30; 10:40; 13:30, 33,  
34, 37; 17:31; Rom. 4:24;  
6:4; 8:11; 10:9; 1 Cor. 6:14;  
15:15; 2 Cor. 4:14; Gal. 1:1;  
Eph. 1:20; Col. 2:12;  
1 Thess. 1:10; Heb. 13:20;  
1 Pet. 1:21 <sup>4</sup>Acts 1:8

33 <sup>1</sup>Or, *by*  
<sup>2</sup>Acts 5:31; Mark 16:19  
<sup>3</sup>Acts 1:4 <sup>4</sup>Gal. 3:14; John  
7:39 <sup>5</sup>Acts 2:17; 10:45

34 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *the heavens*  
<sup>2</sup>Ps. 110:1; Matt. 22:44f.

36 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *Messiah*  
<sup>2</sup>Ezek. 36:22, 32, 37; 45:6  
<sup>3</sup>Luke 2:11 <sup>4</sup>Acts 2:23

37 <sup>1</sup>Or, *smitten in*  
*conscience* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *Men*  
*brothers*  
<sup>3</sup>Luke 3:10, 12, 14

38 <sup>1</sup>Acts 3:19; 5:31; 20:21;  
Luke 24:47; Mark 1:15  
<sup>2</sup>Acts 8:12, 16; 22:16; Mark  
16:16

39 <sup>1</sup>Rom. 9:4; Is. 44:3;  
54:13; 57:19; Joel 2:32;  
Eph. 2:12 <sup>2</sup>Eph. 2:13, 17

40 <sup>1</sup>Or, *Escape*  
<sup>2</sup>Luke 16:28 <sup>3</sup>Deut. 32:5;  
Phil. 2:15; Matt. 17:17

41 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *persons*  
<sup>2</sup>Acts 3:23; 7:14; 27:37;  
Rom. 13:1; 1 Pet. 3:20;  
Rev. 16:3

42 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *the prayers*  
<sup>2</sup>Acts 1:14 <sup>3</sup>Luke 24:30;  
Acts 20:7; 1 Cor. 10:16;  
Acts 2:46

43 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *fear was*  
*occurring to every soul*  
<sup>2</sup>Or, *attesting miracles*  
<sup>3</sup>Some ancient mss. add, *in*  
*Jerusalem; and great fear*  
*was upon all*  
<sup>4</sup>Acts 2:22

44 <sup>1</sup>Some ancient mss.  
omit, *were*  
<sup>2</sup>Acts 4:32; Acts 4:37; 5:2

45 <sup>1</sup>Matt. 19:21; Acts 4:34

46 <sup>1</sup>Or, *in the various*  
*private homes* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *food*  
<sup>3</sup>Or, *simplicity*  
<sup>4</sup>Acts 5:42 <sup>5</sup>Luke 24:30;  
Acts 20:7; 1 Cor. 10:16;  
Acts 2:42

47 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *together*  
<sup>a</sup>Acts 5:13 <sup>b</sup>Acts 2:41; 5:14;  
 6:1, 7; 11:24; Acts 4:4; 9:31,  
 35, 42; 11:21; 14:1, 21; 16:5;  
 17:12 <sup>c</sup>1 Cor. 1:18

1 <sup>1</sup>I.e., 3 p.m.  
<sup>a</sup>Luke 22:8; Acts 3:3, 4, 11  
<sup>b</sup>Ps. 55:17; Acts 10:30;  
 Matt. 27:45

2 <sup>1</sup>Or, *a gift of charity*  
<sup>a</sup>Acts 14:8 <sup>b</sup>Luke 16:20  
<sup>c</sup>Acts 3:10; John 9:8

3 <sup>a</sup>Luke 22:8; Acts 3:1, 4,  
 11

4 <sup>a</sup>Acts 10:4

6 <sup>a</sup>Acts 4:10; 3:16; 2:22

8 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *leaping up*  
<sup>a</sup>Acts 14:10

9 <sup>a</sup>Acts 4:16, 21

10 <sup>a</sup>Acts 3:2; John 9:8

11 <sup>1</sup>Or, *colonnade*  
<sup>a</sup>Luke 22:8; Acts 3:3, 4  
<sup>b</sup>Acts 5:12; John 10:23

12 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 11:25; 17:4;  
 22:1; Luke 14:3; Acts 5:8;  
 10:46

13 <sup>1</sup>Or, *Child*  
<sup>a</sup>Matt. 22:32 <sup>b</sup>Acts 5:30;  
 7:32; 22:14; Ex. 3:13, 15  
<sup>c</sup>Acts 3:26; 4:27, 30 <sup>d</sup>Acts  
 2:23; Matt. 20:19; John  
 19:11 <sup>e</sup>Matt. 27:2 <sup>f</sup>Luke  
 23:4

14 <sup>a</sup>Mark 1:24; Acts 4:27;  
 7:52; 2 Cor. 5:21 <sup>b</sup>Matt.  
 27:20; Mark 15:11; Luke  
 23:18-25

15 <sup>1</sup>Or, *Author*  
<sup>a</sup>Acts 5:31; Heb. 2:10; 12:2  
<sup>b</sup>Acts 2:24 <sup>c</sup>Luke 24:48

16 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *His*  
<sup>a</sup>Acts 3:6

17 <sup>a</sup>Luke 23:34; Acts  
 13:27; 26:9; John 15:21;  
 Eph. 4:18 <sup>b</sup>Luke 23:13

18 <sup>1</sup>Or, *Anointed One,*  
*Messiah*  
<sup>a</sup>Acts 2:23 <sup>b</sup>Luke 24:27;  
 Acts 17:3; 26:23

47 praising God, and <sup>a</sup>having favor with all the people. And the Lord <sup>b</sup>was adding <sup>1</sup>to their number day by day <sup>c</sup>those who were being saved.

CHAPTER 3

**N**OW <sup>a</sup>Peter and John were going up to the temple at the <sup>1</sup>ninth hour, <sup>b</sup>the hour of prayer.

2 And <sup>a</sup>a certain man who had been lame from his mother's womb was being carried along, whom they <sup>b</sup>used to set down every day at the gate of the temple which is called Beautiful, <sup>c</sup>in order to beg <sup>1</sup>alms of those who were entering the temple.

3 And when he saw <sup>a</sup>Peter and John about to go into the temple, he *began* asking to receive alms.

4 And Peter, along with John, <sup>a</sup>fixed his gaze upon him and said, "Look at us!"

5 And he *began* to give them his attention, expecting to receive something from them.

6 But Peter said, "I do not possess silver and gold, but what I do have I give to you: <sup>a</sup>In the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene—walk!"

7 And seizing him by the right hand, he raised him up; and immediately his feet and his ankles were strengthened.

8 <sup>a</sup>And <sup>1</sup>with a leap, he stood upright and *began* to walk; and he entered the temple with them, walking and leaping and praising God.

9 And <sup>a</sup>all the people saw him walking and praising God; <sup>10</sup> and they were taking note of him as being the one who used to <sup>a</sup>sit at the Beautiful Gate of the temple to *beg* alms, and they were filled with wonder and amazement at what had happened to him.

11 And while he was clinging to <sup>a</sup>Peter and John, all the people ran together to them at the so-called <sup>1</sup>portico of Solomon, full of amazement.

12 But when Peter saw *this*, he <sup>a</sup>replied to the people, "Men of Israel, why do you marvel at this, or why do you gaze at us, as if by our own power or piety we had made him walk?"

13 <sup>a</sup>"The God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, <sup>b</sup>the God of our fathers, has glorified His <sup>1</sup>servant Jesus, *the one* whom <sup>d</sup>you delivered up, and disowned in the presence of <sup>e</sup>Pilate, when he had <sup>f</sup>decided to release Him.

14 "But you disowned <sup>a</sup>the Holy and Righteous One, and <sup>b</sup>asked for a murderer to be granted to you,

15 but put to death the <sup>1a</sup>Prince of life, *the one* whom <sup>b</sup>God raised from the dead, *a fact* to which we are <sup>c</sup>witnesses.

16 "And on the basis of faith <sup>a</sup>in His name, *it is* the name of <sup>1</sup>Jesus which has strengthened this man whom you see and know; and the faith which *comes* through Him has given him this perfect health in the presence of you all.

17 "And now, brethren, I know that you acted <sup>a</sup>in ignorance, just as your <sup>b</sup>rulers did also.

18 "But the things which <sup>a</sup>God announced beforehand by the mouth of all the prophets, <sup>b</sup>that His <sup>1</sup>Christ should suffer, He has thus fulfilled.



19 <sup>a</sup>Repent therefore and return, that your sins may be wiped away, in order that <sup>b</sup>times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord;

20 and that He may send Jesus, the <sup>1</sup>Christ appointed for you,

21 <sup>a</sup>whom heaven must receive until *the* <sup>1</sup>period of <sup>b</sup>restoration of all things about which <sup>c</sup>God spoke by the mouth of His holy prophets from ancient time.

22 <sup>a</sup>Moses said, <sup>a</sup>THE LORD GOD SHALL RAISE UP FOR YOU A PROPHET <sup>1</sup>LIKE ME FROM YOUR BRETHREN; TO HIM YOU SHALL GIVE HEED IN EVERYTHING HE SAYS TO YOU.

23 <sup>a</sup>AND IT SHALL BE THAT EVERY <sup>b</sup>SOUL THAT DOES NOT HEED THAT PROPHET SHALL BE UTTERLY DESTROYED FROM AMONG THE PEOPLE.

24 <sup>a</sup>And likewise, <sup>a</sup>all the prophets who have spoken, from Samuel and *his* successors onward, also announced these days.

25 <sup>a</sup>It is you who are <sup>a</sup>the sons of the prophets, and of the <sup>b</sup>covenant which God <sup>1</sup>made with your fathers, saying to Abraham, <sup>c</sup>AND IN YOUR SEED ALL THE FAMILIES OF THE EARTH SHALL BE BLESSED.

26 <sup>a</sup>For you <sup>a</sup>first, God <sup>b</sup>raised up His <sup>1</sup>Servant, and sent Him to bless you by turning every one of you from your wicked ways."

## CHAPTER 4

AND as they were speaking to the people, the priests and <sup>a</sup>the captain of the temple *guard*, and <sup>b</sup>the Sadducees, <sup>c</sup>came upon them,

2 being greatly disturbed because they were teaching the people and proclaiming <sup>1a</sup>in Jesus the resurrection from the dead.

3 And they laid hands on them, and <sup>a</sup>put them in jail until the next day, for it was already evening.

4 But many of those who had heard the <sup>1</sup>message believed; and <sup>a</sup>the number of the men came to be about five thousand.

5 And it came about on the next day, that their <sup>a</sup>rulers and elders and scribes were gathered together in Jerusalem;

6 and <sup>a</sup>Annas the high priest *was there*, and <sup>b</sup>Caiaphas and John and Alexander, and all who were of high-priestly descent.

7 And when they had placed them in the center, they *began to inquire*, "By what power, or in what name, have you done this?"

8 Then Peter, <sup>1a</sup>filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, <sup>2b</sup>Rulers and elders of the people,

9 if we are on trial today for <sup>a</sup>a benefit done to a sick man, <sup>1a</sup>as to how this man has been made well,

10 let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that <sup>1a</sup>by the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene, whom you crucified, whom <sup>b</sup>God raised from the dead—by <sup>2</sup>this name this man stands here before you in good health.

11 <sup>1a</sup>He is the <sup>b</sup>STONE WHICH WAS <sup>c</sup>REJECTED by you, THE BUILDERS, *but WHICH BECAME THE VERY CORNER stone.*

19 <sup>a</sup>Acts 2:38; 26:20  
<sup>b</sup>2 Thess. 1:7; Heb. 4:1ff.

20 <sup>1</sup>i.e., Messiah

21 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *periods, times*  
<sup>a</sup>Acts 1:11 <sup>b</sup>Matt. 17:11;  
Rom. 8:21 <sup>c</sup>Luke 1:70

22 <sup>1</sup>Or, *as He raised up me*  
<sup>a</sup>Deut. 18:15; Acts 7:37

23 <sup>a</sup>Deut. 18:19 <sup>b</sup>Acts 2:41

24 <sup>a</sup>Luke 24:27; Acts 17:3;  
26:23

25 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *covenanted*  
<sup>a</sup>Acts 2:39 <sup>b</sup>Rom. 9:4f.  
<sup>c</sup>Gen. 22:18

26 <sup>1</sup>Or, *Child*  
<sup>a</sup>Acts 13:46; Rom. 1:16;  
2:9f.; Matt. 15:24; John  
4:22 <sup>b</sup>Acts 2:24

1 <sup>a</sup>Luke 22:4 <sup>b</sup>Matt. 3:7  
<sup>c</sup>Luke 20:1; Acts 6:12

2 <sup>1</sup>Or, *in the case of*  
<sup>a</sup>Acts 17:18; 3:15

3 <sup>a</sup>Acts 5:18

4 <sup>1</sup>Or, *word*  
<sup>a</sup>Acts 2:41

5 <sup>a</sup>Luke 23:13; Acts 4:8

6 <sup>a</sup>Luke 3:2 <sup>b</sup>Matt. 26:3

8 <sup>1</sup>Or, *having just been filled* <sup>2</sup>Or, *Rulers of the people and elders*  
<sup>a</sup>Acts 13:9; 2:4 <sup>b</sup>Luke 23:13;  
Acts 4:5

9 <sup>1</sup>Or, *by whom*  
<sup>a</sup>Acts 3:7f.

10 <sup>1</sup>Or, *in* <sup>2</sup>Or, *him*  
<sup>a</sup>Acts 3:6; 2:22 <sup>b</sup>Acts 2:24

11 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *This One*  
<sup>a</sup>Matt. 21:42 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 118:22  
<sup>c</sup>Mark 9:12

12 <sup>a</sup>1 Tim. 2:5; Matt. 1:21; Acts 10:43

13 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *that they had been*  
<sup>a</sup>Acts 4:31 <sup>b</sup>Luke 22:8; Acts 4:19 <sup>c</sup>John 7:15

15 <sup>1</sup>Or, *Sanhedrin*  
<sup>a</sup>Matt. 5:22

16 <sup>1</sup>Or, *sign*  
<sup>a</sup>John 11:47 <sup>b</sup>Acts 3:7-10

17 <sup>a</sup>John 15:21

18 <sup>1</sup>Or, *on the basis of*  
<sup>a</sup>Acts 5:28f.

19 <sup>a</sup>Acts 4:13 <sup>b</sup>Acts 5:28f.

20 <sup>a</sup>1 Cor. 9:16

21 <sup>a</sup>Acts 5:26 <sup>b</sup>Matt. 9:8

22 <sup>1</sup>Or, *sign*

24 <sup>1</sup>Or, *Master*  
<sup>a</sup>Ex. 20:11; Ps. 146:6

25 <sup>1</sup>This word is missing in the Greek <sup>2</sup>Or, *nations*  
<sup>a</sup>Acts 1:16 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 2:1

26 <sup>1</sup>Or, *approached* <sup>2</sup>i.e., Messiah, Anointed One  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 2:2 <sup>b</sup>Dan. 9:24f.; Luke 4:18; Acts 10:38; Heb. 1:9

27 <sup>1</sup>Or, *Child* <sup>2</sup>Or, *nations*  
<sup>a</sup>Acts 4:30; 3:13 <sup>b</sup>Matt. 14:1  
<sup>c</sup>Luke 23:12; Matt. 27:2  
<sup>d</sup>Matt. 20:19

28 <sup>a</sup>Acts 2:23

29 <sup>1</sup>Or, *as for the present situation*  
<sup>a</sup>Phil. 1:14 <sup>b</sup>Acts 4:13, 31; 14:3

30 <sup>1</sup>Or, *attesting miracles*  
<sup>2</sup>Or, *Child*  
<sup>a</sup>John 4:48 <sup>b</sup>Acts 4:27; 3:13

12 "And there is salvation in <sup>a</sup>no one else; for there is no other name under heaven that has been given among men, by which we must be saved."

13 Now as they observed the <sup>a</sup>confidence of <sup>b</sup>Peter and John, and understood that they were uneducated and untrained men, they were marveling, and <sup>c</sup>*began* to recognize them <sup>1</sup>as having been with Jesus.

14 And seeing the man who had been healed standing with them, they had nothing to say in reply.

15 But when they had ordered them to go aside out of the <sup>1a</sup>Council, they *began* to confer with one another,

16 saying, "<sup>a</sup>What shall we do with these men? For the fact that a <sup>b</sup>noteworthy <sup>1</sup>miracle has taken place through them is apparent to all who live in Jerusalem, and we cannot deny it.

17 "But in order that it may not spread any further among the people, let us warn them to speak no more to any man <sup>a</sup>in this name."

18 And when they had summoned them, they <sup>a</sup>commanded them not to speak or teach at all <sup>1</sup>in the name of Jesus.

19 But <sup>a</sup>Peter and John answered and said to them, "<sup>b</sup>Whether it is right in the sight of God to give heed to you rather than to God, you be the judge;

20 for <sup>a</sup>we cannot stop speaking what we have seen and heard."

21 And when they had threatened them further, they let them go (finding no basis on which they might punish them) <sup>a</sup>on account of the people, because they were all <sup>b</sup>glorifying God for what had happened;

22 for the man was more than forty years old on whom this <sup>1</sup>miracle of healing had been performed.

23 And when they had been released, they went to their own *companions*, and reported all that the chief priests and the elders had said to them.

24 And when they heard *this*, they lifted their voices to God with one accord and said, "O <sup>1</sup>Lord, it is Thou who <sup>a</sup>DIDST MAKE THE HEAVEN AND THE EARTH AND THE SEA, AND ALL THAT IS IN THEM,

25 who <sup>a</sup>by the Holy Spirit, <sup>1</sup>*through* the mouth of our father David Thy servant, didst say,

<sup>b</sup>WHY DID THE <sup>2</sup>GENTILES RAGE,  
AND THE PEOPLES DEVISE FUTILE THINGS?

26 <sup>a</sup>THE KINGS OF THE EARTH <sup>1</sup>TOOK THEIR STAND,  
AND THE RULERS WERE GATHERED TOGETHER  
AGAINST THE LORD, AND AGAINST HIS <sup>2b</sup>CHRIST."

27 "For truly in this city there were gathered together against Thy holy <sup>1a</sup>servant Jesus, whom Thou didst anoint, both <sup>b</sup>Herod and <sup>c</sup>Pontius Pilate, along with <sup>d</sup>the <sup>2</sup>Gentiles and the peoples of Israel,

28 to do whatever Thy hand and <sup>a</sup>Thy purpose predestined to occur.

29 "And <sup>1</sup>now, Lord, take note of their threats, and grant that Thy bond-servants may <sup>a</sup>speak Thy word with all <sup>b</sup>confidence,

30 while Thou dost extend Thy hand to heal, and <sup>1a</sup>signs and wonders take place through the name of Thy holy <sup>2b</sup>servant Jesus."

31 And when they had prayed, the <sup>a</sup>place where they had gathered together was shaken, and they were all <sup>b</sup>filled with the Holy Spirit, and *began* to <sup>c</sup>speak the word of God with <sup>d</sup>boldness.

32 And the <sup>1</sup>congregation of those who believed were of one heart and soul; and not one of *them* <sup>2</sup>claimed that anything belonging to him was his own; but <sup>a</sup>all things were common property to them.

33 And <sup>a</sup>with great power the apostles were giving <sup>b</sup>witness to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus<sup>1</sup>, and abundant grace was upon them all.

34 For there was not a needy person among them, for all who were owners of land or houses <sup>a</sup>would sell them and bring the <sup>1</sup>proceeds of the sales,

35 and <sup>a</sup>lay them at the apostles' feet; and they would be <sup>b</sup>distributed to each, as any had need.

36 And Joseph, a Levite of <sup>a</sup>Cyprian birth, who was also called <sup>b</sup>Barnabas by the apostles (which translated means, Son of <sup>1c</sup>Encouragement),

37 and who owned a tract of land, sold it and brought the money and <sup>a</sup>laid it at the apostles' feet.

CHAPTER 5

**B**UT a certain man named Ananias, with his wife Sapphira, sold a piece of property,

2 and <sup>a</sup>kept back *some* of the price for himself, with his wife's <sup>1</sup>full knowledge, and bringing a portion of it, he <sup>b</sup>laid it at the apostles' feet.

3 But Peter said, "Ananias, why has <sup>a</sup>Satan filled your heart to lie <sup>b</sup>to the Holy Spirit, and to <sup>c</sup>keep back *some* of the price of the land?

4 "While it remained *unsold*, did it not remain your own? And after it was sold, was it not <sup>1</sup>under your control? Why is it that you have <sup>2</sup>conceived this deed in your heart? You have not lied to men, but <sup>a</sup>to God."

5 And as he heard these words, Ananias <sup>a</sup>fell down and breathed his last; and <sup>b</sup>great fear came upon all who heard of it.

6 And the <sup>1</sup>young men arose and <sup>a</sup>covered him up, and after carrying him out, they buried him.

7 Now there elapsed an interval of about three hours, and his wife came in, not knowing what had happened.

8 And Peter <sup>a</sup>responded to her, "Tell me whether you sold the land <sup>1b</sup>for such and such a price?" And she said, "Yes, <sup>1</sup>that was the price."

9 Then Peter *said* to her, "Why is it that you have agreed together to <sup>a</sup>put <sup>b</sup>the Spirit of the Lord to the test? Behold, the feet of those who have buried your husband are at the door, and they shall carry you out *as well*."

10 And she <sup>a</sup>fell immediately at his feet, and breathed her last; and the young men came in and found her dead, and they carried her out and buried her beside her husband.

11 And <sup>a</sup>great fear came upon the whole church, and upon all who heard of these things.

31 <sup>a</sup>Acts 2:1 <sup>b</sup>Acts 2:4  
<sup>c</sup>Phil. 1:14 <sup>d</sup>Acts 4:13; 14:3

32 <sup>1</sup>Or, *multitude* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *was saying*  
<sup>a</sup>Acts 2:44

33 <sup>1</sup>Some mss. add, *Christ*  
<sup>a</sup>Acts 1:8 <sup>b</sup>Luke 24:48

34 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *the prices of the things being sold*  
<sup>a</sup>Matt. 19:21; Acts 2:45

35 <sup>a</sup>Acts 4:37; 5:2 <sup>b</sup>Acts 6:1; 2:45

36 <sup>1</sup>Or, *Exhortation, or, Consolation*  
<sup>a</sup>Acts 11:19f.; 13:4; 15:39; 21:3, 16; 27:4 <sup>b</sup>Acts 9:27; 11:22, 30; 12:25; 13:15; 1 Cor. 9:6; Gal. 2:1, 9, 13; Col. 4:10 <sup>c</sup>Acts 13:15; 1 Cor. 14:3; 1 Thess. 2:3; Acts 2:40; 11:23

37 <sup>a</sup>Acts 4:35; 5:2

2 <sup>1</sup>Or, *collusion*  
<sup>a</sup>Acts 5:3 <sup>b</sup>Acts 4:35, 37

3 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 4:10; Luke 22:3; John 13:2, 27 <sup>b</sup>Acts 5:4, 9  
<sup>c</sup>Acts 5:2

4 <sup>1</sup>Or, *in your authority*  
<sup>2</sup>Or, *placed*  
<sup>a</sup>Acts 5:3, 9

5 <sup>a</sup>Acts 5:10; Ezek. 11:13  
<sup>b</sup>Acts 5:11; 2:43

6 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *younger*  
<sup>a</sup>John 19:40

8 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *for so much*  
<sup>a</sup>Acts 3:12 <sup>b</sup>Acts 5:2

9 <sup>a</sup>Acts 15:10 <sup>b</sup>Acts 5:3, 4

10 <sup>a</sup>Acts 5:5; Ezek. 11:13

11 <sup>a</sup>Acts 5:5; 2:43

12 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *through*  
<sup>a</sup>John 4:48 <sup>b</sup>Acts 3:11; John  
 10:23

13 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *were holding*  
<sup>a</sup>Acts 2:47; 4:21

14 <sup>a</sup>2 Cor. 6:15 <sup>b</sup>Acts 2:47;  
 11:24

15 <sup>a</sup>Acts 19:12

16 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *multitude* <sup>2</sup>Lit.,  
 and

17 <sup>a</sup>Acts 15:5 <sup>b</sup>Matt. 3:7;  
 Acts 4:1

18 <sup>a</sup>Acts 4:3

19 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 1:20, 24; 2:13,  
 19; 28:2; Luke 1:11; 2:9;  
<sup>a</sup>Acts 8:26; 12:7, 23; 10:3;  
 27:23

20 <sup>1</sup>Or, *continue to speak*  
<sup>2</sup>Lit., *all the words*  
<sup>a</sup>John 6:63, 68

21 <sup>1</sup>Or, *Sanhedrin*  
<sup>a</sup>John 8:2 <sup>b</sup>Acts 4:6 <sup>c</sup>Matt.  
 5:22; Acts 5:27, 34, 41

22 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 26:58; Acts 5:26

24 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *this would  
 become*  
<sup>a</sup>Acts 4:1; 5:26

26 <sup>a</sup>Acts 5:24 <sup>b</sup>Acts 5:22  
<sup>c</sup>Acts 4:21; 5:13

27 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *in*  
<sup>a</sup>Matt. 5:22; Acts 5:21, 34,  
 41

28 <sup>a</sup>Acts 4:18 <sup>b</sup>Acts 2:23,  
 36; 3:14f.; 7:52; Matt.  
 23:35; 27:25

29 <sup>a</sup>Acts 4:19

30 <sup>1</sup>Or, *on whom you had  
 laid violent hands* <sup>2</sup>Lit.,  
*wood*  
<sup>a</sup>Acts 3:13 <sup>b</sup>Acts 2:24 <sup>c</sup>Acts  
 10:39; 13:29; Gal. 3:13;  
 1 Pet. 2:24

31 <sup>1</sup>Or, *by* <sup>2</sup>Or, *Leader*  
<sup>a</sup>Acts 2:33 <sup>b</sup>Acts 3:15 <sup>c</sup>Luke  
 2:11 <sup>d</sup>Luke 24:47; Acts 2:38

32 <sup>1</sup>Some mss. add, *in  
 Him or, of Him*  
<sup>a</sup>Luke 24:48 <sup>b</sup>John 15:26;  
<sup>c</sup>Acts 15:28; Rom. 8:16;  
 Heb. 2:4

12 And <sup>1</sup>at the hands of the apostles many <sup>a</sup>signs and wonders were taking place among the people; and they were all with one accord in <sup>b</sup>Solomon's portico.

13 But none of the rest dared to associate with them; however, <sup>a</sup>the people <sup>1</sup>held them in high esteem.

14 And all the more <sup>a</sup>believers in the Lord, multitudes of men and women, were constantly <sup>b</sup>added to *their number*;

15 to such an extent that they even carried the sick out into the streets, and laid them on cots and pallets, so that when Peter came by, <sup>a</sup>at least his shadow might fall on any one of them.

16 And also the <sup>1</sup>people from the cities in the vicinity of Jerusalem were coming together, bringing people who were sick <sup>2</sup>or afflicted with unclean spirits; and they were all being healed.

17 But the high priest rose up, along with all his associates (that is <sup>a</sup>the sect of <sup>b</sup>the Sadducees), and they were filled with jealousy;

18 and they laid hands on the apostles, and <sup>a</sup>put them in a public jail.

19 But <sup>a</sup>an angel of the Lord during the night opened the gates of the prison, and taking them out he said,

20 "Go your way, stand and <sup>1</sup>speak to the people in the temple <sup>2</sup>the whole message of this Life."

21 And upon hearing *this*, they entered into the temple <sup>a</sup>about daybreak, and *began* to teach. Now when <sup>b</sup>the high priest and his associates had come, they called <sup>c</sup>the <sup>1</sup>Council together, even all the Senate of the sons of Israel, and sent orders to the prison house for them to be brought.

22 But <sup>a</sup>the officers who came did not find them in the prison; and they returned, and reported back,

23 saying, "We found the prison house locked quite securely and the guards standing at the doors; but when we had opened up, we found no one inside."

24 Now when <sup>a</sup>the captain of the temple *guard* and the chief priests heard these words, they were greatly perplexed about them as to what <sup>1</sup>would come of this.

25 But someone came and reported to them, "Behold, the men whom you put in prison are standing in the temple and teaching the people!"

26 Then <sup>a</sup>the captain went along with <sup>b</sup>the officers and *proceeded* to bring them *back* without violence; (for <sup>c</sup>they were afraid of the people, lest they should be stoned).

27 And when they had brought them, they stood them <sup>1</sup>before <sup>a</sup>the Council. And the high priest questioned them,

28 saying, "We gave you <sup>a</sup>strict orders not to continue teaching in this name, and behold, you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching, and <sup>b</sup>intend to bring this man's blood upon us."

29 But Peter and the apostles answered and said, "<sup>a</sup>We must obey God rather than men.

30 "<sup>a</sup>The God of our fathers <sup>b</sup>raised up Jesus, <sup>1</sup>whom you had <sup>c</sup>put to death by hanging Him on a <sup>2</sup>cross.

31 "<sup>a</sup>He is the one whom God exalted <sup>1</sup>to His right hand as a <sup>2</sup>Prince and a <sup>c</sup>Savior, to grant <sup>d</sup>repentance to Israel, and forgiveness of sins.

32 "And we are <sup>a</sup>witnesses<sup>1</sup> of these things; and <sup>b</sup>so is the Holy Spirit, whom God has given to those who obey Him."

33 But when they heard this, they were <sup>1</sup>cut to the quick and were intending to slay them.

34 But a certain Pharisee named <sup>a</sup>Gamaliel, a <sup>b</sup>teacher of the Law, respected by all the people, stood up in <sup>c</sup>the Council and gave orders to put the men outside for a short time.

35 And he said to them, "Men of Israel, take care what you propose to do with these men.

36 "For sometime ago Theudas rose up, <sup>a</sup>claiming to be somebody; and a group of about four hundred men joined up with him. <sup>1</sup>And he was slain; and all who <sup>2</sup>followed him were dispersed and came to nothing.

37 "After this man Judas of Galilee rose up in the days of <sup>a</sup>the census, and drew away *some* people after him, he too perished, and all those who <sup>1</sup>followed him were scattered.

38 "And so in the present case, I say to you, stay away from these men and let them alone, for if this plan or <sup>1</sup>action should <sup>a</sup>be of men, it will be overthrown;

39 but if it is of God, you will not be able to overthrow them; or else you may even be found <sup>a</sup>fighting against God."

40 And they <sup>1</sup>took his advice; and after calling the apostles in, they <sup>a</sup>flogged them and ordered them to <sup>2</sup>speak no more in the name of Jesus, and *then* released them.

41 So they went on their way from the presence of the <sup>1</sup>aCouncil, <sup>b</sup>rejoicing that they had been considered worthy to suffer shame <sup>c</sup>for <sup>2</sup>His name.

42 <sup>a</sup>And every day, in the temple and <sup>1</sup>from house to house, they <sup>2</sup>kept right on teaching and <sup>3</sup>preaching Jesus as the <sup>4</sup>Christ.

CHAPTER 6

NOW <sup>1</sup>at this time while the <sup>a</sup>disciples were increasing <sup>b</sup>in number, a complaint arose on the part of the <sup>2</sup>cHellenistic Jews against the *native* <sup>d</sup>Hebrews, because their <sup>e</sup>widows were being overlooked in <sup>f</sup>the daily serving of food.

2 And the twelve summoned the <sup>1</sup>congregation of the disciples and said, "It is not desirable for us to neglect the word of God in order to serve tables.

3 "But select from among you, <sup>a</sup>brethren, seven men of good reputation, <sup>b</sup>full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we may put in charge of this task.

4 "But we will <sup>a</sup>devote ourselves to prayer, and to the <sup>b</sup>ministry of the word."

5 And the statement found approval with the whole <sup>1</sup>congregation; and they chose <sup>a</sup>Stephen, a man <sup>b</sup>full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, and <sup>c</sup>Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas and <sup>2</sup>Nicolas, a <sup>3</sup>proselyte from <sup>e</sup>Antioch.

6 And these they brought before the apostles; and after <sup>a</sup>praying, they <sup>b</sup>laid their hands on them.

7 And <sup>a</sup>the word of God kept on spreading; and <sup>b</sup>the number of the disciples continued to increase greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests were becoming obedient to <sup>c</sup>the faith.

8 And Stephen, full of grace and power, was performing great <sup>a</sup>wonders and <sup>1</sup>signs among the people.

9 But some men from what was called the Synagogue of

33 <sup>1</sup>Lit., being sawed through  
<sup>a</sup>Acts 7:54; 2:37

34 <sup>a</sup>Acts 22:3 <sup>b</sup>Luke 2:46; 5:17 <sup>c</sup>Acts 5:21

36 <sup>1</sup>Lit., Who was slain  
<sup>2</sup>Lit., were obeying  
<sup>a</sup>Acts 8:9; Gal. 2:6; 6:3

37 <sup>1</sup>Lit., were obeying  
<sup>a</sup>Luke 2:2

38 <sup>1</sup>Or, work  
<sup>a</sup>Mark 11:30

39 <sup>a</sup>Acts 11:17; Prov. 21:30

40 <sup>1</sup>Lit., were persuaded by him  
<sup>2</sup>Lit., not be speaking  
<sup>a</sup>Matt. 10:17

41 <sup>1</sup>Or, Sanhedrin <sup>2</sup>Lit., the name (par excellence)  
<sup>a</sup>Acts 5:21 <sup>1</sup>Pet. 4:14, 16  
<sup>c</sup>John 15:21

42 <sup>1</sup>Or, in the various private homes  
<sup>2</sup>Lit., were not ceasing to <sup>3</sup>Or, telling the good news of  
<sup>4</sup>Lit., Messiah  
<sup>a</sup>Acts 2:46 <sup>b</sup>Acts 8:35; 11:20; 17:18; Gal. 1:16

1 <sup>1</sup>Lit., in these days  
<sup>2</sup>Lit., non-Palestinian Jews who normally spoke Greek  
<sup>a</sup>Acts 11:26 <sup>b</sup>Acts 6:7; 2:47  
<sup>c</sup>Acts 9:29; 11:20 marg.  
<sup>d</sup>2 Cor. 11:22; Phil. 3:5  
<sup>e</sup>Acts 9:39, 41; 1 Tim. 5:3  
<sup>f</sup>Acts 4:35; 11:29

2 <sup>1</sup>Or, multitude

3 <sup>a</sup>Acts 1:15; John 21:23  
<sup>b</sup>Acts 2:4

4 <sup>1</sup>Or, service  
<sup>a</sup>Acts 1:14

5 <sup>1</sup>Lit., multitude  
<sup>2</sup>Cr., Nikolas  
<sup>3</sup>Lit., a Gentile convert to Judaism  
<sup>a</sup>Acts 6:8ff.; 11:19; 22:20  
<sup>b</sup>Acts 6:3; Acts 11:24 <sup>c</sup>Acts 8:5ff.; 21:8  
<sup>d</sup>Matt. 23:15  
<sup>e</sup>Acts 11:19

6 <sup>a</sup>Acts 1:24 <sup>b</sup>Acts 13:3; 1 Tim. 4:14; 2 Tim. 1:6; Num. 8:10; 27:18; Deut. 34:9; Acts 8:17ff.; 9:17; 19:6; Heb. 6:2; Mark 5:23

7 <sup>a</sup>Acts 12:24; 19:20  
<sup>b</sup>Acts 6:1 <sup>c</sup>Acts 13:8; 14:22; Gal. 1:23; 6:10; Jude 3, 20

8 <sup>1</sup>Or, attesting miracles  
<sup>a</sup>John 4:48

9 <sup>1</sup>I.e., west coast province of Asia Minor  
<sup>a</sup>Acts 2:10; Matt. 27:32  
<sup>b</sup>Acts 18:24 <sup>c</sup>Acts 15:23, 41; 21:39; 22:3; 23:34; 27:5; Gal. 1:21 <sup>d</sup>Acts 16:6; 19:10; 21:27; 24:18

11 <sup>1</sup>Lit., saying

12 <sup>1</sup>Lit., into <sup>2</sup>Or, Sanhedrin  
<sup>a</sup>Acts 4:1; Luke 20:1 <sup>b</sup>Matt. 5:22

13 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 26:59-61; Acts 7:58 <sup>b</sup>Matt. 24:15; Acts 21:28; Acts 25:8

14 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 26:61 <sup>b</sup>Acts 15:1; 21:21; 26:3; 28:17

15 <sup>1</sup>Or, Sanhedrin  
<sup>a</sup>Matt. 5:22

2 <sup>1</sup>Cr., Kharran  
<sup>a</sup>Acts 22:1 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 29:3; 1 Cor. 2:8 <sup>c</sup>Gen. 11:31; 15:7

3 <sup>a</sup>Gen. 12:1

4 <sup>1</sup>Cr., Kharran  
<sup>a</sup>Gen. 11:31; 15:7 <sup>b</sup>Gen. 12:5

5 <sup>a</sup>Gen. 12:7; 17:8

6 <sup>1</sup>Lit., enslave them and mistreat them  
<sup>a</sup>Gen. 15:13f.

7 <sup>1</sup>Or, worship  
<sup>a</sup>Ex. 3:12

8 <sup>1</sup>Or, a  
<sup>a</sup>Gen. 17:10ff. <sup>b</sup>Gen. 21:2-4 <sup>c</sup>Gen. 25:26 <sup>d</sup>Gen. 29:31ff.; 30:5ff.; 35:23ff. <sup>e</sup>Acts 2:29

9 <sup>a</sup>Gen. 37:11, 28; 45:4; 39:2, 21f.

10 <sup>a</sup>Gen. 39:21; 41:40-46; Ps. 105:21

11 <sup>1</sup>Lit., were not finding  
<sup>2</sup>Or, fodder  
<sup>a</sup>Gen. 41:54f.; 42:5

12 <sup>a</sup>Gen. 42:2

the Freedmen, including both <sup>a</sup>Cyrenians and <sup>b</sup>Alexandrians, and some from <sup>c</sup>Cilicia and <sup>d</sup>Asia, rose up and argued with Stephen.

10 And yet they were unable to cope with the wisdom and the Spirit with which he was speaking.

11 Then they secretly induced men <sup>1</sup>to say, "We have heard him speak blasphemous words against Moses and against God."

12 And they stirred up the people, the elders and the scribes, and they <sup>a</sup>came upon him and dragged him away, and brought him <sup>1</sup>before <sup>b</sup>the <sup>2</sup>Council.

13 And they put forward <sup>a</sup>false witnesses who said, "This man incessantly speaks against this <sup>b</sup>holy place, and the Law;

14 for we have heard him say that <sup>a</sup>this Nazarene, Jesus, will destroy this place and alter <sup>b</sup>the customs which Moses handed down to us."

15 And fixing their gaze on him, all who were sitting in the <sup>1a</sup>Council saw his face like the face of an angel.

## CHAPTER 7

AND the high priest said, "Are these things so?"

2 And he said, "Hear me, <sup>a</sup>brethren and fathers! <sup>b</sup>The God of glory <sup>c</sup>appeared to our father Abraham when he was in Mesopotamia, before he lived in <sup>1</sup>Haran,

3 AND SAID TO HIM, '<sup>a</sup>DEPART FROM YOUR COUNTRY AND YOUR RELATIVES, AND COME INTO THE LAND THAT I WILL SHOW YOU.'

4 "Then he departed from the land of the Chaldeans, and settled in <sup>1</sup>Haran. And <sup>b</sup>from there, after his father died, God removed him into this country in which you are now living.

5 "And He gave him no inheritance in it, not even a foot of ground; and yet, even when he had no child, <sup>a</sup>He promised that HE WOULD GIVE IT TO HIM AS A POSSESSION, AND TO HIS OFFSPRING AFTER HIM.

6 "But <sup>a</sup>God spoke to this effect, that HIS OFFSPRING WOULD BE ALIENS IN A FOREIGN LAND, AND THAT THEY WOULD <sup>1</sup>BE ENSLAVED AND MISTREATED FOR FOUR HUNDRED YEARS.

7 "'AND WHATEVER NATION TO WHICH THEY SHALL BE IN BONDAGE I MYSELF WILL JUDGE,' said God, 'AND <sup>a</sup>AFTER THAT THEY WILL COME OUT AND <sup>1</sup>SERVE ME IN THIS PLACE.'

8 "And He <sup>a</sup>gave him <sup>1</sup>the covenant of circumcision; and so <sup>b</sup>Abraham became the father of Isaac, and circumcised him on the eighth day; and <sup>c</sup>Isaac became the father of Jacob, and <sup>d</sup>Jacob of the twelve <sup>e</sup>patriarchs.

9 "And the patriarchs <sup>a</sup>BECAME JEALOUS OF JOSEPH AND SOLD HIM INTO EGYPT. And yet God was with him,

10 and rescued him from all his afflictions, and <sup>a</sup>GRANTED HIM FAVOR and wisdom in the sight of PHARAOH, KING OF EGYPT; AND HE MADE HIM GOVERNOR OVER EGYPT AND ALL HIS HOUSEHOLD.

11 "Now <sup>a</sup>A FAMINE CAME OVER ALL EGYPT AND CANAAN, and great affliction with it; and our fathers <sup>1</sup>could find no <sup>2</sup>food.

12 "But <sup>a</sup>WHEN JACOB HEARD THAT THERE WAS GRAIN IN EGYPT, he sent our fathers there the first time.

13 "And on the second *visit* <sup>a</sup>Joseph <sup>1</sup>made himself known to his brothers, and Joseph's family was disclosed to Pharaoh.

14 "And <sup>a</sup>Joseph sent *word* and invited Jacob his father and all his relatives to come to him, <sup>b</sup>seventy-five <sup>c</sup>persons *in all*.

15 "And <sup>a</sup>Jacob WENT DOWN TO EGYPT AND *there PASSED AWAY*, he and our fathers.

16 "And *from there* they were removed to <sup>1a</sup>Shechem, and laid in the tomb which Abraham had purchased for a sum of money from the sons of <sup>2</sup>Hamor in <sup>1</sup>Shechem.

17 "But as the time of the promise was approaching which God had assured to Abraham, <sup>a</sup>the people increased and multiplied in Egypt,

18 until <sup>a</sup>THERE AROSE ANOTHER KING OVER EGYPT WHO KNEW NOTHING ABOUT JOSEPH.

19 "It was he who took <sup>a</sup>shrewd advantage of our race, and mistreated our fathers so that they would <sup>1</sup>expose their infants and they would not survive.

20 "And it was at this time that <sup>a</sup>Moses was born; and he was lovely <sup>1</sup>in the sight of God; and he was nurtured three months in his father's home.

21 "And after he had been <sup>1</sup>exposed, <sup>a</sup>Pharaoh's daughter <sup>2</sup>took him away, and nurtured him as her own son.

22 "And Moses was educated in all <sup>a</sup>the learning of the Egyptians, and he was a man of power in words and deeds.

23 "But when he was approaching the age of forty, <sup>a</sup>it entered his <sup>1</sup>mind to visit his brethren, the sons of Israel.

24 "And when he saw one *of them* being treated unjustly, he defended him and took vengeance for the oppressed by striking down the Egyptian.

25 "And he <sup>1</sup>supposed that his brethren understood that God was granting them <sup>2</sup>deliverance <sup>3</sup>through him; but they did not understand.

26 "<sup>a</sup>And on the following day he appeared to them as they were fighting together, and he tried to reconcile them in peace, saying, 'Men, you are brethren, why do you injure one another?'

27 "<sup>a</sup>BUT THE ONE WHO WAS INJURING HIS NEIGHBOR pushed him away, saying, 'WHO MADE YOU A RULER AND JUDGE OVER US?'

28 "<sup>a</sup>YOU DO NOT MEAN TO KILL ME AS YOU KILLED THE EGYPTIAN YESTERDAY, DO YOU?'

29 "AND AT THIS REMARK <sup>a</sup>MOSES FLED, AND BECAME AN ALIEN IN THE LAND OF <sup>1</sup>MIDIAN, where he became the father of two sons.

30 "And after forty years had passed, <sup>a</sup>AN ANGEL APPEARED TO HIM IN THE WILDERNESS OF MOUNT Sinai, IN THE FLAME OF A BURNING THORN BUSH.

31 "And when Moses saw it, he *began* to marvel at the sight; and as he approached to look *more* closely, there came the voice of the Lord:

32 "<sup>a</sup>I AM THE GOD OF YOUR FATHERS, THE GOD OF ABRAHAM AND ISAAC AND JACOB.' And Moses shook *with fear* and would not venture to look.

33 "BUT THE LORD SAID TO HIM, '<sup>a</sup>TAKE OFF THE SANDALS FROM YOUR FEET, FOR THE PLACE ON WHICH YOU ARE STANDING IS HOLY GROUND.

13 <sup>1</sup>Or, *was made known*  
\*Gen. 45:14

14 \*Gen. 45:9f. <sup>b</sup>Gen. 46:26f.; Ex. 1:5; Deut. 10:22 \*Acts 2:41

15 \*Gen. 46:5; 49:33; Ex. 1:6

16 <sup>1</sup>Gr., *Sychem* <sup>2</sup>Gr., *Emmor*  
\*Gen. 23:16; 50:13; 33:19; Josh. 24:32

17 \*Ex. 1:7f.

18 \*Ex. 1:8

19 <sup>1</sup>Or, *put out to die*  
\*Ex. 1:10f., 16ff.

20 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *to God*  
\*Ex. 2:2

21 <sup>1</sup>Or, *put out to die*  
<sup>2</sup>Or, *adopted him*  
\*Ex. 2:5f., 10

22 \*1 Kin. 4:30; Is. 19:11

23 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *heart*  
\*Ex. 2:11f.

25 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *was thinking* <sup>2</sup>Or, *salvation* <sup>3</sup>Lit., *through his hand*

26 \*Ex. 2:13f.

27 \*Ex. 2:14; Acts 7:35

28 \*Ex. 2:14

29 <sup>1</sup>Gr., *Madiam*  
\*Ex. 2:15, 22

30 \*Ex. 3:1f.

32 \*Ex. 3:6

33 \*Ex. 3:5

34 <sup>1</sup>Lit., and now hither  
<sup>a</sup>Ex. 3:7 <sup>b</sup>Ex. 3:10

35 <sup>1</sup>Lit., has sent <sup>2</sup>Lit.,  
*hand*  
<sup>a</sup>Acts 7:27

36 <sup>1</sup>Or, attesting miracles  
<sup>a</sup>Ex. 12:41; 33:1; Heb. 8:9  
<sup>b</sup>Ex. 7:3; John 4:48 <sup>c</sup>Ex.  
 16:35; Num. 14:33; Ps.  
 95:8-10; Heb. 3:8f.; Acts  
 7:42; 13:18

37 <sup>1</sup>Or, as He raised up  
*me*  
<sup>a</sup>Deut. 18:15; Acts 3:22

38 <sup>1</sup>Or, church (Gr.,  
*ekklesia*)  
<sup>a</sup>Ex. 19:17 <sup>b</sup>Acts 7:53  
<sup>c</sup>Deut. 32:47; Heb. 4:12  
<sup>d</sup>Rom. 3:2; Heb. 5:12;  
 1 Pet. 4:11

39 <sup>a</sup>Num. 14:3f.

40 <sup>a</sup>Ex. 32:1, 23

41 <sup>1</sup>Lit., in those days  
<sup>2</sup>Or, young bull  
<sup>a</sup>Ex. 32:4, 6 <sup>b</sup>Rev. 9:20

42 <sup>1</sup>Or, worship <sup>2</sup>I.e.,  
 heavenly bodies  
<sup>a</sup>Josh. 24:20; Is. 63:10; Jer.  
 19:13; Ezek. 20:39 <sup>b</sup>Amos  
 5:25 <sup>c</sup>Acts 7:36

43 <sup>1</sup>Other mss. spell it:  
*Romphan, or Remphan,*  
*or Raiphan, or Rephan*  
<sup>a</sup>Amos 5:26, 27

44 <sup>a</sup>Ex. 25:8, 9; 38:21

45 <sup>1</sup>Gr., Jesus <sup>2</sup>Or,  
*Gentiles*  
<sup>a</sup>Josh. 3:14ff.; 18:1; 23:9;  
 24:18; Deut. 32:49; Ps.  
 44:2f.

46 <sup>1</sup>The earliest mss. read  
*house* instead of *God*; the  
 Septuagint reads, *God*  
<sup>2</sup>Sam. 7:8ff.; Ps. 132:1-5;  
 Acts 13:22

47 <sup>a</sup>1 Kin. 8:20

48 <sup>a</sup>Luke 1:32

49 <sup>a</sup>Is. 66:1; Matt. 5:34f.

50 <sup>a</sup>Is. 66:2

51 <sup>a</sup>Ex. 32:9; 33:3, 5; Lev.  
 26:41; Num. 27:14; Is.  
 63:10; Jer. 6:10; 9:26

34 <sup>a</sup>I HAVE CERTAINLY SEEN THE OPPRESSION OF MY PEOPLE IN EGYPT, AND HAVE HEARD THEIR GROANS, AND I HAVE COME DOWN TO DELIVER THEM; <sup>b</sup>COME NOW, AND I WILL SEND YOU TO EGYPT.'

35 "This Moses whom they <sup>a</sup>disowned, saying, 'WHO MADE YOU A RULER AND A JUDGE?' is the one whom God <sup>1</sup>sent to be both a ruler and a deliverer with the <sup>2</sup>help of the angel who appeared to him in the thorn bush.

36 <sup>a</sup>"This man led them out, performing <sup>b</sup>wonders and <sup>1</sup>signs in the land of Egypt and in the Red Sea and in the <sup>c</sup>wilderness for forty years.

37 "This is the Moses who said to the sons of Israel, 'GOD SHALL RAISE UP FOR YOU <sup>a</sup>A PROPHET <sup>1</sup>LIKE ME FROM YOUR BRETHREN.'

38 "This is the one who was in <sup>a</sup>the <sup>1</sup>congregation in the wilderness together with <sup>b</sup>the angel who was speaking to him on Mount Sinai, and *who* was with our fathers; and he received <sup>c</sup>living <sup>d</sup>oracles to pass on to you.

39 "And our fathers were unwilling to be obedient to him, but <sup>a</sup>repudiated him and in their hearts turned back to Egypt,

40 SAYING TO AARON, <sup>a</sup>"MAKE FOR US GODS WHO WILL GO BEFORE US; FOR THIS MOSES WHO LED US OUT OF THE LAND OF EGYPT—WE DO NOT KNOW WHAT HAPPENED TO HIM.'

41 "And <sup>1</sup>at that time <sup>a</sup>they made a <sup>2</sup>calf and brought a sacrifice to the idol, and were rejoicing in <sup>b</sup>the works of their hands.

42 "But God <sup>a</sup>turned away and delivered them up to <sup>1</sup>serve the <sup>2</sup>host of heaven; as it is written in the book of the prophets, <sup>b</sup>"IT WAS NOT TO ME THAT YOU OFFERED VICTIMS AND SACRIFICES <sup>c</sup>FORTY YEARS IN THE WILDERNESS, WAS IT, O HOUSE OF ISRAEL?"

43 <sup>a</sup>"YOU ALSO TOOK ALONG THE TABERNACLE OF MOLOCH AND THE STAR OF THE GOD <sup>1</sup>ROMPHA, THE IMAGES WHICH YOU MADE TO WORSHIP THEM. I ALSO WILL REMOVE YOU BEYOND BABYLON.'

44 "Our fathers had <sup>a</sup>the tabernacle of testimony in the wilderness, just as He who spoke to Moses directed *him* to make it according to the pattern which he had seen.

45 "And having received it in their turn, our fathers <sup>a</sup>brought it in with <sup>1</sup>Joshua upon dispossessing the <sup>2</sup>nations whom God drove out before our fathers, until the time of David.

46 "And <sup>a</sup>David found favor in God's sight, and asked that he might find a dwelling place for the <sup>1</sup>God of Jacob.

47 "But it was <sup>a</sup>Solomon who built a house for Him.

48 "However, <sup>a</sup>the Most High does not dwell in *houses* made by *human* hands; as the prophet says:

49 <sup>a</sup>HEAVEN IS MY THRONE,

AND EARTH IS THE FOOTSTOOL OF MY FEET;

WHAT KIND OF HOUSE WILL YOU BUILD FOR ME?' says the Lord;

'OR WHAT PLACE IS THERE FOR MY REPOSE?

50 <sup>a</sup>WAS IT NOT MY HAND WHICH MADE ALL THESE THINGS?'

51 "You men who are <sup>a</sup>stiff-necked and uncircumcised in heart and ears are always resisting the Holy Spirit; you are doing just as your fathers did.



52 "Which one of the prophets did your fathers not persecute? And they killed those who had previously announced the coming of the Righteous One, whose betrayers and murderers you have now become;

53 you who received the law as ordained by angels, and yet did not keep it."

54 Now when they heard this, they were cut to the quick, and they began gnashing their teeth at him.

55 But being full of the Holy Spirit, he gazed intently into heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God;

56 and he said, "Behold, I see the heavens opened up and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God."

57 But they cried out with a loud voice, and covered their ears, and they rushed upon him with one impulse.

58 And when they had driven him out of the city, they began stoning him, and the witnesses laid aside their robes at the feet of a young man named Saul.

59 And they went on stoning Stephen as he called upon the Lord and said, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit!"

60 And falling on his knees, he cried out with a loud voice, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them!" And having said this, he fell asleep.

CHAPTER 8

AND Saul was in hearty agreement with putting him to death.

And on that day a great persecution arose against the church in Jerusalem; and they were all scattered throughout the regions of Judea and Samaria, except the apostles.

2 And some devout men buried Stephen, and made loud lamentation over him.

3 But Saul began ravaging the church, entering house after house; and dragging off men and women, he would put them in prison.

4 Therefore, those who had been scattered went about preaching the word.

5 And Philip went down to the city of Samaria and began proclaiming Christ to them.

6 And the multitudes with one accord were giving attention to what was said by Philip, as they heard and saw the signs which he was performing.

7 For in the case of many who had unclean spirits, they were coming out of them shouting with a loud voice; and many who had been paralyzed and lame were healed.

8 And there was much rejoicing in that city.

9 Now there was a certain man named Simon, who formerly was practicing magic in the city, and astonishing the people of Samaria, claiming to be someone great;

10 and they all, from smallest to greatest, were giving attention to him, saying, "This man is what is called the Great Power of God."

11 And they were giving him attention because he had for a long time astonished them with his magic arts.

52 \*2 Chr. 36:15f.; Matt. 23:31, 37; 5:12 \*Acts 22:14; 3:14; 1 John 2:1 \*Acts 3:14; 5:28

53 \*Acts 7:38; Gal. 3:19; Heb. 2:2; Deut. 33:2 [Sept.]

54 \*Lit., in their hearts \*Acts 5:33

55 \*Acts 2:4 \*John 11:41 \*Mark 16:19

56 \*John 1:51 \*Matt. 8:20

58 \*Lev. 24:14, 16; Luke 4:29 \*Acts 6:13; Deut. 13:9f.; 17:7 \*Acts 22:20 \*Acts 8:1; 22:20; 26:10

59 \*Acts 9:14, 21; 22:16; Rom. 10:12, 13f.; 1 Cor. 1:2; 2 Tim. 2:22

60 \*Or, expired \*Luke 22:41 \*Matt. 5:44; Luke 23:34 \*Dan. 12:2; Matt. 27:52; John 11:11f.; Acts 13:36; 1 Cor. 15:6, 18, 20; 1 Thess. 4:13ff.; 2 Pet. 3:4

1 \*Acts 7:58; 22:20; 26:10 \*Acts 9:31 \*Acts 8:4; 11:19 \*Acts 1:8; 8:5; 14; 9:31

3 \*Acts 9:1, 13, 21; 22:4, 19; 26:10f.; 1 Cor. 15:9; Gal. 1:13; Phil. 3:6; 1 Tim. 1:13 \*James 2:6

4 \*Or, bringing the good tidings of \*Acts 8:1 \*Acts 8:12; 15:35

5 \*I.e., the Messiah \*Acts 6:5; 8:26, 30

6 \*Or, attesting miracles

7 \*Mark 16:17 \*Matt. 4:24

8 \*Acts 8:39; John 4:40-42

9 \*Acts 8:11; 13:6 \*Acts 5:36

10 \*Acts 14:11; 28:6

11 \*Acts 8:9; 13:6

12 <sup>a</sup>Acts 8:4; 1:3 <sup>b</sup>Acts 2:38

13 <sup>a</sup>Acts 8:6 <sup>b</sup>Acts 19:11

14 <sup>a</sup>Acts 8:1 <sup>b</sup>Luke 22:8

15 <sup>a</sup>Acts 2:38; 19:2

16 <sup>1</sup>Lit., into  
<sup>a</sup>Matt. 28:19

17 <sup>a</sup>Acts 6:6; Mark 5:23  
<sup>b</sup>Acts 2:4

20 <sup>a</sup>Acts 2:38; Matt. 10:8;  
Is. 55:1; 2 Kin. 5:16; Dan.  
5:17

21 <sup>1</sup>Or, teaching; lit.,  
word  
<sup>a</sup>Deut. 10:9; 12:12; Eph. 5:5  
<sup>b</sup>Ps. 78:37

23 <sup>1</sup>Or, fetter  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 58:6

25 <sup>a</sup>Luke 16:28 <sup>b</sup>Acts  
13:12 <sup>c</sup>Acts 8:40 <sup>d</sup>Matt.  
10:5

26 <sup>1</sup>Or, This city is  
deserted  
<sup>a</sup>Acts 5:19; 8:29 <sup>b</sup>Acts 8:5  
<sup>c</sup>Gen. 10:19

27 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 68:31; 87:4; Is.  
56:3ff. <sup>b</sup>1 Kin. 8:41f.; John  
12:20

28 <sup>1</sup>Or, carriage

29 <sup>1</sup>Or, carriage  
<sup>a</sup>Acts 10:19; 11:12; 13:2;  
20:23; 21:11; 16:6, 7; 28:25;  
Heb. 3:7; Acts 8:39

12 But when they believed Philip <sup>a</sup>preaching the good news about the kingdom of God and the name of Jesus Christ, they were being <sup>b</sup>baptized, men and women alike.

13 And even Simon himself believed; and after being baptized, he continued on with Philip; and as he observed <sup>a</sup>signs and <sup>b</sup>great miracles taking place, he was constantly amazed.

14 Now when <sup>a</sup>the apostles in Jerusalem heard that Samaria had received the word of God, they sent them <sup>b</sup>Peter and John,

15 who came down and prayed for them, <sup>a</sup>that they might receive the Holy Spirit.

16 For He had not yet fallen upon any of them; they had simply been <sup>a</sup>baptized <sup>1</sup>in the name of the Lord Jesus.

17 Then they <sup>a</sup>began laying their hands on them, and they were <sup>b</sup>receiving the Holy Spirit.

18 Now when Simon saw that the Spirit was bestowed through the laying on of the apostles' hands, he offered them money,

19 saying, "Give this authority to me as well, so that everyone on whom I lay my hands may receive the Holy Spirit."

20 But Peter said to him, "May your silver perish with you, because you thought you could <sup>a</sup>obtain the gift of God with money!

21 "You have <sup>a</sup>no part or portion in this <sup>1</sup>matter, for your heart is not <sup>b</sup>right before God.

22 "Therefore repent of this wickedness of yours, and pray the Lord that if possible, the intention of your heart may be forgiven you.

23 "For I see that you are in the gall of bitterness and in <sup>a</sup>the <sup>1</sup>bondage of iniquity."

24 But Simon answered and said, "Pray to the Lord for me yourselves, so that nothing of what you have said may come upon me."

25 And so, when they had solemnly <sup>a</sup>testified and spoken <sup>b</sup>the word of the Lord, they started back to Jerusalem, and were <sup>c</sup>preaching the gospel to many villages of the <sup>d</sup>Samaritans.

26 But <sup>a</sup>an angel of the Lord spoke to <sup>b</sup>Philip saying, "Arise and go south to the road that descends from Jerusalem to <sup>c</sup>Gaza." (<sup>1</sup>This is a desert road.)

27 And he arose and went; and behold, <sup>a</sup>there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, who was in charge of all her treasure; and he <sup>b</sup>had come to Jerusalem to worship.

28 And he was returning and sitting in his <sup>1</sup>chariot, and was reading the prophet Isaiah.

29 And <sup>a</sup>the Spirit said to Philip, "Go up and join this <sup>1</sup>chariot."

30 And when Philip had run up, he heard him reading Isaiah the prophet, and said, "Do you understand what you are reading?"

31 And he said, "Well, how could I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to come up and sit with him.

32 Now the passage of Scripture which he was reading was this:

"<sup>a</sup>HE WAS LED AS A SHEEP TO SLAUGHTER;  
AND AS A LAMB BEFORE ITS SHEARER IS SILENT,  
SO HE DOES NOT OPEN HIS MOUTH.

33 "<sup>a</sup>IN HUMILIATION HIS JUDGMENT WAS TAKEN AWAY;  
WHO SHALL <sup>1</sup>RELATE HIS <sup>2</sup>GENERATION?  
FOR HIS LIFE IS REMOVED FROM THE EARTH."

34 And the eunuch answered Philip and said, "Please tell me, of whom does the prophet say this? Of himself, or of someone else?"

35 And Philip <sup>a</sup>opened his mouth, and <sup>b</sup>beginning from this Scripture he <sup>c</sup>preached Jesus to him.

36 And as they went along the road they came to some water; and the eunuch <sup>a</sup>said, "Look! Water! <sup>a</sup>What prevents me from being baptized?"

37 (See marginal note.)

38 And he ordered the <sup>1</sup>chariot to stop; and they both went down into the water, Philip as well as the eunuch; and he baptized him.

39 And when they came up out of the water, <sup>a</sup>the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; and the eunuch saw him no more, but went on his way rejoicing.

40 But Philip <sup>1</sup>found himself at <sup>2a</sup>Azotus; and as he passed through he <sup>b</sup>kept preaching the gospel to all the cities, until he came to <sup>c</sup>Caesarea.

CHAPTER 9

<sup>a</sup>NOW Saul, still <sup>b</sup>breathing <sup>1</sup>threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest,

2 and asked for <sup>a</sup>letters from him to <sup>b</sup>the synagogues at <sup>c</sup>Damascus, so that if he found any belonging to <sup>d</sup>the Way, both men and women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem.

3 And it came about that as he journeyed, he was approaching Damascus, and <sup>a</sup>suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him;

4 and <sup>a</sup>he fell to the ground, and heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting Me?"

5 And he said, "Who art Thou, Lord?" And He said, "I am Jesus whom you are persecuting,

6 but rise, and enter the city, and <sup>a</sup>it shall be told you what you must do."

7 And the men who traveled with him <sup>a</sup>stood speechless, <sup>b</sup>hearing the <sup>1</sup>voice, but seeing no one.

8 And Saul got up from the ground, and <sup>a</sup>though his eyes were open, he <sup>1</sup>could see nothing; and leading him by the hand, they brought him into <sup>b</sup>Damascus.

9 And he was three days without sight, and neither ate nor drank.

10 Now there was a certain disciple at <sup>a</sup>Damascus, named <sup>b</sup>Ananias; and the Lord said to him in <sup>a</sup>a vision, "Ananias." And he said, "Behold, *here am I*, Lord."

11 And the Lord said to him, "Arise and go to the street called Straight, and inquire at the house of Judas for a man from <sup>a</sup>Tarsus named Saul, for behold, he is praying,

12 and he has seen <sup>1</sup>in a vision a man named Ananias come in and <sup>a</sup>lay his hands on him, so that he might regain his sight."

32 <sup>a</sup>Is. 53:7

33 <sup>1</sup>Or, describe <sup>2</sup>Or, family, or, origin <sup>a</sup>Is. 53:8f.

35 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 5:2 <sup>b</sup>Luke 24:27; Acts 17:2; 18:28; 28:23 <sup>c</sup>Acts 5:42

36 <sup>a</sup>Acts 10:47

37 Late mss. insert verse 37: *And Philip said, "If you believe with all your heart, you may." And he answered and said, "I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God."*

38 <sup>1</sup>Or, carriage

39 <sup>a</sup>1 Kin. 18:12; 2 Kin. 2:16; Ezek. 3:12, 14; 8:3; 11:1; 24; 43:5; 2 Cor. 12:2

40 <sup>1</sup>Or, was found <sup>2</sup>O.T.: Ashdod <sup>a</sup>Josh. 11:22; 1 Sam. 5:1 <sup>b</sup>Acts 8:25 <sup>c</sup>Acts 9:30; 10:1, 24; 11:11; 12:19; 18:22; 21:8, 16; 23:23, 33; 25:1, 4, 6, 13

1 <sup>1</sup>Lit., threat <sup>a</sup>Acts 9:1-22; 22:3-16; 26:9-18 <sup>b</sup>Acts 8:3; Acts 9:13-21

2 <sup>a</sup>Acts 22:5; 26:10; 9:14, 21 <sup>b</sup>Matt. 10:17 <sup>c</sup>Gen. 14:15; 2 Cor. 11:32; Gal. 1:17 <sup>d</sup>Acts 19:9, 23; 22:4; 24:14, 22; 18:25f.; John 14:6

3 <sup>a</sup>1 Cor. 15:8

4 <sup>a</sup>Acts 22:7; 26:14

6 <sup>a</sup>Acts 9:16

7 <sup>1</sup>Or, sound <sup>a</sup>Acts 26:14 <sup>b</sup>Acts 22:9 [John 12:29f.]

8 <sup>1</sup>Lit., was seeing <sup>a</sup>Acts 22:11; 9:18 <sup>b</sup>Gen. 14:15; 2 Cor. 11:32; Gal. 1:17

10 <sup>a</sup>Gen. 14:15; 2 Cor. 11:32; Gal. 1:17 <sup>b</sup>Acts 22:12 <sup>c</sup>Acts 10:3, 17, 19; 11:5; 12:9; 16:9f.; 18:9

11 <sup>a</sup>Acts 9:30; 11:25; 21:39; 22:3

12 <sup>1</sup>Some mss. omit, in a vision <sup>a</sup>Acts 9:17; Mark 5:23; Acts 6:6

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13 <sup>1</sup>I.e., true believers; lit., *holy ones*  
<sup>a</sup>Acts 8:3 <sup>b</sup>Acts 9:32, 41;  
 26:10; Rom 1:7; 15:25f.; 31;  
 16:2, 15; 1 Cor. 1:2

14 <sup>a</sup>Acts 9:2, 21 <sup>b</sup>Acts 7:59

15 <sup>1</sup>Or, *vesel*  
<sup>a</sup>Acts 13:2; Rom. 1:1; Gal.  
 1:15; Eph. 3:7; Rom. 9:23  
<sup>b</sup>Rom. 1:5 marg.; 11:13;  
 15:16; Gal. 1:16; 2:7f.;  
 Eph. 3:2, 8; 1 Tim. 2:7;  
 2 Tim. 4:17; Acts 22:21;  
 26:17 <sup>c</sup>Acts 25:22f.; 26:1,  
 32; 2 Tim. 4:16

16 <sup>a</sup>Acts 20:23; 21:11 (4  
 and 13); 1 Thess. 3:3;  
 2 Cor. 6:4f.; 11:23-27

17 <sup>a</sup>Acts 9:12; Mark 5:23;  
 Acts 6:6 <sup>b</sup>Acts 22:13 <sup>c</sup>Acts  
 2:4

19 <sup>a</sup>Acts 26:20 <sup>b</sup>Acts  
 11:26; 9:26, 38

20 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *that*  
<sup>a</sup>Acts 13:5, 14; 14:1; 17:2,  
 10; 18:4, 19; 19:8; 16:13;  
 28:17 <sup>b</sup>Matt. 4:3; Acts  
 13:33; 9:22

21 <sup>a</sup>Acts 8:3; 9:13; Gal.  
 1:13, 23 <sup>b</sup>Acts 9:14

22 <sup>1</sup>I.e., *Messiah*

23 <sup>a</sup>Gal. 1:17, 18 <sup>b</sup>1 Thess.  
 2:16

24 <sup>a</sup>Acts 20:3, 19; 23:12,  
 30; 25:3 <sup>b</sup>2 Cor. 11:32f.

25 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 15:37

26 <sup>a</sup>Acts 22:17-20; 26:20

27 <sup>a</sup>Acts 4:36 <sup>b</sup>Acts 9:3-6  
<sup>c</sup>Acts 13:20, 22 <sup>d</sup>Acts 9:29;  
 4:13, 29

28 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *going in and  
 going out*  
<sup>a</sup>Acts 9:29; 4:13, 29

29 <sup>a</sup>Acts 6:1

30 <sup>a</sup>Acts 1:15 <sup>b</sup>Acts 8:40  
<sup>c</sup>Gal. 1:21 <sup>d</sup>Acts 9:11

31 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *was having*  
<sup>a</sup>Acts 5:11; 8:1; 16:5

32 <sup>1</sup>I.e., true believers; lit.,  
*holy ones*  
<sup>a</sup>Acts 9:13 <sup>b</sup>1 Chr. 8:12;  
 Ezra 2:33; Neh. 7:37; 11:35

13 But Ananias answered, "Lord, I have heard from many about this man, <sup>a</sup>how much harm he did to <sup>b</sup>Thy <sup>1</sup>saints at Jerusalem;

14 and here he <sup>a</sup>has authority from the chief priests to bind all who <sup>b</sup>call upon Thy name."

15 But the Lord said to him, "Go, for <sup>a</sup>he is a chosen <sup>1</sup>instrument of Mine, to bear My name before <sup>b</sup>the Gentiles and <sup>c</sup>kings and the sons of Israel;

16 for <sup>a</sup>I will show him how much he must suffer for My name's sake."

17 And Ananias departed and entered the house, and after <sup>a</sup>laying his hands on him said, "<sup>b</sup>Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on the road by which you were coming, has sent me so that you may regain your sight, and be <sup>c</sup>filled with the Holy Spirit."

18 And immediately there fell from his eyes something like scales, and he regained his sight, and he arose and was baptized;

19 and he took food and was strengthened.

Now <sup>a</sup>for several days he was with <sup>b</sup>the disciples who were at Damascus,

20 and immediately he *began* to proclaim Jesus <sup>a</sup>in the synagogues, <sup>1</sup>saying, "He is <sup>b</sup>the Son of God."

21 And all those hearing him continued to be amazed, and were saying, "Is this not he who in Jerusalem <sup>a</sup>destroyed those who <sup>b</sup>called on this name, and *who* had come here for the purpose of bringing them bound before the chief priests?"

22 But Saul kept increasing in strength and confounding the Jews who lived at Damascus by proving that this *Jesus* is the <sup>1</sup>Christ.

23 And when <sup>a</sup>many days had elapsed, <sup>b</sup>the Jews plotted together to do away with him,

24 but <sup>a</sup>their plot became known to Saul. And <sup>b</sup>they were also watching the gates day and night so that they might put him to death;

25 but his disciples took him by night, and let him down through *an opening in* the wall, lowering him in a <sup>a</sup>basket.

26 And <sup>a</sup>when he had come to Jerusalem, he was trying to associate with the disciples; and they were all afraid of him, not believing that he was a disciple.

27 But <sup>a</sup>Barnabas took hold of him and brought him to the apostles and described to them how he had <sup>b</sup>seen the Lord on the road, and that He had talked to him, and how <sup>c</sup>at Damascus he had <sup>d</sup>spoken out boldly in the name of Jesus.

28 And he was with them <sup>1</sup>moving about freely in Jerusalem, <sup>a</sup>speaking out boldly in the name of the Lord.

29 And he was talking and arguing with the <sup>a</sup>Hellenistic *Jews*; but they were attempting to put him to death.

30 But when <sup>a</sup>the brethren learned *of it*, they brought him down to <sup>b</sup>Caesarea and <sup>c</sup>sent him away to <sup>d</sup>Tarsus.

31 So <sup>a</sup>the church throughout all Judea and Galilee and Samaria <sup>1</sup>enjoyed peace, being built up; and, going on in the fear of the Lord and in the comfort of the Holy Spirit, it continued to increase.

32 Now it came about that as Peter was traveling through all *those parts*, he came down also to <sup>a</sup>the <sup>1</sup>saints who lived at <sup>b</sup>Lydda.

33 And there he found a certain man named Aeneas, who had been bedridden eight years, for he was paralyzed.

34 And Peter said to him, "Aeneas, Jesus Christ heals you; arise, and make your bed." And immediately he arose.

35 And all who lived at <sup>a</sup>Lydda and <sup>b</sup>Sharon saw him, and they <sup>c</sup>turned to the Lord.

36 Now in <sup>a</sup>Joppa there was a certain disciple named Tabitha (which translated in *Greek* is called <sup>1</sup>Dorcas); this woman was abounding with deeds of kindness and charity, which she continually did.

37 And it came about <sup>1</sup>at that time that she fell sick and died; and when they had washed her body, they laid it in an <sup>a</sup>upper room.

38 And since Lydda was near <sup>a</sup>Joppa, <sup>b</sup>the disciples, having heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him, entreating him, "Do not delay to come to us."

39 And Peter arose and went with them. And when he had come, they brought him into the <sup>a</sup>upper room; and all the <sup>b</sup>widows stood beside him weeping, and showing all the <sup>1</sup>tunics and garments that Dorcas used to make while she was with them.

40 But Peter <sup>a</sup>sent them all out and <sup>b</sup>knelt down and prayed, and turning to the body, he said, "<sup>c</sup>Tabitha, arise." And she opened her eyes, and when she saw Peter, she sat up.

41 And he gave her his hand and raised her up; and calling <sup>a</sup>the <sup>1</sup>saints and <sup>b</sup>widows, he presented her alive.

42 And it became known all over <sup>a</sup>Joppa, and <sup>b</sup>many believed in the Lord.

43 And it came about that he stayed many days in <sup>a</sup>Joppa with <sup>ba</sup> certain tanner, Simon.

CHAPTER 10

**N**OW there was a certain man at <sup>a</sup>Caesarea named Cornelius, a centurion of what was <sup>b</sup>called the Italian <sup>1</sup>cohort,

2 a devout man, and <sup>a</sup>one who feared God with all his household, and <sup>b</sup>gave many <sup>1</sup>alms to the *Jewish* people, and prayed to God continually.

3 About <sup>a</sup>the <sup>1</sup>ninth hour of the day he clearly saw <sup>bin</sup> a vision <sup>c</sup>an angel of God who had *just* come in to him, and said to him, "Cornelius!"

4 And <sup>a</sup>fixing his gaze upon him and being much alarmed, he said, "What is it, Lord?" And he said to him, "Your prayers and <sup>1</sup>alms <sup>b</sup>have ascended <sup>c</sup>as a memorial before God.

5 "And now dispatch *some* men to <sup>a</sup>Joppa, and send for a man *named* Simon, who is also called Peter;

6 he <sup>1</sup>is staying with a certain tanner *named* <sup>a</sup>Simon, whose house is by the sea."

7 And when the angel who was speaking to him had departed, he summoned two of his <sup>1</sup>servants and a devout soldier of those who were in constant attendance upon him,

8 and after he had explained everything to them, he sent them to <sup>a</sup>Joppa.

9 And on the next day, as they were on their way, and

35 <sup>a</sup>1 Chr. 8:12; Ezra 2:33; Neh. 7:37; 11:35 <sup>b</sup>1 Chr. 5:16; 27:29; Is. 33:9; 35:2; 65:10 <sup>c</sup>Acts 11:21; 2:47; 9:42

36 <sup>1</sup>Or, *Gazelle*  
<sup>a</sup>Josh. 19:46; 2 Chr. 2:16; Ezra 3:7; Jonah 1:3; Acts 9:38, 42f.; 10:5, 8, 23, 32; 11:5, 13

37 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *in those days*  
<sup>a</sup>Acts 9:39; 1:13

38 <sup>a</sup>Josh. 19:46; 2 Chr. 2:16; Ezra 3:7; Jonah 1:3; Acts 9:36, 42f.; 10:5, 8, 23, 32; 11:5, 13 <sup>b</sup>Acts 11:26

39 <sup>1</sup>Or, *inner garments*  
<sup>a</sup>Acts 9:37; 1:13 <sup>b</sup>Acts 6:1

40 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 9:25 <sup>b</sup>Acts 7:60; Luke 22:41 <sup>c</sup>Mark 5:41

41 <sup>1</sup>Note vs. 32  
<sup>a</sup>Acts 9:13 <sup>b</sup>Acts 6:1

42 <sup>a</sup>Josh. 19:46; 2 Chr. 2:16; Jonah 1:3; Acts 9:38, 42f.; 10:5, 8, 23, 32; 11:5, 13 <sup>b</sup>Acts 9:35

43 <sup>a</sup>Josh. 19:46; 2 Chr. 2:16; Ezra 3:7; Jonah 1:3; Acts 9:38, 42f.; 10:5, 8, 23, 32; 11:15, 13 <sup>b</sup>Acts 10:6

1 <sup>1</sup>Or, *battalion*  
<sup>a</sup>Acts 8:40; 10:24 <sup>b</sup>Matt. 27:27; Mark 15:16; John 18:3, 12; Acts 21:31; 27:1

2 <sup>1</sup>Or, *gifts of charity*  
<sup>a</sup>Acts 10:22, 35; 13:16, 26  
<sup>b</sup>Luke 7:4f.

3 <sup>1</sup>Le., 3 p.m.  
<sup>a</sup>Acts 3:1 <sup>b</sup>Acts 9:10; 10:17, 19 <sup>c</sup>Acts 5:19

4 <sup>1</sup>Or, *deeds of charity*  
<sup>a</sup>Acts 3:4 <sup>b</sup>Rev. 8:4 <sup>c</sup>Matt. 26:13; Phil. 4:18; Heb. 6:10

5 <sup>a</sup>Acts 9:36

6 <sup>1</sup>Or, *is lodging*  
<sup>a</sup>Acts 9:43

7 <sup>1</sup>Or, *household slaves*

8 <sup>a</sup>Acts 9:36

<sup>9</sup> I.e., noon

<sup>a</sup>Acts 10:9-32; 11:5-14  
<sup>b</sup>Matt. 24:17; Jer. 19:13;  
32:29; Zeph. 1:5 <sup>c</sup>Acts 10:3;  
Ps. 55:17

10 <sup>a</sup>Acts 22:17; 11:5

11 <sup>1</sup>Or, *heaven* <sup>2</sup>Or, *vessel*  
<sup>a</sup>John 1:51

12 <sup>1</sup>Or possibly, *reptiles*  
<sup>2</sup>Or, *heaven*

13 <sup>1</sup>Or, *sacrifice*

14 <sup>1</sup>Or, *profane*; lit.,  
*common*  
<sup>a</sup>Matt. 8:2ff.; John 4:11ff.;  
Acts 9:5; 22:8 <sup>b</sup>Acts 10:28;  
Ezek. 4:14; Dan. 1:8; Lev.  
11: 20-25; Deut. 14:4-20

15 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *make common*  
<sup>a</sup>Mark 7:19; Rom. 14:14;  
1 Cor. 10:25ff.; 1 Tim. 4:4f.;  
Titus 1:15; Matt. 15:11

16 <sup>1</sup>Or, *vessel* <sup>2</sup>Or, *heaven*

17 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *himself*  
<sup>a</sup>Acts 10:3 <sup>b</sup>Acts 10:8

18 <sup>1</sup>Or, *lodging*

19 <sup>1</sup>One early ms. reads,  
*two*  
<sup>a</sup>Acts 10:3 <sup>b</sup>Acts 8:29

20 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *doubting nothing*  
<sup>a</sup>Acts 15:7-9

22 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *words*  
<sup>a</sup>Acts 10:2 <sup>b</sup>Matt. 2:12  
<sup>c</sup>Mark 8:38; Luke 9:26;  
Rev. 14:10 <sup>d</sup>Acts 11:14

23 <sup>a</sup>Acts 10:45; 11:12  
<sup>b</sup>Acts 1:15 <sup>c</sup>Acts 9:36

24 <sup>a</sup>Acts 10:1; 8:40

25 <sup>1</sup>Or, *prostrated himself*  
*in reverence*  
<sup>a</sup>Matt. 8:2

26 <sup>a</sup>Rev. 19:10; 22:8f.;  
Acts 14:15

27 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *finds*  
<sup>a</sup>Acts 10:24

28 <sup>1</sup>Or, *profane*; lit.,  
*common*  
<sup>a</sup>Acts 11:3; John 4:9; 18:28  
<sup>b</sup>Acts 10:14f.; 10:35; 15:9

30 I.e., 3 to 4 p.m.  
<sup>a</sup>Acts 10:9, 22f. <sup>b</sup>Acts 10:3;  
3:1 <sup>c</sup>Acts 10:30-32; 10:36

approaching the city, <sup>a</sup>Peter went up on <sup>b</sup>the housetop about  
<sup>c</sup>the <sup>1</sup>sixth hour to pray.

10 And he became hungry, and was desiring to eat; but while they were making preparations, he <sup>a</sup>fell into a trance;

11 and he <sup>a</sup>beheld <sup>a</sup>the <sup>1</sup>sky opened up, and a certain <sup>2</sup>object like a great sheet coming down, lowered by four corners to the ground,

12 and there were in it all *kinds* of four-footed animals and <sup>1</sup>crawling creatures of the earth and birds of the <sup>2</sup>air.

13 And a voice came to him, "Arise, Peter, <sup>1</sup>kill and eat!"

14 But Peter said, "By no means, <sup>a</sup>Lord, for <sup>b</sup>I have never eaten anything <sup>1</sup>unholy and unclean."

15 And again a voice *came* to him a second time, "What God has cleansed, no *longer* consider <sup>1</sup>unholy."

16 And this happened three times; and immediately the <sup>1</sup>object was taken up into the <sup>2</sup>sky.

17 Now while Peter was greatly perplexed <sup>1</sup>in mind as to what <sup>a</sup>the vision which he had seen might be, behold, <sup>b</sup>the men who had been sent by Cornelius, having asked directions for Simon's house, appeared at the gate;

18 and calling out, they were asking whether Simon, who was also called Peter, was <sup>1</sup>staying there.

19 And while Peter was reflecting on <sup>a</sup>the vision, <sup>b</sup>the Spirit said to him, "Behold, <sup>1</sup>three men are looking for you.

20 "But arise, go downstairs, and <sup>a</sup>accompany them <sup>1</sup>without misgivings; for I have sent them *Myself*."

21 And Peter went down to the men and said, "Behold, I am the one you are looking for; what is the reason for which you have come?"

22 And they said, "Cornelius, a centurion, a righteous and <sup>a</sup>God-fearing man well spoken of by the entire nation of the Jews, <sup>b</sup>was *divinely* directed by a <sup>c</sup>holy angel to send for you to come to his house and hear <sup>d</sup>a <sup>1</sup>message from you."

23 And so he invited them in and gave them lodging.

And on the next day he arose and went away with them, and <sup>a</sup>some of <sup>b</sup>the brethren from <sup>c</sup>Joppa accompanied him.

24 And on the following day he entered <sup>a</sup>Caesarea. Now Cornelius was waiting for them, and had called together his relatives and close friends.

25 And when it came about that Peter entered, Cornelius met him, and fell at his feet and <sup>1</sup>worshiped *him*.

26 But Peter raised him up, saying, "Stand up; I too am *just* a man."

27 And as he talked with him, he entered, and <sup>1</sup>found <sup>a</sup>many people assembled.

28 And he said to them, "You yourselves know how <sup>a</sup>unlawful it is for a man who is a Jew to associate with a foreigner or to visit him; and yet <sup>b</sup>God has shown me that I should not call any man <sup>1</sup>unholy or unclean.

29 "That is why I came without even raising any objection when I was sent for. And so I ask for what reason you have sent for me."

30 And Cornelius said, "Four days ago to this hour, I was praying in my house during <sup>b</sup>the <sup>1</sup>ninth hour; and behold, <sup>a</sup>a man stood before me in shining garments,

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31 and he <sup>a</sup>said, 'Cornelius, your prayer has been heard and your <sup>1</sup>alms have been remembered before God.

32 'Send therefore to <sup>a</sup>Joppa and invite Simon, who is also called Peter, to come to you; he is <sup>1</sup>staying at the house of Simon *the tanner by the sea.*'

33 "And so I sent to you immediately, and you have <sup>1</sup>been kind enough to come. Now then, we are all here present before God to hear all that you have been commanded by the Lord."

34 And <sup>a</sup>opening his mouth, Peter said:

"I most certainly understand *now* that <sup>b</sup>God is not one to show partiality,

35 but <sup>a</sup>in every nation the man who <sup>1</sup>bears Him and <sup>2</sup>does what is right, is welcome to Him.

36 "The word which He sent to the sons of Israel, <sup>a</sup>preaching <sup>2</sup>peace through Jesus Christ (He is <sup>c</sup>Lord of all)—

37 you yourselves know the thing which took place throughout all Judea, starting from Galilee, after the baptism which John proclaimed.

38 "You know of <sup>a</sup>Jesus of Nazareth, how God <sup>b</sup>anointed Him with the Holy Spirit and with power, <sup>2c</sup>and *how* He went about doing good, and healing all who were oppressed by the devil; for <sup>d</sup>God was with Him.

39 "And we are <sup>a</sup>witnesses of all the things He did both in the <sup>1</sup>land of the Jews and in Jerusalem. And they also <sup>b</sup>put Him to death by hanging Him on a <sup>2</sup>cross.

40 "God raised Him up on the third day, and granted that He should become visible,

41 <sup>a</sup>not to all the people, but to <sup>b</sup>witnesses who were chosen beforehand by God, *that is*, to us, <sup>c</sup>who ate and drank with Him after He arose from the dead.

42 "And He <sup>a</sup>ordered us to <sup>1</sup>preach to the people, and solemnly to <sup>b</sup>testify that this is the One who has been <sup>c</sup>appointed by God as <sup>d</sup>Judge of the living and the dead.

43 "Of Him <sup>a</sup>all the prophets bear witness that through <sup>b</sup>His name every one who believes in Him has received forgiveness of sins."

44 While Peter was still speaking these words, <sup>a</sup>the Holy Spirit fell upon all those who were listening to the <sup>1</sup>message.

45 And <sup>a</sup>all the <sup>1</sup>circumcised believers who had come with Peter were amazed, because the gift of the Holy Spirit had been <sup>b</sup>poured out upon the Gentiles also.

46 For they were hearing them <sup>a</sup>speaking with tongues and exalting God. Then Peter <sup>b</sup>answered,

47 "Surely no one can refuse the water for these to be baptized who <sup>b</sup>have received the Holy Spirit just as we *did*, can he?"

48 And he <sup>a</sup>ordered them to be baptized <sup>b</sup>in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they asked him to stay on for a few days.

**CHAPTER 11**

**N**OW the apostles and <sup>a</sup>the brethren who were throughout Judea heard that the Gentiles also had received the word of God.

2 And when Peter came up to Jerusalem, <sup>1a</sup>those who were circumcised took issue with him,

31 <sup>1</sup>Or, *deeds of charity*

32 <sup>1</sup>Or, *lodging*  
<sup>a</sup>Acts 11:3; John 4:9; 18:28

33 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *done well in coming*

34 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 5:2 <sup>b</sup>Deut. 10:17; 2 Chr. 19:7; Rom. 2:11; Gal. 2:6; Eph. 6:9; Col. 3:25; 1 Pet. 1:17

35 <sup>1</sup>Or, *reverences* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *works righteousness*  
<sup>a</sup>Acts 10:28 <sup>b</sup>Acts 10:2

36 <sup>1</sup>Some mss. read, *He sent the word to* <sup>2</sup>Or, *preaching the gospel of peace*  
<sup>a</sup>Acts 13:32 <sup>b</sup>Luke 1:79; 2:14; Rom. 5:1; Eph. 2:17  
<sup>c</sup>Rom. 10:12; Acts 2:36; Matt. 28:18

38 <sup>1</sup>Or possibly, *How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth*  
<sup>2</sup>Lit., *who went*  
<sup>a</sup>Acts 2:22 <sup>b</sup>Acts 4:26  
<sup>c</sup>Matt. 4:23 <sup>d</sup>John 3:2

39 <sup>1</sup>Or, *countryside* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *wood*  
<sup>a</sup>Luke 24:48; Acts 10:41  
<sup>b</sup>Acts 5:30

40 <sup>a</sup>Acts 2:24

41 <sup>a</sup>John 14:19, 22; 15:27  
<sup>b</sup>Luke 24:48; Acts 10:39  
<sup>c</sup>Luke 24:43; Acts 1:4 marg.

42 <sup>1</sup>Or, *proclaim*  
<sup>a</sup>Acts 1:2 <sup>b</sup>Luke 16:28  
<sup>c</sup>Luke 22:22 <sup>d</sup>2 Tim. 4:1; 1 Pet. 4:5; John 5:22, 27; Acts 17:31

43 <sup>a</sup>Acts 3:18 <sup>b</sup>Luke 24:47; Acts 2:38; 4:12

44 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *word*  
<sup>a</sup>Acts 11:15; 15:8

45 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *believers from among the circumcision*; i.e., Jewish Christians  
<sup>a</sup>Acts 10:23 <sup>b</sup>Acts 2:33, 38

46 <sup>a</sup>Acts 2:4; 19:6; Mark 16:17 <sup>b</sup>Acts 3:12

47 <sup>a</sup>Acts 8:36 <sup>b</sup>Acts 10:44f.; 11:17; 15:8; 2:4

48 <sup>a</sup>1 Cor. 1:14-17 <sup>b</sup>Acts 2:38; 8:16; 19:5

1 <sup>a</sup>Acts 1:15

2 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *those of the circumcision*; i.e., Jewish Christians  
<sup>a</sup>Acts 10:45

Acts 11

3 <sup>1</sup>Or, *entered the house of*  
<sup>a</sup>Matt. 9:11; Gal. 2:12; Acts 10:28

4 <sup>a</sup>Luke 1:3

5 <sup>1</sup>Or, *vessel* <sup>2</sup>Or, *heaven*  
<sup>a</sup>Acts 11:5-14; Acts 10:9-32  
<sup>b</sup>Acts 9:10

6 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *and I saw* <sup>2</sup>Or, *possibly, reptiles* <sup>3</sup>Or, *heaven*

7 <sup>1</sup>Or, *sacrifice*

8 <sup>1</sup>Or, *profane*; lit., *common*

9 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *make common*  
<sup>a</sup>Acts 10:15

10 <sup>1</sup>Or, *heaven*

11 <sup>a</sup>Acts 8:40

12 <sup>1</sup>Or, *without making any distinction*  
<sup>a</sup>Acts 8:29 <sup>b</sup>Acts 15:9; Rom. 3:22 <sup>c</sup>Acts 10:23

13 <sup>1</sup>Or, *after he had stood in his house and said*

14 <sup>a</sup>Acts 10:22 <sup>b</sup>Acts 10:2; 16:15; 31:34; 18:8; John 4:53; 1 Cor. 1:16

15 <sup>a</sup>Acts 10:44 <sup>b</sup>Acts 2:4

16 <sup>1</sup>Or, *in*  
<sup>a</sup>Acts 1:5

17 <sup>1</sup>Or, *prevent God*  
<sup>a</sup>Acts 10:45; <sup>b</sup>Acts 5:39

18 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *became silent*  
<sup>a</sup>Matt. 9:8 <sup>b</sup>2 Cor. 7:10

19 <sup>1</sup>Or, *tribulation* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *as far as*  
<sup>a</sup>Acts 8:1, 4 <sup>b</sup>Acts 15:3; 21:2  
<sup>c</sup>Acts 4:36 <sup>d</sup>Acts 11:20, 22; 27; 6:5; 13:1; 14:26; 15:22f., 30, 35; 18:22; Gal. 2:11

20 <sup>1</sup>Some mss. read, *Greek-speaking Jews* <sup>2</sup>Or, *bringing the good news of*  
<sup>a</sup>Acts 4:36 <sup>b</sup>Acts 2:10, 6:9; 13:1; Matt. 27:32 <sup>c</sup>Acts 11:19, 22, 27; 6:5; 13:1; 14:26; 15:22f., 30, 35; 18:22; Gal. 2:11 <sup>d</sup>John 7:35 <sup>e</sup>Acts 5:42

21 <sup>a</sup>Luke 1:66 <sup>b</sup>Acts 2:47

22 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *word* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *was heard in* <sup>3</sup>Lit., *as far as*  
<sup>a</sup>Acts 4:36 <sup>b</sup>Acts 11:19, 20, 27; 6:5; 13:1; 14:26; 15:22f., 30, 35; 18:22; Gal. 2:11

23 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *seen* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *purpose of heart*  
<sup>a</sup>Acts 13:43; 14:26; 15:40; 20:24, 32

3 saying, "aYou <sup>1</sup>went to uncircumcised men and ate with them."

4 But Peter began *speaking* and *proceeded* to explain to them <sup>a</sup>in orderly sequence, saying,

5 "aI was in the city of Joppa praying; and in a trance I saw <sup>b</sup>a vision, a certain <sup>1</sup>object coming down like a great sheet lowered by four corners from <sup>2</sup>the sky; and it came right down to me,

6 and when I had fixed my gaze upon it and was observing it <sup>1</sup>I saw the four-footed animals of the earth and the wild beasts and the <sup>2</sup>crawling creatures and the birds of the <sup>3</sup>air.

7 "And I also heard a voice saying to me, 'Arise, Peter; <sup>1</sup>kill and eat.'

8 "But I said, 'By no means, Lord, for nothing <sup>1</sup>unholy or unclean has ever entered my mouth.'

9 "But a voice from heaven answered a second time, 'aWhat God has cleansed, no longer <sup>1</sup>consider unholy.'

10 "And this happened three times, and everything was drawn back up into <sup>1</sup>the sky.

11 "And behold, at that moment three men appeared before the house in which we were *staying*, having been sent to me from <sup>a</sup>Caesarea.

12 "And <sup>a</sup>the Spirit told me to go with them <sup>1</sup>without misgivings. And <sup>c</sup>these six brethren also went with me, and we entered the man's house.

13 "And he reported to us how he had seen the angel <sup>1</sup>standing in his house, and saying, 'Send to Joppa, and have Simon, who is also called Peter, brought here;

14 and he shall speak <sup>a</sup>words to you by which you will be saved, you and <sup>b</sup>all your household.'

15 "And as I began to speak, <sup>a</sup>the Holy Spirit fell upon them, just <sup>b</sup>as *He did* upon us at the beginning.

16 "And I remembered the word of the Lord, how He used to say, 'aJohn baptized with water, but you shall be baptized <sup>1</sup>with the Holy Spirit.'

17 "If <sup>a</sup>God therefore gave to them the same gift as *He gave* to us also after believing in the Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>b</sup>who was I that I could <sup>1</sup>stand in God's way?"

18 And when they heard this, they <sup>1</sup>quieted down, and <sup>a</sup>glorified God, saying, "Well then, God has granted to the Gentiles also the <sup>b</sup>repentance *that leads to life*."

19 <sup>a</sup>So then those who were scattered because of the <sup>1</sup>persecution that arose in connection with Stephen made their way <sup>2</sup>to <sup>b</sup>Phoenicia and <sup>c</sup>Cyprus and <sup>d</sup>Antioch, speaking the word to no one except to Jews alone.

20 But there were some of them, men of <sup>a</sup>Cyprus and <sup>b</sup>Cyrene, who came to <sup>c</sup>Antioch and *began* speaking to the <sup>1</sup>dGreeks also, <sup>2</sup>preaching the Lord Jesus.

21 And <sup>a</sup>the hand of the Lord was with them, and <sup>b</sup>a large number who believed turned to the Lord.

22 And the <sup>1</sup>news about them <sup>2</sup>reached the ears of the church at Jerusalem, and they sent <sup>a</sup>Barnabas off <sup>3</sup>to <sup>b</sup>Antioch.

23 Then when he had come and <sup>1</sup>witnessed <sup>a</sup>the grace of God, he rejoiced and *began* to encourage them all with <sup>2</sup>resolute heart to remain *true* to the Lord;



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24 for he was a good man, and <sup>a</sup>full of the Holy Spirit and of faith. And <sup>b</sup>considerable <sup>1</sup>numbers were <sup>2</sup>brought to the Lord.

25 And he left for <sup>a</sup>Tarsus to look for Saul;

26 and when he had found him, he brought him to <sup>a</sup>Antioch. And it came about that for an entire year they <sup>1</sup>met with the church, and taught considerable <sup>2</sup>numbers; and <sup>b</sup>the disciples were first called <sup>c</sup>Christians in <sup>a</sup>Antioch.

27 Now <sup>1</sup>at this time <sup>a</sup>some prophets <sup>b</sup>came down from Jerusalem to <sup>c</sup>Antioch.

28 And one of them named <sup>a</sup>Agabus stood up and *began* to indicate <sup>1</sup>by the Spirit that there would certainly be a great famine <sup>2</sup>all over the <sup>3</sup>world. And this took place in the *reign* of <sup>c</sup>Claudius.

29 And in the proportion that any of <sup>a</sup>the disciples had means, each of them determined to send *a contribution* for the <sup>1</sup>relief of <sup>b</sup>the brethren living in Judea.

30 <sup>a</sup>And this they did, sending it <sup>1</sup>in charge of <sup>b</sup>Barnabas and Saul to the <sup>c</sup>elders.

**CHAPTER 12**

**N**OW about that time <sup>1</sup>Herod the king laid hands on some who belonged to the church, in order to mistreat them.

2 And he <sup>a</sup>had James the brother of John <sup>b</sup>put to death with a sword.

3 And when he saw that it <sup>a</sup>pleased the Jews, he proceeded to arrest Peter also. Now <sup>1</sup>it was during <sup>b</sup>the days of *the Feast of Unleavened Bread*.

4 And when he had seized him, he put him in prison, delivering him to four <sup>1</sup>squads of soldiers to guard him, intending after <sup>b</sup>the Passover to bring him out before the people.

5 So Peter was kept in the prison, but prayer for him was being made fervently by the church to God.

6 And on the very night when Herod was about to bring him forward, Peter was sleeping between two soldiers, <sup>a</sup>bound with two chains; and guards in front of the door were watching over the prison.

7 And behold, <sup>a</sup>an angel of the Lord suddenly <sup>b</sup>appeared, and a light shone in the cell; and he struck Peter's side and roused him, saying, "Get up quickly." And <sup>c</sup>his chains fell off his hands.

8 And the angel said to him, "Gird yourself and <sup>1</sup>put on your sandals." And he did so. And he <sup>a</sup>said to him, "Wrap your cloak around you and follow me."

9 And he went out and continued to follow, and he did not know that what was being done by the angel was real, but thought he was seeing <sup>a</sup>a vision.

10 And when they had passed the first and second guard, they came to the iron gate that leads into the city, which <sup>a</sup>opened for them by itself; and they went out and went along one street; and immediately the angel departed from him.

11 And when Peter <sup>a</sup>came to himself, he said, "Now I know for sure that <sup>b</sup>the Lord has sent forth His angel and rescued me from the hand of Herod and from all <sup>1</sup>that the Jewish people were expecting."

24 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *multitudes* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *added*  
<sup>a</sup>Acts 2:4 <sup>b</sup>Acts 5:14; 2:47; 11:21

25 <sup>a</sup>Acts 9:11

26 <sup>1</sup>Or, *were gathered together* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *multitude*  
<sup>a</sup>Acts 11:20, 22, 27; 6:5; 13:1; 14:26; 15:22f., 30, 35; 18:22; Gal. 2:11 <sup>b</sup>Acts 6:1f.; 9:19, 26, 38; 11:29; 13:52; 14:20, 22, 28; John 2:2; Acts 9:25; 1:15 <sup>c</sup>Acts 26:28; 1 Pet. 4:16

27 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *in these days*  
<sup>a</sup>Acts 13:1; 2:17; Luke 11:49; 1 Cor. 12:10, 28f.  
<sup>b</sup>Acts 18:22 <sup>c</sup>Acts 11:20, 22, 26; 6:5; 13:1; 14:26; 15:22f., 30, 35; 18:22; Gal. 2:11

28 <sup>1</sup>Or, *through* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *inhabited earth*  
<sup>a</sup>Acts 21:10 <sup>b</sup>Matt. 24:14  
<sup>c</sup>Acts 18:2

29 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *service*  
<sup>a</sup>Acts 6:1f.; 9:19, 26, 38; Acts 11:26; 13:52; 14:20, 22, 28; John 2:2; Acts 9:25; 1:15 <sup>b</sup>Acts 11:1

30 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *through the hand of*  
<sup>a</sup>Acts 12:25 <sup>b</sup>Acts 4:36  
<sup>c</sup>Acts 14:23; 15:2, 4, 6, 22f.; 16:4; 20:17; 21:18; 1 Tim. 5:17; 19; Titus 1:5; James 5:14; 1 Pet. 5:1; 2 John 1; 3 John 1

1 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *Herod Agrippa I*

2 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 4:21; 20:23  
<sup>b</sup>Mark 10:39

3 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *they were the days*  
<sup>a</sup>Acts 24:27; 25:9 <sup>b</sup>Ex. 12:15; 23:15; Acts 20:6

4 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *quaternions*; *one quaternion is composed of four soldiers*  
<sup>a</sup>John 19:23 <sup>b</sup>Mark 14:1; Acts 12:3

6 <sup>a</sup>Acts 21:33

7 <sup>a</sup>Acts 5:19 <sup>b</sup>Luke 2:9; 24:4 <sup>c</sup>Acts 16:26

8 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *bind*

9 <sup>a</sup>Acts 9:10

10 <sup>a</sup>Acts 5:19; 16:26

11 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *the expectation of the people of the Jews*  
<sup>a</sup>Luke 15:17 <sup>b</sup>Dan. 3:28; 6:22

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12 <sup>a</sup>Acts 12:25; 13:5, 13; 15:37, 39; Col. 4:10; 2 Tim. 4:11; Philem. 24; 1 Pet. 5:13 <sup>b</sup>Acts 12:5

13 <sup>a</sup>John 18:16f.

14 <sup>a</sup>Luke 24:41

15 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 18:10

17 <sup>1</sup>Or, *Jacob*  
<sup>a</sup>Acts 13:16; 19:33; 21:40  
<sup>b</sup>Acts 15:13; 21:18; 1 Cor. 15:7; Gal. 1:19; 2:9, 12;  
Mark 6:3 <sup>c</sup>Acts 1:15

18 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *what therefore had become*

19 <sup>a</sup>Acts 16:27; 27:42  
<sup>b</sup>Acts 8:40

20 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 11:21 <sup>b1</sup> Kin. 5:11; Ezra 3:7; Ezek. 27:17

21 <sup>1</sup>Or, *judgment-seat*

23 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *breathed his last*  
<sup>a</sup>Acts 5:19; 2 Sam. 24:16;  
2 Kin. 19:35

24 <sup>a</sup>Acts 6:7; 19:20

25 <sup>1</sup>Some ancient mss. read, *to Jerusalem* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *ministry*  
<sup>a</sup>Acts 13:1ff.; 4:36 <sup>b</sup>Acts 11:30 <sup>c</sup>Acts 12:12

1 <sup>a</sup>Acts 11:19 <sup>b</sup>Acts 11:26  
<sup>c</sup>Acts 11:27; 15:32; 1 Cor. 14:29, 32, 37; Acts 19:6; 21:9; 1 Cor. 11:4f.; 13:2, 8f.  
<sup>d1</sup> Cor. 12:28f.; Eph. 4:11; Rom. 12:6f.; James 3:1  
<sup>e</sup>Acts 13:1ff.; 4:36 <sup>f</sup>Matt. 27:32; Acts 11:20 <sup>g</sup>Matt. 14:1

2 <sup>a</sup>Acts 8:29; 13:4 <sup>b</sup>Acts 13:1ff.; 4:36 <sup>c</sup>Acts 9:15

3 <sup>a</sup>Acts 1:24 <sup>b</sup>Acts 6:6  
<sup>c</sup>Acts 14:26; 13:4

4 <sup>a</sup>Acts 13:2f. <sup>b</sup>Acts 4:36

12 And when he realized *this*, he went to the house of Mary, the mother of <sup>a</sup>John who was also called Mark, where many were gathered together and <sup>b</sup>were praying.

13 And when he knocked at the door of the gate, <sup>a</sup>a servant-girl named Rhoda came to answer.

14 And when she recognized Peter's voice, <sup>a</sup>because of her joy she did not open the gate, but ran in and announced that Peter was standing in front of the gate.

15 And they said to her, "You are out of your mind!" But she kept insisting that it was so. And they kept saying, "It is <sup>a</sup>his angel."

16 But Peter continued knocking; and when they had opened, they saw him and were amazed.

17 But <sup>a</sup>motioning to them with his hand to be silent, he described to them how the Lord had led him out of the prison. And he said, "Report these things to <sup>1b</sup>James and <sup>c</sup>the brethren." And he departed and went to another place.

18 Now when day came, there was no small disturbance among the soldiers *as to* <sup>1</sup>what could have become of Peter.

19 And when Herod had searched for him and had not found him, he examined the guards and ordered that they <sup>a</sup>be led away to *execution*. And he went down from Judea to <sup>b</sup>Caesarea and was spending time there.

20 Now he was very angry with the people of <sup>a</sup>Tyre and Sidon; and with one accord they came to him, and having won over Blastus the king's chamberlain, they were asking for peace, because <sup>b</sup>their country was fed by the king's country.

21 And on an appointed day Herod, having put on his royal apparel, took his seat on the <sup>1</sup>rostrum and *began* delivering an address to them.

22 And the people kept crying out, "The voice of a god and not of a man!"

23 And immediately <sup>a</sup>an angel of the Lord struck him because he did not give God the glory, and he was eaten by worms and <sup>1</sup>died.

24 But <sup>a</sup>the word of the Lord continued to grow and to be multiplied.

25 And <sup>a</sup>Barnabas and <sup>a</sup>Saul returned <sup>1</sup>from Jerusalem <sup>b</sup>when they had fulfilled their <sup>2</sup>mission, taking along with *them* <sup>c</sup>John, who was also called Mark.

**CHAPTER 13**

**N**OW there were at <sup>a</sup>Antioch, in the <sup>b</sup>church that was *there*, <sup>c</sup>prophets and <sup>d</sup>teachers: <sup>e</sup>Barnabas, and Simeon who was called Niger, and Lucius of <sup>f</sup>Cyrene, and Manaen who had been brought up with <sup>g</sup>Herod the tetrarch, and <sup>c</sup>Saul.

2 And while they were ministering to the Lord and fasting, <sup>a</sup>the Holy Spirit said, "Set apart for Me <sup>b</sup>Barnabas and Saul for <sup>c</sup>the work to which I have called them."

3 Then, when they had fasted and <sup>a</sup>prayed and <sup>b</sup>laid their hands on them, <sup>c</sup>they sent them away.

4 So, being <sup>a</sup>sent out by the Holy Spirit, they went down to Seleucia and from there they sailed to <sup>b</sup>Cyprus.

5 And when they reached Salamis, they *began* to proclaim

the word of God in <sup>a</sup>the synagogues of the Jews; and they also had <sup>b</sup>John as their helper.

6 And when they had gone through the whole island as far as Paphos, they found a certain <sup>a</sup>magician, a Jewish <sup>b</sup>false prophet whose name was Bar-Jesus,

7 who was with the <sup>a</sup>proconsul, Sergius Paulus, a man of intelligence. This man summoned Barnabas and Saul and sought to hear the word of God.

8 But Elymas the <sup>a</sup>magician (for thus his name is translated) was opposing them, seeking to turn the <sup>b</sup>proconsul away from <sup>c</sup>the faith.

9 But Saul, who was also *known as Paul*, <sup>a</sup>filled with the Holy Spirit, fixed his gaze upon him,

10 and said, "You who are full of all deceit and fraud, you <sup>a</sup>son of the devil, you enemy of all righteousness, will you not cease to make crooked <sup>b</sup>the straight ways of the Lord?"

11 "And now, behold, <sup>a</sup>the hand of the Lord is upon you, and you will be blind and not see the sun for a time." And immediately a mist and a darkness fell upon him, and he went about seeking those who would lead him by the hand.

12 Then the <sup>a</sup>proconsul believed when he saw what had happened, being amazed at <sup>b</sup>the teaching of the Lord.

13 Now Paul and his companions put out to sea from <sup>a</sup>Paphos and came to <sup>b</sup>Perga in <sup>c</sup>Pamphylia; and <sup>d</sup>John left them and returned to Jerusalem.

14 But going on from Perga, they arrived at <sup>a</sup>Pisidian <sup>b</sup>Antioch, and on <sup>c</sup>the Sabbath day they went into <sup>d</sup>the synagogue and sat down.

15 And after <sup>a</sup>the reading of the Law and <sup>b</sup>the Prophets <sup>c</sup>the synagogue officials sent to them, saying, "Brethren, if you have any word of exhortation for the people, say it."

16 And Paul stood up, and <sup>a</sup>motioning with his hand, he said,

"Men of Israel, and <sup>b</sup>you who fear God, listen:

17 "The God of this people Israel <sup>a</sup>chose our fathers, and <sup>b</sup>made the people great during their stay in the land of Egypt, and with an uplifted arm He led them out from it.

18 "And for <sup>a</sup>a period of about forty years <sup>b</sup>He <sup>c</sup>put up with them in the wilderness.

19 "And <sup>a</sup>when He had destroyed <sup>b</sup>seven nations in the land of Canaan, He <sup>c</sup>distributed their land as an inheritance—all of which <sup>d</sup>took <sup>e</sup>about four hundred and fifty years.

20 "And after these things He <sup>a</sup>gave <sup>b</sup>them judges until <sup>c</sup>Samuel the prophet.

21 "And then they <sup>a</sup>asked for a king, and God gave them <sup>b</sup>Saul the son of Kish, a man of the tribe of Benjamin, for forty years.

22 "And after He had <sup>a</sup>removed him, He raised up David to be their king, concerning whom He also testified and said, 'I have found <sup>b</sup>David the son of Jesse, a man after My heart, who will do all My <sup>c</sup>will.'

23 "<sup>a</sup>From the offspring of this man, <sup>b</sup>according to promise, God has brought to Israel <sup>c</sup>a Savior, Jesus,

24 after <sup>a</sup>John had proclaimed before <sup>b</sup>His coming a baptism of repentance to all the people of Israel.

25 "And while John <sup>a</sup>was completing his course, <sup>b</sup>he kept

5 <sup>a</sup>Acts 9:20; 13:14 <sup>b</sup>Acts 12:12

6 <sup>a</sup>Acts 8:9 <sup>b</sup>Matt. 7:15

7 <sup>a</sup>Acts 13:8, 12; 18:12; 19:38

8 <sup>a</sup>Acts 8:9 <sup>b</sup>Acts 13:7, 12; Acts 18:12; 19:38 <sup>c</sup>Acts 6:7

9 <sup>1</sup>Or, *having just been filled*  
<sup>a</sup>Acts 4:8; 2:4

10 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 13:38; John 8:44  
<sup>b</sup>Hos. 14:9; 2 Pet. 2:15

11 <sup>a</sup>Ex. 9:3; 1 Sam. 5:6f.; Ps. 32:4; Job 19:21; Heb. 10:31

12 <sup>a</sup>Acts 13:7, 8; 18:12; 19:38 <sup>b</sup>Acts 13:49; 8:25; 15:35f.; 19:10, 20

13 <sup>a</sup>Acts 13:6 <sup>b</sup>Acts 14:25  
<sup>c</sup>Acts 2:10; 14:24; 15:38; 27:5 <sup>d</sup>Acts 12:12

14 <sup>a</sup>Acts 14:24 <sup>b</sup>Acts 14:19, 21; 2 Tim. 3:11 <sup>c</sup>Acts 13:42, 44; 16:13; 18:4; 17:2  
<sup>d</sup>Acts 9:20; 13:5

15 <sup>a</sup>Acts 15:21; 2 Cor. 3:14f. <sup>b</sup>Acts 13:27 <sup>c</sup>Mark 5:22

16 <sup>a</sup>Acts 12:17 <sup>b</sup>Acts 10:2; 13:26

17 <sup>1</sup>Or, *exalted*  
<sup>a</sup>Deut. 7:6-8; Ex. 6:1, 6; 13:14, 16; Acts 7:17ff.

18 <sup>1</sup>Some ancient mss. read, *bore them up in His arms as a nurse in the wilderness*  
<sup>a</sup>Acts 7:36 <sup>b</sup>Deut. 1:31

19 <sup>a</sup>Acts 7:45 <sup>b</sup>Deut. 7:1  
<sup>c</sup>Josh. 19:51; Ps. 78:55  
<sup>d</sup>Judg. 11:26; 1 Km. 6:1

20 <sup>a</sup>Judg. 2:16 <sup>b</sup>Acts 3:24

21 <sup>a</sup>1 Sam. 8:5 <sup>b</sup>1 Sam. 10:1; 9:1f.

22 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *will*  
<sup>a</sup>1 Sam. 15:23, 26, 28; 16:1, 13 <sup>b</sup>1 Sam. 13:14; Ps. 89:20; Acts 7:46

23 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 1:1 <sup>b</sup>Acts 13:32f.  
<sup>c</sup>Luke 2:11; John 4:42

24 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *the face of His entering*  
<sup>a</sup>Mark 1:14; Acts 1:22; 19:4

25 <sup>a</sup>Acts 20:24 <sup>b</sup>John 1:20, 27; Matt. 3:11; Mark 1:7; Luke 3:16

26 <sup>a</sup>Acts 28:28; Acts 5:20;  
4:12; 13:46; John 6:68

27 <sup>1</sup>Lit., voices  
<sup>a</sup>Luke 23:13 <sup>b</sup>Acts 3:17  
<sup>c</sup>Luke 24:27 <sup>d</sup>Acts 13:15

28 <sup>1</sup>Lit., destroyed  
<sup>a</sup>Acts 3:14

29 <sup>1</sup>Lit., wood  
<sup>a</sup>Acts 26:22 <sup>b</sup>Luke 23:53  
<sup>c</sup>Acts 5:30

30 <sup>a</sup>Acts 13:33, 34, 37;  
2:24

31 <sup>a</sup>Acts 1:11 <sup>b</sup>Luke 24:48

32 <sup>a</sup>Acts 5:42; 14:15 <sup>b</sup>Acts  
26:6; Rom. 1:2; 4:13; 9:4;  
Acts 13:23

33 <sup>1</sup>Some mss. read, to us  
their children  
<sup>a</sup>Acts 13:30, 34, 37; 2:24  
<sup>b</sup>Ps. 2:7

34 <sup>a</sup>Acts 13:30, 33, 37;  
2:24 <sup>b</sup>Is. 55:3

35 <sup>1</sup>Lit., give <sup>2</sup>Or, Devout,  
or, Pious <sup>3</sup>Lit., see  
corruption  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 16:10; Acts 2:27

36 <sup>1</sup>Or, served his own  
generation by the purpose  
of God <sup>2</sup>Lit., saw  
corruption  
<sup>a</sup>Acts 2:29 <sup>b</sup>Acts 13:22;  
20:27 <sup>c</sup>Acts 8:1; 1 Kin. 2:10

37 <sup>1</sup>Lit., see corruption  
<sup>a</sup>Acts 13:30, 33, 34; 2:24

38 <sup>1</sup>Lit., this One  
<sup>a</sup>Luke 24:47; Acts 2:38

39 <sup>1</sup>Lit., justified <sup>2</sup>In the  
Greek text the remainder  
of this vs. is part of vs. 38  
<sup>a</sup>Rom. 3:28; 10:4; Acts  
10:43

40 <sup>a</sup>John 6:45; Acts 7:42;  
Luke 24:44

41 <sup>1</sup>Lit., disappear  
<sup>a</sup>Hab. 1:5

42 <sup>1</sup>Lit., they were <sup>2</sup>Lit.,  
they <sup>3</sup>Lit., words  
<sup>a</sup>Acts 13:14

43 <sup>1</sup>i.e., Gentile converts  
to Judaism  
<sup>a</sup>Acts 13:50; 17:4, 17; Acts  
16:14; 18:7 <sup>b</sup>Matt. 23:15  
<sup>c</sup>Acts 11:23

44 <sup>1</sup>Some ancient mss.  
read, the Lord  
<sup>a</sup>Acts 13:14

45 <sup>1</sup>Or, reviling  
<sup>a</sup>Acts 13:50; 14:2, 4, 5, 19;  
1 Thess. 2:16

saying, 'What do you suppose that I am? I am not *He*. But behold, one is coming after me the sandals of whose feet I am not worthy to untie.'

26 "Brethren, sons of Abraham's family, and those among you who fear God, to us the word of <sup>a</sup>this salvation is sent out.

27 "For those who live in Jerusalem, and their <sup>a</sup>rulers, <sup>b</sup>recognizing neither Him nor the <sup>1</sup>utterances of <sup>c</sup>the prophets which are <sup>a</sup>read every Sabbath, fulfilled *these* by condemning *Him*.

28 "And though they found no ground for *putting Him* to death, they <sup>a</sup>asked Pilate that He be <sup>c</sup>executed.

29 "And when they had <sup>a</sup>carried out all that was written concerning Him, <sup>b</sup>they took Him down from <sup>c</sup>the <sup>1</sup>cross and laid Him in a tomb.

30 "But God <sup>a</sup>raised Him from the dead;

31 and for many days He appeared to those who came up with Him <sup>a</sup>from Galilee to Jerusalem, the very ones who are now <sup>b</sup>His witnesses to the people.

32 "And we <sup>a</sup>preach to you the good news of <sup>b</sup>the promise made to the fathers,

33 that God has fulfilled this *promise* <sup>1</sup>to our children in that He <sup>a</sup>raised up Jesus, as it is also written in the second Psalm, <sup>b</sup>'THOU ART MY SON; TODAY I HAVE BEGOTTEN THEE.'

34 "And as for the fact that He <sup>a</sup>raised Him up from the dead, no more to return to decay, He has spoken in this way: <sup>b</sup>'I WILL GIVE YOU THE HOLY and SURE  *blessings* OF DAVID.'

35 "Therefore He also says in another *Psalm*, <sup>a</sup>'THOU WILT NOT <sup>1</sup>ALLOW THY <sup>2</sup>HOLY ONE TO <sup>3</sup>UNDERGO DECAY.'

36 "For <sup>a</sup>David, after he had <sup>1</sup>served <sup>b</sup>the purpose of God in his own generation, <sup>c</sup>fell asleep, and was laid among his fathers, and <sup>2</sup>underwent decay;

37 but He whom God <sup>a</sup>raised did not <sup>1</sup>undergo decay.

38 "Therefore let it be known to you, brethren, that <sup>a</sup>through <sup>1</sup>Him forgiveness of sins is proclaimed to you,

39 and through Him <sup>a</sup>everyone who believes is <sup>1</sup>freed<sup>2</sup> from all things, from which you could not be <sup>1</sup>freed through the Law of Moses.

40 "Take heed therefore, so that the thing spoken of <sup>a</sup>in the Prophets may not come upon you:

41 <sup>a</sup>'BEHOLD, YOU SCOFFERS, AND MARVEL, AND <sup>1</sup>PERISH;  
FOR I AM ACCOMPLISHING A WORK IN YOUR DAYS,

A WORK WHICH YOU WILL NEVER BELIEVE, THOUGH  
SOMEONE SHOULD DESCRIBE IT TO YOU.'

42 And as <sup>1</sup>Paul and Barnabas were going out, <sup>2</sup>the people kept begging that these <sup>3</sup>things might be spoken to them the next <sup>a</sup>Sabbath.

43 Now when *the meeting* of the synagogue had broken up, many of the Jews and of the <sup>a</sup>God-fearing <sup>1</sup>proselytes followed Paul and Barnabas, who, speaking to them, were urging them to continue in <sup>c</sup>the grace of God.

44 And the next <sup>a</sup>Sabbath nearly the whole city assembled to hear the word of <sup>1</sup>God.

45 But when <sup>a</sup>the Jews saw the crowds, they were filled with jealousy, and *began* contradicting the things spoken by Paul, and were <sup>1</sup>blaspheming.

46 And Paul and Barnabas spoke out boldly and said, "It

was necessary that the word of God should be spoken to you <sup>a</sup>first; since you repudiate it, and judge yourselves unworthy of eternal life, behold, <sup>b</sup>we are turning to the Gentiles.

47 "For thus the Lord has commanded us,

<sup>a</sup>I HAVE PLACED YOU AS A <sup>b</sup>LIGHT FOR THE GENTILES, THAT YOU SHOULD <sup>b</sup>BRING SALVATION TO THE END OF THE EARTH."

48 And when the Gentiles heard this, they *began* rejoicing and glorifying <sup>a</sup>the word of <sup>1</sup>the Lord; and as many as <sup>b</sup>had been appointed to eternal life believed.

49 And <sup>a</sup>the word of the Lord was being spread through the whole region.

50 But <sup>a</sup>the Jews aroused the <sup>1b</sup>devout women <sup>c</sup>of prominence and the leading men of the city, and instigated a persecution against Paul and Barnabas, and drove them out of their <sup>2</sup>district.

51 But <sup>a</sup>they shook off the dust of their feet *in protest* against them and went to <sup>b</sup>Iconium.

52 And the disciples were continually <sup>a</sup>filled with joy and with the Holy Spirit.

## CHAPTER 14

AND it came about that in <sup>a</sup>Iconium <sup>b</sup>they entered the synagogue of the Jews together, and spoke in such a manner <sup>c</sup>that a great multitude believed, both of Jews and of <sup>d</sup>Greeks.

2 But <sup>a</sup>the Jews who <sup>1b</sup>disbelieved stirred up the <sup>2</sup>minds of the Gentiles, and embittered them against <sup>c</sup>the brethren.

3 Therefore they spent a long time *there* <sup>a</sup>speaking boldly with *reliance* upon the Lord, who was bearing witness to the word of His grace, granting that <sup>1b</sup>signs and wonders be done by their hands.

4 <sup>a</sup>But the multitude of the city was divided; and some <sup>1s</sup>ided with <sup>b</sup>the Jews, and some with <sup>c</sup>the apostles.

5 And when an attempt was made by both the Gentiles and <sup>a</sup>the Jews with their rulers, to mistreat and to <sup>b</sup>stone them,

6 they became aware of it and fled to the cities of <sup>a</sup>Lycania, <sup>b</sup>Lystra and <sup>c</sup>Derbe, and the surrounding region;

7 and there they continued to <sup>a</sup>preach the gospel.

8 And at <sup>a</sup>Lystra there was sitting <sup>ba</sup>a certain man, without strength in his feet, lame from his mother's womb, who had never walked.

9 This man was listening to Paul as he spoke, who, <sup>a</sup>when he had fixed his gaze upon him, and had seen that he had <sup>b</sup>faith to be <sup>1</sup>made well,

10 said with a loud voice, "Stand upright on your feet." <sup>a</sup>And he leaped up and *began* to walk.

11 And when the multitudes saw what Paul had done, they raised their voice, saying in the <sup>a</sup>Lycanian language, "<sup>b</sup>The gods have become like men and have come down to us."

12 And they *began* calling Barnabas, <sup>1</sup>Zeus, and Paul, <sup>2</sup>Hermes, because he was <sup>3</sup>the chief speaker.

13 And the priest of Zeus, whose *temple* was <sup>1</sup>just outside the city, brought oxen and garlands to the gates, and <sup>a</sup>wanted to offer sacrifice with the crowds.

<sup>46</sup> <sup>a</sup>Acts 3:26; 13:5, 14:9; 20; <sup>b</sup>Acts 18:6; 22:21; 26:20; 28:28; 19:9, 15

47 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *be for salvation* <sup>1s</sup>. 49:6 <sup>b</sup>Luke 2:32

48 <sup>1</sup>Some ancient mss. read, *God* <sup>a</sup>Acts 13:12 <sup>b</sup>Rom. 8:28ff.; Eph. 1:4f., 11

49 <sup>a</sup>Acts 13:12

50 <sup>1</sup>Or, *worshiping* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *boundaries* <sup>a</sup>Acts 13:45; 14:2, 4, 5, 19; 1 Thess. 2:16 <sup>b</sup>Acts 13:43; 17:4, 17; 16:14; 18:7 <sup>c</sup>Mark 15:43

51 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 10:14; Acts 18:6 <sup>b</sup>Acts 14:1, 19, 21; 16:2; 2 Tim. 3:11

52 <sup>a</sup>Acts 2:4

1 <sup>a</sup>Acts 13:51; 14:19, 21; 16:2; 2 Tim. 3:11 <sup>b</sup>Acts 13:5 <sup>c</sup>Acts 2:47 <sup>d</sup>John 7:35; Acts 18:4

2 <sup>1</sup>Or, *disobeyed* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *souls* <sup>a</sup>Acts 13:45, 50; 14:4, 5, 19; 1 Thess. 2:16 <sup>b</sup>John 3:36 <sup>c</sup>Acts 1:15

3 <sup>1</sup>Or, *attesting miracles* <sup>a</sup>Acts 4:29f.; 20:32; Heb. 2:4 <sup>b</sup>John 4:48

4 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *were* <sup>a</sup>Acts 17:4f.; 19:9; 28:24 <sup>b</sup>Acts 13:45, 50; 14:2, 5, 19; 1 Thess. 2:16 <sup>c</sup>Acts 14:14

5 <sup>a</sup>Acts 13:45, 50; 14:2, 4, 19; 1 Thess. 2:16 <sup>b</sup>Acts 14:19

6 <sup>a</sup>Acts 14:11 <sup>b</sup>Acts 14:8, 21; 16:1f.; 2 Tim. 3:11 <sup>c</sup>Acts 14:20; 16:1; 20:4

7 <sup>a</sup>Acts 14:21; 16:10; 14:15

8 <sup>a</sup>Acts 14:6, 21; Acts 16:1f.; 2 Tim. 3:11 <sup>b</sup>Acts 3:2

9 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *saved* <sup>a</sup>Acts 3:4; 10:4 <sup>b</sup>Matt. 9:28

10 <sup>a</sup>Acts 3:8

11 <sup>a</sup>Acts 14:6 <sup>b</sup>Acts 8:10; 28:6

12 <sup>1</sup>Lat., *Jupiter* <sup>2</sup>Lat., *Mercurius* <sup>3</sup>Lit., *the leader of the speaking*

13 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *in front of* <sup>a</sup>Dan. 2:46

14 <sup>1</sup>Or, *outer garments*  
<sup>a</sup>Acts 14:4 <sup>b</sup>Num. 14:6;  
 Matt. 26:65; Mark 14:63

15 <sup>1</sup>I.e., *idols*  
<sup>a</sup>James 5:17; Acts 10:26  
<sup>b</sup>Acts 13:32; Acts 14:7, 21  
<sup>c</sup>Deut. 32:21; 1 Sam. 12:21;  
<sup>d</sup>Jer. 8:19; 14:22; 1 Cor. 8:4  
<sup>e</sup>Matt. 16:16 <sup>f</sup>Ex. 20:11; Ps.  
 146:6; Rev. 14:7; Acts 4:24;  
 17:24

16 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *Who in the  
 generations gone by  
 permitted* <sup>2</sup>Or, *Gentiles*  
<sup>a</sup>Acts 17:30 <sup>b</sup>Mic. 4:5; Ps.  
 81:12

17 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *filling*  
<sup>a</sup>Acts 17:26f.; Rom. 1:19f.  
<sup>b</sup>Deut. 11:14; Job 5:10; Ps.  
 65:10f.; Ezek. 34:26f.; Joel  
 2:23

19 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *were dragging*  
<sup>a</sup>Acts 11:25; 50; 14:2, 4, 5;  
 1 Thess. 2:16 <sup>b</sup>Acts 13:14;  
 14:21, 26 <sup>c</sup>Acts 13:51; 14:1,  
 21 <sup>d</sup>Acts 14:5; 2 Cor. 11:25;  
 2 Tim. 3:11

20 <sup>a</sup>Acts 11:26; 14:22, 28  
<sup>b</sup>Acts 14:6

21 <sup>a</sup>Acts 14:7 <sup>b</sup>Acts 2:47  
<sup>c</sup>Acts 14:6 <sup>d</sup>Acts 13:51;  
 14:1, 19 <sup>e</sup>Acts 13:14; Acts  
 14:19, 26

22 <sup>a</sup>Acts 11:26; Acts 14:28  
<sup>b</sup>Acts 6:7 <sup>c</sup>John 16:33;  
 1 Thess. 3:3; 2 Tim. 3:12;  
 Mark 10:30; John 15:18, 20;  
 1 Pet. 2:21; Rev. 1:9; Acts  
 9:16

23 <sup>a</sup>Titus 1:5; 2 Cor. 8:19  
<sup>b</sup>Acts 11:30 <sup>c</sup>Acts 13:3; 1:24  
<sup>d</sup>Acts 20:32

24 <sup>a</sup>Acts 13:14 <sup>b</sup>Acts 13:13

25 <sup>a</sup>Acts 13:13

26 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *fulfilled*  
<sup>a</sup>Acts 11:19 <sup>b</sup>Acts 13:3  
<sup>c</sup>Acts 15:40; 11:23

27 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *that*  
<sup>a</sup>Acts 15:4; 15:3, 12; 21:19  
<sup>b1</sup>Cor. 16:9; 2 Cor. 2:12;  
 Col. 4:3; Rev. 3:8

28 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *not a little*  
<sup>a</sup>Acts 11:26; 14:22

1 <sup>a</sup>Acts 15:24 <sup>b</sup>Acts 1:15;  
 15:3, 22, 32 <sup>c</sup>Acts 15:5; Gal.  
 5:2f.; 1 Cor. 7:18; Gal. 2:11,  
 14 <sup>d</sup>Acts 6:14

2 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *not a little* <sup>2</sup>Or,  
*it was determined*  
<sup>a</sup>Acts 15:7 <sup>b</sup>Gal. 2:2 <sup>c</sup>Acts  
 15:4, 6, 22, 23; 16:4; 11:30

3 <sup>a</sup>Acts 20:38; 21:5; Rom.  
 15:24; 1 Cor. 16:6, 11;  
 2 Cor. 1:16; Titus 3:13;  
 3 John 6 <sup>b</sup>Acts 11:19 <sup>c</sup>Acts  
 14:27; 15:4, 12 <sup>d</sup>Acts 1:15;  
 15:22, 32

14 But when <sup>a</sup>the apostles, Barnabas and Paul, heard of it, they <sup>b</sup>tore their <sup>1</sup>robes and rushed out into the crowd, crying out

15 and saying, "Men, why are you doing these things? We are also <sup>a</sup>men of the same nature as you, and <sup>b</sup>preach the gospel to you in order that you should turn from these <sup>1</sup>vain things to a <sup>d</sup>living God, <sup>e</sup>WHO MADE THE HEAVEN AND THE EARTH AND THE SEA, AND ALL THAT IS IN THEM.

16 <sup>1</sup>"And in the generations gone by He <sup>a</sup>permitted all the <sup>2</sup>nations to <sup>b</sup>go their own ways;

17 and yet <sup>a</sup>He did not leave Himself without witness, in that He did good and <sup>b</sup>gave you rains from heaven and fruitful seasons, <sup>1</sup>satisfying your hearts with food and gladness."

18 And *even* saying these things, they with difficulty restrained the crowds from offering sacrifice to them.

19 But <sup>a</sup>Jews came from <sup>b</sup>Antioch and <sup>c</sup>Iconium, and having won over the multitudes, they <sup>d</sup>stoned Paul and <sup>1</sup>dragged him out of the city, supposing him to be dead.

20 But while <sup>a</sup>the disciples stood around him, he arose and entered the city. And the next day he went away with Barnabas to <sup>b</sup>Derbe.

21 And after they had <sup>a</sup>preached the gospel to that city and had <sup>b</sup>made many disciples, they returned to <sup>c</sup>Lystra and to <sup>d</sup>Iconium and to <sup>e</sup>Antioch,

22 strengthening the souls of <sup>a</sup>the disciples, encouraging them to continue in <sup>b</sup>the faith, and *saying*, "Through many tribulations we must enter the kingdom of God."

23 And when <sup>a</sup>they had appointed <sup>b</sup>elders for them in every church, having <sup>c</sup>prayed with fasting, they <sup>d</sup>commended them to the Lord in whom they had believed.

24 And they passed through <sup>a</sup>Pisidia and came into <sup>b</sup>Pamphylia.

25 And when they had spoken the word in <sup>a</sup>Perga, they went down to Attalia;

26 and from there they sailed to <sup>a</sup>Antioch, from <sup>b</sup>which they had been <sup>c</sup>commended to the grace of God for the work that they had <sup>1</sup>accomplished.

27 And when they had arrived and gathered the church together, they *began* to <sup>a</sup>report all things that God had done with them and <sup>1</sup>how He had opened a <sup>b</sup>door of faith to the Gentiles.

28 And they spent <sup>1</sup>a long time with <sup>a</sup>the disciples.

CHAPTER 15

AND <sup>a</sup>some men came down from Judea and *began* teaching <sup>b</sup>the brethren, "Unless you are <sup>c</sup>circumcised according to <sup>d</sup>the custom of Moses, you cannot be saved."

2 And when Paul and Barnabas had <sup>1</sup>great dissension and <sup>a</sup>debate with them, <sup>2</sup>*the brethren* determined that Paul and Barnabas and certain others of them, should go up to Jerusalem to the <sup>c</sup>apostles and elders concerning this issue.

3 Therefore, being <sup>a</sup>sent on their way by the church, they were passing through both <sup>b</sup>Phoenicia and Samaria, <sup>c</sup>describing in detail the conversion of the Gentiles, and were bringing great joy to all <sup>d</sup>the brethren.

4 And when they arrived at Jerusalem, they were received

by the church and <sup>a</sup>the apostles and the elders, and they <sup>b</sup>reported all that God had done with them.

5 But certain ones of <sup>a</sup>the sect of the <sup>b</sup>Pharisees who had believed, stood up, saying, "It is necessary to <sup>c</sup>circumcise them, and to direct them to observe the Law of Moses."

6 And <sup>a</sup>the apostles and the elders came together to <sup>1</sup>look into this <sup>2</sup>matter.

7 And after there had been much <sup>a</sup>debate, Peter stood up and said to them, "Brethren, you know that <sup>1</sup>in the early days <sup>b</sup>God made a choice among you, that by my mouth the Gentiles should hear the word of <sup>c</sup>the gospel and believe.

8 "And God, <sup>a</sup>who knows the heart, bore witness to them, <sup>b</sup>giving them the Holy Spirit, just as He also did to us;

9 and <sup>a</sup>He made no distinction between us and them, <sup>b</sup>cleansing their hearts by faith.

10 "Now therefore why do you <sup>a</sup>put God to the test by placing upon the neck of the disciples a yoke which <sup>b</sup>neither our fathers nor we have been able to bear?

11 "But we believe that we are saved through <sup>a</sup>the grace of the Lord Jesus, in the same way as they also are."

12 And all the multitude kept silent, and they were listening to Barnabas and Paul as they were <sup>a</sup>relating what <sup>b</sup>signs and wonders God had done through them among the Gentiles.

13 And after they had stopped speaking, <sup>1a</sup>James answered, saying, "Brethren, listen to me.

14 "<sup>a</sup>Simeon has related how God first concerned Himself about taking from among the Gentiles a people for His name.

15 "And with this the words of <sup>a</sup>the Prophets agree, just as it is written,

16 <sup>a</sup>AFTER THESE THINGS <sup>b</sup>I WILL RETURN,  
AND I WILL REBUILD THE <sup>1</sup>TABERNACLE OF DAVID  
WHICH HAS FALLEN,  
AND I WILL REBUILD ITS RUINS,  
AND I WILL RESTORE IT,

17 <sup>a</sup>IN ORDER THAT THE REST OF <sup>1</sup>MANKIND MAY SEEK THE  
LORD,  
AND ALL THE GENTILES <sup>2b</sup>WHO ARE CALLED BY MY  
NAME,

18 <sup>a</sup>SAYS THE LORD, WHO <sup>1b</sup>MAKES THESE THINGS KNOWN  
FROM OF OLD.'

19 "Therefore it is <sup>a</sup>my judgment that we do not trouble those who are turning to God from among the Gentiles,

20 but that we write to them that they abstain from <sup>1a</sup>things contaminated by idols and from fornication and from <sup>b</sup>what is strangled and from blood.

21 "For <sup>a</sup>Moses from ancient generations has in every city those who preach him, since he is read in the synagogues every Sabbath."

22 Then it seemed good to <sup>a</sup>the apostles and the elders, with the whole church, to choose men from among them to send to <sup>b</sup>Antioch with Paul and Barnabas—Judas called Barsabbas, and <sup>c</sup>Silas, leading men among <sup>d</sup>the brethren,

23 and they <sup>1</sup>sent this letter by them,  
"<sup>a</sup>The apostles and the brethren who are elders,  
to <sup>b</sup>the brethren in <sup>c</sup>Antioch and <sup>d</sup>Syria and  
<sup>e</sup>Cilicia who are from the Gentiles, <sup>f</sup>greetings.

4 <sup>a</sup>Acts 15:6, 22, 23; 16:4; 11:30 <sup>b</sup>Acts 14:27; Acts 15:12

5 <sup>a</sup>Acts 5:17; 24:5, 14; 26:5; 28:22 <sup>b</sup>Matt. 3:7; Acts 26:5 <sup>c</sup>Gal. 5:2f.; 1 Cor. 7:18; Gal. 2:11, 14

6 <sup>1</sup>Lit., see about <sup>2</sup>Lit., word <sup>a</sup>Acts 15:4, 22, 23; 16:4; 11:30

7 <sup>1</sup>Lit., from days of old <sup>a</sup>Acts 15:2 <sup>b</sup>Acts 10:19f. <sup>c</sup>Acts 20:24

8 <sup>a</sup>Acts 1:24 <sup>b</sup>Acts 10:47

9 <sup>a</sup>Acts 10:28, 34; 11:12 <sup>b</sup>Acts 10:43

10 <sup>a</sup>Acts 5:9 <sup>b</sup>Matt. 23:4; Gal. 5:1

11 <sup>a</sup>Rom. 5:15; 3:24; 2 Cor. 13:14; Eph. 2:5-8

12 <sup>a</sup>Acts 14:27; 15:3, 4 <sup>b</sup>John 4:48

13 <sup>1</sup>Or, Jacob <sup>a</sup>Acts 12:17

14 <sup>2</sup>Pet. 1:1 marg.; Acts 15:7

15 <sup>a</sup>Acts 13:40

16 <sup>1</sup>Or, tent <sup>a</sup>Amos 9:11 <sup>b</sup>Jer. 12:15

17 <sup>1</sup>Lit., men <sup>2</sup>Lit., upon whom My name is called <sup>a</sup>Amos 9:12 <sup>b</sup>James 2:7 marg.; Sept. of Deut. 28:10; Is. 63:19; Jer. 14:9; Dan. 9:19

18 <sup>1</sup>Or, does these things which were known <sup>a</sup>Amos 9:12 <sup>b</sup>Is. 45:21

19 <sup>a</sup>Acts 15:28; 21:25

20 <sup>1</sup>Lit., the pollutions of <sup>a</sup>Acts 15:29; Dan. 1:8; 1 Cor. 8:7-13; 10:7f., 14-28; Rev. 2:14, 20 <sup>b</sup>Gen. 9:4; Lev. 3:17; 7:26; 17:10, 14; 19:26; Deut. 12:16, 23; 15:23; 1 Sam. 14:33

21 <sup>a</sup>Acts 13:15; 2 Cor. 3:14f.

22 <sup>a</sup>Acts 15:2 <sup>b</sup>Acts 11:20 [not 13:14] <sup>c</sup>Acts 15:27, 32, 40; 16:19; 25, 29; 17:4, 10, 14f.; 18:5; 2 Cor. 1:19; 1 Thess. 1:1; 2 Thess. 1:1; 1 Pet. 5:12 <sup>d</sup>Acts 15:1

23 <sup>1</sup>Lit., wrote by their hand <sup>a</sup>Acts 15:2 <sup>b</sup>Acts 15:1 <sup>c</sup>Acts 11:20 <sup>d</sup>Matt. 4:24; Acts 15:41; Gal. 1:21 <sup>e</sup>Acts 6:9 <sup>f</sup>Acts 23:26; James 1:1; 2 John 10f.

24 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *from us*  
<sup>a</sup>Acts 15:1 <sup>b</sup>Gal. 1:7; 5:10

25 <sup>1</sup>Or, *met together*  
<sup>a</sup>Acts 15:28

26 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *given over*  
<sup>a</sup>Acts 9:23ff.; 14:19

27 <sup>a</sup>Acts 15:22, 32 <sup>b</sup>Acts 15:22

28 <sup>a</sup>Acts 15:25 <sup>b</sup>Acts 15:8; 5:32 <sup>c</sup>Acts 15:19, 25

29 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *from which keeping yourselves free*  
<sup>a</sup>Acts 15:20

30 <sup>1</sup>Or, *multitude*  
<sup>a</sup>Acts 15:22f.

31 <sup>1</sup>Or, *exhortation*

32 <sup>1</sup>Or, *exhorted*  
<sup>a</sup>Acts 15:22, 27 <sup>b</sup>Acts 15:22 <sup>c</sup>Acts 13:1 <sup>d</sup>Acts 15:1

33 <sup>a</sup>Mark 5:34; Acts 16:36; 1 Cor. 16:11; Heb. 11:31  
<sup>b</sup>Acts 15:22

34 <sup>1</sup>Some mss. add verse  
 34. *But it seemed good to Silas to remain there.*

35 <sup>a</sup>Acts 12:25 <sup>b</sup>Acts 8:4  
<sup>c</sup>Acts 13:12

36 <sup>a</sup>Acts 13:4, 13, 14, 51; 14:6, 24f. <sup>b</sup>Acts 13:12

37 <sup>a</sup>Acts 12:12

38 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *from*  
<sup>a</sup>Acts 13:13

39 <sup>a</sup>Col. 4:10; Acts 12:12; 15:37 <sup>b</sup>Acts 4:36

40 <sup>a</sup>Acts 15:22 <sup>b</sup>Acts 14:26; 11:23

41 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 4:24; Acts 15:23  
<sup>b</sup>Acts 6:9

<sup>1</sup> Acts 14:6 <sup>b</sup>Acts 17:14f.; 18:5; 19:22; 20:4; Rom. 16:21; 1 Cor. 4:17; 16:10; 2 Cor. 1:1, 19; Phil. 1:1; 2:19; Col. 1:1; 1 Thess. 1:1; 3:2, 6; 2 Thess. 1:1; 1 Tim. 1:2, 18; 6:20; 2 Tim. 1:2; Philem. 1; Heb. 13:23  
<sup>c</sup>2 Tim. 1:5; 3:15

24 “Since we have heard that <sup>a</sup>some <sup>1</sup>of our number to whom we gave no instruction have <sup>b</sup>disturbed you with *their* words, unsettling your souls,

25 <sup>a</sup>it seemed good to us, having <sup>1</sup>become of one mind, to select men to send to you with our beloved Barnabas and Paul,

26 men who have <sup>1a</sup>risked their lives for the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

27 “Therefore we have sent <sup>a</sup>Judas and <sup>b</sup>Silas, who themselves will also report the same things by word of *mouth*.

28 “For <sup>a</sup>it seemed good to <sup>b</sup>the Holy Spirit and to <sup>c</sup>us to lay upon you no greater burden than these essentials:

29 that you abstain from <sup>a</sup>things sacrificed to idols and from <sup>a</sup>blood and from <sup>a</sup>things strangled and from <sup>a</sup>fornication; <sup>1</sup>if you keep yourselves free from such things, you will do well. Farewell.”

30 So, when they were sent away, <sup>a</sup>they went down to Antioch; and having gathered the <sup>1</sup>congregation together, they delivered the letter.

31 And when they had read it, they rejoiced because of its <sup>1</sup>encouragement.

32 And <sup>a</sup>Judas and <sup>b</sup>Silas, also being <sup>c</sup>prophets themselves, <sup>1</sup>encouraged and strengthened <sup>d</sup>the brethren with a lengthy message.

33 And after they had spent time *there*, they were sent away from the brethren <sup>a</sup>in peace to those who had <sup>b</sup>sent them out.

34 (See marginal note.<sup>1</sup>)

35 But <sup>a</sup>Paul and Barnabas stayed in Antioch, teaching and <sup>b</sup>preaching, with many others also, <sup>c</sup>the word of the Lord.

36 And after some days Paul said to Barnabas, “Let us return and visit the brethren in <sup>a</sup>every city in which we proclaimed <sup>b</sup>the word of the Lord, *and see* how they are.”

37 And Barnabas was desirous of taking <sup>a</sup>John, called Mark, along with them also.

38 But Paul kept insisting that they should not take him along who had <sup>a</sup>deserted them <sup>1</sup>in Pamphylia and had not gone with them to the work.

39 And there arose such a sharp disagreement that they separated from one another, and Barnabas took <sup>a</sup>Mark with him and sailed away to <sup>b</sup>Cyprus.

40 But Paul chose <sup>a</sup>Silas and departed, being <sup>b</sup>committed by the brethren to the grace of the Lord.

41 And he was traveling through <sup>a</sup>Syria and <sup>b</sup>Cilicia, strengthening the churches.

CHAPTER 16

AND he came also to <sup>a</sup>Derbe and to <sup>a</sup>Lystra. And behold, a certain disciple was there, named <sup>b</sup>Timothy, the son of a <sup>c</sup>Jewish woman who was a believer, but his father was a Greek,



2 and he was well spoken of by <sup>a</sup>the brethren who were in <sup>b</sup>Lystra and <sup>c</sup>Iconium.

3 Paul wanted this man to <sup>l</sup>go with him; and he <sup>a</sup>took him and circumcised him because of the Jews who were in those parts, for they all knew that his father was a Greek.

4 Now while they were passing through the cities, they were delivering <sup>a</sup>the decrees, which had been decided upon by <sup>b</sup>the apostles and <sup>c</sup>elders who were in Jerusalem, for them to observe.

5 So <sup>a</sup>the churches were being strengthened <sup>l</sup>in the faith, and were <sup>b</sup>increasing in number daily.

6 And they passed through the <sup>l</sup>aPhrygian and <sup>b</sup>Galatian region, having been forbidden by the Holy Spirit to speak the word in <sup>2c</sup>Asia;

7 and when they had come to <sup>a</sup>Mysia, they were trying to go into <sup>b</sup>Bithynia, and the <sup>c</sup>Spirit of Jesus did not permit them;

8 and passing <sup>l</sup>by <sup>a</sup>Mysia, they came down to <sup>b</sup>Troas.

9 And <sup>a</sup>a vision appeared to Paul in the night: <sup>l</sup>a certain man of <sup>b</sup>Macedonia was standing and appealing to him, and saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us."

10 And when he had seen <sup>a</sup>the vision, immediately <sup>b</sup>we sought to <sup>l</sup>go into Macedonia, concluding that God had called us to <sup>c</sup>preach the gospel to them.

11 <sup>l</sup>Therefore putting out to sea from <sup>a</sup>Troas, we ran <sup>b</sup>a straight course to Samothrace, and on the day following to Neapolis;

12 and from there to <sup>a</sup>Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of <sup>b</sup>Macedonia, <sup>c</sup>a Roman colony; and we were staying in this city for some days.

13 And on <sup>a</sup>the Sabbath day we went outside the gate to a riverside, where we were supposing that there would be a place of prayer; and we sat down and began speaking to the women who had assembled.

14 And a certain woman named Lydia, from the city of <sup>a</sup>Thyatira, a seller of purple fabrics, <sup>b</sup>a worshiper of God, was listening; <sup>l</sup>and the Lord <sup>c</sup>opened her heart to respond to the things spoken by Paul.

15 And when she and <sup>a</sup>her household had been baptized, she urged us, saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come into my house and stay." And she prevailed upon us.

16 And it happened that as we were going to <sup>a</sup>the place of prayer, a certain slave-girl having <sup>b</sup>a spirit of divination met us, who was bringing her masters much profit by fortunetelling.

17 Following after Paul and us, she kept crying out, saying, "These men are bond-servants of <sup>a</sup>the Most High God, who are proclaiming to you <sup>l</sup>the way of salvation."

18 And she continued doing this for many days. But Paul was greatly annoyed, and turned and said to the spirit, "I command you <sup>a</sup>in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her!" And it came out at that very <sup>l</sup>moment.

19 But when her masters saw that their hope of <sup>a</sup>profit was <sup>l</sup>gone, they seized <sup>b</sup>Paul and Silas and <sup>c</sup>dragged them into the market place before the authorities,

20 and when they had brought them to the chief magis-

2 <sup>a</sup>Acts 16:40 <sup>b</sup>Acts 14:6  
<sup>c</sup>Acts 13:51

3 <sup>l</sup>Lit., go out  
<sup>a</sup>Gal. 2:3

4 <sup>a</sup>Acts 15:28f. <sup>b</sup>Acts 15:2  
<sup>c</sup>Acts 11:30

5 <sup>l</sup>Or, in faith  
<sup>a</sup>Acts 9:31 <sup>b</sup>Acts 2:47

6 <sup>l</sup>Or, Phrygia and the Galatian region <sup>2l</sup>e., west coast province of Asia Minor  
<sup>a</sup>Acts 2:10; 18:23 <sup>b</sup>Acts 18:23; 1 Cor. 16:1; Gal. 1:2; 3:1; 2 Tim. 4:10; 1 Pet. 1:1  
<sup>c</sup>Acts 2:9

7 <sup>a</sup>Acts 16:8 <sup>b</sup>1 Pet. 1:1  
<sup>c</sup>Luke 24:49; Rom. 8:9; Gal. 4:6; Phil. 1:19; 1 Pet. 1:11; Acts 8:29

8 <sup>l</sup>Or, through  
<sup>a</sup>Acts 16:7 <sup>b</sup>Acts 16:11; 20:5f.; 2 Cor. 2:12; 2 Tim. 4:13

9 <sup>l</sup>Or, A man  
<sup>a</sup>Acts 9:10 <sup>b</sup>Acts 16:10, 12; 18:5; 19:21f.; 29; 20:1, 3; 27:2; Rom. 15:26

10 <sup>l</sup>Lit., go out  
<sup>a</sup>Acts 9:10 <sup>b</sup>[we] Acts 16:10-17; 20:5-15; 21:1-18; 27:1-28:16 <sup>c</sup>Acts 14:7

11 <sup>l</sup>Some ancient mss. read, And  
<sup>a</sup>Acts 16:8; 20:5f.; 2 Cor. 2:12; 2 Tim. 4:13 <sup>b</sup>Acts 21:1

12 <sup>a</sup>Acts 20:6; Phil. 1:1; 1 Thess. 2:2 <sup>b</sup>Acts 16:9, 10; 18:5; 19:21f.; 29; 20:1, 3; 27:2; Rom. 15:26 <sup>c</sup>Acts 16:21

13 <sup>a</sup>Acts 13:14

14 <sup>l</sup>Lit., whose heart the Lord opened  
<sup>a</sup>Rev. 1:11; 2:18, 24 <sup>b</sup>Acts 18:7; 13:43 <sup>c</sup>Luke 24:45

15 <sup>a</sup>Acts 11:14

16 <sup>a</sup>Acts 16:13 <sup>b</sup>Lev. 19:31; 20:6, 27; Deut. 18:11; 1 Sam. 28:3, 7; 2 Kin. 21:6; 1 Chr. 10:13; Is. 8:19

17 <sup>l</sup>Lit., a way  
<sup>a</sup>Mark 5:7

18 <sup>l</sup>Lit., hour  
<sup>a</sup>Mark 16:17

19 <sup>l</sup>Lit., gone out  
<sup>a</sup>Acts 16:16; 19:25f. <sup>b</sup>Acts 15:40; 16:25; 29; Acts 15:22  
<sup>c</sup>Acts 17:6f.; 21:30; James 2:6; Acts 8:3

21 <sup>a</sup>Esther 3:8 <sup>b</sup>Acts 16:12

22 <sup>1</sup>Or, *outer garments*  
<sup>2</sup>Lit., *to beat with rods*  
<sup>a</sup>2 Cor. 11:25; <sup>1</sup>Thess. 2:2

23 <sup>a</sup>Acts 16:27, 36

24 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *who, having received*  
<sup>a</sup>Job 13:27; 33:11; Jer. 20:2f.; 29:26

25 <sup>a</sup>Acts 16:19 <sup>b</sup>Eph. 5:19

26 <sup>a</sup>Acts 4:31 <sup>b</sup>Acts 12:10  
<sup>c</sup>Acts 12:7

27 <sup>a</sup>Acts 16:23, 36 <sup>b</sup>Acts 12:19

29 <sup>a</sup>Acts 16:19

30 <sup>a</sup>Acts 2:37; 22:10

31 <sup>a</sup>Mark 16:16 <sup>b</sup>Acts 11:14; 16:15

32 <sup>1</sup>Some ancient mss. read, *God*

33 <sup>a</sup>Acts 16:25

34 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *a table* <sup>2</sup>Or, *greatly with his whole household, having believed in God*  
<sup>a</sup>Acts 11:14; 16:15

36 <sup>a</sup>Acts 16:27 <sup>b</sup>Acts 15:33

37 <sup>a</sup>Acts 22:25-29

38 <sup>a</sup>Acts 22:29

39 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 8:34

40 <sup>1</sup>Or, *exhorted*  
<sup>a</sup>Acts 16:14 <sup>b</sup>Acts 16:2; 1:15

trates, they said, "These men are throwing our city into confusion, being Jews,

21 and <sup>a</sup>are proclaiming customs which it is not lawful for us to accept or to observe, being <sup>b</sup>Romans."

22 And the crowd rose up together against them, and the chief magistrates tore their <sup>1</sup>robes off them, and proceeded to order <sup>2</sup>them to be <sup>a</sup>beaten with rods.

23 And when they had inflicted many blows upon them, they threw them into prison, commanding <sup>a</sup>the jailer to guard them securely;

24 <sup>1</sup>and he, having received such a command, threw them into the inner prison, and fastened their feet in <sup>a</sup>the stocks.

25 But about midnight <sup>a</sup>Paul and Silas were praying and <sup>b</sup>singing hymns of praise to God, and the prisoners were listening to them;

26 and suddenly <sup>a</sup>there came a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison house were shaken; and immediately <sup>b</sup>all the doors were opened, and everyone's <sup>c</sup>chains were unfastened.

27 And when <sup>a</sup>the jailer had been roused out of sleep and had seen the prison doors opened, he drew his sword and was about <sup>b</sup>to kill himself, supposing that the prisoners had escaped.

28 But Paul cried out with a loud voice, saying, "Do yourself no harm, for we are all here!"

29 And he called for lights and rushed in and, trembling with fear, he fell down before <sup>a</sup>Paul and Silas,

30 and after he brought them out, he said, "Sirs, <sup>a</sup>what must I do to be saved?"

31 And they said, "<sup>a</sup>Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you shall be saved, you and <sup>b</sup>your household."

32 And they spoke the word of <sup>1</sup>the Lord to him together with all who were in his house.

33 And he took them <sup>a</sup>that *very* hour of the night and washed their wounds, and immediately he was baptized, he and all his *household*.

34 And he brought them into his house and set <sup>1</sup>food before them, and rejoiced <sup>2</sup>greatly, having believed in God with <sup>a</sup>his whole household.

35 Now when day came, the chief magistrates sent their policemen, saying, "Release those men."

36 And <sup>a</sup>the jailer reported these words to Paul, *saying*, "The chief magistrates have sent to release you. Now therefore come out and go <sup>b</sup>in peace."

37 But Paul said to them, "They have beaten us in public without trial, <sup>a</sup>men who are Romans, and have thrown us into prison; and now are they sending us away secretly? No indeed! But let them come themselves and bring us out."

38 And the policemen reported these words to the chief magistrates. And <sup>a</sup>they were afraid when they heard that they were Romans,

39 and they came and appealed to them, and when they had brought them out, they kept begging them <sup>a</sup>to leave the city.

40 And they went out of the prison and entered *the house* of <sup>a</sup>Lydia, and when they saw <sup>b</sup>the brethren, they <sup>1</sup>encouraged them and departed.

CHAPTER 17

NOW when they had traveled through Amphipolis and Apollonia, they came to <sup>a</sup>Thessalonica, where there was a synagogue of the Jews.

2 And <sup>a</sup>according to Paul's custom, he went to them, and for three <sup>b</sup>Sabbaths reasoned with them from <sup>c</sup>the Scriptures,

3 <sup>1</sup>explaining and <sup>2</sup>giving evidence that the <sup>3</sup>Christ <sup>a</sup>had to suffer and <sup>b</sup>rise again from the dead, and *saying*, "<sup>c</sup>This Jesus whom I am proclaiming to you is the <sup>3</sup>Christ."

4 <sup>a</sup>And some of them were persuaded and joined <sup>b</sup>Paul and Silas, <sup>1</sup>along with a great multitude of the <sup>c</sup>God-fearing <sup>d</sup>Greeks and <sup>2</sup>a number of the <sup>e</sup>leading women.

5 But <sup>a</sup>the Jews, becoming jealous and taking along some wicked men from the market place, formed a mob and set the city in an uproar; and coming upon the house of <sup>b</sup>Jason, they were seeking to bring them out to the people.

6 And when they did not find them, they *began* <sup>a</sup>dragging Jason and some brethren before the city authorities, shouting, "These men who have upset <sup>1</sup>the world have come here also;

7 <sup>1</sup>and Jason <sup>a</sup>has welcomed them, and they all act <sup>b</sup>contrary to the decrees of Caesar, saying that there is another king, Jesus."

8 And they stirred up the crowd and the city authorities who heard these things.

9 And when they had received a <sup>1</sup>pledge from <sup>a</sup>Jason and the others, they released them.

10 And <sup>a</sup>the brethren immediately sent <sup>b</sup>Paul and Silas away by night to <sup>c</sup>Berea; <sup>1</sup>and when they arrived, they went into <sup>d</sup>the synagogue of the Jews.

11 Now these were more noble-minded than those in <sup>a</sup>Thessalonica, <sup>1</sup>for they received the word with <sup>2</sup>great eagerness, examining the Scriptures daily, *to see* whether these things were so.

12 <sup>a</sup>Many of them therefore believed, <sup>1</sup>along with a number of <sup>b</sup>prominent Greek <sup>c</sup>women and men.

13 But when the Jews of <sup>a</sup>Thessalonica found out that the word of God had been proclaimed by Paul in <sup>b</sup>Berea also, they came there likewise, agitating and stirring up the crowds.

14 And then immediately <sup>a</sup>the brethren sent Paul out to go as far as the sea; and <sup>b</sup>Silas and <sup>c</sup>Timothy remained there.

15 Now <sup>a</sup>those who conducted Paul brought him as far as <sup>b</sup>Athens; and receiving a command for <sup>c</sup>Silas and Timothy to <sup>d</sup>come to him as soon as possible, they departed.

16 Now while Paul was waiting for them at <sup>a</sup>Athens, his spirit was being provoked within him as he was beholding the city full of idols.

17 So he was reasoning <sup>a</sup>in the synagogue with the Jews and <sup>b</sup>the God-fearing *Gentiles*, and in the market place every day with those who happened to be present.

18 And also some of the Epicurean and Stoic philosophers were <sup>1</sup>conversing with him. And some were saying, "What would <sup>a</sup>this <sup>2</sup>idle babbler wish to say?" Others, "He seems to be a proclaimer of strange <sup>3</sup>deities,"—because he was preaching <sup>b</sup>Jesus and the resurrection.

1 <sup>a</sup>Acts 17:11, 13; 27:2; Phil. 4:16; 2 Tim. 4:10; Acts 20:4; 1 Thess. 1:1; 2 Thess. 1:1

2 <sup>a</sup>Acts 9:20; 17:10, 17 <sup>b</sup>Acts 13:14 <sup>c</sup>Acts 8:35

3 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *opening* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *placing before* <sup>1</sup>i.e., Messiah <sup>a</sup>Acts 3:18 <sup>b</sup>John 20:9 <sup>c</sup>Acts 9:22; 18:5, 28

4 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *and a great* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *not a few* <sup>a</sup>Acts 14:4 <sup>b</sup>Acts 17:10; 15:40; 15:22; 17:14f. <sup>c</sup>Acts 17:17; 13:43 <sup>d</sup>John 7:35 <sup>e</sup>Acts 13:50

5 <sup>a</sup>Acts 17:13; 1 Thess. 2:16 <sup>b</sup>Acts 17:6, 7, 9; Rom. 16:21

6 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *the inhabited earth* <sup>a</sup>Acts 16:19f. <sup>b</sup>Acts 17:31; Matt. 24:14

7 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *whom Jason has welcomed* <sup>a</sup>Luke 10:38; James 2:25 <sup>b</sup>Luke 23:2

9 <sup>1</sup>Or, *bond* <sup>a</sup>Acts 17:5

10 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *who when . . . arrived went* <sup>a</sup>Acts 17:6, 14f.; 1:15 <sup>b</sup>Acts 17:4 <sup>c</sup>Acts 17:13; 20:4 <sup>d</sup>Acts 17:2

11 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *who received* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *all* <sup>a</sup>Acts 17:1

12 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *and not a few* <sup>a</sup>Acts 2:47 <sup>b</sup>Mark 15:43 <sup>c</sup>Acts 13:50

13 <sup>a</sup>Acts 17:1 <sup>b</sup>Acts 17:10; 20:4

14 <sup>a</sup>Acts 17:6, 10; 1:15 <sup>b</sup>Acts 17:4, 10; 15:22 <sup>c</sup>Acts 16:1

15 <sup>a</sup>Acts 15:3 <sup>b</sup>Acts 17:16, 21f.; 18:1; 1 Thess. 3:1 <sup>c</sup>Acts 17:14 <sup>d</sup>Acts 18:5

16 <sup>a</sup>Acts 17:15, 21f.; 18:1; 1 Thess. 3:1

17 <sup>a</sup>Acts 9:20; 17:2 <sup>b</sup>Acts 17:4

18 <sup>1</sup>Or, *disputing* <sup>2</sup>i.e., one who makes his living by picking up scraps <sup>3</sup>Lit., *demons* <sup>a</sup>1 Cor. 4:10; 1:20 <sup>b</sup>Acts 4:2; 17:31f.

19 <sup>1</sup>Or, *before* <sup>2</sup>Or, *Hill of Ares, god of war* <sup>1</sup>Lit., *which is being spoken by you*  
<sup>a</sup>Acts 23:19 <sup>b</sup>Acts 17:22  
<sup>c</sup>Mark 1:27

21 <sup>a</sup>Acts 2:10

22 <sup>1</sup>Or possibly, the Council of the Areopagus  
<sup>a</sup>Acts 17:15 <sup>b</sup>Acts 25:19

23 <sup>a2</sup> Thess. 2:4 marg.  
<sup>b</sup>John 4:22

24 <sup>a</sup>Is. 42:5; Acts 14:15  
<sup>b</sup>Matt. 11:25; Deut. 10:14;  
 Ps. 115:16 <sup>c</sup>Acts 7:48

25 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 50:10-12; Job 22:2

26 <sup>1</sup>Some later mss. read, *one blood*  
<sup>a</sup>Mal. 2:10 <sup>b</sup>Deut. 32:8; Job 12:23

27 <sup>a</sup>Deut. 4:7; Jer. 23:23f.;  
 Acts 14:17

28 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *are*  
<sup>a</sup>Job 12:10; Dan. 5:23

29 <sup>a</sup>Is. 40:18ff.; Rom. 1:23

30 <sup>a</sup>Acts 14:16; Rom. 3:25  
<sup>b</sup>Acts 17:23 <sup>c</sup>Luke 24:47;  
 Acts 26:20; Titus 2:11f.

31 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *the inhabited earth* <sup>2</sup>Or, *when He raised*  
<sup>a</sup>Matt. 10:15 <sup>b</sup>John 5:22,  
 27; Acts 10:42; Ps. 9:8;  
 96:13; 98:9 <sup>c</sup>Matt. 24:14;  
 Acts 17:6 <sup>d</sup>Luke 22:22 <sup>e</sup>Acts 2:24

32 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *also again*  
<sup>a</sup>Acts 17:18, 31

34 <sup>a</sup>Acts 17:19, 22

1 <sup>a</sup>Acts 17:15 <sup>b</sup>Acts 19:1;  
 1 Cor. 1:2; 2 Cor. 1:1, 23;  
 2 Tim. 4:20; Acts 18:8;  
 2 Cor. 6:11

2 <sup>a</sup>Acts 18:18, 26; Rom. 16:3; 1 Cor. 16:19; 2 Tim. 4:19  
<sup>b</sup>Acts 2:9 <sup>c</sup>Acts 27:1, 6;  
 Heb. 13:24 <sup>d</sup>Acts 11:28

3 <sup>a</sup>Acts 20:34; 1 Cor. 4:12; 1 Thess. 2:9; 2 Thess. 3:8; 1 Cor. 9:15; 2 Cor. 11:7; 12:13; 1 Thess. 4:11

19 And they <sup>a</sup>took him and brought him <sup>1</sup>to the <sup>2b</sup>Areopagus, saying, "May we know what <sup>c</sup>this new teaching is <sup>3</sup>which you are proclaiming?"

20 "For you are bringing some strange things to our ears; we want to know therefore what these things mean."

21 (Now all the Athenians and the strangers <sup>a</sup>visiting there used to spend their time in nothing other than telling or hearing something new.)

22 And Paul stood in the midst of the <sup>1</sup>Areopagus and said, "Men of <sup>a</sup>Athens, I observe that you are very <sup>b</sup>religious in all respects.

23 "For while I was passing through and examining the <sup>a</sup>objects of your worship, I also found an altar with this inscription, 'TO AN UNKNOWN GOD.' What therefore <sup>b</sup>you worship in ignorance, this I proclaim to you.

24 <sup>a</sup>"The God who made the world and all things in it, since He is <sup>b</sup>Lord of heaven and earth, does not <sup>c</sup>dwell in temples made with hands;

25 neither is He served by human hands, <sup>a</sup>as though He needed anything, since He Himself gives to all life and breath and all things;

26 and <sup>a</sup>He made from <sup>1</sup>one, every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth, having <sup>b</sup>determined *their* appointed times, and the boundaries of their habitation,

27 that they should seek God, if perhaps they might grope for Him and find Him, <sup>a</sup>though He is not far from each one of us;

28 for <sup>a</sup>in Him we live and move and <sup>1</sup>exist, as even some of your own poets have said, 'For we also are His offspring.'

29 "Being then the offspring of God, we <sup>a</sup>ought not to think that the Divine Nature is like gold or silver or stone, an image formed by the art and thought of man.

30 "Therefore having <sup>a</sup>overlooked <sup>b</sup>the times of ignorance, God is <sup>c</sup>now declaring to men that all everywhere should repent,

31 because He has fixed <sup>a</sup>a day in which <sup>b</sup>He will judge <sup>1c</sup>the world in righteousness through a Man whom He has <sup>d</sup>appointed, having furnished proof to all men <sup>2</sup>by <sup>e</sup>raising Him from the dead."

32 Now when they heard of <sup>a</sup>the resurrection of the dead, some *began* to sneer, but others said, "We shall hear you <sup>1</sup>again concerning this."

33 So Paul went out of their midst.

34 But some men joined him and believed, among whom also was Dionysius the <sup>a</sup>Areopagite and a woman named Damaris and others with them.

## CHAPTER 18

**A**FTER these things he left <sup>a</sup>Athens and went to <sup>b</sup>Corinth.

2 And he found a certain Jew named <sup>a</sup>Aquila, a native of <sup>b</sup>Pontus, having recently come from <sup>c</sup>Italy with his wife <sup>a</sup>Priscilla, because <sup>d</sup>Claudius had commanded all the Jews to leave Rome. He came to them,

3 and because he was of the same trade, he stayed with them and <sup>a</sup>they were working; for by trade they were tent-makers.

4 And he was reasoning <sup>a</sup>in the synagogue every <sup>b</sup>Sabbath and trying to persuade <sup>c</sup>Jews and Greeks.

5 But when <sup>a</sup>Silas and Timothy <sup>b</sup>came down from <sup>c</sup>Macedonia, Paul *began* devoting himself completely to the word, solemnly <sup>d</sup>testifying to the Jews that <sup>e</sup>Jesus was the <sup>1</sup>Christ.

6 And when they resisted and blasphemed, he <sup>a</sup>shook out his garments and said to them, <sup>b</sup>"Your blood *be* upon your own heads! I am clean. From now on I shall go <sup>c</sup>to the Gentiles."

7 And he departed from there and went to the house of a certain man named <sup>1</sup>Titus Justus, <sup>a</sup>a worshiper of God, whose house was next to the synagogue.

8 And <sup>a</sup>Crispus, <sup>b</sup>the leader of the synagogue, believed in the Lord <sup>c</sup>with all his household, and many of the <sup>d</sup>Corinthians when they heard were believing and being baptized.

9 And the Lord said to Paul in the night by <sup>a</sup>a vision, "Do not be afraid *any longer*, but go on speaking and do not be silent;

10 for I am with you, and no man will attack you in order to harm you, for I have many people in this city."

11 And he settled *there* a year and six months, teaching the word of God among them.

12 But while Gallio was <sup>a</sup>proconsul of <sup>b</sup>Achaia, <sup>c</sup>the Jews with one accord rose up against Paul and brought him before <sup>d</sup>the judgment seat.

13 saying, "This man persuades men to worship God contrary to <sup>a</sup>the law."

14 But when Paul was about to <sup>a</sup>open his mouth, Gallio said to the Jews, "If it were a matter of wrong or of vicious crime, O Jews, it would be reasonable for me to put up with you;

15 but if there are <sup>a</sup>questions about words and names and your own law, look after it yourselves; I am unwilling to be a judge of these matters."

16 And he drove them away from <sup>a</sup>the judgment seat.

17 And they all took hold of <sup>a</sup>Sosthenes, <sup>b</sup>the leader of the synagogue, and *began* beating him in front of <sup>c</sup>the judgment seat. And Gallio was not concerned about any of these things.

18 And Paul, having remained many days longer, <sup>a</sup>took leave of <sup>b</sup>the brethren and put out to sea for <sup>c</sup>Syria, and with him were <sup>d</sup>Priscilla and <sup>d</sup>Aquila. In <sup>c</sup>Cenchrea <sup>1</sup>he had his hair cut, for he was keeping a vow.

19 And they came to <sup>a</sup>Ephesus, and he left them there. Now he himself entered <sup>b</sup>the synagogue and reasoned with the Jews.

20 And when they asked him to stay for a longer time, he did not consent,

21 but <sup>a</sup>taking leave of them and saying, "I will return to you again <sup>b</sup>if God wills," he set sail from <sup>c</sup>Ephesus.

22 And when he had landed at <sup>a</sup>Caesarea, he went up and greeted the church, and went down to <sup>b</sup>Antioch.

23 And having spent some time *there*, he departed and passed successively through the <sup>a</sup>Galatian region and Phrygia, strengthening all the disciples.

24 Now a certain Jew named <sup>a</sup>Apollos, an <sup>b</sup>Alexandrian by birth, <sup>1</sup>an eloquent man, came to <sup>c</sup>Ephesus; and he was mighty in the Scriptures.

4 <sup>a</sup>Acts 9:20; 18:19 <sup>b</sup>Acts 13:14 <sup>c</sup>Acts 14:1

5 <sup>1</sup>I.e., Messiah <sup>a</sup>Acts 17:14; 15:22; 16:1 <sup>b</sup>Acts 17:15 <sup>c</sup>Acts 16:9 <sup>d</sup>Acts 20:21; Luke 16:28 <sup>e</sup>Acts 17:3; 18:28

6 <sup>b</sup>Neh. 5:13; Acts 13:51 <sup>b2</sup>Sam. 1:16; 1 Kin. 2:33; Ezek. 18:13; 33:4, 6, 8; Matt. 27:25; Acts 20:26 <sup>c</sup>Acts 13:46

7 <sup>1</sup>Some ancient mss. read, Titus, others omit it altogether <sup>a</sup>Acts 16:14; Acts 13:43

8 <sup>a</sup>1 Cor. 1:14 <sup>b</sup>Mark 5:22 <sup>c</sup>Acts 11:14 <sup>d</sup>Acts 19:1; 1 Cor. 1:2; 2 Cor. 1:1, 23; 2 Tim. 4:20; Acts 18:1; 2 Cor. 6:11

9 <sup>a</sup>Acts 9:10

12 <sup>a</sup>Acts 13:7 <sup>b</sup>Acts 18:27; 19:21; Rom. 15:26; 1 Cor. 16:15; 2 Cor. 1:1; 9:2; 11:10; 1 Thess. 1:7f. <sup>c</sup>1 Thess. 2:16 <sup>d</sup>Matt. 27:19

13 <sup>a</sup>Acts 18:15; John 19:7

14 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 5:2

15 <sup>a</sup>Acts 23:29; 25:19

16 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 27:19

17 <sup>a</sup>1 Cor. 1:1 <sup>b</sup>Acts 18:8 <sup>c</sup>Matt. 27:19

18 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *having his hair cut* <sup>a</sup>Mark 6:46 <sup>b</sup>Acts 1:15; 18:27 <sup>c</sup>Matt. 4:24 <sup>d</sup>Acts 18:2, 26 <sup>e</sup>Rom. 16:1 <sup>f</sup>Num. 6:2, 5, 9, 18; Acts 21:24

19 <sup>a</sup>Acts 18:21, 24; 19:1, 17, 26 [28, 34f.]; 20:16f.; [21:29]; 1 Cor. 15:32; 16:8; Eph. 1:1; 1 Tim. 1:3; 2 Tim. 1:18; 4:12; Rev. 1:11; 2:1 <sup>b</sup>Acts 18:4

21 <sup>a</sup>Mark 6:46 <sup>b</sup>1 Cor. 4:19; 16:7; Heb. 6:3; James 4:15; Rom. 1:10; 15:32; 1 Pet. 3:17 <sup>c</sup>Acts 18:19, 24; 19:1, 17, 26 [28, 34f.]; 20:16f.; [21:29]; 1 Cor. 15:32; 16:8; Eph. 1:1; 1 Tim. 1:3; 2 Tim. 1:18; 4:12; Rev. 1:11; 2:1

22 <sup>a</sup>Acts 8:40 <sup>b</sup>Acts 11:19

23 <sup>a</sup>Acts 16:6

24 <sup>1</sup>Or, *a learned man* <sup>a</sup>Acts 19:1; 1 Cor. 1:12; 3:5, 6, 22; 4:6; 16:12; Titus 3:13 <sup>b</sup>Acts 6:9 <sup>c</sup>Acts 18:19

25 <sup>a</sup>Acts 9:2; 18:26 <sup>b</sup>Luke 7:29; Acts 19:3

26 <sup>a</sup>Acts 18:2, 18 <sup>b</sup>Acts 18:25

27 <sup>1</sup>Or, *helped greatly through grace those who had believed*  
<sup>a</sup>Acts 18:12; 19:1 <sup>b</sup>Acts 18:18 <sup>c</sup>Acts 11:26

28 <sup>1</sup>i.e., *Messiah*  
<sup>a</sup>Acts 8:35 <sup>b</sup>Acts 18:5

1 <sup>a</sup>Acts 18:24; 1 Cor. 1:12; 3:5, 6, 22; 4:6; 16:12; Titus 3:13 <sup>b</sup>Acts 18:1 <sup>c</sup>Acts 18:23 <sup>d</sup>Acts 18:21, 24; 19:1, 17, 26 [28, 34f.]; 20:16f.; [21:29]; 1 Cor. 15:32; 16:8; Eph. 1:1; 1 Tim. 1:3; 2 Tim. 1:18; 4:12; Rev. 1:11; 2:1

2 <sup>1</sup>Or, *the Holy Spirit has been given*  
<sup>a</sup>Acts 8:15f.; 11:16f. <sup>b</sup>John 7:39

3 <sup>a</sup>Luke 7:29; Acts 18:25

4 <sup>a</sup>Acts 13:24 <sup>b</sup>John 1:7

5 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *into*  
<sup>a</sup>Acts 8:12, 16; 10:48

6 <sup>a</sup>Acts 6:6; 8:17 <sup>b</sup>Acts 2:4; 10:46; Mark 16:17  
<sup>c</sup>Acts 13:1

8 <sup>1</sup>Some ancient mss. read, *persuading as to the things about*  
<sup>a</sup>Acts 9:20; 18:26 <sup>b</sup>Acts 1:3

9 <sup>a</sup>Acts 14:4 <sup>b</sup>Acts 9:2; 19:23 <sup>c</sup>Acts 11:26; 19:30

10 <sup>1</sup>i.e., *west coast province of Asia Minor*  
<sup>a</sup>Acts 19:8; 20:31 <sup>b</sup>Acts 16:6; 19:22, 26, 27 <sup>c</sup>Acts 13:12; 19:20

11 <sup>1</sup>Or, *works of power*  
<sup>a</sup>Acts 8:13

12 <sup>a</sup>Acts 5:15 <sup>b</sup>Mark 16:17

13 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 12:27; Luke 11:19

25 This man had been instructed in <sup>a</sup>the way of the Lord; and being fervent in spirit, he was speaking and teaching accurately the things concerning Jesus, being acquainted only with <sup>b</sup>the baptism of John;

26 and he began to speak out boldly in the synagogue. But when <sup>a</sup>Priscilla and Aquila heard him, they took him aside and explained to him <sup>b</sup>the way of God more accurately.

27 And when he wanted to go across to <sup>a</sup>Achaia, <sup>b</sup>the brethren encouraged him and wrote to <sup>c</sup>the disciples to welcome him; and when he had arrived, he <sup>1</sup>helped greatly those who had believed through grace;

28 for he powerfully refuted the Jews in public, demonstrating <sup>a</sup>by the Scriptures that <sup>b</sup>Jesus was the <sup>1</sup>Christ.

CHAPTER 19

AND it came about that while <sup>a</sup>Apollos was at <sup>b</sup>Corinth, Paul having passed through the <sup>c</sup>upper country came to <sup>d</sup>Ephesus, and found some disciples,

2 and he said to them, “<sup>a</sup>Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed?” And they *said* to him, “No, <sup>b</sup>we have not even heard whether <sup>1</sup>there is a Holy Spirit.”

3 And he said, “Into what then were you baptized?” And they said, “<sup>a</sup>Into John’s baptism.”

4 And Paul said, “<sup>a</sup>John baptized with the baptism of repentance, telling the people <sup>b</sup>to believe in Him who was coming after him, that is, in Jesus.”

5 And when they heard this, they were <sup>a</sup>baptized <sup>1</sup>in the name of the Lord Jesus.

6 And when Paul had <sup>a</sup>laid his hands upon them, the Holy Spirit came on them, and they *began* <sup>b</sup>speaking with tongues and <sup>c</sup>prophesying.

7 And there were in all about twelve men.

8 And he entered <sup>a</sup>the synagogue and continued speaking out boldly for three months, reasoning and <sup>1</sup>persuading *them* <sup>b</sup>about the kingdom of God.

9 But when <sup>a</sup>some were becoming hardened and disobedient, speaking evil of <sup>b</sup>the Way before the multitude, he withdrew from them and took away <sup>c</sup>the disciples, reasoning daily in the school of Tyrannus.

10 And this took place for <sup>a</sup>two years, so that all who lived in <sup>1b</sup>Asia heard <sup>c</sup>the word of the Lord, both Jews and Greeks.

11 And God was performing <sup>a</sup>extraordinary <sup>1</sup>miracles by the hands of Paul,

12 <sup>a</sup>so that handkerchiefs or aprons were even carried from his body to the sick, and the diseases left them and <sup>b</sup>the evil spirits went out.

13 But also some of the Jewish <sup>a</sup>exorcists, who went from place to place, attempted to name over those who had the evil spirits the name of the Lord Jesus, saying, “I adjure you by Jesus whom Paul preaches.”

14 And seven sons of one Sceva, a Jewish chief priest, were doing this.

15 And the evil spirit answered and said to them, “I recognize Jesus, and I know about Paul, but who are you?”

16 And the man, in whom was the evil spirit, leaped on

them and subdued both of them and overpowered them, so that they fled out of that house naked and wounded.

17 And this became known to all, both Jews and Greeks, who lived in <sup>a</sup>Ephesus; and fear fell upon them all and the name of the Lord Jesus was being magnified.

18 Many also of those who had believed kept coming, confessing and disclosing their practices.

19 And many of those who practiced magic brought their books together and *began* burning them in the sight of all; and they counted up the price of them and found it <sup>1</sup>fifty thousand <sup>a</sup>pieces of silver.

20 So <sup>1a</sup>the word of the Lord <sup>b</sup>was growing mightily and prevailing.

21 Now after these things were finished, Paul purposed in the <sup>1</sup>spirit to <sup>a</sup>go to Jerusalem <sup>b</sup>after he had passed through <sup>c</sup>Macedonia and <sup>d</sup>Achaia, saying, "After I have been there, <sup>e</sup>I must also see Rome."

22 And having sent into <sup>a</sup>Macedonia two of <sup>b</sup>those who ministered to him, <sup>c</sup>Timothy and <sup>d</sup>Erastus, he himself stayed in <sup>1e</sup>Asia for a while.

23 And about that time there arose no small disturbance concerning <sup>a</sup>the Way.

24 For a certain man named Demetrius, a silversmith, who made silver shrines of <sup>1</sup>Artemis, <sup>a</sup>was bringing no little <sup>2</sup>business to the craftsmen;

25 these he gathered together with the workmen of similar *trades*, and said, "Men, you know that our prosperity <sup>1</sup>depends upon this business.

26 "And you see and hear that not only in <sup>a</sup>Ephesus, but in almost all of <sup>1b</sup>Asia, this Paul has persuaded and turned away a considerable number of people, saying that <sup>c</sup>gods made with hands are no gods *at all*.

27 "And not only is there danger that this trade of ours fall into disrepute, but also that the temple of the great goddess <sup>1</sup>Artemis be regarded as worthless and that she whom all of <sup>2a</sup>Asia and <sup>b</sup>the <sup>3</sup>world worship should even be dethroned from her magnificence."

28 And when they heard *this* and were filled with rage, they *began* crying out, saying, "Great is <sup>1</sup>Artemis of the <sup>a</sup>Ephesians!"

29 And the city was filled with the confusion, and they rushed with one accord into the theater, <sup>1</sup>dragging along <sup>a</sup>Gaius and <sup>b</sup>Aristarchus, Paul's traveling <sup>c</sup>companions from <sup>d</sup>Macedonia.

30 And when Paul wanted to go into the <sup>1</sup>assembly, <sup>a</sup>the disciples would not let him.

31 And also some of the <sup>1</sup>Asiarchs who were friends of his sent to him and repeatedly urged him not to <sup>2</sup>venture into the theater.

32 <sup>a</sup>So then, some were shouting one thing and some another, for the <sup>1</sup>assembly was in confusion, and the majority did not know <sup>2</sup>for what cause they had come together.

33 And some of the crowd <sup>1</sup>concluded *it was* Alexander, since the Jews had put him forward; and having <sup>a</sup>motioned with his hand, Alexander was intending to make a defense to the <sup>2</sup>assembly.

17 <sup>a</sup>Acts 18:19

19 <sup>1</sup>Or probably, fifty thousand Greek drachmas. A drachma approximated a day's wage.  
<sup>a</sup>Luke 15:8 and marg.

20 <sup>1</sup>Or, according to the power of the Lord the word was growing  
<sup>a</sup>Acts 19:10 <sup>b</sup>Acts 6:7; 12:24

21 <sup>1</sup>Or, Spirit  
<sup>a</sup>Acts 20:16, 22; 21:15; Rom. 15:25; 2 Cor. 1:16  
<sup>b</sup>1 Cor. 16:5; Acts 20:1  
<sup>c</sup>Rom. 15:26; 1 Thess. 1:7f.; Acts 16:9; 19:22, 29 <sup>a</sup>Acts 18:12 <sup>a</sup>Rom. 15:24, 28; Acts 23:11

22 <sup>1</sup>I.e., west coast province of Asia Minor  
<sup>a</sup>Acts 16:9; 19:21, 29 <sup>b</sup>Acts 19:29; 13:5; 20:34; 2 Cor. 8:19 <sup>c</sup>Acts 16:1 <sup>d</sup>Rom. 16:23; 2 Tim. 4:20 <sup>e</sup>Acts 19:10

23 <sup>a</sup>Acts 19:9

24 <sup>1</sup>Latin, Diana <sup>2</sup>Or, profit  
<sup>a</sup>Acts 16:16, 19f.

25 <sup>1</sup>Lit., is from

26 <sup>1</sup>Note vs. 22  
<sup>a</sup>Acts 18:19 <sup>b</sup>Acts 19:10 <sup>c</sup>Acts 17:29; 1 Cor. 8:4; 10:19; Deut. 4:28; Ps. 115:4; Is. 44:10-20; Jer. 10:3ff.; Rev. 9:20

27 <sup>1</sup>Latin, Diana <sup>2</sup>Note vs. 22 <sup>1</sup>Lit., the inhabited earth  
<sup>a</sup>Acts 19:10 <sup>b</sup>Matt. 24:14

28 <sup>1</sup>Latin, Diana  
<sup>a</sup>Acts 18:19

29 <sup>1</sup>Lit., having-dragged  
<sup>a</sup>Acts 20:4 <sup>b</sup>Acts 20:4; 27:2; Col. 4:10; Philem. 24 <sup>c</sup>Acts 19:22; 13:5; 20:34; 2 Cor. 8:19 <sup>d</sup>Acts 16:9; 19:22

30 <sup>1</sup>Lit., people  
<sup>a</sup>Acts 19:9

31 <sup>1</sup>I.e., political or religious officials of the province of Asia <sup>2</sup>Lit., give himself

32 <sup>1</sup>Cr., ekklesia <sup>2</sup>Or, on whose account  
<sup>a</sup>Acts 21:34

33 <sup>1</sup>Or, instructed Alexander <sup>2</sup>Lit., people  
<sup>a</sup>Acts 12:17

34 <sup>1</sup>Latin, *Diana*

35 <sup>1</sup>Latin, *Diana* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *Zeus* or, *Jupiter*  
<sup>a</sup>Acts 18:19

37 <sup>a</sup>Rom. 2:22

38 <sup>1</sup>Or, *provincial*  
*governors*  
<sup>a</sup>Acts 13:7

39 <sup>1</sup>Or, *regular* <sup>2</sup>Gr.,  
*ekklesia*

41 <sup>1</sup>Gr., *ekklesia*

<sup>1</sup> <sup>a</sup>Acts 11:26 <sup>b</sup>Acts 19:21  
<sup>c</sup>Acts 16:9; 20:3

<sup>3</sup> <sup>a</sup>Acts 9:24; Acts 20:19  
<sup>b</sup>Matt. 4:24 <sup>c</sup>Acts 16:9; 20:1

<sup>4</sup> <sup>1</sup>Lit., *there*  
*accompanied him* <sup>2</sup>i.e.,  
west coast province of Asia  
Minor

<sup>a</sup>Acts 17:10 <sup>b</sup>Acts 19:29  
<sup>c</sup>Acts 17:1 <sup>d</sup>Acts 19:29  
<sup>e</sup>Acts 14:6 <sup>f</sup>Acts 16:1 <sup>g</sup>Eph.  
6:21; Col. 4:7; 2 Tim. 4:12;  
Titus 3:12 <sup>b</sup>Acts 21:29;  
2 Tim. 4:20 <sup>h</sup>Acts 16:6;  
20:16, 18

<sup>5</sup> <sup>a</sup>Acts 20:5-15; 16:10  
<sup>b</sup>Acts 16:8

<sup>6</sup> <sup>a</sup>Acts 20:5-15; 16:10  
<sup>b</sup>Acts 16:12 <sup>c</sup>Acts 12:3  
<sup>d</sup>Acts 16:8

<sup>7</sup> <sup>1</sup>Lit., *word, speech*  
<sup>a</sup>1 Cor. 16:2; Rev. 1:10  
<sup>b</sup>Acts 20:5-15; 16:10 <sup>c</sup>Acts  
2:42; 20:11

<sup>8</sup> <sup>a</sup>Matt. 25:1 <sup>b</sup>Acts 1:13

<sup>9</sup> <sup>1</sup>Or, *at the window*

<sup>10</sup> <sup>1</sup>Or, *Stop being*  
*troubled*  
<sup>a</sup>1 Kin. 17:21; 2 Kin. 4:34  
<sup>b</sup>Matt. 9:23f.; Mark 9:39

34 But when they recognized that he was a Jew, a single outcry arose from them all as they shouted for about two hours, "Great is <sup>1</sup>Artemis of the Ephesians!"

35 And after quieting the multitude, the town clerk <sup>a</sup>said, "Men of <sup>a</sup>Ephesus, what man is there after all who does not know that the city of the Ephesians is guardian of the temple of the great <sup>1</sup>Artemis, and of the *image* which fell down from <sup>2</sup>heaven?"

36 "Since then these are undeniable facts, you ought to keep calm and to do nothing rash.

37 "For you have brought these men *here* who are neither robbers of temples nor blasphemers of our goddess.

38 "So then, if Demetrius and the craftsmen who are with him have a complaint against any man, the courts are in session and <sup>1</sup>aproconsuls are *available*; let them bring charges against one another.

39 "But if you want anything beyond this, it shall be settled in the <sup>1</sup>lawful <sup>2</sup>assembly.

40 "For indeed we are in danger of being accused of a riot in connection with today's affair, since there is no *real* cause *for it*; and in this connection we shall be unable to account for this disorderly gathering."

41 And after saying this he dismissed the <sup>1</sup>assembly.

CHAPTER 20

AND after the uproar had ceased, Paul sent for <sup>a</sup>the disciples and when he had exhorted them and taken his leave of them, he departed <sup>b</sup>to go to <sup>c</sup>Macedonia.

2 And when he had gone through those districts and had given them much exhortation, he came to Greece.

3 And *there* he spent three months, and when <sup>a</sup>a plot was formed against him by the Jews as he was about to set sail for <sup>b</sup>Syria, he determined to return through <sup>c</sup>Macedonia.

4 And <sup>1</sup>he was accompanied by Sopater of <sup>a</sup>Berea, *the son* of Pyrrhus; and by <sup>b</sup>Aristarchus and Secundus of the <sup>c</sup>Thessalonians; and <sup>d</sup>Gaius of <sup>e</sup>Derbe, and <sup>f</sup>Timothy; and <sup>g</sup>Tychicus and <sup>h</sup>Trophimus of <sup>2</sup>Asia.

5 But these had gone on ahead and were waiting for <sup>a</sup>us at <sup>b</sup>Troas.

6 And <sup>a</sup>we sailed from <sup>b</sup>Philippi after <sup>c</sup>the days of Unleavened Bread, and came to them at <sup>d</sup>Troas within five days; and there we stayed seven days.

7 And on <sup>a</sup>the first day of the week, when <sup>b</sup>we were gathered together to <sup>c</sup>break bread, Paul *began* talking to them, intending to depart the next day, and he prolonged his <sup>1</sup>message until midnight.

8 And there were many <sup>a</sup>lamps in the <sup>b</sup>upper room where we were gathered together.

9 And there was a certain young man named Eutychus sitting <sup>1</sup>on the window sill, sinking into a deep sleep; and as Paul kept on talking, he was overcome by sleep and fell down from the third floor, and was picked up dead.

10 But Paul went down and <sup>a</sup>fell upon him and after embracing him, he <sup>b</sup>said, "<sup>1</sup>Do not be troubled, for his life is in him."



11 And when he had gone *back* up, and had <sup>a</sup>broken the bread and <sup>l</sup>eaten, he talked with them a long while, until daybreak, and so departed.

12 And they took away the boy alive, and were <sup>l</sup>greatly comforted.

13 But <sup>a</sup>we, going ahead to the ship, set sail for Assos, intending from there to take Paul on board; for thus he had arranged it, intending himself to go <sup>l</sup>by land.

14 And when he met us at Assos, we took him on board and came to Mitylene.

15 And sailing from there, we arrived the following day opposite Chios; and the next day we crossed over to Samos; and <sup>l</sup>the day following we came to <sup>a</sup>Miletus.

16 For Paul had decided to sail past <sup>a</sup>Ephesus in order that he might not have to spend time in <sup>l</sup>bAsia; for he was hurrying <sup>c</sup>to be in Jerusalem, if possible, <sup>d</sup>on the day of Pentecost.

17 And from Miletus he sent to <sup>a</sup>Ephesus and called to him <sup>b</sup>the elders of the church.

18 And when they had come to him, he said to them, "You yourselves know, <sup>a</sup>from the first day that I set foot in <sup>l</sup>aAsia, how I was with you the whole time,

19 serving the Lord with all humility and with tears and with trials which came upon me through <sup>a</sup>the plots of the Jews;

20 how I <sup>a</sup>did not shrink from declaring to you anything that was profitable, and teaching you publicly and <sup>l</sup>from house to house,

21 solemnly <sup>a</sup>testifying to both Jews and Greeks of <sup>b</sup>repentance toward God and <sup>c</sup>faith in our Lord Jesus Christ.

22 "And now, behold, bound in <sup>l</sup>spirit, <sup>a</sup>I am on my way to Jerusalem, not knowing what will happen to me there,

23 except that <sup>a</sup>the Holy Spirit solemnly <sup>b</sup>testifies to me in every city, saying that <sup>c</sup>bonds and afflictions await me.

24 "But <sup>a</sup>I do not consider my life of any account as dear to myself, in order that I may <sup>b</sup>finish my course, and <sup>c</sup>the ministry which I received from the Lord Jesus, to <sup>d</sup>testify solemnly of the gospel of <sup>c</sup>the grace of God.

25 "And now, behold, I know that you all, among whom I went about <sup>a</sup>preaching the kingdom, will see my face no more.

26 "Therefore I <sup>l</sup>testify to you this day, that <sup>a</sup>I am <sup>2</sup>innocent of the blood of all men.

27 "For I <sup>a</sup>did not shrink from declaring to you the whole <sup>b</sup>purpose of God.

28 "Be on guard for yourselves and for all <sup>a</sup>the flock, among which the Holy Spirit has made you <sup>l</sup>overseers, to shepherd <sup>b</sup>the church of <sup>2</sup>God which <sup>c</sup>He <sup>3</sup>purchased with His own blood.

29 "I know that after my departure <sup>a</sup>savage wolves will come in among you, not sparing <sup>b</sup>the flock;

30 and from among your own selves men will arise, speaking perverse things, to draw away <sup>a</sup>the disciples after them.

31 "Therefore be on the alert, remembering that night and day for a period of <sup>a</sup>three years I did not cease to admonish each one <sup>b</sup>with tears.

32 "And now I <sup>a</sup>commend you to <sup>l</sup>God and to <sup>b</sup>the word of His grace, which is able to <sup>c</sup>build you up and to give you <sup>d</sup>the inheritance among all those who are sanctified.

11 <sup>l</sup>Lit., *tasted*  
<sup>a</sup>Acts 2:42; 20:7

12 <sup>l</sup>Lit., *not moderately*

13 <sup>l</sup>Or, *on foot*  
<sup>a</sup>Acts 20:5-15; 16:10

15 <sup>l</sup>Later mss. add, *after staying at Trogyllium, the day following ...*  
<sup>a</sup>Acts 20:17; 2 Tim. 4:20

16 <sup>l</sup>E., west coast province of Asia Minor  
<sup>a</sup>Acts 18:19 <sup>b</sup>Acts 16:6; 20:4, 18 <sup>c</sup>Acts 19:21; 20:22; 20:6; 1 Cor. 16:8 <sup>d</sup>Acts 2:1

17 <sup>a</sup>Acts 18:19 <sup>b</sup>Acts 11:30

18 <sup>l</sup>Note vs. 16  
<sup>a</sup>Acts 18:19; 19:1, 10; 20:4, 16

19 <sup>a</sup>Acts 20:3

20 <sup>l</sup>Or, *in the various private homes*  
<sup>a</sup>Acts 20:27

21 <sup>a</sup>Acts 18:5; Luke 16:28; Acts 20:23, 24 <sup>b</sup>Acts 2:38; 11:18; 26:20 <sup>c</sup>Acts 24:24; 26:18; Eph. 1:15; Col. 2:5; Philem. 5

22 <sup>l</sup>Or, *the Spirit*  
<sup>a</sup>Acts 20:16; 17:16

23 <sup>a</sup>Acts 8:29 <sup>b</sup>Acts 18:5; Luke 16:28; Acts 20:21, 24 <sup>c</sup>Acts 9:16; 21:33

24 <sup>a</sup>Acts 21:13 <sup>b</sup>Acts 13:25 <sup>c</sup>Acts 1:17 <sup>d</sup>Acts 18:5; Luke 16:28; Acts 20:21 <sup>e</sup>Acts 11:23; 20:32

25 <sup>a</sup>Acts 28:31; Matt. 4:23

26 <sup>l</sup>Or, *call you to witness* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *pure form*  
<sup>a</sup>Acts 18:6

27 <sup>a</sup>Acts 20:20 <sup>b</sup>Acts 13:36

28 <sup>l</sup>Or, *bishops* <sup>2</sup>Some ancient mss. read, *the Lord* <sup>3</sup>Lit., *acquired* <sup>a</sup>Acts 20:29; Luke 12:32; 1 Pet. 5:2f.; John 21:15-17 <sup>b</sup>Matt. 16:18; Rom. 16:16; 1 Cor. 10:32 <sup>c</sup>Eph. 1:7, 14; Titus 2:14; 1 Pet. 1:19; 2:9; Rev. 5:9

29 <sup>a</sup>Ezek. 22:27; Matt. 7:15 <sup>b</sup>Acts 20:28; Luke 12:32; 1 Pet. 5:2f.; John 21:15-17

30 <sup>a</sup>Acts 11:26

31 <sup>a</sup>Acts 19:1, 8, 10; 24:17 <sup>b</sup>Acts 20:19

32 <sup>l</sup>One ancient mss. reads, *the Lord*  
<sup>a</sup>Acts 14:23 <sup>b</sup>Acts 14:3; 20:24 <sup>c</sup>Acts 9:31 <sup>d</sup>Acts 26:18; Eph. 1:14; 5:5; Col. 1:12; 3:24; Heb. 9:15; 1 Pet. 1:4

33 <sup>a</sup>1 Cor. 9:4-18; 2 Cor. 11:7-12; 12:14-18; 1 Thess. 2:5f.

34 <sup>a</sup>Acts 18:3 <sup>b</sup>Acts 19:22

36 <sup>a</sup>Acts 9:40; 21:5; Luke 22:41

37 <sup>1</sup>Lit., a considerable weeping of all occurred  
<sup>2</sup>Lit., fell on Paul's neck  
<sup>a</sup>Luke 15:20

38 <sup>1</sup>Lit., suffering pain  
<sup>a</sup>Acts 20:25 <sup>b</sup>Acts 15:3

1 <sup>a</sup>["we"] Acts 21:1-18; 16:10 <sup>b</sup>Acts 16:11

2 <sup>a</sup>Acts 11:19; 21:3

3 <sup>a</sup>Acts 4:36; 21:16  
<sup>b</sup>Matt. 4:24 <sup>c</sup>Acts 12:20; 21:7 <sup>d</sup>Acts 21:2

4 <sup>1</sup>i.e., because of impressions made by the Spirit  
<sup>a</sup>Acts 21:16; 11:26 <sup>b</sup>Acts 21:11; 20:23

5 <sup>1</sup>Lit., we had completed the days  
<sup>a</sup>Acts 15:3 <sup>b</sup>Acts 9:40; 20:36; Luke 22:41

6 <sup>a</sup>John 19:27

7 <sup>a</sup>Acts 12:20; 21:3 <sup>b</sup>Acts 1:15; 21:17

8 <sup>a</sup>Acts 8:40; 21:16 <sup>b</sup>Acts 6:5 <sup>c</sup>Eph. 4:11; 2 Tim. 4:5

9 <sup>a</sup>Acts 13:1; Luke 2:36; 1 Cor. 11:5

10 <sup>a</sup>Acts 11:28

11 <sup>a</sup>1 Kin. 22:11; Is. 20:2; Jer. 13:1-11; 19:1, 11; John 18 <sup>b</sup>Acts 8:29 <sup>c</sup>Acts 9:16; 21:33 <sup>d</sup>Matt. 20:19

12 <sup>a</sup>Acts 21:15

13 <sup>a</sup>Acts 20:24 <sup>b</sup>Acts 5:41; 9:16

14 <sup>a</sup>Luke 22:42

33 "I have coveted no one's silver or gold or clothes.

34 "You yourselves know that <sup>a</sup>these hands ministered to my own needs and to the <sup>b</sup>men who were with me.

35 "In every thing I showed you that by working hard in this manner you must help the weak and remember the words of the Lord Jesus, that He Himself said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'"

36 And when he had said these things, he <sup>a</sup>knelt down and prayed with them all.

37 And <sup>1</sup>they *began* to weep aloud and <sup>2a</sup>embraced Paul, and repeatedly kissed him,

38 <sup>1</sup>grieving especially over <sup>a</sup>the word which he had spoken, that they should see his face no more. And they were <sup>b</sup>accompanying him to the ship.

CHAPTER 21

AND when it came about that <sup>a</sup>we had parted from them and had set sail, we ran <sup>ba</sup> a straight course to Cos and the next day to Rhodes and from there to Patara;

2 and having found a ship crossing over to <sup>a</sup>Phoenicia, we went aboard and set sail.

3 And when we had come in sight of <sup>a</sup>Cyprus, leaving it on the left, we kept sailing to <sup>b</sup>Syria and landed at <sup>c</sup>Tyre; for <sup>d</sup>there the ship was to unload its cargo.

4 And after looking up <sup>a</sup>the disciples, we stayed there seven days; and they kept telling Paul <sup>1b</sup>through the Spirit not to set foot in Jerusalem.

5 And when it came about that <sup>1</sup>our days there were ended, we departed and started on our journey, while they all, with wives and children, <sup>a</sup>escorted us until *we were* out of the city. And after <sup>b</sup>kneeing down on the beach and praying, we said farewell to one another.

6 Then we went on board the ship, and they returned <sup>a</sup>home again.

7 And when we had finished the voyage from <sup>a</sup>Tyre, we arrived at Ptolemais; and after greeting <sup>b</sup>the brethren, we stayed with them for a day.

8 And on the next day we departed and came to <sup>a</sup>Caesarea; and entering the house of <sup>b</sup>Philip the <sup>c</sup>evangelist, who was <sup>b</sup>one of the seven, we stayed with him.

9 Now this man had four virgin daughters who were <sup>a</sup>prophetesses.

10 And as we were staying there for some days, a certain prophet named <sup>a</sup>Agabus came down from Judea.

11 And coming to us, he <sup>a</sup>took Paul's belt and bound his own feet and hands, and said, "This <sup>b</sup>is what the Holy Spirit says: 'In this way the Jews at Jerusalem will <sup>c</sup>bind the man who owns this belt and <sup>d</sup>deliver him into the hands of the Gentiles.'"

12 And when we had heard this, we as well as the local residents *began* begging him <sup>a</sup>not to go up to Jerusalem.

13 Then Paul answered, "What are you doing, weeping and breaking my heart? For <sup>a</sup>I am ready not only to be bound, but even to die at Jerusalem for <sup>b</sup>the name of the Lord Jesus."

14 And since he would not be persuaded, we fell silent, remarking, "<sup>a</sup>The will of the Lord be done!"

15 And after these days we got ready and <sup>a</sup>started on our way up to Jerusalem.

16 And *some* of <sup>a</sup>the disciples from <sup>b</sup>Caesarea also came with us, taking us to Mnason of <sup>c</sup>Cyprus, a <sup>d</sup>disciple of long standing with whom we were to lodge.

17 And when we had come to Jerusalem, <sup>a</sup>the brethren received us gladly.

18 And now the following day Paul went in with us to <sup>1a</sup>James, and all <sup>b</sup>the elders were present.

19 And after he had greeted them, he <sup>a</sup>began to relate one by one the things which God had done among the Gentiles through his <sup>b</sup>ministry.

20 And when they heard it they <sup>a</sup>began glorifying God; and they said to him, "You see, brother, how many <sup>1</sup>thousands there are among the Jews of those who have believed, and they are all <sup>b</sup>zealous for the Law;

21 and they have been told about you, that you are <sup>a</sup>teaching all the Jews who are among the Gentiles to forsake Moses, telling them <sup>b</sup>not to circumcise their children nor to walk according to <sup>c</sup>the customs.

22 "What, then, is *to be done*? They will certainly hear that you have come.

23 "Therefore do this that we tell you. We have four men who <sup>1a</sup>are under a vow;

24 take them and <sup>a</sup>purify yourself along with them, and <sup>1b</sup>pay their expenses in order that they may <sup>b</sup>shave their <sup>2</sup>heads; and all will know that there is nothing to the things which they have been told about you, but that you yourself also walk orderly, keeping the Law.

25 "But concerning the Gentiles who have believed, we wrote, <sup>a</sup>having decided that they should abstain from <sup>1</sup>meat sacrificed to idols and from blood and from what is strangled and from fornication."

26 Then Paul <sup>1</sup>took the men, and the next day, <sup>a</sup>purifying himself along with them, <sup>b</sup>went into the temple, giving notice of the completion of the days of purification, until the sacrifice was offered for each one of them.

27 And when <sup>a</sup>the seven days were almost over, <sup>b</sup>the Jews from <sup>1c</sup>Asia, upon seeing him in the temple, <sup>a</sup>began to stir up all the multitude and laid hands on him,

28 crying out, "Men of Israel, come to our aid! <sup>a</sup>This is the man who preaches to all men everywhere against our people, and the Law, and this place; and besides he has even brought Greeks into the temple and has <sup>b</sup>defiled this <sup>a</sup>holy place."

29 For they had previously seen <sup>a</sup>Trophimus the <sup>b</sup>Ephesian in the city with him, and they supposed that Paul had brought him into the temple.

30 And all the city was aroused, and <sup>1</sup>the people rushed together; and taking hold of Paul, they <sup>a</sup>dragged him out of the temple; and immediately the doors were shut.

31 And while they were seeking to kill him, a report came up to the <sup>1</sup>commander of the <sup>a</sup>Roman <sup>2</sup>cohort that all Jerusalem was in confusion.

32 And at once he <sup>a</sup>took along *some* soldiers and centurions, and ran down to them; and when they saw the <sup>1</sup>commander and the soldiers, they stopped beating Paul.

15 <sup>a</sup>Acts 21:1216 <sup>a</sup>Acts 21:4 <sup>b</sup>Acts 8:40  
<sup>c</sup>Acts 4:36; 21:3 <sup>d</sup>Acts 15:7  
marg.17 <sup>a</sup>Acts 1:15; 21:718 <sup>1</sup>Or, *Jacob*  
<sup>a</sup>Acts 12:17 <sup>b</sup>Acts 11:3019 <sup>a</sup>Acts 14:27 <sup>b</sup>Acts 1:1720 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *ten thousands*  
<sup>a</sup>Matt. 9:8 <sup>b</sup>Acts 15:1; 22:3;  
Rom. 10:2; Gal. 1:1421 <sup>a</sup>Acts 21:28 <sup>b</sup>Acts  
15:19ff.; 1 Cor. 7:18f. <sup>c</sup>Acts  
6:1423 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *have a vow on  
them*  
<sup>a</sup>Acts 18:1824 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *spends on them*  
<sup>2</sup>Lit., *head*  
<sup>a</sup>Acts 21:26; 24:18; John  
11:55 <sup>b</sup>Acts 18:1825 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *the thing*  
<sup>a</sup>Acts 15:19f., 2926 <sup>1</sup>Or, *took the men the  
next day, and purifying  
himself*  
<sup>a</sup>Acts 21:24; 24:18; John  
11:55 <sup>b</sup>Num. 6:13; Acts  
24:1827 <sup>1</sup>i.e., west coast  
province of Asia Minor  
<sup>a</sup>Num. 6:9; 13:20 <sup>b</sup>Acts  
24:18; 20:19 <sup>c</sup>Acts 16:628 <sup>a</sup>Acts 6:13 <sup>b</sup>Acts 24:6;  
Matt. 24:15; Acts 6:13f.29 <sup>a</sup>Acts 20:4 <sup>b</sup>Acts 18:1930 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *a running  
together of the people  
occurred*  
<sup>a</sup>Acts 26:21; 2 Kin. 11:15;  
Acts 16:1931 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *chiliarch*, in  
command of one thousand  
troops <sup>2</sup>Or, *battalion*  
<sup>a</sup>Acts 10:132 <sup>1</sup>Vs. 31 note  
<sup>a</sup>Acts 23:27

33 <sup>1</sup>Vs. 31 note  
<sup>a</sup>Acts 20:23; 21:11; 22:29;  
 26:29; 28:20; 2 Tim. 1:16;  
 2:9; Eph. 6:20 <sup>b</sup>Acts 12:6

34 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *certainly*  
<sup>a</sup>Acts 19:32 <sup>b</sup>Acts 21:37;  
 22:24; 23:10, 16, 32

35 <sup>1</sup>Or, *multitude*  
<sup>a</sup>Acts 21:40

36 <sup>a</sup>Acts 22:22; Luke  
 23:18; John 19:15

37 <sup>1</sup>Vs. 31 note  
<sup>a</sup>Acts 21:34; 22:24; 23:10,  
 16, 32

38 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *days*  
<sup>a</sup>Acts 5:36 <sup>b</sup>Matt. 24:26

39 <sup>a</sup>Acts 22:3; 9:11 <sup>b</sup>Acts  
 6:9

40 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *occurred* <sup>2</sup>i.e.,  
 Jewish Aramaic  
<sup>a</sup>Acts 21:35 <sup>b</sup>Acts 12:17  
<sup>c</sup>Acts 22:2; 26:14; 1:19;  
 John 5:2

1 <sup>a</sup>Acts 7:2

2 <sup>1</sup>i.e., Jewish Aramaic  
<sup>a</sup>Acts 21:40

3 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *at the feet of*  
<sup>2</sup>Lit., *according to the*  
*strictness of the ancestral*  
*law*  
<sup>a</sup>Acts 22:3-16; 9:1-22; 26:9-  
 18 <sup>b</sup>Acts 21:39 <sup>c</sup>Acts 9:11  
<sup>d</sup>Acts 6:9 <sup>e</sup>Deut. 33:3;  
 2 Kin. 4:38; Luke 10:39  
<sup>f</sup>Acts 5:34 <sup>g</sup>Acts 26:5; Phil.  
 3:6; Acts 23:6 <sup>b</sup>Acts 21:20

4 <sup>a</sup>Acts 8:3; 22:19f. <sup>b</sup>Acts  
 9:2

5 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *testifies for me*  
<sup>2</sup>Lit., *having been bound*  
<sup>a</sup>Acts 9:1 <sup>b</sup>Luke 22:66  
 [Gr.]: 1 Tim. 4:14 [Gr.];  
 Acts 5:21 [Gr.] <sup>c</sup>Acts 9:2  
<sup>d</sup>Acts 2:29; 3:17; 13:26;  
 23:1; 28:17, 21; Rom. 9:3  
<sup>e</sup>Acts 9:2

6 <sup>a</sup>Acts 22:6-11; Acts 9:3-  
 8; 26:12-18

8 <sup>a</sup>Acts 26:9

9 <sup>1</sup>Or, *hear* (with  
 comprehension)  
<sup>a</sup>Acts 26:13 <sup>b</sup>Acts 9:7

10 <sup>a</sup>Acts 16:30

33 Then the <sup>1</sup>commander came up and took hold of him, and ordered him to be <sup>a</sup>bound with <sup>b</sup>two chains; and he *began* asking who he was and what he had done.

34 But among the crowd <sup>a</sup>some were shouting one thing *and* some another, and when he could not find out the <sup>1</sup>facts on account of the uproar, he ordered him to be brought into <sup>b</sup>the barracks.

35 And when he got to <sup>a</sup>the stairs, it so happened that he was carried by the soldiers because of the violence of the <sup>1</sup>mob;

36 for the multitude of the people kept following behind, crying out, "<sup>a</sup>Away with him!"

37 And as Paul was about to be brought into <sup>a</sup>the barracks, he said to the <sup>1</sup>commander, "May I say something to you?" And he <sup>a</sup>said, "Do you know Greek?"

38 "Then you are not <sup>a</sup>the Egyptian who some <sup>1</sup>time ago stirred up a revolt and led the four thousand men of the Assassins out <sup>b</sup>into the wilderness?"

39 But Paul said, "<sup>a</sup>I am a Jew of Tarsus in <sup>b</sup>Cilicia, a citizen of no insignificant city; and I beg you, allow me to speak to the people."

40 And when he had given him permission, Paul, standing on <sup>a</sup>the stairs, <sup>b</sup>motioned to the people with his hand; and when there <sup>1</sup>was a great hush, he spoke to them in the <sup>2c</sup>Hebrew dialect, saying,

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"<sup>a</sup>**BRETHREN** and fathers, hear my defense which I now *offer* to you."

2 And when they heard that he was addressing them in the <sup>1a</sup>Hebrew dialect, they became even more quiet; and he <sup>a</sup>said,

3 "<sup>a</sup>I am <sup>ba</sup>a Jew, born in <sup>c</sup>Tarsus of <sup>d</sup>Cilicia, but brought up in this city, <sup>e</sup>educated <sup>1</sup>under <sup>f</sup>Gamaliel, <sup>2g</sup>strictly according to the law of our fathers, being zealous for God, just as <sup>h</sup>you all are today.

4 "And <sup>a</sup>I persecuted this <sup>b</sup>Way to the death, binding and putting both men and women into prisons,

5 as also <sup>a</sup>the high priest and all <sup>b</sup>the Council of the elders <sup>1</sup>can testify. From them I also <sup>c</sup>received letters to <sup>d</sup>the brethren, and started off for <sup>e</sup>Damascus in order to bring even those who were there to Jerusalem <sup>2a</sup>as prisoners to be punished.

6 "<sup>a</sup>And it came about that as I was on my way, approaching Damascus about noontime, a very bright light suddenly flashed from heaven all around me,

7 and I fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to me, 'Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting Me?'

8 "And I answered, 'Who art Thou, Lord?' And He said to me, 'I am <sup>a</sup>Jesus the Nazarene, whom you are persecuting.'

9 "And those who were with me <sup>a</sup>beheld the light, to be sure, but <sup>b</sup>did not <sup>1</sup>understand the voice of the One who was speaking to me.

10 "And I said, '<sup>a</sup>What shall I do, Lord?' And the Lord said to me, 'Arise and go on into Damascus; and there you will be told of all that has been appointed for you to do.'

11 "But since I <sup>a</sup>could not see because of the <sup>1</sup>brightness of that light, I was led by the hand by those who were with me, and came into Damascus.

12 "And a certain <sup>a</sup>Ananias, a man who was devout by the standard of the Law, *and* <sup>b</sup>well spoken of by all the Jews who lived there,

13 came to me, and standing near said to me, <sup>a</sup>"Brother Saul, receive your sight!" And <sup>1</sup>at that very time I looked up at him.

14 "And he said, <sup>a</sup>"The God of our fathers has <sup>b</sup>appointed you to know His will, and to <sup>c</sup>see the <sup>d</sup>Righteous One, and to hear an <sup>1</sup>utterance from His mouth.

15 'For you will be <sup>a</sup>a witness for Him to all men of <sup>b</sup>what you have seen and heard.

16 'And now why do you delay? <sup>a</sup>Arise, and be baptized, and <sup>b</sup>wash away your sins, <sup>c</sup>calling on His name.'

17 "And it came about when I <sup>a</sup>returned to Jerusalem and was praying in the temple, that I <sup>b</sup>fell into a trance,

18 and I saw Him saying to me, <sup>a</sup>"Make haste, and get out of Jerusalem quickly, because they will not accept your testimony about Me.'

19 "And I said, 'Lord, they themselves understand that in one synagogue after another <sup>a</sup>I used to imprison and <sup>b</sup>beat those who believed in Thee.

20 'And <sup>a</sup>when the blood of Thy witness Stephen was being shed, I also was standing by approving, and watching out for the cloaks of those who were slaying him.'

21 "And He said to me, 'Go! For I will send you far away <sup>a</sup>to the Gentiles.'

22 And they listened to him up to this statement, and *then* they raised their voices and said, "<sup>a</sup>Away with such a fellow from the earth, for <sup>b</sup>he should not be allowed to live!"

23 And as they were crying out and <sup>a</sup>throwing off their cloaks and <sup>b</sup>tossing dust into the air,

24 the <sup>1</sup>commander ordered him to be brought into <sup>a</sup>the barracks, stating that he should be <sup>b</sup>examined by scourging so that he might find out the reason why they were shouting against him that way.

25 And when they stretched him out <sup>1</sup>with thongs, Paul said to the centurion who was standing by, "Is it lawful for you to scourge <sup>a</sup>a man who is a Roman and uncondemned?"

26 And when the centurion heard *this*, he went to the <sup>1</sup>commander and told him, saying, "What are you about to do? For this man is a Roman."

27 And the <sup>1</sup>commander came and said to him, "Tell me, are you a Roman?" And he said, "Yes."

28 And the <sup>1</sup>commander answered, "I acquired this citizenship with a large sum of money." And Paul said, "But I was actually born *a citizen*."

29 Therefore those who were about to <sup>a</sup>examine him immediately <sup>1</sup>let go of him; and the <sup>2</sup>commander also <sup>b</sup>was afraid when he found out that he was a Roman, and because he had <sup>3</sup>capt him in chains.

11 <sup>1</sup>Or, *glory*  
<sup>a</sup>Acts 9:8

12 <sup>a</sup>Acts 9:10 <sup>b</sup>Acts 6:3;  
10:22

13 <sup>1</sup>Or, *instantly*; lit., *at that very hour*  
<sup>a</sup>Acts 9:17 <sup>b</sup>Acts 9:18

14 <sup>1</sup>Or, *message*; lit., *voice*  
<sup>a</sup>Acts 3:13 <sup>b</sup>Acts 9:15; 26:16  
<sup>c</sup>Acts 9:17; 26:16; 1 Cor.  
9:1; 15:8 <sup>d</sup>Acts 7:52

15 <sup>a</sup>Acts 23:11; 26:16  
<sup>b</sup>Acts 22:14

16 <sup>a</sup>Acts 9:18 <sup>b</sup>1 Cor. 6:11;  
Heb. 10:22; Acts 2:38; Eph.  
5:26 <sup>c</sup>Acts 7:59

17 <sup>a</sup>Acts 9:26; 26:20 <sup>b</sup>Acts  
10:10

18 <sup>a</sup>Acts 9:29

19 <sup>a</sup>Acts 8:3; 22:4 <sup>b</sup>Acts  
26:11; Matt. 10:17

20 <sup>a</sup>Acts 7:58f.; 8:1; 26:10

21 <sup>a</sup>Acts 9:15

22 <sup>a</sup>Acts 21:36; 1 Thess.  
2:16 <sup>b</sup>Acts 25:24

23 <sup>a</sup>Acts 7:58 <sup>b</sup>2 Sam.  
16:13

24 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *chiliarch*, in  
command of one thousand  
troops  
<sup>a</sup>Acts 21:34 <sup>b</sup>Acts 22:29

25 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *for the thongs*  
<sup>a</sup>Acts 16:37

26 <sup>1</sup>Vs. 24 note

27 <sup>1</sup>Vs. 24 note

28 <sup>1</sup>Vs. 24 note

29 <sup>1</sup>Or, *withdrew from*  
<sup>2</sup>Vs. 24 note <sup>3</sup>Lit., *bound*  
*him*  
<sup>a</sup>Acts 22:24 <sup>b</sup>Acts 16:38  
<sup>c</sup>Acts 22:24f.

**Acts 22, 23**

30 <sup>1</sup>Or, *Sanhedrin*  
<sup>a</sup>Acts 23:28 <sup>b</sup>Acts 21:33  
<sup>c</sup>Matt. 5:22

1 <sup>1</sup>Or, *Sanhedrin* <sup>2</sup>Or,  
*conducted myself as a*  
*citizen*  
<sup>a</sup>Acts 22:30; 23:6, 15, 20, 28  
<sup>b</sup>Acts 22:5 <sup>c</sup>Acts 24:16;  
2 Cor. 1:12; 2 Tim. 1:3

2 <sup>a</sup>Acts 24:1 <sup>b</sup>John 18:22

3 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 23:27 <sup>b</sup>Lev.  
19:15; Deut. 25:2; John  
7:51

5 <sup>a</sup>Ex. 22:28

6 <sup>1</sup>Or, *Sanhedrin*  
<sup>a</sup>Matt. 22:23; 3:7 <sup>b</sup>Acts  
22:30; 23:1, 15, 20, 28 <sup>c</sup>Acts  
22:5 <sup>d</sup>Acts 26:5; Phil. 3:5  
<sup>e</sup>Acts 24:15, 21; 26:8

8 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *both*  
<sup>a</sup>Matt. 22:23; Acts 3:7

9 <sup>a</sup>Mark 2:16; Luke 5:30  
<sup>b</sup>Acts 23:29 <sup>c</sup>Acts 22:6ff.;  
John 12:29

10 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *chiliarch*, in  
command of one thousand  
troops  
<sup>a</sup>Acts 21:34; 23:16, 32

11 <sup>a</sup>Acts 18:9 <sup>b</sup>Matt. 9:2  
<sup>c</sup>Acts 19:21 <sup>d</sup>Acts 28:23;  
Luke 16:28

12 <sup>1</sup>Or, *mob*  
<sup>a</sup>Acts 23:30; Acts 9:23;  
1 Thess. 2:16 <sup>b</sup>Acts 23:14,  
21

14 <sup>a</sup>Acts 23:12, 21

15 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *with* <sup>2</sup>Or,  
*Sanhedrin* <sup>3</sup>Vs. 10 note  
<sup>a</sup>Acts 22:30; 23:1, 6, 20, 28

16 <sup>1</sup>Or, *having been*  
*present with them, and he*  
*entered*  
<sup>a</sup>Acts 21:34; 23:10, 32

30 But on the next day, <sup>a</sup>wishing to know for certain why he had been accused by the Jews, he <sup>b</sup>released him and ordered the chief priests and all <sup>c</sup>the <sup>1</sup>Council to assemble, and brought Paul down and set him before them.

CHAPTER 23

AND Paul, looking intently at <sup>a</sup>the <sup>1</sup>Council, said, <sup>b</sup>"Brethren, <sup>c</sup>I have <sup>d</sup>lived my life with a perfectly good conscience before God up to this day."

2 And the high priest <sup>a</sup>Ananias commanded those standing beside him <sup>b</sup>to strike him on the mouth.

3 Then Paul said to him, "God is going to strike you, <sup>a</sup>you whitewashed wall! And do you <sup>b</sup>sit to try me according to the Law, and in violation of the Law order me to be struck?"

4 But the bystanders said, "Do you revile God's high priest?"

5 And Paul said, "I was not aware, brethren, that he was high priest; for it is written, <sup>a</sup>YOU SHALL NOT SPEAK EVIL OF A RULER OF YOUR PEOPLE.' "

6 But perceiving that one part were <sup>a</sup>Sadducees and the other Pharisees, Paul *began* crying out in <sup>b</sup>the <sup>1</sup>Council, <sup>c</sup>"Brethren, <sup>d</sup>I am a Pharisee, a son of Pharisees; I am on trial for <sup>e</sup>the hope and resurrection of the dead!"

7 And as he said this, there arose a dissension between the Pharisees and Sadducees; and the assembly was divided.

8 For <sup>a</sup>the Sadducees say that there is no resurrection, nor an angel, nor a spirit; but the Pharisees acknowledge them <sup>1</sup>all.

9 And there arose a great uproar; and some of <sup>a</sup>the scribes of the Pharisai party stood up and *began* to argue heatedly, saying, <sup>b</sup>"We find nothing wrong with this man; <sup>c</sup>suppose a spirit or an angel has spoken to him?"

10 And as a great dissension was developing, the <sup>1</sup>commander was afraid Paul would be torn to pieces by them and ordered the troops to go down and take him away from them by force, and bring him into <sup>a</sup>the barracks.

11 But on <sup>a</sup>the night *immediately* following, the Lord stood at his side and said, <sup>b</sup>"Take courage; for <sup>c</sup>as you have <sup>d</sup>solemnly witnessed to My cause at Jerusalem, so you must witness at Rome also."

12 And when it was day, <sup>a</sup>the Jews formed a <sup>1</sup>conspiracy and <sup>b</sup>bound themselves under an oath, saying that they would neither eat nor drink until they had killed Paul.

13 And there were more than forty who formed this plot.

14 And they came to the chief priests and the elders, and said, "We have <sup>a</sup>bound ourselves under a solemn oath to taste nothing until we have killed Paul.

15 "Now, therefore, you <sup>1</sup>and <sup>a</sup>the <sup>2</sup>Council notify the <sup>3</sup>commander to bring him down to you, as though you were going to determine his case by a more thorough investigation; and we for our part are ready to slay him before he comes near *the place.*"

16 But the son of Paul's sister heard of their ambush, <sup>1</sup>and he came and entered <sup>a</sup>the barracks and told Paul.

**Paul Sent to Caesarea.**  
**Letter of Claudius Lysias to Felix.**

17 And Paul called one of the centurions to him and said, "Lead this young man to the <sup>1</sup>commander, for he has something to report to him."

17 <sup>1</sup>Vs. 10 note

18 So he took him and led him to the <sup>1</sup>commander and <sup>\*</sup>said, "Paul <sup>a</sup>the prisoner called me to him and asked me to lead this young man to you since he has something to tell you."

18 <sup>1</sup>Vs. 10 note  
<sup>\*</sup>Eph. 3:1

19 And the <sup>1</sup>commander took him by the hand and stepping aside, *began* to inquire of him privately, "What is it that you have to report to me?"

19 <sup>1</sup>Vs. 10 note

20 And he said, "<sup>a</sup>The Jews have agreed to ask you to bring Paul down tomorrow to <sup>b</sup>the <sup>1</sup>Council, as though they were going to inquire somewhat more thoroughly about him.

20 <sup>1</sup>Or, *Sanhedrin*  
<sup>\*</sup>Acts 23:14f. <sup>b</sup>Acts 22:30; 23:1, 6, 15, 28

21 "So do not <sup>1</sup>listen to them, for more than forty of them are <sup>a</sup>lying in wait for him who have <sup>b</sup>bound themselves under a curse not to eat or drink until they slay him; and now they are ready and waiting for the promise from you."

21 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *be persuaded by them*  
<sup>\*</sup>Luke 11:54 <sup>b</sup>Acts 23:12, 14

22 Therefore the <sup>1</sup>commander let the young man go, instructing him, "Tell no one that you have notified me of these things."

22 <sup>1</sup>Vs. 10 note

23 And he called to him two of the centurions, and said, "Get two hundred soldiers ready by <sup>1</sup>the third hour of the night to proceed to <sup>a</sup>Caesarea, <sup>2</sup>with seventy horsemen and two hundred <sup>3</sup>spearmen."

23 <sup>1</sup>I.e., 9 p.m. <sup>2</sup>Lit., and <sup>3</sup>Or, *slingers or bowmen*  
<sup>\*</sup>Acts 8:40; 23:33

24 *They were* also to provide mounts to put Paul on and bring him safely to <sup>a</sup>Felix the governor.

24 <sup>\*</sup>Acts 23:26, 33; 24:1, 3, 10; 25:14

25 And he wrote a letter having this form:

26 <sup>\*</sup>Acts 24:3; 26:25; Luke 1:3 <sup>b</sup>Acts 15:23

26 "Claudius Lysias, to the <sup>a</sup>most excellent governor Felix, <sup>b</sup>greetings.

27 <sup>\*</sup>Acts 21:32f. <sup>b</sup>Acts 22:25-29

27 "When this man was arrested by the Jews and <sup>a</sup>was about to be slain by them, <sup>a</sup>I came upon them with the troops and rescued him, <sup>b</sup>having learned that he was a Roman.

28 <sup>1</sup>Or, *Sanhedrin*  
<sup>\*</sup>Acts 22:30 <sup>b</sup>Acts 23:10  
<sup>\*</sup>Acts 23:1

28 "And <sup>a</sup>wanting to ascertain the charge for which they were accusing him, I <sup>b</sup>brought him down to their <sup>1</sup>Council;

29 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *having* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *bonds*  
<sup>\*</sup>Acts 18:15; Acts 25:19  
<sup>b</sup>Acts 25:25; 26:31; 28:18; 23:9

29 and I found him to be accused over <sup>a</sup>questions about their Law, but <sup>1</sup>under <sup>b</sup>no accusation deserving death or <sup>2</sup>imprisonment.

30 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *speak against him* <sup>2</sup>Some mss. add, *Farewell*  
<sup>\*</sup>Acts 23:20f. <sup>b</sup>Acts 23:12; 9:24 <sup>c</sup>Acts 23:35; 24:19; 25:16

30 "And when I was <sup>a</sup>informed that there would be <sup>b</sup>a plot against the man, I sent him to you at once, also instructing <sup>c</sup>his accusers to <sup>1</sup>bring charges against him before you."<sup>2</sup>

32 <sup>\*</sup>Acts 23:23 <sup>b</sup>Acts 23:10

31 So the soldiers, in accordance with their orders, took Paul and brought him by night to Antipatris.

33 <sup>\*</sup>Acts 8:40; 23:23 <sup>b</sup>Acts 23:24, 26; 24:1, 3, 10; 25:14

32 But the next day, leaving <sup>a</sup>the horsemen to go on with him, they returned to <sup>b</sup>the barracks.

34 <sup>\*</sup>Acts 25:1 <sup>b</sup>Acts 21:39; 6:9

33 And when these had come to <sup>a</sup>Caesarea and delivered the letter to <sup>b</sup>the governor, they also presented Paul to him.

34 And when he had read it, he asked from what <sup>a</sup>province he was; and when he learned that <sup>b</sup>he was from Cilicia,

35 <sup>1</sup>Or, *governor's official residence*  
<sup>\*</sup>Acts 23:30; 24:19; 25:16  
<sup>b</sup>Acts 24:27

35 he said, "I will give you a hearing after your <sup>a</sup>accusers arrive also," giving orders for him to be <sup>b</sup>kept in Herod's <sup>1</sup>Praetorium.

1 <sup>1</sup>Lit., and <sup>2</sup>Lit., orator  
<sup>3</sup>Or, presented their  
evidence, or case  
<sup>a</sup>Acts 24:11 <sup>b</sup>Acts 23:2  
<sup>c</sup>Acts 23:24

3 <sup>a</sup>Acts 23:26; 26:25

4 <sup>1</sup>Lit., to hear . . .  
briefly

5 <sup>1</sup>Lit., the inhabited  
earth  
<sup>a</sup>Acts 15:5; 24:14

6 <sup>1</sup>Lit., also <sup>2</sup>Some later  
ms. add, [And we wanted  
to judge him according to  
our own Law. 7 "But  
Lysias the commander  
came along, and with  
much violence took him  
out of our hands, 8  
ordering his accusers to  
come before you.]  
<sup>a</sup>Acts 21:28

9 <sup>a1</sup> Thess. 2:16

10 <sup>a</sup>Acts 23:24

11 <sup>a</sup>Acts 21:18, 27; 24:1

12 <sup>1</sup>Lit., an attack of a  
mob  
<sup>a</sup>Acts 25:8 <sup>b</sup>Acts 24:18

13 <sup>a</sup>Acts 25:7

14 <sup>1</sup>Lit., the ancestral god  
<sup>a</sup>Acts 24:22; 9:2 <sup>b</sup>Acts 15:5;  
24:5 <sup>c</sup>Acts 3:13 <sup>d</sup>Acts 25:8;  
26:4ff., 22f.; 28:23

15 <sup>a</sup>Dan. 12:2; John 5:28f.;  
11:24; Acts 23:6

16 <sup>1</sup>Lit., practice myself  
<sup>a</sup>Acts 23:1

17 <sup>1</sup>Or, gifts to charity  
<sup>a</sup>Acts 20:31 <sup>b</sup>Rom. 15:25-  
28; 1 Cor. 16:1-4; 2 Cor.  
8:1-4; 9:1, 2, 12; Acts  
11:29f.; Gal. 2:10

18 <sup>1</sup>I.e., west coast  
province of Asia Minor  
<sup>a</sup>Acts 21:26 <sup>b</sup>Acts 24:12  
<sup>c</sup>Acts 21:27

19 <sup>a</sup>Acts 23:30

20 <sup>1</sup>Or, Sanhedrin  
<sup>a</sup>Matt. 5:22

21 <sup>a</sup>Acts 23:6; 24:15

AND after <sup>a</sup>five days the high priest <sup>b</sup>Ananias came down with some elders, <sup>1</sup>with a certain <sup>2</sup>attorney named Tertullus; and they <sup>3</sup>brought charges to <sup>c</sup>the governor against Paul.

2 And after Paul had been summoned, Tertullus began to accuse him, saying to the governor,

"Since we have through you attained much peace, and since by your providence reforms are being carried out for this nation,

3 we acknowledge this in every way and everywhere, <sup>a</sup>most excellent Felix, with all thankfulness.

4 "But, that I may not weary you any further, I beg you <sup>1</sup>to grant us, by your kindness, a brief hearing.

5 "For we have found this man a real pest and a fellow who stirs up dissension among all the Jews throughout <sup>1</sup>the world, and a ringleader of the <sup>a</sup>sect of the Nazarenes.

6 "And he even tried to <sup>a</sup>desecrate the temple; and <sup>1</sup>then we arrested him.<sup>2</sup>

7 (See marginal note<sup>2</sup>, vs. 6.)

8 "And by examining him yourself concerning all these matters, you will be able to ascertain the things of which we accuse him."

9 And <sup>a</sup>the Jews also joined in the attack, asserting that these things were so.

10 And when <sup>a</sup>the governor had nodded for him to speak, Paul responded:

"Knowing that for many years you have been a judge to this nation, I cheerfully make my defense,

11 since you can take note of the fact that no more than <sup>a</sup>twelve days ago I went up to Jerusalem to worship.

12 "And <sup>a</sup>neither in the temple, nor in the synagogues, nor in the city itself did they find me carrying on a discussion with anyone or <sup>b</sup>causing <sup>1</sup>a riot.

13 "<sup>a</sup>Nor can they prove to you the charges of which they now accuse me.

14 "But this I admit to you, that according to <sup>a</sup>the Way which they call a <sup>b</sup>sect I do serve <sup>1c</sup>the God of our fathers, <sup>d</sup>believing everything that is in accordance with the Law, and that is written in the Prophets;

15 having a hope in God, which <sup>a</sup>these men cherish themselves, that there shall certainly be a resurrection of both the righteous and the wicked.

16 "In view of this, <sup>a1</sup> I also <sup>1d</sup>do my best to maintain always a blameless conscience both before God and before men.

17 "Now <sup>a</sup>after several years I <sup>b</sup>came to bring <sup>1</sup>alms to my nation and to present offerings;

18 in which they found me occupied in the temple, having been <sup>a</sup>purified, without <sup>any</sup> <sup>b</sup>crowd or uproar. But there were certain <sup>c</sup>Jews from <sup>1</sup>Asia—

19 who ought to have been present before you, and to <sup>a</sup>make accusation, if they should have anything against me.

20 "Or else let these men themselves tell what misdeed they found when I stood before <sup>a</sup>the <sup>1</sup>Council,

21 other than for this one statement which <sup>a1</sup> I shouted out



while standing among them, 'For the resurrection of the dead I am on trial before you today.'

**22** But Felix, having a more exact knowledge about the Way, put them off, saying, "When Lysias the commander comes down, I will decide your case."

**23** And he gave orders to the centurion for him to be kept in custody and yet have some freedom, and not to prevent any of his friends from ministering to him.

**24** But some days later, Felix arrived with Drusilla, his wife who was a Jewess, and sent for Paul, and heard him speak about faith in Christ Jesus.

**25** And as he was discussing righteousness, self-control and the judgment to come, Felix became frightened and said, "Go away for the present, and when I find time, I will summon you."

**26** At the same time too, he was hoping that money would be given him by Paul; therefore he also used to send for him quite often and converse with him.

**27** But after two years had passed, Felix was succeeded by Porcius Festus; and wishing to do the Jews a favor, Felix left Paul imprisoned.

**CHAPTER 25**

**FESTUS** therefore, having arrived in the province, three days later went up to Jerusalem from Caesarea.

**2** And the chief priests and the leading men of the Jews brought charges against Paul; and they were urging him,

**3** requesting a concession against Paul, that he might have him brought to Jerusalem, (at the same time, setting an ambush to kill him on the way).

**4** Festus then answered that Paul was being kept in custody at Caesarea and that he himself was about to leave shortly.

**5** "Therefore," he said, "let the influential men among you go there with me, and if there is anything wrong about the man, let them prosecute him."

**6** And after he had spent not more than eight or ten days among them, he went down to Caesarea; and on the next day he took his seat on the tribunal and ordered Paul to be brought.

**7** And after he had arrived, the Jews who had come down from Jerusalem stood around him, bringing many and serious charges against him which they could not prove;

**8** while Paul said in his own defense, "I have committed no offense either against the Law of the Jews or against the temple or against Caesar."

**9** But Festus, wishing to do the Jews a favor, answered Paul and said, "Are you willing to go up to Jerusalem and stand trial before me on these charges?"

**10** But Paul said, "I am standing before Caesar's tribunal, where I ought to be tried. I have done no wrong to the Jews, as you also very well know.

**11** "If then I am a wrongdoer, and have committed anything worthy of death, I do not refuse to die; but if none of those things is true of which these men accuse me, no one can hand me over to them. I appeal to Caesar."

<sup>22</sup> <sup>1</sup>Lit., *chiliarch*, in command of one thousand troops  
<sup>a</sup>Acts 24:14

<sup>23</sup> <sup>a</sup>Acts 23:35 <sup>b</sup>Acts 28:16  
<sup>c</sup>Acts 23:16; 27:3

<sup>24</sup> <sup>1</sup>Lit., *own wife*  
<sup>a</sup>Acts 20:21

<sup>25</sup> <sup>a</sup>Titus 2:12 <sup>b</sup>Gal. 5:23;  
<sup>2</sup> Pet. 1:6; Titus 1:8 <sup>c</sup>Acts 10:42

<sup>26</sup> <sup>a</sup>Acts 24:17

<sup>27</sup> <sup>1</sup>Lit., *received a successor, Porcius Festus*  
<sup>a</sup>Acts 25:1, 4, 9, 12; 26:24f.,  
<sup>32</sup> <sup>b</sup>Acts 25:9; 12:3 <sup>c</sup>Acts 23:35; 25:14

<sup>1</sup> <sup>a</sup>Acts 23:34 <sup>b</sup>Acts 8:40;  
25:4, 6, 13

<sup>2</sup> <sup>a</sup>Acts 24:1; 25:15

<sup>3</sup> <sup>1</sup>Or, *favor* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *him*  
<sup>1</sup>Lit., *send for him to Jerusalem*  
<sup>a</sup>Acts 9:24

<sup>4</sup> <sup>a</sup>Acts 25:16 <sup>b</sup>Acts 24:23  
<sup>c</sup>Acts 8:40; 25:1, 6, 13

<sup>5</sup> <sup>1</sup>Lit., *go down* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *in*  
<sup>1</sup>Or, *accuse*

<sup>6</sup> <sup>a</sup>Acts 8:40; 25:1, 4, 13  
<sup>b</sup>Matt. 27:19; Acts 25:10,  
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<sup>7</sup> <sup>a</sup>Acts 24:5f. <sup>b</sup>Acts 24:13

<sup>8</sup> <sup>a</sup>Acts 24:12; 28:17; 6:13

<sup>9</sup> <sup>1</sup>Lit., *be judged*  
<sup>a</sup>Acts 24:27; 12:3 <sup>b</sup>Acts 25:20

<sup>10</sup> <sup>a</sup>Matt. 27:19; Acts 25:10, 17

<sup>11</sup> <sup>a</sup>Acts 25:21, 25; 26:32;  
28:19

12 <sup>a</sup>A different body from that mentioned Acts 4:15 and subsequently [e.g. Acts 24:20]

13 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *greeting Festus*  
<sup>a</sup>Acts 8:40; 25:1, 4, 6

14 <sup>a</sup>Acts 24:27

15 <sup>a</sup>Acts 24:1; 25:2

16 <sup>a</sup>Acts 25:4f. <sup>b</sup>Acts 23:30

17 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 27:19; Acts 25:6, 10

19 <sup>1</sup>Or, *superstition*  
<sup>a</sup>Acts 18:15; 23:29 <sup>b</sup>Acts 17:22

20 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *these*  
<sup>a</sup>Acts 25:9

21 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *the Augustus* (in this case Nero)  
<sup>a</sup>Acts 25:11f.

22 <sup>a</sup>Acts 9:15

23 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *and Bernice*  
<sup>2</sup>Lit., *and with* <sup>3</sup>Lit., *chiliarchs*, in command of one thousand troops  
<sup>a</sup>Acts 25:13; 26:30

24 <sup>a</sup>Acts 25:2, 7 <sup>b</sup>Acts 22:22

25 <sup>1</sup>Note vs. 21  
<sup>a</sup>Acts 23:29 <sup>b</sup>Acts 25:11f.

26 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *About whom I have nothing definite*

<sup>1</sup> Acts 9:15

12 Then when Festus had conferred with <sup>a</sup>his council, he answered, "You have appealed to Caesar, to Caesar you shall go."

13 Now when several days had elapsed, King Agrippa and Bernice arrived at <sup>a</sup>Caesarea, <sup>1</sup>and paid their respects to Festus.

14 And while they were spending many days there, Festus laid Paul's case before the king, saying, "There is a certain man <sup>a</sup>left a prisoner by Felix;

15 and when I was at Jerusalem, the chief priests and the elders of the Jews <sup>a</sup>brought charges against him, asking for a sentence of condemnation upon him.

16 "And I <sup>a</sup>answered them that it is not the custom of the Romans to hand over any man before <sup>b</sup>the accused meets his accusers face to face, and has an opportunity to make his defense against the charges.

17 "And so after they had assembled here, I made no delay, but on the next day took my seat on <sup>a</sup>the tribunal, and ordered the man to be brought.

18 "And when the accusers stood up, they *began* bringing charges against him not of such crimes as I was expecting;

19 but they *simply* had some <sup>a</sup>points of disagreement with him about their own <sup>1</sup>religion and about a certain dead man, Jesus, whom Paul asserted to be alive.

20 "And <sup>a</sup>being at a loss how to investigate <sup>1</sup>such matters, I asked whether he was willing to go to Jerusalem and there stand trial on these matters.

21 "But when Paul <sup>a</sup>appealed to be held in custody for <sup>1</sup>the Emperor's decision, I ordered him to be kept in custody until I send him to Caesar."

22 And <sup>a</sup>Agrippa *said* to Festus, "I also would like to hear the man myself." "Tomorrow," he <sup>a</sup>said, "you shall hear him."

23 And so, on the next day when <sup>a</sup>Agrippa had come <sup>1</sup>together with <sup>a</sup>Bernice, amid great pomp, and had entered the auditorium <sup>2</sup>accompanied by the <sup>3</sup>commanders and the prominent men of the city, at the command of Festus, Paul was brought in.

24 And Festus <sup>a</sup>said, "King Agrippa, and all you gentlemen here present with us, you behold this man about whom <sup>a</sup>all the people of the Jews appealed to me, both at Jerusalem and here, loudly declaring that <sup>b</sup>he ought not to live any longer.

25 "But I found that he had committed <sup>a</sup>nothing worthy of death; and since he himself <sup>b</sup>appealed to <sup>1</sup>the Emperor, I decided to send him.

26 "<sup>1</sup>Yet I have nothing definite about him to write to my lord. Therefore I have brought him before you *all* and especially before you, King Agrippa, so that after the investigation has taken place, I may have something to write.

27 "For it seems absurd to me in sending a prisoner, not to indicate also the charges against him."

CHAPTER 26

**AND** <sup>a</sup>Agrippa said to Paul, "You are permitted to speak for yourself." Then Paul stretched out his hand and *proceeded* to make his defense:

2 "In regard to all the things of which I am accused by the

Jews, I consider myself fortunate, King Agrippa, that I am about to make my defense before you today;

3 especially because you are an expert in all <sup>a</sup>customs and <sup>2</sup>questions among the Jews; therefore I beg you to listen to me patiently.

4 "So then, all Jews know <sup>a</sup>my manner of life from my youth up, which from the beginning was spent among my own nation and at Jerusalem;

5 since they have known about me for a long time previously, if they are willing to testify, that I lived as a <sup>a</sup>Pharisee <sup>b</sup>according to the strictest <sup>c</sup>sect of our religion.

6 "And now I am <sup>1</sup>standing trial <sup>a</sup>for the hope of <sup>b</sup>the promise made by God to our fathers;

7 the promise <sup>a</sup>to which our twelve tribes hope to attain, as they earnestly serve God night and day. And for this <sup>b</sup>hope, O King, I am being <sup>c</sup>accused by Jews.

8 "Why is it considered incredible among you *people* <sup>a</sup>if God does raise the dead?

9 "So then, <sup>a</sup>I thought to myself that I had to do many things hostile to <sup>b</sup>the name of Jesus of Nazareth.

10 "And this is <sup>1</sup>just what I <sup>2</sup>did in Jerusalem; not only did I lock up many of the <sup>2</sup>saints in prisons, having <sup>b</sup>received authority from the chief priests, but also when they were being put to death I <sup>c</sup>cast my vote against them.

11 "And <sup>a</sup>as I punished them often in all the synagogues, I tried to force them to blaspheme; and being <sup>b</sup>furiously enraged at them, I kept pursuing them <sup>c</sup>even to <sup>1</sup>foreign cities.

12 "While thus engaged <sup>a</sup>as I was journeying to Damascus with the authority and commission of the chief priests,

13 at midday, O King, I saw on the way a light from heaven, <sup>1</sup>brighter than the sun, shining all around me and those who were journeying with me.

14 "And when we had <sup>a</sup>all fallen to the ground, I heard a voice saying to me in the <sup>1</sup>Hebrew dialect, 'Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting Me? It is hard for you to kick against the goads.'

15 "And I said, 'Who art Thou, Lord?' And the Lord said, 'I am Jesus whom you are persecuting.'

16 'But arise, and <sup>a</sup>stand on your feet; for this purpose I have appeared to you, to <sup>b</sup>appoint you a <sup>c</sup>minister and <sup>d</sup>a witness not only to the things which you have <sup>1</sup>seen, but also to the things in which I will appear to you;

17 <sup>a</sup>delivering you <sup>b</sup>from the Jewish people and from the Gentiles, to whom I am sending you,

18 to <sup>a</sup>open their eyes so that they may turn from <sup>b</sup>darkness to light and from the dominion of <sup>c</sup>Satan to God, in order that they may receive <sup>d</sup>forgiveness of sins and an <sup>e</sup>inheritance among those who have been sanctified by <sup>f</sup>'faith in Me.'

19 "Consequently, King Agrippa, I did not prove disobedient to the heavenly vision,

20 but *kept* declaring both <sup>a</sup>to those of Damascus first, and *also* <sup>b</sup>at Jerusalem and *then* throughout all the region of Judea, and *even* <sup>c</sup>to the Gentiles, that they should <sup>d</sup>repent and turn to God, performing deeds <sup>e</sup>appropriate to repentance.

21 "For this reason *some* Jews <sup>a</sup>seized me in the temple and tried <sup>b</sup>to put me to death.

22 "And so, having obtained help from God, I stand to this

3 <sup>1</sup>Or, because you are especially expert <sup>2</sup>Or, controversial issues <sup>a</sup>Acts 6:14; 25:19; 26:7

4 <sup>a</sup>Gal. 1:13f.; Phil. 3:5

5 <sup>a</sup>Acts 23:6 <sup>b</sup>Acts 22:3 <sup>c</sup>Acts 15:5

6 <sup>1</sup>Lit., being tried <sup>a</sup>Acts 28:20; 24:15 <sup>b</sup>Acts 13:32

7 <sup>a</sup>James 1:1 <sup>b</sup>Acts 28:20; 24:15 <sup>c</sup>Acts 26:2

8 <sup>a</sup>Acts 23:6

9 <sup>a</sup>1 Tim. 1:13; John 16:2 <sup>b</sup>John 15:21

10 <sup>1</sup>Lit., also <sup>2</sup>i.e., true believers; lit., holy ones <sup>a</sup>Acts 8:3; 9:13 <sup>b</sup>Acts 9:11. <sup>c</sup>Acts 22:20

11 <sup>1</sup>Or, outlying <sup>a</sup>Acts 22:19; Matt. 10:17 <sup>b</sup>Acts 9:1 <sup>c</sup>Acts 22:5

12 <sup>1</sup>Lit., in which things <sup>a</sup>Acts 26:12-18; 9:3-8; 22:6-11

13 <sup>1</sup>Lit., above the brightness of

14 <sup>1</sup>i.e., Jewish Aramaic <sup>a</sup>Acts 9:7 <sup>b</sup>Acts 21:40

16 <sup>1</sup>Some early mss. read, seen Me <sup>a</sup>Ezek. 21; Dan. 10:11 <sup>b</sup>Acts 22:14 <sup>c</sup>Luke 1:2 <sup>d</sup>Acts 22:15

17 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 1:8, 19 <sup>b</sup>1 Chr. 16:35; Acts 9:15

18 <sup>a</sup>Is. 35:5; 42:7, 16; Eph. 5:8; Col. 1:13; 1 Pet. 2:9 <sup>b</sup>John 1:5; Eph. 5:8; Col. 1:12f.; 1 Thess. 5:5; 1 Pet. 2:9 <sup>c</sup>Matt. 4:10 <sup>d</sup>Luke 24:47; Acts 2:38 <sup>e</sup>Acts 20:32 <sup>f</sup>Acts 20:21

20 <sup>a</sup>Acts 9:19ff. <sup>b</sup>Acts 9:26-29; 22:17-20 <sup>c</sup>Acts 13:46; 9:15 <sup>d</sup>Acts 3:19 <sup>e</sup>Matt. 3:8; Luke 3:8

21 <sup>a</sup>Acts 21:27, 30 <sup>b</sup>Acts 21:31

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22 <sup>a</sup>Luke 16:28 <sup>b</sup>Acts 10:43; 24:14

23 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *whether* <sup>2</sup>i.e., the Messiah <sup>3</sup>Lit., *subject to suffering*  
<sup>a</sup>Matt. 26:24; Acts 3:18  
<sup>b</sup>1 Cor. 15:20, 23; Col. 1:18;  
Rev. 1:5 <sup>c</sup>Luke 2:32; 2 Cor. 4:4

24 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *The many letters*  
<sup>2</sup>Lit., *turning you to madness*  
<sup>a</sup>John 7:15; 2 Tim. 3:15

25 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *of truth and rationality*  
<sup>a</sup>Acts 23:26; 24:3

26 <sup>1</sup>Or, *understands* <sup>2</sup>Or, *for*  
<sup>a</sup>Acts 26:3

28 <sup>1</sup>Or, *With a little* <sup>2</sup>Or, *try to convince* <sup>3</sup>Lit., *make*  
<sup>a</sup>Acts 11:26

29 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *I would pray to* <sup>2</sup>Or, *with a little or with much*  
<sup>a</sup>Acts 21:33

30 <sup>a</sup>Acts 25:23

31 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *bonds*  
<sup>a</sup>Acts 23:29

32 <sup>a</sup>Acts 28:18 <sup>b</sup>Acts 25:11

1 <sup>1</sup>Or, *battalion*  
<sup>a</sup>[we] Acts 27:1-28; 16:10  
<sup>b</sup>Acts 25:12, 25 <sup>c</sup>Acts 18:2;  
27:6 <sup>d</sup>Acts 10:1

2 <sup>1</sup>i.e., west coast province of Asia Minor  
<sup>a</sup>Acts 2:9 <sup>b</sup>Acts 19:29 <sup>c</sup>Acts 16:9 <sup>d</sup>Acts 17:1

3 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 11:21 <sup>b</sup>Acts 27:43 <sup>c</sup>Acts 24:23

4 <sup>a</sup>Acts 4:36 <sup>b</sup>Acts 27:7

5 <sup>a</sup>Acts 6:9 <sup>b</sup>Acts 13:13

6 <sup>a</sup>Acts 28:11 <sup>b</sup>Acts 18:2;  
27:1

7 <sup>a</sup>Acts 27:4 <sup>b</sup>Acts 27:12f., 21; Titus 1:5; Acts 2:11; Titus 1:12

8 <sup>a</sup>Acts 27:13 [Gr.]

9 <sup>1</sup>i.e., Day of Atonement in October  
<sup>a</sup>Lev. 16:29-31; 23:27-29;  
Num. 29:7

day <sup>a</sup>testifying both to small and great, stating nothing but what <sup>b</sup>the Prophets and Moses said was going to take place;

23 <sup>1</sup>that <sup>2</sup>the Christ was <sup>3</sup>to suffer, and <sup>1</sup>that <sup>b</sup>by reason of His resurrection from the dead He should be the first to proclaim <sup>c</sup>light both to the Jewish people and to the Gentiles."

24 And while Paul was saying this in his defense, Festus <sup>a</sup>said in a loud voice, "Paul, you are out of your mind! <sup>1</sup>Your great <sup>a</sup>learning is <sup>2</sup>driving you mad."

25 But Paul <sup>a</sup>said, "I am not out of my mind, <sup>a</sup>most excellent Festus, but I utter words <sup>1</sup>of sober truth.

26 "For the king <sup>1</sup>knows about these matters, and I speak to him also with confidence, <sup>2</sup>since I am persuaded that none of these things escape his notice; for this has not been done in a corner.

27 "King Agrippa, do you believe the Prophets? I know that you do."

28 And Agrippa *replied* to Paul, "In a short time you <sup>2</sup>will persuade me to <sup>3</sup>become a Christian."

29 And Paul *said*, "I would to God, that whether <sup>2</sup>in a short or long time, not only you, but also all who hear me this day, might become such as I am, except for these <sup>a</sup>chains."

30 And <sup>a</sup>the king arose and the governor and Bernice, and those who were sitting with them,

31 and when they had drawn aside, they *began* talking to one another, saying, "This man is not doing anything worthy of death or <sup>1</sup>imprisonment."

32 And Agrippa said to Festus, "This man might have been <sup>a</sup>set free if he had not <sup>b</sup>appealed to Caesar."

CHAPTER 27

AND when it was decided that <sup>a</sup>we <sup>b</sup>should sail for <sup>c</sup>Italy, they proceeded to deliver Paul and some other prisoners to a centurion of the Augustan <sup>1</sup>dcohort named Julius.

2 And embarking in an Adramyttian ship, which was about to sail to the regions along the coast of <sup>1</sup>aAsia, we put out to sea, accompanied by <sup>b</sup>Aristarchus, a <sup>c</sup>Macedonian of <sup>d</sup>Thessalonica.

3 And the next day we put in at <sup>a</sup>Sidon; and Julius <sup>b</sup>treated Paul with consideration and <sup>c</sup>allowed him to go to his friends and receive care.

4 And from there we put out to sea and sailed under the shelter of <sup>a</sup>Cyprus because <sup>b</sup>the winds were contrary.

5 And when we had sailed through the sea along the coast of <sup>a</sup>Cilicia and <sup>b</sup>Pamphylia, we landed at Myra in Lycia.

6 And there the centurion found an <sup>a</sup>Alexandrian ship sailing for <sup>b</sup>Italy, and he put us aboard it.

7 And when we had sailed slowly for a good many days, and with difficulty had arrived off Cnidus, <sup>a</sup>since the wind did not permit us to go farther, we sailed under the shelter of <sup>b</sup>Crete, off Salmone;

8 and with difficulty <sup>a</sup>sailing past it we came to a certain place called Fair Havens, near which was the city of Lasea.

9 And when considerable time had passed and the voyage was now dangerous, since even <sup>a</sup>the <sup>1</sup>fast was already over, Paul *began* to admonish them,

10 and said to them, "Men, I perceive that the voyage will certainly be *attended* with <sup>a</sup>damage and great loss, not only of the cargo and the ship, but also of our lives."

11 But the centurion was more persuaded by the <sup>a</sup>pilot and the <sup>1</sup>captain of the ship, than by what was being said by Paul.

12 And because the harbor was not suitable for wintering, the majority reached a decision to put out to sea from there, if somehow they could reach Phoenix, a harbor of <sup>a</sup>Crete, facing <sup>1</sup>northeast and southeast, and spend the winter *there*.

13 And <sup>1</sup>when a moderate south wind came up, supposing that they had gained their purpose, they weighed anchor and *began* <sup>a</sup>sailing along <sup>b</sup>Crete, close *inshore*.

14 But before very long there <sup>a</sup>rushed down from <sup>1</sup>the land a violent wind, called <sup>2</sup>Euraquilo;

15 and when the ship was caught *in it*, and could not face the wind, we gave way to *it*, and let ourselves be driven along.

16 And running under the shelter of a small island called <sup>1</sup>Clauda, we were scarcely able to get the *ship's* boat under control.

17 And after they had hoisted it up, they used <sup>1</sup>supporting cables in undergirding the ship; and fearing that they might <sup>a</sup>run aground on *the shallows* of Syrtis, they let down the <sup>2</sup>sea anchor, and so let themselves be driven along.

18 The next day as we were being violently storm-tossed, <sup>1</sup>they began to <sup>a</sup>jettison the cargo;

19 and on the third day they threw the ship's tackle overboard with their own hands.

20 And since neither sun nor stars appeared for many days, and no small storm was assailing us, from then on all hope of our being saved was gradually abandoned.

21 And <sup>1</sup>when they had gone a long time without food, then Paul stood up in their midst and said, "Men, you ought to have <sup>2</sup>followed my advice and not to have set sail from <sup>b</sup>Crete, and <sup>3</sup>incurred this <sup>a</sup>damage and loss.

22 "And yet now I urge you to <sup>a</sup>keep up your courage, for there shall be no loss of life among you, but *only* of the ship.

23 "For this very night <sup>a</sup>an angel of the God to whom I belong and <sup>b</sup>whom I serve <sup>c</sup>stood before me,

24 saying, 'Do not be afraid, Paul; <sup>a</sup>you must stand before Caesar; and behold, God has granted you <sup>b</sup>all those who are sailing with you.'

25 "Therefore, <sup>a</sup>keep up your courage, men, for I believe God, that <sup>1</sup>it will turn out exactly as I have been told.

26 "But we must <sup>a</sup>run aground on a certain <sup>b</sup>island."

27 But when the fourteenth night had come, as we were being driven about in the Adriatic Sea, about midnight the sailors *began* to surmise that <sup>1</sup>they were approaching some land.

28 And they took soundings, and found *it to be* twenty fathoms; and a little farther on they took another sounding and found *it to be* fifteen fathoms.

29 And fearing that we might <sup>a</sup>run aground somewhere on the <sup>1</sup>rocks, they cast four anchors from the stern and <sup>2</sup>wished for daybreak.

30 And as the sailors were trying to escape from the ship, and had let down <sup>a</sup>the *ship's* boat into the sea, on the pretense of intending to lay out anchors from the bow,

10 <sup>a</sup>Acts 27:21

11 <sup>1</sup>Or, owner  
<sup>a</sup>Rev. 18:17

12 <sup>1</sup>Or possibly, southwest and northwest  
<sup>a</sup>Acts 27:13, 21; Titus 1:5; Acts 2:11; Titus 1:12

13 <sup>1</sup>Lit., a south wind having gently blown  
<sup>a</sup>Acts 27:8 [Gr.], <sup>b</sup>Acts 27:12f., 21; Titus 1:5; Acts 2:11; Titus 1:12

14 <sup>1</sup>Lit., it <sup>2</sup>i.e., a northeaster  
<sup>a</sup>Mark 4:37

16 <sup>1</sup>Some ancient mss. read, *Cauda*

17 <sup>1</sup>Lit., helps <sup>2</sup>Or possibly, sail  
<sup>a</sup>Acts 27:26, 29

18 <sup>1</sup>Lit., they were doing a throwing out  
<sup>a</sup>Acts 27:38; Jonah 1:5

21 <sup>1</sup>Lit., there being much abstinence from food <sup>2</sup>Lit., obeyed me <sup>3</sup>Lit., gained  
<sup>a</sup>Acts 27:10 <sup>b</sup>Acts 27:7

22 <sup>a</sup>Acts 27:25, 36

23 <sup>a</sup>Acts 5:19 <sup>b</sup>Rom. 1:9  
<sup>c</sup>Acts 23:11; 18:9; 2 Tim. 4:17

24 <sup>a</sup>Acts 23:11 <sup>b</sup>Acts 27:44; Acts 27:31, 42

25 <sup>1</sup>Lit., it will be  
<sup>a</sup>Acts 27:22, 36

26 <sup>a</sup>Acts 27:17, 29 <sup>b</sup>Acts 28:1

27 <sup>1</sup>Lit., some land was approaching them

29 <sup>1</sup>Lit., rough places <sup>2</sup>Lit., they were praying for it to become day  
<sup>a</sup>Acts 27:17, 26

30 <sup>a</sup>Acts 27:16

32 <sup>1</sup>John 2:15 [Gr.]

34 <sup>1</sup>Matt. 10:30

35 <sup>1</sup>Matt. 14:19

36 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *became cheerful*  
<sup>2</sup>Acts 27:22, 25

37 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *souls*  
<sup>2</sup>Acts 2:41

38 <sup>2</sup>Acts 27:18; Jonah 1:5

39 <sup>1</sup>Or, *were not recognizing* <sup>2</sup>Or, *were observing* <sup>3</sup>Or, *were resolving* <sup>4</sup>Some ancient mss. read, *bring the ship safely ashore*  
<sup>5</sup>Acts 28:1

40 <sup>1</sup>Or, *were leaving*  
<sup>2</sup>Acts 27:29

41 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *place*

42 <sup>2</sup>Acts 12:19

43 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *cast themselves*  
<sup>2</sup>Acts 27:3

44 <sup>2</sup>Acts 27:22, 31

1 <sup>1</sup>Or, *Melita*. Some mss. read, *Melitene*  
<sup>2</sup>"we": Acts 27:1 [16:10]  
<sup>3</sup>Acts 27:39 <sup>4</sup>Acts 27:26

2 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *barbarians*  
<sup>2</sup>Rom. 1:14; 1 Cor. 14:11; Col. 3:11; Acts 28:4 <sup>3</sup>Rom. 14:1

3 <sup>1</sup>Or, *from the heat*

4 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *barbarians* <sup>2</sup>i.e., *personification of a goddess*  
<sup>3</sup>Acts 28:2 <sup>4</sup>Luke 13:2, 4

5 <sup>1</sup>Mark 16:18

31 Paul said to the centurion and to the soldiers, "Unless these men remain in the ship, you yourselves cannot be saved."

32 Then the soldiers cut away the <sup>2</sup>ropes of the *ship's* boat, and let it fall away.

33 And until the day was about to dawn, Paul was encouraging them all to take some food, saying, "Today is the fourteenth day that you have been constantly watching and going without eating, having taken nothing.

34 "Therefore I encourage you to take some food, for this is for your preservation; for <sup>2</sup>not a hair from the head of any of you shall perish."

35 And having said this, he took bread and <sup>2</sup>gave thanks to God in the presence of all; and he broke it and began to eat.

36 And all <sup>2</sup>of them <sup>1</sup>were encouraged, and they themselves also took food.

37 And all of us in the ship were two hundred and seventy-six <sup>1</sup>persons.

38 And when they had eaten enough, they *began* to lighten the ship by <sup>2</sup>throwing out the wheat into the sea.

39 And when day came, <sup>2</sup>they <sup>1</sup>could not recognize the land; but they <sup>2</sup>did observe a certain bay with a beach, and they <sup>3</sup>resolved to <sup>4</sup>drive the ship onto it if they could.

40 And casting off <sup>2</sup>the anchors, they <sup>1</sup>left them in the sea while at the same time they were loosening the ropes of the rudders, and hoisting the foresail to the wind, they were heading for the beach.

41 But striking a <sup>1</sup>reef where two seas met, they ran the vessel aground; and the prow stuck fast and remained immovable, but the stern *began* to be broken up by the force of *the waves*.

42 And the soldiers' plan was to <sup>2</sup>kill the prisoners, that none of *them* should swim away and escape;

43 but the centurion, <sup>2</sup>wanting to bring Paul safely through, kept them from their intention, and commanded that those who could swim should <sup>1</sup>jump overboard first and get to land,

44 and the rest *should follow*, some on planks, and others on various things from the ship. And thus it happened that <sup>2</sup>they all were brought safely to land.

## CHAPTER 28

AND when <sup>2</sup>they had been brought safely through, <sup>1</sup>then we found out that <sup>3</sup>the island was called <sup>1</sup>Malta.

2 And <sup>2</sup>the <sup>1</sup>natives showed us extraordinary kindness; for because of the rain that had set in and because of the cold, they kindled a fire and <sup>1</sup>received us all.

3 But when Paul had gathered a bundle of sticks and laid them on the fire, a viper came out <sup>1</sup>because of the heat, and fastened on his hand.

4 And when <sup>2</sup>the <sup>1</sup>natives saw the creature hanging from his hand, they *began* saying to one another, "<sup>1</sup>Undoubtedly this man is a murderer, and though he has been saved from the sea, <sup>2</sup>justice has not allowed him to live."

5 However <sup>2</sup>he shook the creature off into the fire and suffered no harm.

6 But they were expecting that he was about to swell up or suddenly fall down dead. But after they had waited a long time and had seen nothing unusual happen to him, they changed their minds and <sup>a</sup>began to say that he was a god.

7 Now in the neighborhood of that place were lands belonging to the leading man of the island, named Publius, who welcomed us and entertained us courteously three days.

8 And it came about that the father of Publius was lying in bed afflicted with recurrent fever and dysentery; and Paul went in to see him and after he had <sup>a</sup>prayed, he <sup>b</sup>laid his hands on him and healed him.

9 And after this had happened, the rest of the people on the island who had diseases were coming to him and getting cured.

10 And they also honored us with many <sup>1</sup>marks of respect; and when we were setting sail, they <sup>2</sup>supplied us with <sup>3</sup>all we needed.

11 And at the end of three months we set sail on <sup>a</sup>an Alexandrian ship which had wintered at the island, and which had <sup>1</sup>the Twin Brothers for its figurehead.

12 And after we put in at Syracuse, we stayed there for three days.

13 And from there we <sup>1</sup>sailed around and arrived at Rhegium, and a day later a south wind sprang up, and on the second day we came to Puteoli.

14 <sup>1</sup>There we found <sup>some</sup> <sup>a</sup>brethren, and were invited to stay with them for seven days; and thus we came to Rome.

15 And the <sup>a</sup>brethren, when they heard about us, came from there as far as the <sup>1</sup>Market of Appius and <sup>2</sup>Three Inns to meet us; and when Paul saw them, he thanked God and took courage.

16 And when we entered Rome, Paul was <sup>a</sup>allowed to stay by himself, with the soldier who was guarding him.

17 And it happened that after three days he called together those who were <sup>a</sup>the leading men of the Jews, and when they had come together, he <sup>began</sup> saying to them, "<sup>b</sup>Brethren, <sup>c</sup>though I had done nothing against our people, or <sup>d</sup>the customs of our <sup>1</sup>fathers, yet I was delivered prisoner from Jerusalem into the hands of the Romans.

18 "And when they had examined me, they <sup>a</sup>were willing to release me because there was <sup>b</sup>no ground <sup>1</sup>for putting me to death.

19 "But when the Jews <sup>1</sup>objected, I was forced to <sup>a</sup>appeal to Caesar; not that I had any accusation against my nation.

20 "For this reason therefore, I <sup>1</sup>requested to see you and to speak with you, for I am wearing <sup>a</sup>this chain for <sup>b</sup>the sake of the hope of Israel."

21 And they said to him, "We have neither received letters from Judea concerning you, nor have any of <sup>a</sup>the brethren come here and reported or spoken anything bad about you.

22 "But we desire to hear from you what <sup>1</sup>your views are; for concerning this <sup>a</sup>sect, it is known to us that <sup>b</sup>it is spoken against everywhere."

23 And when they had set a day for him, they came to him

6 \*Acts 14:11

8 \*Acts 9:40; James 5:14f.  
bMark 5:23

10 <sup>1</sup>Lit., honors <sup>2</sup>Or, put on board <sup>3</sup>Lit., the things pertaining to the needs

11 <sup>1</sup>Gr., the Dioscuri, i.e., the twin sons of Zeus, Castor and Pollux  
\*Acts 27:6

13 <sup>1</sup>Some early mss. read, weighed anchor

14 <sup>1</sup>Lit., Where  
\*Acts 1:15

15 <sup>1</sup>Lat., Appii Forum, a station about 43 miles from Rome <sup>2</sup>Lat., Tres Tabernae, a station about 33 miles from Rome  
\*Acts 1:15

16 \*Acts 24:23

17 <sup>1</sup>Or, forefathers  
\*Acts 13:50; 25:2 <sup>b</sup>Acts 22:5  
<sup>c</sup>Acts 25:8 <sup>d</sup>Acts 6:14

18 <sup>1</sup>Lit., of death in me  
\*Acts 26:32 <sup>b</sup>Acts 23:29

19 <sup>1</sup>Lit., spoke against it  
\*Acts 25:11

20 <sup>1</sup>Or, invited you to see me and speak with me  
\*Acts 21:33 <sup>b</sup>Acts 26:6f.

21 \*Acts 22:5

22 <sup>1</sup>Lit., you think  
\*Acts 24:14 <sup>b1</sup> Pet. 2:12:  
3:16; 4:14, 16

23 <sup>a</sup>Philem. 22 <sup>b</sup>Luke 16:28; Acts 1:3; 23:11 <sup>c</sup>Acts 8:35

24 <sup>a</sup>Acts 14:4

26 <sup>1</sup>Lit., with a hearing  
<sup>2</sup>Lit., and <sup>3</sup>Lit., seeing you will see  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 6:9 <sup>b</sup>Acts 28:26, 27; Matt. 13:14f.

27 <sup>a</sup>Is. 6:10

28 <sup>a</sup>Acts 13:26; Ps. 98:3; Luke 2:30 <sup>b</sup>Acts 13:46; 9:15

29 <sup>1</sup>Some mss. add vs. 29, *And when he had spoken these words, the Jews departed, having a great dispute among themselves.*

30 <sup>1</sup>Or, at his own expense

31 <sup>1</sup>Or, proclaiming  
<sup>a</sup>Matt. 4:23; Acts 20:25; 28:23 <sup>b2</sup>Tim. 2:9

1 <sup>1</sup>Lit., a called apostle  
<sup>a1</sup>Cor. 1:1; 9:1; 2 Cor. 1:1  
<sup>b</sup>Acts 9:15; 13:2; Gal. 1:15  
<sup>c</sup>Mark 1:14; Rom. 15:16;  
2 Cor. 11:7; 1 Thess. 2:2, 8,  
9; 1 Pet. 4:17; 2 Cor. 2:12  
2 <sup>a</sup>Titus 1:2 <sup>b</sup>Luke 1:70;  
Rom. 3:21; 16:26

3 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 1:1 <sup>b</sup>Rom. 4:1;  
9:3, 5; 1 Cor. 10:18; John  
1:14

4 <sup>1</sup>Or, in an act of  
power <sup>2</sup>Or, as a result of  
<sup>3</sup>Or, spirit  
<sup>a</sup>Matt. 4:3

5 <sup>1</sup>Lit., for obedience  
<sup>a</sup>Acts 1:25; Gal. 1:16 <sup>b</sup>Rom.  
16:26; Acts 6:7 <sup>c</sup>Acts 9:15  
6 <sup>a</sup>Jude 1; Rev. 17:14

7 <sup>1</sup>I.e., true believers; lit.,  
holy ones  
<sup>a1</sup>Thess. 1:4; Rom. 5:5ff.;  
8:39 <sup>b1</sup>Cor. 1:2, 24; Rom.  
8:28ff.; Acts 9:13 <sup>c1</sup>Cor.  
1:3; 2 Cor. 1:2; Gal. 1:3;  
Eph. 1:2; Phil. 1:2; Col.  
1:2; 1 Thess. 1:1; 2 Thess.  
1:2; 1 Tim. 1:2; 2 Tim. 1:2;  
Titus 1:4; Philem. 3; 2 John  
3; 2 Pet. 1:2; Num. 6:25f.

at <sup>a</sup>his lodging in large numbers; and he was explaining to them by solemnly <sup>b</sup>testifying about the kingdom of God, and trying to persuade them concerning Jesus, <sup>c</sup>from both the Law of Moses and from the Prophets, from morning until evening.

24 And <sup>a</sup>some were being persuaded by the things spoken, but others would not believe.

25 And when they did not agree with one another, they *began* leaving after Paul had spoken one parting word, "The Holy Spirit rightly spoke through Isaiah the prophet to your fathers,

26 saying,

<sup>a</sup>GO TO THIS PEOPLE AND SAY,

<sup>b</sup>YOU WILL KEEP ON HEARING, <sup>2</sup>BUT WILL NOT UNDERSTAND;

AND <sup>3</sup>YOU WILL KEEP ON SEEING, BUT WILL NOT PERCEIVE;

27 <sup>a</sup>FOR THE HEART OF THIS PEOPLE HAS BECOME DULL, AND WITH THEIR EARS THEY SCARCELY HEAR, AND THEY HAVE CLOSED THEIR EYES; LEST THEY SHOULD SEE WITH THEIR EYES, AND HEAR WITH THEIR EARS, AND UNDERSTAND WITH THEIR HEART AND TURN AGAIN, AND I SHOULD HEAL THEM."

28 "Let it be known to you therefore, that <sup>a</sup>this salvation of God has been sent <sup>b</sup>to the Gentiles; they will also listen."

29 (See marginal note.<sup>1</sup>)

30 And he stayed two full years <sup>1</sup>in his own rented quarters, and was welcoming all who came to him,

31 <sup>1a</sup>preaching the kingdom of God, and teaching concerning the Lord Jesus Christ <sup>b</sup>with all openness, unhindered.

## THE EPISTLE OF PAUL TO THE ROMANS

Salutation. Personal Explanations. The Gospel.

PAUL, a bond-servant of Christ Jesus, <sup>1a</sup>called as an apostle, <sup>b</sup>set apart for <sup>c</sup>the gospel of God,

2 which He <sup>a</sup>promised beforehand through His <sup>b</sup>prophets in the holy Scriptures,

3 concerning His Son, who was born <sup>a</sup>of the seed of David <sup>b</sup>according to the flesh,

4 who was declared <sup>1</sup>with power to be <sup>a</sup>the Son of God <sup>2</sup>by the resurrection from the dead, according to the <sup>3</sup>Spirit of holiness, Jesus Christ our Lord,

5 through whom we have received grace and <sup>a</sup>apostleship <sup>1</sup>to bring about *the* <sup>b</sup>obedience of faith among <sup>c</sup>all the Gentiles, for His name's sake,

6 among whom you also are the <sup>a</sup>called of Jesus Christ;

7 to all who are <sup>a</sup>beloved of God in Rome, called as <sup>1b</sup>saints: <sup>c</sup>Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.



8 First, <sup>a</sup>I thank my God through Jesus Christ for you all, because <sup>b</sup>your faith is being proclaimed throughout the whole world.

9 For <sup>a</sup>God, whom I <sup>b</sup>serve in my spirit in the *preaching of the gospel* of His Son, is my witness *as to* how unceasingly <sup>c</sup>I make mention of you,

10 always in my prayers making request, if perhaps now at last by <sup>a</sup>the will of God I may succeed in coming to you.

11 For <sup>a</sup>I long to see you in order that I may impart some spiritual gift to you, that you may be established;

12 that is, that I may be encouraged together with you *while* among you, each of us by the other's faith, both yours and mine.

13 And <sup>a</sup>I do not want you to be unaware, <sup>b</sup>brethren, that often I <sup>c</sup>have planned to come to you (and have been prevented thus far) in order that I might obtain some <sup>d</sup>fruit among you also, even as among the rest of the Gentiles.

14 <sup>a</sup>I am <sup>l</sup>under obligation both to Greeks and to <sup>b</sup>barbarians, both to the wise and to the foolish.

15 Thus, <sup>a</sup>for my part, I am eager to <sup>b</sup>preach the gospel to you also who are in Rome.

16 For I am not <sup>a</sup>ashamed of the gospel, for <sup>b</sup>it is the power of God for salvation to every one who believes, to the <sup>c</sup>Jew first and also to <sup>d</sup>the Greek.

17 For in it <sup>a</sup>the righteousness of God is revealed <sup>l</sup>from faith to faith; as it is written, <sup>2b</sup>**BUT THE RIGHTEOUS man SHALL LIVE BY FAITH.**"

18 For <sup>a</sup>the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who <sup>b</sup>suppress the truth <sup>l</sup>in unrighteousness,

19 because <sup>a</sup>that which is known about God is evident <sup>l</sup>within them; for God made it evident to them.

20 For <sup>a</sup>since the creation of the world His invisible attributes, His eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly seen, <sup>b</sup>being understood through what has been made, so that they are without excuse.

21 For even though they knew God, they did not <sup>l</sup>honor Him as God, or give thanks; but they became <sup>a</sup>futile in their speculations, and their foolish heart was darkened.

22 <sup>a</sup>Professing to be wise, they became fools,

23 and <sup>a</sup>exchanged the glory of the incorruptible God for an image in the form of corruptible man and of birds and four-footed animals and <sup>l</sup>crawling creatures.

24 Therefore <sup>a</sup>God gave them over in the lusts of their hearts to impurity, that their bodies might be <sup>b</sup>dishonored among them.

25 For they exchanged the truth of God for <sup>l</sup>a <sup>a</sup>lie, and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, <sup>b</sup>who is blessed <sup>2</sup>forever. Amen.

26 For this reason <sup>a</sup>God gave them over to <sup>b</sup>degrading passions; for their women exchanged the natural function for that which is <sup>l</sup>unnatural,

27 and in the same way also the men abandoned the natural function of the woman and burned in their desire

8 <sup>a</sup>1 Cor. 1:4; Eph. 1:15f.; Phil. 1:3f.; Col. 1:3f.; 1 Thess. 1:2; 2:13; 2 Thess. 1:3; 2:13; 2 Tim. 1:3; Philem. <sup>a</sup>Rom. 16:19; Acts 28:22

9 <sup>a</sup>Rom. 9:1; 2 Cor. 1:23; 11:31; Phil. 1:8; 1 Thess. 2:5; 10 <sup>b</sup>Acts 24:14; 2 Tim. 1:3; <sup>c</sup>Eph. 1:16; Phil. 1:3f.; 1 Thess. 1:2f.; 2 Tim. 1:3; Philem. 4

10 <sup>a</sup>Rom. 15:32; Acts 18:21

11 <sup>a</sup>Rom. 15:23; Acts 19:21

13 <sup>a</sup>Rom. 11:25; 1 Cor. 10:1; 12:1; 2 Cor. 1:8; 1 Thess. 4:13 <sup>b</sup>Rom. 7:1; 1 Cor. 1:10; 14:20, 26; Gal. 3:15; Acts 1:15 <sup>c</sup>Rom. 15:22f.; Acts 19:21 <sup>d</sup>John 4:36; 15:16; Phil. 1:22; Col. 1:6

14 <sup>l</sup>Lit., *debtor*  
1 Cor. 9:16 <sup>b</sup>Acts 28:2

15 <sup>a</sup>Rom. 12:18 <sup>b</sup>Rom. 15:20

16 <sup>a</sup>2 Tim. 1:8, 12, 16  
<sup>b</sup>1 Cor. 1:18, 24 <sup>c</sup>Acts 3:26; Rom. 2:9 <sup>d</sup>John 7:35

17 <sup>l</sup>Or, by <sup>2</sup>Or, "But he who is righteous by faith shall live."  
<sup>a</sup>Rom. 3:21; Phil. 3:9; Rom. 9:30 <sup>b</sup>Hab. 2:4; Gal. 3:11; Heb. 10:38

18 <sup>l</sup>Or, by  
<sup>a</sup>Eph. 5:6; Col. 3:6; Rom. 5:9 <sup>b</sup>2 Thess. 2:6f. [Cr.]

19 <sup>l</sup>Or, among  
<sup>a</sup>Acts 14:17; 17:24ff.

20 <sup>a</sup>Mark 10:6 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 19:1-6; Job 12:7-9; Jer. 5:21f.

21 <sup>l</sup>Lit., *glorify*  
<sup>a</sup>2 Kin. 17:15; Jer. 2:5; Eph. 4:17f.

22 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 10:14; 1 Cor. 1:20

23 <sup>l</sup>Or possibly, *reptiles*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 106:20; Jer. 2:11; Acts 17:29

24 <sup>a</sup>Rom. 1:26, 28; Eph. 4:19 <sup>b</sup>Eph. 2:3

25 <sup>l</sup>Lit., *the lie* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *unto the ages*  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 44:20; Jer. 10:14; 13:25; 16:19 <sup>b</sup>Rom. 9:5; 2 Cor. 11:31

26 <sup>l</sup>Lit., *against nature*  
<sup>a</sup>Rom. 1:24 <sup>b</sup>1 Thess. 4:5

27 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *the shameful deed* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *themselves*  
<sup>a</sup>Lev. 18:22; 20:13; 1 Cor. 6:9

28 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *to have God in knowledge*  
<sup>a</sup>Rom. 1:24

29 <sup>a2</sup> Cor. 12:20

30 <sup>1</sup>Or, *hateful to God*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 5:5 <sup>b2</sup> Tim. 3:2

31 <sup>a2</sup> Tim. 3:3

32 <sup>a</sup>Rom. 6:21 <sup>b</sup>Luke 11:48; Acts 8:1; 22:20

1 <sup>a</sup>Rom. 1:20 <sup>b</sup>Rom. 2:3; 9:20; Luke 12:14 <sup>c2</sup> Sam. 12:5-7; Matt. 7:1; Rom. 14:22

2 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *is according to truth against...*

3 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *who pass judgment*  
<sup>a</sup>Rom. 2:1; 9:20; Luke 12:14

4 <sup>a</sup>Rom. 9:23; 11:33; 2 Cor. 8:2; Eph. 1:7, 18; 2:7; Phil. 4:19; Col. 1:27; 2:2; Titus 3:6 <sup>b</sup>Rom. 11:22 <sup>c</sup>Rom. 3:25 <sup>d</sup>Rom. 9:22; 1 Tim. 1:16; 1 Pet. 3:20; 2 Pet. 3:15; Ex. 34:6 <sup>e2</sup> Pet. 3:9

5 <sup>1</sup>Or, *in accordance with*  
<sup>a</sup>Deut. 32:34f.; Prov. 1:18 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 110:5; Jude 6; 2 Cor. 5:10; 2 Thess. 1:5

6 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 62:12; Matt. 16:27

7 <sup>a</sup>Luke 8:15; Heb. 10:36 <sup>b</sup>Rom. 2:10; Heb. 2:7; 1 Pet. 1:7 <sup>c1</sup> Cor. 15:42, 50, 53f.; Eph. 6:24 marg.; 2 Tim. 1:10 marg. <sup>d</sup>Matt. 25:46

8 <sup>a</sup>Phil. 1:17 marg.; 2 Cor. 12:20; Gal. 5:20; Phil. 2:3; James 3:14, 16 <sup>b2</sup> Thess. 2:12

9 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *upon*  
<sup>a</sup>Rom. 8:35 <sup>b1</sup> Pet. 4:17; Acts 3:26; Rom. 1:16

10 <sup>a</sup>Rom. 2:7; Heb. 2:7; 1 Pet. 1:7 <sup>b</sup>Rom. 2:9

11 <sup>a</sup>Acts 10:34

12 <sup>1</sup>Or, *without law* <sup>2</sup>Or, *under law* <sup>3</sup>Or, *by law*  
<sup>a1</sup> Cor. 9:21; Acts 2:23

13 <sup>1</sup>Or, *of law* <sup>2</sup>Or, *righteous*  
<sup>a</sup>James 1:22f., 25; Matt. 7:21, 24ff.; John 13:17

14 <sup>1</sup>Or, *law* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *by nature*  
<sup>a</sup>Rom. 2:15; Rom. 1:19; Acts 10:35

15 <sup>a</sup>Rom. 2:14, 27

towards one another, <sup>a</sup>men with men committing <sup>1</sup>indecent acts and receiving in <sup>2</sup>their own persons the due penalty of their error.

28 And just as they did not see fit <sup>1</sup>to acknowledge God any longer, <sup>a</sup>God gave them over to a depraved mind, to do those things which are not proper,

29 being filled with all unrighteousness, wickedness, greed, malice; full of envy, murder, strife, deceit, malice; *they are* <sup>a</sup>gossips,

30 slanderers, <sup>1a</sup>haters of God, insolent, arrogant, boastful, inventors of evil, <sup>b</sup>disobedient to parents,

31 without understanding, untrustworthy, <sup>a</sup>unloving, unmerciful;

32 and, although they know the ordinance of God, that those who practice such things are worthy of <sup>a</sup>death, they not only do the same, but also <sup>b</sup>give hearty approval to those who practice them.

## CHAPTER 2

**T**HEREFORE you are <sup>a</sup>without excuse, <sup>b</sup>every man of you who passes judgment, for in that <sup>c</sup>you judge another, you condemn yourself; for you who judge practice the same things.

2 And we know that the judgment of God <sup>1</sup>rightly falls upon those who practice such things.

3 And do you suppose this, <sup>a</sup>O man, <sup>1</sup>when you pass judgment upon those who practice such things and do the same *yourself*, that you will escape the judgment of God?

4 Or do you think lightly of <sup>a</sup>the riches of His <sup>b</sup>kindness and <sup>c</sup>forbearance and <sup>d</sup>patience, not knowing that <sup>e</sup>the kindness of God leads you to repentance?

5 But <sup>1</sup>because of your stubbornness and unrepentant heart <sup>a</sup>you are storing up wrath for yourself <sup>b</sup>in the day of wrath and revelation of the righteous judgment of God,

6 <sup>a</sup>WHO WILL RENDER TO EVERY MAN ACCORDING TO HIS DEEDS:

7 to those who by <sup>a</sup>perseverance in doing good seek for <sup>b</sup>glory and honor and <sup>c</sup>immortality, <sup>d</sup>eternal life;

8 but to those who are <sup>a</sup>selfishly ambitious and <sup>b</sup>do not obey the truth, but obey unrighteousness, wrath and indignation.

9 *There will be* <sup>a</sup>tribulation and distress <sup>1</sup>for every soul of man who does evil, of the Jew <sup>b</sup>first and also of the Greek,

10 but <sup>a</sup>glory and honor and peace to every man who does good, to the Jew <sup>b</sup>first and also to the Greek.

11 For <sup>a</sup>there is no partiality with God.

12 For all who have sinned <sup>1a</sup>without the Law will also perish <sup>1</sup>without the Law; and all who have sinned <sup>2</sup>under the Law will be judged <sup>3b</sup>by the Law;

13 for <sup>a</sup>not the hearers <sup>1</sup>of the Law are <sup>2</sup>just before God, but the doers <sup>1</sup>of the Law will be justified.

14 For when Gentiles who do not have <sup>1</sup>the Law do <sup>a</sup>instinctively the things of the Law, these, not having <sup>1</sup>the Law, are a law to themselves,

15 in that they show <sup>a</sup>the work of the Law written in their

hearts, their conscience bearing witness, and their thoughts alternately accusing or else defending them,

16 on the day when, <sup>a</sup>according to my gospel, <sup>b</sup>God will judge the secrets of men through Christ Jesus.

17 But if you bear the name 'Jew,' and <sup>a</sup>rely <sup>1</sup>upon the Law, and boast in God,

18 and know *His* will, and <sup>1a</sup>approve the things that are essential, being instructed out of the Law,

19 and are confident that you yourself are a guide to the blind, a light to those who are in darkness,

20 a <sup>1</sup>corrector of the foolish, a teacher of <sup>2</sup>the immature, having in the Law <sup>a</sup>the embodiment of knowledge and of the truth,

21 you, therefore, <sup>a</sup>who teach another, do you not teach yourself? You who <sup>1</sup>preach that one should not steal, do you steal?

22 You who say that one should not commit adultery, do you commit adultery? You who abhor idols, do you <sup>a</sup>rob temples?

23 You who <sup>a</sup>boast <sup>1</sup>in the Law, through your breaking the Law, do you dishonor God?

24 For "THE NAME OF GOD IS BLASPHEMED AMONG THE GENTILES <sup>b</sup>BECAUSE OF YOU," just as it is written.

25 For indeed circumcision is of value, if you <sup>a</sup>practice <sup>1</sup>the Law; but if you are a transgressor <sup>2</sup>of the Law, <sup>b</sup>your circumcision has become uncircumcision.

26 <sup>a</sup>If therefore <sup>b</sup>the <sup>1</sup>uncircumcised man <sup>c</sup>keeps the requirements of the Law, will not his uncircumcision be regarded as circumcision?

27 And will not <sup>a</sup>he who is physically uncircumcised, if he keeps the Law, will he not <sup>b</sup>judge you who <sup>1</sup>though having the letter of *the Law* and circumcision are a transgressor <sup>2</sup>of the Law?

28 For <sup>a</sup>he is not a Jew who is one outwardly; neither is circumcision that which is outward in the flesh.

29 But <sup>a</sup>he is a Jew who is one inwardly; and circumcision is that which is of the heart, by the <sup>b</sup>Spirit, not by the letter; <sup>c</sup>and his praise is not from men, but from God.

CHAPTER 3

**T**HEN what <sup>1</sup>advantage has the Jew? Or what is the benefit of circumcision?

2 Great in every respect. First of all, that <sup>a</sup>they were entrusted with the <sup>b</sup>oracles of God.

3 What then? If <sup>a</sup>some <sup>1</sup>did not believe, their <sup>2</sup>unbelief will not nullify the faithfulness of God, will it?

4 <sup>a</sup>May it never be! Rather, let God be found true, though every man *be found* <sup>ba</sup> liar, as it is written,

"cTHAT THOU MIGHTEST BE JUSTIFIED IN THY WORDS, AND MIGHTEST PREVAIL WHEN THOU <sup>1</sup>ART JUDGED."

5 But if our unrighteousness <sup>1a</sup>demonstrates the righteousness of God, <sup>b</sup>what shall we say? The God who inflicts wrath is not unrighteous, is He? (<sup>c</sup>I am speaking in human terms.)

16 <sup>a</sup>Rom. 16:25; 2 Tim. 2:8; 1 Cor. 15:1; Gal. 1:11; 1 Tim. 1:11 <sup>b</sup>Acts 10:42; 17:31; Rom. 3:6; 14:10

17 <sup>1</sup>Or, upon law <sup>a</sup>Rom. 2:23; 9:4; Mic. 3:11; John 5:45

18 <sup>1</sup>Or, distinguish between the things which differ <sup>a</sup>Phil. 1:10

20 <sup>1</sup>Or, instructor <sup>2</sup>Lit., infants <sup>a</sup>2 Tim. 1:13; Rom. 3:31

21 <sup>1</sup>Or, proclaim <sup>a</sup>Matt. 23:3ff.

22 <sup>a</sup>Acts 19:37

23 <sup>1</sup>Or, in law <sup>a</sup>Rom. 2:17; 9:4; Mic. 3:11; John 5:45

24 <sup>a</sup>Is. 52:5 <sup>b</sup>Ezek. 36:20ff.; 2 Pet. 2:2

25 <sup>1</sup>Or, law <sup>2</sup>Or, of law <sup>a</sup>Rom. 2:13f.; 27 <sup>b</sup>Jer. 4:4; 9:25f.

26 <sup>1</sup>Lit., uncircumcision <sup>a</sup>1 Cor. 7:19 <sup>b</sup>Eph. 2:11; Rom. 3:30 <sup>c</sup>Rom. 8:4; 2:25, 27

27 <sup>1</sup>Lit., through the letter <sup>2</sup>Or, of law <sup>a</sup>Eph. 2:11; Rom. 3:30 <sup>b</sup>Matt. 12:41

28 <sup>a</sup>Rom. 9:6; John 8:39; Gal. 6:15; Rom. 2:17

29 <sup>a</sup>Phil. 3:3; Col. 2:11 <sup>b</sup>Rom. 7:6; 2 Cor. 3:6; Rom. 2:27 <sup>c</sup>1 Cor. 4:5; 2 Cor. 10:18; John 5:44; 12:43

1 <sup>1</sup>Lit., is the advantage of the Jew

2 <sup>a</sup>Deut. 4:8; Ps. 147:19; Rom. 9:4 <sup>b</sup>Acts 7:38

3 <sup>1</sup>Or, were unfaithful <sup>2</sup>Or, unfaithfulness <sup>a</sup>Rom. 10:16; Heb. 4:2

4 <sup>1</sup>Or, do not enter into judgment <sup>a</sup>Luke 20:16; Rom. 3:6, 31 <sup>b</sup>Rom. 3:7; Ps. 116:11 <sup>c</sup>Ps. 51:4

5 <sup>1</sup>Or, commends <sup>a</sup>Rom. 5:8; 2 Cor. 6:4; 7:11 [Gr.]; Gal. 2:18 [Gr.] <sup>b</sup>Rom. 7:7; 8:31; 9:14, 30; 4:1 <sup>c</sup>Rom. 6:19; 1 Cor. 9:8; Gal. 3:15; 1 Cor. 15:32

6 <sup>a</sup>Luke 20:16; Rom. 3:4.  
31 <sup>b</sup>Rom. 2:16

7 <sup>a</sup>Rom. 3:4 <sup>b</sup>Rom. 9:19

8 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *Whose*  
<sup>a</sup>Rom. 6:1

9 <sup>1</sup>Or possibly, *Are we worse*  
<sup>a</sup>Rom. 3:1 <sup>b</sup>Rom. 2:1-29  
<sup>c</sup>Rom. 1:18-32 <sup>d</sup>Rom. 3:19, 23; 11:32; Gal. 3:22

10 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 14:1-3; 53:1-4

13 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 5:9; Ps. 140:3

14 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 10:7

15 <sup>a</sup>Is. 59:7f.

18 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 36:1

19 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *in*  
<sup>a</sup>John 10:34 <sup>b</sup>Rom. 2:12  
<sup>c</sup>Rom. 3:9

20 <sup>1</sup>Or, *of law* <sup>2</sup>Or,  
*through law*  
<sup>a</sup>Acts 13:39; Gal. 2:16; Ps. 143:2 <sup>b</sup>Rom. 7:7; 4:15; 5:13, 20

21 <sup>1</sup>Or, *from law*  
<sup>a</sup>Rom. 1:17; 9:30 <sup>b</sup>Rom. 1:2; Acts 10:43

22 <sup>a</sup>Rom. 1:17; 9:30  
<sup>b</sup>Rom. 4:5 <sup>c</sup>Acts 3:16; Gal. 2:16, 20; 3:22; Eph. 3:12  
<sup>d</sup>Rom. 4:11, 16; 10:4 <sup>e</sup>Rom. 10:12; Gal. 3:28; Col. 3:11

23 <sup>1</sup>Or, *all sinned*  
<sup>a</sup>Rom. 3:9

24 <sup>a</sup>Rom. 4:4f., 16; Eph. 2:8 <sup>b</sup>Eph. 1:7; Col. 1:14;  
Heb. 9:15; 1 Cor. 1:30

25 <sup>1</sup>Or, *a propitiatory sacrifice* <sup>2</sup>Or, by <sup>3</sup>Lit.,  
*because of the passing over of the sins previously committed the forbearance of God*  
<sup>a</sup>1 John 2:2; 4:10 <sup>b</sup>1 Cor. 5:7; Heb. 9:14, 28; 1 Pet. 1:19; Rev. 1:5 <sup>c</sup>Rom. 2:4  
<sup>d</sup>Acts 17:30; 14:16

26 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *is of the faith of Jesus.*

27 <sup>a</sup>Rom. 2:17, 23; 4:2;  
1 Cor. 1:29 ff. <sup>b</sup>Rom. 9:31

28 <sup>1</sup>Some ancient mss. read, *Therefore* <sup>2</sup>Or, *of law*  
<sup>a</sup>Rom. 3:20, 21; Acts 13:39; Eph. 2:9; James 2:20, 24, 26

29 <sup>a</sup>Rom. 9:24; 10:12, 15:9; Gal. 3:28; Acts 10:34f.

30 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *circumcision*  
<sup>2</sup>Lit., *out of* <sup>3</sup>Lit.,  
*uncircumcision*  
<sup>a</sup>Rom. 10:12 <sup>b</sup>Rom. 4:11f., 16; Gal. 3:8; Rom. 3:22

6 <sup>a</sup>May it never be! For otherwise how will <sup>b</sup>God judge the world?

7 But if through my lie <sup>a</sup>the truth of God abounded to His glory, <sup>b</sup>why am I also still being judged as a sinner?

8 And why not say (as we are slanderously reported and as some affirm that we say), "<sup>a</sup>Let us do evil that good may come"? <sup>1</sup>Their condemnation is just.

9 What then? <sup>1a</sup>Are we better than they? Not at all; for we have already charged that both <sup>b</sup>Jews and <sup>c</sup>Greeks are <sup>d</sup>all under sin;

10 as it is written,

<sup>a</sup>THERE IS NONE RIGHTEOUS, NOT EVEN ONE;

11 THERE IS NONE WHO UNDERSTANDS,  
THERE IS NONE WHO SEEKS FOR GOD;

12 ALL HAVE TURNED ASIDE, TOGETHER THEY HAVE BECOME USELESS;

THERE IS NONE WHO DOES GOOD,  
THERE IS NOT EVEN ONE."

13 <sup>a</sup>THEIR THROAT IS AN OPEN GRAVE,  
WITH THEIR TONGUES THEY KEEP DECEIVING,"  
<sup>b</sup>"THE POISON OF ASPES IS UNDER THEIR LIPS;"

14 <sup>a</sup>"WHOSE MOUTH IS FULL OF CURSING AND BITTERNESS;"

15 <sup>a</sup>"THEIR FEET ARE SWIFT TO SHED BLOOD,

16 DESTRUCTION AND MISERY ARE IN THEIR PATHS,

17 AND THE PATH OF PEACE HAVE THEY NOT KNOWN."

18 <sup>a</sup>"THERE IS NO FEAR OF GOD BEFORE THEIR EYES."

19 Now we know that whatever the <sup>a</sup>Law says, it speaks to <sup>b</sup>those who are <sup>1</sup>under the Law, that every mouth may be closed, and <sup>a</sup>all the world may become accountable to God;

20 because <sup>a</sup>by the works <sup>1</sup>of the Law no flesh will be justified in His sight; for <sup>2b</sup>through the Law comes the knowledge of sin.

21 But now apart <sup>1</sup>from the Law <sup>a</sup>the righteousness of God has been manifested, being <sup>b</sup>witnessed by the Law and the Prophets,

22 even *the* <sup>a</sup>righteousness of God through <sup>b</sup>faith <sup>c</sup>in Jesus Christ for <sup>d</sup>all those who believe; for <sup>e</sup>there is no distinction;

23 for <sup>1</sup>all <sup>a</sup>have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, <sup>24</sup> being justified as a gift <sup>a</sup>by His grace through <sup>b</sup>the redemption which is in Christ Jesus;

25 whom God displayed publicly as <sup>a</sup>a <sup>1</sup>propitiation <sup>2b</sup>in His blood through faith. *This was to demonstrate His righteousness,* <sup>3</sup>because in the <sup>c</sup>forbearance of God He <sup>d</sup>passed over the sins previously committed;

26 for the demonstration, *I say,* of His righteousness at the present time, that He might be just and the justifier of the one who <sup>1</sup>has faith in Jesus.

27 Where then is <sup>a</sup>boasting? It is excluded. By <sup>b</sup>what kind of law? Of works? No, but by a law of faith.

28 <sup>1</sup>For <sup>a</sup>we maintain that a man is justified by faith apart from works <sup>2</sup>of the Law.

29 Or <sup>a</sup>is God *the God of Jews only?* Is He not *the God of Gentiles also?* Yes, of Gentiles also—

30 if indeed <sup>a</sup>God is one—and <sup>b</sup>He will justify the <sup>1</sup>circumcised <sup>2</sup>by faith and the <sup>3</sup>uncircumcised through faith.

31 Do we then nullify <sup>1</sup>the Law through faith? <sup>a</sup>May it never be! On the contrary, we <sup>b</sup>establish the Law.

## CHAPTER 4

WHAT then shall we say that Abraham, <sup>1</sup>our forefather <sup>a</sup>according to the flesh, has found?

2 For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about; but <sup>a</sup>not <sup>1</sup>before God.

3 For what does the Scripture say? <sup>a</sup>“AND ABRAHAM BELIEVED GOD, AND IT WAS RECKONED TO HIM AS RIGHTEOUSNESS.”

4 Now to the one who <sup>a</sup>works, his wage is not reckoned as a favor but as what is due.

5 But to the one who does not work, but <sup>a</sup>believes in Him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is reckoned as righteousness,

6 just as David also speaks of the blessing upon the man to whom God reckons righteousness apart from works:

7 <sup>a</sup>“BLESSED ARE THOSE WHOSE LAWLESS DEEDS HAVE BEEN FORGIVEN,  
AND WHOSE SINS HAVE BEEN COVERED.

8 <sup>a</sup>“BLESSED IS THE MAN WHOSE SIN THE LORD WILL NOT <sup>b</sup>TAKE INTO ACCOUNT.”

9 Is this blessing then upon <sup>1a</sup>the circumcised, or upon the <sup>2</sup>uncircumcised also? For <sup>b</sup>we say, <sup>c</sup>“FAITH WAS RECKONED TO ABRAHAM AS RIGHTEOUSNESS.”

10 How then was it reckoned? While he was <sup>1</sup>circumcised, or <sup>2</sup>uncircumcised? Not while <sup>1</sup>circumcised, but while <sup>2</sup>uncircumcised;

11 and he <sup>a</sup>received the sign of circumcision, <sup>ba</sup> a seal of the righteousness of the faith which he had while uncircumcised, that he might be <sup>c</sup>the father of <sup>d</sup>all who believe without being circumcised, that righteousness might be reckoned to them,

12 and the father of circumcision to those who not only are of the circumcision, but who also follow in the steps of the faith of our father Abraham which he had while uncircumcised.

13 For <sup>a</sup>the promise to Abraham or to his <sup>1</sup>descendants <sup>b</sup>that he would be heir of the world was not <sup>2</sup>through the Law, but through the righteousness of faith.

14 For <sup>a</sup>if those who are <sup>1</sup>of the Law are heirs, faith is made void and the promise is nullified;

15 for <sup>a</sup>the Law brings about wrath, but <sup>b</sup>where there is no law, neither is there violation.

16 For this reason it is <sup>1</sup>by faith, that *it might be* in accordance with <sup>a</sup>grace, in order that the promise may be certain to <sup>b</sup>all the <sup>2</sup>descendants, not only to <sup>3</sup>those who are of the Law, but also to <sup>3</sup>those who are of the faith of Abraham, who is <sup>c</sup>the father of us all,

17 (as it is written, <sup>a</sup>“A FATHER OF MANY NATIONS HAVE I MADE YOU”) in the sight of Him whom he believed, *even* God, <sup>b</sup>who gives life to the dead and <sup>1c</sup>calls into being <sup>d</sup>that which does not exist.

18 In hope against hope he believed, in order that he might become <sup>a</sup>a father of many nations, according to that which had been spoken, <sup>b</sup>“SO SHALL YOUR <sup>1</sup>DESCENDANTS BE.”

19 And without becoming weak in faith he contemplated

31 <sup>1</sup>Or, law  
<sup>a</sup>Luke 20:16; Rom. 3:4  
<sup>b</sup>Rom. 4:3; 8:4; Matt. 5:17

1 <sup>1</sup>Or, our forefather,  
has found according to the flesh  
<sup>a</sup>Rom. 1:3

2 <sup>1</sup>Lit., toward  
<sup>a</sup>1 Cor. 1:31

3 <sup>a</sup>Gen. 15:6; Rom. 4:9,  
22; Gal. 3:6; James 2:23

4 <sup>a</sup>Rom. 11:6

5 <sup>a</sup>Rom. 3:22; John 6:29

7 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 32:1

8 <sup>1</sup>Or, reckon  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 32:2 <sup>b</sup>2 Cor. 5:19

9 <sup>1</sup>Lit., circumcision  
<sup>2</sup>Lit., uncircumcision  
<sup>a</sup>Rom. 3:30 <sup>b</sup>Rom. 4:3  
<sup>c</sup>Gen. 15:6

10 <sup>1</sup>Lit., in circumcision  
<sup>2</sup>Lit., in uncircumcision

11 <sup>b</sup>Gen. 17:10f. <sup>b</sup>John  
3:33 <sup>c</sup>Rom. 4:16f.; Luke  
19:9 <sup>d</sup>Rom. 3:22; 4:16

13 <sup>1</sup>Lit., seed <sup>2</sup>Or,  
through law  
<sup>a</sup>Rom. 9:8; Gal. 3:16 <sup>b</sup>Gen.  
17:4-6; 22:17f.

14 <sup>1</sup>Or, of law  
<sup>a</sup>Gal. 3:18

15 <sup>a</sup>Rom. 7:7, 10-25;  
<sup>1</sup>Cor. 15:56; Gal. 3:10  
<sup>b</sup>Rom. 3:20

16 <sup>1</sup>Or, of <sup>2</sup>Lit., seed <sup>3</sup>Lit.,  
that which is  
<sup>a</sup>Rom. 3:24 <sup>b</sup>Rom. 4:11;  
9:8; 15:8 <sup>c</sup>Rom. 4:11; Luke  
19:9

17 <sup>1</sup>Lit., calls the things  
which do not exist as  
existing  
<sup>a</sup>Gen. 17:5 <sup>b</sup>John 5:21 <sup>c</sup>Is.  
48:13; 51:2 <sup>d</sup>1 Cor. 1:28

18 <sup>1</sup>Lit., seed  
<sup>a</sup>Rom. 4:17 <sup>b</sup>Gen. 15:5

19 <sup>a</sup>Heb. 11:12 <sup>b</sup>Gen. 17:17 <sup>c</sup>Gen. 18:11

20 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 9:8

21 <sup>a</sup>Rom. 14:5 <sup>b</sup>Gen. 18:14; Heb. 11:19

22 <sup>a</sup>Rom. 4:3

23 <sup>a</sup>Rom. 15:4; 1 Cor. 9:9f.; 10:11; 2 Tim. 3:16f.

24 <sup>a</sup>Rom. 10:9; 1 Pet. 1:21 <sup>b</sup>Acts 2:24

25 <sup>a</sup>Rom. 5:6, 8; 8:32; Gal. 2:20; Eph. 5:2 <sup>b</sup>1 Cor. 15:17; 2 Cor. 5:15; Rom. 5:18

1 <sup>l</sup>Some ancient mss. read, *let us have* <sup>a</sup>Rom. 3:28 <sup>b</sup>Rom. 5:11

2 <sup>l</sup>Or, *let us exult* <sup>a</sup>Eph. 2:18; 3:12; Heb. 10:19f.; 1 Pet. 3:18 <sup>b</sup>1 Cor. 15:1

3 <sup>l</sup>Or, *let us also exult* <sup>a</sup>Rom. 5:11; 8:23; 9:10; 2 Cor. 8:19 <sup>b</sup>Matt. 5:12; James 1:2f. <sup>c</sup>Luke 21:19

4 <sup>a</sup>Luke 21:19 <sup>b</sup>Phil. 2:22; James 1:12

5 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 119:116; Rom. 9:33; Heb. 6:18f. <sup>b</sup>Acts 2:33; 10:45; Titus 3:6; Gal. 4:6

6 <sup>a</sup>Rom. 5:8, 10 <sup>b</sup>Gal. 4:4 <sup>c</sup>Rom. 4:25; 5:8; 8:32; Gal. 2:20; Eph. 5:2

8 <sup>a</sup>Rom. 3:5 <sup>b</sup>Rom. 8:39; John 3:16; 15:13 <sup>c</sup>Rom. 4:25; 5:6; 8:32; Gal. 2:20; Eph. 5:2

9 <sup>l</sup>Or, *in* <sup>a</sup>Rom. 3:25 <sup>b</sup>1 Thess. 1:10; Rom. 1:18

10 <sup>l</sup>Or, *in* <sup>a</sup>Rom. 11:28; Eph. 2:3; Col. 1:21f.; 2 Cor. 5:18f. <sup>b</sup>Rom. 8:34; Heb. 7:25; 1 John 2:1

11 <sup>l</sup>Lit., *but also exulting* <sup>a</sup>Rom. 5:3; 8:23; 9:10; 2 Cor. 8:19 <sup>b</sup>Rom. 5:10; 11:15; 2 Cor. 5:18f.

12 <sup>a</sup>Gen. 2:17; 3:6, 19; 1 Cor. 15:21f.; Rom. 5:15, 16, 17 <sup>b</sup>Rom. 6:23; 1 Cor. 15:56; James 1:15 <sup>c</sup>Rom. 5:14, 19, 21; 1 Cor. 15:22

13 <sup>l</sup>Or, *until law* <sup>a</sup>Rom. 4:15

14 <sup>l</sup>Or, *foreshadowing* <sup>a</sup>Hos. 6:7 <sup>b</sup>1 Cor. 15:45

15 <sup>l</sup>Lit., *not as the trespass, so also is the free gift* <sup>a</sup>Rom. 5:12, 18 <sup>b</sup>Rom. 5:19; Rom. 5:18 <sup>c</sup>Acts 15:11

his own body, now <sup>a</sup>as good as dead since <sup>b</sup>he was about a hundred years old, and <sup>c</sup>the deadness of Sarah's womb;

20 yet, with respect to the promise of God, he did not waver in unbelief, but grew strong in faith, <sup>a</sup>giving glory to God,

21 and <sup>a</sup>being fully assured that <sup>b</sup>what He had promised, He was able also to perform.

22 Therefore also <sup>a</sup>IT WAS RECKONED TO HIM AS RIGHTEOUSNESS.

23 Now <sup>a</sup>not for his sake only was it written, that "IT WAS RECKONED TO HIM,"

24 but for our sake also, to whom it will be reckoned, as those <sup>a</sup>who believe in Him who <sup>b</sup>raised Jesus our Lord from the dead,

25 He who was <sup>a</sup>delivered up because of our transgressions, and was <sup>b</sup>raised because of our justification.

## CHAPTER 5

<sup>a</sup>THEREFORE having been justified by faith, <sup>1b</sup>we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,

2 through whom also we have <sup>a</sup>obtained our introduction by faith into this grace <sup>b</sup>in which we stand; and <sup>1c</sup>we exult in hope of the glory of God.

3 <sup>a</sup>And not only this, but <sup>1c</sup>we also <sup>b</sup>exult in our tribulations, knowing that tribulation brings about <sup>c</sup>perseverance;

4 and <sup>a</sup>perseverance, <sup>b</sup>proven character; and proven character, hope;

5 and hope <sup>a</sup>does not disappoint, because the love of God has been <sup>b</sup>poured out within our hearts through the Holy Spirit who was given to us.

6 For while we were still <sup>a</sup>helpless, <sup>b</sup>at the right time <sup>c</sup>Christ died for the ungodly.

7 For one will hardly die for a righteous man; though perhaps for the good man someone would dare even to die.

8 But God <sup>a</sup>demonstrates <sup>b</sup>His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, <sup>c</sup>Christ died for us.

9 Much more then, having now been justified <sup>1a</sup>by His blood, we shall be saved <sup>b</sup>from the wrath of God through Him.

10 For if while we were <sup>a</sup>enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved <sup>1b</sup>by His life.

11 <sup>a</sup>And not only this, <sup>1b</sup>but we also exult in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received <sup>b</sup>the reconciliation.

12 Therefore, just as through <sup>a</sup>one man sin entered into the world, and <sup>b</sup>death through sin, and <sup>c</sup>so death spread to all men, because all sinned—

13 for <sup>1</sup>until the Law sin in the world; but <sup>a</sup>sin is not imputed when there is no law.

14 Nevertheless death reigned from Adam until Moses, even over those who had not sinned <sup>a</sup>in the likeness of Adam's offense, who is a <sup>1b</sup>type of Him who was to come.

15 But <sup>1</sup>the free gift is not like the transgression. For if by the transgression of <sup>a</sup>the one <sup>b</sup>the many died, much more did the grace of God and the gift by <sup>c</sup>the grace of the one Man, Jesus Christ, abound to <sup>b</sup>the many.

16 And the gift is not like *that which came* through the one who sinned; for on the one hand <sup>a</sup>the judgment *arose* from one *transgression* <sup>1</sup>resulting in condemnation, but on the other hand the free gift *arose* from many transgressions <sup>2</sup>resulting in justification.

17 For if by the transgression of the one, death reigned <sup>a</sup>through the one, much more those who receive the abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness will <sup>b</sup>reign in life through the One, Jesus Christ.

18 So then as through <sup>a</sup>one transgression <sup>1</sup>there resulted condemnation to all men, even so through one <sup>b</sup>act of righteousness <sup>2</sup>there resulted <sup>c</sup>justification of life to all men.

19 For as through the one man's disobedience <sup>a</sup>the many <sup>b</sup>were made sinners, even so through <sup>c</sup>the obedience of the One <sup>a</sup>the many will be made righteous.

20 And <sup>1</sup>the Law came in that the transgression might increase; but where sin increased, <sup>b</sup>grace abounded all the more,

21 that, as <sup>a</sup>sin reigned in death, even so <sup>b</sup>grace might reign through righteousness to eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

CHAPTER 6

<sup>a</sup>WHAT shall we say then? Are we to <sup>b</sup>continue in sin that grace might increase?

2 <sup>a</sup>May it never be! How shall we who <sup>b</sup>died to sin still live in it?

3 Or do you not know that all of us who have been <sup>a</sup>baptized into <sup>b</sup>Christ Jesus have been baptized into His death?

4 Therefore we have been <sup>a</sup>buried with Him through baptism into death, in order that as Christ was <sup>b</sup>raised from the dead through the <sup>c</sup>glory of the Father, so we too might walk in <sup>d</sup>newness of life.

5 For <sup>a</sup>if we have become <sup>1</sup>united with Him in the likeness of His death, certainly we shall be also <sup>2</sup>in the likeness of His resurrection,

6 knowing this, that our <sup>a</sup>old <sup>1</sup>self was <sup>b</sup>crucified with Him, that our <sup>c</sup>body of sin might be <sup>2</sup>done away with, that we should no longer be slaves to sin;

7 for <sup>a</sup>he who has died is <sup>1</sup>freed from sin.

8 Now <sup>a</sup>if we have died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with Him,

9 knowing that Christ, having been <sup>a</sup>raised from the dead, is never to die again; <sup>b</sup>death no longer is master over Him.

10 For the death that He died, He died to sin, once for all; but the life that He lives, He lives to God.

11 Even so consider yourselves to be <sup>a</sup>dead to sin, but alive to God in Christ Jesus.

12 Therefore do not let sin <sup>a</sup>reign in your mortal body that you should obey its lusts,

13 and do not go on <sup>a</sup>presenting <sup>1</sup>the members of your body to sin as <sup>2</sup>instruments of unrighteousness; but <sup>b</sup>present yourselves to God as those alive from the dead, and your members as <sup>2</sup>instruments of righteousness to God.

16 <sup>1</sup>Lit., to condemnation  
<sup>2</sup>Lit., to an act of righteousness  
<sup>a</sup>1 Cor. 11:32 [Gr.]

17 <sup>a</sup>Gen. 2:17; 3:6, 19; 1 Cor. 15:21f.; Rom. 5:12, 15, 16 <sup>b</sup>2 Tim. 2:12; Rev. 22:5

18 <sup>1</sup>Lit., to condemnation  
<sup>2</sup>Lit., to justification  
<sup>a</sup>Rom. 5:12, 15 <sup>b</sup>Rom. 3:25  
<sup>c</sup>Rom. 4:25

19 <sup>a</sup>Rom. 5:15, 18 <sup>b</sup>Rom. 5:12; 11:32 <sup>c</sup>Phil. 2:8

20 <sup>1</sup>Or, law  
<sup>a</sup>Gal. 3:19; Rom. 3:20; 7:7f.  
<sup>b</sup>Rom. 6:1; 1 Tim. 1:14

21 <sup>a</sup>Rom. 5:12, 14 <sup>b</sup>John 1:17; Rom. 6:23

1 <sup>a</sup>Rom. 3:5 <sup>b</sup>Rom. 6:15; 3:8

2 <sup>a</sup>Luke 20:16; Rom. 6:15 <sup>b</sup>Rom. 6:11; 7:4, 6; Gal. 2:19; Col. 2:20; 3:3; 1 Pet. 2:24

3 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 28:19 <sup>b</sup>Acts 2:38; 8:16; 19:5; Gal. 3:27

4 <sup>a</sup>Col. 2:12 <sup>b</sup>Acts 2:24; Rom. 6:9 <sup>c</sup>John 11:40; 2 Cor. 13:4 <sup>d</sup>Rom. 7:6; 2 Cor. 5:17; Gal. 6:15; Eph. 4:23f.; Col. 3:10

5 <sup>1</sup>Or, united with the likeness <sup>2</sup>Or, with  
<sup>a</sup>2 Cor. 4:10; Phil. 3:10f.; Col. 2:12; 3:1

6 <sup>1</sup>Lit., man <sup>2</sup>Or, made powerless  
<sup>a</sup>Eph. 4:22; Col. 3:9 <sup>b</sup>Gal. 2:20; 5:24; 6:14 <sup>c</sup>Rom. 7:24

7 <sup>1</sup>Or, acquitted  
<sup>a</sup>1 Pet. 4:1

8 <sup>a</sup>2 Tim. 2:11; 2 Cor. 4:10; Rom. 6:4

9 <sup>a</sup>Acts 2:24; Rom. 6:4  
<sup>b</sup>Rev. 1:18

11 <sup>a</sup>Rom. 6:2; 7:4, 6; Gal. 2:19; Col. 2:20; 3:3; 1 Pet. 2:24

12 <sup>a</sup>Rom. 6:14

13 <sup>1</sup>Lit., your members to sin <sup>2</sup>Or, weapons  
<sup>a</sup>Rom. 7:5; Col. 3:5; Rom. 6:16, 19 <sup>b</sup>Rom. 12:1; 2 Cor. 5:14f.; 1 Pet. 2:24

14 <sup>a</sup>Rom. 8:2, 12 <sup>b</sup>Rom. 6:12 <sup>c</sup>Rom. 7:4, 6; Gal. 4:21; Rom. 5:18 <sup>d</sup>Rom. 5:17, 21

15 <sup>a</sup>Rom. 6:1 <sup>b</sup>Luke 20:16; Rom. 6:2

16 <sup>1</sup>Lit., to death <sup>2</sup>Lit., to righteousness  
<sup>a</sup>Rom. 11:2; 1 Cor. 3:16; 5:6; 6:2, 3, 9, 15, 16, 19; 9:13, 24 <sup>b</sup>John 8:34; 2 Pet. 2:19 <sup>c</sup>Rom. 6:21, 23

17 <sup>1</sup>Lit., you were slaves . . . but you became  
<sup>a</sup>Rom. 1:8; 2 Cor. 2:14  
<sup>b</sup>2 Tim. 1:13

18 <sup>a</sup>Rom. 8:2; John 8:32; Rom. 6:22

19 <sup>1</sup>Lit., to lawlessness  
<sup>2</sup>Lit., to sanctification  
<sup>a</sup>Rom. 3:5 <sup>b</sup>Rom. 6:13

20 <sup>a</sup>Rom. 6:16; Matt. 6:24

21 <sup>1</sup>Lit., fruit <sup>2</sup>Lit., having  
<sup>1</sup>Lit., in  
<sup>a</sup>Rom. 7:5; Jer. 12:13; Ezek. 16:63 <sup>b</sup>Rom. 6:16, 23; 1:32; 8:6, 13; Gal. 6:8; Rom. 5:12

22 <sup>1</sup>Lit., have <sup>2</sup>Lit., fruit  
<sup>1</sup>Lit., to sanctification  
<sup>a</sup>Rom. 8:2; John 8:32; Rom. 6:18 <sup>b</sup>1 Cor. 7:22;  
1 Pet. 2:16 <sup>c</sup>Rom. 7:4  
<sup>d</sup>1 Pet. 1:9

23 <sup>a</sup>Rom. 6:16, 21; 1:32; 8:6, 13; Gal. 6:8; Rom. 5:12  
<sup>b</sup>Rom. 5:21; 8:39; Matt. 25:46

1 <sup>a</sup>Rom. 1:13

2 <sup>a</sup>1 Cor. 7:39

4 <sup>a</sup>Rom. 7:6; 6:2 <sup>b</sup>Gal. 2:19; 5:18; Rom. 8:2 <sup>c</sup>Col. 1:22

5 <sup>1</sup>Lit., our members to bear  
<sup>a</sup>Rom. 8:8f.; 2 Cor. 10:3  
<sup>b</sup>Rom. 7:7f. <sup>c</sup>Rom. 6:13, 21, 23

6 <sup>1</sup>Or, spirit  
<sup>a</sup>Rom. 7:2 <sup>b</sup>Rom. 6:2  
<sup>c</sup>Rom. 6:4 <sup>d</sup>Rom. 2:29

7 <sup>1</sup>Or, through law <sup>2</sup>Or, lust <sup>3</sup>Or, LUST  
<sup>a</sup>Rom. 3:5 <sup>b</sup>Luke 20:16  
<sup>c</sup>Rom. 3:20; 4:15; 5:20 <sup>d</sup>Ex. 20:17; Deut. 5:21

14 For <sup>a</sup>sin shall not <sup>b</sup>be master over you, for <sup>c</sup>you are not under law, but <sup>d</sup>under grace.

15 What then? <sup>a</sup>Shall we sin because we are not under law but under grace? <sup>b</sup>May it never be!

16 Do you not <sup>a</sup>know that when you present yourselves to someone <sup>as</sup> <sup>b</sup>slaves for obedience, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of <sup>c</sup>sin <sup>1</sup>resulting in death, or of obedience <sup>2</sup>resulting in righteousness?

17 But <sup>a</sup>thanks be to God that <sup>1</sup>though you were slaves of sin, you became obedient from the heart to that <sup>b</sup>form of teaching to which you were committed,

18 and having been <sup>a</sup>freed from sin, you became slaves of righteousness.

19 <sup>a</sup>I am speaking in human terms because of the weakness of your flesh. For just <sup>as</sup> <sup>b</sup>as you presented your members <sup>as</sup> slaves to impurity and to lawlessness, <sup>1</sup>resulting in *further* lawlessness, so now present your members <sup>as</sup> slaves to righteousness, <sup>2</sup>resulting in sanctification.

20 For <sup>a</sup>when you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness.

21 Therefore what <sup>1a</sup>benefit were you then <sup>2</sup>deriving <sup>3</sup>from the things of which you are now ashamed? For the outcome of those things is <sup>b</sup>death.

22 But now having been <sup>a</sup>freed from sin and <sup>b</sup>enslaved to God, you <sup>1</sup>derive your <sup>2c</sup>benefit, <sup>3</sup>resulting in sanctification, and <sup>d</sup>the outcome, eternal life.

23 For the wages of <sup>a</sup>sin is death, but the free gift of God is <sup>b</sup>eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

## CHAPTER 7

**O**R do you not know, <sup>a</sup>brethren (for I am speaking to those who know the law), that the law has jurisdiction over a person as long as he lives?

2 For <sup>a</sup>the married woman is bound by law to her husband while he is living; but if her husband dies, she is released from the law concerning the husband.

3 So then if, while her husband is living, she is joined to another man, she shall be called an adulteress; but if her husband dies, she is free from the law, so that she is not an adulteress, though she is joined to another man.

4 Therefore, my brethren, you also were <sup>a</sup>made to die <sup>b</sup>to the Law <sup>c</sup>through the body of Christ, that you might be joined to another, to Him who was raised from the dead, that we might bear fruit for God.

5 For while we were <sup>a</sup>in the flesh, the sinful passions, which were <sup>b</sup>aroused by the Law, were at work <sup>c</sup>in <sup>1</sup>the members of our body to bear fruit for death.

6 But now we have been <sup>a</sup>released from the Law, having <sup>b</sup>died to that by which we were bound, so that we serve in <sup>c</sup>newness of <sup>d</sup>the <sup>1</sup>Spirit and not in oldness of the letter.

7 <sup>a</sup>What shall we say then? Is the Law sin? <sup>b</sup>May it never be! On the contrary, <sup>c</sup>I would not have come to know sin except <sup>1</sup>through the Law; for I would not have known about <sup>2</sup>coveting if the Law had not said, "<sup>d</sup>YOU SHALL NOT <sup>3</sup>COVET."



8 But sin, <sup>a</sup>taking opportunity <sup>b</sup>through the commandment, produced in me <sup>1</sup>coveting of every kind; for <sup>c</sup>apart <sup>2</sup>from the Law sin is dead.

9 And I was once alive apart <sup>1</sup>from the Law; but when the commandment came, sin became alive, and I died;

10 and this commandment, which was <sup>1a</sup>to result in life, proved <sup>2</sup>to result in death for me;

11 for sin, <sup>a</sup>taking opportunity <sup>b</sup>through the commandment, <sup>c</sup>deceived me, and through it killed me.

12 <sup>a</sup>So then, the Law is holy, and the commandment is holy and righteous and good.

13 Therefore did that which is good become *a cause of death* for me? <sup>a</sup>May it never be! Rather it was sin, in order that it might be shown to be sin by effecting my death through that which is good, that through the commandment sin might become utterly sinful.

14 For we know that the Law is <sup>a</sup>spiritual; but I am <sup>a</sup>of flesh, <sup>b</sup>sold <sup>1c</sup>into bondage to sin.

15 For that which I am doing, <sup>a</sup>I do not understand; for I am not practicing <sup>b</sup>what I would like to do, but I am doing the very thing I hate.

16 But if I do the very thing I do not wish to do, I agree with <sup>a</sup>the Law, *confessing* that it is good.

17 So now, <sup>a</sup>no longer am I the one doing it, but sin which indwells me.

18 For I know that nothing good dwells in me, that is, in my <sup>a</sup>flesh; for the wishing is present in me, but the doing of the good is not.

19 For <sup>a</sup>the good that I wish, I do not do; but I practice the very evil that I do not wish.

20 But if I am doing the very thing I do not wish, <sup>a</sup>I am no longer the one doing it, but sin which dwells in me.

21 I find then <sup>a</sup>the <sup>1</sup>principle that evil is present in me, the one who wishes to do good.

22 For I joyfully concur with the law of God <sup>1</sup>in <sup>a</sup>the inner man,

23 but I see <sup>a</sup>a different law in <sup>1</sup>the members of my body, waging war against the <sup>b</sup>law of my mind, and making me a prisoner <sup>2</sup>of <sup>c</sup>the law of sin which is in my members.

24 Wretched man that I am! Who will set me free from <sup>1a</sup>the body of this <sup>b</sup>death?

25 <sup>a</sup>Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord! So then, on the one hand I myself with my mind am serving the law of God, but on the other, with my flesh <sup>b</sup>the law of sin.

**CHAPTER 8**

**T**HERE is therefore now no <sup>a</sup>condemnation for those who are <sup>b</sup>in <sup>c</sup>Christ Jesus.

2 For <sup>a</sup>the law of the Spirit of life <sup>1</sup>in <sup>b</sup>Christ Jesus <sup>c</sup>has set <sup>2</sup>you free from the law of sin and of death.

3 For <sup>a</sup>what the Law could not do, <sup>1b</sup>weak as it was through the flesh, *God did*: sending His own Son in <sup>c</sup>the likeness of <sup>2</sup>sinful flesh and *as an offering* for sin, He condemned sin in the flesh,

8 <sup>1</sup>Or, *lust* <sup>2</sup>Or, *from law*  
<sup>a</sup>Rom. 7:11 <sup>b</sup>Rom. 3:20;  
7:11 <sup>c</sup>1 Cor. 15:56

9 <sup>1</sup>Or, *from law*

10 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *to life* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *to death*  
<sup>a</sup>Lev. 18:5; Rom. 10:5; Gal. 3:12; Luke 10:28

11 <sup>a</sup>Rom. 7:8 <sup>b</sup>Rom. 3:20;  
7:8 <sup>c</sup>Gen. 3:13

12 <sup>a</sup>Rom. 7:16; 1 Tim. 1:8

13 <sup>a</sup>Luke 20:16

14 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *under sin*  
<sup>a</sup>1 Cor. 3:1 <sup>b</sup>1 Kin. 21:20,  
25; 2 Kin. 17:17; Rom. 6:6;  
Gal. 4:3 <sup>c</sup>Rom. 3:9

15 <sup>a</sup>John 15:15 <sup>b</sup>Gal. 5:17;  
Rom. 7:19

16 <sup>a</sup>Rom. 7:12; 1 Tim. 1:8

17 <sup>a</sup>Rom. 7:20

18 <sup>a</sup>Rom. 7:25; 8:3; John  
3:6

19 <sup>a</sup>Rom. 7:15

20 <sup>a</sup>Rom. 7:17

21 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *law*  
<sup>a</sup>Rom. 7:23, 25; 8:2

22 <sup>1</sup>Or, *concerning*  
<sup>a</sup>2 Cor. 4:16; Eph. 3:16;  
1 Pet. 3:4

23 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *my members*  
<sup>2</sup>Lit., *in*  
<sup>a</sup>Gal. 5:17; James 4:1;  
1 Pet. 2:11; Rom. 6:19  
<sup>b</sup>Rom. 7:25 <sup>c</sup>Rom. 7:21, 25;  
8:2

24 <sup>1</sup>Or, *this body of death*  
<sup>a</sup>Rom. 6:6; Col. 2:11 <sup>b</sup>Rom.  
8:2

25 <sup>a</sup>1 Cor. 15:57 <sup>b</sup>Rom.  
7:21, 23; 8:2

1 <sup>a</sup>Rom. 8:34; 5:16  
<sup>b</sup>Rom. 8:9f. <sup>c</sup>Rom. 8:2, 11,  
39; 16:3

2 <sup>1</sup>Or, *has set you free in Christ Jesus* <sup>2</sup>Some ancient mss. read, *me*  
<sup>a</sup>1 Cor. 15:45 <sup>b</sup>Rom. 8:1,  
11, 39; 16:3 <sup>c</sup>Rom. 6:14, 18;  
7:4; John 8:32, 36

3 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *wherein it was weak* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *flesh of sin*  
<sup>a</sup>Heb. 10:1ff.; Acts 13:39  
<sup>b</sup>Heb. 7:18; Rom. 7:18f.  
<sup>c</sup>Phil. 2:7; Heb. 2:14, 17;  
4:15

4 <sup>a</sup>Luke 1:6; Rom. 2:26  
<sup>b</sup>Gal. 5:16, 25

5 <sup>a</sup>Gal. 5:19-21 <sup>b</sup>Gal.  
5:22-25

6 <sup>a</sup>Gal. 6:8 <sup>b</sup>Rom. 6:21;  
8:13

7 <sup>a</sup>James 4:4

8 <sup>a</sup>Rom. 7:5

9 <sup>a</sup>Rom. 7:5 <sup>b</sup>Rom. 8:11;  
1 Cor. 3:16; 6:19; 2 Cor.  
6:16; 2 Tim. 1:14; John  
14:23 <sup>c</sup>John 14:17; Gal. 4:6;  
Phil. 1:19; 1 John 4:13

10 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *life*  
<sup>a</sup>Gal. 2:20; Eph. 3:17; Col.  
1:27; John 17:23

11 <sup>1</sup>Some ancient mss.  
read, *because of*  
<sup>a</sup>Acts 2:24; Rom. 6:4 <sup>b</sup>John  
5:21 <sup>c</sup>Rom. 8:1, 2, 39; 16:3

13 <sup>1</sup>Or, *are about to*  
<sup>a</sup>Rom. 8:6 <sup>b</sup>Col. 3:5

14 <sup>a</sup>Gal. 5:18 <sup>b</sup>Hos. 1:10;  
[Rom. 9:26]; Matt. 5:9;  
John 1:12; 2 Cor. 6:18; Gal.  
3:26; 1 John 3:1; Rev. 21:7;  
Rom. 8:16, 19; 9:8

15 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *for fear again*  
<sup>2</sup>Or, *the Spirit*  
<sup>a</sup>2 Tim. 1:7; Heb. 2:15  
<sup>b</sup>Gal. 4:5f.; Rom. 8:23  
<sup>c</sup>Mark 14:36; Gal. 4:6

16 <sup>a</sup>Acts 5:32 <sup>b</sup>Hos. 1:10;  
[Rom. 9:26]; Matt. 5:9;  
John 1:12; 2 Cor. 6:18; Gal.  
3:26; 1 John 3:1; Rev. 21:7;  
Rom. 8:14, 19; 9:8

17 <sup>a</sup>Gal. 4:7; Acts. 20:32;  
Gal. 3:29; Eph. 3:6; Titus  
3:7; Heb. 1:14; Rev. 21:7  
<sup>b2</sup> Cor. 1:5, 7; Phil. 3:10;  
2 Tim. 2:12; 1 Pet. 4:13;  
Col. 1:24

18 <sup>a2</sup> Cor. 4:17; 1 Pet.  
4:13 <sup>b</sup>Col. 3:4; Titus 2:13;  
1 Pet. 5:1, 15

19 <sup>a</sup>Phil. 1:20 <sup>b1</sup> Cor.  
1:7f.; Col. 3:4; 1 Pet. 1:7,  
13; 1 John 3:2; Rom. 8:18  
<sup>c</sup>Hos. 1:10; [Rom. 9:26];  
Matt. 5:9; John 1:12; 2 Cor.  
6:18; Gal. 3:26; 1 John 3:1;  
Rev. 21:7; Rom. 8:14, 16;  
9:8

20 <sup>1</sup>Some ancient mss.  
read, *in hope, because the*  
*creation*  
<sup>a</sup>Gen. 3:17-19 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 39:5f.;  
Eccl. 1:2 <sup>c</sup>Gen. 3:17; 5:29

21 <sup>a</sup>Acts 3:21; 2 Pet. 3:13;  
Rev. 21:1

22 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 12:4, 11

23 <sup>a</sup>Rom. 5:3 <sup>b2</sup> Cor. 1:22;  
Rom. 8:16 <sup>c2</sup> Cor. 5:2, 4  
<sup>d</sup>Rom. 8:19, 25; 8:15; Gal.  
5:5 <sup>e</sup>Rom. 7:24

24 <sup>1</sup>Some ancient mss.  
read, *who hopes for what*  
*he sees?*  
<sup>a</sup>Rom. 8:20; 1 Thess. 5:8;  
Titus 3:7 <sup>b2</sup> Cor. 5:7 [cf.  
Rom. 4:18]; Heb. 11:1

25 <sup>a1</sup> Thess. 1:3

4 in order that the <sup>a</sup>requirement of the Law might be fulfilled in us, who <sup>b</sup>do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit.

5 For those who are according to the flesh set their minds on <sup>a</sup>the things of the flesh, but those who are according to the Spirit, <sup>b</sup>the things of the Spirit.

6 <sup>a</sup>For the mind set on the flesh is <sup>b</sup>death, but the mind set on the Spirit is life and peace,

7 because the mind set on the flesh is <sup>a</sup>hostile toward God, for it does not subject itself to the law of God, for it is not even able to do so;

8 and those who are <sup>a</sup>in the flesh cannot please God.

9 However you are not <sup>a</sup>in the flesh but in the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God <sup>b</sup>dwells in you. But <sup>c</sup>if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he does not belong to Him.

10 And <sup>a</sup>if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, yet the spirit is <sup>1</sup>alive because of righteousness.

11 But if the Spirit of Him who <sup>a</sup>raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, <sup>b</sup>He who raised <sup>c</sup>Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies <sup>1</sup>through His Spirit who indwells you.

12 So then, brethren, we are under obligation, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh—

13 for <sup>a</sup>if you are living according to the flesh, you <sup>1</sup>must die; but if by the Spirit you are <sup>b</sup>putting to death the deeds of the body, you will live.

14 For all who are <sup>a</sup>being led by the Spirit of God, these are <sup>b</sup>sons of God.

15 For you <sup>a</sup>have not received a spirit of slavery <sup>1</sup>leading to fear again, but you <sup>b</sup>have received <sup>a</sup>a spirit of adoption as sons by which we cry out, “<sup>c</sup>Abba! Father!”

16 The Spirit Himself <sup>a</sup>bears witness with our spirit that we are <sup>b</sup>children of God,

17 and if children, <sup>a</sup>heirs also, heirs of God and fellow-heirs with Christ, <sup>b</sup>if indeed we suffer with *Him* in order that we may also be glorified with *Him*.

18 For I consider that the sufferings of this present time <sup>a</sup>are not worthy to be compared with the <sup>b</sup>glory that is to be revealed to us.

19 For the <sup>a</sup>anxious longing of the creation waits eagerly for <sup>b</sup>the revealing of the <sup>c</sup>sons of God.

20 For the creation <sup>a</sup>was subjected to <sup>b</sup>futility, not of its own will, but <sup>c</sup>because of Him who subjected it, <sup>1</sup>in hope

21 that <sup>a</sup>the creation itself also will be set free from its slavery to corruption into the freedom of the glory of the children of God.

22 For we know that the whole creation <sup>a</sup>groans and suffers the pains of childbirth together until now.

23 <sup>a</sup>And not only this, but also we ourselves, having <sup>b</sup>the first fruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves <sup>c</sup>groan within ourselves, <sup>d</sup>waiting eagerly for *our* adoption as sons, <sup>e</sup>the redemption of our body.

24 For <sup>a</sup>in hope we have been saved, but <sup>b</sup>hope that is seen is not hope; for <sup>1</sup>why does one also hope for what he sees?

25 But <sup>a</sup>if we hope for what we do not see, with perseverance we wait eagerly for it.

26 And in the same way the Spirit also helps our weakness; for <sup>a</sup>we do not know how to pray as we should, but <sup>b</sup>the Spirit Himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words;  
27 and <sup>a</sup>He who searches the hearts knows what <sup>b</sup>the mind of the Spirit is, because He <sup>c</sup>intercedes for the <sup>1</sup>saints according to the will of God.

28 And we know that <sup>1</sup>God causes <sup>a</sup>all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are <sup>b</sup>called according to His purpose.

29 For whom He <sup>a</sup>foreknew, He also <sup>b</sup>predestined to become <sup>c</sup>conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the <sup>d</sup>first-born among many brethren;

30 and whom He <sup>a</sup>predestined, these He also <sup>b</sup>called; and whom He called, these He also <sup>c</sup>justified; and whom He justified, these He also <sup>d</sup>glorified.

31 <sup>a</sup>What then shall we say to these things? <sup>b</sup>If God is for us, who is against us?

32 He who <sup>a</sup>did not spare His own Son, but <sup>b</sup>delivered Him up for us all, how will He not also with Him freely give us all things?

33 Who will bring a charge against <sup>a</sup>God's elect? <sup>b</sup>God is the one who justifies;

34 who is the one who <sup>a</sup>condemns? Christ Jesus is He who <sup>b</sup>died, yes, rather who was <sup>c</sup>raised, who is <sup>d</sup>at the right hand of God, who also <sup>e</sup>intercedes for us.

35 Who shall separate us from <sup>a</sup>the love of <sup>1</sup>Christ? Shall <sup>b</sup>tribulation, or <sup>c</sup>distress, or <sup>c</sup>persecution, or <sup>c</sup>famine, or <sup>c</sup>nakedness, or <sup>c</sup>peril, or sword?

36 Just as it is written,

<sup>a</sup>"FOR THY SAKE WE ARE BEING PUT TO DEATH ALL DAY LONG;

<sup>b</sup>"WE WERE CONSIDERED AS SHEEP TO BE SLAUGHTERED."

37 But in all these things we overwhelmingly <sup>a</sup>conquer through <sup>b</sup>Him who loved us.

38 For I am convinced that neither <sup>a</sup>death, nor life, nor <sup>b</sup>angels, nor principalities, nor <sup>c</sup>things present, nor things to come, nor powers,

39 nor height, nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from <sup>a</sup>the love of God, which is <sup>b</sup>in Christ Jesus our Lord.

CHAPTER 9

<sup>a</sup>I AM telling the truth in Christ, I am not lying, my conscience bearing me witness in the Holy Spirit,

2 that I have great sorrow and unceasing grief in my heart.

3 For <sup>a</sup>I could <sup>1</sup>wish that I myself were <sup>b</sup>accused, <sup>c</sup>separated from Christ for the sake of my brethren, my kinsmen <sup>c</sup>according to the flesh,

4 who are <sup>a</sup>Israelites, to whom belongs <sup>b</sup>the adoption as sons and <sup>c</sup>the glory and <sup>d</sup>the covenants and <sup>e</sup>the giving of the Law and <sup>f</sup>the temple service and <sup>g</sup>the promises,

5 whose are <sup>a</sup>the fathers, and <sup>b</sup>from whom is <sup>1</sup>the Christ according to the flesh, <sup>c</sup>who is over all, <sup>d</sup>God <sup>e</sup>blessed <sup>2</sup>forever. Amen.

26 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 20:22; 2 Cor. 12:8 <sup>b</sup>John 14:16; Eph. 6:18; Rom. 8:15f.

27 <sup>1</sup>i.e., true believers; lit., *holy ones*.  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 139:1f.; Luke 16:15; Rev. 2:23; Acts 1:24 <sup>b</sup>Rom. 8:6 <sup>c</sup>Rom. 8:34

28 <sup>1</sup>Some ancient mss. read, *all things work together for good*.  
<sup>a</sup>Rom. 8:32 <sup>b</sup>Rom. 8:30; 9:24; 1 Cor. 1:9; Gal. 1:6, 15; 5:8; Eph. 1:11; 3:11; 2 Thess. 2:14; Heb. 9:15; 1 Pet. 2:9; 3:9; Rom. 11:29

29 <sup>a</sup>Rom. 11:2; 1 Pet. 1:2, 20; 2 Tim. 1:9; 1 Cor. 8:3  
<sup>b</sup>1 Cor. 8:22 <sup>b</sup>Rom. 15:11; Rom. 9:23 <sup>c</sup>1 Cor. 15:49; Phil. 3:21; Col. 3:10; 1 John 3:2 <sup>d</sup>Col. 1:18; Heb. 1:6

30 <sup>a</sup>1 Cor. 2:7; Eph. 1:5, 11; Rom. 9:23 <sup>b</sup>Rom. 8:28; 9:24; 1 Cor. 1:9; Gal. 1:6, 15; 5:8; Eph. 1:11; 3:11; 2 Thess. 2:14; Heb. 9:15; 1 Pet. 2:9; 3:9; Rom. 11:29 <sup>c</sup>1 Cor. 6:11 <sup>d</sup>John 17:22; 1 Cor. 2:7; Rom. 8:21; 9:23

31 <sup>a</sup>Rom. 3:5; 4:1 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 118:6; Matt. 1:23

32 <sup>a</sup>John 3:16; Rom. 5:8 <sup>b</sup>Rom. 4:25

33 <sup>a</sup>Luke 18:7 <sup>b</sup>Is. 50:8f.

34 <sup>1</sup>Some ancient mss. read, *raised from the dead*.  
<sup>a</sup>Rom. 8:1 <sup>b</sup>Rom. 5:6f. <sup>c</sup>Acts 2:24 <sup>d</sup>Mark 16:19 <sup>e</sup>Heb. 7:25; Rom. 8:27; Heb. 9:24; 1 John 2:1

35 <sup>1</sup>Some ancient mss. read, *God*.  
<sup>a</sup>Rom. 8:37f. <sup>b</sup>Rom. 2:9; 2 Cor. 4:8 <sup>c</sup>1 Cor. 4:11; 2 Cor. 11:26f.

36 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 44:22; 1 Cor. 4:9; 15:30f.; 2 Cor. 1:9; 4:10f.; 6:9; 11:23; Acts 20:24

37 <sup>a</sup>1 Cor. 15:57; John 16:33 <sup>b</sup>Gal. 2:20; Eph. 5:2; Rev. 1:5

38 <sup>a</sup>1 Cor. 3:22 <sup>b</sup>1 Cor. 15:24; Eph. 1:21; 1 Pet. 3:22 <sup>c</sup>1 Cor. 3:22

39 <sup>a</sup>Rom. 5:8 <sup>b</sup>Rom. 8:1

1 <sup>a</sup>2 Cor. 11:10; Gal. 1:20; 1 Tim. 2:7; Rom. 1:9

3 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *pray*.  
<sup>a</sup>Ex. 32:32 <sup>b</sup>1 Cor. 12:3; 16:22; Gal. 1:8f. <sup>c</sup>Rom. 11:14; Eph. 6:5; Rom. 1:3

4 <sup>a</sup>Rom. 9:6 <sup>b</sup>Ex. 4:22; Rom. 8:15 <sup>c</sup>Ex. 40:34; 1 Kin. 8:11; Ezek. 1:28; Heb. 9:5 <sup>d</sup>Gen. 17:2; Deut. 29:14; Eph. 2:12; Luke 1:72; Acts 3:25 <sup>e</sup>Deut. 4:13f.; Ps. 147:19 <sup>f</sup>Heb. 9:1, 6; Deut. 7:6; 14:1f. <sup>g</sup>Acts 2:39; 13:32; Eph. 2:12

5 <sup>1</sup>i.e., the Messiah <sup>2</sup>Lit., *unto the ages*.  
<sup>a</sup>Rom. 11:28; Acts 3:13 <sup>b</sup>Matt. 1:1-16; Rom. 1:3 <sup>c</sup>Col. 1:16-19 <sup>d</sup>John 1:1; Col. 2:9 <sup>e</sup>Rom. 1:25

6 <sup>a</sup>Num. 23:19 <sup>b</sup>Rom. 2:28f.; Cal. 6:16; John 1:47

7 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *seed*  
<sup>a</sup>Cal. 4:23; John 8:33, 39  
<sup>b</sup>Gen. 21:12; Heb. 11:18

8 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *seed*  
<sup>a</sup>Rom. 8:14 <sup>b</sup>Rom. 4:13, 16;  
Cal. 3:29; 4:28; Heb. 11:11

9 <sup>a</sup>Gen. 18:10

10 <sup>a</sup>Rom. 5:3 <sup>b</sup>Gen. 25:21

11 <sup>a</sup>Rom. 8:28; 4:17

12 <sup>a</sup>Gen. 25:23

13 <sup>a</sup>Mal. 1:2f.

14 <sup>a</sup>Rom. 3:5 <sup>b2</sup> Chr. 19:7;  
Rom. 2:11 <sup>c</sup>Luke 20:16

15 <sup>a</sup>Ex. 33:19

16 <sup>a</sup>Cal. 2:2 <sup>b</sup>Eph. 2:8

17 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *in*  
<sup>a</sup>Ex. 9:16

18 <sup>a</sup>Ex. 4:21; 7:3; 9:12;  
10:20, 27; 11:10; 14:4, 17;  
Deut. 2:30; Josh. 11:20;  
John 12:40; Rom. 11:7, 25

19 <sup>a</sup>Rom. 11:19; 1 Cor.  
15:35; James 2:18 <sup>b</sup>Rom.  
3:7 <sup>c2</sup> Chr. 20:6; Job 9:12;  
Dan. 4:35

20 <sup>a</sup>Rom. 2:1 <sup>b</sup>Job 33:13  
<sup>c1s.</sup> 29:16; 45:9; 64:8; Jer.  
18:6; 2 Tim. 2:20; Rom.  
9:22f.

21 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *for honor* <sup>2</sup>Lit.,  
*for dishonor*

22 <sup>a</sup>Rom. 2:4 <sup>b</sup>Prov. 16:4;  
1 Pet. 2:8

23 <sup>a</sup>Rom. 2:4; Eph. 3:16  
<sup>b</sup>Acts 9:15 <sup>c</sup>Rom. 8:29f.

24 <sup>a</sup>Rom. 8:28 <sup>b</sup>Rom. 3:29

25 <sup>a</sup>Hos. 2:23; 1 Pet. 2:10

26 <sup>a</sup>Hos. 1:10 <sup>b</sup>Matt.  
16:16

6 But *it is* not as though <sup>a</sup>the word of God has failed. <sup>b</sup>For they are not all Israel who are *descended* from Israel;

7 neither are they all children <sup>a</sup>because they are Abraham's <sup>1</sup>descendants, but: "<sup>b</sup>THROUGH ISAAC YOUR <sup>1</sup>DESCENDANTS WILL BE NAMED."

8 That is, it is not the children of the flesh who are <sup>a</sup>children of God, but the <sup>b</sup>children of the promise are regarded as <sup>1</sup>descendants.

9 For this is a word of promise: "<sup>a</sup>AT THIS TIME I WILL COME, AND SARAH SHALL HAVE A SON."

10 <sup>a</sup>And not only this, but there was <sup>b</sup>Rebekah also, when she had conceived *twins* by one man, our father Isaac;

11 for though *the twins* were not yet born, and had not done anything good or bad, in order that <sup>a</sup>God's purpose according to *His* choice might stand, not because of works, but because of Him who calls,

12 it was said to her, "<sup>a</sup>THE OLDER WILL SERVE THE YOUNGER."

13 Just as it is written, "<sup>a</sup>JACOB I LOVED, BUT ESAU I HATED."

14 <sup>a</sup>What shall we say then? <sup>b</sup>There is no injustice with God, is there? <sup>c</sup>May it never be!

15 For He says to Moses, "<sup>a</sup>I WILL HAVE MERCY ON WHOM I HAVE MERCY, AND I WILL HAVE COMPASSION ON WHOM I HAVE COMPASSION."

16 So then it *does not depend* on the man who wills or the man who <sup>a</sup>runs, but on <sup>b</sup>God who has mercy.

17 For the Scripture says to Pharaoh, "<sup>a</sup>FOR THIS VERY PURPOSE I RAISED YOU UP, TO DEMONSTRATE MY POWER IN YOU, AND THAT MY NAME MIGHT BE PROCLAIMED <sup>1</sup>THROUGHOUT THE WHOLE EARTH."

18 So then He has mercy on whom He desires, and He <sup>a</sup>hardens whom He desires.

19 <sup>a</sup>You will say to me then, "<sup>b</sup>Why does He still find fault? For <sup>c</sup>who resists His will?"

20 On the contrary, who are you, <sup>a</sup>O man, who <sup>b</sup>answers back to God? <sup>c</sup>The thing molded will not say to the molder, "<sup>a</sup>Why did you make me like this," will it?

21 Or does not the potter have a right over the clay, to make from the same lump one vessel <sup>1</sup>for honorable use, and another <sup>2</sup>for common use?

22 What if God, although willing to demonstrate His wrath and to make His power known, endured with much <sup>a</sup>patience vessels of wrath <sup>b</sup>prepared for destruction?

23 And *He did so* in order that He might make known <sup>a</sup>the riches of His glory upon <sup>b</sup>vessels of mercy, which He <sup>c</sup>prepared beforehand for glory,

24 *even us*, whom He also <sup>a</sup>called, <sup>b</sup>not from among Jews only, but also from among Gentiles.

25 As He says also in Hosea,

"<sup>a</sup>I WILL CALL THOSE WHO WERE NOT MY PEOPLE, 'MY PEOPLE,'

AND HER WHO WAS NOT BELOVED, 'BELOVED.' "

26 "<sup>a</sup>AND IT SHALL BE THAT IN THE PLACE WHERE IT WAS SAID TO THEM, 'YOU ARE NOT MY PEOPLE,'

THERE THEY SHALL BE CALLED SONS OF <sup>b</sup>THE LIVING GOD."

**Gentiles vs. Israel.  
Righteousness of the Law and of Faith Contrasted.**

**Romans 9, 10**

27 And Isaiah cries out concerning Israel, "A<sup>a</sup>THOUGH THE NUMBER OF THE SONS OF ISRAEL BE <sup>b</sup>AS THE SAND OF THE SEA, IT IS <sup>c</sup>THE REMNANT THAT WILL BE SAVED;

28 <sup>a</sup>FOR THE LORD WILL EXECUTE HIS WORD UPON THE EARTH, <sup>1</sup>THOROUGHLY AND <sup>2</sup>QUICKLY."

29 And just as Isaiah foretold,  
"A<sup>a</sup>EXCEPT <sup>b</sup>THE LORD OF <sup>1</sup>SABAOTH HAD LEFT TO US A <sup>2</sup>POSTERITY,  
<sup>c</sup>WE WOULD HAVE BECOME AS SODOM, AND WOULD HAVE <sup>3</sup>RESEMBLED GOMORRAH."

30 <sup>a</sup>What shall we say then? That Gentiles, who did not pursue righteousness, attained righteousness, even <sup>b</sup>the righteousness which is <sup>1</sup>by faith;

31 but Israel, <sup>a</sup>pursuing a law of righteousness, did not <sup>b</sup>arrive at *that* law.

32 Why? Because *they did not pursue it* <sup>1</sup>by faith, but as though *it were* <sup>1</sup>by works. They stumbled over <sup>a</sup>THE STUMBLING STONE,

33 just as it is written,  
"A<sup>a</sup>BEHOLD, I LAY IN ZION A STONE OF STUMBLING AND A ROCK OF OFFENSE,  
<sup>b</sup>AND HE WHO BELIEVES IN HIM <sup>c</sup>WILL NOT BE <sup>1</sup>DISAPPOINTED."

CHAPTER 10

**BRETHREN**, my heart's desire and my prayer to God for them is for *their* salvation.

2 For I bear them witness that they have <sup>a</sup>a zeal for God, but not in accordance with knowledge.

3 For not knowing about <sup>a</sup>God's righteousness, and <sup>b</sup>seeking to establish their own, they did not subject themselves to the righteousness of God.

4 For <sup>a</sup>Christ is the <sup>1</sup>end of the law for righteousness to <sup>b</sup>everyone who believes.

5 For Moses writes that the man who practices the righteousness which is <sup>1</sup>based on law <sup>a</sup>shall live <sup>2</sup>by that righteousness.

6 But <sup>a</sup>the righteousness <sup>1</sup>based on faith speaks thus, "<sup>b</sup>DO NOT SAY IN YOUR HEART, 'WHO WILL ASCEND INTO HEAVEN?' (that is, to bring Christ down),

7 or 'WHO WILL DESCEND INTO THE <sup>a</sup>ABYSS?' (that is, to <sup>b</sup>bring Christ up from the dead)."

8 But what does it say? "<sup>a</sup>THE WORD IS NEAR YOU, IN YOUR MOUTH AND IN YOUR HEART"—that is, the word of faith which we are preaching,

9 <sup>1</sup>that <sup>a</sup>if you confess with your mouth Jesus *as* Lord, and <sup>b</sup>believe in your heart that <sup>c</sup>God raised Him from the dead, you shall be saved;

10 for with the heart man believes, <sup>1</sup>resulting in righteousness, and with the mouth he confesses, <sup>2</sup>resulting in salvation.

11 For the Scripture says, "<sup>a</sup>WHOEVER BELIEVES IN HIM WILL NOT BE <sup>1</sup>DISAPPOINTED."

12 For <sup>a</sup>there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; for the same *Lord* is <sup>b</sup>Lord of <sup>c</sup>all, abounding in riches for all who call upon Him;

27 <sup>a</sup>Is. 10:22 <sup>b</sup>Gen. 22:17; Hos. 1:10 <sup>c</sup>Rom. 11:5

28 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *finishing it* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *cutting it short*  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 10:23

29 <sup>1</sup>I.e., Hosts <sup>2</sup>Lit., *seed*  
<sup>1</sup>Lit., *been made like*  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 1:9 <sup>b</sup>James 5:4 <sup>c</sup>Deut. 29:23; Is. 13:19; Jer. 49:18; 50:40; Amos 4:11

30 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *out of*  
<sup>a</sup>Rom. 9:14 <sup>b</sup>Rom. 10:6; Gal. 2:16; 3:24; Phil. 3:9; Heb. 11:7; Rom. 1:17; 3:21f.

31 <sup>a</sup>Is. 51:1; Rom. 10:2f.; 11:7; 9:30; 10:20 <sup>b</sup>Gal. 5:4

32 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *out of*  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 8:14; 1 Pet. 2:6, 8

33 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *put to shame*  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 28:16 <sup>b</sup>Rom. 10:11 <sup>c</sup>Rom. 5:5

2 <sup>a</sup>Acts 21:20

3 <sup>a</sup>Rom. 1:17 <sup>b</sup>Is. 51:1; Rom. 10:2f.; 11:7; 8:30; 10:20

4 <sup>1</sup>Or, *goal*  
<sup>a</sup>Gal. 3:24; 4:5; Rom. 7:14 <sup>b</sup>Rom. 3:22

5 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *out of, from*  
<sup>2</sup>Lit., *by it*  
<sup>a</sup>Lev. 18:5; Neh. 9:29; Ezek. 20:11, 13, 21; Rom. 7:10

6 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *out of, from*  
<sup>a</sup>Rom. 9:30 <sup>b</sup>Deut. 30:12f.

7 <sup>a</sup>Luke 8:31 <sup>b</sup>Heb. 13:20

8 <sup>a</sup>Deut. 30:14

9 <sup>1</sup>Or, *because*  
<sup>a</sup>Matt. 10:32; Luke 12:8; Rom. 14:9; 1 Cor. 12:3; Phil. 2:11 <sup>b</sup>Rom. 4:24; Acts 16:31 <sup>c</sup>Acts 2:24

10 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *to righteousness*  
<sup>2</sup>Lit., *to salvation*

11 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *put to shame*  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 28:16; Rom. 9:33

12 <sup>a</sup>Rom. 3:22, 29 <sup>b</sup>Acts 10:36 <sup>c</sup>Rom. 3:29

13 <sup>a</sup>Joel 2:32; Acts 2:21

14 <sup>a</sup>Eph. 2:17; 4:21 <sup>b</sup>Acts 8:31; Titus 1:3

15 <sup>1</sup>Or, *preach the gospel*  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 52:7 <sup>b</sup>Rom. 1:15; 15:20

16 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *gospel*  
<sup>a</sup>Rom. 3:3 <sup>b</sup>Is. 53:1; John 12:38

17 <sup>1</sup>Or, *concerning Christ*  
<sup>a</sup>Gal. 3:2, 5 <sup>b</sup>Col. 3:16

18 <sup>1</sup>Or, *inhabited earth*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 19:4; Col. 1:6, 23;  
1 Thess. 1:8; Rom. 1:8

19 <sup>a</sup>Deut. 32:21 <sup>b</sup>Rom. 11:11, 14

20 <sup>a</sup>Is. 65:1; Rom. 9:30

21 <sup>a</sup>Is. 65:2

1 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *of the seed of Abraham*  
<sup>a</sup>1 Sam. 12:22; Jer. 31:37;  
33:24-26 <sup>b</sup>Luke 20:16  
<sup>c</sup>2 Cor. 11:22; Phil. 3:5

2 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 94:14 <sup>b</sup>Rom. 8:29  
<sup>c</sup>Rom. 6:16

3 <sup>1</sup>Gr., *soul-life*  
<sup>a</sup>1 Kin. 19:10

4 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *says*  
<sup>a</sup>1 Kin. 19:18

5 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *choice of grace*  
<sup>a</sup>Rom. 9:27; 2 Kin. 19:4

6 <sup>a</sup>Rom. 4:4

7 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *the election*  
<sup>a</sup>Rom. 9:31 <sup>b</sup>Mark 6:52;  
2 Cor. 3:14; Rom. 11:25;  
9:18

8 <sup>a</sup>Is. 29:10; Deut. 29:4;  
Matt. 13:13f.

13 for <sup>a</sup>“WHOEVER WILL CALL UPON THE NAME OF THE LORD WILL BE SAVED.”

14 How then shall they call upon Him in whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in Him <sup>a</sup>whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without <sup>b</sup>a preacher?

15 And how shall they preach unless they are sent? Just as it is written, <sup>a</sup>“HOW BEAUTIFUL ARE THE FEET OF THOSE WHO <sup>1</sup>BRING GLAD TIDINGS OF GOOD THINGS!”

16 However, they <sup>a</sup>did not all heed the <sup>1</sup>glad tidings; for Isaiah says, <sup>b</sup>“LORD, WHO HAS BELIEVED OUR REPORT?”

17 So faith *comes* from <sup>a</sup>hearing, and hearing by <sup>b</sup>the word <sup>1</sup>of Christ.

18 But I say, surely they have never heard, have they? Indeed they have:  
“<sup>a</sup>THEIR VOICE HAS GONE OUT INTO ALL THE EARTH,  
AND THEIR WORDS TO THE ENDS OF THE <sup>1</sup>WORLD.”

19 But I say, surely Israel did not know, did they? At the first Moses says,  
“<sup>a</sup>I WILL <sup>b</sup>MAKE YOU JEALOUS BY THAT WHICH IS NOT A NATION,  
BY A NATION WITHOUT UNDERSTANDING WILL I ANGER YOU.”

20 And Isaiah is very bold and says,  
“<sup>a</sup>I WAS FOUND BY THOSE WHO SOUGHT ME NOT,  
I BECAME MANIFEST TO THOSE WHO DID NOT ASK FOR ME.”

21 But as for Israel He says, <sup>a</sup>“ALL THE DAY LONG I HAVE STRETCHED OUT MY HANDS TO A DISOBEDIENT AND OBSTINATE PEOPLE.”

CHAPTER 11

I SAY then, God has not <sup>a</sup>rejected His people, has He? <sup>b</sup>May it never be! For <sup>c</sup>I too am an Israelite, <sup>1</sup>a descendant of Abraham, of the tribe of Benjamin.

2 God <sup>a</sup>has not rejected His people whom He <sup>b</sup>foreknew. <sup>c</sup>Or do you not know what the Scripture says in *the passage about Elijah*, how he pleads with God against Israel?

3 “LORD, <sup>a</sup>THEY HAVE KILLED THY PROPHETS, THEY HAVE TORN DOWN THINE ALTARS, AND I ALONE AM LEFT, AND THEY ARE SEEKING MY <sup>1</sup>LIFE.”

4 But what <sup>1</sup>is the divine response to him? “<sup>a</sup>I HAVE KEPT for Myself SEVEN THOUSAND MEN WHO HAVE NOT BOWED THE KNEE TO BAAL.”

5 In the same way then, there has also come to be at the present time <sup>a</sup>a remnant according to God’s <sup>1</sup>gracious choice.

6 But <sup>a</sup>if it is by grace, it is no longer on the basis of works, otherwise grace is no longer grace.

7 What then? That which <sup>a</sup>Israel is seeking for, it has not obtained, but <sup>1</sup>those who were chosen obtained it, and the rest were <sup>b</sup>hardened;

8 just as it is written,  
“<sup>a</sup>GOD GAVE THEM A SPIRIT OF STUPOR,  
EYES TO SEE NOT AND EARS TO HEAR NOT,  
DOWN TO THIS VERY DAY.”

- 9 And David says,  
 "LET THEIR TABLE BECOME A SNARE AND A TRAP,  
 AND A STUMBLING BLOCK AND A RETRIBUTION TO THEM.
- 10 "LET THEIR EYES BE DARKENED TO SEE NOT,  
 AND BEND THEIR BACKS FOREVER."
- 11 <sup>a</sup>I say then, they did not stumble so as to fall, did they?  
<sup>b</sup>May it never be! But by their transgression <sup>c</sup>salvation *has come*  
 to the Gentiles, to <sup>d</sup>make them jealous.
- 12 Now if their transgression be riches for the world and  
 their failure be riches for the Gentiles, how much more will  
 their <sup>1a</sup>fulfillment be!
- 13 But I am speaking to you who are Gentiles. Inasmuch  
 then as <sup>a</sup>I am an apostle of Gentiles, I magnify my ministry,  
 14 if somehow I might <sup>a</sup>move to jealousy <sup>b</sup>my <sup>1</sup>fellow-  
 countrymen and <sup>c</sup>save some of them.
- 15 For if their rejection be the <sup>a</sup>reconciliation of the world,  
 what will *their* acceptance be but <sup>b</sup>life from the dead?
- 16 And if the <sup>a</sup>first piece of *dough* be holy, the lump is also;  
 and if the root be holy, the branches are too.
- 17 But if some of the <sup>a</sup>branches were broken off, and <sup>b</sup>you,  
 being a wild olive, were grafted in among them and became  
 partaker with them of the <sup>1</sup>rich root of the olive tree,  
 18 do not be arrogant toward the branches; but if you are  
 arrogant, *remember that* <sup>a</sup>it is not you who supports the root,  
 but the root *supports* you.
- 19 <sup>a</sup>You will say then, "Branches were broken off so that I  
 might be grafted in."
- 20 Quite right, they were broken off for their unbelief, and  
 you <sup>a</sup>stand *only* by your faith. <sup>b</sup>Do not be conceited, but fear;  
 21 for if God did not spare the natural branches, neither  
 will He spare you.
- 22 Behold then the kindness and severity of God; to those  
 who fell, severity, but to you, God's <sup>a</sup>kindness, <sup>b</sup>if you continue  
 in His kindness; otherwise you also <sup>c</sup>will be cut off.
- 23 And they also, <sup>a</sup>if they do not continue in their unbelief,  
 will be grafted in; for God is able to graft them in again.
- 24 For if you were cut off from what is by nature a wild  
 olive tree, and were grafted contrary to nature into a cultivated  
 olive tree, how much more shall these who are the natural  
 branches be grafted into their own olive tree?
- 25 For <sup>a</sup>I do not want you, brethren, to be uninformed of  
 this <sup>b</sup>mystery, lest you be <sup>c</sup>wise in your own estimation, that a  
 partial <sup>d</sup>hardening has happened to Israel until the <sup>e</sup>fulness of  
 the Gentiles has come in;
- 26 and thus all Israel will be saved; just as it is written,  
 "THE DELIVERER WILL COME FROM ZION,  
 HE WILL REMOVE UNGODLINESS FROM JACOB."
- 27 "AND THIS IS <sup>1</sup>MY COVENANT WITH THEM,  
 WHEN I TAKE AWAY THEIR SINS."
- 28 <sup>1</sup>From the standpoint of the gospel they are <sup>a</sup>enemies  
 for your sake, but <sup>2</sup>from the standpoint of *God's* choice they are  
 beloved for <sup>b</sup>the sake of the fathers;
- 29 for the gifts and the <sup>a</sup>calling of God <sup>b</sup>are irrevocable.
- 30 For just as you once were disobedient to God but now  
 have been shown mercy because of their disobedience,

9 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 69:22f.10 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 69:2311 <sup>a</sup>Rom. 11:1 <sup>b</sup>Luke  
20:16 <sup>c</sup>Acts 28:28 <sup>d</sup>Rom.  
11:1412 <sup>1</sup>Or, *fulness*  
<sup>a</sup>Rom. 11:2513 <sup>a</sup>Acts 9:1514 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *flesh*  
<sup>a</sup>Rom. 11:11 <sup>b</sup>Rom. 9:3;  
<sup>c</sup>Gen. 29:14; 2 Sam. 19:12f.  
<sup>d</sup>1 Cor. 7:16; 9:22; 1 Tim.  
1:15; 2:4; 2 Tim. 1:9; Titus  
3:5; 1 Cor. 1:2115 <sup>a</sup>Rom. 5:11 <sup>b</sup>Luke  
15:24, 3216 <sup>a</sup>Num. 15:18ff.; Neh.  
10:37; Ezek. 44:3017 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *root of the*  
*fatness*  
<sup>a</sup>Jer. 11:16; John 15:2 <sup>b</sup>Eph.  
2:11ff.18 <sup>a</sup>John 4:2219 <sup>a</sup>Rom. 9:1920 <sup>a</sup>2 Cor. 1:24; 1 Cor.  
10:12; Rom. 5:2 <sup>b</sup>Rom.  
12:16; 1 Tim. 6:17; 1 Pet.  
1:1722 <sup>a</sup>Rom. 2:4 <sup>b</sup>1 Cor. 15:2;  
Heb. 3:6, 14 <sup>c</sup>John 15:223 <sup>a</sup>2 Cor. 3:1625 <sup>a</sup>Rom. 1:13 <sup>b</sup>Rom.  
16:25; 1 Cor. 2:7-10; Eph.  
3:3-5, 9; Matt. 13:11 <sup>c</sup>Rom.  
12:16 <sup>d</sup>Rom. 11:7 <sup>e</sup>Rom.  
11:12; Luke 21:24; John  
10:1626 <sup>a</sup>Is. 59:20, 2127 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *the covenant*  
*from Me*  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 27:9; Heb. 8:10, 1228 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *According to the*  
*gospel* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *according to*  
*the election*  
<sup>a</sup>Rom. 5:10 <sup>b</sup>Rom. 9:5;  
Deut. 7:8; 10:1529 <sup>a</sup>1 Cor. 1:26; Eph. 1:18;  
4:1, 4; Phil. 3:14; 2 Thess.  
1:11; 2 Tim. 1:9; Heb. 3:1;  
2 Pet. 1:10; Rom. 8:28  
<sup>b</sup>Heb. 7:21

32 <sup>a</sup>Gal. 3:22f.; Rom. 3:9

33 <sup>1</sup>Or, *and the wisdom*  
<sup>a</sup>Eph. 3:8; Rom. 2:4 <sup>b</sup>Col.  
2:3; Eph. 3:10 <sup>c</sup>Job 5:9;  
11:7; 15:8

34 <sup>a</sup>Is. 40:13f.; 1 Cor. 2:16

35 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *and it will be  
paid back*  
<sup>a</sup>Job 35:7; 41:11

36 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *to the ages*  
<sup>a</sup>1 Cor. 8:6; 11:12; Col.  
1:16; Heb. 2:10 <sup>b</sup>Rom.  
16:27; Eph. 3:21; Phil. 4:20;  
1 Tim. 1:17; 2 Tim. 4:18;  
1 Pet. 4:11; 5:11; 2 Pet.  
3:18; Jude 25; Rev. 1:6;  
5:13; 7:12

1 <sup>1</sup>Or, *well-pleasing* <sup>2</sup>Or,  
*rational*

<sup>a</sup>1 Cor. 1:10; 2 Cor. 10:2;  
Eph. 4:1; 1 Pet. 2:11 <sup>b</sup>Rom.  
6:13, 16, 19; 1 Cor. 6:20;  
Heb. 13:15; 1 Pet. 2:5

2 <sup>1</sup>Or, *age* <sup>2</sup>Or, *well-  
pleasing*  
<sup>a</sup>1 Pet. 1:14 <sup>b</sup>Matt. 13:22;  
Gal. 1:4; 1 John 2:15 <sup>c</sup>Titus  
3:5; Eph. 4:23 <sup>d</sup>Eph. 5:10,  
17; Col. 1:9

3 <sup>a</sup>Rom. 15:15; 1 Cor.  
3:10; 15:10; Gal. 2:9; Eph.  
3:7f.; Rom. 1:5 <sup>b</sup>Rom.  
11:20; 12:16 <sup>c</sup>1 Cor. 7:17;  
2 Cor. 10:13; Eph. 4:7;  
1 Pet. 4:11

4 <sup>a</sup>1 Cor. 12:12-14; Eph.  
4:4, 16

5 <sup>a</sup>1 Cor. 10:17, 33  
<sup>b</sup>1 Cor. 12:20, 27; Eph.  
4:12, 25

6 <sup>a</sup>1 Cor. 7:7; 12:4; 1 Pet.  
4:10f.; Rom. 12:3 <sup>b</sup>1 Cor.  
12:10; Acts 13:1

7 <sup>1</sup>Or, *office of service*  
<sup>a</sup>1 Cor. 12:5, 28; Acts 6:1  
<sup>b</sup>1 Cor. 12:28; 14:26; Acts  
13:1

8 <sup>1</sup>Or, *simplicity* <sup>2</sup>Or,  
*gives aid*  
<sup>a</sup>Acts 4:36; 11:23; 13:15  
<sup>b</sup>2 Cor. 8:2; 9:11, 13  
<sup>c</sup>1 Tim. 5:17; 1 Cor. 12:28  
<sup>d</sup>2 Cor. 9:7

9 <sup>a</sup>2 Cor. 6:6; 1 Tim. 1:5  
<sup>b</sup>1 Thess. 5:21f.

10 <sup>1</sup>Or, *outdo one  
another in showing honor*  
<sup>a</sup>1 Thess. 4:9; Heb. 13:1;  
2 Pet. 1:7; John 13:34 <sup>b</sup>Phil.  
2:3; Rom. 13:7; 1 Pet. 2:17

11 <sup>a</sup>Acts 18:25 <sup>b</sup>Acts 20:19  
12 <sup>a</sup>Rom. 5:2 <sup>b</sup>Heb. 10:32,  
36 <sup>c</sup>Acts 1:14

13 <sup>1</sup>I.e., true believers; lit.,  
*holy ones* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *pursuing*  
<sup>a</sup>Rom. 15:25; 1 Cor. 16:15;  
2 Cor. 9:1; Heb. 6:10  
<sup>b</sup>1 Tim. 3:2; Matt. 25:35

14 <sup>1</sup>Some ancient mss.  
omit, *you*  
<sup>a</sup>Matt. 5:44; Luke 6:28;  
1 Cor. 4:12

15 <sup>a</sup>Job 30:25; Heb. 13:3

16 <sup>1</sup>Or, *accommodate  
yourself to lowly things*  
<sup>a</sup>Rom. 15:5; 2 Cor. 13:11;  
Phil. 2:2; 4:2; 1 Pet. 3:8  
<sup>b</sup>Rom. 12:3; Rom. 11:20  
<sup>c</sup>Rom. 11:25; Prov. 3:7

31 so these also now have been disobedient, in order that because of the mercy shown to you they also may now be shown mercy.

32 For <sup>a</sup>God has shut up all in disobedience that He might show mercy to all.

33 Oh, the depth of <sup>a</sup>the riches <sup>1</sup>both of the <sup>b</sup>wisdom and knowledge of God! <sup>c</sup>How unsearchable are His judgments and unfathomable His ways!

34 FOR <sup>a</sup>WHO HAS KNOWN THE MIND OF THE LORD, OR WHO BECAME HIS <sup>a</sup>COUNSELOR?

35 OR <sup>a</sup>WHO HAS FIRST GIVEN TO HIM <sup>1</sup>THAT IT MIGHT BE PAID BACK TO HIM AGAIN?

36 FOR <sup>a</sup>from Him and through Him and to Him are all things. <sup>b</sup>To Him *be* the glory <sup>1</sup>forever. Amen.

## CHAPTER 12

<sup>a</sup>**I** URGE you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, to <sup>b</sup>present your bodies a living and holy sacrifice, <sup>1</sup>acceptable to God, *which is* your <sup>2</sup>spiritual service of worship.

2 And do not <sup>a</sup>be conformed to <sup>b</sup>this <sup>1</sup>world, but be transformed by the <sup>c</sup>renewing of your mind, that you may <sup>d</sup>prove what the will of God is, that which is good and <sup>2</sup>acceptable and perfect.

3 For through <sup>a</sup>the grace given to me I say to every man among you <sup>b</sup>not to think more highly of himself than he ought to think; but to think so as to have sound judgment, as God has allotted to <sup>c</sup>each a measure of faith.

4 For <sup>a</sup>just as we have many members in one body and all the members do not have the same function,

5 so we, <sup>a</sup>who are many, are <sup>b</sup>one body in Christ, and individually members one of another.

6 And since we have gifts that <sup>a</sup>differ according to the grace given to us, *let each exercise them accordingly*: if <sup>b</sup>prophecy, according to the proportion of his faith;

7 if <sup>1</sup>service, in his serving; or he who <sup>b</sup>teaches, in his teaching;

8 or he who <sup>a</sup>exhorts, in his exhortation; he who gives, with <sup>1</sup>liberality; <sup>c</sup>he who <sup>2</sup>leads, with diligence; he who shows mercy, with <sup>d</sup>cheerfulness.

9 Let <sup>a</sup>love be without hypocrisy. <sup>b</sup>Abhor what is evil; cling to what is good.

10 Be <sup>a</sup>devoted to one another in brotherly love; <sup>1</sup>give preference to one another <sup>b</sup>in honor;

11 not lagging behind in diligence, <sup>a</sup>fervent in spirit, <sup>b</sup>servicing the Lord;

12 <sup>a</sup>rejoicing in hope, <sup>b</sup>persevering in tribulation, <sup>c</sup>devoted to prayer,

13 <sup>a</sup>contributing to the needs of the <sup>1</sup>saints, <sup>2</sup>practicing hospitality.

14 <sup>a</sup>Bless those who persecute <sup>1</sup>you; bless and curse not.

15 <sup>a</sup>Rejoice with those who rejoice, and weep with those who weep.

16 <sup>a</sup>Be of the same mind toward one another; do not be haughty in mind, <sup>b</sup>but <sup>1</sup>associate with the lowly. <sup>c</sup>Do not be wise in your own estimation.



17 <sup>a</sup>Never pay back evil for evil to anyone. <sup>b</sup>Respect what is right in the sight of all men.

18 If possible, <sup>a</sup>so far as it depends on you, <sup>b</sup>be at peace with all men.

19 <sup>a</sup>Never take your own revenge, beloved, but <sup>1</sup>leave room for the wrath of God, for it is written, <sup>b</sup>"VENGEANCE IS MINE, I WILL REPAY, SAYS THE LORD."

20 <sup>a</sup>"BUT IF YOUR ENEMY IS HUNGRY, FEED HIM, AND IF HE IS THIRSTY, GIVE HIM A DRINK; FOR <sup>b</sup>IN SO DOING YOU WILL HEAP BURNING COALS UPON HIS HEAD."

21 Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

CHAPTER 13

LET every <sup>1a</sup>person be in <sup>b</sup>subjection to the governing authorities. For <sup>c</sup>there is no authority except <sup>2</sup>from God, and those which exist are established by God.

2 Therefore he who resists authority has opposed the ordinance of God; and they who have opposed will receive condemnation upon themselves.

3 For <sup>a</sup>rulers are not a cause of fear for <sup>1</sup>good behavior, but for evil. Do you want to have no fear of authority? Do what is good, and you will have praise from the same;

4 for it is a minister of God to you for good. But if you do what is evil, be afraid; for it does not bear the sword for nothing; for it is a minister of God, an <sup>a</sup>avenger who brings wrath upon the one who practices evil.

5 Wherefore it is necessary to be in subjection, not only because of wrath, but also <sup>a</sup>for conscience' sake.

6 For because of this you also pay taxes, for *rulers* are servants of God, devoting themselves to this very thing.

7 <sup>a</sup>Render to all what is due them: <sup>b</sup>tax to whom tax is *due*; <sup>c</sup>custom to whom custom; fear to whom fear; honor to whom honor.

8 Owe nothing to anyone except to love one another; for <sup>a</sup>he who loves <sup>1</sup>his neighbor has fulfilled *the law*.

9 For this, <sup>a</sup>"YOU SHALL NOT COMMIT ADULTERY, YOU SHALL NOT MURDER, YOU SHALL NOT STEAL, YOU SHALL NOT COVET," and if there is any other commandment, it is summed up in this saying, <sup>b</sup>"YOU SHALL LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF."

10 Love <sup>1</sup>docs no wrong to a neighbor; <sup>a</sup>love therefore is the fulfillment of *the law*.

11 And this *do*, knowing the time, that it is <sup>a</sup>already nearer the hour for you to <sup>b</sup>awaken from sleep; for now <sup>1</sup>salvation is nearer to us than when we believed.

12 <sup>a</sup>The night is almost gone, and <sup>b</sup>the day is at hand. Let us therefore lay aside <sup>c</sup>the deeds of darkness and put on <sup>d</sup>the armor of light.

13 Let us <sup>1a</sup>behave properly as in the day, <sup>b</sup>not in carousing and drunkenness, not in sexual promiscuity and sensuality, not in strife and jealousy.

14 But <sup>a</sup>put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh <sup>b</sup>in regard to *its* lusts.

17 <sup>1</sup>Lit. *Take thought for* <sup>a</sup>Prov. 20:22; 24:29; Rom. 12:19 <sup>b</sup>2 Cor. 8:21

18 <sup>a</sup>Rom. 1:15 <sup>b</sup>Mark 9:50; Rom. 14:19

19 <sup>1</sup>Lit. *give a place* <sup>a</sup>Prov. 20:22; 24:29; Rom. 12:17 <sup>b</sup>Deut. 32:35; Heb. 10:30; 1 Thess. 4:6; Ps. 94:1

20 <sup>a</sup>Prov. 25:21f.; Matt. 5:44; Luke 6:27 <sup>b</sup>2 Kin. 6:22

1 <sup>1</sup>Lit. *soul* <sup>2</sup>Lit. *by* <sup>a</sup>Acts 2:41 <sup>b</sup>Titus 3:1; 1 Pet. 2:13f. <sup>c</sup>John 19:11; Dan. 2:21; 4:17

3 <sup>1</sup>Lit. *the good work* <sup>a</sup>1 Pet. 2:14

4 <sup>a</sup>1 Thess. 4:6

5 <sup>a</sup>1 Pet. 2:19; 1 Pet. 2:13; Eccl. 8

7 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 22:21 <sup>b</sup>Luke 20:22; 23:2 <sup>c</sup>Matt. 17:25

8 <sup>1</sup>Lit. *the other* <sup>a</sup>Matt. 22:39f.; Gal. 5:14; Rom. 13:10; Matt. 7:12; John 13:34; James 2:8

9 <sup>a</sup>Ex. 20:13ff.; Deut. 5:17ff. <sup>b</sup>Lev. 19:18; Matt. 19:19

10 <sup>1</sup>Lit. *works no evil* <sup>a</sup>Matt. 22:39f.; Gal. 5:14; Rom. 13:8; Matt. 7:12; John 13:34; James 2:8

11 <sup>1</sup>Or, *our salvation is nearer than when* <sup>a</sup>1 Cor. 7:29f.; 10:11; James 5:8; 1 Pet. 4:7; 2 Pet. 3:9; 11; 1 John 2:18; Rev. 1:3; 22:10 <sup>b</sup>1 Cor. 15:34; Eph. 5:14; 1 Thess. 5:6; Mark 13:37

12 <sup>a</sup>1 Cor. 7:29f.; 10:11; James 5:8; 1 Pet. 4:7; 2 Pet. 3:9; 11; 1 John 2:18; Rev. 1:3; 22:10 <sup>b</sup>Heb. 10:25; 1 John 2:8; Rev. 1:3; 22:10 <sup>c</sup>Eph. 5:11 <sup>d</sup>2 Cor. 6:7; 10:4; Eph. 6:11, 13; 1 Thess. 5:8

13 <sup>1</sup>Lit. *walk* <sup>a</sup>1 Thess. 4:12 <sup>b</sup>Luke 21:34; Gal. 5:21; Eph. 5:18; 1 Pet. 4:3

14 <sup>a</sup>Gal. 3:27; Job 29:14; Eph. 4:24; Col. 3:10, 12 <sup>b</sup>Gal. 5:16; 1 Pet. 2:11

## CHAPTER 14

1 <sup>a</sup>Rom. 14:3; 15:7; Acts 28:2; Rom. 11:15 <sup>b</sup>Rom. 14:2; Rom. 15:1; 1 Cor. 8:9ff.; 9:22

2 <sup>a</sup>Rom. 14:14 <sup>b</sup>Rom. 14:1; 15:1; 1 Cor. 8:9ff.; 9:22

3 <sup>a</sup>Rom. 14:10; Luke 18:9 <sup>b</sup>Col. 2:16; Rom. 14:10, 13 <sup>c</sup>Rom. 14:1; 15:7; Acts 28:2; Rom. 11:15

4 <sup>1</sup>Or, *house-servant*  
<sup>2</sup>Lit., *lord*  
<sup>3</sup>James 4:12; Rom. 9:20

5 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *judges*  
<sup>2</sup>Gal. 4:10 <sup>b</sup>Rom. 4:21; Luke 1:1; Rom. 14:23

6 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *eats*  
<sup>1</sup>1 Cor. 10:30; 1 Tim. 4:3f.; Matt. 14:19

7 <sup>2</sup>2 Cor. 5:15; Gal. 2:20; Phil. 1:20f.; Rom. 8:38

8 <sup>a</sup>Phil. 1:20; 1 Thess. 5:10; Rev. 14:13; Luke 20:38

9 <sup>a</sup>Rev. 1:18; 2:8 <sup>b</sup>Phil. 2:11; Matt. 28:18; John 12:24; 1 Thess. 5:10

10 <sup>a</sup>Rom. 14:3; Luke 18:9 <sup>b</sup>Rom. 2:16; 2 Cor. 5:10

11 <sup>1</sup>Or, *confess*  
<sup>1</sup>Is. 45:23 <sup>b</sup>Phil. 2:10f.

12 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 12:36; 1 Pet. 4:5; Matt. 16:27

13 <sup>a</sup>Rom. 14:3; Matt. 7:1 <sup>b</sup>1 Cor. 8:13

14 <sup>a</sup>Rom. 14:2, 20; Acts 10:15 <sup>b</sup>1 Cor. 8:7

15 <sup>a</sup>Eph. 5:2 <sup>b</sup>1 Cor. 8:11; Rom. 14:20

16 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *blasphemed*  
<sup>1</sup>1 Cor. 10:30; Titus 2:5

17 <sup>a</sup>1 Cor. 8:8 <sup>b</sup>Gal. 5:22; Rom. 15:13

18 <sup>a</sup>Rom. 16:18 <sup>b</sup>2 Cor. 8:21; Phil. 4:8; 1 Pet. 2:12

19 <sup>1</sup>Many ancient mss. read, *we pursue*  
<sup>2</sup>Ps. 34:14; 1 Cor. 7:15; 2 Tim. 2:22; Heb. 12:14; Rom. 12:18 <sup>b</sup>Rom. 15:2; 1 Cor. 10:23; 14:3f., 26; 2 Cor. 12:19; Eph. 4:12, 29

20 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *with offense*  
<sup>a</sup>Rom. 14:15 <sup>b</sup>Rom. 14:2, 14; Acts 10:15 <sup>c</sup>1 Cor. 8:9-12

**N**OW <sup>a</sup>accept the one who is <sup>b</sup>weak in faith, *but* not for the *purpose* of passing judgment on his opinions.

2 <sup>a</sup>One man has faith that he may eat all things, but he who is <sup>b</sup>weak eats vegetables *only*.

3 Let not him who eats <sup>a</sup>regard with contempt him who does not eat, and let not him who does not eat <sup>b</sup>judge him who eats, for God has <sup>c</sup>accepted him.

4 <sup>a</sup>Who are you to judge the <sup>1</sup>servant of another? To his own <sup>2</sup>master he stands or falls; and stand he will, for the Lord is able to make him stand.

5 <sup>a</sup>One man <sup>1</sup>regards one day above another, another regards every day *alike*. Let each man be <sup>b</sup>fully convinced in his own mind.

6 He who observes the day, observes it for the Lord, and he who eats, <sup>1</sup>does so for the Lord, for he <sup>a</sup>gives thanks to God; and he who eats not, for the Lord he does not eat, and gives thanks to God.

7 For not one of us <sup>a</sup>lives for himself, and not one dies for himself;

8 for if we live, we live for the Lord, or if we die, we die for the Lord; therefore <sup>a</sup>whether we live or die, we are the Lord's.

9 For to this end <sup>a</sup>Christ died and lived *again*, that He might be <sup>b</sup>Lord both of the dead and of the living.

10 But you, why do you judge your brother? Or you again, why do you <sup>a</sup>regard your brother with contempt? For <sup>b</sup>we shall all stand before the judgment seat of God.

11 For it is written,

“<sup>a</sup>AS I LIVE, SAYS THE LORD, <sup>b</sup>EVERY KNEE SHALL BOW TO ME,

AND EVERY TONGUE SHALL <sup>1</sup>GIVE PRAISE TO GOD.”

12 So then <sup>a</sup>each one of us shall give account of himself to God.

13 Therefore let us not <sup>a</sup>judge one another any more, but rather determine this — <sup>b</sup>not to put an obstacle or a stumbling block in a brother's way.

14 I know and am convinced in the Lord Jesus that <sup>a</sup>nothing is unclean in itself; but to him who <sup>b</sup>thinks anything to be unclean, to him it is unclean.

15 For if because of food your brother is hurt, you are no longer <sup>a</sup>walking according to love. <sup>b</sup>Do not destroy with your food him for whom Christ died.

16 Therefore <sup>a</sup>do not let what is for you a good thing be <sup>1</sup>spoken of as evil;

17 for the kingdom of God <sup>a</sup>is not eating and drinking, but righteousness and <sup>b</sup>peace and <sup>c</sup>joy in the Holy Spirit.

18 For he who in this way <sup>a</sup>serves Christ is <sup>b</sup>acceptable to God and approved by men.

19 So then <sup>1</sup>let us <sup>a</sup>pursue the things which make for peace and the <sup>b</sup>building up of one another.

20 <sup>a</sup>Do not tear down the work of God for the sake of food. <sup>b</sup>All things indeed are clean, but <sup>c</sup>they are evil for the man who eats <sup>1</sup>and gives offense.

21 <sup>a</sup>It is good not to eat meat or to drink wine, or to *do anything* by which your brother stumbles.

22 The faith which you have, have <sup>1</sup>as your own conviction before God. Happy is he who <sup>a</sup>does not condemn himself in what he approves.

23 But <sup>a</sup>he who doubts is condemned if he eats, because *his eating* is not from faith; and whatever is not from faith is sin.

CHAPTER 15

**N**OW we who are strong ought to bear the weaknesses of <sup>a</sup>those without strength and not *just* please ourselves.

2 Let each of us <sup>a</sup>please his neighbor <sup>1</sup>for his good, to his *bedification*.

3 For even <sup>a</sup>Christ did not please Himself; but as it is written, "**THE REPROACHES OF THOSE WHO REPROACHED THEE FELL UPON ME.**"

4 For <sup>a</sup>whatever was written in earlier times was written for our instruction, that through perseverance and the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope.

5 Now may the <sup>a</sup>God <sup>1</sup>who gives perseverance and encouragement grant you <sup>b</sup>to be of the same mind with one another according to Christ Jesus;

6 that with one accord you may with one <sup>1</sup>voice glorify <sup>a</sup>the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

7 Wherefore, <sup>a</sup>accept one another, just as Christ also accepted <sup>1</sup>us to the glory of God.

8 For I say that Christ has become a servant to <sup>a</sup>the circumcision on behalf of the truth of God to confirm <sup>b</sup>the promises *given* to the fathers,

9 and for <sup>a</sup>the Gentiles to <sup>b</sup>glorify God for His mercy; as it is written,

"**THEFORE I WILL <sup>1</sup>GIVE PRAISE TO THEE AMONG THE GENTILES, AND I WILL SING TO THY NAME.**"

10 And again he says,

"**REJOICE, O GENTILES, WITH HIS PEOPLE.**"

11 And again,

"**PRAISE THE LORD ALL YOU GENTILES, AND LET ALL THE PEOPLES PRAISE HIM.**"

12 And again Isaiah says,

"**THERE SHALL COME <sup>b</sup>THE ROOT OF JESSE, AND HE WHO ARISES TO RULE OVER THE GENTILES, <sup>c</sup>IN HIM SHALL THE GENTILES HOPE.**"

13 Now may the God of hope fill you with all <sup>a</sup>joy and peace in believing, that you may abound in hope <sup>b</sup>by the power of the Holy Spirit.

14 And concerning you, my brethren, I myself also am convinced that you yourselves are full of <sup>a</sup>goodness, filled with <sup>b</sup>all knowledge, and able also to admonish one another.

15 But I have written very boldly to you on some points, so as to remind you again, because of <sup>a</sup>the grace that was given me <sup>1</sup>from God,

16 to be <sup>a</sup>a minister of Christ Jesus to the Gentiles, ministering as a priest the <sup>b</sup>gospel of God, that my <sup>c</sup>offering of the

21 <sup>a</sup>1 Cor. 8:13

22 <sup>1</sup>Lit., according to yourself  
<sup>a</sup>1 John 3:21

23 <sup>a</sup>Rom. 14:5

1 <sup>a</sup>Rom. 14:1; Gal. 6:2; 1 Thess. 5:14

2 <sup>1</sup>Lit., for what is good to edification  
<sup>a</sup>1 Cor. 10:33; 9:22; 10:24; 2 Cor. 13:9 <sup>b</sup>Rom. 14:19; 1 Cor. 10:23; 14:3f., 26; 2 Cor. 12:19; Eph. 4:12, 29

3 <sup>a</sup>2 Cor. 8:9 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 69:9

4 <sup>a</sup>Rom. 4:23f.; 2 Tim. 3:16

5 <sup>1</sup>Lit., of perseverance  
<sup>a</sup>2 Cor. 1:3 <sup>b</sup>Rom. 12:16

6 <sup>1</sup>Lit., mouth  
<sup>a</sup>Rev. 1:6

7 <sup>1</sup>Some mss. read, you  
<sup>a</sup>Rom. 14:1

8 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 15:24; Acts 3:26  
<sup>b</sup>Rom. 4:16; 2 Cor. 1:20

9 <sup>1</sup>Or, confess  
<sup>a</sup>Rom. 3:29; 11:30 <sup>b</sup>Matt. 9:8 <sup>c</sup>Ps. 18:49 [or 2 Sam. 22:50]

10 <sup>a</sup>Deut. 32:43

11 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 117:1

12 <sup>a</sup>Is. 11:10 <sup>b</sup>Rev. 5:5; 22:16 <sup>c</sup>Matt. 12:21

13 <sup>a</sup>Rom. 14:17 <sup>b</sup>Rom. 15:19; 1 Cor. 2:4; 1 Thess. 1:5

14 <sup>a</sup>Eph. 5:9; 2 Thess. 1:11  
<sup>b</sup>1 Cor. 1:5; 13:2; 1 Cor. 8:1, 7, 10; 12:8

15 <sup>1</sup>Some mss. read, by God  
<sup>a</sup>Rom. 12:3

16 <sup>a</sup>Rom. 11:13; Acts 9:15  
<sup>b</sup>Rom. 15:19, 20; 1:1 <sup>c</sup>Eph. 5:2; Phil. 2:17; Rom. 12:1

Romans 15, 16

17 <sup>a</sup>Phil. 3:3 <sup>b</sup>Heb. 2:17; 5:1

18 <sup>1</sup>Or, which Christ has not accomplished <sup>2</sup>Lit., to the obedience  
<sup>a</sup>Acts 15:12; 21:19; Rom. 1:5; 2 Cor. 3:5

19 <sup>1</sup>Or, attesting miracles <sup>2</sup>Lit., fulfilled  
<sup>a</sup>John 4:48 <sup>b</sup>Rom. 15:13; 1 Cor. 2:4; 1 Thess. 1:5  
<sup>c</sup>Acts 22:17-21 <sup>d</sup>Acts 20:1f.

20 <sup>a</sup>Rom. 1:15; 10:15; 15:16 <sup>b</sup>2 Cor. 10:15f.; 1 Cor. 3:10

21 <sup>a</sup>Is. 52:15

22 <sup>a</sup>Rom. 1:13; 1 Thess. 2:18

23 <sup>a</sup>Acts 19:21; Rom. 1:10f.; 15:29; 32

24 <sup>1</sup>Lit., in part  
<sup>a</sup>Rom. 15:28 <sup>b</sup>Acts 15:3  
<sup>c</sup>Rom. 1:12

25 <sup>1</sup>i.e., true believers; lit., holy ones  
<sup>a</sup>Acts 19:21 <sup>b</sup>Acts 24:17

26 <sup>1</sup>Note vs. 25  
<sup>a</sup>1 Cor. 16:5; 2 Cor. 1:16; 2:13; 7:5; 8:1; 9:2; 4; 11:9; Phil. 4:15; 1 Thess. 1:7f.; 4:10; 1 Tim. 1:3; Acts 16:9  
<sup>b</sup>Acts 18:12; 19:21

27 <sup>a</sup>1 Cor. 9:11

28 <sup>1</sup>Lit., sealed to them this fruit  
<sup>a</sup>John 3:33  
<sup>b</sup>Rom. 15:24

29 <sup>a</sup>Acts 19:21; Rom. 1:10f.; Rom. 15:23; 32

30 <sup>a</sup>Gal. 5:22; Col. 1:8  
<sup>b</sup>Col. 4:12; 2 Cor. 1:11

31 <sup>1</sup>Note vs. 25  
<sup>a</sup>2 Cor. 1:10; 2 Thess. 3:2; 2 Tim. 3:11; 4:17  
<sup>b</sup>Rom. 15:25f.; 2 Cor. 8:4; 9:1 <sup>c</sup>Acts 9:13; 15

32 <sup>a</sup>Rom. 15:23 <sup>b</sup>Rom. 1:10; Acts 18:21

33 <sup>a</sup>Rom. 16:20; 2 Cor. 13:11; Phil. 4:9; 1 Thess. 5:23; Heb. 13:20; 1 Thess. 3:16

<sup>1</sup>Or, deaconess  
<sup>a</sup>2 Cor. 3:1 <sup>b</sup>Acts 18:18

<sup>2</sup> i.e., true believers; lit., holy ones <sup>2</sup>Lit., and of me, myself  
<sup>a</sup>Phil. 2:29 <sup>b</sup>Acts 9:13; 15

<sup>3</sup> <sup>a</sup>Acts 18:2 <sup>b</sup>2 Cor. 5:17; 12:2; Gal. 1:22; Rom. 16:7; 9; 10; 8:11f. <sup>c</sup>Rom. 8:1

Gentiles might become acceptable, sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

17 Therefore in Christ Jesus I have found <sup>a</sup>reason for boasting in <sup>b</sup>things pertaining to God.

18 For I will not presume to speak of anything <sup>1</sup>except what <sup>a</sup>Christ has accomplished through me, <sup>2</sup>resulting in the obedience of the Gentiles by word and deed,

19 in the power of <sup>1</sup>signs and <sup>a</sup>wonders, <sup>b</sup>in the power of the Spirit; so that <sup>c</sup>from Jerusalem and round about as <sup>d</sup>far as Illyricum I have <sup>2</sup>fully preached the gospel of Christ.

20 And thus I aspired to <sup>a</sup>preach the gospel, not where Christ was *already* named, <sup>b</sup>that I might not build upon another man's foundation;

21 but as it is written,

"**THEY WHO HAD NO NEWS OF HIM SHALL SEE,**

**AND THEY WHO HAVE NOT HEARD SHALL UNDERSTAND."**

22 For this reason <sup>a</sup>I have often been hindered from coming to you;

23 but now, with no further place for me in these regions, and since I <sup>a</sup>have had for many years a longing to come to you

24 whenever I <sup>a</sup>go to Spain — for I hope to see you in passing, and to be <sup>b</sup>helped on my way there by you, when I have first <sup>c</sup>enjoyed your company <sup>1</sup>for awhile —

25 but now, <sup>a</sup>I am going to Jerusalem <sup>b</sup>servicing the <sup>1</sup>saints.

26 For <sup>a</sup>Macedonia and <sup>b</sup>Achaia have been pleased to make a contribution for the poor among the <sup>1</sup>saints in Jerusalem.

27 Yes, they were pleased to do so, and they are indebted to them. For <sup>a</sup>if the Gentiles have shared in their spiritual things, they are indebted to them also in material things.

28 Therefore, when I have finished this, and <sup>a</sup>have <sup>1</sup>put my seal on this fruit of theirs, I will <sup>b</sup>go on by way of you to Spain.

29 And I know that when <sup>a</sup>I come to you, I will come in the fulness of the blessing of Christ.

30 Now I urge you, brethren, by our Lord Jesus Christ and by <sup>a</sup>the love of the Spirit, to <sup>b</sup>strive together with me in your prayers to God for me,

31 that I may be <sup>a</sup>delivered from those who are disobedient in Judea, and *that* my <sup>b</sup>service for Jerusalem may prove acceptable to the <sup>1</sup>saints;

32 so that <sup>a</sup>I may come to you in joy by <sup>b</sup>the will of God and find *refreshing* rest in your company.

33 Now <sup>a</sup>the God of peace be with you all. Amen.

CHAPTER 16

**I** <sup>a</sup>COMMEND to you our sister Phoebe, who is a <sup>1</sup>servant of the church which is at <sup>b</sup>Cenchrea;

2 that you <sup>a</sup>receive her in the Lord in a manner worthy of the <sup>1</sup>saints, and that you help her in whatever matter she may have need of you; for she herself has also been a helper of many, <sup>2</sup>and of myself as well.

3 Greet <sup>a</sup>Prisca and <sup>a</sup>Aquila, my fellow-workers <sup>b</sup>in <sup>c</sup>Christ Jesus,

4 who for my life risked their own necks, to whom not only do I give thanks, but also all the churches of the Gentiles;

5 also greet <sup>a</sup>the church that is in their house. Greet Epænetus, my beloved, who is the <sup>b</sup>first convert to Christ from <sup>c</sup>Asia.

6 Greet Mary, who has worked hard for you.

7 Greet Andronicus and <sup>1</sup>Junias, my <sup>a</sup>kinsmen, and my <sup>b</sup>fellow-prisoners, who are outstanding among the apostles, who also were <sup>c</sup>in Christ before me.

8 Greet Ampliatus, my beloved in the Lord.

9 Greet Urbanus, our fellow-worker <sup>a</sup>in Christ, and Stachys my beloved.

10 Greet Apelles, the approved <sup>a</sup>in Christ. Greet <sup>b</sup>those who are of the *household* of Aristobulus.

11 Greet Herodion, my <sup>a</sup>kinsman. <sup>b</sup>Greet those of the *household* of Narcissus, who are in the Lord.

12 Greet Tryphaena and Tryphosa, workers in the Lord. Greet Persis the beloved, who has worked hard in the Lord.

13 Greet <sup>a</sup>Rufus, a choice man in the Lord, also his mother and mine.

14 Greet Asyncritus, Phlegon, Hermes, Patrobas, Hermas and the brethren with them.

15 Greet Philologus and Julia, Nereus and his sister, and Olympas, and all <sup>a</sup>the <sup>1</sup>saints who are with them.

16 <sup>a</sup>Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the churches of Christ greet you.

17 Now I urge you, brethren, keep your eye on those who cause dissensions and <sup>1</sup>hindrances <sup>a</sup>contrary to the teaching which you learned, and <sup>b</sup>turn away from them.

18 For such men are <sup>a</sup>slaves not of our Lord Christ but of <sup>b</sup>their own <sup>1</sup>appetites; and by their <sup>c</sup>smooth and flattering speech they deceive the hearts of the unsuspecting.

19 For the report of your obedience <sup>a</sup>has reached to all; therefore I am rejoicing over you, but <sup>b1</sup> want you to be wise in what is good, and innocent in what is evil.

20 And <sup>a</sup>the God of peace will soon crush <sup>b</sup>Satan under your feet.

<sup>c</sup>The grace of our Lord Jesus be with you.

21 <sup>a</sup>Timothy my fellow-worker greets you; and *so do* <sup>b</sup>Lucius and <sup>c</sup>Jason and <sup>d</sup>Sosipater, my <sup>e</sup>kinsmen.

22 I, Tertius, who <sup>a</sup>write this letter, greet you in the Lord.

23 <sup>a</sup>Gaius, host to me and to the whole church, greets you. <sup>b</sup>Erastus, the city treasurer greets you, and <sup>c</sup>Quartus, the brother.

24 (See marginal note.<sup>1</sup>)

25 <sup>a</sup>Now to Him who is able to establish you <sup>b</sup>according to my gospel and the preaching of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of <sup>c</sup>the mystery which has been kept secret for <sup>d</sup>long ages past,

26 but now is manifested, and by <sup>a</sup>the Scriptures of the prophets, according to the commandment of the eternal God, has been made known to all the nations, *leading* to <sup>b</sup>obedience of faith;

27 to the only wise God, through Jesus Christ, <sup>a</sup>be the glory forever. Amen.

5 <sup>1</sup>I.e., west coast province of Asia Minor  
<sup>a</sup>1 Cor. 16:19; Col. 4:15; Philem. 2 <sup>b</sup>1 Cor. 16:15  
<sup>c</sup>Acts 16:6

7 <sup>1</sup>Or, *Junia* (fem.)  
<sup>a</sup>Rom. 16:11, 21; 9:3 <sup>b</sup>Col. 4:10; Philem. 23 <sup>c</sup>2 Cor. 5:17; 12:2; Gal. 1:22; Rom. 16:3, 9, 10; 8:11ff.

9 <sup>a</sup>2 Cor. 5:17; 12:2; Gal. 1:22; Rom. 16:3, 7, 10; 8:11ff.

10 <sup>a</sup>2 Cor. 5:17; 12:2; Gal. 1:22; Rom. 16:3, 7, 9; 8:11ff. <sup>b</sup>1 Cor. 1:11

11 <sup>a</sup>Rom. 16:7, 21; 9:3  
<sup>b</sup>1 Cor. 1:11

13 <sup>a</sup>Mark 15:21

15 <sup>1</sup>Note 1, vs. 2  
<sup>a</sup>Rom. 16:2, 14

16 <sup>a</sup>1 Cor. 16:20; 2 Cor. 13:12; 1 Thess. 5:26; 1 Pet. 5:14

17 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *occasions of stumbling*  
<sup>a</sup>1 Tim. 3:3; 6:3 <sup>b</sup>Gal. 1:8ff.; 2 Thess. 3:6, 14; Titus 3:10; 2 John 10; Matt. 7:15

18 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *belly*  
<sup>a</sup>Rom. 14:18 <sup>b</sup>Phil. 3:19  
<sup>c</sup>Col. 2:4; 2 Pet. 2:3

19 <sup>a</sup>Rom. 1:8 <sup>b</sup>1 Cor. 14:20; Matt. 10:16; Jer. 4:22

20 <sup>a</sup>Rom. 15:33 <sup>b</sup>Matt. 4:10 <sup>c</sup>1 Cor. 16:23; 2 Cor. 13:14; Gal. 6:18; Phil. 4:23; 1 Thess. 5:28; 2 Thess. 3:18; Rev. 22:21

21 <sup>a</sup>Acts 16:1 <sup>b</sup>Acts 13:1  
[?] <sup>c</sup>Acts 17:5 [?] <sup>d</sup>Acts 20:4  
[?] <sup>e</sup>Rom. 16:7, 11; 9:3

22 <sup>a</sup>1 Cor. 16:21; Gal. 6:11; Col. 4:18; 2 Thess. 3:17; Philem. 19

23 <sup>a</sup>1 Cor. 1:14; Acts 20:4  
[?] <sup>b</sup>Acts 19:22

24 <sup>1</sup>Some ancient mss. add vs. 24. *The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. Amen.*

25 <sup>a</sup>Eph. 3:20; Jude 24  
<sup>b</sup>Rom. 2:16 <sup>c</sup>1 Cor. 2:1, 7; 4:1; Eph. 1:9; 3:3, 9; 6:19; Col. 1:26f.; 2:2; 4:3; 1 Tim. 3:16; Rom. 11:25; Matt. 13:35 <sup>d</sup>2 Tim. 1:9; Titus 1:2

26 <sup>a</sup>Rom. 1:2 <sup>b</sup>Rom. 1:5

27 <sup>a</sup>Rom. 11:36

# THE FIRST EPISTLE OF PAUL TO THE CORINTHIANS

Salutation. Thanksgiving. Exhortation to Unity.

1 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *through*  
<sup>a</sup>Rom. 1:1; <sup>b</sup>Rom. 15:32;  
<sup>2</sup>Cor. 1:1; Eph. 1:1; Col.  
1:1; 2 Tim. 1:1; Rom. 1:10;  
<sup>2</sup>Cor. 8:5; <sup>a</sup>Acts 18:17 <sup>a</sup>Acts  
1:15

2 <sup>1</sup>I.e., true believers; lit.,  
*holy ones*

<sup>a</sup>1 Cor. 10:32 <sup>b</sup>Acts 18:1  
<sup>c</sup>Rom. 1:7; 8:28 <sup>d</sup>Acts 7:59  
3 <sup>a</sup>Rom. 1:7

4 <sup>1</sup>Some ancient mss.  
omit *my*  
<sup>a</sup>Rom. 1:8

5 <sup>a</sup>2 Cor. 9:11 <sup>b</sup>2 Cor.  
8:7; Rom. 15:14

6 <sup>1</sup>Or, *among*  
<sup>a</sup>2 Tim. 1:8; 2 Thess. 1:10;  
1 Tim. 2:6; Rev. 1:2

7 <sup>a</sup>Rom. 8:19, 23; Phil.  
3:20; Luke 17:30; 2 Pet.  
3:12

8 <sup>a</sup>Phil. 1:6; Col. 2:7;  
1 Thess. 3:13; 5:23; Rom.  
8:19 <sup>b</sup>1 Cor. 5:5; 2 Cor.  
1:14; Phil. 1:6, 10; 2:16;  
1 Thess. 5:2; 2 Thess. 2:2;  
Luke 17:24, 30

9 <sup>a</sup>Deut. 7:9; Is. 49:7;  
1 Cor. 10:13; 2 Cor. 1:18;  
1 Thess. 5:24; 2 Thess. 3:3  
<sup>b</sup>Rom. 8:28 <sup>c</sup>1 John 1:3

10 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *speak the same*  
*thing* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *schisms* <sup>3</sup>Or,  
*united*  
<sup>a</sup>Rom. 12:1 <sup>b</sup>Rom. 1:13  
<sup>c</sup>1 Cor. 11:18 <sup>d</sup>Rom. 12:16;  
Phil. 1:27

11 <sup>a</sup>Rom. 16:10f.

12 <sup>a</sup>1 Cor. 3:4; Matt. 23:8-  
10 <sup>b</sup>Acts 18:24; 1 Cor. 3:22  
<sup>c</sup>John 1:42; 1 Cor. 3:22; 9:5;  
15:5

13 <sup>1</sup>Or, *Christ has been*  
*divided*; or, *Christ is*  
*divided* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *into*  
<sup>a</sup>Matt. 28:19; Acts 2:38

14 <sup>1</sup>Some ancient mss.  
read, *I give thanks that*  
<sup>a</sup>Acts 18:8 <sup>b</sup>Rom. 16:23

15 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *into*

16 <sup>a</sup>1 Cor. 16:15 [17]

17 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *wisdom*  
<sup>a</sup>John 4:2; Acts 10:48  
<sup>b</sup>1 Cor. 2:1, 4, 13; 2 Cor.  
10:10; 11:6

18 <sup>1</sup>Or, *perish* <sup>2</sup>Or, *are*  
*saved*

<sup>a</sup>2 Cor. 2:15; 4:3; 2 Thess.  
2:10; Acts 2:47 <sup>b</sup>1 Cor. 1:21,  
23, 25; 2:14; 4:10 <sup>c</sup>1 Cor.  
1:24; Rom. 1:16

19 <sup>a</sup>Is. 29:14

20 <sup>a</sup>Job 12:17; Is. 19:11f.;  
33:18 marg. <sup>b</sup>Matt. 13:22;  
1 Cor. 2:6, 8; 3:18, 19  
<sup>c</sup>Rom. 1:20f. <sup>d</sup>1 Cor.  
1:27f.; 6:2; 11:32; John  
12:31; James 4:4

PAUL, <sup>a</sup>called as an apostle of Jesus Christ <sup>1</sup>by <sup>b</sup>the will of God, and <sup>c</sup>Sosthenes our <sup>d</sup>brother,

2 to <sup>a</sup>the church of God which is at <sup>b</sup>Corinth, to those who have been sanctified in Christ Jesus, <sup>1</sup>saints <sup>c</sup>by calling, with all who in every place <sup>d</sup>call upon the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, their *Lord* and ours:

3 <sup>a</sup>Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

4 <sup>a</sup>I thank <sup>1</sup>my God always concerning you, for the grace of God which was given you in Christ Jesus,

5 that in everything you were <sup>a</sup>enriched in Him, in all <sup>b</sup>speech and <sup>b</sup>all knowledge,

6 even as <sup>a</sup>the testimony concerning Christ was confirmed <sup>1</sup>in you,

7 so that you are not lacking in any gift, <sup>a</sup>awaiting eagerly the revelation of our Lord Jesus Christ,

8 <sup>a</sup>who shall also confirm you to the end, blameless in <sup>b</sup>the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

9 <sup>a</sup>God is faithful, through whom you were <sup>b</sup>called into <sup>c</sup>fellowship with His Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

10 Now <sup>a</sup>I exhort you, <sup>b</sup>brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you all <sup>1</sup>agree, and there be no <sup>2</sup><sup>c</sup>divisions among you, but you be <sup>3</sup>made complete in <sup>d</sup>the same mind and in the same judgment.

11 For I have been informed concerning you, my brethren, by <sup>a</sup>Chloe's *people*, that there are quarrels among you.

12 Now I mean this, that <sup>a</sup>each one of you is saying, "I am of Paul," and "I of <sup>b</sup>Apollos," and "I of <sup>c</sup>Cephas," and "I of Christ."

13 <sup>1</sup>Has Christ been divided? Paul was not crucified for you, was he? Or were you <sup>a</sup>baptized <sup>2</sup>in the name of Paul?

14 <sup>1</sup>I thank God that I <sup>a</sup>baptized none of you except <sup>a</sup>Crispus and <sup>b</sup>Gaius,

15 that no man should say you were baptized <sup>1</sup>in my name.

16 Now I did baptize also the <sup>a</sup>household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized any other.

17 <sup>a</sup>For Christ did not send me to baptize, but to preach the gospel, <sup>b</sup>not in <sup>1</sup>cleverness of speech, that the cross of Christ should not be made void.

18 For the word of the cross is to <sup>a</sup>those who <sup>1</sup>are perishing <sup>b</sup>foolishness, but to us who <sup>2</sup>are being saved it is <sup>c</sup>the power of God.

19 For it is written,

"**I WILL DESTROY THE WISDOM OF THE WISE,**

**AND THE CLEVERNESS OF THE CLEVER I WILL SET ASIDE."**

20 <sup>a</sup>Where is the wise man? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of <sup>b</sup>this age? Has not God <sup>c</sup>made foolish the wisdom of <sup>d</sup>the world?

21 For since in the wisdom of God <sup>a</sup>the world through its wisdom did not *come* to know God, <sup>b</sup>God was well-pleased through the <sup>c</sup>foolishness of the <sup>1</sup>message preached to <sup>d</sup>save those who believe.

22 For indeed <sup>a</sup>Jews ask for <sup>1</sup>signs, and Greeks search for wisdom;

23 but we preach <sup>1a</sup>Christ crucified, <sup>b</sup>to Jews a stumbling block, and to Gentiles <sup>c</sup>foolishness,

24 but to those who are <sup>a</sup>the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ <sup>b</sup>the power of God and <sup>c</sup>the wisdom of God.

25 Because the <sup>a</sup>foolishness of God is wiser than men, and <sup>b</sup>the weakness of God is stronger than men.

26 For <sup>1</sup>consider your <sup>a</sup>calling, brethren, that there were <sup>b</sup>not many wise according to <sup>2</sup>the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble;

27 but <sup>a</sup>God has chosen the foolish things of <sup>b</sup>the world to shame the wise, and God has chosen the weak things of <sup>b</sup>the world to shame the things which are strong,

28 and the base things of <sup>a</sup>the world and the despised, God has chosen, <sup>b</sup>the things that are not, that He might <sup>c</sup>nullify the things that are,

29 that <sup>a</sup>no <sup>1</sup>man should boast before God.

30 But <sup>1b</sup>by His doing you are in <sup>a</sup>Christ Jesus, who became to us <sup>b</sup>wisdom from God, <sup>2</sup>and <sup>c</sup>righteousness and <sup>d</sup>sanctification, and <sup>e</sup>redemption,

31 that, just as it is written, "<sup>a</sup>LET HIM WHO BOASTS, BOAST IN THE LORD."

CHAPTER 2

AND when I came to you, brethren, I <sup>a</sup>did not come with superiority of speech or of wisdom, proclaiming to you <sup>b</sup>the <sup>1</sup>testimony of God.

2 For I determined to know nothing among you except <sup>a</sup>Jesus Christ, and Him crucified.

3 And I <sup>a</sup>was with you in <sup>b</sup>weakness and in <sup>c</sup>fear and in much trembling.

4 And my <sup>1</sup>message and my preaching were <sup>a</sup>not in persuasive words of wisdom, but in demonstration of <sup>b</sup>the Spirit and of power,

5 that your faith should not <sup>1</sup>rest on the wisdom of men, but on <sup>a</sup>the power of God.

6 Yet we do speak wisdom among those who are <sup>a</sup>mature; a wisdom, however, not of <sup>b</sup>this age, nor of the rulers of <sup>b</sup>this age, who are <sup>c</sup>passing away;

7 but we speak God's wisdom in a <sup>a</sup>mystery, the hidden wisdom, which God <sup>b</sup>predestined before the <sup>c</sup>ages to our glory;

8 *the wisdom* <sup>a</sup>which none of the rulers of <sup>b</sup>this age has understood; for if they had understood it, they would not have crucified <sup>c</sup>the Lord of glory;

9 but just as it is written,

"<sup>a</sup>THINGS WHICH EYE HAS NOT SEEN AND EAR HAS NOT HEARD,

AND *which* HAVE NOT ENTERED THE HEART OF MAN, ALL THAT GOD HAS PREPARED FOR THOSE WHO LOVE HIM."

21 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *preaching*  
<sup>a</sup>1 Cor. 1:27f.; 6:2; 11:32;  
 John 12:31; James 4:4 <sup>b</sup>Gal.  
 1:15; Col. 1:19; Luke 12:32  
<sup>c</sup>1 Cor. 1:18, 23, 25; 2:14;  
 4:10 <sup>d</sup>1 Tim. 4:16; 2 Tim.  
 2:10; 3:15; 4:18; Heb. 7:25;  
 James 5:20; Rom. 11:14

22 <sup>1</sup>Or, *attesting miracles*  
<sup>a</sup>Matt. 12:38

23 <sup>1</sup>i.e., Messiah  
<sup>a</sup>1 Cor. 2:2; Gal. 3:1; 5:11  
<sup>b</sup>Luke 2:34; 1 Pet. 2:8  
<sup>c</sup>1 Cor. 1:18, 21, 25; 2:14;  
 4:10

24 <sup>a</sup>Rom. 8:28 <sup>b</sup>1 Cor.  
 1:18; Rom. 1:16 <sup>c</sup>Luke  
 11:49; 1 Cor. 1:30

25 <sup>a</sup>1 Cor. 1:18, 21, 23;  
 2:14; 1 Cor. 4:10 <sup>b</sup>2 Cor.  
 13:4

26 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *see* <sup>2</sup>Or, *human standards*  
<sup>a</sup>Rom. 11:29 <sup>b</sup>1 Cor. 2:8;  
 1:20; Matt. 11:25

27 <sup>a</sup>James 2:5 <sup>b</sup>1 Cor. 1:20

28 <sup>a</sup>1 Cor. 1:20 <sup>b</sup>Rom.  
 4:17 <sup>c</sup>1 Cor. 2:6; Job 34:19;  
 2 Thess. 2:8; Heb. 2:14

29 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *flesh*  
<sup>a</sup>Eph. 2:9

30 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *of Him* <sup>2</sup>Or, *both*  
<sup>a</sup>1 Cor. 4:15; Rom. 8:1  
<sup>b</sup>1 Cor. 1:24 <sup>c</sup>2 Cor. 5:21;  
 Phil. 3:9; Jer. 23:5f.; 33:16  
<sup>d</sup>1 Cor. 1:2; 6:11; 1 Thess.  
 5:23 <sup>e</sup>Eph. 1:7, 14; Col. 1:4;  
 Rom. 3:24

31 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 9:23f.; 2 Cor.  
 10:17

1 <sup>1</sup>Some ancient mss.  
 read, *mystery*  
<sup>a</sup>1 Cor. 2:4, 13; 1:17 <sup>b</sup>1 Cor.  
 2:7

2 <sup>a</sup>Gal. 6:14; 1 Cor. 1:23

3 <sup>a</sup>Acts 18:1, 6, 12  
<sup>b</sup>1 Cor. 4:10; 2 Cor. 11:30;  
 12:5, 9f.; 13:9 <sup>c</sup>Is. 19:16;  
 Eph. 6:5; 2 Cor. 7:15

4 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *word*  
<sup>a</sup>1 Cor. 2:1, 13; 1:17 <sup>b</sup>Rom.  
 15:19; 1 Cor. 4:20

5 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *he*  
<sup>a</sup>2 Cor. 4:7, 6:7; 2 Cor. 12:9

6 <sup>a</sup>Eph. 4:13; Phil. 3:15  
 marg.; Heb. 5:14; 6:1  
<sup>b</sup>1 Cor. 1:20; Matt. 13:22  
<sup>c</sup>1 Cor. 1:28

7 <sup>a</sup>1 Cor. 2:1; Rom.  
 11:25; 16:25f. <sup>b</sup>Rom. 8:29f.  
<sup>c</sup>Heb. 1:2; 11:3

8 <sup>a</sup>1 Cor. 2:6; 1:26  
<sup>b</sup>1 Cor. 1:20; Matt. 13:22  
<sup>c</sup>Acts 7:2; James 2:1

9 <sup>a</sup>Is. 64:4; 65:17

10 <sup>1</sup>Some ancient mss. use. <sup>But</sup>  
<sup>a</sup>Matt. 11:25; 13:11; 16:17;  
 Gal. 1:12; Eph. 3:3; 5  
<sup>b</sup>John 14:26 <sup>c</sup>Rom. 11:33ff.

11 <sup>a</sup>Prov. 20:27

12 <sup>a</sup>Rom. 8:15 <sup>b</sup>1 Cor. 1:27

13 <sup>1</sup>Or, *interpreting spiritual things to spiritual men*  
<sup>a</sup>1 Cor. 1:17; 1 Cor. 2:1, 4

14 <sup>1</sup>Or, *unspiritual* <sup>2</sup>Or, *examined*  
<sup>a</sup>1 Cor. 15:44, 46; James 3:15 marg.; Jude 19 marg.  
<sup>b</sup>John 14:17 <sup>c</sup>1 Cor. 1:18

15 <sup>a</sup>1 Cor. 3:1; 14:37; Gal. 6:1

16 <sup>a</sup>Is. 40:13; Rom. 11:34  
<sup>b</sup>John 15:15

1 <sup>a</sup>1 Cor. 2:15; 14:37;  
 Gal. 6:1 <sup>b</sup>Rom. 7:14; 1 Cor. 2:14 <sup>c</sup>Heb. 5:13; 1 Cor. 2:6;  
 Eph. 4:14

2 <sup>a</sup>Heb. 5:12f.; 1 Pet. 2:2  
<sup>b</sup>John 16:12

3 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *according to man*  
<sup>a</sup>Rom. 13:13; 1 Cor. 1:10f.;  
 11:18 <sup>b</sup>1 Cor. 3:4

4 <sup>a</sup>1 Cor. 1:12 <sup>b</sup>1 Cor. 3:3

5 <sup>a</sup>2 Cor. 6:4; Eph. 3:7;  
 Col. 1:25; Rom. 15:16;  
 2 Cor. 3:3, 6; 4:1; 5:18;  
 1 Tim. 1:12 <sup>b</sup>Rom. 12:6;  
 1 Cor. 3:10

6 <sup>a</sup>Acts 18:4-11, 18;  
 1 Cor. 4:15; 9:1; 15:1;  
 2 Cor. 10:14f. <sup>b</sup>Acts 18:27;  
 1 Cor. 1:12 <sup>c</sup>1 Cor. 15:10

8 <sup>1</sup>Or, *wages*  
<sup>a</sup>1 Cor. 3:14; 1 Cor. 4:5;  
 9:17; Gal. 6:4

9 <sup>1</sup>Or, *cultivated land*  
<sup>a</sup>Mark 16:20; 2 Cor. 6:1 <sup>b</sup>Is. 61:3; Matt. 15:13 <sup>c</sup>Eph. 2:20-22; Col. 2:7; 1 Pet. 2:5;  
 1 Cor. 3:16

10 <sup>a</sup>Rom. 12:3; 1 Cor. 15:10 <sup>b</sup>Rom. 15:20; 1 Cor. 3:11f. <sup>c</sup>1 Thess. 3:2

11 <sup>a</sup>Is. 28:16; 1 Pet. 2:4ff.;  
 Eph. 2:20

12 <sup>1</sup>Or, *costly*

13 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *of what sort each man's work is*  
<sup>a</sup>1 Cor. 4:5 <sup>b</sup>2 Thess. 1:7-10;  
 2 Tim. 1:12, 18; 4:8; 1 Cor. 1:8; Matt. 10:15; 1 Cor. 4:3 marg.

14 <sup>a</sup>1 Cor. 3:8; 4:5; 9:17;  
 Gal. 6:4

10 <sup>1a</sup>For to us God revealed *them* <sup>b</sup>through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches all things, even the <sup>c</sup>depths of God.

11 For who among men knows the *thoughts* of a man except the <sup>a</sup>spirit of the man, which is in him? Even so the *thoughts* of God no one knows except the Spirit of God.

12 Now we <sup>a</sup>have received, not the spirit of <sup>b</sup>the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might know the things freely given to us by God,

13 which things we also speak, <sup>a</sup>not in words taught by human wisdom, but in those taught by the Spirit, <sup>1</sup>combining spiritual *thoughts* with spiritual *words*.

14 But a <sup>1a</sup>natural man <sup>b</sup>does not accept the things of the Spirit of God; for they are <sup>c</sup>foolishness to him, and he cannot understand them, because they are spiritually <sup>2</sup>appraised.

15 But he who is <sup>a</sup>spiritual appraises all things, yet he himself is appraised by no man.

16 For <sup>a</sup>WHO HAS KNOWN THE MIND OF THE LORD, THAT HE SHOULD INSTRUCT HIM? But <sup>b</sup>we have the mind of Christ.

### CHAPTER 3

AND I, brethren, could not speak to you as to <sup>a</sup>spiritual men, but as to <sup>b</sup>men of flesh, as to <sup>c</sup>babes in Christ.

2 I gave you <sup>a</sup>milk to drink, not solid food; for you <sup>b</sup>were not yet able to *receive it*. Indeed, even now you are not yet able,

3 for you are still fleshly. For since there is <sup>a</sup>jealousy and strife among you, are you not fleshly, and are you not walking <sup>1b</sup>like mere men?

4 For when <sup>a</sup>one says, "I am of Paul," and another, "I am of Apollos," are you not *mere* <sup>b</sup>men?

5 What then is Apollos? And what is Paul? <sup>a</sup>Servants through whom you believed, even <sup>bas</sup> the Lord gave *opportunity* to each one.

6 <sup>a</sup>I planted, <sup>b</sup>Apollos watered, but <sup>c</sup>God was causing the growth.

7 So then neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but God who causes the growth.

8 Now he who plants and he who waters are one; but each will <sup>a</sup>receive his own <sup>1</sup>reward according to his own labor.

9 For we are God's <sup>a</sup>fellow-workers; you are God's <sup>1b</sup>field, God's <sup>c</sup>building.

10 According to <sup>a</sup>the grace of God which was given to me, as a wise master builder <sup>b</sup>I laid a foundation, and <sup>c</sup>another is building upon it. But let each man be careful how he builds upon it.

11 For no man can lay a <sup>a</sup>foundation other than the one which is laid, which is Jesus Christ.

12 Now if any man builds upon the foundation with gold, silver, <sup>1</sup>precious stones, wood, hay, straw,

13 <sup>a</sup>each man's work will become evident; for <sup>b</sup>the day will show it, because it is *to be* revealed with fire; and the fire itself will test <sup>1</sup>the quality of each man's work.

14 If any man's work which he has built upon it remains, he shall <sup>a</sup>receive a reward.



15 If any man's work is burned up, he shall suffer loss; but he himself shall be saved, yet <sup>a</sup>so as through fire.

16 <sup>a</sup>Do you not know that by you are a <sup>1</sup>temple of God, and *that* the Spirit of God dwells in you?

17 If any man destroys the <sup>1</sup>temple of God, God will destroy him, for the <sup>1</sup>temple of God is holy, and <sup>2</sup>that is what you are.

18 <sup>a</sup>Let no man deceive himself. <sup>b</sup>If any man among you thinks that he is wise in <sup>c</sup>this age, let him become foolish that he may become wise.

19 For <sup>a</sup>the wisdom of this world is foolishness before God. For it is written, "*He is <sup>b</sup>THE ONE WHO CATCHES THE WISE IN THEIR CRAFTINESS*";

20 and again, "*THE LORD KNOWS THE REASONINGS of the wise, THAT THEY ARE USELESS.*"

21 So then <sup>a</sup>let no one boast in men. For <sup>b</sup>all things belong to you,

22 <sup>a</sup>whether Paul or Apollos or Cephas or the world or <sup>b</sup>life or death or things present or things to come; all things belong to you,

23 and <sup>a</sup>you belong to Christ; and <sup>b</sup>Christ belongs to God.

CHAPTER 4

**LET** a man regard us in this manner, as <sup>a</sup>servants of Christ, and <sup>b</sup>stewards of <sup>c</sup>the mysteries of God.

2 In this case, moreover, it is required <sup>1</sup>of stewards that one be found trustworthy.

3 But to me it is a very small thing that I should be examined by you, or by *any* human <sup>1</sup>court; in fact, I do not even examine myself.

4 I <sup>a</sup>am conscious of nothing against myself, yet I am not by this <sup>b</sup>acquitted; but the one who examines me is the Lord.

5 Therefore <sup>a</sup>do not go on <sup>1</sup>passing judgment before <sup>2</sup>the time, *but wait* <sup>b</sup>until the Lord comes who will both <sup>c</sup>bring to light the things hidden in the darkness and disclose the motives of *men's* hearts; and then each man's <sup>d</sup>praise will come to him from God.

6 Now these things, brethren, I have figuratively applied to myself and Apollos for your sakes, that in us you might learn not to exceed <sup>a</sup>what is written, in order that no one of you might <sup>b</sup>become <sup>1</sup>arrogant <sup>c</sup>in behalf of one against the other.

7 For who regards you as superior? And <sup>a</sup>what do you have that you did not receive? But if you did receive it, why do you boast as if you had not received it?

8 You are <sup>a</sup>already filled, you have already become rich, you have become kings without us; and I would indeed that you had become kings so that we also might reign with you.

9 For, I think, God has exhibited us apostles last of all, as men <sup>a</sup>condemned to death; because we <sup>b</sup>have become a spectacle to the world, <sup>1</sup>both to angels and to men.

10 We are <sup>a</sup>fools for Christ's sake, but <sup>b</sup>you are prudent in Christ; <sup>c</sup>we are weak, but you are strong; you are distinguished, but we are without honor.

11 To this present hour we are both <sup>a</sup>hungry and thirsty,

15 <sup>a</sup>Job 23:10; Ps. 66:10, 12; Jude 23

16 <sup>1</sup>Or, *sanctuary*  
<sup>a</sup>Rom. 6:16 <sup>b</sup>1 Cor. 6:19;  
2 Cor. 6:16; Eph. 2:21f.;  
Rom. 8:9

17 <sup>1</sup>Or, *sanctuary* <sup>2</sup>Lit.,  
*which you are*

18 <sup>a</sup>Is. 5:21 <sup>b</sup>1 Cor. 8:2;  
Gal. 6:3 <sup>c</sup>1 Cor. 1:20

19 <sup>a</sup>1 Cor. 1:20 <sup>b</sup>Job 5:13

20 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 94:11

21 <sup>a</sup>1 Cor. 4:6 <sup>b</sup>Rom. 8:32

22 <sup>a</sup>1 Cor. 1:12; 3:5, 6  
<sup>b</sup>Rom. 8:38

23 <sup>a</sup>1 Cor. 15:23; 2 Cor.  
10:7; Gal. 3:29 <sup>b</sup>1 Cor. 11:3;  
15:28

1 <sup>a</sup>Luke 1:2 <sup>b</sup>1 Cor. 9:17;  
Titus 1:7; 1 Pet. 4:10  
<sup>c</sup>Rom. 11:25; 16:25

2 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *in*

3 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *day*

4 <sup>a</sup>2 Cor. 1:12; Acts 23:1  
<sup>b</sup>Ps. 143:2; Rom. 2:13

5 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *judging anything*  
<sup>2</sup>i.e., the appointed time of  
judgment  
<sup>a</sup>Matt. 7:1; Rom. 2:1  
<sup>b</sup>Rom. 2:16; John 21:22  
<sup>c</sup>1 Cor. 3:13 <sup>d</sup>2 Cor. 10:18;  
Rom. 2:29; 1 Cor. 3:8

6 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *puffed up*  
<sup>a</sup>1 Cor. 1:19, 31; 3:19f.  
<sup>b</sup>1 Cor. 4:18f.; 1 Cor. 8:1;  
13:4 <sup>c</sup>1 Cor. 1:12; 3:4

7 <sup>a</sup>John 3:27; Rom.  
12:3, 6; 1 Pet. 4:10

8 <sup>a</sup>Rev. 3:17f.

9 <sup>1</sup>Or, *and to angels and  
to men*  
<sup>a</sup>1 Cor. 15:31; 2 Cor. 11:23;  
Rom. 8:36 <sup>b</sup>Heb. 10:33

10 <sup>a</sup>1 Cor. 1:18; Acts  
17:18; 26:24 <sup>b</sup>2 Cor. 11:19;  
1 Cor. 1:19f.; 3:18 <sup>c</sup>2 Cor.  
13:9; 1 Cor. 2:3

11 <sup>a</sup>Rom. 8:35; 2 Cor.  
11:23-27

12 <sup>a</sup>Acts 18:3; <sup>b1</sup> Pet. 3:9  
<sup>c</sup>John 15:20; Rom. 8:35

13 <sup>1</sup>Or, *console*  
<sup>a</sup>Lam. 3:45

14 <sup>a1</sup> Cor. 6:5; 15:34  
<sup>b2</sup> Cor. 6:13; 12:14;  
1 Thess. 2:11; 1 John 2:1; 3  
John 4

15 <sup>a</sup>Gal. 3:24f. <sup>b1</sup> Cor.  
1:30; <sup>c</sup>Philem. 10; Gal.  
4:19; 1 Cor. 3:8; Num.  
11:12 <sup>d1</sup> Cor. 9:12, 14, 18,  
23; 15:1

16 <sup>a1</sup> Cor. 11:1; Phil. 3:17;  
4:9; 1 Thess. 1:6; 2 Thess.  
3:9

17 <sup>a1</sup> Cor. 16:10 <sup>b</sup>Acts  
16:1 <sup>c1</sup> Tim. 1:2, 18; 2 Tim.  
1:2; 1 Cor. 4:14 <sup>d1</sup> Cor.  
7:17; 11:34; 14:33; 16:1;  
Titus 1:5

18 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *puffed up*  
<sup>a1</sup> Cor. 4:6 <sup>b1</sup> Cor. 4:21

19 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *word*  
<sup>a1</sup> Cor. 11:34; 16:5f.; 1 Cor.  
16:8; 2 Cor. 1:15f.; Acts  
19:21; 20:2 <sup>b</sup>Acts 18:21  
<sup>c1</sup> Cor. 4:6

20 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *word*  
<sup>a1</sup> Cor. 2:4

21 <sup>a2</sup> Cor. 1:23; 2:1, 3;  
12:20; 13:2, 10

1 <sup>a</sup>Lev. 18:8; Deut. 22:30;  
27:20

2 <sup>1</sup>Or, *have you . . . ?*  
<sup>2</sup>Lit., *puffed up* <sup>3</sup>Or, *have*  
*you . . . ?*  
<sup>a1</sup> Cor. 4:6 <sup>b2</sup> Cor. 7:7-10  
<sup>c1</sup> Cor. 5:13

3 <sup>a</sup>Col. 2:5; 1 Thess. 2:17

4 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *my spirit, with*  
*the power*  
<sup>a2</sup> Thess. 3:6 <sup>b</sup>John 20:23;  
2 Cor. 2:6, 10; 13:3, 10;  
1 Tim. 5:20

5 <sup>1</sup>Some ancient mss.  
omit, *Jesus*  
<sup>a</sup>Luke 22:31; 1 Tim. 1:20;  
Prov. 23:14 <sup>b</sup>Matt. 4:10  
<sup>c1</sup> Cor. 1:8

6 <sup>a</sup>James 4:16; 1 Cor. 5:2  
<sup>b</sup>Rom. 6:16 <sup>c</sup>Gal. 5:9; Matt.  
16:6, 12; Hos. 7:4

7 <sup>a</sup>Mark 14:12; 1 Pet.  
1:19

8 <sup>a</sup>Ex. 12:19; 13:7; Deut.  
16:3

9 <sup>a2</sup> Cor. 6:14; Eph. 5:11;  
2 Thess. 3:6

and are poorly clothed, and are roughly treated, and are homeless;

12 and we toil, <sup>a</sup>working with our own hands; when we are <sup>b</sup>reviled, we bless; when we are <sup>c</sup>persecuted, we endure;

13 when we are slandered, we try to <sup>1</sup>conciliate; we have <sup>a</sup>become as the scum of the world, the dregs of all things, *even* until now.

14 I do not write these things to <sup>a</sup>shame you, but to admonish you as my beloved <sup>b</sup>children.

15 For if you were to have countless <sup>a</sup>tutors in Christ, yet *you would not have* many fathers; for in <sup>b</sup>Christ Jesus I <sup>c</sup>became your father through the <sup>d</sup>gospel.

16 I exhort you therefore, be <sup>a</sup>imitators of me.

17 For this reason I <sup>a</sup>have sent to you <sup>b</sup>Timothy, who is my <sup>c</sup>beloved and faithful child in the Lord, and he will remind you of my ways which are in Christ, <sup>d</sup>just as I teach everywhere in every church.

18 Now some have become <sup>1a</sup>arrogant, as though I were not <sup>b</sup>coming to you.

19 But I <sup>a</sup>will come to you soon, <sup>b</sup>if the Lord wills, and I shall find out, not the <sup>1b</sup>words of those who are <sup>c</sup>arrogant, but their power.

20 For the kingdom of God does <sup>a</sup>not consist in <sup>1b</sup>words, but in power.

21 What do you desire? <sup>a</sup>Shall I come to you with a rod or with love and a spirit of gentleness?

## CHAPTER 5

IT is actually reported that there is immorality among you, and immorality of such a kind as does not exist even among the Gentiles, that someone has <sup>a</sup>his father's wife.

2 And <sup>1b</sup>you <sup>a</sup>have become <sup>2a</sup>arrogant, and <sup>3b</sup>have not <sup>b</sup>mourned instead, in order that the one who had done this deed might be <sup>c</sup>removed from your midst.

3 For I, on my part, though <sup>a</sup>absent in body but present in spirit, have already judged him who has so committed this, as though I were present.

4 <sup>a</sup>In the name of our Lord Jesus, when you are assembled, and <sup>1b</sup>I with you in spirit, <sup>b</sup>with the power of our Lord Jesus,

5 I *have decided* to <sup>a</sup>deliver such a one to <sup>b</sup>Satan for the destruction of his flesh, that his spirit may be saved in <sup>c</sup>the day of the Lord <sup>1b</sup>Jesus.

6 <sup>a</sup>Your boasting is not good. <sup>b</sup>Do you not know that <sup>a</sup>little leaven leavens the whole lump of *dough*?

7 Clean out the old leaven, that you may be a new lump, just as you are *in fact* unleavened. For Christ our <sup>a</sup>Passover also has been sacrificed.

8 Let us therefore celebrate the feast, <sup>a</sup>not with old leaven, nor with the leaven of malice and wickedness, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

9 I wrote you in my letter <sup>a</sup>not to associate with immoral people;

10 I *did* not at all *mean* with the immoral people of this

world, or with the covetous and swindlers, or with <sup>a</sup>idolaters; for then you would have to go out of the world.

11 But <sup>1</sup>actually, I wrote to you not to associate <sup>2</sup>with any so-called <sup>a</sup>brother if he should be an immoral person, or covetous, or <sup>b</sup>an idolater, or a reviler, or a drunkard, or a swindler—not even to eat with such a one.

12 For what have I to do with judging <sup>a</sup>outsiders? <sup>b</sup>Do you not judge those who are within *the church*?

13 But those who are outside, God <sup>1</sup>judges. <sup>a</sup>Remove the wicked man from among yourselves.

CHAPTER 6

DOES any one of you, when he has a <sup>1</sup>case against his neighbor, dare to go to law before the unrighteous, and <sup>a</sup>not before the <sup>2</sup>saints?

2 Or <sup>a</sup>do you not know that <sup>b</sup>the <sup>1</sup>saints will judge <sup>c</sup>the world? And if the world is judged by you, are you not competent to <sup>2</sup>constitute the smallest law courts?

3 <sup>a</sup>Do you not know that we shall judge angels? How much more, matters of this life?

4 If then you have law courts dealing with matters of this life, <sup>1</sup>do you appoint them as judges who are of no account in the church?

5 <sup>a</sup>I say *this* to your shame. *Is it so, that* there is not among you one wise man who will be able to decide between his <sup>b</sup>brethren,

6 but brother goes to law with brother, and that before <sup>a</sup>unbelievers?

7 Actually, then, it is already a defeat for you, that you have lawsuits with one another. <sup>a</sup>Why not rather be wronged? Why not rather be defrauded?

8 On the contrary, you yourselves wrong and defraud, and that *your* <sup>a</sup>brethren.

9 Or <sup>a</sup>do you not know that the unrighteous shall not <sup>b</sup>inherit the kingdom of God? <sup>c</sup>Do not be deceived; <sup>d</sup>neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor <sup>1</sup>effeminate, nor homosexuals,

10 nor thieves, nor *the* covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor swindlers, shall <sup>a</sup>inherit the kingdom of God.

11 And <sup>a</sup>such were some of you; but you were <sup>b</sup>washed, but you were <sup>c</sup>sanctified, but you were <sup>d</sup>justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, and in the Spirit of our God.

12 <sup>a</sup>All things are lawful for me, but not all things are profitable. All things are lawful for me, but I will not be mastered by anything.

13 <sup>a</sup>Food is for the <sup>1</sup>stomach, and the <sup>1</sup>stomach is for food; but God will <sup>b</sup>do away with both <sup>2</sup>of them. Yet the body is not for immorality, but <sup>c</sup>for the Lord; and <sup>d</sup>the Lord is for the body.

14 Now God has not only <sup>a</sup>raised the Lord, but <sup>b</sup>will also raise us up through His power.

15 <sup>a</sup>Do you not know that <sup>b</sup>your bodies are members of Christ? Shall I then take away the members of Christ and make them members of a harlot? <sup>c</sup>May it never be!

10 <sup>a</sup>1 Cor. 10:27

11 <sup>1</sup>Or, now I write <sup>2</sup>Lit., together if any man called a brother should be <sup>a</sup>2 Thess. 3:6; Acts 1:15 <sup>b</sup>1 Cor. 10:7, 14, 20f.

12 <sup>a</sup>Mark 4:11 <sup>b</sup>1 Cor. 5:3; 6: 1-4

13 <sup>1</sup>Or, will judge <sup>a</sup>1 Cor. 5:2; Deut. 13:5; 17:7, 12; 21:21; 22:21

1 <sup>1</sup>Lit., matter <sup>2</sup>i.e., true believers; lit., holy ones <sup>a</sup>Matt. 18:17

2 <sup>1</sup>Note 2, vs. 1 <sup>2</sup>Or, try the trivial cases? <sup>a</sup>Rom. 6:16 <sup>b</sup>Matt. 19:28; Dan. 7:18, 22, 27 <sup>c</sup>1 Cor. 1:20

3 <sup>a</sup>Rom. 6:16

4 <sup>1</sup>Or, appoint them . . . church.

5 <sup>a</sup>1 Cor. 15:34; 4:14 <sup>b</sup>Acts 1:15; 1 Cor. 6:1 and Acts 9:13

6 <sup>a</sup>2 Cor. 6:14f.; 1 Tim. 5:8

7 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 5:39f.

8 <sup>a</sup>1 Thess. 4:6

9 <sup>1</sup>i.e., effeminate by perversion <sup>a</sup>Rom. 6:16 <sup>b</sup>1 Cor. 15:50; Gal. 5:21; Eph. 5:5; Acts 20:32 <sup>c</sup>1 Cor. 15:33; Gal. 6:7; James 1:16; Luke 21:8; 1 John 3:7 <sup>d</sup>Rom. 13:13; 1 Cor. 5:11; Gal. 5:19-21; Eph. 5:5; 1 Tim. 1:10; Rev. 21:8; 22:15

10 <sup>a</sup>1 Cor. 15:50; Gal. 5:21; Eph. 5:5; Acts 20:32

11 <sup>a</sup>1 Cor. 12:2; Eph. 2:2f.; Col. 3:5-7; Titus 3:3-7 <sup>b</sup>Acts 22:16; Eph. 5:26 <sup>c</sup>1 Cor. 1:2, 30 <sup>d</sup>Rom. 8:30

12 <sup>a</sup>1 Cor. 10:23

13 <sup>1</sup>Lit., belly <sup>2</sup>Lit., it and them <sup>a</sup>Matt. 15:17 <sup>b</sup>Col. 2:22 <sup>c</sup>1 Cor. 6:15, 19 <sup>d</sup>Gal. 5:24; Eph. 5:23

14 <sup>a</sup>Acts 2:24 <sup>b</sup>1 Cor. 15:23; John 6:39f.

15 <sup>a</sup>1 Cor. 6:3 <sup>b</sup>1 Cor. 6:13; Rom. 12:5; 12:27; Eph. 5:30 <sup>c</sup>Luke 20:16

16 <sup>a</sup>1 Cor. 6:3 <sup>b</sup>Gen. 2:24; Matt. 19:5; Mark 10:8; Eph. 5:31

17 <sup>a</sup>John 17:21-23; Rom. 8:9-11; Gal. 2:20; 1 Cor. 6:15

18 <sup>1</sup>Or, *one who practices immorality*  
<sup>2</sup>2 Cor. 12:21; Eph. 5:3; Col. 3:5; Heb. 13:4; 1 Cor. 6:9

19 <sup>1</sup>Or, *sanctuary* <sup>2</sup>Or, *God? And you... own*  
<sup>1</sup>1 Cor. 6:3 <sup>b</sup>John 2:21  
<sup>c</sup>Rom. 14:7f.

20 <sup>a</sup>1 Cor. 7:23; Acts 20:28; 1 Pet. 1:18f.; 2 Pet. 2:1; Rev. 5:9 <sup>b</sup>Rom. 12:1; Phil. 1:20

1 <sup>a</sup>1 Cor. 7:8, 26

3 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *render*

5 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *be*  
<sup>a</sup>Ex. 19:15; 1 Sam. 21:5  
<sup>b</sup>Matt. 4:10

6 <sup>a</sup>2 Cor. 8:8

7 <sup>1</sup>Some ancient mss. read, *For*  
<sup>a</sup>1 Cor. 7:8; 9:5 <sup>b</sup>1 Cor. 12:4, 11; Rom. 12:6; Matt. 19:11f.

8 <sup>a</sup>1 Cor. 7:1, 26 <sup>b</sup>1 Cor. 7:7; 9:5

9 <sup>1</sup>i.e., *burn with passion*  
<sup>a</sup>1 Tim. 5:14

10 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *depart from*  
<sup>a</sup>1 Cor. 7:6; Mal. 2:16; Matt. 5:32; 19:3-9; Mark 10:2-12; Luke 16:18

11 <sup>1</sup>Or, *leave his wife*

12 <sup>1</sup>Or, *leave her*  
<sup>a</sup>1 Cor. 7:6; 2 Cor. 11:17

13 <sup>1</sup>Or, *leave her husband*

14 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *the brother*  
<sup>a</sup>Ezra 9:2; Mal. 2:15

15 <sup>1</sup>Some ancient mss. read, *you* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *in*  
<sup>a</sup>Rom. 14:19

16 <sup>a</sup>1 Pet. 3:1; Rom. 11:14

16 Or <sup>a</sup>do you not know that the one who joins himself to a harlot is one body *with her*? For He says, "<sup>b</sup>THE TWO WILL BECOME ONE FLESH."

17 But the one who joins himself to the Lord is <sup>a</sup>one spirit *with Him*.

18 <sup>a</sup>Flee immorality. Every *other* sin that a man commits is outside the body, but the <sup>1</sup>immoral man sins against his own body.

19 Or <sup>a</sup>do you not know that <sup>b</sup>your body is a <sup>1</sup>temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from <sup>2</sup>God, and that <sup>c</sup>you are not your own?

20 For <sup>a</sup>you have been bought with a price: therefore glorify God in <sup>b</sup>your body.

## CHAPTER 7

**N**OW concerning the things about which you wrote, it is <sup>a</sup>good for a man not to touch a woman.

2 But because of immoralities, let each man have his own wife, and let each woman have her own husband.

3 Let the husband <sup>1</sup>fulfill his duty to his wife, and likewise also the wife to her husband.

4 The wife does not have authority over her own body, but the husband *does*; and likewise also the husband does not have authority over his own body, but the wife *does*.

5 <sup>a</sup>Stop depriving one another, except by agreement for a time that you may devote yourselves to prayer, and <sup>1</sup>come together again lest <sup>b</sup>Satan tempt you because of your lack of self-control.

6 But this I say by way of concession, <sup>a</sup>not of command.

7 <sup>1</sup>Yet I wish that all men were <sup>a</sup>even as I myself am. However, <sup>b</sup>each man has his own gift from God, one in this manner, and another in that.

8 But I say to the unmarried and to widows that it is <sup>a</sup>good for them if they remain <sup>b</sup>even as I.

9 But if they do not have self-control, <sup>a</sup>let them marry; for it is better to marry than to <sup>1</sup>burn.

10 But to the married I give instructions, <sup>a</sup>not I, but the Lord, that the wife should not <sup>1</sup>leave her husband

11 (but if she does leave, let her remain unmarried, or else be reconciled to her husband), and that the husband should not <sup>1</sup>send his wife away.

12 But to the rest <sup>a</sup>I say, not the Lord, that if any brother has a wife who is an unbeliever, and she consents to live with him, let him not <sup>1</sup>send her away.

13 And a woman who has an unbelieving husband, and he consents to live with her, let her not <sup>1</sup>send her husband away.

14 For the unbelieving husband is sanctified through his wife, and the unbelieving wife is sanctified through <sup>1</sup>her believing husband; for otherwise your children are unclean, but now they are <sup>a</sup>holy.

15 Yet if the unbelieving one leaves, let him leave; the brother or the sister is not under bondage in such *cases*, but God has called <sup>1</sup>us <sup>2a</sup>to peace.

16 For how do you know, O wife, whether you will <sup>a</sup>save

your husband? Or how do you know, O husband, whether you will save your wife?

17 Only, <sup>a</sup>as the Lord has assigned to each one, as God has called each, in this manner let him walk. And <sup>b</sup>thus I direct in <sup>c</sup>all the churches.

18 Was any man called *already* circumcised? Let him not become uncircumcised. Has anyone been called in uncircumcision? <sup>a</sup>Let him not be circumcised.

19 <sup>a</sup>Circumcision is nothing, and uncircumcision is nothing, but *what matters is* <sup>b</sup>the keeping of the commandments of God.

20 <sup>a</sup>Let each man remain in that <sup>1</sup>condition in which he was called.

21 Were you called while a slave? <sup>1</sup>Do not worry about it; but if you are able also to become free, rather <sup>2</sup>do that.

22 For he who was called in the Lord while a slave, is <sup>a</sup>the Lord's freedman; likewise he who was called while free, is <sup>b</sup>Christ's slave.

23 <sup>a</sup>You were bought with a price; do not become slaves of men.

24 Brethren, <sup>a</sup>let each man remain with God in that *condition* in which he was called.

25 Now concerning virgins I have <sup>a</sup>no command of the Lord, but I give an opinion as one who <sup>1b</sup>by the mercy of the Lord is trustworthy.

26 I think then that this is good in view of the <sup>1</sup>present <sup>a</sup>distress, that <sup>b</sup>it is good for a man <sup>2</sup>to remain as he is.

27 Are you bound to a wife? Do not seek to be released. Are you released from a wife? Do not seek a wife.

28 But if you should marry, you have not sinned; and if a virgin should marry, she has not sinned. Yet such will have <sup>1</sup>trouble in this life, and I am trying to spare you.

29 But this I say, brethren, <sup>a</sup>the time has been shortened, so that from now on both those who have wives should be as though they had none;

30 and those who weep, as though they did not weep; and those who rejoice, as though they did not rejoice; and those who buy, as though they did not possess;

31 and those who use the world, as though they did not <sup>a</sup>make full use of it; for <sup>b</sup>the form of this world is passing away.

32 But I want you to be free from concern. One who is <sup>a</sup>unmarried is concerned about the things of the Lord, how he may please the Lord;

33 but one who is married is concerned about the things of the world, how he may please his <sup>1</sup>wife,

34 and *his interests* are divided. And the woman who is unmarried, and the virgin, is concerned about the things of the Lord, that she may be holy both in body and spirit; but one who is married is concerned about the things of the world, how she may please her husband.

35 And this I say for your own benefit; not to put a restraint upon you, but <sup>1</sup>to promote what is seemly, and to *secure* undistracted devotion to the Lord.

36 But if any man thinks that he is acting unbecomingly

17 <sup>a</sup>Rom. 12:3 <sup>b1</sup> Cor. 4:17 <sup>1</sup> Cor. 14:33; 11:16; 2 Cor. 8:18; 11:28; Gal. 1:22; 1 Thess. 2:14; 2 Thess. 1:4

18 <sup>a</sup>Acts 15:1ff.

19 <sup>a</sup>Cal. 5:6; 6:15; Col. 3:11; Rom. 2:27, 29; Gal. 3:28 <sup>b</sup>Rom. 2:25

20 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *calling*  
<sup>1</sup>1 Cor. 7:24

21 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *Let it not be a care to you* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *use*

22 <sup>a</sup>John 8:32, 36; Philem. 16 <sup>b</sup>Eph. 6:6; Col. 3:24; 1 Pet. 2:16

23 <sup>1</sup>1 Cor. 6:20

24 <sup>1</sup>1 Cor. 7:20

25 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *has had mercy shown on him by the Lord to be trustworthy*  
<sup>1</sup>1 Cor. 7:6 <sup>b2</sup> Cor. 4:1; 1 Tim. 1:13, 16

26 <sup>1</sup>Or, *impending* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *so to be*  
<sup>a</sup>Luke 21:23; 2 Thess. 2:2 <sup>b1</sup> Cor. 7:1, 8

28 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *tribulation in the flesh*

29 <sup>a</sup>Rom. 13:11f.; 1 Cor. 7:31

31 <sup>1</sup>1 Cor. 9:18 <sup>b1</sup> Cor. 7:29; 1 John 2:17

32 <sup>1</sup>1 Tim. 5:5

33 <sup>1</sup>Some mss. read, *wife. And there is a difference also between the wife and the virgin. One who is unmarried is concerned. . . .*

35 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *for what is seemly*

1 Corinthians 7, 8, 9

36 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *them*

37 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *having no necessity* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *pertaining to* <sup>3</sup>Or, *virgin*

39 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *has fallen asleep*  
<sup>a</sup>Rom. 7:2 <sup>b2</sup> Cor. 6:14

40 <sup>a1</sup> Cor. 7:6, 25

1 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *puffs up*  
<sup>a1</sup> Cor. 8:4, 7, 10; Acts  
15:20 <sup>b1</sup> Cor. 8:7, 10; 10:15;  
Rom. 15:14 <sup>c1</sup> Cor. 4:6  
<sup>a</sup>Rom. 14:19

2 <sup>a1</sup> Cor. 3:18 <sup>b1</sup> Cor.  
13:8, 9, 12; 1 Tim. 6:4

3 <sup>a</sup>Gal. 4:9; Rom. 8:29;  
11:2; Ps. 1:6; Jer. 1:5; Amos  
3:2

4 I.e., *has no real existence*  
<sup>a1</sup> Cor. 8:1, 7, 10; Acts  
15:20 <sup>b1</sup> Cor. 10:19; Acts  
14:15; Gal. 4:8 <sup>c1</sup> Cor. 8:6;  
Deut. 4:35, 39; 6:4

5 <sup>a2</sup> Thess. 2:4

6 <sup>a1</sup> Cor. 8:4; Deut. 4:35,  
39; 6:4 <sup>b</sup>Mal. 2:10; Eph. 4:6  
<sup>c</sup>Rom. 11:36 <sup>d1</sup> Cor. 1:2;  
Eph. 4:5; John 13:13;  
1 Tim. 2:5 <sup>e</sup>John 1:3; Col.  
1:16

7 <sup>a1</sup> Cor. 8:4ff. <sup>b</sup>Rom.  
14:14, 22f.

8 <sup>1</sup>Or, *present* <sup>2</sup>Lit.,  
*lacking* <sup>3</sup>Lit., *abounding*  
<sup>a</sup>Rom. 14:17

9 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *right*  
<sup>a</sup>Rom. 14:13, 21; 1 Cor.  
10:28; Gal. 5:13 <sup>b1</sup> Cor.  
8:10f.; Rom. 14:1

10 <sup>a1</sup> Cor. 8:4ff. <sup>b1</sup> Cor.  
8:1, 4, 7; Acts 15:20

11 <sup>a1</sup> Cor. 8:4ff. <sup>b</sup>Rom.  
14:15, 20

12 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 18:6; Rom.  
14:20 <sup>b</sup>Matt. 25:45

13 <sup>a</sup>Rom. 14:21; 1 Cor.  
10:32; 2 Cor. 6:3; 11:29

1 <sup>a1</sup> Cor. 9:19; 10:29  
<sup>b</sup>Acts 14:14; 2 Cor. 12:12;  
1 Thess. 2:6; 1 Tim. 2:7;  
2 Tim. 1:11; Rom. 1:1  
<sup>c</sup>Acts 9:3, 17; 18:9; 22:14,  
18; 23:11; 1 Cor. 15:8  
<sup>d1</sup> Cor. 3:6; 4:15

2 <sup>a</sup>John 3:33; 2 Cor. 3:2f.  
<sup>b</sup>Acts 1:25

toward his virgin *daughter*, if she should be of full age, and if it must be so, let him do what he wishes, he does not sin; let <sup>1</sup>her marry.

37 But he who stands firm in his heart, <sup>1</sup>being under no constraint, but has authority <sup>2</sup>over his own will, and has decided this in his own heart, to keep his own <sup>3</sup>virgin *daughter*, he will do well.

38 So then both he who gives his own virgin *daughter* in marriage does well, and he who does not give her in marriage will do better.

39 <sup>a</sup>A wife is bound as long as her husband lives; but if her husband <sup>1</sup>is dead, she is free to be married to whom she wishes, only <sup>b</sup>in the Lord.

40 But <sup>a</sup>in my opinion she is happier if she remains as she is; and I think that I also have the Spirit of God.

CHAPTER 8

NOW concerning <sup>a</sup>things sacrificed to idols, we know that we all have <sup>b</sup>knowledge. Knowledge <sup>1</sup>*c*makes arrogant, but love <sup>d</sup>edifies.

2 <sup>a</sup>If any one supposes that he knows anything, he has not yet <sup>b</sup>known as he ought to know;

3 but if any one loves God, he <sup>a</sup>is known by Him.

4 Therefore concerning the eating of <sup>a</sup>things sacrificed to idols, we know that <sup>1</sup>there is <sup>b</sup>no such thing as an idol in the world, and that <sup>c</sup>there is no God but one.

5 For even if <sup>a</sup>there are so-called gods whether in heaven or on earth, as indeed there are many gods and many lords,

6 yet for us <sup>a</sup>there is *but* one God, <sup>b</sup>the Father, <sup>c</sup>from whom are all things, and we *exist* for Him; and <sup>d</sup>one Lord, Jesus Christ, <sup>e</sup>through whom are all things, and we *exist* through Him.

7 However not all men <sup>a</sup>have this knowledge; but <sup>b</sup>some, being accustomed to the idol until now, eat food as if it were sacrificed to an idol; and their conscience being weak is defiled.

8 But <sup>a</sup>food will not <sup>1</sup>commend us to God; we are neither <sup>2</sup>the worse if we do not eat, nor <sup>3</sup>the better if we do eat.

9 But <sup>a</sup>take care lest this <sup>1</sup>liberty of yours somehow become a stumbling block to the <sup>b</sup>weak.

10 For if someone sees you, who have <sup>a</sup>knowledge, dining in an idol's temple, will not his conscience, if he is weak, be strengthened to eat <sup>b</sup>things sacrificed to idols?

11 For through <sup>a</sup>your knowledge he who is weak <sup>b</sup>is ruined, the brother for whose sake Christ died.

12 <sup>a</sup>And thus, by sinning against the brethren and wounding their conscience when it is weak, you sin <sup>b</sup>against Christ.

13 Therefore, <sup>a</sup>if food causes my brother to stumble, I will never eat meat again, that I might not cause my brother to stumble.

CHAPTER 9

AM I not <sup>a</sup>free? Am I not an <sup>b</sup>apostle? Have I not <sup>c</sup>seen Jesus our Lord? Are you not <sup>d</sup>my work in the Lord?

2 If to others I am not an apostle, at least I am to you; for you are the <sup>a</sup>seal of my <sup>b</sup>apostleship in the Lord.

3 My defense to those who examine me is this:

4 <sup>1a</sup>Do we not have a right to eat and drink?  
 5 <sup>1a</sup>Do we not have a right to take along a <sup>2</sup>believing wife, even as the rest of the apostles, and the <sup>b</sup>brothers of the Lord, and <sup>c</sup>Cephas?

6 Or do only <sup>1a</sup>Barnabas and I not have a right to refrain from working?

7 Who at any time serves <sup>a</sup>as a soldier at his own expense? Who <sup>b</sup>plants a vineyard, and does not eat the fruit of it? Or who tends a flock and does not <sup>1</sup>use the milk of the flock?

8 I am not speaking these things <sup>a</sup>according to <sup>1</sup>human judgment, am I? Or does not the Law also say these things?

9 For it is written in the Law of Moses, "<sup>a</sup>YOU SHALL NOT MUZZLE THE OX WHILE HE IS THRESHING." God is not concerned about <sup>b</sup>oxen, is He?

10 Or is He speaking altogether for our sake? Yes, <sup>a</sup>for our sake it was written, because <sup>b</sup>the plowman ought to plow in hope, and the thresher to *thresh* in hope of sharing *the crops*.

11 <sup>a</sup>If we sowed spiritual things in you, is it too much if we should reap material things from you?

12 If others share the right over you, do we not more? Nevertheless, we <sup>a</sup>did not use this right, but we endure all things, <sup>b</sup>that we may cause no hindrance to the <sup>c</sup>gospel of Christ.

13 <sup>a</sup>Do you not know that those who <sup>b</sup>perform sacred services eat the *food* of the temple, *and* those who attend regularly to the altar have their share with the altar?

14 So also <sup>a</sup>the Lord directed those who proclaim the <sup>b</sup>gospel to <sup>c</sup>get their living from the gospel.

15 But I have <sup>a</sup>used none of these things. And I am not writing these things that it may be done so in my case; for it would be better for me to die than have any man make <sup>b</sup>my boast an empty one.

16 For if I preach the gospel, I have nothing to boast of, for <sup>a</sup>I am under compulsion; for woe is me if I do not preach <sup>b</sup>the gospel.

17 For if I do this voluntarily, I have a <sup>a</sup>reward; but if against my will, I have a <sup>b</sup>stewardship entrusted to me.

18 What then is my <sup>a</sup>reward? That, when I preach the gospel, I may offer the gospel <sup>b</sup>without charge, so as <sup>c</sup>not to make full use of my right in the gospel.

19 For though I am <sup>a</sup>free from all *men*, I have made myself <sup>b</sup>a slave to all, that I might <sup>c</sup>win the more.

20 And <sup>a</sup>to the Jews I became as a Jew, that I might win Jews; to those who are under <sup>1</sup>the Law, as under <sup>1</sup>the Law, though <sup>b</sup>not being myself under <sup>1</sup>the Law, that I might win those who are under <sup>1</sup>the Law;

21 to those who are <sup>a</sup>without law, <sup>b</sup>as without law, though not being without the law of God but <sup>c</sup>under the law of Christ, that I might win those who are without law.

22 To the <sup>a</sup>weak I became weak, that I might win the weak; I have become <sup>b</sup>all things to all men, <sup>c</sup>that I may by all means save some.

23 And I do all things for the sake of the gospel, that I may become a fellow-partaker of it.

4 <sup>1</sup>Lit. *It is not that we have no right to eat and drink, is it?*  
<sup>1</sup>1 Cor. 9:14; 1 Thess. 2:6, 9; 2 Thess. 3:8f.

5 <sup>1</sup>Lit. *It is not that we have no right to take along . . . Cephas, is it?*  
<sup>2</sup>Lit., *sister, as wife*  
<sup>1</sup>1 Cor. 7:7f. <sup>b</sup>Matt. 12:46  
<sup>c</sup>Matt. 8:14; John 1:42

6 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *I and Barnabas*  
<sup>a</sup>Acts 4:36

7 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *eat of*  
<sup>2</sup>2 Cor. 10:4; 1 Tim. 1:18; 2 Tim. 2:3f. <sup>1</sup>1 Cor. 3:6, 8; Deut. 20:6; Prov. 27:18

8 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *man*  
<sup>a</sup>Rom. 3:5

9 <sup>a</sup>Deut. 25:4; 1 Tim. 5:18 <sup>b</sup>Deut. 22:14; Prov. 12:10

10 <sup>a</sup>Rom. 4:23f. <sup>b</sup>2 Tim. 2:6

11 <sup>a</sup>Rom. 15:27; 1 Cor. 9:14

12 <sup>a</sup>1 Cor. 9:15, 18; Acts 18:3; Acts 20:33 <sup>b</sup>2 Cor. 6:3; 11:12 <sup>c</sup>1 Cor. 4:15; 9:14, 16, 18, 23; 2 Cor. 2:12

13 <sup>a</sup>Rom. 6:16 <sup>b</sup>Lev. 6:16, 26; 7:6, 31ff.; Num. 5:9f.; 18:8-20, 31; Deut. 18:1

14 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 10:10; Luke 10:7; 1 Tim. 5:18 <sup>b</sup>1 Cor. 4:15; 9:12, 16, 18, 23; 2 Cor. 2:12 <sup>c</sup>1 Cor. 9:4; Luke 10:8

15 <sup>a</sup>1 Cor. 9:12, 18; Acts 18:3; Acts 20:33 <sup>b</sup>2 Cor. 11:10

16 <sup>a</sup>Rom. 1:14; Acts 9:15 <sup>b</sup>1 Cor. 4:15; 9:12, 14, 18, 23; 2 Cor. 2:12

17 <sup>a</sup>1 Cor. 9:18; John 4:36 [Gr.]; 1 Cor. 3:8 <sup>b</sup>1 Cor. 4:1; Gal. 2:7; Eph. 3:2 marg.; Phil. 1:16; Col. 1:25 marg.

18 <sup>a</sup>1 Cor. 9:17; John 4:36 [Gr.]; 1 Cor. 3:8 <sup>b</sup>2 Cor. 11:7; 12:13; Acts 18:3 <sup>c</sup>1 Cor. 7:31; 9:12

19 <sup>a</sup>1 Cor. 9:1 <sup>b</sup>2 Cor. 4:5 marg.; Gal. 5:13 <sup>c</sup>Matt. 18:15; 1 Pet. 3:1

20 <sup>1</sup>Or, *law*  
<sup>a</sup>Acts 16:3; 21:23-26; Rom. 11:14 <sup>b</sup>Gal. 2:19

21 <sup>a</sup>Rom. 2:12, 14 <sup>b</sup>Gal. 2:3; 3:2 <sup>c</sup>Gal. 6:2; 1 Cor. 7:22

22 <sup>a</sup>2 Cor. 11:29; Rom. 14:1; 15:1 <sup>b</sup>1 Cor. 10:33 <sup>c</sup>Rom. 11:14

24 <sup>a</sup>1 Cor. 9:13 <sup>b</sup>Phil. 3:14;  
Col. 2:18 <sup>c</sup>Heb. 12:1;  
2 Tim. 4:7; Gal. 2:2

25 <sup>a</sup>1 Tim. 6:12; 2 Tim.  
2:5; 4:7; Eph. 6:12 <sup>b</sup>2 Tim.  
4:8; James 1:12; 1 Pet. 5:4;  
Rev. 2:10; 3:11

26 <sup>a</sup>Heb. 12:1; 2 Tim. 4:7;  
Gal. 2:2 <sup>b</sup>1 Cor. 14:9

27 <sup>a</sup>Lit., *bruise*  
<sup>a</sup>Rom. 8:13

1 <sup>a</sup>Rom. 1:13 <sup>b</sup>Ex. 13:21;  
Ps. 105:39 <sup>c</sup>Ex. 14:22, 29;  
Ps. 66:6

2 <sup>a</sup>Some ancient mss.  
read, *received baptism*  
<sup>a</sup>Rom. 6:3; Gal. 3:27;  
1 Cor. 1:13

3 <sup>a</sup>Ex. 16:4, 35; Deut.  
8:3; Neh. 9:15, 20; Ps.  
78:24f.; John 6:31

4 <sup>a</sup>I.e., the Messiah  
<sup>a</sup>Ex. 17:6; Num. 20:11; Ps.  
78:15

5 <sup>a</sup>Num. 14:29ff., 37;  
26:65; Heb. 3:17; Jude 5

6 <sup>a</sup>1 Cor. 10:11 <sup>b</sup>Num.  
11:4, 34; Ps. 106:14

7 <sup>a</sup>Ex. 32:4; 1 Cor. 10:14;  
5:11 <sup>b</sup>Ex. 32:6 <sup>c</sup>Ex. 32:19

8 <sup>a</sup>Lit., *acted immorally*  
<sup>a</sup>Num. 25:1ff. <sup>b</sup>Num. 25:9

9 <sup>a</sup>Lit., *made trial*  
<sup>a</sup>Num. 21:5f.

10 <sup>a</sup>Lit., *grumbled* <sup>b</sup>Lit.,  
*being destroyed*  
<sup>a</sup>Num. 16:41; 17:5, 10  
<sup>b</sup>Num. 16:49 <sup>c</sup>Ex. 12:23;  
2 Sam. 24:16; 1 Chr. 21:15;  
Heb. 11:28

11 <sup>a</sup>1 Cor. 10:6 <sup>b</sup>Rom.  
4:23 <sup>c</sup>Rom. 13:11

12 <sup>a</sup>Rom. 11:20; 2 Pet.  
3:17

13 <sup>a</sup>1 Cor. 1:9 <sup>b</sup>2 Pet. 2:9

14 <sup>a</sup>Heb. 6:9 <sup>b</sup>1 Cor. 10:7;  
1 Cor. 10:19f.; 1 John 5:21

16 <sup>a</sup>Lit., *loaf*  
<sup>a</sup>Matt. 26:27f.; 1 Cor. 11:25  
<sup>b</sup>Matt. 26:26; 1 Cor.  
11:32f.; Acts 2:42

17 <sup>a</sup>Lit., *loaf*  
<sup>a</sup>Rom. 12:5; 1 Cor. 12:12f.,  
27; Eph. 4:4, 16; Col. 3:15

18 <sup>a</sup>Lit., *Israel according  
to the flesh*  
<sup>a</sup>Rom. 1:3 <sup>b</sup>Lev. 7:6, 14f.;  
Deut. 12:17f.

24 <sup>a</sup>Do you not know that those who run in a race all run, but *only* one receives <sup>b</sup>the prize? <sup>c</sup>Run in such a way that you may win.

25 And everyone who <sup>a</sup>competes in the games exercises self-control in all things. They then *do it* to receive a perishable <sup>b</sup>wreath, but we an imperishable.

26 Therefore I <sup>a</sup>run in such a way, as not without aim; I box in such a way, as not <sup>b</sup>beating the air;

27 but I <sup>a</sup>buffet <sup>a</sup>my body and make it my slave, lest possibly, after I have preached to others, I myself should be disqualified.

## CHAPTER 10

FOR <sup>a</sup>I do not want you to be unaware, brethren, that our fathers were all <sup>b</sup>under the cloud, and all <sup>c</sup>passed through the sea;

2 and all <sup>a</sup>were <sup>a</sup>baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea;

3 and all <sup>a</sup>ate the same spiritual food;

4 and all <sup>a</sup>drank the same spiritual drink, for they were drinking from a spiritual rock which followed them; and the rock was <sup>a</sup>Christ.

5 Nevertheless, with most of them God was not well-pleased; for <sup>a</sup>they were laid low in the wilderness.

6 Now these things happened as <sup>a</sup>examples for us, that we should not crave evil things, as <sup>b</sup>they also craved.

7 And do not be <sup>a</sup>idolaters, as some of them were; as it is written, "<sup>b</sup>THE PEOPLE SAT DOWN TO EAT AND DRINK, AND STOOD UP TO <sup>c</sup>PLAY."

8 Nor let us act immorally, as <sup>a</sup>some of them <sup>a</sup>did, and <sup>b</sup>twenty-three thousand fell in one day.

9 Nor let us try the Lord, as <sup>a</sup>some of them <sup>a</sup>did, and were destroyed by the serpents.

10 Nor grumble, as <sup>a</sup>some of them <sup>a</sup>did, and <sup>b</sup>were <sup>a</sup>destroyed by the <sup>c</sup>destroyer.

11 Now these things happened to them as an <sup>a</sup>example, and <sup>b</sup>they were written for our instruction, upon whom <sup>c</sup>the ends of the ages have come.

12 Therefore let him who <sup>a</sup>thinks he stands take heed lest he fall.

13 No temptation has overtaken you but such as is common to man; and <sup>a</sup>God is faithful, who will not allow you to be <sup>b</sup>tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will provide the way of escape also, that you may be able to endure it.

14 Therefore, my <sup>a</sup>beloved, flee from <sup>b</sup>idolatry.

15 I speak as to wise men; you judge what I say.

16 Is not the <sup>a</sup>cup of blessing which we bless a sharing in the blood of Christ? Is not the <sup>b</sup>bread which we break a sharing in the body of Christ?

17 Since there is one <sup>a</sup>bread, we <sup>a</sup>who are many are one body; for we all partake of the one <sup>a</sup>bread.

18 Look at <sup>a</sup>the nation <sup>a</sup>Israel; are not those who <sup>b</sup>eat the sacrifices sharers in the altar?



19 What do I mean then? That a thing sacrificed to idols is anything, or <sup>a</sup>that an idol is anything?

20 No, but I *say* that the things which the Gentiles sacrifice, they <sup>a</sup>sacrifice to demons, and not to God; and I do not want you to become sharers in demons.

21 <sup>a</sup>You cannot drink the cup of the Lord and the cup of demons; you cannot partake of the table of the Lord and <sup>b</sup>the table of demons.

22 Or do we <sup>a</sup>provoke the Lord to jealousy? We are not <sup>b</sup>stronger than He, are we?

23 <sup>a</sup>All things are lawful, but not all things are profitable. All things are lawful, but not all things <sup>b</sup>edify.

24 Let no one <sup>a</sup>seek his own good, but that of his <sup>1</sup>neighbor.

25 <sup>a</sup>Eat anything that is sold in the meat market, without asking questions for conscience' sake;

26 <sup>a</sup>FOR THE EARTH IS THE LORD'S, AND <sup>1</sup>ALL IT CONTAINS.

27 If <sup>a</sup>one of the unbelievers invites you, and you wish to go, <sup>b</sup>eat anything that is set before you, without asking questions for conscience' sake.

28 But <sup>a</sup>if anyone should say to you, "This is meat sacrificed to idols," do not eat *it*, for the sake of the one who informed you, and for conscience' sake;

29 I mean not your own conscience, but the other *man's*; for <sup>a</sup>why is my freedom judged by another's conscience?

30 If I partake with thankfulness, <sup>a</sup>why am I slandered concerning that for which I <sup>b</sup>give thanks?

31 Whether, then, you eat or drink or <sup>a</sup>whatever you do, do all to the glory of God.

32 <sup>a</sup>Give no offense either to Jews or to Greeks or to <sup>b</sup>the church of God;

33 just as I also <sup>a</sup>please all men in all things, <sup>b</sup>not seeking my own profit, but the *profit* of the many, <sup>c</sup>that they may be saved.

## CHAPTER 11

<sup>a</sup>BE imitators of me, just as I also am of Christ.

2 Now <sup>a</sup>I praise you because you <sup>b</sup>remember me in everything, and <sup>c</sup>hold firmly to the traditions, just as I delivered them to you.

3 But I want you to understand that <sup>1</sup>Christ is the <sup>a</sup>head of every man, and <sup>b</sup>the man is the head of a woman, and God is the <sup>c</sup>head of <sup>1</sup>Christ.

4 Every man who has *something* on his head while praying or <sup>a</sup>prophesying, disgraces his head.

5 But every <sup>a</sup>woman who has her head uncovered while praying or prophesying, disgraces her head; for she is one and the same with her <sup>1</sup>whose head is <sup>b</sup>shaved.

6 For if a woman does not cover <sup>1</sup>her head, let her also <sup>2</sup>have her hair cut off; but if it is disgraceful for a woman to <sup>2</sup>have her hair cut off or <sup>1</sup>her head shaved, let her cover <sup>1</sup>her head.

7 For a man ought not to have his head covered, since he is the <sup>a</sup>image and glory of God; but the woman is the glory of man.

19 <sup>a</sup>1 Cor. 8:4

20 <sup>a</sup>Deut. 32:17; Ps. 106:37; Rev. 9:20; Gal. 4:8

21 <sup>a</sup>2 Cor. 6:16 <sup>b</sup>Is. 65:11

22 <sup>a</sup>Deut. 32:21 <sup>b</sup>Eccel. 6:10; Is. 45:9

23 <sup>a</sup>1 Cor. 6:12 <sup>b</sup>Rom. 14:19

24 <sup>1</sup>Or, *the other*  
<sup>a</sup>1 Cor. 10:33; 13:5; Phil. 2:21; 2 Cor. 12:14; Rom. 15:2

25 <sup>a</sup>Acts 10:15; 1 Cor. 8:7

26 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *ITS FULLNESS*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 24:1; Ps. 50:12; 1 Tim. 4:4

27 <sup>a</sup>1 Cor. 5:10 <sup>b</sup>Luke 10:8

28 <sup>a</sup>1 Cor. 8:7, 10-12

29 <sup>a</sup>1 Cor. 9:19; Rom. 14:16

30 <sup>a</sup>1 Cor. 9:1 <sup>b</sup>Rom. 14:6

31 <sup>a</sup>Col. 3:17; 1 Pet. 4:11

32 <sup>a</sup>1 Cor. 8:13; Acts 24:16  
<sup>b</sup>Acts 20:28 *mag.*; 1 Cor. 1:2; 11:22; 15:9; 2 Cor. 1:1; Gal. 1:13; 1 Tim. 3:5, 15; 1 Cor. 7:17; Phil. 3:6

33 <sup>a</sup>1 Cor. 9:22; Rom. 15:2; Gal. 1:10 <sup>b</sup>1 Cor. 13:5; Phil. 2:21; 2 Cor. 12:14; Rom. 15:2 <sup>c</sup>1 Thess. 2:16; Rom. 11:14

1 <sup>a</sup>1 Cor. 4:16

2 <sup>a</sup>1 Cor. 11:17, 22  
<sup>b</sup>1 Cor. 4:17; 15:2; 1 Thess. 1:6; 3:6 <sup>c</sup>2 Thess. 2:15; 3:6

3 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *the Messiah*  
<sup>a</sup>Eph. 1:22; 4:15; 5:23; Col. 1:18; 2:19 <sup>b</sup>Eph. 5:23; Gen. 3:16 <sup>c</sup>1 Cor. 3:23

4 <sup>a</sup>Acts 13:1; 1 Thess. 5:20

5 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *who is shaved*  
<sup>a</sup>Luke 2:36; Acts 21:9; 1 Cor. 14:34 <sup>b</sup>Deut. 21:12

6 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *herself* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *shear herself*

7 <sup>a</sup>James 3:9; Gen. 1:26; 5:1; 9:6

8 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *is not from*  
<sup>a</sup>Gen. 2:21-23; 1 Tim. 2:13

9 <sup>a</sup>Gen. 2:18

11 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *without*

12 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *is* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *are*  
<sup>a2</sup> Cor. 5:18 <sup>b</sup>Rom. 11:36

13 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *in*  
<sup>a</sup>Luke 12:57

16 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *such*  
<sup>a1</sup> Cor. 9:1-3, 6; 4:5 <sup>b1</sup> Cor. 7:17

17 <sup>a1</sup> Cor. 11:2, 22

18 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *in church* <sup>2</sup>Lit.,  
*schisms*  
<sup>a1</sup> Cor. 1:10; 3:3

19 <sup>1</sup>Or, *manifest*  
<sup>a</sup>Matt. 18:7; Luke 17:1;  
 1 Tim. 4:1; 2 Pet. 2:1  
<sup>b1</sup> John 2:19; Deut. 13:3

21 <sup>a</sup>Jude 12

22 <sup>a1</sup> Cor. 10:32 <sup>b</sup>James  
 2:6 <sup>c1</sup> Cor. 11:2, 17

23 <sup>a1</sup> Cor. 15:3; Gal. 1:12;  
 Col. 3:24 <sup>b1</sup> Cor. 11:23-25;  
 Matt. 26:26-28; Mark  
 14:22-24; Luke 22:17-20;  
 1 Cor. 10:16

24 <sup>1</sup>Some ancient mss.  
 read, *is broken*

25 <sup>a1</sup> Cor. 10:16 <sup>b2</sup> Cor.  
 3:6; Luke 22:20

26 <sup>a1</sup> Cor. 4:5; John 21:22

27 <sup>a</sup>Heb. 10:29

28 <sup>a2</sup> Cor. 13:5; Gal. 6:4;  
 Matt. 26:22

30 <sup>a</sup>Acts 7:60

8 For <sup>a</sup>man <sup>1</sup>does not originate from woman, but woman from man;

9 for indeed man was not created for the woman's sake, but <sup>a</sup>woman for the man's sake.

10 Therefore the woman ought to have *a symbol of authority* on her head, because of the angels.

11 However, in the Lord, neither is woman <sup>1</sup>independent of man, nor is man <sup>1</sup>independent of woman.

12 For as the woman <sup>1</sup>originates from the man, so also the man has his birth through the woman; and <sup>a</sup>all things <sup>2</sup>originate <sup>b</sup>from God.

13 <sup>a</sup>Judge <sup>1</sup>for yourselves: is it proper for a woman to pray to God *with head* uncovered?

14 Does not even nature itself teach you that if a man has long hair, it is a dishonor to him,

15 but if a woman has long hair, it is a glory to her? For her hair is given to her for a covering.

16 But if one is inclined to be contentious, <sup>a</sup>we have no <sup>1</sup>other practice, nor have <sup>b</sup>the churches of God.

17 But in giving this instruction, <sup>a</sup>I do not praise you, because you come together not for the better but for the worse.

18 For, in the first place, when you come together <sup>1</sup>as a church, I hear that <sup>2a</sup>divisions exist among you; and in part, I believe it.

19 For there <sup>a</sup>must also be factions among you, <sup>b</sup>in order that those who are approved may have become <sup>1</sup>evident among you.

20 Therefore when you meet together, it is not to eat the Lord's Supper,

21 for in your eating each one takes his own supper first; and one is hungry and <sup>a</sup>another is drunk.

22 What! Do you not have houses in which to eat and drink? Or do you despise the <sup>a</sup>church of God, and <sup>b</sup>shame those who have nothing? What shall I say to you? Shall <sup>c</sup>I praise you? In this I will not praise you.

23 For <sup>a</sup>I received from the Lord that which I also delivered to you, that <sup>b</sup>the Lord Jesus in the night in which He was betrayed took bread;

24 and when He had given thanks, He broke it, and said, "This is My body, which <sup>1</sup>is for you; do this in remembrance of Me."

25 In the same way *He took* <sup>a</sup>the cup also, after supper, saying, "This cup is the <sup>b</sup>new covenant in My blood; do this, as often as you drink *it*, in remembrance of Me."

26 For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death <sup>a</sup>until He comes.

27 Therefore whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner, shall be <sup>a</sup>guilty of the body and the blood of the Lord.

28 But let a man <sup>a</sup>examine himself, and so let him eat of the bread and drink of the cup.

29 For he who eats and drinks, eats and drinks judgment to himself, if he does not judge the body rightly.

30 For this reason many among you are weak and sick, and a number <sup>a</sup>sleep.

31 But if we judged ourselves rightly, we should not be judged.

32 But when we are judged, we are <sup>a</sup>disciplined by the Lord in order that we may not be condemned along with <sup>b</sup>the world.

33 So then, my brethren, when you come together to eat, wait for one another.

34 If anyone is <sup>a</sup>hungry, let him eat <sup>bat</sup> home, so that you may not come together for judgment. And the remaining matters I shall <sup>c</sup>arrange <sup>d</sup>when I come.

CHAPTER 12

**N**OW concerning <sup>a</sup>spiritual gifts, brethren, <sup>b</sup>I do not want you to be unaware.

2 <sup>a</sup>You know that when you were pagans, *you were* <sup>b</sup>led astray to the <sup>c</sup>dumb idols, however you were led.

3 Therefore I make known to you, that no one speaking <sup>1a</sup>by the Spirit of God says, "Jesus is <sup>2b</sup>accursed"; and no one can say, "Jesus is <sup>c</sup>Lord," except <sup>1a</sup>by the Holy Spirit.

4 Now there are <sup>a</sup>varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit.

5 And there are varieties of ministries, and the same Lord.

6 And there are varieties of effects, but the same <sup>a</sup>God who works all things in all *persons*.

7 But to each one is given the manifestation of the Spirit <sup>a</sup>for the common good.

8 For to one is given the word of <sup>a</sup>wisdom through the Spirit, and to another the word of <sup>b</sup>knowledge according to the same Spirit;

9 to another <sup>a</sup>faith <sup>1b</sup>by the same Spirit, and to another <sup>b</sup>gifts of <sup>2</sup>healing <sup>1b</sup>by the one Spirit,

10 and to another the <sup>1</sup>effecting of <sup>2a</sup>miracles, and to another <sup>b</sup>prophecy, and to another the <sup>3c</sup>distinguishing of spirits, to another *various* <sup>d</sup>kinds of tongues, and to another the <sup>c</sup>interpretation of tongues.

11 But one and the same Spirit works all these things, <sup>a</sup>distributing to each one individually just as He wills.

12 For even <sup>a</sup>as the body is one and *yet* has many members, and all the members of the body, though they are many, are one body, <sup>b</sup>so also is Christ.

13 For <sup>1a</sup>by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body, whether <sup>b</sup>Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free, and we were all made to <sup>c</sup>drink of one Spirit.

14 For <sup>a</sup>the body is not one member, but many.

15 If the foot should say, "Because I am not a hand, I am not *a part* of the body," it is not for this reason <sup>1</sup>any the less *a part* of the body.

16 And if the ear should say, "Because I am not an eye, I am not *a part* of the body," it is not for this reason <sup>1</sup>any the less *a part* of the body.

17 If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole were hearing, where would the sense of smell be?

18 But now God has <sup>a</sup>placed the members, each one of them, in the body, <sup>b</sup>just as He desired.

19 And if they were all one member, where would the body be?

32 <sup>a2</sup> Sam. 7:14; Ps. 94:12; Heb. 12:7-10; Rev. 3:19  
<sup>b1</sup> Cor. 1:20

34 <sup>a1</sup> Cor. 11:21 <sup>b1</sup> Cor. 11:22 <sup>c1</sup> Cor. 7:17; 16:1; 4:17 <sup>d1</sup> Cor. 4:19

1 <sup>a1</sup> Cor. 14:1; 12:4  
<sup>b</sup> Rom. 1:13

2 <sup>a</sup> Eph. 2:11f.; 1 Pet. 4:3; 1 Cor. 6:11 <sup>b1</sup> Thess. 1:9  
<sup>c</sup> Hab. 2:18f.; Ps. 115:5; Is. 46:7; Jer. 10:5

3 <sup>1</sup> Or. in <sup>2</sup> Gr. *anathema*  
<sup>a1</sup> John 4:2f.; Matt. 22:43; Rev. 1:10 <sup>b</sup> Rom. 9:3 <sup>c</sup> John 13:13; Rom. 10:9

4 <sup>a</sup> Rom. 12:6f.; 1 Cor. 12:11; Eph. 4:4ff.; 11; Heb. 2:4

6 <sup>a1</sup> Cor. 15:28; Eph. 1:23; 4:6

7 <sup>a</sup> Eph. 4:12; 1 Cor. 12:12-30; 14:26

8 <sup>a1</sup> Cor. 2:6; 2 Cor. 1:12  
<sup>b</sup> Rom. 15:14; 1 Cor. 2:11, 16; 2 Cor. 2:14; 4:6; 8:7; 11:6

9 <sup>1</sup> Or. in <sup>2</sup> Lit., *healings*  
<sup>a1</sup> Cor. 13:2; 2 Cor. 4:13  
<sup>b1</sup> Cor. 12:28, 30

10 <sup>1</sup> Lit., *effects* <sup>2</sup> Or., *works of power* <sup>3</sup> Lit., *distinguishings*  
<sup>a1</sup> Cor. 12:28f.; Gal. 3:5  
<sup>b1</sup> Cor. 11:4; 13:2, 8 <sup>c1</sup> Cor. 14:29; 1 John 4:1 <sup>d1</sup> Cor. 12:28, 30; 13:1; 14:2ff.; Mark 16:17 <sup>e1</sup> Cor. 12:30; 14:26

11 <sup>a1</sup> Cor. 12:4 and ref.

12 <sup>a</sup> Rom. 12:4; 1 Cor. 10:17 <sup>b1</sup> Cor. 12:27

13 <sup>1</sup> Or. in <sup>2</sup> Eph. 2:18 <sup>b</sup> Gal. 3:28; Col. 3:11; Eph. 2:13-18; Rom. 3:22 <sup>c</sup> John 7:37-39

14 <sup>a1</sup> Cor. 12:20

15 <sup>1</sup> Lit., *not a part*

16 <sup>1</sup> Lit., *not a part*

18 <sup>a1</sup> Cor. 12:28 <sup>b1</sup> Cor. 12:11; Rom. 12:6

20 <sup>a</sup>1 Cor. 12:14; 12:12

22 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *to a much greater degree the members*

23 <sup>1</sup>Or, *think to be* <sup>2</sup>Or, *these we clothe with*

25 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *schism*

26 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *glorified*

27 <sup>a</sup>1 Cor. 12:12; 1:2; Eph. 1:23; 4:12; Col. 1:18, 24; 2:19 <sup>b</sup>Eph. 5:30; Rom. 12:5

28 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *set some in* <sup>2</sup>Or, *works of power*

<sup>a</sup>1 Cor. 12:18 <sup>b</sup>1 Cor. 10:32 <sup>c</sup>Eph. 4:11 <sup>d</sup>Eph. 2:20; 3:5; Acts 13:1 <sup>e</sup>Acts 13:1 <sup>f</sup>1 Cor. 12:10, 29 <sup>g</sup>1 Cor. 12:9, 30 <sup>h</sup>Rom. 12:8 <sup>i</sup>1 Cor. 12:10

29 <sup>1</sup>Or, *works of power*

30 <sup>a</sup>1 Cor. 12:10

31 <sup>a</sup>1 Cor. 14:1, 39

1 <sup>a</sup>1 Cor. 12:10 <sup>b</sup>2 Cor. 12:4; Rev. 14:2 <sup>c</sup>Ps. 150:5 Sept.

2 <sup>a</sup>Acts 13:1; 1 Cor. 11:4; 13:8; 14:1, 39; Matt. 7:22 <sup>b</sup>1 Cor. 14:2; 15:51 <sup>c</sup>Rom. 15:14 <sup>d</sup>1 Cor. 12:9 <sup>e</sup>Matt. 17:20; 21:21

3 <sup>1</sup>Some ancient mss. read, *that I may boast* <sup>a</sup>Matt. 6:2 <sup>b</sup>Dan. 3:28

4 <sup>a</sup>Prov. 10:12; 17:9; 1 Thess. 5:14; 1 Pet. 4:8 <sup>b</sup>Acts 7:9 <sup>c</sup>1 Cor. 4:6

5 <sup>a</sup>1 Cor. 10:24; Phil. 2:21 <sup>b</sup>2 Cor. 5:19

6 <sup>a</sup>2 Thess. 2:12 <sup>b</sup>2 John 4; 3 John 3f.

7 <sup>1</sup>Or, *covers* <sup>a</sup>1 Cor. 9:12

8 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *prophecies* <sup>a</sup>1 Cor. 13:2 <sup>b</sup>1 Cor. 13:1

9 <sup>a</sup>1 Cor. 13:12; 8:2

20 But now <sup>a</sup>there are many members, but one body.

21 And the eye cannot say to the hand, "I have no need of you"; or again the head to the feet, "I have no need of you."

22 On the contrary, <sup>1</sup>it is much truer that the members of the body which seem to be weaker are necessary;

23 and those *members* of the body, which we <sup>1</sup>deem less honorable, <sup>2</sup>on these we bestow more abundant honor, and our unseemly *members come to have more abundant seemliness,*

24 whereas our seemly *members have no need of it.* But God has so composed the body, giving more abundant honor to that *member* which lacked,

25 that there should be no <sup>1</sup>division in the body, but *that* the members should have the same care for one another.

26 And if one member suffers, all the members suffer with it; if *one* member is <sup>1</sup>honored, all the members rejoice with it.

27 Now you are <sup>a</sup>Christ's body, and <sup>b</sup>individually members of it.

28 And God has <sup>1a</sup>appointed in <sup>b</sup>the church, first <sup>c</sup>apostles, second <sup>d</sup>prophets, third <sup>e</sup>teachers, then <sup>f</sup>miracles, then <sup>g</sup>gifts of healings, helps, <sup>h</sup>administrations, *various* <sup>i</sup>kinds of tongues.

29 All are not apostles, are they? All are not prophets, are they? All are not teachers, are they? All are not *workers of* <sup>1</sup>miracles, are they?

30 All do not have gifts of healings, do they? All do not speak with tongues, do they? All do not <sup>a</sup>interpret, do they?

31 But <sup>a</sup>earnestly desire the greater gifts.

And I show you a still more excellent way.

## CHAPTER 13

**I**F I speak with the <sup>a</sup>tongues of men and of <sup>b</sup>angels, but do not have love, I have become a noisy gong or a <sup>c</sup>clanging cymbal.

2 And if I have *the gift of* <sup>a</sup>prophecy, and know all <sup>b</sup>mysteries and all <sup>c</sup>knowledge; and if I have <sup>d</sup>all faith, so as to <sup>e</sup>remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing.

3 And if I <sup>a</sup>give all my possessions to feed *the poor*, and if I <sup>b</sup>deliver my body <sup>1</sup>to be burned, but do not have love, it profits me nothing.

4 Love <sup>a</sup>is patient, love is kind, *and* <sup>b</sup>is not jealous; love does not brag *and* is not <sup>a</sup>arrogant,

5 does not act unbecomingly; it <sup>a</sup>does not seek its own, is not provoked, <sup>b</sup>does not take into account a wrong *suffered,*

6 <sup>a</sup>does not rejoice in unrighteousness, but <sup>b</sup>rejoices with the truth;

7 <sup>1a</sup>bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

8 Love never fails; but if *there are gifts of* <sup>1a</sup>prophecy, they will be done away; if *there are* <sup>b</sup>tongues, they will cease; if *there is* knowledge, it will be done away.

9 For we <sup>a</sup>know in part, and we prophesy in part;

10 but when the perfect comes, the partial will be done away.

11 When I was a child, I used to speak as a child, think as

a child, reason as a child; when I became a man, I did away with childish things.

12 For now we <sup>a</sup>see in a mirror <sup>1</sup>dimly, but then <sup>b</sup>face to face; now I know in part, but then I shall know fully just as I also <sup>c</sup>have been fully known.

13 But now abide faith, hope, love, these three; but the <sup>1</sup>greatest of these is <sup>a</sup>love.

CHAPTER 14

<sup>a</sup>PURSU<sup>e</sup> love, yet <sup>b</sup>desire earnestly <sup>c</sup>spiritual gifts, but especially that you may <sup>d</sup>prophesy.

2 For one who <sup>a</sup>speaks in a tongue does not speak to men, but to God; for no one <sup>1</sup>understands, but <sup>2</sup>in his spirit he speaks <sup>b</sup>mysteries.

3 But one who prophesies speaks to men for <sup>a</sup>edification and <sup>b</sup>exhortation and consolation.

4 One who <sup>a</sup>speaks in a tongue <sup>b</sup>edifies himself; but one who <sup>c</sup>prophesies <sup>b</sup>edifies the church.

5 Now I wish that you all <sup>a</sup>spoke in tongues, but <sup>b</sup>even more that you would prophesy; and greater is one who prophesies than one who <sup>a</sup>speaks in tongues, unless he interprets, so that the church may receive <sup>c</sup>edifying.

6 But now, brethren, if I come to you speaking in tongues, what shall I profit you, unless I speak to you either by way of <sup>a</sup>revelation or of <sup>b</sup>knowledge or of <sup>c</sup>prophecy or of <sup>d</sup>teaching?

7 Yet <sup>a</sup>even lifeless things, either flute or harp, in producing a sound, if they do not produce a distinction in the tones, how will it be known what is played on the flute or on the harp?

8 For if <sup>a</sup>the <sup>1</sup>bugle produces an indistinct sound, who will prepare himself for battle?

9 So also you, unless you utter by the tongue speech that is clear, how will it be known what is spoken? For you will be <sup>a</sup>speaking into the air.

10 There are, perhaps, a great many kinds of <sup>1</sup>languages in the world, and no <sup>kind</sup> is without meaning.

11 If then I do not know the meaning of the language, I shall be to the one who speaks a <sup>1</sup>barbarian, and the one who speaks will be a <sup>1</sup>barbarian <sup>2</sup>to me.

12 So also you, since you are zealous of <sup>1</sup>spiritual gifts, seek to abound for the <sup>a</sup>edification of the church.

13 Therefore let one who speaks in a tongue pray that he may interpret.

14 For if I pray in a tongue, my spirit prays, but my mind is unfruitful.

15 <sup>a</sup>What is the <sup>outcome</sup> then? I shall pray with the spirit and I shall pray with the mind also; I shall <sup>b</sup>sing with the spirit and I shall sing with the mind also.

16 Otherwise if you bless <sup>1</sup>in the spirit <sup>only</sup>, how will the one who fills the place of the <sup>2</sup>ungifted say <sup>a</sup>the "Amen" at your <sup>b</sup>giving of thanks, since he does not know what you are saying?

17 For you are giving thanks well enough, but the other man is not <sup>a</sup>edified.

12 <sup>1</sup>Lit. in a riddle  
<sup>2</sup> Cor. 5:7; Phil. 3:12;  
James 1:23 <sup>b</sup>Gen. 32:30;  
Num. 12:8; 1 John 3:2  
<sup>c</sup>1 Cor. 8:3

13 <sup>1</sup>Lit. greater  
<sup>a</sup>Gal. 5:6

1 <sup>1</sup> Cor. 16:14 <sup>b</sup>1 Cor. 12:31; 14:39 <sup>c</sup>1 Cor. 12:1  
<sup>d</sup>1 Cor. 13:2

2 <sup>1</sup>Lit. hears <sup>2</sup>Or. by the Spirit  
<sup>1</sup> Cor. 12:10, 28, 30; 13:1; 14:18ff.; Mark 16:17 <sup>b</sup>1 Cor. 13:2

3 <sup>1</sup> Cor. 14:5, 12, 17, 26; Rom. 14:19 <sup>b</sup>Acts 4:36

4 <sup>1</sup> Cor. 12:10, 28, 30; 13:1; 14:18ff., 26f.; Mark 16:17 <sup>b</sup>1 Cor. 14:5, 12, 17, 26; Rom. 14:19 <sup>c</sup>1 Cor. 13:2

5 <sup>1</sup> Cor. 12:10, 28, 30; 13:1; 14:18ff., 26f.; Mark 16:17 <sup>b</sup>Num. 11:29 <sup>c</sup>1 Cor. 14:4, 12, 17, 26; Rom. 14:19

6 <sup>1</sup> Cor. 14:26; Eph. 1:17 <sup>b</sup>1 Cor. 12:8 <sup>c</sup>1 Cor. 13:2 <sup>d</sup>1 Cor. 14:26; Acts 2:42; Rom. 6:17

8 <sup>1</sup>Lit. trumpet  
<sup>a</sup>Num. 10:9; Jer. 4:19; Ezek. 33:3-6; Joel 2:1

9 <sup>1</sup> Cor. 9:26

10 <sup>1</sup>Lit. voices

11 <sup>1</sup>Or. foreigner <sup>2</sup>Or. in my estimation  
<sup>a</sup>Acts 28:2

12 <sup>1</sup>Lit. spirits  
<sup>a</sup>1 Cor. 14:4, 5, 17, 26; Rom. 14:19

15 <sup>1</sup> Cor. 14:26; Acts 21:22 <sup>b</sup>Eph. 5:19; Col. 3:16

16 <sup>1</sup>Or. with the <sup>2</sup>i.e., unversed in spiritual gifts  
<sup>a</sup>Deut. 27:15-26; 1 Chr. 16:36 [Ps. 106:48]; Neh. 5:13; 8:6; Jer. 11:5; 28:6; Rev. 5:14; 7:12 <sup>b</sup>Matt. 15:36

17 <sup>1</sup> Cor. 14:4, 5, 12, 26; Rom. 14:19

20 <sup>a</sup>Rom. 1:13 <sup>b</sup>Eph. 4:14; Heb. 5:12f. <sup>c</sup>Ps. 131:2; Rom. 16:19; 1 Pet. 2:2; Matt. 18:3

21 <sup>a</sup>John 10:34; 1 Cor. 14:34 <sup>b</sup>Is. 28:11f.

22 <sup>a</sup>1 Cor. 14:1

23 <sup>1</sup>Note 2, vs. 16  
<sup>a</sup>Acts 2:13

24 <sup>1</sup>Note 2, vs. 16  
<sup>a</sup>1 Cor. 14:1 <sup>b</sup>John 16:8

25 <sup>a</sup>John 4:19 <sup>b</sup>Luke 17:16  
<sup>c</sup>Is. 45:14; Zech. 8:23; Dan. 2:47; Acts 4:13

26 <sup>a</sup>1 Cor. 14:15 <sup>b</sup>Rom. 1:13 <sup>c</sup>1 Cor. 12:8-10 <sup>d</sup>Eph. 5:19 <sup>e</sup>1 Cor. 14:6 <sup>f</sup>1 Cor. 14:2 <sup>g</sup>1 Cor. 14:5, 13, 27f.; 12:10 <sup>h</sup>Rom. 14:19

27 <sup>a</sup>1 Cor. 14:2 <sup>b</sup>1 Cor. 14:5, 13, 26ff.; 12:10

29 <sup>a</sup>1 Cor. 14:32, 37; 13:2  
<sup>b</sup>1 Cor. 12:10

33 <sup>1</sup>Or, *peace. As in all ... saints, let ...*  
<sup>a</sup>1 Cor. 14:40 <sup>b</sup>1 Cor. 4:17; 7:17 <sup>c</sup>Acts 9:13

34 <sup>a</sup>1 Cor. 11:5, 13  
<sup>b</sup>1 Tim. 2:11f.; 1 Pet. 3:1  
<sup>c</sup>1 Cor. 14:21

35 <sup>1</sup>Or, *disgraceful*

36 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *Or was*

37 <sup>a</sup>2 Cor. 10:7 <sup>b</sup>1 Cor. 2:15 <sup>c</sup>1 Cor. 7:40; 1 John 4:6

38 <sup>1</sup>Some ancient mss. read, *is ignorant, let him be ignorant*

39 <sup>a</sup>1 Cor. 12:31 <sup>b</sup>1 Cor. 14:1; 13:2

40 <sup>a</sup>1 Cor. 14:33

18 I thank God, I speak in tongues more than you all;  
19 however, in the church I desire to speak five words with my mind, that I may instruct others also, rather than ten thousand words in a tongue.

20 <sup>a</sup>Brethren, <sup>b</sup>do not be children in your thinking; yet in evil <sup>c</sup>be babes, but in your thinking be mature.

21 In <sup>a</sup>the Law it is written, "<sup>b</sup>BY MEN OF STRANGE TONGUES AND BY THE LIPS OF STRANGERS I WILL SPEAK TO THIS PEOPLE, AND EVEN SO THEY WILL NOT LISTEN TO ME," says the Lord.

22 So then tongues are for a sign, not to those who believe, but to unbelievers; but <sup>a</sup>prophecy *is for a sign*, not to unbelievers, but to those who believe.

23 If therefore the whole church should assemble together and all speak in tongues, and <sup>1</sup>ungifted men or unbelievers enter, will they not say that <sup>a</sup>you are mad?

24 But if all <sup>a</sup>prophecy, and an unbeliever or an <sup>1</sup>ungifted man enters, he is <sup>b</sup>convicted by all, he is called to account by all;

25 <sup>a</sup>the secrets of his heart are disclosed; and so he will <sup>b</sup>fall on his face and worship God, <sup>c</sup>declaring that God is certainly among you.

26 <sup>a</sup>What is *the outcome* then, <sup>b</sup>brethren? When you assemble, <sup>c</sup>each one has a <sup>d</sup>psalm, has a <sup>e</sup>teaching, has a <sup>e</sup>revelation, has a <sup>f</sup>tongue, has an <sup>g</sup>interpretation. Let <sup>h</sup>all things be done for edification.

27 If any one speaks in a <sup>a</sup>tongue, *it should be* by two or at the most three, and *each* in turn, and let one <sup>b</sup>interpret;

28 but if there is no interpreter, let him keep silent in the church; and let him speak to himself and to God.

29 And let two or three <sup>a</sup>prophets speak, and let the others <sup>b</sup>pass judgment.

30 But if a revelation is made to another who is seated, let the first keep silent.

31 For you can all prophecy one by one, so that all may learn and all may be exhorted;

32 and the spirits of prophets are subject to prophets;  
33 for God is not *a God of* <sup>a</sup>confusion but of <sup>1</sup>peace, as in <sup>b</sup>all the churches of the <sup>c</sup>saints.

34 Let the women <sup>a</sup>keep silent in the churches; for they are not permitted to speak, but <sup>b</sup>let them subject themselves, just as <sup>c</sup>the Law also says.

35 And if they desire to learn anything, let them ask their own husbands at home; for it is <sup>1</sup>improper for a woman to speak in church.

36 <sup>1</sup>Was it from you that the word of God *first* went forth? Or has it come to you only?

37 <sup>a</sup>If any one thinks he is a prophet or <sup>b</sup>spiritual, let him recognize that the things which I write to you <sup>c</sup>are the Lord's commandment.

38 But if any one <sup>1</sup>does not recognize *this*, he is not recognized.

39 Therefore, my brethren, <sup>a</sup>desire earnestly to <sup>b</sup>prophecy, and do not forbid to speak in tongues.

40 But <sup>a</sup>let all things be done properly and in an orderly manner.

CHAPTER 15

NOW <sup>a</sup>I make known to you, brethren, the <sup>b</sup>gospel which I preached to you, which also you received, <sup>c</sup>in which also you stand,

2 by which also you are saved, <sup>a</sup>if you hold fast <sup>1</sup>the word which I preached to you, <sup>b</sup>unless you believed in vain.

3 For <sup>a</sup>I delivered to you <sup>1</sup>as of first importance what I also received, that Christ died <sup>b</sup>for our sins <sup>c</sup>according to the Scriptures,

4 and that He was buried, and that He was <sup>a</sup>raised on the third day <sup>b</sup>according to the Scriptures,

5 and that <sup>a</sup>He appeared to <sup>b</sup>Cephas, then <sup>c</sup>to the twelve.

6 After that He appeared to more than five hundred brethren at one time, most of whom remain until now, but some <sup>a</sup>have fallen asleep;

7 then He appeared to <sup>1a</sup>James, then to <sup>b</sup>all the apostles;

8 and last of all, as it were <sup>1</sup>to one untimely born, <sup>a</sup>He appeared to me also.

9 For I am <sup>a</sup>the least of the apostles, who am not fit to be called an apostle, because I <sup>b</sup>persecuted the church of God.

10 But by <sup>a</sup>the grace of God I am what I am, and His grace toward me did not prove vain; but I <sup>b</sup>labored even more than all of them, yet <sup>c</sup>not I, but the grace of God with me.

11 Whether then *it was* I or they, so we preach and so you believed.

12 Now if Christ is preached, that He has been raised from the dead, how do some among you say that there <sup>a</sup>is no resurrection of the dead?

13 But if there is no resurrection of the dead, not even Christ has been raised;

14 and <sup>a</sup>if Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is vain, your faith also is vain.

15 Moreover we are even found to *be* false witnesses of God, because we witnessed <sup>1</sup>against God that He <sup>a</sup>raised <sup>2</sup>Christ, whom He did not raise, if in fact the dead are not raised.

16 For if the dead are not raised, not even Christ has been raised;

17 and if Christ has not been raised, your faith is worthless; <sup>a</sup>you are still in your sins.

18 Then those also who <sup>a</sup>have fallen asleep in Christ have perished.

19 If we have only hoped in Christ in this life, we are <sup>a</sup>of all men most to be pitied.

20 But now Christ <sup>a</sup>has been raised from the dead, the <sup>b</sup>first fruits of those who <sup>c</sup>are asleep.

21 For since <sup>a</sup>by a man *came* death, by a man also *came* the resurrection of the dead.

22 For <sup>a</sup>as in Adam all die, so also in <sup>1</sup>Christ all shall be made alive.

23 But each in his own order: Christ <sup>a</sup>the first fruits, after that <sup>b</sup>those who are Christ's at <sup>c</sup>His coming,

24 then *comes* the end, when He delivers up <sup>a</sup>the kingdom to the <sup>b</sup>God and Father, when He has abolished <sup>c</sup>all rule and all authority and power.

1 <sup>a</sup>Gal. 1:11; Rom. 2:16  
b1 Cor. 3:6; 4:15; Rom. 2:16 <sup>c</sup>Rom. 5:2; 11:20;  
2 Cor. 1:24

2 <sup>1</sup>Lit., to what word 1  
<sup>a</sup>Rom. 11:22 <sup>b</sup>Gal. 3:4

3 <sup>1</sup>Lit., among the first  
<sup>a</sup>1 Cor. 11:23 <sup>b</sup>John 1:29;  
Gal. 1:4; Heb. 5:1; 3; 1 Pet. 2:24 <sup>c</sup>1s. 53:5-12; Matt. 26:24; Luke 24:25-27; Acts 8:32f.; 17:2f.; 26:22

4 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 16:21; John 2:21f.; Acts 2:24 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 16:8ff.; Acts 2:31; 26:22f.

5 <sup>a</sup>Luke 24:34 <sup>b</sup>1 Cor. 1:12 <sup>c</sup>Mark 16:14

6 <sup>a</sup>Acts 7:60; 1 Cor. 15:18, 20

7 <sup>1</sup>Lit., Jacob  
<sup>a</sup>Acts 12:17 <sup>b</sup>Luke 24:33, 36f.; Acts 1:3f.

8 <sup>1</sup>Lit., to an untimely birth  
<sup>a</sup>1 Cor. 9:1; Acts 9:3-8; 22:6-11; 26:12-18

9 <sup>a</sup>Eph. 3:8; 2 Cor. 12:11;  
1 Tim. 1:15 <sup>b</sup>Acts 8:3

10 <sup>a</sup>Rom. 12:3 <sup>b</sup>2 Cor. 11:23; Col. 1:29; 1 Tim. 4:10 <sup>c</sup>1 Cor. 3:6; 2 Cor. 3:5; Phil. 2:13

12 <sup>a</sup>Acts 17:32; 23:8;  
2 Tim. 2:18

14 <sup>a</sup>1 Thess. 4:14

15 <sup>1</sup>Or, concerning <sup>2</sup>i.e., the Messiah  
<sup>a</sup>Acts 2:24

17 <sup>a</sup>Rom. 4:25

18 <sup>a</sup>1 Thess. 4:16; Rev. 14:13; 1 Cor. 15:6

19 <sup>a</sup>1 Cor. 4:9; 2 Tim. 3:12

20 <sup>a</sup>1 Pet. 1:3; Acts 2:24  
<sup>b</sup>1 Cor. 15:23; Acts 26:23;  
Rev. 1:5 <sup>c</sup>1 Thess. 4:16;  
Rev. 14:13; 1 Cor. 15:6

21 <sup>a</sup>Rom. 5:12

22 <sup>1</sup>i.e., the Messiah  
<sup>a</sup>Rom. 5:14-18

23 <sup>a</sup>1 Cor. 15:20; Acts 26:23; Rev. 1:5 <sup>b</sup>1 Cor. 15:52; 6:14; 1 Thess. 4:16  
<sup>c</sup>1 Thess. 2:19

24 <sup>a</sup>Dan. 2:44; 7:14, 27;  
2 Pet. 1:11 <sup>b</sup>Eph. 5:20  
<sup>c</sup>Rom. 8:38

25 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 110:1; Matt. 22:44

26 <sup>a</sup>2 Tim. 1:10; Rev. 20:14; 21:4

27 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 8:6 <sup>b</sup>Eph. 1:22; Heb. 2:8; Matt. 11:27; 28:18

28 <sup>a</sup>Phil. 3:21 <sup>b</sup>1 Cor. 12:6; 3:23

30 <sup>a</sup>2 Cor. 11:26

31 <sup>a</sup>Rom. 8:36

32 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *according to man*  
<sup>2</sup>2 Cor. 1:8 <sup>b</sup>1 Cor. 16:8f.; Acts 18:19 <sup>c</sup>Is. 22:13; 56:12; Luke 12:19

33 <sup>a</sup>1 Cor. 6:9

34 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *righteously*  
<sup>a</sup>Rom. 13:11 <sup>b</sup>Matt. 22:29; Acts 26:8 <sup>c</sup>1 Cor. 6:5

35 <sup>a</sup>Rom. 9:19 <sup>b</sup>Ezek. 37:3

36 <sup>a</sup>Luke 11:40 <sup>b</sup>John 12:24

37 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *some of the rest*

38 <sup>a</sup>Gen. 1:11

42 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *in corruption*  
<sup>2</sup>Lit., *in incorruption*  
<sup>a</sup>Dan. 12:3; Matt. 13:43  
<sup>b</sup>1 Cor. 15:50; Rom. 8:21; Gal. 6:8 <sup>c</sup>Rom. 2:7

43 <sup>a</sup>Phil. 3:21; Col. 3:4

44 <sup>a</sup>1 Cor. 2:14 <sup>b</sup>1 Cor. 15:50

45 <sup>a</sup>Gen. 2:7 <sup>b</sup>Rom. 5:14  
<sup>c</sup>John 5:21; 6:57f.; Rom. 8:2

47 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *made of dust*  
<sup>a</sup>John 3:31 <sup>b</sup>Gen. 2:7; 3:19

48 <sup>a</sup>Phil. 3:20f.

25 For He must reign <sup>a</sup>until He has put all His enemies under His feet.

26 The last enemy that will be <sup>a</sup>abolished is death.

27 For <sup>a</sup>HE HAS PUT ALL THINGS IN SUBJECTION UNDER HIS FEET. But when He says, "<sup>b</sup>All things are put in subjection," it is evident that He is excepted who put all things in subjection to Him.

28 And when <sup>a</sup>all things are subjected to Him, then the Son Himself also will be subjected to the One who subjected all things to Him, that <sup>b</sup>God may be all in all.

29 Otherwise, what will those do who are baptized for the dead? If the dead are not raised at all, why then are they baptized for them?

30 Why are we also <sup>a</sup>in danger every hour?

31 I protest, brethren, by the boasting in you, which I have in Christ Jesus our Lord, <sup>a</sup>I die daily.

32 If <sup>1</sup>from human motives I <sup>a</sup>fought with wild beasts at <sup>b</sup>Ephesus, what does it profit me? If the dead are not raised, <sup>c</sup>LET US EAT AND DRINK, FOR TOMORROW WE DIE.

33 <sup>a</sup>Do not be deceived: "Bad company corrupts good morals."

34 <sup>a</sup>Become sober-minded <sup>1</sup>as you ought, and stop sinning; for some have <sup>b</sup>no knowledge of God. <sup>c</sup>I speak *this* to your shame.

35 But <sup>a</sup>some one will say, "How are <sup>b</sup>the dead raised? And with what kind of body do they come?"

36 <sup>a</sup>You fool! That which you <sup>b</sup>sow does not come to life unless it dies;

37 and that which you sow, you do not sow the body which is to be, but a bare grain, perhaps of wheat or of <sup>1</sup>something else.

38 But God gives it a body just as He wished, and <sup>a</sup>to each of the seeds a body of its own.

39 All flesh is not the same flesh, but there is *one flesh* of men, and another flesh of beasts, and another flesh of birds, and another of fish.

40 There are also heavenly bodies and earthly bodies, but the glory of the heavenly is one, and the *glory* of the earthly is another.

41 There is one glory of the sun, and another glory of the moon, and another glory of the stars; for star differs from star in glory.

42 <sup>a</sup>So also is the resurrection of the dead. It is sown <sup>1</sup>ba perishable *body*, it is raised <sup>2</sup>can imperishable *body*;

43 it is sown in dishonor, it is raised in <sup>a</sup>glory; it is sown in weakness, it is raised in power;

44 it is sown a <sup>a</sup>natural body, it is raised a <sup>b</sup>spiritual body. If there is a natural body, there is also a spiritual *body*.

45 So also it is written, "The first <sup>a</sup>MAN, ADAM, BECAME A LIVING SOUL." The <sup>b</sup>last Adam *became* a <sup>c</sup>life-giving spirit.

46 However, the spiritual is not first, but the natural; then the spiritual.

47 The first man is <sup>a</sup>from the earth, <sup>1</sup>beathy; the second man is from heaven.

48 As is the earthy, so also are those who are earthy; and as is the heavenly, <sup>a</sup>so also are those who are heavenly.



49 And just as we have <sup>a</sup>borne the image of the earthy, <sup>1</sup>we <sup>b</sup>shall also bear the image of the heavenly.

50 Now I say this, brethren, that <sup>a</sup>flesh and blood cannot <sup>b</sup>inherit the kingdom of God; nor does <sup>1</sup>the perishable inherit <sup>2c</sup>the imperishable.

51 Behold, I tell you a <sup>a</sup>mystery; we shall not all sleep, but we shall all be <sup>b</sup>changed,

52 in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet; for <sup>a</sup>the trumpet will sound, and <sup>b</sup>the dead will be raised <sup>1</sup>imperishable, and <sup>c</sup>we shall be changed.

53 For this <sup>1</sup>perishable must put on <sup>2a</sup>the imperishable, and this <sup>b</sup>mortal must put on immortality.

54 But when this <sup>1</sup>perishable will have put on <sup>1</sup>the imperishable, and this mortal will have put on immortality, then will come about the saying that is written, "<sup>a</sup>DEATH IS SWALLOWED UP IN VICTORY.

55 "<sup>a</sup>O DEATH, WHERE IS YOUR VICTORY? O DEATH, WHERE IS YOUR STING?"

56 The sting of <sup>a</sup>death is sin, and <sup>b</sup>the power of sin is the law;

57 but <sup>a</sup>thanks be to God, who gives us the <sup>b</sup>victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

58 <sup>a</sup>Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in <sup>b</sup>the work of the Lord, knowing that your toil is not *in vain* in the Lord.

**CHAPTER 16**

**N**OW concerning <sup>a</sup>the collection for <sup>b</sup>the saints, as <sup>c</sup>I directed the churches of <sup>d</sup>Galatia, so do you also.

2 On <sup>a</sup>the first day of every week let each one of you <sup>1</sup>put aside and save, as he may prosper, that <sup>b</sup>no collections be made when I come.

3 And when I arrive, <sup>a</sup>whomever you may approve, I shall send them with letters to carry your gift to Jerusalem;

4 and if it is fitting for me to go also, they will go with me.

5 But I <sup>a</sup>shall come to you after I go through <sup>b</sup>Macedonia, for I <sup>c</sup>am going through Macedonia;

6 and perhaps I shall stay with you, or even spend the winter, that you may <sup>a</sup>send me on my way wherever I may go.

7 For I do not wish to see you now <sup>a</sup>just in passing; for I hope to remain with you for some time, <sup>b</sup>if the Lord permits.

8 But I shall remain in <sup>a</sup>Ephesus until <sup>b</sup>Pentecost;

9 for a <sup>a</sup>wide door <sup>1</sup>for effective *service* has opened to me, and <sup>b</sup>there are many adversaries.

10 Now if <sup>a</sup>Timothy comes, see that he is with you without <sup>1</sup>cause to be afraid; for he is doing <sup>b</sup>the Lord's work, as I also am.

11 <sup>a</sup>Let no one therefore despise him. But <sup>b</sup>send him on his way <sup>c</sup>in peace, so that he may come to me; for I expect him with the brethren.

12 But concerning <sup>a</sup>Apollos our brother, I encouraged him greatly to come to you with the brethren; and it was not at all *his* desire to come now, but he will come when he has opportunity.

49 <sup>1</sup>Some ancient mss. read, *let us also*  
<sup>a</sup>Gen. 5:3 <sup>b</sup>Rom. 8:29

50 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *corruption* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *incorruption*  
<sup>a</sup>Matt. 16:17; John 3:5f.  
<sup>b</sup>1 Cor. 6:9 <sup>c</sup>Rom. 2:7

51 <sup>1</sup>1 Cor. 13:2 <sup>2</sup>Cor. 5:2, 4

52 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *incorruptible*  
<sup>a</sup>Matt. 24:31 <sup>b</sup>John 5:28  
<sup>c</sup>1 Thess. 4:15, 17

53 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *corruptible* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *incorruption*  
<sup>a</sup>Rom. 2:7 <sup>b</sup>2 Cor. 5:4

54 <sup>1</sup>Note vs. 53  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 25:8

55 <sup>a</sup>Hos. 13:14

56 <sup>a</sup>Rom. 5:12 <sup>b</sup>Rom. 3:20; 4:15; 7:8

57 <sup>2</sup>2 Cor. 2:14; Rom. 7:25 marg. <sup>b</sup>Rom. 8:37; Heb. 2:14f.; 1 John 5:4; Rev. 21:4

58 <sup>2</sup>2 Pet. 3:14 <sup>1</sup>1 Cor. 16:10

1 <sup>a</sup>Acts 24:17 <sup>b</sup>Acts 9:13  
<sup>c</sup>1 Cor. 4:17 <sup>d</sup>Acts 16:6

2 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *put by himself*  
<sup>a</sup>Acts 20:7 <sup>b</sup>2 Cor. 9:4f.

3 <sup>2</sup>2 Cor. 8:18f.; 3:1

5 <sup>1</sup>1 Cor. 4:19 <sup>b</sup>Rom. 15:26 <sup>c</sup>Acts 19:21

6 <sup>1</sup>1 Cor. 16:11; Acts 15:3

7 <sup>2</sup>2 Cor. 1:15f. <sup>b</sup>Acts 18:21

8 <sup>a</sup>Acts 18:19 <sup>b</sup>Acts 2:1

9 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *and*  
<sup>a</sup>Acts 14:27 <sup>b</sup>Acts 19:9

10 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *fear; for*  
<sup>a</sup>Acts 16:1; 1 Cor. 4:17;  
<sup>2</sup>2 Cor. 1:1 <sup>1</sup>1 Cor. 15:58

11 <sup>1</sup>1 Tim. 4:12; Titus 2:15 <sup>b</sup>1 Cor. 16:6; Acts 15:3  
<sup>c</sup>Acts 15:33

12 <sup>a</sup>Acts 18:24 [1 Cor. 1:12; 3:5f.]

13 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 24:42 <sup>b</sup>Gal. 5:1; Phil. 1:27; 4:1; 1 Thess. 3:8; 2 Thess. 2:15; 1 Cor. 15:1  
<sup>c</sup>1 Sam. 4:9; 2 Sam. 10:12; Is. 46:8 <sup>d</sup>Ps. 31:24; Eph. 6:10; 3:16; Col. 1:11

14 <sup>a</sup>1 Cor. 14:1

15 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *it was*  
<sup>a</sup>1 Cor. 1:16 <sup>b</sup>Rom. 16:5  
<sup>c</sup>Acts 18:12 <sup>d</sup>Rom. 15:31  
<sup>e</sup>1 Cor. 16:1

16 <sup>a</sup>1 Thess. 5:12; Heb. 13:17

17 <sup>1</sup>Or., *presence* <sup>2</sup>Or., *made up for your absence*  
<sup>a</sup>2 Cor. 7:6f. <sup>b</sup>Phil. 2:30;  
 2 Cor. 11:9

18 <sup>a</sup>2 Cor. 7:13; Philem. 7,  
 20 <sup>b</sup>Phil. 2:29; 1 Thess. 5:12

19 <sup>a</sup>Acts 16:6 <sup>b</sup>Acts 18:2  
<sup>c</sup>Rom. 16:5

20 <sup>a</sup>Rom. 16:16

21 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *Paul's*  
<sup>a</sup>Col. 4:18; 2 Thess. 3:17;  
 Rom. 16:22; Gal. 6:11;  
 Philem. 19

22 <sup>1</sup>Gr., *anathema* <sup>2</sup>i.e., O  
 [our] Lord come!  
<sup>a</sup>Rom. 9:3 <sup>b</sup>Rev. 22:20;  
 Phil. 4:5

23 <sup>a</sup>Rom. 16:20

13 <sup>a</sup>Be on the alert, <sup>b</sup>stand firm in the faith, <sup>c</sup>act like men, <sup>d</sup>be strong.

14 Let all that you do be done <sup>a</sup>in love.

15 Now I urge you, brethren (you know the <sup>a</sup>household of Stephanas, that <sup>1</sup>they were the <sup>b</sup>first fruits of <sup>c</sup>Achaia, and that they have devoted themselves for <sup>d</sup>ministry to <sup>e</sup>the saints),

16 that <sup>a</sup>you also be in subjection to such men and to everyone who helps in the work and labors.

17 And I rejoice over the <sup>1a</sup>coming of Stephanas and Fortunatus and Achaicus; because they have <sup>2</sup>supplied <sup>b</sup>what was lacking on your part.

18 For they <sup>a</sup>have refreshed my spirit and yours. Therefore <sup>b</sup>acknowledge such men.

19 The churches of <sup>a</sup>Asia greet you. <sup>b</sup>Aquila and Prisca greet you heartily in the Lord, with <sup>c</sup>the church that is in their house.

20 All the brethren greet you. <sup>a</sup>Greet one another with a holy kiss.

21 The greeting is in <sup>a</sup>my own hand—<sup>1</sup>Paul.

22 If any one does not love the Lord, let him be <sup>1a</sup>accused. <sup>2b</sup>Maranatha.

23 <sup>a</sup>The grace of the Lord Jesus be with you.

24 My love be with you all in Christ Jesus. Amen.

## THE SECOND EPISTLE OF PAUL TO THE CORINTHIANS

Salutation. The Divine Comfort.

**P**AUL, <sup>a</sup>an apostle of <sup>b</sup>Christ Jesus <sup>c</sup>by the will of God, and <sup>d</sup>Timothy *our* brother, to <sup>e</sup>the church of God which is at <sup>f</sup>Corinth with all the <sup>1</sup>saints who are throughout <sup>g</sup>Achaia:  
 2 <sup>a</sup>Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

3 <sup>a</sup>Blessed *be* the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and <sup>b</sup>God of all comfort;

4 who <sup>a</sup>comforts us in all our affliction so that we may be able to comfort those who are in any affliction with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God.

5 For just <sup>a</sup>as the sufferings of Christ are <sup>1</sup>ours in abundance, so also our comfort is abundant through Christ.

6 But if we are afflicted, it is <sup>a</sup>for your comfort and salvation; or if we are comforted, it is for your comfort, which is effective in the patient enduring of the same sufferings which we also suffer;

7 and our hope for you is firmly grounded, knowing that <sup>a</sup>as you are sharers of our sufferings, so also you are *sharers* of our comfort.

8 For <sup>a</sup>we do not want you to be unaware, brethren, of our <sup>b</sup>affliction which came *to us* in <sup>1c</sup>Asia, that we were burdened excessively, beyond our strength, so that we despaired even of life;

1 <sup>1</sup>i.e., true believers; lit., *holy ones*

<sup>a</sup>Eph. 1:1; Col. 1:1; 2 Tim. 1:1; Titus 1:1; Rom. 1:1; Gal. 1:1 <sup>b</sup>Gal. 3:26 <sup>c</sup>1 Cor. 1:1 <sup>d</sup>2 Cor. 1:19; 1 Cor. 1:16; 10; Acts 18:1 <sup>e</sup>Acts 18:12

2 <sup>a</sup>Rom. 1:7

3 <sup>a</sup>Eph. 1:3; 1 Pet. 1:3  
<sup>b</sup>Rom. 15:5

4 <sup>a</sup>2 Cor. 7:6, 7, 13; Is. 51:12; 66:13

5 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *to us*  
<sup>a</sup>2 Cor. 4:10; Phil. 3:10;  
 Col. 1:24

6 <sup>a</sup>2 Tim. 2:10; 2 Cor. 4:15; 12:15; Eph. 3:1, 13

7 <sup>a</sup>Rom. 8:17

8 <sup>1</sup>i.e., west coast province of Asia Minor  
<sup>a</sup>Rom. 1:13 <sup>b</sup>Acts 19:23;  
 1 Cor. 15:32 <sup>c</sup>Acts 16:6

9 <sup>1</sup>indeed, we had the sentence of death within ourselves in order that we should not trust in ourselves, but in God who raises the dead;

10 who <sup>a</sup>delivered us from so great a *peril of death*, and will deliver us, <sup>1</sup>He <sup>b</sup>on whom we have set our hope. And He will yet deliver us,

11 you also joining in <sup>a</sup>helping us through your prayers, that thanks may be given by <sup>b</sup>many persons on our behalf for the favor bestowed upon us through *the prayers of many*.

12 For our <sup>1</sup>proud confidence is this, the testimony of <sup>a</sup>our conscience, that in holiness and <sup>b</sup>godly sincerity, <sup>c</sup>not in fleshly wisdom but in the grace of God, we have conducted ourselves in the world, and especially toward you.

13 For we write nothing else to you than what you read and understand, and I hope you will understand <sup>a</sup>until the end;

14 just as you also partially did understand us, that we are your reason to be proud as you also are ours, in <sup>a</sup>the day of our Lord Jesus.

15 And in this confidence I intended at first to <sup>a</sup>come to you, that you might <sup>1</sup>twice receive a <sup>2</sup>blessing;

16 <sup>1</sup>that is, to <sup>a</sup>pass <sup>2</sup>your way into <sup>b</sup>Macedonia, and again from Macedonia to come to you, and by you to be <sup>c</sup>helped on my journey <sup>d</sup>to Judea.

17 Therefore, I was not vacillating when I intended to do this, was I? Or that which I purpose, do I purpose <sup>a</sup>according to the flesh, that with me there should be yes, yes and no, no at *the same time*?

18 But as <sup>a</sup>God is faithful, <sup>b</sup>our word to you is not yes and no.

19 For <sup>a</sup>the Son of God, Christ Jesus, who was preached among you by us—by me and <sup>b</sup>Silvanus and <sup>c</sup>Timothy—was not yes and no, but is yes <sup>d</sup>in Him.

20 For <sup>a</sup>as many as may be the promises of God, <sup>b</sup>in Him they are yes; wherefore also by Him is <sup>c</sup>our Amen to the glory of God through us.

21 Now He who <sup>a</sup>establishes us with you in Christ and <sup>b</sup>anointed us is God,

22 who also <sup>a</sup>sealed us and <sup>b</sup>gave us the Spirit in our hearts as a <sup>1</sup>pledge.

23 <sup>a</sup>I call God as witness <sup>1</sup>to my soul, that <sup>b</sup>to spare you I came no more to <sup>c</sup>Corinth.

24 Not that we <sup>a</sup>lord it over your faith, but are workers with you for your joy; for in your faith you are <sup>b</sup>standing firm.

CHAPTER 2

**B**UT I determined this <sup>1</sup>for my own sake, that I <sup>a</sup>would not come to you in sorrow again.

2 For if I <sup>a</sup>cause you sorrow, who then makes me glad but the one whom I made sorrowful?

3 And this is the very thing I <sup>a</sup>wrote you, lest, <sup>b</sup>when I came, I should have sorrow from those who ought to make me rejoice; having <sup>c</sup>confidence in you all, that my joy would be *the joy of you all*.

4 For out of much affliction and anguish of heart I <sup>a</sup>wrote to you with many tears; not that you should be made sorrowful,

9 <sup>1</sup>Lit., but we ourselves

10 <sup>1</sup>Or, on whom we have set our hope that He will also . . .  
<sup>a</sup>Rom. 15:31 <sup>b</sup>1 Tim. 4:10

11 <sup>a</sup>Rom. 15:30; Phil. 1:19; Philem. 22 <sup>b</sup>2 Cor. 4:15; 9:11f.

12 <sup>1</sup>Lit., boasting  
<sup>a</sup>Acts 23:1; 1 Thess. 2:10; Heb. 13:18 <sup>b</sup>2 Cor. 2:17  
<sup>c</sup>1 Cor. 1:17; James 3:15

13 <sup>a</sup>1 Cor. 1:8

14 <sup>a</sup>1 Cor. 1:8

15 <sup>1</sup>Lit., have a second grace <sup>2</sup>Some ancient mss. read, joy  
<sup>a</sup>1 Cor. 4:19 <sup>b</sup>Rom. 1:11; 15:29

16 <sup>1</sup>Lit., and <sup>2</sup>Lit., through you into  
<sup>a</sup>Acts 19:21; 1 Cor. 16:5-7  
<sup>b</sup>Rom. 15:26 <sup>c</sup>Acts 15:3;  
1 Cor. 16:6, 11 <sup>d</sup>Acts 19:21

17 <sup>a</sup>2 Cor. 10:2f.; 11:18

18 <sup>a</sup>1 Cor. 1:9 <sup>b</sup>2 Cor. 2:17

19 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 16:16; 26:63, 4:3  
<sup>b</sup>1 Thess. 1:1; 2 Thess. 1:1;  
1 Pet. 5:12; Acts 15:22  
<sup>c</sup>2 Cor. 1:1 <sup>d</sup>Heb. 13:8

20 <sup>a</sup>Rom. 15:8 <sup>b</sup>Heb. 13:8  
<sup>c</sup>1 Cor. 14:16; Rev. 3:14

21 <sup>a</sup>1 Cor. 1:8 <sup>b</sup>1 John 2:20, 27

22 <sup>1</sup>Or, down payment  
<sup>a</sup>John 3:33 <sup>b</sup>2 Cor. 5:5;  
Eph. 1:14; Rom. 8:16

23 <sup>1</sup>Lit., upon  
<sup>a</sup>Rom. 1:9; Gal. 1:20  
<sup>b</sup>1 Cor. 4:21; 2 Cor. 2:1, 3  
<sup>c</sup>2 Cor. 1:1

24 <sup>a</sup>1 Pet. 5:3; 2 Cor. 4:5;  
11:20 <sup>b</sup>Rom 11:20; 1 Cor. 15:1

1 <sup>1</sup>Or, as far as I am concerned  
<sup>a</sup>1 Cor. 4:21; 2 Cor. 12:21

2 <sup>a</sup>2 Cor. 7:8

3 <sup>a</sup>2 Cor. 2:9; 7:8, 12  
<sup>b</sup>1 Cor. 4:21; 2 Cor. 12:21  
<sup>c</sup>Gal. 5:10; 2 Thess. 3:4; Philem. 21

4 <sup>a</sup>2 Cor. 2:9; 7:8, 12

5 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *that I be not burdensome*  
<sup>1</sup> 1 Cor. 5:1f.

6 <sup>1</sup> 1 Cor. 5:4f.; 2 Cor. 7:11

7 <sup>1</sup> Gal. 6:1; Eph. 4:32

9 <sup>1</sup> Lit., *know the proof of you*  
<sup>2</sup> 2 Cor. 2:3f. <sup>b</sup> Phil. 2:22;  
 2 Cor. 8:2 <sup>c</sup> 2 Cor. 7:15; 10:6

10 <sup>1</sup> 1 Cor. 5:4; 2 Cor. 4:6

11 <sup>1</sup> Matt. 4:10 <sup>b</sup> Luke 22:31; 2 Cor. 4:4; 1 Pet. 5:8

12 <sup>2</sup> Acts 16:8 <sup>b2</sup> Cor. 4:3, 4; 8:18; 9:13; 10:14; 11:4, 7;  
 1 Thess. 3:2; Rom. 1:1  
<sup>c</sup> Acts 14:27

13 <sup>2</sup> 2 Cor. 7:5 <sup>b2</sup> Cor. 7:6, 13f.; 8:6, 16, 23; 12:18; Gal. 2:1, 3; 2 Tim. 4:10; Titus 1:4  
<sup>1</sup> Mark 6:46 <sup>d</sup> Rom. 15:26

14 <sup>2</sup> Rom. 1:8; 6:17; 1 Cor. 15:57; 2 Cor. 8:16; 9:15  
<sup>b</sup> Col. 2:15 [Gr.] <sup>c</sup> Eph. 5:2; Phil. 4:18; Song of Sol. 1:3;  
 Ezek. 20:41 <sup>d1</sup> 1 Cor. 12:8

15 <sup>2</sup> Eph. 5:2; Phil. 4:18;  
 Song of Sol. 1:3; Ezek. 20:41 <sup>b1</sup> 1 Cor. 1:18

16 <sup>2</sup> Luke 2:34; John 9:39;  
 1 Pet. 2:7f. <sup>b2</sup> Cor. 3:5f.

17 <sup>1</sup> Or, *corrupting*  
<sup>2</sup> 2 Cor. 4:2; Gal. 1:6-9  
<sup>b2</sup> Cor. 1:12; 1 Cor. 5:8;  
 1 Thess. 2:4; 1 Pet. 4:11  
<sup>c2</sup> Cor. 12:19

1 <sup>2</sup> 2 Cor. 5:12; 10:12, 18;  
 12:11 <sup>b</sup> Acts 18:27; Rom. 16:1; 1 Cor. 16:3

2 <sup>1</sup> 1 Cor. 9:2

3 <sup>1</sup> Lit., *served* <sup>2</sup> Lit.,  
*hearts of flesh*  
<sup>2</sup> 2 Cor. 3:6 <sup>b</sup> Matt. 16:16  
<sup>c2</sup> Cor. 3:7; Ex. 24:12;  
 31:18; 32:15f. <sup>d</sup> Prov. 3:3;  
 7:3; Jer. 17:1 <sup>e</sup> Jer. 31:33;  
 Ezek. 11:19

4 <sup>2</sup> Eph. 3:12

5 <sup>1</sup> 1 Cor. 15:10

6 <sup>1</sup> 1 Cor. 3:5 <sup>b</sup> Luke 22:20  
<sup>c</sup> Rom. 2:29 <sup>d</sup> John 6:63;  
 Rom. 7:6

7 <sup>1</sup> Or, *in glory*  
<sup>2</sup> 2 Cor. 3:9; Rom. 7:5f.;  
 Gal. 3:10, 21f.; Rom. 4:15;  
 5:20 <sup>b2</sup> Cor. 3:3; Ex. 24:12;  
 31:18; 32:15f. <sup>c2</sup> Cor. 3:13;  
 Ex. 34:29-35

but that you might know the love which I have especially for you.

5 But <sup>a</sup>if any has caused sorrow, he has caused sorrow not to me, but in some degree—<sup>1</sup>in order not to say too much—to all of you.

6 Sufficient for such a one is <sup>a</sup>this punishment which was *inflicted by the majority,*

7 so that on the contrary you should rather <sup>a</sup>forgive and comfort *him*, lest somehow such a one be overwhelmed by excessive sorrow.

8 Wherefore I urge you to reaffirm *your love* for him.

9 For to this end also <sup>a</sup>I wrote that I might <sup>b</sup>put you to the test, whether you are <sup>c</sup>obedient in all things.

10 But whom you forgive anything, I *forgive* also; for indeed what I have forgiven, if I have forgiven anything, *I did it for your sakes* <sup>a</sup>in the presence of Christ,

11 in order that no advantage be taken of us by <sup>a</sup>Satan; for <sup>b</sup>we are not ignorant of his schemes.

12 Now when I came to <sup>a</sup>Troas for the <sup>b</sup>gospel of Christ and when a <sup>c</sup>door was opened for me in the Lord,

13 I <sup>a</sup>had no rest for my spirit, not finding <sup>b</sup>Titus my brother; but <sup>c</sup>taking my leave of them, I went on to <sup>d</sup>Macedonia.

14 <sup>a</sup>But thanks be to God, who always <sup>b</sup>leads us in His triumph in Christ, and manifests through us the <sup>c</sup>sweet aroma of the <sup>d</sup>knowledge of Him in every place.

15 For we are a <sup>a</sup>fragrance of Christ to God among <sup>b</sup>those who are being saved and among those who are perishing;

16 <sup>a</sup>to the one an aroma from death to death, to the other an aroma from life to life. And who is <sup>b</sup>adequate for these things?

17 For we are not like many, <sup>1</sup>*peddling* the word of God, but <sup>b</sup>as from sincerity, but as from God, we speak in Christ <sup>c</sup>in the sight of God.

## CHAPTER 3

**ARE** we beginning to <sup>a</sup>commend ourselves again? Or do we need, as some, <sup>b</sup>letters of commendation to you or from you?

2 <sup>a</sup>You are our letter, written in our hearts, known and read by all men;

3 being manifested that you are a letter of Christ, <sup>1</sup>*cared for* by us, written not with ink, but with the Spirit of <sup>b</sup>the living God, not on <sup>c</sup>tablets of stone, but on <sup>d</sup>tablets of <sup>2</sup>*human hearts.*

4 And such <sup>a</sup>confidence we have through Christ toward God.

5 Not that we are adequate in ourselves to consider anything as *coming* from ourselves, but <sup>a</sup>our adequacy is from God,

6 who also made us adequate *as* <sup>a</sup>servants of a <sup>b</sup>new covenant, not of <sup>c</sup>the letter, but of the Spirit; for the letter kills, but <sup>d</sup>the Spirit gives life.

7 But if the <sup>a</sup>ministry of death, <sup>b</sup>in letters engraved on stones, came <sup>1</sup>with glory, <sup>c</sup>so that the sons of Israel could not look intently at the face of Moses because of the glory of his face, fading as it was,

8 how shall the ministry of the Spirit fail to be even more with glory?

9 For if <sup>a</sup>the ministry of condemnation has glory, much more does the <sup>b</sup>ministry of righteousness abound in glory.

10 For indeed what had glory, in this case has no glory on account of the glory that surpasses it.

11 For if that which fades away was <sup>1</sup>with glory, much more that which remains is in glory.

12 <sup>a</sup>Having therefore such a hope, <sup>b</sup>we use great boldness in our speech,

13 and *are* not as Moses, <sup>a</sup>who used to put a veil over his face that the sons of Israel might not look intently at the end of what was fading away.

14 But their minds were <sup>a</sup>hardened; for until this very day at the <sup>b</sup>breeding of <sup>c</sup>the old covenant the same veil <sup>1</sup>remains unlifted, because it is removed in Christ.

15 But to this day whenever Moses is read, a veil lies over their heart;

16 **BUT WHENEVER A MAN TURNS TO THE LORD, THE VEIL IS TAKEN AWAY.**

17 Now the Lord is the Spirit; and where <sup>a</sup>the Spirit of the Lord is, <sup>b</sup>there is liberty.

18 But we all, with unveiled face <sup>a</sup>beholding as in a mirror the <sup>b</sup>glory of the Lord, are being <sup>c</sup>transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as from <sup>d</sup>the Lord, the Spirit.

CHAPTER 4

**T**HEREFORE, since we have this <sup>a</sup>ministry, as we <sup>b</sup>received mercy, we <sup>c</sup>do not lose heart,

2 but we have renounced the <sup>a</sup>things hidden because of shame, not walking in craftiness or <sup>b</sup>adulterating the word of God, but by the manifestation of truth <sup>c</sup>commending ourselves to every man's conscience in the sight of God.

3 And even if our <sup>a</sup>gospel is <sup>b</sup>veiled, it is veiled <sup>1</sup>to <sup>c</sup>those who are perishing,

4 in whose case <sup>a</sup>the god of <sup>b</sup>this <sup>1</sup>world has <sup>c</sup>blinded the minds of the unbelieving, <sup>2</sup>that they might not see the <sup>d</sup>light of the gospel of the <sup>e</sup>glory of Christ, who is the <sup>f</sup>image of God.

5 For we <sup>a</sup>do not preach ourselves but Christ Jesus as Lord, and ourselves as your bond-servants <sup>1</sup>for Jesus' sake.

6 For God, who said, "<sup>a</sup>Light shall shine out of darkness," is the One who has <sup>b</sup>shone in our hearts to give the <sup>c</sup>light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ.

7 But we have this treasure in <sup>a</sup>earthen vessels, that the surpassing greatness of <sup>b</sup>the power may be of God and not from ourselves;

8 we *are* <sup>a</sup>afflicted in every way, but not <sup>b</sup>crushed; <sup>c</sup>perplexed, but not despairing;

9 <sup>a</sup>persecuted, but not <sup>b</sup>forsaken; <sup>c</sup>struck down, but not destroyed;

10 <sup>a</sup>always carrying about in the body the dying of Jesus, that <sup>b</sup>the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our body.

11 For we who live are constantly being delivered over to

9 <sup>a</sup>2 Cor. 3:7; Deut. 27:26; Heb. 12:18-21 <sup>b</sup>Rom. 1:17; 3:21f.

11 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *through*

12 <sup>a</sup>2 Cor. 7:4 <sup>b</sup>2 Cor. 7:4; Eph. 6:19; Acts 4:13, 29; 1 Thess. 2:2

13 <sup>a</sup>2 Cor. 3:7

14 <sup>1</sup>Or., *remains, it not being revealed that it is done away in Christ.*  
<sup>a</sup>Rom. 4:4  
<sup>b</sup>Acts 13:15 <sup>c</sup>2 Cor. 3:6

16 <sup>a</sup>Ex. 34:34; Rom. 11:23

17 <sup>a</sup>Gal. 4:6; Is. 61:1f.  
<sup>b</sup>John 8:32; Gal. 5:1, 13

18 <sup>a</sup>1 Cor. 13:12 <sup>b</sup>2 Cor. 4:6; John 17:22, 24  
<sup>c</sup>Rom. 8:29 <sup>d</sup>2 Cor. 3:17

1 <sup>a</sup>1 Cor. 3:5 <sup>b</sup>1 Cor. 7:25  
<sup>c</sup>2 Cor. 4:16; Luke 18:1; Gal. 6:9; Eph. 3:13;  
2 Thess. 3:13

2 <sup>a</sup>Rom. 6:21; 1 Cor. 4:5  
<sup>b</sup>2 Cor. 2:17 <sup>c</sup>2 Cor. 5:11f.

3 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *in*  
<sup>a</sup>2 Cor. 2:12 <sup>b</sup>2 Cor. 3:14;  
1 Cor. 2:6ff. <sup>c</sup>1 Cor. 1:18;  
2 Cor. 2:15

4 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *age* <sup>2</sup>Or., *that the light . . . image of God, should not dawn upon them.*  
<sup>a</sup>John 12:31 <sup>b</sup>Matt. 13:22  
<sup>c</sup>2 Cor. 3:14 <sup>d</sup>2 Cor. 4:6;  
Acts 26:18 <sup>e</sup>2 Cor. 3:18; 4:6  
(Col. 1:15; Phil. 2:6; Heb. 1:3; John 1:18

5 <sup>1</sup>Or., *through Jesus*  
<sup>a</sup>1 Thess. 2:6f. [1 Cor. 4:15f.]

6 <sup>a</sup>Gen. 1:3 <sup>b</sup>2 Pet. 1:19  
<sup>c</sup>2 Cor. 4:4; Acts 26:18

7 <sup>a</sup>2 Cor. 5:1; 2 Tim. 2:20; Job 4:19; 10:9; 33:6; Lam. 4:2 <sup>b</sup>1 Cor. 2:5; Judg. 7:2

8 <sup>a</sup>2 Cor. 7:5; 1:8 <sup>b</sup>2 Cor. 6:12 <sup>c</sup>Gal. 4:20

9 <sup>a</sup>John 15:20; Rom. 8:35f. <sup>b</sup>Heb. 13:5; Ps. 129:2  
<sup>c</sup>Ps. 37:24; Prov. 24:16;  
Mic. 7:8

10 <sup>a</sup>Rom. 6:5; 8:36; Gal. 6:17 <sup>b</sup>Rom. 6:8

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13 <sup>a</sup>1 Cor. 12:9 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 116:10

14 <sup>a</sup>Acts 2:24 <sup>b</sup>1 Thess. 4:14 <sup>c</sup>Eph. 5:27; Col. 1:22; Jude 24; Luke 21:36

15 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *being multiplied through the many*  
<sup>2</sup>2 Cor. 1:6; Rom. 8:28  
<sup>b</sup>2 Cor. 1:11; 1 Cor. 9:19

16 <sup>a</sup>2 Cor. 4:1 <sup>b</sup>Rom. 7:22  
<sup>c</sup>Col. 3:10; Is. 40:29, 31

17 <sup>a</sup>Rom. 8:18

18 <sup>a</sup>2 Cor. 5:7; Rom. 8:24;  
Heb. 11:1, 13

1 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *our earthly house of the tent*  
<sup>a</sup>1 Cor. 15:47; 2 Cor. 4:7;  
Job 4:19 <sup>b</sup>2 Pet. 1:13f.  
<sup>c</sup>Mark 14:58; Acts 7:48;  
Heb. 9:11, 24

2 <sup>a</sup>Rom. 8:23; 2 Cor. 5:4  
<sup>b</sup>1 Cor. 15:53f.; 2 Cor. 5:4

4 <sup>a</sup>2 Cor. 5:2 <sup>b</sup>1 Cor. 15:53f.; 2 Cor. 5:2 <sup>c</sup>1 Cor. 15:54

5 <sup>1</sup>Or, *down payment*  
<sup>a</sup>2 Cor. 1:22; Rom. 8:23

6 <sup>a</sup>Heb. 11:13f.

7 <sup>1</sup>Or, *appearance*  
<sup>a</sup>2 Cor. 4:18; 1 Cor. 13:12

8 <sup>a</sup>Phil. 1:23 <sup>b</sup>John 12:26;  
Phil. 1:23

9 <sup>a</sup>Rom. 14:18; Col. 1:10;  
1 Thess. 4:1

10 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *the things through the body*  
<sup>a</sup>Matt. 16:27; Acts 10:42;  
Rom. 2:16; 14:10, 12; Eph. 6:8

11 <sup>a</sup>Heb. 10:31; 12:29;  
Jude 23 <sup>b</sup>2 Cor. 4:2

12 <sup>a</sup>2 Cor. 3:1 <sup>b</sup>2 Cor. 1:14; Phil. 1:26

13 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *were*  
<sup>a</sup>2 Cor. 11:1, 16ff.; 12:11;  
Mark 3:21

death for Jesus' sake, that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our mortal flesh.

12 So death works in us, but life in you.

13 But having the same <sup>a</sup>spirit of faith, according to what is written, "<sup>b</sup>I BELIEVED, THEREFORE I SPOKE," we also believe, therefore also we speak;

14 knowing that He who <sup>a</sup>raised the Lord Jesus <sup>b</sup>will raise us also with Jesus and will <sup>c</sup>present us with you.

15 For all things *are* <sup>a</sup>for your sakes, that the grace which is <sup>b</sup>spreading to more and more people may cause the giving of thanks to abound to the glory of God.

16 Therefore we <sup>a</sup>do not lose heart, but though our outer man is decaying, yet our <sup>b</sup>inner man is <sup>c</sup>being renewed day by day.

17 For momentary, <sup>a</sup>light affliction is producing for us an eternal weight of glory far beyond all comparison,

18 while we <sup>a</sup>look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen; for the things which are seen are temporal, but the things which are not seen are eternal.

CHAPTER 5

FOR we know that if <sup>1</sup>the <sup>a</sup>earthly <sup>b</sup>tent which is our house is torn down, we have a building from God, a house <sup>c</sup>not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

2 For indeed in this *house* we <sup>a</sup>groan, longing to be <sup>b</sup>clothed with our dwelling from heaven;

3 inasmuch as we, having put it on, shall not be found naked.

4 For indeed while we are in this tent, we <sup>a</sup>groan, being burdened, because we do not want to be unclothed, but to be <sup>b</sup>clothed, in order that what is <sup>c</sup>mortal may be swallowed up by life.

5 Now He who prepared us for this very purpose is God, who <sup>a</sup>gave to us the Spirit as a <sup>1</sup>pledge.

6 Therefore, being always of good courage, and knowing that <sup>a</sup>while we are at home in the body we are absent from the Lord—

7 for <sup>a</sup>we walk by faith, not by <sup>1</sup>sight—

8 we are of good courage, I say, and <sup>a</sup>prefer rather to be absent from the body and <sup>b</sup>to be at home with the Lord.

9 Therefore also we have as our ambition, whether at home or absent, to be <sup>a</sup>pleasing to Him.

10 For we must all <sup>a</sup>appear before <sup>a</sup>the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may be recompensed for <sup>1</sup>his deeds in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad.

11 Therefore knowing the <sup>a</sup>fear of the Lord, we persuade men, but we are made manifest to God; and I hope that we are <sup>b</sup>made manifest also in your consciences.

12 We are not <sup>a</sup>again commending ourselves to you but *are* giving you an <sup>b</sup>occasion to be proud of us, that you may have *an answer* for those who take pride in appearance, and not in heart.

13 For if we <sup>1</sup>are <sup>a</sup>beside ourselves, it is for God; if we are of sound mind, it is for you.

## The Love of Christ Controls. Reconciliation in All Experiences.

14 For the love of Christ <sup>a</sup>controls us, having concluded this, that <sup>b</sup>one died for all, therefore all died;

15 and He died for all, that they who live should no longer <sup>a</sup>live for themselves, but for Him who died and rose again on their behalf.

16 Therefore from now on we recognize no man <sup>1a</sup>according to the flesh; even though we have known Christ <sup>1b</sup>according to the flesh, yet now we know *Him thus* no longer.

17 Therefore if any man is <sup>a</sup>in Christ, <sup>1b</sup>he is <sup>ba</sup>a new creature; <sup>c</sup>the old things passed away; behold, new things have come.

18 Now <sup>a</sup>all *these* things are from God, <sup>b</sup>who reconciled us to Himself through Christ, and gave us the <sup>c</sup>ministry of reconciliation,

19 namely, that <sup>a</sup>God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, <sup>b</sup>not counting their trespasses against them, and <sup>1b</sup>He has <sup>2</sup>committed to us the word of reconciliation.

20 Therefore, we are <sup>a</sup>ambassadors for Christ, <sup>bas</sup>as though God were entreating through us; we beg you on behalf of Christ, be <sup>c</sup>reconciled to God.

21 He made Him who <sup>a</sup>knew no sin to be <sup>bsin</sup>on our behalf, that we might become the <sup>c</sup>righteousness of God in Him.

### CHAPTER 6

AND <sup>a</sup>working together *with Him*, <sup>b</sup>we also urge you not to receive <sup>c</sup>the grace of God in vain—

2 for He says,

“<sup>a</sup>AT THE ACCEPTABLE TIME I LISTENED TO YOU,

AND ON THE DAY OF SALVATION I HELPED YOU”;

behold, now is “THE ACCEPTABLE TIME,” behold, now is “THE DAY OF SALVATION”—

3 <sup>a</sup>giving no cause for offense in anything, in order that the ministry be not discredited,

4 but in everything <sup>a</sup>commending ourselves as <sup>1b</sup>servants of God, <sup>c</sup>in much endurance, in afflictions, in hardships, in distresses,

5 in <sup>a</sup>beatings, in <sup>a</sup>imprisonments, in <sup>b</sup>tumults, in labors, in sleeplessness, in <sup>c</sup>hunger,

6 in purity, in <sup>a</sup>knowledge, in <sup>b</sup>patience, in kindness, in the <sup>c</sup>Holy Spirit, in <sup>d</sup>genuine love,

7 in <sup>a</sup>the word of truth, in <sup>b</sup>the power of God; by <sup>c</sup>the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and the left,

8 by glory and <sup>a</sup>dishonor, by <sup>b</sup>evil report and good report; <sup>c</sup>regarded as <sup>d</sup>deceivers and yet <sup>d</sup>true;

9 as unknown yet well-known, as <sup>a</sup>dying yet behold, <sup>b</sup>we live; as <sup>b</sup>punished yet not put to death,

10 as <sup>a</sup>sorrowful yet always <sup>a</sup>rejoicing, as <sup>b</sup>poor yet making many rich, as <sup>c</sup>having nothing yet possessing <sup>d</sup>all things.

11 <sup>a</sup>Our mouth <sup>1b</sup>has spoken freely to you, O Corinthians, our <sup>b</sup>heart is opened wide.

12 You are not restrained <sup>1b</sup>by us, but <sup>a</sup>you are restrained in your own <sup>2</sup>affections.

13 Now in a like <sup>a</sup>exchange—I speak as to <sup>b</sup>children—open wide to us also.

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14 <sup>a</sup>Acts 18:5 <sup>b</sup>Rom. 5:15; 6:6f.; Gal. 2:20; Col. 3:3

15 <sup>a</sup>Rom. 14:7-9

16 <sup>1</sup>I.e., by what he is in the flesh <sup>2</sup>Cor. 11:18; Phil. 3:4; John 8:15

17 <sup>1</sup>Or, there is a new creation  
<sup>a</sup>Rom. 16:7 <sup>b</sup>Gal. 6:15; John 3:3; Rom. 6:4-15, 43:18f.; 65:17; Eph. 4:24; Rev. 21:4f.

18 <sup>1</sup>1 Cor. 11:12 <sup>b</sup>Col. 1:20; Rom. 5:10 <sup>c</sup>1 Cor. 3:5

19 <sup>1</sup>Lit., having committed <sup>2</sup>Lit., placed in us  
<sup>a</sup>Col. 2:9 <sup>b</sup>Rom. 4:8; 1 Cor. 13:5

20 <sup>a</sup>Eph. 6:20; Mal. 2:7 <sup>b</sup>2 Cor. 6:1 <sup>c</sup>Col. 1:20; Rom. 5:10

21 <sup>1</sup>Heb. 4:15; 7:26; 1 Pet. 2:22; 1 John 3:5; Acts 3:14 <sup>b</sup>Rom. 8:3; Gal. 3:13; Rom. 3:25; 4:25 <sup>c</sup>Rom. 1:17; 3:21f.; 1 Cor. 1:30

1 <sup>1</sup>1 Cor. 3:9 <sup>2</sup>2 Cor. 5:20 <sup>c</sup>Acts 11:23

2 <sup>1</sup>Is. 49:8

3 <sup>1</sup>1 Cor. 8:9, 13; 9:12

4 <sup>1</sup>Or, ministers  
<sup>a</sup>Rom. 3:5 <sup>b</sup>1 Cor. 3:5; 2 Tim. 2:24f. <sup>c</sup>2 Cor. 6:4ff.; 4:8-11; 11:23-27; 12:10; Acts 9:16

5 <sup>a</sup>Acts 16:23 <sup>b</sup>Acts 19:23ff. <sup>c</sup>1 Cor. 4:11

6 <sup>2</sup>2 Cor. 11:6; 1 Cor. 12:8 <sup>b</sup>2 Cor. 1:23; 2:10; 13:10 <sup>c</sup>1 Thess. 1:5; 1 Cor. 2:4 <sup>d</sup>Rom. 12:9

7 <sup>2</sup>2 Cor. 2:17; 4:2 <sup>b</sup>1 Cor. 2:5 <sup>c</sup>2 Cor. 10:4; Rom. 13:12; Eph. 6:11ff.

8 <sup>1</sup>1 Cor. 4:10 <sup>b</sup>1 Cor. 4:13; Rom. 3:8; 2 Cor. 12:16 <sup>c</sup>Matt. 27:63 <sup>d</sup>2 Cor. 1:18; 4:2; 1 Thess. 2:3f.

9 <sup>1</sup>Or, disciplined  
<sup>a</sup>Rom. 8:36 <sup>b</sup>2 Cor. 1:8, 10; 4:11

10 <sup>2</sup>2 Cor. 7:4; 1 Thess. 1:6; Phil. 2:17; 4:4; Col. 1:24; John 16:22 <sup>b</sup>2 Cor. 8:9; 1 Cor. 1:5 <sup>c</sup>Acts 3:6 <sup>d</sup>Rom. 8:32; 1 Cor. 3:21

11 <sup>1</sup>Lit., is open to you  
<sup>a</sup>Ezek. 33:22; Eph. 6:19 <sup>b</sup>2 Cor. 7:3; Is. 60:5

12 <sup>1</sup>Or, in us <sup>2</sup>Lit., inward parts  
<sup>a</sup>2 Cor. 7:2

13 <sup>a</sup>Gal. 4:12 <sup>b</sup>1 Cor. 4:14

14 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *unequally yoked*  
<sup>a</sup>Deut. 22:10; 1 Cor. 5:9f.  
<sup>b</sup>1 Cor. 6:6 <sup>c</sup>Eph. 5:7, 11;  
 1 John 1:6

15 <sup>1</sup>Gr., *Belial* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *what part has a believer with an unbeliever*  
<sup>a</sup>1 Cor. 10:21 <sup>b</sup>Acts 5:14;  
 1 Pet. 1:21 <sup>c</sup>1 Cor. 6:6

16 <sup>a</sup>1 Cor. 10:21 <sup>b</sup>1 Cor. 3:16 <sup>c</sup>Matt. 16:16 <sup>d</sup>Lev. 26:12; Ex. 29:45; Ezek. 37:27; Jer. 31:1 <sup>e</sup>Ex. 25:8; John 14:23 <sup>f</sup>Rev. 2:1

17 <sup>a</sup>Is. 52:11 <sup>b</sup>Rev. 18:4

18 <sup>a</sup>Hos. 1:10; Is. 43:6  
<sup>b</sup>Rom. 8:14

1 <sup>a</sup>Heb. 6:9 <sup>b</sup>1 Pet. 1:15f.

2 <sup>a</sup>2 Cor. 6:12f.; 12:15

3 <sup>a</sup>2 Cor. 6:11f. <sup>b</sup>Phil. 1:7

4 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *to*  
<sup>a</sup>2 Cor. 3:12 <sup>b</sup>2 Cor. 7:14;  
 8:24; 9:2f.; 10:8; 2 Thess. 1:4; Phil. 1:26 <sup>c</sup>2 Cor. 1:4  
<sup>d</sup>2 Cor. 6:10

5 <sup>a</sup>2 Cor. 2:13; Rom. 15:26 <sup>b</sup>2 Cor. 4:8 <sup>c</sup>Deut. 32:25

6 <sup>1</sup>Or, *humble*  
<sup>a</sup>2 Cor. 1:3f. <sup>b</sup>2 Cor. 7:13  
<sup>c</sup>2 Cor. 2:13; 7:13f.

8 <sup>a</sup>2 Cor. 2:2

10 <sup>1</sup>Or, *leading to a salvation without regret*  
<sup>a</sup>Acts 11:18

11 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *sorrow according to God*  
<sup>a</sup>2 Cor. 7:7 <sup>b</sup>2 Cor. 2:6  
<sup>c</sup>Rom. 3:5

12 <sup>a</sup>2 Cor. 7:8; 2:3, 9  
<sup>b</sup>1 Cor. 5:1f.

14 <sup>a</sup>Do not be <sup>1</sup>bound together with <sup>b</sup>unbelievers; for what <sup>c</sup>partnership have righteousness and lawlessness, or what fellowship has light with darkness?

15 Or what <sup>a</sup>harmony has Christ with <sup>1</sup>Belial, or <sup>2</sup>what has a <sup>b</sup>believer in common with an <sup>c</sup>unbeliever?

16 Or <sup>a</sup>what agreement has the temple of God with idols? For we are <sup>b</sup>the temple of <sup>c</sup>the living God; just as God said,

<sup>d</sup>"I WILL <sup>e</sup>DWELL IN THEM AND <sup>f</sup>WALK AMONG THEM; AND I WILL BE THEIR GOD, AND THEY SHALL BE MY PEOPLE.

17 <sup>a</sup>"Therefore, <sup>b</sup>COME OUT FROM THEIR MIDST AND BE SEPARATE," says the Lord.

<sup>c</sup>"AND DO NOT TOUCH WHAT IS UNCLEAN; AND I WILL WELCOME YOU.

18 <sup>a</sup>"AND I WILL BE A FATHER TO YOU, AND YOU SHALL BE <sup>b</sup>SONS and daughters TO ME," SAYS THE LORD ALMIGHTY.

## CHAPTER 7

**T**HEREFORE, having these promises, <sup>a</sup>beloved, <sup>b</sup>let us cleanse ourselves from all defilement of flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.

2 <sup>a</sup>Make room for us *in your hearts*; we wronged no one, we corrupted no one, we took advantage of no one.

3 I do not speak to condemn you; for I have said <sup>a</sup>before that you are <sup>b</sup>in our hearts to die together and to live together.

4 Great is my <sup>a</sup>confidence <sup>1</sup>in you, great is my <sup>b</sup>boasting on your behalf; I am filled with <sup>c</sup>comfort. I am overflowing with <sup>d</sup>joy in all our affliction.

5 For even when we came into <sup>a</sup>Macedonia our flesh had no rest, but we were <sup>b</sup>afflicted on every side: <sup>c</sup>conflicts without, fears within.

6 But <sup>a</sup>God, who comforts the <sup>1</sup>depressed, <sup>b</sup>comforted us by the coming of <sup>c</sup>Titus;

7 and not only by his coming, but also by the comfort with which he was comforted in you, as he reported to us your longing, your mourning, your zeal for me; so that I rejoiced even more.

8 For though I <sup>a</sup>caused you sorrow by my letter, I do not regret it; though I did regret it—for I see that that letter caused you sorrow, though only for a while—

9 I now rejoice, not that you were made sorrowful, but that you were made sorrowful to *the point* of repentance; for you were made sorrowful according to *the will* of God, in order that you might not suffer loss in anything through us.

10 For the sorrow that is according to *the will* of God produces a <sup>a</sup>repentance <sup>1</sup>without regret, *leading* to salvation; but the sorrow of the world produces death.

11 For behold what earnestness this very thing, this <sup>1</sup>godly sorrow, has produced in you: what vindication of yourselves, what indignation, what fear, what <sup>a</sup>longing, what zeal, what <sup>b</sup>avenging of wrong! In everything you <sup>c</sup>demonstrated yourselves to be innocent in the matter.

12 So although <sup>a</sup>I wrote to you *it was* not for the sake of <sup>b</sup>the offender, nor for the sake of the one offended, but that



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Rich in Christ.**

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your earnestness on our behalf might be made known to you in the sight of God.

13 For this reason we have been <sup>a</sup>comforted.

And besides our comfort, we rejoiced even much more for the joy of <sup>b</sup>Titus, because his <sup>c</sup>spirit has been refreshed by you all.

14 For if in anything I have <sup>a</sup>boasted to him about you, I was not put to shame; but as we spoke all things to you in truth, so also our boasting before <sup>b</sup>Titus proved to be *the truth*.

15 And his <sup>1</sup>affection abounds all the more toward you, as he remembers the <sup>a</sup>obedience of you all, how you received him with <sup>b</sup>fear and trembling.

16 I rejoice that in everything <sup>a</sup>I have confidence in you.

CHAPTER 8

**N**OW, brethren, we *wish* to make known to you the grace of God which has been <sup>a</sup>given in the churches of <sup>b</sup>Macedonia,

2 that in a great ordeal of affliction their abundance of joy and their deep poverty overflowed in the <sup>a</sup>wealth of their liberality.

3 For I testify that <sup>a</sup>according to their ability, and beyond their ability *they gave* of their own accord,

4 begging us with much entreaty for the <sup>a</sup>favor of participation in the <sup>1b</sup>support of the <sup>2</sup>saints,

5 and *this*, not as we had <sup>1</sup>expected, but they first <sup>a</sup>gave themselves to the Lord and to us by <sup>b</sup>the will of God.

6 Consequently we <sup>a</sup>urged <sup>b</sup>Titus that as he had previously <sup>c</sup>made a beginning, so he would also complete in you <sup>d</sup>this gracious work as well.

7 But just as you <sup>a</sup>abound <sup>b</sup>in everything, in faith and utterance and knowledge and in all earnestness and in the <sup>1</sup>love we inspired in you, *see* that you <sup>a</sup>abound in this gracious work also.

8 I <sup>a</sup>am not speaking *this* as a command, but as proving through the earnestness of others the sincerity of your love also.

9 For you know <sup>a</sup>the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that <sup>b</sup>though He was rich, yet for your sake He became poor, that you through His poverty might become rich.

10 And I <sup>a</sup>give my opinion in this matter, for this is to your advantage, who were the first to begin <sup>ba</sup> year ago not only to do *this*, but also to desire *to do it*.

11 But now finish <sup>1</sup>doing it also; that just as *there was* the <sup>a</sup>readiness to desire it, so *there may be* also the completion of it by your ability.

12 For if the readiness is present, it is acceptable <sup>a</sup>according to what *a man* has, not according to what he does not have.

13 For *this* is not for the ease of others *and* for your affliction, but by way of equality—

14 at this present time your abundance *being a supply* for <sup>a</sup>their want, that their abundance also may become *a supply* for <sup>a</sup>your want, that there may be equality;

15 as it is written, "<sup>a</sup>HE WHO *gathered* MUCH DID NOT HAVE TOO MUCH, AND HE WHO *gathered* LITTLE HAD NO LACK."

13 <sup>a2</sup> Cor. 7:6 <sup>b2</sup> Cor. 2:13; 7:6, 14 <sup>c1</sup> Cor. 16:18

14 <sup>a2</sup> Cor. 7:4; 8:24; 9:2f.; 10:8; 2 Thess. 1:4; Phil. 1:26 <sup>b2</sup> Cor. 2:13; 7:6, 13

15 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *inward parts*  
<sup>a2</sup> Cor. 2:9 <sup>b</sup>Phil. 2:12;  
1 Cor. 2:3

16 <sup>a2</sup> Cor. 2:3

1 <sup>a2</sup> Cor. 8:5 <sup>b</sup>Acts 16:9

2 <sup>a</sup>Rom. 2:4

3 <sup>a2</sup> Cor. 8:11; 1 Cor. 16:2

4 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *service to the saints* <sup>2</sup>i.e., true believers; lit., *holy ones*  
<sup>a</sup>Rom. 15:25f.; Acts 24:17  
<sup>b2</sup> Cor. 8:19f.; 9:1, 12f.; Rom. 15:31

5 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *hoped*  
<sup>a2</sup> Cor. 8:1 <sup>b1</sup> Cor. 1:1

6 <sup>a2</sup> Cor. 8:17; 12:18  
<sup>b2</sup> Cor. 8:16, 23; 2:13  
<sup>c2</sup> Cor. 8:10 <sup>a</sup>Rom. 15:25f.; Acts 24:17

7 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *love from us in you*; some ancient mss. read, *your love for us*  
<sup>a2</sup> Cor. 9:8 <sup>b1</sup> Cor. 1:5; 12:8; Rom. 15:14

8 <sup>a1</sup> Cor. 7:6

9 <sup>a2</sup> Cor. 13:14 <sup>b</sup>Phil. 2:6f.; Matt. 20:28; 2 Cor. 6:10

10 <sup>a1</sup> Cor. 7:25, 40 <sup>b2</sup> Cor. 9:2; 1 Cor. 16:2f.

11 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *the doing*  
<sup>a2</sup> Cor. 8:12, 19; 9:2

12 <sup>a</sup>Mark 12:43f.; Luke 21:3; 2 Cor. 9:7

14 <sup>a2</sup> Cor. 9:12; Acts 4:34

15 <sup>a</sup>Ex. 16:18

16 <sup>a</sup>2 Cor. 2:14 <sup>b</sup>Rev. 17:17 <sup>c</sup>2 Cor. 8:6, 23; 2:13

17 <sup>a</sup>2 Cor. 8:6; 12:18

18 <sup>a</sup>2 Cor. 12:18; 1 Cor. 16:3; <sup>b</sup>2 Cor. 2:12 <sup>c</sup>1 Cor. 7:17; 4:17

19 <sup>a</sup>Rom. 5:3 <sup>b</sup>1 Cor. 16:3f.; Acts 14:23 <sup>c</sup>2 Cor. 8:4, 6 <sup>d</sup>2 Cor. 8:11, 12; 9:2

20 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *avoiding this*

21 <sup>a</sup>Rom. 12:17 <sup>b</sup>Rom. 14:18

23 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *for you* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *apostles*  
<sup>a</sup>2 Cor. 8:6 <sup>b</sup>Philem. 17  
<sup>c</sup>2 Cor. 8:18, 22 <sup>d</sup>Phil. 2:25;  
John 13:16 <sup>e</sup>1 Cor. 11:7

24 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *in the face of the churches* <sup>2</sup>Or, *show the proof . . . for boasting to them about you*  
<sup>a</sup>2 Cor. 7:4

<sup>1</sup>I.e., true believers; lit., *holy ones*  
<sup>a</sup>1 Thess. 4:9 <sup>b</sup>2 Cor. 8:4

2 <sup>a</sup>2 Cor. 7:4 <sup>b</sup>Rom. 15:26 <sup>c</sup>Acts 18:12 <sup>d</sup>2 Cor. 8:10

3 <sup>a</sup>2 Cor. 7:4 <sup>b</sup>1 Cor. 16:2

4 <sup>a</sup>Rom. 15:26

5 <sup>1</sup>Gr.,  *blessing* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *as covetousness*  
<sup>a</sup>2 Cor. 9:3 <sup>b</sup>Gen. 33:11;  
Judg. 1:15; 2 Cor. 9:6 <sup>c</sup>Phil. 4:17 <sup>d</sup>2 Cor. 12:17f.

6 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *with blessings*  
<sup>a</sup>Prov. 11:24f.; 22:9; Gal. 6:7, 9

7 <sup>a</sup>Deut. 15:10; 1 Chr. 29:17; Rom. 12:8; 2 Cor. 8:12 <sup>b</sup>Prov. 22:8 [Sept.]; Ex. 25:2; 2 Cor. 8:12

8 <sup>a</sup>Eph. 3:20

9 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 112:9

16 But <sup>a</sup>thanks be to God, who <sup>b</sup>puts the same earnestness on your behalf in the heart of <sup>c</sup>Titus.

17 For he not only accepted our <sup>a</sup>appeal, but being himself very earnest, he has gone to you of his own accord.

18 And we have sent along with him <sup>a</sup>the brother whose fame in *the things of the* <sup>b</sup>gospel *has spread* through <sup>c</sup>all the churches;

19 <sup>a</sup>and not only *this*, but he has also been <sup>b</sup>appointed by the churches to travel with us in <sup>c</sup>this gracious work, which is being administered by us for the glory of the Lord Himself, and *to show our* <sup>d</sup>readiness,

20 <sup>1</sup>taking precaution that no one should discredit us in our administration of this generous gift;

21 for we <sup>a</sup>have regard for what is honorable, not only in <sup>b</sup>the sight of the Lord, but also in the sight of men.

22 And we have sent with them our brother, whom we have often tested and found diligent in many things, but now even more diligent, because of *his* great confidence in you.

23 As for <sup>a</sup>Titus, *he* is my <sup>b</sup>partner and fellow-worker <sup>1</sup>among you; as for our <sup>c</sup>brethren, *they are* <sup>2d</sup>messengers of the churches, <sup>a</sup>a glory to Christ.

24 Therefore <sup>1</sup>openly before the churches <sup>2</sup>show them the proof of your love and of our <sup>a</sup>reason for boasting about you.

## CHAPTER 9

FOR <sup>a</sup>it is superfluous for me to write to you about this <sup>b</sup>ministry to the <sup>1</sup>saints;

2 for I know your readiness, of which I <sup>a</sup>boast about you to the <sup>b</sup>Macedonians, *namely*, that <sup>c</sup>Achaia has been prepared since <sup>d</sup>last year, and your zeal has stirred up most of them.

3 But I have sent the brethren, that our <sup>a</sup>boasting about you may not be made empty in this case, that, <sup>b</sup>as I was saying, you may be prepared;

4 lest if any <sup>a</sup>Macedonians come with me and find you unprepared, we (not to speak of you) should be put to shame by this confidence.

5 So I thought it necessary to urge the <sup>a</sup>brethren that they would go on ahead to you and arrange beforehand your previously promised <sup>1b</sup>bountiful gift, that the same might be ready as a <sup>1c</sup>bountiful gift, and not <sup>2d</sup>affected by covetousness.

6 Now this *I say*, <sup>a</sup>he who sows sparingly shall also reap sparingly; and he who sows <sup>1</sup>bountifully shall also reap <sup>1</sup>bountifully.

7 Let each one *do* just as he has purposed in his heart; not <sup>a</sup>grudgingly or under compulsion; for <sup>b</sup>God loves a cheerful giver.

8 And <sup>a</sup>God is able to make all grace abound to you, that always having all sufficiency in everything, you may have an abundance for every good deed;

9 as it is written,

“<sup>a</sup>HE SCATTERED ABROAD, HE GAVE TO THE POOR,  
HIS RIGHTEOUSNESS ABIDES FOREVER.”

10 Now He who supplies <sup>a</sup>seed to the sower and bread for food, will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and <sup>b</sup>increase the harvest of your righteousness;

11 you will be <sup>a</sup>enriched in everything for all liberality, which through us is producing <sup>b</sup>thanksgiving to God.

12 For the ministry of this service is not only fully supplying <sup>a</sup>the needs of the <sup>b</sup>saints, but is also overflowing <sup>b</sup>through many thanksgivings to God.

13 Because of the proof given by this <sup>a</sup>ministry they will <sup>b</sup>glorify God for your obedience to your <sup>c</sup>confession of the <sup>d</sup>gospel of Christ, and for the liberality of your <sup>l</sup>contribution to them and to all,

14 while they also, by prayer on your behalf, yearn for you because of the surpassing grace of God in you.

15 <sup>a</sup>Thanks be to God for His indescribable <sup>b</sup>gift!

CHAPTER 10

**N**OW <sup>a</sup>I, Paul, myself <sup>b</sup>urge you by the <sup>c</sup>meekness and gentleness of Christ,—I who <sup>d</sup>am <sup>l</sup>meek when face to face with you, but bold toward you when absent!

2 I ask that <sup>a</sup>when I am present I may not be bold with the confidence with which I propose to be courageous against <sup>b</sup>some, who regard us as if we walked <sup>c</sup>according to the flesh.

3 For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war <sup>a</sup>according to the flesh,

4 for the <sup>a</sup>weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh, but <sup>b</sup>divinely powerful <sup>c</sup>for the destruction of fortresses.

5 *We are* destroying speculations and every <sup>a</sup>lofty thing raised up against the knowledge of God, and *we are* taking every thought captive to the <sup>b</sup>obedience of Christ,

6 and we are ready to punish all disobedience, whenever <sup>a</sup>your obedience is complete.

7 <sup>l</sup>aYou are looking at <sup>2</sup>things as they are outwardly. <sup>b</sup>If any one is confident in himself that he is Christ's, let him consider this again within himself, that just as he is Christ's, <sup>c</sup>so also are we.

8 For even if <sup>a</sup>I should boast somewhat <sup>l</sup>further about our <sup>b</sup>authority, which the Lord gave for building you up and not for destroying you, I shall not be put to shame,

9 <sup>l</sup>for I do not wish to seem as if I would terrify you by my letters.

10 For they say, "His letters are weighty and strong, but his <sup>l</sup>personal presence is <sup>a</sup>unimpressive, and <sup>b</sup>his speech contemptible."

11 Let such a person consider this, that what we are in word by letters when absent, such persons *we are* also in deed when present.

12 For we are not bold to class or compare ourselves with <sup>l</sup>some of those who <sup>a</sup>commend themselves; but when they measure themselves by themselves, and compare themselves with themselves, they are without understanding.

13 But we will not boast <sup>a</sup>beyond *our* measure, but <sup>b</sup>within the measure of the sphere which God apportioned to us as a measure, to reach even as far as you.

14 For we are not overextending ourselves, as if we did not

10 <sup>a</sup>Is. 55:10 <sup>b</sup>Hos. 10:12

11 <sup>a</sup>1 Cor. 1:5 <sup>b</sup>2 Cor. 1:11

12 <sup>l</sup>I.e., true believers; lit., holy ones

<sup>a</sup>2 Cor. 8:14 <sup>b</sup>2 Cor. 1:11

13 <sup>l</sup>Or, sharing with them

<sup>a</sup>2 Cor. 8:4; Rom. 15:31

<sup>b</sup>Matt. 9:8 <sup>c</sup>1 Tim. 6:12f.;

Heb. 3:1; 4:14; 10:23

<sup>d</sup>2 Cor. 2:12

15 <sup>a</sup>2 Cor. 2:14 <sup>b</sup>Rom. 5:15f.

1 <sup>l</sup>Lit., lowly

<sup>a</sup>Gal. 5:2; Eph. 3:1; Col. 1:23 <sup>b</sup>Rom. 12:1 <sup>c</sup>Matt. 11:29; 1 Cor. 4:21; Phil. 4:5

<sup>d</sup>2 Cor. 10:10; 1 Cor. 2:3f.

2 <sup>a</sup>2 Cor. 13:2, 10; 1 Cor. 4:21 <sup>b</sup>1 Cor. 4:18f. <sup>c</sup>2 Cor. 1:17; Rom. 8:4

3 <sup>a</sup>2 Cor. 1:17; Rom. 8:4

4 <sup>l</sup>Or, mighty before God

<sup>a</sup>2 Cor. 6:7; 1 Cor. 9:7;

1 Tim. 1:18 <sup>b</sup>Acts 7:20

margin; <sup>c</sup>Jer. 1:10; 2 Cor. 10:8; 13:10

5 <sup>a</sup>Is. 2:11f. <sup>b</sup>2 Cor. 9:13

6 <sup>a</sup>2 Cor. 2:9

7 <sup>l</sup>Or, Look at . . . or, Do you look at . . . ? <sup>2</sup>Lit., what is before your face

<sup>a</sup>John 7:24; 2 Cor. 5:12

<sup>b</sup>1 Cor. 1:12; 14:37 <sup>c</sup>2 Cor. 11:23; 1 Cor. 9:1; Gal. 1:12

8 <sup>l</sup>Or, more abundantly

<sup>a</sup>2 Cor. 7:4 <sup>b</sup>2 Cor. 13:10

9 <sup>l</sup>Lit., that I may not seem . . .

10 <sup>l</sup>Lit., bodily presence is weak

<sup>a</sup>1 Cor. 2:3; 2 Cor. 12:7;

Gal. 4:13f. <sup>b</sup>1 Cor. 1:17;

2 Cor. 11:6

12 <sup>l</sup>Or, any

<sup>a</sup>2 Cor. 10:18; 3:1

13 <sup>l</sup>Lit., according to the measure

<sup>a</sup>2 Cor. 10:15 <sup>b</sup>Rom. 12:3;

2 Cor. 10:15f.

14 \*1 Cor. 3:6 \*2 Cor. 2:12

15 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *according to our sphere*  
\*2 Cor. 10:13 \*Rom. 15:20  
\*2 Thess. 1:3 \*Acts 5:13

16 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *to the things prepared in the ...*  
\*2 Cor. 11:7 \*Acts 19:21  
\*Rom. 15:20

17 \*Jer. 9:24; 1 Cor. 1:31

18 \*2 Cor. 10:12 \*Rom. 2:29; 1 Cor. 4:5

1 <sup>1</sup>Or, *do indeed bear with me*  
\*2 Cor. 11:4, 19f.; Matt. 17:17; 2 Cor. 11:16 \*2 Cor. 11:17, 21; 5:13

2 \*Hos. 2:19f.; Eph. 5:26f. \*2 Cor. 4:14

3 \*Gen. 3:4, 13; 1 Tim. 2:14; Rev. 12:9, 15; John 8:44; 1 Thess. 3:5

4 \*1 Cor. 3:11 \*Rom. 8:15 \*Gal. 1:6 \*2 Cor. 11:1 \*Mark 7:9

5 <sup>1</sup>Or, *super-apostles*  
\*2 Cor. 12:11; Gal. 2:6

6 \*1 Cor. 1:17 \*1 Cor. 12:8; Eph. 3:4 \*2 Cor. 4:2

7 \*2 Cor. 12:13 \*Rom. 1:1; 2 Cor. 2:12 \*1 Cor. 9:18; Acts 18:3

8 \*Phil. 4:15, 18; 1 Cor. 4:12; 9:6

9 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *and I will keep*  
\*2 Cor. 12:13f.; 16 \*Acts 18:5 \*Rom. 15:26

10 \*Rom. 9:1; 1:9; 2 Cor. 1:23; Gal. 2:20 \*1 Cor. 9:15 \*Acts 18:12

11 \*2 Cor. 12:15 \*2 Cor. 11:31; 2 Cor. 12:2f.; Rom. 1:9; 2 Cor. 2:17

12 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *found*  
\*1 Cor. 9:12

13 \*Rev. 2:2; Acts 20:30; Gal. 1:7; 2:4; Phil. 1:15; Titus 1:10f.; 2 Pet. 2:1 \*Phil. 3:2

14 \*Matt. 4:10; Eph. 6:12; Col. 1:13 \*Col. 1:12

15 \*Rom. 2:6; 3:8

reach to you, for <sup>a</sup>we were the first to come even as far as you in the <sup>b</sup>gospel of Christ;

15 not boasting <sup>a</sup>beyond *our* measure, *that is*, in <sup>b</sup>other men's labors, but with the hope that <sup>a</sup>your faith grows, we shall be, <sup>1</sup>within our sphere, <sup>d</sup>enlarged even more by you,

16 so as to <sup>a</sup>preach the gospel even to <sup>b</sup>the regions beyond you, *and* not to boast <sup>1</sup>in what has been accomplished in the sphere of another.

17 But <sup>a</sup>HE WHO BOASTS, LET HIM BOAST IN THE LORD.

18 For not he who <sup>a</sup>commends himself is approved, but <sup>b</sup>whom the Lord commends.

CHAPTER 11

I WISH that you would <sup>a</sup>bear with me in a little <sup>b</sup>foolishness; but <sup>1</sup>indeed you are bearing with me.

2 For I am jealous for you with a godly jealousy; for I <sup>a</sup>betrothed you to one husband, that to Christ I might <sup>b</sup>present you *as a pure virgin*.

3 But I am afraid, lest as the <sup>a</sup>serpent deceived Eve by his craftiness, your minds should be led astray from the simplicity and purity of *devotion* to Christ.

4 For if one comes and preaches <sup>a</sup>another Jesus whom we have not preached, or you receive a <sup>b</sup>different spirit which you have not received, or a <sup>c</sup>different gospel which you have not accepted, you <sup>d</sup>bear *this* <sup>e</sup>beautifully.

5 For I consider myself <sup>a</sup>not in the least inferior to the <sup>1</sup>most eminent apostles.

6 But even if I am <sup>a</sup>unskilled in speech, yet I am not so in <sup>b</sup>knowledge; in fact, in every way we have <sup>c</sup>made *this* evident to you in all things.

7 Or <sup>a</sup>did I commit a sin in humbling myself that you might be exalted, because I preached the <sup>b</sup>gospel of God to you <sup>c</sup>without charge?

8 I robbed other churches, <sup>a</sup>taking wages *from them* to serve you;

9 and when I was present with you and was in need, I was <sup>a</sup>not a burden to anyone; for when <sup>b</sup>the brethren came from <sup>c</sup>Macedonia, they fully supplied my need, and in everything I kept myself from <sup>a</sup>being a burden to you, <sup>1</sup>and will continue to do so.

10 <sup>a</sup>As the truth of Christ is in me, <sup>b</sup>this boasting of mine will not be stopped in the regions of <sup>c</sup>Achaia.

11 Why? <sup>a</sup>Because I do not love you? <sup>b</sup>God knows *I do!*

12 But what I am doing, I will continue to do, <sup>a</sup>that I may cut off opportunity from those who desire an opportunity to be <sup>1</sup>regarded just as we are in the matter about which they are boasting.

13 For such men are <sup>a</sup>false apostles, <sup>b</sup>deceitful workers, disguising themselves as apostles of Christ.

14 And no wonder, for even <sup>a</sup>Satan disguises himself as an <sup>b</sup>angel of light.

15 Therefore it is not surprising if his servants also disguise themselves as servants of righteousness; <sup>a</sup>whose end shall be according to their deeds.

16 <sup>a</sup>Again I say, let no one think me foolish; but if *you do*, receive me even as foolish, that I also may boast a little.

17 That which I am speaking, I am not speaking <sup>1a</sup>as the Lord would, but as <sup>b</sup>in foolishness, in this confidence of boasting.

18 Since <sup>a</sup>many boast <sup>b</sup>according to the flesh, I will boast also.

19 For you, <sup>a</sup>being so wise, bear with the foolish gladly.

20 For you bear with anyone if he <sup>a</sup>enslaves you, if he <sup>b</sup>deavors you, if he <sup>c</sup>takes advantage of you, if he <sup>d</sup>exalts himself, if he <sup>e</sup>hits you in the face.

21 To *my* <sup>a</sup>shame I *must* say that we have been <sup>b</sup>weak by *comparison*. But in whatever respect anyone *else* <sup>c</sup>is bold (I <sup>d</sup>speak in foolishness), I am just as bold myself.

22 Are they <sup>a</sup>Hebrews? <sup>b</sup>So am I. Are they <sup>c</sup>Israelites? <sup>c</sup>So am I. Are they <sup>1d</sup>descendants of Abraham? <sup>c</sup>So am I.

23 Are they <sup>a</sup>servants of Christ? (I speak as if insane) I more so; in <sup>1b</sup>far more labors, in <sup>1c</sup>far more imprisonments, <sup>2d</sup>beaten times without number, often in <sup>c</sup>danger of death.

24 Five times I received from the Jews <sup>a</sup>thirty-nine lashes.

25 Three times I was <sup>a</sup>beaten with rods, once I was <sup>b</sup>stoned, three times I was shipwrecked, a night and a day I have spent in the deep.

26 *I have been* on frequent journeys, in dangers from rivers, dangers from robbers, dangers from *my* <sup>a</sup>countrymen, dangers from the <sup>b</sup>Gentiles, dangers in the <sup>c</sup>city, dangers in the wilderness, dangers on the sea, dangers among <sup>d</sup>false brethren;

27 *I have been* in <sup>a</sup>labor and hardship, <sup>1</sup>through many sleepless nights, in <sup>b</sup>hunger and thirst, often <sup>c</sup>without food, in cold and <sup>2d</sup>exposure.

28 Apart from *such* <sup>1</sup>external things, there is the daily pressure upon me of concern for <sup>a</sup>all the churches.

29 Who is <sup>a</sup>weak without my being weak? Who is <sup>1</sup>led into sin <sup>2</sup>without my intense concern?

30 If I have to boast, I will boast of what pertains to my <sup>a</sup>weakness.

31 The God and Father of the Lord Jesus, <sup>a</sup>He who is blessed forever, <sup>b</sup>knows that I am not lying.

32 In <sup>a</sup>Damascus the ethnarch under Aretas the king was <sup>b</sup>guarding the city of the Damascenes in order to seize me,

33 and I was let down in a basket <sup>a</sup>through a window <sup>1</sup>in the wall, and so escaped his hands.

CHAPTER 12

<sup>a</sup>**BOASTING** is necessary, though it is not profitable; but I will go on to visions and <sup>b</sup>revelations <sup>1</sup>of the Lord.

2 I know a man <sup>a</sup>in Christ who fourteen years ago—whether in the body I do not know, or out of the body I do not know, <sup>b</sup>God knows—such a man was <sup>c</sup>caught up to the <sup>d</sup>third heaven.

3 And I know how such a man—whether in the body or apart from the body I do not know, <sup>a</sup>God knows—

4 was <sup>a</sup>caught up into <sup>b</sup>Paradise, and heard inexpressible words, which a man is not permitted to speak.

16 <sup>2</sup> Cor. 11:1

17 <sup>1</sup> Lit., in accordance with the Lord  
<sup>1</sup> 1 Cor. 7:12, 25 <sup>2</sup> 2 Cor. 11:21

18 <sup>a</sup> Phil. 3:3f. <sup>b</sup> 2 Cor. 5:16

19 <sup>1</sup> 1 Cor. 4:10

20 <sup>a</sup> Gal. 2:4; 2 Cor. 1:24; Gal. 4:3, 9; 5:1 <sup>b</sup> Mark 12:40  
<sup>c</sup> Luke 5:5; 2 Cor. 11:3;  
12:16 <sup>d</sup> 2 Cor. 10:5 <sup>e</sup> 1 Cor. 4:11

21 <sup>2</sup> 2 Cor. 6:8 <sup>b</sup> 2 Cor. 10:10 <sup>c</sup> 2 Cor. 10:2 <sup>d</sup> 2 Cor. 11:17

22 <sup>1</sup> Lit., seed  
<sup>a</sup> Acts 6:1 <sup>b</sup> Phil. 3:5 <sup>c</sup> Rom. 9:4 <sup>d</sup> Gal. 3:16 <sup>e</sup> Rom. 11:1

23 <sup>1</sup> Lit., more abundantly  
<sup>2</sup> Lit., exceedingly in stripes  
<sup>2</sup> 2 Cor. 3:6; 1 Cor. 3:5;  
2 Cor. 10:7 <sup>1</sup> 1 Cor. 15:10  
<sup>c</sup> 2 Cor. 6:5 <sup>d</sup> Acts 16:23;  
2 Cor. 6:5 <sup>e</sup> Rom. 8:36

24 <sup>a</sup> Deut. 25:3

25 <sup>a</sup> Acts 16:22 <sup>b</sup> Acts 14:19

26 <sup>a</sup> Acts 9:23; 13:45, 50;  
14:5; 17:5, 13; 18:12; 20:3,  
19; 21:27; 23:10, 12; 25:3;  
1 Thess. 2:15 <sup>b</sup> Acts 14:5;  
19; 19:23ff.; 27:42 <sup>c</sup> Acts  
21:31 <sup>d</sup> Gal. 2:4

27 <sup>1</sup> Lit., often in wakefulness  
<sup>2</sup> Lit., nakedness, lack of clothing  
<sup>a</sup> 1 Thess. 2:9; 2 Thess. 3:8  
<sup>b</sup> 1 Cor. 4:11; Phil. 4:12  
<sup>c</sup> 2 Cor. 6:5 <sup>d</sup> 1 Cor. 4:11

28 <sup>1</sup> Or, the things unmentioned  
<sup>a</sup> 1 Cor. 7:17

29 <sup>1</sup> Lit., made to stumble  
<sup>2</sup> Lit., and I do not burn  
<sup>a</sup> 1 Cor. 9:22; 1 Cor. 8:9, 13

30 <sup>1</sup> 1 Cor. 2:3

31 <sup>a</sup> Rom. 1:25 <sup>b</sup> 2 Cor. 11:11

32 <sup>a</sup> Acts 9:2 <sup>b</sup> Acts 9:24

33 <sup>1</sup> Lit., through  
<sup>a</sup> Acts 9:25

1 <sup>1</sup> Or possibly, from  
<sup>2</sup> 2 Cor. 11:30; 11:16, 18;  
12:5, 9 <sup>b</sup> 2 Cor. 12:7; Gal.  
1:12; 2:2; Eph. 3:3; 1 Cor.  
14:6

2 <sup>a</sup> Rom. 16:7 <sup>b</sup> 2 Cor. 11:11 <sup>c</sup> 2 Cor. 12:4; 1 Thess. 4:17; Rev. 12:5; Acts 8:39;  
Ezek. 8:3 <sup>d</sup> Deut. 10:14; Ps.  
148:4; Eph. 4:10; Heb. 4:14

3 <sup>2</sup> 2 Cor. 11:11

4 <sup>a</sup> 2 Cor. 12:2; 1 Thess. 4:17; Rev. 12:5; Acts 8:39;  
Ezek. 8:3 <sup>b</sup> Luke 23:43

5 <sup>a</sup>2 Cor. 12:1 <sup>b1</sup> Cor. 2:3; 2 Cor. 12:9f.

6 <sup>a</sup>2 Cor. 11:16f.; 2 Cor. 12:11; 2 Cor. 5:13 <sup>b2</sup> Cor. 7:14

7 <sup>a</sup>2 Cor. 12:1 <sup>bNum.</sup> 33:55; Ezek. 28:24; Hos. 2:6 <sup>c</sup>Job 2:6; 1 Cor. 5:5; Matt. 4:10

8 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 26:44

9 <sup>1</sup>Later mss. read, *My power* <sup>2</sup>Phil. 4:13; 1 Cor. 2:5; Eph. 3:16 <sup>b1</sup> Cor. 2:3; 2 Cor. 12:5

10 <sup>1</sup>Or, *mistreatment* <sup>a</sup>Rom. 5:3; 8:35 <sup>b2</sup> Cor. 6:4 <sup>c2</sup> Thess. 1:4; 2 Tim. 3:11 <sup>d2</sup> Cor. 5:15, 20 <sup>e2</sup> Cor. 13:4

11 <sup>1</sup>Or, *super-apostles* <sup>a</sup>Rom. 5:3; 11:16f.; 12:6; 5:13 <sup>b2</sup> Cor. 11:5; 1 Cor. 15:10 <sup>c1</sup> Cor. 3:7; 13:2; 15:9

12 <sup>1</sup>Or, *attesting miracles* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *of the apostle* <sup>3</sup>Or, *works of power* <sup>a</sup>1 Cor. 9:1; Rom. 15:19; esp. John 4:48

13 <sup>a1</sup> Cor. 9:12, 18; 2 Cor. 11:9; 12:14 <sup>b2</sup> Cor. 11:7

14 <sup>a2</sup> Cor. 13:1; 1:15; 13:2 <sup>b1</sup> Cor. 9:12, 18; 2 Cor. 11:9; 12:13 <sup>c1</sup> Cor. 10:24, 33 <sup>d1</sup> Cor. 9:19 <sup>e1</sup> Cor. 4:14f.; Gal. 4:19 <sup>f</sup>Prov. 19:14; Ezek. 34:2

15 <sup>a2</sup> Cor. 1:6; Rom. 9:3; Phil. 2:17; Col. 1:24; 1 Thess. 2:8; 2 Tim. 2:10 <sup>b2</sup> Cor. 11:11

16 <sup>a2</sup> Cor. 11:9 <sup>b2</sup> Cor. 11:20

17 <sup>a2</sup> Cor. 9:5

18 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *walk* <sup>2</sup>Or, *by the same Spirit* <sup>a2</sup> Cor. 8:6 <sup>b2</sup> Cor. 2:13 <sup>c2</sup> Cor. 8:18 <sup>d1</sup> Cor. 4:21 <sup>e</sup>Rom. 4:12

19 <sup>1</sup>Or, *have you been thinking . . . ?* <sup>a2</sup> Cor. 2:17; Rom. 9:1 <sup>b2</sup> Cor. 10:8; Rom. 14:19; 1 Thess. 5:11 <sup>c</sup>Heb. 6:9

20 <sup>a2</sup> Cor. 2:1-4; 1 Cor. 4:21 <sup>b1</sup> Cor. 1:11; 3:3 <sup>c</sup>Gal. 5:20 <sup>d</sup>Rom. 2:8; 1 Cor. 11:19 <sup>e</sup>Rom. 1:30; James 4:1; 1 Pet. 2:1 <sup>f</sup>Rom. 1:29 <sup>g1</sup> Cor. 4:6, 18; 5:2 <sup>b1</sup> Cor. 14:33

21 <sup>1</sup>i.e., *sexual immorality* <sup>a2</sup> Cor. 13:2 <sup>b</sup>Gal. 5:19; 1 Cor. 6:9, 18; Col. 3:5

5 <sup>a</sup>On behalf of such a man will I boast; but on my own behalf I will not boast, except in regard to *my* <sup>b</sup>weaknesses.

6 For if I do wish to boast I shall not be <sup>a</sup>foolish, <sup>b</sup>for I shall be speaking the truth; but I refrain *from this*, so that no one may credit me with more than he sees *in me* or hears from me.

7 And because of the surpassing greatness of the <sup>a</sup>revelations, for this reason, to keep me from exalting myself, there was given me a <sup>b</sup>thorn in the flesh, a <sup>c</sup>messenger of Satan to buffet me—to keep me from exalting myself!

8 Concerning this I entreated the Lord <sup>a</sup>three times that it might depart from me.

9 And He has said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for <sup>1</sup>power is perfected in weakness." Most gladly, therefore, I will rather <sup>b</sup>boast about my weaknesses, that the power of Christ may dwell in me.

10 Therefore <sup>a1</sup> I am well content with weaknesses, with <sup>1</sup>insults, with <sup>b</sup>distresses, with <sup>c</sup>persecutions, with <sup>d</sup>difficulties, <sup>d</sup>for Christ's sake; for <sup>e</sup>when I am weak, then I am strong.

11 I have become <sup>a</sup>foolish; you yourselves compelled me. Actually I should have been commended by you, for <sup>b</sup>in no respect was I inferior to the <sup>1</sup>most eminent apostles, even though <sup>c</sup>I am a nobody.

12 The <sup>1</sup>signs <sup>2</sup>of a true apostle were performed among you with all perseverance, by <sup>1</sup>signs and wonders and <sup>3</sup>miracles.

13 For in what respect were you treated as inferior to the rest of the churches, except that <sup>a1</sup> myself did not become a burden to you? Forgive me <sup>b</sup>this wrong!

14 Here <sup>a</sup>for this third time I am ready to come to you, and I <sup>b</sup>will not be a burden to you; for I <sup>c</sup>do not seek what is yours, but <sup>d</sup>you; for <sup>c</sup>children are not responsible to save up for *their* parents, but <sup>f</sup>parents for *their* children.

15 And I will <sup>a</sup>most gladly spend and be expended for your souls. If <sup>b1</sup> I love you the more, am I to be loved the less?

16 But be that as it may, I <sup>a</sup>did not burden you myself; nevertheless, crafty fellow that I am, I <sup>b</sup>took you in by deceit.

17 <sup>a</sup>Certainly I have not taken advantage of you through any of those whom I have sent to you, have I?

18 I <sup>a</sup>urged <sup>b</sup>Titus to go, and sent <sup>c</sup>the brother with him. Titus did not take any advantage of you, did he? Did we not <sup>1</sup>conduct ourselves <sup>2</sup>in the same <sup>d</sup>spirit *and walk* <sup>e</sup>in the same steps?

19 All this time <sup>1</sup>you have been thinking that we are defending ourselves to you. *Actually*, <sup>a</sup>it is in the sight of God that we have been speaking in Christ; and <sup>b</sup>all for your upbuilding, <sup>c</sup>beloved.

20 For I am afraid that perhaps <sup>a</sup>when I come I may find you to be not what I wish and may be found by you to be not what you wish; that perhaps *there may be* <sup>b</sup>strife, jealousy, <sup>c</sup>angry tempers, <sup>d</sup>disputes, <sup>e</sup>slanders, <sup>f</sup>gossip, <sup>g</sup>arrogance, <sup>h</sup>disturbances;

21 I am afraid that when I come again my God may humiliate me before you, and I may mourn over many of those who have <sup>a</sup>sinned in the past and not repented of the <sup>b</sup>impurity, <sup>1</sup>immorality and sensuality which they have practiced.

CHAPTER 13

**T**HIS is the third time I am coming to you. <sup>b</sup>EVERY <sup>1</sup>FACT <sup>2</sup>IS TO BE CONFIRMED BY THE <sup>3</sup>TESTIMONY OF TWO OR THREE WITNESSES.

**2** I have previously said when present the second time, and though now absent I say in advance to those who have <sup>a</sup>sinned in the past and to all the rest as well, that <sup>b</sup>if I come again, I will not <sup>c</sup>spare *anyone*,

**3** since you are <sup>a</sup>seeking for proof of the <sup>b</sup>Christ who speaks in me, and who is not weak toward you, but <sup>c</sup>mighty in you.

**4** For indeed He was <sup>a</sup>crucified because of weakness, yet He lives <sup>b</sup>because of the power of God. For we also are <sup>c</sup>weak <sup>1</sup>in Him, yet <sup>d</sup>we shall live with Him because of the power of God <sup>directed</sup> toward you.

**5** <sup>a</sup>Test yourselves *to see* if you are in the faith; <sup>b</sup>examine yourselves! Or do you not recognize this about yourselves, that Jesus Christ is in you—unless indeed you <sup>1</sup>fail the test?

**6** But I trust that you will realize that we ourselves <sup>1</sup>do not fail the test.

**7** Now we pray to God that you do no wrong; not that we ourselves may appear approved, but that you may do what is right, even though we should <sup>1</sup>appear unapproved.

**8** For we can do nothing against the truth, but *only* for the truth.

**9** For we rejoice when we ourselves are <sup>a</sup>weak but you are strong; this we also pray for, <sup>1</sup>that you be <sup>b</sup>made complete.

**10** For this reason I am writing these things while absent, in order that when present <sup>a</sup>I may not use <sup>b</sup>severity, in accordance with the <sup>c</sup>authority which the Lord gave me, for building up and not for tearing down.

**11** <sup>a</sup>Finally, brethren, <sup>1</sup>rejoice, <sup>2</sup>be made complete, be comforted, <sup>c</sup>be like-minded, <sup>d</sup>live in peace; and <sup>e</sup>the God of love and peace shall be with you.

**12** <sup>a</sup>Greet one another with a holy kiss.

**13** <sup>a</sup>All the <sup>1</sup>saints greet you.

**14** <sup>a</sup>The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the <sup>b</sup>love of God, and the <sup>c</sup>fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

<sup>1</sup> Lit., word <sup>2</sup> Lit., will be <sup>3</sup> Lit., mouth  
<sup>a</sup> 2 Cor. 12:14 <sup>b</sup> Deut. 19:15; Matt. 18:16

<sup>2</sup> <sup>a</sup> 2 Cor. 12:21 <sup>b</sup> 2 Cor. 13:10; 1 Cor. 4:21 <sup>c</sup> 2 Cor. 1:23; 10:11

<sup>3</sup> <sup>a</sup> 2 Cor. 10:1, 10 <sup>b</sup> 1 Cor. 5:4; 7:40; Matt. 10:20  
<sup>c</sup> 2 Cor. 9:8; 10:4

<sup>4</sup> Some early mss. read, with Him  
<sup>a</sup> Phil. 2:7f.; 1 Pet. 3:18  
<sup>b</sup> Rom. 1:4; 6:4; 1 Cor. 6:14  
<sup>c</sup> 1 Cor. 2:3; 2 Cor. 13:9  
<sup>d</sup> Rom. 6:8

<sup>5</sup> Lit., are unapproved  
<sup>a</sup> John 6:6 <sup>b</sup> 1 Cor. 11:28  
<sup>c</sup> 1 Cor. 9:27

<sup>6</sup> Lit., are not unapproved

<sup>7</sup> Lit., be as

<sup>9</sup> Lit., your completion  
<sup>a</sup> 2 Cor. 13:4; 12:10 <sup>b</sup> 1 Cor. 1:10; 2 Cor. 13:11; Eph. 4:12; 1 Thess. 3:10

<sup>10</sup> <sup>a</sup> 2 Cor. 2:3 <sup>b</sup> Titus 1:13  
<sup>c</sup> 2 Cor. 10:8; 1 Cor. 5:4

<sup>11</sup> <sup>1</sup> Or possibly, farewell  
<sup>2</sup> Or, put yourselves in order  
<sup>a</sup> 1 Thess. 4:1; 2 Thess. 3:1  
<sup>b</sup> 1 Cor. 1:10; 2 Cor. 13:9; Eph. 4:12; 1 Thess. 3:10  
<sup>c</sup> Rom. 12:16 <sup>d</sup> Mark 9:50  
<sup>e</sup> Rom. 15:33; Eph. 6:23

<sup>12</sup> <sup>a</sup> Rom. 16:16

<sup>13</sup> I.e., true believers; lit., holy ones  
<sup>a</sup> Phil. 4:22

<sup>14</sup> <sup>a</sup> Rom. 16:20; 2 Cor. 8:9  
<sup>b</sup> Rom. 5:5; Jude 21 <sup>c</sup> Phil. 2:1

# THE EPISTLE OF PAUL TO THE GALATIANS

Salutation. The Galatians' Falling Away.  
The Gospel I Preach Came from Christ.  
Visit to Jerusalem.

1 <sup>2</sup> 2 Cor. 1:1 <sup>b</sup> Gal. 1:11f.  
<sup>c</sup> Acts 20:24; 9:15; Gal.  
1:15f. <sup>d</sup> Acts 2:24

2 <sup>a</sup> Phil. 4:21 <sup>b1</sup> Cor. 16:1;  
Acts 16:6

3 <sup>1</sup> Some early mss. read,  
*God the Father, and our  
Lord Jesus Christ*  
<sup>a</sup> Rom. 1:7

4 <sup>1</sup> Or, *world*  
<sup>a</sup> Matt. 20:28; Rom. 4:25;  
1 Cor. 15:3; Gal. 2:20  
<sup>b</sup> Matt. 13:22; Rom. 12:2;  
2 Cor. 4:4 <sup>c</sup> Phil. 4:20;  
1 Thess. 1:3; 3:11, 13

5 <sup>a</sup> Rom. 11:36

6 <sup>1</sup> Lit., *in*  
<sup>a</sup> Acts 16:6; 18:23; Gal. 4:13  
<sup>b</sup> Gal. 5:8; 1:15; Rom. 8:28  
<sup>c2</sup> Cor. 11:4; 1 Tim. 1:3;  
Gal. 1:7, 11; 2:2, 7; Gal.  
5:14

7 <sup>a</sup> Acts 15:24; Gal. 5:10

8 <sup>1</sup> Or, *other than, more  
than* <sup>a</sup> Gr., *anathema*  
<sup>2</sup> Cor. 11:14 <sup>b</sup> Rom. 9:3

9 <sup>1</sup> Or, *other than, more  
than* <sup>a</sup> Gr., *anathema*  
<sup>a</sup> Acts 18:23 <sup>b</sup> Rom. 16:17  
<sup>c</sup> Rom. 9:3

10 <sup>a1</sup> Thess. 2:4; 1 Cor.  
10:33 <sup>b</sup> Rom. 1:1; Phil. 1:1

11 <sup>a1</sup> Cor. 15:1; Rom. 2:16  
<sup>b1</sup> Cor. 9:8; 3:4

12 <sup>a</sup> Gal. 1:1; 1 Cor. 11:23  
<sup>b</sup> Gal. 1:16; 1 Cor. 2:10;  
2 Cor. 12:1; Gal. 2:2

13 <sup>a</sup> Acts 26:4f. <sup>b</sup> Acts 8:3  
<sup>c1</sup> Cor. 10:32 <sup>d</sup> Acts 9:21

14 <sup>1</sup> Lit., *race*  
<sup>a</sup> Acts 22:3 <sup>b</sup> Matt. 15:2;  
Mark 7:3; Col. 2:8; Jer.  
9:14

15 <sup>a</sup> Gal. 1:6 <sup>b</sup> Acts 9:15;  
Rom. 1:1; Is. 49:1, 5; Jer.  
1:5

16 <sup>1</sup> I.e., human beings  
<sup>a</sup> Gal. 2:9; Acts 9:15 <sup>b</sup> Acts  
9:20 <sup>c</sup> Matt. 16:17

17 <sup>a</sup> Acts 9:19-22 <sup>b</sup> Acts 9:2

18 <sup>1</sup> Or, *visit Cephas*  
<sup>a</sup> Acts 9:22f. <sup>b</sup> Acts 9:26f.  
<sup>c</sup> John 1:42; Gal. 2:9, 11, 14

19 <sup>1</sup> Or, *Jacob*  
<sup>a</sup> Matt. 12:46; Acts 12:17

**P**AUL, <sup>a</sup>an apostle (<sup>b</sup>not sent from men, nor through the agency of man, but <sup>c</sup>through Jesus Christ, and God the Father, who <sup>d</sup>raised Him from the dead),

2 and all <sup>a</sup>the brethren who are with me, to <sup>b</sup>the churches of Galatia:

3 <sup>a</sup>Grace to you and peace from <sup>1</sup>God our Father, and the Lord Jesus Christ,

4 who <sup>a</sup>gave Himself for our sins, that He might deliver us out of <sup>b</sup>this present evil <sup>1</sup>age, according to the will of <sup>c</sup>our God and Father,

5 <sup>a</sup>to whom *be* the glory forevermore. Amen.

6 I am amazed that you are <sup>a</sup>so quickly deserting <sup>b</sup>Him who called you <sup>1</sup>by the grace of Christ, for a <sup>c</sup>different gospel;

7 which is *really* not another; only there are some who are <sup>a</sup>disturbing you, and want to distort the gospel of Christ.

8 But even though we, or <sup>a</sup>an angel from heaven, should preach to you a gospel <sup>1</sup>contrary to that which we have preached to you, let him be <sup>2b</sup>accursed.

9 As we <sup>a</sup>have said before, so I say again now, <sup>b</sup>if any man is preaching to you a gospel <sup>1</sup>contrary to that which you received, let him be <sup>2c</sup>accursed.

10 For am I now <sup>a</sup>seeking the favor of men, or of God? Or am I striving to please men? If I were still trying to please men, I would not be a <sup>b</sup>bond-servant of Christ.

11 For <sup>a</sup>I would have you know, brethren, that the gospel which was preached by me is <sup>b</sup>not according to man.

12 For <sup>a</sup>I neither received it from man, nor was I taught it, but *I received it* through a <sup>b</sup>revelation of Jesus Christ.

13 For you have heard of <sup>a</sup>my former manner of life in Judaism, how I <sup>b</sup>used to persecute <sup>c</sup>the church of God beyond measure, and <sup>d</sup>tried to destroy it;

14 and I <sup>a</sup>was advancing in Judaism beyond many of my contemporaries among my <sup>1</sup>countrymen, being more extremely zealous for my <sup>b</sup>ancestral traditions.

15 But when He who had set me apart, *even* from my mother's womb, and <sup>a</sup>called me through His grace, was <sup>b</sup>pleased

16 to reveal His Son in me, that I might <sup>a</sup>preach Him among the Gentiles, <sup>b</sup>I did not immediately consult with <sup>1c</sup>flesh and blood,

17 <sup>a</sup>nor did I go up to Jerusalem to those who were apostles before me; but I went away to Arabia, and returned once more to <sup>b</sup>Damascus.

18 Then <sup>a</sup>three years later I went up <sup>b</sup>to Jerusalem to <sup>1</sup>become acquainted with <sup>c</sup>Cephas, and stayed with him fifteen days.

19 But I did not see any other of the apostles except <sup>1a</sup>James, the Lord's brother.



20 (Now in what I am writing to you, I assure you <sup>a</sup>before God *that* I am not lying.)

21 Then <sup>a</sup>I went into the regions of <sup>b</sup>Syria and <sup>c</sup>Cilicia.

22 And I was *still* unknown by <sup>1</sup>sight to <sup>a</sup>the churches of Judea which were <sup>in</sup> Christ;

23 but only, they kept hearing, "He who once persecuted us is now preaching <sup>a</sup>the faith which he once <sup>b</sup>tried to destroy."

24 And they <sup>a</sup>were glorifying God <sup>1</sup>because of me.

CHAPTER 2

**T**HEN after an interval of fourteen years I <sup>a</sup>went up again to Jerusalem with <sup>b</sup>Barnabas, taking <sup>c</sup>Titus along also.

2 And *it* was because of a <sup>a</sup>revelation that I went up; and I submitted to them the <sup>b</sup>gospel which I preach among the Gentiles, but I did so in private to those who were of reputation, for fear that I might be <sup>c</sup>running, or had run, in vain.

3 But not even <sup>a</sup>Titus who was with me, though he was a Greek, was <sup>b</sup>compelled to be circumcised.

4 But *it* was because of the <sup>a</sup>false brethren who <sup>b</sup>had sneaked in to spy out our <sup>c</sup>liberty which we have in Christ Jesus, in order to <sup>d</sup>bring us into bondage.

5 But we did not yield in subjection to them for even an hour, so that <sup>a</sup>the truth of the gospel might remain with you.

6 But from those who <sup>1</sup>were of high <sup>a</sup>reputation (what they were makes no difference to me; <sup>b</sup>God <sup>2</sup>shows no partiality)—well, those who were of reputation contributed nothing to me.

7 But on the contrary, seeing that I had been <sup>a</sup>entrusted with the <sup>b</sup>gospel <sup>1</sup>to the uncircumcised, just as <sup>c</sup>Peter with *the gospel* <sup>2</sup>to the circumcised

8 (for He who effectually worked for Peter in *his* <sup>a</sup>apostleship <sup>1</sup>to the circumcised effectually worked for me also to the Gentiles),

9 and recognizing <sup>a</sup>the grace that had been given to me, <sup>b</sup>James and <sup>c</sup>Cephas and John, who were <sup>d</sup>reputed to be <sup>e</sup>pillars, gave to me and <sup>f</sup>Barnabas the <sup>g</sup>right <sup>2</sup>hand of fellowship, that we might <sup>h</sup>go to the Gentiles, and they to the circumcised.

10 *They only asked* us to remember the poor—<sup>a</sup>the very thing I also was eager to do.

11 But when <sup>a</sup>Cephas came to <sup>b</sup>Antioch, I opposed him to his face, because he <sup>1</sup>stood condemned.

12 For prior to the coming of certain men from <sup>1a</sup>James, he used to <sup>b</sup>eat with the Gentiles; but when they came, he *began* to withdraw and hold himself aloof, <sup>c</sup>fearing the <sup>2</sup>party of the circumcision.

13 And the rest of the Jews joined him in hypocrisy, with the result that even <sup>a</sup>Barnabas was carried away by their hypocrisy.

14 But when I saw that they <sup>a</sup>were not <sup>1</sup>straightforward about <sup>b</sup>the truth of the gospel, I said to <sup>c</sup>Cephas in the presence of all, "If you, being a Jew, <sup>d</sup>live like the Gentiles and not like the Jews, how *is it that* you compel the Gentiles to live like Jews?"

15 "We are <sup>a</sup>Jews by nature, and not <sup>b</sup>sinners from among the Gentiles;

20 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *behold before God*

<sup>a</sup>Rom. 9:1; 2 Cor. 1:23; 11:31

21 <sup>a</sup>Acts 9:30 <sup>b</sup>Acts 15:23, 41 <sup>c</sup>Acts 6:9

22 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *face*

<sup>a</sup>1 Thess. 2:14; 1 Cor. 7:17

<sup>b</sup>Rom. 16:7

23 <sup>a</sup>Acts 6:7; Gal. 6:10

<sup>b</sup>Acts 9:21

24 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *in me*

<sup>a</sup>Matt. 9:8

1 <sup>a</sup>Acts 15:2 <sup>b</sup>Acts 4:36; Gal. 2:9, 13 <sup>c</sup>2 Cor. 2:13; Gal. 2:3

2 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *according to revelation I went up*

<sup>a</sup>Acts 15:2; Gal. 1:12 <sup>b</sup>Gal. 1:6 <sup>c</sup>Gal. 5:7; Phil. 2:16

Rom. 9:16; 1 Cor. 9:24ff.; Heb. 12:1; 2 Tim. 4:7

3 <sup>a</sup>2 Cor. 2:13; Gal. 2:1

<sup>b</sup>Acts 16:3; 1 Cor. 9:21

4 <sup>a</sup>Gal. 1:7; Acts 15:1, 24; 2 Cor. 11:13, 26 <sup>b</sup>2 Pet. 2:1; Jude 4; Gal. 5:1, 13; James 1:25 <sup>c</sup>2 Cor. 11:20; Rom. 8:15

5 <sup>a</sup>Gal. 2:14; Col. 1:5; Gal. 1:6

6 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *seemed to be something* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *does not receive a face*

<sup>a</sup>Gal. 2:9; Gal. 6:3; 2 Cor. 11:5; 12:11 <sup>b</sup>Acts 10:34

7 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *of the uncircumcision* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *of the circumcision*

<sup>a</sup>1 Thess. 2:4; 1 Tim. 1:11; 1 Cor. 9:17 <sup>b</sup>Gal. 1:16; Acts 9:15 <sup>c</sup>Gal. 2:9, 11, 14; Gal. 1:18

8 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *of the circumcision*

<sup>a</sup>Acts 1:25

9 <sup>1</sup>Or, *Jacob* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *hands*

<sup>a</sup>Rom. 12:3 <sup>b</sup>Acts 12:17; Gal. 2:12 <sup>c</sup>Gal. 2:7, 11, 14; 1:18; Luke 22:8 <sup>d</sup>Gal. 2:2, 6; 6:3; 2 Cor. 11:5; 12:11

<sup>e</sup>Rev. 3:12; 1 Tim. 3:15

<sup>f</sup>Acts 4:36; Gal. 2:1, 13

<sup>g</sup>2 Kin. 10:15; Ezra 10:19

<sup>h</sup>Gal. 1:16

10 <sup>a</sup>Acts 24:17

11 <sup>1</sup>Or, *was to be condemned*; lit., *was one who was condemned, or, was self-condemned*

<sup>a</sup>Gal. 2:6, 9, 14; Gal. 1:18

<sup>b</sup>Acts 11:19; Acts 15:1

12 <sup>1</sup>Or, *Jacob* <sup>2</sup>Or, *converts from the circumcision*; lit., *those from the circumcision*

<sup>a</sup>Acts 12:17; Gal. 2:9 <sup>b</sup>Acts 11:3 <sup>c</sup>Acts 11:2

13 <sup>a</sup>Acts 4:36; Gal. 2:1, 9

14 <sup>1</sup>Or, *progressing toward*; lit., *walking straightly* <sup>2</sup>Some close the direct quotation here, others extend it through vs. 21.

<sup>a</sup>Heb. 12:13 <sup>b</sup>Gal. 2:5; Col. 1:5; Gal. 1:6 <sup>c</sup>Gal. 2:7, 9, 11; 1:18 <sup>d</sup>Gal. 2:12; Acts 10:28

15 <sup>a</sup>Phil. 3:4f. <sup>b</sup>1 Sam. 15:18; Luke 24:7; 1 Cor. 6:1

16 <sup>1</sup>Or, law <sup>2</sup>Or, mortal man  
<sup>a</sup>Gal. 3:11; Acts 13:39  
<sup>b</sup>Rom. 9:30 <sup>c</sup>Rom. 3:20; Ps. 143:2

17 <sup>a</sup>Gal. 2:15 <sup>b</sup>Gal. 3:21; Luke 20:16

18 <sup>a</sup>Rom. 3:5 [Gr.]

19 <sup>1</sup>Or, law  
<sup>a</sup>Rom. 7:4; 6:2; 1 Cor. 9:20

20 <sup>1</sup>Or, insofar as I  
<sup>a</sup>Rom. 6:6; Gal. 5:24; 6:14  
<sup>b</sup>Rom. 8:10 <sup>c</sup>Matt. 4:3  
<sup>d</sup>Rom. 8:37 <sup>e</sup>Gal. 1:4

21 <sup>1</sup>Or, law  
<sup>a</sup>Gal. 3:21

1 <sup>1</sup>Lit., O  
<sup>a</sup>Gal. 1:2 <sup>b</sup>1 Cor. 1:23; Gal. 5:11

2 <sup>1</sup>Or, law <sup>2</sup>Lit., the hearing of faith  
<sup>a</sup>Rom. 10:17

3 <sup>1</sup>Or, with <sup>2</sup>Or, ending with

4 <sup>a</sup>1 Cor. 15:2

5 <sup>1</sup>Or, works of power  
<sup>2</sup>Or, law <sup>3</sup>Lit., the hearing of faith  
<sup>a</sup>Phil. 1:19; 2 Cor. 9:10  
<sup>b</sup>1 Cor. 12:10 <sup>c</sup>Rom. 10:17

6 <sup>1</sup>Lit., just as  
<sup>a</sup>Rom. 4:3 <sup>b</sup>Gen. 15:6

7 <sup>1</sup>Lit., know  
<sup>a</sup>Gal. 3:9 <sup>b</sup>Luke 19:9; Gal. 6:16

8 <sup>1</sup>Lit., justifies <sup>2</sup>Lit., nations  
<sup>a</sup>Gen. 12:3

9 <sup>1</sup>Lit., the believing Abraham  
<sup>a</sup>Gal. 3:7

10 <sup>1</sup>Or, law  
<sup>a</sup>Deut. 27:26

11 <sup>1</sup>Or, in <sup>2</sup>Or, law <sup>3</sup>Or, "But he who is righteous by faith shall live."  
<sup>a</sup>Gal. 2:16 <sup>b</sup>Hab. 2:4; Rom. 1:17; Heb. 10:38

12 <sup>1</sup>Or, And <sup>2</sup>Or, based on <sup>3</sup>Or, in  
<sup>a</sup>Lev. 18:5; Rom. 10:5

13 <sup>1</sup>Or, cross; lit., wood  
<sup>a</sup>Gal. 4:5 <sup>b</sup>Deut. 21:23  
<sup>c</sup>Acts 5:30

14 <sup>1</sup>Or, occur  
<sup>a</sup>Rom. 4:9, 16; Gal. 3:28  
<sup>b</sup>Gal. 3:2 <sup>c</sup>Acts 2:33; Eph. 1:13

16 nevertheless knowing that <sup>a</sup>a man is not justified by the works of <sup>1</sup>the Law but through faith in Christ Jesus, even we have believed in Christ Jesus, that we may be justified by <sup>b</sup>faith in Christ, and not by the works of <sup>1</sup>the Law; since <sup>c</sup>by the works of <sup>1</sup>the Law shall no <sup>2</sup>flesh be justified.

17 "But if, while seeking to be justified in Christ, we ourselves have also been found <sup>a</sup>sinners, is Christ then a minister of sin? <sup>b</sup>May it never be!

18 "For if I rebuild what I have *once* destroyed, I <sup>a</sup>prove myself to be a transgressor.

19 "For through <sup>1</sup>the Law I <sup>a</sup>died to <sup>1</sup>the Law, that I might live to God.

20 "I have been <sup>a</sup>crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but <sup>b</sup>Christ lives in me; and <sup>1</sup>the *life* which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in <sup>c</sup>the Son of God, who <sup>d</sup>loved me, and <sup>e</sup>delivered Himself up for me.

21 "I do not nullify the grace of God; for <sup>a</sup>if righteousness comes through <sup>1</sup>the Law, then Christ died needlessly."

## CHAPTER 3

<sup>1</sup>YOU foolish <sup>a</sup>Galatians, who has bewitched you, before whose eyes Jesus Christ <sup>b</sup>was publicly portrayed as crucified?

2 This is the only thing I want to find out from you: did you receive the Spirit by the works of <sup>1</sup>the Law, or by <sup>2a</sup>hearing with faith?

3 Are you so foolish? Having begun <sup>1b</sup>by the Spirit, are you now <sup>2b</sup>being perfected by the flesh?

4 Did you suffer so many things in vain—<sup>a</sup>if indeed it was in vain?

5 Does He then, who <sup>a</sup>provides you with the Spirit and <sup>b</sup>works <sup>1</sup>miracles among you, do it by the works of <sup>2</sup>the Law, or by <sup>3c</sup>hearing with faith?

6 <sup>1</sup>Even so <sup>a</sup>Abraham <sup>b</sup>BELIEVED GOD, AND IT WAS RECKONED TO HIM AS RIGHTEOUSNESS.

7 Therefore, <sup>1b</sup>be sure that <sup>a</sup>it is those who are of faith that are <sup>b</sup>sons of Abraham.

8 And the Scripture, foreseeing that God <sup>1d</sup>would justify the <sup>2</sup>Gentiles by faith, preached the gospel beforehand to Abraham, saying, "<sup>a</sup>ALL THE NATIONS SHALL BE BLESSED IN YOU."

9 So then <sup>a</sup>those who are of faith are blessed with <sup>1A</sup>Abraham, the believer.

10 For as many as are of the works of <sup>1</sup>the Law are under a curse; for it is written, "<sup>a</sup>CURSED IS EVERY ONE WHO DOES NOT ABIDE BY ALL THINGS WRITTEN IN THE BOOK OF THE LAW, TO PERFORM THEM."

11 Now that <sup>a</sup>no one is justified <sup>1b</sup>by <sup>2</sup>the Law before God is evident; for, "<sup>3b</sup>THE RIGHTEOUS MAN SHALL LIVE BY FAITH."

12 <sup>1</sup>However, the Law is not <sup>2</sup>of faith; on the contrary, "<sup>a</sup>HE WHO PRACTICES THEM SHALL LIVE <sup>3</sup>BY THEM."

13 Christ <sup>a</sup>redeemed us from the curse of the Law, having become a curse for us—for it is written, "<sup>b</sup>CURSED IS EVERY ONE WHO HANGS ON <sup>c</sup>A <sup>1</sup>TREE"—

14 in order that <sup>a</sup>in Christ Jesus the blessing of Abraham might <sup>1</sup>come to the Gentiles, so that we <sup>b</sup>might receive <sup>c</sup>the promise of the Spirit through faith.

15 <sup>a</sup>Brethren, <sup>b</sup>I speak <sup>1</sup>in terms of human relations: even though it is *only* a man's <sup>2</sup>covenant, yet when it has been ratified, no one sets it aside or adds <sup>3</sup>conditions to it.

16 Now the promises were spoken <sup>a</sup>to Abraham and to his seed. He does not say, "<sup>b</sup>AND TO SEEDS," as *referring* to many, but *rather* to one, "<sup>c</sup>AND TO YOUR SEED," that is, Christ.

17 What I am saying is this: the Law, which came <sup>a</sup>four hundred and thirty years later, does not invalidate a covenant previously ratified by God, so as to nullify the promise.

18 For <sup>a</sup>if the inheritance is <sup>1</sup>based on law, it is no longer <sup>1</sup>based on a promise; but <sup>b</sup>God has granted it to Abraham by means of a promise.

19 <sup>a</sup>Why the Law then? It was added <sup>1</sup>because of transgressions, having been <sup>b</sup>ordained through angels <sup>c</sup>by the <sup>2</sup>agency of a mediator, until <sup>d</sup>the seed should come to whom the promise had been made.

20 Now <sup>a</sup>a mediator is not <sup>1</sup>for one *party only*; whereas God is *only* one.

21 Is the Law then contrary to the promises of God? <sup>a</sup>May it never be! For <sup>b</sup>if a law had been given which was able to impart life, then righteousness <sup>1</sup>would indeed have been <sup>2</sup>based on law.

22 But the Scripture has <sup>a</sup>shut up all <sup>1</sup>men under sin, that the promise by faith in Jesus Christ might be given to those who believe.

23 But before faith came, we were kept in custody under the law, <sup>a</sup>being shut up to the faith which was later to be revealed.

24 Therefore the Law has become our <sup>1</sup>tutor to *lead us* to Christ, that <sup>b</sup>we may be justified by faith.

25 But now that faith has come, we are no longer under a <sup>1</sup>tutor.

26 For you are all <sup>a</sup>sons of God through faith in <sup>b</sup>Christ Jesus.

27 For all of you who were <sup>a</sup>baptized into Christ have <sup>b</sup>clothed yourselves with Christ.

28 <sup>a</sup>There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free man, there is <sup>1</sup>neither male nor female; for <sup>b</sup>you are all one in <sup>c</sup>Christ Jesus.

29 And if <sup>a</sup>you <sup>1</sup>belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's <sup>2</sup>offspring, heirs according to <sup>b</sup>promise.

CHAPTER 4

NOW I say, as long as the heir is a <sup>1</sup>child, he does not differ at all from a slave although he is <sup>2</sup>owner of everything,

2 but he is under guardians and <sup>1</sup>managers until the date set by the father.

3 So also we, while we were children, were held <sup>a</sup>in bondage under the <sup>1</sup>elemental things of the world.

4 But when <sup>a</sup>the fulness of the time came, God sent forth His Son, <sup>b</sup>born of a woman, born <sup>c</sup>under <sup>1</sup>the Law,

5 in order that He might redeem those who were under <sup>1</sup>the Law, that we might receive the adoption as <sup>a</sup>sons.

6 And because you are sons, <sup>a</sup>God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son into our hearts, crying, "<sup>b</sup>Abba! Father!"

15 <sup>1</sup>Lit., according to man <sup>2</sup>Or, will, or, testament <sup>3</sup>Or, a codicil <sup>a</sup>Gal. 6:18; Rom. 1:13; Acts 1:15 <sup>b</sup>Rom. 3:5 <sup>c</sup>Heb. 6:16

16 <sup>a</sup>Luke 1:55; Rom. 4:13, 16; 9:4 <sup>b</sup>Gen. 13:15 <sup>c</sup>Gen. 22:18; Acts 3:25

17 <sup>a</sup>Ex. 12:40; Gen. 15:13f.; Acts 7:6

18 <sup>1</sup>Lit., out of, from <sup>a</sup>Rom. 4:14 <sup>b</sup>Heb. 6:14

19 <sup>1</sup>Or, for the sake of defining <sup>2</sup>Lit., hand <sup>a</sup>Rom. 5:20 <sup>b</sup>Acts 7:53 <sup>c</sup>Ex. 20:19; Deut. 5:5 <sup>d</sup>Gal. 3:16

20 <sup>1</sup>Lit., of one <sup>a</sup>1 Tim. 2:5; Heb. 8:6; 9:15; 12:24

21 <sup>1</sup>Or, would indeed be <sup>2</sup>Lit., out of, from <sup>a</sup>Luke 20:16; Gal. 2:17 <sup>b</sup>Gal. 2:21

22 <sup>1</sup>Lit., things <sup>a</sup>Rom. 11:32 <sup>b</sup>1 Cor. 1:27

23 <sup>a</sup>Rom. 11:32

24 <sup>1</sup>Lit., a child-conductor <sup>a</sup>1 Cor. 4:15 <sup>b</sup>Gal. 2:16

25 <sup>1</sup>Lit., a child-conductor <sup>a</sup>1 Cor. 4:15

26 <sup>a</sup>Gal. 4:5; Rom. 8:14 <sup>b</sup>Gal. 3:28; 4:14; 5:6, 24; Rom. 8:1; Eph. 1:1; Col. 1:4; Phil. 1:1; 1 Tim. 1:12; 2 Tim. 1:1; Titus 1:4

27 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 28:19; Rom. 6:3; 1 Cor. 10:2 <sup>b</sup>Rom. 13:14

28 <sup>1</sup>Lit., not male and female <sup>a</sup>1 Cor. 12:13; Col. 3:11; Rom. 3:22 <sup>b</sup>John 17:11; Eph. 2:15 <sup>c</sup>Gal. 3:26; 4:14; 5:6, 24; Rom. 8:1; Eph. 1:1; Col. 1:4; Phil. 1:1; 1 Tim. 1:12; 2 Tim. 1:1; Titus 1:4

29 <sup>1</sup>Lit., are Christ's <sup>2</sup>Lit., seed <sup>a</sup>1 Cor. 3:23 <sup>b</sup>Gal. 3:18; 4:28; Rom. 9:8

1 <sup>1</sup>Or, minor <sup>2</sup>Lit., lord

2 <sup>1</sup>Or, stewards

3 <sup>1</sup>Or, rudimentary teachings, or, principles <sup>a</sup>Gal. 4:8f.; 4:24f.; 2:4 <sup>b</sup>Col. 2:8, 20; Heb. 5:12; Gal. 4:9

4 <sup>1</sup>Or, law <sup>a</sup>Mark 1:15 <sup>b</sup>John 1:14; Rom. 1:3; 8:3; Phil. 2:7 <sup>c</sup>Luke 2:21f., 27

5 <sup>1</sup>Or, law <sup>a</sup>Gal. 3:26; Rom. 8:14

6 <sup>a</sup>Rom. 5:5; 8:9, 16; 2 Cor. 3:17; Acts 16:7 <sup>b</sup>Mark 14:36; Rom. 8:15

7 <sup>1</sup>I.e., through the gracious act of  
<sup>2</sup>Rom. 8:17

8 <sup>1</sup>1 Cor. 1:21; 1 Thess. 4:5; 2 Thess. 1:8; Eph. 2:12  
<sup>2</sup>Gal. 4:3 <sup>2</sup>Chr. 13:9; Is. 37:19; Jer. 2:11; 1 Cor. 8:4f.; 1 Cor. 10:20

9 <sup>1</sup>Or, rudimentary teachings, or principles  
<sup>2</sup>1 Cor. 8:3 <sup>3</sup>Col. 2:20 <sup>4</sup>Gal. 4:3 and marg.

10 <sup>2</sup>Rom. 14:5; Col. 2:16

11 <sup>1</sup>Or, for

12 <sup>2</sup>Gal. 6:18 <sup>2</sup>Cor. 6:11, 13

13 <sup>1</sup>Lit., weakness of the flesh <sup>2</sup>Or, former

14 <sup>1</sup>Or, temptation <sup>2</sup>Lit., flesh <sup>3</sup>Lit., spit out at  
<sup>4</sup>Matt. 10:40; 1 Thess. 2:13  
<sup>5</sup>Gal. 3:26

15 <sup>1</sup>Lit., the congratulation of yourselves

16 <sup>1</sup>Or, dealing truthfully with you  
<sup>2</sup>Amos 5:10

18 <sup>2</sup>Gal. 4:13f.

19 <sup>1</sup>1 John 2:1 <sup>1</sup>1 Cor. 4:15 <sup>2</sup>Eph. 4:13

20 <sup>2</sup>Cor. 4:8

21 <sup>2</sup>Luke 16:29

23 <sup>2</sup>Gal. 4:29; Rom. 9:7  
<sup>3</sup>Gal. 4:28; Gen. 17:16ff.; 18:10ff.; 21:1; Heb. 11:11

24 <sup>1</sup>Lit., Which things are allegorical utterances <sup>2</sup>Lit., into slavery <sup>3</sup>Lit., which  
<sup>4</sup>1 Cor. 10:11 <sup>5</sup>Deut. 33:2  
<sup>6</sup>Gal. 4:3

26 <sup>1</sup>Lit., which  
<sup>2</sup>Heb. 12:22; Rev. 3:12; 21:2, 10

27 <sup>2</sup>Is. 54:1

28 <sup>2</sup>Gal. 4:23 <sup>3</sup>Gal. 3:29; Rom. 9:7f.

29 <sup>2</sup>Gal. 4:23 <sup>3</sup>Gen. 21:9  
<sup>4</sup>Gal. 5:11

7 Therefore you are no longer a slave, but a son; and <sup>2</sup>if a son, then an heir <sup>1</sup>through God.

8 However at that time, <sup>2</sup>when you did not know God, you were <sup>3</sup>slaves to <sup>4</sup>those which by nature are no gods.

9 But now that you have come to know God, or rather to be <sup>2</sup>known by God, <sup>3</sup>how is it that you turn back again to the weak and worthless <sup>4</sup>elemental things, to which you desire to be enslaved all over again?

10 You <sup>2</sup>observe days and months and seasons and years.

11 I fear for you, that perhaps I have labored <sup>1</sup>over you in vain.

12 I beg of you, <sup>2</sup>brethren, <sup>3</sup>become as *I am*, for I also *have become* as you *are*. You have done me no wrong;

13 but you know that it was because of a <sup>1</sup>bodily illness that I preached the gospel to you the <sup>2</sup>first time;

14 and that which was a <sup>1</sup>trial to you in my <sup>2</sup>bodily condition you did not despise or <sup>3</sup>loathe, but <sup>4</sup>you received me as an angel of God, as <sup>5</sup>Christ Jesus *Himself*.

15 Where then is <sup>1</sup>that sense of blessing you had? For I bear you witness, that if possible, you would have plucked out your eyes and given them to me.

16 Have I therefore become your enemy <sup>2</sup>by <sup>1</sup>telling you the truth?

17 They eagerly seek you, not commendably, but they wish to shut you out, in order that you may seek them.

18 But it is good always to be eagerly sought in a commendable manner, and <sup>2</sup>not only when I am present with you.

19 <sup>2</sup>My children, with whom <sup>1</sup>I am again in labor until <sup>3</sup>Christ is formed in you —

20 but I could wish to be present with you now and to change my tone, for <sup>1</sup>I am perplexed about you.

21 Tell me, you who want to be under law, do you not <sup>2</sup>listen to the law?

22 For it is written that Abraham had two sons, one by the bondwoman and one by the free woman.

23 But <sup>2</sup>the son by the bondwoman was born according to the flesh, and <sup>3</sup>the son by the free woman through the promise.

24 <sup>1a</sup>This contains an allegory: for these *women* are two covenants, one *proceeding* from <sup>2</sup>Mount Sinai bearing children <sup>2</sup>who are to be <sup>3</sup>slaves; <sup>3</sup>she is Hagar.

25 Now this Hagar is Mount Sinai in Arabia, and corresponds to the present Jerusalem, for she is in slavery with her children.

26 But <sup>2</sup>the Jerusalem above is free; <sup>1</sup>she is our mother.

27 For it is written,

“<sup>2</sup>REJOICE, BARREN WOMAN WHO DOES NOT BEAR;

BREAK FORTH AND SHOUT, YOU WHO ARE NOT IN LABOR;

FOR MORE ARE THE CHILDREN OF THE DESOLATE

THAN OF THE ONE WHO HAS A HUSBAND.”

28 And you brethren, <sup>2</sup>like Isaac, are <sup>3</sup>children of promise.

29 But as at that time <sup>2</sup>he who was born according to the flesh <sup>3</sup>persecuted him *who was born* according to the Spirit, <sup>4</sup>so it is now also.

30 But what does the Scripture say?  
“<sup>a</sup>CAST OUT THE BONDWOMAN AND HER SON,  
FOR <sup>b</sup>THE SON OF THE BONDWOMAN SHALL NOT BE AN  
HEIR WITH THE SON OF THE FREE WOMAN.”

31 So then, brethren, we are not children of a bondwoman,  
<sup>1</sup>but of the free woman.

CHAPTER 5

<sup>1a</sup>**I**T was for freedom that Christ set us free; therefore <sup>b</sup>keep  
standing firm and do not be subject again to a <sup>c</sup>yoke of slavery.

2 Behold I, <sup>a</sup>Paul, say to you that if you receive <sup>b</sup>circum-  
cision, Christ will be of no benefit to you.

3 And I <sup>a</sup>testify again to every man who receives <sup>b</sup>circum-  
cision, that he is under obligation to <sup>c</sup>keep the whole Law.

4 You have been severed from Christ, you who <sup>1</sup>are  
seeking to be justified by law; you have <sup>a</sup>fallen from grace.

5 For we through the Spirit, by faith, are <sup>a</sup>waiting for the  
hope of righteousness.

6 For in <sup>a</sup>Christ Jesus <sup>b</sup>neither circumcision nor uncircum-  
cision means anything, but <sup>c</sup>faith working through love.

7 You were <sup>a</sup>running well; who hindered you from obey-  
ing the truth?

8 This persuasion *did* not *come* from <sup>a</sup>Him who calls you.

9 <sup>a</sup>A little leaven leavens the whole lump of *dough*.

10 <sup>a</sup>I have confidence <sup>1</sup>in you in the Lord, that you <sup>b</sup>will  
adopt no other view; but the one who is <sup>c</sup>disturbing you shall  
bear his judgment, whoever he is.

11 But I, brethren, if I still preach circumcision, why am I  
still <sup>a</sup>persecuted? Then <sup>b</sup>the stumbling block of the cross has  
been abolished.

12 Would that <sup>a</sup>those who are troubling you would even  
<sup>1b</sup>mutilate themselves.

13 For you were called to <sup>a</sup>freedom, brethren; <sup>b</sup>only *do* not  
*turn* your freedom into an opportunity for the flesh, but  
through love <sup>c</sup>serve one another.

14 For <sup>a</sup>the whole Law is fulfilled in one word, in the  
*statement*, “<sup>b</sup>YOU SHALL LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF.”

15 But if you <sup>a</sup>bite and devour one another, take care lest  
you be consumed by one another.

16 But I say, <sup>a</sup>walk by the Spirit, and you will not carry out  
<sup>1b</sup>the desire of the flesh.

17 For <sup>a</sup>the flesh <sup>1</sup>sets its desire against the Spirit, and the  
Spirit against the flesh; for these are in opposition to one  
another, <sup>b</sup>so that you may not do the things that you <sup>2</sup>please.

18 But if you are <sup>a</sup>led by the Spirit, <sup>b</sup>you are not under the  
Law.

19 Now the deeds of the flesh are evident, which are:  
<sup>1a</sup>immorality, impurity, sensuality,

20 idolatry, <sup>a</sup>sorcery, enmities, <sup>b</sup>strife, jealousy, outbursts  
of anger, <sup>c</sup>disputes, dissensions, <sup>1d</sup>factious,

21 envyings, <sup>a</sup>drunkenness, carousings, and things like  
these, of which I forewarn you just as I have forewarned you  
that those who practice such things shall not <sup>b</sup>inherit the  
kingdom of God.

30 <sup>a</sup>Gen. 21:10, 12 <sup>b</sup>John  
8:35

31 <sup>1</sup>Note next vs., 5:1

1 <sup>1</sup>Some authorities  
prefer to join with 4:31 and  
render, *but with the  
freedom of the free woman  
Christ set us free*  
<sup>a</sup>Gal. 2:4; 5:13; John 8:32,  
36; Rom. 8:15; 2 Cor. 3:17  
<sup>b</sup>1 Cor. 16:13 <sup>c</sup>Acts 15:10;  
Gal. 2:4

2 <sup>a</sup>2 Cor. 10:1 <sup>b</sup>Acts 15:1;  
Gal. 5:3, 6, 11

3 <sup>a</sup>Luke 16:28 <sup>b</sup>Acts 15:1;  
Gal. 5:2, 6, 11 <sup>c</sup>Rom. 2:25

4 <sup>1</sup>Or, *would be*  
<sup>2</sup>2 Pet. 3:17; Heb. 12:15  
marg.

5 <sup>a</sup>Rom. 8:23; 1 Cor. 1:7

6 <sup>a</sup>Gal. 3:26 <sup>b</sup>1 Cor. 7:19;  
Gal. 6:15 <sup>c</sup>Col. 1:4f.;  
1 Thess. 1:3; James 2:18,  
20, 22

7 <sup>a</sup>Gal. 2:2

8 <sup>a</sup>Rom. 8:28; Gal. 1:6

9 <sup>a</sup>1 Cor. 5:6

10 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *toward*  
<sup>2</sup>2 Cor. 2:3 <sup>b</sup>Phil. 3:15; Gal.  
5:7 <sup>c</sup>Gal. 1:7; 5:12

11 <sup>a</sup>Gal. 4:29; 6:12 <sup>b</sup>1 Cor.  
1:23; Rom. 9:33

12 <sup>1</sup>Or, *cut themselves off*  
<sup>a</sup>Gal. 5:10; 2:4 <sup>b</sup>Deut. 23:1

13 <sup>a</sup>Gal. 5:1 <sup>b</sup>1 Cor. 8:9;  
1 Pet. 2:16 <sup>c</sup>1 Cor. 9:19;  
Eph. 5:21

14 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 7:12; 22:40;  
Rom. 13:8, 10; Gal. 6:2  
<sup>b</sup>Lev. 19:18; Matt. 19:19;  
John 13:34

15 <sup>a</sup>Phil. 3:2; Gal. 5:20

16 <sup>a</sup>Rom. 8:4; 13:14; Gal.  
5:24f. <sup>b</sup>Eph. 2:3; Rom.  
13:14

17 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *lusts against*  
<sup>2</sup>Lit., *wish*  
<sup>a</sup>Rom. 7:18, 23; 8:5ff.  
<sup>b</sup>Rom. 7:15ff.

18 <sup>a</sup>Rom. 8:14 <sup>b</sup>Rom.  
6:14; 7:4; 1 Tim. 1:9

19 <sup>1</sup>E.g., sexual immorality  
<sup>a</sup>1 Cor. 6:9, 18; 2 Cor. 12:21

20 <sup>1</sup>Or, *heresies*  
<sup>a</sup>Rev. 21:8 <sup>b</sup>2 Cor. 12:20  
<sup>c</sup>Rom. 2:8; James 3:14ff.  
<sup>d</sup>1 Cor. 11:19

21 <sup>a</sup>Rom. 13:13 <sup>b</sup>1 Cor.  
6:9

Galatians 5, 6

22 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 7:16ff.; Rom. 6:21; Eph. 5:9 <sup>b1</sup> Cor. 13:4; Rom. 9:1-5; Col. 3:12-15

23 <sup>a</sup>Acts 24:25 <sup>b</sup>Gal. 5:18

24 <sup>a</sup>Lit., are of Christ Jesus

<sup>a</sup>Gal. 3:26 <sup>b</sup>Rom. 6:6; Gal. 2:20; 6:14 <sup>c</sup>Gal. 5:16f.

25 <sup>1</sup>Or, follow the Spirit <sup>a</sup>Gal. 5:16

26 <sup>a</sup>Phil. 2:3

1 <sup>a</sup>Gal. 6:18; 1 Thess. 4:1 <sup>b1</sup> Cor. 2:15 <sup>c2</sup> Cor. 2:7; 2 Thess. 3:15; Heb. 12:13; James 5:19f. <sup>d1</sup> Cor. 4:21

2 <sup>a</sup>Rom. 15:1 <sup>b1</sup> Cor. 9:21; James 1:25; 2:12; Rom. 8:2; 2 Pet. 3:2

3 <sup>a1</sup> Cor. 3:18; 2 Cor. 12:11; Acts 5:36

4 <sup>a1</sup> Cor. 11:28 <sup>b</sup>Phil. 1:26

5 <sup>a</sup>Prov. 9:12; Rom. 14:12; 1 Cor. 3:8

6 <sup>a1</sup> Cor. 9:11, 14 <sup>b2</sup> Tim. 4:2

7 <sup>a1</sup> Cor. 6:9 <sup>b</sup>Job 13:9 <sup>c2</sup> Cor. 9:6

8 <sup>a</sup>Job 4:8; Hos. 8:7; Rom. 6:21 <sup>b1</sup> Cor. 15:42 <sup>c</sup>James 3:18; Rom. 8:11

9 <sup>a2</sup> Cor. 4:1; 1 Cor. 15:58 <sup>b</sup>Heb. 12:3; 5; James 5:7f.; Matt. 10:22

10 <sup>1</sup>Or, as <sup>a</sup>Prov. 3:27; John 12:35 <sup>b</sup>Eph. 2:19; Heb. 3:6; 1 Pet. 2:5; 4:17 <sup>c</sup>Acts 6:7; Gal. 1:23

11 <sup>1</sup>Or, have written <sup>a1</sup> Cor. 16:21

12 <sup>1</sup>Or, because of <sup>a</sup>Matt. 23:27f. <sup>b</sup>Acts 15:1 <sup>c</sup>Gal. 5:11

13 <sup>1</sup>Some ancient mss. read, have been <sup>a</sup>Or, law <sup>b</sup>Rom. 2:25 <sup>b</sup>Phil. 3:3

14 <sup>1</sup>Or, whom <sup>a</sup>Gal. 2:17; 3:21; Luke 20:16 [in the Gr.] <sup>b1</sup> Cor. 2:2 <sup>c</sup>Gal. 2:20; Col. 2:20 <sup>d</sup>Rom. 6:2; Gal. 2:19f.; 5:24

15 <sup>1</sup>Or, creature <sup>a</sup>Gal. 5:6; 1 Cor. 7:19; Rom. 2:26, 28 <sup>b2</sup> Cor. 5:17; Eph. 2:10, 15; 4:24; Col. 3:10

16 <sup>1</sup>Or, follow this rule <sup>a</sup>Rom. 9:6; Gal. 3:7, 29; Phil. 3:3

17 <sup>1</sup>Is. 44:5 marg.; Ezek. 9:4; Rev. 13:16; 2 Cor. 4:10; 11:23

18 <sup>a</sup>Rom. 16:20 <sup>b2</sup> Tim. 4:22 <sup>c</sup>Gal. 3:15; 4:12, 28, 31; Rom. 1:13; Acts 1:15

22 But <sup>a</sup>the fruit of the Spirit is <sup>b</sup>love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness,  
23 gentleness, <sup>a</sup>self-control; against such things <sup>b</sup>there is no law.

24 Now those who <sup>1</sup>belong to <sup>a</sup>Christ Jesus have <sup>b</sup>crucified the flesh with its passions and <sup>c</sup>desires.

25 If we live by the Spirit, let us also <sup>1</sup>walk <sup>a</sup>by the Spirit.

26 Let us not become <sup>a</sup>boastful, challenging one another, envying one another.

CHAPTER 6

<sup>a</sup>**BRETHREN**, even if a man is caught in any trespass, you who are <sup>b</sup>spiritual, <sup>c</sup>restore such a one <sup>d</sup>in a spirit of gentleness; looking to yourselves, lest you too be tempted.

2 <sup>a</sup>Bear one another's burdens, and thus fulfill <sup>b</sup>the law of Christ.

3 For <sup>a</sup>if anyone thinks he is something when he is nothing, he deceives himself.

4 But let each one <sup>a</sup>examine his own work, and then he will have *reason for* <sup>b</sup>boasting in regard to himself alone, and not in regard to another.

5 For <sup>a</sup>each one shall bear his own load.

6 And <sup>a</sup>let the one who is taught <sup>b</sup>the word share all good things with him who teaches.

7 <sup>a</sup>Do not be deceived, <sup>b</sup>God is not mocked; for <sup>c</sup>whatever a man sows, this he will also reap.

8 <sup>a</sup>For the one who sows to his own flesh shall from the flesh reap <sup>b</sup>corruption, but <sup>c</sup>the one who sows to the Spirit shall from the Spirit reap eternal life.

9 And <sup>a</sup>let us not lose heart in doing good, for in due time we shall reap if we <sup>b</sup>do not grow weary.

10 So then, <sup>1a</sup>while we have opportunity, let us do good to all men, and especially to those who are of the <sup>b</sup>household of <sup>c</sup>the faith.

11 See with what large letters I <sup>1a</sup>am writing to you <sup>a</sup>with my own hand.

12 Those who desire <sup>a</sup>to make a good showing in the flesh try to <sup>b</sup>compel you to be circumcised, simply that they <sup>c</sup>may not be persecuted <sup>1</sup>for the cross of Christ.

13 For those who <sup>1a</sup>are circumcised do not even <sup>a</sup>keep <sup>2</sup>the Law themselves, but they desire to have you circumcised, that they may <sup>b</sup>boast in your flesh.

14 But <sup>a</sup>may it never be that I should boast, <sup>b</sup>except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>c</sup>through <sup>1</sup>which the world has been crucified to me, and <sup>d</sup>I to the world.

15 For <sup>a</sup>neither is circumcision anything, nor uncircumcision, but a <sup>b</sup>new <sup>1</sup>creation.

16 And those who will <sup>1a</sup>walk by this rule, peace and mercy *be* upon them, and upon the <sup>a</sup>Israel of God.

17 From now on let no one cause trouble for me, for I bear on my body the <sup>a</sup>brand-marks of Jesus.

18 <sup>a</sup>The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be <sup>b</sup>with your spirit, <sup>c</sup>brethren. Amen.

# THE EPISTLE OF PAUL TO THE EPHESIANS

## Salutation. The Blessings of Redemption. Prayer.

PAUL, <sup>a</sup>an apostle of <sup>b</sup>Christ Jesus <sup>c</sup>by the will of God, to the <sup>d</sup>saints who are <sup>e</sup>at <sup>f</sup>Ephesus, and <sup>g</sup>who are faithful in <sup>b</sup>Christ Jesus:

2 <sup>a</sup>Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

3 <sup>a</sup>Blessed *be* the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in <sup>b</sup>the heavenly *places* in Christ,

4 just as <sup>a</sup>He chose us in Him before <sup>b</sup>the foundation of the world, that we should be <sup>c</sup>holy and blameless before <sup>h</sup>Him. <sup>d</sup>In love

5 <sup>h</sup>He <sup>a</sup>predestined us to <sup>b</sup>adoption as sons through Jesus Christ to Himself, <sup>c</sup>according to the <sup>2</sup>kind intention of His will,

6 <sup>a</sup>to the praise of the glory of His grace, which He freely bestowed on us in <sup>b</sup>the Beloved.

7 <sup>a</sup>In <sup>h</sup>Him we have <sup>b</sup>redemption <sup>c</sup>through His blood, the <sup>d</sup>forgiveness of our trespasses, according to <sup>e</sup>the riches of His grace,

8 which He <sup>h</sup>lavished upon <sup>us</sup>. In all wisdom and insight

9 He <sup>h</sup>made known to us the mystery of His will, <sup>b</sup>according to His <sup>2</sup>kind intention which He <sup>c</sup>purposed in Him

10 with a view to an administration <sup>h</sup>suitable to <sup>a</sup>the fulness of the times, *that is*, <sup>b</sup>the summing up of all things in Christ, things <sup>2</sup>in the heavens and things upon the earth. In Him

11 <sup>h</sup>also we <sup>2</sup>have obtained an inheritance, having been <sup>b</sup>predestined <sup>c</sup>according to His purpose who works all things <sup>d</sup>after the counsel of His will,

12 to the end that we who were the first to hope in <sup>h</sup>Christ should be <sup>a</sup>to the praise of His glory.

13 In <sup>h</sup>Him, you also, after listening to <sup>a</sup>the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation—having also <sup>2</sup>believed, you were <sup>b</sup>sealed in <sup>h</sup>Him with <sup>c</sup>the Holy Spirit of promise,

14 who is <sup>h</sup>given as a pledge of <sup>b</sup>our inheritance, with a view to the <sup>c</sup>redemption of <sup>d</sup>God's own possession, <sup>e</sup>to the praise of His glory.

15 For this reason I too, <sup>a</sup>having heard of the faith in the Lord Jesus which *exists* among you, and <sup>h</sup>your love for <sup>all</sup> the <sup>2</sup>saints,

16 <sup>a</sup>do not cease giving thanks for you, <sup>b</sup>while making mention of you in my prayers;

17 that the <sup>a</sup>God of our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>b</sup>the Father of glory, may give to you a spirit of <sup>c</sup>wisdom and of <sup>d</sup>revelation in the <sup>h</sup>knowledge of Him.

18 *I pray that* <sup>a</sup>the eyes of your heart <sup>h</sup>may be enlightened, so that you may know what is the <sup>b</sup>hope of His <sup>c</sup>calling, what are <sup>d</sup>the riches of the glory of <sup>e</sup>His inheritance in <sup>f</sup>the <sup>2</sup>saints,

19 and what is the surpassing greatness of His power toward us who believe. <sup>a</sup>These are in accordance with the working of the <sup>b</sup>strength of His might

1 <sup>h</sup>Lit., *through* <sup>2</sup>*e.*, true believers; lit., *holy ones* <sup>2</sup>Some ancient mss. omit, at Ephesus  
<sup>2</sup>Cor. 1:1 <sup>b</sup>Eph. 2:6, 7, 10, 13, 20; 3:1, 6, 11, 21; Col. 1:4; 2:6; 4:12; Rom. 8:1; Gal. 3:26 <sup>1</sup>Cor. 1:1 <sup>d</sup>Acts 9:13; Phil. 1:1; Col. 1:1  
<sup>c</sup>Acts 18:19 <sup>f</sup>Col. 1:2

2 <sup>a</sup>Rom. 1:7  
3 <sup>2</sup>Cor. 1:3 <sup>b</sup>Eph. 1:20; 2:6; 3:10; 6:12; Phil. 3:20  
4 <sup>h</sup>Or, *Him, in love*  
<sup>a</sup>2 Thess. 2:13; Eph. 2:10  
<sup>b</sup>Matt. 25:34 <sup>c</sup>Eph. 5:27; Col. 1:22; 2 Tim. 1:9 <sup>d</sup>Eph. 4:2, 15, 16; 5:2

5 <sup>h</sup>Lit., *having predestined* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *good pleasure*  
<sup>a</sup>Eph. 1:11; Rom. 8:29f.; Acts 13:48 <sup>b</sup>Rom. 8:14ff.; Gal. 4:5 <sup>c</sup>Luke 12:32; 1 Cor. 1:21; Gal. 1:15; Phil. 2:13; Col. 1:19  
6 <sup>a</sup>Eph. 1:12, 14 <sup>b</sup>Matt. 3:17

7 <sup>h</sup>Lit., *whom*  
<sup>a</sup>Col. 1:14 <sup>b</sup>Eph. 1:14; 1 Cor. 1:30; Rom. 3:24  
<sup>c</sup>Acts 20:28; Rom. 3:25  
<sup>d</sup>Acts 2:38 <sup>e</sup>Rom. 2:4; Eph. 1:18; 2:7; 3:8, 16; Col. 1:27  
8 <sup>h</sup>Lit., *made abundant toward* <sup>2</sup>Or, *us, in all wisdom and insight*

9 <sup>h</sup>Lit., *making known*  
<sup>2</sup>Lit., *good pleasure*  
<sup>a</sup>Rom. 11:25; 16:25; Eph. 3:3 <sup>b</sup>Luke 12:32; 1 Cor. 1:21; Gal. 1:15; Phil. 2:13; Col. 1:19 <sup>c</sup>Eph. 1:11; Rom. 8:28

10 <sup>h</sup>Lit., *of* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *upon*  
<sup>a</sup>Mark 1:15 <sup>b</sup>Col. 1:16, 20; Eph. 3:15; Phil. 2:9f.

11 <sup>h</sup>Lit., *in whom also*  
<sup>2</sup>Or, *were made a heritage*  
<sup>a</sup>Eph. 1:14, 18; Titus 2:14; Deut. 4:20; 9:26, 29; 32:9  
<sup>b</sup>Eph. 1:5 <sup>c</sup>Eph. 3:11; Rom. 8:28f. <sup>d</sup>Rom. 9:11; Heb. 6:17

12 <sup>h</sup>*e.*, the Messiah  
<sup>a</sup>Eph. 1:6, 14

13 <sup>h</sup>Lit., *whom* <sup>2</sup>Or, *believed in Him, you were sealed*  
<sup>a</sup>Col. 1:5; Acts 13:26; Eph. 4:21 <sup>b</sup>Eph. 4:30; John 3:33  
<sup>c</sup>Acts 1:4f.; 2:33

14 <sup>h</sup>Or, *down payment*  
<sup>a</sup>2 Cor. 1:22 <sup>b</sup>Acts 20:32  
<sup>c</sup>Eph. 1:7 <sup>d</sup>Eph. 1:11 <sup>e</sup>Eph. 1:12

15 <sup>h</sup>Many ancient mss. omit, *your love* <sup>2</sup>Note 2, vs. 1

<sup>a</sup>Col. 1:4; Philem. 5; Rom. 1:8 <sup>b</sup>Eph. 3:18; Eph. 1:1  
16 <sup>a</sup>Col. 1:9; Rom. 1:8f. <sup>b</sup>Rom. 1:9

17 <sup>h</sup>Or, *true knowledge*  
<sup>a</sup>John 20:17; Rom. 15:6  
<sup>b</sup>Acts 7:2; 1 Cor. 2:8 <sup>c</sup>Col. 1:9 <sup>d</sup>1 Cor. 14:6

18 <sup>h</sup>Lit., *being* <sup>2</sup>*e.*, true believers; lit., *holy ones*  
<sup>a</sup>Acts 26:18; 2 Cor. 4:6; Heb. 6:4 <sup>b</sup>Eph. 4:4 <sup>c</sup>Rom. 11:29 <sup>d</sup>Eph. 1:7 <sup>e</sup>Eph. 1:11  
<sup>f</sup>Col. 1:12; Acts 9:13

19 <sup>a</sup>Eph. 3:7; Phil. 3:21; Col. 1:29 <sup>b</sup>Eph. 6:10

20 <sup>a</sup>Acts 2:24 <sup>b</sup>Mark 16:19

<sup>c</sup>Eph. 1:3

21 <sup>c</sup>Col. 1:16; Eph. 3:10;

Rom. 8:38; Matt. 28:18

<sup>b</sup>Phil. 2:9; Heb. 1:4; Rev.

19:12; John 17:11 <sup>c</sup>Eph.

2:2; Matt. 12:32

22 <sup>a</sup>1 Cor. 15:27 (fr. Ps.

8:6) <sup>b</sup>Eph. 4:15; 5:23; Col.

1:18; 2:19; 1 Cor. 11:3

23 <sup>a</sup>Eph. 4:12; 5:30; Col.

1:18, 24; 2:19; 1 Cor. 12:27

<sup>b</sup>John 1:16; Eph. 3:19 <sup>c</sup>Eph.

4:10 <sup>d</sup>Col. 3:11

1 <sup>a</sup>Lit., *being* <sup>2</sup>Or, *by*

*reason of*

<sup>a</sup>Eph. 2:5; Col. 2:13; Luke

15:24, 32

2 <sup>a</sup>Lit., *age*

<sup>a</sup>Eph. 2:3, 11, 13; 5:8; Col.

3:7; Rom. 13:13; 1 Cor.

6:11; 1 Pet. 4:3 <sup>b</sup>Eph. 1:21

<sup>c</sup>Eph. 6:12; John 12:31

<sup>d</sup>Eph. 5:6

3 <sup>a</sup>Lit., *doing* <sup>2</sup>Lit.,

*thoughts*

<sup>a</sup>Eph. 2:2 <sup>b</sup>Gal. 5:16f.

<sup>c</sup>Rom. 2:14; Gal. 2:15

<sup>d</sup>Rom. 5:10; Col. 1:21;

2 Pet. 2:14 <sup>e</sup>Rom. 5:12, 19;

1 Thess. 4:13; 5:6

4 <sup>a</sup>Eph. 1:7 <sup>b</sup>John 3:16

5 <sup>a</sup>Or, *by reason of*

<sup>2</sup>Some ancient mss. read, *in*

*Christ*

<sup>a</sup>Eph. 2:1 <sup>b</sup>Eph. 2:8; Acts

15:11

6 <sup>a</sup>Col. 2:12 <sup>b</sup>Eph. 1:20

<sup>c</sup>Eph. 1:3 <sup>d</sup>Eph. 1:1; 2:10,

13

7 <sup>a</sup>Rom. 2:4; Eph. 1:7

<sup>b</sup>Titus 3:4

8 <sup>a</sup>I.e., *that salvation*

<sup>a</sup>Eph. 2:5; Acts 15:11

<sup>b</sup>1 Pet. 1:5 <sup>c</sup>John 4:10; Heb.

6:4

9 <sup>a</sup>2 Tim. 1:9; Titus 3:5;

Rom. 3:28 <sup>b</sup>1 Cor. 1:29

10 <sup>a</sup>Eph. 2:15; 4:24; Col.

3:10 <sup>b</sup>Eph. 1:1; 2:6, 13

<sup>c</sup>Titus 2:14 <sup>d</sup>Eph. 1:4 <sup>e</sup>Eph.

4:1

11 <sup>a</sup>Eph. 2:2, 3, 13; 5:8;

Col. 3:7; Rom. 13:13;

1 Cor. 6:11; 1 Pet. 4:3

<sup>b</sup>1 Cor. 12:2; Eph. 5:8 <sup>c</sup>Col.

2:11, 13; Rom. 2:28f.

12 <sup>a</sup>Or, *alienated*

<sup>a</sup>Rom. 9:4; Col. 1:21 <sup>b</sup>Gal.

3:17; Heb. 8:6 <sup>c</sup>1 Thess.

4:13 <sup>d</sup>Gal. 4:8; 1 Thess. 4:5;

Eph. 4:18

13 <sup>a</sup>Lit., *became, or, were*

*made* <sup>2</sup>Or, *in*

<sup>a</sup>Eph. 1:1; 2:6, 10 <sup>b</sup>Eph.

2:2, 3, 11; 5:8; Col. 3:7;

Rom. 13:13; 1 Cor. 6:11;

1 Pet. 4:3 <sup>c</sup>Eph. 2:17; Acts

2:39; Is. 57:19 <sup>d</sup>Col. 1:20;

Rom. 3:25

14 <sup>a</sup>Lit., *the dividing wall*

*of the barrier*

<sup>a</sup>Eph. 2:15; Col. 3:15; Gal.

3:28; Col. 3:11; Is. 9:6

<sup>b</sup>1 Cor. 12:13

15 <sup>a</sup>Or, *the enmity, by*

*abolishing in His flesh the*

*Law* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *create*

<sup>a</sup>Eph. 2:16; Col. 1:21f.

<sup>b</sup>Col. 2:14; 2:20 <sup>c</sup>Eph. 2:10;

4:24; Col. 3:10 <sup>d</sup>Gal. 3:28;

Col. 3:10f. <sup>e</sup>Eph. 2:14; Col.

3:15; Gal. 3:28; Col. 3:11;

Is. 9:6

16 <sup>a</sup>Or, *in Himself*

<sup>a</sup>Col. 1:20, 22; 2 Cor. 5:18

<sup>b</sup>Eph. 4:4; 1 Cor. 10:17

<sup>c</sup>Eph. 2:15

20 which He brought about in Christ, when He <sup>a</sup>raised Him from the dead, and <sup>b</sup>seated Him at His right hand in <sup>c</sup>the heavenly *places*,

21 far above <sup>a</sup>all rule and authority and power and dominion, and every <sup>b</sup>name that is named, not only in <sup>c</sup>this age, but also in the one to come.

22 And He <sup>a</sup>put all things in subjection under His feet, and gave Him as <sup>b</sup>head over all things to the church,

23 which is His <sup>a</sup>body, the <sup>b</sup>fulness of Him who <sup>c</sup>fills <sup>d</sup>all in all.

## CHAPTER 2

AND you <sup>1</sup>were <sup>a</sup>dead <sup>2</sup>in your trespasses and sins,

2 in which you <sup>a</sup>formerly walked according to the <sup>1</sup>course of <sup>b</sup>this world, according to <sup>c</sup>the prince of the power of the air, of the spirit that is now working in <sup>d</sup>the sons of disobedience.

3 Among them we too all <sup>a</sup>formerly lived in <sup>b</sup>the lusts of our flesh, <sup>1</sup>indulging the desires of the flesh and of the <sup>2</sup>mind, and were <sup>c</sup>by nature <sup>d</sup>children of wrath, <sup>e</sup>even as the rest.

4 But God, being <sup>a</sup>rich in mercy, because of <sup>b</sup>His great love with which He loved us,

5 even when we were <sup>a</sup>dead <sup>1</sup>in our transgressions, made us alive together <sup>2</sup>with Christ (<sup>b</sup>by grace you have been saved),

6 and <sup>a</sup>raised us up with Him, and <sup>b</sup>seated us with Him in <sup>c</sup>the heavenly *places*, in <sup>d</sup>Christ Jesus,

7 in order that in the ages to come He might show the surpassing <sup>a</sup>riches of His grace in <sup>b</sup>kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.

8 For <sup>a</sup>by grace you have been saved <sup>b</sup>through faith; and <sup>1</sup>that not of yourselves, *it is* <sup>c</sup>the gift of God;

9 <sup>a</sup>not as a result of works, that <sup>b</sup>no one should boast.

10 For we are His workmanship, <sup>a</sup>created in <sup>b</sup>Christ Jesus for <sup>c</sup>good works, which God <sup>d</sup>prepared beforehand, that we should <sup>e</sup>walk in them.

11 Therefore remember, that <sup>a</sup>formerly <sup>b</sup>you, the Gentiles in the flesh, who are called "<sup>c</sup>Uncircumcision" by the so-called "<sup>c</sup>Circumcision," *which is performed in the flesh by human hands*—

12 *remember* that you were at that time separate from Christ, <sup>1a</sup>excluded from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers to <sup>b</sup>the covenants of promise, having <sup>c</sup>no hope and <sup>d</sup>without God in the world.

13 But now in <sup>a</sup>Christ Jesus you who <sup>b</sup>formerly were <sup>c</sup>far off <sup>1</sup>have <sup>b</sup>been brought near <sup>2a</sup>by the blood of Christ.

14 For He Himself is <sup>a</sup>our peace, <sup>b</sup>who made both *groups into one*, and broke down the <sup>1</sup>barrier of the dividing wall,

15 <sup>1b</sup>by <sup>a</sup>abolishing in His flesh the enmity, *which is* <sup>b</sup>the Law of commandments *contained in ordinances*, that in Himself He might <sup>2c</sup>make the two into <sup>d</sup>one new man, *thus establishing* <sup>e</sup>peace,

16 and might <sup>a</sup>reconcile them both in <sup>b</sup>one body to God through the cross, <sup>1b</sup>by it having <sup>c</sup>put to death the enmity.



17 AND <sup>a</sup>HE CAME AND PREACHED <sup>b</sup>PEACE TO YOU WHO WERE <sup>c</sup>FAR AWAY, AND PEACE TO THOSE WHO WERE <sup>c</sup>NEAR;

18 for through Him we both have <sup>a</sup>our access in <sup>b</sup>one Spirit to <sup>c</sup>the Father.

19 So then you are no longer <sup>a</sup>strangers and aliens, but you are <sup>b</sup>fellow-citizens with the <sup>1</sup>saints, and are of <sup>c</sup>God's household,

20 having been <sup>a</sup>built upon <sup>b</sup>the foundation of <sup>c</sup>the apostles and prophets, <sup>d</sup>Christ Jesus Himself being the <sup>c</sup>corner stone,

21 <sup>a</sup>in whom the whole building, being fitted together is growing into <sup>b</sup>a holy <sup>1</sup>temple in the Lord;

22 in whom you also are being <sup>a</sup>built together into a <sup>b</sup>dwelling of God in the Spirit.

## CHAPTER 3

FOR this reason I, Paul, <sup>a</sup>the prisoner of <sup>b</sup>Christ Jesus <sup>c</sup>for the sake of you <sup>d</sup>Gentiles—

2 if indeed you have heard of the <sup>a</sup>stewardship of God's grace which was given to me for you;

3 <sup>a</sup>that <sup>b</sup>by revelation there was <sup>c</sup>made known to me <sup>d</sup>the mystery, <sup>e</sup>as I wrote before in brief.

4 <sup>1</sup>And by referring to this, when you read you can understand <sup>a</sup>my insight <sup>2</sup>into the <sup>b</sup>mystery of Christ,

5 which in other generations was not made known to the sons of men, as it has now been revealed to His holy <sup>a</sup>apostles and prophets <sup>1</sup>in the Spirit;

6 *to be specific*, that the Gentiles are <sup>a</sup>fellow-heirs and <sup>b</sup>fellow-members of the body, and <sup>c</sup>fellow-partakers of the promise in <sup>d</sup>Christ Jesus through the gospel,

7 <sup>a</sup>of which I was made a <sup>b</sup>minister, according to the gift of <sup>c</sup>God's grace which was given to me <sup>d</sup>according to the working of His power.

8 To me, <sup>a</sup>the very least of all <sup>1</sup>saints, this grace was given, to <sup>b</sup>preach to the Gentiles the unfathomable <sup>c</sup>riches of Christ,

9 and to bring to light what is the administration of the <sup>a</sup>mystery which for ages has been <sup>b</sup>hidden in God, <sup>c</sup>who created all things;

10 in order that the manifold <sup>a</sup>wisdom of God might now be <sup>b</sup>made known through the church to the <sup>c</sup>rulers and the authorities in <sup>d</sup>the heavenly places.

11 *This was in* <sup>a</sup>accordance with the <sup>1</sup>eternal purpose which He <sup>2</sup>carried out in <sup>b</sup>Christ Jesus our Lord,

12 in whom we have <sup>a</sup>boldness and <sup>1b</sup>confident <sup>c</sup>access through faith <sup>2</sup>in Him.

13 Therefore I ask <sup>1</sup>you not <sup>a</sup>to lose heart at my tribulations <sup>b</sup>on your behalf, <sup>2</sup>for they are your glory.

14 For this reason, I <sup>a</sup>bow my knees before the Father,

15 from whom <sup>1</sup>every family in heaven and on earth derives its name,

16 that He would grant you, according to <sup>a</sup>the riches of His glory, to be <sup>b</sup>strengthened with power through His Spirit in <sup>c</sup>the inner man;

17 so that <sup>a</sup>Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; and that you, being <sup>b</sup>rooted and <sup>c</sup>grounded in love,

17 <sup>1</sup>Is. 57:19; Rom. 10:14; Eph. 4:21 <sup>2</sup>Acts 10:36; Eph. 2:14 <sup>c</sup>Eph. 2:13; Acts 2:39; Is. 57:19

18 <sup>a</sup>Eph. 3:12; Rom. 5:2 <sup>b</sup>Eph. 4:4; 1 Cor. 12:13 <sup>c</sup>Col. 1:12

19 <sup>1</sup>i.e., true believers; lit.,

*holy ones*

<sup>a</sup>Eph. 2:12; Heb. 11:13;

<sup>1</sup>1 Pet. 2:11 <sup>b</sup>Phil. 3:20;

Heb. 12:22f. <sup>c</sup>Gal. 6:10

20 <sup>a</sup>1 Cor. 3:9 <sup>b</sup>Matt.

16:18; Rev. 21:14; 1 Cor.

3:10 <sup>c</sup>1 Cor. 12:28; Eph. 3:5

<sup>1</sup>1 Cor. 3:11 <sup>c</sup>Luke 20:17

[Ps. 118:22]; 1 Pet. 2:6 [Is.

28:16]

21 <sup>1</sup>Or, *sanctuary*

<sup>a</sup>Eph. 4:15f.; Col. 2:19

<sup>b</sup>1 Cor. 3:16f.

22 <sup>a</sup>1 Cor. 3:9, 16; 2 Cor.

6:16 <sup>b</sup>Eph. 3:17

1 <sup>a</sup>Acts 23:18; Eph. 4:1;

2 Tim. 1:8; Philem. 1, 9, 23

<sup>b</sup>Gal. 5:24 <sup>c</sup>Eph. 3:13;

2 Cor. 1:6 <sup>d</sup>Eph. 3:8

2 <sup>a</sup>Col. 1:25; 1 Tim. 1:4;

Eph. 1:10; 3:9

3 <sup>a</sup>Acts 22:17, 21; 26:16ff.

<sup>b</sup>Gal. 1:12 <sup>c</sup>Eph. 1:9; 3:4, 9

<sup>d</sup>Eph. 3:4, 9; 6:19; Col.

1:26f.; 4:3; Rom. 11:25;

16:25 <sup>e</sup>Eph. 1:9f. [Heb.

13:22; 1 Pet. 5:12]

4 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *To which, when*

*you read* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *in*

<sup>2</sup>Cor. 11:6 <sup>b</sup>Eph. 3:3, 9;

6:19; Col. 1:26f.; 4:3; Rom.

11:25; 16:25

5 <sup>1</sup>Or, *by*

<sup>a</sup>1 Cor. 12:28; Eph. 2:20

6 <sup>a</sup>Gal. 3:29 <sup>b</sup>Eph. 2:16

<sup>c</sup>Eph. 5:7 <sup>d</sup>Gal. 5:24

7 <sup>a</sup>Col. 1:23, 25 <sup>b</sup>1 Cor.

3:5 <sup>c</sup>Eph. 3:2; Rom. 12:3;

Acts 9:15 <sup>d</sup>Eph. 1:19; 3:20

8 <sup>1</sup>i.e., true believers; lit.,

*holy ones*

<sup>a</sup>1 Cor. 15:9 <sup>b</sup>Eph. 3:1f.;

Acts 9:15 <sup>c</sup>Eph. 3:16; 1:7;

Rom. 2:4

9 <sup>a</sup>Eph. 3:3, 4; 6:19; Col.

1:26f.; 4:3; Rom. 11:25;

16:25 <sup>b</sup>Col. 3:3 <sup>c</sup>Rev. 4:11

10 <sup>a</sup>Rom. 11:33; 1 Cor. 2:7

<sup>b</sup>1 Pet. 1:12; Eph. 1:23

<sup>c</sup>Eph. 1:21; 6:12; Col. 2:10,

15 <sup>d</sup>Eph. 1:3

11 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *purpose of the*

*ages* <sup>2</sup>Or, *formed*

<sup>a</sup>Eph. 1:11 <sup>b</sup>Gal. 5:24; Eph.

3:1

12 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *access in*

*confidence* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *of Him*

<sup>a</sup>Heb. 4:16; 10:19, 35;

1 John 2:28; 3:21 <sup>b</sup>2 Cor.

3:4 <sup>c</sup>Eph. 2:18

13 <sup>1</sup>Or, *that I may not*

*lose* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *which are*

<sup>a</sup>2 Cor. 4:1 <sup>b</sup>Eph. 3:1

14 <sup>a</sup>Phil. 2:10

15 <sup>1</sup>Or, *the whole*

16 <sup>a</sup>Eph. 3:8; 1:18 <sup>b</sup>Phil.

4:13; Col. 1:11; 1 Cor.

16:13 <sup>c</sup>Rom. 7:22

17 <sup>a</sup>John 14:23; Rom.

8:9f.; 2 Cor. 13:5; Eph. 2:22

<sup>b</sup>Col. 2:7; 1 Cor. 3:6 <sup>c</sup>Col.

1:23

18 <sup>1</sup>Note vs. 8  
<sup>2</sup>Eph. 1:15 <sup>b</sup>Job 11:8f.

19 <sup>a</sup>Rom. 8:39; 8:35 <sup>b</sup>Phil. 4:7 <sup>c</sup>Col. 2:10 <sup>d</sup>Eph. 1:23

20 <sup>a</sup>Rom. 16:25 <sup>b2</sup> Cor. 9:8 <sup>c</sup>Eph. 3:7

21 <sup>1</sup>Lit., of the age of the ages  
<sup>2</sup>Rom. 11:36

1 <sup>a</sup>Eph. 3:1 <sup>b</sup>Rom. 12:1  
<sup>c</sup>Col. 1:10; 1 Thess. 2:12;  
Eph. 2:10; Col. 2:6 <sup>d</sup>Rom. 11:29 <sup>e</sup>Rom. 8:28f.

2 <sup>a</sup>Col. 3:12f. <sup>b</sup>Eph. 1:4

3 <sup>a</sup>Col. 3:14f.

4 <sup>a</sup>Eph. 2:16, 18; 1 Cor. 12:4ff. <sup>b</sup>Eph. 1:18

5 <sup>a</sup>1 Cor. 8:6

6 <sup>a</sup>Rom. 11:36; Col. 1:16

7 <sup>a</sup>1 Cor. 12:7, 11 <sup>b</sup>Eph. 3:2 <sup>c</sup>Rom. 12:3

8 <sup>1</sup>Or, He  
<sup>2</sup>Ps. 68:18 <sup>b</sup>Judg. 5:12; Col. 2:15

9 <sup>1</sup>Lit., is it except  
<sup>2</sup>Some ancient mss. read, had first descended  
<sup>3</sup>John 3:13 <sup>b</sup>Is. 44:23; Ps. 63:9

10 <sup>a</sup>Heb. 4:14; 7:26; 9:24;  
Eph. 1:20f. <sup>b</sup>Eph. 1:23

11 <sup>a</sup>Eph. 4:8 <sup>b</sup>1 Cor. 12:28; Acts 13:1 <sup>c</sup>Acts 21:8  
<sup>d</sup>Acts 13:1

12 <sup>1</sup>I.e., true believers; lit., holy ones  
<sup>2</sup>Cor. 13:9 <sup>b</sup>Eph. 1:23;  
1 Cor. 12:27

13 <sup>1</sup>Or, true knowledge  
<sup>2</sup>Lit., of the fullness  
<sup>3</sup>Eph. 4:3, 5 <sup>b</sup>Eph. 1:17;  
Phil. 3:10; John 6:69 <sup>c</sup>Heb. 5:14; 1 Cor. 14:20; Col. 1:28 <sup>d</sup>John 1:16; Gal. 4:19;  
Eph. 1:23

14 <sup>1</sup>Lit., that we may no longer be  
<sup>2</sup>Lit., with regard to the scheming of deceit  
1 Cor. 14:20 <sup>b</sup>James 1:6;  
Jude 12 <sup>c</sup>1 Cor. 3:19; 2 Cor. 4:2; 11:3 <sup>d</sup>Eph. 6:11

15 <sup>1</sup>Or, holding to, or, walking in  
<sup>2</sup>Lit., may grow up  
<sup>3</sup>Eph. 1:4 <sup>b</sup>Eph. 2:21 <sup>c</sup>Eph. 1:22

16 <sup>1</sup>Lit., through every joint of the supply  
<sup>2</sup>Lit., working in measure  
<sup>3</sup>Col. 2:19; Rom. 12:4f.; 1 Cor. 10:17 <sup>b</sup>Eph. 1:4

17 <sup>a</sup>Col. 2:4 <sup>b</sup>Luke 16:28  
<sup>c</sup>Eph. 2:2; 4:22 <sup>d</sup>Rom. 1:21;  
Col. 2:18; 1 Pet. 1:18;  
2 Pet. 2:18

18 may be able to comprehend with <sup>a</sup>all the <sup>1</sup>saints what is <sup>b</sup>the breadth and length and height and depth,

19 and to know <sup>a</sup>the love of Christ which <sup>b</sup>surpasses knowledge, that you may be <sup>c</sup>filled up to all the <sup>d</sup>fulness of God.

20 <sup>a</sup>Now to Him who is <sup>b</sup>able to do exceeding abundantly beyond all that we ask or think, <sup>c</sup>according to the power that works within us,

21 <sup>a</sup>to Him *be* the glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations <sup>1</sup>forever and ever. Amen.

## CHAPTER 4

I, THEREFORE, <sup>a</sup>the prisoner of the Lord, <sup>b</sup>entreat you to <sup>c</sup>walk in a manner worthy of the <sup>d</sup>calling with which you have been <sup>e</sup>called,

2 with all <sup>a</sup>humility and gentleness, with patience, showing forbearance to one another <sup>b</sup>in love,

3 being diligent to preserve the unity of the Spirit in the <sup>a</sup>bond of peace.

4 *There is* <sup>a</sup>one body and one Spirit, just as also you were called in one <sup>b</sup>hope of your calling;

5 <sup>a</sup>one Lord, one faith, one baptism,

6 one God and Father of all <sup>a</sup>who is over all and through all and in all.

7 But <sup>a</sup>to each one of us <sup>b</sup>grace was given <sup>c</sup>according to the measure of Christ's gift.

8 Therefore <sup>1</sup>it says,

"<sup>a</sup>WHEN HE ASCENDED ON HIGH,

HE <sup>b</sup>LED CAPTIVE A HOST OF CAPTIVES,

AND HE GAVE GIFTS TO MEN."

9 (Now this *expression*, "He <sup>a</sup>ascended," what <sup>1</sup>does it mean except that He also <sup>2</sup>had descended into <sup>b</sup>the lower parts of the earth?

10 He who descended is Himself also He who ascended <sup>a</sup>far above all the heavens, that He might <sup>b</sup>fill all things.)

11 And He <sup>a</sup>gave <sup>b</sup>some *as* apostles, and some *as* prophets, and some *as* evangelists, and some *as* pastors and <sup>d</sup>teachers,

12 <sup>a</sup>for the equipping of the <sup>1</sup>saints for the work of service, to the building up of <sup>b</sup>the body of Christ;

13 until we all attain to <sup>a</sup>the unity of the faith, and of the <sup>1</sup>knowledge of the Son of God, to a <sup>c</sup>mature man, to the measure of the stature <sup>2</sup>which belongs to the <sup>d</sup>fulness of Christ.

14 <sup>1</sup>As a result, we are <sup>a</sup>no longer to be children, <sup>b</sup>tossed here and there by waves, and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, by <sup>c</sup>craftiness <sup>2</sup>in <sup>d</sup>deceitful scheming;

15 but <sup>1</sup>speaking the truth <sup>a</sup>in love, we <sup>2</sup>are to <sup>b</sup>grow up in all *aspects* into Him, who is the <sup>c</sup>head, *even* Christ,

16 from whom <sup>a</sup>the whole body, being fitted and held together <sup>1</sup>by that which every joint supplies, according to the <sup>2</sup>proper working of each individual part, causes the growth of the body for the building up of itself <sup>b</sup>in love.

17 <sup>a</sup>This I say therefore, and <sup>b</sup>affirm together with the Lord, <sup>c</sup>that you walk no longer just as the Gentiles also walk, in the <sup>d</sup>futility of their mind,

18 being <sup>a</sup>darkened in their understanding, <sup>1</sup>excluded from <sup>b</sup>the life of God, because of the <sup>c</sup>ignorance that is in them, because of the <sup>d</sup>hardness of their heart;

19 and they, having <sup>a</sup>become callous, <sup>b</sup>have given themselves over to <sup>c</sup>sensuality, <sup>1</sup>for the practice of every kind of impurity with greediness.

20 But you did not <sup>a</sup>learn <sup>1</sup>Christ in this way,

21 if indeed you <sup>a</sup>have heard Him and have <sup>b</sup>been taught in Him, just as truth is in Jesus,

22 that, in reference to your former manner of life, you <sup>a</sup>lay aside the <sup>b</sup>old <sup>1</sup>self, which is being corrupted in accordance with the <sup>c</sup>lusts of deceit,

23 and that you be <sup>a</sup>renewed in the spirit of your mind,

24 and <sup>a</sup>put on the <sup>b</sup>new <sup>1</sup>self, which <sup>2</sup>in *the likeness* of God has been created in righteousness and holiness of the truth.

25 Therefore, <sup>a</sup>laying aside falsehood, <sup>b</sup>SPEAK TRUTH, EACH ONE OF YOU, WITH HIS NEIGHBOR, for we are <sup>c</sup>members of one another.

26 <sup>a</sup>BE ANGRY, AND yet DO NOT SIN; do not let <sup>b</sup>the sun go down on your anger,

27 and do not <sup>a</sup>give the devil an <sup>1</sup>opportunity.

28 Let him who steals steal no longer; but rather <sup>a</sup>let him labor, <sup>b</sup>performing with his own hands what is good, <sup>c</sup>in order that he may have *something* to share with him who has need.

29 Let no <sup>1</sup>unwholesome word proceed from your mouth, but only such *a word* as is good for <sup>b</sup>edification <sup>2</sup>according to the need of *the moment*, that it may give grace to those who hear.

30 And <sup>a</sup>do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, <sup>1</sup>by whom you were <sup>b</sup>sealed for the day of redemption.

31 <sup>a</sup>Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be <sup>b</sup>put away from you, along with all <sup>c</sup>malice.

32 And <sup>a</sup>be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving each other, <sup>b</sup>just as God in Christ also has forgiven <sup>1</sup>you.

CHAPTER 5

<sup>a</sup>**T**HEREFORE be imitators of God, as beloved children;

2 and <sup>a</sup>walk in love, just as Christ also <sup>b</sup>loved <sup>1</sup>you, and <sup>c</sup>gave Himself up for us, an <sup>d</sup>offering and a sacrifice to God <sup>2</sup>as a <sup>c</sup>fragrant aroma.

3 But do not let <sup>a</sup>immorality <sup>1</sup>or any impurity or greed even be named among you, as is proper among <sup>2</sup>saints;

4 and *there must be no* <sup>a</sup>filthiness and silly talk, or coarse jesting, which <sup>b</sup>are not fitting, but rather <sup>c</sup>giving of thanks.

5 For this you know with certainty, that <sup>a</sup>no <sup>1</sup>immoral or impure person or covetous man, who is an idolater, has an inheritance in the kingdom <sup>b</sup>of Christ and God.

6 <sup>a</sup>Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things <sup>b</sup>the wrath of God comes upon <sup>c</sup>the sons of disobedience.

7 Therefore do not be <sup>a</sup>partakers with them;

8 for <sup>a</sup>you were formerly <sup>b</sup>darkness, but now you are light in the Lord; walk as <sup>c</sup>children of light

18 <sup>1</sup>Or, alienated  
<sup>a</sup>Rom. 1:21 <sup>b</sup>Eph. 2:1, 12  
<sup>c</sup>Acts 17:30; Heb. 5:2; 9:7;  
<sup>1</sup>1 Pet. 1:4; Acts 3:17;  
<sup>1</sup>1 Cor. 2:8 <sup>b</sup>Mark 3:5; Rom. 11:7, 25; 2 Cor. 3:14

19 <sup>1</sup>Or, greedy for the practice of every kind of impurity  
<sup>a</sup>1 Tim. 4:2 <sup>b</sup>Rom. 1:24  
<sup>c</sup>Col. 3:5

20 <sup>1</sup>I.e., the Messiah  
<sup>a</sup>Matt. 11:29

21 <sup>a</sup>Rom. 10:14; Eph. 1:13; 2:17; Col. 1:5 <sup>c</sup>Col. 2:7

22 <sup>1</sup>Lit., man  
<sup>a</sup>Eph. 4:25, 31; Col. 3:8; Heb. 12:1 [Gr.]; James 1:21; 1 Pet. 2:1 <sup>b</sup>Rom. 6:6  
<sup>c</sup>2 Cor. 11:3; Heb. 3:13

23 <sup>a</sup>Rom. 12:2  
<sup>2</sup>Lit., man <sup>2</sup>Lit., according to God  
<sup>a</sup>Rom. 13:14 <sup>b</sup>Col. 3:10; Rom. 6:4; 7:6; 12:2; 2 Cor. 5:17 <sup>c</sup>Eph. 2:10

25 <sup>a</sup>Eph. 4:22, 31; Col. 3:8; Heb. 12:1 [Gr.]; James 1:21; 1 Pet. 2:1 <sup>b</sup>Zech. 8:16; Col. 3:9; Eph. 4:15 <sup>c</sup>Rom. 12:5

26 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 4:4 <sup>b</sup>Deut. 24:15

27 <sup>1</sup>Lit., place  
<sup>a</sup>James 4:7; Rom. 12:19  
<sup>2</sup>Acts 20:35; 1 Cor. 4:12; Gal. 6:10 <sup>b</sup>1 Thess. 4:11; 2 Thess. 3:8, 11f.; Titus 3:8, 14 <sup>c</sup>Luke 3:11; 1 Thess. 4:12

29 <sup>1</sup>Lit., rotten <sup>2</sup>Lit., of the need  
<sup>a</sup>Eph. 5:4; Col. 3:8; Matt. 12:34 <sup>b</sup>Rom. 14:19; Col. 4:6; Eccl. 10:12

30 <sup>1</sup>Lit., in  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 63:10; 1 Thess. 5:19  
<sup>b</sup>Eph. 1:13; John 3:33  
<sup>3</sup>1 <sup>c</sup>Col. 3:8, 19; Rom. 3:14 <sup>b</sup>Eph. 4:22 <sup>c</sup>1 Pet. 2:1

32 <sup>1</sup>Some ancient mss. read, us  
<sup>a</sup>Col. 3:12f.; 1 Cor. 13:4; 1 Pet. 3:8 <sup>b</sup>Matt. 6:14f.; 2 Cor. 2:10

1 <sup>a</sup>Eph. 4:32; Luke 6:36; Matt. 5:48

2 <sup>1</sup>Some ancient mss. read, us <sup>2</sup>Lit., for an odor of fragrance  
<sup>a</sup>Rom. 14:15; Col. 3:14  
<sup>b</sup>John 13:34; Rom. 8:37  
<sup>c</sup>Eph. 5:25; Gal. 2:20; Rom. 4:25; John 6:51 <sup>d</sup>Heb. 7:27; 9:14; 10:10, 12 <sup>e</sup>2 Cor. 2:14; Ex. 29:18, 25

3 <sup>1</sup>Lit., and all <sup>2</sup>I.e., true believers; lit., holy ones  
<sup>c</sup>Col. 3:5

4 <sup>a</sup>Eph. 4:29; Col. 3:8; Matt. 12:34 <sup>b</sup>Rom. 1:28  
<sup>c</sup>Eph. 5:20

5 <sup>1</sup>I.e., one who commits sexual immorality  
<sup>a</sup>1 Cor. 6:9; Col. 3:5 <sup>b</sup>Col. 1:11

6 <sup>a</sup>Col. 2:8 <sup>b</sup>Rom. 1:18; Col. 3:6 <sup>c</sup>Eph. 2:2; Col. 3:6

7 <sup>a</sup>Eph. 3:6  
<sup>8</sup> <sup>a</sup>Eph. 2:2 <sup>b</sup>Acts 26:18; Col. 1:12f.; Luke 16:8; John 12:36; Rom. 13:12

9 <sup>a</sup>Gal. 5:22 <sup>b</sup>Rom. 15:14

10 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *proving what*  
<sup>a</sup>Rom. 12:2

11 <sup>1</sup>Or, *reprove*  
<sup>a</sup>1 Cor. 5:9; 2 Cor. 6:14  
<sup>b</sup>Rom. 13:12 <sup>c</sup>Acts 26:18;  
Col. 1:12f. <sup>d</sup>1 Tim. 5:20

13 <sup>1</sup>Or, *reproved*  
<sup>a</sup>John 3:20f.

14 <sup>1</sup>Or, *He*  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 26:19; Is. 51:17; 52:1;  
<sup>b</sup>60:1 <sup>b</sup>Rom. 13:11 <sup>c</sup>Eph. 2:1  
<sup>d</sup>Luke 1:78f.

15 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *look carefully*  
<sup>a</sup>Eph. 5:2 <sup>b</sup>Col. 4:5

16 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *redeeming the time*  
<sup>a</sup>Col. 4:5 <sup>b</sup>Eph. 6:13; Gal. 1:4

17 <sup>a</sup>Rom. 12:2; Col. 1:9;  
1 Thess. 4:3

18 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *in which is*  
<sup>a</sup>Prov. 20:1; 23:31f.; Rom. 13:13; 1 Cor. 5:11; 1 Thess. 5:7  
<sup>b</sup>Titus 1:6; 1 Pet. 4:4  
<sup>d</sup>Luke 1:15

19 <sup>1</sup>Or, *yourselves*  
<sup>a</sup>Col. 3:16; James 5:13  
<sup>b</sup>1 Cor. 14:26 <sup>c</sup>Acts 16:25  
<sup>d</sup>Rev. 5:9 <sup>e</sup>1 Cor. 14:15

20 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *the God and Father*  
<sup>a</sup>Eph. 5:4; Col. 3:17; Rom. 1:8  
<sup>b</sup>1 Cor. 15:24

21 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *being subject*  
<sup>2</sup>Or, *reverence*  
<sup>a</sup>Gal. 5:13; 1 Pet. 5:5; Phil. 2:3  
<sup>b</sup>2 Cor. 5:11

22 <sup>a</sup>Eph. 5:22 to Eph. 6:9;  
Col. 3:18 to 4:1 <sup>b</sup>1 Cor. 14:34f.; Titus 2:5; 1 Pet. 3:1  
<sup>c</sup>Eph. 6:5

23 <sup>a</sup>1 Cor. 11:3 <sup>b</sup>Eph. 1:22  
<sup>c</sup>1 Cor. 6:13

25 <sup>a</sup>Eph. 5:28, 33; 1 Pet. 3:7  
<sup>b</sup>Eph. 5:2

26 <sup>a</sup>Heb. 10:10, 14, 29;  
13:12; Titus 2:14 <sup>b</sup>2 Pet. 1:9  
<sup>c</sup>Titus 3:5; Acts 22:16;  
1 Cor. 6:11 <sup>d</sup>John 15:3;  
17:17; Eph. 6:17; Rom. 10:8f.

27 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *glorious*  
<sup>a</sup>2 Cor. 11:2; Col. 1:22;  
2 Cor. 4:14 <sup>b</sup>Eph. 1:4

28 <sup>a</sup>Eph. 5:25, 33; 1 Pet. 3:7

30 <sup>a</sup>1 Cor. 6:15; 12:27  
<sup>b</sup>Eph. 1:23

31 <sup>a</sup>Gen. 2:24; Matt. 19:5;  
Mark 10:7f.

33 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *fear*  
<sup>a</sup>Eph. 5:25, 28; 1 Pet. 3:7  
<sup>b</sup>1 Pet. 3:2, 5f.

9 (for <sup>a</sup>the fruit of the light consists in all <sup>b</sup>goodness and righteousness and truth),

10 <sup>1</sup>trying to learn what is pleasing to the Lord.

11 And <sup>a</sup>do not participate in the unfruitful <sup>b</sup>deeds of <sup>c</sup>darkness, but instead even <sup>d</sup>expose them;

12 for it is disgraceful even to speak of the things which are done by them in secret.

13 But all things become visible <sup>a</sup>when they are <sup>b</sup>exposed by the light, for everything that becomes visible is light.

14 For this reason <sup>1</sup>it says,

“<sup>b</sup>AWAKE, SLEEPER,

AND ARISE FROM <sup>c</sup>THE DEAD,

AND CHRIST <sup>d</sup>WILL SHINE ON YOU.”

15 Therefore <sup>1</sup>be careful how you <sup>a</sup>walk, not <sup>b</sup>as unwise men, but as wise,

16 <sup>1</sup>making the most of your time, because <sup>b</sup>the days are evil.

17 So then do not be foolish, but <sup>a</sup>understand what the will of the Lord is.

18 And <sup>a</sup>do not get drunk with wine, <sup>1</sup>for that is <sup>b</sup>dissipation, but be <sup>c</sup>filled with the Spirit,

19 <sup>a</sup>speaking to <sup>1</sup>one another in <sup>b</sup>psalms and <sup>c</sup>hymns and spiritual <sup>d</sup>songs, <sup>e</sup>singing and making melody with your heart to the Lord;

20 <sup>a</sup>always giving thanks for all things in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to <sup>1</sup>God, even the Father;

21 <sup>1</sup>and be subject to one another in the <sup>2</sup>of Christ.

22 <sup>a</sup>Wives, <sup>b</sup>be subject to your own husbands, <sup>c</sup>as to the Lord.

23 For <sup>a</sup>the husband is the head of the wife, as Christ also is the <sup>b</sup>head of the church, He Himself <sup>c</sup>being the Savior of the body.

24 But as the church is subject to Christ, so also the wives *ought to be* to their husbands in everything.

25 <sup>a</sup>Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and <sup>b</sup>gave Himself up for her;

26 <sup>a</sup>that He might sanctify her, having <sup>b</sup>cleansed her by the <sup>c</sup>washing of water with <sup>d</sup>the word,

27 that He might <sup>a</sup>present to Himself the church <sup>1</sup>in all her glory, having no spot or wrinkle or any such thing; but that she should be <sup>b</sup>holy and blameless.

28 So husbands ought also to <sup>a</sup>love their own wives as their own bodies. He who loves his own wife loves himself;

29 for no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as Christ also *does* the church,

30 because we are <sup>a</sup>members of His <sup>b</sup>body.

31 <sup>a</sup>FOR THIS CAUSE A MAN SHALL LEAVE HIS FATHER AND MOTHER, AND SHALL CLEAVE TO HIS WIFE; AND THE TWO SHALL BECOME ONE FLESH.

32 This mystery is great; but I am speaking with reference to Christ and the church.

33 Nevertheless let each individual among you also <sup>a</sup>love his own wife even as himself; and *let* the wife *see to it* that she <sup>1</sup>respect her husband.

CHAPTER 6

**C**HILDREN, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right.  
2 <sup>a</sup>HONOR YOUR FATHER AND MOTHER (which is the first commandment with a promise),

3 <sup>a</sup>THAT IT MAY BE WELL WITH YOU, AND THAT YOU MAY LIVE LONG ON THE EARTH.

4 And, <sup>a</sup>fathers, do not provoke your children to anger; but <sup>b</sup>bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord.

5 <sup>a</sup>Slaves, be obedient to those who are your <sup>1</sup>masters according to the flesh, with <sup>b</sup>fear and trembling, in the sincerity of your heart, <sup>c</sup>as to Christ;

6 <sup>a</sup>not <sup>1</sup>by way of eyeservice, as <sup>b</sup>men-pleasers, but as <sup>c</sup>slaves of Christ, doing the will of God from the <sup>2</sup>heart.

7 With good will <sup>1</sup>render service, <sup>a</sup>as to the Lord, and not to men,

8 <sup>a</sup>knowing that <sup>b</sup>whatever good thing each one does, this he will receive back from the Lord, <sup>c</sup>whether slave or free.

9 And, masters, do the same things to them, and <sup>a</sup>give up threatening, knowing that <sup>b</sup>both their Master and yours is in heaven, and there is <sup>c</sup>no partiality with Him.

10 Finally, <sup>a</sup>be strong in the Lord, and in <sup>b</sup>the strength of His might.

11 <sup>a</sup>Put on the full armor of God, that you may be able to stand firm against the <sup>b</sup>schemes of the devil.

12 For our <sup>a</sup>struggle is not against <sup>1</sup>flesh and blood, but <sup>c</sup>against the rulers, against the powers, against the <sup>d</sup>world forces of this <sup>e</sup>darkness, against the <sup>f</sup>spiritual forces of wickedness in <sup>g</sup>the heavenly places.

13 Therefore, take up <sup>a</sup>the full armor of God, that you may be able to <sup>b</sup>resist in <sup>c</sup>the evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm.

14 Stand firm therefore, <sup>a</sup>HAVING GIRDED YOUR LOINS WITH TRUTH, and HAVING <sup>b</sup>PUT ON THE <sup>c</sup>BREASTPLATE OF RIGHTEOUSNESS,

15 and having <sup>a</sup>shod YOUR FEET WITH THE PREPARATION OF THE GOSPEL OF PEACE;

16 <sup>1</sup>in addition to all, taking up the <sup>a</sup>shield of faith with which you will be able to extinguish all the <sup>b</sup>flaming missiles of <sup>c</sup>the evil one.

17 And take the <sup>a</sup>helmet of salvation, and the <sup>b</sup>sword of the Spirit, which is <sup>c</sup>the word of God.

18 With all <sup>a</sup>prayer and petition <sup>1</sup>pray at all times <sup>c</sup>in the Spirit, and with this in view, <sup>2</sup>be on the alert with all <sup>c</sup>perseverance and <sup>f</sup>petition for all the saints,

19 and <sup>a</sup>pray on my behalf, that utterance may be given to me <sup>b</sup>in the opening of my mouth, to make known with <sup>c</sup>boldness <sup>d</sup>the mystery of the gospel,

20 for which I am an <sup>a</sup>ambassador <sup>b</sup>in <sup>1</sup>chains; that <sup>2</sup>in proclaiming it I may speak <sup>c</sup>boldly, <sup>d</sup>as I ought to speak.

21 <sup>a</sup>But that you also may know about my circumstances, how I am doing, <sup>b</sup>Tychicus, <sup>c</sup>the beloved brother and faithful minister in the Lord, will make everything known to you.

22 <sup>1</sup>And <sup>a</sup>I have sent him to you for this very purpose, so that you may know <sup>2</sup>about us, and that he may <sup>b</sup>comfort your hearts.

<sup>1</sup>Col. 3:20; Prov. 6:20; 23:22

<sup>2</sup>Ex. 20:12; Deut. 5:16

<sup>3</sup>Ex. 20:12; Deut. 5:16

<sup>4</sup>Col. 3:21 <sup>b</sup>Gen. 18:19; Deut. 6:7; 11:19; Ps. 78:4; Prov. 22:6; 2 Tim. 3:15

<sup>5</sup>I.e., earthly masters, with fear  
<sup>a</sup>Col. 3:22; 1 Tim. 6:1; Titus 2:9 <sup>b</sup>1 Cor. 2:3 <sup>c</sup>Eph. 5:22

<sup>6</sup><sup>1</sup>Lit., according to <sup>2</sup>Lit., soul  
<sup>a</sup>Col. 3:22 <sup>b</sup>Gal. 1:10  
<sup>c</sup>1 Cor. 7:22

<sup>7</sup><sup>1</sup>Lit., rendering  
<sup>a</sup>Col. 3:23

<sup>8</sup><sup>a</sup>Col. 3:24 <sup>b</sup>Matt. 16:27; 2 Cor. 5:10; Col. 3:24f. <sup>c</sup>1 Cor. 12:13; Col. 3:11

<sup>9</sup><sup>a</sup>Lev. 25:43 <sup>b</sup>Job 31:13ff.; John 13:13 <sup>c</sup>Acts 10:34; Col. 3:25

<sup>10</sup><sup>1</sup>1 Cor. 16:13; 2 Tim. 2:1 <sup>b</sup>Eph. 1:19

<sup>11</sup><sup>a</sup>Eph. 6:13; Rom. 13:12 <sup>b</sup>Eph. 4:14

<sup>12</sup><sup>1</sup>Lit., blood and flesh  
<sup>a</sup>1 Cor. 9:25 <sup>b</sup>Matt. 16:17  
<sup>c</sup>Eph. 1:21; 2:2; 3:10 <sup>d</sup>John 12:31 <sup>e</sup>Acts 26:18; Col. 1:13  
<sup>f</sup>Eph. 3:10 <sup>g</sup>Eph. 1:3

<sup>13</sup><sup>a</sup>Eph. 6:11 <sup>b</sup>James 4:7  
<sup>c</sup>Eph. 5:16

<sup>14</sup><sup>a</sup>Is. 11:5; Luke 12:35; 1 Pet. 1:13 <sup>b</sup>Eph. 6:13; Rom. 13:12 <sup>c</sup>Is. 59:17; 1 Thess. 5:8

<sup>15</sup><sup>a</sup>Is. 52:7; Rom. 10:15

<sup>16</sup><sup>1</sup>Lit., in all  
<sup>a</sup>1 Thess. 5:8 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 7:13; 120:4 <sup>c</sup>Matt. 5:37

<sup>17</sup><sup>a</sup>Is. 59:17 <sup>b</sup>Heb. 4:12; Is. 49:2; Hos. 6:5 <sup>c</sup>Heb. 6:5; Eph. 5:26

<sup>18</sup><sup>1</sup>Lit., praying <sup>2</sup>Lit., being  
<sup>a</sup>Phil. 4:6 <sup>b</sup>Luke 18:1; Col. 1:3; 4:2; 1 Thess. 5:17  
<sup>c</sup>Rom. 8:26f. <sup>d</sup>Mark 13:33  
<sup>e</sup>Acts 1:14 [Cr.] <sup>f</sup>1 Tim. 2:1

<sup>19</sup><sup>a</sup>Col. 4:3; 1 Thess. 5:25  
<sup>b</sup>2 Cor. 6:11 <sup>c</sup>2 Cor. 3:12  
<sup>d</sup>Eph. 3:3

<sup>20</sup><sup>1</sup>Lit., a chain <sup>2</sup>Some ancient mss. read, I may speak it boldly  
<sup>a</sup>2 Cor. 5:20; Philem. 9 marg. <sup>b</sup>Acts 21:33; 28:20; Col. 4:3; Eph. 3:1; Phil. 1:7  
<sup>c</sup>2 Cor. 3:12 <sup>d</sup>Col. 4:4

<sup>21</sup><sup>a</sup>Eph. 6:21, 22; Col. 4:7-9 <sup>b</sup>Acts 20:4 <sup>c</sup>Col. 4:7

<sup>22</sup><sup>1</sup>Lit., Whom I have sent to you <sup>2</sup>Lit., the things about us  
<sup>a</sup>Col. 4:8 <sup>b</sup>Col. 2:2; 4:8

23 <sup>a</sup>Gal. 6:16; 2 Thess. 3:16; 1 Pet. 5:14; Rom. 15:33 <sup>b</sup>Gal. 5:6; 1 Thess. 5:8

24 <sup>1</sup>Lit., in *incorruption*

23 <sup>a</sup>Peace be to the brethren, and <sup>b</sup>love with faith, from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

24 Grace be with all those who love our Lord Jesus Christ <sup>1</sup>with *a* love incorruptible.

## THE EPISTLE OF PAUL TO THE PHILIPPIANS

Salutation. Thanksgiving and Supplication.

1 <sup>1</sup>I.e., true believers; lit., *holy ones*

<sup>2</sup>Cor. 1:1; Col. 1:1; Philm. 1:1 Thess. 1:1; 2 Thess. 1:1 <sup>b</sup>Acts 16:1 <sup>c</sup>Rom. 1:1; Gal. 1:10 <sup>d</sup>Phil. 1:8; 2:5; 3:3, 8, 12, 14; 4:7, 19, 21; Gal. 3:26 <sup>e</sup>2 Cor. 1:1; Col. 1:2 <sup>f</sup>Acts 9:13 <sup>g</sup>Acts 16:12 <sup>h</sup>Acts 20:28; 1 Tim. 3:1f.; Titus 1:7 <sup>1</sup>1 Tim. 3:8ff.

2 <sup>a</sup>Rom. 1:7

3 <sup>a</sup>Rom. 1:8

4 <sup>a</sup>Rom. 1:9

5 <sup>1</sup>Or, *sharing in the preaching of the gospel*

<sup>a</sup>Acts 2:42; Phil. 4:15 <sup>b</sup>Phil. 1:7, 12, 16, 27; 2:22; 4:3, 15 <sup>c</sup>Phil. 2:12; 4:15; Acts 16:12-40

6 <sup>1</sup>1 Cor. 1:8; Phil. 1:10; 2:16

7 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *Just as it is right* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *bonds*

<sup>2</sup>Pet. 1:13 <sup>b</sup>2 Cor. 7:3 <sup>c</sup>Phil. 1:13f., 17; Acts 21:33; Eph. 6:20 <sup>d</sup>Phil. 1:16 <sup>e</sup>Phil. 1:5, 12, 16, 27; 2:22; 4:3, 15

8 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *inward parts* <sup>a</sup>Rom. 1:9 <sup>b</sup>Phil. 1:1; 2:5; 3:3; 8, 12, 14; 4:7, 19, 21; Gal. 3:26

9 <sup>1</sup>1 Thess. 3:12 <sup>b</sup>Col. 1:9

10 <sup>1</sup>Or, *distinguish between the things which differ* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *for* <sup>a</sup>Rom. 2:18 <sup>b</sup>1 Cor. 1:8; Phil. 1:6; 2:16

11 <sup>1</sup>James 3:18

12 <sup>a</sup>Luke 21:13 <sup>b</sup>Phil. 1:5, 7, 16, 27; 2:22; 4:3, 15

13 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *bonds* <sup>2</sup>Or, *governor's palace* <sup>a</sup>Phil. 1:7; 2 Tim. 2:9 <sup>b</sup>Acts 28:30

14 <sup>1</sup>Or, *brethren in the Lord, trusting because of my bonds* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *bonds* <sup>a</sup>Phil. 1:7; 2 Tim. 2:9 <sup>b</sup>Phil. 1:20; 2 Cor. 3:12; 7:4; Acts 4:31

15 <sup>a</sup>2 Cor. 11:13

16 <sup>1</sup>Some later mss. reverse the order of vss. 16 and 17

<sup>1</sup>1 Cor. 9:17 <sup>b</sup>Phil. 1:5, 7, 12, 27; 2:22; 4:3, 15

17 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *not sincerely*

<sup>2</sup>Lit., *bonds* <sup>a</sup>Phil. 2:3; Rom. 2:8 <sup>b</sup>Phil. 1:7; 2 Tim. 2:9

<sup>a</sup>Paul and <sup>b</sup>Timothy, <sup>c</sup>bond-servants of <sup>d</sup>Christ Jesus, to <sup>e</sup>all the <sup>1</sup>saints in Christ Jesus who are in <sup>a</sup>Philippi, including the <sup>b</sup>overseers and <sup>d</sup>deacons:

2 <sup>a</sup>Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

3 <sup>a</sup>I thank my God in all my remembrance of you,

4 always offering prayer with joy in <sup>a</sup>my every prayer for you all,

5 in view of your <sup>1a</sup>participation in the <sup>b</sup>gospel <sup>c</sup>from the first day until now.

6 *For I am* confident of this very thing, that He who began a good work in you will perfect it until <sup>a</sup>the day of Christ Jesus.

7 <sup>1</sup>For <sup>a</sup>it is only right for me to feel this way about you all, because I <sup>b</sup>have you in my heart, since both in my <sup>2c</sup>imprisonment and in the <sup>d</sup>defense and confirmation of the <sup>e</sup>gospel, you all are partakers of grace with me.

8 For <sup>a</sup>God is my witness, how I long for you all with the <sup>1</sup>affection of <sup>b</sup>Christ Jesus.

9 And this I pray, that <sup>a</sup>your love may abound still more and more in <sup>b</sup>real knowledge and all discernment,

10 so that you may <sup>1a</sup>approve the things that are excellent, in order to be sincere and blameless <sup>2</sup>until <sup>b</sup>the day of Christ;

11 having been filled with the <sup>a</sup>fruit of righteousness which *comes* through Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God.

12 Now I want you to know, brethren, that my circumstances <sup>a</sup>have turned out for the greater progress of the <sup>b</sup>gospel,

13 so that my <sup>1a</sup>imprisonment in *the cause* of Christ has become well-known throughout the whole <sup>2</sup>praetorian guard and to <sup>b</sup>everyone else,

14 and that most of the <sup>1</sup>brethren, trusting in the Lord because of my <sup>2a</sup>imprisonment, have <sup>b</sup>far more courage to speak the word of God without fear.

15 <sup>a</sup>Some, to be sure, are preaching Christ even from envy and strife, but some also from good will;

16 <sup>1</sup>the latter *do it* out of love, knowing that I am <sup>a</sup>appointed for the defense of the <sup>b</sup>gospel;

17 the former proclaim Christ <sup>a</sup>out of selfish ambition, <sup>1</sup>rather than from pure motives, thinking to cause me distress in my <sup>2b</sup>imprisonment.

18 What then? Only that in every way, whether in pretense or in truth, Christ is proclaimed; and in this I rejoice, yes, and I will rejoice.

19 For I know that this shall turn out for my <sup>1</sup>deliverance <sup>a</sup>through your <sup>2</sup>prayers and the provision of <sup>b</sup>the Spirit of Jesus Christ,

20 according to my <sup>a</sup>earnest expectation and <sup>b</sup>hope, that I shall not be put to shame in anything, but *that* with <sup>c</sup>all boldness, Christ shall even now, as always, be <sup>d</sup>exalted in my body, <sup>e</sup>whether by life or by death.

21 For to me, <sup>a</sup>to live is Christ, and to die is gain.

22 <sup>1</sup>But if *I am* to live *on* in the flesh, this *will mean* <sup>a</sup>fruitful labor for me; and I do not know <sup>2</sup>which to choose.

23 But I am hard-pressed from both *directions*, having the <sup>a</sup>desire to depart and <sup>b</sup>be with Christ, for *that* is very much better;

24 yet to remain on in the flesh is more necessary for your sake.

25 And <sup>a</sup>convinced of this, I know that I shall remain and continue with you all for your progress and joy in the faith,

26 so that your <sup>a</sup>proud confidence in me may abound in Christ Jesus through my coming to you again.

27 Only conduct yourselves in a manner <sup>a</sup>worthy of the <sup>b</sup>gospel of Christ; so that whether I come and see you or remain absent, I may hear of you that you are <sup>c</sup>standing firm in <sup>d</sup>one spirit, with one <sup>1</sup>mind <sup>e</sup>striving together for the faith of the gospel;

28 in no way alarmed by *your* opponents—which is a <sup>a</sup>sign of destruction for them, but of salvation for you, and that *too*,

29 For to you <sup>a</sup>it has been granted for Christ's sake, not only to believe in Him, but also to <sup>b</sup>suffer for His sake,

30 experiencing the same <sup>a</sup>conflict which <sup>b</sup>you saw in me, and now hear *to be* in me.

CHAPTER 2

**I**F therefore there is any encouragement in Christ, if there is any consolation of love, if there is any <sup>a</sup>fellowship of the Spirit, if any <sup>1</sup>affection and compassion,

2 <sup>a</sup>make my joy complete <sup>1</sup>by <sup>b</sup>being of the same mind, maintaining the same love, united in spirit, intent on one purpose.

3 Do nothing from <sup>1</sup>selfishness or <sup>b</sup>empty conceit, but with humility of mind let <sup>c</sup>each of you regard one another as more important than himself;

4 <sup>a</sup>do not *merely* look out for your own personal interests, but also for the interests of others.

5 <sup>a</sup>Have this attitude <sup>1</sup>in yourselves which was also in <sup>b</sup>Christ Jesus,

6 who, although He <sup>a</sup>existed in the <sup>b</sup>form of God, <sup>c</sup>did not regard equality with God a thing to be grasped,

7 but <sup>1</sup>emptied Himself, taking the form of a <sup>b</sup>bond-servant, *and* <sup>c</sup>being made in the likeness of men.

8 And being found in appearance as a man, <sup>a</sup>He humbled Himself by becoming <sup>b</sup>obedient to the point of death, even <sup>c</sup>death <sup>1</sup>on a cross.

19 <sup>1</sup>Or, *salvation* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *application*  
<sup>a</sup>2 Cor. 1:11 <sup>b</sup>Acts 16:7

20 <sup>a</sup>Rom. 8:19 <sup>b</sup>Rom. 5:5; 1 Pet. 4:16 <sup>c</sup>Phil. 1:14; 2 Cor. 3:12; 7:4; Acts 4:31 <sup>d</sup>1 Cor. 6:20 <sup>e</sup>Rom. 14:8

21 <sup>a</sup>Gal. 2:20

22 <sup>1</sup>Or, *But if to live in the flesh, this will be fruitful labor for me, then I . . .* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *what I shall choose*  
<sup>a</sup>Rom. 1:13

23 <sup>a</sup>2 Cor. 5:8; 2 Tim. 4:6 <sup>b</sup>John 12:26

25 <sup>a</sup>Phil. 2:24

26 <sup>a</sup>2 Cor. 5:12; 7:4; Phil. 2:16

27 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *soul*  
<sup>a</sup>Eph. 4:1 <sup>b</sup>Phil. 1:5 <sup>c</sup>Phil. 4:1; 1 Cor. 16:13 <sup>d</sup>Acts 4:32 <sup>e</sup>Jude 3

28 <sup>a</sup>2 Thess. 1:5

29 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 5:12 <sup>b</sup>Acts 14:22

30 <sup>a</sup>1 Thess. 2:2; Heb. 10:32; also Col. 1:29; 2:1; 1 Tim. 6:12; 2 Tim. 4:7; Heb. 12:1. [<sup>b</sup>Gr.] <sup>c</sup>Acts 16:19-40; Phil. 1:13

1 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *inward parts*  
<sup>a</sup>2 Cor. 13:14 [<sup>b</sup>Gr.] <sup>c</sup>Col. 3:12

2 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *that you be*  
<sup>a</sup>John 3:29 <sup>b</sup>Rom. 12:16; Phil. 4:2

3 <sup>1</sup>Or, *contentiousness*  
<sup>a</sup>Phil. 1:17 marg.; Rom. 2:8 <sup>b</sup>Gal. 5:26 <sup>c</sup>Rom. 12:10; Eph. 5:21

4 <sup>a</sup>Rom. 15:1f.

5 <sup>1</sup>Or, *among*  
<sup>a</sup>Matt. 11:29; Rom. 15:3 <sup>b</sup>Phil. 1:1

6 <sup>a</sup>John 1:1 <sup>b</sup>2 Cor. 4:4 <sup>c</sup>John 5:18; 10:33; 14:28

7 <sup>1</sup>i.e., *laid aside His privileges*  
<sup>a</sup>2 Cor. 8:9 <sup>b</sup>Matt. 20:28 <sup>c</sup>John 1:14; Rom. 8:3; Gal. 4:4; Heb. 2:17

8 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *of*  
<sup>a</sup>2 Cor. 8:9 <sup>b</sup>Heb. 5:8; Matt. 26:39; John 10:18; Rom. 5:19 <sup>c</sup>Heb. 12:2

9 <sup>a</sup>Heb. 1:9 <sup>b</sup>Matt. 28:18; Acts 2:33; Heb. 2:9 <sup>c</sup>Eph. 1:21

10 <sup>a</sup>Rom. 14:11 <sup>b</sup>Eph. 1:10

11 <sup>a</sup>John 13:13; Rom. 10:9; 14:9

12 <sup>a</sup>Phil. 1:5, 6; 4:15 <sup>b</sup>Heb. 5:9 <sup>c</sup>2 Cor. 7:15

13 <sup>a</sup>1 Cor. 12:6; 15:10; Rom. 12:3; Heb. 13:21 <sup>b</sup>Eph. 1:5

14 <sup>a</sup>1 Cor. 10:10; 1 Pet. 4:9

15 <sup>1</sup>Or, *become* <sup>2</sup>Or, *shine* <sup>3</sup>Or, *luminaries, stars* <sup>a</sup>Luke 1:6; Phil. 3:6 <sup>b</sup>Matt. 5:45; Eph. 5:1 <sup>c</sup>Acts 2:40 <sup>d</sup>Matt. 24:27 <sup>e</sup>Gen. 1:16

16 <sup>1</sup>Or, *forth* <sup>a</sup>Phil. 1:6 <sup>b</sup>Gal. 2:2 <sup>c</sup>Gal. 4:11; 1 Thess. 3:5; Is. 49:4

17 <sup>a</sup>2 Tim. 4:6; 2 Cor. 12:15 <sup>b</sup>Rom. 15:16; Num. 28:6, 7

19 <sup>1</sup>Or, *trusting in* <sup>a</sup>Phil. 2:23 <sup>b</sup>Phil. 1:1

20 <sup>a</sup>1 Cor. 16:10; 2 Tim. 3:10

21 <sup>a</sup>1 Cor. 10:24; 13:5; Phil. 2:4

22 <sup>a</sup>Rom. 5:4 [Gr.] <sup>b</sup>1 Cor. 16:10; 2 Tim. 3:10 <sup>c</sup>1 Cor. 4:17

23 <sup>a</sup>Phil. 2:19

24 <sup>a</sup>Phil. 1:25

25 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *apostle* <sup>a</sup>Phil. 4:18 <sup>b</sup>Rom. 16:3, 9, 21; Phil. 4:3; Philem. 1, 24 <sup>c</sup>Philem. 2 <sup>d</sup>2 Cor. 8:23; John 13:16 <sup>e</sup>Phil. 4:18

26 <sup>1</sup>Some ancient mss. read, *to see you all*

29 <sup>a</sup>Rom. 16:2 <sup>b</sup>1 Cor. 16:18

30 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *your deficiency of service* <sup>a</sup>Acts 20:24 <sup>b</sup>1 Cor. 16:17; Phil. 4:10

9 <sup>a</sup>Therefore also God <sup>b</sup>highly exalted Him, and bestowed on Him <sup>c</sup>the name which is above every name,

10 that at the name of Jesus <sup>a</sup>every knee should bow, of <sup>b</sup>those who are in heaven, and on earth, and under the earth,

11 and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is <sup>a</sup>Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

12 So then, my beloved, <sup>a</sup>just as you have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your <sup>b</sup>salvation with <sup>c</sup>fear and trembling;

13 for it is <sup>a</sup>God who is at work in you, both to will and to work <sup>b</sup>for *His* good pleasure.

14 Do all things without <sup>a</sup>grumbling or disputing;

15 that you may <sup>1</sup>prove yourselves to be <sup>a</sup>blameless and innocent, <sup>b</sup>children of God above reproach in the midst of a <sup>c</sup>crooked and perverse generation, among whom you <sup>2</sup>appear as <sup>3</sup>lights in the world,

16 holding <sup>1</sup>fast the word of life, so that in <sup>a</sup>the day of Christ I may have cause to glory because I did not <sup>b</sup>run in vain nor <sup>c</sup>toil in vain.

17 But even if I am being <sup>a</sup>poured out as a drink offering upon <sup>b</sup>the sacrifice and service of your faith, I rejoice and share my joy with you all.

18 And you too, *I urge you*, rejoice in the same way and share your joy with me.

19 But I hope <sup>1</sup>in the Lord Jesus to <sup>a</sup>send <sup>b</sup>Timothy to you shortly, so that I also may be encouraged when I learn of your condition.

20 For I have no one *else* <sup>a</sup>of kindred spirit who will genuinely be concerned for your welfare.

21 For they all <sup>a</sup>seek after their own interests, not those of Christ Jesus.

22 But you know <sup>a</sup>of his proven worth that <sup>b</sup>he served with me in the furtherance of the gospel <sup>c</sup>like a child *serv*ing his father.

23 <sup>a</sup>Therefore I hope to send him immediately, as soon as I see how things *go* with me;

24 and <sup>a</sup>I trust in the Lord that I myself also shall be coming shortly.

25 But I thought it necessary to send to you <sup>a</sup>Epaphroditus, my brother and <sup>b</sup>fellow-worker and <sup>c</sup>fellow-soldier, who is also your <sup>1</sup>messenger and <sup>c</sup>minister to my need;

26 because he was longing <sup>1</sup>for you all and was distressed because you had heard that he was sick.

27 For indeed he was sick to the point of death, but God had mercy on him, and not on him only but also on me, lest I should have sorrow upon sorrow.

28 Therefore I have sent him all the more eagerly in order that when you see him again you may rejoice and I may be less concerned *about you*.

29 Therefore <sup>a</sup>receive him in the Lord with all joy, and <sup>b</sup>hold men like him in high regard;

30 because he came close to death <sup>a</sup>for the work of Christ, risking his life to <sup>b</sup>complete <sup>1</sup>what was deficient in your service to me.



CHAPTER 3

FINALLY, my brethren, <sup>a</sup>rejoice in the Lord. To write the same things *again* is no trouble to me, and it is a safeguard for you.

2 Beware of the <sup>a</sup>dogs, beware of the <sup>b</sup>evil workers, beware of the <sup>1</sup>false circumcision;

3 for <sup>a</sup>we are the *true* <sup>1</sup>circumcision, who <sup>b</sup>worship in the Spirit of God and <sup>g</sup>lory in <sup>d</sup>Christ Jesus and put no confidence in the flesh,

4 although <sup>a</sup>I myself might have confidence even in the flesh. If anyone else has a mind to put confidence in the flesh, I far more:

5 <sup>a</sup>circumcised the eighth day, of the <sup>b</sup>nation of Israel, of the <sup>c</sup>tribe of Benjamin, a <sup>b</sup>Hebrew of Hebrews; as to the Law, <sup>d</sup>a Pharisee;

6 as to zeal, <sup>a</sup>a persecutor of the church; as to the <sup>b</sup>righteousness which is in the Law, found <sup>c</sup>blameless.

7 But <sup>a</sup>whatever things were gain to me, those things I have counted as loss for the sake of Christ.

8 More than that, I count all things to be loss in view of the surpassing value of <sup>1</sup>knowing <sup>b</sup>Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them but rubbish in order that I may gain Christ,

9 and may be found in Him, not having <sup>a</sup>a righteousness of my own derived from *the* Law, but that which is through faith in Christ, <sup>b</sup>the righteousness which *comes* from God on the basis of faith,

10 that I may <sup>a</sup>know Him, and <sup>b</sup>the power of His resurrection and <sup>1</sup>the fellowship of His sufferings, being <sup>d</sup>conformed to His death;

11 <sup>1</sup>in order that I may <sup>a</sup>attain to the resurrection from the dead.

12 Not that I have already <sup>a</sup>obtained *it*, or have already <sup>b</sup>become perfect, but I press on <sup>1</sup>in order that I may <sup>d</sup>lay hold of that <sup>2</sup>for which also I <sup>d</sup>was laid hold of by <sup>c</sup>Christ Jesus.

13 Brethren, I do not regard myself as having laid hold of *it* yet; but one thing I do: <sup>a</sup>forgetting what *lies* behind and reaching forward to what *lies* ahead,

14 I <sup>a</sup>press on toward the goal for the prize of the <sup>b</sup>upward call of God in <sup>c</sup>Christ Jesus.

15 Let us therefore, as many as are <sup>1</sup>perfect, have this attitude; and if in anything you have a <sup>b</sup>different attitude, <sup>c</sup>God will reveal that also to you;

16 however, let us keep <sup>1</sup>living by that same *standard* to which we have attained.

17 Brethren, <sup>a</sup>join in following my example, and observe those who walk according to the <sup>b</sup>pattern you have in us.

18 For <sup>a</sup>many walk, of whom I often told you, and now tell you even <sup>b</sup>weeping, *that they are* enemies of <sup>c</sup>the cross of Christ,

19 whose end is destruction, whose god is *their* <sup>1</sup>appetite, and *whose* <sup>b</sup>glory is in their shame, who <sup>c</sup>set their minds on earthly things.

20 For <sup>a</sup>our <sup>1</sup>citizenship is in heaven, from which also we eagerly <sup>b</sup>wait for a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ;

1 <sup>a</sup>Phil. 4:4; Phil. 2:18

2 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *mutilation* (Gr., *katatomé*)  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 22:16, 20; Rev. 22:15;  
Gal. 5:15 <sup>b</sup>2 Cor. 11:13

3 <sup>1</sup>Or, *peritomé*  
<sup>a</sup>Rom. 2:29; 9:6; Gal. 6:15  
<sup>b</sup>Gal. 5:25 <sup>c</sup>Rom. 15:17;  
Gal. 6:14 <sup>d</sup>Phil. 3:12; Phil. 1:1; Rom. 8:39

4 <sup>a</sup>2 Cor. 11:18; 5:16

5 <sup>a</sup>Luke 1:59 <sup>b</sup>2 Cor. 11:22; Rom. 11:1 <sup>c</sup>Rom. 11:1 <sup>d</sup>Acts 22:3; 23:6; 26:5

6 <sup>a</sup>Acts 8:3 <sup>b</sup>Phil. 3:9  
<sup>c</sup>Phil. 2:15

7 <sup>a</sup>Luke 14:33

8 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *the knowledge of*  
<sup>a</sup>John 17:3; Eph. 4:13;  
2 Pet. 1:3; Phil. 3:10; Jer. 9:23f. <sup>b</sup>Phil. 3:12; 1:1; Rom. 8:39

9 <sup>a</sup>Rom. 10:5; Phil. 3:6  
<sup>b</sup>Rom. 9:30; 1 Cor. 1:30

10 <sup>1</sup>Or, *participation in*  
<sup>a</sup>John 17:3; Eph. 4:13;  
2 Pet. 1:3; Phil. 3:8; Jer. 9:23f. <sup>b</sup>Rom. 6:5 <sup>c</sup>Rom. 8:17 <sup>d</sup>Rom. 6:5; 8:36; Gal. 6:17

11 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *if somehow*  
<sup>a</sup>1 Cor. 15:23; Rev. 20:5f.; Acts 26:7

12 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *if I may even*  
<sup>2</sup>Or, *because also*  
<sup>a</sup>1 Cor. 9:24f.; 1 Tim. 6:12;  
19 <sup>b</sup>1 Cor. 13:10 <sup>c</sup>1 Tim. 6:12; 19 <sup>d</sup>Acts 9:5f. <sup>e</sup>Phil. 3:3; 8; Phil. 1:1; Rom. 8:39

13 <sup>a</sup>Luke 9:62

14 <sup>a</sup>1 Cor. 9:24; Heb. 6:1  
<sup>b</sup>Rom. 11:29; 8:28; 2 Tim. 1:9 <sup>c</sup>Phil. 3:3

15 <sup>1</sup>Or, *matufé*  
<sup>a</sup>1 Cor. 2:6; Matt. 5:48  
<sup>b</sup>Gal. 5:10 <sup>c</sup>Eph. 1:17;  
1 Thess. 4:9; John 6:45

16 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *following in line*  
<sup>a</sup>Gal. 6:16

17 <sup>a</sup>1 Cor. 4:16; Phil. 4:9  
<sup>b</sup>1 Pet. 5:3

18 <sup>a</sup>2 Cor. 11:13 <sup>b</sup>Acts 20:31 <sup>c</sup>Gal. 6:14

19 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *belly*  
<sup>a</sup>Rom. 16:18; Titus 1:12  
marg. <sup>b</sup>Rom. 6:21; Jude 13  
<sup>c</sup>Rom. 8:5f.; Col. 3:2

20 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *commonwealth*  
<sup>a</sup>Eph. 2:19; Phil. 1:27  
marg.; Col. 3:1; Heb. 12:22  
<sup>b</sup>1 Cor. 1:7

21 <sup>1</sup>Or, our lowly body  
<sup>2</sup>Or, His glorious body  
<sup>a</sup>1 Cor. 15:43-53 <sup>b</sup>Rom.  
 8:29; Col. 3:4 <sup>c</sup>1 Cor. 15:43,  
 49 <sup>d</sup>Eph. 1:19 <sup>e</sup>1 Cor. 15:28

1 <sup>1</sup>Lit., and longed for  
<sup>a</sup>Phil. 1:8 <sup>b</sup>1 Cor. 16:13;  
 Phil. 1:27

2 <sup>1</sup>Or, be of the same  
 mind  
<sup>a</sup>Phil. 2:2

3 <sup>a</sup>Phil. 2:25 <sup>b</sup>Luke 10:20

4 <sup>a</sup>Phil. 3:1

5 <sup>1</sup>Or, at hand  
<sup>a</sup>1 Cor. 16:22 marg.; Heb.  
 10:37; James 5:8f.

6 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 6:25 <sup>b</sup>Eph. 6:18;  
 1 Tim. 2:1; 5:5

7 <sup>1</sup>Lit., mind  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 26:3; Phil. 4:9; John  
 14:27; Col. 3:15 <sup>b</sup>Phil. 3:19  
<sup>c</sup>1 Pet. 1:5 <sup>d</sup>2 Cor. 10:5  
<sup>e</sup>Phil. 1:1; 4:19, 21

8 <sup>1</sup>Or, attractive <sup>2</sup>Lit.,  
 ponder these things  
<sup>a</sup>Rom. 14:18; 1 Pet. 2:12

9 <sup>a</sup>Phil. 3:17 <sup>b</sup>Rom. 15:33

10 <sup>a</sup>2 Cor. 11:9; Phil. 2:30

11 <sup>1</sup>Lit., according to <sup>2</sup>Or,  
 self-sufficient  
<sup>a</sup>1 Tim. 6:6, 8; 2 Cor. 9:8;  
 Heb. 13:5

12 <sup>a</sup>1 Cor. 4:11 <sup>b</sup>2 Cor.  
 11:9

13 <sup>1</sup>Lit., in  
<sup>a</sup>2 Cor. 12:9; Eph. 3:16;  
 Col. 1:11

14 <sup>a</sup>Heb. 10:33; Rev. 1:9,  
 [in Cr.]

15 <sup>1</sup>Lit., beginning of  
<sup>a</sup>Phil. 1:5 <sup>b</sup>Rom. 15:26  
<sup>c</sup>2 Cor. 11:9

16 <sup>a</sup>Acts 17:1; 1 Thess. 2:9

17 <sup>1</sup>Lit., fruit  
<sup>a</sup>2 Cor. 9:5; 1 Cor. 9:11f.

18 <sup>1</sup>Lit., made full <sup>2</sup>Lit.,  
 the things from you <sup>3</sup>Lit.,  
 an odor of fragrance  
<sup>a</sup>Phil. 2:25 <sup>b</sup>2 Cor. 2:14;  
 Eph. 5:2

21 who will <sup>a</sup>transform <sup>1</sup>the body of our humble state into  
<sup>b</sup>conformity with <sup>2</sup>the <sup>c</sup>body of His glory, <sup>d</sup>by the exertion of the  
 power that He has even to <sup>e</sup>subject all things to Himself.

CHAPTER 4

**T**HEREFORE, my beloved brethren <sup>1</sup>whom I <sup>a</sup>long to see,  
 my joy and crown, so <sup>b</sup>stand firm in the Lord, my beloved.

**2** I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to <sup>a</sup>live in harmony  
 in the Lord.

**3** Indeed, true comrade, I ask you also to help these  
 women who have shared my struggle in *the cause of* the gospel,  
 together with Clement also, and the rest of my <sup>a</sup>fellow-workers,  
 whose <sup>b</sup>names are in the book of life.

**4** <sup>a</sup>Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice!

**5** Let your forbearing *spirit* be known to all men. <sup>a</sup>The  
 Lord is <sup>1</sup>near.

**6** <sup>a</sup>Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by <sup>b</sup>prayer  
 and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made  
 known to God.

**7** And <sup>a</sup>the peace of God, which <sup>b</sup>surpasses all <sup>1</sup>compre-  
 hension, shall <sup>c</sup>guard your hearts and your <sup>d</sup>minds in <sup>e</sup>Christ  
 Jesus.

**8** Finally, brethren, <sup>a</sup>whatever is true, whatever is honor-  
 able, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely,  
 whatever is <sup>1</sup>of good repute, if there is any excellence and if  
 anything worthy of praise, <sup>2</sup>let your mind dwell on these things.

**9** The things you have learned and received and heard and  
 seen <sup>a</sup>in me, practice these things; and <sup>b</sup>the God of peace shall  
 be with you.

**10** But I rejoiced in the Lord greatly, that now at last <sup>a</sup>you  
 have revived your concern for me; indeed, you were concerned  
*before*, but you lacked opportunity.

**11** Not that I speak <sup>1</sup>from want; for I have learned to be  
<sup>2a</sup>content in whatever circumstances I am.

**12** I know how to get along with humble means, and I also  
 know how to live in prosperity; in any and every circumstance  
 I have learned the secret of being filled and going <sup>a</sup>hungry, both  
 of having abundance and <sup>b</sup>suffering need.

**13** I can do all things <sup>1</sup>through Him who <sup>a</sup>strengthens me.

**14** Nevertheless, you have done well to <sup>a</sup>share *with me* in  
 my affliction.

**15** And you yourselves also know, Philippians, that at the  
<sup>1a</sup>first preaching of the gospel, after I departed from <sup>b</sup>Macedo-  
 nia, no church <sup>c</sup>shared with me in the matter of giving and  
 receiving but you alone;

**16** for even in <sup>a</sup>Thessalonica you sent *a gift* more than once  
 for my needs.

**17** <sup>a</sup>Not that I seek the gift itself, but I seek for the <sup>1</sup>profit  
 which increases to your account.

**18** But I have received everything in full, and have an  
 abundance; I am <sup>1</sup>amply supplied, having received from  
<sup>a</sup>Epaphroditus <sup>2</sup>what you have sent, <sup>3b</sup>a fragrant aroma, an  
 acceptable sacrifice, well-pleasing to God.

19 And <sup>a</sup>my God shall supply <sup>1</sup>all your needs according to His <sup>b</sup>riches in glory in Christ Jesus.

20 Now to <sup>a</sup>our God and Father <sup>b</sup>be the glory <sup>1</sup>forever and ever. Amen.

21 Greet every <sup>1</sup>saint in Christ Jesus. <sup>a</sup>The brethren who are with me greet you.

22 <sup>a</sup>All the <sup>1</sup>saints greet you, especially those of Caesar's household.

23 <sup>a</sup>The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ <sup>b</sup>be with your spirit.

## THE EPISTLE OF PAUL TO THE COLOSSIANS

Salutation. Thanksgiving for their Attainments.

<sup>a</sup>PAUL, <sup>b</sup>an apostle of Jesus Christ <sup>1c</sup>by the will of God, and <sup>d</sup>Timothy <sup>2</sup>our brother,

2 to the <sup>1a</sup>saints and faithful brethren in Christ *who are* at Colossae: <sup>b</sup>Grace to you and peace from God our Father.

3 <sup>a</sup>We give thanks to God, <sup>b</sup>the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, praying always for you,

4 <sup>a</sup>since we heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and the <sup>b</sup>love which you have <sup>1</sup>for <sup>c</sup>all the <sup>2</sup>saints;

5 because of the <sup>a</sup>hope <sup>b</sup>laid up for you in <sup>1</sup>heaven, of which you previously <sup>c</sup>heard in the word of truth, <sup>2</sup>the gospel,

6 which has come to you, just as <sup>1a</sup>in all the world also it is constantly bearing <sup>b</sup>fruit and <sup>2</sup>increasing, even as *it has been doing* in you also since the day you <sup>c</sup>heard of it and <sup>3</sup>understood the grace of God in truth;

7 just as you learned *it* from <sup>a</sup>Epaphras, our <sup>b</sup>beloved fellow bond-servant, who is a faithful servant of Christ on <sup>1</sup>our behalf,

8 and he also informed us of your <sup>a</sup>love in the Spirit.

9 For this reason also, <sup>a</sup>since the day we heard of *it*, <sup>b</sup>we have not ceased to pray for you and to ask that you may be filled with the <sup>1c</sup>knowledge of His will in all spiritual <sup>d</sup>wisdom and understanding,

10 so that you may <sup>a</sup>walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, <sup>1b</sup>to please *Him* in all respects, <sup>c</sup>bearing fruit in every good work and <sup>2</sup>increasing in the <sup>3</sup>knowledge of God;

11 <sup>a</sup>strengthened with all power, according to <sup>1</sup>His glorious might, <sup>2</sup>for the attaining of all steadfastness and <sup>3</sup>patience; <sup>b</sup>joyously

12 giving thanks to <sup>a</sup>the Father, who has qualified us <sup>1</sup>to share in <sup>b</sup>the inheritance of the <sup>2</sup>saints in <sup>c</sup>light.

13 For He delivered us from the <sup>1a</sup>domain of darkness, and transferred us to the kingdom of <sup>2b</sup>His beloved Son,

14 <sup>a</sup>in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

15 And He is the <sup>a</sup>image of the <sup>b</sup>invisible God, the <sup>c</sup>first-born of all creation.

19 <sup>1</sup>Or, every need of yours

<sup>2</sup>2 Cor. 9:8 <sup>b</sup>Rom. 2:4

20 <sup>1</sup>Lit., to the ages of the ages  
<sup>a</sup>Gal. 1:4 <sup>b</sup>Rom. 11:36

21 <sup>1</sup>i.e., true believer, lit., holy one  
<sup>a</sup>Gal. 1:2

22 <sup>1</sup>Note vs. 21  
<sup>2</sup>2 Cor. 13:13 <sup>b</sup>Acts 9:13

23 <sup>a</sup>Rom. 16:20 <sup>b</sup>2 Tim. 4:22

1 <sup>1</sup>Lit., through <sup>2</sup>Lit., the  
<sup>a</sup>Phil. 1:1 <sup>b</sup>2 Cor. 1:1  
<sup>c</sup>1 Cor. 1:1 <sup>d</sup>2 Cor. 1:1;  
1 Thess. 3:2; Philem. 1;  
Heb. 13:23

2 <sup>1</sup>i.e., true believers, lit., holy ones  
<sup>a</sup>Acts 9:13; Eph. 1:1; Phil. 1:1 <sup>b</sup>Rom. 1:7; Col. 4:18

3 <sup>a</sup>Rom. 1:8 <sup>b</sup>Rom. 15:6;  
2 Cor. 1:3

4 <sup>1</sup>Or, toward <sup>2</sup>i.e., true believers, lit., holy ones  
<sup>a</sup>Eph. 1:15 <sup>b</sup>Gal. 5:6 <sup>c</sup>Eph. 6:18

5 <sup>1</sup>Lit., the heavens <sup>2</sup>Or, of the gospel  
<sup>a</sup>Col. 1:23; Rom. 5:2;  
1 Thess. 5:8; Titus 1:2; Acts 23:6 <sup>b</sup>2 Tim. 4:8; 1 Pet. 1:4  
<sup>c</sup>Eph. 1:13; Col. 1:6, 23

6 <sup>1</sup>Or, it is in the world <sup>2</sup>Or, spreading abroad <sup>3</sup>Or, came really to know  
<sup>a</sup>Rom. 10:18; 1 Tim. 3:16;  
Col. 1:23 <sup>b</sup>Rom. 1:13 <sup>c</sup>Eph. 4:21; Col. 1:5

7 <sup>1</sup>Some later mss. read, your  
<sup>a</sup>Col. 4:12; Philem. 23  
<sup>b</sup>Col. 4:7

8 <sup>a</sup>Rom. 15:30

9 <sup>1</sup>Or, real knowledge  
<sup>a</sup>Col. 1:4 <sup>b</sup>Eph. 1:16 <sup>c</sup>Eph. 5:17; Phil. 1:9 <sup>d</sup>Eph. 1:17

10 <sup>1</sup>Lit., unto all pleasing <sup>2</sup>Or, growing by the knowledge <sup>3</sup>Or, real knowledge  
<sup>a</sup>Eph. 4:1; Col. 2:6 <sup>b</sup>2 Cor. 5:9; Eph. 5:10 <sup>c</sup>Rom. 1:13

11 <sup>1</sup>Lit., the might of His glory <sup>2</sup>Lit., unto all <sup>3</sup>Or, patience with joy  
<sup>a</sup>Eph. 3:16; 1 Cor. 16:13  
<sup>b</sup>Eph. 4:2

12 <sup>1</sup>Lit., unto the portion of <sup>2</sup>i.e., true believers; lit., holy ones  
<sup>a</sup>Eph. 2:18 <sup>b</sup>Acts 20:32  
<sup>c</sup>Acts 26:18; Eph. 6:12

13 <sup>1</sup>Lit., authority <sup>2</sup>Lit., the Son of His love  
<sup>a</sup>Acts 26:18; Eph. 6:12  
<sup>b</sup>Matt. 3:17; Eph. 1:6

14 <sup>a</sup>Eph. 1:7; Rom. 3:24

15 <sup>a</sup>2 Cor. 4:4 <sup>b</sup>1 Tim. 1:17; Heb. 11:27; John 1:18  
<sup>c</sup>Col. 1:17f.; Rom. 8:29

16 <sup>a</sup>Eph. 1:10 <sup>b</sup>Eph. 1:20f.; Col. 2:15 <sup>c</sup>John 1:3; Rom. 11:36; 1 Cor. 8:6

17 <sup>1</sup>Or, has existed prior to <sup>2</sup>Or, endure  
<sup>a</sup>John 1:1; 8:58

18 <sup>a</sup>Eph. 1:22 <sup>b</sup>Eph. 1:23; Col. 1:24; Col. 2:19 <sup>c</sup>Rev. 3:14 <sup>d</sup>Acts 26:23

19 <sup>1</sup>Or, all the fullness was pleased to dwell <sup>2</sup>i.e., fullness of deity  
<sup>a</sup>Eph. 1:5 <sup>b</sup>John 1:16

20 <sup>1</sup>Lit., the heavens  
<sup>2</sup>Cor. 5:18; Eph. 2:16  
<sup>b</sup>Rom. 5:1; Eph. 2:14 <sup>c</sup>Eph. 2:13 <sup>d</sup>Col. 1:16

21 <sup>a</sup>Rom. 5:10; Eph. 2:3; 2:12

22 <sup>a</sup>2 Cor. 5:18; Eph. 2:16  
<sup>b</sup>Rom. 7:4 <sup>c</sup>Eph. 5:27; Col. 1:28 <sup>d</sup>Eph. 1:4

23 <sup>1</sup>Or omit, the <sup>2</sup>Lit., became <sup>3</sup>Or, servant  
<sup>a</sup>Eph. 3:17; Col. 2:7 <sup>b</sup>Col. 1:5 <sup>c</sup>Col. 1:6; Mark 16:15; Acts 2:5 <sup>d</sup>Col. 1:25; Eph. 3:7 <sup>e</sup>1 Cor. 3:5

24 <sup>1</sup>Or, representatively  
... fill up <sup>2</sup>Lit., of  
<sup>a</sup>Phil. 2:17; Rom. 8:17;  
<sup>2</sup>Cor. 1:5; 12:15 <sup>b</sup>2 Tim. 1:8; 2:10 <sup>c</sup>Col. 1:18

25 <sup>1</sup>Lit., became <sup>2</sup>Lit.,  
make full the word of God  
<sup>a</sup>Col. 1:23 <sup>b</sup>Eph. 3:2

26 <sup>1</sup>i.e., true believers; lit., holy ones  
<sup>a</sup>Eph. 3:3f.; Rom. 16:25f.; Col. 2:2; 4:3

27 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 13:11 <sup>b</sup>Eph. 1:18; 3:16; Eph. 1:7 <sup>c</sup>Rom. 8:10 <sup>d</sup>1 Tim. 1:1

28 <sup>1</sup>Lit., in <sup>2</sup>Or, perfect  
<sup>a</sup>Acts 20:31; Col. 3:16  
<sup>b</sup>1 Cor. 2:6f.; Col. 2:3 <sup>c</sup>Col. 1:22 <sup>d</sup>Matt. 5:48; Eph. 4:13

29 <sup>1</sup>Lit., working <sup>2</sup>Lit., in power  
<sup>a</sup>1 Cor. 15:10 <sup>b</sup>Col. 4:12; 2:1 <sup>c</sup>Eph. 1:19; Col. 2:12

<sup>1</sup> Lit., in the flesh  
<sup>a</sup>Col. 4:12; 1:29 <sup>b</sup>Col. 4:13; 15f.; Rev. 1:11

<sup>2</sup> Lit., of the full assurance  
<sup>a</sup>Eph. 6:22; Col. 4:8; 1 Cor. 14:31 <sup>b</sup>Col. 2:19 <sup>c</sup>Eph. 1:18; 3:16; 1:7 <sup>d</sup>Luke 1:1 [Gr.]  
<sup>e</sup>Matt. 13:11 <sup>f</sup>Eph. 3:3f.; Rom. 16:25f.; Col. 1:26; 4:3

<sup>3</sup> Is. 11:2; Rom. 11:33

16 For <sup>a</sup>in Him all things were created, <sup>a</sup>both in the heavens and on earth, visible and invisible, whether <sup>b</sup>thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things have been created through Him and for Him.

17 And He <sup>1</sup>is before all things, and in Him all things <sup>2</sup>hold together.

18 He is also <sup>a</sup>head of <sup>b</sup>the body, the church; and He is <sup>c</sup>the beginning, <sup>d</sup>the first-born from the dead; so that He Himself might come to have first place in everything.

19 For <sup>1</sup>it was <sup>a</sup>the Father's good pleasure for all <sup>b</sup>the <sup>2</sup>fulness to dwell in Him,

20 and through Him to <sup>a</sup>reconcile all things to Himself, having made <sup>b</sup>peace through <sup>c</sup>the blood of His cross; through Him, I say, <sup>d</sup>whether things on earth or things in <sup>1</sup>heaven.

21 And although you were <sup>a</sup>formerly alienated and hostile in mind, <sup>b</sup>engaged in evil deeds,

22 yet He has now <sup>a</sup>reconciled you in His fleshly <sup>b</sup>body through death, in order to <sup>c</sup>present you before Him <sup>d</sup>holy and blameless and beyond reproach—

23 if indeed you continue in <sup>1</sup>the faith firmly <sup>a</sup>established and steadfast, and not moved away from the <sup>b</sup>hope of the gospel that you have heard, which was proclaimed <sup>c</sup>in all creation under heaven, <sup>d</sup>and of which I, Paul, <sup>2</sup>was made a <sup>3</sup>minister.

24 <sup>a</sup>Now I rejoice in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh <sup>b</sup>I <sup>1</sup>do my share on behalf of <sup>c</sup>His body (which is the church) in filling up that which is lacking <sup>2</sup>in Christ's afflictions.

25 <sup>a</sup>Of *this church* I <sup>1</sup>was made a minister according to the <sup>b</sup>stewardship from God bestowed on me for your benefit, that I might <sup>2</sup>fully carry out the *preaching* of the word of God,

26 *that is*, <sup>a</sup>the mystery which has been hidden from the *past* ages and generations; but has now been manifested to His <sup>1</sup>saints,

27 to whom <sup>a</sup>God willed to make known what is <sup>b</sup>the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles, which is <sup>c</sup>Christ in you, the <sup>d</sup>hope of glory.

28 And we proclaim Him, <sup>a</sup>admonishing every man and teaching every man <sup>1</sup>with all <sup>b</sup>wisdom, that we may <sup>c</sup>present every man <sup>2</sup>complete in Christ.

29 And for this purpose also I <sup>a</sup>labor, <sup>b</sup>striving <sup>c</sup>according to His <sup>1</sup>power, which <sup>2</sup>mightily works within me.

## CHAPTER 2

FOR I want you to know how great a <sup>a</sup>struggle I have on your behalf, and for those who are at <sup>b</sup>Laodicea, and for all those who have not <sup>1</sup>personally seen my face,

2 that their <sup>a</sup>hearts may be encouraged, having been <sup>b</sup>knit together in love, and *attaining* to all <sup>c</sup>the wealth <sup>1</sup>that comes from the <sup>d</sup>full assurance of understanding, *resulting* in a <sup>c</sup>true knowledge of <sup>1</sup>God's mystery, *that is*, Christ *Himself*,

3 in whom are hidden all <sup>a</sup>the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.

4 <sup>a</sup>I say this in order that no one may delude you with <sup>b</sup>persuasive argument.

5 For even though I am <sup>a</sup>absent in body, nevertheless I am with you in spirit, rejoicing <sup>1</sup>to see <sup>2</sup>your <sup>b</sup>good discipline and the <sup>c</sup>stability of your faith in Christ.

6 As you therefore have received <sup>a</sup>Christ Jesus the Lord, so <sup>1</sup>walk in Him,

7 having been firmly <sup>a</sup>rooted *and now* being <sup>b</sup>built up in Him and <sup>c</sup>established <sup>1</sup>in your faith, just as you <sup>d</sup>were instructed, *and overflowing* <sup>2</sup>with gratitude.

8 <sup>a</sup>See to it that no one takes you captive through <sup>b</sup>philosophy and empty deception, according to the tradition of men, according to the <sup>c</sup>elementary principles of the world, <sup>1</sup>rather than according to Christ.

9 For in Him all the <sup>a</sup>fulness of Deity dwells in bodily form,

10 and in Him you have been <sup>a</sup>made <sup>1</sup>complete, and <sup>b</sup>He is the head <sup>2</sup>over all <sup>c</sup>rule and authority;

11 and in Him <sup>a</sup>you were also circumcised with a circumcision made without hands, in the removal of <sup>b</sup>the body of the flesh by the circumcision of Christ;

12 having been <sup>a</sup>buried with Him in baptism, in which you were also <sup>b</sup>raised up with Him through faith in the working of God, who <sup>c</sup>raised Him from the dead.

13 And when you were <sup>a</sup>dead <sup>1</sup>in your transgressions and the uncircumcision of your flesh, He <sup>b</sup>made you alive together with Him, having forgiven us all our transgressions,

14 having cancelled out <sup>a</sup>the certificate of debt consisting of decrees against us *and which was hostile to us*; and <sup>b</sup>He has taken it out of the way, having nailed it to the cross.

15 When He had <sup>a</sup>disarmed the <sup>b</sup>rulers and authorities, He <sup>c</sup>made a public display of them, having <sup>d</sup>triumphed over them through <sup>2</sup>Him.

16 Therefore let no one <sup>1</sup>act as your judge in regard to <sup>b</sup>food or <sup>b</sup>drink or in respect to a <sup>c</sup>festival or a <sup>d</sup>new moon or a <sup>c</sup>Sabbath <sup>2</sup>day—

17 things which are <sup>a</sup>a *mere* shadow of what is to come; but the <sup>1</sup>substance <sup>2</sup>belongs to Christ.

18 Let no one keep <sup>1</sup>defrauding you of your prize by <sup>b</sup>delighting in <sup>2</sup>self-abasement and the worship of the angels, taking his stand on *visions* he has seen, <sup>c</sup>inflated without cause by his <sup>d</sup>fleshy mind,

19 and not holding fast to <sup>a</sup>the head, from whom <sup>b</sup>the entire body, being supplied and held together by the joints and <sup>1</sup>ligaments, grows with a growth <sup>2</sup>which is from God.

20 <sup>a</sup>If you have died with Christ <sup>1</sup>to the <sup>b</sup>elementary principles of the world, <sup>c</sup>why, as if you were living in the world, do you submit yourself to <sup>d</sup>decrees, such as,

21 "Do not handle, do not taste, do not touch!"

22 (which all *refer* <sup>a</sup>to things destined to perish <sup>1</sup>with the using)—in accordance with the <sup>b</sup>commandments and teachings of men?

23 These are matters which have, to be sure, the appearance of wisdom in <sup>1</sup>self-made religion and self-abasement and <sup>b</sup>severe treatment of the body, *but are* of no value against <sup>c</sup>fleshy indulgence.

4 <sup>a</sup>Eph. 4:17 <sup>b</sup>Rom. 16:18

5 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *and seeing* <sup>2</sup>Or, *your ordered array*  
<sup>a</sup>1 Cor. 5:3 <sup>b</sup>1 Cor. 14:40  
<sup>c</sup>1 Pet. 5:9

6 <sup>1</sup>Or, *lead your life*  
<sup>a</sup>Gal. 3:26 <sup>b</sup>Col. 1:10

7 <sup>1</sup>Or, *by* <sup>2</sup>Some mss. *read, in it with*  
<sup>a</sup>Eph. 3:17 <sup>b</sup>Eph. 2:20;  
1 Cor. 3:9 <sup>c</sup>1 Cor. 1:8 <sup>d</sup>Eph. 4:21

8 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *and not*  
<sup>a</sup>1 Cor. 8:9; 10:12; Gal. 5:15; Heb. 3:12 <sup>b</sup>Col. 2:23;  
1 Tim. 6:20; Eph. 5:6 <sup>c</sup>Col. 2:20; Gal. 4:3

9 <sup>a</sup>Col. 1:19; 2 Cor. 5:19

10 <sup>1</sup>Or, *full* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *of*  
<sup>a</sup>Eph. 3:19 <sup>b</sup>Eph. 1:21f.  
<sup>c</sup>Col. 2:15; Eph. 3:10;  
1 Cor. 15:24

11 <sup>a</sup>Rom. 2:29; Eph. 2:11  
<sup>b</sup>Rom. 6:6; 7:24; Gal. 5:24;  
Col. 3:5

12 <sup>a</sup>Rom. 6:4f. <sup>b</sup>Rom. 6:5;  
Eph. 2:6; Col. 2:13; 3:1  
<sup>c</sup>Acts 2:24

13 <sup>1</sup>Or, *by reason of*  
<sup>a</sup>Eph. 2:1 <sup>b</sup>Eph. 2:1, 5; Col. 2:12

14 <sup>a</sup>Eph. 2:15; Col. 2:20  
<sup>b</sup>1 Pet. 2:24

15 <sup>1</sup>Or, *divested Himself of* <sup>2</sup>Or, *it, i.e., the cross.*  
<sup>a</sup>Eph. 4:8 <sup>b</sup>Col. 2:10; Eph. 3:10; 1 Cor. 15:24 <sup>c</sup>Is. 53:12; Matt. 12:29; Luke 10:18; John 12:31; Eph. 4:8  
<sup>d</sup>2 Cor. 2:14 [Gr.]

16 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *judge you* <sup>2</sup>Or, *days*  
<sup>a</sup>Rom. 14:3 <sup>b</sup>Mark 7:19;  
Rom. 14:17; Heb. 9:10  
<sup>c</sup>Lev. 23:2; Rom. 14:5  
<sup>d</sup>1 Chr. 23:31; 2 Chr. 31:3;  
Neh. 10:33 <sup>e</sup>Mark 2:27f.;  
Gal. 4:10f.

17 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *body* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *of Christ*  
<sup>a</sup>Heb. 8:5; 10:1

18 <sup>1</sup>Or, *giving judgment against you* <sup>2</sup>Or, *humility*  
<sup>a</sup>1 Cor. 9:24; Phil. 3:14  
<sup>b</sup>Col. 2:23 <sup>c</sup>1 Cor. 4:6  
<sup>d</sup>Rom. 8:7

19 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *bonds* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *of God*  
<sup>a</sup>Eph. 1:22 <sup>b</sup>Eph. 1:23; 4:16

20 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *from*  
<sup>a</sup>Rom. 6:2 <sup>b</sup>Col. 2:8 <sup>c</sup>Gal. 4:9 <sup>d</sup>Col. 2:14, 16

22 <sup>1</sup>Or, *by being consumed*  
<sup>a</sup>1 Cor. 6:13 <sup>b</sup>Is. 29:13;  
Matt. 15:9; Titus 1:14

23 <sup>1</sup>Or, *delight in religiousness*  
<sup>a</sup>Col. 2:18 <sup>b</sup>1 Tim. 4:3  
<sup>c</sup>Rom. 13:14; 1 Tim. 4:8

## CHAPTER 3

1 <sup>a</sup>Col. 2:12 <sup>b</sup>Mark 16:19

2 <sup>1</sup>Or, *Be intent on*  
<sup>a</sup>Phil. 3:19, 20; Matt. 16:23

3 <sup>a</sup>Rom. 6:2; 2 Cor. 5:14;  
Col. 2:20

4 <sup>a</sup>Gal. 2:20; John 11:25  
<sup>b</sup>1 Cor. 1:7; 1 Pet. 1:13;  
1 John 2:28; 3:2; Phil. 3:21

5 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *put to death the members which are upon the earth* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *fornication*  
<sup>3</sup>Lit., *is*

<sup>a</sup>Rom. 8:13 <sup>b</sup>Col. 2:11  
<sup>c</sup>Mark 7:21f.; Gal. 5:19;  
1 Cor. 6:9f., 18; 2 Cor. 12:21; Eph. 4:19; 5:3, 5

6 <sup>1</sup>Some early mss. add, *upon the sons of disobedience*  
<sup>a</sup>Rom. 1:18; Eph. 5:6

7 <sup>a</sup>Eph. 2:2

8 <sup>a</sup>Eph. 4:22 <sup>b</sup>Eph. 4:31  
<sup>c</sup>Eph. 4:29

9 <sup>1</sup>Or, *Stop lying* <sup>2</sup>Lit.,  
*man*  
<sup>a</sup>Eph. 4:25 <sup>b</sup>Eph. 4:22

10 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *man* <sup>2</sup>Lit.,  
*renovated*

<sup>a</sup>Eph. 4:24 <sup>b</sup>Rom. 12:2;  
2 Cor. 4:16; Eph. 4:23  
<sup>c</sup>Rom. 8:29 <sup>d</sup>Eph. 2:10

11 <sup>a</sup>Rom. 10:12; 1 Cor. 12:13; Gal. 3:28 <sup>b</sup>1 Cor. 7:19; Gal. 5:6 <sup>c</sup>Acts 28:2  
<sup>d</sup>Eph. 6:8 <sup>e</sup>Eph. 1:23

12 <sup>1</sup>i.e., *forbearance toward others*  
<sup>a</sup>Luke 18:7 <sup>b</sup>Eph. 4:24  
<sup>c</sup>Gal. 5:22f.; Phil. 2:1; Luke 1:78 *mag.* <sup>d</sup>Eph. 4:2; Phil. 2:3 <sup>e</sup>2 Cor. 6:6; 1 Cor. 13:4

13 <sup>a</sup>Eph. 4:2 <sup>b</sup>Eph. 4:32;  
Rom. 15:7

14 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *the uniting bond of perfectness*  
<sup>a</sup>Eph. 4:3 <sup>b</sup>Heb. 6:1; John 17:23

15 <sup>1</sup>Or, *act as arbiter*  
<sup>2</sup>Lit., also <sup>3</sup>Or, *show yourselves thankful*  
<sup>a</sup>John 14:27 <sup>b</sup>Eph. 2:16

16 <sup>1</sup>Some mss. read, *the Lord*; others read, *God*  
<sup>2</sup>Or, in <sup>3</sup>Or, *by*; lit., in *His grace*

<sup>a</sup>Rom. 10:17; Eph. 5:26;  
1 Thess. 1:8 <sup>b</sup>Eph. 5:19;  
Col. 1:28 <sup>c</sup>Eph. 5:19  
<sup>d</sup>1 Cor. 14:15

17 <sup>a</sup>1 Cor. 10:31 <sup>b</sup>Eph. 5:20; Col. 3:15

18 <sup>a</sup>Col. 3:18 to 4:1; Eph. 5:22 to 6:9 <sup>b</sup>Eph. 5:22

19 <sup>a</sup>Eph. 5:25

20 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *in*  
<sup>a</sup>Eph. 6:1

21 <sup>1</sup>Some early mss. read, *provoke to anger*  
<sup>a</sup>Eph. 6:4

22 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *according to the flesh* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *eye-service*  
<sup>a</sup>Eph. 6:5 <sup>b</sup>Eph. 6:6

**I**F then you have been <sup>a</sup>raised up with Christ, keep seeking the things above, where Christ is, <sup>b</sup>seated at the right hand of God.

2 <sup>1a</sup>Set your mind on the things above, not on the things that are on earth.

3 For you have <sup>a</sup>died and your life is hidden with Christ in God.

4 When Christ, <sup>a</sup>who is our life, is revealed, <sup>b</sup>then you also will be revealed with Him in glory.

5 <sup>a</sup>Therefore <sup>1</sup>consider <sup>b</sup>the members of your earthly body as dead to <sup>2c</sup>immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed, which <sup>3</sup>amounts to idolatry.

6 For it is on account of these things that <sup>a</sup>the wrath of God will come<sup>1</sup>,

7 and <sup>a</sup>in them you also once walked, when you were living in them.

8 But now you also, <sup>a</sup>put them all aside: <sup>b</sup>anger, wrath, malice, slander, and <sup>c</sup>abusive speech from your mouth.

9 <sup>1a</sup>Do not lie to one another, since you <sup>b</sup>laid aside the old <sup>2</sup>self with its *evil* practices,

10 and have <sup>a</sup>put on the new <sup>1</sup>self who is being <sup>2b</sup>renewed to a true knowledge <sup>c</sup>according to the image of the One who <sup>d</sup>created him,

11 — *a renewal* in which <sup>a</sup>there is no *distinction between* Greek and Jew, <sup>b</sup>circumcised and uncircumcised, <sup>c</sup>barbarian, Scythian, <sup>d</sup>slave and freeman, but <sup>e</sup>Christ is all, and in all.

12 And so, as those who have been <sup>a</sup>chosen of God, holy and beloved, <sup>b</sup>put on a <sup>c</sup>heart of compassion, kindness, <sup>d</sup>humility, gentleness and <sup>1e</sup>patience;

13 <sup>a</sup>bearing with one another, and <sup>b</sup>forgiving each other, whoever has a complaint against any one; <sup>b</sup>just as the Lord forgave you, so also should you.

14 And beyond all these things *put on* love, which is <sup>1a</sup>the perfect bond of <sup>b</sup>unity.

15 And let <sup>a</sup>the peace of Christ <sup>1</sup>rule in your hearts, to which <sup>2</sup>indeed you were called in <sup>b</sup>one body; and <sup>3</sup>be thankful.

16 Let <sup>a</sup>the word of <sup>1</sup>Christ richly dwell within you, <sup>2</sup>with all wisdom <sup>b</sup>teaching and admonishing one another <sup>c</sup>with psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, <sup>d</sup>singing <sup>3</sup>with thankfulness in your hearts to God.

17 And <sup>a</sup>whatever you do in word or deed, *do* all in the name of the Lord Jesus, <sup>b</sup>giving thanks through Him to God the Father.

18 <sup>a</sup>Wives, <sup>b</sup>be subject to your husbands, as is fitting in the Lord.

19 <sup>a</sup>Husbands, love your wives, and do not be embittered against them.

20 <sup>a</sup>Children, be obedient to your parents in all things, for this is well-pleasing <sup>1</sup>to the Lord.

21 <sup>a</sup>Fathers, do not <sup>1</sup>exasperate your children, that they may not lose heart.

22 <sup>a</sup>Slaves, in all things obey those who are your masters <sup>1</sup>on earth, <sup>b</sup>not with <sup>2</sup>external service, as those who *merely* please men, but with sincerity of heart, fearing the Lord.

23 Whatever you do, do your work <sup>1</sup>heartily, <sup>2</sup>as for the Lord <sup>2</sup>rather than for men;

24 <sup>2</sup>knowing that from the Lord you will receive the reward <sup>1</sup>of <sup>b</sup>the inheritance. It is the Lord Christ whom you <sup>c</sup>serve.

25 For <sup>a</sup>he who does wrong will receive the consequences of the wrong which he has done, and <sup>1b</sup>that without partiality.

CHAPTER 4

**M**ASTERS, grant to your slaves justice and fairness, knowing that you too have a Master in heaven.

2 <sup>a</sup>Devote yourselves to prayer, keeping alert in it with *an attitude of thanksgiving*;

3 praying at the same time <sup>a</sup>for us as well, that God may open up to us a <sup>b</sup>door for <sup>c</sup>the word, so that we may speak forth <sup>d</sup>the mystery of Christ, for which I have also <sup>e</sup>been imprisoned;

4 in order that I may make it clear <sup>a</sup>in the way I ought to speak.

5 <sup>1a</sup>Conduct yourselves with wisdom toward <sup>b</sup>outsiders, <sup>2c</sup>making the most of the opportunity.

6 <sup>a</sup>Let your speech always be <sup>1</sup>with grace, seasoned, *as it were*, with <sup>b</sup>salt, so that you may know how you should <sup>c</sup>respond to each person.

7 <sup>a</sup>As to all my affairs, <sup>b</sup>Tychicus, *our* <sup>c</sup>beloved brother and faithful servant and fellow-bondslave in the Lord, will bring you information.

8 <sup>a</sup>For I have sent him to you for this very purpose, that you may know *about* our circumstances and that he may <sup>b</sup>encourage your hearts;

9 <sup>1</sup>and with him <sup>a</sup>Onesimus, *our* faithful and <sup>b</sup>beloved brother, <sup>c</sup>who is one of your *number*. They will inform you about the whole situation here.

10 <sup>a</sup>Aristarchus, my <sup>b</sup>fellow prisoner, sends you his greetings; and *also* <sup>c</sup>Barnabas' cousin Mark (about whom you received <sup>1</sup>instructions: <sup>d</sup>if he comes to you, welcome him);

11 and *also* Jesus who is called Justus; these are the only <sup>a</sup>fellow-workers for the kingdom of God <sup>b</sup>who are from the circumcision; and they have proved to be an encouragement to me.

12 <sup>a</sup>Epaphras, <sup>b</sup>who is one of your number, a bondslave of Jesus Christ, sends you his greetings, always <sup>c</sup>laboring earnestly for you in his prayers, that you may <sup>1</sup>stand <sup>2d</sup>perfect and <sup>3c</sup>fully assured in all the will of God.

13 For I bear him witness that he has <sup>1a</sup> a deep concern for you and for those who are in <sup>a</sup>Laodicea and Hierapolis.

14 <sup>a</sup>Luke, the beloved physician, sends you his greetings, and *also* <sup>b</sup>Demas.

15 Greet the brethren who are in <sup>a</sup>Laodicea and also <sup>1</sup>Nympha and <sup>b</sup>the church that is in <sup>2</sup>her house.

16 And <sup>a</sup>when <sup>1</sup>this letter is read among you, have it also read in the church of the Laodiceans; and you, for your part <sup>a</sup>read <sup>1</sup>my letter *that is coming* from <sup>b</sup>Laodicea.

17 And say to <sup>a</sup>Archippus, "Take heed to the <sup>b</sup>ministry which you have received in the Lord, that you may <sup>1</sup>fulfill it."

18 <sup>1</sup>I, Paul, <sup>a</sup>write this greeting with my own hand. <sup>b</sup>Remember my <sup>2c</sup>imprisonment. <sup>d</sup>Grace be with you.

<sup>23</sup> <sup>1</sup>Lit., *from the soul*  
<sup>2</sup>Lit., *and not*  
<sup>e</sup>Eph. 6:7

<sup>24</sup> <sup>1</sup>I.e., consisting of  
<sup>e</sup>Eph. 6:8 <sup>b</sup>Acts 20:32;  
<sup>1</sup>Pet. 1:4 <sup>c1</sup>Cor. 7:22

<sup>25</sup> <sup>1</sup>Lit., *there is no partiality*  
<sup>e</sup>Eph. 6:8 <sup>b</sup>Acts 10:34; Eph. 6:9

<sup>2</sup> <sup>a</sup>Acts 1:14; Eph. 6:18

<sup>3</sup> <sup>e</sup>Eph. 6:19 <sup>b</sup>Acts 14:27  
<sup>c2</sup>Tim. 4:2 <sup>d</sup>Eph. 3:3, 4;  
<sup>6:19</sup> <sup>e</sup>Eph. 6:20

<sup>4</sup> <sup>e</sup>Eph. 6:20

<sup>5</sup> <sup>1</sup>Lit., *Walk* <sup>2</sup>Lit.,  
*redeeming the time*  
<sup>e</sup>Eph. 5:15 <sup>b</sup>Mark 4:11  
<sup>c</sup>Eph. 5:16

<sup>6</sup> <sup>1</sup>Or, *gracious*  
<sup>e</sup>Eph. 4:29 <sup>b</sup>Mark 9:50  
<sup>c1</sup>Pet. 3:15

<sup>7</sup> <sup>a</sup>Col. 4:7-9; Eph. 6:21,  
<sup>22</sup> <sup>b</sup>Acts 20:4 <sup>c</sup>Eph. 6:21;  
Col. 1:7

<sup>8</sup> <sup>a</sup>Eph. 6:22 <sup>b</sup>Col. 2:2

<sup>9</sup> <sup>1</sup>Lit., *along with Onesimus*  
<sup>a</sup>Philem. 10 <sup>b</sup>Col. 1:7 <sup>c</sup>Col. 4:12

<sup>10</sup> <sup>1</sup>Or, *orders*  
<sup>a</sup>Acts 19:29 <sup>b</sup>Rom. 16:7  
<sup>c</sup>Acts 12:12; 15:37, 39; 4:36  
<sup>d2</sup>Tim. 4:11

<sup>11</sup> <sup>a</sup>Rom. 16:3 <sup>b</sup>Acts 11:2

<sup>12</sup> <sup>1</sup>Or, *stand firm* <sup>2</sup>Or,  
*complete*; or, *mature* <sup>3</sup>Or,  
*made complete*  
<sup>a</sup>Col. 1:7 <sup>b</sup>Col. 4:9 <sup>c</sup>Rom.  
15:30 <sup>d</sup>Col. 1:28 <sup>e</sup>Luke 1:1  
and marg.

<sup>13</sup> <sup>1</sup>Or, *much toil*; or,  
*great pain*  
<sup>a</sup>Col. 2:1; 4:15f.

<sup>14</sup> <sup>a2</sup>Tim. 4:11; Philem.  
<sup>24</sup> <sup>b2</sup>Tim. 4:10; Philem. 24

<sup>15</sup> <sup>1</sup>Or, *Nymphas* (masc.)  
<sup>2</sup>Some ancient mss. read,  
*their*  
<sup>a</sup>Col. 2:1; 4:13, 16 <sup>b</sup>Rom.  
16:5

<sup>16</sup> <sup>1</sup>Lit., *the*  
<sup>a1</sup>Thess. 5:27; 2 Thess.  
3:14 <sup>b</sup>Col. 2:1; 4:13, 15

<sup>17</sup> <sup>1</sup>Or, *continually fulfill*  
<sup>a</sup>Philem. 2 <sup>b2</sup>Tim. 4:5

<sup>18</sup> <sup>1</sup>Lit., *The greeting by my hand of Paul* <sup>2</sup>Lit.,  
*bonds*  
<sup>a1</sup>Cor. 16:21 <sup>b</sup>Heb. 13:3  
<sup>c</sup>Phil. 1:7; Col. 4:3 <sup>d1</sup>Tim.  
6:21; 2 Tim. 4:22; Titus  
3:15; Heb. 13:25

## THESSALONIANS

Salutation. Thanksgiving for their Reception  
of the Gospel.

1 <sup>a2</sup> Thess. 1:1 <sup>b2</sup> Cor. 1:19 <sup>c</sup>Acts 16:1 [2 Thess. 1:1] <sup>d2</sup> Thess. 1:1; Acts 17:1 <sup>e</sup>Rom. 1:7

2 <sup>a2</sup> Thess. 1:3; Rom. 1:8; Eph. 5:20; 1 Thess. 2:13 <sup>b</sup>Rom. 1:9

3 <sup>1</sup>Or, *perseverance*  
<sup>2</sup>Lit., *of*  
<sup>a2</sup> Thess. 1:11; John 6:29;  
Gal. 5:6 <sup>b1</sup> Thess. 3:6;  
2 Thess. 1:3f.; 1 Cor. 13:13  
<sup>c</sup>Rom. 8:25; 15:4 <sup>d</sup>Gal. 1:4

4 <sup>a2</sup> Thess. 2:13; Rom. 1:7 <sup>b2</sup> Pet. 1:10; Rom. 9:11

5 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *became*  
<sup>a2</sup> Cor. 2:12; 1 Cor. 9:14;  
1 Thess. 2:2, 4, 8f.; 3:2;  
2 Thess. 2:14 <sup>b</sup>Rom. 15:19;  
1 Cor. 2:4; 2 Cor. 6:6 <sup>c</sup>Col. 2:2; Luke 1:1 [Gr.]  
<sup>d1</sup> Thess. 2:10

6 <sup>a1</sup> Cor. 4:16; 11:1f.  
<sup>b</sup>Acts 17:5-10 <sup>c2</sup> Tim. 4:2  
<sup>d</sup>Acts 13:52; 2 Cor. 6:10;  
Gal. 5:22

7 <sup>a</sup>Rom. 15:26 <sup>b</sup>Acts 18:12

8 <sup>a2</sup> Thess. 3:1; Col. 3:16  
<sup>b</sup>Rom. 10:18 <sup>c</sup>Rom. 15:26  
<sup>d</sup>Acts 18:12 <sup>e</sup>Rom. 1:8;  
2 Cor. 2:14; Rom. 16:19

9 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *entrance* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *to*  
<sup>3</sup>Or, *the idols* <sup>4</sup>Or, *the*  
<sup>a1</sup> Thess. 2:1 <sup>b</sup>Acts 14:15  
<sup>c1</sup> Cor. 12:2 <sup>d</sup>Matt. 16:16

10 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *the heavens*  
<sup>a</sup>Matt. 16:27f.; 1 Cor. 1:7  
<sup>b</sup>Acts 2:24 <sup>c</sup>Rom. 5:9  
<sup>d</sup>Matt. 3:7; 1 Thess. 2:16;  
5:9

1 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *entrance*  
<sup>a1</sup> Thess. 1:9 <sup>b2</sup> Thess. 1:10

2 <sup>1</sup>Or, *struggle, conflict*  
<sup>a</sup>Phil. 1:30; Acts 14:5 <sup>b</sup>Acts 16:22-24 <sup>c</sup>Acts 17:1-9  
<sup>d</sup>Rom. 1:1 <sup>e</sup>Phil. 1:30

3 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *in deceit*  
<sup>a</sup>Acts 13:15 <sup>b2</sup> Thess. 2:11  
<sup>c1</sup> Thess. 4:7 <sup>d2</sup> Cor. 4:2

4 <sup>1</sup>Or, *approves*  
<sup>a2</sup> Cor. 2:17 <sup>b</sup>Gal. 2:7 <sup>c</sup>Gal. 1:10 <sup>d</sup>Rom. 8:27

5 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *in a word of flattery*  
<sup>a</sup>Acts 20:33; 2 Pet. 2:3  
<sup>b1</sup> Thess. 2:10; Rom. 1:9

<sup>a</sup> PAUL and <sup>b</sup>Silvanus and <sup>c</sup>Timothy to the <sup>d</sup>church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: <sup>e</sup>Grace to you and peace.

2 <sup>a</sup>We give thanks to God always for all of you, <sup>b</sup>making mention of you in our prayers;

3 constantly bearing in mind your <sup>a</sup>work of faith and labor of <sup>b</sup>love and <sup>1c</sup>steadfastness of hope <sup>2</sup>in our Lord Jesus Christ in the presence of <sup>d</sup>our God and Father,

4 knowing, <sup>a</sup>brethren beloved by God, <sup>b</sup>His choice of you;

5 for our <sup>a</sup>gospel did not come to you in word only, but also <sup>b</sup>in power and in the Holy Spirit and with <sup>c</sup>full conviction; just as you know <sup>d</sup>what kind of men we <sup>1</sup>proved to be among you for your sake.

6 You also became <sup>a</sup>imitators of us and of the Lord, <sup>b</sup>having received <sup>c</sup>the word in much tribulation with the <sup>d</sup>joy of the Holy Spirit,

7 so that you became an example to all the believers in <sup>a</sup>Macedonia and in <sup>b</sup>Achaia.

8 For <sup>a</sup>the word of the Lord has <sup>b</sup>sounded forth from you, not only in <sup>c</sup>Macedonia and <sup>d</sup>Achaia, but also <sup>e</sup>in every place your faith toward God has gone forth, so that we have no need to say anything.

9 For they themselves report about us what kind of a <sup>1a</sup>reception we had <sup>2</sup>with you, and how you <sup>b</sup>turned to God <sup>c</sup>from <sup>3</sup>idols to serve <sup>4a</sup>a living and true God,

10 and to <sup>a</sup>wait for His Son from <sup>b</sup>heaven, whom He <sup>b</sup>raised from the dead, *that is* Jesus, who <sup>c</sup>delivers us from <sup>d</sup>the wrath to come.

## CHAPTER 2

FOR you yourselves know, brethren, that our <sup>1a</sup>coming to you <sup>b</sup>was not in vain,

2 but after we had already suffered and been <sup>a</sup>mistreated in <sup>b</sup>Philippi, as you know, we had the boldness in our God <sup>c</sup>to speak to you the <sup>d</sup>gospel of God amid much <sup>1c</sup>opposition.

3 For our <sup>a</sup>exhortation does not *come* from <sup>b</sup>error or <sup>c</sup>impurity or <sup>1b</sup>by way of <sup>d</sup>deceit;

4 <sup>a</sup>but just as we have been approved by God to be <sup>b</sup>entrusted with the gospel, so we speak, <sup>c</sup>not as pleasing men but God, who <sup>1d</sup>examines our hearts.

5 For we never came <sup>1</sup>with flattering speech, as you know, nor with <sup>a</sup>a pretext for greed—<sup>b</sup>God is witness —



6 nor did we <sup>a</sup>seek glory from men, either from you or from others, even though as <sup>b</sup>apostles of Christ we might have <sup>1</sup>asserted our authority.

7 But we <sup>1</sup>proved to be <sup>2a</sup>gentle <sup>3</sup>among you, <sup>b</sup>as a nursing mother <sup>4</sup>tenderly cares for her own children.

8 Having thus a fond affection for you, we were well-pleased to <sup>a</sup>impart to you not only the <sup>b</sup>gospel of God but also our own <sup>1</sup>lives, because you had become <sup>2</sup>very dear to us.

9 For you recall, brethren, our <sup>a</sup>labor and hardship, *how* <sup>b</sup>working night and day so as not to be a <sup>c</sup>burden to any of you, we proclaimed to you the <sup>d</sup>gospel of God.

10 You are witnesses, and so is <sup>a</sup>God, <sup>b</sup>how devoutly and uprightly and blamelessly we <sup>1</sup>behaved toward you <sup>2</sup>believers;

11 just as you know how we *were* <sup>a</sup>exhorting and encouraging and <sup>b</sup>imploping each one of you as <sup>a</sup>father *would* his own children,

12 so that you may <sup>a</sup>walk in a manner worthy of the God who <sup>b</sup>calls you into His own kingdom and <sup>c</sup>glory.

13 And for this reason we also constantly <sup>a</sup>thank God that when you received from us the <sup>b</sup>word of God's message, you accepted it <sup>c</sup>not as the word of men, but *for* what it really is, the word of God, <sup>d</sup>which also performs its work in you who believe.

14 For you, brethren, became <sup>a</sup>imitators of <sup>b</sup>the churches of God in Christ Jesus that are <sup>c</sup>in Judea, for <sup>d</sup>you also endured the same sufferings at the hands of your own countrymen, <sup>e</sup>even as they *did* from the Jews,

15 <sup>a</sup>who both killed the Lord Jesus and <sup>b</sup>the prophets, and <sup>1</sup>drove us out. <sup>2</sup>They are not pleasing to God, <sup>3</sup>but hostile to all men,

16 <sup>a</sup>hindering us from speaking to the Gentiles <sup>b</sup>that they might be saved; with the result that they always <sup>c</sup>fill up the measure of their sins. But <sup>d</sup>wrath has come upon them <sup>1</sup>to the utmost.

17 But we, brethren, having been bereft of you for a <sup>1</sup>short while—<sup>a</sup>in <sup>2</sup>person, not in <sup>3</sup>spirit—were all the more eager with great desire <sup>b</sup>to see your face.

18 <sup>1</sup>For <sup>a</sup>we wanted to come to you—I, Paul, <sup>2b</sup>more than once—and *yet* <sup>c</sup>Satan <sup>d</sup>thwarted us.

19 For who is our hope or <sup>a</sup>joy or crown of exultation? Is it not even you, in the presence of our Lord Jesus at His <sup>1b</sup>coming?

20 For you are <sup>a</sup>our glory and joy.

## CHAPTER 3

**T**HEREFORE <sup>a</sup>when we could endure *it* no longer, we thought it best to be left behind at <sup>b</sup>Athens alone;

2 and we sent <sup>a</sup>Timothy, our brother and God's fellow-worker in the gospel of Christ, to strengthen and encourage you as to your faith,

3 so that no man may be <sup>1</sup>disturbed by these afflictions; for you yourselves know that <sup>a</sup>we have been destined for this.

4 For indeed when we were with you, we *kept* telling you

6 <sup>1</sup>Or, *been burdensome*  
<sup>a</sup>John 5:41, 44; 2 Cor. 4:5  
<sup>b</sup>1 Cor. 9:1f.

7 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *became gentle*  
<sup>2</sup>Some ancient mss. read, *babes*  
<sup>3</sup>Lit., *in the midst of you*  
<sup>4</sup>Or, *cherishes*  
<sup>a</sup>2 Tim. 2:24 <sup>b</sup>1 Thess. 2:11; Gal. 4:19

8 <sup>1</sup>Or, *selves*, lit., *souls*  
<sup>2</sup>Lit., *beloved*  
<sup>a</sup>2 Cor. 12:15; 1 John 3:16  
<sup>b</sup>Rom. 1:1

9 <sup>a</sup>2 Thess. 3:8; Phil. 4:16  
<sup>b</sup>Acts 18:3 <sup>c</sup>2 Cor. 11:9;  
1 Cor. 9:4f. <sup>d</sup>Rom. 1:1

10 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *became* <sup>2</sup>Or, *who believe*  
<sup>a</sup>1 Thess. 2:5 <sup>b</sup>1 Thess. 1:5;  
2 Cor. 1:12

11 <sup>1</sup>Or, *testifying*  
<sup>a</sup>1 Luke. 5:14 <sup>b</sup>Luke. 16:28;  
1 Thess. 4:6 <sup>c</sup>1 Cor. 4:14;  
1 Thess. 2:7

12 <sup>a</sup>Eph. 4:1 <sup>b</sup>1 Thess. 5:24; 2 Thess. 2:14; Rom. 8:28 <sup>c</sup>1 Pet. 5:10; 2 Cor. 4:6

13 <sup>a</sup>Rom. 1:8; 1 Thess. 1:2  
<sup>b</sup>Heb. 4:2; Rom. 10:17;  
<sup>c</sup>Gal. 4:14; Matt. 10:20  
<sup>d</sup>Heb. 4:12

14 <sup>a</sup>1 Thess. 1:6 <sup>b</sup>1 Cor. 7:17; 10:32 <sup>c</sup>Gal. 1:22 <sup>d</sup>Acts 17:5; 1 Thess. 3:4; 2 Thess. 1:4f. <sup>e</sup>Heb. 10:33f.

15 <sup>1</sup>Or, *persecuted us*  
<sup>2</sup>Lit., *and* <sup>3</sup>Lit., *and*  
<sup>a</sup>Luke 24:20; Acts 2:23  
<sup>b</sup>Acts 7:52; Matt. 5:12

16 <sup>1</sup>Or, *forever*; or, *altogether*  
<sup>a</sup>Acts 9:23; 13:45; 50; 14:2; 5; 19; 17:5; 13; 18:12; 21:21f., 27; 25:2; 7 <sup>b</sup>1 Cor. 10:33 <sup>c</sup>Gen. 15:16; Dan. 8:23; Matt. 23:32 <sup>d</sup>1 Thess. 1:10

17 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *occasion of an hour* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *face* <sup>3</sup>Lit., *heart*  
<sup>a</sup>1 Cor. 5:3 <sup>b</sup>1 Thess. 3:10

18 <sup>1</sup>Or, *Because* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *both once and twice*  
<sup>a</sup>Rom. 15:22 <sup>b</sup>Phil. 4:16  
<sup>c</sup>Matt. 4:10 <sup>d</sup>Rom. 15:22; 1:13

19 <sup>1</sup>Or, *presence*  
<sup>a</sup>Phil. 4:1 <sup>b</sup>1 Thess. 3:13; 4:15; 5:23; Matt. 16:27; Mark 8:38; John 21:22

20 <sup>a</sup>2 Cor. 1:14

1 <sup>a</sup>1 Thess. 3:5; Phil. 2:19  
<sup>b</sup>Acts 17:15f.

2 <sup>a</sup>2 Cor. 1:1; Col. 1:1

3 <sup>1</sup>Or, *deceived*  
<sup>a</sup>Acts 9:16; 14:22

1 Thessalonians 3, 4

4 <sup>1</sup>Lit., just as <sup>2</sup>Lit., and  
<sup>1</sup>Thess. 2:14

5 <sup>1</sup>Or, to know, to  
ascertain  
<sup>1</sup>Thess. 3:1; Phil. 2:19  
<sup>1</sup>Thess. 3:2 <sup>2</sup>Matt. 4:3  
<sup>4</sup>Phil. 2:16; 2 Cor. 6:1

6 <sup>2</sup>Acts 18:5 <sup>1</sup>Thess. 1:3  
<sup>1</sup>Cor. 11:2

8 <sup>1</sup>Cor. 6:13

9 <sup>1</sup>Thess. 1:2

10 <sup>2</sup>Tim. 1:3 <sup>1</sup>Thess.  
2:17 <sup>2</sup>Cor. 13:9

11 <sup>2</sup>Thess. 2:16 <sup>1</sup>Gal.  
1:4; 1 Thess. 3:13 <sup>1</sup>Thess.  
4:16; 5:23; 2 Thess. 2:16;  
3:16; Rev. 21:3 <sup>2</sup>Thess.  
3:5

12 <sup>1</sup>Phil. 1:9; 1 Thess. 4:1,  
10; 2 Thess. 1:3

13 <sup>1</sup>Or, presence <sup>2</sup>i.e.,  
true believers; lit., holy  
ones  
<sup>1</sup>Cor. 1:8; 1 Thess. 3:2  
<sup>1</sup>Luke 1:6 <sup>1</sup>Gal. 1:4;  
1 Thess. 3:11 <sup>1</sup>Thess. 2:19  
<sup>1</sup>Matt. 25:31; Mark 8:38;  
2 Thess. 1:7; 1 Thess. 4:17

1 <sup>1</sup>Or, conduct  
yourselves  
<sup>2</sup>Thess. 3:1; 2 Cor. 13:11  
<sup>1</sup>Thess. 5:12; 2 Thess. 1:3;  
2:1; 3:1, 13; Gal. 6:1 <sup>1</sup>Eph.  
4:1 <sup>2</sup>Cor. 5:9 <sup>1</sup>Phil. 1:9;  
1 Thess. 3:12; 4:10; 2 Thess.  
1:3

2 <sup>1</sup>Lit., through the Lord

3 <sup>1</sup>Or, fornication  
<sup>1</sup>Cor. 6:18

4 <sup>1</sup>Or, acquire <sup>2</sup>i.e.,  
body; or possibly, wife  
<sup>1</sup>Cor. 7:2, 9 <sup>1</sup>Pet. 3:7;  
2 Cor. 4:7 <sup>1</sup>Rom. 1:24

5 <sup>1</sup>Lit., passion of lust  
<sup>1</sup>Rom. 1:26 <sup>1</sup>Gal. 4:8

6 <sup>1</sup>Cor. 6:8 <sup>2</sup>Cor. 7:11  
<sup>1</sup>Heb. 13:4; Rom. 12:19;  
13:4 <sup>1</sup>Luke 16:28; 1 Thess.  
2:11; Heb. 2:6

7 <sup>1</sup>i.e., in the state or  
sphere of  
<sup>1</sup>Pet. 1:15 <sup>1</sup>Thess. 2:3

8 <sup>1</sup>Rom. 5:5; 2 Cor. 1:22;  
Gal. 4:6; 1 John 3:24

9 <sup>1</sup>John 13:34; Rom.  
12:10 <sup>1</sup>Thess. 5:1; 2 Cor.  
9:1 <sup>1</sup>John 6:45; 1 John 2:27;  
Jer. 31:33f.

10 <sup>1</sup>Thess. 1:7 <sup>1</sup>Thess.  
3:12

in advance that we were going to suffer affliction; <sup>1</sup>and so it came to pass, <sup>2</sup>as you know.

5 For this reason, <sup>a</sup>when I could endure *it* no longer, I also <sup>b</sup>sent to <sup>1</sup>find out about your faith, for fear that <sup>c</sup>the tempter might have tempted you, and <sup>d</sup>our labor should be in vain.

6 But now that <sup>a</sup>Timothy has come to us from you, and has brought us good news of <sup>b</sup>your faith and love, and that you always <sup>c</sup>think kindly of us, longing to see us just as we also long to see you,

7 for this reason, brethren, in all our distress and affliction we were comforted about you through your faith;

8 for now we *really* live, if you <sup>a</sup>stand firm in the Lord.

9 For <sup>a</sup>what thanks can we render to God for you in return for all the joy with which we rejoice before our God on your account,

10 as we <sup>a</sup>night and day keep praying most earnestly that we may <sup>b</sup>see your face, and may <sup>c</sup>complete what is lacking in your faith?

11 <sup>a</sup>Now may <sup>b</sup>our God and Father <sup>c</sup>Himself and Jesus our Lord <sup>d</sup>direct our way to you;

12 and may the Lord cause you to increase and <sup>a</sup>abound in love for one another, and for all men, just as we also *do* for you;

13 so that He may <sup>a</sup>establish your hearts <sup>b</sup>unblamable in holiness before <sup>c</sup>our God and Father at the <sup>1</sup>coming of our Lord Jesus <sup>e</sup>with all His <sup>2</sup>saints.

CHAPTER 4

<sup>a</sup>FINALLY then, <sup>b</sup>brethren, we request and exhort you in the Lord Jesus, that, as you received from us *instruction* as to how you ought to <sup>1</sup>walk and <sup>d</sup>please God (just as you actually do <sup>1</sup>walk), that you may <sup>e</sup>excel still more.

2 For you know what commandments we gave you <sup>1</sup>by *the authority* of the Lord Jesus.

3 For this is the will of God, your sanctification; *that is*, that you <sup>a</sup>abstain from <sup>1</sup>sexual immorality;

4 that <sup>a</sup>each of you know how to <sup>1</sup>possess his own <sup>2</sup>vessel in sanctification and <sup>c</sup>honor,

5 not in <sup>1</sup>lustful passion, like the Gentiles who <sup>b</sup>do not know God;

6 *and* that no man transgress and <sup>a</sup>defraud his brother <sup>b</sup>in the matter because <sup>c</sup>the Lord is *the* avenger in all these things, just as we also <sup>d</sup>told you before and solemnly warned you.

7 For <sup>a</sup>God has not called us for <sup>b</sup>the purpose of impurity, but <sup>1</sup>in sanctification.

8 Consequently, he who rejects *this* is not rejecting man but the God who <sup>a</sup>gives His Holy Spirit to you.

9 Now as to the <sup>a</sup>love of the brethren, you <sup>b</sup>have no need for *any one* to write to you, for you yourselves are <sup>c</sup>taught by God to love one another;

10 for indeed <sup>a</sup>you do practice it toward all the brethren who are in all Macedonia. But we urge you, brethren, to <sup>b</sup>excel still more,

11 and to make it your ambition <sup>a</sup>to lead a quiet life and <sup>b</sup>attend to your own business and <sup>c</sup>work with your hands, just as we commanded you;

12 so that you may <sup>1a</sup>behave properly toward <sup>b</sup>outsiders and <sup>2c</sup>not be in any need.

13 But <sup>a</sup>we do not want you to be uninformed, brethren, about those who <sup>b</sup>are asleep, that you may not grieve, as do <sup>c</sup>the rest who have <sup>d</sup>no hope.

14 For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, <sup>a</sup>even so God will bring with Him <sup>b</sup>those who have fallen asleep <sup>1in</sup> Jesus.

15 For this we say to you <sup>a</sup>by the word of the Lord, that <sup>b</sup>we who are alive, <sup>1and</sup> remain until <sup>c</sup>the coming of the Lord, shall not precede <sup>d</sup>those who have fallen asleep.

16 For the Lord <sup>a</sup>Himself <sup>b</sup>will descend from heaven with a <sup>1c</sup>shout, with the voice of <sup>d</sup>the archangel, and with the <sup>e</sup>trumpet of God; and <sup>f</sup>the dead in Christ shall rise first.

17 Then <sup>a</sup>we who are alive <sup>1and</sup> remain shall be <sup>b</sup>caught up together with them <sup>c</sup>in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and thus we shall always <sup>d</sup>be with the Lord.

18 Therefore comfort one another with these words.

CHAPTER 5

**N**OW as to the <sup>a</sup>times and the epochs, brethren, you <sup>b</sup>have no need of anything to be written to you.

2 For you yourselves know full well that <sup>a</sup>the day of the Lord <sup>1</sup>will come <sup>b</sup>just like a thief in the night.

3 While they are saying, "<sup>a</sup>Peace and safety!" then <sup>1b</sup>destruction <sup>2</sup>will come upon them suddenly like <sup>c</sup>birth pangs upon a woman with child; and they shall not escape.

4 But you, brethren, are not in <sup>a</sup>darkness, that the day should overtake you <sup>1b</sup>like a thief;

5 for you are all <sup>a</sup>sons of light and sons of day. We are not of night nor of <sup>b</sup>darkness;

6 so then let us not <sup>a</sup>sleep as <sup>1b</sup>others do, but let us be alert and <sup>2c</sup>sober.

7 For those who sleep do their sleeping at night, and those who get drunk get <sup>a</sup>drunk at night.

8 But since <sup>a</sup>we are of <sup>b</sup>the day, let us <sup>b</sup>be <sup>1</sup>sober, having put on the <sup>c</sup>breastplate of <sup>d</sup>faith and love, and as a <sup>e</sup>helmet, the <sup>f</sup>hope of salvation.

9 For God has not destined us for <sup>a</sup>wrath, but for <sup>b</sup>obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ,

10 <sup>a</sup>who died for us, that whether we are awake or asleep, we may live together with Him.

11 Therefore <sup>a</sup>encourage one another, and <sup>b</sup>build up one another, just as you also are doing.

12 But we request of you, brethren, that you <sup>1a</sup>appreciate those <sup>b</sup>who diligently labor among you, and <sup>c</sup>have charge over you in the Lord and give you <sup>2</sup>instruction,

13 and that you esteem them very highly in love because of their work. <sup>a</sup>Live in peace with one another.

14 And we urge you, brethren, admonish <sup>a</sup>the <sup>1</sup>unruly, encourage <sup>b</sup>the fainthearted, help <sup>c</sup>the weak, be <sup>d</sup>patient with all men.

11 <sup>a2</sup>Thess. 3:12 <sup>b1</sup>Pet. 4:15 <sup>c</sup>Eph. 4:28; 2Thess. 3:10-12; Acts 18:3

12 <sup>1</sup>Lit., walk <sup>2</sup>Lit., have need of nothing <sup>a</sup>Rom. 13:13; Col 4:5 <sup>b</sup>Mark 4:11 <sup>c</sup>Eph. 4:28

13 <sup>a</sup>Rom. 1:13 <sup>b</sup>Acts 7:60 <sup>c1</sup>Thess. 5:6; Eph. 2:3 <sup>d</sup>Eph. 2:12

14 <sup>1</sup>Lit., through <sup>a</sup>Rom. 14:9; 2Cor. 4:14 <sup>b1</sup>Cor. 15:18; 1Thess. 4:13

15 <sup>1</sup>Lit., who <sup>a1</sup>Kin. 13:17f.; 20:35; Gal. 1:12; 2Cor. 12:1 <sup>b1</sup>Cor. 15:52; 1Thess. 5:10 <sup>c1</sup>Thess. 2:19 <sup>d1</sup>Cor. 15:18; 1Thess. 4:13

16 <sup>1</sup>Or, cry of command <sup>a1</sup>Thess. 3:11 <sup>b2</sup>Thess. 1:7; 1Thess. 1:10 <sup>c</sup>Joel 2:11 <sup>d</sup>Jude 9 <sup>e</sup>Matt. 24:31 <sup>f1</sup>Cor. 15:23; 2Thess. 2:1; Rev. 14:13

17 <sup>1</sup>Lit., who <sup>a1</sup>Cor. 15:52; 1Thess. 5:10 <sup>b2</sup>Cor. 12:2 <sup>c</sup>Dan. 7:13; Acts 1:9; Rev. 11:12 <sup>d</sup>John 12:26

1 <sup>a</sup>Acts 1:7 <sup>b1</sup>Thess. 4:9

2 <sup>1</sup>Lit., is coming <sup>a1</sup>Cor. 1:8 <sup>b</sup>Luke 21:34; 1Thess. 5:4; 2Pet. 3:10; Rev. 3:3; 16:15

3 <sup>1</sup>Or, sudden destruction <sup>2</sup>Lit., is at hand <sup>a</sup>Jer. 6:14; 8:11; Ezek. 13:10 <sup>b2</sup>Thess. 1:9 <sup>c</sup>John 16:21

4 <sup>1</sup>Some early mss. read, like thieves <sup>a1</sup>John 2:8; Acts 26:18 <sup>b</sup>Luke 21:34; 1Thess. 5:2; 2Pet. 3:10; Rev. 3:3; 16:15

5 <sup>a</sup>Luke 16:8 <sup>b1</sup>John 2:8; Acts 26:18

6 <sup>1</sup>Lit., the remaining ones <sup>2</sup>Or, self-controlled <sup>a</sup>Rom. 13:11; 1Thess. 5:10 <sup>b</sup>Eph. 2:3; 1Thess. 4:13 <sup>c1</sup>1Pet. 1:13

7 <sup>a</sup>Acts 2:15; 2Pet. 2:13

8 <sup>1</sup>Or, self-controlled <sup>a1</sup>Thess. 5:5; <sup>b1</sup>1Pet. 1:13 <sup>c</sup>Eph. 6:14 <sup>d</sup>Eph. 6:23 <sup>e</sup>Eph. 6:17 <sup>f</sup>Rom. 8:24

9 <sup>a1</sup>Thess. 1:10 <sup>b2</sup>Thess. 2:13f.

10 <sup>a</sup>Rom. 14:9

11 <sup>1</sup>Or, comfort <sup>a</sup>Eph. 4:29

12 <sup>1</sup>Lit., know <sup>2</sup>Or, admonition <sup>a1</sup>Cor. 16:18; 1Tim. 5:17; Ps. 144:3 <sup>b1</sup>Cor. 16:16; Rom. 16:6, 12; 1Cor. 15:10 <sup>c</sup>Heb. 13:17

13 <sup>a</sup>Mark 9:50

14 <sup>1</sup>Or, undisciplined <sup>a2</sup>Thess. 3:6, 7, 11 <sup>b</sup>1s. 35:4 (Sept.) <sup>c</sup>Rom. 14:1f.; 1Cor. 8:7ff. [Rom. 15:1] <sup>d1</sup>Cor. 13:4

15 <sup>a</sup>Rom. 12:17; 1 Pet. 3:9; Matt. 5:44 <sup>b</sup>Rom. 12:9; 1 Thess. 5:21; Gal. 6:10

16 <sup>a</sup>Phil. 4:4

17 <sup>a</sup>Eph. 6:18

18 <sup>a</sup>Eph. 5:20

19 <sup>a</sup>Eph. 4:30

20 <sup>1</sup>Or, *gifts*  
<sup>a</sup>Acts 13:1; 1 Cor. 14:31

21 <sup>a</sup>1 Cor. 14:29; 1 John 4:1 <sup>b</sup>Rom. 12:9; 1 Thess. 5:15; Gal. 6:10

22 <sup>1</sup>Or, *appearance*

23 <sup>a</sup>Rom. 15:33 <sup>b</sup>1 Thess. 3:11 <sup>c</sup>Luke 1:46f.; Heb. 4:12 <sup>d</sup>2 Pet. 3:14; James 1:4 <sup>e</sup>1 Thess. 2:19

24 <sup>a</sup>1 Cor. 1:9; 2 Thess. 3:3 <sup>b</sup>1 Thess. 2:12

25 <sup>1</sup>Some mss. add, *also*  
<sup>a</sup>Eph. 6:19; 2 Thess. 3:1; Heb. 13:18

26 <sup>a</sup>Rom. 16:16

27 <sup>a</sup>Col. 4:16 <sup>b</sup>Acts 1:15

28 <sup>a</sup>Rom. 16:20; 2 Thess. 3:18

15 See that <sup>a</sup>no one repays another with evil for evil, but always <sup>b</sup>seek after that which is good for one another and for all men.

16 <sup>a</sup>Rejoice always;

17 <sup>a</sup>pray without ceasing;

18 in everything <sup>a</sup>give thanks; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

19 <sup>a</sup>Do not quench the Spirit;

20 do not despise <sup>a</sup>prophetic <sup>1</sup>utterances.

21 But <sup>a</sup>examine everything *carefully*; <sup>b</sup>hold fast to that which is good;

22 abstain from every <sup>1</sup>form of evil.

23 Now <sup>a</sup>may the God of peace <sup>b</sup>Himself sanctify you entirely; and may your <sup>c</sup>spirit and soul and body be preserved complete, <sup>d</sup>without blame at <sup>e</sup>the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

24 <sup>a</sup>Faithful is He who <sup>b</sup>calls you, and He also will bring it to pass.

25 Brethren, <sup>a</sup>pray for us<sup>1</sup>.

26 <sup>a</sup>Greet all the brethren with a holy kiss.

27 I adjure you by the Lord to <sup>a</sup>have this letter read to all the <sup>b</sup>brethren.

28 <sup>a</sup>The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

## THE SECOND EPISTLE OF PAUL TO THE THESSALONIANS

Salutation. Thanksgiving for their Faith and Perseverance.

1 <sup>a</sup>1 Thess. 1:1 <sup>b</sup>2 Cor. 1:19 <sup>c</sup>Acts 16:1 [1 Thess. 1:1] <sup>d</sup>1 Thess. 1:1; Acts 17:1

2 <sup>a</sup>Rom. 1:7

3 <sup>a</sup>1 Thess. 1:2; 2 Thess. 2:13; Rom. 1:8; Eph. 5:20 <sup>b</sup>1 Thess. 4:1; 2 Thess. 2:1 <sup>c</sup>1 Thess. 3:12

4 <sup>1</sup>Or, *steadfastness*  
<sup>a</sup>2 Cor. 7:4; 1 Thess. 2:19 <sup>b</sup>1 Thess. 2:14; 1 Cor. 7:17

5 <sup>a</sup>Phil. 1:28 <sup>b</sup>Luke 20:35; 2 Thess. 1:11

6 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *if indeed* <sup>2</sup>Or, *in the sight of*  
<sup>a</sup>Ex. 23:22; Col. 3:25; Heb. 6:10

7 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *along with us*  
<sup>2</sup>Lit., *at the revelation of the Lord Jesus* <sup>3</sup>Lit., *the angels of His power*  
<sup>a</sup>Luke 17:30 <sup>b</sup>1 Thess. 4:16 <sup>c</sup>Jude 14 <sup>d</sup>1 Cor. 3:13; Heb. 10:27; 12:29; 2 Pet. 3:7; Jude 7; Rev. 14:10; Ex. 3:2; 19:18; Is. 66:15; Ezek. 1:13f.; Dan. 7:9; Matt. 25:41

8 <sup>a</sup>Gal. 4:8 <sup>b</sup>Rom 2:8

<sup>a</sup>PAUL and <sup>b</sup>Silvanus and <sup>c</sup>Timothy to the <sup>d</sup>church of the Thessalonians in God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:

2 <sup>a</sup>Grace to you and peace from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

3 We ought always <sup>a</sup>to give thanks to God for you, <sup>b</sup>brethren, as is *only* fitting, because your faith is greatly enlarged, and the <sup>c</sup>love of each one of you toward one another grows *ever* greater;

4 therefore, we ourselves <sup>a</sup>speak proudly of you among <sup>b</sup>the churches of God for your <sup>1</sup>perseverance and faith <sup>b</sup>in the midst of all your persecutions and afflictions which you endure.

5 This is a <sup>a</sup>plain indication of God's righteous judgment so that you may be <sup>b</sup>considered worthy of the kingdom of God, for which indeed you are suffering.

6 <sup>1</sup>For after all <sup>a</sup>it is *only* just <sup>2</sup>for God to repay with affliction those who afflict you,

7 and *to give* relief to you who are afflicted <sup>1</sup>and to us as well <sup>2a</sup>when the Lord Jesus shall be revealed <sup>b</sup>from heaven <sup>c</sup>with <sup>3</sup>His mighty angels <sup>d</sup>in flaming fire,

8 dealing out retribution to those who <sup>a</sup>do not know God and to those who <sup>b</sup>do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus.

9 And these will pay the penalty of <sup>a</sup>eternal destruction, <sup>b</sup>away from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of His power,

10 when He comes to be <sup>a</sup>glorified <sup>1</sup>in His <sup>2</sup>saints on that <sup>b</sup>day, and to be marveled at among all who have believed—for our <sup>c</sup>testimony to you was believed.

11 To this end also we <sup>a</sup>pray for you always that our God may <sup>1</sup>count you worthy of your <sup>c</sup>calling, and fulfill every desire for <sup>d</sup>goodness and the <sup>e</sup>work of faith with power;

12 in order that the <sup>a</sup>name of our Lord Jesus may be glorified in you, and you in Him, according to the grace of our God and <sup>1</sup>the Lord Jesus Christ.

CHAPTER 2

**N**OW we request you, <sup>a</sup>brethren, with regard to the <sup>1</sup>coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, and our <sup>c</sup>gathering together to Him,

2 that you may not be quickly shaken from your <sup>1</sup>composure or be disturbed either by a <sup>a</sup>spirit or a <sup>2</sup>message or a <sup>c</sup>letter as if from us, to the effect that <sup>d</sup>the day of the Lord <sup>e</sup>has come.

3 <sup>a</sup>Let no one in any way deceive you, for *it will not come* unless the <sup>1</sup>apostasy comes first, and the <sup>c</sup>man of <sup>2</sup>lawlessness is revealed, the <sup>d</sup>son of destruction,

4 who opposes and exalts himself above <sup>1</sup>every so-called god or object of worship, so that he takes his seat in the temple of God, <sup>b</sup>displaying himself as being God.

5 Do you not remember that <sup>a</sup>while I was still with you, I was telling you these things?

6 And you know <sup>a</sup>what restrains him now, so that in his time he may be revealed.

7 For <sup>a</sup>the mystery of lawlessness is already at work; only <sup>b</sup>he who now restrains *will do so* until he is taken out of the way.

8 And then that lawless one <sup>a</sup>will be revealed whom the Lord will slay <sup>b</sup>with the breath of His mouth and bring to an end by the <sup>c</sup>appearance of His <sup>1</sup>coming;

9 *that is*, the one whose <sup>1</sup>coming is in accord with the activity of <sup>a</sup>Satan, with all power and <sup>2</sup>signs and false wonders,

10 and with <sup>1</sup>all the deception of wickedness for <sup>a</sup>those who perish, because they did not receive the love of <sup>b</sup>the truth so as to be saved.

11 And for this reason <sup>a</sup>God <sup>1</sup>will send upon them <sup>2</sup>a <sup>b</sup>deluding influence so that they might believe <sup>3</sup>what is false,

12 in order that they all may be <sup>1</sup>judged who <sup>a</sup>did not believe the truth, but <sup>2</sup>took pleasure in wickedness.

13 <sup>a</sup>But we should always give thanks to God for you, <sup>b</sup>brethren beloved by the Lord, because <sup>c</sup>God has chosen you <sup>1</sup>from the beginning <sup>d</sup>for salvation <sup>2</sup>through sanctification <sup>3</sup>by the Spirit and faith in the truth.

14 And it was for this He <sup>a</sup>called you through <sup>b</sup>our gospel, <sup>1</sup>that you may gain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.

15 So then, brethren, <sup>a</sup>stand firm and <sup>b</sup>hold to the traditions which you were taught, whether <sup>c</sup>by word of *mouth* or <sup>c</sup>by letter <sup>1</sup>from us.

9 <sup>a1</sup> Thess. 5:3; Phil. 3:19  
<sup>b1</sup> 2:10, 19, 21; 2 Thess. 2:8

10 <sup>1</sup>Or, *in the persons of*  
<sup>2</sup>*i.e., true believers; lit., holy ones*  
<sup>a</sup>John 17:10; 1 Thess. 2:12; Is. 49:3 <sup>b1</sup> Cor. 3:13; Is. 2:11ff. <sup>c1</sup> Thess. 2:1; 1 Cor. 1:6

11 <sup>1</sup>Or, *make*  
<sup>a</sup>Col. 1:9 <sup>b2</sup> Thess. 1:5  
<sup>c</sup>Rom. 11:29 <sup>d</sup>Rom. 15:14  
<sup>e1</sup> Thess. 1:3

12 <sup>1</sup>Or omit, *the*  
<sup>a</sup>Phil. 2:9ff.; Is. 24:15; 66:5; Mal. 1:11

1 <sup>1</sup>Or, *presence*  
<sup>a2</sup> Thess. 1:3 <sup>b1</sup> Thess. 2:19  
<sup>c</sup>Mark 13:27; 1 Thess. 4:15-17

2 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *mind* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *word*  
<sup>a1</sup> Cor. 14:32; 1 John 4:1  
<sup>b2</sup> Thess. 2:15; 1 Thess. 5:2  
<sup>c2</sup> Thess. 3:17 <sup>d1</sup> Cor. 1:8  
<sup>e1</sup> Cor. 7:26

3 <sup>1</sup>Or, *falling away from the faith* <sup>2</sup>Some early mss. read, *sin*  
<sup>a</sup>Eph. 5:6 <sup>b1</sup> Tim. 4:1  
<sup>c2</sup> Thess. 2:8; Dan. 7:25; 8:25; 11:36; Rev. 13:5ff.  
<sup>d</sup>John 17:12

4 <sup>1</sup>Or, *all that is called God*  
<sup>a1</sup> Cor. 8:5 <sup>b1</sup>s. 14:14; Ezek. 28:2

5 <sup>a1</sup> Thess. 3:4

6 <sup>a2</sup> Thess. 2:7

7 <sup>a</sup>Rev. 17:5, 7 <sup>b2</sup> Thess. 2:6

8 <sup>1</sup>Or, *presence*  
<sup>a2</sup> Thess. 2:3; Dan. 7:25; 8:25; 11:36; Rev. 13:5ff. <sup>b1</sup>s. 11:4; Rev. 2:16; 19:15  
<sup>c1</sup> Tim. 6:14; 2 Tim. 1:10; 4:1, 8; Titus 2:13

9 <sup>1</sup>Or, *presence* <sup>2</sup>Or, *attesting miracles*  
<sup>a</sup>Matt. 4:10 <sup>b</sup>Matt. 24:24; John 4:48

10 <sup>1</sup>Or, *every deception*  
<sup>a1</sup> Cor. 1:18 <sup>b2</sup> Thess. 2:12; 2:13

11 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *sends* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *an activity of error* <sup>3</sup>Or, *the lie*  
<sup>a</sup>Rom. 1:28; 1 Kin. 22:22  
<sup>b1</sup> Thess. 2:3; 2 Tim. 4:4

12 <sup>1</sup>Or, *condemned* <sup>2</sup>Or, *approved*  
<sup>a</sup>Rom. 2:8 <sup>b</sup>Rom. 1:32; 1 Cor. 13:6

13 <sup>1</sup>Some ancient mss. read, *first fruits* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *in*  
<sup>3</sup>Lit., *of*  
<sup>a2</sup> Thess. 1:3 <sup>b1</sup> Thess. 1:4  
<sup>c</sup>Eph. 1:4ff. <sup>d1</sup> Thess. 5:9; 2:12; 1 Pet. 1:5; 1 Cor. 1:21  
<sup>e1</sup> Pet. 1:2; 1 Thess. 4:7

14 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *to the gaining of*  
<sup>a1</sup> Thess. 2:12 <sup>b1</sup> Thess. 1:5

15 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *of*  
<sup>a1</sup> Cor. 16:13 <sup>b1</sup> Cor. 11:2; 2 Thess. 3:6 <sup>c2</sup> Thess. 2:2

16 <sup>a</sup>1 Thess. 3:11 <sup>b</sup>1 Thess. 3:11 <sup>c</sup>John 3:16 <sup>d</sup>Titus 3:7; 1 Pet. 1:3

17 <sup>a</sup>1 Thess. 3:2, 13  
<sup>b</sup>2 Thess. 3:3

1 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *run*  
<sup>a</sup>1 Thess. 4:1 <sup>b</sup>1 Thess. 5:25  
<sup>c</sup>1 Thess. 1:8

2 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *improper* <sup>2</sup>Or, *the faith*  
<sup>a</sup>Rom. 15:31

3 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *will* <sup>2</sup>Or, *from evil*  
<sup>a</sup>1 Cor. 1:9; 1 Thess. 5:24  
<sup>b</sup>Matt. 5:37

4 <sup>a</sup>2 Cor. 2:3 <sup>b</sup>1 Thess. 4:10

5 <sup>a</sup>1 Thess. 3:11

6 <sup>1</sup>Or, *avoid* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *walks disorderly* <sup>3</sup>Or, *undisciplined* <sup>4</sup>Many ancient mss. read, *they*  
<sup>a</sup>1 Cor. 5:4 <sup>b</sup>Rom. 16:17; 1 Cor. 5:11; 2 Thess. 3:14  
<sup>c</sup>1 Thess. 5:14; 2 Thess. 3:7; 11 <sup>d</sup>1 Cor. 11:2; 2 Thess. 2:15

7 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *imitate us*  
<sup>a</sup>1 Thess. 1:6; 2 Thess. 3:9

8 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *from any one*  
<sup>2</sup>Lit., *freely*  
<sup>a</sup>1 Cor. 9:4 <sup>b</sup>1 Thess. 2:9  
<sup>c</sup>Acts 18:3; Eph. 4:28

9 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *imitate us*  
<sup>a</sup>1 Cor. 9:4ff. <sup>b</sup>2 Thess. 3:7

10 <sup>a</sup>1 Thess. 3:4 <sup>b</sup>1 Thess. 4:11

11 <sup>a</sup>2 Thess. 3:6 <sup>b</sup>1 Tim. 5:13; 1 Pet. 4:15

12 <sup>a</sup>1 Thess. 4:1 <sup>b</sup>1 Thess. 4:11

13 <sup>a</sup>1 Thess. 4:1 <sup>b</sup>Gal. 6:9; 2 Cor. 4:1

14 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *word* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *through* <sup>3</sup>Lit., *not to associate*  
<sup>a</sup>Col. 4:16 <sup>b</sup>2 Thess. 3:6  
<sup>c</sup>1 Cor. 4:14

15 <sup>1</sup>Or, *keep admonishing*  
<sup>a</sup>Gal. 6:1 <sup>b</sup>1 Thess. 5:14  
<sup>c</sup>2 Thess. 3:6, 13

16 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *way*  
<sup>a</sup>Rom. 15:33 <sup>b</sup>1 Thess. 3:11  
<sup>c</sup>Ruth 2:4

17 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *The greeting by my hand of Paul*  
<sup>a</sup>1 Cor. 16:21

18 <sup>a</sup>Rom. 16:20; 1 Thess. 5:28

16 <sup>a</sup>Now may our Lord Jesus Christ <sup>b</sup>Himself and God our Father, who has <sup>c</sup>loved us and given us eternal comfort and <sup>d</sup>good hope by grace,

17 <sup>a</sup>comfort and <sup>b</sup>strengthen your hearts in every good work and word.

CHAPTER 3

<sup>a</sup>FINALLY, brethren, <sup>b</sup>pray for us that <sup>c</sup>the word of the Lord may <sup>d</sup>spread rapidly and be glorified, just as *it did* also with you;

2 and that we may be <sup>a</sup>delivered from <sup>1</sup>perverse and evil men; for not all have <sup>2</sup>faith.

3 But <sup>a</sup>the Lord is faithful, and <sup>1</sup>He will strengthen and protect you <sup>2</sup>from <sup>b</sup>the evil one.

4 And we have <sup>a</sup>confidence in the Lord concerning you, that you <sup>b</sup>are doing and will continue to do what we command.

5 And may the Lord <sup>a</sup>direct your hearts into the love of God and into the steadfastness of Christ.

6 Now we command you, brethren, <sup>a</sup>in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you <sup>1b</sup>keep aloof from every brother who <sup>2</sup>leads an <sup>3c</sup>unruly life and not according to <sup>d</sup>the tradition which <sup>4</sup>you received from us.

7 For you yourselves know how you ought to <sup>1a</sup>follow our example, because we did not act in an undisciplined manner among you,

8 nor did we <sup>a</sup>eat <sup>1</sup>anyone's bread <sup>2</sup>without paying for it, but with <sup>b</sup>labor and hardship we *kept* <sup>c</sup>working night and day so that we might not be a burden to any of you;

9 not because we do not have <sup>a</sup>the right to *this*, but in order to offer ourselves <sup>b</sup>as a model for you, that you might <sup>1</sup>follow our example.

10 For even <sup>a</sup>when we were with you, we used to give you this order: <sup>b</sup>if anyone will not work, neither let him eat.

11 For we hear that some among you are <sup>a</sup>leading an undisciplined life, doing no work at all, but acting like <sup>b</sup>busy-bodies.

12 Now such persons we command and <sup>a</sup>exhort in the Lord Jesus Christ to <sup>b</sup>work in quiet fashion and eat their own bread.

13 But as for you, <sup>a</sup>brethren, <sup>b</sup>do not grow weary of doing good.

14 And if anyone does not obey our <sup>1</sup>instruction <sup>2a</sup>in this letter, take special note of that man <sup>3b</sup>and do not associate with him, so that he may be <sup>c</sup>put to shame.

15 And *yet* <sup>a</sup>do not regard him as an enemy, but <sup>1b</sup>admonish him as a <sup>c</sup>brother.

16 Now <sup>a</sup>may the Lord of peace <sup>b</sup>Himself continually grant you peace in every <sup>1</sup>circumstance. <sup>c</sup>The Lord be with you all!

17 <sup>1</sup>I, Paul, write this greeting <sup>a</sup>with my own hand, and this is a distinguishing mark in every letter; this is the way I write.

18 <sup>a</sup>The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

THE FIRST EPISTLE OF PAUL TO  
TIMOTHY

Salutation. Charge Respecting  
Misuse of the Law.  
Personal Thanksgiving.

PAUL, <sup>a</sup>an apostle of <sup>b</sup>Christ Jesus <sup>c</sup>according to the commandment of <sup>d</sup>God our Savior, and of <sup>b</sup>Christ Jesus, *who is our hope*;

2 to <sup>a</sup>Timothy, <sup>b</sup>my true child in *the* faith: <sup>c</sup>Grace, mercy and peace from God the Father and <sup>d</sup>Christ Jesus our Lord.

3 As I urged you <sup>1</sup>upon my departure for <sup>a</sup>Macedonia, <sup>2</sup>remain on at <sup>b</sup>Ephesus, in order that you may instruct certain men not to <sup>c</sup>teach strange doctrines,

4 nor to <sup>1</sup>pay attention to <sup>a</sup>myths and endless <sup>b</sup>genealogies, which give rise to mere <sup>c</sup>speculation rather than <sup>d</sup>furthuring <sup>2</sup>the administration of God which is by faith.

5 But the goal of our <sup>1</sup>instruction is love <sup>b</sup>from a pure heart and a <sup>c</sup>good conscience and a sincere <sup>d</sup>faith.

6 For some men, straying from these things, have turned aside to <sup>a</sup>fruitless discussion,

7 <sup>a</sup>wanting to be <sup>b</sup>teachers of the Law, even though they do not understand either what they are saying or the matters about which they make confident assertions.

8 But we know that <sup>a</sup>the Law is good, if one uses it lawfully,

9 realizing the fact that <sup>a</sup>law is not made for a righteous man, but for those who are lawless and <sup>b</sup>rebellious, for the <sup>c</sup>ungodly and sinners, for the unholy and <sup>d</sup>profane, for those who kill their fathers or mothers, for murderers

10 <sup>1</sup>and <sup>2</sup>immoral men <sup>1</sup>and <sup>b</sup>homosexuals <sup>1</sup>and <sup>c</sup>kidnappers <sup>1</sup>and <sup>d</sup>liars <sup>1</sup>and <sup>e</sup>perjurers, and whatever else is contrary to <sup>f</sup>sound teaching,

11 according to <sup>a</sup>the glorious gospel of <sup>b</sup>the blessed God, with which I have been <sup>c</sup>entrusted.

12 I thank <sup>a</sup>Christ Jesus our Lord, who has <sup>b</sup>strengthened me, because He considered me faithful, <sup>c</sup>putting me into service;

13 even though I was formerly a blasphemer and a <sup>a</sup>persecutor and a violent aggressor. And yet I was <sup>b</sup>shown mercy, because <sup>c</sup>I acted ignorantly in unbelief;

14 and the <sup>a</sup>grace of our Lord was more than abundant, with the <sup>b</sup>faith and love which are *found* in Christ Jesus.

15 <sup>a</sup>It is a trustworthy statement, deserving full acceptance, that <sup>b</sup>Christ Jesus came into the world to <sup>c</sup>save sinners, among whom <sup>d</sup>I am foremost *of all*.

16 And yet for this reason I <sup>a</sup>found mercy, in order that in me as the foremost, Jesus Christ might <sup>b</sup>demonstrate His perfect patience, as an example for those <sup>1</sup>who would believe in Him for eternal life.

17 Now to the <sup>a</sup>King <sup>1</sup>eternal, <sup>b</sup>immortal, <sup>c</sup>invisible, the <sup>d</sup>only God, <sup>e</sup>be honor and glory <sup>2</sup>forever and ever. Amen.

<sup>1</sup> <sup>a</sup>2 Cor. 1:1; 2 Tim. 1:1  
<sup>b</sup>1 Tim. 1:12 <sup>c</sup>Titus 1:3  
<sup>d</sup>Luke 1:47; Titus 1:3 <sup>e</sup>Col. 1:27

<sup>2</sup> <sup>a</sup>Acts 16:1; 2 Tim. 1:2  
<sup>b</sup>2 Tim. 1:2; Titus 1:4  
<sup>c</sup>2 Tim. 1:2; Titus 1:4;  
Rom. 1:7 <sup>d</sup>1 Tim. 1:12

<sup>3</sup> <sup>1</sup>Lit., *while departing*  
<sup>2</sup>Lit., *to remain*  
<sup>a</sup>Rom. 15:26 <sup>b</sup>Acts 18:19  
<sup>c</sup>1 Tim. 6:3; Rom. 16:17;  
2 Cor. 11:4; Gal. 1:6f.

<sup>4</sup> <sup>1</sup>Or, *occupy themselves with* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *God's provision*  
<sup>a</sup>1 Tim. 4:7; 2 Tim. 4:4;  
Titus 1:14; 2 Pet. 1:16  
<sup>b</sup>Titus 3:9 <sup>c</sup>1 Tim. 6:4;  
2 Tim. 2:23; Titus 3:9  
<sup>d</sup>Eph. 3:2

<sup>5</sup> <sup>1</sup>Lit., *commandment*  
<sup>a</sup>1 Tim. 1:18 <sup>b</sup>2 Tim. 2:22  
<sup>c</sup>1 Pet. 3:16, 21; 1 Tim. 1:19; 3:9; 2 Tim. 1:3  
<sup>d</sup>2 Tim. 1:5

<sup>6</sup> <sup>a</sup>Titus 1:10  
<sup>7</sup> <sup>a</sup>James 3:1 <sup>b</sup>Luke 2:46  
<sup>8</sup> <sup>a</sup>Rom. 7:12, 16  
<sup>9</sup> <sup>a</sup>Gal. 5:23 <sup>b</sup>Titus 1:6,  
10 <sup>c</sup>1 Pet. 4:18; Jude 15  
<sup>d</sup>1 Tim. 4:7; 6:20; 2 Tim. 2:16; Heb. 12:16

<sup>10</sup> <sup>1</sup>Lit., *for* <sup>2</sup>Or, *fornicators*  
<sup>a</sup>1 Cor. 6:9 <sup>b</sup>Lev. 18:22 <sup>c</sup>Ex. 21:16; Rev. 18:13 <sup>d</sup>Rev. 21:8, 27; 22:15 <sup>e</sup>Matt. 5:33; 23:16 <sup>f</sup>2 Tim. 4:3; Titus 1:9;  
2:1; 1 Tim. 4:6; 6:3; 2 Tim. 1:13; Titus 1:13; 2:2

<sup>11</sup> <sup>a</sup>2 Cor. 4:4 <sup>b</sup>1 Tim. 6:15 <sup>c</sup>Gal. 2:7

<sup>12</sup> <sup>a</sup>1 Tim. 1:1, 2, 15; 2:5; 6:13; Titus 1:4; Gal. 3:26  
<sup>b</sup>Phil. 4:13; 2 Tim. 4:17;  
Acts 9:22 <sup>c</sup>Acts 9:15  
<sup>13</sup> <sup>a</sup>Acts 8:3; Phil. 3:6  
<sup>b</sup>1 Tim. 1:16; 1 Cor. 7:25  
<sup>c</sup>Acts 26:9

<sup>14</sup> <sup>a</sup>Rom. 5:20; 2 Cor. 4:15; 1 Cor. 3:10; 1:13-16  
<sup>b</sup>2 Tim. 1:13; 1 Thess. 1:3;  
1 Tim. 2:15; 4:12; 6:11;  
2 Tim. 2:22; Titus 2:2

<sup>15</sup> <sup>a</sup>1 Tim. 3:1; 4:9; 2 Tim. 2:11; Titus 3:8 <sup>b</sup>Mark 2:17; Luke 15:2ff.; 19:10 <sup>c</sup>Rom. 11:14 <sup>d</sup>1 Cor. 15:9; Eph. 3:8  
<sup>16</sup> <sup>1</sup>Or, *destined to*  
<sup>a</sup>1 Tim. 1:13; 1 Cor. 7:25  
<sup>b</sup>Eph. 2:7

<sup>17</sup> <sup>1</sup>Lit., *of the ages* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *to the ages of the ages*  
<sup>a</sup>Rev. 15:3 [Cr.] <sup>b</sup>1 Tim. 6:16 <sup>c</sup>Col. 1:15 <sup>d</sup>1 Tim. 6:15; Jude 25; John 5:44  
<sup>e</sup>Rom. 11:36; 2:7, 10; Heb. 2:7

18 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *child*  
<sup>a</sup>1 Tim. 1:5 <sup>b</sup>1 Tim. 1:2  
<sup>c</sup>1 Tim. 4:14 <sup>d</sup>2 Cor. 10:4;  
 2 Tim. 2:3f.; 4:7; 1 Tim.  
 6:12

19 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *the*  
<sup>a</sup>1 Tim. 1:5 <sup>b</sup>1 Tim. 6:12,  
 21; 2 Tim. 2:18

20 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *Of*  
<sup>a</sup>2 Tim. 2:17 <sup>b</sup>2 Tim. 4:14  
<sup>c</sup>1 Cor. 5:5 <sup>d</sup>1 Cor. 11:32;  
 Heb. 12:5ff.

1 <sup>a</sup>Eph. 6:18

2 <sup>1</sup>Or, *a high position*  
<sup>2</sup>Or, *seriousness*  
<sup>a</sup>Ezra 6:10; Rom. 13:1

3 <sup>a</sup>1 Tim. 1:1; Luke 1:47;  
 1 Tim. 4:10

4 <sup>1</sup>Or, *recognition*  
<sup>a</sup>Ezek. 18:23, 32; 1 Tim.  
 4:10; Titus 2:11; 2 Pet. 3:9;  
 John 3:17 <sup>b</sup>Rom. 11:14  
<sup>c</sup>2 Tim. 2:25; 3:7; Titus 1:1;  
 Heb. 10:26

5 <sup>a</sup>Rom. 3:30; 10:12;  
 1 Cor. 8:4 <sup>b</sup>Gal. 3:20;  
 1 Cor. 8:6 <sup>c</sup>Matt. 1:1; Rom.  
 1:3

6 <sup>1</sup>Or, *to be borne* <sup>2</sup>Lit.,  
*its own times*  
<sup>a</sup>Matt. 20:28; Gal. 1:4  
<sup>b</sup>1 Cor. 1:6 <sup>c</sup>1 Tim. 6:15;  
 Titus 1:3; Gal. 4:4; Mark  
 1:15

7 <sup>1</sup>Or, *herald*  
<sup>a</sup>2 Tim. 1:11; 1 Tim. 1:11;  
 Eph. 3:8 <sup>b</sup>1 Cor. 9:1 <sup>c</sup>Rom.  
 9:1 <sup>d</sup>Acts 9:15

8 <sup>a</sup>1 Tim. 5:14; Phil.  
 1:12; Titus 3:8, [in Gr.]  
<sup>b</sup>John 4:21; 1 Cor. 1:2;  
 2 Cor. 2:14; 1 Thess. 1:8  
<sup>c</sup>Ps. 63:4; Luke 24:50 <sup>d</sup>Ps.  
 24:4; James 4:8

9 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *with modesty*  
<sup>a</sup>1 Pet. 3:3

11 <sup>a</sup>1 Cor. 14:34; Titus 2:5

12 <sup>a</sup>1 Cor. 14:34; Titus 2:5

13 <sup>1</sup>Or, *formed*  
<sup>a</sup>Gen. 2:7, 22; 3:16; 1 Cor.  
 11:8ff.

14 <sup>a</sup>Gen. 3:6, 13; 2 Cor.  
 11:3

15 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *saved* <sup>2</sup>Or,  
*discretion*  
<sup>a</sup>1 Tim. 1:14

1 <sup>1</sup>Or, *bishop*  
<sup>a</sup>1 Tim. 1:15 <sup>b</sup>Acts 20:28;  
 Phil. 1:1

2 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *The*  
<sup>a</sup>1 Tim. 3:2-4; Titus 1:6-8  
<sup>b</sup>Titus 1:6; Luke 2:36f.;  
 1 Tim. 5:9 <sup>c</sup>1 Tim. 3:11;  
 Titus 2:2; 1 Tim. 3:8 <sup>d</sup>Titus  
 1:8; Rom. 12:13; Heb. 13:2;  
 1 Pet. 4:9 <sup>e</sup>2 Tim. 2:24

3 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *not*  
<sup>a</sup>Titus 1:7 <sup>b</sup>Heb. 13:5;  
 1 Tim. 6:10; Titus 1:7;  
 1 Tim. 3:8

4 <sup>a</sup>1 Tim. 3:12

18 This <sup>a</sup>command I entrust to you, Timothy, <sup>b</sup>my <sup>1</sup>son, in accordance with the <sup>c</sup>prophecies previously made concerning you, that by them you may <sup>d</sup>fight the good fight,

19 keeping <sup>a</sup>faith and a good conscience, which some have rejected and suffered shipwreck in regard to <sup>1</sup>btheir faith.

20 <sup>1</sup>Among these are <sup>a</sup>Hymenaeus and <sup>b</sup>Alexander, whom I have <sup>c</sup>delivered over to Satan, so that they may be <sup>d</sup>taught not to blaspheme.

## CHAPTER 2

FIRST of all, then, I urge that <sup>a</sup>entreaties *and* prayers, petitions *and* thanksgivings, be made on behalf of all men,

2 <sup>a</sup>for kings and all who are in <sup>1</sup>authority, in order that we may lead a tranquil and quiet life in all godliness and <sup>2</sup>dignity.

3 This is good and acceptable in the sight of <sup>a</sup>God our Savior,

4 <sup>a</sup>who desires all men to be <sup>b</sup>saved and to <sup>c</sup>come to the <sup>1</sup>knowledge of the truth.

5 For there is <sup>a</sup>one God, *and* <sup>b</sup>one mediator also between God and men, *the* <sup>c</sup>man Christ Jesus,

6 <sup>a</sup>who <sup>b</sup>gave Himself as a ransom for all, the <sup>b</sup>testimony <sup>1</sup>borne at <sup>2</sup>the proper time.

7 <sup>a</sup>And for this I was appointed a <sup>1</sup>preacher and <sup>b</sup>an apostle (<sup>c</sup>I am telling the truth, I am not lying) as a teacher of <sup>d</sup>the Gentiles in faith and truth.

8 Therefore <sup>a</sup>I want the men <sup>b</sup>in every place to pray, <sup>c</sup>lifting up <sup>d</sup>holy hands, without wrath and dissension.

9 Likewise, *I want* <sup>a</sup>women to adorn themselves with proper clothing, <sup>1</sup>modestly and discreetly, not with braided hair and gold or pearls or costly garments;

10 but rather by means of good works, as befits women making a claim to godliness.

11 <sup>a</sup>Let a woman quietly receive instruction with entire submissiveness.

12 <sup>a</sup>But I do not allow a woman to teach or exercise authority over a man, but to remain quiet.

13 <sup>a</sup>For it was Adam who was first <sup>1</sup>created, *and* then Eve.

14 *And it was* not Adam *who* was deceived, but <sup>a</sup>the woman being quite deceived, fell into transgression.

15 But women shall be <sup>1</sup>preserved through the bearing of children if *they* continue in <sup>a</sup>faith and love and sanctity with <sup>2</sup>self-restraint.

## CHAPTER 3

<sup>a</sup>IT is a trustworthy statement; if any man aspires to the <sup>b</sup>office of <sup>1</sup>overseer, it is a fine work he desires to *do*.

2 <sup>1a</sup>An overseer, then, must be above reproach, <sup>b</sup>the husband of one wife, <sup>c</sup>temperate, prudent, respectable, <sup>d</sup>hospitable, <sup>e</sup>able to teach,

3 <sup>a</sup>not addicted to wine <sup>1</sup>or pugnacious, but gentle, uncontentious, <sup>b</sup>free from the love of money.

4 *He must be* one who <sup>a</sup>manages his own household well, keeping his children under control with all dignity



5 (but if a man does not know how to manage his own household, how will he take care of <sup>a</sup>the church of God?);

6 *and* not a new convert, lest he become <sup>a</sup>conceited and fall into the <sup>b</sup>condemnation <sup>1</sup>incurred by the devil.

7 And he must <sup>a</sup>have a good reputation with <sup>b</sup>those outside *the church*, so that he may not fall into reproach and <sup>c</sup>the snare of the devil.

8 <sup>a</sup>Deacons likewise *must be* men of dignity, not <sup>1</sup>double-tongued, <sup>2b</sup>or addicted to much wine <sup>2c</sup>or fond of sordid gain,

9 <sup>a</sup>but holding to the mystery of the faith with a clear conscience.

10 And <sup>a</sup>let these also first be tested; then let them serve as deacons if they are beyond reproach.

11 <sup>1</sup>Women *must* likewise *be* dignified, <sup>a</sup>not malicious gossips, but <sup>b</sup>temperate, faithful in all things.

12 Let <sup>a</sup>deacons be <sup>b</sup>husbands of *only* one wife, *and* <sup>1c</sup>good managers of *their* children and their own households.

13 For those who have served well as deacons <sup>a</sup>obtain for themselves a <sup>1</sup>high standing and great confidence in the faith that is in Christ Jesus.

14 I am writing these things to you, hoping to come to you before long;

15 but <sup>1</sup>in case I am delayed, *I write* so that you may know how <sup>2</sup>one ought to conduct himself in <sup>a</sup>the household of God, which is the <sup>b</sup>church of <sup>c</sup>the living God, the <sup>d</sup>pillar and support of the truth.

16 And by common confession great is <sup>a</sup>the mystery of godliness:

<sup>1</sup>He who was <sup>b</sup>revealed in the flesh,  
Was <sup>2c</sup>vindicated <sup>3</sup>in the Spirit,  
<sup>d</sup>Beheld by angels,  
<sup>e</sup>Proclaimed among the nations,  
<sup>f</sup>Believed on in the world,  
<sup>g</sup>Taken up in glory.

## CHAPTER 4

**B**UT <sup>a</sup>the Spirit explicitly says that <sup>b</sup>in later times some will fall away from the faith, paying attention to <sup>c</sup>deceitful spirits and <sup>d</sup>doctrines of demons,

2 by means of the hypocrisy of liars <sup>a</sup>seared in their own conscience as with a branding iron,

3 *men* who <sup>a</sup>forbid marriage *and* <sup>b</sup>advocate <sup>b</sup>abstaining from foods, which <sup>c</sup>God has created to be <sup>d</sup>gratefully shared in by those who believe and know the truth.

4 For <sup>a</sup>everything created by God is good, and nothing is to be rejected, if it is <sup>b</sup>received with gratitude;

5 for it is sanctified by means of <sup>a</sup>the word of God and prayer.

6 In pointing out these things to <sup>a</sup>the brethren, you will be a good <sup>b</sup>servant of Christ Jesus, *constantly* nourished on the words of the faith and of the <sup>1c</sup>sound doctrine which you <sup>d</sup>have been following.

7 But have nothing to do with <sup>a</sup>worldly <sup>b</sup>fables fit only for old women. On the other hand, discipline yourself for the purpose of <sup>c</sup>godliness;

5 <sup>a1</sup> Cor. 10:32; 1 Tim. 3:15

6 <sup>1</sup>Lit. *of the devil*  
<sup>a1</sup> Tim. 6:4; 2 Tim. 3:4  
<sup>b1</sup> Tim. 3:7

7 <sup>a2</sup> Cor. 8:21 <sup>b</sup>Mark 4:11 <sup>c2</sup> Tim. 2:26; 1 Tim. 6:9

8 <sup>1</sup>Or. *given to double-talk* <sup>2</sup>Lit. *not*  
<sup>a</sup>Phil. 1:1; 1 Tim. 3:12  
<sup>b</sup>Titus 2:3; 1 Tim. 5:23  
<sup>c</sup>Titus 1:7; 1 Tim. 3:3;  
1 Pet. 5:2

9 <sup>a1</sup> Tim. 1:19; 1 Tim. 1:5

10 <sup>a1</sup> Tim. 5:22

11 <sup>1</sup>I.e., either deacons' wives or deaconesses  
<sup>a2</sup> Tim. 3:3; Titus 2:3  
<sup>b1</sup> Tim. 3:2

12 <sup>1</sup>Lit. *managing well*  
<sup>a</sup>Phil. 1:1; 1 Tim. 3:8  
<sup>b1</sup> Tim. 3:2 <sup>c1</sup> Tim. 3:4

13 <sup>1</sup>Lit. *good*  
<sup>a</sup>Matt. 25:21

15 <sup>1</sup>Lit. *if I delay* <sup>2</sup>Or. *you ought to conduct yourself*  
<sup>a</sup>Eph. 2:21f.; 1 Cor. 3:16;  
2 Cor. 6:16; 1 Pet. 2:5; 4:17  
<sup>b1</sup> Tim. 3:5 <sup>c</sup>Matt. 16:16;  
1 Tim. 4:10 <sup>d</sup>Gal. 2:9;  
2 Tim. 2:19

16 <sup>1</sup>Some later mss. read, *God* <sup>2</sup>Or. *justified* <sup>3</sup>Or. *by*  
<sup>a</sup>Rom. 16:25 <sup>b</sup>John 1:14;  
1 Pet. 1:20; 1 John 3:5, 8  
<sup>c</sup>Rom. 3:4 <sup>d</sup>Luke 2:13; 24:4;  
1 Pet. 1:12 <sup>e</sup>Rom. 16:26;  
2 Cor. 1:19; Col. 1:23  
<sup>f2</sup> Thess. 1:10 <sup>g</sup>Mark 16:19;  
Acts 1:9

1 <sup>a</sup>John 16:13; Acts 20:23; 21:11; 1 Cor. 2:10f.  
<sup>b2</sup> Thess. 2:3ff.; 2 Tim. 3:1;  
2 Pet. 3:3; Jude 18 <sup>c1</sup> John 4:6 <sup>d</sup>James 3:15

2 <sup>a</sup>Eph. 4:19

3 <sup>a</sup>Heb. 13:4 <sup>b</sup>Col. 2:16;  
2:23 <sup>c</sup>Gen. 1:29; 9:3  
<sup>d1</sup> Tim. 4:4; Rom. 14:6;  
1 Cor. 10:30f.

4 <sup>a1</sup> Cor. 10:26 <sup>b1</sup> Tim. 4:3; Rom. 14:6; 1 Cor. 10:30f.

5 <sup>a</sup>Gen. 1:25, 31; Heb. 11:3

6 <sup>1</sup>Lit. *good*  
<sup>a</sup>Acts 1:15 <sup>b2</sup> Cor. 11:23  
<sup>c1</sup> Tim. 1:10 <sup>d</sup>Luke 1:3  
[Cr.]; 2 Tim. 3:10; Phil. 2:20, 22

7 <sup>a1</sup> Tim. 1:9 <sup>b1</sup> Tim. 1:4  
<sup>c1</sup> Tim. 4:8; 6:3, 5f.; 2 Tim. 3:5

8 \*Col. 2:23 <sup>b1</sup> Tim. 4:7; 6:3, 5f.; 2 Tim. 3:5 <sup>c</sup>Ps. 37:9, 11; Prov. 19:23; 22:4; Matt. 6:33 <sup>d</sup>Matt. 12:32; 6:33; Mark 10:30

9 <sup>a1</sup> Tim. 1:15

10 <sup>a2</sup> Cor. 1:10; 1 Tim. 6:17 <sup>b1</sup> Tim. 3:15 <sup>c1</sup> Tim. 2:4; John 4:42

11 <sup>1</sup>Or, *Keep commanding and teaching*  
<sup>a1</sup> Tim. 5:7; 6:2

12 <sup>1</sup>Or, to  
<sup>a1</sup> Cor. 16:11; Titus 2:15  
<sup>b1</sup> Tim. 1:14 <sup>c</sup>Titus 2:7;  
1 Pet. 5:3

13 <sup>a1</sup> Tim. 3:14 <sup>b2</sup> Tim. 3:15f.

14 <sup>1</sup>Or else, board of elders  
<sup>a1</sup> Tim. 1:18 <sup>b1</sup> Tim. 5:22;  
2 Tim. 1:6; Acts 6:6 (in Gr.) Acts 11:30

16 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *save both yourself and those...*  
<sup>a</sup>Acts 20:28 <sup>b1</sup> Cor. 1:21

1 <sup>a</sup>Lev. 19:32 <sup>b</sup>Titus 2:2  
<sup>c</sup>Titus 2:6

3 <sup>a1</sup> Tim. 5:5, 16; Acts 6:1; 9:39, 41

4 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *give back recompenses*  
<sup>a</sup>Eph. 6:2 <sup>b1</sup> Tim. 2:3

5 <sup>a1</sup> Tim. 5:3, 16; Acts 6:1; 9:39, 41 <sup>b1</sup> Pet. 3:5;  
1 Cor. 7:34 <sup>c</sup>Luke 2:37;  
1 Tim. 2:1; 2 Tim. 1:3

6 <sup>a</sup>James 5:5 <sup>b</sup>Rev. 3:1;  
Luke 15:24; 2 Tim. 3:6

7 <sup>1</sup>Or, *Keep commanding*  
<sup>a1</sup> Tim. 4:11

8 <sup>a2</sup> Tim. 2:12; Titus 1:16; 2 Pet. 2:1; Jude 4

9 <sup>a1</sup> Tim. 5:16 <sup>b1</sup> Tim. 3:2

10 <sup>1</sup>E., true believers; lit., holy ones  
<sup>a</sup>Acts 9:36; 1 Tim. 6:18;  
1 Pet. 2:12; Titus 2:7; 3:8  
<sup>b1</sup> Tim. 3:2 <sup>c</sup>Luke 7:44;  
John 13:14 <sup>d1</sup> Tim. 5:16

11 <sup>a</sup>Rev. 18:7

12 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *faith*

8 for <sup>a</sup>bodily discipline is only of little profit, but <sup>b</sup>godliness is profitable for all things, since it <sup>c</sup>holds promise for the <sup>d</sup>present life and *also* for the *life* to come.

9 <sup>a</sup>It is a trustworthy statement deserving full acceptance.

10 For it is for this we labor and strive, because we have fixed <sup>a</sup>our hope on <sup>b</sup>the living God, who is <sup>c</sup>the Savior of all men, especially of believers.

11 <sup>1a</sup>Prescribe and teach these things.

12 <sup>a</sup>Let no one look down on your youthfulness, but *rather* in speech, conduct, <sup>b</sup>love, faith *and* purity, show yourself <sup>c</sup>an example <sup>d</sup>of those who believe.

13 <sup>a</sup>Until I come, give attention to the *public* <sup>b</sup>reading of *Scripture*, to exhortation and teaching.

14 Do not neglect the spiritual gift within you, which was bestowed upon you through <sup>a</sup>prophetic utterance with <sup>b</sup>the laying on of hands by the <sup>1c</sup>presbytery.

15 Take pains with these things; be *absorbed* in them, so that your progress may be evident to all.

16 <sup>a</sup>Pay close attention to yourself and to your teaching; persevere in these things; for as you do this you will <sup>1b</sup>insure salvation both for yourself and for those who hear you.

## CHAPTER 5

<sup>a</sup>Do not sharply rebuke an <sup>b</sup>older man, *but rather* appeal to him as a father, to <sup>c</sup>the younger men as brothers,

2 the older women as mothers, *and* the younger women as sisters, in all purity.

3 Honor widows who are <sup>a</sup>widows indeed;

4 but if any widow has children or grandchildren, <sup>a</sup>let them first learn to practice piety in regard to their own family, and to <sup>1</sup>make some return to their parents; for this is <sup>b</sup>acceptable in the sight of God.

5 Now she who is a <sup>a</sup>widow, indeed, and who has been left alone <sup>b</sup>has fixed her hope on God, and continues in <sup>c</sup>entreaties and prayers night and day.

6 But she who <sup>a</sup>gives herself to wanton pleasure is <sup>b</sup>dead even while she lives.

7 <sup>1a</sup>Prescribe these things as well, so that they may be above reproach.

8 But if any one does not provide for his own, and especially for those of his household, he has <sup>a</sup>denied the faith, and is worse than an unbeliever.

9 Let a widow be <sup>a</sup>put on the list only if she is not less than sixty years old, *having been* <sup>b</sup>the wife of one man,

10 having a reputation for <sup>a</sup>good works; *and* if she has brought up children, if she has <sup>b</sup>shown hospitality to strangers, if she <sup>c</sup>has washed the <sup>1</sup>saints' feet, if she has <sup>d</sup>assisted those in distress, *and* if she has devoted herself to every good work.

11 But refuse to *put* younger widows on the list, for when they feel <sup>a</sup>sensual desires in disregard of Christ, they want to get married,

12 *thus* incurring condemnation, because they have set aside their previous <sup>1</sup>pledge.

13 And at the same time they also learn to *be* idle, as they

go around from house to house; and not merely idle, but also <sup>a</sup>gossips and <sup>b</sup>busybodies, talking about <sup>c</sup>things not proper to mention.

14 Therefore, <sup>a</sup>I want younger widows to get <sup>b</sup>married, bear children, <sup>c</sup>keep house, and <sup>d</sup>give the enemy no occasion for reproach;

15 for some <sup>a</sup>have already turned aside to follow <sup>b</sup>Satan.

16 If any woman who is a believer <sup>a</sup>has dependent widows, let her <sup>b</sup>assist them, and let not the church be burdened, so that it may assist those who are <sup>c</sup>widows indeed.

17 Let <sup>a</sup>the elders who <sup>b</sup>rule well be considered worthy of double honor, especially those who <sup>c</sup>work hard <sup>1</sup>at preaching and teaching.

18 For the Scripture says, "<sup>a</sup>YOU SHALL NOT MUZZLE THE OX WHILE HE IS THRESHING," and "<sup>b</sup>The laborer is worthy of his wages."

19 Do not receive an accusation against an <sup>a</sup>elder except on the basis of <sup>b</sup>two or three witnesses.

20 Those who continue in sin, <sup>a</sup>rebuke in the presence of all, <sup>b</sup>so that the rest also may be fearful of *sinning*.

21 <sup>a</sup>I solemnly charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus and of *His* chosen angels, to maintain these *principles* without bias, doing nothing in a *spirit* of partiality.

22 <sup>a</sup>Do not lay hands upon any one too hastily and <sup>1</sup>thus share <sup>b</sup>responsibility for the sins of others; keep yourself <sup>2</sup>free from sin.

23 No longer drink water *exclusively*, but <sup>a</sup>use a little wine for the sake of your stomach and your frequent ailments.

24 The sins of some men are quite evident, going before them to judgment; for others, their *sins* <sup>a</sup>follow after.

25 Likewise also, deeds that are good are quite evident, and <sup>a</sup>those which are otherwise cannot be concealed.

CHAPTER 6

<sup>a</sup>LET all who are under the yoke as slaves regard their own masters as worthy of all honor so <sup>b</sup>that the name of God and our doctrine may not be spoken against.

2 And let those who have believers as their masters not be disrespectful to them because they are <sup>a</sup>brethren, but let them serve them all the more, because those who <sup>1</sup>partake of the benefit are believers and beloved. <sup>b</sup>Teach and <sup>2</sup>preach these *principles*.

3 If any one <sup>a</sup>advocates a different doctrine, and does not <sup>1</sup>agree with <sup>b</sup>sound words, those of our Lord Jesus Christ, and with the doctrine <sup>c</sup>conforming to godliness,

4 he is <sup>a</sup>conceited and understands nothing; but he <sup>1</sup>has a morbid interest in <sup>b</sup>controversial questions and <sup>c</sup>disputes about words, out of which arise envy, strife, abusive language, evil suspicions,

5 and constant friction between <sup>a</sup>men of depraved mind and deprived of the truth, who <sup>b</sup>suppose that <sup>1</sup>godliness is a means of gain.

6 <sup>a</sup>But godliness *actually* is a means of <sup>b</sup>great gain, when accompanied by <sup>c</sup>contentment.

13 <sup>a</sup>John 10 [Gr.]  
b2 Thess. 3:11 cTitus 1:11

14 <sup>a</sup>1 Tim. 2:8 b1 Cor. 7:9;  
1 Tim. 4:3 cTitus 2:5  
d1 Tim. 6:1

15 <sup>a</sup>1 Tim. 1:20 bMatt. 4:10

16 <sup>a</sup>1 Tim. 5:4 b1 Tim. 5:10 c1 Tim. 5:3

17 <sup>1</sup>Lit., in word  
<sup>a</sup>Acts 11:30; 1 Tim. 5:19;  
4:14 [Gr.] bRom. 12:8  
c1 Thess. 5:12

18 <sup>a</sup>Deut. 25:4; 1 Cor. 9:9  
bMatt. 10:10; Luke 10:7;  
1 Cor. 9:14; Lev. 19:13;  
Deut. 24:15

19 <sup>a</sup>Acts 11:30; 1 Tim. 5:17;  
4:14 [Gr.] bMatt. 18:16

20 <sup>a</sup>Eph. 5:11; Gal. 2:14;  
2 Tim. 4:2 b2 Cor. 7:11

21 <sup>a</sup>1 Tim. 6:13; 2 Tim. 4:1;  
2:14; Luke 9:26

22 <sup>1</sup>Lit., do not share  
<sup>2</sup>Lit., pure  
<sup>a</sup>1 Tim. 4:14; 3:10 bEph. 5:11;  
1 Tim. 3:2-7

23 <sup>a</sup>1 Tim. 3:8

24 <sup>a</sup>Rev. 14:13

25 <sup>a</sup>Prov. 10:9

1 <sup>a</sup>Titus 2:9; 1 Pet. 2:18;  
Eph. 6:5 b1 Titus 2:5

2 <sup>1</sup>Or., benefit by their service  
<sup>2</sup>Lit., exhort, urge  
<sup>a</sup>Acts 1:15; Gal. 3:28;  
Philem. 16 b1 Tim. 4:11

3 <sup>1</sup>Lit., come to, or, come with  
<sup>a</sup>1 Tim. 1:3 b1 Tim. 1:10  
cTitus 1:1

4 <sup>1</sup>Lit., is sick about  
<sup>a</sup>1 Tim. 3:6 b1 Tim. 1:4  
c2 Tim. 2:14; Acts 18:15

5 <sup>1</sup>Or., religion  
<sup>a</sup>2 Tim. 3:8; Titus 1:15  
bTitus 1:11; 2 Pet. 2:3

6 <sup>a</sup>1 Tim. 6:6-10; Luke 12:15-21 b1 Tim. 4:8 cPhil. 4:11; Heb. 13:5

7 <sup>1</sup>Later mss. read, it is clear that  
<sup>a</sup>Job 1:21; <sup>b</sup>Ecc. 5:15

8 <sup>a</sup>Prov. 30:8

9 <sup>a</sup>Prov. 15:27; 23:4;  
 28:20; 1 Tim. 6:17; Luke  
 12:21 <sup>b1</sup> Tim. 3:7

10 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *the evils*  
<sup>a1</sup> Tim. 6:9; 3:3; Col. 3:5  
<sup>b</sup>Rom. 11:16ff. <sup>c</sup>James 5:19

11 <sup>1</sup>Or., *steadfastness*  
<sup>a2</sup> Tim. 2:22 <sup>b2</sup> Tim. 3:17  
<sup>c1</sup> Tim. 1:14 <sup>d2</sup> Tim. 3:10

12 <sup>a1</sup> Cor. 9:25f.; Phil.  
 1:30; 1 Tim. 1:18 <sup>b1</sup> Tim.  
 1:19 <sup>c</sup>Phil. 3:12; 1 Tim.  
 6:19 <sup>d</sup>Col. 3:15 <sup>e2</sup> Cor.  
 9:13; 1 Tim. 6:13 <sup>f2</sup> Tim.  
 2:2; 1 Tim. 4:14

13 <sup>1</sup>Or., *preserves alive*  
<sup>a1</sup> Tim. 5:21 <sup>b1</sup> Tim. 1:12,  
 15; 2:5; Gal. 3:26 <sup>c2</sup> Cor.  
 9:13; 1 Tim. 6:12 <sup>d</sup>John  
 18:37; Matt. 27:2

14 <sup>a2</sup> Thess. 2:8

15 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *show* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *those  
 who reign as kings* <sup>3</sup>Lit.,  
*those who rule as lords*  
<sup>a1</sup> Tim. 2:6 <sup>b1</sup> Tim. 1:11  
<sup>c1</sup> Tim. 1:17 <sup>d</sup>Rev. 19:16;  
 17:14; Deut. 10:17 <sup>e</sup>Ps.  
 136:3

16 <sup>a1</sup> Tim. 1:17 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 104:2;  
 1 John 1:5; James 1:17  
<sup>c</sup>John 1:18 <sup>d1</sup> Tim. 1:17

17 <sup>a2</sup> Tim. 4:10; Titus  
 2:12; Matt. 12:32 <sup>b</sup>Ps.  
 62:10; Luke 12:20; 1 Tim.  
 6:9; Rom. 11:20 <sup>c1</sup> Tim.  
 4:10 <sup>d</sup>Acts 14:17

18 <sup>1</sup>Or., *deeds*  
<sup>a1</sup> Tim. 5:10 <sup>b</sup>Rom. 12:8;  
 Eph. 4:28

19 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 6:20 <sup>b1</sup> Tim.  
 6:12

20 <sup>a1</sup> Tim. 1:2 <sup>b2</sup> Tim.  
 1:12, 14 <sup>c2</sup> Tim. 2:16;  
 1 Tim. 1:9

21 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *concerning*  
<sup>a2</sup> Tim. 2:18 <sup>b1</sup> Tim. 1:19  
<sup>c</sup>Col. 4:18

7 For <sup>a</sup>we have brought nothing into the world, <sup>1</sup>so we cannot take anything out of it either.

8 And if we <sup>a</sup>have food and covering, with these we shall be content.

9 <sup>a</sup>But those who want to get rich fall into temptation and <sup>b</sup>a snare and many foolish and harmful desires which plunge men into ruin and destruction.

10 For <sup>a</sup>the love of money is a <sup>b</sup>root of all <sup>1</sup>sorts of evil, and some by longing for it have <sup>c</sup>wandered away from the faith, and pierced themselves with many a pang.

11 But <sup>a</sup>flee from these things, you <sup>b</sup>man of God; and pursue righteousness, godliness, <sup>c</sup>faith, <sup>d</sup>love, <sup>1</sup>perseverance *and* gentleness.

12 <sup>a</sup>Fight the good fight of <sup>b</sup>faith; <sup>c</sup>take hold of the eternal life <sup>d</sup>to which you were called, and you made the good <sup>e</sup>confession in the presence of <sup>f</sup>many witnesses.

13 <sup>a</sup>I charge you in the presence of God, who <sup>1</sup>gives life to all things, and of <sup>b</sup>Christ Jesus, who testified the <sup>c</sup>good confession <sup>d</sup>before Pontius Pilate,

14 that you keep the commandment without stain or reproach, until the <sup>a</sup>appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ,

15 which He will <sup>1</sup>bring about at <sup>a</sup>the proper time—He who is <sup>b</sup>the blessed and <sup>c</sup>only Sovereign, <sup>d</sup>the King of <sup>2</sup>kings and <sup>c</sup>Lord of <sup>3</sup>lords;

16 <sup>a</sup>who alone possesses immortality and <sup>b</sup>dwells in unapproachable light; <sup>c</sup>whom no man has seen or can see. <sup>d</sup>To Him be honor and eternal dominion! Amen.

17 Instruct those who are rich in <sup>a</sup>this present world <sup>b</sup>not to be conceited or to <sup>c</sup>fix their hope on the uncertainty of riches, but on God, <sup>d</sup>who richly supplies us with all things to enjoy.

18 *Instruct them* to do good, to be rich in <sup>a</sup>good <sup>1</sup>works, <sup>b</sup>to be generous and ready to share,

19 <sup>a</sup>storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may <sup>b</sup>take hold of that which is life indeed.

20 O <sup>a</sup>Timothy, guard <sup>b</sup>what has been entrusted to you, avoiding <sup>c</sup>worldly and empty chatter *and* the opposing arguments of what is falsely called “knowledge”—

21 which some have professed and thus <sup>a</sup>gone astray <sup>1</sup>from <sup>b</sup>the faith.

<sup>c</sup>Grace be with you.

# THE SECOND EPISTLE OF PAUL TO TIMOTHY

## Salutation. Timothy Charged to Guard His Trust.

PAUL, <sup>a</sup>an apostle of <sup>b</sup>Christ Jesus <sup>1c</sup>by the will of God, according to the promise of <sup>d</sup>life in Christ Jesus,

2 to <sup>a</sup>Timothy, my beloved <sup>1b</sup>son: <sup>c</sup>Grace, mercy *and* peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

3 <sup>a</sup>I thank God, whom I <sup>b</sup>serve with a <sup>c</sup>clear conscience <sup>1</sup>the way my forefathers did, <sup>d</sup>as I constantly remember you in my <sup>2</sup>prayers night and day,

4 <sup>a</sup>longing to see you, <sup>b</sup>even as I recall your tears, so that I may be filled with joy.

5 <sup>1</sup>For I am mindful of the <sup>a</sup>sincere faith within you, which first dwelt in your grandmother Lois, and <sup>b</sup>your mother Eunice, and I am sure that *it is* in you as well.

6 And for this reason I remind you to kindle afresh <sup>a</sup>the gift of God which is in you through <sup>a</sup>the laying on of my hands.

7 For God has not given us a <sup>a</sup>spirit of timidity, but of power and love and <sup>1</sup>discipline.

8 Therefore <sup>a</sup>do not be ashamed of the <sup>b</sup>testimony of our Lord, or of me <sup>c</sup>His prisoner; but join with *me* in <sup>d</sup>suffering for the <sup>e</sup>gospel according to the power of God,

9 who has <sup>a</sup>saved us, and <sup>b</sup>called us with a holy <sup>c</sup>calling, <sup>d</sup>not according to our works, but according to His own <sup>b</sup>purpose and grace which was granted us in <sup>c</sup>Christ Jesus from <sup>1</sup>all eternity,

10 but <sup>a</sup>now has been revealed by the <sup>b</sup>appearing of our Savior <sup>c</sup>Christ Jesus, who <sup>d</sup>abolished death, and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel,

11 <sup>a</sup>for which I was appointed a preacher and an apostle and a teacher.

12 For this reason I also suffer these things, but <sup>a</sup>I am not ashamed; for I know <sup>b</sup>whom I have believed and I am convinced that He is able to <sup>c</sup>guard what I have entrusted to Him <sup>1</sup>until <sup>d</sup>that day.

13 <sup>1a</sup>Retain the <sup>b</sup>standard of <sup>c</sup>sound words <sup>d</sup>which you have heard from me, in the <sup>e</sup>faith and love which are in <sup>f</sup>Christ Jesus.

14 Guard, through the Holy Spirit who <sup>a</sup>dwells in us, the <sup>1b</sup>treasur which has been entrusted to you.

15 You are aware of the fact that all who are in <sup>1a</sup>Asia <sup>b</sup>turned away from me, among whom are Phygelus and Herogenes.

16 The Lord grant mercy to <sup>a</sup>the house of Onesiphorus for he often refreshed me, and <sup>b</sup>was not ashamed of my <sup>1c</sup>chains;

17 but when he was in Rome, he eagerly searched for me, and found me—

18 the Lord grant to him to find mercy from the Lord on <sup>a</sup>that day—and you know very well what services he rendered at <sup>b</sup>Ephesus.

<sup>1</sup> <sup>1</sup>Lit., *through*  
<sup>2</sup> Cor. 1:1 <sup>b2</sup> Tim. 1:2, 9, 13; 2:1, 3, 10; 3:12, 15;  
<sup>1</sup> Tim. 1:12; Gal. 3:26 <sup>c1</sup> Cor. 1:1 <sup>d1</sup> Tim. 6:19

<sup>2</sup> <sup>1</sup>Lit., *child*  
<sup>a</sup> Acts 16:1; <sup>1</sup> Tim. 1:2  
<sup>b1</sup> Tim. 1:2; <sup>2</sup> Tim. 2:1;  
Titus 1:4 <sup>c1</sup> Tim. 1:2

<sup>3</sup> <sup>1</sup>Lit., *from my forefathers* <sup>2</sup>Or., *petitions*  
<sup>a</sup> Rom. 1:8 <sup>b</sup> Acts 24:14  
<sup>c</sup> Acts 23:1; 24:16; <sup>1</sup> Tim. 1:5 <sup>d</sup> Rom. 1:9

<sup>4</sup> <sup>a2</sup> Tim. 4:9, 21 <sup>b</sup> Acts 20:37

<sup>5</sup> <sup>1</sup>Lit., *Receiving remembrance of*  
<sup>a1</sup> Tim. 1:5 <sup>b</sup> Acts 16:1;  
<sup>2</sup> Tim. 3:15

<sup>6</sup> <sup>a1</sup> Tim. 4:14

<sup>7</sup> <sup>1</sup>Or., *sound judgment*  
<sup>a</sup> Rom. 8:15; John 14:27

<sup>8</sup> <sup>a2</sup> Tim. 1:12, 16; Mark 8:38; Rom. 1:16 <sup>b1</sup> Cor. 1:6  
<sup>c</sup> Eph. 3:1; <sup>2</sup> Tim. 1:16  
<sup>d2</sup> Tim. 2:3, 9; 4:5 <sup>e2</sup> Tim. 1:10; 2:8

<sup>9</sup> <sup>a</sup> Rom. 11:14 <sup>b</sup> Rom. 8:28f. <sup>c</sup> Rom. 11:29 <sup>d</sup> Eph. 2:9 <sup>e2</sup> Tim. 1:1 <sup>f</sup> Titus 1:2; Rom. 16:25; Eph. 1:4

<sup>10</sup> <sup>a</sup> Rom. 16:26 <sup>b</sup> Titus 2:11; <sup>2</sup> Thess. 2:8; <sup>2</sup> Tim. 4:1, 8 <sup>c2</sup> Tim. 1:1 <sup>d1</sup> Cor. 15:26; Heb. 2:14f.

<sup>11</sup> <sup>a1</sup> Tim. 2:7

<sup>12</sup> <sup>1</sup>Or., *for*  
<sup>a2</sup> Tim. 1:8; 1:16 <sup>b</sup> Titus 3:8  
<sup>c2</sup> Tim. 1:14; <sup>1</sup> Tim. 6:20  
<sup>d2</sup> Tim. 1:18; 4:8; <sup>1</sup> Cor. 3:13; 1:8

<sup>13</sup> <sup>1</sup>Or., *Hold the example*  
<sup>a2</sup> Tim. 3:14; Titus 1:9  
<sup>b</sup> Rom. 2:20; 6:17 <sup>c1</sup> Tim. 1:10 <sup>d2</sup> Tim. 2:2 <sup>e1</sup> Tim. 1:14 <sup>f2</sup> Tim. 1:1

<sup>14</sup> <sup>1</sup>Lit., *good deposit*  
<sup>a</sup> Rom. 8:9 <sup>b2</sup> Tim. 1:12;  
<sup>1</sup> Tim. 6:20

<sup>15</sup> <sup>1</sup>L.e., the province of Asia  
<sup>a</sup> Acts 2:9 <sup>b2</sup> Tim. 4:10, 11, 16

<sup>16</sup> <sup>1</sup>Lit., *chain*  
<sup>a2</sup> Tim. 4:19 <sup>b2</sup> Tim. 1:8  
<sup>c</sup> Eph. 6:20

<sup>18</sup> <sup>a2</sup> Tim. 1:12; 4:8;  
<sup>1</sup> Cor. 3:13; 1:8 <sup>b</sup> Acts 18:19;  
<sup>1</sup> Tim. 1:3

## CHAPTER 2

1 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *child*  
<sup>2</sup>Tim. 1:2 <sup>b</sup>Eph. 6:10  
<sup>c</sup>2 Tim. 1:1

<sup>2</sup> <sup>2</sup>Tim. 1:13 <sup>b1</sup> Tim. 6:12 <sup>c1</sup> Tim. 1:18 <sup>d1</sup> Tim. 1:12 <sup>e</sup>[in Gr.] <sup>2</sup> Cor. 2:16;  
 3:5

3 <sup>2</sup> Tim. 1:8 <sup>b1</sup> Cor. 9:7;  
 1 Tim. 1:18 <sup>c2</sup> Tim. 1:1

4 <sup>2</sup> Pet. 2:20

5 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *is not crowned*  
<sup>a1</sup> Cor. 9:25

6 <sup>a1</sup> Cor. 9:10

8 <sup>a</sup>Acts 2:24 <sup>b</sup>Matt. 1:1  
<sup>c</sup>Rom. 2:16

9 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *in which*  
<sup>a2</sup> Tim. 1:8; <sup>2:3</sup> <sup>b</sup>Phil. 1:7  
<sup>c</sup>Luke 23:32 <sup>d1</sup> Thess. 1:8  
<sup>e</sup>Acts 28:31; <sup>2</sup> Tim. 4:17

10 <sup>a</sup>Col. 1:24 <sup>b</sup>Luke 18:7;  
 Titus 1:1 <sup>c2</sup> Cor. 1:6;  
 1 Thess. 5:9 <sup>d1</sup> Cor. 1:21  
<sup>e2</sup> Tim. 2:1, 3; <sup>2</sup> Tim. 1:1  
<sup>f2</sup> Cor. 4:17; <sup>1</sup> Pet. 5:10

11 <sup>a1</sup> Tim. 1:15 <sup>b</sup>Rom.  
 6:8; <sup>1</sup> Thess. 5:10

12 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *shall deny*  
<sup>a</sup>Luke 22:29; <sup>b</sup>Matt. 19:28;  
 Rom. 5:17; <sup>8:17</sup> <sup>b</sup>Matt.  
 10:33; <sup>1</sup> Tim. 5:8

13 <sup>a1</sup> Cor. 1:9; <sup>b</sup>Rom. 3:3  
<sup>b</sup>Num. 23:19; <sup>c</sup>Titus 1:2

14 <sup>a1</sup> Tim. 5:21; <sup>2</sup> Tim.  
 4:1 <sup>b1</sup> Tim. 6:4; <sup>2</sup> Tim.  
 2:23; <sup>c</sup>Titus 3:9

15 <sup>a</sup>Rom. 6:13; <sup>b</sup>James 1:12  
<sup>b</sup>Eph. 1:13; <sup>c</sup>James 1:18

16 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *they will make  
 further progress in  
 ungodliness*  
<sup>a</sup>Titus 3:9 <sup>b1</sup> Tim. 6:20; <sup>1:9</sup>

17 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *word* <sup>2</sup>Or., *cancer*  
<sup>a1</sup> Tim. 1:20

18 <sup>a1</sup> Cor. 15:12 <sup>b1</sup> Tim.  
 1:19; <sup>c</sup>Titus 1:11

19 <sup>a1</sup> Tim. 3:15; <sup>b</sup>Is. 28:16f.  
<sup>b</sup>John 3:33 <sup>c</sup>John 10:14;  
<sup>1</sup> Cor. 8:3 <sup>d</sup>Luke 13:27;  
<sup>1</sup> Cor. 1:2

20 <sup>a</sup>Rom. 9:21

21 <sup>a2</sup> Tim. 2:16-18; <sup>1</sup> Tim.  
 6:11 <sup>b2</sup> Tim. 3:17; <sup>2</sup> Cor.  
 9:8; <sup>c</sup>Eph. 2:10

**YOU** therefore, my <sup>1</sup>ason, <sup>b</sup>be strong in the grace that is in <sup>c</sup>Christ Jesus.

**2** And the things <sup>a</sup>which you have heard from me in the presence of <sup>b</sup>many witnesses, these <sup>c</sup>entrust to <sup>d</sup>faithful men, who will be <sup>e</sup>able to teach others also.

**3** <sup>a</sup>Suffer hardship with *me*, as a good <sup>b</sup>soldier of <sup>c</sup>Christ Jesus.

**4** No soldier in active service <sup>a</sup>entangles himself in the affairs of everyday life, so that he may please the one who enlisted him as a soldier.

**5** And also if any one <sup>a</sup>competes as an athlete, he <sup>1</sup>does not win the prize unless he competes according to the rules.

**6** <sup>a</sup>The hard-working farmer ought to be the first to receive his share of the crops.

**7** Consider what I say, for the Lord will give you understanding in everything.

**8** Remember Jesus Christ, <sup>a</sup>risen from the dead, <sup>b</sup>descendant of David, <sup>c</sup>according to my gospel,

**9** <sup>1</sup>for which I <sup>a</sup>suffer hardship even to <sup>b</sup>imprisonment as a <sup>c</sup>criminal; but <sup>d</sup>the word of God <sup>e</sup>is not imprisoned.

**10** For this reason <sup>a</sup>I endure all things for <sup>b</sup>the sake of those who are chosen, <sup>c</sup>that they also may obtain the <sup>d</sup>salvation which is in <sup>e</sup>Christ Jesus *and* with it <sup>f</sup>eternal glory.

**11** <sup>a</sup>It is a trustworthy statement:

For <sup>b</sup>if we died with Him, we shall also live with Him;

**12** If we endure, <sup>a</sup>we shall also reign with Him;

If we <sup>1</sup>deny Him, He also will deny us;

**13** If we are faithless, <sup>a</sup>He remains faithful; for <sup>b</sup>He cannot deny Himself.

**14** Remind *them* of these things, and solemnly <sup>a</sup>charge *them* in the presence of God not to <sup>b</sup>wrangle about words, which is useless, *and leads* to the ruin of the hearers.

**15** Be diligent to <sup>a</sup>present yourself approved to God as a workman who does not need to be ashamed, handling accurately <sup>b</sup>the word of truth.

**16** But <sup>a</sup>avoid <sup>b</sup>worldly *and* empty chatter, for <sup>1</sup>it will lead to further ungodliness,

**17** and their <sup>1</sup>talk will spread like <sup>2</sup>gangrene. Among them are <sup>a</sup>Hymenaeus and Philetus,

**18** *men* who have gone astray from the truth saying that <sup>a</sup>the resurrection has already taken place, and thus they upset <sup>b</sup>the faith of some.

**19** Nevertheless, the <sup>a</sup>firm foundation of God stands, having this <sup>b</sup>seal, "<sup>c</sup>The Lord knows those who are His," and, "<sup>d</sup>Let every one who names the name of the Lord abstain from wickedness."

**20** Now in a large house there are not only gold and silver vessels, but also vessels of wood and of earthenware, and <sup>a</sup>some to honor and some to dishonor.

**21** Therefore, if a man cleanses himself from <sup>a</sup>these *things*, he will be a vessel for honor, sanctified, useful to the Master, <sup>b</sup>prepared for every good work.

22 Now <sup>a</sup>flee from youthful lusts, and <sup>a</sup>pursue righteousness, <sup>b</sup>faith, love *and* peace, with those who <sup>c</sup>call on the Lord <sup>d</sup>from a pure heart.

23 But refuse foolish and ignorant <sup>a</sup>speculations, knowing that they <sup>b</sup>produce <sup>1</sup>quarrels.

24 And <sup>a</sup>the Lord's bond-servant must not be quarrelsome, but be kind to all, <sup>b</sup>able to teach, patient when wronged,

25 <sup>a</sup>with gentleness correcting those who are in opposition, <sup>b</sup>if perhaps God may grant them repentance leading to <sup>c</sup>the knowledge of the truth,

26 and they may come to their senses *and escape* from <sup>a</sup>the snare of the devil, having been <sup>b</sup>held captive <sup>1</sup>by him to do his will.

CHAPTER 3

**B**UT realize this, that <sup>a</sup>in the last days difficult times will come.

2 For men will be <sup>a</sup>lovers of self, <sup>b</sup>lovers of money, <sup>c</sup>boastful, <sup>d</sup>arrogant, <sup>e</sup>revilers, <sup>f</sup>disobedient to parents, <sup>g</sup>ungrateful, <sup>h</sup>unholy,

3 <sup>a</sup>unloving, irreconcilable, <sup>b</sup>malicious gossips, without self-control, brutal, <sup>1</sup>haters of good,

4 <sup>a</sup>treacherous, <sup>b</sup>reckless, <sup>c</sup>conceited, <sup>d</sup>lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God;

5 holding to a <sup>a</sup>form of <sup>1</sup>godliness, although they have <sup>d</sup>denied its power; and <sup>d</sup>avoid such men as these.

6 For among them are those who <sup>1</sup>aenter into households and captivate <sup>b</sup>weak women weighed down with sins, led on by <sup>c</sup>various impulses,

7 always learning and never able to <sup>a</sup>come to the <sup>1</sup>knowledge of the truth.

8 And just as <sup>a</sup>Jannes and <sup>b</sup>Jambres <sup>b</sup>opposed Moses, so these *men* also oppose the truth, <sup>c</sup>men of depraved mind, rejected as regards the faith.

9 But they will not make further progress; for their <sup>a</sup>folly will be obvious to all, <sup>b</sup>as also that of those two came to be.

10 But you <sup>a</sup>followed my teaching, conduct, purpose, faith, patience, <sup>b</sup>love, <sup>1</sup>perseverance,

11 <sup>a</sup>persecutions, <sup>b</sup>sufferings, such as happened to me at <sup>c</sup>Antioch, at <sup>d</sup>Iconium *and* at <sup>e</sup>Lystra; what <sup>f</sup>persecutions I endured, and out of them all <sup>g</sup>the Lord delivered me!

12 And indeed, all who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus <sup>a</sup>will be persecuted.

13 But evil men and impostors <sup>a</sup>will proceed *from bad* to worse, <sup>b</sup>deceiving and being deceived.

14 You, however, <sup>a</sup>continue in the things you have learned and become convinced of, knowing from whom you have learned *them*;

15 and that <sup>a</sup>from childhood you have known <sup>b</sup>the sacred writings which are able to <sup>c</sup>give you the wisdom that leads to <sup>d</sup>salvation through faith which is in <sup>e</sup>Christ Jesus.

16 <sup>1</sup>All Scripture is <sup>2</sup>inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for <sup>3</sup>training in righteousness;

22 <sup>a</sup>1 Tim. 6:11 <sup>b</sup>1 Tim. 1:14 <sup>c</sup>Acts 7:59 <sup>d</sup>1 Tim. 1:5

23 <sup>1</sup>Lit. *fightings*  
<sup>a</sup>1 Tim. 6:4; Titus 3:9;  
2 Tim. 2:14 <sup>b</sup>Titus 3:9;  
James 4:1

24 <sup>a</sup>1 Tim. 3:3; Titus 1:7  
<sup>b</sup>1 Tim. 3:2

25 <sup>a</sup>Titus 3:2; Gal. 6:1;  
1 Pet. 3:15 <sup>b</sup>Acts 8:22  
<sup>c</sup>1 Tim. 2:4

26 <sup>1</sup>Or possibly, *by him, to do His will*  
<sup>a</sup>1 Tim. 3:7 <sup>b</sup>Luke 5:10

1 <sup>a</sup>1 Tim. 4:1

2 <sup>a</sup>Phil. 2:21 <sup>b</sup>Luke 16:14; 1 Tim. 3:3; 6:10  
<sup>c</sup>Rom. 1:30 <sup>d</sup>2 Pet. 2:10-12  
<sup>e</sup>Luke 6:35 <sup>f</sup>1 Tim. 1:9

3 <sup>1</sup>Lit. *not loving good*  
<sup>a</sup>Rom. 1:31 <sup>b</sup>1 Tim. 3:11  
<sup>c</sup>Titus 1:8

4 <sup>a</sup>Acts 7:52 [Gr.] <sup>b</sup>Acts 19:36 [Gr.] <sup>c</sup>1 Tim. 3:6  
<sup>d</sup>Phil. 3:19

5 <sup>1</sup>Or, *religion*  
<sup>a</sup>Rom. 2:20 <sup>b</sup>1 Tim. 4:7  
<sup>c</sup>1 Tim. 5:8 <sup>d</sup>2 Thess. 3:6;  
Matt. 7:15

6 <sup>1</sup>Or, *creep into*  
<sup>a</sup>Jude 4 <sup>b</sup>1 Tim. 5:6; Titus 3:3 <sup>c</sup>Titus 3:3

7 <sup>1</sup>Or, *recognition*  
<sup>a</sup>2 Tim. 2:25

8 <sup>a</sup>Ex. 7:11 <sup>b</sup>Acts 13:8  
<sup>c</sup>1 Tim. 6:5

9 <sup>a</sup>Luke 6:11 [Gr.] <sup>b</sup>Ex. 7:12; 8:18; 9:11

10 <sup>1</sup>Or, *steadfastness*  
<sup>a</sup>1 Tim. 4:6; Luke 1:3 [Gr.];  
Phil. 2:20, 22 <sup>b</sup>1 Tim. 6:11

11 <sup>a</sup>2 Cor. 12:40 <sup>b</sup>2 Cor. 1:5; 7 <sup>c</sup>Acts 13:14, 45, 50  
<sup>d</sup>Acts 14:5 <sup>e</sup>Acts 14:19  
<sup>f</sup>2 Cor. 11:23-27 <sup>g</sup>Rom. 15:31

12 <sup>a</sup>John 15:20; Acts 14:22; 2 Cor. 4:9f.

13 <sup>a</sup>2 Tim. 2:16 <sup>b</sup>Titus 3:3

14 <sup>a</sup>2 Tim. 1:13; Titus 1:9

15 <sup>a</sup>2 Tim. 1:5 <sup>b</sup>John 5:47;  
Rom. 2:27 <sup>c</sup>Psa. 119:98f.  
<sup>d</sup>1 Cor. 1:21 <sup>e</sup>2 Tim. 1:1

16 <sup>1</sup>Or, possibly, *Every Scripture inspired by God is also . . .* <sup>2</sup>Lit. *God-breathed* <sup>3</sup>Lit. *training which is in*  
<sup>a</sup>Rom. 4:23f.; 15:4; 2 Pet. 1:20f.

17 <sup>a</sup>1 Tim. 6:11 <sup>b</sup>2 Tim. 2:21; Heb. 13:21

1 <sup>a</sup>2 Tim. 2:14; 1 Tim. 5:21 <sup>b</sup>Acts 10:42 <sup>c</sup>2 Thess. 2:8; 2 Tim. 4:8; 1:10

2 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *all*  
<sup>a</sup>Gal. 6:6; Col. 4:3; 1 Thess. 1:6 <sup>b</sup>1 Tim. 5:20; Titus 1:13; 2:15 <sup>c</sup>2 Tim. 3:10

3 <sup>a</sup>2 Tim. 3:1 <sup>b</sup>1 Tim. 1:10; 2 Tim. 1:13

4 <sup>a</sup>2 Thess. 2:11; Titus 1:14 <sup>b</sup>1 Tim. 1:4

5 <sup>a</sup>1 Pet. 1:13 <sup>b</sup>2 Tim. 1:8 <sup>c</sup>Acts 21:8 <sup>d</sup>Luke 1:1 <sup>e</sup>Col. 4:17; Eph. 4:12

6 <sup>a</sup>Phil. 2:17 <sup>b</sup>Phil. 1:23; 2 Pet. 1:14

7 <sup>a</sup>1 Tim. 6:12; 1 Cor. 9:25f; Phil. 1:30; 1 Tim. 1:18 <sup>b</sup>1 Cor. 9:24; Acts 20:24 <sup>c</sup>2 Tim. 3:10

8 <sup>a</sup>Col. 1:5; 1 Pet. 1:4 <sup>b</sup>1 Cor. 9:25; 2 Tim. 2:5 <sup>c</sup>2 Tim. 1:12 <sup>d</sup>Phil. 3:11 <sup>e</sup>2 Tim. 4:1

9 <sup>a</sup>2 Tim. 1:4; 4:21; Titus 3:12

10 <sup>1</sup>Or, *age* <sup>2</sup>Some ancient mss. read, *Gaul*  
<sup>a</sup>Col. 4:14 <sup>b</sup>1 Tim. 6:17 <sup>c</sup>Acts 17:1 <sup>d</sup>Acts 16:6 <sup>e</sup>2 Cor. 2:13

11 <sup>a</sup>2 Tim. 1:15 <sup>b</sup>Col. 4:14 <sup>c</sup>Acts 12:12 <sup>d</sup>Col. 4:10; 2 Tim. 2:21

12 <sup>a</sup>Acts 20:4 <sup>b</sup>Acts 18:19

13 <sup>a</sup>Acts 16:8

14 <sup>a</sup>1 Tim. 1:20; Acts 19:33 <sup>b</sup>Rom. 12:19; 2:6

15 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *words*

16 <sup>a</sup>Acts 7:60; 1 Cor. 13:5

17 <sup>1</sup>Or, *be fulfilled*  
<sup>a</sup>2 Tim. 2:1; 1 Tim. 1:12 <sup>b</sup>Titus 1:3 <sup>c</sup>2 Tim. 4:5 <sup>d</sup>Acts 9:15; Phil. 1:12ff. <sup>e</sup>2 Tim. 3:11; Rom. 15:31 <sup>f</sup>Ps. 22:21; 1 Sam. 17:37

18 <sup>1</sup>Or, *save me for* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *whom*  
<sup>a</sup>1 Cor. 1:21 <sup>b</sup>2 Tim. 4:1; 1 Cor. 15:50; Heb. 11:16; 12:22 <sup>c</sup>Rom. 11:36; 2 Pet. 3:18

19 <sup>a</sup>Acts 18:2 <sup>b</sup>2 Tim. 1:16

20 <sup>a</sup>Acts 19:22 <sup>b</sup>Acts 18:1 <sup>c</sup>Acts 20:15

21 <sup>a</sup>2 Tim. 4:9 <sup>b</sup>Titus 3:12

22 <sup>a</sup>Gal. 6:18; Phil. 4:23; Philem. 25 <sup>b</sup>Col. 4:18

17 that <sup>a</sup>the man of God may be adequate, <sup>b</sup>equipped for every good work.

CHAPTER 4

<sup>a</sup>I SOLEMNLY charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to <sup>b</sup>judge the living and the dead, and by His <sup>c</sup>appearing and His kingdom:

2 preach <sup>a</sup>the word; be ready in season *and* out of season; <sup>b</sup>reprove, rebuke, exhort, with <sup>1</sup>great <sup>c</sup>patience and instruction.

3 For <sup>a</sup>the time will come when they will not endure <sup>b</sup>sound doctrine; but *wanting* to have their ears tickled, they will accumulate for themselves teachers in accordance to their own desires;

4 and <sup>a</sup>will turn away their ears from the truth, and <sup>b</sup>will turn aside to myths.

5 But you, <sup>a</sup>be sober in all things, <sup>b</sup>endure hardship, do the work of an <sup>c</sup>evangelist, <sup>d</sup>fulfill your <sup>e</sup>ministry.

6 For I am already being <sup>a</sup>poured out as a drink offering, and the time of <sup>b</sup>my departure has come.

7 <sup>a</sup>I have fought the good fight, I have finished <sup>b</sup>the course, I have kept <sup>c</sup>the faith;

8 in the future there <sup>a</sup>is laid up for me <sup>b</sup>the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on <sup>c</sup>that day; and not only to me, but also to <sup>d</sup>all who have loved His <sup>e</sup>appearing.

9 <sup>a</sup>Make every effort to come to me soon;

10 for <sup>a</sup>Demas, having loved <sup>b</sup>this present <sup>1</sup>world, has deserted me and gone to <sup>c</sup>Thessalonica; Crescens *has gone* to <sup>2d</sup>Galatia, <sup>e</sup>Titus to Dalmatia.

11 <sup>a</sup>Only <sup>b</sup>Luke is with me. Pick up <sup>c</sup>Mark and bring him with you, <sup>d</sup>for he is useful to me for service.

12 But <sup>a</sup>Tychicus I have sent to <sup>b</sup>Ephesus.

13 When you come bring the cloak which I left at <sup>a</sup>Troas with Carpus, and the books, especially the parchments.

14 <sup>a</sup>Alexander the coppersmith did me much harm; <sup>b</sup>the Lord will repay him according to his deeds.

15 Be on guard against him yourself, for he vigorously opposed our <sup>1</sup>teaching.

16 At my first defense no one supported me, but all deserted me; <sup>a</sup>may it not be counted against them.

17 But the Lord stood with me, and <sup>a</sup>strengthened me, in order that through me <sup>b</sup>the proclamation might <sup>1</sup>be <sup>c</sup>fully accomplished, and that all <sup>d</sup>the Gentiles might hear; and I was <sup>e</sup>delivered out of <sup>f</sup>the lion's mouth.

18 The Lord will deliver me from every evil deed, and will <sup>1a</sup>bring me safely to His <sup>b</sup>heavenly kingdom; <sup>c</sup>to <sup>2</sup>Him *be* the glory forever and ever. Amen.

19 Greet Prisca and <sup>a</sup>Aquila, and <sup>b</sup>the household of Onesiphorus.

20 <sup>a</sup>Erastus remained at <sup>b</sup>Corinth, but Trophimus I left sick at <sup>c</sup>Miletus.

21 <sup>a</sup>Make every effort to come before <sup>b</sup>winter. Eubulus greets you, also Pudens and Linus and Claudia and all the brethren.

22 <sup>a</sup>The Lord be with your spirit. <sup>b</sup>Grace be with you.



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**Salutation. Qualifications of an Elder.  
Disorderly Teachers to be Reproved.**

**PAUL**, <sup>a</sup>a bond-servant of God, and an <sup>b</sup>apostle of Jesus Christ, <sup>1</sup>for the faith of those <sup>c</sup>chosen of God and <sup>d</sup>the knowledge of the truth which is <sup>e</sup>according to godliness,

<sup>2</sup> in <sup>a</sup>the hope of eternal life, which God, <sup>b</sup>who cannot lie, <sup>c</sup>promised <sup>d</sup>long ages ago,

<sup>3</sup> but <sup>a</sup>at the proper time manifested, *even* His word, in <sup>b</sup>the proclamation <sup>c</sup>with which I was entrusted <sup>d</sup>according to the commandment of <sup>e</sup>God our Savior;

<sup>4</sup> to <sup>a</sup>Titus, <sup>b</sup>my true child <sup>1</sup>in a <sup>c</sup>common faith: <sup>d</sup>Grace and peace from God the Father and <sup>e</sup>Christ Jesus our Savior.

<sup>5</sup> For this reason I left you in <sup>a</sup>Crete, that you might set in order what remains, and <sup>b</sup>appoint <sup>c</sup>elders in every city as I directed you,

<sup>6</sup> namely, <sup>a</sup>if any man be above reproach, the <sup>b</sup>husband of one wife, having children who believe, not accused of <sup>c</sup>dissipation or <sup>d</sup>rebellion.

<sup>7</sup> For the <sup>1a</sup>overseer must be above reproach as <sup>b</sup>God's steward, not <sup>c</sup>self-willed, not quick-tempered, not <sup>d</sup>addicted to wine, not pugnacious, <sup>e</sup>not fond of sordid gain,

<sup>8</sup> but <sup>a</sup>hospitable, <sup>b</sup>loving what is good, sensible, just, devout, self-controlled,

<sup>9</sup> <sup>a</sup>holding fast the faithful word which is in accordance with the teaching, that he may be able both to exhort in <sup>b</sup>sound doctrine and to refute those who contradict.

<sup>10</sup> <sup>a</sup>For there are many <sup>b</sup>rebellious men, <sup>c</sup>empty talkers and deceivers, especially <sup>d</sup>those of the circumcision,

<sup>11</sup> who must be silenced because they are <sup>a</sup>upsetting <sup>b</sup>whole families, teaching <sup>c</sup>things they should not *teach*, <sup>d</sup>for the sake of sordid gain.

<sup>12</sup> <sup>a</sup>One of themselves, a prophet of their own, said, "<sup>b</sup>Cre-tans are always liars, evil beasts, lazy gluttons."

<sup>13</sup> This testimony is true. For this cause <sup>a</sup>reprove them <sup>b</sup>severely that they may be <sup>c</sup>sound in the faith,

<sup>14</sup> not paying attention to Jewish <sup>a</sup>myths and <sup>b</sup>commandments of men who <sup>c</sup>turn away from the truth.

<sup>15</sup> <sup>a</sup>To the pure, all things are pure; but <sup>b</sup>to those who are defiled and unbelieving, nothing is pure, but both their <sup>c</sup>mind and their conscience are defiled.

<sup>16</sup> <sup>a</sup>They profess to know God, but by *their* deeds they <sup>b</sup>deny *Him*, being <sup>c</sup>detestable and <sup>d</sup>disobedient, and <sup>e</sup>worthless <sup>f</sup>for any good deed.

### CHAPTER 2

**BUT** as for you, speak the things which are fitting for <sup>a</sup>sound doctrine.

<sup>2</sup> <sup>a</sup>Older men are to be <sup>b</sup>temperate, dignified, <sup>c</sup>sensible, <sup>d</sup>sound <sup>e</sup>in faith, in love, in <sup>f</sup>perseverance.

<sup>1</sup> <sup>1</sup>Or, according to James 1:1; Rev. 1:1; Rom. 1:1 <sup>2</sup>Cor. 1:1 <sup>3</sup>Luke 18:7 <sup>4</sup>1 Tim. 2:4 <sup>5</sup>1 Tim. 6:3

<sup>2</sup> <sup>1</sup>Lit., before times eternal <sup>a</sup>Titus 3:7; 2 Tim. 1:1 <sup>b</sup>2 Tim. 2:13 <sup>c</sup>Rom. 1:2 <sup>d</sup>2 Tim. 1:9

<sup>3</sup> <sup>a</sup>1 Tim. 2:6 <sup>b</sup>2 Tim. 4:17; Rom. 16:25 <sup>c</sup>1 Tim. 1:11 <sup>d</sup>1 Tim. 1:1 <sup>e</sup>1 Tim. 1:1; Titus 2:10; 3:4; Luke 1:47

<sup>4</sup> <sup>1</sup>Lit., according to <sup>a</sup>2 Cor. 2:13 <sup>b</sup>2 Tim. 1:2 <sup>c</sup>2 Pet. 1:1 <sup>d</sup>Rom. 1:7 <sup>e</sup>1 Tim. 1:12; 2 Tim. 1:1

<sup>5</sup> <sup>a</sup>Acts 27:7; Titus 1:12 <sup>b</sup>Acts 14:23 <sup>c</sup>Acts 11:30

<sup>6</sup> <sup>a</sup>Titus 1:6-8; 1 Tim. 3:2-4 <sup>b</sup>1 Tim. 3:2 <sup>c</sup>Eph. 5:18 <sup>d</sup>Titus 1:10

<sup>7</sup> <sup>1</sup>Or, bishop <sup>a</sup>1 Tim. 3:2 <sup>b</sup>1 Cor. 4:1 <sup>c</sup>2 Pet. 2:10 <sup>d</sup>1 Tim. 3:3 <sup>e</sup>1 Tim. 3:3, 8

<sup>8</sup> <sup>a</sup>1 Tim. 3:2 <sup>b</sup>2 Tim. 3:3

<sup>9</sup> <sup>a</sup>1 Tim. 1:19; 2 Tim. 1:13; 2 Thess. 2:15 <sup>b</sup>1 Tim. 1:10; Titus 2:1

<sup>10</sup> <sup>a</sup>2 Cor. 11:13 <sup>b</sup>Titus 1:6 <sup>c</sup>1 Tim. 1:6 <sup>d</sup>Acts 11:2

<sup>11</sup> <sup>a</sup>1 Tim. 5:4 [in Gr.]; 2 Tim. 3:6 <sup>b</sup>1 Tim. 5:13 <sup>c</sup>1 Tim. 6:5

<sup>12</sup> <sup>a</sup>Acts 17:28. The Gr. hexameter is said to be taken from a work by the Cretan poet Epimenides <sup>b</sup>Acts 2:11; 27:7

<sup>13</sup> <sup>a</sup>1 Tim. 5:20; 2 Tim. 4:2; Titus 2:15 <sup>b</sup>2 Cor. 13:10 <sup>c</sup>Titus 2:2

<sup>14</sup> <sup>a</sup>1 Tim. 1:4 <sup>b</sup>Col. 2:22 <sup>c</sup>2 Tim. 4:4

<sup>15</sup> <sup>a</sup>Luke 11:41; Rom. 14:20 <sup>b</sup>Rom. 14:14, 23 <sup>c</sup>1 Tim. 6:5

<sup>16</sup> <sup>a</sup>1 John 2:4 <sup>b</sup>1 Tim. 5:8 <sup>c</sup>Rev. 21:8 <sup>d</sup>Titus 3:3 <sup>e</sup>2 Tim. 3:8 <sup>f</sup>2 Tim. 3:17; Titus 3:1

<sup>1</sup> <sup>a</sup>Titus 1:9

<sup>2</sup> <sup>1</sup>Or, steadfastness <sup>a</sup>Philem. 9 <sup>b</sup>1 Tim. 3:2 <sup>c</sup>Titus 1:13 <sup>d</sup>1 Tim. 1:2, 14

3 <sup>1</sup> 1 Tim. 3:11 <sup>b1</sup> Tim. 3:8

4 <sup>1</sup> Or, train

5 <sup>1</sup> 1 Tim. 5:14 <sup>b</sup> Eph. 5:22 <sup>c1</sup> Tim. 6:1

6 <sup>1</sup> Or, sensible in all things; show  
<sup>a1</sup> 1 Tim. 5:1 <sup>b1</sup> Tim. 3:2

7 <sup>1</sup> Or, soundness, lit., uncorruptness  
<sup>a1</sup> 1 Tim. 4:12

8 <sup>a1</sup> 1 Pet. 2:12; 2 Thess. 3:14

9 <sup>1</sup> Lit., contradicting  
<sup>a</sup> Eph. 6:5; 1 Tim. 6:1

10 <sup>a</sup> Titus 1:3

11 <sup>1</sup> Or, to all men, bringing  
<sup>a2</sup> Tim. 1:10; Titus 3:4  
<sup>b1</sup> Tim. 2:14

12 <sup>1</sup> Or, disciplining  
<sup>a1</sup> 1 Tim. 6:9; Titus 3:3  
<sup>b2</sup> Tim. 3:12 <sup>c1</sup> Tim. 6:17

13 <sup>1</sup> Or, the great God and our Savior  
<sup>a2</sup> Thess. 2:8 <sup>b2</sup> 1 Pet. 1:1; 1 Tim. 1:1; 2 Tim. 1:2; Titus 1:4

14 <sup>a1</sup> 1 Tim. 2:6 <sup>bPs.</sup> 130:8; 1 Pet. 1:18f. <sup>c</sup> Ezek. 37:23; Heb. 1:3; 9:14; 1 John 1:7 <sup>d</sup> Ex. 19:5; Deut. 14:2; 1 Pet. 2:9; Eph. 1:11 <sup>e</sup> Eph. 2:10; Titus 3:8; 1 Tim. 3:13

15 <sup>1</sup> Lit., command  
<sup>a1</sup> 1 Tim. 4:13; 5:20; 2 Tim. 4:2 <sup>b1</sup> Tim. 4:12

1 <sup>a2</sup> Tim. 2:14 <sup>b</sup> Rom. 13:1 <sup>c2</sup> Tim. 2:21

2 <sup>a1</sup> Tim. 3:3; 1 Pet. 2:18 <sup>b2</sup> Tim. 2:25

3 <sup>a</sup> Rom. 11:30; 1 Cor. 6:11; Col. 3:7 <sup>b</sup> Titus 1:16 <sup>c2</sup> Tim. 3:13 <sup>d</sup> Rom. 6:6, 12 <sup>e2</sup> Tim. 3:6; Titus 2:12 <sup>f</sup> Rom. 1:29

4 <sup>a</sup> Eph. 2:7; Rom. 2:4; 1 Pet. 2:3 <sup>b</sup> Titus 2:10 <sup>c</sup> Titus 2:11

5 <sup>a2</sup> Tim. 1:9; Rom. 11:14 <sup>b</sup> Eph. 2:9 <sup>c1</sup> 1 Pet. 1:3; Eph. 2:4 <sup>d</sup> Eph. 5:26; John 3:5; 1 Pet. 3:21 <sup>e</sup> Rom. 12:2

6 <sup>a</sup> Rom. 5:5 <sup>b</sup> Rom. 2:4; 1 Tim. 6:17

7 <sup>1</sup> Or, of eternal life according to hope  
<sup>a</sup> Rom. 8:17, 24; Titus 1:2; Matt. 25:34; Mark 10:17

8 <sup>a1</sup> Tim. 1:15 <sup>b1</sup> Tim. 2:8 <sup>c2</sup> Tim. 1:12 <sup>d</sup> Titus 3:14; 2:7, 14

9 <sup>a2</sup> Tim. 2:16 <sup>b2</sup> Tim. 2:23; 1 Tim. 1:4 <sup>c1</sup> Tim. 1:4 <sup>d</sup> James 4:1 <sup>e2</sup> Tim. 2:14

3 Older women likewise are to be reverent in their behavior, <sup>a</sup>not malicious gossips, nor <sup>b</sup>enslaved to much wine, teaching what is good,

4 that they may <sup>1</sup>encourage the young women to love their husbands, to love their children,

5 to be sensible, pure, <sup>a</sup>workers at home, kind, being <sup>b</sup>subject to their own husbands, <sup>c</sup>that the word of God may not be dishonored.

6 Likewise urge <sup>a</sup>the young men to be <sup>1b</sup>sensible;

7 in all things show yourself to be <sup>a</sup>an example of good deeds, with <sup>1</sup>purity in doctrine, dignified,

8 sound in speech which is beyond reproach, in order <sup>a</sup>that the opponent may be put to shame, having nothing bad to say about us.

9 Urge <sup>a</sup>bondslaves to be subject to their own masters in everything, to be well-pleasing, not <sup>1</sup>argumentative,

10 not pilfering, but showing all good faith that they may adorn the doctrine of <sup>a</sup>God our Savior in every respect.

11 For the grace of God has <sup>a</sup>appeared, <sup>1b</sup>bringing salvation to all men,

12 <sup>1</sup>instructing us to deny ungodliness and <sup>a</sup>worldly desires and <sup>b</sup>to live sensibly, righteously and godly <sup>c</sup>in the present age,

13 looking for the blessed hope and the <sup>a</sup>appearing of the glory of <sup>1b</sup>our great God and Savior, Christ Jesus;

14 who <sup>a</sup>gave Himself for us, <sup>b</sup>that HE MIGHT REDEEM US FROM EVERY LAWLESS DEED and <sup>c</sup>PURIFY FOR HIMSELF A <sup>d</sup>PEOPLE FOR HIS OWN POSSESSION, <sup>e</sup>zealous for good deeds.

15 These things speak and <sup>a</sup>exhort and <sup>a</sup>improve with all <sup>1</sup>authority. <sup>b</sup>Let no one disregard you.

## CHAPTER 3

<sup>a</sup> REMIND them <sup>b</sup>to be subject to rulers, to authorities, to be obedient, to be <sup>c</sup>ready for every good deed,

2 to malign no one, <sup>a</sup>to be uncontentious, <sup>a</sup>gentle, <sup>b</sup>showing every consideration for all men.

3 <sup>a</sup>For we also once were foolish ourselves, <sup>b</sup>disobedient, <sup>c</sup>deceived, <sup>d</sup>enslaved to <sup>e</sup>various lusts and pleasures, spending our life in <sup>f</sup>malice and <sup>f</sup>envy, hateful, hating one another.

4 But when the <sup>a</sup>kindness of <sup>b</sup>God our Savior and <sup>c</sup>His love for mankind <sup>d</sup>appeared,

5 <sup>a</sup>He saved us, <sup>b</sup>not on the basis of deeds which we have done in righteousness, but <sup>c</sup>according to His mercy, by the <sup>d</sup>washing of regeneration and <sup>e</sup>renewing by the Holy Spirit,

6 <sup>a</sup>whom He poured out upon us <sup>b</sup>richly through Jesus Christ our Savior,

7 that being justified by His grace we might be made <sup>a</sup>heirs <sup>1</sup>according to <sup>the</sup> hope of eternal life.

8 <sup>a</sup>This is a trustworthy statement; and concerning these things I <sup>b</sup>want you to speak confidently, so that those who have <sup>c</sup>believed God may be careful to <sup>d</sup>engage in good deeds. These things are good and profitable for men.

9 But <sup>a</sup>shun <sup>b</sup>foolish controversies and <sup>c</sup>genealogies and strife and <sup>d</sup>disputes about the Law; for they are <sup>e</sup>unprofitable and worthless.

10 <sup>a</sup>Reject a <sup>b</sup>factionous man <sup>c</sup>after a first and second warning,  
11 knowing that such a man is <sup>a</sup>perverted and is sinning,  
being self-condemned.

12 When I send Artemas or <sup>a</sup>Tychicus to you, <sup>b</sup>make every effort to come to me at <sup>c</sup>Nicopolis, for I have decided to <sup>d</sup>spend the winter there.

13 <sup>a</sup>Diligently help Zenas the <sup>b</sup>lawyer and <sup>c</sup>Apollos on their way so that nothing is lacking for them.

14 And let <sup>a</sup>our *people* also learn to <sup>b</sup>engage in good <sup>1</sup>deeds to meet <sup>c</sup>pressing needs, that they may not be <sup>d</sup>unfruitful.

15 <sup>a</sup>All who are with me greet you. Greet those who love us <sup>b</sup>in *the* faith.

<sup>c</sup>Grace be with you all.

## THE EPISTLE OF PAUL TO PHILEMON

Salutation. Thanksgiving for Philemon's  
Love and Fellowship.

<sup>a</sup>  
PAUL, <sup>b</sup>a prisoner of <sup>c</sup>Christ Jesus, and <sup>d</sup>Timothy <sup>1</sup>our brother, to Philemon our beloved *brother* and <sup>e</sup>fellow-worker,

2 and to Apphia <sup>1a</sup>our sister, and to <sup>b</sup>Archippus our fellow-soldier, and to <sup>d</sup>the church in your house:

3 <sup>a</sup>Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

4 <sup>a</sup>I thank my God always, <sup>b</sup>making mention of you in my prayers,

5 because I <sup>a</sup>hear of your love, and of the faith which you have toward the Lord Jesus, and toward all the <sup>1</sup>saints;

6 *and I pray* that the fellowship of your faith may become effective <sup>1</sup>through the <sup>a</sup>knowledge of every good thing which is in <sup>2</sup>you <sup>3</sup>for Christ's sake.

7 For I have come to have much <sup>a</sup>joy and comfort in your love, because the <sup>1</sup>hearts of the <sup>2</sup>saints have been <sup>b</sup>refreshed through you, brother.

8 Therefore, <sup>a</sup>though I have <sup>1</sup>enough confidence in Christ to order you *to do* that which is <sup>b</sup>proper,

9 yet for love's sake I rather <sup>a</sup>appeal *to you*—since I am such a person as Paul, <sup>1</sup>the <sup>b</sup>aged, and now also <sup>c</sup>a prisoner of <sup>d</sup>Christ Jesus—

10 I <sup>a</sup>appeal to you for my <sup>b</sup>child, whom I have begotten in my <sup>1</sup>imprisonment, <sup>2c</sup>Onesimus,

11 who formerly was useless to you, but now is useful both to you and to me.

12 And I have sent him back to you in person, that is, *sending* my very heart,

13 whom I wished to keep with me, that in your behalf he might minister to me in my <sup>1a</sup>imprisonment for the gospel;

14 but without your consent I did not want to do anything, that your goodness should <sup>a</sup>not be as it were by compulsion, but of your own free will.

10 <sup>a2</sup> John 10 <sup>b</sup>Rom. 16:17 <sup>c</sup>Matt. 18:15f.

11 <sup>a</sup>Titus 1:14

12 <sup>a</sup>Acts 20:4; 2 Tim. 4:12  
<sup>b2</sup> Tim. 4:9 <sup>c2</sup> Tim. 4:10  
<sup>d2</sup> Tim. 4:21

13 <sup>a</sup>Acts 15:3 <sup>b</sup>Matt. 22:35  
<sup>c</sup>Acts 18:24

14 <sup>1</sup>Or, *occupations*  
<sup>a</sup>Titus 2:8 <sup>b</sup>Titus 3:8 <sup>c</sup>Rom. 12:13; Phil. 4:16 <sup>d</sup>Matt. 7:19; Phil. 1:11; Col. 1:10

15 <sup>a</sup>Acts 20:34 <sup>b1</sup> Tim. 1:2  
<sup>c</sup>Col. 4:18

1 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *the*  
<sup>a</sup>Phil. 1:1 <sup>b</sup>Philem. 9, 23;  
Eph. 3:1 <sup>c</sup>Philem. 9, 23;  
Gal. 3:26; 1 Tim. 1:12 <sup>d2</sup>  
Cor. 1:1; Col. 1:1 <sup>e</sup>Philem.  
24; Phil. 2:25

2 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *the*  
<sup>a</sup>Rom. 16:1 <sup>b</sup>Col. 4:17  
<sup>c</sup>Phil. 2:25; 2 Tim. 2:3  
<sup>d</sup>Rom. 16:5

3 <sup>a</sup>Rom. 1:7

4 <sup>a</sup>Rom. 1:8 <sup>b</sup>Rom. 1:9

5 <sup>1</sup>i.e., true believers; lit.,  
*holy ones*  
<sup>a</sup>Eph. 1:15; Col. 1:4;  
1 Thess. 3:6

6 <sup>1</sup>Or, in <sup>2</sup>Some ancient  
ms. read, us <sup>1</sup>Lit., *toward*  
*Christ*  
<sup>a</sup>Phil. 1:9; Col. 1:9; 3:10

7 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *inward parts*  
<sup>2</sup>i.e., true believers; lit.,  
*holy ones*  
<sup>a2</sup> Cor. 7:4; 13 <sup>b</sup>Philem. 20;  
1 Cor. 16:18; 2 Cor. 7:13

8 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *much*  
<sup>a2</sup> Cor. 3:12; 1 Thess. 2:6  
<sup>b</sup>Eph. 5:4

9 <sup>1</sup>Or, *an ambassador*  
<sup>a</sup>Rom. 12:1 <sup>b</sup>Titus 2:2  
<sup>c</sup>Philem. 1 <sup>d</sup>Philem. 9, 23;  
Gal. 3:26; 1 Tim. 1:12

10 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *bonds* <sup>2</sup>i.e.,  
Useful  
<sup>a</sup>Rom. 12:1 <sup>b1</sup> Cor. 4:14f.  
<sup>c</sup>Col. 4:9

13 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *bonds*  
<sup>a</sup>Philem. 10; Phil. 1:7

14 <sup>a1</sup> Pet. 5:2; 2 Cor. 9:7

15 \*Gen. 45:5, 8

16 \*1 Cor. 7:22 \*Matt. 23:8; 1 Tim. 6:2 \*Eph. 6:5; Col. 3:22

17 \*2 Cor. 8:23; Philem. 6

19 <sup>1</sup>Lit., say  
\*1 Cor. 16:21; 2 Cor. 10:1; Gal. 5:2 \*2 Cor. 9:4

20 \*Philem. 7

21 \*2 Cor. 2:3

22 \*Acts 28:23 \*Phil. 1:25; 2:24 \*2 Cor. 1:11 \*Acts 27:24; Heb. 13:19

23 \*Col. 1:7 \*Rom. 16:7; Philem. 1 \*Philem. 1

24 \*Acts 12:12 \*Acts 19:29; Col. 4:10 \*Col. 4:14; 2 Tim. 4:10f. \*Philem. 1

25 <sup>1</sup>Some ancient mss. add, Amen  
\*Gal. 6:18 \*2 Tim. 4:22

1 \*Heb. 2:2f.; 3:5; 4:8; 5:5; 11:18; 12:25; John 9:29; 16:13 \*Acts 2:30; 3:21 \*Num. 12:6, 8; Joel 2:28

2 <sup>1</sup>Or, at the end of these days <sup>2</sup>Lit., ages  
\*Heb. 9:26; 1 Pet. 1:20; Matt. 13:39 \*Heb. 2:2f.; 3:5; 4:8; 5:5; 11:18; 12:25; John 9:29; John 16:13 \*Heb. 3:6; 5:8; 7:28; John 5:26, 27 \*Ps. 2:8; Matt. 28:18; Mark 12:7; Rom. 8:17; Heb. 2:8 \*John 1:3; Col. 1:16; 1 Cor. 8:6 \*Heb. 11:3; 1 Cor. 2:7

3 <sup>1</sup>Lit., Who being <sup>2</sup>Lit., upholding  
\*2 Cor. 4:4 \*Col. 1:17 \*Titus 2:14; Heb. 9:14 \*Heb. 8:1; 10:12; 12:2; Mark 16:19 \*2 Pet. 1:17

4 \*Eph. 1:21; Phil. 2:9

5 \*Ps. 2:7; Acts 13:33; Heb. 5:5 \*2 Sam. 7:14

6 <sup>1</sup>Or, again when He brings <sup>2</sup>Lit., the inhabited earth  
\*Heb. 10:5 \*Matt. 24:14 \*Deut. 32:43 Sept.; Ps. 97:7

15 For perhaps <sup>a</sup>he was for this reason parted *from you* for a while, that you should have him back forever,

16 <sup>a</sup>no longer as a slave, but more than a slave, <sup>b</sup>a beloved brother, especially to me, but how much more to you, both <sup>c</sup>in the flesh and in the Lord.

17 If then you regard me a <sup>a</sup>partner, accept him as you *would* me.

18 But if he has wronged you in any way, or owes you anything, charge that to my account;

19 <sup>a</sup>I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand, I will repay it (<sup>b</sup>lest I should <sup>1</sup>mention to you that you owe to me even your own self as well).

20 Yes, brother, let me benefit from you in the Lord; <sup>a</sup>refresh my heart in Christ.

21 <sup>a</sup>Having confidence in your obedience, I write to you, since I know that you will do even more than what I say.

22 And at the same time also prepare me a <sup>a</sup>lodging; for <sup>b</sup>I hope that through <sup>c</sup>your prayers <sup>d</sup>I shall be given to you.

23 <sup>a</sup>Epaphras, my <sup>b</sup>fellow prisoner in <sup>c</sup>Christ Jesus, greets you,

24 *as do* <sup>a</sup>Mark, <sup>b</sup>Aristarchus, <sup>c</sup>Demas, <sup>c</sup>Luke, my <sup>d</sup>fellow-workers.

25 <sup>a</sup>The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be <sup>b</sup>with your spirit.<sup>1</sup>

## THE EPISTLE TO THE HEBREWS

### God's Final Word spoken through His Son.

**G**OD, after He <sup>a</sup>spoke long ago to the fathers in <sup>b</sup>the prophets in many portions and <sup>c</sup>in many ways,

2 <sup>1a</sup>in these last days <sup>b</sup>has spoken to us in <sup>c</sup>His Son, whom He appointed <sup>d</sup>heir of all things, <sup>e</sup>through whom also He made the <sup>2f</sup>world.

3 <sup>1</sup>And He is the radiance of His glory and the exact <sup>a</sup>representation of His nature, and <sup>2b</sup>upholds all things by the word of His power. When He had made <sup>c</sup>purification of sins, He <sup>d</sup>sat down at the right hand of the <sup>e</sup>Majesty on high;

4 having become as much better than the angels, as He has inherited a more excellent <sup>a</sup>name than they.

5 For to which of the angels did He ever say,  
"A THOU ART MY SON,

TODAY I HAVE BEGOTTEN THEE"?

And again,

"I WILL BE A FATHER TO HIM,

AND HE SHALL BE A SON TO ME"?

6 And <sup>1</sup>when He again <sup>a</sup>brings the first-born into <sup>2b</sup>the world, He says,

"AND LET ALL THE ANGELS OF GOD WORSHIP HIM."

7 And of the angels He says,

**Christ Superior to Angels.  
How Escape If We Neglect?**

**Hebrews 1, 2**

- “**WHO MAKES HIS ANGELS WINDS,  
AND HIS MINISTERS A FLAME OF FIRE.”**
- 8 **BUT OF THE SON** *He says,*  
“**THY <sup>b</sup>THRONE, O GOD, IS FOREVER AND EVER,  
AND THE RIGHTEOUS SCEPTER IS THE SCEPTER OF <sup>1</sup>HIS  
KINGDOM.**
- 9 “**THOU HAST LOVED RIGHTEOUSNESS AND HATED LAW-  
LESSNESS;  
<sup>b</sup>THEREFORE GOD, THY GOD, HATH <sup>c</sup>ANointed THEE  
WITH THE OIL OF GLADNESS ABOVE THY COMPANIONS.”**
- 10 **And,**  
“**THOU, LORD, IN THE BEGINNING DIDST LAY THE FOUND-  
DATION OF THE EARTH,  
AND THE HEAVENS ARE THE WORKS OF THY HANDS;  
<sup>a</sup>THEY WILL PERISH, BUT THOU REMAINEST;  
<sup>b</sup>AND THEY ALL WILL BECOME OLD AS A GARMENT,  
<sup>a</sup>AND AS A MANTLE THOU WILT ROLL THEM UP;  
AS A GARMENT THEY WILL ALSO BE CHANGED.  
BUT THOU ART <sup>b</sup>THE SAME,  
AND THY YEARS WILL NOT COME TO AN END.”**
- 13 **But to which of the angels has He ever said,  
“<sup>a</sup>SIT AT MY RIGHT HAND,  
<sup>b</sup>UNTIL I MAKE THINE ENEMIES  
A FOOTSTOOL FOR THY FEET”?**
- 14 **Are they not all <sup>a</sup>ministering spirits, sent out to render  
service for the sake of those who will <sup>b</sup>inherit <sup>c</sup>salvation?**

**CHAPTER 2**

**F**OR this reason we must pay much closer attention to <sup>1</sup>what we have heard, lest <sup>a</sup>we drift away *from it*.

2 For if the word <sup>a</sup>spoken through <sup>b</sup>angels proved <sup>1</sup>unalterable, and <sup>c</sup>every transgression and disobedience received a just <sup>d</sup>recompense,

3 <sup>a</sup>how shall we escape if we neglect so great a <sup>b</sup>salvation? <sup>1</sup>After it was at the first <sup>c</sup>spoken through the Lord, it was <sup>d</sup>confirmed to us by those who heard,

4 God also bearing witness with them, both by <sup>a</sup>signs and <sup>a</sup>wonders and by <sup>b</sup>various <sup>1</sup>miracles and by <sup>2</sup>gifts of the Holy Spirit <sup>d</sup>according to His own will.

5 For He did not subject to angels <sup>1a</sup>the world to come, concerning which we are speaking.

6 But one has <sup>a</sup>testified <sup>b</sup>somewhere, saying,  
“**WHAT IS MAN, THAT THOU REMEMBEREST HIM?  
OR THE SON OF MAN, THAT THOU ART CONCERNED  
ABOUT HIM?**

7 “**THOU HAST MADE HIM <sup>1</sup>FOR A LITTLE WHILE LOWER  
THAN THE ANGELS;  
THOU HAST CROWNED HIM WITH GLORY AND HONOR,  
<sup>2</sup>AND HAST APPOINTED HIM OVER THE WORKS OF THY  
HANDS;**

8 **THOU HAST PUT ALL THINGS IN SUBJECTION UNDER HIS  
FEET.”**

For in subjecting all things to him, He left nothing that is not subject to him. But now <sup>b</sup>we do not yet see all things subjected to him.

7 \*Ps. 104:4

8 <sup>1</sup>Some mss. read, *Thy*  
\*Ps. 45:6 <sup>b</sup>Deut. 33:27; Ps.  
71:3; 90:1; 91:2, 9

9 \*Ps. 45:7 <sup>b</sup>Phil. 2:9;  
John 10:17; Heb. 2:9 <sup>c</sup>Is.  
61:1, 3

10 \*Ps. 102:25

11 \*Ps. 102:26 <sup>b</sup>Is. 51:6;  
Heb. 8:13

12 \*Ps. 102:26, 27 <sup>b</sup>Heb.  
13:8

13 \*Ps. 110:1; Matt. 22:44;  
Heb. 1:3 <sup>b</sup>Heb. 10:13; Josh.  
10:24

14 \*Dan. 7:10; Ps. 103:20f.  
<sup>b</sup>Matt. 25:34; Mark 10:17;  
Titus 3:7; Heb. 6:12 <sup>c</sup>Heb.  
2:3; 5:9; 9:28; Rom. 11:14;  
1 Cor. 1:21

<sup>1</sup> <sup>1</sup>Lat., *the things that  
have been heard*  
\*Prov. 3:21 [Sept.]

2 <sup>1</sup>Or, *steadfast*  
\*Heb. 1:1 <sup>b</sup>Acts 7:53 <sup>c</sup>Heb.  
10:28 <sup>d</sup>Heb. 10:35; 11:26

3 <sup>1</sup> <sup>1</sup>Lat., *Which was*  
\*Heb. 10:29; 12:25 <sup>b</sup>Heb.  
1:14; 5:9; 9:28; Rom. 11:14;  
1 Cor. 1:21 <sup>c</sup>Heb. 1:1  
<sup>d</sup>Mark 16:20; Luke 1:2;  
1 John 1:1

4 <sup>1</sup>Or, *works of power*  
<sup>2</sup> <sup>1</sup>Lat., *distributions*  
\*John 4:48 <sup>b</sup>Mark 6:14  
<sup>c</sup>1 Cor. 12:4, 11; Eph. 4:7  
<sup>d</sup>Eph. 1:5

5 <sup>1</sup> <sup>1</sup>Lat., *the inhabited  
earth*  
\*Heb. 6:5; Matt. 24:14;  
Heb. 1:6

6 <sup>1</sup> <sup>1</sup>Thess. 4:6 <sup>b</sup>Heb. 4:4  
<sup>c</sup>Ps. 8:4

7 <sup>1</sup>Or, *a little lower*  
<sup>2</sup>Some ancient mss. omit,  
*And . . . hands*  
\*Ps. 8:5, 6

8 \*Ps. 8:6; 1 Cor. 15:27  
<sup>b</sup>1 Cor. 15:25

Hebrews 2, 3

9 <sup>1</sup>Or, a little lower  
<sup>a</sup>Heb. 2:7 <sup>b</sup>Phil. 2:9; Heb. 1:9  
<sup>c</sup>Acts 2:33; 3:13; 1 Pet. 1:21  
<sup>d</sup>John 3:16 <sup>e</sup>Matt. 16:28; John 8:52 <sup>f</sup>Heb. 6:20; 7:25

10 <sup>1</sup>Or, leader  
<sup>a</sup>Luke 24:26 <sup>b</sup>Rom. 11:36  
<sup>c</sup>Heb. 5:9; 7:28; Luke 13:32  
<sup>d</sup>Acts 3:15; 5:31

11 <sup>1</sup>Or, being sanctified  
<sup>a</sup>Heb. 13:12 <sup>b</sup>Heb. 10:10  
<sup>c</sup>Acts 17:28 <sup>d</sup>Matt. 25:40;  
Mark 3:34f.; John 20:17

12 <sup>1</sup>Lit., church  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 22:22

13 <sup>a</sup>Is. 8:17 <sup>b</sup>Is. 8:18

14 <sup>1</sup>Lit., blood and flesh  
<sup>a</sup>Matt. 16:17 <sup>b</sup>John 1:14;  
Heb. 7:13 marg. <sup>c</sup>1 Cor. 15:54-57;  
2 Tim. 1:10  
<sup>d</sup>1 John 3:8; John 12:31

15 <sup>a</sup>Rom. 8:15

16 <sup>1</sup>Lit., take hold of  
angels, but He takes hold  
of <sup>a</sup>i.e., offspring

17 <sup>1</sup>Lit., was obligated to  
be  
<sup>a</sup>Heb. 2:14; Phil. 2:7 <sup>b</sup>Heb. 4:15f.; 5:2  
<sup>c</sup>Heb. 3:1; 4:14f.; 5:5; 10; 6:20; 7:26, 28; 8:1, 3; 9:11; Heb. 10:21  
<sup>d</sup>Heb. 5:1; Rom. 15:17  
<sup>e</sup>1 John 2:2; 4:10; Dan. 9:24

18 <sup>a</sup>Heb. 4:15

1 <sup>a</sup>Heb. 2:11; 3:12; 10:19; 13:22; Acts 1:15  
<sup>b</sup>Phil. 3:14  
<sup>c</sup>John 17:3  
<sup>d</sup>Heb. 2:17; 4:14f.; 5:5; 10; 6:20; 7:26, 28; 8:1, 3; 9:11; Heb. 10:21  
<sup>e</sup>Heb. 4:14; 10:23; 2 Cor. 9:13

2 <sup>1</sup>Lit., Being faithful  
<sup>2</sup>Or, made  
<sup>a</sup>Heb. 3:5; Num. 12:7; Ex. 40:16

3 <sup>a</sup>2 Cor. 3:7-11

5 <sup>a</sup>Heb. 3:2; Num. 12:7; Ex. 40:16  
<sup>b</sup>Ex. 14:31; Num. 12:7  
<sup>c</sup>Deut. 18:18f. <sup>d</sup>Heb. 1:1

6 <sup>a</sup>Heb. 1:2 <sup>b</sup>1 Tim. 3:15; 1 Cor. 3:16  
<sup>c</sup>Rom. 11:22; Heb. 3:14; 4:14  
<sup>d</sup>Heb. 4:16; 10:19, 35; Eph. 3:12  
<sup>e</sup>Rom. 5:2 marg. <sup>f</sup>Heb. 6:11; 7:19; 10:23; Heb. 11:1; 1 Pet. 1:3

7 <sup>a</sup>Heb. 9:8; 10:15; Acts 28:25  
<sup>b</sup>Ps. 95:7; Heb. 3:15; 4:7

9 But we do see Him who has been <sup>a</sup>made <sup>1</sup>for a little while lower than the angels, *namely*, Jesus, <sup>b</sup>because of the suffering of death <sup>c</sup>crowned with glory and honor, that <sup>d</sup>by the grace of God He might <sup>e</sup>taste death <sup>f</sup>for every one.

10 For <sup>a</sup>it was fitting for Him, <sup>b</sup>for whom are all things, and <sup>b</sup>through whom are all things, in bringing many sons to glory, to <sup>c</sup>perfect the <sup>1d</sup>author of their salvation through sufferings.

11 For both He who <sup>a</sup>sanctifies and those who <sup>b</sup>are <sup>1s</sup>sanctified are all <sup>c</sup>from one *Father*; for which reason He is not ashamed to call them <sup>d</sup>brethren,

12 saying,

<sup>a</sup>"I WILL PROCLAIM THY NAME TO MY BRETHREN,  
IN THE MIDST OF THE <sup>1</sup>CONGREGATION I WILL SING THY PRAISE."

13 And again,

<sup>a</sup>"I WILL PUT MY TRUST IN HIM."

And again,

<sup>b</sup>"BEHOLD, I AND THE CHILDREN WHOM GOD HAS GIVEN ME."

14 Since then the children share in <sup>1a</sup>flesh and blood, <sup>b</sup>He Himself likewise also partook of the same, that <sup>c</sup>through death He might render powerless <sup>d</sup>him who had the power of death, that is, the devil;

15 and might deliver those who through <sup>a</sup>fear of death were subject to slavery all their lives.

16 For assuredly He does not <sup>1</sup>give help to angels, but He gives help to the <sup>2</sup>seed of Abraham.

17 Therefore, He <sup>1</sup>had <sup>a</sup>to be made like His brethren in all things, that He might <sup>b</sup>become a merciful and faithful <sup>c</sup>high priest in <sup>d</sup>things pertaining to God, to <sup>e</sup>make propitiation for the sins of the people.

18 For since He Himself was <sup>a</sup>tempted in that which He has suffered, He is able to come to the aid of those who are tempted.

CHAPTER 3

**T**HEREFORE, <sup>a</sup>holy brethren, partakers of a <sup>b</sup>heavenly calling, consider Jesus, <sup>c</sup>the Apostle and <sup>d</sup>High Priest of our <sup>e</sup>confession.

2 <sup>1</sup>He was faithful to Him who <sup>2</sup>appointed Him, as <sup>a</sup>Moses also was in all His house.

3 <sup>a</sup>For He has been counted worthy of more glory than Moses, by just so much as the builder of the house has more honor than the house.

4 For every house is built by someone, but the builder of all things is God.

5 Now <sup>a</sup>Moses was faithful in all His house as <sup>ba</sup>a servant, <sup>c</sup>for a testimony of those things <sup>d</sup>which were to be spoken later;

6 but Christ was *faithful* as <sup>a</sup>a Son over His house <sup>b</sup>whose house we are, <sup>c</sup>if we hold fast our <sup>d</sup>confidence and the <sup>e</sup>boast of our <sup>f</sup>hope firm until the end.

7 Therefore, just as <sup>a</sup>the Holy Spirit says,

<sup>b</sup>"TODAY IF YOU HEAR HIS VOICE,

**The Peril of Unbelief.  
The Believer's Rest.**

**Hebrews 3, 4**

8 <sup>a</sup>DO NOT HARDEN YOUR HEARTS AS <sup>1</sup>WHEN THEY PROVOKED ME,  
AS IN THE DAY OF TRIAL IN THE WILDERNESS,  
9 <sup>a</sup>WHERE YOUR FATHERS TRIED *Me* BY TESTING *Me*,  
AND SAW MY WORKS FOR <sup>b</sup>FORTY YEARS.  
10 <sup>a</sup>THEREFORE I WAS ANGRY WITH THIS GENERATION,  
AND SAID, "THEY ALWAYS GO ASTRAY IN THEIR HEART;  
AND THEY DID NOT KNOW MY WAYS";  
11 <sup>a</sup>AS I SWORE IN MY WRATH,  
"THEY SHALL NOT ENTER MY REST."  
12 <sup>a</sup>Take care, brethren, lest there should be in any one of you an evil, unbelieving heart, in falling away from <sup>b</sup>the living God.

13 But <sup>a</sup>encourage one another day after day, as long as it is *still* called "Today," lest any one of you be hardened by the <sup>b</sup>deceitfulness of sin.

14 For we have become partakers of Christ, <sup>a</sup>if we hold fast the beginning of our <sup>b</sup>assurance firm until the end;

15 while it is said,

"<sup>a</sup>TODAY IF YOU HEAR HIS VOICE,

DO NOT HARDEN YOUR HEARTS, AS <sup>1</sup>WHEN THEY PROVOKED ME."

16 For who <sup>a</sup>provoked *Him* when they had heard? Indeed, <sup>b</sup>did not all those who came out of Egypt *led* by Moses?

17 And with whom was He angry for forty years? Was it not with those who sinned, <sup>a</sup>whose bodies fell in the wilderness?

18 And to whom did He swear <sup>a</sup>that they should not enter His rest, but to those who were <sup>b</sup>disobedient?

19 And so we see that they were not able to enter because of <sup>a</sup>unbelief.

CHAPTER 4

**T**HEREFORE, let us fear lest, while a promise remains of entering His rest, any one of you should seem to have <sup>a</sup>come short of it.

2 For indeed we have had good news preached to us, just as they also; but <sup>a</sup>the word <sup>1</sup>they heard did not profit them, because <sup>2</sup>it was not united by faith in those who heard.

3 <sup>1</sup>For we who have believed enter that rest, just as He has said,

"<sup>a</sup>AS I SWORE IN MY WRATH,

THEY SHALL NOT ENTER MY REST,"

although His works were finished <sup>b</sup>from the foundation of the world.

4 For He has thus said <sup>a</sup>somewhere concerning the seventh day, "<sup>b</sup>AND GOD <sup>c</sup>RESTED ON THE SEVENTH DAY FROM ALL HIS WORKS";

5 and again in this *passage*, "<sup>a</sup>THEY SHALL NOT ENTER MY REST."

6 Since therefore it remains for some to enter it, and those who formerly had good news preached to them failed to enter because of <sup>a</sup>disobedience,

8 <sup>1</sup>Lit. in the provocation  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 95:8

9 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 95:9, 10 <sup>b</sup>Acts 7:36

10 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 95:10

11 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 95:11; Heb. 4:3, 5

12 <sup>a</sup>Heb. 12:25; Col. 2:8  
<sup>b</sup>Heb. 9:14; 10:31; 12:22;  
Matt. 16:16

13 <sup>a</sup>Heb. 10:24f. <sup>b</sup>Eph. 4:22

14 <sup>a</sup>Heb. 3:6 <sup>b</sup>Heb. 11:1  
(Gr.)

15 <sup>1</sup>Lit. in the provocation  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 95:7f.

16 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 32:29; 44:3, 8  
<sup>b</sup>Num. 14:2, 11; Deut. 1:35;  
Num. 14:30; Deut. 1:36, 38

17 <sup>a</sup>Num. 14:29; 1 Cor. 10:5

18 <sup>a</sup>Num. 14:23; Deut. 1:34f.; Heb. 4:2 <sup>b</sup>Heb. 4:6, 11; Rom. 11:30-32

19 <sup>a</sup>John 3:36

1 <sup>a</sup>Heb. 12:15

2 <sup>1</sup>Lit. of hearing <sup>2</sup>Or, they were... faith with those who heard  
<sup>a</sup>1 Thess. 2:13

3 <sup>1</sup>Some ancient mss. read, *Therefore*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 95:11; Heb. 3:11  
<sup>b</sup>Matt. 25:34

4 <sup>a</sup>Heb. 2:6 <sup>b</sup>Gen. 2:2  
<sup>c</sup>Ex. 20:11; 31:17

5 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 95:11; Heb. 3:11

6 <sup>a</sup>Heb. 3:18; 4:11

7 <sup>1</sup>Or, in  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 95 title in Sept. <sup>b</sup>Heb. 3:7f. <sup>c</sup>Ps. 95:7f.

8 <sup>a</sup>Josh. 22:4 <sup>b</sup>Heb. 1:1

10 <sup>a</sup>Rev. 14:13 <sup>b</sup>Heb. 4:4

11 <sup>a</sup>2 Pet. 2:6 <sup>b</sup>Heb. 3:18; 4:6

12 <sup>a</sup>1 Pet. 1:23; Jer. 23:29; Heb. 6:5; Eph. 5:26 <sup>b</sup>Acts 7:38 <sup>c</sup>1 Thess. 2:13 <sup>d</sup>Eph. 6:17 <sup>e</sup>1 Thess. 5:23 <sup>f</sup>John 12:48; 1 Cor. 14:24f.

13 <sup>a</sup>2 Chr. 16:9; Ps. 33:13-15 <sup>b</sup>Job 26:6

14 <sup>a</sup>Heb. 2:17 <sup>b</sup>Eph. 4:10; Heb. 6:20; 8:1; 9:24 <sup>c</sup>Heb. 6:6; 7:3; 10:29; Matt. 4:3; Heb. 1:2 <sup>d</sup>Heb. 3:1

15 <sup>a</sup>Heb. 2:17 <sup>b</sup>Heb. 2:18 <sup>c</sup>2 Cor. 5:21; Heb. 7:26

16 <sup>a</sup>Heb. 7:19 <sup>b</sup>Heb. 3:6

1 <sup>a</sup>Ex. 28:1 <sup>b</sup>Heb. 2:17 <sup>c</sup>Heb. 8:3f.; 9:9; 7:27; 10:11 <sup>d</sup>Heb. 7:27; 10:12; 1 Cor. 15:3

2 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *being able to*  
<sup>2</sup>Or, *subject to weakness*  
<sup>a</sup>Heb. 2:18; 4:15 <sup>b</sup>Heb. 9:7 marg.; Eph. 4:18 <sup>c</sup>James 5:19; 1 Pet. 2:25 <sup>d</sup>Heb. 7:28

3 <sup>a</sup>Heb. 7:27; 10:12; 1 Cor. 15:3 <sup>b</sup>Heb. 7:27; 9:7; Lev. 9:7; 16:6

4 <sup>a</sup>Num. 16:40; 18:7; 2 Chr. 26:18 <sup>b</sup>Ex. 28:1; 1 Chr. 23:13

5 <sup>a</sup>John 8:54 <sup>b</sup>Heb. 2:17; 5:10 <sup>c</sup>Heb. 1:1, 5 <sup>d</sup>Ps. 2:7

6 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 110:4; Heb. 7:17 <sup>b</sup>Heb. 5:10; 6:20; 7:11, 17

7 <sup>1</sup>Or, *out of*  
<sup>a</sup>Matt. 26:39, 42, 44; Mark 14:36, 39; Luke 22:41, 44 <sup>b</sup>Matt. 27:46, 50; Mark 15:34, 37; Luke 23:46 <sup>c</sup>Mark 14:36 <sup>d</sup>Heb. 12:28 marg.; Heb. 11:7

8 <sup>a</sup>Heb. 1:2 <sup>b</sup>Phil. 2:8

9 <sup>a</sup>Heb. 2:10

7 He again fixes a certain day, "Today," saying <sup>1a</sup>through David after so long a time just <sup>bas</sup>has been said before, "cTODAY IF YOU HEAR HIS VOICE, DO NOT HARDEN YOUR HEARTS."

8 For <sup>a</sup>if Joshua had given them rest, He would not have <sup>b</sup>spoken of another day after that.

9 There remains therefore a Sabbath rest for the people of God.

10 For the one who has entered His rest has himself also <sup>a</sup>rested from his works, as <sup>b</sup>God did from His.

11 Let us therefore be diligent to enter that rest, lest anyone fall through *following* the same <sup>a</sup>example of <sup>b</sup>disobedience.

12 For <sup>a</sup>the word of God is <sup>b</sup>living and <sup>c</sup>active and sharper than any two-edged <sup>d</sup>sword, and piercing as far as the division of <sup>e</sup>soul and <sup>e</sup>spirit, of both joints and marrow, and <sup>f</sup>able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart.

13 And <sup>a</sup>there is no creature hidden from His sight, but all things are <sup>b</sup>open and laid bare to the eyes of Him with whom we have to do.

14 Since then we have a great <sup>a</sup>high priest who has <sup>b</sup>passed through the heavens, Jesus <sup>c</sup>the Son of God, let us hold fast our <sup>d</sup>confession.

15 For we do not have <sup>a</sup>a high priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who has been <sup>b</sup>tempted in all things as *we are*, yet <sup>c</sup>without sin.

16 Let us therefore <sup>a</sup>draw near with <sup>b</sup>confidence to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and may find grace to help in time of need.

## CHAPTER 5

FOR every high priest <sup>a</sup>taken from among men is appointed on behalf of men in <sup>b</sup>things pertaining to God, in order to <sup>c</sup>offer both gifts and sacrifices <sup>d</sup>for sins;

2 <sup>1a</sup>he can deal gently with the <sup>b</sup>ignorant and <sup>c</sup>misguided, since he himself also is <sup>2d</sup>beset with weakness;

3 and because of it he is obligated to offer *sacrifices* <sup>a</sup>for sins, <sup>bas</sup>for the people, so also for himself.

4 And <sup>a</sup>no one takes the honor to himself, but *receives it* when he is called by God, even <sup>bas</sup>as Aaron was.

5 So also Christ <sup>a</sup>did not glorify Himself so as to become a <sup>b</sup>high priest, but He who <sup>c</sup>said to Him,

"<sup>d</sup>THOU ART MY SON,  
 TODAY I HAVE BEGOTTEN THEE";

6 just as He says also in another *passage*,  
 "aTHOU ART A PRIEST FOREVER

ACCORDING TO <sup>b</sup>THE ORDER OF MELCHIZEDEK."

7 In the days of His flesh, <sup>a</sup>when He offered up both prayers and supplications with <sup>b</sup>loud crying and tears to Him who was <sup>c</sup>able to save Him <sup>1</sup>from death, and who was heard because of His <sup>d</sup>piety,

8 although He was <sup>a</sup>a Son, He learned <sup>b</sup>obedience from the things which He suffered;

9 and having been made <sup>a</sup>perfect, He became to all those who obey Him the source of eternal salvation;



10 being designated by God as <sup>a</sup>a high priest according to <sup>b</sup>the order of Melchizedek.

11 Concerning <sup>1</sup>him we have much to say, and *it is hard to explain*, since you have become dull of hearing.

12 For though <sup>1</sup>by this time you ought to be teachers, you have need again for some one to teach you <sup>a</sup>the <sup>2</sup>elementary principles of the <sup>c</sup>oracles of God, and you have come to need <sup>d</sup>milk and not solid food.

13 For every one who partakes *only* of milk is not accustomed to the word of righteousness, for he is a <sup>a</sup>babe.

14 But solid food is for <sup>a</sup>the mature, who because of practice have their senses <sup>b</sup>trained to <sup>c</sup>discern good and evil.

CHAPTER 6

**T**HEREFORE <sup>a</sup>leaving <sup>b</sup>the <sup>1</sup>elementary teaching about the <sup>2</sup>Christ, let us press on to <sup>3</sup>maturity, not laying again a foundation of repentance from <sup>d</sup>dead works and of faith toward God,

2 of <sup>a</sup>instruction about washings, and <sup>b</sup>laying on of hands, and the <sup>c</sup>resurrection of the dead, and <sup>e</sup>eternal judgment.

3 And this we shall do, <sup>a</sup>if God permits.

4 For in the case of those who have once been <sup>a</sup>enlightened and have tasted of <sup>b</sup>the heavenly gift and have been made <sup>c</sup>partakers of the Holy Spirit,

5 and <sup>a</sup>have tasted the good <sup>b</sup>word of God and the powers of <sup>c</sup>the age to come,

6 and *then* have fallen away, it is <sup>a</sup>impossible to renew them again to repentance, <sup>1</sup>since they again crucify to themselves the Son of God, and put Him to open shame.

7 For ground that drinks the rain which often <sup>1</sup>falls upon it and brings forth vegetation useful to those <sup>a</sup>for whose sake it is also tilled, receives a blessing from God;

8 but if it yields thorns and thistles, it is worthless and <sup>a</sup>close <sup>1</sup>to being cursed, and <sup>2</sup>it ends up being burned.

9 But, <sup>a</sup>beloved, we are convinced of better things concerning you, and things that <sup>1</sup>accompany salvation, though we are speaking in this way.

10 For <sup>a</sup>God is not unjust so as to forget <sup>b</sup>your work and the love which you have shown toward His name, in having <sup>c</sup>ministered and in still ministering to the <sup>1</sup>saints.

11 And we desire that each one of you show the same diligence <sup>1</sup>so as to realize the <sup>a</sup>full assurance of <sup>b</sup>hope until the end,

12 that you may not be sluggish, but <sup>a</sup>imitators of those who through <sup>b</sup>faith and patience <sup>c</sup>inherit the promises.

13 For <sup>a</sup>when God made the promise to Abraham, since He could swear by no one greater, He <sup>b</sup>swore by Himself,

14 saying, "I WILL SURELY BLESS YOU, AND I WILL SURELY MULTIPLY YOU."

15 And thus, <sup>a</sup>having patiently waited, he obtained the promise.

16 <sup>a</sup>For men swear by one greater *than themselves*, and with them <sup>b</sup>an oath *given* as confirmation is an end of every dispute.

10 <sup>a</sup>Heb. 2:17; 5:5 <sup>b</sup>Heb. 5:6

11 <sup>1</sup>Or, *Him*; or, *this*

12 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *because of the time* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *elements of the beginning*  
<sup>a</sup>Gal. 4:3 <sup>b</sup>Heb. 6:1 <sup>c</sup>Acts 7:38 <sup>d</sup>1 Cor. 3:2; 1 Pet. 2:2

13 <sup>a</sup>1 Cor. 3:1; 1 Cor. 14:20; 1 Pet. 2:2

14 <sup>a</sup>1 Cor. 2:6; Eph. 4:13; Heb. 6:1 marg. <sup>b</sup>1 Tim. 4:7 <sup>c</sup>Rom. 14:1

1 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *word of the beginning* <sup>2</sup>I.e., *Messiah*  
<sup>3</sup>Or, *perfection*  
<sup>a</sup>Phil. 3:13f. <sup>b</sup>Heb. 5:12  
<sup>c</sup>Heb. 5:14 and marg.  
<sup>d</sup>Heb. 9:14; John 8:21

2 <sup>a</sup>Acts 19:3f.; John 3:25  
<sup>b</sup>Acts 6:6 <sup>c</sup>Acts 17:31f.

3 <sup>a</sup>Acts 18:21

4 <sup>a</sup>Heb. 10:32; 2 Cor. 4:4.  
6 <sup>b</sup>Eph. 2:8; John 4:10  
<sup>c</sup>Heb. 2:4; Gal. 3:2

5 <sup>a</sup>1 Pet. 2:3 <sup>b</sup>Eph. 6:17  
<sup>c</sup>Heb. 2:5

6 <sup>1</sup>Or, *while*  
<sup>a</sup>Heb. 10:26f.; 1 John 5:16;  
2 Pet. 2:21; Matt. 19:26  
<sup>b</sup>Heb. 10:29

7 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *comes*  
<sup>2</sup>Tim. 2:6

8 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *to a curse* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *its end is for burning*  
<sup>a</sup>Deut. 29:22ff.

9 <sup>1</sup>Or, *belong to*  
<sup>a</sup>1 Cor. 10:14; 2 Cor. 7:1;  
12:19; 1 Pet. 2:11; 2 Pet. 3:1; 1 John 2:7; Jude 3

10 <sup>1</sup>I.e., *true believers*; lit., *holy ones*  
<sup>a</sup>Prov. 19:17; Matt. 10:42; 25:40; Acts 10:4 <sup>b</sup>1 Thess. 1:3 <sup>c</sup>Heb. 10:32-34; Rom. 15:25

11 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *to the full*  
<sup>a</sup>Heb. 10:22; Luke 1:1  
<sup>b</sup>Heb. 3:6

12 <sup>a</sup>Heb. 13:7 <sup>b</sup>2 Thess. 1:4; James 1:3; Rev. 13:10  
<sup>c</sup>Heb. 1:14

13 <sup>a</sup>Gal. 3:15, 18 <sup>b</sup>Gen. 22:16; Luke 1:73

14 <sup>a</sup>Gen. 22:16f.

15 <sup>a</sup>Gen. 12:4; 21:5

16 <sup>a</sup>Gal. 3:15 <sup>b</sup>Ex. 22:11

17 <sup>1</sup>Or, *Therefore God*  
<sup>2</sup>Or, *guaranteed*  
<sup>a</sup>Heb. 11:9 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 110:4; Prov.  
19:21; Heb. 6:18

18 <sup>a</sup>Titus 1:2; Num. 23:19  
<sup>b</sup>Heb. 3:6; 7:19

19 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *Which we have*  
<sup>2</sup>Or, *inside*  
<sup>a</sup>Lev. 16:2; Heb. 9:2f.

20 <sup>a</sup>Heb. 4:14; John 14:2  
<sup>b</sup>Heb. 5:6; 2:17

1 <sup>a</sup>Gen. 14:18-20; Heb.  
7:6 <sup>b</sup>Mark 5:7

3 <sup>a</sup>Heb. 7:6 <sup>b</sup>Heb. 7:28;  
7:1; Matt. 4:3

4 <sup>a</sup>Acts 2:29

5 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *according to* <sup>2</sup>Or,  
*tithes* <sup>3</sup>Lit., *have come out*  
*of the loins of*  
<sup>a</sup>Num. 18:21, 26; 2 Chr.  
31:4f.

6 <sup>1</sup>Or, *tithes*  
<sup>a</sup>Heb. 7:3 <sup>b</sup>Heb. 7:1f.  
<sup>c</sup>Rom. 4:13

8 <sup>a</sup>Heb. 5:6; 6:20

11 <sup>a</sup>Heb. 7:18f.; 8:7 <sup>b</sup>Heb.  
9:6; 10:1 <sup>c</sup>Heb. 7:17; 5:6

13 <sup>a</sup>Heb. 7:14 <sup>b</sup>Heb. 7:11

14 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *rose from*  
<sup>a</sup>Rev. 5:5; Matt. 2:6 [Mic.  
5:2]; Is. 11:1; Num. 24:17

17 <sup>1</sup>In the same way God, desiring even more to show to  
<sup>a</sup>the heirs of the promise <sup>b</sup>the unchangeableness of His purpose,  
<sup>2</sup>interposed with an oath,

18 in order that by two unchangeable things, in which <sup>a</sup>it  
is impossible for God to lie, we may have strong encourage-  
ment, we who have fled for refuge in laying hold of <sup>b</sup>the hope  
set before us.

19 <sup>1</sup>This hope we have as an anchor of the soul, a *hope* both  
sure and steadfast and one which <sup>a</sup>enters <sup>2</sup>within the veil,

20 <sup>a</sup>where Jesus has entered as a forerunner for us, having  
become a <sup>b</sup>high priest forever according to the order of Mel-  
chizedek.

CHAPTER 7

**F**OR this <sup>a</sup>Melchizedek, king of Salem, priest of the <sup>b</sup>Most  
High God, who met Abraham as he was returning from the  
slaughter of the kings and blessed him,

2 to whom also Abraham apportioned a tenth part of all  
*the spoils*, was first of all, by the translation of *his name*, king  
of righteousness, and then also king of Salem, which is king of  
peace.

3 Without father, without mother, <sup>a</sup>without genealogy,  
having neither beginning of days nor end of life, but made like  
<sup>b</sup>the Son of God, he abides a priest perpetually.

4 Now observe how great this man was to whom Abra-  
ham, the <sup>a</sup>patriarch, gave a tenth of the choicest spoils.

5 And those indeed of <sup>a</sup>the sons of Levi who receive the  
priest's office have commandment <sup>1</sup>in the Law to collect <sup>2</sup>a  
tenth from the people, that is, from their brethren, although  
these <sup>3</sup>are descended from Abraham.

6 But the one <sup>a</sup>whose genealogy is not traced from them  
<sup>b</sup>collected <sup>1</sup>a tenth from Abraham, and <sup>b</sup>blessed the one who  
<sup>c</sup>had the promises.

7 But without any dispute the lesser is blessed by the  
greater.

8 And in this case mortal men receive tithes, but in that  
case one *receives them*, <sup>a</sup>of whom it is witnessed that he lives on.

9 And, so to speak, through Abraham even Levi, who  
received tithes, paid tithes,

10 for he was still in the loins of his father when Melchiz-  
edek met him.

11 <sup>a</sup>Now if perfection was through the Levitical priesthood  
(for on the basis of it <sup>b</sup>the people received the Law), what  
further need *was there* for another priest to arise <sup>c</sup>according to  
the order of Melchizedek, and not be designated according to  
the order of Aaron?

12 For when the priesthood is changed, of necessity there  
takes place a change of law also.

13 For <sup>a</sup>the one concerning whom <sup>b</sup>these things are spoken  
belongs to another tribe, from which no one has officiated at  
the altar.

14 For it is evident that our Lord <sup>1</sup>was <sup>a</sup>descended from  
Judah, a tribe with reference to which Moses spoke nothing  
concerning priests.

15 And this is clearer still, if another priest arises according to the likeness of Melchizedek,

16 who has become *such* not on the basis of a law of <sup>a</sup>physical requirement, but according to the power of <sup>a</sup>an indestructible life.

17 For it is witnessed of *Him*,  
 "A THOU ART A PRIEST FOREVER  
 ACCORDING TO THE ORDER OF MELCHIZEDEK."

18 For, on the one hand, there is a setting aside of a former commandment <sup>a</sup>because of its weakness and uselessness

19 (for <sup>a</sup>the Law made nothing perfect), and on the other hand there is a bringing in of a better <sup>b</sup>hope, through which we <sup>c</sup>draw near to God.

20 And inasmuch as it was not without an oath

21 (for they indeed became priests without an oath, but He with an oath through the One who said to Him,

"A THE LORD HAS SWORN  
 AND <sup>b</sup>WILL NOT CHANGE HIS MIND,  
 'THOU ART A PRIEST <sup>c</sup>FOREVER'");

22 so much the more also Jesus has become the <sup>a</sup>guarantee of <sup>b</sup>a better covenant.

23 And the *former* priests, on the one hand, existed in greater numbers, because they were prevented by death from continuing,

24 but He, on the other hand, because He abides <sup>a</sup>forever, holds His priesthood permanently.

25 Hence, also, He is able to <sup>a</sup>save <sup>1</sup>forever those who <sup>b</sup>draw near to God through Him, since He always lives to <sup>c</sup>make intercession for them.

26 For it was fitting that we should have such a <sup>a</sup>high priest, <sup>b</sup>holy, <sup>c</sup>innocent, undefiled, separated from sinners and <sup>d</sup>exalted above the heavens;

27 who does not need daily, like those high priests, to <sup>a</sup>offer up sacrifices, <sup>b</sup>first for His own sins, and then for the *sins* of the people, because this He did <sup>c</sup>once for all when He <sup>d</sup>offered up Himself.

28 For the Law appoints men as high priests <sup>a</sup>who are weak, but the word of the oath, which came after the Law, *appoints* <sup>b</sup>a Son, <sup>c</sup>made perfect forever.

CHAPTER 8

**N**OW the main point in what has been said is *this*: we have such a <sup>a</sup>high priest, who has taken His seat at <sup>b</sup>the right hand of the throne of the <sup>b</sup>Majesty in the heavens,

2 a <sup>a</sup>minister <sup>1</sup>in the sanctuary, and <sup>1</sup>in the <sup>b</sup>true <sup>2</sup>tabernacle, which the Lord <sup>c</sup>pitched, not man.

3 For every <sup>a</sup>high priest is appointed <sup>b</sup>to offer both gifts and sacrifices; hence it is necessary that this *high priest* also have something to offer.

4 Now if He were on earth, He would not be a priest at all, since there are those who <sup>a</sup>offer the gifts according to the Law;

16 <sup>a</sup>Heb. 9:10 <sup>b</sup>Heb. 9:14

17 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 110:4; Heb. 7:21; 5:6

18 <sup>a</sup>Heb. 7:11; Rom. 8:3; Gal. 3:21

19 <sup>a</sup>Heb. 9:9; 10:1; Acts 13:39; Rom. 3:20; 7:7.; Gal. 2:16; 3:21 <sup>b</sup>Heb. 3:6 <sup>c</sup>Heb. 7:25; 4:16; 10:1, 22; Lam. 3:57; James 4:8

21 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 110:4; Heb. 7:17; Heb. 5:6 <sup>b</sup>Num. 23:19; 1 Sam. 15:29; Rom. 11:29 <sup>c</sup>Heb. 7:23f., 28

22 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 119:122; Is. 38:14 <sup>b</sup>Heb. 8:6

24 <sup>a</sup>Heb. 7:23f.

25 <sup>1</sup>Or, *completely*  
<sup>a</sup>1 Cor. 1:21 <sup>b</sup>Heb. 7:19  
<sup>c</sup>Rom. 8:34; Heb. 9:24

26 <sup>a</sup>Heb. 2:17 <sup>b</sup>2 Cor. 5:21; Heb. 4:15 <sup>c</sup>1 Pet. 2:22  
<sup>d</sup>Heb. 4:14

27 <sup>a</sup>Heb. 5:1 <sup>b</sup>Heb. 5:3  
<sup>c</sup>Heb. 9:12; 10:10; 9:28  
<sup>d</sup>Eph. 5:2; Heb. 9:14, 28; 10:10, 12

28 <sup>a</sup>Heb. 5:2 <sup>b</sup>Heb. 1:2  
<sup>c</sup>Heb. 2:10

1 <sup>a</sup>Heb. 2:17 <sup>b</sup>Heb. 1:3

2 <sup>1</sup>Or, of <sup>2</sup>Or, *sacred tent*  
<sup>a</sup>Heb. 10:11 <sup>b</sup>Heb. 9:11, 24  
<sup>c</sup>Ex. 33:7

3 <sup>a</sup>Heb. 2:17 <sup>b</sup>Heb. 5:1; 8:4

4 <sup>a</sup>Heb. 5:1; 8:3

5 <sup>1</sup>Lit., is <sup>2</sup>Or, *sacred tent*  
<sup>a</sup>Heb. 9:23 <sup>b</sup>Col. 2:17; Heb. 10:1 <sup>c</sup>Heb. 11:7; 12:25; Matt. 2:12; <sup>d</sup>Ex. 25:40

6 <sup>a</sup>1 Tim. 2:5 <sup>b</sup>Heb. 7:22; 8:8; 9:15; 12:24; Luke 22:20

7 <sup>a</sup>Heb. 7:11

8 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *And*  
<sup>a</sup>Jer. 31:31 <sup>b</sup>Heb. 8:13; 9:15; 12:24; 2 Cor. 3:6; Luke 22:20; Heb. 7:22; 8:6

9 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 31:32 <sup>b</sup>Heb. 2:16 *margin*; Ex. 19:5f.

10 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 31:33 <sup>b</sup>Heb. 10:16; Rom. 11:27 <sup>c</sup>2 Cor. 3:3

11 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 31:34 <sup>b</sup>Is. 54:13; John 6:45; 1 John 2:27

12 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 31:34 <sup>b</sup>Heb. 10:17

13 <sup>1</sup>Or, *In His saying* <sup>2</sup>Or, *near*  
<sup>a</sup>Heb. 8:8; 9:15; 12:24; 2 Cor. 3:6; Luke 22:20; Heb. 7:22; 8:6 <sup>b</sup>Heb. 1:11; 2 Cor. 5:17

1 <sup>a</sup>Heb. 9:10 <sup>b</sup>Ex. 25:8; Heb. 9:11, 24; 8:2

2 <sup>1</sup>Or, *sacred tent* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *first* <sup>3</sup>Lit., *loaves of presentation*  
<sup>a</sup>Ex. 25:8, 9 <sup>b</sup>Ex. 25:31-39 <sup>c</sup>Ex. 25:23-29 <sup>d</sup>Ex. 25:30; Lev. 24:5ff. [Matt. 12:4]

3 <sup>1</sup>Or, *sacred tent*  
<sup>a</sup>Ex. 26:31-33 <sup>b</sup>Ex. 26:33

4 <sup>1</sup>Or, *censer*  
<sup>a</sup>Ex. 30:1-5; 37:25f. <sup>b</sup>Ex. 25:10ff.; 37:1f. <sup>c</sup>Ex. 16:32f. <sup>d</sup>Num. 17:10 <sup>e</sup>Ex. 31:18; 32:15; Deut. 9:9, 11, 15

5 <sup>a</sup>Ex. 25:18ff. <sup>b</sup>Ex. 25:17, 20

5 who serve <sup>a</sup>a copy and <sup>b</sup>shadow of the heavenly things, just as Moses <sup>1</sup>was <sup>c</sup>warned by God when he was about to erect the <sup>2</sup>tabernacle; for, <sup>a</sup>“*SEE,*” He says, <sup>a</sup>“*THAT YOU MAKE ALL THINGS ACCORDING TO THE PATTERN WHICH WAS SHOWN YOU ON THE MOUNTAIN.*”

6 But now He has obtained a more excellent ministry, by as much as He is also the <sup>a</sup>mediator of <sup>b</sup>a better covenant, which has been enacted on better promises.

7 For <sup>a</sup>if that first *covenant* had been faultless, there would have been no occasion sought for a second.

8 For finding fault with them, He says,  
<sup>a</sup>“*BEHOLD, DAYS ARE COMING, SAYS THE LORD, <sup>1</sup>WHEN I WILL EFFECT <sup>b</sup>A NEW COVENANT WITH THE HOUSE OF ISRAEL AND WITH THE HOUSE OF JUDAH;*

9 <sup>a</sup>“*NOT LIKE THE COVENANT WHICH I MADE WITH THEIR FATHERS*

*ON THE DAY WHEN I <sup>b</sup>TOOK THEM BY THE HAND TO LEAD THEM OUT OF THE LAND OF EGYPT; FOR THEY DID NOT CONTINUE IN MY COVENANT, AND I DID NOT CARE FOR THEM, SAYS THE LORD.*

10 <sup>a</sup>“*FOR <sup>b</sup>THIS IS THE COVENANT THAT I WILL MAKE WITH THE HOUSE OF ISRAEL*

*AFTER THOSE DAYS, SAYS THE LORD: I WILL PUT MY LAWS INTO THEIR MINDS, AND I WILL WRITE THEM <sup>c</sup>UPON THEIR HEARTS. AND I WILL BE THEIR GOD, AND THEY SHALL BE MY PEOPLE.*

11 <sup>a</sup>“*AND THEY SHALL NOT TEACH EVERY ONE HIS FELLOW-CITIZEN,*

*AND EVERY ONE HIS BROTHER, SAYING, ‘KNOW THE LORD,’*

*FOR <sup>b</sup>ALL SHALL KNOW ME, FROM THE LEAST TO THE GREATEST OF THEM.*

12 <sup>a</sup>“*FOR I WILL BE MERCIFUL TO THEIR INIQUITIES, <sup>b</sup>AND I WILL REMEMBER THEIR SINS NO MORE.”*

13 <sup>1</sup>When He said, <sup>a</sup>“*A new covenant,*” He has made the first obsolete. <sup>b</sup>But whatever is becoming obsolete and growing old is <sup>2</sup>ready to disappear.

CHAPTER 9

**N**OW even the first *covenant* had <sup>a</sup>regulations of divine worship and <sup>b</sup>the earthly sanctuary.

2 For there was <sup>a</sup>a <sup>1</sup>tabernacle prepared, the <sup>2</sup>outer one, in which *were* <sup>b</sup>the lampstand and <sup>c</sup>the table and <sup>d</sup>the <sup>3</sup>sacred bread; this is called the holy place.

3 And behind <sup>a</sup>the second veil, there was a <sup>1</sup>tabernacle which is called the <sup>b</sup>Holy of Holies,

4 having a golden <sup>1a</sup>altar of incense and <sup>b</sup>the ark of the covenant covered on all sides with gold, in which *was* <sup>a</sup>a golden jar holding the manna, and <sup>d</sup>Aaron’s rod which budded, and <sup>e</sup>the tables of the covenant.

5 And above it *were* the <sup>a</sup>cherubim of glory <sup>b</sup>overshadowing the mercy seat; but of these things we cannot now speak in detail.

6 Now when these things have been thus prepared, the priests <sup>a</sup>are continually entering <sup>b</sup>the <sup>1</sup>outer <sup>2</sup>tabernacle, performing the divine worship,

7 but into <sup>a</sup>the second only <sup>b</sup>the high priest *enters*, <sup>c</sup>once a year, <sup>d</sup>not without *taking* blood, which he <sup>e</sup>offers for himself and for the <sup>f</sup>sins of the people committed in ignorance.

8 <sup>a</sup>The Holy Spirit is signifying this, <sup>b</sup>that the way into the holy place has not yet been disclosed, while the <sup>1</sup>outer tabernacle is still standing,

9 which is <sup>a</sup>a symbol for the time *then* present, according to which both gifts and sacrifices are <sup>b</sup>offered which cannot <sup>c</sup>make the worshiper perfect in conscience,

10 since they *relate* only to <sup>a</sup>food and <sup>b</sup>drink and various <sup>c</sup>washings, <sup>d</sup>regulations for the <sup>1</sup>body imposed until <sup>e</sup>a time of reformation.

11 But when Christ appeared *as a* <sup>a</sup>high priest of the <sup>b</sup>good things <sup>1</sup>to come, *He entered* through <sup>c</sup>the greater and more perfect <sup>2</sup>tabernacle, <sup>d</sup>not made with hands, that is to say, <sup>e</sup>not of this creation;

12 and not through <sup>a</sup>the blood of goats and calves, but <sup>b</sup>through His own blood, He <sup>c</sup>entered the holy place <sup>d</sup>once for all, <sup>e</sup>having obtained <sup>f</sup>eternal redemption.

13 For if <sup>a</sup>the blood of goats and bulls and <sup>b</sup>the ashes of a heifer sprinkling those who have been defiled, sanctify for the <sup>1</sup>cleansing of the flesh,

14 how much more will <sup>a</sup>the blood of Christ, who through <sup>b</sup>the eternal Spirit <sup>c</sup>offered Himself without blemish to God, <sup>d</sup>cleanse <sup>2</sup>your conscience from <sup>e</sup>dead works to serve <sup>f</sup>the living God?

15 And for this reason <sup>a</sup>He is the <sup>b</sup>mediator of a <sup>c</sup>new covenant, in order that since a death has taken place for the redemption of the transgressions that were *committed* under the first covenant, those who have been <sup>d</sup>called may <sup>e</sup>receive the promise of <sup>f</sup>the eternal inheritance.

16 For where a <sup>1</sup>covenant is, there must of necessity <sup>2</sup>be the death of the one who made it.

17 For a <sup>1</sup>covenant is valid *only* when <sup>2</sup>men are dead, <sup>3</sup>for it is never in force while the one who made it lives.

18 Therefore even the first *covenant* was not inaugurated without blood.

19 For when every commandment had been <sup>a</sup>spoken by Moses to all the people according to the Law, <sup>b</sup>he took the <sup>c</sup>blood of the calves and the goats, with <sup>d</sup>water and scarlet wool and hyssop, and sprinkled both <sup>e</sup>the book itself and all the people,

20 saying, *"THIS IS THE BLOOD OF THE COVENANT WHICH GOD COMMANDED YOU."*

21 And in the same way he sprinkled both the <sup>1a</sup>tabernacle and all the vessels of the ministry with the blood.

22 And according to the <sup>1</sup>Law, *one may* <sup>a</sup>almost say, all things are cleansed with blood, and <sup>b</sup>without shedding of blood there is no forgiveness.

23 Therefore it was necessary for the <sup>a</sup>copies of the things in the heavens to be cleansed with these, but <sup>a</sup>the heavenly things themselves with better sacrifices than these.

6 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *first* <sup>2</sup>Or, *sacred tent*  
<sup>a</sup>Num. 28:3 <sup>b</sup>Ex. 25:8, 9

7 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *ignorance of the people*  
<sup>a</sup>Heb. 9:3 <sup>b</sup>Lev. 16:12ff.  
<sup>c</sup>Ex. 30:10; Lev. 16:34;  
Heb. 10:3 <sup>d</sup>Lev. 16:11, 14  
<sup>e</sup>Heb. 5:3 <sup>f</sup>Num. 15:25;  
Heb. 5:2

8 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *first*  
<sup>a</sup>Heb. 3:7 <sup>b</sup>Heb. 10:20;  
John 14:6

9 <sup>a</sup>Heb. 11:19; 10:1  
<sup>b</sup>Heb. 5:1 <sup>c</sup>Heb. 7:19

10 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *flesh*  
<sup>a</sup>Lev. 11:2ff.; Col. 2:16  
<sup>b</sup>Num. 6:3 <sup>c</sup>Lev. 11:25;  
Num. 19:13; Mark 7:4  
<sup>d</sup>Heb. 7:16 <sup>e</sup>Heb. 7:12

11 <sup>1</sup>Some ancient mss. read, *that have come* <sup>2</sup>Or, *sacred tent*  
<sup>a</sup>Heb. 2:17 <sup>b</sup>Heb. 10:1  
<sup>c</sup>Heb. 9:24; 8:2 <sup>d</sup>Mark 14:58; 2 Cor. 5:1 <sup>e</sup>2 Cor. 4:18; Heb. 12:27; 13:14

12 <sup>1</sup>Or, *obtaining*  
<sup>a</sup>Lev. 4:3; 16:6, 15; Heb. 9:19 <sup>b</sup>Heb. 9:14; 13:12  
<sup>c</sup>Heb. 9:24 <sup>d</sup>Heb. 7:27  
<sup>e</sup>Heb. 15:9; 5:9

13 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *purity*  
<sup>a</sup>Heb. 9:19; 10:4 <sup>b</sup>Num. 19:9, 17f.

14 <sup>1</sup>Or, *His eternal spirit*  
<sup>2</sup>Some ancient mss. read, *our*  
<sup>a</sup>Heb. 9:12; 13:12 <sup>b</sup>1 Cor. 15:45; 1 Pet. 3:18 <sup>c</sup>Eph. 5:2; Heb. 7:27; 10:10, 12 <sup>d</sup>Acts 15:9; Titus 2:14; Heb. 10:2, 22; 1:3 <sup>e</sup>Heb. 6:1 <sup>f</sup>Matt. 16:16; Heb. 3:12

15 <sup>a</sup>Rom. 3:24 <sup>b</sup>1 Tim. 2:5; Heb. 8:6; 12:24 <sup>c</sup>Heb. 8:8 <sup>d</sup>Rom. 8:28f.; Heb. 3:1; Matt. 22:3ff. <sup>e</sup>Heb. 6:15; 10:36; Heb. 11:39 <sup>f</sup>Acts 20:32

16 <sup>1</sup>Or, *testament* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *be brought*

17 <sup>1</sup>Note vs. 16 <sup>2</sup>Lit., *over the dead* <sup>3</sup>Some ancient mss. read, *for is it then . . . lives?*

19 <sup>a</sup>Heb. 1:1 <sup>b</sup>Ex. 24:6ff.  
<sup>c</sup>Heb. 9:12 <sup>d</sup>Lev. 14:4, 7;  
Num. 19:6, 18 <sup>e</sup>Ex. 24:7

20 <sup>a</sup>Ex. 24:8; Matt. 26:28

21 <sup>1</sup>Or, *sacred tent*  
<sup>a</sup>Ex. 40:9; 24:6; Lev. 8:15, 19; 16:14-16

22 Or, *Law, almost all things*  
<sup>a</sup>Lev. 5:11f. <sup>b</sup>Lev. 17:11

23 <sup>a</sup>Heb. 8:5

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24 <sup>a</sup>Heb. 9:12; 4:14 <sup>b</sup>Heb. 8:2 <sup>c</sup>Heb. 9:12 <sup>d</sup>Heb. 7:25; Matt. 18:10

25 <sup>a</sup>Heb. 9:7 <sup>b</sup>Heb. 9:2; 10:19

26 <sup>1</sup>Or, by His sacrifice <sup>a</sup>Matt. 25:34; Heb. 4:3 <sup>b</sup>Heb. 9:12; 7:27 <sup>c</sup>Matt. 13:39; Heb. 1:2 <sup>d</sup>John 3:5; 8 <sup>e</sup>Heb. 9:12, 14

27 <sup>1</sup>Lit., laid up <sup>a</sup>Gen. 3:19 <sup>b2</sup>Cor. 5:10; 1 John 4:17

28 <sup>1</sup>Lit., without sin <sup>a</sup>Heb. 7:27 <sup>b1</sup>Pet. 2:24 <sup>c</sup>Acts 1:11 <sup>d</sup>Heb. 4:15 <sup>e1</sup>Cor. 1:7; Titus 2:13 <sup>f</sup>Heb. 5:9

<sup>1</sup> Lit., image <sup>2</sup>Some ancient mss. read, they can <sup>a</sup>Heb. 8:5 <sup>b</sup>Heb. 9:11 <sup>c</sup>Heb. 10:4, 11; 9:9; Rom. 8:3 <sup>d</sup>Heb. 7:19

2 <sup>a1</sup> Pet. 2:19 marg.

3 <sup>1</sup>Lit., them there is <sup>a</sup>Heb. 9:7

4 <sup>a</sup>Heb. 10:1, 11 <sup>b</sup>Heb. 9:12f.

5 <sup>a</sup>Heb. 1:6 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 40:6 <sup>c1</sup> Pet. 2:24; Heb. 2:14; 5:7

6 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 40:6

7 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 40:7, 8 <sup>b</sup>Jer. 36:2; Ezek. 2:9; 3:1f.; Ezra 6:2 [Sept.]

8 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 40:6; Heb. 10:5f. <sup>b</sup>Mark 12:33 <sup>c</sup>Rom. 8:3 marg.

9 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 40:7, 8; Heb. 10:7

10 <sup>1</sup>Lit., which <sup>a</sup>Eph. 5:26; Heb. 10:14, 29; 2:11; 13:12; John 17:19 <sup>b</sup>Heb. 7:27; 9:14, 28; 10:12; Eph. 5:2; John 6:51 <sup>c1</sup> Pet. 2:24; Heb. 2:14; 5:7 <sup>d</sup>Heb. 7:27

11 <sup>a</sup>Heb. 5:1 <sup>b</sup>Heb. 10:1, 4; Mic. 6:6-8

12 <sup>1</sup>Or, sins, forever sat down <sup>a</sup>Heb. 5:1 <sup>b</sup>Heb. 10:14 <sup>c</sup>Heb. 1:3

13 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 110:1; Heb. 1:13

14 <sup>1</sup>Or, being sanctified <sup>a</sup>Heb. 10:1 <sup>b</sup>Heb. 10:12

15 <sup>a</sup>Heb. 3:7

24 For Christ <sup>a</sup>did not enter a holy place made with hands, a mere copy of <sup>b</sup>the true one, but into <sup>c</sup>heaven itself, now <sup>d</sup>to appear in the presence of God for us;

25 nor was it that He should offer Himself often, as <sup>a</sup>the high priest enters <sup>b</sup>the holy place <sup>a</sup>year by year with blood not his own.

26 Otherwise, He would have needed to suffer often since <sup>a</sup>the foundation of the world; but now <sup>b</sup>once at <sup>c</sup>the consummation He has been <sup>d</sup>manifested to put away sin <sup>1e</sup>by the sacrifice of Himself.

27 And inasmuch as <sup>a</sup>it is <sup>1</sup>appointed for men to die once, and after this <sup>b</sup>comes judgment;

28 so Christ also, having been <sup>a</sup>offered once to <sup>b</sup>bear the sins of many, shall appear <sup>c</sup>a second time, <sup>1d</sup>not to bear sin, to those who <sup>e</sup>eagerly await Him, for <sup>f</sup>salvation.

CHAPTER 10

**F**OR the Law, since it has *only* <sup>a</sup>a shadow of <sup>b</sup>the good things to come *and* not the very <sup>1</sup>form of things, <sup>2</sup>can <sup>c</sup>never by the same sacrifices year by year, which they offer continually, <sup>d</sup>make perfect those who draw near.

2 Otherwise, would they not have ceased to be offered, because the worshipers, having once been cleansed, would no longer have had <sup>a</sup>consciousness of sins?

3 But <sup>a</sup>in <sup>1</sup>those sacrifices there is a reminder of sins year by year.

4 For it is <sup>a</sup>impossible for the <sup>b</sup>blood of bulls and goats to take away sins.

5 Therefore, <sup>a</sup>when He comes into the world, He says,   
"bSACRIFICE AND OFFERING THOU HAST NOT DESIRED,   
BUT cA BODY THOU HAST PREPARED FOR ME;

6 <sup>a</sup>IN WHOLE BURNT OFFERINGS AND sacrifices FOR SIN   
THOU HAST TAKEN NO PLEASURE.

7 "aTHEN I SAID, 'BEHOLD, I HAVE COME   
(IN bTHE ROLL OF THE BOOK IT IS WRITTEN OF ME)   
TO DO THY WILL, O GOD.' "

8 After saying above, "aSACRIFICES AND OFFERINGS AND <sup>b</sup>WHOLE BURNT OFFERINGS AND sacrifices cFOR SIN THOU HAST NOT DESIRED, NOR HAST THOU TAKEN PLEASURE in them" (which arc offered according to the Law),

9 then He said, "aBEHOLD, I HAVE COME TO DO THY WILL." He takes away the first in order to establish the second.

10 By <sup>1</sup>this will we have been <sup>a</sup>sanctified through <sup>b</sup>the offering of <sup>c</sup>the body of Jesus Christ <sup>d</sup>once for all.

11 And every priest stands daily ministering and <sup>a</sup>offering time after time the same sacrifices, which <sup>b</sup>can never take away sins;

12 but He, having offered one sacrifice <sup>a</sup>for <sup>1</sup>sins <sup>b</sup>for all time, <sup>c</sup>sat down at the right hand of God,

13 waiting from that time onward <sup>a</sup>UNTIL HIS ENEMIES BE MADE A FOOTSTOOL FOR HIS FEET.

14 For by one offering He has <sup>a</sup>perfected <sup>b</sup>for all time those who are <sup>1</sup>sanctified.

15 And <sup>a</sup>the Holy Spirit also bears witness to us; for after saying,

16 <sup>a</sup>THIS IS THE COVENANT THAT I WILL MAKE WITH THEM AFTER THOSE DAYS, SAYS THE LORD: I WILL PUT MY LAWS UPON THEIR HEART, AND UPON THEIR MIND I WILL WRITE THEM,"

He then says,

17 <sup>a</sup>AND THEIR SINS AND THEIR LAWLESS DEEDS I WILL REMEMBER NO MORE."

18 Now where there is forgiveness of these things, there is no longer *any* offering for sin.

19 Since therefore, brethren, we <sup>a</sup>have confidence to <sup>b</sup>enter the holy place by the blood of Jesus,

20 by <sup>a</sup>a new and living way which He inaugurated for us through <sup>b</sup>the veil, that is, His flesh,

21 and since *we have* <sup>a</sup>a great priest <sup>b</sup>over the house of God,

22 let us <sup>a</sup>draw near with a <sup>1</sup>sincere heart in <sup>b</sup>full assurance of faith, having our hearts <sup>c</sup>sprinkled *clean* from an evil conscience and our bodies <sup>d</sup>washed with pure water.

23 Let us hold fast the <sup>a</sup>confession of our <sup>b</sup>hope without wavering, for <sup>c</sup>He who promised is faithful;

24 and let us consider how <sup>a</sup>to stimulate one another to love and <sup>b</sup>good deeds,

25 not forsaking our own <sup>a</sup>assembling together, as is the habit of some, but <sup>b</sup>encouraging one *another*; and all the more, as you see <sup>c</sup>the day drawing near.

26 For if we go on <sup>a</sup>sinning willfully after receiving <sup>b</sup>the knowledge of the truth, there no longer remains a sacrifice for sins,

27 but a certain terrifying expectation of <sup>a</sup>judgment, and THE <sup>b</sup>FURY OF A FIRE WHICH WILL CONSUME THE ADVERSARIES.

28 <sup>a</sup>Anyone who has set aside the Law of Moses dies without mercy on *the testimony* of two or three witnesses.

29 <sup>a</sup>How much severer punishment do you think he will deserve <sup>b</sup>who has trampled under foot the Son of God, and has regarded as unclean <sup>c</sup>the blood of the covenant <sup>d</sup>by which he was sanctified, and has <sup>e</sup>insulted the Spirit of grace?

30 For we know Him who said, "<sup>a</sup>VENGEANCE IS MINE, I WILL REPAY." And again, "<sup>b</sup>THE LORD WILL JUDGE HIS PEOPLE."

31 It is a <sup>a</sup>terrifying thing to fall into the hands of the <sup>b</sup>living God.

32 But remember <sup>a</sup>the former days, <sup>1</sup>when, after being <sup>b</sup>enlightened, you endured a great <sup>c</sup>conflict of sufferings,

33 partly, by being <sup>a</sup>made a public spectacle through reproaches and tribulations, and partly by becoming <sup>b</sup>sharers with those who were so treated.

34 For you <sup>a</sup>showed sympathy to the prisoners, and accepted <sup>b</sup>joyfully the seizure of your property, knowing that you have for yourselves <sup>a</sup>a better possession and an abiding one.

35 Therefore, do not throw away your <sup>a</sup>confidence, which has a great <sup>b</sup>reward.

36 For you have need of <sup>a</sup>endurance, so that when you have done the will of God, you may <sup>b</sup>receive <sup>1</sup>what was promised.

37 <sup>a</sup>FOR YET IN A VERY LITTLE WHILE,

<sup>b</sup>HE WHO IS COMING WILL COME, AND WILL NOT DELAY.

38 <sup>a</sup>BUT MY RIGHTEOUS ONE SHALL LIVE BY FAITH;

AND IF HE SHRINKS BACK, MY SOUL HAS NO PLEASURE IN HIM.

16 \*Jer. 31:33; Heb. 8:10

17 \*Jer. 31:34; Heb. 8:12

19 \*Heb. 10:35; 3:6 <sup>b</sup>Heb. 9:25

20 \*Heb. 9:8 <sup>b</sup>Heb. 6:19; 9:3

21 \*Heb. 2:17 <sup>b</sup>Heb. 3:6; 1 Tim. 3:15

22 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *true*  
\*Heb. 10:1; 7:19 <sup>b</sup>Heb. 6:11  
\*Heb. 12:24; 1 Pet. 1:2;  
Heb. 9:19; Ezek. 36:25;  
\*Acts 22:16; 1 Cor. 6:11;  
Eph. 5:26; Titus 3:5; 1 Pet. 3:21

23 \*Heb. 3:1 <sup>b</sup>Heb. 3:6  
\*Heb. 11:11; 1 Cor. 1:9;  
10:13

24 \*Heb. 13:1 <sup>b</sup>Titus 3:8

25 \*Acts 2:42 <sup>b</sup>Heb. 3:13  
\*1 Cor. 3:13

26 \*Heb. 5:2; 6:4-8; 2 Pet. 2:20f.; Num. 15:30 <sup>b1</sup> Tim. 2:4

27 \*John 5:29; Heb. 9:27  
<sup>b1s.</sup> 26:11; 2 Thess. 1:7

28 \*Deut. 17:2-6; Matt. 18:16; Heb. 2:2

29 \*Heb. 2:3 <sup>b</sup>Heb. 6:6  
\*Heb. 13:20; Matt. 26:28  
\*Eph. 5:26; Rev. 1:5; Heb. 9:13f. \*Heb. 6:4; Eph. 4:30;  
1 Cor. 6:11

30 \*Deut. 32:35; Rom. 12:19 <sup>b</sup>Deut. 32:36

31 \*2 Cor. 5:11 <sup>b</sup>Matt. 16:16; Heb. 3:12

32 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *in which*  
\*Heb. 5:12 <sup>b</sup>Heb. 6:4 \*Phil. 1:30

33 \*1 Cor. 4:9; Heb. 12:4  
<sup>b</sup>Phil. 4:14 [Gr.]; 1 Thess. 2:14

34 \*Heb. 13:3 \*Matt. 5:12  
\*Heb. 9:15; 11:16; 13:14;  
1 Pet. 1:4f.

35 \*Heb. 10:19 <sup>b</sup>Heb. 2:2

36 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *the promise*  
\*Heb. 12:1; Luke 21:19  
<sup>b</sup>Heb. 9:15

37 \*Hab. 2:3; Heb. 10:25;  
Rev. 22:20 <sup>b</sup>Matt. 11:3

38 \*Hab. 2:4; Rom. 1:17;  
Gal. 3:11

39 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *we are not of shrinking back . . . but of faith* <sup>2</sup>Or, *possessing*

<sup>1</sup> Or, *substance* <sup>2</sup>Or, *evidence*  
<sup>a</sup>Heb. 3:14 [Gr.]; <sup>b</sup>Heb. 3:6  
<sup>c</sup>Rom. 8:24; <sup>2</sup> Cor. 4:18;  
 5:7; Heb. 11:7, 27

<sup>2</sup> Lit., *obtained a testimony*  
<sup>a</sup>Heb. 1:1 <sup>b</sup>Heb. 11:4, 39

<sup>3</sup> Lit., *ages*  
<sup>a</sup>Heb. 1:2 <sup>b</sup>Gen. 1; Heb. 1:2  
<sup>c</sup>Heb. 6:5; <sup>2</sup> Pet. 3:5  
<sup>d</sup>Rom. 4:17

<sup>4</sup> I.e., by receiving his gifts <sup>2</sup>Lit., *it*  
<sup>a</sup>Gen. 4:4; Matt. 23:35;  
<sup>1</sup> John 3:12 <sup>b</sup>Heb. 11:2  
<sup>c</sup>Heb. 5:1 <sup>d</sup>Gen. 4:8-10;  
 Heb. 12:24

<sup>5</sup> <sup>a</sup>Gen. 5:21-24 <sup>b</sup>Luke 2:26; John 8:51; Heb. 2:9

<sup>6</sup> <sup>a</sup>Heb. 7:19

<sup>7</sup> Lit., *having become reverent*  
<sup>a</sup>Gen. 6:13-22 <sup>b</sup>Heb. 8:5  
<sup>c</sup>Heb. 11:1 <sup>d</sup>Heb. 5:7  
<sup>e</sup>1 Pet. 3:20 <sup>f</sup>Gen. 6:9;  
 Ezek. 14:14, 20; Rom. 4:13;  
 9:30

<sup>8</sup> <sup>a</sup>Gen. 12:1-4; Acts 7:2-4  
<sup>b</sup>Gen. 12:7

<sup>9</sup> <sup>a</sup>Acts 7:5 <sup>b</sup>Gen. 12:8;  
 13:3, 18; 18:1, 9 <sup>c</sup>Heb. 6:17

<sup>10</sup> <sup>a</sup>Heb. 12:22; 13:14  
<sup>b</sup>Rev. 21:14ff. <sup>c</sup>Heb. 11:16

<sup>11</sup> Lit., *power for the laying down of seed*  
<sup>a</sup>Gen. 17:19; 18:11-14; 21:2  
<sup>b</sup>Heb. 10:23

<sup>12</sup> Lit., *in these things*  
<sup>a</sup>Rom. 4:19 <sup>b</sup>Gen. 15:5;  
 22:17; 32:12

<sup>13</sup> <sup>a</sup>Matt. 13:17 <sup>b</sup>Heb. 11:39  
<sup>c</sup>John 8:56; Heb. 11:27  
<sup>d</sup>Gen. 23:4; 47:9; Ps. 39:12; Eph. 2:19; 1 Pet. 1:1;  
 2:11

<sup>15</sup> Or, *remembering*  
<sup>a</sup>Gen. 24:6-8

<sup>16</sup> Lit., *ashamed of them, to be*  
<sup>a</sup>2 Tim. 4:18 <sup>b</sup>Mark 8:38;  
 Heb. 2:11 <sup>c</sup>Gen. 26:24;  
 28:13; Ex. 3:6, 15; 4:5  
<sup>d</sup>Heb. 11:10; Rev. 21:2

<sup>17</sup> <sup>a</sup>Gen. 22:1-10; James 2:21 <sup>b</sup>Heb. 11:13

39 But <sup>1</sup>we are not of those who shrink back to destruction, but of those who have faith to the <sup>2</sup>preserving of the soul.

CHAPTER 11

**N**OW faith is the <sup>1</sup>assurance of *things* <sup>b</sup>hoped for, the <sup>2</sup>conviction of <sup>c</sup>things not seen.

<sup>2</sup> For by it the <sup>a</sup>men of old <sup>b</sup>gained approval.

<sup>3</sup> By faith we understand that the <sup>1</sup>worlds were prepared <sup>b</sup>by the <sup>c</sup>word of God, so that what is seen <sup>d</sup>was not made out of things which are visible.

<sup>4</sup> By faith <sup>a</sup>Abel offered to God a better sacrifice than Cain, through which he <sup>b</sup>obtained the testimony that he was righteous, God testifying <sup>1</sup>about his <sup>c</sup>gifts, and through <sup>2</sup>faith, though <sup>d</sup>he is dead, he still speaks.

<sup>5</sup> By faith <sup>a</sup>Enoch was taken up so that he should not <sup>b</sup>see death; and he was not found because God took him up; for he obtained the witness that before his being taken up he was pleasing to God.

<sup>6</sup> And without faith it is impossible to please *Him*, for he who <sup>a</sup>comes to God must believe that He is, and *that* He is a rewarder of those who seek Him.

<sup>7</sup> By faith <sup>a</sup>Noah, being <sup>b</sup>warned by God about <sup>c</sup>things not yet seen, <sup>1</sup>din reverence <sup>e</sup>prepared an ark for the salvation of his household, by which he condemned the world, and became an heir of <sup>f</sup>the righteousness which is according to faith.

<sup>8</sup> By faith <sup>a</sup>Abraham, when he was called, obeyed by going out to a place which he was to <sup>b</sup>receive for an inheritance; and he went out, not knowing where he was going.

<sup>9</sup> By faith he lived as an alien in <sup>a</sup>the land of promise, as in a foreign *land*, <sup>b</sup>dwelling in tents with Isaac and Jacob, <sup>c</sup>fellow-heirs of the same promise;

<sup>10</sup> for he was looking for <sup>a</sup>the city which has <sup>b</sup>foundations, <sup>c</sup>whose architect and builder is God.

<sup>11</sup> By faith even <sup>a</sup>Sarah herself received <sup>1</sup>ability to conceive, even beyond the proper time of life, since she considered Him <sup>b</sup>faithful who had promised;

<sup>12</sup> therefore, also, there was born of one man, and <sup>a</sup>him as good as dead <sup>1</sup>at that, *as many descendants* <sup>b</sup>AS THE STARS OF HEAVEN IN NUMBER, AND INNUMERABLE AS THE SAND WHICH IS BY THE SEASHORE.

<sup>13</sup> <sup>a</sup>All these died in faith, <sup>b</sup>without receiving the promises, but <sup>c</sup>having seen them and having welcomed them from a distance, and <sup>d</sup>having confessed that they were strangers and exiles on the earth.

<sup>14</sup> For those who say such things make it clear that they are seeking a country of their own.

<sup>15</sup> And indeed if they had been <sup>1</sup>thinking of that *country* from which they went out, <sup>a</sup>they would have had opportunity to return.

<sup>16</sup> But as it is, they desire a better *country*, that is a <sup>a</sup>heavenly one. Therefore <sup>b</sup>God is not <sup>1</sup>ashamed to be <sup>c</sup>called their God; for <sup>d</sup>He has prepared a city for them.

<sup>17</sup> By faith <sup>a</sup>Abraham, when he was tested, offered up Isaac; and he who had <sup>b</sup>received the promises was offering up his only begotten son;



18 *it was he* to whom it was said, "IN ISAAC YOUR SEED SHALL BE CALLED."

19 <sup>1</sup>He considered that <sup>a</sup>God is able to raise *men* even from the dead; from which he also received him back <sup>2</sup>as a <sup>b</sup>type.

20 By faith <sup>a</sup>Isaac blessed Jacob and Esau, even regarding things to come.

21 By faith <sup>a</sup>Jacob, as he was dying, blessed each of the sons of Joseph, and <sup>b</sup>worshiped, *leaning* on the top of his staff.

22 By faith <sup>a</sup>Joseph, when he was dying, made mention of the exodus of the sons of Israel, and gave orders concerning his bones.

23 By faith <sup>a</sup>Moses, when he was born, was hidden for three months by his parents, because they saw he was a beautiful child; and they were not afraid of the <sup>b</sup>king's edict.

24 By faith Moses, <sup>a</sup>when he had grown up, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter;

25 choosing rather to <sup>a</sup>endure ill-treatment with the people of God, than to enjoy the passing pleasures of sin;

26 <sup>a</sup>considering the reproach of <sup>1</sup>Christ greater riches than the treasures of Egypt; for he was looking to the <sup>b</sup>reward.

27 By faith he <sup>a</sup>left Egypt, not <sup>b</sup>fearing the wrath of the king; for he endured, as <sup>c</sup>seeing Him who is unseen.

28 By faith he <sup>a</sup>kept the Passover and the sprinkling of the blood, so that <sup>b</sup>he who destroyed the first-born might not touch them.

29 By faith they <sup>a</sup>passed through the Red Sea as though *they were passing* through dry land; and the Egyptians, when they attempted it, were <sup>1</sup>drowned.

30 By faith <sup>a</sup>the walls of Jericho fell down, <sup>b</sup>after they had been encircled for seven days.

31 By faith <sup>a</sup>Rahab the harlot did not perish along with those who were disobedient, after she had welcomed the spies <sup>1</sup>in peace.

32 And what more shall I say? For time will fail me if I tell of <sup>a</sup>Gideon, <sup>b</sup>Barak, <sup>c</sup>Samson, <sup>d</sup>Jephthah, of <sup>e</sup>David and <sup>f</sup>Samuel and the prophets,

33 who by faith <sup>a</sup>conquered kingdoms, <sup>b</sup>performed *acts of* righteousness, <sup>c</sup>obtained promises, <sup>d</sup>shut the mouths of lions,

34 <sup>a</sup>quenched the power of fire, <sup>b</sup>escaped the edge of the sword, from weakness were made strong, <sup>c</sup>became mighty in war, <sup>e</sup>put foreign armies to flight.

35 <sup>a</sup>Women received *back* their dead by resurrection; and others were tortured, not accepting their <sup>1</sup>release, in order that they might obtain a better resurrection;

36 and others <sup>1</sup>experienced mockings and scourgings, yes, also <sup>a</sup>chains and imprisonment.

37 <sup>1</sup>They were <sup>a</sup>stoned, they were <sup>b</sup>sawn in two, <sup>1</sup>they were tempted, they were <sup>e</sup>put to death with the sword; they went about <sup>d</sup>in sheepskins, in goatskins, being destitute, afflicted, <sup>c</sup>ill-treated

38 (*men* of whom the world was not worthy), <sup>a</sup>wandering in deserts and mountains and caves and holes <sup>1</sup>in the ground.

39 And all these, having <sup>1</sup>gained approval through their faith, <sup>b</sup>did not receive <sup>2</sup>what was promised,

40 because God had <sup>1</sup>provided <sup>a</sup>something better for us, so that <sup>b</sup>apart from us they should not be made perfect.

18 <sup>a</sup>Gen. 21:12; Rom. 9:7

19 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *Considering* <sup>2</sup>Or, *figuratively speaking*; lit., *in a parable*  
<sup>a</sup>Rom. 4:21 <sup>b</sup>Heb. 9:9

20 <sup>a</sup>Gen. 27:27-29, 39f.

21 <sup>a</sup>Gen. 48:1, 5, 16, 20  
<sup>b</sup>Gen. 47:31 [Sept.]; 1 Kin. 1:47

22 <sup>a</sup>Gen. 50:24f.; Ex. 13:19

23 <sup>a</sup>Ex. 2:2 [Sept.] <sup>b</sup>Ex. 1:16, 22

24 <sup>a</sup>Ex. 2:10, 11ff.

25 <sup>a</sup>Heb. 11:37

26 <sup>1</sup>i.e., the Messiah  
<sup>a</sup>Luke 14:33; Phil. 3:7f.  
<sup>b</sup>Heb. 2:2

27 <sup>a</sup>Ex. 12:50f.; 13:17f.; Ex. 2:15 <sup>b</sup>Ex. 10:28f.; Ex. 2:14 <sup>c</sup>Heb. 11:1, 13; Col. 1:15

28 <sup>a</sup>Ex. 12:21ff. <sup>b</sup>Ex. 12:23, 29f.; 1 Cor. 10:10

29 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *swallowed up*  
<sup>a</sup>Ex. 14:22-29

30 <sup>a</sup>Josh. 6:20 <sup>b</sup>Josh. 6:15f.

31 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *with*  
<sup>a</sup>Josh. 2:9ff.; 6:23; James 2:25

32 <sup>a</sup>Judg. 6-8 <sup>b</sup>Judg. 4-5  
<sup>c</sup>Judg. 13-16 <sup>d</sup>Judg. 11-12  
<sup>e</sup>Sam. 16:1, 13 <sup>f</sup>Sam. 1:20

33 <sup>a</sup>Judg. 4, 7, 11, 14; 2 Sam. 5:17; 8:2; 10:12  
<sup>b</sup>1 Sam. 12:4; 2 Sam. 8:15  
<sup>c</sup>2 Sam. 7:11f. <sup>d</sup>Dan. 6:22; Judg. 14:6; 1 Sam. 17:34

34 <sup>a</sup>Dan. 3:23ff. <sup>b</sup>Ex. 18:4; 1 Sam. 18:11; 19:10; Ps. 144:10; 1 Kin. 19; 2 Kin. 6  
<sup>c</sup>Judg. 7:21; 15:8, 15f.; 1 Sam. 17:51f.; 2 Sam. 8:1-6; 10:15ff.

35 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *redemption*  
<sup>a</sup>1 Kin. 17:23; 2 Kin. 4:36f.

36 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *received the trial of*  
<sup>a</sup>Gen. 39:20; Jer. 20:2; 37:15

37 <sup>1</sup>Some mss. omit, *they were tempted*  
<sup>2</sup>Chr. 24:21; 1 Kin. 21:13  
<sup>b</sup>2 Sam. 12:31; 1 Chr. 20:3  
<sup>c</sup>1 Kin. 19:10; Jer. 26:23  
<sup>d</sup>1 Kin. 19:13, 19; 2 Kin. 2:8, 13f.; Zech. 13:4 <sup>e</sup>Heb. 11:25; 13:3

38 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *of*  
<sup>a</sup>1 Kin. 18:4, 13; 19:9

39 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *obtained a testimony* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *the promise*  
<sup>a</sup>Heb. 11:2 <sup>b</sup>Heb. 11:13; 10:36

40 <sup>1</sup>Or, *foreseen*  
<sup>a</sup>Heb. 11:16 <sup>b</sup>Rev. 6:11

<sup>1</sup>Heb. 10:39 <sup>b</sup>Eph. 4:22  
[Cr.]; Rom. 13:12 <sup>c1</sup> Cor.  
9:24; Gal. 2:2 <sup>d</sup>Heb. 10:36

<sup>2</sup> <sup>1</sup>Lit., *looking to* <sup>2</sup>Or,  
*leader*  
<sup>a</sup>Heb. 2:10 <sup>b</sup>Heb. 2:9; Phil.  
2:8f. <sup>c1</sup> Cor. 1:18, 23; Heb.  
13:13 <sup>d</sup>Heb. 1:3

<sup>3</sup> <sup>1</sup>Lit., *fainting in your*  
*souls*  
<sup>a</sup>Matt. 10:24; Rev. 2:3  
<sup>b</sup>Gal. 6:9; Heb. 12:5

<sup>4</sup> <sup>1</sup>Lit., *as far as blood*  
<sup>a</sup>Heb. 10:32ff.; 13:13 <sup>b</sup>Phil.  
2:8

<sup>5</sup> <sup>a</sup>Prov. 3:11 <sup>b</sup>Heb. 12:3

<sup>6</sup> <sup>a</sup>Prov. 3:12 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 119:75;  
Rev. 3:19

<sup>7</sup> <sup>a</sup>Deut. 8:5; 2 Sam. 7:14;  
Prov. 13:24; 19:18; 23:13f.

<sup>8</sup> <sup>a1</sup> Pet. 5:9

<sup>9</sup> <sup>1</sup>Lit., *fathers of our*  
*flesh* <sup>2</sup>Or, *our spirits*  
<sup>a</sup>Luke 18:2 <sup>b</sup>Num. 16:22;  
27:16; Rev. 22:6 <sup>c</sup>Is. 38:16

<sup>10</sup> <sup>1</sup>Lit., *were disciplining*  
<sup>a2</sup> Pet. 1:4

<sup>11</sup> <sup>a1</sup> Pet. 1:6 <sup>b</sup>James  
3:17f.; Is. 32:17; 2 Tim. 4:8

<sup>12</sup> <sup>1</sup>Lit., *make straight*  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 35:3

<sup>13</sup> <sup>a</sup>Prov. 4:26; Gal. 2:14  
<sup>b</sup>James 5:16; Gal. 6:1

<sup>14</sup> <sup>a</sup>Rom. 14:19 <sup>b</sup>Rom.  
6:22; Heb. 12:10 <sup>c</sup>Matt. 5:8;  
Heb. 9:28

<sup>15</sup> <sup>a</sup>Heb. 4:1; 2 Cor. 6:1;  
Gal. 5:4 <sup>b</sup>Deut. 29:18  
<sup>c</sup>Titus 1:15

<sup>16</sup> <sup>a</sup>Heb. 13:4 <sup>b1</sup> Tim. 1:9  
<sup>c</sup>Gen. 25:33f.

<sup>17</sup> <sup>a</sup>Gen. 27:30-40

<sup>18</sup> <sup>a</sup>Heb. 12:18ff.; 2 Cor.  
3:7-13 <sup>b</sup>Ex. 19:12, 16ff.;  
20:18; Deut. 4:11; 5:22

**T**HEREFORE, since we have so great a cloud of witnesses surrounding us, let <sup>a</sup>us also <sup>b</sup>lay aside every encumbrance, and the sin which so easily entangles us, and let us <sup>c</sup>run with <sup>d</sup>endurance the race that is set before us,

**2** <sup>1</sup>fixing our eyes on Jesus, the <sup>2a</sup>author and perfecter of faith, who for the joy set before Him <sup>b</sup>endured the cross, <sup>c</sup>despising the shame, and has <sup>d</sup>sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

**3** For <sup>a</sup>consider Him who has endured such hostility by sinners against Himself, so that you may not grow weary <sup>b</sup>and lose heart.

**4** <sup>a</sup>You have not yet resisted <sup>b</sup>to the point of shedding blood in your striving against sin;

**5** and you have forgotten the exhortation which is addressed to you as sons,

“<sup>a</sup>MY SON, DO NOT REGARD LIGHTLY THE DISCIPLINE OF THE LORD,

NOR <sup>b</sup>FAINT WHEN YOU ARE REPROVED BY HIM;

**6** <sup>a</sup>FOR THOSE <sup>b</sup>WHOM THE LORD LOVES HE DISCIPLINES, AND HE SCOURGES EVERY SON WHOM HE RECEIVES.”

**7** It is for discipline that you endure; <sup>a</sup>God deals with you as with sons; for what son is there whom *his* father does not discipline?

**8** But if you are without discipline, <sup>a</sup>of which all have become partakers, then you are illegitimate children and not sons.

**9** Furthermore, we had <sup>1</sup>earthly fathers to discipline us, and we <sup>a</sup>respected them; shall we not much rather be subject to <sup>b</sup>the Father of <sup>2</sup>spirits, and <sup>c</sup>live?

**10** For they <sup>1</sup>disciplined us for a short time as seemed best to them, but He disciplines us for *our* good, <sup>a</sup>that we may share His holiness.

**11** All discipline <sup>a</sup>for the moment seems not to be joyful, but sorrowful; yet to those who have been trained by it, afterwards it yields the <sup>b</sup>peaceful fruit of righteousness.

**12** Therefore, <sup>1a</sup>strengthen the hands that are weak and the knees that are feeble,

**13** and <sup>a</sup>make straight paths for your feet, so that *the limb* which is lame may not be put out of joint, but rather <sup>b</sup>be healed.

**14** <sup>a</sup>Pursue peace with all men, and the <sup>b</sup>sanctification without which no one will <sup>c</sup>see the Lord.

**15** See to it that no one <sup>a</sup>comes short of the grace of God; that no <sup>b</sup>root of bitterness springing up causes trouble, and by it may be <sup>c</sup>defiled;

**16** that *there be* no <sup>a</sup>immoral or <sup>b</sup>godless person like Esau, <sup>c</sup>who sold his own birthright for a single meal.

**17** For you know that even afterwards, <sup>a</sup>when he desired to inherit the blessing, he was rejected, for he found no place for repentance, though he sought for it with tears.

**18** <sup>a</sup>For you have not come to <sup>b</sup>a mountain that may be touched and to a blazing fire, and to darkness and gloom and whirlwind,

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19 and to the <sup>a</sup>blast of a trumpet and the <sup>b</sup>sound of words which *sound was such that* those who heard <sup>c</sup>begged that no further word should be spoken to them.

20 For they could not bear the command, "<sup>a</sup>IF EVEN A BEAST TOUCHES THE MOUNTAIN, IT WILL BE STONED."

21 And so terrible was the sight, *that* Moses said, "<sup>a</sup>I AM FULL OF FEAR AND TREMBLING."

22 But <sup>a</sup>you have come to Mount Zion and to <sup>b</sup>the city of <sup>c</sup>the living God, <sup>d</sup>the heavenly Jerusalem, and to <sup>e</sup>myriads of <sup>f</sup>angels,

23 to the general assembly and <sup>a</sup>church of the first-born who <sup>b</sup>are enrolled in heaven, and to God, <sup>c</sup>the judge of all, and to the <sup>d</sup>spirits of righteous men made perfect,

24 and to Jesus, the <sup>a</sup>mediator of a new covenant, and to the <sup>b</sup>sprinkled blood, which speaks better than <sup>c</sup>the blood of Abel.

25 <sup>a</sup>See to it that you do not refuse Him who is <sup>b</sup>speaking. For <sup>c</sup>if those <sup>d</sup>did not escape when they <sup>e</sup>refused him who <sup>f</sup>warned them on earth, much <sup>g</sup>less shall we *escape* who turn away from Him who <sup>h</sup>warns from heaven.

26 And <sup>a</sup>His voice shook the earth then, but now He has promised, saying, "<sup>b</sup>YET ONCE MORE I WILL SHAKE NOT ONLY THE EARTH, BUT ALSO THE HEAVEN."

27 And this *expression*, "Yet once more," denotes <sup>a</sup>the removing of those things which can be shaken, as of created things, in order that those things which cannot be shaken may remain.

28 Therefore, since we receive <sup>a</sup>a kingdom which cannot be shaken, let us <sup>b</sup>show gratitude, by which we may <sup>c</sup>offer to God an acceptable service with reverence and awe;

29 for <sup>a</sup>our God is a consuming fire.

### CHAPTER 13

LET <sup>a</sup>love of the brethren continue.

2 Do not neglect to <sup>a</sup>show hospitality to strangers, for by this some have <sup>b</sup>entertained angels without knowing it.

3 <sup>a</sup>Remember <sup>b</sup>the prisoners, as though in prison with them, and those who are ill-treated, since you yourselves also are in the body.

4 <sup>a</sup>Let marriage be held in honor among all, and let the marriage bed be undefiled; <sup>b</sup>for fornicators and adulterers God will judge.

5 Let your way of life be <sup>a</sup>free from the love of money, <sup>b</sup>being content with what you have; for He Himself has said, "<sup>c</sup>I WILL NEVER DESERT YOU, NOR WILL I EVER FORSAKE YOU,"

6 so that we confidently say,

"<sup>a</sup>THE LORD IS MY HELPER, I WILL NOT BE AFRAID.  
WHAT SHALL MAN DO TO ME?"

7 Remember <sup>a</sup>those who led you, who spoke <sup>b</sup>the word of God to you; and considering the <sup>c</sup>outcome of their way of life, <sup>d</sup>imitate their faith.

8 <sup>a</sup>Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today, yes and forever.

19 \*Ex. 19:16, 19; 20:18; Matt. 24:31 <sup>b</sup>Deut. 4:12; Ex. 19:19 \*Ex. 20:19; Deut. 5:25; 18:16

20 \*Ex. 19:12f.

21 \*Deut. 9:19

22 <sup>1</sup>Or, *angels in festal assembly, and to the church...*

\*Rev. 14:1 <sup>b</sup>Heb. 11:10; Eph. 2:19; Phil. 3:20; Rev. 21:2 <sup>c</sup>Heb. 3:12 <sup>d</sup>Gal. 4:26; Heb. 11:16 <sup>e</sup>Rev. 5:11

23 \*Heb. 2:12 marg.; Ex. 4:22 <sup>b</sup>Luke 10:20 <sup>c</sup>Gen. 18:25; Ps. 50:6; 94:2 <sup>d</sup>Rev. 6:9, 11; Heb. 11:40

24 <sup>1</sup>Tim. 2:5; Heb. 8:6; 9:15 <sup>b</sup>Heb. 9:19; 10:22; 1 Pet. 1:2 <sup>c</sup>Heb. 11:4

25 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *were not escaping* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *more* \*Heb. 3:12 <sup>b</sup>Heb. 1:1 <sup>c</sup>Heb. 2:2f.; 10:28f. <sup>d</sup>Heb. 12:19 [Gr.] \*Heb. 8:5; 11:7

26 \*Ex. 19:18; Judg. 5:4f. <sup>b</sup>Hag. 2:6

27 <sup>1</sup>1 Cor. 7:31; Rom. 8:19, 21; Heb. 1:10ff.; Is. 34:4; 54:10; 65:17

28 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *have* \*Dan. 2:44 <sup>b</sup>Heb. 13:15, 21

29 \*Deut. 4:24; 9:3; Is. 33:14; 2 Thess. 1:7; Heb. 10:27, 31

1 \*Rom. 12:10; 1 Thess. 4:9; 1 Pet. 1:22

2 \*Matt. 25:35; Rom. 12:13; 1 Pet. 4:9 <sup>b</sup>Gen. 18:3; 19:2

3 \*Col. 4:18 <sup>b</sup>Heb. 10:34; Matt. 25:36

4 <sup>1</sup>1 Cor. 7:38; 1 Tim. 4:3 <sup>b</sup>1 Cor. 6:9; Gal. 5:19, 21; 1 Thess. 4:6

5 <sup>1</sup>1 Tim. 3:3; Eph. 5:3; Col. 3:5 <sup>b</sup>Phil. 4:11 <sup>c</sup>Deut. 31:6; Josh. 1:5

6 \*Ps. 118:6

7 <sup>1</sup>Or, *end of their life* \*Heb. 13:17, 24 <sup>b</sup>Luke 5:1; <sup>c</sup>Heb. 6:12

8 \*2 Cor. 1:19; Heb. 1:12

9 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *walked*  
<sup>a</sup>Eph. 4:14; Jude 12 <sup>b2</sup> Cor. 1:21; Col. 2:7 <sup>c</sup>Col. 2:16  
<sup>d</sup>Heb. 9:10

10 <sup>1</sup>Or, *sacred tent*  
<sup>a1</sup> Cor. 10:18 <sup>b</sup>Heb. 8:5

11 <sup>a</sup>Ex. 29:14; Lev. 4:12, 21; 9:11; 16:27; Num. 19:3, 7

12 <sup>a</sup>Eph. 5:26; Heb. 2:11  
<sup>b</sup>Heb. 9:12 <sup>c</sup>John 19:17

13 <sup>a</sup>Heb. 11:26; 12:2; Luke 9:23

14 <sup>a</sup>Heb. 10:34; 12:27  
<sup>b</sup>Heb. 11:10, 16; 12:22; 2:5; Eph. 2:19

15 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *confess*  
<sup>a1</sup> Pet. 2:5 <sup>b</sup>Lev. 7:12 <sup>c</sup>Is. 57:19; Hos. 14:2 marg.

16 <sup>a</sup>Rom. 12:13 <sup>b</sup>Phil. 4:18

17 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *in order that they may do this* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *groaning*  
<sup>a</sup>Heb. 13:7, 24; 1 Cor. 16:16  
<sup>b</sup>Is. 62:6; Ezek. 3:17; Acts 20:28

18 <sup>a1</sup> Thess. 5:25 <sup>b</sup>Acts 24:16; 1 Tim. 1:5

19 <sup>a</sup>Philem. 22

20 <sup>1</sup>Or, *in*  
<sup>a</sup>Rom. 15:33 <sup>b</sup>Acts 2:24; Rom. 10:7 <sup>c</sup>Is. 63:11 marg.; John 10:11; 1 Pet. 2:25  
<sup>d</sup>Zech. 9:11; Heb. 10:29 <sup>e</sup>Is. 55:3; Jer. 32:40; Ezek. 37:26

21 <sup>a1</sup> Pet. 5:10 <sup>b</sup>Phil. 2:13  
<sup>c1</sup> John 3:22; Heb. 12:28  
<sup>d</sup>Rom. 11:36

22 <sup>1</sup>Or, *listen to* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *the*  
<sup>a</sup>Heb. 13:19; 3:13; 10:25; 12:5; Acts 13:15 <sup>b</sup>Heb. 3:1  
<sup>c1</sup> Pet. 5:12

23 <sup>a</sup>Acts 16:1; Col. 1:1

24 <sup>1</sup>i.e., true believers; lit., *holy ones*  
<sup>a</sup>Heb. 13:7, 17; 1 Cor. 16:16  
<sup>b</sup>Acts 9:13 <sup>c</sup>Acts 18:2

25 <sup>a</sup>Col. 4:18

9 <sup>a</sup>Do not be carried away by varied and strange teachings; for it is good for the heart to <sup>b</sup>be strengthened by grace, not by <sup>c</sup>foods, <sup>d</sup>through which those who <sup>1</sup>were thus occupied were not benefited.

10 We have an altar, <sup>a</sup>from which those <sup>b</sup>who serve the <sup>1</sup>tabernacle have no right to eat.

11 For <sup>a</sup>the bodies of those animals whose blood is brought into the holy place by the high priest *as an offering* for sin, are burned outside the camp.

12 Therefore Jesus also, <sup>a</sup>that He might sanctify the people <sup>b</sup>through His own blood, suffered <sup>c</sup>outside the gate.

13 Hence, let us go out to Him outside the camp, <sup>a</sup>bearing His reproach.

14 For here <sup>a</sup>we do not have a lasting city, but we are seeking <sup>b</sup>the city which is to come.

15 <sup>a</sup>Through Him then, let us continually offer up a <sup>b</sup>sacrifice of praise to God, that is, <sup>c</sup>the fruit of lips that <sup>1</sup>give thanks to His name.

16 And do not neglect doing good and <sup>a</sup>sharing; for <sup>b</sup>with such sacrifices God is pleased.

17 <sup>a</sup>Obey your leaders, and submit *to them*; for <sup>b</sup>they keep watch over your souls, as those who will give an account. <sup>1</sup>Let them do this with joy and not <sup>2</sup>with grief, for this would be unprofitable for you.

18 <sup>a</sup>Pray for us, for we are sure that we have a <sup>b</sup>good conscience, desiring to conduct ourselves honorably in all things.

19 And I urge *you* all the more to do this, <sup>a</sup>that I may be restored to you the sooner.

20 Now <sup>a</sup>the God of peace, who <sup>b</sup>brought up from the dead the <sup>c</sup>great Shepherd of the sheep <sup>1</sup>through <sup>d</sup>the blood of the <sup>e</sup>eternal covenant, *even* Jesus our Lord,

21 <sup>a</sup>equip you in every good thing to do His will, <sup>b</sup>working in us that <sup>c</sup>which is pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ, <sup>d</sup>to whom *be* the glory forever and ever. Amen.

22 But <sup>a</sup>I urge you, <sup>b</sup>brethren, <sup>1</sup>bear with <sup>2</sup>this <sup>b</sup>word of exhortation, for <sup>c</sup>I have written to you briefly.

23 Take notice that <sup>a</sup>our brother Timothy has been released, with whom, if he comes soon, I shall see you.

24 Greet <sup>a</sup>all of your leaders and all the <sup>1</sup>holy ones. Those from <sup>c</sup>Italy greet you.

25 <sup>a</sup>Grace be with you all.

# THE EPISTLE OF JAMES

Address and Greeting. Pray in Faith.  
Rejoice in Lowliness.  
Temptation not from God.

<sup>1a</sup>  
JAMES, a <sup>b</sup>bond-servant of God and <sup>c</sup>of the Lord Jesus Christ, to <sup>d</sup>the twelve tribes who are <sup>2e</sup>dispersed abroad, <sup>f</sup>greetings.

2 <sup>a</sup>Consider it all joy, my brethren, when you encounter <sup>b</sup>various <sup>1</sup>trials,

3 knowing that <sup>a</sup>the testing of your <sup>b</sup>faith produces <sup>1c</sup>endurance.

4 And let <sup>1a</sup>endurance have *its* perfect <sup>2</sup>result, that you may be <sup>3b</sup>perfect and complete, lacking in nothing.

5 But if any of you <sup>a</sup>lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all men generously and <sup>1</sup>without reproach, and <sup>bit</sup> will be given to him.

6 But let him <sup>a</sup>ask in faith <sup>b</sup>without any doubting, for the one who doubts is like the surf of the sea <sup>c</sup>driven and tossed by the wind.

7 For let not that man expect that he will receive anything from the Lord,

8 *being a* <sup>1a</sup>double-minded man, <sup>b</sup>unstable in all his ways.

9 <sup>a</sup>But let the <sup>1</sup>brother of humble circumstances glory in his high position;

10 and *let* the rich man *glory* in his humiliation, because <sup>a</sup>like <sup>1</sup>flowering grass he will pass away.

11 For the sun rises with <sup>1a</sup>a scorching wind, and <sup>b</sup>withers the grass; and its flower falls off, and the beauty of its appearance is destroyed; so too the rich man in the midst of his pursuits will fade away.

12 <sup>a</sup>Blessed is a man who perseveres under trial; for once he has <sup>1b</sup>been approved, he will receive <sup>b</sup>the crown of life, which *the Lord* <sup>c</sup>has promised to those who <sup>d</sup>love Him.

13 Let no one say when he is tempted, "I am being tempted <sup>1</sup>by God"; for God cannot be tempted <sup>2</sup>by evil, and He Himself does not tempt any one.

14 But each one is tempted when he is carried away and enticed by his own lust.

15 Then <sup>a</sup>when lust has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and when <sup>b</sup>sin is accomplished, it brings forth death.

16 <sup>a</sup>Do not be deceived, <sup>b</sup>my beloved brethren.

17 Every good thing bestowed and every perfect gift is <sup>a</sup>from above, coming down from <sup>b</sup>the Father of lights, <sup>c</sup>with whom there is no variation, or <sup>1</sup>shifting shadow.

18 In the exercise of <sup>a</sup>His will He <sup>b</sup>brought us forth by <sup>c</sup>the word of truth, so that we might be, <sup>1a</sup>as it were, the <sup>d</sup>first fruits <sup>2</sup>among His creatures.

19 <sup>1</sup>This <sup>a</sup>you know, <sup>b</sup>my beloved brethren. But let every one be quick to hear, <sup>c</sup>slow to speak and <sup>d</sup>slow to anger;

20 for <sup>a</sup>the anger of man does not achieve the righteousness of God.

1 <sup>1</sup>Or, *Jacob* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *in the Dispersion*

<sup>a</sup>Acts 12:17; <sup>2</sup>Titus 1:1  
<sup>c</sup>Rom. 1:1; <sup>2</sup>Pet. 1:1; Jude 1  
<sup>d</sup>Luke 22:30; Acts 26:7  
<sup>e</sup>1 Pet. 1:1; Phil. 3:20; Heb. 13:14; John 7:35 <sup>f</sup>Acts 15:23

2 <sup>1</sup>Or, *temptations*  
<sup>a</sup>Matt. 5:12; James 1:12; 5:11 <sup>b</sup>1 Pet. 1:6

3 <sup>1</sup>Or, *steadfastness*  
<sup>a</sup>1 Pet. 1:7 <sup>b</sup>Heb. 6:12  
<sup>c</sup>Luke 21:19

4 <sup>1</sup>Note vs. 3 <sup>2</sup>Lit., *work*  
<sup>3</sup>Or, *mature*  
<sup>a</sup>Luke 21:19 <sup>b</sup>James 3:2; Matt. 5:48; Col. 4:12; 1 Thess. 5:23

5 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *does not reproach*  
<sup>a</sup>1 Kin. 3:9ff.; Prov. 2:3-6; James 3:17 <sup>b</sup>Matt. 7:7

6 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 21:21 <sup>b</sup>Mark 11:23; Acts 10:20 <sup>c</sup>Eph. 4:14 [Matt. 14:28-31]

8 <sup>1</sup>Or, *doubting, hesitating*

<sup>a</sup>James 4:8 <sup>b</sup>2 Pet. 2:14

9 <sup>1</sup>i.e., church member  
<sup>a</sup>Luke 14:11

10 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *the flower of the grass*  
<sup>a</sup>1 Pet. 1:24; 1 Cor. 7:31

11 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *the*  
<sup>a</sup>Matt. 20:12 <sup>b</sup>Is. 40:7f.; Ps. 102:4, 11

12 <sup>1</sup>Or, *passed the test*  
<sup>a</sup>James 5:11; Luke 6:22; 1 Pet. 3:14; 4:14 <sup>b</sup>1 Cor. 9:25 <sup>c</sup>James 2:5; Ex. 20:6  
<sup>d</sup>1 Cor. 2:9; 8:3

13 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *from* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *of evil things*  
<sup>a</sup>Gen. 22:1

15 <sup>a</sup>Job 15:35; Ps. 7:14; Is. 59:4 <sup>b</sup>Rom. 5:12; 6:23

16 <sup>a</sup>1 Cor. 6:9 <sup>b</sup>James 1:2; 19: 2:1, 5, 14; 3:1, 10; 4:11; 5:12, 19; Acts 1:15

17 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *shadow of turning*  
<sup>a</sup>James 3:15, 17; John 3:3  
<sup>b</sup>Ps. 136:7; 1 John 1:5 <sup>c</sup>Mal. 3:6

18 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *a certain first fruits* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *of*  
<sup>a</sup>John 1:13 <sup>b</sup>James 1:15; 1 Pet. 1:3, 23 <sup>c</sup>2 Cor. 6:7; Eph. 1:13; 2 Tim. 2:15 <sup>d</sup>Jer. 2:3; Rev. 14:4

19 <sup>1</sup>Or, *Know this*  
<sup>a</sup>1 John 2:21 <sup>b</sup>James 1:2, 16; 2:1, 5, 14; 3:1, 10; 4:11; 5:12, 19; Acts 1:15 <sup>c</sup>Prov. 10:19; 17:27 <sup>d</sup>Prov. 16:32; Eccles. 7:9

20 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 5:22; Eph. 4:26

21 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *abundance of malice* <sup>2</sup>Or, *gentleness*  
<sup>a</sup>Eph. 4:22; 1 Pet. 2:1  
<sup>b</sup>1 Pet. 1:22f.; Eph. 1:13

22 <sup>a</sup>James 1:22-25; Matt. 7:24-27 [Luke 6:46-49]; Rom. 2:13; James 2:14-20

23 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *the face of his birth, or, nature*  
<sup>a</sup>1 Cor. 13:12

24 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *and he*

25 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *a doer of a work*  
<sup>2</sup>Lit., *his doing*  
<sup>a</sup>James 2:12; Gal. 2:4; John 8:32; Rom. 8:2; Gal. 6:2; 1 Pet. 2:16 <sup>b</sup>John 13:17

26 <sup>a</sup>James 3:2-12; Ps. 39:1; 141:3

27 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *from*  
<sup>a</sup>Rom. 2:13; Gal 3:11  
<sup>b</sup>Matt. 25:36 <sup>c</sup>Deut. 14:29; Job 31:16, 17, 21; Ps. 146:9; Is. 1:17, 23 <sup>d</sup>James 4:4; Titus 2:12; 2 Pet. 1:4; 2:20; Eph. 2:2; Matt. 12:32; 1 John 2:15-17

1 <sup>a</sup>James 1:16 <sup>b</sup>Heb. 12:2  
<sup>c</sup>1 Cor. 2:8; Acts 7:2 <sup>d</sup>James 2:9; Acts 10:34

2 <sup>1</sup>Or, *synagogue* <sup>2</sup>Or, *bright*  
<sup>a</sup>Luke 23:11; James 2:3  
<sup>b</sup>Zech. 3:3f.

3 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *look upon*  
<sup>a</sup>Luke 23:11; James 2:3

4 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *reasonings*  
<sup>a</sup>Luke 18:6 marg.; John 7:24

5 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *to the*  
<sup>a</sup>James 1:16 <sup>b</sup>1 Cor. 1:27f.; Job 34:19 <sup>c</sup>Luke 12:21; Rev. 2:9 <sup>d</sup>Matt. 5:3; 25:34  
<sup>e</sup>James 1:12

6 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *they themselves*  
<sup>2</sup>Lit., *courts*  
<sup>a</sup>Acts 8:3; 16:19

7 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *which has been called upon you*  
<sup>a</sup>1 Pet. 4:16; Acts 11:26

8 <sup>1</sup>Or, *of our King*  
<sup>a</sup>Matt. 7:12 <sup>b</sup>Lev. 19:18

9 <sup>1</sup>Or, *Law*  
<sup>a</sup>James 2:1; Acts 10:34  
<sup>b</sup>Deut. 1:17

10 <sup>1</sup>Or, *Law*  
<sup>a</sup>James 3:2; 2 Pet. 1:10; Jude 24 <sup>b</sup>Gal. 5:3; Matt. 5:19

11 <sup>1</sup>Or, *Law*  
<sup>a</sup>Ex. 20:14; Deut. 5:18 <sup>b</sup>Ex. 20:13; Deut. 5:17

12 <sup>a</sup>James 1:25

13 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *boasts against*  
<sup>a</sup>Matt. 5:7; 18:32-35; Luke 6:37f.; Prov. 21:13

21 Therefore <sup>a</sup>putting aside all filthiness and *all* <sup>1</sup>that remains of wickedness, in <sup>2</sup>humility receive <sup>b</sup>the word implanted, which is able to save your souls.

22 <sup>a</sup>But prove yourselves doers of the word, and not merely hearers who delude themselves.

23 For if any one is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man who looks at his <sup>1</sup>natural face <sup>a</sup>in a mirror;

24 for *once* he has looked at himself and gone away, <sup>1</sup>he has immediately forgotten what kind of person he was.

25 But one who looks intently at the perfect law, <sup>a</sup>the law of liberty, and abides by it, not having become a forgetful hearer but <sup>1</sup>an effectual doer, this man shall be <sup>b</sup>blessed in <sup>2</sup>what he does.

26 If any one thinks himself to be religious, and yet does not <sup>a</sup>bridle his tongue but deceives his *own* heart, this man's religion is worthless.

27 This is pure and undefiled religion <sup>a</sup>in the sight of our God and Father, to <sup>b</sup>visit <sup>c</sup>orphans and widows in their distress, *and* to keep oneself unstained <sup>1</sup>by <sup>d</sup>the world.

## CHAPTER 2

**M**Y brethren, <sup>b</sup>do not hold your faith in our <sup>c</sup>glorious Lord Jesus Christ with *an attitude of* <sup>d</sup>personal favoritism.

2 For if a man comes into your <sup>1</sup>assembly with a gold ring and dressed in <sup>2</sup>fine clothes, and there also comes in a poor man in <sup>b</sup>dirty clothes,

3 and you <sup>1</sup>pay special attention to the one who is wearing the <sup>a</sup>fine clothes, and say, "You sit here in a good place," and you say to the poor man, "You stand over there, or sit down by my footstool,"

4 have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges <sup>a</sup>with evil <sup>1</sup>motives?

5 Listen, <sup>a</sup>my beloved brethren: did not <sup>b</sup>God choose the poor <sup>1</sup>of this world to be <sup>c</sup>rich in faith and <sup>d</sup>heirs of the kingdom which He <sup>c</sup>promised to those who love Him?

6 But you have dishonored the poor man. Is it not the rich who oppress you and <sup>1</sup>personally <sup>a</sup>drag you into <sup>2</sup>court?

7 <sup>a</sup>Do they not blaspheme the fair name <sup>1</sup>by which you have been called?

8 If, however, you <sup>a</sup>are fulfilling the <sup>1</sup>royal law, according to the Scripture, "<sup>b</sup>YOU SHALL LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF," you are doing well.

9 But if you <sup>a</sup>show partiality, you are committing sin *and* are <sup>b</sup>convicted by the <sup>1</sup>law as transgressors.

10 For whoever keeps the whole <sup>1</sup>law and yet <sup>a</sup>stumbles in one *point*, he has become <sup>b</sup>guilty of all.

11 For He who said, "<sup>a</sup>DO NOT COMMIT ADULTERY," also said, "<sup>b</sup>DO NOT COMMIT MURDER." Now if you do not commit adultery, but do commit murder, you have become a transgressor of the <sup>1</sup>law.

12 So speak and so act, as those who are to be judged by <sup>a</sup>the law of liberty.

13 For <sup>a</sup>judgment *will be* merciless to one who has shown no mercy; mercy <sup>1</sup>triumphs over judgment.

14 <sup>a</sup>What use is it, <sup>b</sup>my brethren, if a man says he has faith, but he has no works? Can <sup>1</sup>that faith save him?

15 <sup>a</sup>If a brother or sister is without clothing and in need of daily food,

16 and one of you says to them, “<sup>a</sup>Go in peace, be warmed and be filled,” and yet you do not give them what is necessary for *their* body, what use is that?

17 Even so <sup>a</sup>faith, if it has no works, is dead, *being* by itself.

18 <sup>a</sup>But someone <sup>1</sup>may well say, “You have faith, and I have works; show me your <sup>b</sup>faith without the works, and I will <sup>c</sup>show you my faith <sup>d</sup>by my works.”

19 You believe that <sup>1a</sup>God is one. <sup>b</sup>You do well; <sup>c</sup>the demons also believe, and shudder.

20 But are you willing to recognize, <sup>a</sup>you foolish fellow, that <sup>b</sup>faith without works is useless?

21 <sup>a</sup>Was not Abraham our father justified by works, when he offered up Isaac his son on the altar?

22 You see that <sup>a</sup>faith was working with his works, and <sup>1a</sup>as a result of the <sup>b</sup>works, faith was <sup>2</sup>perfected;

23 and the Scripture was fulfilled which says, “<sup>a</sup>AND ABRAHAM BELIEVED GOD, AND IT WAS RECKONED TO HIM AS RIGHTEOUSNESS,” and he was called <sup>b</sup>the friend of God.

24 You see that a man is justified by works, and not by faith alone.

25 And in the same way was not <sup>a</sup>Rahab the harlot also justified by works, <sup>b</sup>when she received the messengers and sent them out by another way?

26 For just as the body without *the* spirit is dead, so also <sup>a</sup>faith without works is dead.

CHAPTER 3

<sup>a</sup>LET not many of you become teachers, <sup>b</sup>my brethren, knowing that as such we shall incur a <sup>1</sup>stricter judgment.

2 For we all <sup>a</sup>stumble in many ways. <sup>b</sup>If any one does not stumble in <sup>1</sup>what he says, he is a <sup>c</sup>perfect man, able to <sup>d</sup>bridle the whole body as well.

3 Now <sup>a</sup>if we put the bits into the horses' mouths so that they may obey us, we direct their entire body as well.

4 Behold, the ships also, though they are so great and are driven by strong winds, are still directed by a very small rudder, wherever the inclination of the pilot desires.

5 So also the tongue is a small part of the body, and yet it <sup>a</sup>boasts of great things. <sup>b</sup>Behold, how great a forest is set aflame by such a small fire!

6 And <sup>a</sup>the tongue is a fire, the *very* world of iniquity; the tongue is set among our members as that which <sup>b</sup>defiles the entire body, and sets on fire the course of *our* <sup>1</sup>life, and is set on fire by <sup>2c</sup>hell.

7 For every <sup>1</sup>species of beasts and birds, of reptiles and creatures of the sea, is tamed, and has been tamed by the human <sup>1</sup>race.

8 But no one can tame the tongue; *it is* a restless evil and full of <sup>a</sup>deadly poison.

14 <sup>1</sup>Lit. *the*  
<sup>a</sup>James 1:22ff. <sup>b</sup>James 1:16

15 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 25:35f.; Luke 3:11

16 <sup>1</sup>John 3:17f.

17 <sup>a</sup>Gal. 5:6; James 2:20, 26

18 <sup>1</sup>Lit. *will*  
<sup>a</sup>Rom. 9:19 <sup>b</sup>Rom. 3:28; 4:6; Heb. 11:33 <sup>c</sup>James 3:13  
<sup>d</sup>Matt. 7:16f.; Gal. 5:6

19 <sup>1</sup>Or. *there is one God*  
<sup>a</sup>Deut. 6:4; Mark 12:29  
<sup>b</sup>James 2:8 <sup>c</sup>Matt. 8:29;  
Mark 1:24; 5:7; Luke 4:34;  
Acts 19:15

20 <sup>a</sup>Rom. 9:20; 1 Cor. 15:36 <sup>b</sup>Gal. 4:6; James 2:17, 26

21 <sup>a</sup>Gen. 22:9, 10, 12, 16-18

22 <sup>1</sup>Or. *by the deeds* <sup>2</sup>Or. *completed*  
<sup>a</sup>Heb. 11:17; John 6:29  
<sup>b</sup>1 Thess. 1:3

23 <sup>a</sup>Gen. 15:6; Rom. 4:3  
<sup>b</sup>Is. 41:8; 2 Chr. 20:7

25 <sup>a</sup>Heb. 11:31 <sup>b</sup>Josh. 2:4, 6, 15

26 <sup>a</sup>Gal. 5:6; James 2:17, 20

1 <sup>1</sup>Or. *greater condemnation*  
<sup>a</sup>Matt. 23:8; Rom. 2:20f.; 1 Tim. 1:7 <sup>b</sup>James 1:16; 3:10

2 <sup>1</sup>Lit. *word*  
<sup>a</sup>James 2:10 <sup>b</sup>James 3:2-12; Matt. 12:34-37 <sup>c</sup>James 1:4  
<sup>d</sup>James 1:26

3 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 32:9

5 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 12:3f.; 73:8f.  
<sup>b</sup>Prov. 26:20f.

6 <sup>1</sup>Or. *existence, origin*  
<sup>2</sup>Cr., *Gehenna*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 120:3, 4; Prov. 16:27  
<sup>b</sup>Matt. 15:11, 18f.; 12:36f.  
<sup>c</sup>Matt. 5:22

7 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *nature*; Gr., *genos*

8 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 140:3; Rom. 3:13; Eccles. 10:11 marg.

9 <sup>a</sup>James 1:27 <sup>b1</sup> Cor. 11:7

11 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *sweet*

12 <sup>1</sup>Note vs. 11  
<sup>a</sup>Matt. 7:16

13 <sup>a</sup>James 2:18 <sup>b1</sup> Pet. 2:12

14 <sup>1</sup>Or, *strife*  
<sup>a</sup>James 3:16; Rom. 2:8;  
2 Cor. 12:20 <sup>b</sup>James 5:19;  
1:18; 1 Tim. 2:4

15 <sup>1</sup>Or, *unspiritual*  
<sup>a</sup>James 1:17 <sup>b1</sup> Cor. 2:6;  
3:19 <sup>c2</sup> Cor. 1:12; Jude 19  
<sup>d2</sup> Thess. 2:9f.; 1 Tim. 4:1;  
Rev. 2:24

16 <sup>1</sup>Note vs. 14  
<sup>a</sup>James 3:14; Rom. 2:8;  
2 Cor. 12:20

17 <sup>1</sup>Or, *willing to yield*  
<sup>a</sup>James 1:17 <sup>b</sup>James 4:8;  
2 Cor. 7:11 <sup>c</sup>Matt. 5:9;  
Heb. 12:11 <sup>d</sup>Titus 3:2; Phil.  
4:5 marg. <sup>e</sup>Luke 6:36;  
James 2:13 <sup>f</sup>James 2:4 [Gr.]  
<sup>g</sup>Rom. 12:9; 2 Cor. 6:6

18 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *fruit of righteousness* <sup>2</sup>Or, *for*  
<sup>a</sup>Prov. 11:18; Is. 32:17; Hos.  
10:12; Amos 6:12; Phil.  
1:11; Gal. 6:8

<sup>1</sup> Lit., *Whence wars and whence fightings* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *Are they not hence, from your . . .*  
<sup>a</sup>Titus 3:9 <sup>b</sup>Rom. 7:23

2 <sup>a1</sup> John 3:15; James 5:6

3 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *wickedly* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *in*  
<sup>a1</sup> John 3:22; 5:14

4 <sup>a</sup>Is. 54:5; Jer. 2:2; Ezek.  
16:32; Matt. 12:39 <sup>b</sup>James  
1:27 <sup>c</sup>Rom. 8:7; 1 John 2:15  
<sup>d</sup>John 15:19; Matt. 6:24

5 <sup>1</sup>Or, *The Spirit which He has made to dwell in us jealously desires us* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *desires to jealousy*  
<sup>a</sup>Num. 23:19 <sup>b1</sup> Cor. 6:19;  
2 Cor. 6:16

6 <sup>a</sup>Is. 54:7f.; Matt. 13:12  
<sup>b</sup>Prov. 3:34; 1 Pet. 5:5; Ps.  
138:6; Matt. 23:12

7 <sup>a1</sup> Pet. 5:6 <sup>b1</sup> Pet. 5:8f.;  
Eph. 4:27; 6:11f.

8 <sup>a2</sup> Chr. 15:2; Zech. 1:3;  
Mal. 3:7; Heb. 7:19 <sup>b</sup>Is.  
1:16; Job 17:9; 1 Tim. 2:8  
<sup>c</sup>Jer. 4:14; 1 Pet. 1:22;  
1 John 3:3; James 3:17  
<sup>d</sup>James 1:8

9 <sup>a</sup>Luke 6:25; Prov.  
14:13; Neh. 8:9

10 <sup>a</sup>James 4:6; Job 5:11;  
Ezek. 21:26; Luke 1:52

11 <sup>a2</sup> Cor. 12:20; 1 Pet.  
2:1; James 5:9 <sup>b</sup>James 5:7;  
9, 10; 1:16 <sup>c</sup>Matt. 7:1;  
Rom. 14:4 <sup>d</sup>James 2:8  
<sup>e</sup>James 1:22

9 With it we bless <sup>a</sup>our Lord and Father; and with it we curse men, <sup>b</sup>who have been made in the likeness of God; 10 from the same mouth come *both* blessing and cursing. My brethren, these things ought not to be this way.

11 Does a fountain send out from the same opening *both* <sup>1</sup>fresh and bitter *water*?

12 <sup>a</sup>Can a fig tree, my brethren, produce olives, or a vine produce figs? Neither *can* salt water produce <sup>1</sup>fresh.

13 Who among you is wise and understanding? <sup>a</sup>Let him show by his <sup>b</sup>good behavior his deeds in the gentleness of wisdom.

14 But if you have bitter <sup>a</sup>jealousy and <sup>1</sup>selfish ambition in your heart, do not be arrogant and so lie against <sup>b</sup>the truth.

15 This wisdom is not that which comes down <sup>a</sup>from above, but is <sup>b</sup>earthly, <sup>1c</sup>natural, <sup>d</sup>demonic.

16 For where <sup>a</sup>jealousy and <sup>1</sup>selfish ambition exist, there is disorder and every evil thing.

17 But the wisdom <sup>a</sup>from above is first <sup>b</sup>pure, then <sup>c</sup>peaceable, <sup>d</sup>gentle, <sup>1</sup>reasonable, <sup>e</sup>full of mercy and good fruits, <sup>f</sup>unwavering, without <sup>g</sup>hypocrisy.

18 And the <sup>1a</sup>seed whose fruit is righteousness is sown in peace <sup>2</sup>by those who make peace.

## CHAPTER 4

<sup>1</sup>WHAT is the source of quarrels and <sup>a</sup>conflicts among you? <sup>2</sup>Is not the source your pleasures that wage <sup>b</sup>war in your members?

2 You lust and do not have; so you <sup>a</sup>commit murder. And you are envious and cannot obtain; so you fight and quarrel. You do not have because you do not ask.

3 You ask and <sup>a</sup>do not receive, because you ask <sup>1</sup>with wrong motives, so that you may spend it <sup>2</sup>on your pleasures.

4 You <sup>a</sup>adulteresses, do you not know that friendship with <sup>b</sup>the world is <sup>c</sup>hostility toward God? <sup>d</sup>Therefore whoever wishes to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God.

5 Or do you think that the Scripture <sup>a</sup>speaks to no purpose: "He <sup>2</sup>jealously desires <sup>b</sup>the Spirit which He has made to dwell in us"?

6 But <sup>a</sup>He gives a greater grace. Therefore *it* says, "<sup>b</sup>GOD IS OPPOSED TO THE PROUD, BUT GIVES GRACE TO THE HUMBLE."

7 <sup>a</sup>Submit therefore to God. <sup>b</sup>Resist the devil and he will flee from you.

8 <sup>a</sup>Draw near to God and He will draw near to you. <sup>b</sup>Cleanse your hands, you sinners; and <sup>c</sup>purify your hearts, you <sup>d</sup>double-minded.

9 <sup>a</sup>Be miserable and mourn and weep; let your laughter be turned into mourning, and your joy to gloom.

10 <sup>a</sup>Humble yourselves in the presence of the Lord, and He will exalt you.

11 <sup>a</sup>Do not speak against one another, <sup>b</sup>brethren. He who speaks against a brother, or <sup>c</sup>judges his brother, speaks against <sup>d</sup>the law, and judges the law; but if you judge the law, you are not <sup>e</sup>a doer of the law, but a judge of it.



12 There is *only* one <sup>a</sup>Lawgiver and Judge, the One who is <sup>b</sup>able to save and to destroy; but <sup>c</sup>who are you who judge your neighbor?

13 <sup>a</sup>Come now, you who say, "<sup>b</sup>Today or tomorrow, we shall go to such and such a city, and spend a year there and engage in business and make a profit."

14 <sup>1</sup>Yet you do not know <sup>2</sup>what your life will be like tomorrow. <sup>a</sup>You are *just* a vapor that appears for a little while and then vanishes away.

15 <sup>1</sup>Instead, you *ought* to say, "<sup>a</sup>If the Lord wills, we shall live and also do this or that."

16 But as it is, you boast in your <sup>1</sup>arrogance; <sup>a</sup>all such boasting is evil.

17 Therefore, <sup>a</sup>to one who knows *the* <sup>1</sup>right thing to do, and does not do it, to him it is sin.

CHAPTER 5

<sup>a</sup>COME now, <sup>b</sup>you rich, <sup>c</sup>weep and howl for your miseries which are coming upon you.

2 <sup>a</sup>Your riches have rotted and your garments have become moth-eaten.

3 Your gold and your silver have rusted; and their rust will be a witness against you and will consume your flesh like fire. It is <sup>a</sup>in the last days that you have stored up your treasure!

4 Behold, <sup>a</sup>the pay of the laborers who mowed your fields, *and* which has been withheld by you, cries out *against* you; and <sup>b</sup>the outcry of those who did the harvesting has reached the ears of <sup>c</sup>the Lord of <sup>1</sup>Sabaoth.

5 You have <sup>a</sup>lived luxuriously on the earth and led a life of wanton pleasure; you have <sup>1</sup>fattened your hearts in <sup>a</sup>day of slaughter.

6 You have condemned and <sup>1</sup>put to death <sup>b</sup>the righteous man; he does not resist you.

7 Be patient, therefore, <sup>a</sup>brethren, <sup>b</sup>until the coming of the Lord. <sup>c</sup>Behold, the farmer waits for the precious produce of the soil, being patient about it, until <sup>1</sup>it gets <sup>d</sup>the early and late rains.

8 <sup>a</sup>You too be patient; <sup>b</sup>strengthen your hearts, for <sup>c</sup>the coming of the Lord is <sup>a</sup>at hand.

9 <sup>a</sup>Do not <sup>1</sup>complain, <sup>b</sup>brethren, against one another, that you yourselves may not be judged; behold, <sup>c</sup>the Judge is standing <sup>2</sup>right at the <sup>3</sup>door.

10 As an example, <sup>a</sup>brethren, of suffering and patience, take <sup>b</sup>the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

11 Behold, we count those <sup>a</sup>blessed who endured. You have heard of <sup>b</sup>the <sup>1</sup>endurance of Job and have seen <sup>c</sup>the <sup>2</sup>outcome of the Lord's dealings, that <sup>d</sup>the Lord is full of compassion and is merciful.

12 But above all, <sup>a</sup>my brethren, <sup>b</sup>do not swear, either by heaven or by earth or with any other oath; but <sup>1</sup>let your yes be yes, and your no, no; so that you may not fall under judgment.

13 Is anyone among you <sup>a</sup>suffering? <sup>b</sup>Let him pray. Is anyone cheerful? Let him <sup>c</sup>sing praises.

12 <sup>a</sup>Is. 33:22; James 5:9  
<sup>b</sup>Matt. 10:28 <sup>c</sup>Rom. 14:4

13 <sup>a</sup>James 5:1 <sup>b</sup>Prov. 27:1; Luke 12:18-20

14 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *Who do not . . . ?* <sup>2</sup>Some mss. read, *the morrow; for what kind of life is yours*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 102:3; Job 7:7; Ps. 39:5; 144:4

15 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *Instead of your saying*  
<sup>a</sup>Acts 18:21

16 <sup>1</sup>Or, *pretensions*  
<sup>a</sup>1 Cor. 5:6

17 <sup>1</sup>Or, *good*  
<sup>a</sup>Luke 12:47; 2 Pet. 2:21; John 9:41

1 <sup>a</sup>James 4:13 <sup>b</sup>Luke 6:24; 1 Tim. 6:9 <sup>c</sup>Is. 13:6; 15:3; Ezek. 30:2

2 <sup>a</sup>Job 13:28; Is. 50:9; Matt. 6:19f.

3 <sup>a</sup>James 5:7, 8

4 <sup>1</sup>i.e., *Hosts*  
<sup>a</sup>Lev. 19:13; Job 24:10f.; Jer. 22:13; Mal. 3:5 <sup>b</sup>Deut. 24:15; Job 31:38f.; Ex. 2:23 <sup>c</sup>Rom. 9:29

5 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *nourished*  
<sup>a</sup>Luke 16:19; 2 Pet. 2:13; Ezek. 16:49; 1 Tim. 5:6  
<sup>b</sup>Jer. 12:3; 25:34

6 <sup>1</sup>Or, *murdered*  
<sup>a</sup>James 4:2 <sup>b</sup>Heb. 10:38; 1 Pet. 4:18

7 <sup>1</sup>Or, *he*  
<sup>a</sup>James 4:11; 5:9, 10 <sup>b</sup>John 21:22; 1 Thess. 2:19 <sup>c</sup>Gal. 6:9 <sup>d</sup>Deut. 11:14; Jer. 5:24; Joel 2:23

8 <sup>a</sup>Luke 21:19 <sup>b</sup>1 Thess. 3:13 <sup>c</sup>John 21:22; 1 Thess. 2:19 <sup>d</sup>Rom. 13:11, 12; 1 Pet. 4:7

9 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *groan* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *before* <sup>3</sup>Lit., *doors*  
<sup>a</sup>James 4:11 <sup>b</sup>James 4:11; 5:7, 10 <sup>c</sup>James 4:12; 1 Cor. 4:5; Heb. 10:25; 1 Pet. 4:5  
<sup>d</sup>Matt. 24:33; Mark 13:29

10 <sup>a</sup>James 4:11; 5:7, 9  
<sup>b</sup>Matt. 5:12

11 <sup>1</sup>Or, *steadfastness*  
<sup>2</sup>Lit., *end of the Lord*  
<sup>a</sup>Matt. 5:10; 1 Pet. 3:14  
<sup>b</sup>Job 1:21f.; 2:10 <sup>c</sup>Job 42:10, 12 <sup>d</sup>Ex. 34:6; Ps. 103:8

12 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *let yours be the yes, yes, and the no, no*  
<sup>a</sup>James 1:16 <sup>b</sup>Matt. 5:34-37

13 <sup>a</sup>James 5:10 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 50:15  
<sup>c</sup>Col. 3:16; 1 Cor. 14:15

14 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *having anointed*  
<sup>a</sup>Acts 11:30 <sup>b</sup>Mark 6:13;  
 16:18

15 <sup>1</sup>Lit., of <sup>2</sup>Or, *save* <sup>3</sup>Lit.,  
*it*  
<sup>a</sup>James 1:6 <sup>b1</sup> 1 Cor. 1:21;  
 James 5:20 <sup>c</sup>John 6:39;  
 2 Cor. 4:14

16 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *supplication*  
<sup>a</sup>Matt. 3:6; Mark 1:5; Acts  
 19:18 <sup>b</sup>Heb. 12:13; 1 Pet.  
 2:24 <sup>c</sup>Gen. 18:23-32; John  
 9:31

17 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *with prayer*  
<sup>a</sup>Acts 14:15 <sup>b1</sup> 1 Kin. 17:1;  
 18:1 <sup>c</sup>Luke 4:25

18 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *heaven* <sup>2</sup>Lit.,  
*gave*  
<sup>a1</sup> 1 Kin. 18:42 <sup>b1</sup> 1 Kin. 18:45

19 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 18:15; Gal. 6:1  
<sup>b</sup>James 3:14

20 <sup>a</sup>Rom. 11:14; 1 Cor.  
 1:21; James 1:21 <sup>b1</sup> 1 Pet. 4:8

14 Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for <sup>a</sup>the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, <sup>1b</sup>anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord;

15 and the <sup>a</sup>prayer <sup>1</sup>offered in faith will <sup>2b</sup>restore the one who is sick, and the Lord will <sup>c</sup>raise him up, and if he has committed sins, <sup>3</sup>they will be forgiven him.

16 Therefore, <sup>a</sup>confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be <sup>b</sup>healed. <sup>c</sup>The effective <sup>1</sup>prayer of a righteous man can accomplish much.

17 Elijah was <sup>a</sup>a man with a nature like ours, and <sup>b</sup>he prayed <sup>1</sup>earnestly that it might not rain; and it did not rain on the earth for <sup>c</sup>three years and six months.

18 And he <sup>a</sup>prayed again, and <sup>b</sup>the <sup>1</sup>sky <sup>2</sup>poured rain, and the earth produced its fruit.

19 My brethren, <sup>a</sup>if any among you strays from <sup>b</sup>the truth, and one turns him back,

20 let him know that he who turns a sinner from the error of his way will <sup>a</sup>save his soul from death, and will <sup>b</sup>cover a multitude of sins.

## THE FIRST EPISTLE OF PETER

Salutation. Our Living Hope through  
 Christ's Resurrection.

1 <sup>a2</sup> 1 Pet. 1:1 <sup>b1</sup> 1 Pet. 2:11  
<sup>c</sup>James 1:1 <sup>d</sup>Acts 2:9 <sup>e</sup>Acts  
 16:6 <sup>f</sup>Acts 16:7 <sup>g</sup>Matt.  
 24:22; Luke 18:7

2 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *unto obedience*  
 and *sprinkling* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *be*  
*multiplied for you*  
<sup>a</sup>Rom. 8:29; 1 Pet. 1:20  
<sup>b2</sup> Thess. 2:13 <sup>c1</sup> 1 Pet. 1:14,  
 22; Rom. 1:5; 6:16; 16:19  
<sup>d</sup>Heb. 10:22; 12:24 <sup>e2</sup> 1 Pet.  
 1:2

3 <sup>a2</sup> 1 Cor. 1:3 <sup>b</sup>Titus 3:5;  
 Gal. 6:16 <sup>c1</sup> 1 Pet. 1:23;  
 James 1:18 <sup>d1</sup> 1 Pet. 1:13, 21;  
 3:5, 15; Heb. 3:6; 2 Thess.  
 2:16; 1 John 3:3 <sup>e1</sup> 1 Pet.  
 3:21; 1 Cor. 15:20

4 <sup>a</sup>Acts 20:32; Rom. 8:17;  
 Col. 3:24 <sup>b1</sup> 1 Pet. 5:4  
<sup>c2</sup> Tim. 4:8; Heb. 11:16

5 <sup>a</sup>Phil. 4:7; John 10:28  
<sup>b</sup>Eph. 2:8 <sup>c1</sup> 1 Cor. 1:21;  
 2 Thess. 2:13 <sup>d1</sup> 1 Pet. 4:13;  
 5:1; Rom. 8:16

6 <sup>1</sup>Or, *temptations*  
<sup>a</sup>Rom. 5:2 <sup>b1</sup> 1 Pet. 5:10  
<sup>c1</sup> 1 Pet. 3:17 <sup>d</sup>James 1:2;  
 1 Pet. 4:12

7 <sup>1</sup>Or, *genuineness* <sup>2</sup>Lit.,  
*perishes*

<sup>a</sup>James 1:3 <sup>b</sup>Job 23:10; Ps.  
 66:10; Prov. 17:3; Is. 48:10;  
 Zech. 13:9; Mal. 3:3; 1 Cor.  
 3:13 <sup>c</sup>Rom. 2:7, 10; 2 Cor.  
 4:17; Heb. 12:11 <sup>d1</sup> 1 Pet.  
 1:13; 4:13; Luke 17:30

8 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *glorified*  
<sup>a</sup>John 20:29 <sup>b</sup>Eph. 3:19  
<sup>c</sup>Some ancient mss.

omit your  
<sup>a</sup>Rom. 6:22

<sup>a</sup>PETER, an apostle of Jesus Christ, to those who reside as <sup>b</sup>aliens, <sup>c</sup>scattered throughout <sup>d</sup>Pontus, <sup>e</sup>Galatia, <sup>f</sup>Cappadocia, <sup>g</sup>Asia, and <sup>h</sup>Bithynia, <sup>i</sup>who are chosen

2 according to the <sup>a</sup>foreknowledge of God the Father, <sup>b</sup>by the sanctifying work of the Spirit, <sup>1</sup>that you may <sup>c</sup>obey Jesus Christ and be <sup>d</sup>sprinkled with His blood: <sup>c</sup>May grace and peace <sup>2</sup>be yours in fullest measure.

3 <sup>a</sup>Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who <sup>b</sup>according to His great mercy <sup>c</sup>has caused us to be born again to <sup>d</sup>a living hope through the <sup>e</sup>resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,

4 to <sup>a</sup>obtain an <sup>a</sup>inheritance *which is* imperishable and undefiled and <sup>b</sup>will not fade away, <sup>c</sup>reserved in heaven for you,

5 who are <sup>a</sup>protected by the power of God <sup>b</sup>through faith for <sup>c</sup>a salvation ready <sup>d</sup>to be revealed in the last time.

6 <sup>a</sup>In this you greatly rejoice, even though now <sup>b</sup>for a little while, <sup>c</sup>if necessary, you have been distressed by <sup>d</sup>various <sup>1</sup>trials,

7 that the <sup>1a</sup>proof of your faith, *being* more precious than gold which <sup>2</sup>is perishable, <sup>b</sup>even though tested by fire, <sup>c</sup>may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at <sup>d</sup>the revelation of Jesus Christ;

8 and <sup>a</sup>though you have not seen Him, you <sup>b</sup>love Him, and though you do not see Him now, but believe in Him, you greatly rejoice with joy inexpressible and <sup>1</sup>full of glory,

9 obtaining as <sup>a</sup>the outcome of your faith the salvation of <sup>1</sup>your souls.

10 <sup>a</sup>As to this salvation, the prophets who <sup>b</sup>prophesied of the <sup>c</sup>grace that *would come* to you made careful search and inquiry,

11 <sup>1</sup>seeking to know what person or time <sup>a</sup>the Spirit of Christ within them was indicating as He <sup>b</sup>predicted the sufferings of Christ and the glories <sup>2</sup>to follow.

12 It was revealed to them that they were not serving themselves, but you, in these things which now have been announced to you through those who <sup>a</sup>preached the gospel to you by <sup>b</sup>the Holy Spirit sent from heaven—things into which <sup>c</sup>angels long to <sup>1</sup>look.

13 Therefore, <sup>a</sup>gird <sup>1</sup>your minds for action, <sup>2b</sup>keep sober in spirit, fix your <sup>c</sup>hope completely on the <sup>d</sup>grace <sup>3</sup>to be brought to you at <sup>e</sup>the revelation of Jesus Christ.

14 As <sup>1a</sup>obedient children, do not <sup>2b</sup>be conformed to the former lusts *which were yours* in your <sup>c</sup>ignorance,

15 but <sup>1a</sup>like the Holy One who called you, <sup>2b</sup>be holy yourselves also <sup>c</sup>in all your behavior;

16 because it is written, "<sup>a</sup>YOU SHALL BE HOLY, FOR I AM HOLY."

17 And if you <sup>a</sup>address as Father the One who <sup>b</sup>impartially <sup>c</sup>judges according to each man's work, conduct yourselves <sup>d</sup>in fear during the time of your <sup>e</sup>stay *upon earth*;

18 knowing that you were not <sup>1a</sup>redeemed with perishable things like silver or gold from your <sup>b</sup>fruitless way of life inherited from your forefathers,

19 but with precious <sup>a</sup>blood, as of a <sup>b</sup>lamb unblemished and spotless, *the blood* of Christ.

20 For He was <sup>a</sup>foreknown before <sup>b</sup>the foundation of the world, but has <sup>c</sup>appeared <sup>1</sup>in these last times <sup>d</sup>for the sake of you

21 who through Him are <sup>a</sup>believers in God, who raised Him from the dead and <sup>b</sup>gave Him glory, so that your faith and <sup>c</sup>hope are in God.

22 Since you have <sup>a</sup>in obedience to the truth <sup>b</sup>purified your souls for a <sup>1c</sup>sincere love of the brethren, fervently love one another from <sup>2</sup>the heart,

23 for you have been <sup>a</sup>born again <sup>b</sup>not of seed which is perishable but imperishable, *that is*, through the living and abiding <sup>c</sup>word of God.

24 For,

"<sup>a</sup>ALL FLESH IS LIKE GRASS,  
AND ALL ITS GLORY LIKE THE FLOWER OF GRASS.  
THE GRASS WITHERS,  
AND THE FLOWER FALLS OFF,

25 <sup>a</sup>BUT THE WORD OF THE LORD ABIDES FOREVER."  
And this is <sup>b</sup>the word which was <sup>1</sup>preached to you.

## CHAPTER 2

**T**HEREFORE, <sup>a</sup>putting aside all <sup>1</sup>malice and all guile and <sup>2</sup>hypocrisy and <sup>2</sup>envy and all <sup>2b</sup>slander,

2 <sup>a</sup>like newborn babes, long for the <sup>1b</sup>pure <sup>2</sup>milk of the word, that by it you may <sup>c</sup>grow <sup>3</sup>in respect to salvation,

3 if you have <sup>a</sup>tasted <sup>1b</sup>the kindness of the Lord.

10 <sup>1</sup> Pet. 1:10-12; Matt. 13:17; Luke 10:24 <sup>2</sup> Matt. 26:24; Luke 24:27, 44  
<sup>3</sup> 1 Pet. 1:13; Col. 3:4

11 <sup>1</sup> Lit., *inquiring* <sup>2</sup> Lit., *after these*  
<sup>a</sup> Rom. 8:9; 2 Pet. 1:21  
<sup>b</sup> Matt. 26:24; Luke 24:27, 44

12 <sup>1</sup> Or, *gain a clear glimpse*  
<sup>a</sup> 1 Pet. 1:25; 4:6 <sup>b</sup> Acts 2:2-4  
<sup>c</sup> Luke 2:13; Eph. 3:10;  
1 Tim. 3:16

13 <sup>1</sup> Lit., *the loins of your mind* <sup>2</sup> Lit., *be sober* <sup>3</sup> Or, *which is announced*  
<sup>a</sup> Eph. 6:14 <sup>b</sup> 1 Pet. 4:7; 5:8;  
1 Thess. 5:6, 8; 2 Tim. 4:5;  
Rom. 12:3; Titus 2:6  
<sup>c</sup> 1 Pet. 1:3 <sup>d</sup> 1 Pet. 1:10;  
Col. 3:4 <sup>e</sup> 1 Pet. 1:7; 4:13;  
Luke 17:30

14 <sup>1</sup> Lit., *children of obedience* <sup>2</sup> Or, *conform yourselves*  
<sup>a</sup> 1 Pet. 1:2 <sup>b</sup> Rom. 12:2;  
1 Pet. 4:2f. <sup>c</sup> Eph. 4:18

15 <sup>1</sup> Lit., *according to* <sup>2</sup> Or, *become*  
<sup>a</sup> 1 Thess. 4:7; 1 John 3:3  
<sup>b</sup> 2 Cor. 7:1 <sup>c</sup> James 3:13

16 <sup>a</sup> Lev. 11:44f.; 19:2; 20:7  
17 <sup>a</sup> Ps. 89:26; Jer. 3:19;  
Mal. 1:6; Matt. 6:9 <sup>b</sup> Acts 10:34 <sup>c</sup> Matt. 16:27 <sup>d</sup> 1 Pet. 3:15; 2 Cor. 7:1; Heb. 12:28  
<sup>e</sup> 1 Pet. 2:11; Eph. 2:19

18 <sup>1</sup> Or, *ransomed*  
<sup>a</sup> Is. 52:3; 1 Cor. 6:20; Titus 2:14; Heb. 9:12; 2 Pet. 2:1;  
Matt. 20:28 <sup>b</sup> Eph. 4:17

19 <sup>a</sup> Acts 20:28; 1 Pet. 1:2  
<sup>b</sup> John 1:29; Heb. 9:14

20 <sup>1</sup> Lit., *at the end of the times*  
<sup>a</sup> Acts 2:23; 1 Pet. 1:2; Eph. 1:4; Rev. 13:8 <sup>b</sup> Matt. 25:34  
<sup>c</sup> Heb. 9:26 <sup>d</sup> Heb. 2:14

21 <sup>a</sup> Rom. 4:24; 10:9 <sup>b</sup> Heb. 2:9; 1 Tim. 3:16; John 17:5;  
24 <sup>c</sup> 1 Pet. 1:3

22 <sup>1</sup> Lit., *unhypocritical*  
<sup>2</sup> Some mss. read, *a clean heart*

<sup>a</sup> 1 Pet. 1:2 <sup>b</sup> James 4:8  
<sup>c</sup> John 13:34; Rom. 12:10;  
Heb. 13:1; 1 Pet. 2:17; 3:8

23 <sup>a</sup> 1 Pet. 1:3; John 3:3  
<sup>b</sup> John 1:13 <sup>c</sup> Heb. 4:12

24 <sup>a</sup> Is. 40:6ff.; James 1:10f.

25 <sup>1</sup> Lit., *preached as good news to you*  
<sup>a</sup> Is. 40:8 <sup>b</sup> Heb. 6:5

1 <sup>1</sup> Or, *wickedness* <sup>2</sup> plural nouns  
<sup>a</sup> Eph. 4:22, 25, 31; James 1:21 <sup>b</sup> James 4:11

2 <sup>1</sup> Or, *unadulterated*  
<sup>2</sup> Or, *spiritual* (Gr., *logikos*)  
*milk* <sup>3</sup> Or, *up to salvation*  
<sup>a</sup> Matt. 18:3; 19:14; Mark 10:15; Luke 18:17; 1 Cor. 14:20 <sup>b</sup> 1 Cor. 3:2 <sup>c</sup> Eph. 4:15f.

3 <sup>1</sup> Lit., *that the Lord is kind*  
<sup>a</sup> Heb. 6:5 <sup>b</sup> Ps. 34:8; Titus 3:4

4 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *chosen*; or, *elect*  
<sup>a</sup>1 Pet. 2:7

5 <sup>1</sup>Or, *allow yourselves to be built up*; or, *build yourselves up*  
<sup>a</sup>1 Cor. 3:9 <sup>b</sup>1 Tim. 3:15;  
 Gal. 6:10 <sup>c</sup>1 Pet. 2:9; Is. 61:6; 66:21; Rev. 1:6 <sup>d</sup>Heb. 13:15; Rom. 15:16

6 <sup>1</sup>Or, *a scripture* <sup>2</sup>Or, it  
<sup>3</sup>Or, *put to shame*  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 28:16; 1 Pet. 2:6, 8;  
 Rom. 9:32, 33; 10:11 <sup>b</sup>Eph. 2:20

7 <sup>a</sup>1 Pet. 2:7, 8; 2 Cor. 2:16 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 118:22; Matt. 21:42; Luke 2:34 <sup>c</sup>1 Pet. 2:4

8 <sup>a</sup>Is. 8:14 <sup>b</sup>1 Cor. 1:23;  
 Gal. 5:11 <sup>c</sup>Rom. 9:22

9 <sup>a</sup>Deut. 10:15; Is. 43:20f.  
<sup>b</sup>1 Pet. 2:5; Is. 61:6; 66:21;  
 Rev. 1:6 <sup>c</sup>Ex. 19:6; Deut. 7:6 <sup>d</sup>Titus 2:14 <sup>e</sup>Acts 26:18;  
 Is. 42:16; 2 Cor. 4:6

10 <sup>a</sup>Hos. 1:10; 2:23; Rom. 9:25; Rom. 10:19

11 <sup>a</sup>Heb. 6:9; 1 Pet. 4:12  
<sup>b</sup>Rom. 12:1 <sup>c</sup>Lev. 25:23; Ps. 39:12; 1 Pet. 1:17; Heb. 11:13; Eph. 2:19 <sup>d</sup>Rom. 13:14; Gal. 5:16, 24 <sup>e</sup>James 4:1

12 <sup>1</sup>Or, *as a result of* <sup>2</sup>I.e.,  
 Christ's coming again in  
 judgment  
<sup>a</sup>1 Pet. 2:15; 3:16; 2 Cor. 8:21; Phil. 2:15; Titus 2:8  
<sup>b</sup>Acts 28:22 <sup>c</sup>1 Pet. 4:11, 16;  
 Matt. 5:16; Matt. 9:8; John 13:31 <sup>d</sup>Is. 10:3; Luke 19:44

13 <sup>a</sup>Rom. 13:1

14 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *through*  
<sup>a</sup>Rom. 13:4 <sup>b</sup>Rom. 13:3

15 <sup>a</sup>1 Pet. 3:17 <sup>b</sup>1 Pet. 2:12

16 <sup>a</sup>John 8:32; James 1:25  
<sup>b</sup>1 Cor. 7:22; Rom. 6:22

17 <sup>1</sup>Or, *emperor*  
<sup>a</sup>Rom. 12:10; 13:7 <sup>b</sup>1 Pet. 1:22 <sup>c</sup>Prov. 24:21 <sup>d</sup>Prov. 24:21; Matt. 22:21; 1 Pet. 2:13

18 <sup>1</sup>Or, *pervasive*  
<sup>a</sup>Eph. 6:5 <sup>b</sup>James 3:17

19 <sup>1</sup>Or, *grace*  
<sup>a</sup>1 Pet. 3:14, 17; Rom. 13:5

20 <sup>1</sup>Note vs. 19  
<sup>a</sup>1 Pet. 3:17

21 <sup>a</sup>1 Pet. 3:9; Acts 14:22  
<sup>b</sup>1 Pet. 3:18; 4:1, 13 <sup>c</sup>Matt. 11:29; 16:24

4 And coming to Him as to a living stone, <sup>a</sup>rejected by men, but <sup>1</sup>choice and precious in the sight of God,

5 <sup>a</sup>you also, as living stones, <sup>1</sup>are being built up as a <sup>b</sup>spiritual house for a holy <sup>c</sup>priesthood, to <sup>d</sup>offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

6 For *this* is contained in <sup>1</sup>Scripture:

<sup>a</sup>"BEHOLD I LAY IN ZION A CHOICE STONE, A <sup>b</sup>PRECIOUS CORNER stone,

AND HE WHO BELIEVES IN <sup>2</sup>HIM SHALL NOT BE <sup>3</sup>DISAPPOINTED."

7 <sup>a</sup>This pointed value, then, is for you who believe, but for those who disbelieve,

<sup>b</sup>"THE STONE WHICH THE BUILDERS <sup>c</sup>REJECTED, THIS BECAME THE VERY CORNER stone,"

8 and,

<sup>a</sup>"A STONE OF STUMBLING AND A ROCK OF OFFENSE"; <sup>b</sup>for they stumble because they are disobedient to the word, <sup>c</sup>and to this *doom* they were also appointed.

9 But you are <sup>a</sup>A CHOSEN RACE, A ROYAL <sup>b</sup>PRIESTHOOD, A <sup>c</sup>HOLY NATION, <sup>d</sup>A PEOPLE for God's OWN POSSESSION, that you may proclaim the excellencies of Him who has called you <sup>e</sup>out of darkness into His marvelous light;

10 <sup>a</sup>for you once were NOT A PEOPLE, but now you are THE PEOPLE OF GOD; you had NOT RECEIVED MERCY, but now you have RECEIVED MERCY.

11 <sup>a</sup>Beloved, <sup>b</sup>I urge you as <sup>c</sup>aliens and strangers to abstain from <sup>d</sup>fleshly lusts, which wage <sup>e</sup>war against the soul.

12 <sup>a</sup>Keep your behavior excellent among the Gentiles, so that in the thing in which they <sup>b</sup>slander you as evildoers, they may <sup>1</sup>on account of your good deeds, as they observe *them*, <sup>c</sup>glorify God <sup>d</sup>in the day of <sup>2</sup>visitation.

13 <sup>a</sup>Submit yourselves for the Lord's sake to every human institution, whether to a king as the one in authority,

14 or to governors as sent <sup>1</sup>by him <sup>a</sup>for the punishment of evildoers and the <sup>b</sup>praise of those who do right.

15 For <sup>a</sup>such is the will of God that by doing right you may <sup>b</sup>silence the ignorance of foolish men.

16 Act as <sup>a</sup>free men, and do not use your freedom as a covering for evil, but *use it* as <sup>b</sup>bondslaves of God.

17 <sup>a</sup>Honor all men; <sup>b</sup>love the brotherhood, <sup>c</sup>fear God, <sup>d</sup>honor the <sup>1</sup>king.

18 <sup>a</sup>Servants, be submissive to your masters with all respect, not only to those who are good and <sup>b</sup>gentle, but also to those who are <sup>1</sup>unreasonable.

19 For *this finds* <sup>1</sup>favor, if for the sake of <sup>a</sup>conscience toward God a man bears up under sorrows when suffering unjustly.

20 For what credit is there if, when you sin and are harshly treated, you endure it with patience? But if <sup>a</sup>when you do what is right and suffer *for it* you patiently endure it, *this finds* <sup>1</sup>favor with God.

21 For <sup>a</sup>you have been called for this purpose, <sup>b</sup>since Christ also suffered for you, leaving you <sup>c</sup>an example for you to follow in His steps,

22 WHO <sup>a</sup>COMMITTED NO SIN, NOR WAS ANY DECEIT FOUND IN HIS MOUTH;

23 <sup>1</sup>and while being <sup>a</sup>reviled, He <sup>2</sup>did not revile in return; while suffering, He uttered no threats, but kept entrusting *Himself* to Him who judges righteously;

24 and He Himself <sup>1a</sup>bore our sins in His body on the <sup>2b</sup>cross, that we <sup>c</sup>might die to <sup>3</sup>sin and live to righteousness; for <sup>d</sup>by His <sup>4</sup>wounds you were healed.

25 For you were <sup>a</sup>continually straying like sheep, but now you have returned to the <sup>b</sup>Shepherd and <sup>1</sup>Guardian of your souls.

CHAPTER 3

<sup>a</sup>**I**N the same way, you wives, <sup>b</sup>be submissive to your own husbands so that even if any of *them* are disobedient to the word, they may be <sup>c</sup>won without a word by the behavior of their wives,

2 as they observe your chaste and <sup>1</sup>respectful behavior.

3 <sup>a</sup>And let not your adornment be external *only*—braiding the hair, and wearing gold jewelry, and putting on dresses;

4 but *let it be* <sup>a</sup>the hidden person of the heart, with the imperishable quality of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is precious in the sight of God.

5 For in this way in former times the holy women also, <sup>a</sup>who hoped in God, used to adorn themselves, being submissive to their own husbands.

6 Thus Sarah obeyed Abraham, <sup>a</sup>calling him lord, and you have become her children if you do what is right <sup>1b</sup>without being frightened by any fear.

7 <sup>a</sup>You husbands likewise, live with your wives in an understanding way, as with a weaker <sup>b</sup>vessel, since she is a woman; and grant her honor as a fellow-heir of the grace of life, so that your prayers may not be hindered.

8 <sup>1</sup>To sum up, <sup>a</sup>let all be harmonious, sympathetic, <sup>b</sup>brotherly, <sup>c</sup>kindhearted, and <sup>d</sup>humble in spirit;

9 <sup>a</sup>not returning evil for evil, or <sup>b</sup>insult for insult, but <sup>1</sup>giving a <sup>c</sup>blessing instead; for <sup>d</sup>you were called for the very purpose that you might <sup>e</sup>inherit a blessing.

10 For

<sup>a</sup>LET HIM WHO MEANS TO LOVE LIFE AND SEE GOOD DAYS REFRAIN HIS TONGUE FROM EVIL AND HIS LIPS FROM SPEAKING GUILF.

11 <sup>a</sup>AND LET HIM TURN AWAY FROM EVIL AND DO GOOD; LET HIM SEEK PEACE AND PURSUE IT.

12 <sup>a</sup>FOR THE EYES OF THE LORD ARE UPON THE RIGHTEOUS, AND HIS EARS ATTEND TO THEIR PRAYER, BUT THE FACE OF THE LORD IS AGAINST THOSE WHO DO EVIL."

13 And <sup>a</sup>who is there to harm you if you prove zealous for what is good?

14 But even if you should <sup>a</sup>suffer for the sake of righteousness, <sup>b</sup>you are blessed. <sup>c</sup>AND DO NOT FEAR THEIR <sup>1</sup>INTIMIDATION, AND DO NOT BE TROUBLED,

22 <sup>a</sup>Is. 53:9; 2 Cor. 5:21

23 <sup>1</sup>Lit., who <sup>2</sup>Lit., was not reviling  
<sup>a</sup>1 Pet. 3:9; Is. 53:7; Heb. 12:3

24 <sup>1</sup>Or, carried . . . up to the cross <sup>2</sup>Lit., wood <sup>3</sup>Lit., sins <sup>4</sup>Lit., wound, or welt  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 53:4, 11; 1 Cor. 15:3; Heb. 9:28 <sup>b</sup>Acts 5:30 <sup>c</sup>Rom. 6:2, 13 <sup>d</sup>Is. 53:5 <sup>e</sup>Heb. 12:13; James 5:16

25 <sup>1</sup>Or, Bishop, Overseer  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 53:6 <sup>b</sup>John 10:11; 1 Pet. 5:4

1 <sup>a</sup>1 Pet. 2:18; 3:7 <sup>b</sup>Eph. 5:22 <sup>c</sup>1 Cor. 9:19

2 <sup>1</sup>Lit., with fear

3 <sup>a</sup>1 Tim. 2:9; Is. 3:18ff.

4 <sup>a</sup>Rom. 7:22

5 <sup>a</sup>1 Tim. 5:5; 1 Pet. 1:3

6 <sup>1</sup>Lit., and are not  
<sup>a</sup>Gen. 18:12 <sup>b</sup>1 Pet. 3:14

7 <sup>a</sup>Eph. 5:25; Col. 3:19  
<sup>b</sup>1 Thess. 4:4

8 <sup>1</sup>Or, Finally  
<sup>a</sup>Rom. 12:16 <sup>b</sup>1 Pet. 1:22  
<sup>c</sup>Eph. 4:32 <sup>d</sup>Eph. 4:2; Phil. 2:3; 1 Pet. 5:5

9 <sup>1</sup>Lit., blessing instead  
<sup>a</sup>Rom. 12:17; 1 Thess. 5:15  
<sup>b</sup>1 Pet. 2:23; 1 Cor. 4:12  
<sup>c</sup>Luke 6:28; Rom. 12:14; 1 Cor. 4:12 <sup>d</sup>1 Pet. 2:21  
<sup>e</sup>Gal. 3:14; Heb. 6:14; 12:17

10 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 34:12, 13

11 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 34:14

12 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 34:15, 16

13 <sup>a</sup>Prov. 16:7

14 <sup>1</sup>Lit., fear  
<sup>a</sup>1 Pet. 2:19ff.; 4:15f. <sup>b</sup>James 5:11 <sup>c</sup>Is. 8:12f.; 1 Pet. 3:6

15 <sup>1</sup>I.e., set apart <sup>2</sup>Or, *fear*  
<sup>a</sup>1 Pet. 1:3 <sup>b</sup>Col. 4:6 <sup>c</sup>1 Pet. 1:3 <sup>d</sup>2 Tim. 2:25 <sup>e</sup>1 Pet. 1:17

16 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *having a good . . .*  
<sup>a</sup>1 Pet. 3:21; 1 Tim. 1:5; Heb. 13:18 <sup>b</sup>1 Pet. 2:12, 15

17 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *the will of God*  
<sup>a</sup>1 Pet. 2:20; 4:15f. <sup>b</sup>1 Pet. 1:6; 2:15; 4:19; Acts 18:21

18 <sup>1</sup>Or, *Spirit*  
<sup>a</sup>1 Pet. 2:21 <sup>b</sup>Heb. 9:26, 28; 10:10 <sup>c</sup>Rom. 5:2; Eph. 3:12 <sup>d</sup>1 Pet. 4:1; Col. 1:22 <sup>e</sup>1 Pet. 4:6

19 <sup>1</sup>Or, *whom*  
<sup>a</sup>1 Pet. 4:6

20 <sup>a</sup>Rom. 2:4 <sup>b</sup>Gen. 6:3, 5, 13f. <sup>c</sup>Heb. 11:7 <sup>d</sup>2 Pet. 2:5; Gen. 8:18 <sup>e</sup>Acts 2:41; 1 Pet. 1:9, 22; 2:25; 4:19

21 <sup>a</sup>Titus 3:5; Acts 16:33 <sup>b</sup>Heb. 9:14; 10:22 <sup>c</sup>1 Pet. 3:16; 1 Tim. 1:5; Heb. 13:18 <sup>d</sup>1 Pet. 1:3

22 <sup>a</sup>Mark 16:19 <sup>b</sup>Heb. 4:14; 6:20 <sup>c</sup>Rom. 8:38f.; Heb. 1:6

1 <sup>1</sup>I.e., suffered death  
<sup>a</sup>1 Pet. 2:21 <sup>b</sup>Eph. 6:13 <sup>c</sup>Rom. 6:7

2 <sup>a</sup>Rom. 6:2; Col. 3:3  
<sup>b</sup>1 Pet. 1:14

3 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *lawless*  
<sup>a</sup>1 Cor. 12:2 <sup>b</sup>Rom. 13:13; Eph. 2:2; 4:17ff.

4 <sup>a</sup>Eph. 5:18 <sup>b</sup>1 Pet. 3:16

5 <sup>a</sup>Acts 10:42; 2 Tim. 4:1; Rom. 14:9

6 <sup>a</sup>1 Pet. 1:12; 3:19

7 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *has come near*  
<sup>2</sup>Lit., *prayers*  
<sup>a</sup>Rom. 13:11; James 5:8; Heb. 9:26; 1 John 2:18 <sup>b</sup>1 Pet. 1:13

8 <sup>a</sup>1 Pet. 1:22 <sup>b</sup>Prov. 10:12; James 5:20; 1 Cor. 13:4ff.

9 <sup>a</sup>1 Tim. 3:2; Heb. 13:2 <sup>b</sup>Phil. 2:14

10 <sup>a</sup>Rom. 12:6f. <sup>b</sup>1 Cor. 4:1

15 but <sup>1</sup>SANCTIFY <sup>a</sup>Christ as Lord in your hearts, always *being* ready <sup>b</sup>to make a defense to every one who asks you to give an account for the <sup>c</sup>hope that is in you, yet <sup>d</sup>with gentleness and <sup>e</sup>reverence;

16 <sup>1</sup>and keep a <sup>a</sup>good conscience so that in the thing in which <sup>b</sup>you are slandered, those who revile your good behavior in Christ may be put to shame.

17 For <sup>a</sup>it is better, <sup>b</sup>if <sup>1</sup>God should will it so, that you suffer for doing what is right rather than for doing what is wrong.

18 For <sup>a</sup>Christ also died for sins <sup>b</sup>once for all, *the* just for *the* unjust, in order that He might <sup>c</sup>bring us to God, having been put to death <sup>d</sup>in the flesh, but made alive <sup>e</sup>in the <sup>1</sup>spirit;

19 in <sup>1</sup>which also He went and <sup>a</sup>made proclamation to the spirits *now* in prison,

20 who once were disobedient, when the <sup>a</sup>patience of God <sup>b</sup>kept waiting in the days of Noah, during the construction of <sup>c</sup>the ark, in which a few, that is, <sup>d</sup>eight <sup>e</sup>persons, were brought safely through *the* water.

21 <sup>a</sup>And corresponding to that, baptism now saves you—<sup>b</sup>not the removal of dirt from the flesh, but an appeal to God for a <sup>c</sup>good conscience—through <sup>d</sup>the resurrection of Jesus Christ,

22 <sup>a</sup>who is at the right hand of God, <sup>b</sup>having gone into heaven, <sup>c</sup>after angels and authorities and powers had been subjected to Him.

## CHAPTER 4

**T**HEREFORE, since <sup>a</sup>Christ has <sup>1</sup>suffered in the flesh, <sup>b</sup>arm yourselves also with the same purpose, because <sup>c</sup>he who has <sup>1</sup>suffered in the flesh has ceased from sin,

2 <sup>a</sup>so as to live <sup>b</sup>the rest of the time in the flesh no longer for the lusts of men, but for the will of God.

3 For <sup>a</sup>the time already past is sufficient *for you* to have carried out the desire of the Gentiles, <sup>b</sup>having pursued a course of sensuality, lusts, drunkenness, carousals, drinking parties and <sup>1</sup>abominable idolatries.

4 And in *all* this, they are surprised that you do not run with *them* into the same excess of <sup>a</sup>dissipation, and they <sup>b</sup>malign *you*;

5 but they shall give account to Him who is ready to judge <sup>a</sup>the living and the dead.

6 For <sup>a</sup>the gospel has for this purpose been preached even to those who are dead, that though they are judged in the flesh as men, they may live in the spirit according to *the will of God*.

7 <sup>a</sup>The end of all things <sup>1</sup>is at hand; therefore, <sup>b</sup>be of sound judgment and sober *spirit* for the purpose of <sup>2</sup>prayer.

8 Above all, <sup>a</sup>keep fervent in your love for one another, because <sup>b</sup>love covers a multitude of sins.

9 <sup>a</sup>Be hospitable to one another without <sup>b</sup>complaint.

10 <sup>a</sup>As each one has received a *special* gift, employ it in serving one another, as good <sup>b</sup>stewards of the manifold grace of God.

11 <sup>a</sup>Whoever speaks, *let him speak*, as it were, the <sup>b</sup>butterances of God; whoever serves, *let him do so* as <sup>1c</sup>by the strength which God supplies; so that <sup>d</sup>in all things God may be glorified through Jesus Christ, <sup>e</sup>to whom belongs the glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

12 <sup>a</sup>Beloved, do not be surprised at the <sup>b</sup>fiery ordeal among you, which comes upon you for your testing, as though some strange thing were happening to you;

13 but to the degree that you <sup>a</sup>share the sufferings of Christ, keep on rejoicing; so that also at the <sup>b</sup>revelation of His glory, <sup>c</sup>you may rejoice with exultation.

14 If you are reviled <sup>1a</sup>for the name of Christ, <sup>b</sup>you are blessed, <sup>c</sup>because the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you.

15 By no means <sup>a</sup>let any of you suffer as a murderer, or thief, or evildoer, or a <sup>1b</sup>troublesome meddler;

16 but if *anyone suffers* as a <sup>a</sup>Christian, let him not feel ashamed, but in that name let him <sup>b</sup>glorify God.

17 For *it is time* for judgment <sup>a</sup>to begin <sup>1</sup>with <sup>b</sup>the household of God; and if *it begins* with us first, *what will be* the outcome for those <sup>d</sup>who do not obey the <sup>e</sup>gospel of God?

18 <sup>a</sup>AND IF IT IS WITH DIFFICULTY THAT THE RIGHTEOUS IS SAVED, <sup>1</sup>WHAT WILL BECOME OF THE <sup>b</sup>GODLESS MAN AND THE SINNER?

19 Therefore, let those also who suffer according to <sup>a</sup>the will of God entrust their souls to a faithful Creator in doing what is right.

CHAPTER 5

<sup>a</sup>THEREFORE, I exhort the elders among you, as <sup>b</sup>your fellow-elder and <sup>c</sup>witness of the sufferings of Christ, and a <sup>d</sup>partaker also of the glory that is to be revealed,

2 shepherd <sup>a</sup>the flock of God among you, <sup>b</sup>not under compulsion, but voluntarily, according to *the will of God*; and <sup>c</sup>not for sordid gain, but with eagerness;

3 nor yet as <sup>a</sup>lording it over <sup>1</sup>those allotted to your charge, but <sup>2</sup>proving to be <sup>b</sup>examples to the flock.

4 And when the Chief <sup>a</sup>Shepherd appears, you will receive the <sup>b</sup>unfading <sup>1c</sup>crown of glory.

5 <sup>a</sup>You younger men, likewise, <sup>b</sup>be subject to your elders; and all of you, clothe yourselves with <sup>c</sup>humility toward one another, for <sup>d</sup>GOD IS OPPOSED TO THE PROUD, BUT GIVES GRACE TO THE HUMBLE.

6 <sup>a</sup>Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you at the proper time,

7 casting all your <sup>a</sup>anxiety upon Him, because He cares for you.

8 <sup>a</sup>Be of sober *spirit*, <sup>b</sup>be on the alert. Your adversary, <sup>c</sup>the devil, prowls about like a roaring <sup>d</sup>lion, seeking someone to devour.

9 <sup>1a</sup>But resist him, <sup>b</sup>firm in *your* faith, knowing that <sup>c</sup>the same experiences of suffering are being accomplished by your <sup>2</sup>brethren who are in the world.

10 And after you have suffered <sup>a</sup>for a little, the <sup>b</sup>God of all grace, who <sup>c</sup>called you to His <sup>d</sup>eternal glory in Christ, will Himself <sup>e</sup>perfect, <sup>f</sup>confirm, strengthen *and* <sup>1</sup>establish you.

11 <sup>1</sup>Lit. *from*  
<sup>a</sup>1 Thess. 2:4; Titus 2:1, 15; Heb. 13:7 <sup>b</sup>Acts 7:38 <sup>c</sup>Eph. 6:10; 1:19 <sup>d</sup>1 Cor. 10:31; 1 Pet. 2:12 <sup>e</sup>Rev. 1:6; 5:13; 1 Pet. 5:11; Rom. 11:36  
 12 <sup>a</sup>1 Pet. 2:11 <sup>b</sup>1 Pet. 1:6f.

13 <sup>a</sup>Phil. 3:10; 2 Cor. 1:5; 4:10; Rom. 8:17 <sup>b</sup>1 Pet. 1:7; 5:1 <sup>c</sup>2 Tim. 2:12

14 <sup>1</sup>Lit. *in*  
<sup>a</sup>John 15:21; 1 Pet. 4:16; Heb. 11:26 <sup>b</sup>Matt. 5:11; Luke 6:22; Acts 5:41 <sup>c</sup>2 Cor. 4:10f., 16

15 <sup>1</sup>Lit. *one who oversees others' affairs*  
<sup>a</sup>1 Pet. 2:19f.; 3:17  
<sup>b</sup>1 Thess. 4:11; 2 Thess. 3:11; 1 Tim. 5:13

16 <sup>a</sup>Acts 5:41; 28:22; James 2:7 <sup>b</sup>1 Pet. 4:11

17 <sup>1</sup>Lit. *from*  
<sup>a</sup>Jer. 25:29; Ezek. 9:6; Amos 3:2 <sup>b</sup>1 Tim. 3:15; Heb. 3:6; 1 Pet. 2:5 <sup>c</sup>Rom. 2:9 <sup>d</sup>2 Thess. 1:8 <sup>e</sup>Rom. 1:1

18 <sup>1</sup>Lit. *where will appear*  
<sup>a</sup>Prov. 11:31; Luke 23:31  
<sup>b</sup>1 Tim. 1:9

19 <sup>a</sup>1 Pet. 3:17  
 1 <sup>a</sup>Acts 11:30 <sup>b</sup>2 John 1; 3 John 1 <sup>c</sup>Luke 24:48; Heb. 12:1 <sup>d</sup>1 Pet. 1:5, 7; 4:13; Rev. 1:9

2 <sup>a</sup>John 21:16; Acts 20:28 [Gr.] <sup>b</sup>Philem. 14 <sup>c</sup>1 Tim. 3:8

3 <sup>1</sup>Lit. *the allotments or, becoming*  
<sup>a</sup>Ezek. 34:4; Matt. 20:25f. <sup>b</sup>Phil. 3:17; 1 Thess. 1:7; 2 Thess. 3:9; 1 Tim. 4:12; Titus 2:7; John 13:15

4 <sup>1</sup>Lit. *wreath*  
<sup>a</sup>1 Pet. 2:25 <sup>b</sup>1 Pet. 1:4 <sup>c</sup>1 Cor. 9:25

5 <sup>a</sup>Luke 22:26; 1 Tim. 5:1 <sup>b</sup>Eph. 5:21 <sup>c</sup>1 Pet. 3:8 <sup>d</sup>Prov. 3:34; James 4:6

6 <sup>a</sup>James 4:10

7 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 6:25

8 <sup>a</sup>1 Pet. 1:13 <sup>b</sup>Matt. 24:42 <sup>c</sup>James 4:7 <sup>d</sup>2 Tim. 4:17

9 <sup>1</sup>Lit. *whom resist* <sup>2</sup>Lit. *brotherhood*  
<sup>a</sup>James 4:7 <sup>b</sup>Col. 2:5 <sup>c</sup>Acts 14:22; Heb. 12:8

10 <sup>1</sup>Omitted by some ancient mss.  
<sup>a</sup>1 Pet. 1:6 <sup>b</sup>1 Pet. 4:10 <sup>c</sup>1 Cor. 1:9; 1 Thess. 2:12 <sup>d</sup>2 Cor. 4:17; 2 Tim. 2:10 <sup>e</sup>1 Cor. 1:10; Heb. 13:21 <sup>f</sup>Rom. 16:25; 2 Thess. 2:17; 3:3

11 <sup>a</sup>Rom. 11:36; 1 Pet. 4:11

12 <sup>1</sup>Lit., (as I consider)  
<sup>2</sup>Cor. 1:19 <sup>b</sup>Heb. 13:22  
<sup>1</sup>Pet. 1:13; 4:10; Acts  
 11:23 <sup>d</sup>1 Cor. 15:1

13 <sup>1</sup>Some mss. read, *The church which*  
<sup>a</sup>Acts 12:12

14 <sup>a</sup>Rom. 16:16 <sup>b</sup>Eph.  
 6:23

11 <sup>a</sup>To Him *be* dominion forever and ever. Amen.

12 Through <sup>a</sup>Silvanus, our faithful brother (<sup>1</sup>for so I regard *him*), <sup>b</sup>I have written to you briefly, exhorting and testifying that this is <sup>c</sup>the true grace of God. <sup>d</sup>Stand firm in it!

13 <sup>1</sup>She who is in Babylon, chosen together with you, sends you greetings, and so *does* my son, <sup>a</sup>Mark.

14 <sup>a</sup>Greet one another with a kiss of love.

<sup>b</sup>Peace be to you all who are in Christ.

## THE SECOND EPISTLE OF PETER

Salutation. Growth in Christian Virtue.

1 <sup>1</sup>Most early mss. read, *Simon*  
<sup>2</sup>Or, *value* <sup>3</sup>Or, *in*  
<sup>a</sup>Rom. 1:1; Phil. 1:1; Jude  
 1; James 1:1; <sup>b</sup>1 Pet. 1:1  
<sup>a</sup>Rom. 1:12; 2 Cor. 4:13;  
 Titus 1:4 <sup>d</sup>Rom. 3:21-26  
<sup>c</sup>Titus 2:13

2 <sup>a</sup>1 Pet. 1:2; Rom. 1:7  
<sup>b</sup>2 Pet. 1:3, 8; 2:20; 3:18;  
 John 17:3; Phil. 3:8

3 <sup>1</sup>Or possibly, *to* <sup>2</sup>Or,  
*virtue*  
<sup>a</sup>1 Pet. 1:5 <sup>b</sup>2 Pet. 1:2, 8;  
 2:20; 3:18; John 17:3; Phil.  
 3:8 <sup>c</sup>1 Thess. 2:12; 2 Thess.  
 2:14; 1 Pet. 5:10

4 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *Through which*  
 (things)  
<sup>a</sup>2 Pet. 3:9, 13 <sup>b</sup>Eph. 4:13,  
 24; Heb. 12:10; 1 John 3:2  
<sup>c</sup>2 Pet. 2:18, 20 <sup>d</sup>2 Pet. 2:19  
<sup>e</sup>James 1:27

5 <sup>1</sup>Or, *virtue*  
<sup>a</sup>2 Pet. 1:11 <sup>b</sup>2 Pet. 1:3  
<sup>c</sup>Col. 2:3; 2 Pet. 1:2

6 <sup>a</sup>Acts 24:25 <sup>b</sup>Luke  
 21:19 <sup>c</sup>2 Pet. 5:13

7 <sup>a</sup>Rom. 12:10; 1 Pet.  
 1:22

8 <sup>a</sup>Col. 1:10 <sup>b</sup>2 Pet. 1:2,  
 3; 2:20; 3:18; John 17:3;  
 Phil. 3:8

9 <sup>a</sup>1 John 2:11 <sup>b</sup>Eph.  
 5:26; Titus 2:14

10 <sup>a</sup>Rom. 11:29; 2 Pet.  
 1:3; Matt. 22:14 <sup>b</sup>1 Thess.  
 1:4 <sup>c</sup>Jude 24; 2 Pet. 3:17;  
 James 2:10

11 <sup>a</sup>2 Tim. 4:18 <sup>b</sup>2 Pet.  
 2:20; 3:18 <sup>c</sup>Rom. 2:4;  
 1 Tim. 6:17 <sup>d</sup>2 Pet. 1:5

12 <sup>a</sup>Jude 5; Phil. 3:1;  
 1 John 2:21 <sup>b</sup>Col. 1:5f.;  
 2 John 2

13 <sup>a</sup>Phil. 1:7 <sup>b</sup>2 Cor. 5:1,  
 4; 2 Pet. 1:14 <sup>c</sup>2 Pet. 3:1

14 <sup>a</sup>2 Tim. 4:6; 2 Cor. 5:1  
<sup>b</sup>John 13:36; 21:19

<sup>1</sup>**SIMON PETER**, a <sup>a</sup>bond-servant and <sup>b</sup>apostle of Jesus Christ, to those who have received <sup>c</sup>a faith of the same <sup>2</sup>kind as ours, <sup>3</sup>by <sup>d</sup>the righteousness of <sup>e</sup>our God and Savior, Jesus Christ:

2 <sup>a</sup>Grace and peace be multiplied to you in <sup>b</sup>the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord;

3 seeing that His <sup>a</sup>divine power has granted to us everything pertaining to life and godliness, through the true <sup>b</sup>knowledge of Him who <sup>c</sup>called us <sup>1</sup>by His own glory and <sup>2</sup>excellence.

4 <sup>1</sup>For by these He has granted to us His precious and magnificent <sup>a</sup>promises, in order that by them you might become <sup>b</sup>partakers of *the* divine nature, having <sup>c</sup>escaped the <sup>d</sup>corruption that is in <sup>e</sup>the world by lust.

5 Now for this very reason also, applying all diligence, in your faith <sup>a</sup>supply <sup>b</sup>moral <sup>1</sup>excellence, and in *your* moral excellence, <sup>c</sup>knowledge;

6 and in *your* knowledge, <sup>a</sup>self-control, and in *your* self-control, <sup>b</sup>perseverance, and in *your* perseverance, <sup>c</sup>godliness;

7 and in *your* godliness, <sup>a</sup>brotherly kindness, and in *your* brotherly kindness, *Christian* love.

8 For if these *qualities* are yours and are increasing, they render you neither useless nor <sup>a</sup>unfruitful in the true <sup>b</sup>knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

9 For he who lacks these *qualities* is <sup>a</sup>blind or short-sighted, having forgotten *his* <sup>b</sup>purification from his former sins.

10 Therefore, brethren, be all the more diligent to make certain about His <sup>a</sup>calling and <sup>b</sup>choosing you; for as long as you practice these things, you will never <sup>c</sup>stumble;

11 for in this way the entrance into <sup>a</sup>the eternal kingdom of our <sup>b</sup>Lord and Savior Jesus Christ will be <sup>c</sup>abundantly <sup>d</sup>supplied to you.

12 Therefore, <sup>a</sup>I shall always be ready to remind you of these things, even though you *already* know *them*, and have been established in <sup>b</sup>the truth which is present with *you*.

13 And I consider it <sup>a</sup>right, as long as I am in <sup>b</sup>this *earthly* dwelling, to <sup>c</sup>stir you up by way of reminder,

14 knowing that <sup>a</sup>the laying aside of my *earthly* dwelling is imminent, <sup>b</sup>as also our Lord Jesus Christ has made clear to me.



**Eyewitnesses of Christ's Glory.  
Rise of False Prophets.**

15 And I will also be diligent that at any time after my <sup>a</sup>departure you may be able to call these things to mind.

16 For we did not follow cleverly devised <sup>a</sup>tales when we made known to you the <sup>b</sup>power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we were <sup>c</sup>eyewitnesses of His majesty.

17 For when He received honor and glory from God the Father, such an <sup>1</sup>utterance as this was <sup>2</sup>made to Him by the <sup>b</sup>Majestic Glory, "This is My beloved Son with whom I am well-pleased"—

18 and we ourselves heard this <sup>1</sup>utterance made from heaven when we were with Him on the <sup>a</sup>holy mountain.

19 <sup>1</sup>And so we have <sup>a</sup>the prophetic word *made* more <sup>b</sup>sure, to which you do well to pay attention as to <sup>c</sup>a lamp shining in a dark place, until the <sup>d</sup>day dawns and the <sup>e</sup>morning star arises <sup>f</sup>in your hearts.

20 But <sup>a</sup>know this first of all, that <sup>b</sup>no prophecy of Scripture is *a matter* of one's own interpretation,

21 for <sup>a</sup>no prophecy was ever made by an act of human will, but men <sup>b</sup>moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

CHAPTER 2

**B**UT <sup>a</sup>false prophets also arose among the people, just as there will also be <sup>b</sup>false teachers <sup>c</sup>among you, who will <sup>d</sup>secretly introduce <sup>e</sup>destructive heresies, even <sup>f</sup>denying the <sup>g</sup>Master who <sup>b</sup>bought them, bringing swift destruction upon themselves.

2 And many will follow their <sup>a</sup>sensuality, and because of them <sup>b</sup>the way of the truth will be <sup>c</sup>maligned;

3 and in *their* <sup>a</sup>greed they will <sup>b</sup>exploit you with <sup>c</sup>false words; <sup>d</sup>their judgment from long ago is not idle, and their destruction is not asleep.

4 For <sup>a</sup>if God did not spare angels when they sinned, but cast them into hell and <sup>b</sup>committed them to pits of darkness, reserved for judgment;

5 and did not spare <sup>a</sup>the ancient world, but preserved <sup>b</sup>Noah, a <sup>1</sup>preacher of righteousness, with seven others, when He brought a <sup>c</sup>flood upon the world of the ungodly;

6 and *if* He <sup>a</sup>condemned the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah to destruction by reducing *them* to ashes, having made them an <sup>b</sup>example to those who would <sup>c</sup>live ungodly thereafter;

7 and if He <sup>a</sup>rescued righteous Lot, oppressed by the <sup>b</sup>sensual conduct of <sup>c</sup>unprincipled men

8 (for by what he saw and heard *that* <sup>a</sup>righteous man, while living among them, felt *his* righteous soul tormented day after day with *their* lawless deeds),

9 <sup>a</sup>then the Lord knows how to rescue the godly from <sup>1</sup>temptation, and to keep the unrighteous under punishment for the <sup>b</sup>day of judgment,

10 and especially those who <sup>1</sup>indulge the flesh in *its* corrupt desires and <sup>b</sup>despise authority. Daring, <sup>c</sup>self-willed, they do not tremble when they <sup>b</sup>revile angelic <sup>2</sup>majesties,

11 <sup>a</sup>whereas angels who are greater in might and power do not bring a reviling judgment against them before the Lord.

15 <sup>a</sup>Luke 9:31

16 <sup>a</sup>1 Tim. 1:4; 2 Pet. 2:3  
<sup>b</sup>Mark 13:26; 14:62;  
1 Thess. 2:19 <sup>c</sup>Matt. 17:1ff.;  
Mark 9:2ff.; Luke 9:28ff.

17 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *voice* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *borne*  
<sup>a</sup>Matt. 17:5; Mark 9:7;  
Luke 9:35 <sup>b</sup>Heb. 1:3

18 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *voice borne*  
<sup>a</sup>Ex. 3:5; Josh. 5:15

19 <sup>1</sup>Or, *And we have the even surer prophetic word*  
<sup>a</sup>1 Pet. 1:10f. <sup>b</sup>Heb. 2:2 <sup>c</sup>Ps. 119:105 <sup>d</sup>Luke 1:78 <sup>e</sup>Rev. 22:16 <sup>f</sup>2 Cor. 4:6

20 <sup>a</sup>2 Pet. 3:3 <sup>b</sup>Rom. 12:6

21 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 23:26; 2 Tim. 3:16  
<sup>b</sup>1 Pet. 1:11; 2 Sam. 23:2;  
Luke 1:70; Acts 1:16; 3:18

1 <sup>a</sup>Deut. 13:1ff.; Jer. 6:13  
<sup>b</sup>2 Cor. 11:13 <sup>c</sup>1 Tim. 4:1;  
Matt. 7:15 <sup>d</sup>Gal. 2:4; Jude 4 <sup>e</sup>1 Cor. 11:19; Gal. 5:20  
<sup>f</sup>Jude 4 <sup>g</sup>Rev. 6:10 <sup>h</sup>1 Cor. 6:20

2 <sup>a</sup>Gen. 19:5ff.; Jude 4;  
2 Pet. 2:7, 18 <sup>b</sup>Acts 16:17;  
22:4; 24:14 <sup>c</sup>[Gr.] Rom. 2:24; 1 Tim. 6:1

3 <sup>a</sup>2 Pet. 2:14; 1 Tim. 6:5; Jude 16 <sup>b</sup>2 Cor. 2:17  
marg.; 1 Thess. 2:5 <sup>c</sup>Rom. 16:18; 2 Pet. 1:16 <sup>d</sup>Deut. 32:35

4 <sup>a</sup>Gen. 6; Jude 6 <sup>b</sup>Rev. 20:1f.

5 <sup>1</sup>Or, *herald*  
<sup>a</sup>2 Pet. 3:6; Ezek. 26:20  
<sup>b</sup>1 Pet. 3:20 <sup>c</sup>2 Pet. 3:6

6 <sup>a</sup>Gen. 19:24; Jude 7  
<sup>b</sup>Jude 7; Matt. 10:15; 11:23;  
Rom. 9:29 [Is. 1:9] <sup>c</sup>Jude 15

7 <sup>a</sup>Gen. 19:16, 29 <sup>b</sup>Gen. 19:5ff.; Jude 4; 2 Pet. 2:2, 18 <sup>c</sup>2 Pet. 3:17

8 <sup>a</sup>Heb. 11:4

9 <sup>1</sup>Or, *trial*  
<sup>a</sup>1 Cor. 10:13; Rev. 3:10  
<sup>b</sup>Matt. 10:15; Jude 6

10 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *go after* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *gloria*  
<sup>a</sup>2 Pet. 3:3; Jude 16, 18  
<sup>b</sup>Jude 8; Ex. 22:28 <sup>c</sup>Titus 1:7

11 <sup>a</sup>Jude 9

12 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *their destruction also*  
<sup>2</sup>Jude 10 <sup>b</sup>Jer. 12:3; Col. 2:22

13 <sup>1</sup>Some ancient mss. read, *love-fanciest*, cf. Jude 12.  
<sup>2</sup>Pet. 2:15 <sup>b</sup>Rom. 13:13  
<sup>c</sup>1 Thess. 5:7 <sup>d</sup>Jude 12;  
 1 Cor. 11:21

14 <sup>2</sup>Pet. 2:18 <sup>b</sup>James 1:8;  
 2 Pet. 3:16 <sup>c</sup>2 Pet. 2:3  
<sup>d</sup>Eph. 2:3

15 <sup>a</sup>Acts 13:10 <sup>b</sup>Num. 22:5, 7; Deut. 23:4; Neh. 13:2; Jude 11; Rev. 2:14  
<sup>c</sup>2 Pet. 2:13

16 <sup>a</sup>Num. 22:21, 23, 28, 30f.

17 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *blackness of darkness*  
<sup>2</sup>Jude 12 <sup>b</sup>Jude 13

18 <sup>a</sup>Jude 16 <sup>b</sup>Eph. 4:17  
<sup>c</sup>2 Pet. 2:14 <sup>d</sup>2 Pet. 2:2  
<sup>e</sup>2 Pet. 2:20; 1:4

19 <sup>a</sup>Rom. 6:16; John 8:34

20 <sup>2</sup>Pet. 2:18 <sup>b</sup>2 Pet. 1:2  
<sup>c</sup>2 Pet. 1:11; 3:18 <sup>d</sup>2 Tim. 2:4  
<sup>e</sup>Matt. 12:45; Luke 11:26

21 <sup>a</sup>Ezek. 18:24; Heb. 6:4ff.; 10:26f.; James 4:17  
<sup>b</sup>2 Pet. 3:2; Gal. 6:2; 1 Tim. 6:14  
<sup>c</sup>Jude 3

22 <sup>a</sup>Prov. 26:11

1 <sup>2</sup>Pet. 3:8, 14, 17;  
 1 Pet. 2:11 <sup>b</sup>2 Pet. 1:13

2 <sup>a</sup>Jude 17 <sup>b</sup>Luke 1:70;  
 Acts 3:21; Eph. 3:5 <sup>c</sup>2 Pet. 2:21; Gal. 6:2; 1 Tim. 6:14

3 <sup>2</sup>Pet. 1:20 <sup>b</sup>1 Tim. 4:1; Heb. 1:2  
<sup>c</sup>Jude 18  
<sup>d</sup>2 Pet. 2:10

4 <sup>a</sup>Is. 5:19; Jer. 17:15; Ezek. 11:3; 12:22, 27; Mal. 2:17; Matt. 24:48 <sup>b</sup>2 Pet. 3:12; 1 Thess. 2:19  
<sup>c</sup>Acts 7:60 <sup>d</sup>Mark 10:6

5 <sup>1</sup>Or, *they are willfully ignorant of this fact*, that  
<sup>a</sup>Gen. 1:6, 9; Heb. 11:3  
<sup>b</sup>Col. 1:17 [Gr.]; Ps. 24:2; 136:6

6 <sup>2</sup>Pet. 2:5 <sup>b</sup>Gen. 7:21f.

7 <sup>2</sup>Pet. 3:10, 12 <sup>b</sup>Is. 66:15; Dan. 7:9f.; 2 Thess. 1:7; Heb. 12:29  
<sup>c</sup>Matt. 10:15; 1 Cor. 3:13; Jude 7

12 But <sup>a</sup>these, like unreasoning animals, <sup>b</sup>born as creatures of instinct to be captured and killed, reviling where they have no knowledge, will in <sup>1</sup>the destruction of those creatures also be destroyed,

13 suffering wrong as <sup>a</sup>the wages of doing wrong. They count it a pleasure to <sup>b</sup>revel in the <sup>c</sup>daytime. They are stains and blemishes, <sup>b</sup>reveling in their <sup>1</sup>deceptions, as they <sup>d</sup>carouse with you;

14 having eyes full of adultery and that never cease from sin; <sup>a</sup>enticing <sup>b</sup>unstable souls, having a heart trained in <sup>c</sup>greed, <sup>d</sup>accursed children;

15 forsaking <sup>a</sup>the right way they have gone astray, having followed <sup>b</sup>the way of Balaam, the son of Beor, who loved <sup>c</sup>the wages of unrighteousness,

16 but he received a rebuke for his own transgression; <sup>a</sup>for a dumb donkey, speaking with a voice of a man, restrained the madness of the prophet.

17 These are <sup>a</sup>springs without water, and mists driven by a storm, <sup>b</sup>for whom the <sup>1</sup>black darkness has been reserved.

18 For speaking out <sup>a</sup>arrogant words of <sup>b</sup>vanity they <sup>c</sup>entice by fleshly desires, by <sup>d</sup>sensuality, those who barely <sup>e</sup>escape from the ones who live in error,

19 promising them freedom while they themselves are slaves of corruption; for <sup>a</sup>by what a man is overcome, by this he is enslaved.

20 For if after they have <sup>a</sup>escaped the defilements of the world by <sup>b</sup>the knowledge of the <sup>c</sup>Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, they are again <sup>d</sup>entangled in them and are overcome, <sup>e</sup>the last state has become worse for them than the first.

21 <sup>a</sup>For it would be better for them not to have known the way of righteousness, than having known it, to turn away from <sup>b</sup>the holy commandment <sup>c</sup>delivered to them.

22 It has happened to them according to the true proverb, “A DOG RETURNS TO ITS OWN VOMIT,” and, “A sow, after washing, *returns* to wallowing in the mire.”

## CHAPTER 3

**T**HIS is now, <sup>a</sup>beloved, the second letter I am writing to you in which I am <sup>b</sup>stirring up your sincere mind by way of reminder,

2 that you should <sup>a</sup>remember the words spoken beforehand by <sup>b</sup>the holy prophets and <sup>c</sup>the commandment of the Lord and Savior *spoken* by your apostles.

3 <sup>a</sup>Know this first of all, that <sup>b</sup>in the last days <sup>c</sup>mockers will come with *their* mocking, <sup>d</sup>following after their own lusts,

4 and saying, “<sup>a</sup>Where is the promise of His <sup>b</sup>coming? For *ever* since the fathers <sup>c</sup>fell asleep, all continues just as it was <sup>d</sup>from the beginning of creation.”

5 For <sup>1</sup>when they maintain this, it escapes their notice that <sup>a</sup>by the word of God *the* heavens existed long ago and *the* earth was <sup>b</sup>formed out of water and by water,

6 through which <sup>a</sup>the world at that time was <sup>b</sup>destroyed, being flooded with water.

7 But <sup>a</sup>the present heavens and earth by His word are being reserved for <sup>b</sup>fire, kept for <sup>c</sup>the day of judgment and destruction of ungodly men.

8 But do not let this one *fact* escape your notice, <sup>a</sup>beloved, that with the Lord one day is as a thousand years, and <sup>ba</sup> thousand years as one day.

9 <sup>a</sup>The Lord is not slow about His promise, as some count slowness, but <sup>bis</sup> patient toward you, <sup>c</sup>not wishing for any to perish but for all to come to repentance.

10 But <sup>a</sup>the day of the Lord <sup>b</sup>will come like a thief, in which <sup>c</sup>the heavens <sup>d</sup>will pass away with a roar and the <sup>e</sup>elements will be destroyed with intense heat, and <sup>f</sup>the earth and <sup>1</sup>its works will be <sup>2</sup>burned up.

11 Since all these things are to be destroyed in this way, what sort of people ought you to be in holy conduct and godliness,

12 <sup>a</sup>looking for and hastening the coming of the day of God, on account of which <sup>b</sup>the heavens will be destroyed by burning, and the <sup>c</sup>elements will melt with intense heat!

13 But according to His <sup>a</sup>promise we are looking for <sup>b</sup>new heavens and a new earth, <sup>cin</sup> which righteousness dwells.

14 <sup>a</sup>Therefore, <sup>b</sup>beloved, since you look for these things, be diligent to be <sup>c</sup>found by Him in peace, <sup>d</sup>spotless and blameless,

15 and regard the <sup>a</sup>patience of our Lord to *be* salvation; just as also <sup>b</sup>our beloved brother Paul, <sup>c</sup>according to the wisdom given him, wrote to you,

16 as also in all *his* letters, speaking in them of <sup>a</sup>these things, <sup>bin</sup> which are some things hard to understand, which the untaught and <sup>c</sup>unstable distort, as *they do* also <sup>d</sup>the rest of the Scriptures, to their own destruction.

17 You therefore, <sup>a</sup>beloved, knowing this beforehand, <sup>b</sup>be on your guard lest, being carried away by <sup>c</sup>the error of <sup>d</sup>unprincipled men, you <sup>e</sup>fall from your own steadfastness,

18 but grow in the grace and <sup>a</sup>knowledge of our <sup>b</sup>Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. <sup>c</sup>To Him *be* the glory, both now and to the day of eternity. Amen.

THE FIRST EPISTLE OF

JOHN

Introduction. Our Joy Complete.

WHAT was <sup>a</sup>from the beginning, what we have <sup>b</sup>heard, what we have <sup>c</sup>seen with our eyes, what we <sup>d</sup>beheld and our hands <sup>e</sup>handled, concerning the <sup>f</sup>Word of Life—

2 and <sup>a</sup>the life was manifested, and we have <sup>b</sup>seen and <sup>c</sup>bear witness and proclaim to you <sup>d</sup>the eternal life, which was <sup>e</sup>with the Father and was <sup>a</sup>manifested to us—

3 what we have <sup>a</sup>seen and <sup>b</sup>heard we proclaim to you also, that you also may have fellowship with us; and indeed our <sup>c</sup>fellowship is with the Father, and with His Son Jesus Christ.

4 And <sup>a</sup>these things we write, so that our <sup>b</sup>joy may be made complete.

8 <sup>a</sup>2 Pet. 3:1 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 90:4

9 <sup>a</sup>Hab. 2:3; Heb. 10:37; Rom. 13:11 <sup>b</sup>Rom. 2:4; Rev. 2:21 <sup>c</sup>1 Tim. 2:4; Rev. 2:21

10 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *the works in it*  
<sup>2</sup>Some ancient mss. read, *discovered*  
<sup>a</sup>1 Cor. 1:8 <sup>b</sup>1 Thess. 5:2; Matt. 24:43; Rev. 3:3; 16:15  
<sup>c</sup>2 Pet. 3:7; 12 <sup>d</sup>Matt. 24:35; Rev. 21:1 <sup>e</sup>Is. 34:4; 24:19; Mic. 1:4; Gal. 4:3 marg.  
<sup>f</sup>2 Pet. 3:7

12 <sup>a</sup>1 Cor. 1:7 <sup>b</sup>2 Pet. 3:7; 10 <sup>c</sup>Is. 34:4; 24:19; Mic. 1:4; Gal. 4:3 marg.

13 <sup>a</sup>Is. 65:17; 66:22 <sup>b</sup>Rev. 21:1; Rom. 8:21 <sup>c</sup>Is. 60:21; 65:25; Rev. 21:27

14 <sup>a</sup>2 Pet. 1:10; 1 Cor. 15:58 <sup>b</sup>2 Pet. 3:1 <sup>c</sup>1 Pet. 1:7 <sup>d</sup>Phil. 2:15; 1 Tim. 6:14; James 1:27; 1 Thess. 5:23

15 <sup>a</sup>2 Pet. 3:9 <sup>b</sup>Acts 9:17; 15:25; 2 Pet. 3:2 <sup>c</sup>1 Cor. 3:10; Eph. 3:3

16 <sup>a</sup>2 Pet. 3:14 <sup>b</sup>Heb. 5:11  
<sup>c</sup>2 Pet. 2:14 <sup>d</sup>Is. 28:13;  
2 Pet. 3:2

17 <sup>a</sup>2 Pet. 3:1 <sup>b</sup>1 Cor. 10:12 <sup>c</sup>2 Pet. 2:18 <sup>d</sup>2 Pet. 2:7 <sup>e</sup>Rev. 2:5

18 <sup>a</sup>2 Pet. 1:2 <sup>b</sup>2 Pet. 1:11; 2:20 <sup>c</sup>Rom. 11:36; 2 Tim. 4:18; Rev. 1:6

1 <sup>a</sup>John 1:1f.; 1 John 2:13, 14 <sup>b</sup>1 John 1:3; Acts 4:20 <sup>c</sup>1 John 1:2; John 19:35; 2 Pet. 1:16 <sup>d</sup>John 1:14; 1 John 4:14 <sup>e</sup>Luke 24:39; John 20:27 <sup>f</sup>John 1:1, 4

2 <sup>a</sup>John 1:4; Rom. 16:26; 1 Tim. 3:16; 1 Pet. 1:20; 1 John 3:5, 8; 5:20 <sup>b</sup>1 John 1:1; John 19:35 <sup>c</sup>1 John 4:14; John 15:27 <sup>d</sup>1 John 2:25; 5:11, 13, 20; John 10:28; 17:3 <sup>e</sup>John 1:1

3 <sup>a</sup>1 John 1:1; John 19:35; 2 Pet. 1:16 <sup>b</sup>1 John 1:1; Acts 4:20 <sup>c</sup>John 17:3, 21; 1 Cor. 1:9

4 <sup>a</sup>1 John 2:1 <sup>b</sup>John 3:29

5 <sup>1</sup>John 3:11; John 1:19  
b<sup>1</sup> Tim. 6:16; James 1:17

6 <sup>1</sup>John 8:12; 2 Cor. 6:14;  
Eph. 5:8; 1 John 2:11 b<sup>1</sup>John  
8:55; 1 John 2:4; 4:20 c<sup>1</sup>John  
3:21

7 <sup>1</sup>Is. 2:5 b<sup>1</sup> Tim. 6:16  
c<sup>1</sup>Heb. 9:14; Rev. 7:14; Titus  
2:14

8 <sup>1</sup>Job 15:14; Prov. 20:9;  
Rom. 3:10ff.; James 3:2  
b<sup>1</sup> John 2:4; John 8:44

9 <sup>1</sup>Ps. 32:5; Prov. 28:13  
b<sup>1</sup>Heb. 9:14; Rev. 7:14;  
Titus 2:14

10 <sup>1</sup>Job 15:14; Prov. 20:9;  
Rom. 3:10ff.; James 3:2  
b<sup>1</sup> John 5:10; John 3:33  
c<sup>1</sup> John 2:14

1 <sup>1</sup>Gr., *Paracletos*, one  
called alongside to help  
a<sup>1</sup> John 2:12, 28; 3:7, 18;  
4:4; 5:21; John 13:33; Gal.  
4:19 b<sup>1</sup> John 1:4 c<sup>1</sup>Rom.  
8:34; 1 Tim. 2:5; Heb. 7:25;  
9:24 d<sup>1</sup>John 14:16

2 <sup>1</sup>Or, *satisfaction*  
a<sup>1</sup> John 4:10; Rom. 3:25;  
Heb. 2:17 b<sup>1</sup> John 4:14;  
John 4:42; 11:51f.

3 <sup>1</sup> John 2:5; 3:24; 4:13;  
5:2 b<sup>1</sup> John 2:4; 3:6; 4:7f.  
c<sup>1</sup> John 3:22, 24; 5:3; John  
14:15; 15:10; Rev. 12:17;  
14:12

4 <sup>1</sup>Titus 1:10 b<sup>1</sup> John  
3:6; 4:7f. c<sup>1</sup> John 1:6  
d<sup>1</sup> John 1:8

5 <sup>1</sup>John 14:23 b<sup>1</sup> John  
4:12 c<sup>1</sup> John 2:3; 3:24; 4:13;  
5:2

6 <sup>1</sup>John 15:4 b<sup>1</sup>John 13:15;  
15:10; 1 Pet. 2:21

7 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *were having*  
a<sup>1</sup> John 3:2, 21; 4:1, 7, 11;  
Heb. 6:9 b<sup>1</sup> John 3:11, 23;  
4:21; 2 John 5 c<sup>1</sup> John 2:24;  
3:11; 2 John 5, 6

8 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *Again*  
a<sup>1</sup>John 13:34 b<sup>1</sup>Eph. 5:8;  
1 Thess. 5:4f.; Rom. 13:12  
c<sup>1</sup>John 1:9

9 <sup>1</sup> John 2:11; 3:15; 4:20  
b<sup>1</sup> John 3:10, 16; 4:20f.;  
Acts 1:15

10 <sup>1</sup> John 2:10, 11; John  
11:9 and ref.

11 <sup>1</sup> John 2:9; 3:15; 4:20  
b<sup>1</sup>John 12:35; 1 John 1:6  
c<sup>2</sup> Cor. 4:4; 2 Pet. 1:9

12 <sup>1</sup> John 2:1 b<sup>1</sup> Cor.  
6:11; Acts 13:38

13 <sup>1</sup> John 1:1 b<sup>1</sup> John  
2:14; 1 John 4:4; 5:4f.; Rev.  
2:7; John 16:33 c<sup>1</sup>Matt. 5:37;  
1 John 2:14; 3:12; 5:18f.  
d<sup>1</sup> John 2:3; John 14:7

14 <sup>1</sup> John 1:1 b<sup>1</sup>Eph. 6:10  
c<sup>1</sup> John 1:10; John 5:38;  
8:37 d<sup>1</sup> John 2:13

5 And <sup>a</sup>this is the message we have heard from Him and announce to you, that <sup>b</sup>God is light, and in Him there is no darkness at all.

6 <sup>a</sup>If we say that we have fellowship with Him and yet walk in the darkness, we <sup>b</sup>lie and <sup>c</sup>do not practice the truth;

7 but if we <sup>a</sup>walk in the light as <sup>b</sup>He Himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and <sup>c</sup>the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin.

8 <sup>a</sup>If we say that we have no sin, we are deceiving ourselves, and the <sup>b</sup>truth is not in us.

9 <sup>a</sup>If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and <sup>b</sup>to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

10 <sup>a</sup>If we say that we have not sinned, we <sup>b</sup>make Him a liar, and <sup>c</sup>His word is not in us.

## CHAPTER 2

<sup>a</sup>MY little children, I am writing <sup>b</sup>these things to you that you may not sin. And if anyone sins, <sup>c</sup>we have an <sup>d</sup>Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous;

2 and He Himself is <sup>a</sup>the <sup>1</sup>propitiation for our sins; and not for ours only, but also <sup>b</sup>for *those of the whole world.*

3 And <sup>a</sup>by this we know that we have come to <sup>b</sup>know Him, if we <sup>c</sup>keep His commandments.

4 The one who says, "<sup>a</sup>I have come to <sup>b</sup>know Him," and does not keep His commandments, is a <sup>c</sup>liar, and <sup>d</sup>the truth is not in him;

5 but whoever <sup>a</sup>keeps His word, in him the <sup>b</sup>love of God has truly been perfected. <sup>c</sup>By this we know that we are in Him:

6 the one who says he <sup>a</sup>abides in Him <sup>b</sup>bought himself to walk in the same manner as He walked.

7 <sup>a</sup>Beloved, I am <sup>b</sup>not writing a new commandment to you, but an old commandment which you <sup>a</sup>have had <sup>c</sup>from the beginning; the old commandment is the word which you have heard.

8 <sup>1</sup>On the other hand, I am writing <sup>a</sup>a new commandment to you, which is true in Him and in you, because <sup>b</sup>the darkness is passing away, and <sup>c</sup>the true light is already shining.

9 The one who says he is in the light and yet <sup>a</sup>hates his <sup>b</sup>brother is in the darkness until now.

10 <sup>a</sup>The one who loves his brother abides in the light and there is no cause for stumbling in him.

11 But the one who <sup>a</sup>hates his brother is in the darkness and <sup>b</sup>walks in the darkness, and does not know where he is going because the darkness has <sup>c</sup>blinded his eyes.

12 I am writing to you, <sup>a</sup>little children, because <sup>b</sup>your sins are forgiven you for His name's sake.

13 I am writing to you, fathers, because you know Him <sup>a</sup>who has been from the beginning. I am writing to you, young men, because <sup>b</sup>you have overcome <sup>c</sup>the evil one. I have written to you, children, because <sup>d</sup>you know the Father.

14 I have written to you, fathers, because you know Him <sup>a</sup>who has been from the beginning. I have written to you, young men, because you are <sup>b</sup>strong, and the <sup>c</sup>word of God <sup>a</sup>abides in you, and <sup>d</sup>you have overcome the evil one.

**"Do Not Love the World."**  
**The Promise: Eternal Life.**

15 Do not love <sup>a</sup>the world, nor the things in the world. <sup>b</sup>If any one loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him.

16 For all that is in the world, <sup>a</sup>the lust of the flesh and <sup>b</sup>the lust of the eyes and <sup>c</sup>the boastful pride of life, is not from the Father, but is from the world.

17 And <sup>a</sup>the world is passing away, and *also* its lusts; but the one who does the will of God abides forever.

18 Children, <sup>a</sup>it is the last hour; and just as you heard that <sup>b</sup>antichrist is coming, <sup>c</sup>even now many antichrists have arisen; from this we know that it is the last hour.

19 <sup>a</sup>They went out from us, but they were not *really* of us; for if they had been of us, they would have remained with us; but *they went out*, <sup>b</sup>in order that <sup>1</sup>it might be shown that they all are not of us.

20 <sup>1</sup>But you have an <sup>a</sup>anointing from <sup>b</sup>the Holy One, and <sup>2</sup>you all know.

21 I have not written to you because you do not know the truth, but <sup>a</sup>because you do know it, and <sup>1</sup>because no lie is <sup>b</sup>of the truth.

22 Who is the liar but <sup>a</sup>the one who denies that Jesus is the <sup>1</sup>Christ? This is <sup>b</sup>the antichrist, the one who denies the Father and the Son.

23 <sup>a</sup>Whoever denies the Son does not have the Father; the one who confesses the Son has the Father also.

24 As for you, let that abide in you which you heard <sup>a</sup>from the beginning. If what you heard from the beginning abides in you, you also <sup>b</sup>will abide in the Son and in the Father.

25 And <sup>a</sup>this is the promise which He Himself <sup>1</sup>made to us: eternal life.

26 These things I have written to you concerning those who are trying to <sup>a</sup>deceive you.

27 And as for you, the <sup>a</sup>anointing which you received from Him abides in you, and you have no need for any one to teach you; but as His anointing <sup>b</sup>teaches you about all things, and is <sup>c</sup>true and is not a lie, and just as it has taught you, <sup>1</sup>you abide in Him.

28 And now, <sup>a</sup>little children, abide in Him, so that when He <sup>b</sup>appears, we may have <sup>c</sup>confidence and <sup>d</sup>not <sup>1</sup>shrink away from Him in shame <sup>2</sup>at His <sup>c</sup>coming.

29 If you know that <sup>a</sup>He is righteous, you know that every one also who practices righteousness <sup>b</sup>is <sup>1</sup>born of Him.

**CHAPTER 3**

**SEE** <sup>1</sup>how great a love the Father has bestowed upon us, that we should be called <sup>b</sup>children of God; and *such* we are. For this reason the world does not know us, because <sup>c</sup>it did not know Him.

2 <sup>a</sup>Beloved, now we are <sup>b</sup>children of God, and <sup>c</sup>it has not appeared as yet what we shall be. We know that, when He <sup>d</sup>appears, we shall be <sup>e</sup>like Him, because we shall <sup>f</sup>see Him just as He is.

3 And every one who has this <sup>a</sup>hope *fixed* on Him <sup>b</sup>purifies himself, just as He is pure.

4 Every one who practices sin also practices lawlessness; and <sup>a</sup>sin is lawlessness.

15 <sup>a</sup>James 1:27; Rom. 12:2; James 4:4

16 <sup>a</sup>Rom. 13:14; Eph. 2:3; 1 Pet. 2:11 <sup>b</sup>Prov. 27:20 <sup>c</sup>James 4:16

17 <sup>a</sup>1 Cor. 7:31

18 <sup>a</sup>Rom. 13:11; 1 Tim. 4:1; 1 Pet. 4:7 <sup>b</sup>1 John 2:22; 4:3; 2 John 7; Matt. 24:5; 24 <sup>c</sup>1 John 4:1, 3; Mark 13:22

19 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *they might be made manifest* <sup>a</sup>Acts 20:30 <sup>b</sup>1 Cor. 11:19

20 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *And* <sup>2</sup>Some ancient mss. read, *you know all things* <sup>a</sup>1 John 2:27; 2 Cor. 1:21 <sup>b</sup>Mark 1:24; Acts 10:38 <sup>c</sup>1 John 2:27; Prov. 28:5; Matt. 13:11; John 14:26; 1 Cor. 2:15f.

21 <sup>1</sup>Or, *know that* <sup>a</sup>James 1:19; 2 Pet. 1:12; Jude 5 <sup>b</sup>1 John 3:19; John 8:44; 18:37

22 <sup>1</sup>i.e., Messiah <sup>a</sup>1 John 4:3; 2 John 7 <sup>b</sup>1 John 2:18; 4:3; 2 John 7; Matt. 24:5, 24

23 <sup>a</sup>1 John 4:15; 5:1; 2 John 9; John 8:19; 16:3; 17:3

24 <sup>a</sup>1 John 2:7 <sup>b</sup>1 John 1:3; John 14:23; 2 John 9

25 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *promised us* <sup>a</sup>John 3:15; 6:40; 1 John 1:2

26 <sup>a</sup>1 John 3:7; 2 John 7

27 <sup>1</sup>Or, *abide in Him* <sup>a</sup>1 John 2:20; John 14:16 <sup>b</sup>John 14:26; 1 Cor. 2:12; 1 Thess. 4:9 <sup>c</sup>John 14:17

28 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *be put to shame from Him* <sup>2</sup>Or, *in His presence* <sup>a</sup>1 John 2:1 <sup>b</sup>1 John 3:2; Col. 3:4; Luke 17:30 <sup>c</sup>1 John 3:21; 4:17; 5:14; Eph. 3:12 <sup>d</sup>Mark 8:38 <sup>e</sup>1 Thess. 2:19

29 <sup>1</sup>Or, *begotten* <sup>a</sup>1 John 3:7; John 7:18 <sup>b</sup>1 John 3:9; 4:7; 5:1, 4, 18 <sup>c</sup>1 John 11; John 1:13; 3:3

1 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *what kind of love* <sup>a</sup>1 John 4:10; John 3:16 <sup>b</sup>1 John 3:2, 10; John 1:12; 11:52; Rom. 8:16 <sup>c</sup>John 15:21; 16:3; 15:18

2 <sup>a</sup>1 John 2:7 <sup>b</sup>1 John 3:1, 10; John 1:12; 11:52; Rom. 8:16 <sup>c</sup>Rom. 8:19, 23f. <sup>d</sup>1 John 2:28; Col. 3:4; Luke 17:30 <sup>e</sup>Rom. 8:29; 2 Pet. 1:4 <sup>f</sup>John 17:24; 2 Cor. 3:18

3 <sup>a</sup>Rom. 15:12; 1 Pet. 1:3 <sup>b</sup>2 Cor. 7:1; 2 Pet. 3:13f.; 1 John 2:6; John 17:19

4 <sup>a</sup>1 John 5:17; Rom. 4:15

5 <sup>1</sup> John 1:2; 3:8 <sup>b</sup>John 1:29; 1 Pet. 1:18-20; 1 John 2:2 <sup>c2</sup> Cor. 5:21; 1 John 2:29

6 <sup>1</sup>Or, *has known*  
<sup>a1</sup> John 3:9 <sup>b1</sup> John 2:3;  
3 John 11

7 <sup>a1</sup> John 2:1 <sup>b1</sup> John 2:26 <sup>c1</sup> John 2:29

8 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *sins*  
<sup>a1</sup> John 3:10; Matt. 13:38;  
John 8:44 <sup>b</sup>Matt. 4:3  
<sup>c1</sup> John 3:5 <sup>d</sup>John 16:11;  
John 12:31

9 <sup>1</sup>Or, *begotten*  
<sup>a1</sup> John 2:29; 4:7; 5:1, 4, 18  
(3 John 11); John 1:13; 3:3  
<sup>b1</sup> John 3:6; 5:18; James  
1:18; 1 Pet. 1:23

10 <sup>a1</sup> John 3:1, 2; John  
1:12; 11:52; Rom. 8:16  
<sup>b1</sup> John 3:8; Matt. 13:38;  
John 8:44 <sup>c1</sup> John 4:8;  
Rom. 13:8ff.; Col. 3:14;  
1 Tim. 1:5 <sup>d1</sup> John 2:9

11 <sup>a1</sup> John 1:5 <sup>b1</sup> John 2:7  
<sup>c</sup>John 13:34f.; 15:12; 1 John  
4:7, 11f., 21; 2 John 5

12 <sup>a</sup>Gen. 4:8 <sup>b1</sup> John  
2:13f.; Matt. 5:37 <sup>c</sup>Ps.  
38:20; Prov. 29:10; John  
8:40, 41

13 <sup>a</sup>John 15:18; 17:14

14 <sup>a</sup>John 5:24 <sup>b1</sup> John  
2:10; John 13:35

15 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 5:21f.; John  
8:44 <sup>b</sup>Gal. 5:20f.; Rev. 21:8

16 <sup>a</sup>John 15:13; John  
10:11 <sup>b</sup>Phil. 2:17; 1 Thess.  
2:8 <sup>c1</sup> John 2:9

17 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *inward parts*  
<sup>2</sup>Lit., *from*  
<sup>a</sup>James 2:15f. <sup>b</sup>Deut. 15:7  
<sup>c1</sup> John 4:20

18 <sup>a1</sup> John 3:7; 1 John 2:1  
<sup>b2</sup> John 1; 3 John 1

19 <sup>1</sup>Or, *persuade* <sup>2</sup>Or,  
*before Him, because if our  
heart ...*  
<sup>a1</sup> John 2:21

21 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *toward*  
<sup>a1</sup> John 2:7 <sup>b1</sup> John 5:14;  
2:28

22 <sup>a</sup>Job 22:26f.; Matt.  
21:22; 7:7; John 9:31  
<sup>b1</sup> John 2:3 <sup>c</sup>John 8:29;  
Heb. 13:21

23 <sup>1</sup>Or, *believe the name*  
<sup>2</sup>Or, *gave us a  
commandment*  
<sup>a</sup>John 6:29 <sup>b</sup>John 1:12; 2:23;  
5:18 <sup>c</sup>John 13:34; 15:12;  
1 John 2:8

24 <sup>a1</sup> John 2:3 <sup>b1</sup> John 2:6,  
24; 4:15; John 6:56; 10:38  
<sup>c1</sup> John 4:13; John 14:17;  
Rom. 8:9, 14, 16; 1 Thess.  
4:8 <sup>d1</sup> John 2:5

1 <sup>a1</sup> John 2:7 <sup>b</sup>Jer. 29:8;  
1 Cor. 12:10; 2 Thess. 2:2;  
1 Thess. 5:20f. <sup>c1</sup> John 2:18;  
Jer. 14:14; 2 Pet. 2:1

2 <sup>a1</sup> Cor. 12:3 <sup>b1</sup> John  
2:23 <sup>c1</sup> John 1:2; John 1:14

5 And you know that He <sup>a</sup>appeared in order to <sup>b</sup>take away sins; and <sup>c</sup>in Him there is no sin.

6 No one who abides in Him <sup>a</sup>sins; no one who sins has seen Him or <sup>b</sup>knows Him.

7 <sup>a</sup>Little children, let no one <sup>b</sup>deceive you; <sup>c</sup>the one who practices righteousness is righteous, just as He is righteous;

8 the one who practices sin is <sup>a</sup>of the devil; for the devil <sup>1</sup>has sinned from the beginning. <sup>b</sup>The Son of God <sup>c</sup>appeared for this purpose, <sup>d</sup>that He might destroy the works of the devil.

9 No one who is <sup>1a</sup>born of God <sup>b</sup>practices sin, because His seed abides in him; and he cannot sin, because he is <sup>1b</sup>born of God.

10 By this the <sup>a</sup>children of God and the <sup>b</sup>children of the devil are obvious: any one who does not practice righteousness is not of God, nor the one who <sup>c</sup>does not love his <sup>d</sup>brother.

11 <sup>a</sup>For this is the message <sup>b</sup>which you have heard from the beginning, <sup>c</sup>that we should love one another;

12 not as <sup>a</sup>Cain, who was of <sup>b</sup>the evil one, and slew his brother. And for what reason did he slay him? Because <sup>c</sup>his deeds were evil, and his brother's were righteous.

13 Do not marvel, brethren, if <sup>a</sup>the world hates you.

14 We know that we have <sup>a</sup>passed out of death into life, <sup>b</sup>because we love the brethren. He who does not love abides in death.

15 Every one who <sup>a</sup>hates his brother is a murderer; and you know that <sup>b</sup>no murderer has eternal life abiding in him.

16 We know love by this, that <sup>a</sup>He laid down His life for us; and <sup>b</sup>we ought to lay down our lives for the <sup>c</sup>brethren.

17 But <sup>a</sup>whoever has the world's goods, and beholds his brother in need and <sup>b</sup>closes his <sup>1</sup>heart <sup>2</sup>against him, <sup>c</sup>how does the love of God abide in him?

18 <sup>a</sup>Little children, let us not love with word or with tongue, but in deed and <sup>b</sup>truth.

19 We shall know by this that we are <sup>a</sup>of the truth, and shall <sup>1</sup>assure our heart <sup>2</sup>before Him,

20 in whatever our heart condemns us; for God is greater than our heart, and knows all things.

21 <sup>a</sup>Beloved, if our heart does not condemn us, we have <sup>b</sup>confidence <sup>1</sup>before God;

22 and <sup>a</sup>whatever we ask we receive from Him, because we <sup>b</sup>keep His commandments and do <sup>c</sup>the things that are pleasing in His sight.

23 And this is His commandment, that we <sup>1a</sup>believe in <sup>b</sup>the name of His Son Jesus Christ, and love one another, just as <sup>c</sup>He <sup>2</sup>commanded us.

24 And the one who <sup>a</sup>keeps His commandments <sup>b</sup>abides in Him, and He in him. And <sup>c</sup>we know by this that <sup>d</sup>He abides in us, by the Spirit which He has given us.

#### CHAPTER 4

**B**ELOVED, do not believe every <sup>b</sup>spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God; because <sup>c</sup>many false prophets have gone out into the world.

2 By this you know the Spirit of God: <sup>a</sup>every spirit that <sup>b</sup>confesses that <sup>c</sup>Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God;

3 and every spirit that <sup>a</sup>does not confess Jesus is not from God; and this is the *spirit of the b*antichrist, of which you have heard that it is coming, and <sup>c</sup>now it is already in the world.

4 You are from God, <sup>a</sup>little children, and <sup>b</sup>have overcome them; because <sup>c</sup>greater is He who is in you than <sup>d</sup>he who is in the world.

5 <sup>a</sup>They are from the world; therefore they speak *as* from the world, and the world listens to them.

6 <sup>a</sup>We are from God; <sup>b</sup>he who knows God listens to us; <sup>c</sup>he who is not from God does not listen to us. By this we know <sup>d</sup>the spirit of truth and <sup>e</sup>the spirit of error.

7 <sup>a</sup>Beloved, let us <sup>b</sup>love one another, for love is from God; and <sup>c</sup>every one who loves is <sup>d</sup>born of God and <sup>e</sup>knows God.

8 The one who does not love does not know God, for <sup>a</sup>God is love.

9 By this the love of God was manifested <sup>a</sup>in us, that <sup>b</sup>God has sent His <sup>2</sup>only begotten Son into the world so that we might live through Him.

10 In this is love, <sup>a</sup>not that we <sup>1</sup>loved God, but that <sup>b</sup>He loved us and sent His Son *to be* <sup>c</sup>the propitiation for our sins.

11 <sup>a</sup>Beloved, if God so loved us, <sup>b</sup>we also ought to love one another.

12 <sup>a</sup>No one has beheld God at any time; if we love one another, God abides in us, and His <sup>b</sup>love is perfected in us.

13 <sup>a</sup>By this we know that we abide in Him and He in us, because He has given us of His Spirit.

14 And we have beheld and <sup>a</sup>bear witness that the Father has <sup>b</sup>sent the Son *to be* the Savior of the world.

15 <sup>a</sup>Whoever confesses that <sup>b</sup>Jesus is the Son of God, God <sup>c</sup>abides in him, and he in God.

16 And <sup>a</sup>we have come to know and have believed the love which God has <sup>b</sup>for us. <sup>c</sup>God is love, and the one who <sup>d</sup>abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him.

17 By this, <sup>a</sup>love is perfected with us, that we may have <sup>b</sup>confidence in <sup>c</sup>the day of judgment; because <sup>d</sup>as He is, so also are we in this world.

18 There is no fear in love; but <sup>a</sup>perfect love casts out fear, because fear <sup>b</sup>involves punishment, and the one who fears is not <sup>b</sup>perfected in love.

19 <sup>a</sup>We love, because He first loved us.

20 <sup>a</sup>If some one says, "I love God," and <sup>b</sup>hates his brother, he is a <sup>c</sup>liar; for <sup>d</sup>the one who does not love his brother whom he has seen, <sup>e</sup>cannot love God whom he has not seen.

21 And <sup>a</sup>this commandment we have from Him, that the one who loves God <sup>b</sup>should love his brother also.

CHAPTER 5

**W**HOEVER believes that Jesus is the <sup>1</sup>Christ is <sup>2b</sup>born of God; and whoever loves the <sup>3</sup>Father <sup>c</sup>loves the *child* <sup>2</sup>born of Him.

2 <sup>a</sup>By this we know that <sup>b</sup>we love the children of God, when we love God and <sup>1</sup>observe His commandments.

3 <sup>a2</sup> John 7; 1 John 2:22  
 b1 John 2:22; 2:18 <sup>c1</sup> John 2:18; 2 Thess. 2:3-7

4 <sup>a1</sup> John 2:1 b1 John 2:13 <sup>c1</sup> John 3:20; 2 Kin. 2:16; Rom. 8:31 <sup>d</sup>John 12:31

5 <sup>a</sup>John 15:19; 17:14, 16

6 <sup>a1</sup> John 4:4; John 8:23  
 bJohn 8:47; 10:3ff.; 18:37  
<sup>c1</sup> Cor. 14:37 <sup>d</sup>John 14:17  
<sup>e1</sup> Tim. 4:1

7 <sup>1</sup>Or, *begotten*  
<sup>a1</sup> John 2:7 b1 John 3:11  
<sup>c1</sup> John 5:1 d1 John 2:29  
<sup>e1</sup> John 2:3; 1 Cor. 8:3

8 <sup>a1</sup> John 4:16; 1 John 4:7

9 <sup>1</sup>Or, *in our case* <sup>2</sup>Or, *unique, only one of His kind*  
<sup>a1</sup> John 4:16; John 9:3  
 bJohn 3:16f.; 1 John 4:10; 5:11

10 <sup>1</sup>Some mss. read, *had loved*  
<sup>a</sup>Rom. 5:8, 10; 1 John 4:19  
 bJohn 3:16f.; 1 John 4:9;  
 5:11 <sup>c1</sup> John 2:2

11 <sup>a1</sup> John 2:7 b1 John 4:7

12 <sup>a</sup>John 1:18; 1 Tim. 6:16; 1 John 4:20 b1 John 2:5; 4:17f.

13 <sup>a1</sup> John 3:24; Rom. 8:9

14 <sup>a1</sup> John 1:2; John 15:27  
 bJohn 3:17; 4:42; 1 John 2:2

15 <sup>a1</sup> John 2:23 b1 John 5:5; 3:23; 4:2; 5:1; Rom. 10:9 <sup>c1</sup> John 2:24; 3:24

16 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *in*  
<sup>a</sup>John 6:69 b1 John 4:9;  
 John 9:3 <sup>c1</sup> John 4:8; 4:7  
<sup>d1</sup> John 4:12f.

17 <sup>a1</sup> John 2:5; 4:12  
 b1 John 2:28 <sup>c</sup>Matt. 10:15  
<sup>d1</sup> John 2:6; 3:1, 7, 16; John 17:22

18 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *has*  
<sup>a</sup>Rom. 8:15; Gal. 4:30f.  
 b1 John 4:12

19 <sup>a1</sup> John 4:10

20 <sup>1</sup>Some mss. read, *how can he love God . . . seen?*  
<sup>a1</sup> John 1:6, 8, 10; 2:4  
 b1 John 2:9, 11 <sup>c1</sup> John 1:6  
<sup>d1</sup> John 3:17 <sup>e1</sup> John 4:12;  
 1 Pet. 1:8

21 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 5:43f.; 22:37f.;  
 John 13:34; Lev. 19:18  
 b1 John 3:11

1 <sup>1</sup>I.e., *Messiah* <sup>2</sup>Or, *begotten* <sup>3</sup>Lit., *one who begets*  
<sup>a1</sup> John 4:2; 4:15; 2:22f.  
 b1 John 5:4, 18; 2:29; John 1:13; 3:3 marg. <sup>c</sup>John 8:42

2 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *do*  
<sup>a1</sup> John 2:5 b1 John 3:14

3 <sup>a</sup>John 14:15; 2 John 6  
b<sup>1</sup> John 2:3 <sup>c</sup>Matt. 11:30;  
23:4

4 <sup>1</sup>Or, *begotten*  
<sup>a</sup>1 John 5:1, 18; 2:29; John  
1:13; 3:3 marg. <sup>b</sup>1 John  
2:13; 4:4

5 <sup>a</sup>1 John 4:15; 1 John  
5:1

6 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *in*  
<sup>a</sup>John 19:34

7 <sup>a</sup>John 15:26; 16:13-15  
[Matt. 3:16f.]

8 <sup>1</sup>A few late mss. read  
*in heaven, the Father, the*  
*Word, and the Holy Spirit,*  
*and these three are one.*  
*And there are three that*  
*bear witness on earth, the*  
*Spirit . . . <sup>2</sup>Lit., for the one*  
*thing*  
<sup>a</sup>Matt. 18:16

9 <sup>a</sup>John 5:34, 37; 8:18  
<sup>b</sup>Matt. 3:17; John 5:32, 37

10 <sup>a</sup>Rom. 8:16; Gal. 4:6;  
Rev. 12:17 <sup>b</sup>1 John 1:10;  
John 3:18, 33

11 <sup>a</sup>1 John 5:13, 20; 1:2;  
2:25; 4:9 <sup>b</sup>John 1:4

12 <sup>a</sup>John 3:15f., 36

13 <sup>a</sup>John 20:31 <sup>b</sup>1 John  
3:23 <sup>c</sup>1 John 5:11, 20; 1:2;  
2:25; 4:9

14 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *toward*  
<sup>a</sup>1 John 3:21f.; 2:28 <sup>b</sup>1 John  
3:22; Matt. 7:7; John 14:13

15 <sup>a</sup>1 John 5:18, 19, 20

16 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *sinning*  
<sup>a</sup>James 5:15 <sup>b</sup>Heb. 6:4-6;  
10:26; Num. 15:30 <sup>c</sup>Jer.  
7:16; 14:11

17 <sup>a</sup>1 John 3:4 <sup>b</sup>1 John  
2:1f.; 5:16

18 <sup>1</sup>Or, *begotten*  
<sup>a</sup>1 John 5:15, 19, 20 <sup>b</sup>1 John  
3:9 <sup>c</sup>James 1:27; Jude 21  
<sup>d</sup>1 John 2:13 <sup>e</sup>John 14:30

19 <sup>a</sup>1 John 5:15, 18, 20  
<sup>b</sup>1 John 4:6 <sup>c</sup>John 12:31;  
17:15; Gal. 1:4

20 <sup>a</sup>1 John 5:15, 18, 19  
<sup>b</sup>1 John 5:5; John 8:42  
<sup>c</sup>Luke 24:45 <sup>d</sup>John 17:3;  
Rev. 3:7 <sup>e</sup>John 1:18; 14:9;  
1 John 2:23; Rev. 3:7  
<sup>f</sup>1 John 1:2 <sup>g</sup>1 John 5:11

21 <sup>a</sup>1 John 2:1 <sup>b</sup>1 Cor.  
10:7, 14; 1 Thess. 1:9

3 For <sup>a</sup>this is the love of God, that we <sup>b</sup>keep His com-  
mandments; and <sup>c</sup>His commandments are not burdensome.

4 For whatever is <sup>1a</sup>born of God <sup>b</sup>overcomes the world;  
and this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith.

5 And who is the one who overcomes the world, but he  
who <sup>a</sup>believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

6 This is the one who came <sup>a</sup>by water and blood, Jesus  
Christ; not <sup>1</sup>with the water only, but <sup>1</sup>with the water and <sup>1</sup>with  
the blood.

7 And it is <sup>a</sup>the Spirit who bears witness, because the Spirit  
is the truth.

8 For there are <sup>a</sup>three that bear witness, <sup>1</sup>the Spirit and the  
water and the blood; and the three are <sup>2</sup>in agreement.

9 <sup>a</sup>If we receive the witness of men, the witness of God is  
greater; for the witness of God is this, that <sup>b</sup>He has borne  
witness concerning His Son.

10 The one who believes in the Son of God <sup>a</sup>has the witness  
in himself; the one who does not believe God has <sup>b</sup>made Him  
a liar, because he has not believed in the witness that God has  
borne concerning His Son.

11 And the witness is this, that God has given us <sup>a</sup>eternal  
life, and <sup>b</sup>this life is in His Son.

12 <sup>a</sup>He who has the Son has the life; he who does not have  
the Son of God does not have the life.

13 <sup>a</sup>These things I have written to you who <sup>b</sup>believe in the  
name of the Son of God, in order that you may know that you  
have <sup>c</sup>eternal life.

14 And this is <sup>a</sup>the confidence which we have <sup>1</sup>before Him,  
that, <sup>b</sup>if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us.

15 And if we know that He hears us *in* whatever we ask, <sup>a</sup>we  
know that we have the requests which we have asked from Him.

16 If any one sees his brother <sup>1</sup>committing a sin not *leading*  
to death, <sup>a</sup>he shall ask and God will for him give life to those  
who commit sin not *leading* to death. <sup>b</sup>There is a sin *leading*  
to death; <sup>c</sup>I do not say that he should make request for this.

17 <sup>a</sup>All unrighteousness is sin, and <sup>b</sup>there is a sin not *leading*  
to death.

18 <sup>a</sup>We know that <sup>b</sup>no one who is <sup>1</sup>born of God sins; but  
He who was <sup>1</sup>born of God <sup>c</sup>keeps him and <sup>d</sup>the evil one does not  
<sup>e</sup>touch him.

19 <sup>a</sup>We know that <sup>b</sup>we are of God, and <sup>c</sup>the whole world  
lies *in the power of* the evil one.

20 And <sup>a</sup>we know that <sup>b</sup>the Son of God has come, and has  
<sup>c</sup>given us understanding, in order that we might know <sup>d</sup>Him  
who is true, and we <sup>e</sup>are in Him who is true, in His Son Jesus  
Christ. <sup>f</sup>This is the true God and <sup>g</sup>eternal life.

21 <sup>a</sup>Little children, guard yourselves from <sup>b</sup>idols.



## THE SECOND EPISTLE OF JOHN

Salutation. "Walk According to His Commandments."  
"Abide in the Teachings of Christ." Farewell.

<sup>a</sup>  
**T**HE elder to the <sup>b</sup>chosen <sup>c</sup>lady and her children, whom I <sup>d</sup>love in truth; and not only I, but also all who <sup>e</sup>know the truth,  
2 for <sup>a</sup>the sake of the truth which abides <sup>b</sup>in us and will be <sup>c</sup>with us forever:

3 <sup>a</sup>Grace, mercy *and* peace will be with us, from God the Father and from Jesus Christ, the Son of the Father, in truth and love.

4 <sup>a</sup>I was very glad to find *some* of your children walking in truth, just as we have received commandment *to do* from the Father.

5 And now I ask you, lady, <sup>a</sup>not as writing to you a new commandment, but the one which we have had <sup>a</sup>from the beginning, that we <sup>b</sup>love one another.

6 And <sup>a</sup>this is love, that we walk according to His commandments. This is the commandment, <sup>b</sup>just as you have heard <sup>c</sup>from the beginning, that you should walk in it.

7 For <sup>a</sup>many deceivers have <sup>b</sup>gone out into the world, those who <sup>c</sup>do not acknowledge Jesus Christ *as* coming in the flesh. This is <sup>a</sup>the deceiver and the <sup>d</sup>antichrist.

8 <sup>a</sup>Watch yourselves, <sup>b</sup>that you might not lose what <sup>c</sup>I have accomplished, but that you may receive a full reward.

9 Any one who <sup>a</sup>goes too far and <sup>a</sup>does not abide in the teaching of Christ, does not have God; the one who abides in the teaching, he has both the Father and the Son.

10 If any one comes to you and does not bring this teaching, <sup>a</sup>do not receive him into *your* house, and do not give him a greeting;

11 for the one who gives him a greeting <sup>a</sup>participates in his evil deeds.

12 <sup>a</sup>Having many things to write to you, I do not want to *do so* with paper and ink; but I hope to come to you and speak face to face, that <sup>c</sup>your <sup>b</sup>joy may be made full.

13 The children of your <sup>a</sup>chosen sister greet you.

1 <sup>a3</sup> John 1; 1 Pet. 5:1; Acts 11:30 <sup>b2</sup> John 13; Rom. 16:13 [Gr.]; 1 Pet. 5:13 <sup>c2</sup> John 5 <sup>d1</sup> John 3:18; 3 John 1; 2 John 3 <sup>e</sup>John 8:32; 1 Tim. 2:4

2 <sup>a2</sup> Pet. 1:12 <sup>b1</sup> John 1:8 <sup>c</sup>John 14:16

3 <sup>a1</sup> Tim. 1:2; Rom. 1:7

4 <sup>a3</sup> John 3f.

5 <sup>a1</sup> John 2:7 <sup>b1</sup> John 3:11

6 <sup>a1</sup> John 5:3; 2:5 <sup>b1</sup> John 2:24 <sup>c1</sup> John 2:7

7 <sup>a1</sup> John 2:26 <sup>b1</sup> John 4:1; 2:19 <sup>c1</sup> John 4:2f. <sup>d1</sup> John 2:18

8 <sup>1</sup>Some ancient mss. read, *you* <sup>a</sup>Mark 13:9 <sup>b</sup>Heb. 10:35; 1 Cor. 3:8

9 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *goes on ahead* <sup>a</sup>John 8:31; 7:16; 1 John 2:23

10 <sup>a</sup>Rom. 16:17; 1 Kin. 13:16f.

11 <sup>a1</sup> Tim. 5:22; Jude 23

12 <sup>1</sup>Some ancient mss. read, *our* <sup>a3</sup> John 13; 14 <sup>b1</sup> John 1:4; John 3:29

13 <sup>a2</sup> John 1

# THE THIRD EPISTLE OF JOHN

Address to Gaius. Prayer for His Prosperity.  
"The One Who Does Good is of God."  
"Peace be to You."

1 <sup>a2</sup> John 1 <sup>b1</sup> John 3:18;  
2 John 1

3 <sup>1</sup> Or, *am very glad when brethren come and bear witness*  
<sup>a2</sup> John 4 <sup>b3</sup> John 5, 10;  
Acts 1:15; Gal. 6:10

4 <sup>1</sup> Lit., *these things, that I hear*  
<sup>a1</sup> John 2:1; 1 Cor. 4:14f.;  
2 Cor. 6:13; Gal. 4:19;  
1 Thess. 2:11; 1 Tim. 1:2;  
2 Tim. 1:2; Philem. 10  
<sup>b2</sup> John 3

5 <sup>a3</sup> John 3, 10; Acts  
1:15; Gal. 6:10 <sup>b</sup> Rom.  
12:13; Heb. 13:2

6 <sup>a</sup> Acts 15:3; Titus 3:13  
<sup>b1</sup> Thess. 2:12; Col. 1:10

7 <sup>a</sup> Acts 5:41; John 15:21;  
Phil. 2:9 <sup>b</sup> Acts 20:33, 35

8 <sup>1</sup> Or, *receive such men as guests* <sup>2</sup> Or, *for*

9 <sup>1</sup> Lit., *us*  
<sup>a2</sup> John 9 marg.

10 <sup>a2</sup> John 12 <sup>b3</sup> John 5;  
2 John 10 <sup>c3</sup> John 3, 5; Acts  
1:15; Gal. 6:10 <sup>d</sup> John 9:34

11 <sup>a</sup> Ps. 34:14; 37:27;  
<sup>b1</sup> John 2:29; 3:10 <sup>c1</sup> John  
3:6

12 <sup>a</sup> Acts 6:3; 1 Tim. 3:7  
<sup>b</sup> John 21:24; John 19:35

13 <sup>a2</sup> John 12

14 <sup>a1</sup> 1 Pet. 5:14; Eph. 6:23;  
John 20:19, 21, 26 <sup>b</sup> John  
10:3

a

**T**HE elder to the beloved Gaius, whom I <sup>b</sup>love in truth,  
2 Beloved, I pray that in all respects you may prosper and  
be in good health, just as your soul prospers.

3 For I <sup>1</sup>was very glad when <sup>b</sup>brethren came and bore  
witness to your truth, *that is*, how you <sup>a</sup>are walking in truth.

4 I have no greater joy than <sup>1</sup>this, to hear of <sup>a</sup>my children  
<sup>b</sup>walking in the truth.

5 Beloved, you are acting faithfully in whatever you ac-  
complish for the <sup>a</sup>brethren, and especially *when they are*  
<sup>b</sup>strangers;

6 and they bear witness to your love before the church;  
and you will do well to <sup>a</sup>send them on their way in a manner  
<sup>b</sup>worthy of God.

7 For they went out for the sake of <sup>a</sup>the Name, <sup>b</sup>accepting  
nothing from the Gentiles.

8 Therefore we ought to <sup>1</sup>support such men, that we may  
be fellow-workers <sup>2</sup>with the truth.

9 I wrote something to the church; but Diotrephes, who  
loves to <sup>a</sup>be first among them, does not accept <sup>1</sup>what we say.

10 For this reason, <sup>a</sup>if I come, I will call attention to his  
deeds which he does, unjustly accusing us with wicked words;  
and not satisfied with this, neither does he himself <sup>b</sup>receive the  
<sup>c</sup>brethren, and he forbids those who desire to *do so*, and <sup>d</sup>puts  
*them* out of the church.

11 Beloved, <sup>a</sup>do not imitate what is evil, but what is good.  
<sup>b</sup>The one who does good is of God; <sup>c</sup>the one who does evil has  
not seen God.

12 Demetrius <sup>a</sup>has received a *good* testimony from every-  
one, and from the truth itself; and we also bear witness, and  
<sup>b</sup>you know that our witness is true.

13 <sup>a</sup>I had many things to write to you, but I am not willing  
to write *them* to you with pen and ink;

14 but I hope to see you shortly, and we shall speak face to  
face. <sup>a</sup>Peace *be* to you. The friends greet you. Greet the friends  
<sup>b</sup>by name.

## THE EPISTLE OF

# JUDE

General Salutation. "Contend Earnestly for the Faith."  
The Warnings of History to the Ungodly.

1a

**J**UDE, a <sup>b</sup>bond-servant of Jesus Christ, and brother of <sup>2</sup>James, to <sup>c</sup>those who are the called, beloved in God the Father, and <sup>d</sup>kept for Jesus Christ:

**2** <sup>a</sup>May mercy and peace and love <sup>b</sup>be multiplied to you.

**3** <sup>a</sup>Beloved, while I was making every effort to write you about our <sup>b</sup>common salvation, I felt the necessity to write to you appealing that you <sup>c</sup>contend earnestly for <sup>d</sup>the faith which was once for all <sup>e</sup>delivered to <sup>f</sup>the <sup>1</sup>saints.

**4** For certain persons have <sup>a</sup>crept in unnoticed, those who were long beforehand <sup>b</sup>marked out for this condemnation, ungodly persons who turn <sup>c</sup>the grace of our God into <sup>d</sup>licentiousness and <sup>e</sup>deny our only Master and Lord, Jesus Christ.

**5** Now I desire to <sup>a</sup>remind you, though <sup>b</sup>you know all things once for all, that <sup>1</sup>the Lord, <sup>c</sup>after saving a people out of the land of Egypt, <sup>2</sup>subsequently destroyed those who did not believe.

**6** And <sup>a</sup>angels who did not keep their own domain, but abandoned their proper abode, He has <sup>b</sup>kept in eternal bonds under darkness for the judgment of the great day.

**7** Just as <sup>a</sup>Sodom and Gomorrah and the <sup>b</sup>cities around them, since they in the same way as these indulged in gross immorality and <sup>c</sup>went after strange flesh, are exhibited as an <sup>1</sup>example, in undergoing the <sup>e</sup>punishment of eternal fire.

**8** Yet in the same manner these men, also by dreaming, <sup>a</sup>defile the flesh, and <sup>a</sup>reject authority, and <sup>a</sup>revile <sup>1</sup>angelic majesties.

**9** But <sup>a</sup>Michael <sup>b</sup>the archangel, when he disputed with the devil and argued about <sup>c</sup>the body of Moses, did not dare pronounce against him a railing judgment, but said, "<sup>d</sup>THE LORD REBUKE YOU."

**10** But <sup>a</sup>these men revile the things which they do not understand; and <sup>b</sup>the things which they know by instinct, <sup>a</sup>like unreasoning animals, by these things they are <sup>1</sup>destroyed.

**11** Woe to them! For they have gone <sup>a</sup>the way of Cain, and for pay <sup>1</sup>they have rushed headlong into <sup>b</sup>the error of Balaam, and <sup>c</sup>perished in the rebellion of Korah.

**12** These men are those who are <sup>1</sup>hidden reefs <sup>a</sup>in your love-feasts when they feast with you <sup>b</sup>without fear, caring for themselves; <sup>c</sup>clouds without water, <sup>d</sup>carried along by winds; autumn trees without fruit, <sup>2</sup>doubly dead, <sup>e</sup>uprooted;

**13** <sup>a</sup>wild waves of the sea, casting up <sup>b</sup>their own <sup>1</sup>shame like foam; wandering stars, <sup>c</sup>for whom the <sup>2</sup>black darkness has been reserved forever.

**14** And about these also <sup>a</sup>Enoch, *in the seventh generation* from Adam, prophesied, saying, "<sup>b</sup>Behold, the Lord came with <sup>1</sup>many thousands of His holy ones,

<sup>1</sup> <sup>1</sup>Cr. Judas <sup>2</sup>Lit., Jacob  
<sup>a</sup>Matt. 13:55; Mark 6:3;  
[Luke 6:16; John 14:22;  
Acts 1:13?] <sup>b</sup>Rom. 1:1  
<sup>c</sup>Rom. 1:6; <sup>d</sup>John 17:11f.;  
Jude 21; 1 Pet. 1:5

<sup>2</sup> <sup>a</sup>Gal. 6:16; 1 Tim. 1:2  
<sup>b</sup>1 Pet. 1:2; 2 Pet. 1:2

<sup>3</sup> <sup>1</sup>i.e., true believers; lit.,  
*holy ones*  
<sup>a</sup>Heb. 6:9; Jude 1, 17, 20  
<sup>b</sup>Titus 1:4 <sup>c</sup>1 Tim. 6:12  
<sup>d</sup>Jude 20; Acts 6:7 <sup>e</sup>2 Pet.  
2:21 <sup>f</sup>Acts 9:13

<sup>4</sup> <sup>1</sup>Or, *written about*  
<sup>a</sup>2 Tim. 3:6; Gal. 2:4  
<sup>b</sup>1 Pet. 2:8 <sup>c</sup>Acts 11:23  
<sup>d</sup>2 Pet. 2:7 <sup>e</sup>2 Pet. 2:1;  
2 Tim. 2:12; Titus 1:16;  
1 John 2:22

<sup>5</sup> <sup>1</sup>Some ancient mss.  
read, *Jesus* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *the*  
*second time*  
<sup>a</sup>2 Pet. 1:12f.; 3:1f. <sup>b</sup>1 John  
2:20 <sup>c</sup>1 Cor. 10:5-10; Heb.  
3:16f.

<sup>6</sup> <sup>a</sup>2 Pet. 2:4 <sup>b</sup>2 Pet. 2:9

<sup>7</sup> <sup>1</sup>Or, *example of*  
*eternal fire, in undergoing*  
*punishment*  
<sup>a</sup>2 Pet. 2:6 <sup>b</sup>Deut. 29:23;  
Hos. 11:8 <sup>c</sup>2 Pet. 2:2 <sup>d</sup>2 Pet.  
2:6 <sup>e</sup>Matt. 25:41; 2 Thess.  
1:8f.; 2 Pet. 3:7

<sup>8</sup> <sup>1</sup>Lit., *glories*  
<sup>a</sup>2 Pet. 2:10

<sup>9</sup> <sup>a</sup>Dan. 10:13, 21; 12:1;  
Rev. 12:7 <sup>b</sup>1 Thess. 4:16;  
2 Pet. 2:11 <sup>c</sup>Deut. 34:6  
<sup>d</sup>Zech. 3:2

<sup>10</sup> <sup>1</sup>Lit., *corrupted*  
<sup>a</sup>2 Pet. 2:12 <sup>b</sup>Phil. 3:19

<sup>11</sup> <sup>1</sup>Lit., *they have poured*  
*themselves out*  
<sup>a</sup>Gen. 4:3-8; Heb. 11:4;  
1 John 3:12 <sup>b</sup>2 Pet. 2:15;  
Num. 31:16; Rev. 2:14  
<sup>c</sup>Num. 16:1-3, 31-35

<sup>12</sup> <sup>1</sup>Or, *stains* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *twice*  
<sup>a</sup>2 Pet. 2:13 and marg.;  
1 Cor. 11:20f. <sup>b</sup>Ezek. 34:2,  
8, 10 <sup>c</sup>Prov. 25:14; 2 Pet.  
2:17 <sup>d</sup>Eph. 4:14 <sup>e</sup>Matt.  
15:13

<sup>13</sup> <sup>1</sup>Or, *shameless deeds*  
<sup>2</sup>Lit., *blackness of*  
*darkness; or, nether gloom*  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 57:20 <sup>b</sup>Phil. 3:19 <sup>c</sup>2 Pet.  
2:17; Jude 6

<sup>14</sup> <sup>1</sup>Lit., *His holy ten*  
*thousands*  
<sup>a</sup>Gen. 5:18, 21f. <sup>b</sup>Deut.  
33:2; Matt. 16:27; Dan.  
7:10; Heb. 12:22

15 <sup>a</sup>2 Pet. 2:6ff. <sup>b1</sup> Tim. 1:9

16 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *their mouth speaks*

<sup>a</sup>Num. 16:11, 41; 1 Cor. 10:10 <sup>b2</sup> Pet. 2:10; Jude 18 <sup>c2</sup> Pet. 2:18 <sup>d2</sup> Pet. 2:3

17 <sup>a</sup>Jude 3 <sup>b2</sup> Pet. 3:2 <sup>c</sup>Heb. 2:3

18 <sup>a2</sup> Pet. 3:3; Acts 20:29; 1 Tim. 4:1; 2 Tim. 3:1f.; 4:3 <sup>b</sup>Jude 4, 16

19 <sup>1</sup>Or, *merely natural* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *not having* <sup>a1</sup> Cor. 2:14f.; James 3:15

20 <sup>a</sup>Jude 3 <sup>b</sup>Col. 2:7; 1 Thess. 5:11 <sup>c</sup>Eph. 6:18

21 <sup>a</sup>Titus 2:13; Heb. 9:28; 2 Pet. 3:12

22 <sup>1</sup>Some ancient mss. read, *convince*

23 <sup>a</sup>Amos 4:11; Zech. 3:2; 1 Cor. 3:15 <sup>b</sup>Rev. 3:4; Zech. 3:3f.

24 <sup>a</sup>Rom. 16:25 <sup>b2</sup> Cor. 4:14 <sup>c1</sup> Pet. 4:13

25 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *to all the ages* <sup>a</sup>John 5:44; 1 Tim. 1:17 <sup>b</sup>Luke 1:47 <sup>c</sup>Rom. 11:36 <sup>d</sup>Heb. 13:8

1 <sup>1</sup>Or, *signified* <sup>a</sup>Rev. 5:7; John 17:8 <sup>b</sup>Rev. 22:6 <sup>c</sup>Rev. 1:19; Dan. 2:28f. <sup>d</sup>Rev. 17:1; 19:9f.; 21:9; 22:16 <sup>e</sup>Rev. 1:4, 9; 22:8

2 <sup>a</sup>Rev. 1:9; 6:9; 20:4; 12:17; 1 Cor. 1:6 <sup>b</sup>Rev. 12:17

3 <sup>1</sup>Or, *keep* <sup>a</sup>Rev. 22:7; Luke 11:28 <sup>b</sup>Rev. 22:10; 3:11; 22:7, 12; Rom. 13:11

4 <sup>a</sup>Rev. 1:1, 9; 22:8 <sup>b</sup>Rev. 1:20; 1:11 <sup>c</sup>Acts 2:9 <sup>d</sup>Rom. 1:7 <sup>e</sup>Rev. 1:8; 4:8; Ex. 3:14; Rev. 16:5; 1:17; Heb. 13:8; Is. 41:4 <sup>f</sup>Rev. 3:1; 4:5; 5:6; Is. 11:2; Rev. 8:2

5 <sup>1</sup>Or, *in* <sup>a</sup>Rev. 3:14; John 8:14; 18:37; 1 Tim. 6:13; Rev. 19:11 <sup>b1</sup> Cor. 15:20; Col. 1:18 <sup>c</sup>Rev. 17:14; 19:16; 1 Tim. 6:15; Dan. 2:47 <sup>d</sup>Rom. 8:37

6 <sup>1</sup>Or, *God and His Father* <sup>a</sup>Rev. 20:6; 1 Pet. 2:5, 9; Ex. 19:6; Is. 61:6 <sup>b</sup>Rom. 15:6 <sup>c</sup>Rom. 11:36

15 <sup>a</sup>to execute judgment upon all, and to convict all the ungodly of all their ungodly deeds which they have done in an ungodly way, and of all the harsh things which <sup>b</sup>ungodly sinners have spoken against Him.”

16 These are <sup>a</sup>grumblers, finding fault, <sup>b</sup>following after their own lusts; <sup>1</sup>they speak <sup>c</sup>arrogantly, flattering people <sup>d</sup>for the sake of *gaining an advantage*.

17 But you, <sup>a</sup>beloved, <sup>b</sup>ought to remember the words that were spoken beforehand by <sup>c</sup>the apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ,

18 that they were saying to you, “<sup>a</sup>In the last time there shall be mockers, <sup>b</sup>following after their own ungodly lusts.”

19 These are the ones who cause divisions, <sup>1a</sup>worldly-minded, <sup>2</sup>devoid of the Spirit.

20 But you, <sup>a</sup>beloved, <sup>b</sup>building yourselves up on your most holy <sup>a</sup>faith; <sup>c</sup>praying in the Holy Spirit;

21 keep yourselves in the love of God, <sup>a</sup>waiting anxiously for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ to eternal life.

22 And <sup>1</sup>have mercy on some, who are doubting;

23 save others, <sup>a</sup>snatching them out of the fire; and on some have mercy with fear, <sup>b</sup>hating even the garment polluted by the flesh.

24 <sup>a</sup>Now to Him who is able to keep you from stumbling, and to <sup>b</sup>make you stand in the presence of His glory blameless with <sup>c</sup>great joy,

25 to the <sup>a</sup>only <sup>b</sup>God our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, <sup>c</sup>be glory, majesty, dominion and authority, <sup>d</sup>before all time and now and <sup>1</sup>forever. Amen.

## THE REVELATION OF JOHN

### The Revelation of Jesus Christ.

**T**HE Revelation of Jesus Christ, which <sup>a</sup>God gave Him to <sup>b</sup>show to His bond-servants, <sup>c</sup>the things which must shortly take place; and He sent and <sup>1</sup>communicated it <sup>d</sup>by His angel to His bond-servant <sup>e</sup>John,

2 who bore witness to <sup>a</sup>the word of God and to <sup>b</sup>the testimony of Jesus Christ, *even* to all that he saw.

3 <sup>a</sup>Blessed is he who reads and those who hear the words of the prophecy, and <sup>1</sup>heed the things which are written in it; <sup>b</sup>for the time is near.

4 <sup>a</sup>John to <sup>b</sup>the seven churches that are in <sup>c</sup>Asia: <sup>d</sup>Grace to you and peace, from <sup>e</sup>Him who is and who was and who is to come; and from <sup>f</sup>the seven Spirits who are before His throne;

5 and from Jesus Christ, <sup>a</sup>the faithful witness, the <sup>b</sup>first-born of the dead, and the <sup>c</sup>ruler of the kings of the earth. To Him who <sup>d</sup>loves us, and released us from our sins <sup>1</sup>by His blood,

6 and He has made us *to be a kingdom*, <sup>a</sup>priests to <sup>1b</sup>His God and Father; <sup>c</sup>to Him *be* the glory and the dominion forever and ever. Amen.

7 <sup>a</sup>BEHOLD, HE IS COMING WITH THE CLOUDS, and <sup>b</sup>EVERY EYE WILL SEE HIM, EVEN THOSE WHO PIERCED HIM; AND ALL THE TRIBES OF THE EARTH WILL <sup>c</sup>MOURN OVER HIM. Even so. Amen.

8 "I am <sup>a</sup>the Alpha and the Omega," says the <sup>b</sup>Lord God, "<sup>c</sup>who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty."

9 <sup>a</sup>I, John, your <sup>b</sup>brother and <sup>c</sup>fellow-partaker in the tribulation and <sup>d</sup>kingdom and <sup>e</sup>perseverance which are in Jesus, was on the island called Patmos, <sup>f</sup>because of the word of God and the testimony of Jesus.

10 I was <sup>a</sup>in the Spirit on <sup>b</sup>the Lord's day, and I heard behind me a loud voice <sup>c</sup>like the sound of a trumpet,

11 saying, "<sup>a</sup>Write in a <sup>b</sup>book what you see, and send it to the <sup>c</sup>seven churches: to <sup>d</sup>Ephesus and to <sup>e</sup>Smyrna and to <sup>f</sup>Pergamum and to <sup>g</sup>Thyatira and to <sup>h</sup>Sardis and to <sup>i</sup>Philadelphia and to <sup>j</sup>Laodicea."

12 And I turned to see the voice that was speaking with me. And having turned I saw <sup>a</sup>seven golden lampstands;

13 and <sup>a</sup>in the middle of the lampstands one <sup>b</sup>like <sup>a</sup>son of man, <sup>c</sup>clothed in a robe reaching to the feet, and <sup>d</sup>girded across His breast with a golden girdle.

14 And His head and His <sup>a</sup>hair were white like white wool, like snow; and <sup>b</sup>His eyes were like a flame of fire;

15 and His <sup>a</sup>feet were like burnished bronze, when it has been caused to glow in a furnace, and His <sup>b</sup>voice was like the sound of many waters.

16 And in His right hand He held <sup>a</sup>seven stars; and out of His mouth came a <sup>b</sup>sharp two-edged sword; and His <sup>c</sup>face was like <sup>d</sup>the sun <sup>e</sup>shining in its strength.

17 And when I saw Him, I <sup>a</sup>fell at His feet as a dead man. And He <sup>b</sup>laid His right hand upon me, saying, "<sup>c</sup>Do not be afraid; <sup>d</sup>I am the first and the last,

18 and the <sup>a</sup>living One; and I <sup>b</sup>was dead, and behold, I am alive forevermore, and I have <sup>c</sup>the keys of death and of Hades.

19 "<sup>a</sup>Write therefore <sup>b</sup>the things which you have seen, and the things which are, and the things which shall take place <sup>c</sup>after these things.

20 "<sup>a</sup>As for the <sup>a</sup>mystery of the <sup>b</sup>seven stars which you saw in My right hand, and the <sup>c</sup>seven golden lampstands: the <sup>b</sup>seven stars are the angels of <sup>d</sup>the seven churches, and the seven <sup>e</sup>lampstands are the seven churches.

## CHAPTER 2

"<sup>T</sup>O the angel of the church in <sup>a</sup>Ephesus write:

The One who holds <sup>b</sup>the seven stars in His right hand, The One who walks <sup>c</sup>among the seven golden lampstands, says this:

2 <sup>a</sup>I know your deeds and your toil and <sup>b</sup>perseverance, and that you cannot endure evil men, and you <sup>b</sup>put to the test those who call themselves <sup>c</sup>apostles, and they are not, and you found them to be false;

3 and you have <sup>b</sup>perseverance and have endured <sup>a</sup>for My name's sake, and have not grown weary.

4 <sup>a</sup>But I have *this* against you, that you have <sup>a</sup>left your first love.

7 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 16:27f.; 24:30; Dan. 7:13 <sup>b</sup>Zech. 12:10; John 19:37 <sup>c</sup>Luke 23:28

8 <sup>a</sup>Rev. 21:6; 22:13; Is. 41:4 <sup>b</sup>Rev. 4:8; 11:17; 15:3; 16:7; 21:22; 19:6 <sup>c</sup>Rev. 1:4

9 <sup>1</sup>Or, *steadfastness*  
<sup>a</sup>Rev. 1:1 <sup>b</sup>Acts 1:15 <sup>c</sup>2 Cor. 1:7; Phil. 4:14; Matt. 20:23; Acts 14:22 <sup>d</sup>Rev. 1:6; 2 Tim. 2:12 <sup>e</sup>Rev. 3:10; 2 Thess. 3:5 <sup>f</sup>Rev. 1:2

10 <sup>1</sup>Or, *in spirit*  
<sup>a</sup>Rev. 4:2; 17:3; 21:10; Matt. 22:43 <sup>b</sup>Acts 20:7 <sup>c</sup>Rev. 4:1

11 <sup>1</sup>Or, *scroll*  
<sup>a</sup>Rev. 1:19; 1:2 <sup>b</sup>Rev. 1:4; 20 <sup>c</sup>Rev. 2:1 <sup>d</sup>Rev. 2:8 <sup>e</sup>Rev. 2:12 <sup>f</sup>Rev. 2:18, 24; Acts 16:14 <sup>g</sup>Rev. 3:1, 4 <sup>h</sup>Rev. 3:7 <sup>i</sup>Rev. 3:14; Col. 2:1

12 <sup>a</sup>Rev. 1:20; 2:1; Ex. 25:37; 37:23; Zech. 4:2

13 <sup>1</sup>Or, *the Son of Man*  
<sup>a</sup>Rev. 2:1 <sup>b</sup>Rev. 14:14; Ezek. 1:26; Dan. 7:13; 10:16 <sup>c</sup>Dan. 10:5 <sup>d</sup>Rev. 15:6

14 <sup>a</sup>Dan. 7:9 <sup>b</sup>Rev. 2:18; 19:12; Dan. 7:9; 10:6

15 <sup>a</sup>Rev. 2:18; Ezek. 1:7; Dan. 10:6 <sup>b</sup>Rev. 14:2; 19:6; Ezek. 43:2

16 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *shines*  
<sup>a</sup>Rev. 1:20; 2:1; 3:1 <sup>b</sup>Rev. 2:12, 16; 19:15; Is. 49:2; Heb. 4:12 <sup>c</sup>Matt. 17:2; Rev. 10:1 <sup>d</sup>Judg. 5:31

17 <sup>a</sup>Dan. 8:17; 10:9, 10, 15 <sup>b</sup>Dan. 8:18; 10:10, 12 <sup>c</sup>Matt. 14:27; 17:7 <sup>d</sup>Rev. 2:8; 22:13; Is. 41:4; 44:6; 48:12

18 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *became*  
<sup>a</sup>Luke 24:5; Rev. 4:9f. <sup>b</sup>Rev. 2:8; Rom. 6:9; Rev. 10:6; 15:7 <sup>c</sup>Rev. 9:1; 20:1; Job 38:17; Matt. 16:19; 11:23

19 <sup>a</sup>Rev. 1:11 <sup>b</sup>Rev. 1:12-16 <sup>c</sup>Rev. 4:1

20 <sup>a</sup>Rom. 11:25 <sup>b</sup>Rev. 1:16; 2:1; 3:1 <sup>c</sup>Rev. 1:12; 2:1; Ex. 25:37; 37:23; Zech. 4:2 <sup>d</sup>Rev. 1:4, 11 <sup>e</sup>Matt. 5:14f.

1 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *in the middle of*  
<sup>a</sup>Rev. 1:11 <sup>b</sup>Rev. 1:16 <sup>c</sup>Rev. 1:12f.

2 <sup>1</sup>Or, *steadfastness*  
<sup>a</sup>Rev. 2:19; 3:1, 8, 15  
<sup>b</sup>1 John 4:1; John 6:6  
<sup>c</sup>2 Cor. 11:13

3 <sup>1</sup>Note vs. 2  
<sup>a</sup>John 15:21

4 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 24:12; Jer. 2:2

<sup>5</sup> <sup>1</sup>Lit., *first deeds*

<sup>a</sup>Rev. 2:16, 22; 3:3, 19  
<sup>b</sup>Rev. 2:2; Heb. 10:32 <sup>c</sup>Rev. 1:20; Matt. 5:14ff.; Phil. 2:15

6 <sup>a</sup>Rev. 2:15

7 <sup>a</sup>Rev. 2:17; 3:6, 13, 22; 13:9; Matt. 11:15 <sup>b</sup>Rev. 2:11, 17, 26; 3:5, 12, 21; 21:7 <sup>c</sup>Rev. 22:2, 14; Gen. 2:9 [3:22]; Prov. 3:18; 11:30; 13:12; 15:4 <sup>d</sup>Ezek. 31:8 [Sept.]; Luke 23:43

8 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *became*

<sup>a</sup>Rev. 1:11 <sup>b</sup>Rev. 1:17 <sup>c</sup>Rev. 1:18

9 <sup>a</sup>Rev. 1:9 <sup>b2</sup> Cor. 6:10; 8:9; James 2:5 <sup>c</sup>Rev. 3:9 <sup>d</sup>Rev. 2:13, 24; Matt. 4:10

10 <sup>a</sup>Rev. 3:10; 13:14ff.  
<sup>b</sup>Dan. 1:12, 14 <sup>c</sup>Rev. 2:13; 17:14; 12:11 <sup>d1</sup> Cor. 9:25; Rev. 3:11

11 <sup>a</sup>Rev. 2:7, 17, 29; 3:6, 13, 22; 13:9; Matt. 11:15  
<sup>b</sup>Rev. 2:7, 17, 26; 3:5, 12, 21; 21:7 <sup>c</sup>Rev. 20:6, 14; 21:8

12 <sup>a</sup>Rev. 1:11 <sup>b</sup>Rev. 2:16; 1:16

13 <sup>a</sup>Rev. 2:13, 24; Matt. 4:10 <sup>b</sup>Rev. 14:12; 1 Tim 5:8 <sup>c</sup>Rev. 1:5; 11:3; 17:6 marg.; Acts 22:20 <sup>d</sup>Rev. 2:10; 17:14; 12:11 <sup>e</sup>Rev. 2:9

14 <sup>a</sup>Rev. 2:20 <sup>b2</sup> Pet. 2:15 <sup>c</sup>Rev. 2:20; Acts 15:29; 1 Cor. 10:20

15 <sup>a</sup>Rev. 2:6

16 <sup>a</sup>Rev. 2:5 <sup>b</sup>Rev. 22:7, 20 <sup>c</sup>Rev. 1:16; 2 Thess. 2:8

17 <sup>a</sup>Rev. 2:7 <sup>b</sup>John 6:49f. <sup>c</sup>Is. 56:5; 62:2; 65:15 <sup>d</sup>Rev. 19:12; Rev. 14:3

18 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *His eyes*  
<sup>a</sup>Rev. 2:24; 1:11 <sup>b</sup>Matt. 4:3 <sup>c</sup>Rev. 1:14f.

19 <sup>1</sup>Or, *steadfastness*  
<sup>2</sup>Lit., *last deeds* <sup>3</sup>Lit., *the first*  
<sup>a</sup>Rev. 2:2

20 <sup>a</sup>Rev. 2:14 <sup>b1</sup> Kin. 16:31; 21:25; 2 Kin. 9:7 <sup>c</sup>Rev. 2:14; Acts 15:29; 1 Cor. 10:20

21 <sup>a</sup>Rom. 2:4; 2 Pet. 3:9  
<sup>b</sup>Rev. 9:20f.; 16:9, 11; Rom. 2:5

5 'Remember therefore from where you have fallen, and <sup>a</sup>repent and <sup>b</sup>do the <sup>1</sup>deeds you did at first; or else I am coming to you, and will remove your <sup>c</sup>lampstand out of its place — unless you repent.

6 'Yet this you do have, that you hate the deeds of the <sup>a</sup>Nicolaitans, which I also hate.

7 'He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. <sup>b</sup>To him who overcomes, I will grant to eat of <sup>c</sup>the tree of life, which is in the <sup>d</sup>Paradise of God.'

8 'And to the angel of the church in <sup>a</sup>Smyrna write: <sup>b</sup>The first and the last, who <sup>1</sup>was dead, and has come to life, says this:

9 'I know your <sup>a</sup>tribulation and your <sup>b</sup>poverty (but you are <sup>b</sup>rich), and the blasphemy by those who <sup>c</sup>say they are Jews and are not, but are a synagogue of <sup>d</sup>Satan.

10 'Do not fear what you are about to suffer. Behold, the devil is about to cast some of you into prison, that you may be <sup>a</sup>tested, and you will have tribulation <sup>b</sup>ten days. Be <sup>c</sup>faithful until death, and I will give you <sup>d</sup>the crown of life.

11 'He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. <sup>b</sup>He who overcomes shall not be hurt by the <sup>c</sup>'second death.'

12 'And to the angel of the church in <sup>a</sup>Pergamum write: The One who has <sup>b</sup>the sharp two-edged sword says this:

13 'I know where you dwell, where <sup>a</sup>Satan's throne is; and you hold fast My name, and did not deny <sup>b</sup>My faith, even in the days of Antipas, My <sup>c</sup>witness, My <sup>d</sup>faithful one, who was killed among you, <sup>e</sup>where Satan dwells.

14 'But <sup>a</sup>I have a few things against you, because you have there some who hold the <sup>b</sup>teaching of Balaam, who kept teaching Balak to put a stumbling block before the sons of Israel, <sup>c</sup>to eat things sacrificed to idols, and to commit *acts of* immorality.

15 'Thus you also have some who in the same way hold the teaching of the <sup>a</sup>Nicolaitans.

16 '<sup>a</sup>Repent therefore; or else <sup>b</sup>I am coming to you quickly, and I will make war against them with <sup>c</sup>the sword of My mouth.

17 'He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. <sup>a</sup>To him who overcomes, to him I will give *some* of the hidden <sup>b</sup>manna, and I will give him a white stone, and a <sup>c</sup>new name written on the stone <sup>d</sup>which no one knows but he who receives it.'

18 'And to the angel of the church in <sup>a</sup>Thyatira write: <sup>b</sup>The Son of God, <sup>c</sup>who has <sup>1</sup>eyes like a flame of fire, and His feet are like burnished bronze, says this:

19 '<sup>a</sup>I know your deeds, and your love and faith and service and <sup>1</sup>perseverance, and that your <sup>2</sup>deeds of late are greater than <sup>3</sup>at first.

20 'But <sup>a</sup>I have *this* against you, that you tolerate the woman <sup>b</sup>Jezebel, who calls herself a prophetess, and she teaches and leads My bond-servants astray, so that they <sup>c</sup>commit *acts of* immorality and eat things sacrificed to idols.

21 'And <sup>a</sup>I gave her time to repent; and she <sup>b</sup>does not want to repent of her immorality.

22 'Behold, I will cast her upon a bed of sickness, and those who commit adultery with her into great tribulation, unless they repent of her deeds.

23 'And I will kill her children with pestilence; and all the churches will know that I am He who searches the minds and hearts; and I will give to each one of you according to your deeds.

24 'But I say to you, the rest who are in Thyatira, who do not hold this teaching, who have not known the deep things of Satan, as they call them — I place no other burden on you.

25 'Nevertheless what you have, hold fast until I come.

26 'And he who overcomes, and he who keeps My deeds until the end, to him I will give authority over the NATIONS;

27 AND HE SHALL RULE THEM WITH A ROD OF IRON, AS THE VESSELS OF THE POTTER ARE BROKEN TO PIECES, AS I also have received authority from My Father;

28 and I will give him the morning star.

29 'He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.'

CHAPTER 3

“AND to the angel of the church in Sardis write:

He who has the seven Spirits of God, and the seven stars, says this: I know your deeds, that you have a name that you are alive, and you are dead.

2 'Wake up, and strengthen the things that remain, which were about to die; for I have not found your deeds completed in the sight of My God.

3 'Remember therefore what you have received and heard; and keep it, and repent. If therefore you will not wake up, I will come like a thief, and you will not know at what hour I will come upon you.

4 'But you have a few people in Sardis who have not soiled their garments; and they will walk with Me in white; for they are worthy.

5 'He who overcomes shall thus be clothed in white garments; and I will not erase his name from the book of life, and I will confess his name before My Father, and before His angels.

6 'He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.'

7 'And to the angel of the church in Philadelphia write:

He who is holy, who is true, who has the key of David, who opens and no one will shut, and who shuts and no one opens, says this:

8 'I know your deeds. Behold, I have put before you an open door which no one can shut, because you have a little power, and have kept My word, and have not denied My name.

9 'Behold, I will cause those of the synagogue of Satan, who say that they are Jews, and are not, but lie — behold, I will make them to come and bow down at your feet, and to know that I have loved you.

22 <sup>1</sup>Lit., I cast <sup>2</sup>Lit., into  
<sup>3</sup>Some mss. read, their  
<sup>4</sup>Rev. 17:2; 18:9

23 <sup>1</sup>Or, death <sup>2</sup>Lit., kidneys, figurative for inner man  
<sup>3</sup>Ps. 7:9; 26:2; 139:1; Jer. 11:20; 17:10; Luke 16:15; Acts 1:24; Rom. 8:27; Matt. 16:27

24 <sup>1</sup>Rev. 2:18 <sup>2</sup>1 Cor. 2:10  
<sup>3</sup>Acts 15:28

25 <sup>1</sup>Rev. 3:11 <sup>2</sup>John 21:22

26 <sup>1</sup>Or, Gentiles  
<sup>2</sup>Rev. 2:7 <sup>3</sup>Matt. 10:22; Heb. 3:6 <sup>4</sup>Ps. 2:8; Rev. 3:21; 20:4

27 <sup>1</sup>Or, shepherd  
<sup>2</sup>Rev. 12:5; 19:15 <sup>3</sup>Is. 30:14; Jer. 19:11

28 <sup>1</sup>Rev. 22:16; 1 John 3:2

29 <sup>1</sup>Rev. 2:7

1 <sup>1</sup>Rev. 1:11 <sup>2</sup>Rev. 1:4  
<sup>3</sup>Rev. 1:16 <sup>4</sup>Rev. 3:8, 15; 2:2 <sup>5</sup>1 Tim. 5:6

3 <sup>1</sup>Lit., how  
<sup>2</sup>Rev. 2:5 <sup>3</sup>Rev. 2:5 <sup>4</sup>Rev. 16:15; 1 Thess. 5:2; 2 Pet. 3:10 <sup>5</sup>Matt. 24:43

4 <sup>1</sup>Lit., names  
<sup>2</sup>Rev. 11:13 <sup>3</sup> marg.: Acts 1:15 <sup>4</sup> marg.: <sup>5</sup>Rev. 1:11 <sup>6</sup>Jude 23 <sup>7</sup>Rev. 3:5, 18; 4:4; 6:11; 7:9, 13f.; 19:14; 19:8; Eccles. 9:8

5 <sup>1</sup>Rev. 2:7 <sup>2</sup>Rev. 3:4  
<sup>3</sup>Rev. 13:8; 17:8; 20:12, 15; 21:27; Luke 10:20 <sup>4</sup>Matt. 10:32; Luke 12:8

6 <sup>1</sup>Rev. 2:7

7 <sup>1</sup>Rev. 1:11 <sup>2</sup>Rev. 6:10  
<sup>3</sup>Rev. 3:14; 19:11; 1 John 5:20 <sup>4</sup>Is. 22:22; Matt. 16:19; Rev. 1:18; Job 12:14

8 <sup>1</sup>Or, deeds (behold . . . shut), that you  
<sup>2</sup>Rev. 3:1 <sup>3</sup>Acts 14:27 <sup>4</sup>Rev. 2:13

9 <sup>1</sup>Lit., give <sup>2</sup>Lit., before  
<sup>3</sup>Rev. 2:9 <sup>4</sup>Is. 45:14; 49:23; 60:14 <sup>5</sup>Is. 43:4; John 17:23

10 <sup>1</sup>Or, *steadfastness* <sup>2</sup>Or, *temptation* <sup>3</sup>Lit., *inhabited earth* <sup>4</sup>Or, *tempt*  
<sup>a</sup>Rev. 3:8; John 17:6 <sup>b</sup>Rev. 1:9 <sup>c2</sup> Pet. 2:9; 2 Tim. 2:12  
<sup>d</sup>Rev. 2:10 <sup>e</sup>Rev. 16:14;  
 Matt. 24:14 <sup>f</sup>Rev. 6:10;  
 8:13; 11:10; 13:8, 14; 17:8

11 <sup>a</sup>Rev. 22:7, 12, 20; 1:3  
<sup>b</sup>Rev. 2:25 <sup>c</sup>Rev. 2:10

12 <sup>a</sup>Rev. 3:5 <sup>b1</sup> Kin. 7:21;  
 Jer. 1:18; Gal. 2:9 <sup>c</sup>Rev.  
 14:1; 22:4 <sup>d</sup>Rev. 21:2; Ezek.  
 48:35 <sup>e</sup>Rev. 21:2, 10; Gal.  
 4:26; Heb. 13:14 <sup>f</sup>Rev. 2:17

13 <sup>a</sup>Rev. 3:6

14 <sup>1</sup>i.e., *origin or source*  
<sup>a</sup>Rev. 1:11 <sup>b</sup>Is. 65:16 *margin*.  
 2 Cor. 1:20 <sup>c</sup>Rev. 1:5; 3:7  
<sup>d</sup>John 1:3; Col. 1:18; Rev.  
 21:6; 22:13; Gen. 49:3;  
 Deut. 21:17; Prov. 8:22  
*margin*.

15 <sup>a</sup>Rev. 3:1 <sup>b</sup>Rom. 12:11

16 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *vomit*

17 <sup>a</sup>Hos. 12:8; Zech. 11:5;  
 1 Cor. 4:8; Matt. 5:3

18 <sup>a</sup>Is. 55:1; Matt. 13:44  
<sup>b1</sup> Pet. 1:7 <sup>c</sup>Rev. 3:4 <sup>d</sup>Rev.  
 16:15

19 <sup>a</sup>Heb. 12:6; 1 Cor.  
 11:32 <sup>b</sup>Rev. 2:5

20 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 24:33; James 5:9  
<sup>b</sup>Luke 12:36; John 10:3  
<sup>c</sup>John 14:23

21 <sup>a</sup>Rev. 2:7 <sup>b</sup>Rev. 20:4;  
 2:26; Matt. 19:28; 2 Tim.  
 2:12 <sup>c</sup>Rev. 5:5; 6:2; 17:14;  
 John 16:33

22 <sup>a</sup>Rev. 2:7

1 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *saying*  
<sup>a</sup>Rev. 1:12ff., 19 <sup>b</sup>Rev.  
 19:11; Ezek. 1:1 <sup>c</sup>Rev. 1:10  
<sup>d</sup>Rev. 11:12 <sup>e</sup>Rev. 1:19; 22:6

2 <sup>1</sup>Or, *in spirit*  
<sup>a</sup>Rev. 1:10 <sup>b</sup>Rev. 4:9f.;  
 1 Kin. 22:19; Is. 6:1; Ezek.  
 1:26; Dan. 7:9 <sup>c</sup>Rev. 4:9

3 <sup>1</sup>Or, *halo*  
<sup>a</sup>Rev. 21:11 <sup>b</sup>Rev. 21:20  
<sup>c</sup>Ezek. 1:28; Rev. 10:1  
<sup>d</sup>Rev. 21:19

4 <sup>a</sup>Rev. 4:6; 5:11; 7:11  
<sup>b</sup>Rev. 11:16 <sup>c</sup>Rev. 4:10; 5:6,  
 8, 14; 19:4 <sup>d</sup>Rev. 20:4; 2:26;  
 Matt. 19:28; 2 Tim. 2:12  
<sup>e</sup>Rev. 3:18 <sup>f</sup>Rev. 4:10

5 <sup>a</sup>Rev. 8:5; 11:19; 16:18;  
 Ex. 19:16 <sup>b</sup>Zech. 4:2; Ex.  
 25:37 <sup>c</sup>Rev. 1:4

10 'Because you have <sup>a</sup>kept the word of <sup>b</sup>My <sup>1</sup>perseverance, <sup>c</sup>I also will keep you from the hour of <sup>2d</sup>testing, that *hour* which is about to come upon the whole <sup>3c</sup>world, to <sup>4</sup>test <sup>f</sup>those who dwell upon the earth.

11 <sup>a</sup>I am coming quickly; <sup>b</sup>hold fast what you have, in order that no one take your <sup>c</sup>crown.

12 <sup>a</sup>He who overcomes, I will make him a <sup>b</sup>pillar in the temple of My God, and he will not go out from it any more; and I will write upon him the <sup>c</sup>name of My God, and <sup>d</sup>the name of the city of My God, <sup>e</sup>the new Jerusalem, which comes down out of heaven from My God, and My <sup>f</sup>new name.

13 <sup>a</sup>He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.'

14 "And to the angel of the church in <sup>a</sup>Laodicea write: <sup>b</sup>The Amen, <sup>c</sup>the faithful and true Witness, <sup>d</sup>the <sup>1</sup>Beginning of the creation of God, says this:

15 <sup>a</sup>I know your deeds, that you are neither cold nor hot; <sup>b</sup>I would that you were cold or hot.

16 'So because you are lukewarm, and neither hot nor cold, I will <sup>1</sup>spit you out of My mouth.

17 'Because you say, "<sup>a</sup>I am rich, and have become wealthy, and have need of nothing," and you do not know that you are wretched and miserable and poor and blind and naked,

18 'I advise you to <sup>a</sup>buy from Me <sup>b</sup>gold refined by fire, that you may become rich, and <sup>c</sup>white garments, that you may clothe yourself, and *that* <sup>d</sup>the shame of your nakedness may not be revealed; and eyesalve to anoint your eyes, that you may see.

19 <sup>a</sup>Those whom I love, I reprove and discipline; be zealous therefore, and <sup>b</sup>repent.

20 'Behold, I stand <sup>a</sup>at the door and <sup>b</sup>knock; if any one hears My voice and opens the door, <sup>c</sup>I will come in to him, and will dine with him, and he with Me.

21 <sup>a</sup>He who overcomes, I will grant to him <sup>b</sup>to sit down with Me on My throne, as <sup>c</sup>I also overcame and sat down with My Father on His throne.

22 <sup>a</sup>He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.' "

CHAPTER 4

**A**FTER <sup>a</sup>these things I looked, and behold, <sup>b</sup>a door *standing* open in heaven, and the first voice which I had heard, <sup>c</sup>like *the sound* of a trumpet speaking with me, <sup>1</sup>said, "<sup>d</sup>Come up here, and I will <sup>e</sup>show you what must take place after these things."

2 Immediately I was <sup>1a</sup>in the Spirit; and behold, <sup>b</sup>a throne was standing in heaven, and <sup>c</sup>One sitting on the throne.

3 And He who was sitting *was* like a <sup>a</sup>jasper stone and a <sup>b</sup>sardius in appearance; and *there was* a <sup>1c</sup>rainbow around the throne, like an <sup>d</sup>emerald in appearance.

4 And <sup>a</sup>around the throne *were* <sup>b</sup>twenty-four thrones; and upon the thrones *I saw* <sup>c</sup>twenty-four elders <sup>d</sup>sitting, clothed in <sup>e</sup>white garments, and <sup>f</sup>golden crowns on their heads.

5 And from the throne *proceed* <sup>a</sup>flashes of lightning and sounds and peals of thunder. And *there were* <sup>b</sup>seven lamps of fire burning before the throne, which are <sup>c</sup>the seven Spirits of God;



6 and before the throne *there was*, as it were, a <sup>a</sup>sea of glass like crystal; and in the <sup>1</sup>center and <sup>b</sup>around the throne, <sup>c</sup>four living creatures <sup>d</sup>full of eyes in front and behind.

7 <sup>a</sup>And the first creature *was* like a lion, and the second creature like a calf, and the third creature had a face like that of a man, and the fourth creature *was* like a flying eagle.

8 And the <sup>a</sup>four living creatures, each one of them having <sup>b</sup>six wings, are <sup>c</sup>full of eyes around and within; and <sup>d</sup>day and night <sup>1</sup>they do not cease to say,

“<sup>c</sup>HOLY, HOLY, HOLY, IS THE <sup>1</sup>LORD GOD, THE ALMIGHTY, <sup>a</sup>who *was* and who *is* and who *is* to come.”

9 And when the living creatures give glory and honor and thanks to Him who <sup>a</sup>sits on the throne, to <sup>b</sup>Him who lives forever and ever,

10 the <sup>a</sup>twenty-four elders will <sup>b</sup>fall down before Him who <sup>c</sup>sits on the throne, and will worship <sup>d</sup>Him who lives forever and ever, and will cast their <sup>e</sup>crowns before the throne, saying,

11 “<sup>a</sup>Worthy art Thou, our Lord and our God, to receive glory and honor and power; for Thou <sup>b</sup>didst create all things, and because of Thy will they <sup>1</sup>existed, and were created.”

## CHAPTER 5

AND I saw <sup>1</sup>in the right hand of Him who <sup>a</sup>sat on the throne a <sup>2b</sup>book written inside and on the back, <sup>c</sup>sealed up with seven seals.

2 And I saw a <sup>a</sup>strong angel proclaiming with a loud voice, “Who is worthy to open the <sup>1</sup>book and to break its seals?”

3 And no one <sup>a</sup>in heaven, or on the earth, or under the earth, was able to open the <sup>1</sup>book, or to look into it.

4 And I *began* to weep greatly, because no one was found worthy to open the <sup>1</sup>book, or to look into it;

5 and one of the elders <sup>a</sup>said to me, “Stop weeping; behold, the <sup>a</sup>Lion that is <sup>b</sup>from the tribe of Judah, the <sup>c</sup>Root of David, has overcome so as to open the <sup>1</sup>book and its seven seals.”

6 And I saw <sup>1</sup>between the throne (with the four living creatures) and <sup>a</sup>the elders a <sup>b</sup>Lamb standing, as if <sup>c</sup>slain, having seven <sup>d</sup>horns and <sup>e</sup>seven eyes, which are <sup>1</sup>the seven Spirits of God, sent out into all the earth.

7 And He came, and He took <sup>a</sup>it out of the right hand of Him who <sup>a</sup>sat on the throne.

8 And when He had taken the <sup>1</sup>book, the <sup>a</sup>four living creatures and the <sup>b</sup>twenty-four elders <sup>c</sup>fell down before the <sup>d</sup>Lamb, having each one a <sup>e</sup>harp, and <sup>f</sup>golden bowls full of incense, which are the <sup>g</sup>prayers of the <sup>h</sup>saints.

9 And they <sup>a</sup>sang a <sup>a</sup>new song, saying,  
“<sup>b</sup>Worthy art Thou to take the <sup>1</sup>book, and to break its seals; for Thou wast <sup>c</sup>slain, and didst <sup>d</sup>purchase for God with Thy blood *men* from <sup>e</sup>every tribe and tongue and people and nation.

10 “And Thou hast made them *to be* a <sup>a</sup>kingdom and <sup>b</sup>priests to our God; and they will <sup>c</sup>reign upon the earth.”

11 And I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels

6 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *middle of the throne and around*.  
<sup>a</sup>Rev. 15:2; 21:18, 21; Ezek. 1:22 <sup>b</sup>Rev. 4:4 <sup>c</sup>Ezek. 1:5; Rev. 4:8f.; 5:6; 6:1, 6:7:11; 14:3; 15:7; 19:4 <sup>d</sup>Ezek. 1:18; 10:12

7 <sup>a</sup>Ezek. 1:10; 10:14

8 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *they have no rest, saying*,  
<sup>a</sup>Ezek. 1:5; Rev. 4:6, 9; 5:6; 6:1, 6; 7:11; 14:3; 15:7; 19:4  
bIs. 6:2 <sup>c</sup>Ezek. 1:18; 10:12  
<sup>d</sup>Rev. 14:11 <sup>e</sup>Is. 6:3 <sup>f</sup>Rev. 1:8 <sup>g</sup>Rev. 1:4

9 <sup>a</sup>Rev. 4:2; Is. 6:1; Ps. 47:8 <sup>b</sup>Rev. 10:6; 15:7; Deut. 32:40; Dan. 4:34; 12:7

10 <sup>a</sup>Rev. 4:4 <sup>b</sup>Rev. 5:8, 14; 7:11; 11:16; 19:4 <sup>c</sup>Rev. 4:2; Is. 6:1; Ps. 47:8 <sup>d</sup>Rev. 10:6; 15:7; Deut. 32:40; Dan. 4:34; 12:7 <sup>e</sup>Rev. 4:4

11 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *were*  
<sup>a</sup>Rev. 5:12; 1:6 <sup>b</sup>Rev. 10:6; 14:7; Acts 14:15

1 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *upon* <sup>2</sup>Or, *scroll*  
<sup>a</sup>Rev. 5:7, 13; 4:9 <sup>b</sup>Ezek. 2:9, 10 <sup>c</sup>Is. 29:11; Dan. 12:4

2 <sup>1</sup>Or, *scroll*  
<sup>a</sup>Rev. 10:1; 18:21

3 <sup>1</sup>Or, *scroll*  
<sup>a</sup>Rev. 5:7, 13; Phil. 2:10

4 <sup>1</sup>Or, *scroll*

5 <sup>1</sup>Or, *scroll*  
<sup>a</sup>Gen. 49:9 <sup>b</sup>Heb. 7:14  
<sup>c</sup>Rev. 22:16; Is. 11:1, 10; Rom. 15:12

6 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *in the middle of the throne and of the four living creatures, and in the middle of the elders*.  
<sup>a</sup>Rev. 5:8, 14; 4:4 <sup>b</sup>Rev. 5:8, 12f.; 13:8; John 1:29 <sup>c</sup>Rev. 5:9, 12; 13:8 <sup>d</sup>Dan. 8:3f.  
<sup>e</sup>Zech. 3:9; 4:10 <sup>f</sup>Rev. 1:4

7 <sup>a</sup>Rev. 5:1

8 <sup>1</sup>Or, *scroll* <sup>2</sup>I.e., *true believers; lit., holy ones*  
<sup>a</sup>Rev. 5:6, 11, 14; 4:6 <sup>b</sup>Rev. 5:6, 14; 4:4 <sup>c</sup>Rev. 4:10  
<sup>d</sup>Rev. 5:6, 12f.; 13:8; John 1:29 <sup>e</sup>Rev. 14:2; 15:2 <sup>f</sup>Rev. 15:7 <sup>g</sup>Rev. 8:3f.; Ps. 141:2

9 <sup>1</sup>Or, *scroll*  
<sup>a</sup>Rev. 14:3; 15:3; Ps. 40:3; 98:1; 149:1; Is. 42:10 <sup>b</sup>Rev. 4:11 <sup>c</sup>Rev. 5:6, 12; 13:8  
<sup>d</sup>Rev. 14:3f.; 1 Cor. 6:20  
<sup>e</sup>Rev. 7:9; 11:9; 13:7; 14:6; 10:11; 17:15; Dan. 3:4; 5:19

10 <sup>a</sup>Rev. 1:6 <sup>b</sup>Rev. 20:4; 3:21

11 <sup>a</sup>Rev. 4:4 <sup>b</sup>Rev. 5:6, 8, 14; 4:6 <sup>c</sup>Rev. 5:6, 14; 4:4 <sup>d</sup>Dan. 7:10; Rev. 9:16; Heb. 12:22; Jude 14

12 <sup>a</sup>Rev. 1:6; 4:11; 5:9 <sup>b</sup>Rev. 5:6, 13; 13:8; John 1:29

13 <sup>a</sup>Phil. 2:10; Rev. 5:3 <sup>b</sup>Rev. 5:1 <sup>c</sup>Rev. 5:6, 12f.; 13:8; John 1:29 <sup>d</sup>Rom. 11:36; Rev. 1:6

14 <sup>a</sup>Rev. 5:6, 8, 11; 4:6 <sup>b</sup>1 Cor. 14:16; Rev. 7:12; 19:4 <sup>c</sup>Rev. 5:6, 8; 4:4 <sup>d</sup>Rev. 4:10

1 <sup>a</sup>Some mss. add, and see <sup>a</sup>Rev. 5:6, 12f.; 13:8; John 1:29 <sup>b</sup>Rev. 5:1 <sup>c</sup>Rev. 5:6, 8, 11, 14; 4:6 <sup>d</sup>Rev. 14:2; 19:6

2 <sup>a</sup>Rev. 19:11; Zech. 1:8; 6:3f. <sup>b</sup>Rev. 14:14; 9:7; 19:12; Zech. 6:11 <sup>c</sup>Rev. 3:21

3 <sup>a</sup>Some mss. add, and see <sup>a</sup>Rev. 4:7

4 <sup>a</sup>Zech. 1:8; 6:2 <sup>b</sup>Matt. 10:34

5 <sup>a</sup>Some mss. add, and see <sup>a</sup>Rev. 4:7 <sup>b</sup>Zech. 6:2 <sup>c</sup>Ezek. 4:16

6 <sup>a</sup>Lit., *choenix*; a dry measure almost equal to a quart <sup>b</sup>A denarius was worth about 18 cents in silver, equal to a day's wage <sup>a</sup>Rev. 4:6f. <sup>b</sup>Rev. 7:3; 9:4

7 <sup>a</sup>Some mss. add, and see <sup>a</sup>Rev. 4:7

8 <sup>a</sup>Or, *sickly pale* <sup>b</sup>Or, *death* <sup>a</sup>Zech. 6:3 <sup>b</sup>Rev. 1:18; 20:13f.; Prov. 5:5; Hos. 13:14; Matt. 11:23 <sup>c</sup>Jer. 15:2f.; 24:10; 29:17f.; Ezek. 5:12, 17; 14:21

9 <sup>a</sup>Ex. 29:12; Lev. 4:7; John 16:2 <sup>b</sup>Rev. 14:18; 16:7 <sup>c</sup>Rev. 20:4 <sup>d</sup>Rev. 1:2, 9 <sup>e</sup>Rev. 12:17

10 <sup>a</sup>Or, *Master* <sup>b</sup>Lit., *dost Thou not judge and avenge* <sup>a</sup>Zech. 1:12 <sup>b</sup>2 Pet. 2:1; Luke 2:29 <sup>c</sup>Rev. 3:7 <sup>d</sup>Rev. 19:2; Deut. 32:43; Ps. 79:10; Luke 18:7 <sup>e</sup>Rev. 3:10

11 <sup>a</sup>Rev. 3:5; 7:9; 3:4 <sup>b</sup>Rev. 14:13; 2 Thess. 1:7; Heb. 4:10 <sup>c</sup>Heb. 11:40 <sup>d</sup>Acts 20:24; 2 Tim. 4:7

<sup>a</sup>around the throne and the <sup>b</sup>living creatures and the <sup>c</sup>elders; and the number of them was <sup>d</sup>myriads of myriads, and thousands of thousands,

12 saying with a loud voice,

"<sup>a</sup>Worthy is the <sup>b</sup>Lamb that was <sup>b</sup>slain to receive power and riches and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing."

13 And <sup>a</sup>every created thing which is in heaven and on the earth and under the earth and on the sea, and all things in them, I heard saying,

"To Him who <sup>b</sup>sits on the throne, and to the <sup>c</sup>Lamb, <sup>d</sup>be blessing and honor and glory and dominion forever and ever."

14 And the <sup>a</sup>four living creatures kept saying, "<sup>b</sup>Amen." And the <sup>c</sup>elders <sup>d</sup>fell down and worshiped.

CHAPTER 6

AND I saw when the <sup>a</sup>Lamb broke one of the <sup>b</sup>seven seals, and I heard one of the <sup>c</sup>four living creatures saying as with a <sup>d</sup>voice of thunder, "Come!"

2 And I looked, and behold, a <sup>a</sup>white horse, and he who sat on it had a bow; and <sup>b</sup>a crown was given to him; and he went out <sup>c</sup>conquering, and to conquer.

3 And when He broke the second seal, I heard the <sup>a</sup>second living creature saying, "Come!"

4 And another, <sup>a</sup>a red horse, went out; and to him who sat on it, it was granted to <sup>b</sup>take peace from the earth, and that *men* should slay one another; and a great sword was given to him.

5 And when He broke the third seal, I heard the <sup>a</sup>third living creature saying, "Come!" And I looked, and behold, a <sup>b</sup>black horse; and he who sat on it had a <sup>c</sup>pair of scales in his hand.

6 And I heard as it were a voice in the center of the <sup>a</sup>four living creatures saying, "A <sup>1</sup>quart of wheat for a <sup>2</sup>denarius, and three <sup>1</sup>quarts of barley for a <sup>2</sup>denarius; and <sup>b</sup>do not harm the oil and the wine."

7 And when He broke the fourth seal, I heard the voice of the <sup>a</sup>fourth living creature saying, "Come!"

8 And I looked, and behold, an <sup>a</sup>ashen horse; and he who sat on it had the name "<sup>b</sup>Death"; and <sup>b</sup>Hades was following with him. And authority was given to them over a fourth of the earth, <sup>c</sup>TO KILL WITH SWORD AND WITH FAMINE AND WITH <sup>2</sup>PESTILENCE AND BY THE WILD BEASTS OF THE EARTH.

9 And when He broke the fifth seal, I saw <sup>a</sup>underneath the <sup>b</sup>altar the <sup>c</sup>souls of those who had been slain <sup>d</sup>because of the word of God, and because of the <sup>e</sup>testimony which they had maintained;

10 and they cried out with a loud voice, saying, "<sup>a</sup>How long, O <sup>b</sup>Lord, <sup>c</sup>holy and true, <sup>2</sup>wilt Thou refrain from <sup>d</sup>judging and avenging our blood on <sup>e</sup>those who dwell on the earth?"

11 And <sup>a</sup>there was given to each of them a white robe; and they were told that they should <sup>b</sup>rest for a little while longer, <sup>c</sup>until the *number* of their fellow servants and their brethren who were to be killed even as they had been, should be <sup>d</sup>completed also.

**Opening of the Sixth Seal of the Book.**  
**144,000 Sealed. Great Multitude Before the Throne.**

**Revelation 6, 7**

12 And I looked when He broke the sixth seal, and there was a great <sup>a</sup>earthquake; and the <sup>b</sup>sun became black as <sup>c</sup>sackcloth *made of hair*, and the whole moon became like blood;

13 and <sup>a</sup>the stars of the sky fell to the earth, <sup>b</sup>as a fig tree casts its unripe figs when shaken by a great wind.

14 And <sup>a</sup>the sky was split apart like a scroll when it is rolled up; and <sup>b</sup>every mountain and island were moved out of their places.

15 And <sup>a</sup>the kings of the earth and the great men and the <sup>l</sup>commanders and the rich and the strong and every slave and free man, hid themselves in the caves and among the rocks of the mountains;

16 and they <sup>a</sup>said to the mountains and to the rocks, "Fall on us and hide us from the <sup>l</sup>presence of Him <sup>b</sup>who sits on the throne, and from the <sup>c</sup>wrath of the Lamb;

17 for <sup>a</sup>the great day of their wrath has come; and <sup>b</sup>who is able to stand?"

CHAPTER 7

**AFTER** this I saw <sup>a</sup>four angels standing at the <sup>b</sup>four corners of the earth, holding back <sup>c</sup>the four winds of the earth, <sup>d</sup>so that no wind should blow on the earth or on the sea or on any tree.

2 And I saw another angel ascending <sup>a</sup>from the rising of the sun, having the <sup>b</sup>seal of <sup>c</sup>the living God; and he cried out with a loud voice to the <sup>d</sup>four angels to whom it was granted to harm the earth and the sea,

3 saying, "<sup>a</sup>Do not harm the earth or the sea or the trees, until we have <sup>b</sup>sealed the bond-servants of our God on their <sup>c</sup>foreheads."

4 And I heard the <sup>a</sup>number of those who were sealed, <sup>b</sup>one hundred and forty-four thousand sealed from every tribe of the sons of Israel:

5 from the tribe of Judah, twelve thousand *were* sealed, from the tribe of Reuben twelve thousand, from the tribe of Gad twelve thousand,

6 from the tribe of Asher twelve thousand, from the tribe of Naphtali twelve thousand, from the tribe of Manasseh twelve thousand,

7 from the tribe of Simeon twelve thousand, from the tribe of Levi twelve thousand, from the tribe of Issachar twelve thousand,

8 from the tribe of Zebulun twelve thousand, from the tribe of Joseph twelve thousand, from the tribe of Benjamin, twelve thousand *were* sealed.

9 After these things I looked, and behold, a great multitude, which no one could count, from <sup>a</sup>every nation and *all* tribes and peoples and tongues, standing <sup>b</sup>before the throne and <sup>c</sup>before the Lamb, clothed in <sup>d</sup>white robes, and <sup>e</sup>palm branches *were* in their hands;

10 and they cry out with a loud voice, saying, "<sup>a</sup>Salvation to our God <sup>b</sup>who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb."

11 And all the angels were standing <sup>a</sup>around the throne and *around* <sup>a</sup>the elders and the <sup>b</sup>four living creatures; and they <sup>c</sup>fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God,

12 <sup>a</sup>Rev. 8:5; 11:13; 16:18; Matt. 24:7 <sup>b</sup>Matt. 24:29 <sup>c</sup>Is. 50:3; Matt. 11:21

13 <sup>a</sup>Rev. 8:10; 9:1; Matt. 24:29 <sup>b</sup>Is. 34:4

14 <sup>a</sup>Is. 34:4; Rev. 20:11; 21:1; 2 Pet. 3:10 <sup>b</sup>Rev. 16:20; Is. 54:10; Jer. 4:24; Ezek. 38:20; Nah. 1:5

15 <sup>l</sup>Lit., *chiliarchs*, in command of one thousand troops <sup>a</sup>Is. 2:10f., 19, 21; 24:21; Rev. 19:18

16 <sup>l</sup>Lit., *face* <sup>a</sup>Luke 23:30; Rev. 9:6 <sup>b</sup>Rev. 4:9; 5:1 <sup>c</sup>Mark 3:5

17 <sup>a</sup>Is. 63:4; Jer. 30:7; Joel 1:15; 2:1f., 11, 31; Zeph. 1:14f.; Rev. 16:14 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 76:7; Nah. 1:6; Mal. 3:2; Luke 21:36

1 <sup>a</sup>Rev. 9:14 <sup>b</sup>Rev. 20:8; Is. 11:12; Ezek. 7:2 <sup>c</sup>Jer. 49:16; Zech. 6:5; Matt. 24:31; <sup>d</sup>Rev. 7:3; 8:7; 9:4

2 <sup>a</sup>Rev. 16:12; Is. 41:2 <sup>b</sup>Rev. 9:4; 7:3 <sup>c</sup>Matt. 16:16 <sup>d</sup>Rev. 9:14

3 <sup>a</sup>Rev. 6:6 <sup>b</sup>Rev. 7:3-8; John 3:33 <sup>c</sup>Rev. 14:1; 22:4; Ezek. 9:4, 6; Rev. 13:16; 14:9; 20:4

4 <sup>a</sup>Rev. 9:16 <sup>b</sup>Rev. 14:1, 3

9 <sup>a</sup>Rev. 5:9 <sup>b</sup>Rev. 7:15 <sup>c</sup>Rev. 22:3 <sup>d</sup>Rev. 6:11; 7:14 <sup>e</sup>Rev. 23:40

10 <sup>a</sup>Rev. 12:10; 19:1; Ps. 3:8 <sup>b</sup>Rev. 22:3

11 <sup>a</sup>Rev. 4:4 <sup>b</sup>Rev. 4:6 <sup>c</sup>Rev. 4:10

12 <sup>a</sup>Rev. 5:14 <sup>b</sup>Rev. 5:12

13 <sup>a</sup>Acts 3:12 <sup>b</sup>Rev. 7:9

14 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *have said*  
<sup>a</sup>Matt. 24:21 <sup>b</sup>Rev. 22:14;  
Zech. 3:3-5 <sup>c</sup>Rev. 6:11; 7:9  
<sup>d</sup>Heb. 9:14; 1 John 1:7

15 <sup>1</sup>Or, *sanctuary*  
<sup>a</sup>Rev. 7:9 <sup>b</sup>Rev. 22:3; 4:8  
<sup>c</sup>Rev. 11:19; 21:22 <sup>d</sup>Rev. 4:9  
<sup>e</sup>Rev. 21:3; Lev. 26:11;  
Ezek. 37:27; John 1:14

16 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *fall*  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 49:10; Ps. 121:5f.

17 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *waters*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 23:1f.; Matt. 2:6; John  
10:11 <sup>b</sup>Rev. 21:6; 22:1; John  
4:14 <sup>c</sup>Rev. 21:4; Is. 25:8;  
Matt. 5:4

1 <sup>a</sup>Rev. 5:1; 6:1, 3, 5, 7,  
9, 12 <sup>b</sup>Rev. 5:9

2 <sup>a</sup>Rev. 8:6-13; 9:1, 13;  
11:15; 1:4; Matt. 18:10  
<sup>b</sup>1 Cor. 15:52; 1 Thess. 4:16

3 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *give* <sup>2</sup>i.e., true  
believers; lit., *holy ones*  
<sup>a</sup>Rev. 7:2 <sup>b</sup>Rev. 6:9; Amos  
9:1 <sup>c</sup>Heb. 9:4 <sup>d</sup>Rev. 5:8  
<sup>e</sup>Ex. 30:1, 3; Num. 4:11;  
Rev. 8:5; 9:13

4 <sup>1</sup>Or, *for* <sup>2</sup>Note 2, v. 3  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 141:2

5 <sup>a</sup>Lev. 16:12 <sup>b</sup>Ezek. 10:2  
<sup>c</sup>Rev. 4:5 <sup>d</sup>Rev. 6:12

6 <sup>a</sup>Rev. 8:2

7 <sup>a</sup>Ezek. 38:22; Is. 28:2;  
Joel 2:30 <sup>b</sup>Rev. 8:7-12; 9:15,  
18; 12:4; Zech. 13:8, 9  
<sup>c</sup>Rev. 9:4

8 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 51:25 <sup>b</sup>Rev. 8:7-  
12; 9:15, 18; 12:4; Zech.  
13:8, 9 <sup>c</sup>Rev. 16:3; 11:6; Ex.  
7:17ff.

9 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *those which had*  
<sup>a</sup>Rev. 8:7-12; 9:15, 18; 12:4;  
Zech. 13:8, 9 <sup>b</sup>Is. 2:16

10 <sup>a</sup>Rev. 9:1; 6:13, Is.  
14:12 <sup>b</sup>Rev. 8:7-12; 9:15, 18;  
12:4; Zech. 13:8, 9 <sup>c</sup>Rev.  
14:7; 16:4

11 <sup>a</sup>Rev. 8:7-12; 9:15, 18;  
12:4; Zech. 13:8, 9 <sup>b</sup>Jer.  
9:15; 23:15

12 saying,

<sup>a</sup>"Amen, <sup>b</sup>blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might, *be* to our God forever and ever. Amen."

13 And one of the elders <sup>a</sup>answered, saying to me, "These who are clothed in the <sup>b</sup>white robes, who are they, and from where have they come?"

14 And I <sup>1</sup>said to him, "My lord, you know." And he said to me, "These are the ones who come out of the <sup>a</sup>great tribulation, and they have <sup>b</sup>washed their robes and made them <sup>c</sup>white in the <sup>d</sup>blood of the Lamb.

15 "For this reason, they are <sup>a</sup>before the throne of God; and they <sup>b</sup>serve Him day and night in His <sup>1</sup>temple; and <sup>d</sup>He who sits on the throne shall spread His <sup>e</sup>tabernacle over them.

16 <sup>a</sup>"They shall hunger no more, neither thirst any more; neither shall the sun <sup>1</sup>beat down on them, nor any heat;

17 for the Lamb in the center of the throne shall be their <sup>a</sup>shepherd, and shall guide them to springs of the <sup>1</sup>water of life; and <sup>c</sup>God shall wipe every tear from their eyes."

## CHAPTER 8

AND when He broke the <sup>a</sup>seventh seal, there was <sup>b</sup>silence in heaven for about half an hour.

2 And I saw <sup>a</sup>the seven angels who stand before God; and seven <sup>b</sup>trumpets were given to them.

3 And <sup>a</sup>another angel came and stood at the <sup>b</sup>altar, holding a <sup>c</sup>golden censer; and much <sup>d</sup>incense was given to him, that he might <sup>1</sup>add it to the <sup>d</sup>prayers of all the <sup>2</sup>saints upon the <sup>e</sup>golden altar which was before the throne.

4 And <sup>a</sup>the smoke of the incense, <sup>1</sup>with the prayers of the <sup>2</sup>saints, went up before God out of the angel's hand.

5 And the angel took the censer; and he <sup>a</sup>filled it with the fire of the altar and <sup>b</sup>threw it to the earth; and there followed <sup>c</sup>peals of thunder and sounds and flashes of lightning and an <sup>d</sup>earthquake.

6 <sup>a</sup>And the seven angels who had the seven trumpets prepared themselves to sound them.

7 And the first sounded, and there came <sup>a</sup>hail and fire, mixed with blood, and they were thrown to the earth; and <sup>b</sup>a third of the earth was burnt up, and <sup>b</sup>a third of the <sup>c</sup>trees were burnt up, and all the green <sup>c</sup>grass was burnt up.

8 And the second angel sounded, and *something* like a great <sup>a</sup>mountain burning with fire was thrown into the sea; and <sup>b</sup>a third of the <sup>c</sup>sea became blood;

9 and <sup>a</sup>a third of the creatures, which were in the sea <sup>1</sup>and had life, died; and a third of the <sup>b</sup>ships were destroyed.

10 And the third angel sounded, and a great star <sup>a</sup>fell from heaven, burning like a torch, and it fell on a <sup>b</sup>third of the rivers and on the <sup>c</sup>springs of waters;

11 and the name of the star is called Wormwood; and a <sup>a</sup>third of the waters became <sup>b</sup>wormwood; and many men died from the waters, because they were made bitter.

12 And the fourth angel sounded, and a <sup>a</sup>third of the <sup>b</sup>sun and a third of the <sup>b</sup>moon and a <sup>a</sup>third of the <sup>b</sup>stars were smitten, so that a <sup>a</sup>third of them might be darkened and the day might not shine for a <sup>a</sup>third of it, and the night in the same way.

13 And I looked, and I heard <sup>1</sup>an eagle flying in <sup>a</sup>mid-heaven, saying with a loud voice, “<sup>b</sup>Woe, woe, woe, to <sup>c</sup>those who dwell on the earth, because of the remaining blasts of the trumpet of the <sup>d</sup>three angels who are about to sound!”

CHAPTER 9

AND the <sup>a</sup>fifth angel sounded, and I saw a <sup>b</sup>star from heaven which had fallen to the earth; and the <sup>c</sup>key of the <sup>1d</sup>bottomless pit was given to him.

2 And he opened the <sup>1</sup>bottomless pit; and <sup>a</sup>smoke went up out of the pit, like the smoke of a great furnace; and <sup>b</sup>the sun and the air were darkened by the smoke of the pit.

3 And out of the smoke came forth <sup>a</sup>locusts <sup>1</sup>upon the earth; and power was given them, as the <sup>b</sup>scorpions of the earth have power.

4 And they were told that they should not <sup>a</sup>hurt the <sup>b</sup>grass of the earth, nor any green thing, nor any tree, but only the men who do not have the <sup>c</sup>seal of God on their foreheads.

5 And <sup>1</sup>they were not permitted to kill <sup>2</sup>anyone, but to torment for <sup>a</sup>five months; and their torment was like the torment of a <sup>b</sup>scorpion when it <sup>3</sup>stings a man.

6 And in those days <sup>a</sup>men will seek death and will not find it; and they will long to die and death flees from them.

7 And the <sup>1a</sup>appearance of the locusts was like horses prepared for battle; and on their heads, as it were, crowns like gold, and their faces were like the faces of men.

8 And they had hair like the hair of women, and their <sup>a</sup>teeth were like *the teeth* of lions.

9 And they had breastplates like breastplates of iron; and the <sup>a</sup>sound of their wings was like the sound of chariots, of many horses rushing to battle.

10 And they have tails like <sup>a</sup>scorpions, and stings; and in their <sup>b</sup>tails is their power to hurt men for <sup>c</sup>five months.

11 They have as king over them, the angel of the <sup>a</sup>abyss; his name in <sup>b</sup>Hebrew is <sup>1c</sup>Abaddon, and in the Greek he has the name <sup>2</sup>Apollyon.

12 <sup>a</sup>The first woe is past; behold, two woes are still coming after these things.

13 And the sixth angel sounded, and I heard <sup>1a</sup> a voice from the <sup>2</sup>four <sup>a</sup>horns of the <sup>b</sup>golden altar which is before God,

14 one saying to the sixth angel who had the trumpet, “Release the <sup>a</sup>four angels who are bound at the <sup>b</sup>great river Euphrates.”

15 And the four angels, who had been prepared for the hour and day and month and year, were <sup>a</sup>released, so that they might kill a <sup>b</sup>third of <sup>1</sup>mankind.

16 And the number of the armies of the horsemen was <sup>a</sup>two hundred million; <sup>b</sup>I heard the number of them.

12 <sup>a</sup>Rev. 8:7-12; 9:15, 18; 12:4; Zech. 13:8, 9 <sup>b</sup>Rev. 6:12f.; Ex. 10:21ff.

13 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *one eagle*  
<sup>a</sup>Rev. 14:6; 19:17 <sup>b</sup>Rev. 9:12; 11:14; 12:12 <sup>c</sup>Rev. 3:10 <sup>d</sup>Rev. 8:2

1 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *shaft of the abyss*  
<sup>a</sup>Rev. 8:2 <sup>b</sup>Rev. 8:10 <sup>c</sup>Rev. 1:18 <sup>d</sup>Luke 8:31; Rev. 9:2, 11

2 <sup>1</sup>Note v. 1  
<sup>a</sup>Gen. 19:28; Ex. 19:18  
<sup>b</sup>Joel 2:2, 10

3 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *into*  
<sup>a</sup>Rev. 9:7; Ex. 10:12-15  
<sup>b</sup>Rev. 9:5, 10; 2 Chr. 10:11, 14; Ezek. 2:6

4 <sup>a</sup>Rev. 6:6 <sup>b</sup>Rev. 8:7  
<sup>c</sup>Rev. 7:2, 3

5 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *it was given to them* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *them* <sup>3</sup>Lit., *strikes*  
<sup>a</sup>Rev. 9:10 <sup>b</sup>Rev. 9:3, 10; 2 Chr. 10:11, 14; Ezek. 2:6

6 <sup>a</sup>Job 3:21; 7:15; Jer. 8:3; Rev. 6:16

7 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *appearances*  
<sup>a</sup>Joel 2:4

8 <sup>a</sup>Joel 1:6

9 <sup>a</sup>Joel 2:5; Jer. 47:3

10 <sup>a</sup>Rev. 8:3, 5; 2 Chr. 10:11, 14; Ezek. 2:6 <sup>b</sup>Rev. 9:19 <sup>c</sup>Rev. 9:5

11 <sup>1</sup>Or, *Destruction* <sup>2</sup>Or, *Destroyer*  
<sup>a</sup>Luke 8:31; Rev. 9:1, 2  
<sup>b</sup>Rev. 16:16; John 5:2 <sup>c</sup>Job 26:6; 28:22 marg.; 31:12 marg.; Ps. 88:11 marg.; Prov. 15:11

12 <sup>a</sup>Rev. 8:13; 11:14

13 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *one voice* <sup>2</sup>Some ancient mss. omit, *four*  
<sup>a</sup>Ex. 30:2f., 10 <sup>b</sup>Rev. 8:3

14 <sup>a</sup>Rev. 7:1 <sup>b</sup>Gen. 15:18; Deut. 1:7; Josh. 1:4; Rev. 16:12

15 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *men*  
<sup>a</sup>Rev. 20:7 <sup>b</sup>Rev. 9:18; 8:7

16 <sup>a</sup>Rev. 5:11 <sup>b</sup>Rev. 7:4

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17 <sup>1</sup>Lit., thus I saw <sup>2</sup>Or, sulphur  
<sup>a</sup>Dan. 8:2; 9:21 <sup>b</sup>Rev. 9:18; 14:10; 19:20; 20:10; 21:8  
<sup>c</sup>Rev. 11:5

18 <sup>1</sup>Lit., men <sup>2</sup>Or, sulphur  
<sup>a</sup>Rev. 9:15; 8:7 <sup>b</sup>Rev. 9:17

20 <sup>1</sup>Lit., men  
<sup>a</sup>Rev. 2:21 <sup>b</sup>Deut. 4:28; Jer. 1:16; Mic. 5:13; Acts 7:41  
<sup>c</sup>1 Cor. 10:20 <sup>d</sup>Ps. 115:4-7; 135:15-17; Dan. 5:23

21 <sup>a</sup>Rev. 9:20 <sup>b</sup>Is. 47:9, 12; Rev. 18:23 <sup>c</sup>Rev. 17:2, 5

1 <sup>a</sup>Rev. 5:2 <sup>b</sup>Rev. 18:1; 20:1 <sup>c</sup>Rev. 4:3 <sup>d</sup>Rev. 1:16; Matt. 17:2 <sup>e</sup>Rev. 1:15

2 <sup>a</sup>Rev. 10:8-10; Rev. 5:1  
<sup>b</sup>Rev. 10:5, 8

3 <sup>1</sup>Or, spoke  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 31:4; Hos. 11:10 <sup>b</sup>Rev. 4:5; Ps. 29:3-9

4 <sup>a</sup>Rev. 1:11, 19 <sup>b</sup>Rev. 10:8  
<sup>c</sup>Dan. 8:26; 12:4, 9; Rev. 22:10

5 <sup>a</sup>Gen. 14:22; Ex. 6:8; Num. 14:30; Deut. 32:40; Ezek. 20:5; Dan. 12:7

6 <sup>a</sup>Rev. 4:9 <sup>b</sup>Rev. 4:11  
<sup>c</sup>Rev. 6:11; 12:12; 16:17; 21:6

7 <sup>1</sup>Lit., preached the gospel  
<sup>a</sup>Rev. 11:15 <sup>b</sup>Amos 3:7; Rom. 16:25

8 <sup>1</sup>Or, scroll  
<sup>a</sup>Rev. 10:4 <sup>b</sup>Rev. 10:2

9 <sup>a</sup>Ezek. 2:8; 3:1-3; Jer. 15:16

11 <sup>a</sup>Rev. 11:1 <sup>b</sup>Ezek. 37:4, 9  
<sup>c</sup>Rev. 5:9 <sup>d</sup>Rev. 17:10, 12

17 And <sup>1</sup>this is how I saw <sup>a</sup>in the vision the horses and those who sat on them: *the riders* had breastplates *the color* of fire and of hyacinth and of <sup>2b</sup>brimstone; and the heads of the horses are like the heads of lions; and <sup>c</sup>out of their mouths proceed fire and smoke and <sup>2b</sup>brimstone.

18 A <sup>a</sup>third of <sup>1</sup>mankind was killed by these three plagues, by the <sup>b</sup>fire and the smoke and the <sup>2</sup>brimstone, which proceeded out of their mouths.

19 For the power of the horses is in their mouths and in their tails; for their tails are like serpents and have heads; and with them they do harm.

20 And the rest of <sup>1</sup>mankind, who were not killed by these plagues, <sup>a</sup>did not repent of <sup>b</sup>THE WORKS OF THEIR HANDS, so as not to <sup>c</sup>worship DEMONS, AND <sup>d</sup>THE IDOLS OF GOLD AND OF SILVER AND OF BRASS AND OF STONE AND OF WOOD, WHICH CAN NEITHER SEE NOR HEAR NOR WALK;

21 and they <sup>a</sup>did not repent of their murders nor of their <sup>b</sup>sorceries nor of their <sup>c</sup>immorality nor of their thefts.

CHAPTER 10

AND I saw another <sup>a</sup>strong angel <sup>b</sup>coming down out of heaven, clothed with a cloud; and the <sup>c</sup>rainbow was upon his head, and <sup>d</sup>his face was like the sun, and his <sup>e</sup>feet like pillars of fire;

2 and he had in his hand a <sup>a</sup>little book which was open. And he placed <sup>b</sup>his right foot on the sea and his left on the land;

3 and he cried out with a loud voice, <sup>a</sup>as when a lion roars; and when he had cried out, the <sup>b</sup>seven peals of thunder <sup>1</sup>uttered their voices.

4 And when the seven peals of thunder had spoken, <sup>a</sup>I was about to write; and I <sup>b</sup>heard a voice from heaven saying, "Seal up the things which the seven peals of thunder have spoken, and do not write them."

5 And the angel whom I saw standing on the sea and on the land <sup>a</sup>LIFTED UP HIS RIGHT HAND TO HEAVEN,

6 AND SWORE BY <sup>a</sup>HIM WHO LIVES FOREVER AND EVER, WHO <sup>b</sup>CREATED HEAVEN AND THE THINGS IN IT, AND THE EARTH AND THE THINGS IN IT, AND THE SEA AND THE THINGS IN IT, that <sup>c</sup>there shall be delay no longer,

7 but in the days of the voice of the <sup>a</sup>seventh angel, when he is about to sound, then <sup>b</sup>the mystery of God is finished, as He <sup>1</sup>preached to His servants the prophets.

8 And <sup>a</sup>the voice which I heard from heaven, *I heard* again speaking with me, and saying, "Go, take <sup>b</sup>the <sup>1</sup>book which is open in the hand of the angel who <sup>b</sup>stands on the sea and on the land."

9 And I went to the angel, telling him to give me the little book. And he <sup>a</sup>said to me, "Take it, and eat it; and it will make your stomach bitter, but in your mouth it will be sweet as honey."

10 And I took the little book out of the angel's hand and ate it, and it was in my mouth sweet as honey; and when I had eaten it, my stomach was made bitter.

11 And <sup>a</sup>they <sup>a</sup>said to me, "You must <sup>b</sup>prophesy again concerning <sup>c</sup>many peoples and nations and tongues and <sup>d</sup>kings."

CHAPTER 11

AND there was given me a <sup>1</sup>measuring rod like a staff; <sup>2</sup>and <sup>b</sup>someone said, "Rise and measure the <sup>3</sup>temple of God, and the altar, and those who worship in it.

2 "And <sup>1</sup>leave out the <sup>a</sup>court which is outside the <sup>2</sup>temple, and do not measure it, for <sup>b</sup>it has been given to the nations; and they will <sup>b</sup>tread under foot <sup>c</sup>the holy city for <sup>d</sup>forty-two months.

3 "And I will grant *authority* to my two <sup>a</sup>witnesses, and they will prophesy for <sup>b</sup>twelve hundred and sixty days, clothed in <sup>c</sup>sackcloth."

4 These are the <sup>a</sup>two olive trees and the two lampstands that stand before the Lord of the earth.

5 And if any one desires to harm them, <sup>a</sup>fire proceeds out of their mouth and devours their enemies; and if any one would desire to harm them, <sup>b</sup>in this manner he must be killed.

6 These have the power to <sup>a</sup>shut up the sky, in order that rain may not fall during <sup>b</sup>the days of their prophesying; and they have power over the waters to <sup>c</sup>turn them into blood, and to smite the earth with every plague, as often as they desire.

7 And when they have finished their testimony, <sup>a</sup>the beast <sup>b</sup>that comes up out of the <sup>c</sup>abyss will <sup>d</sup>make war with them, and overcome them and kill them.

8 And their dead <sup>1</sup>bodies will lie in the street of the <sup>a</sup>great city which <sup>2</sup>mystically is called <sup>b</sup>Sodom and <sup>c</sup>Egypt, where also their Lord was crucified.

9 And those from <sup>a</sup>the peoples and tribes and tongues and nations will look at their dead <sup>1</sup>bodies for three days and a half, and <sup>2</sup>will not permit their dead bodies to be laid in a tomb.

10 And <sup>a</sup>those who dwell on the earth will rejoice over them and make merry; and they will <sup>b</sup>send gifts to one another, because these two prophets tormented <sup>a</sup>those who dwell on the earth.

11 And after the three days and a half <sup>a</sup>the breath of life from God came into them, and they stood on their feet; and great fear fell upon those who were beholding them.

12 And they heard a loud voice from heaven saying to them, "<sup>a</sup>Come up here." And they <sup>b</sup>went up into heaven in the cloud, and their enemies beheld them.

13 And in that hour there was a great <sup>a</sup>earthquake, and a tenth of the city fell; and <sup>1</sup>seven thousand people were killed in the earthquake, and the rest were terrified and <sup>b</sup>gave glory to the <sup>c</sup>God of heaven.

14 The second <sup>a</sup>woe is past; behold, the third woe is coming quickly.

15 And the <sup>a</sup>seventh angel sounded; and there arose <sup>b</sup>loud voices in heaven, saying,

"<sup>c</sup>The kingdom of the world has become *the kingdom* of our Lord, and of <sup>d</sup>His <sup>1</sup>Christ; and <sup>e</sup>He will reign forever and ever."

16 And the twenty-four elders, who <sup>a</sup>sit on their thrones before God, <sup>b</sup>fell on their faces and worshiped God,

17 saying,  
"We give Thee thanks, <sup>a</sup>O Lord God, the Almighty, who art and who wast, because Thou hast taken Thy great power and <sup>1</sup>hast begun to <sup>b</sup>reign.

1 <sup>1</sup>Lit., read <sup>2</sup>Lit., saying  
<sup>3</sup>Or, sanctuary  
<sup>a</sup>Rev. 21:15f.; Ezek. 40:3-42:20; Zech. 2:1 <sup>b</sup>Rev. 10:11

2 <sup>1</sup>Lit., throw out <sup>2</sup>Or, sanctuary  
<sup>a</sup>Ezek. 40:17, 20 <sup>b</sup>Luke 21:24 <sup>c</sup>Is. 52:1; Matt. 27:53; 4:5; Rev. 21:2, 10; 22:19  
<sup>d</sup>Rev. 12:6; 13:5; Dan. 7:25; 12:7

3 <sup>a</sup>Rev. 2:13; 1:5 <sup>b</sup>Rev. 12:6; 13:5; Dan. 7:25; 12:7  
<sup>c</sup>Gen. 37:34; 2 Sam. 3:31; 1 Kin. 21:27; 2 Kin. 19:1f.; Neh. 9:1; Esther 4:1; Ps. 69:11; Joel 1:13; Jonah 3:5f, 8

4 <sup>a</sup>Zech. 4:3, 11, 14; Ps. 52:8; Jer. 11:16

5 <sup>a</sup>Rev. 9:17f.; 2 Kin. 1:10-12; Jer. 5:14 <sup>b</sup>Num. 16:29, 35

6 <sup>a</sup>Luke 4:25 <sup>b</sup>Rev. 11:3  
<sup>c</sup>Rev. 8:8

7 <sup>a</sup>Rev. 13:1ff. <sup>b</sup>Rev. 13:1  
<sup>c</sup>Rev. 9:1 <sup>d</sup>Rev. 13:7; Dan. 7:21

8 <sup>1</sup>Some ancient mss. read, *body* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *spiritually*  
<sup>a</sup>Rev. 14:8; 16:19; 17:18; 18:2, 10, 16, 18, 19, 21 <sup>b</sup>Is. 1:9, 10; 3:9; Jer. 23:14; Ezek. 16:46, 49 <sup>c</sup>Ezek. 23:3, 8, 19, 27

9 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *body* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *do not permit*  
<sup>a</sup>Rev. 10:11; 5:9 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 79:2f.; 1 Kin. 13:22

10 <sup>a</sup>Rev. 3:10 <sup>b</sup>Neh. 8:10, 12; Esther 9:19, 22

11 <sup>a</sup>Ezek. 37:5, 9, 10, 14

12 <sup>a</sup>Rev. 4:1 <sup>b</sup>2 Kin. 2:11; Acts 1:9

13 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *names of men, seven thousand*  
<sup>a</sup>Rev. 6:12; 8:5; 16:18; 11:19  
<sup>b</sup>Rev. 14:7; 16:9; 19:7; John 9:24 <sup>c</sup>Rev. 16:11

14 <sup>a</sup>Rev. 9:12; 8:13

15 <sup>1</sup>I.e., *Messiah*  
<sup>a</sup>Rev. 10:7; 8:2 <sup>b</sup>Rev. 16:17; 19:1 <sup>c</sup>Rev. 12:10 <sup>d</sup>Acts 4:26 marg. [Ps. 2:2] <sup>e</sup>Dan. 2:44; 7:14, 27; Luke 1:33

16 <sup>a</sup>Rev. 4:4; Matt. 19:28  
<sup>b</sup>Rev. 4:10

17 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *didst reign*  
<sup>a</sup>Rev. 1:8 <sup>b</sup>Rev. 19:6

18 <sup>1</sup>I.e., true believers; lit., *holy ones*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 2:1 <sup>b</sup>Rev. 20:12; Dan. 7:10 <sup>c</sup>Rev. 10:7; 16:6 <sup>d</sup>Rev. 13:16; 19:5; Ps. 115:13

19 <sup>1</sup>Or, *sanctuary* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *hail*  
<sup>a</sup>Rev. 15:5; 4:1 <sup>b</sup>Heb. 9:4 <sup>c</sup>Rev. 4:5 <sup>d</sup>Rev. 16:21

1 <sup>a</sup>Rev. 12:3; Matt. 24:30  
<sup>b</sup>Rev. 11:19 <sup>c</sup>Cal. 4:26 <sup>d</sup>Ps. 104:2; Song of Sol. 6:10

2 <sup>a</sup>Is. 26:17; 66:6-9; Mic. 4:9, 10

3 <sup>a</sup>Rev. 12:1; 15:1 <sup>b</sup>Rev. 12:4, 7; 12:9, 13, 16f.; 13:2, 4, 11; 16:13; 20:2; Is. 27:1 <sup>c</sup>Rev. 13:1; 17:3, 7, 9ff. <sup>d</sup>Rev. 13:1; 17:12, 16; Dan. 7:7, 20, 24 <sup>e</sup>Rev. 13:1; 19:12

4 <sup>a</sup>Rev. 8:7, 12 <sup>b</sup>Dan. 8:10 <sup>c</sup>Rev. 12:3, 7; 12:9, 13, 16f.; 13:2, 4, 11; 16:13; 20:2; Is. 27:1 <sup>d</sup>Matt. 2:16

5 <sup>1</sup>Or, *shepherd* <sup>2</sup>Or, *Gentiles*  
<sup>a</sup>Rev. 2:27 <sup>b</sup>2 Cor. 12:2

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7 <sup>a</sup>Jude 9 <sup>b</sup>Rev. 12:3  
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9 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *inhabited earth*  
<sup>a</sup>Rev. 12:3 <sup>b</sup>Rev. 12:15; 20:2; Gen. 3:1; 2 Cor. 11:3 <sup>c</sup>Matt. 4:10; 25:41 <sup>d</sup>Rev. 20:3, 8, 10; 13:14 <sup>e</sup>Luke 10:18; John 12:31

10 <sup>a</sup>Rev. 11:15 <sup>b</sup>Rev. 7:10  
<sup>c</sup>Job 1:11; 2:5; Zech. 3:1; Luke 22:31; 1 Pet. 5:8

11 <sup>a</sup>Rev. 15:2; John 16:33; 1 John 2:13 <sup>b</sup>Rev. 7:14  
<sup>c</sup>Rev. 6:9 <sup>d</sup>Rev. 2:10; Luke 14:26

12 <sup>1</sup>Or, *tabernacle*  
<sup>a</sup>Rev. 18:20; Ps. 96:11; Is. 44:23 <sup>b</sup>Rev. 13:6 <sup>c</sup>Rev. 8:13 <sup>d</sup>Rev. 12:9 <sup>e</sup>Rev. 10:6

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19 And <sup>a</sup>the <sup>1</sup>temple of God which is in heaven was open and <sup>b</sup>the ark of His covenant appeared in His <sup>1</sup>temple, and were flashes of <sup>c</sup>lightning and sounds and peals of thunder an earthquake and a <sup>d</sup>great <sup>2</sup>hailstorm.

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5 And she gave birth to a son, a male *child*, who is to <sup>1</sup> all the <sup>2</sup>nations with a rod of iron; and her child was <sup>b</sup>caught to God and to His throne.

6 And the woman fled into the wilderness where she <sup>a</sup> place prepared by God, so that there <sup>1</sup>she might be nourished for <sup>a</sup>one thousand two hundred and sixty days.

7 And there was war in heaven, <sup>a</sup>Michael and his angels waged war with the <sup>b</sup>dragon. And the dragon and <sup>c</sup>his angels waged war,

8 and they were not strong enough, and there was <sup>a</sup> longer a place found for them in heaven.

9 And the great <sup>a</sup>dragon was thrown down, the <sup>b</sup>serpent old who is called the devil and <sup>c</sup>Satan, who <sup>d</sup>deceives the <sup>1</sup> world; he was <sup>e</sup>thrown down to the earth, and his angels <sup>1</sup> thrown down with him.

10 And I heard <sup>a</sup>a loud voice in heaven, saying,

"Now the <sup>b</sup>salvation, and the power, and the <sup>a</sup>kingdom of God and the authority of His Christ have come, for the <sup>c</sup>acc of our brethren has been thrown down, who accuses <sup>t</sup> before our God day and night.

11 "And they <sup>a</sup>overcame him because of <sup>b</sup>the blood of Lamb and because of <sup>c</sup>the word of their testimony, and <sup>d</sup>did not love their life even to death.

12 "For this reason, <sup>a</sup>rejoice, O heavens and <sup>b</sup>you who <sup>1</sup> dwell in them. <sup>c</sup>Woe to the earth and the sea; because <sup>d</sup>the devil comes down to you, having great wrath, knowing that he has <sup>e</sup>a short time."

13 And when the <sup>a</sup>dragon saw that he was thrown down the earth, he persecuted <sup>b</sup>the woman who gave birth to the <sup>1</sup> child.



14 And the <sup>a</sup>two wings of the great eagle were given to the woman, in order that she might fly <sup>b</sup>into the wilderness to her place, where she <sup>a</sup>was nourished for <sup>c</sup>a time and times and half a time, from the <sup>1</sup>presence of the serpent.

15 And the <sup>a</sup>serpent <sup>1</sup>poured water <sup>b</sup>like a river out of his mouth after the woman, so that he might cause her to be swept away with the flood.

16 And the earth helped the woman, and the earth opened its mouth and drank up the river which the dragon <sup>1</sup>poured out of his mouth.

17 And the dragon was enraged with the woman, and went off to <sup>a</sup>make war with the rest of her <sup>b</sup>offspring, who <sup>c</sup>keep the commandments of God and <sup>d</sup>hold to the testimony of Jesus.

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AND <sup>1</sup>he stood on the sand of the <sup>2</sup>seashore.

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2 And the beast which I saw was <sup>a</sup>like a leopard, and his feet were <sup>b</sup>like those of <sup>a</sup>a bear, and his mouth like the mouth of <sup>c</sup>a lion. And the <sup>d</sup>dragon gave him his power and his <sup>e</sup>throne and great authority.

3 And I saw one of his heads as if it had been <sup>1</sup>slain, and his <sup>a</sup>fatal wound was healed. And the whole earth <sup>b</sup>was amazed and <sup>c</sup>followed after the beast;

4 and they worshiped the <sup>a</sup>dragon, because he <sup>a</sup>gave his authority to the beast; and they worshiped the beast, saying, <sup>b</sup>“Who is like the beast, and who is able to wage war with him?”

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7 And it was given to him to <sup>a</sup>make war with the <sup>1</sup>saints and to overcome them; and authority over <sup>b</sup>every tribe and people and tongue and nation was given to him.

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<sup>a</sup>Rev. 12:9; 20:2; Gen. 3:1; 2 Cor. 11:3 <sup>b</sup>Hos. 5:10; Is. 59:19

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17 <sup>a</sup>Rev. 11:7; 13:7 <sup>b</sup>Gen. 3:15 <sup>c</sup>Rev. 14:12, 1 John 2:3 <sup>d</sup>Rev. 1:2; 6:9; [14:12]; 19:10

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2 <sup>a</sup>Dan. 7:6; Hos. 13:7f. <sup>b</sup>Dan. 7:5 <sup>c</sup>Dan. 7:4 <sup>d</sup>Rev. 13:4, 12; 12:3 <sup>e</sup>Rev. 2:13; 16:10

3 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *smitten to death*  
<sup>a</sup>Rev. 13:12; Rev. 13:14 <sup>b</sup>Rev. 17:8

4 <sup>a</sup>Rev. 13:2, 12; 12:3 <sup>b</sup>Rev. 18:18; Ex. 15:11; Is. 46:5

5 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *great things* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *do*  
<sup>a</sup>Dan. 7:8, 11, 20, 25; 11:36; 2 Thess. 2:3f. <sup>b</sup>Rev. 11:2

6 <sup>1</sup>Or, *tabernacle*  
<sup>a</sup>Rev. 12:12; 7:15

7 <sup>1</sup>i.e., true believers; lit., *holy ones*  
<sup>a</sup>Rev. 11:7 <sup>b</sup>Rev. 5:9

8 <sup>1</sup>Or, *written in the book . . . slain from the foundation of the world*  
<sup>a</sup>Rev. 13:12, 14; 3:10 <sup>b</sup>Rev. 3:5 <sup>c</sup>Rev. 17:8; Matt. 25:34 <sup>d</sup>Rev. 5:6

9 <sup>a</sup>Rev. 2:7

10 <sup>1</sup>Or, *leads into captivity* <sup>2</sup>Or, *steadfastness*  
<sup>1</sup>i.e., true believers; lit., *holy ones*  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 33:1; Jer. 15:2; 43:11 <sup>b</sup>Gen. 9:6; Matt. 26:52; Rev. 11:18 <sup>c</sup>Heb. 6:12; Rev. 14:12

11 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *was having* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *was speaking*  
<sup>a</sup>Rev. 13:1, 14; 16:13 <sup>b</sup>Dan. 8:3 <sup>c</sup>Rev. 13:4

12 <sup>1</sup>Or, *by his authority*  
<sup>a</sup>Rev. 13:4 <sup>b</sup>Rev. 13:14; 19:20 <sup>c</sup>Rev. 13:8 <sup>d</sup>Rev. 13:15; 14:9, 11; 16:2; 19:20; 20:4 <sup>e</sup>Rev. 13:3

13 <sup>a</sup>Rev. 19:20; 16:14; Matt. 24:24 <sup>b</sup>Rev. 20:9; 1 Kin. 18:38; Luke 9:54; Rev. 11:5

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1 <sup>1</sup>Some mss. read, *I stood* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *sea*  
<sup>a</sup>Rev. 13:14, 15; 15:2; 16:13; Rev. 11:7; 17:8; Dan. 7:3 <sup>b</sup>Rev. 12:3 <sup>c</sup>Rev. 12:3; 17:12 <sup>d</sup>Rev. 17:3; Dan. 7:8; 11:36

2 <sup>a</sup>Dan. 7:6; Hos. 13:7f. <sup>b</sup>Dan. 7:5 <sup>c</sup>Dan. 7:4 <sup>d</sup>Rev. 13:4, 12; 12:3 <sup>e</sup>Rev. 2:13; 16:10

3 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *smitten to death*  
<sup>a</sup>Rev. 13:12; Rev. 13:14 <sup>b</sup>Rev. 17:8

4 <sup>a</sup>Rev. 13:2, 12; 12:3 <sup>b</sup>Rev. 18:18; Ex. 15:11; Is. 46:5

5 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *great things* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *do*  
<sup>a</sup>Dan. 7:8, 11, 20, 25; 11:36; 2 Thess. 2:3f. <sup>b</sup>Rev. 11:2

6 <sup>1</sup>Or, *tabernacle*  
<sup>a</sup>Rev. 12:12; 7:15

7 <sup>1</sup>i.e., true believers; lit., *holy ones*  
<sup>a</sup>Rev. 11:7 <sup>b</sup>Rev. 5:9

8 <sup>1</sup>Or, *written in the book . . . slain from the foundation of the world*  
<sup>a</sup>Rev. 13:12, 14; 3:10 <sup>b</sup>Rev. 3:5 <sup>c</sup>Rev. 17:8; Matt. 25:34 <sup>d</sup>Rev. 5:6

9 <sup>a</sup>Rev. 2:7

10 <sup>1</sup>Or, *leads into captivity* <sup>2</sup>Or, *steadfastness*  
<sup>1</sup>i.e., true believers; lit., *holy ones*  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 33:1; Jer. 15:2; 43:11 <sup>b</sup>Gen. 9:6; Matt. 26:52; Rev. 11:18 <sup>c</sup>Heb. 6:12; Rev. 14:12

11 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *was having* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *was speaking*  
<sup>a</sup>Rev. 13:1, 14; 16:13 <sup>b</sup>Dan. 8:3 <sup>c</sup>Rev. 13:4

12 <sup>1</sup>Or, *by his authority*  
<sup>a</sup>Rev. 13:4 <sup>b</sup>Rev. 13:14; 19:20 <sup>c</sup>Rev. 13:8 <sup>d</sup>Rev. 13:15; 14:9, 11; 16:2; 19:20; 20:4 <sup>e</sup>Rev. 13:3

13 <sup>a</sup>Rev. 19:20; 16:14; Matt. 24:24 <sup>b</sup>Rev. 20:9; 1 Kin. 18:38; Luke 9:54; Rev. 11:5

14 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *by the authority of*  
<sup>a</sup>Rev. 12:9 <sup>b</sup>Rev. 13:8  
<sup>c</sup>2 Thess. 2:9f. <sup>d</sup>Rev. 13:12;  
 19:20 <sup>e</sup>Rev. 13:3

15 <sup>1</sup>Some ancient mss. read, *speak, and he will cause*  
<sup>a</sup>Dan. 3:3ff. <sup>b</sup>Rev. 13:12;  
 14:9, 11; 16:2; 19:20; 20:4

16 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *that they give to them a mark*  
<sup>a</sup>Rev. 11:18; 19:5, 18 <sup>b</sup>Rev. 14:9; 20:4; Gal. 6:17; Rev. 7:3

17 <sup>1</sup>\*Rev. 14:9; 20:4; Gal. 6:17; Rev. 7:3 <sup>b</sup>Rev. 14:11  
<sup>c</sup>Rev. 15:2

18 <sup>1</sup>Some mss. read, 617  
<sup>a</sup>Rev. 17:9 <sup>b</sup>Rev. 21:17

1 <sup>a</sup>Rev. 5:6 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 2:6; Heb. 12:22 <sup>c</sup>Rev. 14:3; 7:4 <sup>d</sup>Rev. 3:12 <sup>e</sup>Rev. 7:3

2 <sup>a</sup>Rev. 1:15 <sup>b</sup>Rev. 6:1  
<sup>c</sup>Rev. 5:8

3 <sup>1</sup>Some ancient mss. read, *sing, as it were, a new song*  
<sup>a</sup>Rev. 5:9 <sup>b</sup>Rev. 4:6 <sup>c</sup>Rev. 4:4 <sup>d</sup>Rev. 2:17 <sup>e</sup>Rev. 14:1; 7:4

4 <sup>1</sup>Or, *chaste men, lit., virgins*  
<sup>a</sup>Matt. 19:12; Rev. 3:4;  
 2 Cor. 11:2; Eph. 5:27  
<sup>b</sup>Rev. 7:17; Rev. 3:4; 17:14  
<sup>c</sup>Rev. 5:9 <sup>d</sup>James 1:18; Heb. 12:23

5 <sup>a</sup>Zeph. 3:13; Ps. 32:2; Mal. 2:6; John 1:47; 1 Pet. 2:22 <sup>b</sup>Jude 24; Heb. 9:14; 1 Pet. 1:19

6 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *sit*  
<sup>a</sup>Rev. 8:13 <sup>b</sup>Rev. 10:7;  
 1 Pet. 1:25 <sup>c</sup>Rev. 3:10 <sup>d</sup>Rev. 5:9

7 <sup>a</sup>Rev. 15:4 <sup>b</sup>Rev. 11:13  
<sup>c</sup>Rev. 4:11 <sup>d</sup>Rev. 8:10

8 <sup>1</sup>Or, *wrath*  
<sup>a</sup>Rev. 18:2; Is. 21:9; Jer. 51:8 <sup>b</sup>Rev. 16:19; 17:5; 18:10; Dan. 4:30 <sup>c</sup>Jer. 51:7  
<sup>d</sup>Rev. 18:3; 17:2, 4

9 <sup>a</sup>Rev. 14:11; Rev. 13:12  
<sup>b</sup>Rev. 14:11; 13:14f. <sup>c</sup>Rev. 13:16

10 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *unmixed*  
<sup>a</sup>Rev. 16:19; 19:15; Is. 51:17; Jer. 25:15f., 27 <sup>b</sup>Rev. 18:6; Ps. 75:8 <sup>c</sup>Rev. 19:20; 20:10, 14f.; 21:8; Ezek. 38:22; 2 Thess. 1:7 <sup>d</sup>Mark 8:38

14 And he <sup>a</sup>deceives <sup>b</sup>those who dwell on the earth because of <sup>c</sup>the signs which it was given him to perform <sup>d</sup>in the presence of the beast, telling those who dwell on the earth to make an image to the beast who <sup>a</sup>had the <sup>c</sup>wound of the sword and has come to life.

15 And there was given to him to give breath to the image of the beast, that the image of the beast might even <sup>1</sup>speak and cause <sup>a</sup>as many as do not <sup>b</sup>worship the image of the beast to be killed.

16 And he causes all, <sup>a</sup>the small and the great, and the rich and the poor, and the free men and the slaves, <sup>1</sup>to be given a <sup>b</sup>mark on their right hand, or on their forehead,

17 and *he provides* that no one should be able to buy or to sell, except the one who has the <sup>a</sup>mark, *either* <sup>b</sup>the name of the beast or <sup>c</sup>the number of his name.

18 <sup>a</sup>Here is wisdom. Let him who has understanding calculate the number of the beast, for the number is that <sup>b</sup>of a man; and his number is <sup>1</sup>six hundred and sixty-six.

CHAPTER 14

AND I looked, and behold, <sup>a</sup>the Lamb was standing on <sup>b</sup>Mount Zion, and with Him <sup>c</sup>one hundred and forty-four thousand, having <sup>d</sup>His name and the <sup>d</sup>name of His Father written <sup>c</sup>on their foreheads.

2 And I heard a voice from heaven, like <sup>a</sup>the sound of many waters and like the <sup>b</sup>sound of loud thunder, and the voice which I heard *was like the sound of* <sup>c</sup>harpists playing on their harps.

3 And they <sup>1</sup>\*sang <sup>a</sup>a new song before the throne and before the <sup>b</sup>four living creatures and the <sup>c</sup>elders; and <sup>d</sup>no one could learn the song except the <sup>c</sup>one hundred and forty-four thousand who had been <sup>a</sup>purchased from the earth.

4 <sup>a</sup>These are the ones who have not been defiled with women, for they are <sup>1</sup>celibates. These *are* the ones who <sup>b</sup>follow the Lamb wherever He goes. These have been <sup>c</sup>purchased from among men <sup>d</sup>as first fruits to God and to the Lamb.

5 And no lie was found <sup>a</sup>in their mouth; they are <sup>b</sup>blameless.

6 And I saw another angel flying in <sup>a</sup>midheaven, having <sup>b</sup>an eternal gospel to preach to <sup>c</sup>those who <sup>1</sup>live on the earth, and to <sup>d</sup>every nation and tribe and tongue and people;

7 and he said with a loud voice, <sup>a</sup>"Fear God, and <sup>b</sup>give Him glory, because the hour of His judgment has come; and worship Him who <sup>c</sup>made the heaven and the earth and sea and <sup>d</sup>springs of waters."

8 And another angel, a second one, followed, saying, <sup>a</sup>"Fallen, fallen is <sup>b</sup>Babylon the great, she who has <sup>c</sup>made all the nations drink of the <sup>d</sup>wine of the <sup>1</sup>passion of her immorality."

9 And another angel, a third one, followed them, saying with a loud voice, <sup>a</sup>"If any one <sup>b</sup>worships the beast and his <sup>b</sup>image, and receives a <sup>c</sup>mark on his forehead or upon his hand,

10 he also will drink of the <sup>a</sup>wine of the wrath of God, which is mixed <sup>1</sup>in full strength <sup>1</sup>in the cup of His anger; and he will be tormented with <sup>c</sup>fire and brimstone in the presence of the <sup>d</sup>holy angels and in the presence of the Lamb.

11 "And the smoke of their torment goes up forever and ever; and they have no rest day and night, those who worship the beast and his image, and whoever receives the mark of his name."

12 Here is the perseverance of the saints who keep the commandments of God and their faith in Jesus.

13 And I heard a voice from heaven, saying, "Write, 'Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on!'" "Yes," says the Spirit, "that they may rest from their labors, for their deeds follow with them."

14 And I looked, and behold, a white cloud, and sitting on the cloud was one like a son of man, having a golden crown on His head, and a sharp sickle in His hand.

15 And another angel came out of the temple, crying out with a loud voice to Him who sat on the cloud, "Put in your sickle and reap, because the hour to reap has come, because the harvest of the earth is ripe."

16 And He who sat on the cloud swung His sickle over the earth; and the earth was reaped.

17 And another angel came out of the temple which is in heaven, and he also had a sharp sickle.

18 And another angel, the one who has power over fire, came out from the altar; and he called with a loud voice to him who had the sharp sickle, saying, "Put in your sharp sickle, and gather the clusters from the vine of the earth, because her grapes are ripe."

19 And the angel swung his sickle to the earth, and gathered the clusters from the vine of the earth, and threw them into the great wine press of the wrath of God.

20 And the wine press was trodden outside the city, and blood came out from the wine press, up to the horses' bridles, for a distance of two hundred miles.

CHAPTER 15

AND I saw another sign in heaven, great and marvelous, seven angels who had seven plagues, which are the last, because in them the wrath of God is finished.

2 And I saw, as it were, a sea of glass mixed with fire, and those who had come off victorious from the beast and from his image and from the number of his name, standing on the sea of glass, holding harps of God.

3 And they sang the song of Moses the bond-servant of God and the song of the Lamb, saying,

"GREAT AND MARVELOUS ARE THY WORKS,  
O LORD GOD, THE ALMIGHTY;  
RIGHTEOUS AND TRUE ARE THY WAYS,  
THOU KING OF THE NATIONS.

4 "WHO WILL NOT FEAR, O LORD, AND GLORIFY THY NAME?  
FOR THOU ALONE ART HOLY;  
FOR ALL THE NATIONS WILL COME AND WORSHIP BEFORE THEE,  
For Thy righteous acts have been revealed."

11 <sup>a</sup>Rev. 18:9, 18; 19:3; Is. 34:8-10 <sup>b</sup>Rev. 4:8 <sup>c</sup>Rev. 14:9; 13:12 <sup>d</sup>Rev. 13:17

12 <sup>1</sup>Or, *steadfastness* <sup>2</sup>Lit., true believers; lit., holy ones <sup>3</sup>Lit., the faith of <sup>a</sup>Rev. 13:10 <sup>b</sup>Rev. 12:17 <sup>c</sup>Rev. 2:13

13 <sup>a</sup>Rev. 20:6 <sup>b</sup>1 Cor. 15:18; 1 Thess. 4:16 <sup>c</sup>Rev. 11:18 <sup>d</sup>Rev. 2:7; 22:17 <sup>e</sup>Rev. 6:11; Heb. 4:9f. <sup>f</sup>1 Tim. 5:25

14 <sup>1</sup>Or, the Son of Man <sup>a</sup>Matt. 17:5 <sup>b</sup>Rev. 1:13 <sup>c</sup>Rev. 6:2; Ps. 2:13

15 <sup>1</sup>Or, sanctuary <sup>2</sup>Lit., Send forth <sup>3</sup>Lit., has become dry <sup>a</sup>Rev. 14:17; 15:6; 16:17; 11:19 <sup>b</sup>Rev. 14:18; Mark 4:29; Joel 3:13 <sup>c</sup>Matt. 13:39-41; Jer. 51:33

16 <sup>1</sup>Lit., cast

17 <sup>1</sup>Or, sanctuary <sup>2</sup>Lit., having himself also <sup>a</sup>Rev. 14:15; 15:6; 16:17; 11:19

18 <sup>1</sup>Lit., Send forth <sup>2</sup>Lit., of <sup>a</sup>Rev. 16:8 <sup>b</sup>Rev. 6:9; 8:3 <sup>c</sup>Rev. 14:15; Mark 4:29; Joel 3:13 <sup>d</sup>Joel 3:13

19 <sup>1</sup>Lit., cast <sup>a</sup>Rev. 19:15; Is. 63:2f.

20 <sup>1</sup>Lit., from two hundred miles <sup>2</sup>Lit., sixteen hundred stadia. A stadion was about six hundred feet. <sup>a</sup>Heb. 13:12; Rev. 11:8 <sup>b</sup>Gen. 49:11; Deut. 32:14

1 <sup>a</sup>Rev. 12:1, 3 <sup>b</sup>Rev. 15:6-8; 16:1; 17:1; 21:9 <sup>c</sup>Lev. 26:21, <sup>d</sup>Rev. 9:20

2 <sup>a</sup>Rev. 4:6 <sup>b</sup>Rev. 12:11 <sup>c</sup>Rev. 13:1 <sup>d</sup>Rev. 13:14f. <sup>e</sup>Rev. 13:17 <sup>f</sup>Rev. 5:8

3 <sup>1</sup>Some ancient mss. read, ages. <sup>a</sup>Ex. 15:1ff. <sup>b</sup>Josh. 22:5; Heb. 3:5 <sup>c</sup>Rev. 5:9f., 12f. <sup>d</sup>Deut. 32:3f.; Ps. 111:2; 139:14; Hos. 14:9 <sup>e</sup>Rev. 1:8 <sup>f</sup>1 Tim. 1:17 marg.

4 <sup>1</sup>Or, judgments <sup>a</sup>Rev. 14:7; Jer. 10:7 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 86:9; Is. 66:23 <sup>c</sup>Rev. 19:8

5 <sup>1</sup>Or, *sanctuary*  
<sup>a</sup>Rev. 11:19 <sup>b</sup>Ex. 38:21;  
 Num. 1:50; Heb. 8:5; Rev. 13:6

6 <sup>1</sup>Or, *sanctuary* <sup>2</sup>Some  
 mss. read, *stone*  
<sup>a</sup>Rev. 15:1 <sup>b</sup>Rev. 14:15  
<sup>c</sup>Ezek. 28:13 <sup>d</sup>Rev. 1:13

7 <sup>a</sup>Rev. 4:6 <sup>b</sup>Rev. 15:1  
<sup>c</sup>Rev. 5:8 <sup>d</sup>Rev. 15:1; 14:10  
<sup>e</sup>Rev. 4:9

8 <sup>1</sup>Or, *sanctuary*  
<sup>a</sup>Ex. 19:18; Is. 6:4; Ex.  
 40:34f.; Lev. 16:2; 1 Kin.  
 8:10f.; 2 Chr. 5:13f.

1 <sup>1</sup>Or, *sanctuary*  
<sup>a</sup>Rev. 11:19 <sup>b</sup>Rev. 15:1  
<sup>c</sup>Rev. 16:2ff.; Ps. 79:6; Jer.  
 10:25; Ezek. 22:31; Zeph.  
 3:8 <sup>d</sup>Rev. 5:8

2 <sup>a</sup>Rev. 8:7 <sup>b</sup>Rev. 16:11;  
 Ex. 9:9-11; Deut. 28:35  
<sup>c</sup>Rev. 13:15-17; 14:9

3 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *soul*. Some  
 ancient mss. read, *thing*,  
*the things in the sea*.  
<sup>a</sup>Rev. 8:8f.; Ex. 7:17-21;  
 Rev. 11:6

4 <sup>1</sup>Some ancient mss.  
 read, *it became*  
<sup>a</sup>Rev. 8:10 <sup>b</sup>Ex. 7:17-20;  
 Rev. 11:6

5 <sup>a</sup>John 17:25 <sup>b</sup>Rev.  
 11:17 <sup>c</sup>Rev. 15:4 <sup>d</sup>Rev. 6:10

6 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *are worthy*  
<sup>a</sup>Rev. 18:24; Rev. 17:6 <sup>b</sup>Is.  
 49:26; Luke 11:49-51

7 <sup>a</sup>Rev. 6:9; 14:18 <sup>b</sup>Rev.  
 1:8 <sup>c</sup>Rev. 19:2; 15:3

8 <sup>a</sup>Rev. 6:12 <sup>b</sup>Rev. 14:18

9 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *great*  
<sup>a</sup>Rev. 16:11, 21 <sup>b</sup>Rev. 2:21  
<sup>c</sup>Rev. 11:13

10 <sup>a</sup>Rev. 13:2 <sup>b</sup>Rev. 8:12;  
 9:2; Ex. 10:21f.; Is. 8:22

11 <sup>a</sup>Rev. 16:9, 21 <sup>b</sup>Rev.  
 11:13 <sup>c</sup>Rev. 16:2 <sup>d</sup>Rev. 2:21

12 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *rising of the sun*  
<sup>a</sup>Rev. 9:14 <sup>b</sup>Is. 11:15f.;  
 44:27; Jer. 51:32, 36 <sup>c</sup>Is.  
 41:2, 25; 46:11 <sup>d</sup>Rev. 7:2

13 <sup>a</sup>Rev. 12:3 <sup>b</sup>Rev. 13:1  
<sup>c</sup>Rev. 19:20; 20:10; Rev.  
 13:11, 14 <sup>d</sup>Rev. 18:2 <sup>e</sup>Ex.  
 8:6

14 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *inhabited earth*  
<sup>a</sup>1 Tim. 4:1 <sup>b</sup>Rev. 13:13  
<sup>c</sup>Rev. 3:10 <sup>d</sup>Rev. 20:8;  
 17:14; 19:19; 1 Kin. 22:21-  
 23 <sup>e</sup>Rev. 6:17

5 After these things I looked, and <sup>a</sup>the <sup>1</sup>temple of the <sup>b</sup>tabernacle of testimony in heaven was opened,

6 and the <sup>a</sup>seven angels who had the seven plagues <sup>b</sup>came out of the <sup>1</sup>temple, clothed <sup>c</sup>in <sup>2</sup>linen, clean *and* bright, and <sup>d</sup>girded around their breasts with golden girdles.

7 And one of the <sup>a</sup>four living creatures gave to the <sup>b</sup>seven angels seven <sup>c</sup>golden bowls full of the <sup>d</sup>wrath of God, who <sup>e</sup>lives forever and ever.

8 And the <sup>1</sup>temple was filled with <sup>a</sup>smoke from the glory of God and from His power; and no one was able to enter the <sup>1</sup>temple until the seven plagues of the seven angels were finished.

CHAPTER 16

AND I heard a loud voice from <sup>a</sup>the <sup>1</sup>temple, saying to the <sup>b</sup>seven angels, "Go and <sup>c</sup>pour out the <sup>d</sup>seven bowls of the wrath of God into the earth."

2 And the first *angel* went and poured out his bowl <sup>a</sup>into the earth; and it became a loathsome and malignant <sup>b</sup>sore upon the men <sup>c</sup>who had the mark of the beast and who worshiped his image.

3 And the second *angel* poured out his bowl <sup>a</sup>into the sea, and it became blood like *that* of a dead man; and every living <sup>1</sup>thing in the sea died.

4 And the third *angel* poured out his bowl into the <sup>a</sup>rivers and the springs of waters; and <sup>1</sup>they <sup>b</sup>became blood.

5 And I heard the angel of the waters saying, "<sup>a</sup>Righteous art Thou, <sup>b</sup>who art and who wast, O <sup>c</sup>Holy One, because Thou didst <sup>d</sup>judge these things;

6 for they poured out <sup>a</sup>the blood of saints and prophets, and Thou hast given them <sup>b</sup>blood to drink. They <sup>1</sup>deserve it."

7 And I heard <sup>a</sup>the altar saying, "Yes, O <sup>b</sup>Lord God, the Almighty, <sup>c</sup>true and righteous are Thy judgments."

8 And the fourth *angel* poured out his bowl upon <sup>a</sup>the sun; <sup>b</sup>and it was given to it to scorch men with fire.

9 And men were scorched with <sup>a</sup>fierce heat; and they <sup>b</sup>blasphemed the name of God who has the power over these plagues; and they <sup>b</sup>did not repent, so as to <sup>c</sup>give Him glory.

10 And the fifth *angel* poured out his bowl upon the <sup>a</sup>throne of the beast; and his kingdom became <sup>b</sup>darkened; and they gnawed their tongues because of pain,

11 and they <sup>a</sup>blasphemed the <sup>b</sup>God of heaven because of their pains and their <sup>c</sup>sores; and they <sup>d</sup>did not repent of their deeds.

12 And the sixth *angel* poured out his bowl upon the <sup>a</sup>great river, the Euphrates; and <sup>b</sup>its water was dried up, that <sup>c</sup>the way might be prepared for the kings <sup>d</sup>from the <sup>e</sup>east.

13 And I saw *coming* out of the mouth of the <sup>a</sup>dragon and out of the mouth of the <sup>b</sup>beast and out of the mouth of the <sup>c</sup>false prophet, three <sup>d</sup>unclean spirits like <sup>e</sup>frogs;

14 for they are <sup>a</sup>spirits of demons, <sup>b</sup>performing signs, which go out to the kings of the <sup>c</sup>whole <sup>1</sup>world, to <sup>d</sup>gather them together for the war of the <sup>e</sup>great day of God, the Almighty.

15 (Behold, <sup>a</sup>I am coming like a thief. <sup>b</sup>Blessed is the one who stays awake and keeps his garments, <sup>c</sup>lest he walk about naked and <sup>1</sup>men see his shame.)

16 And they <sup>a</sup>gathered them together to the place which <sup>1</sup>in Hebrew is called <sup>1</sup>Har-<sup>c</sup>Magedon.

17 And the seventh *angel* poured out his bowl upon <sup>a</sup>the air; and a <sup>b</sup>loud voice came out of the <sup>1c</sup>temple from the throne, saying, "<sup>d</sup>It is done."

18 And there were flashes of <sup>a</sup>lightning and sounds and peals of thunder; and there was <sup>ba</sup> great earthquake, <sup>c</sup>such as there had not been since man came to be upon the earth, so great an earthquake *was it, and so mighty.*

19 And <sup>a</sup>the great city was split into three parts, and the cities of the <sup>1</sup>nations fell. And <sup>b</sup>Babylon the great was <sup>c</sup>remembered before God, to give her <sup>d</sup>the cup of the wine of His fierce wrath.

20 And <sup>a</sup>every island fled away, and the mountains were not found.

21 And <sup>a</sup>huge <sup>1</sup>hailstones, about <sup>2</sup>one hundred pounds each, <sup>a</sup>came down from heaven upon men; and men <sup>b</sup>blasphemed God because of the <sup>c</sup>plague of the hail, because its plague <sup>a</sup>was extremely <sup>3</sup>severe.

CHAPTER 17

**AND** one of the <sup>b</sup>seven angels who had the <sup>c</sup>seven bowls came and spoke with me, saying, "Come here, I shall show you <sup>d</sup>the judgment of the <sup>e</sup>great harlot who <sup>f</sup>sits on many waters,

2 with whom <sup>a</sup>the kings of the earth committed *acts of immorality*, and <sup>b</sup>those who dwell on the earth were <sup>c</sup>made drunk with the wine of her immorality."

3 And <sup>a</sup>he carried me away <sup>1</sup>in the Spirit <sup>c</sup>into a wilderness; and I saw a woman sitting on a <sup>d</sup>scarlet beast, full of <sup>e</sup>blasphemous names, having <sup>f</sup>seven heads and ten horns.

4 And the woman <sup>a</sup>was clothed in purple and scarlet, and <sup>1</sup>adorned with gold and precious <sup>2</sup>stones and pearls, having in her hand <sup>ba</sup> gold cup full of abominations and of the unclean things of her immorality,

5 and upon her forehead a name was written, a <sup>a</sup>mystery, "**BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND OF THE ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH.**"

6 And I saw the woman drunk with the <sup>a</sup>blood of the <sup>1</sup>saints, and with the blood of the witnesses of Jesus. And when I saw her, I wondered <sup>2</sup>greatly.

7 And the angel said to me, "Why <sup>1</sup>do you wonder? I shall tell you the <sup>a</sup>mystery of the woman and of the beast that carries her, which has the <sup>b</sup>seven heads and the ten horns.

8 "The beast that you saw <sup>a</sup>was and is not, and is about to <sup>b</sup>come up out of the <sup>c</sup>abyss and <sup>1</sup>to <sup>d</sup>go to destruction. And <sup>e</sup>those who dwell on the earth will <sup>f</sup>wonder, <sup>g</sup>whose name has not been written in the book of life <sup>h</sup>from the foundation of the world, when they see the beast, that <sup>a</sup>he was and is not and will come.

15 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *they*  
<sup>a</sup>Rev. 3:3, 11 <sup>b</sup>Luke 12:37  
<sup>c</sup>Rev. 3:18

16 <sup>1</sup>Some authorities read, *Armageddon*  
<sup>a</sup>Rev. 19:19 <sup>b</sup>Rev. 9:11  
<sup>c</sup>Judg. 5:19; 2 Kin. 23:29f.;  
<sup>2</sup>Chr. 35:22; Zech. 12:11

17 <sup>1</sup>Or, *sanctuary*  
<sup>a</sup>Eph. 2:2 <sup>b</sup>Rev. 11:15 <sup>c</sup>Rev. 14:15  
<sup>d</sup>Rev. 21:6; Rev. 10:6

18 <sup>a</sup>Rev. 4:5 <sup>b</sup>Rev. 6:12  
<sup>c</sup>Dan. 12:1; Matt. 24:21

19 <sup>1</sup>Or, *Gentiles*  
<sup>a</sup>Rev. 17:18; 18:10, 18f., 21;  
11:8 <sup>b</sup>Rev. 14:8 <sup>c</sup>Rev. 18:5  
<sup>d</sup>Rev. 14:10

20 <sup>a</sup>Rev. 6:14; 20:11

21 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *hail* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *the weight of a talent* <sup>3</sup>Lit., *great*  
<sup>a</sup>Rev. 11:19; 8:7 <sup>b</sup>Rev. 16:9,  
11 <sup>c</sup>Ex. 9:18-25

1 <sup>a</sup>Rev. 21:9; 1:1 <sup>b</sup>Rev. 15:1  
<sup>c</sup>Rev. 15:7 <sup>d</sup>Rev. 16:19  
<sup>e</sup>Rev. 17:5, 15f.; 19:2; Nah. 3:4; Is. 1:21; Jer. 2:20  
<sup>f</sup>Rev. 17:15; Jer. 51:13

2 <sup>a</sup>Rev. 18:3, 9; 2:22  
<sup>b</sup>Rev. 17:8; 3:10 <sup>c</sup>Rev. 14:8

3 <sup>1</sup>Or, *in spirit*  
<sup>a</sup>Rev. 21:10 <sup>b</sup>Rev. 1:10  
<sup>c</sup>Rev. 12:6, 14; 21:10 <sup>d</sup>Rev. 18:12, 16; Matt. 27:28  
<sup>e</sup>Rev. 13:1 <sup>f</sup>Rev. 17:7, 9, 12,  
16; 12:3

4 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *gilded* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *stone*  
<sup>a</sup>Rev. 18:16; 18:12; Ezek. 28:13  
<sup>b</sup>Jer. 51:7; Rev. 18:6

5 <sup>a</sup>Rev. 17:7; 2 Thess. 2:7;  
<sup>b</sup>Rev. 1:20 <sup>c</sup>Rev. 14:8;  
16:19 <sup>d</sup>Rev. 17:2

6 <sup>1</sup>i.e., true believers; lit., *holy ones* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *with great wonder*  
<sup>a</sup>Rev. 16:6

7 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *have you wondered*  
<sup>a</sup>Rev. 17:5; 2 Thess. 2:7;  
<sup>b</sup>Rev. 1:20 <sup>c</sup>Rev. 17:3

8 <sup>1</sup>Some ancient mss. read, *he goes*  
<sup>a</sup>Rev. 17:11; 13:3, 12, 14  
<sup>b</sup>Rev. 11:7; 13:1 <sup>c</sup>Rev. 9:1;  
13:1 <sup>d</sup>Rev. 17:11; 13:10  
<sup>e</sup>Rev. 3:10 <sup>f</sup>Rev. 13:3 <sup>g</sup>Rev. 3:5  
<sup>h</sup>Rev. 13:8; Matt. 25:34

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9 <sup>a</sup>Rev. 13:18 <sup>b</sup>Rev. 17:3

10 <sup>a</sup>Rev. 10:11

11 <sup>a</sup>Rev. 17:8; 13:3, 12, 14  
<sup>b</sup>Rev. 17:8; 13:10

12 <sup>a</sup>Rev. 17:16; 12:3; 13:1  
<sup>b</sup>Rev. 18:10, 17, 19

13 <sup>1</sup>Or, *mind*  
<sup>a</sup>Rev. 17:17

14 <sup>a</sup>Rev. 16:14 <sup>b</sup>Rev. 3:21  
<sup>c</sup>Rev. 19:16; 1 Tim. 6:15  
<sup>d</sup>Rev. 2:10f. <sup>e</sup>Matt. 22:14

15 <sup>a</sup>Rev. 17:1; Is. 8:7; Jer. 47:2  
<sup>b</sup>Rev. 5:9

16 <sup>a</sup>Rev. 17:12 <sup>b</sup>Rev. 18:17, 19  
<sup>c</sup>Ezek. 16:37, 39  
<sup>d</sup>Rev. 19:18 <sup>e</sup>Rev. 18:8

17 <sup>1</sup>Or, *mind* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *even to do one mind and to give*  
<sup>2</sup>Cor. 8:16 <sup>b</sup>Rev. 17:13  
<sup>c</sup>Rev. 10:7

18 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *has a kingdom*  
<sup>a</sup>Rev. 16:19; 11:8

1 <sup>a</sup>Rev. 17:1, 7 <sup>b</sup>Rev. 10:1  
<sup>c</sup>Ezek. 43:2

2 <sup>1</sup>Or, *haunt*  
<sup>a</sup>Rev. 14:8 <sup>b</sup>Is. 13:21f.; 34:11, 13-15; Jer. 50:39; 51:37; Zeph. 2:14f. <sup>c</sup>Rev. 16:13

3 <sup>1</sup>Many ancient mss. read, *have fallen* by <sup>2</sup>Lit., *wrath* <sup>3</sup>Lit., *power* <sup>4</sup>Or, *luxury*  
<sup>a</sup>Rev. 14:8 <sup>b</sup>Rev. 18:9; 17:2  
<sup>c</sup>Rev. 18:11, 15; 18:19, 23; Ezek. 27:9-25 <sup>d</sup>Rev. 18:7, 9; 1 Tim. 5:11

4 <sup>a</sup>Is. 52:11; Jer. 50:8; 51:6, 9, 45; 2 Cor. 6:17

5 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *joined together*  
<sup>a</sup>Jer. 51:9 <sup>b</sup>Rev. 16:19

6 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *double to her*  
<sup>a</sup>Ps. 137:8; Jer. 50:15, 29  
<sup>b</sup>Rev. 17:4

7 <sup>1</sup>Or, *luxuriously*  
<sup>a</sup>Ezek. 28:2-8 <sup>b</sup>Rev. 18:3, 9; 1 Tim. 5:11 <sup>c</sup>Is. 47:7f.; Zeph. 2:15

9 “<sup>a</sup>Here is the mind which has wisdom. The <sup>b</sup>seven heads are seven mountains on which the woman sits,

10 and they are seven <sup>a</sup>kings; five have fallen, one is, the other has not yet come; and when he comes, he must remain a little while.

11 “And the beast which <sup>a</sup>was and is not, is himself also an eighth, and is *one* of the seven, and he <sup>b</sup>goes to destruction.

12 “And the <sup>a</sup>ten horns which you saw are ten kings, who have not yet received a kingdom, but they receive authority as kings with the beast <sup>b</sup>for one hour.

13 “These have <sup>a</sup>one <sup>1</sup>purpose and they give their power and authority to the beast.

14 “These will wage <sup>a</sup>war against the Lamb, and the Lamb will <sup>b</sup>overcome them, because He is <sup>c</sup>Lord of lords and <sup>c</sup>King of kings, and <sup>d</sup>those who are with Him *are the* <sup>e</sup>called and chosen and faithful.”

15 And he <sup>a</sup>said to me, “The <sup>a</sup>waters which you saw where the harlot sits, are <sup>b</sup>peoples and multitudes and nations and tongues.

16 “And the <sup>a</sup>ten horns which you saw, and the beast, these will hate the harlot and will make her <sup>b</sup>desolate and <sup>c</sup>naked, and will <sup>d</sup>eat her flesh and will <sup>e</sup>burn her up with fire.

17 “For <sup>a</sup>God has put it in their hearts to execute His <sup>1</sup>purpose <sup>2</sup>by <sup>b</sup>having a common purpose, and by giving their kingdom to the beast, until the <sup>c</sup>words of God should be fulfilled.

18 “And the woman whom you saw is <sup>a</sup>the great city, which <sup>1</sup>reigns over the kings of the earth.”

CHAPTER 18

**A**FTER these things I saw <sup>a</sup>another angel <sup>b</sup>coming down from heaven, having great authority, and the earth was <sup>c</sup>illuminated with his glory.

2 And he cried out with a mighty voice, saying, “<sup>a</sup>Fallen, fallen is Babylon the great! And she <sup>b</sup>has become a dwelling place of demons and a <sup>1</sup>prison of every <sup>c</sup>unclean spirit, and a <sup>1</sup>prison of every unclean and hateful bird.

3 “For all the nations <sup>1</sup>have drunk of the <sup>a</sup>wine of the <sup>2</sup>passion of her immorality, and <sup>b</sup>the kings of the earth have committed *acts* of immorality with her, and the <sup>c</sup>merchants of the earth have become rich by the <sup>3</sup>wealth of her <sup>d</sup>sensuality.”

4 And I heard another voice from heaven, saying, “<sup>a</sup>Come out of her, my people, that you may not participate in her sins and that you may not receive of her plagues;

5 for her sins have <sup>1</sup> piled up as high as heaven, and God has <sup>b</sup>remembered her iniquities.

6 “<sup>a</sup>Pay her back even as she has paid, and <sup>1</sup>give back to *her* double according to her deeds; in the <sup>b</sup>cup which she has mixed, mix twice as much for her.

7 “<sup>a</sup>To the degree that she glorified herself and <sup>b</sup>blinded <sup>1</sup>sensuously, to the same degree give her torment and mourning; for she says in her heart, “<sup>c</sup>I sit as a queen and I am not a widow, and will never see mourning.”



8 "For this reason <sup>a</sup>in one day her plagues will come, <sup>1</sup>pestilence and mourning and famine, and she will be <sup>b</sup>burned up with fire; for the Lord God who judges her <sup>c</sup>is strong.

9 "And <sup>a</sup>the kings of the earth, who committed *acts of immorality* and <sup>b</sup>lived <sup>1</sup>sensuously with her, will <sup>c</sup>weep and lament over her when they <sup>d</sup>see the smoke of her burning,

10 <sup>a</sup>standing at a distance because of the fear of her torment, saying, <sup>b</sup>Woe, woe, <sup>c</sup>the great city, Babylon, the strong city! For in <sup>d</sup>one hour your judgment has come."

11 "And the <sup>a</sup>merchants of the earth <sup>b</sup>weep and mourn over her, because no one buys their cargoes any more;

12 cargoes of <sup>a</sup>gold and silver and precious <sup>1</sup>stones and pearls and fine linen and purple and silk and scarlet, and every *kind of citron wood* and every article of ivory and every article *made from very costly wood* and <sup>2</sup>bronze and iron and marble,

13 and cinnamon and <sup>1</sup>spice and incense and perfume and frankincense and wine and olive oil and fine flour and wheat and cattle and sheep, and *cargoes of horses and chariots* and <sup>2</sup>slaves and <sup>3</sup>human lives.

14 "And the fruit <sup>1</sup>you long for has gone from you, and all things that were luxurious and splendid have passed away from you and *men* will no longer find them.

15 "The <sup>a</sup>merchants of <sup>b</sup>these things, who became rich from her, will <sup>c</sup>stand at a distance because of the fear of her torment, weeping and mourning,

16 saying, <sup>a</sup>Woe, woe, <sup>b</sup>the great city, she who <sup>c</sup>was clothed in fine linen and purple and scarlet, and <sup>d</sup>adorned with gold and precious <sup>2</sup>stones and pearls;

17 for in <sup>a</sup>one hour such great wealth has been laid <sup>b</sup>waste! And <sup>c</sup>every shipmaster and every <sup>1</sup>passenger and sailor, and as many as make their living by the sea, <sup>a</sup>stood at a distance,

18 and were <sup>a</sup>crying out as they <sup>b</sup>saw the smoke of her burning, saying, <sup>c</sup>What city is like <sup>d</sup>the great city?"

19 "And they threw <sup>a</sup>dust on their heads and were crying out, weeping and mourning, saying, <sup>b</sup>Woe, woe, the great city, in which all who had ships at sea <sup>c</sup>became rich by her <sup>1</sup>wealth, for in <sup>b</sup>one hour she has been laid <sup>d</sup>waste!"

20 "Rejoice over her, O heaven, and you <sup>1</sup>saints and <sup>2</sup>apostles and prophets, because <sup>c</sup>God has <sup>2</sup>pronounced judgment for you against her."

21 And <sup>1</sup>a strong angel <sup>b</sup>took up a stone like a great millstone and threw it into the sea, saying, "Thus will Babylon, <sup>c</sup>the great city, be thrown down with violence, and will not be found any longer.

22 "And <sup>a</sup>the sound of harpists and musicians and flute-players and trumpeters will not be heard in you any longer; and no craftsman of any craft will be found in you any longer; and the <sup>b</sup>sound of a mill will not be heard in you any longer;

23 and the light of a lamp will not shine in you any longer; and the <sup>a</sup>voice of the bridegroom and bride will not be heard in you any longer; for your <sup>b</sup>merchants were the great men of the earth, because all the nations were deceived <sup>c</sup>by your sorcery.

24 "And in her was found the <sup>a</sup>blood of prophets and of <sup>1</sup>saints and of <sup>b</sup>all who have been slain on the earth."

8 <sup>1</sup>Or, death  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 47:9; Jer. 50:31f.; Rev. 18:10 <sup>b</sup>Rev. 17:16 <sup>c</sup>Jer. 50:34; Rev. 11:17f.

9 <sup>1</sup>Or, luxuriously  
<sup>a</sup>Rev. 18:3; 17:2 <sup>b</sup>Rev. 18:3, 7; 1 Tim. 5:11 <sup>c</sup>Ezek. 26:16f.; 27:35 <sup>d</sup>Rev. 18:18; 14:11; 19:3

10 <sup>a</sup>Rev. 18:15, 17 <sup>b</sup>Rev. 18:16, 19 <sup>c</sup>Rev. 18:16, 18, 19, 21; 11:8; 16:19 <sup>d</sup>Rev. 18:17, 19; 17:12; 18:8

11 <sup>a</sup>Rev. 18:3, 15; 18:19, 23; Ezek. 27:9-25 <sup>b</sup>Ezek. 27:27-34

12 <sup>1</sup>Lit., stone <sup>2</sup>Or, brass  
<sup>a</sup>Rev. 17:4; Ezek. 27:12-22

13 <sup>1</sup>Lit., amomum <sup>2</sup>Lit., bodies <sup>3</sup>Lit., souls of men  
<sup>a</sup>Ezek. 27:13; 1 Chr. 5:21 marg.; 1 Tim. 1:10

14 <sup>1</sup>Lit., of your soul's desire

15 <sup>a</sup>Rev. 18:3 <sup>b</sup>Rev. 18:12, 13 <sup>c</sup>Rev. 18:10

16 <sup>1</sup>Lit., gilded <sup>2</sup>Lit., stone and pearl  
<sup>a</sup>Rev. 18:10, 19 <sup>b</sup>Rev. 18:10, 18, 19, 21 <sup>c</sup>Rev. 17:4

17 <sup>1</sup>Lit., one who sails anywhere  
<sup>a</sup>Rev. 18:10 <sup>b</sup>Rev. 18:19; 17:16 <sup>c</sup>Ezek. 27:28f.

18 <sup>a</sup>Ezek. 27:30 <sup>b</sup>Rev. 18:9  
<sup>c</sup>Ezek. 27:32; Rev. 13:4  
<sup>d</sup>Rev. 18:10

19 <sup>1</sup>Lit., costliness  
<sup>a</sup>Josh. 7:6; Job 2:12; Lam. 2:10 <sup>b</sup>Rev. 18:10 <sup>c</sup>Rev. 18:3, 15 <sup>d</sup>Rev. 18:17; 17:16

20 <sup>1</sup>I.e., true believers; lit., holy ones <sup>2</sup>Lit., judged your judgment of her  
<sup>a</sup>Jer. 51:48; Rev. 12:12  
<sup>b</sup>Luke 11:9f. <sup>c</sup>Rev. 19:2; 18:6ff.; 6:10

21 <sup>1</sup>Lit., one  
<sup>a</sup>Rev. 5:2; 10:1 <sup>b</sup>Jer. 51:63f.  
<sup>c</sup>Rev. 18:10

22 <sup>a</sup>Is. 24:8; Ezek. 26:13; Matt. 9:23 <sup>b</sup>Eccles. 12:4; Jer. 25:10

23 <sup>a</sup>Jer. 7:34; 16:9 <sup>b</sup>Is. 23:8; Rev. 18:3; 6:15 <sup>c</sup>Nah. 3:4; Rev. 9:21

24 <sup>1</sup>I.e., true believers, lit., holy ones  
<sup>a</sup>Rev. 16:6; 17:6 <sup>b</sup>Matt. 23:35

## CHAPTER 19

1 <sup>a</sup>Rev. 19:6; 11:15; Jer. 51:48 <sup>b</sup>Rev. 19:3, 4, 6; Ps. 104:35 marg. <sup>c</sup>Rev. 7:10 <sup>d</sup>Rev. 4:11

2 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *from her hand* <sup>a</sup>Ps. 19:9 <sup>b</sup>Rev. 6:10 <sup>c</sup>Rev. 16:7 <sup>d</sup>Rev. 17:1 <sup>e</sup>Deut. 32:43; Rev. 18:20; 16:6; 2 Kin. 9:7

3 <sup>1</sup>Is. 34:10; Rev. 19:1, 4, 6; Ps. 104:35 <sup>b</sup>Rev. 14:11

4 <sup>a</sup>Rev. 4:4, 10 <sup>b</sup>Rev. 4:6 <sup>c</sup>Rev. 4:10 <sup>d</sup>Rev. 5:14; Ps. 106:48 and marg. <sup>e</sup>Rev. 19:3, 6; Ps. 104:35

5 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 115:13; 134:1; 135:1 <sup>b</sup>Rev. 11:18

6 <sup>a</sup>Rev. 19:1; 11:15; Jer. 51:48 <sup>b</sup>Rev. 1:15 <sup>c</sup>Rev. 6:1 <sup>d</sup>Rev. 1:8

7 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *wife* <sup>a</sup>Rev. 11:13 <sup>b</sup>Rev. 19:9; Matt. 22:2; 25:10; Luke 12:36; John 3:29; Eph. 5:23, 32 <sup>c</sup>Rev. 21:2; Matt. 1:20; Rev. 21:9

8 <sup>1</sup>I.e., true believers; lit., *holy ones* <sup>a</sup>Rev. 19:14; Rev. 15:6 marg. <sup>b</sup>Rev. 15:4

9 <sup>a</sup>Rev. 19:10; 17:1 <sup>b</sup>Rev. 1:19 <sup>c</sup>Luke 14:15; 22:16 <sup>d</sup>Rev. 21:5; 22:6; 17:17

10 <sup>a</sup>Rev. 22:8 <sup>b</sup>Rev. 22:9; Acts 10:26 <sup>c</sup>Rev. 1:1f. <sup>d</sup>Rev. 12:17

11 <sup>a</sup>Rev. 4:1; John 1:51 <sup>b</sup>Rev. 19:19, 21; 6:2 <sup>c</sup>Rev. 3:14 <sup>d</sup>Is. 11:4

12 <sup>a</sup>Rev. 1:14 <sup>b</sup>Rev. 6:2; 12:3 <sup>c</sup>Rev. 19:16; 2:17

13 <sup>1</sup>Is. 63:3 <sup>b</sup>John 1:1

14 <sup>a</sup>Rev. 19:8 <sup>b</sup>Rev. 3:4; 19:8

15 <sup>1</sup>Or, *shepherd* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *wine press of the wine of His fierce wrath* <sup>a</sup>Rev. 1:16; 19:21 <sup>b</sup>Is. 11:4; 2 Thess. 2:8 <sup>c</sup>Rev. 2:27 <sup>d</sup>Rev. 14:19, 20

16 <sup>a</sup>Rev. 19:12; 2:17 <sup>b</sup>Rev. 17:14

17 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *one* <sup>a</sup>Rev. 19:21 <sup>b</sup>Rev. 8:13 <sup>c</sup>Jer. 12:9; Ezek. 39:17; 1 Sam. 17:44 <sup>d</sup>Is. 34:6; Jer. 46:10

**AFTER** these things I heard, as it were, a <sup>a</sup>loud voice of a great multitude in heaven, saying,

<sup>b</sup>"Hallelujah! <sup>c</sup>Salvation and <sup>d</sup>glory and power belong to our God;

2 <sup>a</sup>BECAUSE HIS <sup>b</sup>JUDGMENTS ARE <sup>c</sup>TRUE AND RIGHTEOUS; for He has judged the <sup>d</sup>great harlot who was corrupting the earth with her immorality, and HE HAS <sup>e</sup>AVENGED THE BLOOD OF HIS BOND-SERVANTS <sup>1</sup>ON HER."

3 And a second time they said, <sup>a</sup>"HALLELUJAH! HER <sup>b</sup>SMOKE RISES UP FOREVER AND EVER."

4 And the <sup>a</sup>twenty-four elders and the <sup>b</sup>four living creatures <sup>c</sup>fell down and worshiped God who sits on the throne saying, <sup>d</sup>"Amen. <sup>e</sup>Hallelujah!"

5 And a voice came from the throne, saying, <sup>a</sup>"GIVE PRAISE TO OUR GOD, ALL YOU HIS BOND-SERVANTS, <sup>b</sup>YOU WHO FEAR HIM, THE SMALL AND THE GREAT."

6 And I heard, as it were, <sup>a</sup>the voice of a great multitude and as <sup>b</sup>the sound of many waters and as the <sup>c</sup>sound of mighty peals of thunder, saying,

<sup>a</sup>"Hallelujah! For the <sup>d</sup>Lord our God, the Almighty, reigns.

7 "Let us rejoice and be glad and <sup>a</sup>give the glory to Him, for <sup>b</sup>the marriage of the Lamb has come and His <sup>1</sup>bride has made herself ready."

8 And it was given to her to clothe herself in <sup>a</sup>fine linen, bright *and* clean; for the fine linen is the <sup>b</sup>righteous acts of the <sup>1</sup>saints.

9 And <sup>a</sup>he <sup>\*</sup>said to me, <sup>b</sup>"Write, <sup>c</sup>'Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb.' " And he <sup>\*</sup>said to me, <sup>d</sup>"These are true words of God."

10 And <sup>a</sup>I fell at his feet to worship him. <sup>b</sup>And he <sup>\*</sup>said to me, "Do not do that; I am a <sup>c</sup>fellow servant of yours and your brethren who <sup>d</sup>hold the testimony of Jesus; worship God. For the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy."

11 And I saw <sup>a</sup>heaven opened; and behold, a <sup>b</sup>white horse, and He who sat upon it is called <sup>c</sup>Faithful and True; and in <sup>d</sup>righteousness He judges and wages war.

12 And His <sup>a</sup>eyes *are* a flame of fire, and upon His head *are* many <sup>b</sup>diadems; and He has a <sup>c</sup>name written *upon Him* which no one knows except Himself.

13 And <sup>a</sup>He is clothed with a <sup>a</sup>robe dipped in blood; and His name is called <sup>b</sup>The Word of God.

14 And the armies which are in heaven, clothed in <sup>a</sup>fine linen, <sup>b</sup>white *and* clean, were following Him on white horses.

15 And <sup>a</sup>from His mouth comes a sharp sword, so that <sup>b</sup>with it He may smite the nations; and He will <sup>1</sup>rule them with a rod of iron; and <sup>d</sup>He treads the <sup>2</sup>wine press of the fierce wrath of God, the Almighty.

16 And on His robe and on His thigh He has <sup>a</sup>a name written, <sup>b</sup>"KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS."

17 And I saw <sup>1</sup>an angel standing in the sun; and he cried out with a loud voice, saying to <sup>a</sup>all the birds which fly in <sup>b</sup>mid-heaven, <sup>c</sup>"Come, assemble for the <sup>d</sup>great supper of God;

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18 in order that you may <sup>a</sup>eat the flesh of kings and the flesh of <sup>1</sup>commanders and the flesh of mighty men and the flesh of horses and of those who sit on them and the flesh of all men, <sup>b</sup>both free men and slaves, and <sup>c</sup>small and great.”

19 And I saw <sup>a</sup>the beast and <sup>b</sup>the kings of the earth and their armies, assembled to make war against Him who <sup>c</sup>sat upon the horse, and against His army.

20 And the beast was seized, and with him the <sup>a</sup>false prophet who <sup>b</sup>performed the signs <sup>1</sup>in his presence, by which he <sup>d</sup>deceived those who had received the <sup>e</sup>mark of the beast and those who <sup>f</sup>worshiped his image; these two were thrown alive into the <sup>g</sup>lake of <sup>h</sup>fire which burns with brimstone.

21 And the rest were killed with the sword which <sup>a</sup>came from the mouth of Him who <sup>b</sup>sat upon the horse, and <sup>c</sup>all the birds were filled with their flesh.

CHAPTER 20

AND I saw <sup>a</sup>an angel coming down from heaven, having the <sup>b</sup>key of the abyss and a great chain <sup>1</sup>in his hand.

2 And he laid hold of the <sup>a</sup>dragon, the serpent of old, who is the devil and Satan, and <sup>b</sup>bound him for a thousand years,

3 and threw him into the <sup>a</sup>abyss, and shut it and <sup>b</sup>sealed it over him, so that he should <sup>c</sup>not deceive the nations any longer, until the thousand years were completed; after these things he must be released for a short time.

4 And I saw <sup>a</sup>thrones, and <sup>b</sup>they sat upon them, and <sup>c</sup>judgment was given to them. And I saw <sup>d</sup>the souls of those who had been <sup>e</sup>beheaded because of the <sup>f</sup>testimony of Jesus and because of the word of God, and those who had not <sup>g</sup>worshiped the beast or his image, and had not received the <sup>h</sup>mark upon their forehead and upon their hand; and they <sup>i</sup>came to life and <sup>j</sup>reigned with Christ for a thousand years.

5 The rest of the dead did not come to life until the thousand years were completed. <sup>a</sup>This is the first resurrection.

6 <sup>a</sup>Blessed and holy is the one who has a part in the first resurrection; over these the <sup>b</sup>second death has no power, but they will be <sup>c</sup>priests of God and of Christ and will <sup>d</sup>reign with Him for a thousand years.

7 And when the thousand years are completed, Satan will be <sup>a</sup>released from his prison,

8 and will come out to <sup>a</sup>deceive the nations which are in the <sup>b</sup>four corners of the earth, <sup>c</sup>Gog and Magog, to <sup>d</sup>gather them together for the war; the number of them is like the <sup>e</sup>sand of the <sup>1</sup>seashore.

9 And they <sup>a</sup>came up on the <sup>1</sup>broad plain of the earth and surrounded the <sup>b</sup>camp of the <sup>2</sup>saints and the <sup>c</sup>beloved city, and <sup>d</sup>fire came down from heaven and devoured them.

10 And <sup>a</sup>the devil who <sup>d</sup>deceived them was thrown into the <sup>b</sup>lake of fire and brimstone, where the <sup>c</sup>beast and the <sup>f</sup>false prophet are also; and they will be <sup>d</sup>tormented day and night forever and ever.

11 And I saw a great white <sup>a</sup>throne and Him who sat upon it, from whose <sup>1</sup>presence <sup>b</sup>earth and heaven fled away, and <sup>c</sup>no place was found for them.

18 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *chiliarchs*, in command of one thousand troops  
<sup>a</sup>Ezek. 39:18-20 <sup>b</sup>Rev. 6:15  
<sup>c</sup>Rev. 11:18; 13:16; 19:5

19 <sup>a</sup>Rev. 11:7; 13:1 <sup>b</sup>Rev. 16:14, 16 <sup>c</sup>Rev. 19:11, 21

20 <sup>1</sup>Or, *by his authority*  
<sup>a</sup>Rev. 16:13 <sup>b</sup>Rev. 13:13  
<sup>c</sup>Rev. 13:12 <sup>d</sup>Rev. 13:14  
<sup>e</sup>Rev. 13:16f. <sup>f</sup>Rev. 13:15  
[12] <sup>g</sup>Rev. 20:10, 14f.; 21:8  
<sup>h</sup>Rev. 14:10; Is. 30:33; Dan. 7:11

21 <sup>a</sup>Rev. 19:15 <sup>b</sup>Rev. 19:11, 19 <sup>c</sup>Rev. 19:17

1 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *upon*  
<sup>a</sup>Rev. 10:1 <sup>b</sup>Rev. 1:18; 9:1

2 <sup>a</sup>Rev. 12:9 <sup>b</sup>Is. 24:22;  
2 Pet. 2:4; Jude 6

3 <sup>a</sup>Rev. 20:1 <sup>b</sup>Dan. 6:17;  
Matt 27:66 <sup>c</sup>Rev. 20:8, 10;  
12:9

4 <sup>a</sup>Dan. 7:9 <sup>b</sup>Rev. 3:21;  
Matt. 19:28 <sup>c</sup>Dan. 7:22;  
1 Cor. 6:2 <sup>d</sup>Rev. 6:9 <sup>e</sup>Rev. 1:9  
<sup>f</sup>Rev. 13:15 [12] <sup>g</sup>Rev. 13:16f. <sup>h</sup>John 14:19; Is. 26:14  
<sup>i</sup>Rev. 20:6; 22:5; 3:21; 5:10

5 <sup>a</sup>Luke 14:14; Phil. 3:11;  
1 Thess. 4:16

6 <sup>a</sup>Rev. 14:13 <sup>b</sup>Rev. 20:14; 2:11 <sup>c</sup>Rev. 1:6 <sup>d</sup>Rev. 20:4; 22:5; 3:21; 5:10

7 <sup>a</sup>Rev. 20:2

8 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *sea*  
<sup>a</sup>Rev. 20:3, 10, 12, 9 <sup>b</sup>Rev. 7:1  
<sup>c</sup>Ezek. 38:2; 39:1, 6  
<sup>d</sup>Rev. 16:14 <sup>e</sup>Heb. 11:12

9 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *breadth of the earth* <sup>2</sup>i.e., true believers; lit., *holy ones*  
<sup>a</sup>Ezek. 38:9, 16; Hab. 1:6  
<sup>b</sup>Deut. 23:14 <sup>c</sup>Ps. 87:2  
<sup>d</sup>Ezek. 38:22; 39:6; Rev. 13:13

10 <sup>a</sup>Rev. 20:2f. <sup>b</sup>Rev. 20:14, 15; 19:20 <sup>c</sup>Rev. 16:13  
<sup>d</sup>Rev. 14:10f.

11 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *face*  
<sup>a</sup>Rev. 4:2 <sup>b</sup>Rev. 6:14; 21:1  
<sup>c</sup>Dan. 2:35; Rev. 12:8

12 <sup>1</sup>Or, scrolls <sup>2</sup>Or, scroll  
<sup>a</sup>Rev. 11:18 <sup>b</sup>Dan. 7:10; Jer.  
 17:1, 10 <sup>c</sup>Rev. 20:15; 3:5  
<sup>d</sup>Rev. 11:18 <sup>e</sup>Rev. 20:13;  
 2:23; Matt. 16:27

13 <sup>a</sup>Rev. 6:8; Rev. 1:18;  
 21:4; 1 Cor. 15:26 <sup>b</sup>Is. 26:19  
<sup>c</sup>Rev. 20:12; 2:23; Matt.  
 16:27

14 <sup>a</sup>Rev. 6:8; 1:18; 21:4;  
 1 Cor. 15:26 <sup>b</sup>Rev. 20:10,  
 15; 19:20 <sup>c</sup>Rev. 20:6

15 <sup>1</sup>Lit., anyone was  
<sup>a</sup>Rev. 20:12; 3:5

1 <sup>a</sup>Is. 65:17; 66:22; 2 Pet.  
 3:13 <sup>b</sup>Rev. 20:11; 2 Pet.  
 3:10

2 <sup>a</sup>Rev. 21:10; 22:19; 11:2  
<sup>b</sup>Rev. 3:12; 21:10 <sup>c</sup>Rev.  
 21:10; Heb. 11:10, 16 <sup>d</sup>Rev.  
 21:9; 22:17; 19:7; Is. 61:10

3 <sup>1</sup>Or, tabernacle <sup>2</sup>Some  
 ancient mss. add, and be  
 their God  
<sup>a</sup>Lev. 26:11f.; Ezek. 37:27;  
 48:35; Rev. 7:15; Heb. 8:2  
<sup>b</sup>John 14:23; 2 Cor. 6:16

4 <sup>a</sup>Rev. 7:17 <sup>b</sup>Rev. 20:14;  
 1 Cor. 15:26 <sup>c</sup>Is. 25:8;  
 35:10; 51:11; 65:19 <sup>d</sup>2 Cor.  
 5:17; Heb. 12:27

5 <sup>a</sup>Rev. 20:11; 4:9 <sup>b</sup>2 Cor.  
 5:17; Heb. 12:27 <sup>c</sup>Rev. 22:6;  
 19:9

6 <sup>1</sup>Lit., They are  
<sup>a</sup>Rev. 16:17; 10:6 <sup>b</sup>Rev. 1:8;  
 22:13 <sup>c</sup>Rev. 22:17; Is. 55:1;  
 John 4:10; Rev. 7:17 <sup>d</sup>Rev.  
 7:17

7 <sup>a</sup>Rev. 2:7 <sup>b</sup>Rev. 21:3;  
 2 Sam. 7:14; 2 Cor. 6:16, 18

8 <sup>1</sup>Or, untrustworthy  
<sup>a</sup>Rev. 21:27; 22:15; 1 Cor.  
 6:9; Gal. 5:19-21; Rev. 9:21  
<sup>b</sup>Rev. 19:20 <sup>c</sup>Rev. 2:11

9 <sup>1</sup>Lit., who were full  
<sup>a</sup>Rev. 17:1 <sup>b</sup>Rev. 15:7 <sup>c</sup>Rev.  
 15:1 <sup>d</sup>Rev. 17:1 <sup>e</sup>Rev. 21:2;  
 19:7

10 <sup>1</sup>Or, in spirit  
<sup>a</sup>Rev. 17:3; Ezek. 40:2  
<sup>b</sup>Rev. 1:10 <sup>c</sup>Rev. 21:2

11 <sup>1</sup>Lit. luminary  
<sup>a</sup>Rev. 15:8; 21:23; Is. 60:1f.;  
 Ezek. 43:2; Rev. 22:5 <sup>b</sup>Rev.  
 21:18, 19; 4:3 <sup>c</sup>Rev. 4:6

12 <sup>1</sup>Lit., having  
<sup>a</sup>Ezek. 48:31-34 <sup>b</sup>Rev.  
 21:15, 21, 25; 22:14

12 And I saw the dead, the <sup>a</sup>great and the small, standing before the throne, and <sup>1b</sup>books were opened; and another <sup>2b</sup>book was opened, which is <sup>c</sup>the book of life; and the dead <sup>d</sup>were judged from the things which were written in the <sup>1b</sup>books, <sup>e</sup>according to their deeds.

13 And the sea gave up the dead which were in it, and <sup>a</sup>death and Hades <sup>b</sup>gave up the dead which were in them; and they were judged, every one of *them* <sup>c</sup>according to their deeds.

14 And <sup>a</sup>death and Hades were thrown into <sup>b</sup>the lake of fire. This is the <sup>c</sup>second death, the lake of fire.

15 And if <sup>1</sup>anyone's name was not found written in <sup>a</sup>the book of life, he was thrown into the lake of fire.

## CHAPTER 21

AND I saw <sup>a</sup>a new heaven and a new earth; for <sup>b</sup>the first heaven and the first earth passed away, and there is no longer *any* sea.

2 And I saw <sup>a</sup>the holy city, <sup>b</sup>new Jerusalem, <sup>c</sup>coming down out of heaven from God, <sup>d</sup>made ready as a bride adorned for her husband.

3 And I heard a loud voice from the throne, saying, "Behold, <sup>a</sup>the tabernacle of God is among men, and He shall <sup>1b</sup>dwell among them, and they shall be His people, and God Himself shall be among them,<sup>2</sup>

4 and He shall <sup>a</sup>wipe away every tear from their eyes; and <sup>b</sup>there shall no longer be *any* death; <sup>c</sup>there shall no longer be *any* mourning, or crying, or pain; <sup>d</sup>the first things have passed away."

5 And <sup>a</sup>He who sits on the throne said, "Behold, I am <sup>b</sup>making all things new." And He <sup>\*</sup>said, "Write, for <sup>c</sup>these words are faithful and true."

6 And He said to me, "<sup>1a</sup>It is done. I am the <sup>b</sup>Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. <sup>c</sup>I will give to the one who thirsts from the spring of the <sup>d</sup>water of life without cost.

7 "<sup>a</sup>He who overcomes shall inherit these things, and <sup>b</sup>I will be his God and he will be My son.

8 "<sup>a</sup>But for the cowardly and <sup>1</sup>unbelieving and abominable and murderers and immoral persons and sorcerers and idolaters and all liars, their part *will be* in <sup>b</sup>the lake that burns with fire and brimstone, which is the <sup>c</sup>second death."

9 <sup>a</sup>And one of the seven angels who had the <sup>b</sup>seven bowls <sup>1</sup>ful of the <sup>c</sup>seven last plagues, came and spoke with me, saying, "<sup>d</sup>Come here, I shall show you the <sup>e</sup>bride, the wife of the Lamb."

10 And <sup>a</sup>he carried me away <sup>1b</sup>in the Spirit to a great and high mountain, and showed me <sup>c</sup>the holy city, Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God,

11 having <sup>a</sup>the glory of God. Her <sup>1</sup>brilliance was like a very costly stone, as a <sup>b</sup>stone of <sup>c</sup>crystal-clear jasper.

12 <sup>1</sup>It had a great and high wall, <sup>1a</sup>with twelve <sup>b</sup>gates, and at the gates twelve angels; and names *were* written on them, which are *those* of the twelve tribes of the sons of Israel.

13 *There were* three gates on the east and three gates on the north and three gates on the south and three gates on the west.

## The Holy City Detailed.

### The River of Life. Heed the Words of This Book.

14 And the wall of the city had <sup>a</sup>twelve foundation stones, and on them *were* the twelve names of the <sup>b</sup>twelve apostles of the Lamb.

15 And the one who spoke with me had a <sup>1</sup>gold measuring <sup>a</sup>rod to measure the city, and its <sup>b</sup>gates and its wall.

16 And the city is laid out as a square, and its length is as great as the width; and he measured the city with the <sup>1</sup>rod, <sup>2</sup>fifteen hundred miles; its length and width and height are equal.

17 And he measured its wall, <sup>1</sup>seventy-two yards, *according to* <sup>a</sup>human <sup>2</sup>measurements, which are *also* <sup>b</sup>angelic *measurements*.

18 And the material of the wall was <sup>a</sup>jasper; and the city was <sup>b</sup>pure gold, like <sup>1</sup>clear <sup>c</sup>glass.

19 <sup>a</sup>The foundation stones of the city wall were adorned with every kind of precious stone. The first foundation stone was <sup>b</sup>jasper; the second, sapphire; the third, chalcedony; the fourth, <sup>c</sup>emerald;

20 the fifth, sardonyx; the sixth, <sup>a</sup>sardius; the seventh, chrysolite; the eighth, beryl; the ninth, topaz; the tenth, chryso-prase; the eleventh, jacinth; the twelfth, amethyst.

21 And the twelve <sup>a</sup>gates were twelve <sup>b</sup>pearls; each one of the gates was a single pearl. And the street of the city was <sup>c</sup>pure gold, like transparent <sup>d</sup>glass.

22 And I saw <sup>a</sup>no <sup>1</sup>temple in it, for the <sup>b</sup>Lord God, the Almighty, and the <sup>c</sup>Lamb, are its <sup>1</sup>temple.

23 And the city <sup>a</sup>has no need of the sun or of the moon to shine upon it, for <sup>b</sup>the glory of God has illumined it, and its lamp is the <sup>c</sup>Lamb.

24 And <sup>a</sup>the nations shall walk by its light, and the <sup>b</sup>kings of the earth <sup>1</sup>shall bring their glory into it.

25 And in the daytime (for <sup>a</sup>there shall be no night there) <sup>b</sup>its gates <sup>c</sup>shall never be closed;

26 and <sup>a</sup>they shall bring the glory and the honor of the nations into it;

27 and nothing unclean and no one who practices abomination and lying, <sup>a</sup>shall ever come into it, but only those <sup>1</sup>whose names are <sup>b</sup>written in the Lamb's book of life.

## CHAPTER 22

AND <sup>a</sup>he showed me a <sup>b</sup>river of the <sup>c</sup>water of life, <sup>1</sup>clear <sup>d</sup>as crystal, coming from the throne of God and of <sup>2</sup>the Lamb,

2 in the middle of <sup>a</sup>its street. And <sup>b</sup>on either side of the river was <sup>c</sup>the tree of life, bearing twelve <sup>1</sup>kinds of fruit, yielding its fruit every month; and the <sup>b</sup>leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations.

3 And <sup>a</sup>there shall no longer be any curse; and <sup>b</sup>the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it, and His bond-servants shall <sup>c</sup>serve Him;

4 and they shall <sup>a</sup>see His face, and His <sup>b</sup>name *shall be* on their <sup>c</sup>foreheads.

5 And <sup>a</sup>there shall no longer be *any* night; and they <sup>1</sup>shall not have need <sup>b</sup>of the light of a lamp nor the light of the sun, because the Lord God shall illumine them; and they shall <sup>c</sup>reign forever and ever.

## Revelation 21, 22

14 <sup>a</sup>Eph. 2:20; Heb. 11:10  
<sup>b</sup>Acts 1:26

15 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *measure, a gold reed*  
<sup>a</sup>Rev. 11:1 <sup>b</sup>Rev. 21:21, 25; 21:12

16 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *reed* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *twelve thousand stadia, a stadion was about 600 ft.*

17 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *one hundred forty-four cubits* <sup>2</sup>Lit., *measure*  
<sup>a</sup>Deut. 3:11; Rev. 13:18  
<sup>b</sup>Rev. 21:9

18 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *pure*  
<sup>a</sup>Rev. 21:11 <sup>b</sup>Rev. 21:21  
<sup>c</sup>Rev. 4:6

19 <sup>a</sup>Is. 54:11f.; Rev. 21:19, 20; Ek. 28:17-20; Ezek. 28:13 <sup>b</sup>Rev. 21:11 <sup>c</sup>Rev. 4:3

20 <sup>a</sup>Rev. 4:3

21 <sup>a</sup>Rev. 21:15, 25; 21:12  
<sup>b</sup>Rev. 17:4; Is. 54:12 <sup>c</sup>Rev. 21:18 <sup>d</sup>Rev. 4:6

22 <sup>1</sup>Or, *sanctuary*  
<sup>a</sup>John 4:21; Matt. 24:2  
<sup>b</sup>Rev. 1:8 <sup>c</sup>Rev. 5:6; 7:17; 14:4

23 <sup>a</sup>Is. 60:19, 20; 24:23;  
<sup>b</sup>Rev. 21:25; 22:5 <sup>b</sup>Rev. 21:11 <sup>c</sup>Rev. 5:6; 7:17; 14:4

24 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *bring*  
<sup>a</sup>Is. 60:3, 5; Rev. 22:2 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 72:10f.; Is. 49:23; 60:16;  
<sup>c</sup>Rev. 21:26

25 <sup>a</sup>Rev. 22:5; 21:23;  
<sup>b</sup>Zech. 14:7 <sup>b</sup>Rev. 21:15;  
21:12 <sup>c</sup>Is. 60:11

26 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 72:10f.; Is. 49:23;  
60:16

27 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *who are*  
<sup>a</sup>Rev. 22:14f.; Is. 52:1;  
Ezek. 44:9; Zech. 14:21  
<sup>b</sup>Rev. 3:5

1 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *bright* <sup>2</sup>Or, *the Lamb. In the middle of its street, and on either side of the river, was*  
<sup>a</sup>Rev. 21:9; 22:6; 1:1 <sup>b</sup>Ps. 46:4; Ezek. 47:1 <sup>c</sup>Rev. 22:17; 7:17 <sup>d</sup>Rev. 4:6

2 <sup>1</sup>Or, *crops of fruit*  
<sup>a</sup>Rev. 21:21 <sup>b</sup>Ezek. 47:12  
<sup>c</sup>Rev. 22:14, 19, 27

3 <sup>a</sup>Zech. 14:11 <sup>b</sup>Rev. 21:3, 23 <sup>c</sup>Rev. 7:15

4 <sup>a</sup>Matt. 5:8; Ps. 17:15;  
42:2 <sup>b</sup>Rev. 14:1 <sup>c</sup>Rev. 7:3

5 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *do not have*  
<sup>a</sup>Rev. 21:25; Zech. 14:7  
<sup>b</sup>Rev. 21:23 <sup>c</sup>Dan. 7:18, 27;  
Rev. 20:4; Matt. 19:28;  
Rom. 5:17

6 <sup>a</sup>Rev. 21:9; 1:1 <sup>b</sup>Rev. 21:5; 19:9 <sup>c</sup>1 Cor. 14:32; Heb. 12:9 <sup>d</sup>Rev. 22:16; 1:1

7 <sup>1</sup>Or, *keeps*  
<sup>a</sup>Rev. 22:12, 20; 3:11; 1:3; 3:3; 16:15 <sup>b</sup>Rev. 1:3; 16:15  
<sup>c</sup>Rev. 22:10, 18f.; 22:9; 1:11

8 <sup>a</sup>Rev. 1:1 <sup>b</sup>Rev. 19:10

9 <sup>1</sup>Or, *keep*  
<sup>a</sup>Rev. 19:10 <sup>b</sup>Rev. 1:1 <sup>c</sup>Rev. 22:10, 18f.; Rev. 1:11

10 <sup>a</sup>Rev. 10:4; Dan. 8:26  
<sup>b</sup>Rev. 22:18f.; 22:9; 1:11  
<sup>c</sup>Rev. 1:3

11 <sup>a</sup>Ezek. 3:27; Dan. 12:10

12 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *as his work is*  
<sup>a</sup>Rev. 22:7 <sup>b</sup>Is. 40:10; 62:11  
<sup>c</sup>Rev. 2:23; Jer. 17:10; Matt. 16:27

13 <sup>a</sup>Rev. 1:8 <sup>b</sup>Rev. 1:17  
<sup>c</sup>Rev. 21:6

14 <sup>a</sup>Rev. 7:14 <sup>b</sup>Rev. 22:2  
<sup>c</sup>Rev. 21:27 <sup>d</sup>Rev. 21:12

15 <sup>a</sup>Rev. 21:8; 1 Cor. 6:9f.; Gal. 5:19f.; Matt. 8:12  
<sup>b</sup>Deut. 23:18; Matt. 7:6;  
Phil. 3:2

16 <sup>1</sup>Or, *concerning*  
<sup>a</sup>Rev. 1:1 <sup>b</sup>Rev. 22:6; 1:1  
<sup>c</sup>Rev. 1:4, 11; 3:22 <sup>d</sup>Rev. 5:5 <sup>e</sup>Matt. 1:1 <sup>f</sup>Rev. 2:28;  
Matt. 2:2

17 <sup>a</sup>Rev. 2:7; 14:13 <sup>b</sup>Rev. 21:9; 21:2 <sup>c</sup>Rev. 21:6 <sup>d</sup>Rev. 7:17; 22:1

18 <sup>a</sup>Rev. 22:7 <sup>b</sup>Deut. 4:2; 12:32; Prov. 30:6 <sup>c</sup>Rev. 15:6-16, 21 <sup>d</sup>Rev. 22:7

19 <sup>1</sup>Lit., *out of*  
<sup>a</sup>Deut. 4:2; 12:32; Prov. 30:6 <sup>b</sup>Rev. 22:7 <sup>c</sup>Rev. 22:2  
<sup>d</sup>Rev. 21:10-22:5

20 <sup>a</sup>Rev. 1:2 <sup>b</sup>Rev. 22:7  
<sup>c</sup>1 Cor. 16:22 marg.

21 <sup>1</sup>Some ancient mss. read, *the saints*  
<sup>a</sup>Rom. 16:20

6 And <sup>a</sup>he said to me, “<sup>b</sup>These words are faithful and true”; and the Lord, the <sup>c</sup>God of the spirits of the prophets, <sup>d</sup>sent His angel to show to His bond-servants the things which must shortly take place.

7 “And behold, <sup>a</sup>I am coming quickly. <sup>b</sup>Blessed is he who <sup>1</sup>heeds <sup>c</sup>the words of the prophecy of this book.”

8 And <sup>a</sup>I, John, am the one who heard and saw these things. And when I heard and saw, <sup>b</sup>I fell down to worship at the feet of the angel who showed me these things.

9 And <sup>a</sup>he <sup>\*</sup>said to me, “Do not do that; I am a <sup>b</sup>fellow servant of yours and of your brethren the prophets and of those who <sup>1</sup>heed the words of <sup>c</sup>this book; worship God.”

10 And he <sup>\*</sup>said to me, “<sup>a</sup>Do not seal up <sup>b</sup>the words of the prophecy of this book, <sup>c</sup>for the time is near.

11 “<sup>a</sup>Let the one who does wrong, still do wrong; and let the one who is filthy, still be filthy; and let the one who is righteous, still practice righteousness; and let the one who is holy, still keep himself holy.

12 “Behold, <sup>a</sup>I am coming quickly, and My <sup>b</sup>reward is with Me, <sup>c</sup>to render to every man <sup>1</sup>according to what he has done.

13 “I am the <sup>a</sup>Alpha and the Omega, <sup>b</sup>the first and the last, <sup>c</sup>the beginning and the end.”

14 Blessed are those who <sup>a</sup>wash their robes, that they may have the right to <sup>b</sup>the tree of life, and may <sup>c</sup>enter by the <sup>d</sup>gates into the city.

15 <sup>a</sup>Outside are the <sup>b</sup>dogs and the sorcerers and the immoral persons and the murderers and the idolaters, and every-one who loves and practices lying.

16 “<sup>a</sup>I, Jesus, have sent <sup>b</sup>My angel to testify to you these things <sup>1</sup>for the churches. I am <sup>d</sup>the root and the <sup>e</sup>offspring of David, the bright <sup>f</sup>morning star.”

17 And the <sup>a</sup>Spirit and the <sup>b</sup>bride say, “Come.” And let the one who hears say, “Come.” And <sup>c</sup>let the one who is thirsty come; let the one who wishes take the <sup>d</sup>water of life without cost.

18 I testify to everyone who hears <sup>a</sup>the words of the prophecy of this book: if anyone <sup>b</sup>adds to them, God shall add to him <sup>c</sup>the plagues which are written in <sup>d</sup>this book;

19 and if anyone <sup>a</sup>takes away from the <sup>b</sup>words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part from <sup>c</sup>the tree of life and <sup>1</sup>from the holy city, <sup>d</sup>which are written in this book.

20 He who <sup>a</sup>testifies to these things says, “Yes, <sup>b</sup>I am coming quickly.” Amen. <sup>c</sup>Come, Lord Jesus.

21 <sup>a</sup>The grace of the Lord Jesus be with <sup>1</sup>all. Amen.







# CONCORDANCE

to the

Old and New Testaments

A collection of the principal common words with their most widely used examples in text and lesser usages in reference. Related words, or synonyms follow the key word. The key word is abbreviated in the text to its first letter, e.g., "abide" is "a". Variants add suffixes or prefixes, e.g., "abiding" appears as "a-ing".

## A

- ABANDON**—*leave* Judg. 6:13, LORD has **a-ed**  
us  
1 Sam. 12:22; Ps. 94:14, LORD . . . **a** His people  
2 Kin. 21:14, I will **a** the remnant  
Ps. 27:9, Do not **a** me nor forsake me  
Jer. 23:33, I shall **a** you  
Acts 2:27, Thou wilt not **a** my soul to  
27:20, hope of our being saved . . . **a-ed**  
Ps. 16:10; Prov. 17:14; Is. 2:6; Jer. 12:7;  
Ezek. 29:5
- ABASE**—*humble* Ezek. 21:26; Mal. 2:9
- ABATE**—*decrease* Gen. 8:8,11, water was **a-d**  
Deut. 34:7, his vigor **a-d**
- ABBA** Mark 14:36, saying, **A!** Father  
Rom. 8:15, by which we cry out, **A!** Father  
Gal. 4:6, crying, **A!** Father
- ABHOR**—*despise, detest, loathe*  
Rom. 12:9, **a** what is evil  
Deut. 7:26; Job 19:19; Ps. 78:59; Prov. 24:24;  
Is. 49:7
- ABIDE**—*remain, stay* Ps. 9:7, the LORD **a-s**  
forever  
Ps. 15:1, who may **a** in Thy tent  
91:1, will **a** in the shadow  
102:12, LORD, dost **a** forever  
John 3:36, wrath of God **a-s** on him  
5:38, His word **a-ing** in you  
8:31, you **a** in My word  
14:25, while **a-ing** with you  
15:4, **A** in Me . . . it **a-s** in the vine . . . you  
**a** in Me  
15:6, If anyone does not **a** in Me  
15:7, **a** in Me and My words **a** in you  
15:9, **a** in My love  
15:10, you will **a** in My love . . . **a** in His  
love  
1 Cor. 13:13, But now **a** faith, hope, love  
Heb. 10:34, a better possession and an **a-ing**  
one  
1 Pet. 1:23, living and **a-ing** word of God  
1:25, **BT** THE WORD OF THE LORD **A-S**  
**FOREVER**  
1 John 3:17, how does the love of God **a** in  
him  
4:12, God **a-s** in us
- ABILITY**—*strength* Ezra 2:69, according to . . . **a**  
Dan. 1:4, who had **a** for serving  
Matt. 25:15, according to his own **a**
- ABLE**—*adequate* 1 Sam. 6:20, Who is **a** to stand  
Matt. 3:9, God is **a** from these stones  
9:28, believe that I am **a** to do this  
10:28, fear Him who is **a** to destroy  
20:22, Are you **a** to drink the cup  
John 10:29, no one is **a** to snatch them  
Acts 6:10, they were **un-a** to cope with the  
wisdom  
Rom. 8:39, shall be **a** to separate us  
1 Cor. 10:13, tempted beyond what you are **a**  
Eph. 3:18, may be **a** to comprehend  
2 Tim. 2:2, who will be **a** to teach  
James 4:12, the One who is **a** to save  
Jude 24, Now to Him who is **a** to keep  
1 Kin. 3:9; 2 Chr. 2:6; Rev. 5:3; 6:17
- ABOARD** Acts 21:2, went **a** and set sail
- ABODE**—*habitation* Jer. 31:23; Jude 6  
John 14:23, and make Our **a** with him
- ABOLISH**—*destroy* Matt. 5:17, I did not come  
to **a**  
Eph. 2:15, by **a-ing** in His flesh  
2 Tim. 1:10, Christ Jesus, who **a-ed** death
- ABOMINABLE**—*detestable, rejected*  
Jer. 44:4, do not do this **a** thing  
Ezek. 16:25, made your beauty **a**  
1 Pet. 4:3, drinking parties and **a** idolatries  
Ps. 14:1; 53:1; Rev. 21:8
- ABOMINATION**—*detestable thing*  
Ex. 8:26, an **a** to the Egyptians  
Prov. 3:32, an **a** to the LORD  
8:7, an **a** to my lips  
Ezek. 33:29, because of all their **a-s**  
Dan. 12:11, the **a** of desolation  
Rev. 17:5, the **a-s** of the earth  
Lev. 18:26; Deut. 7:26; 29:17
- ABOUND**—*excel, multiply*  
Ex. 34:6, **a-ing** in lovingkindness and truth  
Prov. 28:20, a fearful man will **a** with blessings  
Dan. 4:1, May your peace **a**  
Rom. 15:13, that you may **a** in hope  
1 Cor. 15:58, always **a-ing** in the work of the  
1 Cor. 14:12; 2 Cor. 7:15; 9:10; Heb. 6:14
- ABOVE**—*over* Ex. 20:4, what is in heaven **a** or  
on  
Ps. 8:1, Thy splendor **a** the heavens  
Matt. 10:24, A disciple is not **a** his teacher  
John 3:31, He who comes from **a** is **a** all  
8:23, I am from **a**  
Phil. 2:9, the name which is **a** every name  
Col. 3:1; 2 Thess. 2:1; James 1:17

- ABSENT** Gen. 31:49, we are **a** one from the other  
 1 Cor. 5:3, though **a** in body, but present  
 2 Cor. 5:6, we are **a** from the Lord  
 5:8, **a** from the body and to be  
 10:1, but bold toward you when **a**
- ABSTAIN**—*depart, separate* Num. 6:3  
 Acts 15:20, that they **a** from things  
 1 Thess. 5:22, **a** from every form of evil  
 1 Tim. 4:3, **a-ing** from foods, which  
 2 Tim. 2:19, who names . . . the Lord **a** from wickedness  
 1 Pet. 2:11, strangers to **a** from fleshly lusts
- ABUNDANCE**—*surplus, plenty, full, plenteous*  
 Gen. 41:34, seven years of **a**  
 Ps. 52:7, the **a** of his riches  
 72:7, And **a** of peace till  
 Is. 55:2, delight yourself in **a**  
 Matt. 13:12, and he shall have an **a**  
 Luke 12:15, when one has an **a** does his life  
 Rom. 5:17, receive the **a** of grace  
 Phil. 4:18, everything in full, and have an **a**  
 Gen. 41:29; Deut. 28:47; Neh. 9:25; Ps. 36:8;  
 72:16; 73:10; Prov. 24:6; Eccles. 5:10;  
 Phil. 4:12
- ABUNDANT**—*plenteous* Job 36:28; Ezek. 16:49  
 Gen. 41:47, land brought forth **a-ly**  
 Ps. 86:5, **a** in lovingkindness to all  
 2 Cor. 1:5, our comfort is **a** through Christ
- ABUSE** Judg. 19:25, **a-d** her all night  
 1 Chr. 10:4, lest these . . . come and **a** me  
 Matt. 27:39, passing by were hurling **a** at Him
- ABUSIVE**—*filthy* Col. 3:8, **a** speech from your mouth
- ABYSS**—*deep, depth* Rom. 10:7, DESCEND INTO THE **A**  
 Rev. 20:3, threw him into the **a**  
 Luke 8:31; Rev. 11:7; 17:8; 20:1
- ACCEPT**—*receive* Deut. 33:11, And **a** the work  
 Job 2:10, **a** good from God and not **a** adversity  
 Jer. 2:30, They **a-ed** no chastening  
 Mark 4:20, hear the word and **a** it  
 Rom. 15:7, **a** one another  
 1 Tim. 1:15, statement, deserving full **a-ance**
- ACCEPTABLE**—*favorable, pleasing* Ps. 69:13, at an **a** time  
 Rom. 15:31, may prove **a** to the saints  
 2 Cor. 6:2, At the **a** time . . . the **a** time  
 Phil. 4:18, an **a** sacrifice  
 1 Tim. 2:3, good and **a** in the eyes
- ACCESS** Eph. 2:18, have our **a** in one Spirit  
 Eph. 3:12, confident **a** through faith in Him
- ACCOMPLISH**—*perform* 1 Kin. 5:9, you shall **a** my desire  
 Ps. 57:2, God who **a-es** all things  
 John 4:34, and to **a** His work  
 James 5:16, prayer of a righteous man can **a**
- ACCOMPLISHED**—*realized, wrought*  
 Neh. 6:16, work had been **a** . . . God  
 Luke 1:1, things **a** among us  
 John 17:4, having **a** the work  
 Rom. 15:18, what Christ has **a** through me  
 James 1:15, when sin is **a**  
 Luke 12:50; John 19:28; 1 Pet. 5:9
- ACCORD**—*unite* Josh. 9:2; Acts 5:12  
 Acts 4:24, voices to God with one **a**  
 8:6, the multitudes with one **a**  
 12:20, one **a** they came to him  
 18:12, one **a** rose up against Paul  
 19:29, rushed with one **a** into the  
 2 Cor. 8:17, gone to you of his own **a**
- ACCORDING** Gen. 30:34, be **a** to your word  
 Matt. 16:27; Rom. 2:6, **a** to his deeds  
 Rom. 8:28, **a** to His purpose  
 Gal. 3:29, heirs **a** to promise  
 Rev. 22:12, render to every man **a**  
 Job 34:11; Jer. 17:10; John 7:24; 18:31;  
 Rom. 12:6; 16:25; 2 Cor. 8:12
- ACCOUNT**—*declaration, sake, tell*  
 Gen. 2:4, is the **a** of the heavens and the earth  
 8:21, curse the ground on **a** of man  
 Esth. 10:2, full **a** of the greatness of Mordecai  
 1 Sam. 12:22, on **a** of His great name  
 Matt. 5:11, evil . . . falsely on **a** of Me  
 Luke 1:1, compile an **a** of the things accomplished  
 Rom. 3:19, become **a-able** to God  
 Num. 12:11; Judg. 7:15
- ACCUMULATE**—*heap* 2 Tim. 4:3, **a** for themselves teachers
- ACCURATE** Job 31:6; Acts 18:25
- ACCURSED** Is. 65:20; Matt. 25:41  
 Josh. 6:18, make the camp of Israel **a**  
 Rom. 9:3, wish that I myself were **a**  
 1 Cor. 12:3, no one . . . says, Jesus is **a**  
 Gal. 1:8, let him be **a**
- ACCUSATION**—*charge* Ezra 4:6, wrote an **a** against  
 Dan. 6:4, find no ground of **a** or  
 John 18:29, What **a** do you bring against  
 Acts 28:19, had any **a** against my nation  
 1 Tim. 5:19, Do not receive an **a** against
- ACCUSE**—*testify* Matt. 27:12, while he was being **a-d**  
 John 5:45, I will **a** you before the Father  
 Acts 22:30, why he had been **a-d** by the Jews  
 Deut. 19:18; Titus 1:6
- ACKNOWLEDGE**—*confess* Ps. 32:5, I **a-d** my sin  
 Prov. 3:6, In all your ways **a** Him  
 Acts 23:8, Pharisees **a** them all  
 Rom. 1:28, see fit to **a** God
- ACQUAINT** Ps. 139:3, **a-ed** with all my ways  
 Is. 53:3, **a-ed** with grief
- ACQUAINTANCE** Ps. 88:8, removed my **a-s** far from me  
 Luke 23:49, all His **a-s** and the women  
 Job 19:13; Ps. 31:11; 88:18; Luke 2:44
- ACQUIRE**—*get, purchase* Ruth 4:10; Prov. 1:5; 18:15  
 Prov. 4:5, **A** wisdom! **A** understanding  
 4:7, with all your **a-ing**, get understanding  
 Matt. 10:9, Do not **a** gold, or silver
- ACQUIT**—*cleanse* Job 10:14; Ps. 19:12
- ACT**—*behave* Ps. 103:7, made known His . . . **a** to the  
 1 Cor. 16:13, **a** like men, be strong  
 John 8:4; 1 Cor. 13:5
- A-s** of Solomon, 1 Kin. 11:41  
 Jeroboam, 14:19  
 Rehoboam, 14:29  
 Abijam, 15:7  
 Asa, 15:23  
 Nadab, 15:31  
 Baasha, 16:5  
 Elah, 16:14  
 Zimri, 16:20

Omri, 16:27  
 Ahab, 22:39  
 Jehoshaphat, 22:45  
 Ahaziah, 2 Kin. 1:18  
 Joram, 8:23  
 Jehu, 10:34  
 Joash, 12:19  
 Jehoahaz, 13:8  
 Joash, 13:12  
 Jehoash, 14:15  
 Amaziah, 14:18  
 Jeroboam, 14:28  
 Azariah, 15:6  
 Zechariah, 15:11  
 Shallum, 15:15  
 Menahem, 15:21  
 Pekahiah, 15:26  
 Pekah, 15:31  
 Jotham, 15:36  
 Ahaz, 16:19  
 Hezekiah, 20:20  
 Manassch, 21:17  
 Amon, 21:25  
 Josiah, 23:28  
 Jehoiakim, 24:5  
 David, 1 Chr. 29:29  
 Uzziah, 26:22

**ACTION**—*deed, work* Acts 5:38, plan or a should be of men  
 1 Sam. 2:3; Dan. 11:28,32; Luke 23:51

**ACTIVITY** Eccles. 11:5, you do not know the a of God  
 2 Thess. 2:9, accord with the a of Satan

**ADD**—*serpent, viper* Is. 59:5, They hatch a-s

**ADJURE**—*implore* 1 Kin. 22:16, many times must I a  
 Matt. 26:63, I a you by the living God  
 Acts 19:13, I a you by Jesus

**ADMINISTRATION** 1 Cor. 12:28, a-s ... kinds of tongues  
 2 Cor. 8:20, in our a of this  
 Eph. 1:10, an a suitable to the fulness of the times  
 3:9, a of the mystery

**ADMONISH**—*warn* Acts 20:31, cease to a each one  
 Acts 27:9, Paul *began to a them*  
 Rom. 15:14, able also to a one another  
 1 Cor. 4:14, to a you as my ... children  
 Col. 1:28, a-ing every man  
 3:16, a-ing one another with psalms  
 1 Thess. 5:14, a the unruly  
 2 Thess. 3:15, a-ing him as a brother

**ADOPTION** Rom. 8:15, spirit of a as sons  
 Rom. 8:23, waiting eagerly for our a as sons  
 9:4, to whom belongs the a  
 Gal. 4:5, receive the a as sons  
 Eph. 1:5, predestined us to a

**ADORN**—*clothe, array* 1 Tim. 2:9, women to a themselves  
 1 Pet. 3:3, let not your a-ment  
 Rev. 21:2, as a bride a-ed for her husband  
 Job 40:10; Is. 61:10; Ezek. 16:11; Matt. 23:29;  
 Luke 21:5; Rev. 17:4; 18:16; 21:19

**ADULTERATING** 2 Cor. 4:2, not ... a the word of God

**ADULTERER** Lev. 20:10; Ps. 50:18; Heb. 13:4

**ADULTRESS**—*strange woman* Prov. 22:14, mouth of an a

**ADULTERY** Ex. 20:14; Deut. 5:18; Matt. 5:27, 28; Luke 18:20; James 2:11; 2 Pet. 2:14

**ADVANCE** Gen. 24:21; Luke 1:7

**ADVANTAGE**—*profit* Prov. 21:5; 2 Cor. 2:11  
 Eccles. 1:3, What a does man have in all his work  
 7:12, the a of knowledge  
 John 16:7, to your a that I go away  
 2 Cor. 12:17, I have not taken a of you

**ADVERSARY**—*opponent, foe*  
 1 Cor. 16:9, and there are many a-es  
 Heb. 10:27, which will consume the a-es  
 1 Pet. 5:8, Your a, the devil  
 Ex. 23:22; 1 Kin. 11:14; Ps. 27:2; 89:23

**ADVERSITY**—*distress, privation* Deut. 30:15; Job 2:10  
 Ps. 10:6, I shall not be in a  
 94:13, relief from the days of a  
 Prov. 17:17, is born for a

**ADVISE**—*inform, counsel* Num. 24:14; Rev. 3:18

**ADVOCATE**—*witness* Job 16:19, my a is on high  
 1 John 2:1, we have an A with the Father

**AFFAIRS** 1 Chr. 26:32, all the a of God and ... the king  
 2 Tim. 2:4, entangles himself in the a

**AFFECTION**—*devotion, passion*  
 2 Cor. 6:12, restrained in your own a-s  
 7:15, his a abounds  
 Deut. 10:15; Phil. 1:8; 2:1; 1 Thess. 2:8

**AFFLICT**—*oppress, distress, trouble*  
 Deut. 26:6, Egyptians ... a-ed us  
 Judg. 16:5, we may bind him to a him  
 Ps. 82:3, justice to the a-ed and destitute  
 147:6, LORD supports the a-ed  
 Is. 61:1, bring good news to the a-ed  
 63:9, He was a-ed  
 Lam. 3:33, does not a willingly  
 2 Cor. 4:8, we are a-ed in every way  
 Ex. 1:11,12; 22:22,23; Num. 24:24;  
 2 Sam. 7:10; 1 Kin. 11:39; 2 Kin. 17:20; Ps. 105:18; Prov. 15:15; Nah. 1:12

**AFFLICTION**—*misery, oppression*  
 Deut. 16:3, the bread of a  
 Job 36:15, delivers the afflicted in their a  
 Ps. 25:18, Look upon my a  
 Mark 4:17, when a or persecution arises  
 5:29, She was healed of her a  
 2 Cor. 2:4, out of much a and anguish  
 8:2, in a great ordeal of a  
 2 Thess. 1:6, a to those who afflict you  
 Gen. 29:32; 31:42; 41:52; Job 5:6; 30:16;  
 Eccles. 6:2; Acts 20:23

**AFFRAID**—*dread, fear* Ex. 3:6, a to look at God  
 Deut. 20:8, Who is the man that is a  
 Ps. 56:4, not be a. What can mere man  
 91:5, a of the terror by night  
 Is. 51:12, are a of man who dies  
 Matt. 14:27, do not be a  
 21:46, they became a of the multitudes  
 Luke 9:34, they were a as they entered  
 12:4, a of those who kill the body  
 Gen. 3:10; Ex. 20:20; Josh. 11:6; Judg. 7:3;  
 Job 9:28; 19:29; Prov. 31:21; Eccles. 9:2;  
 Matt. 1:20; Mark 4:41; 5:36; 9:32; 11:8;  
 11:32; Luke 12:32; 19:21; John 9:22;  
 2 Cor. 11:3; 12:20; Heb. 13:6

**AFTER** Acts 13:22, a man a My heart  
 Acts 24:17, a several years I came

**AFTER** (Continued)

Gal. 2:1, a an interval

Gen. 7:4; Judg. 16:22; Dan. 2:39

**AFTERWARD**—later, after Gen. 38:30, And a his brother came

Matt. 21:30, he a regretted it

Mark 16:14, And a He appeared

**AGAINST** Gen. 16:12, hand will be a his brothers

Lev. 20:3, set My face a that man

Matt. 12:30, not with Me is a Me

Gal. 5:23, a such things there is no law

Rev. 2:4, have this a you

Gen. 4:8; Job 16:4; Luke 4:11; Acts 19:38;

1 Pet. 3:12

**AGE**—world, generations, elder

1 Chr. 23:1, Now when David reached old a

Job 12:12, Wisdom is with a-d men

Matt. 12:32, this a, or in the a to come

Luke 16:8, sons of this a are more shrewd

John 9:21, he is of a, he shall speak

Eph. 2:7, that in the a-s to come

Col. 1:26, hid from the past a-s

Heb. 6:5, powers of the a to come

Job 15:10; 32:7; Jer. 6:11; John 9:23; Philem. 9

**AGITATION** Ps. 38:8, the a of my heart**AGONY** Luke 22:44, being in a He was praying

Acts 2:24, putting an end to the a of death

**AGREE**—consent Matt. 18:19, if two of you a on earth

John 9:22, Jews had already a-d

Acts 5:9, Why is it that you have a-d together

15:15, words of the Prophets a

28:25, when they did not a with one

another

Matt. 20:13; Acts 23:20; 1 Tim. 6:3

**AGREEMENT** Acts 8:1, Saul was in hearty a

2 Cor. 6:16, what a has the temple

1 John 5:8, the three are in a

**AILMENT**—infirmity 1 Tim. 5:23, and your frequent a-s**AIR** 1 Cor. 9:26, not beating the a

Eph. 2:2, prince of the power of the a

1 Thess. 4:17, meet the Lord in the a

Job 41:16; 1 Cor. 14:9

**ALARM** Jer. 4:19, The a of war

Num. 10:5,6,7,9; Ps. 31:22; 116:11; Joel 2:1

**ALAS**—woe 2 Kin. 6:5, A, my master! For it was

Judg. 6:22; 11:35; Amos 5:16

**ALERT**—watch Matt. 24:42; Acts 20:31, be on the a

1 Cor. 16:13, Be on the a, stand firm

1 Thess. 5:6, let us be a and sober

**ALIEN**—stranger, foreigner

Deut. 10:19, show your love for the a

14:21, a who is in your town

Acts 7:6, A-S IN A FOREIGN LAND

Eph. 2:19, no longer strangers and a-s

2 Sam. 1:13; Ps. 69:8; Lam. 5:2

**ALIENATED** Col. 1:21, you were formerly a**ALIVE** Num. 16:33; 2 Kin. 5:7; Ps. 55:15

Gen. 43:7; 45:3, Is your father still a

Acts 1:3, presented Himself a

Rom. 6:13, those a from the dead

1 Cor. 15:22, Christ . . . made a

Eph. 2:5, made us a together with Christ

1 Pet. 3:18, made a in the spirit

Rev. 1:18, I am a forevermore

**ALL**—whatever Jer. 1:7, And a that I command you

Matt. 6:32, a these things the Gentiles

Mark 16:15, Go into a the world and preach

Luke 2:10, great joy which shall be for a the people

3:6, A FLESH SHALL SEE THE SALVATION OF GOD

4:6, I will give you a this domain

Acts 2:1, a together in one place

1 Cor. 10:26, LORD'S, AND A IT CONTAINS

**ALLEGORY** Gal. 4:24, This contains an a**ALLIANCE** 1 Kin. 3:1, Solomon . . . marriage a with Pharaoh**ALLIED** 2 Chr. 18:1; Ps. 94:20**ALLOT** Job 7:3, I a-ed months of vanity

Rom. 12:3, as God has a-ed to each a measure of faith

**ALLOW** Ex. 12:23, a the destroyer to come

Ps. 16:10, a Thy Holy One to see the pit

Acts 2:27, A THY HOLY ONE TO UNDERGO

22:22, not be a-ed to live

1 Cor. 10:13, not a you to be tempted

1 Tim. 2:12, do not a a woman to teach

**ALLOWANCE** 2 Kin. 25:30, for his a, a regular a was given

Jer. 52:34, a regular a was given him

**ALLY** Gen. 14:13, these were a-es with Abram**ALMIGHTY** Gen. 17:1, I am God A

Ps. 91:1, shadow of the A

Rev. 4:8, is THE LORD GOD, THE A

11:17, the A, who art and who wast

Ex. 6:3; Job 11:7; 29:5; 37:23

**ALMS**—charity Matt. 6:2, therefore you give a

Matt. 6:4, your a may be in secret

Acts 10:2; 24:17

**ALONE** Gen. 2:18, not good for the man to be a

Matt. 4:4, MAN SHALL NOT LIVE ON BREAD A

Luke 9:18, He was praying a

John 8:16, I am not a

Job 7:16; Mark 14:6

**ALREADY**—utterly Eccles. 1:10, A it has existed for ages

Matt. 5:28, committed adultery with her a

John 3:18, who does not believe . . . judged a

9:27, He answered them, I told you a

11:17, had a been in the tomb four days

1 Cor. 5:3, I . . . have a judged him who

6:7, it is a defeat for you

2 Thess. 2:7, mystery of lawlessness is a at work

**ALTAR** Ps. 43:4, I will go to the a

Ezek. 6:4, your a-s will become desolate

Matt. 5:23, your offering at the a

Rev. 9:13, four horns of the golden a

Gen. 8:20; Ex. 17:15; Lev. 6:9; Judg. 6:24;

Matt. 23:19

**ALWAYS**—forever, ever Matt. 28:20, lo, I am with you a

Mark 14:7, you do not a have Me

Phil. 4:4, Rejoice in the Lord a

1 Thess. 4:17, thus we shall a be with the Lord

Deut. 14:23; 2 Tim. 3:7; Heb. 7:25

**AM** Ex. 3:14, I A WHO I A

Matt. 18:20, there I a in their midst

1 Cor. 15:10, grace of God I a what I a

Gal. 4:12, brethren, become as I a

**AMASS**—heap Ps. 39:6, He a-es riches**AMAZE**—astonish, astound

Matt. 7:28, were a-d at His teaching

Luke 9:43, a-d at the greatness of God

- Rev. 13:3, the whole earth was **a-d**  
 Mark 2:12; Luke 24:22; John 9:30
- AMAZEMENT**—*astonishment* Acts 3:10, with wonder and **a**
- AMBITION** 1 Thess. 4:11, make it your **a** to lead  
 James 3:14,16, bitter jealousy and selfish **a**
- AMBUSH**—*wait* Josh. 8:2, set an **a** for the city  
 Josh. 8:4,7,12,14,19,21; Jer. 51:12
- AMEN** Num. 5:22, the woman shall say, **A,A**  
 Ps. 41:13; 72:19; 89:52; **A** and **A**  
 Matt. 6:13, *the glory, forever. A*  
 Rev. 3:14, *The A, the faithful and true Witness*
- ANALYZE**—*discern* Luke 12:56, **a** this present time
- ANCIENT**—*aged, everlasting, old*  
 Deut. 33:15, of the **a** mountains  
 1 Chr. 4:22, the records are **a**  
 Ps. 24:7, be lifted up, **O** **a** doors  
 Dan. 7:9,13,22, **A** of Days  
 Matt. 5:21, the **a-s** were told
- ANGEL** Matt. 4:6, **GIVE HIS A-S CHARGE**  
 Luke 20:36, for they are like **a-s**  
 22:43, an **a** from heaven appeared  
 John 20:12, beheld two **a-s** in white  
 2 Cor. 11:14, as an **a** of light  
 Col. 2:18, worship of the **a-s**  
 Gen. 24:7; Ps. 78:25; Is. 63:9; Matt.  
 1:20,24; 2:13; Acts 6:15; 23:8; Heb. 13:2;  
 2 Pet. 2:4; Rev. 2:1,8,12; 9:11
- ANGER**—*exasperation, wrath, indignation*  
 Ex. 32:19, Moses' **a** burned  
 Deut. 13:17, from His burning **a**  
 Job 5:2, And **a** kills the simple  
 Ps. 30:5, His **a** is but for a moment  
 Prov. 15:18, the slow to **a**  
 22:24, a man given to **a**  
 Eph. 4:26, sun go down on your **a**  
 James 1:19, slow to speak *and* slow to **a**  
 Gen. 39:19; 49:7; Ex. 22:24; Neh. 9:17;  
 Job 9:13; Ps. 37:8; 38:1; Prov. 14:29;  
 Eccles. 5:17; Is. 5:25; 51:17; 54:8; Gal.  
 5:20
- ANGRY**—*indignant, enraged*  
 Prov. 29:22, An **a** man stirs up strife  
 Is. 64:9, Do not be **a** beyond measure  
 Eph. 4:26, **BE A . . . DO NOT SIN**  
 Gen. 4:6; 18:30; Esth. 1:12; Jon. 4:4;  
 Matt. 5:22; Heb. 3:10
- ANGUISH**—*distress, pain* Ps. 55:4; Is. 30:6;  
 Jer. 6:24
- ANIMAL**—*beast, creature, cattle*  
 Gen. 6:7, from man to **a-s** to creeping things  
 7:8, Of clean **a-s** and **a-s** that are not  
 8:20, took of every clean **a** and  
 Acts 10:12, four-footed **a-s** and crawling creatures  
 2 Pet. 2:12, like unreasoning **a-s**  
 Ex. 22:19; Is. 104:25; Jer. 27:6
- ANNOUNCE**—*proclaim* Is. 52:7, **a-s** peace . . .  
**a-s** salvation
- ANNUAL** 1 Sam. 7:16, used to go **a-ly** on a circuit
- ANOINT** Matt. 6:17, fast, **a** your head  
 Mark 14:8, she has **a-ed** My body  
 16:1, they might come and **a**  
 Ex. 28:41; Ps. 23:5; 105:15; Luke 7:46;  
 Acts 10:38; 2 Cor. 1:21; Rev. 3:18
- ANSWER**—*respond* Ps. 65:5, Thou dost **a** us  
 Prov. 15:1, **a** turns away wrath  
 Eccles. 10:19, money is the **a** to everything  
 Mic. 3:7, there is no **a** from God  
 Luke 2:47, amazed at . . . His **a-s**  
 Deut. 27:15; Ps. 55:19; Prov. 24:26; 26:4,5;  
 Matt. 26:62; Mark 14:60; John 19:9; Acts  
 12:13
- ANT** Prov. 6:6, Go to the **a**, **O** sluggard  
 Prov. 30:25, The **a-s** are not **a** strong folk
- ANTICHRIST** 1 John 2:18, **a** is coming  
 2 John 7, the deceiver and the **a**  
 1 John 2:22; 4:3
- ANXIETY**—*sorrow* Ps. 38:18, full of **a** because of my sin  
 Jer. 49:23, there is **a** by the sea
- ANXIOUS**—*worry, concern, thought* Jer. 17:8  
 Matt. 6:25, do not be **a** for your life  
 6:27; Luke 12:25, being **a** can add a single  
 6:31, **Do not be a** then, saying  
 6:34, be **a** for tomorrow  
 10:19, **a** about how or what you will speak  
 Mark 13:11, do not be **a** beforehand about what  
 Luke 12:26, why are you **a** about other  
 Phil. 4:6, **Be a** for nothing
- APART**—*separate, without* Matt. 10:29, **a** from your Father  
 John 1:3, **a** from Him nothing came into being  
 Acts 13:2, **Set a** for Me Barnabas and  
 Rom. 3:28, justified by faith **a** from works
- APOSTASY**—*backsliding, faithlessness*  
 Hos. 14:4, I will heal their **a**  
 2 Thess. 2:3, *not come* unless the **a** comes first  
 Jer. 2:19; 5:6; 8:5; 14:7
- APOSTLE** Matt. 10:2, names of the twelve **a-s**  
 Rom. 1:1, called as an **a**  
 11:13; **a** of the Gentiles  
 Eph. 4:11, He gave some as **a-s**  
 Luke 11:49; 1 Cor. 15:9; 2 Cor. 12:11;  
 Gal. 1:19; 1 Tim. 2:7; 2 Tim. 1:11
- APPALL**—*astound, amaze, astonish*  
 Job 17:8, upright shall be **a-ed**  
 Ps. 40:15, Let those be **a-ed** because of their shame  
 143:4, My heart is **a-ed** within me  
 Lev. 26:32; Jer. 2:12; Ezek. 4:17; Dan. 4:19
- APPAREL**—*garment* 2 Sam. 1:24, gold on your **a**  
 Is. 63:1, is majestic in His **a**  
 Luke 24:4, two men . . . in dazzling **a**  
 Acts 12:21, put on his royal **a**
- APPEAL**—*ask, beg, entreat* Acts 25:11, I **a** to Caesar  
 Acts 28:19, I was forced to **a** to Caesar  
 1 Tim. 5:1, **a** to him as a father  
 Philem. 9, for love's sake I rather **a** to you  
 Acts 25:12,21,22; 26:32
- APPEAR**—*be seen* Gen. 12:7, **LORD a-ed** to Abram  
 Ex. 3:2, **a-ed** to him in a blazing  
 Matt. 3:2, who can stand when He **a-s**  
 Acts 2:3, **a-ed** to them tongues as of  
 16:9, a vision **a-ed** to Paul in the  
 27:20, sun nor stars **a-ed** for many days  
 2 Cor. 5:10, we must all **a** before  
 Heb. 9:24, now to **a** in . . . of God for us  
 9:28, shall **a** a second time

- APPEAR** (*Continued*)  
 1 Pet. 5:4, Chief Shepherd **a-s**  
 1 John 3:2, it has not **a-ed** . . . if He should **a**  
 Gen. 19:14; Num. 14:10; 2 Sam. 22:11;  
 Matt. 1:20; 2:13; 27:53; Mark 16:9
- APPEARANCE**—*brightness, radiance, sight*  
 1 Sam. 16:7, man looks at the **outward a**  
 Matt. 6:16, for they neglect their **a**  
 28:3, his **a** was like lightning  
 Phil. 2:8, found in **a** as a man  
 2 Thess. 2:8, **a** of His coming  
 Num. 11:7; 1 Sam. 16:12; 2 Sam. 11:2; 14:27;  
 Dan. 1:15; Nah. 2:4; Luke 9:29; Rev. 4:3
- APPETITE**—*stomach, desire* Prov. 23:2, man of **great a**  
 Phil. 3:19, whose god is **their a**  
 Num. 11:6; Job 38:39; Eccles. 6:7; Hab. 2:5;  
 Rom. 16:18
- APPLE** Ps. 17:8, **a** of the eye  
 Prov. 25:11; Song 2:3,5
- APPOINT**—*name* Num. 3:10, you shall **a** Aaron  
 1 Chr. 17:9, I will **a** a place for My people  
 Jon. 1:17, **a-ed** a great fish to swallow  
 Mark 3:14, He **a-ed** twelve, that they  
 Heb. 9:27, **a-ed** for men to die  
 Gen. 4:15; Job 36:23; Jer. 49:19; John 15:16;  
 1 Tim. 2:7
- APPORTION**—*distribute* Josh. 13:7, **a** this land  
 for an  
 Job 21:17, Does God **a** destruction  
 2 Cor. 10:13, sphere which God **a-ed** to us
- APPRAISE**—*discern*  
 1 Cor. 2:14, they are spiritually **a-d**
- APPROACH** Matt. 21:34, the harvest time **a-ed**  
 Luke 24:15, Jesus Himself **a-ed**  
 Lev. 18:14,19; Judg. 19:25; Job 38:16
- APPROPRIATE** Eccles. 3:11, everything **a** in its  
 time  
 Ezek. 36:5, **a-d** My land for themselves
- APPROVAL** Heb. 11:2, men of old gained **a**  
 Heb. 11:39, having gained **a** through
- APPROVE**—*attest* Rom. 14:18, and **a-d** by men  
 Rom. 16:10, **a-d** in Christ  
 2 Tim. 2:15, present yourself **a-d** to God
- APRON** Acts 19:12, handkerchiefs or **a-s**
- ARCHANGEL** 1 Thess. 4:16; Jude 9
- ARGUE**—*dispute, question* Mark 8:11  
 Prov. 25:8, out hastily to **a your case**  
 25:9, **A** your case with your neighbor  
 Mark 9:14, some scribes **a-ing** with them  
 Acts 9:29, talking and **a-ing** with Hellenistic  
 Jews
- ARGUMENT** Job 23:4, fill my mouth with **a-s**  
 Ps. 38:14, whose mouth are no **a-s**
- ARISE**—*rise, stand* Gen. 31:13, **a**, leave this land  
 Job 31:14, do when God **a-s**  
 Ps. 27:3, war **a** against me  
 Dan. 11:2, three more kings are going to **a**  
 Matt. 11:11, has not **a-n** anyone greater  
 24:11, false prophets will **a**  
 Acts 10:13, **A**, Peter, kill and eat  
 Eph. 5:14, **AND A FROM THE DEAD**  
 2 Pet. 1:19, morning star **a-s** in your hearts  
 Deut. 9:12; Ps. 3:7; Song 2:13; Matt. 2:13,20;  
 Acts 22:16
- ARK** Gen. 6:14, an **a** of gopher wood  
 Heb. 9:4, **a** of the covenant  
 Ex. 37:1; Matt. 24:38; Rev. 11:19
- ARM** (**n.**)—*hand, side* Deut. 33:27, the  
 everlasting **a-s**  
 Ps. 37:17, **a-s** of the wicked . . . broken  
 Mark 10:16, took them in His **a-s**  
 Ex. 6:6; Job 26:2; Ps. 98:1; Song 8:6; Is. 60:4;  
 Zech. 13:6
- ARM** (**v.**) Num. 31:3, **A** men from among you  
 Luke 11:21, a strong man fully **a-ed**  
 1 Pet. 4:1, **a** yourselves also
- ARMOR**—*weapon, harness* 1 Kin. 20:11; 22:34;  
 Luke 11:22  
 Rom. 13:12, put on the **a** of light  
 Eph. 6:11,13, full **a** of God
- ARMY**—*host, war* Deut. 24:5; 1 Chr. 12:22;  
 2 Chr. 26:11
- AROMA** Gen. 8:21, LORD smelled the soothing **a**  
 2 Cor. 2:16, **a** from death . . . **a** from life
- AROUSE**—*raise, stir* Is. 42:13, He will **a** His  
 zeal like  
 Acts 13:50, Jews **a-d** the devout women  
 Job 14:12; Is. 41:25; 45:13; Jer. 51:11
- ARRAY**—*adorn, clothe* Matt. 6:30, God so **a-s**  
 the grass  
 Judg. 20:20; Luke 12:28
- ARROGANCE**—*pride* Prov. 8:13, Pride and **a**  
 and the evil way  
 Is. 13:11, **a** of the proud  
 16:6, *Even* of his **a**, pride, and  
 Jer. 48:29, his **a** and his self-exaltation  
 49:16, **a** of your heart has deceived you
- ARROGANT**—*proud* Jer. 48:26, become **a**  
 toward the LORD  
 Rom. 1:30, insolent, **a**, boastful  
 Jude 16, they speak **a-ly**  
 Rev. 13:5, **a** words and blasphemies  
 Jer. 50:32; Dan. 5:20; 2 Pet. 2:18
- ARROW**—*dart, missile* 1 Sam. 20:36, he shot an  
**a** past him  
 Job 6:4, **a-s** of the Almighty  
 Jer. 9:8, Their tongue is a deadly **a**  
 Job 41:28; Ps. 45:5; Prov. 7:23; Lam. 3:12
- ART** 2 Chr. 16:14, blended by the perfumers' **a**  
 Acts 17:29, image formed by the **a**
- ASCEND** Ps. 24:3, may **a** into the hill of  
 Ps. 139:8, If I **a** to heaven  
 John 3:13, no one has **a-ed**  
 6:62, behold the Son of Men **a-ing**  
 20:17, I **a** to My Father  
 Rom. 10:6, **WHO WILL A INTO HEAVEN**
- ASH** Gen. 18:27, **am** but dust and **a-es**  
 Job 13:12, sayings are proverbs of **a-es**  
 42:6, repent in dust and **a-es**  
 Ps. 102:9, eat **a-es** like bread  
 Is. 61:3, a garland instead of **a-es**  
 Matt. 11:21, repented . . . sackcloth and **a-es**  
 Luke 10:13, sitting in sackcloth and **a-es**  
 Lev. 6:11; Num. 19:17; 1 Sam. 2:8;  
 2 Sam. 13:19; 1 Kin. 13:3,13; Esth. 4:1;  
 Job 2:8; 30:19; Ps. 147:16; Is. 44:20; 58:5;  
 Jer. 6:26; Mal. 4:3; Heb. 9:13
- ASHAMED**—*confused* Ps. 71:1, me never be **a**  
 Mark 8:38, the Son of Man . . . **a** of him  
 Rom. 1:16, not **a** of the gospel  
 Heb. 11:16, not **a** to be called their God  
 Gen. 2:25; Ps. 25:2; Is. 24:23; 2 Tim. 1:8;  
 1 Pet. 4:16
- ASHERAH, ASHERIM** (**pl.**)  
 1 Kin. 15:13, made **a** . . . image as an **A**  
 Ex. 34:13; 2 Kin. 17:10; 2 Chr. 19:3; 33:19;  
 Mic. 5:14
- ASIDE** 1 Sam. 8:3, turned **a** after dishonest gain  
 1 Pet. 2:1, putting **a** all malice

**ASK**—*appeal, beg, inquire* 1 Kin. 3:5, A what you wish  
 Ps. 27:4, One thing I have **a-ed** from the LORD  
 Prov. 30:7, Two things I **a** of Thee  
 Jer. 6:16, **a** for the ancient paths  
 Matt. 5:42, Give to him who **a-s** of  
 7:7, **A**, and it shall be given to you  
 Mark 10:38, not know . . . **a-ing** for  
 John 4:40, they were **a-ing** Him to stay  
 14:16, I will **a** the Father  
 James 1:5, let him **a** of God  
 Ruth 3:11; Job 42:4; Ps. 2:8; Is. 7:11;  
 Zech. 10:1; Matt. 21:22; Mark 10:35;  
 11:24; Luke 11:11; 1 Cor. 1:22; 10:25;  
 Eph. 3:13; 1 John 5:15

**ASLEEP** Matt. 9:24, not dead, but **a**  
 Mark 4:38, was in the stern, **a**  
 13:36, come suddenly and find you **a**  
 John 11:11, Our friend Lazarus has fallen **a**  
 Acts 7:60, having said this, he fell **a**  
 1 Cor. 15:6, some have fallen **a**  
 1 Thess. 4:14, those who have fallen **a** in Jesus  
 5:10, whether . . . **awake** or **a**  
 Judg. 4:21; 1 Thess. 4:13,15

**ASSEMBLE**—*gather* 1 Chr. 13:5; 15:3, David  
**a-d** all Israel  
 Lev. 8:3; Num. 8:8; 20:8; Deut. 4:10; 31:12;  
 Is. 43:9; Jer. 4:5; 8:14; Ezek. 11:17; Hos.  
 7:14; Amos 3:9

**ASSEMBLY**—*band, congregation, convocation*  
 Ps. 1:5, in the **a** of the righteous  
 Joel 1:14; 2:15, Proclaim **a** solemn **a**  
 Heb. 12:23, to the general **a** and church  
 Ex. 12:16; Lev. 23:36; Num. 20:10,12;  
 Job 11:10; Ps. 26:5; 111:1; Acts 19:39

**ASSERT** Acts 25:19, whom Paul **a-ed** to be alive  
 1 Tim. 1:7, they make confident **a-ions**

**ASSIGN**—*distribute* 1 Cor. 7:17, Lord has **a-ed**  
 to each

**ASSOCIATE** Rom. 12:16, but **a** with the lowly  
 Job 19:19; Ps. 50:18; Zech. 13:7; 2 Thess. 3:14

**ASSURANCE**—*confidence* Job 24:22, no one  
 has **a** of life  
 Col. 2:2, full **a** of understanding  
 Heb. 6:11, full **a** of hope  
 10:22, full **a** of faith  
 11:1, faith . . . **a** of things hoped for

**ASTONISH**—*amaze, astound*  
 Matt. 13:54, so that they were **a-ed**  
 22:33, they were **a-ed** at His teaching  
 Mark 6:2, many listeners were **a-ed**  
 7:37, they were utterly **a-ed**  
 10:26, they were even more **a-ed**  
 11:18, all the multitude were **a-ed**  
 Job 21:5; Matt. 19:25; Luke 1:63

**ASTOUND**—*amaze, astonish* Jer. 4:9, prophets  
 will be **a-ed**  
 Dan. 8:27, **a-ed** at the vision  
 Mark 5:42; 10:26

**ASTRAY**—*err* Ps. 119:176, gone **a** like a lost  
 sheep  
 Is. 53:6, sheep have gone **a**  
 1 Tim. 6:21, gone **a** from the faith  
 Ps. 119:110; Prov. 10:17; Is. 3:12; 9:16;  
 Matt. 18:13; Heb. 3:10

**ATE**—*eat* Jer. 15:16, words were found and I **a**  
 them  
 1 Cor. 10:3, all **a** the same spiritual food  
 Luke 13:26; 24:43; Acts 9:9

**ATONEMENT**—*reconciliation* Lev. 23:27; 25:9,  
 the day of **a**  
 Ex. 30:15; 2 Sam. 21:3

**ATTAIN**—*acquire* Rom. 9:30, **a-ed**  
 righteousness  
 Phil. 3:11, **a** to the resurrection

**ATTENTION**—*heed, regard* Is. 5:12, not pay **a**  
 to the deeds  
 Prov. 4:1, give **a** . . . gain understanding  
 16:20, who gives **a** to the word  
 Heb. 2:1, we must pay close **a**  
 Ex. 5:9; Job 33:31; Prov. 29:12; 1 Tim. 1:4;  
 4:13

**ATTEST** Acts 2:22, a man **a-ed** to you by God

**AUTHOR**—*source* Heb. 12:2, the **a** and  
 perfecter of faith

**AUTHORITY** Eccles. 8:8, **a** over the day of  
 death  
 Matt. 7:29, teaching them as one having **a**  
 8:9, For I too am **a** man under **a**  
 9:6, **a** on earth to forgive  
 10:1, **a** over unclean spirits  
 21:23, By what **a** are You doing these things  
 28:18, **a** has been given to Me  
 Luke 5:24, Son of Man has **a** on earth to  
 forgive  
 9:1, gave them power and **a**  
 19:17, be in **a** over ten cities  
 20:8, by what **a** I am doing these things  
 John 5:27, **a** to execute judgment  
 10:18, **a** to lay it down . . . **a** to take it up  
 17:2, Thou gavest Him **a** over all mankind  
 Acts 18:19, Give this **a** to me as well, so  
 Rom. 13:1, no **a** except from God  
 1 Cor. 15:24, all rule and all **a**  
 1 Tim. 2:12, to teach or exercise **a**  
 Titus 2:15, reprove with all **a**  
 2 Pet. 2:10, and despise **a**  
 Jude 25, majesty, dominion and **a**  
 Rev. 2:26, GIVE **A** OVER THE NATIONS  
 Num. 27:20; Is. 22:21; Hab. 1:7; Luke 10:19;  
 12:5

**AVAIL**—*profit* Jer. 7:8, deceptive words to no **a**

**AVENGE**—*vengeance, revenge* 1 Sam. 24:12  
 Jer. 5:9,29, Shall I not **a** Myself  
 2 Cor. 7:11, what zeal, what **a-ing** of wrong

**AVOID**—*refuse* Prov. 4:15, **A** it, do not pass by  
 it  
 1 Tim. 6:20, **a-ing** worldly and empty chatter  
 2 Tim. 3:5, **a** such men as these

**AWAIT**—*wait* 1 Cor. 1:7, **a-ing** eagerly the  
 revelation

**AWAKE**—*watch* Ps. 139:18, when I **a**, I am still  
 with Thee  
 Eph. 5:14, **A**, SLEEPER  
 Rev. 16:15, Blessed is the one who stays **a**  
 Judg. 5:12; Ps. 17:15; 51:9; John 11:11;  
 Rom. 13:11

**AWARE** Luke 8:46, I was **a** that power had  
 gone

**AWE**—*fear* Ps. 33:8, inhabitants . . . in **a** of Him  
 Ps. 119:161, stands in **a** of Thy words  
 Heb. 12:28, with reverence and **a**

**AWESOME**—*fearful* Gen. 28:17, How **a** is this  
 place  
 Ex. 15:11, **A** in praises  
 Judg. 13:6, angel of God, very **a**  
 Neh. 1:5, the great and **a** God  
 Job 37:22, Around God is **a** majesty  
 Ps. 89:7, **a** above all those . . . around Him

**AWESOME** (Continued)

Song 6:4, **a** as an army with banners  
 Joel 2:31, great and a day of the LORD  
**AXE**—*hatchet* 2 Kin. 6:5, a head fell into the water  
 Matt. 3:10, **a** is already laid at the root  
 Luke 3:9, the **a** . . . root of the trees  
 1 Sam. 13:20; 1 Kin. 6:7

**B**

**BABBLER** Acts 17:18, this idle **b**  
**BABE**—*immature* Matt. 11:25, reveal . . . to **b-s**  
 1 Cor. 3:1, to **b-s** in Christ  
 Heb. 5:13, for he is a **b**  
 1 Pet. 2:2, like newborn **b-s**  
 Ps. 8:2; 17:14; Matt. 21:16; Luke 10:21  
**BABY**—*babe, immature* Luke 2:12; 2:16  
**BACK**—*backward* Is. 38:17, sins behind Thy **b**  
 Num. 24:11; 1 Sam. 10:9; Neh. 9:26;  
 Ezek. 2:10; John 18:16  
**BACKBITING**—*slanders* Prov. 25:23, a **b**  
 tongue  
**BACKSLIDER**—*apostasy, faithless*  
 Prov. 14:14, **b** in heart will have his fill  
 Jer. 2:19; 3:6,8,11,12,22; 5:6; 8:5; 14:7; 49:4  
**BACKWARD** 2 Kin. 20:10, shadow turn **b** ten  
 steps  
 Gen. 9:23; 49:17; Job 23:8; Jer. 7:24  
**BAD**—*evil, wrong* Gen. 24:50; 31:24,29;  
 Lev. 27:12,14,33; Num. 13:19; 24:13; 2 Sam.  
 13:22; 2 Cor. 5:10, good or **b**  
 Lev. 27:10, good for a **b**, or a **b** for a good  
 Matt. 7:18, good tree cannot produce **b** fruit  
 Gen. 43:6; Is. 3:11; Jer. 24:2,3; Matt. 13:48  
**BAG**—*purse* Deut. 25:13; 1 Sam. 17:40  
 Job 14:17, My transgression is sealed up in a **b**  
 Matt. 10:10, or a **b** for your journey  
 2 Kin. 5:23; Prov. 7:20; 16:11; Mic. 6:11  
**BAGGAGE** 1 Sam. 17:22, David left his **b**  
**BAKE** Gen. 19:3; 40:17; Ex. 12:39; 16:23;  
 Lev. 24; 24:5; 26:26; Num. 11:8; 1 Sam.  
 28:24; Is. 44:15  
**BAKER** Gen. 40:1, **b** of the king of Egypt  
 Gen. 41:10; 1 Sam. 8:13; Jer. 37:21; Hos. 7:4  
**BALANCE**—*scale* Lev. 19:36, shall have just **b-s**  
 Prov. 11:1, A false **b** is an abomination to the  
 LORD  
 16:11, A just **b** and scales belong to the  
 LORD  
 Job 6:2; Ps. 62:9; Is. 40:12; Ezek. 45:10;  
 Hos. 12:7  
**BALD**—*baldhead* Lev. 21:41, head becomes **b**  
 Jer. 48:37; Ezek. 29:18  
**BALDHEAD**—*bald* 2 Kin. 2:23, Go up, you **b**  
**BALDNESS** Mic. 1:16, **b** like an eagle  
 Lev. 21:5; Ezek. 7:18; Amos 8:10  
**BALM** Jer. 8:22, no **b** in Gilead  
 Gen. 37:25; 43:11; Jer. 46:11; 51:8; Ezek. 27:17  
**BAND**—*bond, chain, fetter* Ex. 27:10; 28:8;  
 38:10; Judg. 8:26; Ps. 107:14; Is. 58:6  
**BANISH** 2 Sam. 14:13,14; Ezra 7:26  
**BANK**—*mound* Gen. 41:17, **b** of the Nile  
 Matt. 25:27, put my money in the **b**  
 Gen. 41:3; Ex. 2:3; 7:15; Ezek. 47:7;  
 Luke 19:23  
**BANNER**—*standard* Ps. 20:5; 60:4  
 Song 2:4, his **b** over me is love  
 6:4, awesome as an army with **b-s**  
**BANQUET**—*feast, supper*  
 Song 2:4; Dan. 5:10; Amos 6:7

Esth. 5:4, the **b** that I have prepared for him  
 Matt. 23:6; Mark 12:39; Luke 20:46, place of  
 honor at **b-s**  
 Mark 6:21, Herod . . . on his birthday gave a **b**  
**BAPTISM**—*washing*  
 Matt. 3:7; Mark 10:38; 1 Pet. 3:21  
 Matt. 21:25; Mark 11:30; Luke 7:29, **b** of John  
 Luke 20:4; Acts 1:22; 18:25; 19:3, **b** of John  
 Mark 1:4; Luke 3:3; Acts 13:24; 19:4, **b** of  
 repentance  
 Luke 12:50, I have a **b** to undergo  
 Rom. 6:4, buried with Him through **b**  
 Col. 2:12, buried with Him in **b**  
 Eph. 4:5, one Lord, one faith, one **b**  
**BAPTIZE** Matt. 3:11, I **b** you in water  
 Matt. 3:14, I have need to be **b-d** by You  
 28:19, **b-ing** them in the name of the  
 Father  
 Mark 1:8; Luke 3:16, **b** you with the Holy Sp.  
 John 3:22, He was . . . with them and **b-ing**  
 Acts 1:5, John **b-d** with water  
 2:41, those . . . were **b-d**  
 8:16, **b-d** in the name of the Lord Jesus  
 9:18, Saul . . . arose and was **b-d**  
 19:4, John **b-d** with the baptism  
 Rom. 6:3, **b-d** into Christ Jesus . . . **b-d** into  
 His death  
 1 Cor. 1:13, were you **b-d** in the name of Paul  
 12:13, by one Spirit we were all **b-d**  
 Mark 16:16, Luke 3:7,12,21,29; 7:29;  
 John 1:25,33; 4:1; Acts 2:38; 8:12,36;  
 10:47; 16:15,33; 18:8; 22:16; 1 Cor. 10:2;  
 15:29  
**BARBARIAN** Rom. 1:14; 1 Cor. 14:11  
**BARBER** Ezek. 5:1, use it as a **b-s** razor  
**BARE**—*naked* Is. 52:10; 1 Cor. 15:37; Heb. 4:13  
**BARK** Ex. 11:7; Is. 56:10  
**BARLEY** Ex. 9:31; Deut. 8:8; Ruth 1:22; John 6:9  
**BARN** Matt. 6:26, nor gather into **b-s**  
 Luke 12:18, I will tear down my **b-s**  
 Joel 1:17; Hag. 2:19; Matt. 3:12; 13:30;  
 Luke 12:24  
**BARRACKS** Acts 21:34; 22:24  
**BARREN**—*unfruitful* Gen. 11:30; 29:31; Ex.  
 23:26; Job 24:21; Is. 54:1; Luke 1:7,36; 23:29  
**BARS** 1 Sam. 23:7; Ps. 107:16; Is. 45:2;  
 Ezek. 38:11  
**BASE** 1 Cor. 1:28, the **b** things of the world  
**BASIN** Ex. 12:22; 1 Chr. 28:17; Jer. 52:19;  
 John 13:5  
**BASKET** Ex. 2:3; 29:23; Judg. 6:19; Jer. 2:4,2;  
 Amos 8:1; Matt. 14:20; 15:37; 16:9; Mark  
 6:43; 8:8; 8:19; Luke 9:17; John 6:13  
**BAT** Lev. 11:19; Deut. 14:18; Is. 2:20  
**BATH**—*measure* 1 Kin. 7:26; 2 Chr. 2:10; Ezra  
 7:22; Is. 5:10  
**BATHE**—*wash* Song 5:12, eyes . . . **b-d** in milk  
 Lev. 15:5,22; 17:16; Num. 19:7; 2 Sam. 11:2  
**BATTER**—*bruise, crush* Matt. 12:20, **b-d** REED  
 . . . NOT BREAK  
**BATTLE**—*war* 1 Sam. 17:47, **b** is the LORD's  
 2 Chr. 20:15, the **b** is not yours  
 1 Sam. 17:20; 1 Chr. 5:20; Job 39:25; 41:8;  
 Ps. 18:39; 55:18; 140:7; 144:1; Eccles. 9:11;  
 Is. 21:15; Jer. 50:22; Luke 14:31  
**BEACH** Matt. 13:2; John 21:4; Acts 21:5  
**BEAM**—*log* 2 Kin. 6:2; Ps. 104:3  
**BEAR** (n.) 1 Sam. 17:34; 2 Sam. 17:8;  
 Prov. 17:12; Is. 11:7; 59:11; Hos. 13:8; Amos  
 5:19



**BEAR (v.)**—*carry, sustain* Gen. 43:9; 44:32

Gen. 4:13, punishment is too great to b  
Ex. 20:16, You shall not b false witness  
Ps. 91:12, They will b you up

Matt. 1:23, VIRGIN . . . SHALL B A SON  
27:32, to b His cross

Mark 15:21, that he might b His cross  
John 1:7, b witness of the light

16:12, you cannot b them now  
Rom. 8:16, Spirit Himself b-s witness  
1 Cor. 13:7, b-s all things

15:49, b the image of the heavenly  
Gal. 6:2, B one another's burdens  
6:5, each one shall b his own load  
6:17, I b on my body

1 John 1:2, we have seen and b witness  
Ex. 28:12; Lev. 24:15; Deut. 1:9; Prov. 18:14;  
Lam. 3:27; Ezek. 23:49; Matt. 1:21; Luke  
11:46; John 5:31; 8:18; 15:27; Rom. 13:4;  
15:1; Heb. 9:28

**BEARD** Lev. 13:29; 1 Sam. 21:13; 2 Sam. 10:4;  
20:9; 1 Chr. 19:5; Ps. 133:2; Ezek. 5:1

**BEARING**—*carrying* Rom. 2:15; Gal. 4:24  
John 19:17, b His own cross  
Col. 3:13, b with one another  
Heb. 13:13, b His reproach

**BEAST**—*animal, creature* Lev. 26:22; Job 12:7;  
18:3

Ps. 50:10, every b of the forest is Mine  
147:9, He gives to the b its food  
Eccles. 3:19, no advantage of man over b  
1 Cor. 15:32, I fought with wild b-s  
Ps. 49:12; 73:22; Prov. 12:10; James 3:7

**BEAT**—*flog, hammer* Judg. 6:11; Matt. 26:67  
Prov. 23:14, b him with the rod  
Joel 3:10, B your plowshares into swords  
Luke 18:13, was b-ing his breast  
1 Cor. 9:26, as not b-ing the air  
2 Cor. 11:23, b-en times without number

**BEAUTIFUL**—*appropriate, lovely* Lev. 23:40  
Gen. 6:2, daughters of men were b

12:11, you are a b woman  
Is. 4:2, the Branch of the LORD will be b  
64:11, Our holy and b house  
Matt. 23:27, tombs which on the outside  
appear b

Acts 3:2, gate of the temple which is called B  
Rom. 10:15, How B ARE THE FEET  
Judg. 15:2; Ps. 48:2; Song 1:8; 6:4; Is. 52:1; Jer.  
11:16; 13:20

**BEAUTY** 2 Sam. 1:19; Prov. 31:30; Is. 3:18;  
Zech. 9:17

Ps. 27:4, To behold the b of the LORD  
50:2, Out of Zion, the perfection of b

**BECAME** Gen. 26:13, and the man b rich  
Heb. 11:34, b mighty in war

**BECOME** Ps. 33:1, Praise is b-ing to the upright  
Luke 2:40, Child . . . to grow and b strong

**BED**—*pallet* Ps. 63:6, remember Thee on my b  
Matt. 9:6, Rise, take up your b  
2 Kin. 4:10; Job 7:13; 33:15; Is. 28:20;  
Ezek. 17:10; Mark 4:21; Luke 8:16

**BEEES** Deut. 1:44; Judg. 14:8; Ps. 118:12; Is. 7:18

**BEFALL**—*happen* Gen. 42:4; 49:1; Deut. 31:29  
Gen. 44:29, harm b-s him

Ps. 91:10, No evil will b you  
**BEFIT**—*proper, worthy* Ps. 93:5, Holiness b-s  
1 Tim. 2:10, as b-s women making a claim to  
godliness

**BEG**—*appeal, ask* Ps. 37:25, his descendant  
b-ing bread

Luke 16:3, I am ashamed to b  
18:35, blind man by the road, b-ing  
John 9:8, the one who used to sit and b  
Ps. 109:10; Prov. 20:4; Luke 9:38

**BEGINNING** 1 Sam. 3:12; Prov. 8:22,23

Gen. 1:1, In the b God created the heavens  
Job 8:7, your b was insignificant

Ps. 111:10, b of wisdom  
Prov. 1:7, b of knowledge  
Eccles. 7:8, end . . . better than its b  
Luke 24:47, b from Jerusalem  
John 1:1, In the b was the Word  
Rev. 21:6, the b and the end  
Matt. 19:8; John 2:11; 2 Cor. 3:1; 8:6; Col.  
1:18; Heb. 3:14; Rev. 22:13

**BEGOTTEN**—*born* Ps. 2:7, Today I have b  
Thee

Job 38:28; Acts 13:33; Philem. 10; Heb. 1:5;  
5:5

**BEHALF**—*place, sake* Job 36:2, more . . . said in  
God's b

2 Cor. 1:11, thanks may be given . . . on our b  
5:20, we beg you on b of Christ

**BEHAVE**—*act* 1 Sam. 18:30, David b-d himself  
more wisely

1 Thess. 2:10, how devoutly . . . we b-d

**BEHAVIOR**—*conduct* James 3:13, his good b  
1 Pet. 1:15, holy . . . in all your b

2:12, keep your b excellent

**BEHEAD** Luke 9:9; Rev. 20:4

Matt. 14:10, had John b-ed in prison

Mark 6:16, John whom I b-ed

**BEHOLD**—*look* Num. 24:17; Ps. 37:37

Matt. 18:10, angels . . . b the face of My  
Father

John 17:24, that they may b My glory  
2 Cor. 3:18, b-ing as in a mirror

**BEING** Gen. 2:7, man became a living b

Matt. 7:11, b evil, know how to give  
12:34, b evil, speak . . . good

John 4:9, b a Jew, ask me

1 Cor. 8:7, conscience b weak  
9:21, b without the law

Eph. 2:20, b the chief cornerstone

**BELIEVE**—*faith, trust* Ex. 4:5; Matt. 8:13; 9:28

Num. 14:11, how long will they not b in Me  
Ps. 78:22, Because they did not b in God

Prov. 14:15, The naive b-s everything  
Matt. 21:22, everything you ask . . . b-ing you

Mark 5:36, Do not be afraid . . . , only b  
9:23, All things are possible to him who b-s

Luke 8:13, they b for a while

24:25, slow of heart to b

John 2:22, they b-d the Scripture

7:5, not even His brothers were b-ing in  
Him

8:24, unless you b that I am He

10:38, though you do not b Me, b the works  
11:26, everyone who . . . b-s in Me shall

never die

11:27, Yes, Lord; I have b-d

11:48, all men will b in Him

17:21, that the world may b that Thou didst  
send Me

20:25, Unless I shall see . . . I will not b

20:29, Blessed are they who . . . yet b-d

Rom. 4:11, the father of all who b

Heb. 11:6, he who comes to God must b that

**BELIEVE** (Continued)

James 2:19, You **b** that God is one . . . the  
 1 Pet. 2:6, HE WHO **b-s** IN HIM SHALL NOT BE  
 Matt. 21:25; 27:42; Mark 11:24,31; 16:13;  
 Luke 8:50; 24:41; John 1:7; 3:12; 5:44,47;  
 6:36; 7:48; 10:37; 11:15; 12:36; Acts 4:32;  
 9:26; 13:39,48; 16:34; Rom. 4:18; 9:33;  
 10:14; 2 Cor. 4:13; Gal. 3:22; 2 Thess. 1:10

**BELLY**—*stomach* Gen. 3:14, On your **b** shall  
 you go

**BELONG** Luke 23:7, He **b-ed** to Herod's  
 1 Cor. 3:21, all things **b** to you  
 3:23, **b** to Christ . . . **b-s** to God

**BELOVED**—*chosen* Ps. 127:2, He gives to His **b**  
 Matt. 3:17; 17:5, This is My **b** Son  
 Eph. 1:6, bestowed on us in the **B**  
 5:1, be imitators of God, as **b** children  
 Col. 1:13, kingdom of His **b** Son  
 2 Tim. 1:2, to Timothy, my **b** son  
 Philem. 16, more than a slave, a **b** brother  
 Jude 1, **b** in God the Father  
 Deut. 33:12; Jer. 12:7; Mark 1:11; 9:7;  
 Luke 3:22; Rom. 11:28; 12:19; 16:9; 1 Cor.  
 10:14; 2 Cor. 7:1; 12:19; Phil. 4:1; Col. 4:9;  
 1 Pet. 2:11; 2 Pet. 1:17

**BELOW**—*beneath* Gen. 1:9; Deut. 4:39; Prov.  
 15:24; Jer. 31:37; John 8:23

**BELT**—*girdle* Mark 1:6, John . . . a leather **b**  
 Acts 21:11, took Paul's **b** and bound his own  
 feet  
 1 Sam. 18:4; 2 Sam. 20:8; 18:11; Ps. 109:19;  
 Prov. 31:24; Is. 3:24; 5:27; 11:5; Ezek.  
 23:15; Matt. 3:4

**BEND**—*bow* Ps. 11:2, the wicked **b** the bow  
**BENEFACTOR** Luke 22:25, those . . . called **B-s**

**BENEFIT**—*profit, blessing* Ps. 103:2, forget  
 none of His **b-s**  
 Ps. 116:12, For all His **b-s** toward me  
 1 Tim. 6:2, those who partake of the **b**  
 2 Chr. 32:25; Is. 65:8; Rom. 3:1; 1 Tim. 6:2

**BEREAVE**—*deprive* Gen. 27:45; 42:36; Lev.  
 26:22; Jer. 15:7; Ezek. 5:17; 36:12

**BESIDE** Ps. 23:2, He leads me **b** quiet waters  
 Is. 43:11, there is no saviour **b-s** Me  
 44:6, there is no God **b-s** Me  
 Matt. 13:4, *seeds* fell **b** the road  
 2 Cor. 5:13, if we are **b** ourselves, it is for God  
 Deut. 11:30; Ruth 2:14; 2 Kin. 21:16; Is. 32:20

**BESIEGE** Deut. 20:19; 2 Sam. 11:1; 1 Kin. 16:17;  
 Is. 1:8; Ezek. 4:3; 6:12

**BEST** Ps. 39:5, man at his **b** is a mere breath  
 Luke 15:22, bring out the **b** robe  
 Gen. 43:11; 1 Sam. 15:9,15; 2 Sam. 18:4

**BESTOW**—*grant* Ex. 32:29, He may **b** a  
 blessing upon you  
 1 Chr. 29:25, **b-ed** on him royal majesty  
 1 Cor. 12:23, we **b** more abundant honor  
 1 John 3:1, love the Father has **b-ed** on us

**BETRAY** Matt. 27:4, I have sinned by **b-ing**  
 Mark 14:11, he *began* seeking how to **b** Him  
 Luke 22:21, the hand of the one **b-ing** Me  
 1 Cor. 11:23, the night . . . He was **b-ed**  
 Is. 16:3; Matt. 24:10; 26:16; Mark 14:18;  
 Luke 22:22; John 6:64; 21:20

**BETROTH** Hos. 2:19,20, I will **b** you to Me  
 Jer. 2:2; Matt. 1:18; 2 Cor. 11:2

**BETTER** 1 Sam. 15:22, to obey is **b** than  
 sacrifice  
 Ps. 63:3, Thy lovingkindness is **b** than life  
 Heb. 11:16, they desire a **b** country

2 Pet. 2:21, **b** for them not to have known the  
 way  
 1 Kin. 19:4; Eccles. 2:24; 4:9; 7:10; Song 1:2;  
 Heb. 1:4

**BEWARE** Deut. 8:11, **B**, lest you forget the  
 LORD  
 Deut. 15:9, **B**, lest there is a base thought  
 Matt. 6:1, **B** of practicing your righteousness  
 10:17, But **b** of men  
 16:6, **b** of the leaven of the Pharisees  
 Mark 12:38, **B** of the scribes  
 Luke 12:15, **B**, and be on your guard against  
 . . . greed  
 Ex. 19:12; Job 36:18; Mark 8:15; Luke 12:1;  
 20:46; Phil. 3:2

**BEWITCHED** Gal. 3:1, You foolish Galatians,  
 who has **b**

**BEYOND** 2 Cor. 8:3, **b** their ability  
 Gal. 1:13, persecute the church of God **b**  
 measure  
 Gen. 35:21; Deut. 3:20; John 3:26; Acts 7:43

**BIER** 2 Sam. 3:31, David walked behind the **b**

**BILLOWS**—*waves* Jon. 2:3, **b** passed over me

**BIND**—*wrap* Num. 30:2, an oath to **b** himself  
 Prov. 6:21, **B** them continually on your heart  
 Is. 61:1, **b** up the brokenhearted  
 Matt. 16:19, **b** on earth shall be bound in  
 heaven  
 Job 38:31; Matt. 12:29; 18:18; Mark 3:27

**BIRD**—*fowl, swallow* Lev. 20:25, unclean **b**  
 Ps. 84:3, **b** also has found a house  
 124:7, Our soul has escaped as a **b**  
 Matt. 6:26, Look at the **b-s** of the air  
 8:20, **b-s** of the air *have* nests  
 Gen. 1:20; 6:7; 2 Sam. 21:10; Ps. 8:8; 11:1;  
 Prov. 1:17; Eccles. 10:20; Jer. 9:10; 12:9;  
 Hos. 9:8; Luke 9:58; Rev. 19:17

**BIRTH** Eccles. 7:1, better than the day of **b**  
 Matt. 1:18, **b** of Jesus Christ was  
 John 9:1, a man blind from **b**  
 Gen. 38:27; Is. 66:9; Luke 1:14

**BIRTHRIGHT** Gen. 25:31, First sell me your **b**  
 Gen. 27:36, Jacob . . . took away my **b**  
 Heb. 12:16, sold his own **b** for a single meal

**BIT** (n.) Ps. 32:9; James 3:3

**BITE** Prov. 23:32; Eccles. 10:8; Amos 5:19; 9:3;  
 Mic. 3:5; Gal. 5:15

**BITTER** Ex. 1:4, **b** with hard labor  
 Ex. 12:8, unleavened bread and **b** herbs  
 15:23, waters of Marah . . . were **b**  
 2 Kin. 14:26, affliction of Israel . . . was very **b**  
 Is. 24:9, Strong drink is **b** to those who drink  
 Matt. 26:75, went out and wept **b-ly**  
 Job 21:25; Is. 5:20; Luke 22:62

**BITTERNESS**—*gall* Job 10:1, **b** of my soul  
 Prov. 14:10; 17:25, heart knows its own **b**  
 Eph. 4:31, Let all **b** and wrath . . . be put away  
 Heb. 12:15, no root of **b**  
 1 Sam. 15:32; Is. 38:15; Lam. 3:19; Rom. 3:14

**BLACK** Matt. 5:36, make one hair **b** or white  
 Jude 13, for whom the **b** darkness has been  
 reserved  
 Rev. 6:5, behold a **b** horse

**BLADE** Judg. 3:22, fat closed over the **b**  
 Mark 4:28, first the **b**, then the head

**BLAMELESS** Ps. 119:80, May my heart be **b**  
 Prov. 11:20, **b** in their walk are His delight  
 Acts 24:16, maintain always a **b** conscience  
 1 Cor. 1:8, **b** in the day of our Lord Jesus  
 Christ

- Eph. 1:4, holy and **b** before Him  
2 Sam. 22:26; Ps. 119:1; Phil. 1:10; 2:15; 3:6;  
Jude 24; Rev. 14:5
- BLASPHEME**—*spoke* Is. 52:5, My name is continually **b-d**  
Matt. 9:3, This  *fellow b-s*  
26:65, He has **b-d**  
Mark 3:24, **b-s** against the Holy Spirit  
2 Sam. 12:14; Acts 26:11; Rom. 2:24;  
1 Tim. 1:20; James 2:7
- BLASPHEMY** Matt. 12:31, **b** against the Spirit  
Matt. 26:65, you have now heard the **b**  
Mark 3:28, whatever **b-es** they utter  
Rev. 2:9, the **b** by those who say they are Jews  
13:5, arrogant words and **b-es**  
Mark 14:64; Luke 5:21; John 10:33
- BLEMISH**—*spot* Heb. 9:14, offered Himself without **b**  
Num. 19:2; Song 4:7; Ezek. 43:22; 45:18; 46:4
- BLEND** 2 Chr. 16:14, **b-ed** by the perfumers' art
- BLESS**—*happy* Josh. 17:14, LORD has . . . **b-ed**  
Ps. 144:15, **b-ed** are the people whose God is the LORD  
Prov. 3:13, **b-ed** is the man who finds wisdom  
10:7, memory of the righteous is **b-ed**  
Luke 6:28, **b** those who curse you  
Acts 20:35, more **b-ed** to give than to receive  
Titus 2:13, looking for **b-ed** hope  
James 3:9, we **b** our Lord and Father  
Rev. 14:13, Write, **B-ed** are the dead  
Gen. 22:17; Deut. 28:3-6; 33:29; Judg. 5:2;  
1 Chr. 4:10; Ps. 127:5; Prov. 28:14;  
Is. 32:20; 65:16; Hag. 2:19; Mal. 3:15;  
John 13:17; Rom. 12:14; 2 Cor. 11:30;  
Titus 2:13; James 5:11; 1 Pet. 3:14; 4:14
- BLESSING**—*benefit* Gen. 39:5, LORD's **b** was upon all  
Prov. 10:22, **b** of the LORD that makes rich  
28:20, faithful man will abound with **b-s**  
Mal. 3:10, pour out for you a **b**  
Rom. 15:29, the fulness of the **b** of Christ  
1 Cor. 10:16, Is not the cup of **b**  
Gen. 27:35; Deut. 11:26; 23:5; Neh. 13:2;  
Job 29:13; Mal. 2:2; 2 Cor. 1:15;  
James 3:10; Rev. 5:12
- BLIND** Ex. 23:8, bribe **b-s** the clear-sighted  
Matt. 11:5, *the B RECEIVE SIGHT*  
2 Cor. 4:4, **b-ed** the minds of the unbelieving  
1 John 2:11, darkness has **b-ed** his eyes  
Deut. 16:19; 1 Sam. 12:3
- BLINDNESS** Deut. 28:28; 2 Kin. 6:18; Zech. 12:4
- BLOOD** Gen. 9:6, Whoever sheds man's **b**, By man his **b**  
Ps. 72:14, their **b** will be precious in his sight  
Ezek. 9:9, the land is filled with **b**  
Matt. 16:17, because flesh and **b** did not reveal  
27:14, by betraying innocent **b**  
Luke 22:20, new covenant in My **b**  
22:44, His sweat became like drops of **b**  
Acts 20:28, He purchased with His own **b**  
21:25, abstain from meat . . . and from **b**  
Rom. 3:25, a propitiation in His **b**  
5:9, justified by His **b**  
1 Cor. 10:16, sharing in the **b** of Christ  
11:27, guilty of the body . . . **b** of the Lord  
15:50, flesh and **b** cannot inherit the kingdom  
Eph. 1:7, redemption through His **b**
- Heb. 9:22, shedding of **b** there is no forgiveness  
1 Pet. 1:19, the **b** of Christ  
Rev. 12:11, the **b** of the Lamb  
Gen. 9:4; Ex. 12:22; Lev. 3:17; Josh. 2:19;  
1 Kin. 2:32; Is. 9:5; Ezek. 18:13;  
Matt. 27:25; Mark 14:24; John 1:13;  
6:54,55,56; Acts 15:20; 1 Cor. 11:25;  
Heb. 10:29; Rev. 7:14
- BLOSSOM** Gen. 40:10; Eccles. 12:5; Is. 17:11;  
27:6; 35:1; Hos. 14:5; Hab. 3:17
- BLOT**—*erase* Ex. 32:32, please **b** me from Thy book  
Deut. 9:14, **b** out their name from heaven  
Ps. 51:1, Thy compassion **b** out my transgressions  
51:9, **b** out all my iniquities  
69:28, May they be **b-ed** out of the book of life  
Deut. 25:19; 29:20; 2 Kin. 14:27; Neh. 4:5;  
Ps. 109:13,14; Prov. 6:33; Jer. 18:23
- BLOWS** Prov. 19:29, **b** for the back of fools
- BOAST**—*glory, rejoice, talk* Ps. 34:2, soul . . . make its **b**  
Ps. 49:6, **b** in the abundance of their riches  
Prov. 27:1, do not **b** about tomorrow  
Rom. 2:23, You who **b** in the Law  
James 4:16, all such **b-ing** is evil  
1 Sam. 2:3; 1 Kin. 20:11; 2 Chr. 25:19; Ps. 5:5;  
75:4; Prov. 20:14; Rom. 2:17; 3:27;  
1 Cor. 5:6; 2 Cor. 11:16; Gal. 5:26;  
Eph. 2:9; James 3:5; 4:16
- BOAT** Is. 33:21; John 6:22; Acts 27:16; 27:30
- BODILY** Luke 3:22, Holy Spirit descended . . . in **b** form  
Col. 2:9, fullness of Deity dwells in **b** form  
1 Tim. 4:8, **b** discipline is only little profit
- BODY**—*corpse, flesh* Matt. 6:22, whole **b** . . . full of light  
Mark 5:29, she felt in her **b** that she was healed  
6:29, his **b** and laid it in a tomb  
Luke 12:22, do not be anxious . . . for your **b**  
Acts 19:12, carried from his **b** to the sick  
Rom. 6:6, that our **b** of sin might be done away  
12:1, present your **b-es** a living . . . sacrifice  
12:4, many members in one **b**  
12:5, we . . . are one **b** in Christ  
1 Cor. 9:27, but I buffet my **b**  
13:3, if I deliver my **b** to be burned  
2 Cor. 5:8, prefer to be absent from the **b**  
Gal. 6:17, I bear on my **b** the brand-marks of Jesus  
1 Pet. 2:24, bore our sins in His **b**  
Gen. 47:18; Eccles. 12:12; Matt. 5:29; 6:23;  
Luke 11:34; 17:37; John 2:21; Rom. 7:24;  
1 Cor. 12:14; 2 Cor. 12:2; Phil. 3:21
- BODYGUARD**—*guard* Gen. 40:4; Jer. 39:9
- BOISTEROUS**—*clamor*  
Prov. 9:13, woman of folly is **b**
- BOLD** Prov. 28:1, righteous are **b** as a lion  
Acts 13:46, Paul and Barnabas spoke out **b-ly**  
Ex. 14:8; Num. 33:3; Rom. 10:20; 2 Cor. 10:2;  
10:12
- BOLDNESS**—*confidence* Acts 4:31, speak . . . with **b**  
Eph. 3:12, we have **b** and confident access  
Phil. 1:20, with all **b**, Christ . . . be exalted

**BOND**—*cord* Hos. 11:4, with **b-s** of love

Eph. 4:3, in the **b** of peace

Col. 3:14, perfect **b** of unity

Ezek. 20:37; Luke 13:16; Jude 6

**BOND-SERVANT**—*servant* Luke 2:29, let Thy **b** depart

Rom. 1:1, Paul, a **b** of Christ Jesus

Phil. 1:1, Paul and Timothy, **b-s** of Christ

Titus 1:1; James 1:1; 2 Pet. 1:1

**BONE** Ezek. 37:7, **b-s** came together, **b** to its **b**

Luke 24:39, spirit does not have flesh and **b-s**

John 19:36, NOT A **B** OF HIM SHALL BE BROKEN

Gen. 2:23; Ex. 12:46; Job 20:11; Ps. 51:8;

Prov. 12:4; Matt. 23:27

**BOOK** Is. 34:16, Seek from the **b** of the LORD

Mal. 3:16, **b** of remembrance

John 21:25, world itself would not contain

the **b-s**

Phil. 4:3, names are in the **b** of life

Ex. 17:14; Ezra 4:15; Job 19:23; Luke 4:17;

Acts 19:19; 1 Tim. 4:13; Rev. 3:5; 13:8;

17:8; 20:12; 21:27; 22:19

**BOOTH** Gen. 33:17; Lev. 23:42,43; Neh. 8:14

**BOOTY**—*plunder* Num. 31:32; Is. 53:12; Jer.

38:2; 49:32

**BORDER** Gen. 47:21, one end of Egypt's **b** to the other

Ex. 34:24, drive out nations . . . **b-s**

Jer. 15:13, . . . within all your **b-s**

50:26, Come to her from the farthest **b**

Gen. 23:17; Num. 21:13; 34:3; 35:26;

Deut. 3:17; Josh. 12:5; 2 Kin. 3:21;

1 Chr. 4:10; Ps. 147:14; Is. 19:19; 60:18;

Ezek. 11:10

**BORE**—*bear, carry, pierce, yield*

Ex. 19:4, how I **b** you on eagles' wings

Is. 53:4, our griefs He Himself **b**

53:12, He Himself **b** the sin of many

1 Pet. 2:24, He Himself **b** our sins

Num. 17:8; 2 Kin. 12:9; Jer. 31:19

**BORN**—*begotten, forth* Job 5:7, man is **b** for trouble

Job 14:1, Man, who is **b** of woman

Is. 9:6, For a child will be **b** to us

66:8, Can a land be **b** in a day

John 1:13, who were **b** not of blood

3:3, unless one is **b** again

3:6,8, **b** of the Spirit

1 Cor. 15:8, one untimely **b**

1 Pet. 1:3, **b** again to a living hope

1 John 4:7, every one who loves is **b** of God

5:4, whatever is **b** of God overcomes the world

Job 3:3; 15:14; 25:4; Ps. 87:4; 90:2; Prov. 17:17;

Matt. 11:11; 1 Pet. 1:23; 1 John 5:1

**BORNE** Is. 46:3, been **b** by Me from birth

Job 34:31; Lam. 5:7; Matt. 20:12

**BORROW** Deut. 28:12, you shall not **b**

Prov. 22:7, **b-er** becomes the lender's slave

Ex. 22:14; Deut. 15:6; 2 Kin. 4:3; Ps. 37:21;

Matt. 5:42

**BOSOM**—*breast* Prov. 6:27, fire in his **b**

Is. 40:11, carry *them* in His **b**

Luke 16:22, carried . . . to Abraham's **b**

John 1:18, in the **b** of the Father

Ex. 4:6; Job 31:33; Ps. 35:13

**BOTHER**—*trouble* Matt. 26:10, do you **b** the woman

**BOTTLE**—*jug, wineskin* Judg. 4:19; Ps. 56:8

**BOUGH**—*branch* Ps. 80:10, cedars of God with its **b-s**

Gen. 49:22; Lev. 23:40; Deut. 24:20; Ps. 80:10;

Is. 17:6; Ezek. 31:6

**BOUGHT** Luke 14:18, I have **b** a piece of land

1 Cor. 6:20, been **b** with a price

7:23, You were **b** with a price

2 Pet. 2:1, denying the Master who **b** them

**BOUND**—*gird, yoke* Prov. 22:15, Foolishness is **b** up in

Matt. 16:19, **b** in heaven

Acts 20:22, **b** in spirit, I am on my way to

Jerusalem

1 Cor. 7:27, Are you **b** to a wife

2 Cor. 6:14, Do not be **b** together

Gen. 44:30; Mark 5:4

**BOUNDARY** Prov. 8:29, He set for the sea its **b**

**BOUNTIFUL**—*generous*

Ps. 13:6, He has dealt **b-ly** with me

116:7, the LORD has dealt **b-ly** with you

2 Cor. 9:6, he who sows **b-ly** . . . reap **b-ly**

Ps. 119:17; 2 Cor. 9:5

**BOUNTY** 1 Kin. 10:13, according to his royal **b**

**BOW**—*bend, worship* Is. 66:23, to **b** down

1 Sam. 2:36; Ps. 10:10; Is. 60:14

**BOWL**—*dish, pitcher* Eccles. 12:6, golden **b** is crushed

Matt. 26:23, who dipped his hand in the **b**

Num. 7:25; 1 Kin. 17:12; Amos 6:6; Zech. 4:2;

Mark 14:20

**BOY**—*child* Is. 11:6, a little **b** will lead them

Joel 3:3, Traded a **b** for a harlot

Gen. 25:27; Zech. 8:5

**BRACELET** Gen. 24:22; 24:30; 24:47; Ex. 35:22;

Num. 31:50; 2 Sam. 1:10; Is. 3:19;

Ezek. 16:11; 23:42

**BRAMBLE**—*briar* Judg. 9:14, trees said to the **b**

Judg. 9:15, fire come out of the **b**

**BRANCH**—*bough* Jer. 23:5, raise up for David a righteous **B**

Matt. 13:32, THE BIRDS . . . NEST IN ITS **B-ES**

21:8, others were cutting **b-es**

John 15:2, every **b** that bears fruit

15:4, **b** cannot bear fruit of itself

15:5, I am the vine, you are the **b-es**

Judg. 9:48; Ezek. 31:3; Mark 11:8; Luke 13:19;

John 12:13; 15:6; Rom. 11:16

**BRAND**—*torch* Zech. 3:2; 1 Tim. 4:2

**BRAY** Job 6:5, wild donkey **b** over his grass

**BREACH** Judg. 21:15, LORD had made a **b** in . . . Israel

Job 16:14, breaks through me with **b** after **b**

Gen. 38:29; Ex. 22:9; 1 Kin. 11:27; Neh. 4:7;

6:1; Ps. 60:2; 106:23; Is. 22:9; 30:13; 58:12;

Amos 4:3; 9:11

**BREAD**—*food* Ex. 16:4, I will rain **b** from

heaven

Deut. 8:3, man does not live by **b** alone

Job 22:7, you have withheld **b**

Ps. 132:15, satisfy her needy with **b**

Prov. 31:27, does not eat the **b** of idleness

Eccles. 11:1, Cast your **b** on the surface of the

waters

Is. 55:2, spend money for what is not **b**

55:10, seed to the sower and **b** to the eater

Matt. 4:3, command these stones become **b**

6:11, Give us this day our daily **b**

Mark 7:27, take the children's **b**

Acts 2:42, the breaking of **b**

20:7, gathered together to break **b**

- Ex. 23:25; Josh. 9:5; Judg. 7:13; 1 Kin. 17:6;  
Job 33:20; Prov. 9:17; 12:11; Matt. 4:4;  
Luke 4:3,4; 24:35; Acts 27:35; 2 Thess. 3:8
- BREAK**—*broke, profane* 2 Chr. 32:1, to **b** into them  
Is. 42:3, reed He will not **b**  
Luke 5:6, their nets began to **b**  
24:30, He took the bread . . . and **b-ing** it  
1 Cor. 10:16, bread which we **b** a sharing in  
. . . Christ  
Job 19:10; Jer. 4:3; Hos. 10:12; Matt. 12:5,20;  
14:19; Acts 21:13
- BREASTPIECE** Ex. 25:7; 35:9,27; 28:4,15,22,23;  
39:8; Lev. 8:8
- BREASTPLATE** Is. 59:17, put on righteousness  
like a **b**  
Eph. 6:14, PUT ON THE **B** OF RIGHTEOUSNESS  
1 Thess. 5:8, put on the **b** of faith and love  
Neh. 4:16; Rev. 9:9,17
- BREATH**—*spirit, wind* Gen. 2:7, **b** of life  
Job 7:16, my days are *but* a **b**  
12:10, the **b** of all mankind  
27:3, **b** of God is in my nostrils  
Ps. 150:6, Let everything that has **b** praise the  
LORD  
Acts 17:25, He Himself gives to all life and **b**  
Gen. 6:17; 7:15; Eccles. 3:21; Is. 2:22;  
Ezek. 37:5,10
- BREATHE** Gen. 2:7, **b-d** into his nostrils the  
breath  
Ezek. 37:9, **b** on these slain  
Acts 9:1, **b-ing** threats and murder  
Deut. 20:16; Josh. 10:40; 11:11,17; Ps. 27:12;  
John 20:22
- BRETHREN**—*brother* Ps. 22:22, tell of Thy  
name to my **b**  
Is. 66:20, all your **b** from all the nations  
1 Cor. 14:39, my **b**, desire earnestly to  
prophecy  
2 Cor. 11:26, dangers among false **b**  
Gal. 1:2, all the **b** who are with me  
2:4, because of false **b**  
Eph. 6:23, Peace be to the **b**  
Col. 1:2, saints and faithful **b** in Christ  
1 Thess. 4:9, love of the **b**  
1 Pet. 1:22, sincere love of the **b**  
1 John 3:14, because we love the **b**  
Mic. 5:3; Rom. 1:13; 7:1; 8:12; Heb. 13:1
- BRIAR**—*thistle* Luke 6:44, nor . . . pick grapes  
from a **b**
- BRIBE** Ex. 23:8, not take a **b**, for a **b** blinds  
Is. 1:23, Every one loves a **b**  
5:23, justify the wicked for a **b**  
Deut. 10:17; 27:25; 1 Sam. 8:3; 12:3; Ps. 26:10;  
Is. 33:15; Mic. 7:3
- BRICK** Gen. 11:3; Ex. 1:14; 5:7; Is. 9:10; 65:3  
**BRIDE** Rev. 21:2, as a **b** adorned for her  
husband  
21:9, the **b**, the wife of the Lamb  
22:17, the Spirit and the **b** say, Come  
Is. 49:18; 61:10; 62:5; Jer. 2:32; 7:34; 16:9;  
25:10; 33:11; Joel 2:16; John 3:29;  
Rev. 18:23
- BRIDEGROOM** Jer. 7:34; 16:9; 25:10; 33:11;  
Rev. 18:23, voice of the **b**  
Matt. 25:1, virgins . . . went out to meet the **b**  
John 3:29, He who has the bride is the **b**  
Ex. 4:25; Ps. 19:5; Is. 61:10; 62:5; Joel 2:16;  
Matt. 9:15; Mark 2:19; John 2:9
- BRIDLE**—*guard* James 1:26, not **b** his tongue  
2 Kin. 19:28; Prov. 26:3; Is. 37:29
- BRIGHT** Rev. 22:16, **b** morning star  
Lev. 13:2; Job 37:21; Matt. 17:5
- BRIGHTNESS**—*radiance* Is. 60:3, kings to the **b**  
of your  
Is. 62:1, righteousness goes forth like **b**
- BRIMSTONE** Gen. 19:24; Is. 30:33; Rev. 9:17;  
14:10; 19:20
- BRISTLE** Job 4:15, hair . . . **b-d** up
- BROAD**—*wide* Ps. 119:96, commandment is  
exceedingly **b**  
Matt. 7:13, way is **b** that leads to destruction  
1 Chr. 4:40; Ps. 104:25; Matt. 23:5
- BROILED** Luke 24:42, gave Him a piece of **b**  
fish
- BROKE**—*break* John 19:32, **b** the legs of the  
first man  
Eph. 2:14, **b** down the barrier  
1 Sam. 4:18; 2 Kin. 23:14; 2 Chr. 34:4;  
Matt. 15:36; 26:26; Mark 6:41
- BROKEN**—*loose, void* Job 17:1, My spirit is **b**  
Ps. 51:17, a **b** spirit; A **b** and a contrite heart  
69:20, Reproach has **b** my heart  
119:126, have **b** Thy law  
Eccles. 12:6, the silver cord is **b**  
Jer. 2:13, **B** cisterns  
John 10:35, Scripture cannot be **b**  
19:36, NOT A BONE OF HIM SHALL BE **B**
- BROKENHEARTED** Ps. 34:18, Lord is near to  
the **b**
- BRONZE** Deut. 28:23; 2 Sam. 22:35; Ezra 8:27;  
Jer. 15:12
- BROOD** Matt. 3:7, You **b** of vipers, who warned  
you  
Luke 13:34, a hen *gathers* her **b**
- BROOK** 1 Sam. 17:40; Ps. 110:7  
Ps. 42:1, deer pants for the water **b-s**
- BROTHER**—*brethren* Gen. 4:9, Am I my **b-s**'  
keeper  
Prov. 18:24, friend who sticks closer than a **b**  
Matt. 10:21, **b** will deliver up **b** to death  
23:8, you are all **b-s**  
Luke 18:29, no one who has left . . . **b-s**  
John 7:5, not even His **b-s** were  
1 Cor. 6:6, **b** goes to law with **b**  
Gen. 42:8; Prov. 17:17; 18:9,19; 19:7;  
Eccles. 4:8; Matt. 5:23; Mark 3:35; 10:29;  
2 Thess. 3:15
- BROTHERHOOD** Amos 1:9, covenant of **b**
- BROTHERLY** Rom. 12:10, in **b** love  
2 Pet. 1:7, your **b** kindness
- BROUGHT**—*escape* Matt. 10:18, shall . . . be **b**  
before governors
- BROW** Luke 4:29, led Him to the **b** of the hill
- BRUISE**—*batter, crush* Gen. 3:15, shall **b** you  
Is. 1:6, **b-s**, welts, and raw wounds  
42:3, A **b-d** reed He will not break
- BRUTAL**—*senseless, stupid, fierce* Ezek. 21:31;  
2 Tim. 3:3
- BUCKET** Num. 24:7, flow from his **b-s**  
Is. 40:15, nations are like a drop from a **b**
- BUD**—*sprout* Num. 17:8; Is. 18:5
- BUFFET**—*beat* 2 Cor. 12:7, to **b** me
- BUGLE**—*trumpet* 1 Cor. 14:8, **b** produces an  
. . . sound
- BUILD** 1 Chr. 17:12, He shall **b** for Me a house  
Ps. 127:1, Unless the LORD **b-s** the house  
Eccles. 3:3, a time to **b** up

**BUILD** (Continued)

1 Cor. 3:12, if any man **b-s** upon the foundation  
 2 Chr. 6:9; Luke 14:30; Acts 20:32; Rom. 15:20  
**BUILDER**—*maker* Ps. 118:22, the **b-s** rejected  
 Heb. 11:10, whose architect and **b** is God  
 1 Pet. 2:7, **STONE WHICH THE B-S REJECTED**  
 1 Kin. 5:18; Ezra 3:10; Matt. 21:42;  
 Mark 12:10; Luke 20:17; Acts 4:11  
**BUILDING** 1 Cor. 3:9, you are . . . God's **b**  
 2 Cor. 5:1, we have a **b** from God  
 Eph. 2:21, growing into a holy temple  
**BUILT** Matt. 7:24, **b** his house upon the rock  
 Eph. 2:22, **b** together into a dwelling of God  
 Eccles. 2:4, I **b** houses for myself  
**BULL** Lev. 4:3, a **b** without defect  
**BULRUSHES** Is. 19:7, **b** by the Nile  
**BUNDLE** Gen. 42:35; Acts 28:3  
 1 Sam. 25:29, bound in the **b** of living  
 Matt. 13:30, bind them in **b-s** to burn  
**BURDEN**—*load* Ps. 55:22, Cast your **b** upon the  
 LORD  
 Matt. 20:12, borne the **b** and . . . heat of the  
 day  
 Luke 11:46, weigh men down with **b-s** hard to  
 bear  
 Gal. 6:2, Bear one another's **b-s**  
 Acts 15:28; 2 Cor. 11:9; 12:16; 1 Thess. 2:9  
**BURIAL** John 19:40, **b** custom of the Jews  
 Gen. 23:4; Eccles. 6:3; Jer. 22:19; Matt. 26:12  
**BURN**—*kindle* Ex. 3:2, bush was **b-ing** with fire  
 Ps. 39:3, While I was musing the fire **b-ed**  
 Prov. 26:23, **b-ing** lips and a wicked heart  
 Is. 9:18, wickedness **b-s** like a fire  
 42:3, dimly **b-ing** wick He will not  
 Luke 3:17, He will **b** up the chaff  
 24:32, our hearts **b-ing** within us  
 John 5:35, He was the lamp that was **b-ing**  
 1 Cor. 13:3, deliver my body to be **b-ed**  
 Rev. 18:8, she will be **b-ed** up with fire  
 Gen. 30:2; Ex. 32:12,19; Ps. 11:6; Is. 33:14;  
 Mal. 4:1; Matt. 13:30; Rom. 12:20;  
 Heb. 6:8; Rev. 4:5; 19:20  
**BURNT OFFERING** Gen. 22:7; Lev. 1:4; 6:9;  
 Is. 61:8  
 Ps. 40:6, **B** and sin offering Thou hast not  
 required  
 Jer. 6:20, **b-s** are not acceptable  
 Hos. 6:6, knowledge of God rather than **b-s**  
 Mark 12:33, more than all **b-s** and sacrifices  
**BURST**—*break* Job 32:19; Matt. 9:17;  
 Mark 2:22; Luke 5:37  
**BURY** Rom. 6:4, **b-ed** with Him through  
 baptism  
 1 Cor. 15:4, and that he was **b-ed**  
 Gen. 23:4; 47:29; Matt. 8:21,22; 14:12;  
 Luke 9:59,60; Acts 8:2; Col. 2:12  
**BUSHEL**—*ephah* Lev. 14:10; Amos 8:5  
**BUSINESS**—*matter* Ps. 107:23, Who do **b** on  
 great waters  
 1 Thess. 4:11, attend to your own **b**  
 James 4:13, engage in **b** and make a profit  
 Gen. 24:33; Josh. 2:14; Matt. 22:5; Acts 19:25  
**BUSYBODIES**—*meddler* 2 Thess. 3:11, acting  
 like **b**  
 1 Tim. 5:13, also gossips and **b**  
**BUTTER**—*curds* Job. 29:6; Prov. 30:33  
 Ps. 55:21, His speech was smoother than **b**  
**BUY** Is. 55:1, **b** and eat . . . **b** wine and milk  
 Matt. 13:44, sells all that he has and **b-s** that

## field

Rev. 3:18, **b** from Me gold refined by fire  
 13:17, no one should be able to **b** or to sell  
 Gen. 42:2; 47:19; Lev. 22:11; Ruth 4:4;  
 Prov. 23:23; Matt. 29:9; John 4:8;  
 Rev. 18:11  
**BUYER** Is. 24:2; Ezek. 7:12  
 Prov. 20:14, Bad, bad, says the **b**  
**BYWORD**—*taunt* Job 30:9  
 1 Kin. 9:7, Israel will become . . . a **b** among  
 all peoples  
 2 Chr. 7:20, a **b** among all peoples  
 Job 17:6, a **b** of the people  
 Ps. 44:14, **b** among the nations

## C

**CAGE** Jer. 5:27, a **c** full of birds  
**CAKE** Gen. 18:6; 1 Kin. 17:13; 2 Kin. 20:7  
**CALAMITY**—*destruction* Job 31:23, **c** from  
 God is a terror  
 Prov. 1:27, **c** comes on like a whirlwind  
 2 Sam. 22:19; 24:16; 1 Chr. 21:15; Job 6:30;  
 21:17; 31:3; Ps. 18:18; Prov. 24:16; 27:10;  
 Jon. 3:10; 4:2  
**CALCULATE**—*count* Is. 40:12, **c-d** the dust of  
 the earth  
 Luke 14:28, sit down and **c** the cost  
**CALF** Luke 15:23, bring the fattened **c**  
 Heb. 9:12, blood of goats and **c-ves**  
 Gen. 18:7; Is. 11:6; Rev. 4:7  
**CALL**—*address* Gen. 4:26, to **c** upon the name  
 Ps. 4:1, Answer me when I **c**  
 Is. 7:14, **c** His name Immanuel  
 Matt. 9:13, not come to **c** the righteous  
 Luke 6:46, why do you **c** Me, Lord, Lord  
 John 13:13, **c** Me Teacher, and Lord  
 1 Cor. 1:26, consider your **c**, brethren  
 1 Thess. 4:7, God hast not **c-ed** us for . . .  
 impurity  
 Deut. 4:26; Ruth 1:20; Ps. 18:3; Prov. 8:1;  
 Is. 5:20; Jer. 3:19  
**CALLING**—*summoning* Is. 1:13, the **c** of  
 assemblies  
 Rom. 11:29, gifts and the **c** of God  
 2 Tim. 1:9, called us with a holy **c**  
 Heb. 3:1, partakers of a heavenly **c**  
**CALM**—*still* Is. 7:4, be **c**, have no fear  
 Jon. 1:11, the sea may become **c**  
 Matt. 8:26, it became perfectly **c**  
 Acts 19:36, you ought to keep **c** . . . do  
 nothing rash  
**CAMEL** Gen. 24:64; Mark 1:6  
 Matt. 3:4, John . . . a garment of **c-s** hair  
 19:24, easier for a **c** . . . eye of a needle  
 23:24, out a gnat and swallow a **c**  
**CAMP**—*settle* Ex. 14:19, before the **c**  
 Deut. 32:14, God walks . . . your **c**  
 Gen. 23:2; Num. 31:19; Ps. 69:25; Is. 29:3;  
 Zech. 9:8; Rev. 20:9  
**CANCEL**—*blot, erase* Is. 28:18; Col. 2:14  
**CAPTIVE** Luke 4:18, RELEASE TO THE **C-S**  
 Eph. 4:8, LED **C** A HOST OF **C-S**  
 Ps. 68:18; Jer. 13:17; Col. 2:8  
**CAPTIVITY** Is. 46:2, have themselves gone  
 into **c**  
**CAPTURE** Job 5:13, **c-s** the wise  
**CARCASS**—*corpse* Gen. 15:11; Judg. 14:8  
**CARE**—*concern, worry*  
 Gen. 50:24, God . . . take **c** of you

- Ps. 142:4, No one **c-s** for my soul  
 Ezek. 34:12, I will **c** for My sheep  
 Luke 10:34, to an inn, and took **c** of him  
 1 Tim. 3:5, take **c** of the church  
 1 Pet. 5:7, because He **c-s** for you  
 Ps. 8:4; Mark 4:38; 1 Cor. 12:25
- CAREFUL**—*guard, diligent* Luke 15:8  
 Prov. 23:1, Consider **c-ly** what is before you  
 Eph. 5:15, be **c** how you walk
- CARELESS**—*idle* Matt. 12:36, every **c** word
- CARGO**—*merchandise* Rev. 18:12, **c-es** of gold
- CAROUSE** Rom. 13:13, not in **c-ing** and drunkenness
- CARPENTER**—*craftsmen* 2 Sam. 5:11;  
 2 Kin. 22:6; Matt. 13:55; Mark 6:3
- CARRIED**—*wrought* Is. 53:4, our sorrows He **c**  
 Matt. 8:17, **c** away our diseases  
 Luke 16:22, was **c** away by the angels  
 Heb. 13:9, not be **c** away by . . . teachings  
 1 Pet. 4:3, **c** out the desire of the Gentiles
- CARRY**—*bear, wear* Luke 10:4, **c** no purse, no bag  
 23:26, placed on him the cross to **c**  
 2 Cor. 4:10, **c-ing** about in the body the dying of Jesus  
 Ex. 23:1; Num. 10:17; 11:14; Deut. 1:31;  
 1 Sam. 2:28; Ps. 126:6; Is. 40:11; 52:11;  
 63:9; Mark 14:13
- CART** 1 Sam. 6:8, ark of the LORD . . . on the **c**  
 1 Sam. 6:7,14; Is. 5:18; 28:28
- CASE**—*matter* Job 19:28; 37:19  
 Mic. 6:2, the LORD has a **c** against His people  
 Deut. 17:8, any **c** is too difficult for you
- CASSIA** Ex. 30:24; Ps. 45:8; Ezek. 27:19
- CAST**—*drive, throw, thrust*  
 Ps. 51:11, Do not **c** me away  
 Eccles. 11:1, **C** your bread on the . . . waters  
 Luke 4:29, **c** Him out of the city  
 12:49, **c** fire upon the earth  
 John 6:37, will certainly not **c** out  
 1 Pet. 5:7, **c-ing** all your anxiety upon Him  
 Josh. 18:10; Job 6:27; Mark 15:32
- CATCH**—*trap* Ps. 10:9; Prov. 6:25; Song 2:15;  
 Luke 5:10
- CATTLE**—*herd* Ps. 50:10, **c** on a thousand hills  
 Ex. 12:29; 20:10; Lev. 22:19; Num. 31:28;  
 Ps. 104:14; Hab. 3:17
- CAUGHT**—*seized* 2 Cor. 12:4, was **c** up into Paradise  
 Gal. 6:1, if a man is **c** in any trespass  
 Gen. 22:13; Ex. 22:7; Judg. 15:4; John 21:3
- CAUSE**—*purpose* Gen. 2:24, For this **c** a man shall leave  
 Ps. 67:1, **c** His face to shine upon us  
 Prov. 3:30, Do not contend . . . without **c**  
 Matt. 19:5, THIS **C** A MAN SHALL LEAVE  
 John 15:25, HATED ME WITHOUT A **C**  
 Ps. 112:5; Is. 45:7; Rom. 16:17; 1 Cor. 3:6
- CAVE**—*shelter* 1 Kin. 18:4; Zeph. 2:6; John 11:38; Heb. 11:38
- CEASE** Ex. 23:12, day you shall **c** from labor  
 Ps. 46:9, He makes ways to **c**  
 Luke 7:45, not **c-d** to kiss My feet  
 1 Cor. 13:8, *are* tongues, they will **c**  
 1 Thess. 5:17, pray without **c-ing**  
 Gen. 8:22; Deut. 15:11; Ps. 37:8; Prov. 23:4
- CEDAR**—*fir* 1 Kin. 5:6; 6:15; Job 40:17;  
 Ps. 92:12
- CENSER** Ezek. 8:11; Rev. 8:3,5
- CENSUS**—*tax* Luke 2:1, a **c** . . . of all the inhabited earth  
 Acts 5:37, rose up in the days of the **c**
- CENT** Matt. 5:26, paid up the last **c**  
 Matt. 10:29, sparrows sold for a **c**  
 Mark 12:42, two small copper coins . . . a **c**
- CERTAIN**—*sure* 2 Pet. 1:10, make **c** about His calling
- CERTIFICATE** Matt. 5:31, A **C** OF DISMISSAL
- CHAFF** Ps. 1:4; Matt. 3:12
- CHAIN**—*band* Acts 12:7, **c-s** fell off his hands  
 Heb. 11:36, also **c-s** and imprisonment  
 Judg. 16:21; 1 Kin. 6:21; Eccles. 7:26;  
 Mark 5:3; Luke 8:29; Rev. 20:1
- CHALCEDONY** Rev. 21:19, the third, **c**
- CHAMBER**—*room* Gen. 43:30; Judg. 3:20,24;  
 2 Kin. 4:10; Ps. 19:5; Joel 2:16
- CHAMPION** 1 Sam. 17:4,23
- CHANCE**—*happen* Eccles. 9:11, for time and **c** overtake  
 Luke 10:31, by **c** a certain priest
- CHANGE**—*transform* Ps. 46:2, earth should **c**  
 Jer. 13:23, the Ethiopian **c** his skin  
 Mal. 3:6, I, the LORD, do not **c**  
 1 Cor. 15:51, we shall all be **c-d**  
 Gen. 35:2; Job 14:14; Prov. 24:21; Dan. 2:21
- CHANNEL** Job 28:10, hews out **c-s**
- CHARCOAL**—*coal, soot* John 18:18; 21:9
- CHARGE**—*accusation, crime* Lev. 8:35, **c** of the LORD  
 2 Chr. 23:6, keep the **c** of the LORD  
 Ps. 91:11, give His angels **c** concerning  
 Matt. 24:45, master put in **c** of his household  
 Ex. 23:7; Matt. 4:6; 27:37; Acts 25:27;  
 1 Cor. 9:18; 1 Tim. 5:21; 1 Pet. 5:3
- CHARIOT** Ps. 20:7, Some boast in **c-s**  
 Ps. 104:3, makes the clouds his **c**  
 Acts 8:28, sitting in his **c** . . . reading  
 Gen. 46:29; 2 Kin. 2:11; Ps. 46:9
- CHARITY**—*alms* Luke 12:33, sell . . . give to **c**
- CHARM**—*favor* Prov. 31:30, **C** is deceitful
- CHARMER**—*babblers* Ps. 58:5; Eccles. 10:11
- CHASE**—*drive* Lev. 26:7,8; Deut. 32:30;  
 Job 20:8
- CHASTE**—*pure* 1 Pet. 3:2, **c** and respectful behavior
- CHASTEN**—*discipline* Is. 53:5, **c-ing** for our well-being  
 Ps. 38:1; 94:12
- CHATTER**—*babbling* 1 Tim. 6:20; 2 Tim. 2:16
- CHAT**—*deceive, mislead*  
 Gen. 31:7, father has **c-ed** me
- CHEEK** Job 16:10; Is. 50:6; Matt. 5:39
- CHEER**—*merry* Judg. 9:13; 1 Sam. 15:32;  
 Prov. 15:13  
 Prov. 15:15, **c-ful** heart has a continual feast  
 2 Cor. 9:7, God loves a **c-ful** giver  
 James 5:13, Is anyone **c-ful**
- CHEESE** 1 Sam. 17:18; 2 Sam. 17:29; Job 10:10
- CHICK** Matt. 23:37, way a hen gathers her **c-s**
- CHILD** Prov. 22:6, Train up a **c** . . . should go  
 Prov. 23:13, hold back discipline from the **c**  
 Is. 9:6, a **c** will be born to us  
 Matt. 1:18, Mary . . . with **c** by the Holy Spirit  
 2:8, make careful search for the **C**  
 2:9, stood over where the **C** was  
 2:13,20, take the **C** and His mother  
 1 Cor. 13:11, When I was a **c**  
 Gen. 21:8; Jer. 31:20; Matt. 18:2; Mark 5:39;  
 Luke 8:54

**CHILDBIRTH** Ps. 48:6; Rom. 8:22

**CHILDHOOD** Eccles. 11:9, during your c  
2 Tim. 3:15, from c you have known

**CHILDREN**—*babes, immature* Gen. 3:16;  
1 Sam. 16:11

Ps. 103:13, father has compassion on his c

Prov. 31:28, c rise up and bless her

Jer. 31:15, Rachel is weeping for her c

Ezek. 18:2, c-'s teeth are set on edge

Matt. 2:16, slew all the male c

2:18, RACHEL WEEPING FOR HER C

10:21, C WILL RISE UP AGAINST PARENTS

18:3, and become like c

Is. 3:4; 49:21; Matt. 3:9; 11:16; 19:14;

1 John 2:1; Rev. 2:23

**CHOICE**—*pleasant* 1 Sam. 9:2, c and handsome  
man

Rom. 9:11, God's purpose according to His c

1 Thess. 1:4, knowing . . . His c of you

Gen. 23:6; 2 Sam. 10:9; Song 4:16; Acts 15:7;

Rom. 11:5,28

**CHOK** Matt. 13:22, riches c the word

Mark 4:19, c the word

Luke 8:14, c-d with worries

**CHOOSE**—*take* Heb. 11:25, c-**ing** . . . endure ill  
treatment

2 Pet. 1:10, calling and c-**ing** you

Ex. 17:9; Deut. 1:13; Josh. 24:15; Is. 7:15

**CHOSEN**—*elect, beloved, esteemed, loved,*  
*choose*

Ps. 65:9, My c ones shall inherit

Luke 9:35, This is My son, My C One

Col. 3:12, who have been c of God

2 Tim. 2:10, endure all things . . . who are c

1 Pet. 2:9, you are A C RACE

Deut. 7:6; Ps. 119:30; Is. 42:1; 45:4;

Matt. 12:18; Rom. 11:7; 1 Tim. 5:21;

1 Pet. 1:1; 2 John 1

**CHRIST**—*Messiah, Lord* 2 Thess. 3:5; 2 John 9

Matt. 16:16, Thou art the C, the Son

Luke 24:46, the C should suffer

Acts 2:36, made Him both Lord and C

Rom. 1:23, we preach C crucified

Phil. 1:21, to live is C

Col. 3:4, C, who is our life

1 Thess. 4:16, the dead in C shall rise

**CHRISTIAN** Acts 11:26, first called C-s in  
Antioch

Acts 26:28, persuade me to become a C

1 Cor. 4:16, if anyone suffers as a C

**CHURCH** Matt. 16:18, rock I will build My c

Matt. 18:17, tell it to the c; refuses to listen

. . . c

Acts 15:4, received by the c

1 Cor. 11:18, come together as a c

14:35, for a woman to speak in c

2 Cor. 11:8, robbed other c-es

Eph. 5:23, Christ . . . head of the c

1 Tim. 3:5, how will he take care of the c

Heb. 12:23, general assembly and c

**CIRCULATE** 1 Sam. 2:24, LORD's people c-**ing**

**CIRCUMCISE** Phil. 3:5, c-d the eighth day

Col. 2:11, in Him you were also c-d

Gen. 17:10; Deut. 30:6; Luke 1:59

**CIRCUMSTANCE**—*degree* James 1:9,  
humble c-s

**CISTERN**—*dungeon* Eccles. 12:6, wheel at the c  
is crushed

Jer. 2:13, hew for themselves c-s, Broken c-s

Prov. 5:15; Jer. 38:6

**CITIZEN**—*free* Eph. 2:19, fellow-c-s with the  
saints

Luke 15:15; Acts 21:39; 22:38

**CITY** Num. 35:6; Josh. 15:59, c of refuge

Ps. 46:4, make glad the c of God

107:4, an inhabited c

127:1, Unless the LORD guards the c

Zech. 8:3, a C of Truth

Matt. 2:23, resided in a c called Nazareth

4:5, took Him into the holy c

5:14, a c set on a hill

10:11, whatever c or village you enter

21:10, all the c was stirred

Acts 8:8, much rejoicing in that c

Heb. 11:10, a c which has foundations

12:22, the c of the living God

Rev. 21:2, I saw the holy c

Gen. 4:17; 11:4; 2 Sam. 19:37; Eccles. 9:14;

Is. 1:26; 19:18; 33:20; Matt. 10:14; 21:10;

Luke 9:5; 24:49; Acts 7:58

**CLAMOR**—*boisterous* Eph. 4:31, anger and c

**CLAN**—*thousand* Is. 60:22, become a c

**CLAP** Ps. 47:1, O C your hands, all peoples

Is. 55:12, trees of the field will c

2 Kin. 11:12; Job 27:23; 34:37; Ps. 98:8;

Ezek. 25:6; Lam. 2:15

**CLASS**—*reckon* Luke 22:37, HE WAS C-ED

**CLAW**—*hoof* Dan. 4:33, nails like birds' c-s

**CLAY** Job 4:19, who dwell in houses of c

Job 33:6, formed out of c

Jer. 18:6, c in the potter's hand

1 Kin. 7:46; Is. 64:8; Dan. 2:33; John 9:6;

Rom. 9:21

**CLEAN**—*cleanse, acquit, purify*

Ps. 19:9, fear of the LORD is c

24:4, who has c hands

51:10, Create in me a c heart

Matt. 3:12, thoroughly c His threshing floor

Matt. 8:2; Mark 1:40; Luke 5:12, Thou canst  
make me c

John 15:3, c through word I have spoken

1 Cor. 5:7, C out the old leaven

2 Kin. 5:12; Job 14:4; 15:15; Is. 1:16; 52:11;

Matt. 23:26; Luke 11:39,41; John 13:10

**CLEANSE**—*clean, purify, wash*

Matt. 8:3; 10:8; 11:5, I am willing; be c-d

Mark 7:4, not eat unless they c themselves

Acts 10:15; 11:9, What God has c-d

15:9, c-**ing** their hearts by faith

James 4:8, C your hands, you sinners

1 John 1:7, blood . . . c-s us from all sin

Prov. 20:9; 2 Cor. 7:1; Luke 4:27; 7:22; 17:17

**CLEAR**—*pure, plain* Is. 40:3, C the way for the  
LORD

Matt. 7:5, you will see c-ly enough

Rom. 1:20, have been c-ly seen

Rev. 22:1, water of life, c as crystal

Gen. 20:16; Num. 14:18; Job 26:13; Is. 32:4

**CLEAVE**—*cling* Gen. 2:24, shall c to his wife

Hab. 3:9, c the earth with rivers

Rom. 12:9, c to what is good

Matt. 19:5; Eph. 5:31

**CLEFT** Song 2:14; Is. 2:21; Jer. 49:16

**CLEVER**—*skillful, wise*

1 Cor. 1:17, not in c-ness

1 Cor. 1:19, c-ness of the c I will set aside

2 Pet. 1:16, not follow c-ly devised tales

**CLIMB** 1 Sam. 14:13; Jer. 48:44; Luke 19:4;  
John 10:1



**CLING** Josh. 23:8, c to the LORD your God  
 Ps. 63:8, My soul c-s to Thee  
 102:5, My bones c to my flesh  
 John 20:17, Stop c-ing to Me  
**CLOAK**—*mantle, coat* Ruth 3:15, Give me the  
 c . . . on you  
 Is. 3:7; Matt. 9:20; Acts 12:8; 2 Tim. 4:13  
**CLOD**—*crust* Job 21:33, c-s of the valley  
**CLOSE** (adj.)—*intimate, near*  
 Prov. 18:24, a friend who sticks c-r than  
 Judg. 19:9; 20:34; Ps. 41:9  
**CLOSE** (v.)—*shut, stop* Gen. 7:16; 8:2, LORD c-d  
 it behind  
 Num. 16:33, the earth c-d over them  
 Acts 28:27, THEY HAVE C-D THEIR EYES  
 Rom. 3:19, every mouth may be c-d  
 1 John 3:17, c-s his heart against him  
 Rev. 21:25, its gates shall never be c-d  
**CLOTH** 1 Sam. 21:9; Matt. 9:16; Luke 2:7;  
 John 11:44  
**CLOTHE**—*array, adorn, wrap* Job 10:11, C me  
 with skin  
 Matt. 6:29, Solomon . . . not c-d like  
 25:36, naked, and you c-d Me  
 1 Pet. 5:5, c yourselves with humility  
 Rev. 7:13, are c-d in the white robes  
 1 Kin. 11:29; Job 40:10; Ps. 65:13; 93:1;  
 Is. 52:1; Luke 24:49; Rev. 3:5  
**CLOTHES**—*dress, garment* Matt. 22:11, not . . .  
 in wedding c  
 James 2:3, one who is wearing the fine c  
 Deut. 29:5; Josh. 9:5; 1 Sam. 19:13;  
 2 Sam. 2:20; Mark 14:63; James 2:2  
**CLOTHING**—*clothes, dress, raiment*  
 Matt. 6:25, food, and the body than c  
 7:15, come to you in sheep's c  
 1 Tim. 2:9, with proper c  
 Deut. 8:4; Job 24:10; Jer. 10:9  
**CLOUD**—*darkness* Gen. 9:13, My bow in the c  
 Ex. 13:21, a pillar of c by day  
 20:21, Moses approached the thick c  
 24:15, c covered the mountain  
 Matt. 24:30, SON OF MAN COMING ON THE C-S  
 Mark 9:7, a c formed . . . voice came out of  
 the c  
 Luke 12:54, see a c rising in the west  
 21:27, IN A c with power and great glory  
 Acts 1:9, a c received Him out of their sight  
 1 Thess. 4:17, caught up . . . in the c-s  
 Rev. 1:7, HE IS COMING WITH THE C-S  
 Ex. 14:24; 33:9; 1 Kin. 8:12; 2 Chr. 6:1;  
 Ps. 99:7; 105:39; Ezek. 30:3; Jude 12  
**CLUSTER** Is. 65:8, new wine is found in the c  
 Num. 13:23; Mic. 7:1; Rev. 14:18  
**COAL**—*soot, charcoal* Prov. 6:28; Is. 6:6  
 Prov. 25:22, heap burning c-s on his head  
 Rom. 12:20, HEAP . . . C-S UPON HIS HEAD  
**COAST** Acts 27:2, the regions along the c  
**COAT**—*cloak* Matt. 5:40, let him have your c  
 also  
**COBRA** Job 20:16, He sucks the poison of c-s  
 Ps. 58:4, Like a deaf c  
 91:13, tread upon the lion and the c  
**COCK** Matt. 26:34,75, before a c crows  
 Mark 13:35, at c-crowing, or in the morning  
**COFFIN**—*bier* Gen. 50:26; Luke 7:14  
**COIN**—*money* Matt. 22:19, Show Me the c  
 used for  
 Luke 15:8, woman . . . loses c  
**COLD** Prov. 25:25, Like c water to a weary soul

Matt. 10:42, a cup of c water  
 24:12, love will grow c  
 Rev. 3:15, that you were c or hot  
 Gen. 8:22; Job 24:7; 37:9; Prov. 25:13;  
 John 18:18; 2 Cor. 11:27  
**COLLAPSED**—*fell* Luke 6:49, immediately it c  
**COLLECT**—*exact* Luke 3:13, C no more  
**COLLECTION** 1 Cor. 16:1, the c for the saints  
**COLOR** Ezek. 16:16, high places of various c-s  
**COLT**—*foal* Zech. 9:9, a c, the foal of a donkey  
 Matt. 21:2, a donkey tied there and a c with  
 her  
 John 12:15, KING COMES . . . ON A DONKEY'S C  
**COMBINE** 1 Cor. 2:13, c-ing spiritual thoughts  
 . . . words  
**COME**—*enter, return* Ps. 95:6, C, let us worship  
 Zech. 9:9, your king is c-ing to you  
 Matt. 6:10, Thy kingdom c  
 11:28, C to Me, all who are weary  
 Mark 10:14, children to c to Me  
 Luke 21:27, SON OF MAN C-ING  
 John 17:1, Father, the hour has c  
 Rev. 22:20, I am c-ing quickly  
 Mark 14:38; Luke 19:23; 2 Thess. 2:2  
**COMFORT**—*consolation, rest*  
 Ps. 23:4, Thy rod . . . they c me  
 Is. 61:2, To c all who mourn  
 Matt. 5:4, who mourn, for they shall be c-ed  
 Acts 9:31, in the c of the Holy Spirit  
 2 Cor. 1:3, God of all c  
 1:6, for your c and salvation  
 1 Thess. 4:18, c one another  
 2 Thess. 2:17, c and strengthen your hearts  
 Job 29:25; Ps. 77:2; Prov. 29:17; Eccles. 4:1; Is.  
 54:11; Lam. 1:21; Matt. 2:18; Luke 6:24;  
 16:25; 2 Cor. 7:4,13; 2 Thess. 2:16  
**COMFORTER**—*helper* Job 16:2, Sorry c-s are  
 you all  
 Ps. 69:20, looked for . . . c-s, but I found none  
 Nah. 3:7, Where will I seek c-s for you  
**COMING** 2 Sam. 3:25, your going out and c in  
 Mal. 3:2, endure the day of His c  
 Matt. 11:3, Are You the C One  
 24:30, SON OF MAN C  
 26:64, C ON THE CLOUDS OF HEAVEN  
 John 5:25, an hour is c and now is c  
 James 5:8, c of the Lord is at hand  
 2 Pet. 3:4, promise of His c  
**COMMAND**—*declare, spoke* Gen. 18:19; Deut.  
 2:37; Lev. 24:12  
 Ps. 33:9, He c-ed, and it stood fast  
 Jon. 2:10, LORD c-ed the fish  
 Matt. 1:24, angel of the Lord c-ed him  
 4:3, Son of God, c that these stones  
 20:21, C that . . . these two sons of mine  
 Luke 8:25, He c-s even the winds  
 9:54, c fire to come down from heaven  
 John 15:14, do what I c you  
**COMMANDER**—*general* Judg. 5:9; 1 Chr.  
 27:34; Is. 55:4  
**COMMANDMENT**—*instruction, duty*  
 Ex. 20:6, keep My c-s  
 34:28, tablets . . . the Ten C-s  
 Ps. 19:8, C of the LORD is pure  
 Matt. 5:19, one of the least of these c-s  
 22:36, which is the great c  
 John 14:15, If you love Me . . . keep My c-s  
 Prov. 6:20; Eccles. 12:13; Matt. 22:40;  
 John 15:10

- COMMEND**—*praise* Eccles. 8:15, So I **c-ed** pleasure  
Acts 20:32, I **c** you to God  
1 Cor. 8:8; 2 Cor. 3:1
- COMMISSION** Acts 26:12, authority and **c** of . . . priests
- COMMIT**—*entrust, practice, wrought*  
Ex. 20:14, You shall not **c** adultery  
Ps. 31:5, into Thy hand I **c** my spirit  
37:5, **C** your way to the LORD  
Luke 23:46, into Thy hands I **c** My spirit  
John 8:34, every one who **c-s** sin  
Ex. 32:30; Lev. 20:12; Prov. 16:3; Luke 18:20;  
1 Pet. 2:22
- COMMON**—*prevalent* Lev. 4:27; Jer. 26:23  
Acts 2:44, had all things in **c**  
Titus 1:4, in a **c** faith  
Jude 3, write you about our **c** salvation
- COMMOTION**—*disturbance* Jer. 10:22, great **c** out of . . . land
- COMPANION**—*fellow* Prov. 13:20, **c** of fools will suffer  
Heb. 1:9, OIL OF GLADNESS ABOVE THY **C-S**  
Ex. 2:13; Job 30:29; Eccles. 4:10
- COMPANY**—*congregation*  
Job 15:34, the **c** of the godless
- COMPARE** Prov. 3:15, nothing . . . **c-s** with her  
Matt. 11:16, to what shall I **c** this generation  
Rom. 8:18, not worthy . . . **c-d** with the glory
- COMPARISON** Judg. 8:2; Hag. 2:3
- COMPASSION**—*lovingkindness, mercy*  
Ex. 33:19, **c** on whom I will show **c**  
Ps. 25:6, Remember . . . Thy **c**  
72:13, **c** on the poor and needy  
103:13, father has **c** on *his* children  
111:4, LORD is gracious and **c-ate**  
Col. 3:12, put on a heart of **c**  
Matt. 9:36; 15:32; Luke 15:20; Rom. 9:15
- COMPEL**—*force, press* Luke 14:23, **c** them to come in
- COMPETE**—*strive* 1 Cor. 9:25, everyone who **c-s**  
2 Tim. 2:5, **c-s** as an athlete
- COMPLACENCY** Prov. 1:32, **c** of fools shall destroy them
- COMPLAIN** James 5:9, Do not **c** . . . against one another  
Job 7:11; Ps. 55:17
- COMPLAINING**—*babbling* Prov. 23:29, Who has **c**
- COMPLAINT**—*grudge* 1 Pet. 4:9 without **c**
- COMPLETE**—*fulfill, full, utterly*  
Is. 2:18, idols will **c-ly** vanish  
Col. 2:10, in Him . . . made **c**  
James 1:4, that you may be perfect and **c**  
1 John 1:4, our joy may be **c**  
Rev. 20:3, thousand years were **c-d**  
Gen. 2:1; 29:27; Ex. 5:13; Num. 15:31;  
Esth. 1:5; 1 Cor. 1:10; Rev. 20:7
- COMPOSE** Job 16:4, I could **c** words against you
- COMPOSURE** Eccles. 10:4, **c** allays great offenses
- COMPREHEND**—*calculate*  
Job 37:5, things . . . cannot **c**  
John 1:5, darkness did not **c** it
- COMPREHENSION**—*understanding*  
Phil. 4:7, peace . . . surpasses all **c**
- COMPULSION**—*constrain*  
1 Pet. 5:2, not under **c**, but
- CONCEAL**—*cover, hide* Prov. 12:23; Is. 3:9; Jer. 50:2  
Ps. 40:10, have not **c-ed** thy lovingkindness  
Prov. 27:5, love that is **c-ed**
- CONCEIT**—*pride*  
Phil. 2:3, nothing . . . selfishness or empty **c**  
1 Tim. 6:4, is **c-ed** and understands nothing
- CONCEIVE** Num. 11:12; Job 15:35; Ps. 51:5; Matt. 1:20; Acts 5:4; James 1:15
- CONCERN**—*care* Col. 4:13, he has a deep **c** for you  
1 Sam. 1:16; Matt. 4:6; John 12:6; Rom. 1:3; 1 Cor. 7:32; 9:9; 12:21
- CONCILIATE**—*entreat*  
1 Cor. 4:13, slandered, we try to **c**
- CONCLUSION**  
Eccles. 12:13, The **c** when all has been heard
- CONDEMN**—*discredit, judge*  
Is. 50:9, Who . . . **c-s** Me  
Mark 16:16, who has disbelieved shall be **c-ed**  
Gal. 2:11, because he stood **c-ed**  
1 John 3:20, in whatever our heart **c-s** us  
Job 9:20; Prov. 12:2; Mark 10:33; Luke 6:37; Rom. 2:1; 14:23
- CONDEMNATION**—*judgment* Rom. 3:8, Their **c** is just  
Rom. 8:1, no **c** for those who are in  
Matt. 23:14; Mark 12:40; Luke 20:47; 23:40; Rom. 13:2
- CONDUCT**—*bring, behavior* Ezek. 7:27; Job 33:17; Acts 17:15  
Col. 4:5, **C** yourselves with wisdom  
2 Pet. 2:7, sensual **c** of unprincipled men
- CONDUIT** 2 Kin. 18:17; 20:20; Is. 7:3; 36:2
- CONFER**—*consult* Acts 4:15; 25:12
- CONFESS**—*acknowledge* Matt. 3:6, they **c-ed** their sins  
Matt. 10:32, **c** Me before men . . . **c** him before My Father  
Mark 1:5, baptized . . . **c-ing** their sins  
Rom. 10:9, **c** with your mouth  
James 5:16, **c** your sins to one another  
1 John 1:9, If we **c** our sins, He is  
Ps. 32:5; John 1:20; Rom. 10:10
- CONFESSION** 2 Cor. 9:13, your **c** of the gospel of Christ  
1 Tim. 6:13; Heb. 10:23
- CONFIDENCE**—*boldness, trust* Prov. 3:26; Heb. 3:6  
Job 31:24, have put my **c** in gold  
Is. 32:17, quietness and **c** forever  
2 Cor. 1:12, For our proud **c** is this  
Phil. 1:26, your proud **c** in me  
3:3, and put no **c** in the flesh  
Heb. 4:16, draw near with **c** to the throne of grace  
1 John 4:17, we may have **c** in the day of judgment
- CONFIDENT** Eph. 3:12, **c** access through faith in Him
- CONFIRM**—*establish* Ps. 90:17, **c** the work of our hands  
Rom. 15:8, to **c** the promises *given* to the fathers  
1 Cor. 1:8, also **c** you to the end  
Matt. 18:16; Mark 16:20
- CONFIRMATION** Phil. 1:7, defense and **c** of the gospel  
Heb. 6:16, an oath *given* as **c** is an end

**CONFORM** Rom. 8:29, to become **c-ed** to the image

Rom. 12:2, do not be **c-ed** to this world

Phil. 3:10, being **c-ed** to His death

**CONFOUND** Josh. 10:10; Is. 19:3

**CONFUSE** Gen. 11:7, **c** their language

**CONFUSION**—*disorder*

1 Sam. 14:20, was very great **c**

1 Cor. 14:33, not a **God of c**

**CONGREGATION**—*company, assembly*

Ex. 12:3, Speak to all the **c**

Ps. 82:1, His stand in His own **c**

149:1, **c** of the godly ones

**CONQUER** Rom. 8:37, **c** through Him

Rev. 6:2, went out **c-ing**, and to **c**

**CONSCIENCE** Acts 23:1, lived . . . good **c** before God

Rom. 13:5, also for **c** sake

1 Cor. 8:7, their **c** being weak

1 Tim. 3:9, faith with a clear **c**

4:2, **c** as with a branding iron

1 Pet. 3:16, keep a good **c**

Acts 24:16; Rom. 2:15; Heb. 9:14; 10:22

**CONSECRATE**—*sanctify*

Lev. 11:44, **C** yourselves

1 Sam. 21:4, there is **c-d** bread

Matt. 12:4, They ate **c-d** bread

Ex. 28:38,41; 29:1,21,29,35; 40:9; Lev. 12:4;

16:19; 25:10; Num. 6:11; 1 Sam. 21:6;

1 Kin. 8:64; 9:3,7; 2 Chr. 7:7

**CONSENT**—*agree* Prov. 1:10; Is. 1:19;

Luke 23:51

**CONSIDER**—*notice, observe*

Ps. 41:1, blessed is he who **c-s** the helpless

Eccles. 7:14, in the day of adversity **c**

Luke 12:24, **C** the ravens, for they

Heb. 10:24, let us **c** . . . one another

11:26, **c-ing** the reproach of Christ

2 Sam. 19:19; Ps. 44:22; 48:13; 77:5

**CONSIDERATION**

Acts 27:3, Julius treated Paul with **c**

**CONSIST** Luke 12:15, his life **c-s** of his possessions

**CONSOLATION**—*comfort* Job 15:11, Are the

**c-s** of God . . . small

Phil. 2:1, if there is any **c** of love

**CONSPIRACY**—*plot* 2 Sam. 15:12, the **c** was strong

**CONSTRAIN**—*persuade, urge* Job 32:18

**CONSULT**—*confer, counsel* 1 Kin. 12:6,8

Gal. 1:16, I did not . . . **c** with flesh and blood

**CONSUME**—*eat, devour*

Ex. 3:2, yet the bush was not **c-d**

Ex. 24:17; Is. 29:6; 30:27,30; 34:14, **c-ing** fire

Deut. 4:24, God is a **c-ing** fire

Ezek. 15:7, yet the fire will **c** them

Lev. 10:2; Deut. 5:25; 32:24; Ps. 39:11; 49:14;

69:9; 90:7; Eccles. 4:5; Luke 9:54;

John 2:17; Gal. 5:15; James 5:3

**CONSUMMATION**—*end* Heb. 9:26, at the **c**

**CONSUMPTION** Lev. 26:16; Deut. 28:22

**CONTAIN** 1 Kin. 8:27; 1 Pet. 2:6

**CONTAINER** Luke 8:16, covers it over with a **c**

**CONTEMPT** Rom. 14:10, regard your brother with **c**

2 Cor. 10:10, his speech **c-ible**

Job 12:21; Prov. 18:3; Dan. 12:2

**CONTEND**—*strive* Is. 50:8, Who will **c** with Me

Is. 57:16, I will not **c** forever

John 3, **c** earnestly for the faith

Judg. 8:1; Job 40:2; Prov. 3:30; Is. 49:25;

Jer. 2:9

**CONTENT**—*satisfy* Luke 3:14, be **c** with your wages

Phil. 4:11, I have learned to be **c**

1 Tim. 6:6, accompanied by **c-ment**

2 Cor. 12:10; Heb. 13:5

**CONTENTIOUS** Prov. 21:19; 25:24; 1 Cor.

11:16

**CONTINUAL**—*unceasing, constant* Num. 4:16; 28:24

Prov. 15:15, cheerful heart has a **c** feast

**CONTINUALLY**—*perpetual*

1 Chr. 16:11, Seek His face **c**

Ps. 34:1, praise shall **c** be in my mouth

Prov. 6:21; Luke 18:5

**CONTINUE**—*persevere*

Acts 13:43, **c** in the grace of God

Heb. 13:1, Let love of the brethren **c**

**CONTRARY**—*hostile*

Matt. 14:24, for the wind was **c**

Rom. 11:24, grafted **c** to nature

16:17, **c** to the teaching

2 Cor. 2:7, on the **c** . . . rather forgive

Gal. 2:7, on the **c**, seeing that I

1 Tim. 1:10, **c** to sound teaching

**CONTRIBUTE** Rom. 12:13, **c-ing** to the needs of the saints

**CONTRIBUTION** Rom. 15:26, make a **c** for the poor

**CONTRITE**—*crush* Ps. 51:17, broken and a **c** heart

Is. 66:2, humble and **c** of spirit

**CONTROL**—*rule* Prov. 25:28, no **c** over his spirit

2 Cor. 5:14, love of Christ **c-s** us

**CONTROVERSY**—*dispute*

Jer. 25:31, **c** with the nations

**CONVERSE**—*discuss*

Luke 24:15, while they were **c-ing**

Acts 17:18, philosophers were **c-ing** with him

**CONVERSION** Acts 15:3, **c** of the Gentiles

**CONVERT**—*restore*

Matt. 18:3, unless you are **c-ed**

**CONVICT**—*reprove*

John 8:46, Which one of you **c-s** Me

16:8, **c** the world concerning sin

Heb. 11:1, the **c-ion** of things not seen

**CONVINCE**—*persuade* Rom. 14:14, am **c-d** in

the Lord Jesus

Heb. 6:9, **c-d** of better things

**COOK** 1 Sam. 8:13; 9:23,24

**COOL** Gen. 3:8; Luke 16:24

**COPE** Acts 6:10, unable to **c** with the wisdom

**COPPER** Deut. 8:9, you can dig **c**

Matt. 10:9, Do not acquire gold . . . or **c**

**COPPERSMITH** 2 Tim. 4:14, Alexander the **c**

**COPY**—*transcribe* Deut. 17:18; Josh. 8:32;

Heb. 9:24

**CORBAN** Mark 7:11, have been helped by **c**

**CORD**—*band, chain*

Ps. 18:4, **c-s** of death encompassed me

Prov. 5:22, held with the **c-s** of his sin

Eccles. 12:6, the silver **c** is broken

John 2:15, made a scourge of **c-s**

2 Sam. 22:6; Job 36:8; 38:31; 41:1; Is. 5:18

**CORNER** Prov. 7:12, lurks by every **c**

Matt. 6:5, synagogues and on the street **c-s**

**CORNER** (*Continued*)

Acts 10:11, lowered by four c-s to the ground  
Rev. 7:1, at the four c-s of the earth

**CORNERSTONE**—*corner* Ps. 118:22, the chief c

Matt. 21:42, BECAME THE CHIEF C  
Eph. 2:20, Christ . . . being the c  
Job 38:6; Is. 28:16

**CORPSE**—*body* Is. 14:19; Nah. 3:3; Matt. 24:28**CORRECT**—*reprove*

Prov. 29:17, C your son, and he will  
Jer. 10:24, C me . . . but with justice  
2 Tim. 3:16, profitable . . . for c-ion

**CORRUPT**—*depraved, rotten*

Gen. 6:11, the earth was c  
Ps. 14:1, They are c, they have committed  
1 Cor. 15:33, Bad company c-s good morals  
Job 15:16; Is. 1:4; Jer. 6:28; 2 Cor. 7:2;  
Eph. 4:22

**CORRUPTIBLE**—*perish*

Rom. 1:23, in the form of c man

**CORRUPTION**—*decay* Lev. 22:25; Rom. 8:21; 2 Pet. 2:19

Gal. 6:8, shall from the flesh reap c  
2 Pet. 1:4, the c that is in the world

**COST**—*wealth, price*

Ps. 49:8, redemption . . . soul is c-ly  
Is. 55:1, Without money and without c  
Matt. 26:7, vial of very c-ly perfume  
2 Sam. 24:24; 1 Kin. 5:17; Ezra 6:4,8;  
John 12:3; 1 Tim. 2:9

**COUCH**—*pallet* Gen. 49:4,9

Ps. 6:6, dissolve my c with my tears

**COUNCIL** Mark 15:43; Luke 23:50

Jer. 23:18, stood in the c of the LORD  
Acts 5:27, stood them before the C  
6:12, brought Stephen before the C

**COUNSEL**—*advice, opinion*

Ps. 1:1, not walk in the c  
33:11, C of the LORD stands  
73:24, With Thy c . . . guide me  
Prov. 13:10, those who receive c  
19:20, Listen to c and accept  
Is. 28:29, made His c wonderful  
John 12:10, chief priests took c  
Eph. 1:11, after the c of His will  
Ex. 18:19; Judg. 19:30; 1 Kin. 12:6; 2 Chr. 10:9;  
Ezra 4:5; Ps. 32:8; 62:4; Matt. 22:15;  
Luke 14:31

**COUNSELOR**

Is. 9:6, will be called Wonderful C  
Rom. 11:34, WHO BECAME HIS c  
Job 12:17; Prov. 11:14; Mic. 4:9

**COUNT**—*consider, number* 2 Cor. 5:19; James 5:11

Gen. 15:5, c the stars, if you are able  
Prov. 17:28, closes his lips . . . c-ed prudent  
1 Cor. 4:15, have c-less tutors in Christ  
Phil. 3:8, I c all things to be loss  
2 Pet. 3:9, as some c slowness

**COUNTENANCE** Gen. 4:6, why has your c fallen

Num. 6:26, The LORD lift up His c  
Ps. 4:6; 89:15, light of Thy c

**COUNTRY**—*region*

John 4:44, no honor in his own c  
Gen. 12:1; Matt. 2:12; Luke 15:13

**COURAGE**—*cheer* 2 Chr. 15:7, strong and do not lose c

Ps. 27:14, let your heart take c  
John 16:33, take c; I have overcome  
Matt. 9:2,22; 14:27; Acts 23:11

**COURAGEOUS** Deut. 31:6; Josh. 1:7**COURSE** Ps. 19:5, strong man to run his c

2 Tim. 4:7, have finished the c  
James 3:6, sets on fire the c of our life  
Judg. 5:20; Acts 20:24

**COURT**—*council* Ps. 84:10, a day in Thy c-s

Ex. 27:9; Ps. 135:2; Matt. 10:17

**COURTEOUS** Acts 28:7, entertained us c-ly three days**COVENANT** Job 31:1; Acts 3:25; Gal. 4:24

Gen. 6:18, I will establish My c  
Num. 10:33, ark of the c of the LORD  
2 Kin. 23:2, book of the c  
Ps. 25:10; 103:18, To those who keep His c  
Matt. 26:28, My blood of the c  
Luke 22:20, This cup . . . is the new c  
2 Cor. 3:6, servants of a new c  
3:14, reading of the new c  
Heb. 7:22, Jesus . . . guarantee of a better c  
8:6, mediator of a better c  
13:20, blood of the eternal c  
Rev. 11:19, the ark of His c

**COVER**—*hide* Ps. 32:1, Whose sin is c-ed

Ps. 91:4, c you with His pinions  
Prov. 10:12, love c-s all transgressions  
Matt. 10:26, nothing c-ed that will not be revealed

James 5:20, will c a multitude of sins

1 Pet. 4:8, love c-s a multitude of sins  
Gen. 37:26; Ex. 2:3; Job 36:32; Is. 6:2; 50:6;  
Luke 23:30

**COVERING**—*raiment*

Ps. 105:39, spread a cloud for a c  
1 Cor. 11:15, her hair is given . . . for a c  
Gen. 3:7; 2 Sam. 17:19; Is. 50:3; 1 Tim. 6:8

**COVET**—*crave, desire* Mic. 2:2; Rom. 13:9

Ex. 20:17, You shall not c  
Mark 7:22, deeds of c-ing and wickedness  
Acts 20:33, have c-ed no one's silver  
Rom. 7:8, produced in me c-ing of every kind

**COW**—*ox* Is. 11:7, the c and the bear will graze

Lev. 22:28; Job 21:10

**COWARDLY**—*fearful* Rev. 21:8, for the c and unbelieving**CRAFT**—*deceit* Job 15:5, language of the c-y

Ex. 21:14; Is. 2:16; 2 Cor. 12:16

**CRAFTINESS**—*shrewd* 2 Cor. 4:2, walking in c**CRAFTSMEN** 2 Kin. 24:14; Hos. 13:2;

Zech. 1:20; Acts 19:24

**CRANE**—*thrush* Is. 38:14; Jer. 8:7**CRASH** Zeph. 1:10, a loud c from the hills**CRAVE**—*desire, covet* Mic. 7:1

Prov. 13:4, soul of the sluggard c-s and gets nothing  
21:26, All day long he is c-ing

**CRAWL**—*creep* Acts 10:12, c-ing creatures of the earth**CREATE**—*form* Gen. 1:1, c-d the heavens and the earth

Ps. 51:10, C in me a clean heart  
Is. 45:12, made the earth, and c-d man  
Mal. 2:10, Has not one God c-d us  
Eph. 2:10, c-d in Christ Jesus  
4:24, God . . . c-d in righteousness  
Col. 1:16, in Him all things were c-d

- Is. 57:19; 65:17; Mark 13:19; Eph. 3:9;  
1 Tim. 2:13
- CREATION** Mark 10:6, beginning of **c**, God  
MADE THEM  
Mark 13:19, **c** which God created  
16:15, preach the gospel to all **c**  
Rom. 1:20, since the **c** of the world  
8:22, whole **c** groans  
2 Pet. 3:4, from the beginning of **c**
- CREATOR** Eccles. 12:1, Remember also your **C**  
Is. 40:28, **c** of the ends of the earth  
Rom. 1:25, the creature rather than the **C**  
1 Pet. 4:19, to a faithful **C**
- CREATURE**—*animal, beast* Gen. 1:21, every  
living **c**  
Lev. 11:47, the edible **c** and the **c** . . . not to  
be eaten  
2 Cor. 5:17, *he is a new c*; the old things  
Rom. 1:23; James 1:18
- CREDIT**—*thanks* Luke 6:32, what **c** is *that* to  
you
- CREDITOR** Ps. 109:11; Is. 50:1  
Deut. 15:2, every **c** shall release what . . .  
loaned
- CREEP** Gen. 1:26; Ps. 148:10
- CRESCENT** Is. 3:18, will take away . . . **c**  
ornaments
- CRIME** Job 31:11; Ezek. 7:23
- CRIMINAL** 2 Tim. 2:9, suffer hardship . . . as a **c**
- CRIMSON** 2 Chr. 2:7, in purple, **c** and violet  
Is. 1:18, like **c**, They will be like wool
- CRIPPLE** Matt. 18:8, better . . . to enter life **c-d**  
Luke 14:21, bring in **c-d** and blind
- CRITICIZE** Is. 29:24, those who **c** . . . accept  
instruction
- CROCUS** Is. 35:1, blossom; Like the **c**
- CROOKED**—*pervse* Deut. 32:5; Prov. 21:8;  
Phil. 2:15  
Ps. 125:5, turn aside to their **c** ways  
Eccles. 1:15, **c** cannot be straightened  
Luke 3:5, THE **C** SHALL BECOME STRAIGHT
- CROP** Lev. 1:16; Ezek. 17:22
- CROSS**—*tree* Matt. 10:38, take his **c**  
Matt. 27:40, come down from the **c**  
John 19:17, went out, bearing His own **c**  
19:25, standing by the **c** of Jesus  
Acts 5:30, hanging Him on a **c**  
1 Cor. 1:17, that the **c** of Christ should not  
Gal. 6:14, except in the **c** of our Lord  
Phil. 2:8, even death on a **c**  
3:18, enemies of the **c** of Christ  
Heb. 12:2, endured the **c**, despising  
1 Kin. 1:6; 1 Cor. 1:18; Eph. 2:16; Col. 1:20
- CROUCH**—*bow* Job 38:40; Ps. 10:10
- CROW** Matt. 26:74, immediately a cock **c-ed**  
Mark 14:68; Luke 22:34; 22:60
- CROWD**—*press*  
Mark 2:4, unable to get to Him . . . **c**  
5:27, in the **c** behind Him, and touched
- CROWN**—*wreath* Ps. 8:5, **c** him with glory  
Ps. 103:4, **c-s** you with lovingkindness  
Prov. 12:4, excellent wife is the **c** of  
14:18, are **c-ed** with knowledge  
14:24, **c** of the wise is their  
16:31, gray head is a **c** of glory  
17:6, grandchildren are the **c** of old men  
Heb. 2:9, Jesus . . . **c-ed** with glory and honor  
Gen. 49:26; Ps. 21:3; 65:11
- CRUCIFIXION** Matt. 26:2, delivered up for **c**
- CRUEL**—*fierce* Prov. 11:17; Matt. 15:22
- CRUCIFY** Matt. 27:22, Let Him be **c-ed**  
Matt. 28:5, Jesus who has been **c-ed**  
Mark 15:13, shouted back, **C** Him  
1 Cor. 1:23, we preach Christ **c-ed**  
Gal. 2:20, I have been **c-ed** with Christ  
6:14, world has been **c-ed** to me  
Heb. 6:6, **c** to themselves the Son of God  
Matt. 20:19; 27:35; 1 Cor. 1:13; 2 Cor. 13:4
- CRUMBS** Matt. 15:27; Mark 7:28
- CRUSH**—*batter* Ps. 34:18, saves those . . . **c-ed**  
in spirit  
Is. 53:5, **c-ed** for our iniquities  
53:10, LORD was pleased to **c** Him  
Amos 4:1, who **c** the needy  
Rom. 16:20, **c** Satan under your feet  
2 Cor. 4:8, but not **c-ed**  
Lev. 22:24; 2 Kin. 18:21; Job 39:15; Jer. 17:18
- CRUST** Job 7:5, flesh is clothed . . . a **c** of dirt
- CRY**—*outcry*  
Gen. 4:10, your brother's blood is **c-ing**  
Ps. 9:12, the **c** of the afflicted  
130:1, Out of the depths I have **c-ed**  
Matt. 3:3, ONE **C-ING** IN THE WILDERNESS  
Rev. 21:4, no . . . mourning, or **c-ing**  
Ex. 2:6; 32:18; Lev. 13:45; Ps. 17:1; 27:7; Is.  
42:2; Mark 15:37
- CRYSTAL** Ezek. 1:22; Rev. 4:6; 21:11
- CUB** 2 Sam. 17:8; Jer. 51:38; Nah. 2:11
- CUBIT** Gen. 6:15, length of the ark 300 **c-s**  
Esth. 5:14, a gallows fifty **c-s** high  
Matt. 6:27, add a single **c** to his life's span  
Deut. 3:11; Ezek. 43:13
- CUCUMBER** Num. 11:5; Is. 1:8
- CUD** Lev. 11:3; Deut. 14:6
- CULTIVATE**—*till* Gen. 2:5, no man to **c** the  
ground  
Ps. 37:3, Dwell in the land and **c** faithfulness  
Gen. 2:15; Deut. 28:39; 2 Sam. 9:10;  
Ezek. 36:9
- CUMMIN** Matt. 23:23, and dill and **c**
- CUP** Ps. 23:5, My **c** overflows  
Matt. 10:42, a **c** of cold water  
20:22, able to drink the **c**  
23:25, outside of the **c**  
26:27, took a **c** and gave thanks  
26:39, let this **c** pass from Me  
Luke 22:20, **c** . . . is the new covenant  
John 18:11, the **c** which the Father has given  
1 Cor. 10:16, the **c** of blessing  
Ps. 116:13; Prov. 23:31; Mark 7:4; 1 Cor. 10:21
- CUPBEARER** Gen. 40:1; 41:9; 1 Kin. 10:5;  
2 Chr. 9:4; Neh. 1:11
- CURDLE** Job 10:10, and **c** me like cheese
- CURDS**—*butter* Judg. 5:25; Is. 7:15,22
- CURE** Luke 7:21, At that very time He **c-d**  
many  
Luke 13:32, perform **c-s** today and tomorrow
- CURSE**—*oath* Ex. 22:28, You shall not **c** God  
Mal. 4:6, smite the land with a **c**  
Luke 6:28, bless those who **c** you  
Rom. 3:14, WHOSE MOUTH IS FULL OF **C-ING**  
Gal. 3:13, redeemed us from the **c**  
Gen. 3:14; 12:3; 27:12; Lev. 19:14; 1 Sam. 3:13;  
Jer. 42:18; 44:12; Mic. 6:10; Zech. 14:11;  
Mark 14:71; Rom. 12:14; James 3:9
- CURTAIN** Ex. 26:1; Song 1:5; Is. 40:22
- CUSHION** Mark 4:38, asleep on the **c**
- CUSTODY**—*prison* Esth. 2:3,8,14; Matt. 4:12

**CUSTOM**—*manner* Luke 4:16, as was His c  
Acts 16:21, **c-s** which are not lawful  
Judg. 11:39; Ezra 4:13; John 18:39; 19:40; Acts  
28:17; Rom. 13:7

**CUT** Matt. 3:10, not bear good fruit is c down  
Matt. 21:8, others were **c-ing** branches  
26:51, and c off his ear  
Acts 7:54, they were c to the quick  
Rom. 11:22, you also will be c off  
Ex. 9:15; Judg. 1:6; Ps. 12:3; Prov. 10:31;  
Is. 45:2; Jer. 7:29; Matt. 5:30; 24:51

**CYMBAL** 2 Sam. 6:5; 1 Chr. 15:16; 16:5;  
Ps. 150:5; 1 Cor. 13:1

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**DAILY**—*continual* Ps. 68:19, who d bears our  
burden  
Prov. 8:30, I was d His delight  
Matt. 6:11; Luke 11:3, Give us . . . our d bread  
Luke 9:23, take up his cross d  
Acts 16:5, churches . . . increasing in number d  
17:11, examining the Scriptures d  
1 Cor. 15:31, I die d  
Dan. 1:5; Acts 6:1; James 2:15

**DAINTY** Gen. 49:20; Jer. 6:2

**DAMAGE**—*loss* Ezra 4:13,22; Acts 27:10

**DANCE**—*skip* 2 Sam. 6:14, David was **d-ing**  
before the LORD  
Ps. 30:11, turned . . . mourning into **d-ing**  
149:3, praise His name with **d-ing**  
150:4, Praise Him with timbrel and **d-ing**  
Eccles. 3:4, a time to d  
Matt. 11:17, We played . . . you did not d  
14:6, daughter of Herodias **d-d**  
Ex. 32:19; Judg. 21:23; 1 Sam. 18:6; Jer. 31:13;  
Lam. 5:15; Mark 6:22; Luke 7:3

**DANGER** Acts 19:27; 27:9

**DARE**—*presume*

Acts 5:13, none . . . **d-d** to associate  
Rom. 5:7, someone would d even to die  
1 Cor. 6:1, d to go to law before the  
unrighteous  
Job 41:10; Jude 9

**DARK**—*dim, shadow* Num. 12:8, not in d  
sayings  
Joel 2:10, sun and the moon grow d  
Luke 12:3, whatever you have said in the d  
Gen. 15:17; Job 24:16; Is. 9:2; Lam. 4:1

**DARKEN**—*obscure*

Job 38:2, Who is this that **d-s** counsel  
Eccles. 12:2, stars are **d-ed**  
Matt. 24:29, THE SUN WILL BE **D-ED**  
Rom. 1:21, their foolish heart was **d-ed**  
11:10, LET THEIR EYES BE **D-ED** TO SEE NOT  
Eph. 4:18, being **d-ed** in their understanding  
Ex. 10:15; Mark 13:24; Rev. 16:10

**DARKNESS**—*cloud, gloom* Gen. 1:2, d was over  
the surface

Ex. 10:21, d over the land of Egypt . . . d  
which  
2 Sam. 22:29, the LORD illumines my d  
Ps. 91:6, pestilence that stalks in d  
107:10, those who dwell in d  
112:4, Light arises in the d  
Eccles. 2:13, as light excels d  
2:14, the fool walks in d  
Matt. 6:23, full of d, how great is the d  
10:27, What I tell you in d, speak  
22:13, cast him into the outer d

Luke 1:79, SHINE UPON THOSE WHO SIT IN D  
John 1:5, light shines in the d  
3:19, men loved the d rather than the light  
12:35, d may not overtake

Acts 26:18, they may turn from d to light  
Rom. 2:19, a light to those who are in d  
2 Cor. 6:14, what fellowship has light with d  
Eph. 5:11, unfruitful deeds of d  
6:12, world-forces of this d  
1 Pet. 2:9, out of d into His marvelous light  
1 John 1:5, in Him there is no d at all  
2:9, hates his brother is in the d  
Deut. 28:29; 1 Sam. 2:9; 2 Sam. 22:10; Job 3:5;  
10:22; 12:25; 30:26; Ps. 18:9,28; 88:12;  
97:2; 139:12; Prov. 20:20; Is. 58:10; Matt.  
25:30; Luke 22:53; 23:44; Rom. 13:12;  
1 Cor. 4:5; 2 Cor. 4:6; Col. 1:13;  
Heb. 12:18; 2 Pet. 2:4; 1 John 1:6

**DART**—*arrow, missile* Job 41:26, the d or the  
**DASH**—*shatter* Is. 13:16, **d-ed** to pieces

Nah. 2:4, d to and fro like lightning  
2 Kin. 8:12; Ps. 137:9; Jer. 13:14; Hos. 13:16

**DATE**—*time* Gal. 4:2, the d set by the father

**DAUGHTER**—Gen. 6:1, **d-s** were born to them

Num. 27:8, transfer his inheritance to his d  
Prov. 31:29, Many **d-s** have done nobly  
Eccles. 12:4, **d-s** of song will sing softly  
Is. 22:4, destruction of the d of my people  
Mic. 7:6, **D** rises up against her mother  
Heb. 11:24, son of Pharaoh's d  
Gen. 24:23,47; 27:46; Ex. 21:7; Deut. 28:53;  
Judg. 11:34; 2 Sam. 1:20; 12:3; Ps. 45:9;  
144:12; Prov. 30:15; Jer. 8:21; 9:1; Lam.  
2:11; 3:48; Matt. 10:35; Luke 8:42; 12:53;  
13:16

**DAWN**—*light, morning* Deut. 33:2; Josh. 6:15;  
Judg. 19:26

Ps. 119:147, I rise before d and cry for help  
139:9, take the wings of the d  
2 Pet. 1:19, until the day **d-s**  
Job 7:4; 38:12; Joel 2:2

**DAY**—*age, time* Gen. 1:5, God called the  
light d

2 Chr. 29:15, our **d-s** on the earth are like a  
shadow

Ps. 19:2, D to d pours forth speech  
41:1, deliver him in a d of trouble  
84:10, a d in Thy courts is better  
118:24, This is the d which the LORD has  
made

Prov. 3:2, For length of **d-s** and years of life  
27:1, you do not know what a d may bring  
Eccles. 7:1, d of one's death is better than  
12:1, **d-s** of your youth, before the evil **d-s**  
Is. 2:12, LORD of hosts will have a d of  
reckoning

13:6, d of the LORD is near  
58:5, an acceptable d to the LORD  
Joel 2:11, d of the LORD is indeed great  
Zech. 4:10, who has despised the d of small  
things

Mal. 3:2, who can endure the d of His coming  
Matt. 6:11, this d our daily bread  
24:36, But of that d and hour no one knows  
John 6:39, raise it up on the last d  
8:56, Your father Abraham rejoiced to see  
My d

9:4, We must work . . . as long as it is d  
Rom. 14:5, One man regards one d above  
another

- 1 Cor. 3:13, the **d** will show it  
 2 Cor. 6:2, ON THE **D** OF SALVATION  
 Phil. 1:6, will perfect it until the **d** of Christ  
 1 Thess. 5:5, all sons of light and sons of **d**  
 2 Pet. 3:8, one **d** is as a thousand years  
 Gen. 27:2; Deut. 4:32; 1 Sam. 25:8; 2 Kin. 7:9;  
 Nch. 4:2; Job 1:4; 7:1; 8:9; 14:7; 21:30;  
 Ps. 77:5; Prov. 4:18; Is. 2:2; 10:3; 13:9;  
 27:3; 65:20; Joel 1:15; 2:1; Mic. 4:1; Zeph.  
 1:7,14; Zech. 14:1; Mal. 4:5; Matt. 7:22;  
 24:50; 25:13; Mark 13:32; Luke 12:46;  
 21:34; John 11:24; 12:48; Acts 2:17,20;  
 17:31; Rom. 2:5; 1 Thess. 5:2; 2 Tim. 3:1;  
 Heb. 1:2; James 5:3; 2 Pet. 3:3,10; Rev.  
 6:17; 16:14; 20:10
- DAZZLE**—*shine* Song 5:10, My beloved is **d-ing**  
 Luke 24:4, men . . . in **d-ing** apparel
- DEAD** 1 Sam. 24:14; 2 Sam. 9:8; 16:9; **d** dog  
 Ps. 31:12, I am forgotten as a **d** man  
 Eccles. 9:4, a live dog is better than a **d** lion  
 Is. 26:19, Your **d** will live  
 Matt. 11:5, and *the d* are raised up  
 22:32, God is not *the God of the d*  
 23:27, full of **d** men's bones  
 John 5:25, **d** shall hear the voice of the Son of  
 God  
 Acts 10:42, Judge of the living and the **d**  
 26:23, *His* resurrection from the **d**  
 Rom. 6:11, consider yourselves to be **d** to sin  
 14:9, Lord both of the **d** and of the living  
 1 Cor. 15:15, if in fact the **d** are not raised  
 2 Cor. 1:9, God who raises the **d**  
 Eph. 2:1, you were **d** in your trespasses and  
 sins  
 1 Tim. 5:6, **d** even while she lives  
 Heb. 6:1, repentance from **d** works  
 James 2:17, faith, if it has no works, is **d**  
 2:26, body without the spirit is **d**  
 Rev. 1:18, I was **d**, and behold, I am alive  
 3:1, name that you are alive, and you are **d**  
 14:13, Blessed are the **d** who die in the Lord  
 Gen. 23:3; Ex. 12:30; Lev. 19:28; Ruth 1:8;  
 Ps. 115:17; Prov. 9:18; Eccles. 4:2; 9:5;  
 10:1; Jer. 22:10; Matt. 2:19,20; 8:22; 9:24;  
 10:8; Mark 9:10,26; Luke 7:22; 15:24,32;  
 16:31; Rom. 7:4; 1 Cor. 15:35; Eph. 5:14;  
 Col. 1:18; 2:13; 1 Thess. 4:16; 2 Tim. 4:1;  
 Heb. 11:4; 13:20; 1 Pet. 4:6; Jude 12;  
 Rev. 1:5; 20:5,12,13
- DEADLY** 1 Sam. 5:11; Ps. 17:9; Mark 16:18;  
 James 3:8
- DEAF** Matt. 11:5, lepers are cleansed and *the d*  
 hear  
 Ex. 4:11; Lev. 19:14; Ps. 58:4; Is. 29:18; 42:18;  
 43:8; Mark 7:37; 9:25; Luke 7:22
- DEAL**—*allot, treat* Prov. 12:22, those who **d**  
 faithfully are  
 Ex. 1:10; Lev. 19:11; Ps. 25:3; Is. 21:2; 24:16;  
 26:10; Jer. 6:13; Hos. 5:7
- DEALINGS** Judg. 18:7, had no **d** with anyone  
 John 4:9, Jews have no **d** with Samaritans
- DEAR**—*beloved* Jer. 31:20, Is Ephraim My **d**  
 son  
 Acts 20:24, I do not consider my life . . . as **d**  
 1 Thess. 2:8, you had become very **d** to us
- DEATH**—*grave* Num. 23:10; Judg. 16:16; 2 Sam.  
 22:5  
 Judg. 16:30, whom he killed at his **d** were  
 more
- Ruth 1:17, if *anything but d* parts you and me  
 1 Sam. 15:32, Surely the bitterness of **d** is past  
 2 Sam. 1:23, in their **d** they were not parted  
 Ps. 23:4, valley of the shadow of **d**  
 89:48, what man can live and not see **d**  
 107:10, darkness and in the shadow of **d**  
 116:15, Precious . . . Is the **d** of His godly  
 ones  
 Song 8:6, love is as strong as **d**  
 Is. 25:8, He will swallow up **d** for all time  
 Ezek. 33:11, no pleasure in the **d** of the  
 wicked  
 Matt. 2:15, there until the **d** of Herod  
 16:28; Mark 9:1; Luke 9:27, shall not taste **d**  
 26:38; Mark 14:34, to the point of **d**  
 John 5:24, has passed out of **d** into life  
 8:51, never see **d**  
 Acts 10:39, **d** by hanging Him on a cross  
 Rom. 6:23, the wages of sin is **d**  
 8:2, free from the law of sin and **d**  
 8:36, WE ARE BEING PUT TO **D** ALL DAY LONG  
 1 Cor. 11:26, proclaim the Lord's **d** until He  
 comes  
 15:21, by a man *came d*  
 15:56, the sting of **d** is sin  
 2 Cor. 4:12, **d** works in us  
 Phil. 2:8, obedient to the point of **d**, even **d**  
 on  
 Heb. 2:9, suffering of **d** . . . He might taste **d**  
 2:15, through fear of **d** were subject to  
 slavery  
 James 1:15, sin . . . brings forth **d**  
 5:20, will save his soul from **d**  
 Rev. 1:18, I have the keys of **d** and of Hades  
 2:10, Be faithful until **d**  
 6:8, he who sat on it had the name **D**  
 9:6, men will seek **d** . . . and **d** flees from  
 them  
 21:4, there shall no longer be *any d*  
 2 Chr. 25:4; Job 3:21; 7:15; 30:23; Ps. 6:5; 13:3;  
 18:4; 28:14; 49:14; 68:20; 102:20; 116:3;  
 Prov. 7:27; 8:36; 14:12; 16:25; Is. 38:18;  
 Jer. 8:3; Ezek. 18:32; Hos. 13:14; Jon.  
 4:3,8; Matt. 10:21; 15:4; Mark 7:10; Luke  
 2:26; 22:33; John 11:4; 12:33; 18:31,32;  
 21:19; Acts 2:24; Rom. 1:32; 5:10,14,17;  
 6:5,21; 1 Cor. 3:22; 15:55; 2 Cor. 1:9;  
 11:23; James 5:6; 1 John 3:14; 5:16; Rev.  
 2:11; 20:6
- DEBATE**—*dispute* Acts 15:2,7; 1 Cor. 1:20
- DEBT** Matt. 6:12, forgive us our **d-s**  
 1 Sam. 22:2; 2 Kin. 4:7; Neh. 10:31;  
 Prov. 22:26; Matt. 18:27
- DEBTOR**—*obligation*  
 Ezek. 18:7, restores to the **d**  
 Matt. 6:12, as we also have forgiven our **d-s**  
 Luke 7:41, a certain money-lender had two **d-s**  
 16:5, summoned each of his master's **d-s**
- DECAY**—*corruption* Job 21:20, own eyes see  
 his **d**  
 Acts 2:27, HOLY ONE TO UNDERGO **D**
- DECEIT**—*falsehood, deception* Ps. 32:2; 36:3;  
 50:19  
 Ps. 10:7, mouth full of curses and **d** and  
 oppression  
 34:13, your lips from speaking **d**  
 55:23, Men of bloodshed and **d** will not live  
 Prov. 12:5, counsels of the wicked are **d-ful**  
 31:30, Charm is **d-ful** and beauty is vain

**DECEIT** (*Continued*)

Jer. 17:9, heart is more **d-ful** than all else  
 2 Cor. 11:13, false apostles, **d-ful** workers  
 1 Pet. 2:22, **NOR WAS ANY D FOUND**  
 Prov. 27:6; Is. 57:4; Jer. 5:27; 48:10; Dan. 8:25;  
 Hos. 11:12; Zeph. 1:9; Mark 7:22; Eph.  
 4:14,22; 2 Cor. 12:16

**DECEITFUL**—*false* Ps. 120:3, You **d** tongue  
 Ps. 17:1; 26:4

**DECEITFULNESS**—*deception*

Matt. 13:22; Mark 4:19, **d** of riches

**DECEIVE**—*cheat, mislead, steal* Gen. 31:20,27;  
 Num. 25:18

Gen. 29:25, Why then have you **d-d** me  
 Jer. 42:20, you have *only* **d-d** yourselves  
 Matt. 27:63, we remember that . . . the **d-r**  
 said

Rom. 3:13, **THEY KEEP D-ING**

2 Cor. 6:8, *regarded* as **d-rs** and yet true

Eph. 5:6, 1 John 3:7, Let no one **d** you  
 1 John 1:8, If we say . . . no sin, we are **d-ing**  
 2 John 7, many **d-rs** . . . This is the **d-r** and  
 the antichrist

Rev. 12:9, Satan, who **d-s** the whole world

Deut. 11:16; Josh. 7:11; 9:22; 1 Kin. 22:22;  
 2 Kin. 19:10; Is. 37:10; 44:20; Jer. 20:7;  
 37:9; Obad. 3; 1 Cor. 6:9; 15:33; Gal. 6:7;  
 2 Thess. 2:3; 1 Tim. 2:14; 2 Tim. 3:13;  
 James 1:16; Rev. 19:20

**DECEPTION**—*deceit* Jer. 3:10, return to Me  
 . . . in **d**

Matt. 27:64, last **d** will be worse than the first  
 Col. 2:8, philosophy and empty **d**

**DECEPTIVE** Mic. 6:11, a bag of **d** weights

**DECIDE**—*determine* 1 Sam. 20:7, he has **d-d** on  
 evil

2 Chr. 2:1, Solomon **d-d** to build a house  
 Ex. 21:22; Acts 3:13; 1 Cor. 7:37

**DECISION**—*rebuke* Prov. 16:33, every **d** is from  
 the **LORD**

Joel 3:14, day . . . is near in the valley of **d**  
 Mic. 4:3; Zeph. 3:8

**DECK** Is. 61:10, As a bridegroom **d-s** himself

**DECLARATION**—*account*

Job 13:17, let my **d** fill your ears

**DECLARE**—*explain, relate* Ps. 75:9, I will **d** it  
 forever

Ps. 92:2, To **d** Thy lovingkindness

145:4, shall **d** Thy mighty acts

Is. 43:21, Will **d** My praise

45:19, **D-ing** things that are upright

46:10, **D-ing** the end from the beginning

John 4:25, He will **d** all things to us  
 Acts 20:27, **d-ing** to you the whole purpose of  
 God

Rom. 1:4, **d-d** with power to be the Son of  
 God

Deut. 30:18; Job 31:37; Ps. 9:11; 30:9; 51:15;  
 Is. 41:26; 45:21; 66:19; Acts 17:30

**DECORATE**—*deck* Jer. 4:30, 10:4

**DECREASE**—*abate, subside* Gen. 8:3, the  
 water **d-d**

Ps. 107:38, He does not let their cattle **d**  
 John 3:30, He must increase, but I must **d**

**DECREE**—*decide, determine* Job 22:28; Ps.  
 94:20; 148:6

Dan. 11:36, that which is **d-d** will be done  
 Prov. 8:15; Dan. 2:9; 9:24; Acts 16:4; 17:7

**DEDICATE**—*devote*

Ex. 32:29, **D** yourselves today to the

1 Kin. 7:51, Solomon brought things **d-d**  
 8:63, sons of Israel **d-d** the house of the

**LORD**

Deut. 20:5; Judg. 17:3; 1 Kin. 15:15;

1 Chr. 18:11; 26:27

**DEED**—*action, practice, work* Gen. 44:15;  
 2 Sam. 12:14

Ps. 9:1, committed abominable **d-s**

28:4, according to the **d-s** of their hands

Is. 1:16, Remove the evil of your **d-s**

59:18; Jer. 25:4, according to their **d-s**

Luke 24:19, prophet mighty in **d** and word

John 3:19, their **d-s** were evil

Acts 7:22, man of power in words and **d-s**

Gal. 5:19, **d-s** of the flesh are evident

Col. 3:17, whatever you do in word or **d**

Titus 3:1, ready for every good **d**

1 John 3:18, not love with word . . . but in **d**  
 and truth

Rev. 2:2, I know your **d-s** and your toil  
 14:13, for their **d-s** follow with them

Ezra 9:13; Neh. 13:14; Ps. 66:5; Prov. 20:11;

Jer. 32:10,44; Luke 11:48; 23:41; John  
 8:41; Rom. 2:6

**DEEP**—*abyss, depth*

Gen. 7:11, fountains of the great **d**

Job 28:14, the **d** says, It is not with me

Ps. 36:6, Thy judgments are *like* a great **d**  
 42:7, **D** calls to **d**

Prov. 19:15, Laziness casts into a **d** sleep

Matt. 26:38; Mark 14:34, soul is **d-ly** grieved

Luke 5:4, Put out into **d** water

Rom. 8:26, groanings too **d** for words

Gen. 8:2; Deut. 33:13; Job 4:13; 38:30;

Ps. 33:7; 77:16; 106:9; 107:24; Prov. 22:14;  
 23:27; Luke 6:48; John 4:11

**DEER** Ps. 42:1, **d** pants for the water brooks

Is. 35:6, lame will leap like a **d**

Deut. 12:15; 14:5; 1 Kin. 4:23

**DEFEAT** 1 Chr. 18:1, David **d-ed** the Philistines

Jer. 37:10, had **d-ed** the entire army

Gen. 14:15; 36:35; Num. 22:6; Josh. 10:33;

12:17; 1 Chr. 1:46; 14:11; 18:3; Jer. 46:2

**DEFECT**—*spot* Lev. 21:17; Deut. 15:21;

2 Sam. 14:25; Job 11:15; Dan. 1:4

**DEFEND**—*protect*

Zech. 9:15, **LORD** of hosts will **d** them

Acts 7:24; Rom. 2:15; 2 Cor. 12:19

**DEFENSE** Acts 19:33; 22:1

Phil. 1:7, in the **d** . . . of the gospel

**DEFICIENT**—*want* Dan. 5:27, and found **d**

**DEFILE**—*pollute, profane* Lev. 21:4; Is. 59:3;  
 Jer. 2:7

2 Kin. 23:13, high places . . . the king **d-d**

Neh. 13:29, they have **d-d** the priesthood

Ps. 74:7, **d-d** the dwelling place of Thy name

79:1, **d-d** Thy holy temple

Matt. 15:11,18,20; Mark 7:15,20,23, **d** the man

Titus 1:15, to those who are **d-d** . . . nothing is  
 pure

Heb. 12:15, by it many are **d-d**

James 3:6, that which **d-s** the entire body  
 Jude 8, these men also by dreaming **d** the

flesh

Ezek. 23:38; 36:17; Dan. 1:8; John 18:28;

1 Cor. 8:7

**DEFILEMENT**—*filth* 2 Cor. 7:1, from all **d**

**DEFRAUD**—*deprive, wrong*

1 Thess. 4:6, 1 Cor. 6:7,8, transgress and **d**

1 Sam. 12:3; Lam. 3:36; Mark 10:19



**DEGENERATE** Jer. 2:21, **d** shoots of a foreign vine  
**DEGRADE** Rom. 1:26, gave them over to **d-ing** passions  
**DEGREE**—standing 1 Chr. 17:17; Ps. 62:9  
**DEITY** Col. 2:9, fulness of **D** . . . bodily form  
**DELAY**—hinder, linger  
 Ex. 32:1, the people saw that Moses **d-ed**  
 Deut. 23:21, shall not **d** to pay it  
 1 Tim. 3:15, in case I am **d-ed**  
 Rev. 10:6, there shall be **d** no longer  
 Gen. 24:56; Ex. 22:29; Acts 9:38; 25:17  
**DELEGATION**—messenger  
 Luke 19:14, sent a **d** after him  
**DELICACY**—dainty, delicate Ps. 141:4; Prov. 23:3; Lam. 4:5  
**DELICATE**—dainty Deut. 28:54,56; Is. 47:1  
**DELIGHT (n.)**—affection, luxury, observe, pleasure  
 2 Sam. 15:26, I have no **d** in you  
 Ps. 1:2, his **d** is in the law of the LORD  
 Prov. 8:31, *having* my **d** in the sons of men  
 11:1, a just weight is His **d**  
 12:22, those who deal faithfully are His **d**  
 Job 27:10; Ps. 16:3; 119:24,77,92,143,174;  
 Prov. 8:30; 15:8; 16:13; Song 2:3; Is. 58:13;  
 62:4  
**DELIGHT (v.)**—desire  
 Job 22:26, you will **d** in the Almighty  
 Ps. 37:4, **D** yourself in the LORD  
 37:11, **d** themselves in abundant prosperity  
 51:16, Thou dost not **d** in sacrifice  
 Eccles. 5:4, He takes no **d** in fools  
 Is. 42:1, My chosen one in *whom* My soul **d-s**  
 55:2, **d** yourself in abundance  
 Mic. 7:18, He **d-s** in unchanging love  
 1 Sam. 15:22; Neh. 1:11; Ps. 94:19; Prov. 1:22;  
 2:14; 18:2; 23:26; Is. 11:3; Hos. 6:6; Mal. 3:1  
**DELIGHTFUL** Mal. 3:12, you shall have a **d** land  
**DELIVER**—rescue, save Ex. 3:8; Num. 35:25;  
 Deut. 32:39  
 Job 5:19, From six troubles He will **d** you  
 Ps. 56:13, **d-ed** my soul from death  
 Is. 43:13, none who can **d** out of my hand  
 50:2, have I no power to **d**  
 Matt. 6:13, **d** us from evil  
 10:17, they will **d** you up to the courts  
 10:21, brother will **d** up brother  
 Acts 2:23, **d-ed** up by the predetermined plan  
 Rom. 4:25, who was **d-ed** up because of our transgressions  
 2 Cor. 1:10, **d-ed** us from so great a *peril* of death  
 Gal. 1:4, He might **d** us out of this present evil age  
 Jude 3, faith which was . . . **d-ed** to the saints  
 Judg. 7:2; 1 Sam. 10:27; 2 Chr. 20:9; 32:13;  
 Ps. 33:17; Prov. 24:11; Eccles. 9:15; Jer. 1:8; 39:17; Dan. 3:17; 6:14; Joel 2:32;  
 Matt. 26:15; Acts 7:34; 2 Cor. 4:11;  
 2 Tim. 4:18  
**DELIVERANCE**—victory, salvation Gen. 45:7, by a great **d**  
 Ps. 32:7, surround me with songs of **d**  
 68:20, God is . . . a God of **d-s**  
**DELUDE** 2 Thess. 2:11, God will send . . . a **d-ing** influence

**DEMON**—*satyr* Matt. 8:31, **d-s** began to entreat Him  
 Mark 3:15, authority to cast out the **d-s**  
 James 2:19, **d-s** also believe and shudder  
 3:15, is earthly, natural, **d-ic**  
 Lev. 17:7; Deut. 32:17; Ps. 106:37; Matt. 10:8;  
 1 Cor. 10:20; Rev. 9:20  
**DEMONSTRATE**—show Rom. 5:8, God **d-s** His own love  
 Rom. 9:22, willing to **d** His wrath  
**DEMONSTRATION** 1 Cor. 2:4, in **d** of the Spirit and of power  
**DEN** Jer. 7:11, Has this house . . . become a **d** of robbers  
 Dan. 6:7, shall be cast into the lions' **d**  
 Judg. 6:2; Job 37:8; Is. 11:8; Amos 3:4; Matt. 21:13; Mark 11:17  
**DENOUNCE**—slander Jer. 20:10, **D** him; yes, let us **d** him  
**DENY**—conceal Matt. 10:33, whoever shall **d** Me before men  
 1 Tim. 5:8, he has **d-ed** the faith  
 2 Tim. 2:13, for He cannot **d** Himself  
 3:5, they have **d-ed** its power  
 Titus 2:12, instructing us to **d** ungodliness  
 Josh. 24:27; Job 6:10; Prov. 30:9; Titus 1:16  
**DEPART** Job 21:14, they say to God, **D** from us  
 Job 28:28, to **d** from evil is understanding  
 Ps. 6:8, **D** from me, all you who do inquiry  
 Prov. 22:6, when he is old he will not **d** from it  
 27:22, his folly will not **d** from him  
 Is. 26:14, **d-ed** spirits will not rise  
 John 13:1, hour had come that He should **d**  
 2 Cor. 12:8, entreated . . . that it might **d**  
 Phil. 1:23, desire to **d** and be with Christ  
 Gen. 49:10; Job 22:17; Ps. 18:21; 34:14; 37:27;  
 105:38; Matt. 2:13,22; 7:23; 25:41;  
 Luke 2:29; 4:13; 13:27; 21:21; Acts 7:3  
**DEPARTURE**—death Luke 9:13, His **d**  
 2 Tim. 4:6, the time of my **d** has come  
 2 Pet. 1:15, at any time after my **d**  
**DEPEND**—hang Matt. 22:40, two commandments **d** . . . Law  
**DEPOSE** Dan. 5:20, he was **d-d** from his royal throne  
**DEPRAVE** Rom. 1:28, gave them over to a **d-d** mind  
 2 Tim. 3:8, men of **d-d** mind  
**DEPRIVE** Is. 38:10, **d-d** of the rest of my years  
 1 Cor. 7:5, Stop **d-ing** one another  
 1 Tim. 6:5, **d-d** of the truth  
**DEPTH**—abyss, deep  
 Ps. 95:4, In whose hand are the **d-s** of the earth  
 107:26, they went down to the **d-s**  
 Prov. 25:3, heavens for height, . . . earth for **d**  
 Mic. 7:19, cast all their sins Into the **d-s** of the sea  
 Matt. 13:5, they had no **d** of soil  
 18:6, better . . . be drowned in the **d** of the sea  
 Mark 4:5, it sprang up because it had no **d** of soil  
 Rom. 8:39, nor height, nor **d** . . . separate us  
 11:33, **d** of the riches  
 1 Cor. 2:10, searches all things, even the **d-s** of God  
 Job 41:31, Ps. 86:13; Prov. 8:24; Is. 7:11; 63:13  
**DEPUTY**—proconsul 1 Kin. 22:47, a **d** was king

**DERIDE**—*mock, scoff, sneer* Ps. 119:51, utterly  
d me

**DERISION**—*laughingstock, shame* Ex. 32:25;  
Ps. 79:4

Ps. 44:13, a d to those around us  
Jer. 20:8; Ezek. 23:32; 36:4; Hos. 7:16

**DESCEND** Gen. 28:12, angels of God . . . d  
Matt. 7:25,27, rain d-ed, and the floods came  
Mark 1:10, Spirit like a dove d-ing upon Him  
Rom. 10:7, WHO WILL D INTO THE ABYSS  
Ps. 49:17; Prov. 30:4; Matt. 11:23;  
John 1:32,33; Eph. 4:10

**DESCENDANT**—*seed* Ps. 37:28, d-s of the  
wicked will be

Rom. 4:18, SO SHALL YOUR D-S BE

**DESCENT** Luke 19:37, near the d of the Mount

**DESCRIPTION** Josh. 18:4, write a d of it  
according to

**DESERT**—*wild* Ps. 78:40, wrote Him in the d  
Is. 35:1, the d will be glad  
40:3, in the d a highway for our God  
43:19, Rivers in the d  
51:3, her d like a garden of the LORD

Prov. 21:19; Jer. 17:6; 25:24; 50:39; Luke 1:80

**DESERT**—*leave, forsake* 2 Kin. 25:11, the d-ers  
who had

2 Tim. 4:16, but all d-ed me

Heb. 13:5, I WILL NEVER d YOU

**DESERVE**—*due, worthy*

Matt. 26:66, He is d-ing of death

Luke 23:41, receiving what we d for our deeds

1 Tim. 1:15, statement, d-ing full acceptance  
Judg. 9:16; Ezra 9:13

**DESIGN**—*device, devise* Ex. 31:4; 35:32,35;  
2 Chr. 2:14

**DESIRABLE** Ps. 19:10, more d than gold

Prov. 19:22, What is d in a man is his kindness

Ezek. 23:6,12,23, d young men

Gen. 3:6; Prov. 8:11

**DESIRE (n.)**—*appetite* Job 31:16; Ps. 10:3;  
140:8; 13:12

Gen. 3:16, your d shall be for your husband

Ps. 21:2, given him his heart's d

37:4, He will give you the d-s of your heart  
112:10, d of the wicked will perish

145:16, satisfy the d of every living thing

Prov. 10:24; 11:23, the d of the righteous

Mic. 7:3, great man speaks the d of his soul

Rom. 10:1, my heart's d . . . is for their  
salvation

Eph. 2:3, d-s of the flesh and of the mind

Phil. 1:23, having the d to depart

Prov. 21:25; Ezek. 24:16,21,25; Mark 4:19;  
Col. 3:5

**DESIRE (v.)**—*want, wish, crave* Deut. 14:26;  
1 Sam. 2:16

Ps. 34:12, Who is the man who d-s life

51:6, Thou dost d truth

73:25, besides Thee, I d nothing on earth

Luke 22:15, earnestly d-d to eat this Passover

1 Cor. 12:31, earnestly d the greater gifts

14:1, yet d earnestly spiritual gifts

Gal. 6:12, who d to make a good showing in  
the flesh

Heb. 11:16, they d a better country

Job 13:3; Ps. 40:6; 45:11; 107:30; Prov. 3:15,  
23:3; Eccles. 2:10; Matt. 13:17; Gal. 4:9;

1 Tim. 3:1

**DESOLATE**—*lonely, waste* Lev. 26:31; Is. 54:1;  
62:4

Matt. 23:38, your house is being left to you d  
Jer. 2:12; 12:10; Ezek. 6:6; Joel 2:3; Zech. 7:14;  
Luke 13:35; Acts 1:20; Gal. 4:27

**DESOLATION**—*ruins, waste*

Jer. 25:9; Ezek. 35:9, an everlasting d  
32:43, a d without man or beast

Dan. 9:26, there will be war; d-s are  
determined

11:31; 12:11, abomination of d

Zeph. 1:15, day of destruction and d

2 Kin. 22:19; Josh. 8:28; Ps. 46:8; Is. 61:4;

Luke 21:20

**DESPAIR**—*faint, sorrow* 1 Sam. 27:1; Job 6:26;  
Eccles. 2:20

Deut. 28:65, failing of eyes, and d of soul

2 Cor. 4:8, perplexed, but not d-ing

**DESPERATE** Jer. 17:9, The heart . . . is d-ly sick

**DESPISE**—*reject, scorn, spurn* Gen. 16:4;

Num. 15:31

Gen. 25:34, Esau d-d his birthright

Job 5:17, do not d the discipline of the  
Almighty

36:5, God is mighty but does not d any

Ps. 51:17, a contrite heart . . . Thou wilt not d

Prov. 1:7, Fools d wisdom and instruction

15:32, He who neglects discipline d-s  
himself

Eccles. 9:16, wisdom of the poor man is d-d

Zech. 4:10, who has d-d the day of small  
things

Matt. 6:24; Luke 16:13, hold to one and d the  
other

18:10, do not d one of these little ones

1 Cor. 1:28, base things . . . and the d-d

Heb. 12:2, endured the cross, d-ing the shame

1 Sam. 2:30; 2 Sam. 6:16; Neh. 4:4; Job 19:18;

Ps. 73:20; 102:17; 119:163; Prov. 6:30;

13:13; 15:20; Is. 5:24; 49:7; Jer. 49:15;

Ezek. 21:10; 22:8; Mal. 1:6; 1 Cor. 11:22;  
16:11; 1 Thess. 5:20

**DESPONDENCY**—*anguish, distress*

Ex. 6:9, on account of their d

**DESTINE**—*appoint, name*

1 Thess. 5:9, God has not d-d us for wrath

**DESTITUTE**—*deprive* Ezek. 32:15

Ps. 102:17, regarding the prayer of the d

Heb. 11:37, being d, afflicted, ill-treated

**DESTROY**—*defile, pollute, abolish, ruin, waste*

2 Sam. 1:14, d the LORD's anointed

Ps. 40:14, seek my life to d it

Prov. 1:32, complacency of fools shall d them

Is. 23:14, your stronghold is d-ed

Matt. 2:13, search . . . to d Him

6:19, where moth and rust d

10:28, fear him who is able to d

12:14; Mark 3:6, they might d Him

Mark 14:58, I will d this temple

Luke 6:9, is it lawful . . . to save a life or d it

17:27, flood came and d-ed them all

1 Cor. 3:17, If any man d-s the temple

Gal. 1:13, church of God . . . tried to d it

1:23, the faith which he once tried to d

2:18, if I rebuild what I once d-ed

2 Pet. 3:12, heavens will be d-ed by burning

1 John 3:8, d the works of the devil

Gen. 6:17; Ex. 22:20; Deut. 9:14; 1 Sam. 15:6;

Job 10:8; Ps. 63:9; 145:20; Prov. 28:24;

31:3; Eccles. 9:18; Is. 10:7; 11:9; Jer. 13:14;

23:1; Ezek. 9:1; 22:27; Dan. 8:24; Matt.

- 22:7; Mark 1:24; 11:18; 12:9; 15:29;  
 Luke 4:34; 20:16; John 2:19; Rom. 14:15;  
 James 2:12; 2 Pet. 2:12; 3:11; Jude 5
- DESTROYER**—*robber* Judg. 16:24, Even the **d**  
 of our country  
 Job 12:6; 15:21; Is. 49:17; Jer. 22:7
- DESTRUCTION**—*calamity, ruin* Ps. 35:8, Let **d**  
 come upon him  
 Ps. 52:2, Your tongue devises **d**  
 91:6, **d** that lays waste at noon  
 Prov. 16:18, Pride goes before **d**  
 Is. 19:18, called the City of **D**  
 59:7, Devastation and **d** are in their  
 highways  
 Lam. 2:11; 3:48; 4:10, **d** of the daughter of my  
 people  
 Matt. 7:13, way is broad that leads to **d**  
 Rom. 9:22, vessels of wrath prepared for **d**  
 Phil. 3:18,19, many walk . . . whose end is **d**  
 1 Thess. 5:3, **d** will come upon them suddenly  
 1 Tim. 6:9, desires plunge to ruin and **d**  
 2 Chr. 22:4; Esth. 8:6; Job 21:17; Ps. 5:9; 57:1;  
 73:18; Prov. 17:19; 19:13; Is. 10:22; 14:23;  
 28:2; Jer. 17:18; 50:22; Hos. 13:9;  
 Rom. 3:16; 2 Thess. 1:9; 2 Pet. 2:1,3; 3:16;  
 Rev. 17:8
- DESTRUCTIVE**—*false* Prov. 17:4, a **d** tongue  
 2 Pet. 2:1, secretly introduce **d** heresies
- DETAIN** Judg. 13:15,16; 1 Sam. 21:7
- DETERMINE**—*decide* Job 14:5, his days are **d-d**  
 Luke 22:22, Son . . . as it has been **d-d**  
 Acts 17:26, having **d-d** their appointed times  
 1 Cor. 2:2, I **d-d** to know nothing
- DETEST**—*despise, loathe* Deut. 7:26; Amos 6:8;  
 Jer. 4:1
- DETESTABLE**—*abominable*  
 Deut. 14:3, eat any **d** thing  
 Is. 66:17, swine's flesh, **d** things  
 Luke 16:15, is **d** in the sight of God  
 Job 15:16; Jer. 16:18; Ezek. 5:11; 7:20; 11:18;  
 37:23
- DEVASTATE**—*waste* Nah. 2:2; 3:7
- DEVASTATION**—*oppression*  
 Ps. 12:5, the **d** of the afflicted
- DEVICE**—*design, plan, scheme*  
 Prov. 1:31, satiated . . . own **d-s**
- DEVIIOUS**—*pervse* Prov. 4:24, put **d** lips far  
 from you
- DEVISE**—*design, plan, scheme, fashion*  
 Prov. 3:29, Do not **d** harm against your  
 neighbor  
 6:14, **d-s** evil continually  
 14:22, will they not go astray who **d** evil  
 2 Pet. 1:16, cleverly **d-d** tales  
 Esth. 9:25; Ps. 2:1; 10:2; 21:11; 35:4; 41:7;  
 94:20; Prov. 6:18; 12:2; Is. 32:7,8;  
 Zech. 7:10; Acts 4:25
- DEVOTE**—*dedicate* Rom. 12:10, Be **d-d** to one  
 another  
 Col. 4:2, **D** yourselves to prayer  
 Num. 18:14; Ezek. 44:29
- DEVOTION** Eccles. 12:12, excessive **d** to books  
 is wearying
- DEVOUR**—*consume, swallow*  
 2 Sam. 2:26, Shall the sword **d** forever  
 11:25, the sword **d-s** one as well as another  
 Zeph. 1:18; 3:8, all the earth will be **d-ed**  
 Matt. 13:4, birds came and **d-ed** them  
 23:14, you **d** widows' houses
- Luke 15:30, son of yours . . . has **d-ed** your  
 wealth  
 Gal. 5:15, if you bite and **d** one another  
 Gen. 37:20; 2 Sam. 18:8; 22:9; Job 18:13; Ps.  
 18:8; 50:3; 52:4; Prov. 30:14; Is. 1:7,20;  
 Jer. 2:30; 30:16; Amos 4:9; Mal. 3:11;  
 Mark 12:40; Luke 8:5; 2 Cor. 11:20
- DEVOUT**—*God-fearing*  
 Luke 2:25, Simeon . . . righteous and **d**  
 Acts 2:5; 8:2, **d** men  
 Acts 10:1,2; 13:50; 22:12
- DEW** Gen. 27:28, God give you of the **d** of  
 heaven  
 Judg. 6:37, if there is **d** on the fleece only  
 2 Sam. 17:12, we will fall on him as the **d** falls  
 Prov. 3:20, the skies drip with **d**  
 Is. 18:4, Like a cloud of **d** in the heat of  
 harvest  
 Dan. 4:15,23,25,33, drenched with the **d** of  
 heaven  
 Ex. 16:13; Num. 11:9; Deut. 32:2; 33:13;  
 2 Sam. 1:21; 1 Kin. 17:1; Job 29:19; 38:28;  
 Ps. 110:3; 133:3; Prov. 19:12; Is. 26:19;  
 Hos. 6:4; 13:3; 14:5; Hag. 1:10
- DIADEM**—*turban* Is. 28:5; 62:3
- DIAMOND** Ex. 28:18; 39:11; Jer. 17:1;  
 Ezek. 28:13
- DID**—*put* Gen. 6:22; Job 1:5  
 2 Chr. 18:23, How **d** the Spirit . . . pass  
 Matt. 13:58, He **d** not do many miracles  
 John 9:26, What **d** He do to you  
 15:24, works which no one else **d**  
 1 Cor. 13:11, **d** away with childish things
- DIE**—*depart* Gen. 2:17; 20:7; 1 Sam. 14:44;  
 22:16; 1 Kin. 2:37,42; Ezek. 3:18; 33:8, you  
 shall surely **d**  
 Deut. 14:21, not eat anything which **d-s** of  
 itself  
 Ruth 1:17, Where you **d**, I will **d**  
 1 Sam. 26:16, *all* of you must surely **d**  
 Job 2:9, his wife said . . . Curse God and **d**  
 3:11, Why did I not **d** at birth  
 14:14, If a man **d-s**, will he live *again*  
 21:23, One **d-s** in his full strength  
 Ps. 49:10, even wise men **d**  
 49:17, when he **d-s** he will carry nothing  
 away  
 Prov. 10:21, fools **d** for lack of understanding  
 Eccles. 2:16, wise man and fool alike will **d**  
 Ezek. 18:4, soul who sins will **d**  
 18:32, no pleasure in . . . who **d-s**  
 Matt. 26:35, Even if I must **d** with you  
 Luke 8:52, she has not **d-d**, but is asleep  
 16:22, poor man **d-d** . . . rich man also **d-d**  
 John 6:49, ate the manna . . . and they **d-d**  
 11:25, who believes . . . live even if he **d-s**  
 11:51, that Jesus was going to **d** for the  
 nation  
 12:24, a grain of wheat falls . . . and **d-s**  
 Rom. 5:6, Christ **d-d** for the ungodly  
 5:7, one will hardly **d** for a righteous man  
 6:2, How shall we who **d-d** to sin  
 14:9, Christ **d-d** and lived *again*  
 14:15, him for whom Christ **d-d**  
 1 Cor. 15:31, I **d** daily  
 2 Cor. 5:14, one **d-d** for all, therefore all **d-d**  
 Phil. 1:21, to **d** is gain  
 Col. 2:20, If you have **d-d** with Christ

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1 Thess. 4:14, we believe that Jesus **d-d** and rose  
 5:10, who **d-d** for us, that . . . we may live  
 Heb. 9:27, appointed for men to **d** once  
 11:13, All these **d-d** in faith  
 Gen. 3:3; 25:8; 27:4; 45:28; Lev. 10:6;  
 Num. 18:32; Prov. 14:32; 30:7; Jer. 26:8;  
 27:13; Ezek. 18:20,31; 33:11,14;  
 Matt. 22:25; Mark 5:39; John 11:44; 19:7;  
 Acts 9:37; 21:13; Rom. 6:10; 7:9; 8:34;  
 14:7; 1 Cor. 8:11; 15:3,22; Gal. 2:19;  
 2 Tim. 2:11; 1 Pet. 2:24; Rev. 9:6; 14:3

**DIFFER** Rom. 12:6, we have gifts that **d**  
 1 Cor. 15:41, star **d-s** from star in glory  
 Deut. 25:13; Gal. 4:1

**DIFFERENCE—distinction** Ezek. 44:23

**DIFFICULT—hard** Jer. 32:27; Ezek. 3:5  
 Gen. 18:14, Is anything too **d** for the LORD  
 1 Kin. 10:1; 2 Chr. 9:1, test Solomon with **d**  
 questions  
 Jer. 32:17, Nothing is too **d** for Thee  
 John 6:60, This is a **d** statement

**DIG** Ex. 21:33; Deut. 6:11; 8:9; Job 3:21; 24:16;  
 Ezek. 12:5; Luke 13:8; 16:3

**DIGNITY—majesty** Gen. 49:3; Esth. 6:3;  
 1 Tim. 2:2

**DILIGENCE—effort, speed** Ezra 6:12, carried  
 out with all **d**  
 Prov. 4:23, Watch over your heart with all **d**  
 Rom. 12:11, not lagging behind in **d**

**DILIGENT—careful, eager, thorough** Prov. 1:28;  
 Heb. 4:11  
 Prov. 11:27, **d-ly** seeks good seeks favor  
 Eph. 4:3, **d** to preserve the unity  
 2 Tim. 2:15, Be **d** to present yourself  
 approved  
 2 Pet. 1:15, I will also be **d**

**DILL** Is. 28:25,27

**DILUTE—mix** Is. 1:22, drink **d-d** with water

**DIM—dark** Job 17:17, My eye has also grown **d**  
 1 Cor. 13:12, see in a mirror **d-ly**  
 Gen. 27:1; 48:10; Deut. 34:7; 1 Sam. 3:2;  
 Ps. 69:23; Eccles. 12:3

**DIMINISH—dwindle, reduce** Lev. 25:16; Ezek.  
 16:27

**DINE—eat** Gen. 43:16; Prov. 23:1

**DINNER—lunch, supper** Matt. 22:4; Luke 14:12  
 Luke 14:16, certain man was giving a big **d**

**DIP** 2 Kin. 5:14, **d-ed himself** seven times in the  
 Jordan  
 Matt. 26:23, **d-ed** his hand with Me in the  
 bowl  
 Luke 16:24, **d** the tip of his finger in water  
 and  
 Rev. 19:13, clothed with a robe **d-ed** in blood  
 Gen. 37:31; Lev. 4:6; 9:9; Josh. 3:15; Ruth  
 2:14; 1 Sam. 14:27; Mark 14:20;  
 John 13:26

**DIRECT—arrange, order** Is. 40:13; Jer. 10:23;  
 1 Thess. 3:11  
 Prov. 16:9, the LORD **d-s** his steps  
 23:19, **d** your heart in the way  
 2 Thess. 3:5, **d** your hearts into the love of  
 God

**DIRGE** Matt. 11:17, we sang a **d**

**DIRTY** James 2:2, a poor man in **d** clothes

**DISAPPOINT—frustrate** Ps. 22:5, they trusted  
 . . . not **d-ed**  
 1 Pet. 2:6, SHALL NOT BE **D-ED**

**DISASTER—evil** Jer. 17:17; Ezek. 7:5

**DISCERN—appraise, analyze, recognize**

1 Kin. 3:9, **d** between good and evil  
 Matt. 16:3, **d** the appearance of the sky  
 Heb. 5:14, senses trained to **d** good and evil  
 Gen. 41:33; Deut. 32:29; 2 Sam. 14:17;  
 Job 4:16; 6:30; Prov. 7:7; 8:5

**DISCERNING—understanding**

Deut. 1:13, Choose wise and **d**  
 1 Kin. 3:12, a wise and **d** heart  
 Prov. 16:21, wise in heart will be called **d**

**DISCERNMENT—judgment**

Ps. 119:66, Teach me good **d**  
 Is. 27:11, not a people of **d**  
 1 Sam. 25:33; 1 Kin. 3:11

**DISCIPLE—pupil** Matt. 10:24, A **d** is not above  
 his teacher

Matt. 12:2, Your **d-s** do what is not lawful  
 26:56, all the **d-s** left Him and fled  
 28:7, tell His **d-s** that He has risen  
 28:19, make **d-s** of all nations

Mark 14:14; Luke 22:11, Passover with My **d-s**  
 Luke 6:13, He called His **d-s** to Him

11:1, just as John also taught his **d-s**

14:26,27, cannot be My **d**

19:37, **d-s** began to praise God joyfully

19:39, Teacher, rebuke Your **d-s**

John 2:11, His **d-s** believed in Him

6:66, many of his **d-s** withdrew

13:5, began to wash the **d-s'** feet

13:35, all men will know you are My **d-s**

19:26, **d** whom He loved standing nearby

Acts 9:26, associate with the **d-s**

11:26, **d-s** were first called Christians

Is. 8:16; Matt. 10:1,42; 11:1; 15:2; 17:16; 19:13;

20:17; 22:16; 26:18,35; 28:13; Mark 2:18;

4:34; 7:2,5; 10:13; Luke 5:30,33; 6:20;

14:33; John 4:2; 6:22; 7:3; 8:31; 9:27,28;

15:8; 18:1,15,16,17,25; 19:38; 20:2,18,26;

21:7,20,23,24; Acts 9:1; 20:30; 21:16

**DISCIPLINE—chasten, exercise**  
 Job 5:17; Prov. 3:11, not despise **d** of the  
 Almighty

Prov. 16:22, **d** of fools is folly

19:18, **D** your son while there is hope

1 Cor. 11:32, we are **d-d** by the Lord

1 Tim. 4:7, **d** yourself for the purpose of  
 godliness

Heb. 12:6, THE LORD LOVES HE **D-S**

Deut. 4:36; 8:5; 1 Kin. 12:11; Heb. 12:8

**DISCONTENTED** 1 Sam. 22:2, everyone . . . **d**

**DISCOURAGE—dishearten** Num. 32:7,9

**DISCOVER—reveal, find** Job 11:7, **d** the depths  
 of God

**DISCREDIT—condemn**

2 Cor. 6:3, the ministry be not **d-ed**

8:20, no one should **d** us

**DISCRETION—understanding, wisdom**

1 Chr. 22:12, LORD give you **d**

Prov. 11:22, beautiful woman who lacks **d**

**DISCUSS—converse, reason** Matt. 16:7; Mark

9:33; Luke 6:11; 24:15

**DISDAIN** 1 Sam. 17:42, he **d-ed** him (David)

Job 30:1, whose fathers I **d-ed**

**DISEASE—affliction** Ps. 103:3, heals all  
 your **d-s**

Matt. 4:23, healing every kind of **d**

Luke 9:1, gave them power . . . to heal **d-s**

Ex. 15:26; Deut. 7:15; 28:60; 2 Chr. 16:12;

Ezek. 34:4; Matt. 4:24; Acts 28:9

- DISGRACE**—*shame, reproach* Gen. 34:7; Lev. 20:17; Job 10:15; Prov. 6:33; 14:34; Jer. 14:21; 1 Cor. 11:4,5,6
- DISGUISE**—*pretend* 1 Sam. 21:13, David **d-d** his sanity  
1 Sam. 28:8, Saul **d-d** himself  
1 Kin. 22:30; 2 Chr. 18:29, King of Israel **d-d** himself  
1 Sam. 26:24; 1 Kin. 14:2; 20:38; 2 Chr. 35:22; Job 24:15
- DISGUST**—*exclude, alienate* Ezek. 23:17, became **d-ed** with
- DISH**—*bowl* Gen. 27:4; 2 Kin. 21:13
- DISHEARTEN** Is. 42:4, will not be **d-ed** or crushed
- DISHONEST** Amos 8:5, cheat with **d** scales
- DISHONOR**—*disgrace, shame* Ezra 4:14; Ps. 35:26; 71:13  
John 8:49, I honor My Father, and you **d** Me  
1 Cor. 15:43, it is sown in **d**  
2 Cor. 6:8, by glory and **d**  
2 Tim. 2:20, some to honor and some to **d**  
Ps. 83:16; Prov. 12:16; Rom. 1:24; 2:23; James 2:6
- DISLOCATE**—*joint*  
Gen. 32:25, Jacob's thigh was **d-d**
- DISMAY**—*astound, discourage*  
Deut. 1:21, Do not fear or be **d-ed**  
Deut. 31:8; Josh. 1:9; 8:1; 10:25; 1 Sam. 17:11; 1 Chr. 22:13; 28:20; 2 Chr. 20:15,17; 32:7; Job 41:22; Jer. 1:17; 8:9,21; 17:18; 30:10; 46:27; Ezek. 2:6; 3:9; Obad. 9
- DISMISS** 2 Chr. 23:8; Acts 19:41
- DISOBEDIENCE** Rom. 5:19, one man's **d**  
Eph. 2:2, spirit . . . working in the sons of **d**  
5:6 wrath of God comes upon the sons of **d**  
Heb. 2:2, **d** received a just recompense
- DISOBEDIENT**—*rebellious* Neh. 9:26; Luke 1:17; Titus 3:3  
Acts 26:19, did not prove **d** to the heavenly vision  
Rom. 1:30; 2 Tim. 3:2, **d** to parents  
10:21, A **D** AND OBSTINATE PEOPLE  
1 Pet. 3:20, spirits who once were **d**
- DISOBEY** 1 Kin. 13:26, **d-ed** the command of the LORD
- DISORDER**—*confusion* James 3:16, **d** and every evil thing
- DISPERSE**—*spread* Esth. 3:8; Is. 11:12; Ezek. 20:23; 36:19; Zeph. 3:10
- DISPERSION** Jer. 25:34; John 7:35
- DISPLAY**—*declare* Esth. 1:11; Ps. 60:4; Is. 3:9  
Ps. 8:1, Who hast **d-ed** Thy splendor above  
John 9:3, works of God might be **d-ed**
- DISPLEASE** Gen. 48:17; Num. 22:34;  
1 Sam. 8:6; 18:8; Prov. 24:18; Is. 59:15; Jon. 4:1
- DISPLEASURE**—*anger, fury*  
Deut. 9:19, anger and hot **d**
- DISPOSSESS** Num. 14:12; Deut. 7:17
- DISPUTE**—*contend, controversy, debate* Deut. 25:1; Heb. 7:7  
Phil. 2:14, Do all things without . . . **d-ing**  
Jude 9, when he **d-d** with the devil
- DISREGARD**—*despise* Titus 2:15, Let no one **d** you
- DISSENSION**—*division* Acts 23:7  
Acts 15:2, Paul and Barnabas had great **d**
- Rom. 16:17, keep your eye on those who cause **d-s**  
1 Tim. 2:8, without wrath and **d**
- DISSIPATION** Eph. 5:18, wine, for that is **d**  
Titus 1:6, accused of **d** or rebellion
- DISSOLVE**—*melt* Ps. 6:6, I **d** my couch with my tears  
Job 30:22; Nah. 2:6
- DISTAFF** Prov. 31:19, her hands to the **d**
- DISTANCE** Gen. 22:4; Matt. 26:58
- DISTANT**—*far* Luke 15:13, into a **d** country
- DISTILL**—*drip* Deut. 32:2, My speech **d** as the dew
- DISTINCTION**—*difference* Ex. 11:7; Lev. 11:47; 20:25  
Lev. 10:10, **d** between the holy and the profane  
Rom. 3:22; 10:12; for there is no **d**  
Ezek. 22:26; Acts 15:9; 1 Cor. 14:7
- DISTINCTLY**—*plain*  
Deut. 27:8, all the words . . . **d**
- DISTINGUISH**—*discern* Ezra 3:13; 1 Cor. 12:10  
2 Sam. 19:35, Can I **d** between good and bad  
Mal. 3:18, **d** between the righteous and the wicked
- DISTORT**—*pervert* Gal. 1:7, **d** the gospel of Christ
- DISTRACTED** Luke 10:40, Martha was **d** with
- DISTRESS**—*adversity, privation* Gen. 35:3; Deut. 4:30  
2 Chr. 20:9, cry to Thee in our **d**  
Ps. 25:17, Bring me out of my **d-es**  
Prov. 1:27, when **d** and anguish come on you  
Mark 14:33, began to be very **d-ed**  
1 Thess. 3:7, in all our **d** and affliction  
James 1:27, orphans and widows in their **d**  
Deut. 28:53; 1 Sam. 26:24; 2 Sam. 4:9; 24:14; 2 Kin. 19:3; 2 Chr. 33:12; Prov. 24:10; Is. 25:4; 29:2; 33:2; Jer. 16:19; Lam. 1:20; Zeph. 1:17; Luke 21:23; Rom. 2:9; 1 Cor. 7:26; Phil. 1:17; 1 Tim. 5:10
- DISTRIBUTE**—*apportion*  
Luke 18:22, **d** it to the poor  
John 6:11, He **d-d** to those who were seated
- DISTURBANCES**  
Luke 21:9, when you hear of war and **d**
- DISTURBED** 1 Sam. 28:15, Why have you **d** me by bringing  
Ps. 42:5; 43:5, Why have you become **d** within me
- DIVIDE**—*apportion* 1 Kin. 3:25, **D** the living child in two  
Ps. 22:18, **d** my garments among them  
Prov. 16:19, **d** the spoil with the proud  
Luke 11:17, Any kingdom **d-d** against itself  
Eph. 2:14, broke down the barrier of the **d-ing** wall  
Is. 53:12; Dan. 2:41; Matt. 27:35; Luke 15:12
- DIVINATION** Acts 16:16, having a spirit of **d**  
Num. 22:7; Jer. 14:14; Ezek. 13:6,9
- DIVINE** Heb. 9:1, regulations of **d** worship  
2 Pet. 1:4, partakers of *the d* nature  
Gen. 30:27; Mic. 3:11; Zech. 10:2
- DIVISION**—*dissension* Ex. 8:23, put a **d** between My people  
1 Chr. 23:6, divided them into **d-s**  
John 7:43, arose a **d** in the multitude  
1 Cor. 1:10, and there be no **d-s** among you
- DIVORCE** Lev. 21:14, widow, or a **d-d** woman  
Deut. 24:1,3, a certificate of **d**

**DIVORCE** (Continued)

Jer. 3:8, given her a writ of **d**

Matt. 5:31, WHOEVER **D-S** HIS WIFE

**DO—practice, work** Gen. 11:6; 30:31; 1 Kin. 2:6  
Ex. 20:9, Six days . . . labor and **d** all your work

Ps. 1:3, in whatever he **d-es**, he prospers

34:14, Depart from evil and **d** good

Eccles. 3:14, everything God **d-es** will remain forever

Matt. 12:50, whoever shall **d** the will of My Father

John 7:17, If any man is willing to **d** His will 15:5, apart from Me you can **d** nothing

Acts 16:30, what must I **d** to be saved

Rom. 13:3, **D** what is good

1 Cor. 9:23, I **d** all things for the sake of the gospel

11:24, **d** this in remembrance of Me

Gal. 6:10, let us **d** good to all men

2 Tim. 4:5, **d** the work of an evangelist

Heb. 10:7, BEHOLD, I HAVE COME . . . TO **D** THY WILL

1 Pet. 3:11, TURN AWAY FROM EVIL AND **D** GOOD  
Prov. 2:14; 24:29; Matt. 23:3; John 2:5; 5:30

**DOCTRINE—teaching**

Eph. 4:14, every wind of **d**

1 Tim. 4:6, of the faith and of the sound **d**

Titus 1:9, able both to exhort in sound **d**

**DOER—workmen** Rom. 2:13, the **d-s** of the Law will be justified

James 1:22, prove yourselves **d-s** of the word 4:11, you are not a **d** of the law

**DOG** Eccles. 9:4, a live **d** is better than a dead lion

1 Sam. 17:43; 2 Sam. 3:8; Ps. 22:16; 59:6;

Is. 56:10; Luke 16:21; Phil. 3:2; Rev. 22:15

**DOING—deeds**

Acts 10:38, He went about **d** good

Rom. 2:7, perseverance in **d** good

Gal. 6:9, let us not lose heart in **d** good

Eph. 6:6, **d** the will of God from the heart

2 Thess. 3:13, do not grow weary of **d** good

2 Cor. 8:11; 1 Pet. 2:15; 3:17

**DOMAIN—estate** Jude 6, angels who did not keep their own **d**

Luke 4:6; Col. 1:13

**DOMINION—kingdom, rule**

Ps. 103:22, in all places of His **d**

Zech. 9:10, His **d** will be from sea to sea

Col. 1:16, thrones or **d-s** or rulers

1 Pet. 4:11, belongs the glory and **d** forever

1 Chr. 29:11; Job 25:2; Eph. 1:21; Rev. 1:6

**DONE—wrought** Matt. 6:10, Thy will be **d**

Matt. 18:19, shall be **d** for them by My Father

Mark 14:6, has **d** a good deed to Me

Gen. 20:9; Ex. 31:15; Eccles. 2:11

**DONKEY** Zech. 9:9, mounted on a **d**

Matt. 21:2, you will find a **d** tied *there*

Num. 22:30; Prov. 26:3; Jer. 22:19; Matt. 21:5;

2 Pet. 2:16

**DOOMED—silenced** Ps. 79:11, those who are **d** to die

Jer. 8:14, God has **d** us

**DOOR—entrance**

Gen. 4:7, sin is crouching at the **d**

Ex. 12:7, put it on the two **d-posts**

Ps. 141:3, Keep watch over the **d** of my lips

Matt. 6:6, WHEN YOU HAVE SHUT YOUR **D**, pray

John 10:9, I am the **d**

1 Cor. 16:9, a wide **d** for effective *service*

James 5:9, Judge is standing right at the **d**

Rev. 3:8, put before you an open **d**

Gen. 6:16; 18:1; Judg. 4:20; 2 Sam. 11:9;

2 Chr. 12:10; Job 31:9; Prov. 26:14;

Ezek. 40:38; Matt. 25:10; John 18:16;

Rev. 4:1

**DOUBLE—twice** Gen. 43:12; Ps. 12:2;

1 Tim. 5:17

2 Kin. 2:9, **d** portion of your spirit be upon me

Is. 40:2, **D** for all her sins

James 1:8, *being* a **d-minded** man

Jude 12, without fruit, **d-ly** dead

**DOUBT—misgiving** Matt. 14:31, you of little faith, why did you **d**

Matt. 21:21, if you have faith and do not **d** 28:17, but some were **d-ful**

Luke 24:38, why do **d-s** arise in your hearts

Rom. 14:23, he who **d-s** is condemned if he eats

**DOUGH—flour** 2 Sam. 13:8, Tamar took **d**, kneaded it

**DOVE** Ps. 55:6, O that I had the wings of a **d**

Matt. 3:16, Spirit of God descending as a **d**

10:16, shrewd as serpents . . . innocent as **d-s**

Gen. 8:8; Song 1:15; Is. 38:14; John 1:32

**DOWN** Ps. 23:2, makes me lie **d** in green pastures

Matt. 4:6, Son of God throw Yourself **d**

8:32, whole herd rushed **d** the steep bank

Gen. 12:10; 2 Sam. 3:35; Eccles. 3:21; John 8:6

**DRAG—draw** James 2:6, the rich who . . . **d** you into court

Jer. 12:3; 15:3; Acts 8:3

**DRAGON** Is. 51:9; Rev. 20:2

**DRANK—drink** 1 Cor. 10:4, all **d** the same spiritual drink

Gen. 9:21; Dan. 1:5; Mark 14:23; John 4:12

**DRAW** Ps. 69:18, **d** near to my soul

Is. 12:3, **d** water from the springs of salvation

Jer. 31:3, I have **d-n** you with lovingkindness

Luke 21:28, your redemption is **d-ing** near

John 4:11, You have nothing to **d** with

12:32, if I be lifted up . . . will **d** all men to Myself

Heb. 10:22, let us **d** near with a sincere heart

James 4:8, **D** near to God . . . He will **d** near to you

Gen. 24:13; Judg. 3:22; 19:9; Prov. 20:5;

Zeph. 3:2; Acts 11:10

**DREAD—fear** Ps. 27:1, Whom shall I **d**

Prov. 1:27, **d** comes like a storm

Deut. 28:66; Job 3:25; Ps. 14:5; Is. 7:16; 8:13

**DREAM** Gen. 28:12, he had a **d**, and behold, a ladder

Gen. 37:19, Here comes this **d-er**

Dan. 1:17, Daniel understood all . . . **d-s**

Joel 2:28, Your old men will **d** dreams

Matt. 2:12, warned by God in a **d**

2:13, appeared to Joseph in a **d**

Jude 8, these men also by **d-ing** defile the flesh

Gen. 20:3; Judg. 7:13; Job 20:8; Ps. 73:20;

126:1; Is. 29:7; Matt. 1:20; 2:19; 27:19;

Acts 2:17

**DRENCHED—wet** Dan. 4:15, **d** with the dew of heaven

**DRESS**—*array, clothe* Mark 15:17; Luke 7:25; 1 Pet. 3:3

Matt. 11:8, A man **d-ed** in soft *clothing*  
**DREW** Gen. 47:29; Matt. 26:51; Acts 5:37

Ex. 2:10, I **d** him out of the water  
Acts 1:26, they **d** lots for them

**DRIED**—*parched, withered* Job 18:16; Jer. 23:10  
Gen. 8:7, water was **d** up from the earth  
Ps. 22:15, My strength is **d** up

**DRIES** Joel 1:12, rejoicing **d** up

**DRINK**—*libation* Lev. 10:9, Do not **d** wine or strong **d**

Job 21:20, **d** the wrath of the Almighty  
Ps. 80:5, made them to **d** tears

Prov. 20:1, strong **d** a brawler  
Is. 22:13, Let us eat and **d**, for tomorrow  
Matt. 11:18, neither eating or **d-ing**

25:35, I was thirsty and you gave Me **d**  
26:27, **D** from it, all of you

26:29, day when I **d** it new with you  
27:34, GAVE HIM WINE TO **D** MINGLED WITH GALL

1 Cor. 10:4, all drank the same spiritual **d**  
10:21, You cannot **d** the cup of the Lord  
11:25, as often as you **d** it

Num. 6:3; 1 Kin. 17:6; Prov. 5:15; 7:18;  
Eccles. 9:7; Is. 24:9; Joel 1:5; Luke 5:39;  
17:27; John 6:55; 18:11; Rom. 12:20;  
Heb. 6:7

**DRIP** Prov. 27:15, constant **d-ing** on a day of steady rain

Job 36:28; Ps. 65:11; Song 4:11; Is. 45:8

**DRIVE**—*chase* Ps. 1:4, chaff which the wind **d-s** away

Gen. 4:14; 21:10; Judg. 11:7; 2 Kin. 9:20;  
Ps. 35:5; Is. 58:3

**DROP**—*leak, drip* Deut. 32:2; Job 36:27  
Is. 40:15, nations are like a **d** from a bucket  
Luke 22:44, His sweat became like **d-s** of blood

**DROUGHT**—*famine* Jer. 14:1, in regard to the **d**

**DROVE** John 2:15; Acts 13:50

**DROWNED** Ex. 15:4, his officers are **d** in the Red Sea

Matt. 18:6, **d** in the depths of the sea

**DROWSY** Matt. 25:5, got **d** and *began* to sleep

**DRUNK**—*drink* Eph. 5:18, do not get **d** with wine

Lev. 11:34; Deut. 32:42; Is. 29:9; 63:6;

John 2:10; 1 Thess. 5:7

**DRUNKARD** Deut. 21:20; Ps. 69:12; Joel 1:5;  
1 Cor. 5:11

**DRUNKENNESS**

Luke 21:34, weighted down with . . . **d**

Rom. 13:13, not in carousing and **d**

Gal. 5:21, envyings, **d**, carousings and things

**DRY**—*parch, scorch, wither*

Ezek. 37:4, O **d** bones, hear the word

Gen. 1:9; Ps. 63:1; Prov. 17:1; Ezek. 17:24;  
Luke 23:31

**DUE**—*deserve, owe* Gal. 6:9, in **d** time we shall reap

Lev. 10:13; Ps. 104:27

**DUG** Ps. 7:15; 57:6; Is. 51:1; Ezek. 8:8; Matt. 21:33; 25:18; Luke 6:48

**DULL**—*red* Gen. 49:12, eyes are **d** from wine

**DUMB**—*silent* Mark 7:37, deaf to hear, and **d** to speak  
Ps. 31:18, Let the lying lips be **d**

Ex. 4:11; Ps. 39:2; Amos 5:13; Matt. 9:32;  
1 Cor. 12:2; 2 Pet. 2:16

**DUNGEON**—*pit* Gen. 41:14, out of the **d**  
**DUST** Gen. 2:7, LORD God formed man of **d**  
Gen. 3:19, you arc **d**, And to **d** you shall return

Ps. 103:14, He is mindful we are *but d*  
Matt. 10:14, shake off the **d** of your feet

Gen. 3:14; 13:16; 1 Sam. 2:8; 2 Sam. 22:43;  
Job 30:19; 34:15; 42:6; Ps. 18:42; 30:9;

72:9; Is. 26:19; 40:15; 65:25; Dan. 12:2;  
Luke 10:11; Acts 22:23; Rev. 18:19

**DWELL**—*abide, remain, live*

Ps. 5:4, No evil **d-s** with Thee

15:1, Who may **d** on Thy holy hill  
23:6, will **d** in the house of the LORD

24:1, world, and those who **d** in it  
91:1, **d-s** in the shelter of the Most High

Prov. 3:33, He blesses the **d-ing** of the righteous

Luke 16:9, receive you into the eternal **d-ings**

2 Cor. 5:2, our **d-ing** from heaven

Eph. 2:22, **d-ing** of God in the Spirit

3:17, Christ may **d** in your hearts

Phil. 4:8, mind **d** on these things

Col. 1:19, for all the fulness to **d** in Him

1 Tim. 6:16, **d-s** in unapproachable light

2 Pet. 1:14, laying aside . . . *earthly d-ing*  
Gen. 4:20; Deut. 12:11; 1 Chr. 17:1; Ezra 7:15;

Ps. 33:14; Prov. 15:31; Is. 57:15;  
Luke 21:35

**DWELT**—*sat* Ps. 107:10, those who **d** in darkness

**DWINDLE**—*diminish*

Prov. 13:11, wealth . . . by fraud **d-s**

## E

**EACH** Acts 17:27, not far from **e** one of us  
Rom. 14:12, **e** one of us shall give account

Phil. 2:3, let **e** of you regard one another

2 Thess. 1:3, the love of **e** one of you

Ex. 18:7; Ps. 85:10; Is. 57:2; Ezek. 4:6; Acts 2:3

**EAGER**—*hasty* Ps. 17:12; Eccles. 7:9

**EAGERLY**—*ferverently*

Rom. 8:19, creation waits **e** for

Gal. 4:17, They **e** seek you

2 Tim. 1:17, in Rome, he **e** searched for me

**EAGLE** Ps. 103:5, youth is renewed like the **e**

Is. 40:31, with wings like **e-s**

Ex. 19:4; Deut. 28:49; 2 Sam. 1:23; Job 9:26;

39:27; Ezek. 1:10; 17:3; Dan. 4:33;

Obad. 4; Rev. 4:7; 12:14

**EAR** Prov. 20:12, The hearing **e** and the seeing eye

Prov. 25:12, a wise reprover to a listening **e**

Is. 55:3, Incline your **e** and come to Me

1 Cor. 2:9, EYE HAS NOT SEEN AND E HAS NOT

HEARD

Rev. 2:7, He who has an **e**, let him hear

Neh. 1:6; Job 12:11; 29:11; 42:5; Ps. 45:10;

58:4; 78:1; 94:9; Prov. 15:31; 18:15; 22:17;

Eccles. 1:8; Is. 48:8; 50:4; 59:1; Jer. 9:20;

Amos 3:12; Matt. 11:15; 1 Cor. 12:16

**EARLY** Gen. 26:31; Song 7:12; Hos. 6:4; Mark

16:2; Luke 24:22; John 20:1; James 5:7

**EARNEST**—*pledge* Phil. 1:20; 2 Cor. 8:8

**EARNESTLY**—*diligently, fervently*

Ps. 63:1, seek Thee **e**

1 Cor. 12:31, But **e** desire the greater gifts

Col. 4:12, always laboring **e** for you

**EARNESTLY** (*Continued*)

James 5:17, he prayed **e** that it might not rain  
Jude 3, contend **e** for the faith

**EARN** Hag. 1:6, he who **e**, **e** wages to put into  
a purse

**EARS**—*hearing* 2 Sam. 7:22, heard with our **e**  
Job 15:21, Sounds of terror are in his **e**  
28:22, With our **e** we have heard

Ps. 34:15, His **e** are open to their cry

115:6, They have **e**, but they cannot hear

Prov. 21:13, shuts his **e** to the cry of the poor

26:17, *Like one who takes a dog by the e*

Mark 8:18, **HAVING E, DO YOU NOT HEAR**

2 Tim. 4:3, wanting to have their **e** tickled

James 5:4, reached the **e** of the Lord

1 Pet. 3:12, **HIS E ATTEND TO THEIR PRAYER**

Ps. 135:17; Is. 6:10; Matt. 10:27; 11:15;

13:15,16; 26:51; 28:27; Mark 4:9; 7:33;

14:47; Acts 7:51; 17:20

**EARTH**—*ground, land, soil*

Gen. 18:25, Shall not the judge of all the **e**  
deal

Ex. 9:29, the **e** is the LORD's

Num. 14:21, all the **e** will be filled with the  
glory

Josh. 3:11; Zech. 6:5, Lord of all the **e**

Job 26:7, hangs the **e** on nothing

Ps. 8:1, Thy name in all **e**

24:1, The **e** is the LORD's

33:5, **e** is full of the lovingkindness of the  
LORD

46:6, raised His voice, the **e** melted

97:1, LORD reigns; let the **e** rejoice

104:5, He established the **e**

104:24, The **e** is full of Thy possessions

Eccles. 1:4, the **e** remains forever

Is. 11:9, **e** will be full of the knowledge

51:6, the **e** will wear out like a garment

66:1, the **e** is My footstool

Jer. 51:15, made the **e** by His power

Mic. 1:2, Listen, O **e** and all it contains

Hab. 2:14, **e** will be filled with the knowledge

3:3, the **e** is full of His praise

Zech. 4:10, eyes of the LORD ... the **e**

Matt. 5:5, gentle, for they shall inherit the **e**

6:10, on **e** as it is in heaven

6:19, treasures upon **e**

16:19; 18:18, shall bind on **e**

Luke 2:14, on **e** peace

12:32, lifted up from the **e**

17:4, I glorified Thee on the **e**

1 Cor. 15:47, first man is from the **e**, **e-y**

15:48, As is the **e-y**, so also ... who are **e-y**

Col. 3:2, not on the things that are on **e**

2 Pet. 3:13, new heavens and a new **e**

Rev. 20:11, from whose presence **e** and heaven

fled

21:1, a new **e**

Gen. 1:1,11; 7:10; 8:22; 10:25; Deut. 32:1;

Josh. 23:14; 1 Kin. 8:27; 2 Kin. 5:17;

2 Chr. 6:18; Job 9:24; 12:8; 19:25; 38:4;

41:33; Ps. 2:8; 16:3; 34:16; 41:2; 46:2,8,10;

47:9; 50:4; 57:5; 58:11; 63:9; 65:8,9; 67:6;

68:8; 71:20; 72:6,16; 73:25; 75:3; 83:18;

90:2; 97:9; 99:1; 102:25; 104:13; 108:5;

112:2; 115:16; 119:19,64,90; 146:4; 147:8;

148:13; Prov. 3:19; 8:23,26; 11:31; 25:3;

30:14,16,21,24; Eccles. 3:21; 12:7; Is. 4:2;

13:13; 14:16; 24:1,19; 26:9,21; 34:1;

40:22,28; 44:24; 45:22; 48:13; 49:13; 65:16;

Jer. 31:22; Ezek. 34:27; 43:2; Hos. 2:22;

Amos 8:9; Jon. 2:6; Mic. 6:2; 7:17;

Nah. 1:5; Zeph. 3:8; Hag. 1:10;

Matt. 5:35; 10:34; 23:9; Mark 4:28; 9:3;

John 3:31; Acts 8:33; 22:22; Rom. 10:18;

1 Cor. 15:49; Heb. 8:4; 11:13; 12:25,26;

James 3:15; 5:5,18; 2 Pet. 3:7,10;

Rev. 5:10; 7:3; 18:1; 20:9

**EARTHEN** Jer. 19:1; Lam. 4:2

2 Cor. 4:7, have this treasure in **e** vessels

**EARTHLY** John 3:12, If I told you **e** things

2 Cor. 5:1, **e** tent which is our house

Phil. 3:19, set their minds on **e** things

James 3:15, wisdom ... is **e**, natural, demonic

**EARTHQUAKE** 1 Kin. 19:11; Is. 29:6; Amos

1:1; Zech. 14:5; Matt. 24:7; 27:54; Acts

16:26; Rev. 6:12; 8:5; 11:13; 16:18

**EASE**—*rest, prosperity* Job 12:5, He who is at **e**

Amos 6:1, Woe to those who are at **e**

Zech. 1:15, nations who are at **e**  
Matt. 19:24; Mark 10:25; Luke 18:25, **e-ier** for  
a camel

Luke 12:19, take your **e**

Heb. 12:1, sin which so **e-ily** entangles us

Ex. 18:22; Job 21:23; Is. 32:9,11

**EAST** Judg. 6:3; 7:12, 1 Kin. 4:30, sons of the **e**

Ps. 103:12, As far as the **e**

Matt. 2:1, magi from the **e**

2:2, His star in the **e**

Gen. 28:14; Ex. 10:13; Job 1:3; Ps. 48:7; 75:6;

Is. 27:8; 43:5; Ezek. 8:16; 17:10; Hos. 12:1;

Joel 2:20; Jon. 4:5; Zech. 8:7; 14:4;

Matt. 8:11; 24:27; Luke 13:29; Rev. 16:12;

21:13

**EASY** Prov. 14:6, knowledge is **e** to him

Matt. 11:30, My yoke is **e**

**EAT**—*consume, dine, feast* Prov. 31:27, not **e**

the bread

Is. 55:1, come, buy and **e**

Ezek. 3:1, **e** this scroll

Dan. 4:33, began **e-ing** grass like cattle

Matt. 6:25; Luke 12:22, what you shall **e**

11:19, Son of Man came **e-ing** and drinking

15:20, **e** with unwashed hands

26:26, Take, **e**; this is My body

Mark 2:16, He was **e-ing** with the sinners

Luke 12:19, **e**, drink *and* be merry

15:2, receives sinners and **e-s** with them

22:30, may **e** and drink at My table

John 4:32, food to **e** that you do not know

about

Acts 12:23, **e-en** by worms and died

Rom. 14:17, kingdom of God is not **e-ing**

1 Cor. 11:29, **e-s** and drinks judgment to

himself

2 Thess. 3:10, not work, neither let him **e**

Heb. 13:10, have no right to **e**

Rev. 2:7, **e** of the tree of life

Gen. 2:16; 3:17; 9:4; Lev. 19:26; Deut. 6:11;

8:10; 12:16; Josh. 5:12; 1 Kin. 19:5;

2 Kin. 6:28; Neh. 5:2; 8:10; Ps. 22:26;

80:13; Prov. 1:31; 24:13; 25:27;

Eccles. 5:12; Is. 1:19; 3:10; 4:1; 7:15; 11:7;

65:13, 25; Jer. 24:2; 29:17; 31:29;

Ezek. 18:2; Hos. 4:10; 10:13; Mic. 6:14;

Hag. 1:6; Matt. 9:11; 12:1; 14:16;

Mark 6:31,37; 11:14; Luke 9:13; 10:8;

15:23; John 6:53; Acts 10:13; Rom. 14:2;

1 Cor. 8:13; 9:4; 10:27,31; Rev. 10:10;

19:18



**EDGE**—*bank* Josh. 3:8; Eccles. 10:10; Jer. 31:30

Prov. 5:4, sharp as a two-e-d sword

**EDICT**—*word* Ezra 6:11, violates this e

**EDIFICATION** Rom. 14:3, speaks to men for e

Rom. 15:2, please his neighbor . . . to his e

1 Cor. 14:26, all things be done for e

**EDIFY**—*encourage* 1 Cor. 8:1, but love e-es

1 Cor. 10:23, lawful, but not all things e

14:5, church may receive e-ing

**EDUCATE** Acts 22:3, e-d under Gamaliel

**EFFECT**—*wise* Acts 7:6, God spoke to this e

**EFFECTIVE** 1 Cor. 16:9, door for e service

James 5:16, The e prayer

**EFFEMINATE** 1 Cor. 6:9,

Do not be deceived . . . nor e

**EFFORT**—*diligence* 2 Tim. 4:9; Jude 3

**EGG** Job 6:6; 39:14; Is. 59:5; Jer. 17:11

Luke 11:12, asked for an e . . . give him a scorpion

**ELDERS**—*older, aged* 1 Sam. 15:30; Job 12:20;

32:9

Matt. 15:2; Mark 7:3, tradition of the e

Acts 14:23, appointed e for them in every church

1 Tim. 5:17, Let the e who rule

James 5:14, call for the e

Prov. 31:23; Titus 1:5; 1 Pet. 5:1; Rev. 4:4; 7:13

**ELECT**—*chosen* Matt. 24:22; Mark 13:20, sake of the e

Matt. 24:24, mislead, if possible, even the e

Mark 13:22, to lead the e astray

Luke 18:7, God bring about justice for His e

Rom. 8:33, charge against God's e

**ELEMENT** Gal. 4:3, e-al things

2 Pet. 3:10, e-s will be destroyed

**ELOQUENT**—*skillful* Ex. 4:10, never been e

Acts 18:24, Jew named Apollos . . . an e man

**ELUDE**—*escape* John 10:39, He e-d their grasp

**EMBITTERED** Acts 14:2, e them against

**EMBRACE** 2 Kin. 4:16, Prov. 5:20; Song 2:6

Gen. 33:4, Esau ran . . . and e-d him

48:10, Joseph . . . and e-d

Eccles. 3:5, a time to e . . . to shun e-ing

Luke 15:20, ran and e-d him

**EMBROIDER**—*weave* Ex. 35:35; Ezek.

16:10,13; 27:7,16,24

**EMERALD** Ex. 28:17; Ezek. 28:13; Rev. 4:3;

21:19

**EMINENT**—*foremost* 2 Cor. 11:5, inferior . . . e apostles

**EMPTINESS**—*vanity* Is. 34:11, plumb line of e

Jer. 2:5, And walked after e

**EMPTY**—*van, void* 2 Kin. 18:20, *they are* only e words

Is. 55:11, not return to Me e

Eph. 5:6, deceive you with e words

1 Tim. 6:20, worldly and e chatter

Gen. 31:42; Ex. 3:21; 23:15; Deut. 15:13;

Judg. 7:16; Ruth 1:21; 2 Sam. 1:22;

2 Kin. 4:3; Job 22:9; 26:7; Mark 12:3;

Luke 1:53; 20:10

**ENCAMP** Ps. 27:3; 34:7; 53:5; Jer. 50:29

**ENCIRCLE** Ps. 22:12, bulls of Bashan have e-d me

**ENCLOSE** Job 38:8; Ps. 139:5

**ENCOUNTER** James 1:2, when you e various trials

**ENCOURAGE**—*strengthen* 2 Chr. 35:2; Is. 41:7

Deut. 1:38; 3:28; 2 Sam. 11:25, e him

1 Sam. 23:16, e-d him in God

Ezra 6:22, to e them in the work

1 Thess. 5:11, Therefore e one another

Heb. 3:13, e one another

10:25, but e-ing one another

**ENCOURAGEMENT**—*consolation*

Acts 4:36, Son of E

Rom. 15:5, God who gives perseverance and e

Phil. 2:1, if . . . any e in Christ

Heb. 6:18, may have strong e

**ENCUMBRANCE**—*weight*

Heb. 12:1, also lay aside every e

**END**—*goal, outcome* Gen. 6:13, e of all flesh

Job 6:11, what is my e

Ps. 2:8, very e-s of the earth

7:9, wicked come to an e

39:4, LORD, make me to know my e

Prov. 14:12, e is the way of death

Eccles. 4:8, no e to all his labor

Is. 9:7, no e to the increase of His government

Jer. 8:20, Harvest is past, summer is e-ed

Ezek. 21:25; 35:5, punishment of the e

Matt. 10:22; Mark 13:13, endured to the e

13:39, harvest is the e of the age

28:20, with you always, even to the e

Luke 1:33, His kingdom will have no e

21:9, the e does not follow immediately

John 13:1, He loved them to the e

Rom. 10:4, Christ is the e of the law

Heb. 7:3, beginning of days, nor e of life

Rev. 21:6; 22:13, the beginning and the e

Num. 23:10; Ezra 7:2; Ps. 9:6; 19:6; 73:17;

102:27; 107:27; Eccles. 7:8; Jer. 5:31;

Lam 4:18; Dan. 11:45; 12:13;

Matt. 24:6,13; Mark 13:7; Heb. 6:8

**ENDLESS** Eccles. 12:12, writing . . . books is e

1 Tim. 1:4, attention to myths and e

genealogies

**ENDOW**—*clothe* Gen. 30:20; 2 Chr. 2:13

**ENDURANCE**—*patience*

James 1:4, let e have its perfect

5:11, e of Job

**ENDURE**—*persevere* Ps. 104:31, LORD e forever

Ps. 111:3; 112:3, His righteousness e-s forever

Mal. 3:2, who can e the day of His coming

Matt. 10:22, one who has e-d to the end

24:13, e-s to the end

1 Cor. 9:12, but we e all things

13:7, e-s all things

2 Tim. 2:12, if we e, we shall also reign

4:3, not e sound doctrine

James 5:11, count those blessed who e-d

Ex. 18:23; Esth. 8:6; Job 6:11; Ps. 72:5,17;

Prov. 27:24; Is. 66:22; Ezek. 22:14;

Joel 2:11; Mark 13:13; Heb. 12:7

**ENEMY**—*foe* Ps. 23:5, in the presence of my

e-es

Ps. 61:3, tower of strength against the e

72:9, his e-es lick the dust

Prov. 24:17, Do not rejoice when your e falls

25:21, e is hungry, give him food to eat

Matt. 5:44; Luke 6:27,35, love your e-es

10:36, A MAN'S E-ES . . . HIS HOUSEHOLD

Acts 2:35, I MAKE THINE E-ES A FOOTSTOOL

Rom. 5:10, while we were e-es, we were

reconciled

James 4:4, friend of the world . . . e of God

Ex. 23:22; Deut. 32:31; Judg. 5:31;

1 Kin. 21:20; Job 13:24; Ps. 8:2; 119:98;

127:5; Prov. 16:7; 27:6; Is. 63:10; Mic. 7:6;

Rom. 12:20; Gal. 4:16

**ENGAGE** 1 Chr. 9:33; Luke 1:27  
**ENGINE** 2 Chr. 26:15, he made **e-s** of war  
**ENGRAVE**—*graven* Ex. 28:11; 32:16; 35:35; 38:23; 39:14; Zech. 3:9; 2 Cor. 3:7  
**ENGULF** Ps. 78:53, the sea **e-ed** their enemies  
**ENJOY** Lev. 26:34, land will **e** its sabbaths  
 2 Chr. 36:21, land had **e-ed** its sabbaths  
 Eccles. 2:1, **e** yourself  
 5:18, **e** oneself in all one's labor  
 1 Tim. 6:17, supplies us with all things to **e**  
 Heb. 11:25, **e** the passing pleasures of sin  
**ENLARGE**—*extend* Gen. 9:27; Is. 5:14  
 Ps. 25:17, troubles of my heart are **e-d**  
 119:32, Thou wilt **e** my heart  
**ENLIGHTEN**—*illumine*  
 Ps. 19:8, pure, **e-ing** the eyes  
 Eph. 1:18, eyes of your heart may be **e-ed**  
 Heb. 6:4, those who have once been **e-ed**  
**ENMITY**—*hostile* Gen. 3:15; Luke 23:12; Eph. 2:15,16  
**ENOUGH**—*plenty, much* Num. 16:9, **e** . . . that the God of Israel  
 Matt. 6:34, *Each* day has **e** trouble  
 Mark 14:41, It is **e**; the hour has come  
 Luke 15:17, hired men have more than **e** bread  
 Gen. 45:28; Ex. 36:5; Num. 16:3; 2 Sam. 24:16; 1 Kin. 19:4; 1 Chr. 21:15; Prov. 30:15; Hos. 4:10; Hag. 1:6; Matt. 10:25; 25:9; Luke 22:38  
**ENRAGE**—*angry* Prov. 6:34, jealousy **e-s** man  
 Matt. 2:16, Herod . . . became very **e-d**  
**ENRICH** 1 Sam. 17:25; Ps. 65:9; Ezek. 27:33  
 1 Cor. 1:5, in everything you were **e-ed**  
 2 Cor. 9:11, be **e-ed** in everything  
**ENSLAVED** Titus 3:3, **e** to various lusts and pleasures  
**ENTANGLE**—*trap* 2 Tim. 2:4, No soldier . . . **e-s** himself  
 Heb. 12:1, sin which so easily **e-s** us  
**ENTER**—*come* Ps. 100:4, **E** His gates with thanksgiving  
 Ps. 118:20, righteous will **e** through it  
 Is. 57:2, He **e-s** into peace  
 Ezek. 44:16, They shall **e** My sanctuary  
 Matt. 5:20, you shall not **e** the kingdom  
 7:13, **E** by the narrow gate  
 10:5; do not **e** . . . city of the Samaritans  
 10:11, village you **e**, inquire  
 10:12, **e** the house, give it your greeting  
 18:8; Mark 9:43, better . . . **e** life crippled  
 19:17, if you wish to **e** into life, keep  
 25:21, **e** into the joy of your master  
 Luke 9:34, afraid as they **e-ed** the cloud  
 22:46, that you may not **e** into temptation  
 John 10:1, does not **e** by the door  
 10:9, if anyone **e-s** through Me  
 Rom. 5:12, sin **e-ed** into the world  
 1 Cor. 2:9, *which* HAVE NOT **E-ED** THE HEART  
 Gen. 6:18; Job 22:4; Is. 2:10; 26:2,20;  
 Ezek. 2:2; Hab. 3:16; Luke 13:24;  
 John 3:5; 2 Tim. 3:6; Heb. 3:11,18; 4:10; 6:20  
**ENTICE**—*deceive, seduce* Judg. 14:15; 16:5; 2 Chr. 18:19  
 Prov. 1:10, if sinners **e** you  
 James 1:14, **e-d** by his own lust  
 2 Pet. 2:14, **e-ing** unstable souls  
 2:18, they **e** by fleshly desires

**ENTRANCE**—*door* Ezek. 8:5, jealousy at the **e**  
 Matt. 27:60, rolled a large stone against the **e**  
 2 Pet. 1:11, **e** into the eternal kingdom  
**ENTREAT**—*appeal, ask, beg* Ex. 8:8; 32:11; 2 Sam. 24:25  
 Matt. 8:34, they **e-ed** Him to depart from their region  
 Mark 5:10, he *began* to **e** Him earnestly  
 2 Cor. 5:20, as though God were **e-ing** through us  
 Eph. 4:1, I therefore . . . **e** you to walk  
 1 Tim. 2:1, I urge the **e-es** and prayers  
 1 Kin. 13:6; 2 Chr. 33:12; Job 21:15;  
 Prov. 19:6; Jer. 26:19; Matt. 8:5,31; Luke 8:31; 15:28; 2 Cor. 12:8  
**ENTRUST**—*commit*  
 Luke 12:48, whom they **e-ed** much  
**ENVOIOUS** Ps. 37:1; 73:3  
 Prov. 24:1, Do not be **e** of evil men  
 24:19, Or be **e** of the wicked  
**ENVY** (n.)—*jealousy* Matt. 27:18; Mark 15:10  
 Rom. 1:29, full of **e**, murder  
 Phil. 1:15, preaching Christ even from **e**  
 1 Tim. 6:4, out of which arise **e**  
 Titus 3:3, spending life in malice and **e**  
 1 Pet. 2:1, putting aside all malice . . . and **e**  
**ENVY** (v.) Gen. 26:14, Philistines **e-ed** him  
 Prov. 3:31, Do not **e** a man of violence  
 23:17, Do not let your heart **e** sinners  
 Gal. 5:26, **e-ing** one another  
**EPHAH**—*bushel* Ex. 16:36; 29:40; Lev. 19:36; Ezek. 45:10; Zech. 5:8  
**EPHOD** Ex. 28:4; 39:2; Judg. 8:27; 17:5; 1 Sam. 2:18; 23:9; Hos. 3:4  
**EPOCH**—*season* Dan. 2:21, changes times and **e-s**  
 Acts 1:7, to know times or **e-s**  
**EQUAL**—*equality, right* John 5:18, Himself **e** with God  
 2 Cor. 8:14, that there may be **e-ity**  
 Phil. 2:6, not regard **e-ity** with God  
 Job 28:17,19; Ps. 55:13; Is. 40:25; 46:5; Matt. 20:12  
**EQUIP**—*furnish*  
 2 Tim. 3:17, **e-ed** for every good work  
 Heb. 13:21, **e** you in every good thing  
**EQUITY**—*equal, uprightness, straight* Ps. 17:2; 98:9  
 Prov. 1:3, Righteousness, justice, and **e**  
 2:9, discern righteousness . . . and **e**  
**ERASE**—*blot* Rev. 3:5, I will not **e** his name  
**ERECT**—*upright*  
 Gen. 33:20, Then he **e-ed** there an altar  
 37:7, sheaf rose . . . stood **e**  
**ERR**—*stray, mistake* Ps. 95:10, people who **e**  
**ERROR**—*mistake, sin* Is. 32:6; 2 Pet. 3:17; Jude 11  
 Ps. 19:12, Who can discern *his e-s*  
 Eccles. 10:5, evil I have seen . . . like an **e**  
 James 5:20, from the **e** of his way  
 1 John 4:6, we know . . . the spirit of **e**  
**ESCAPE**—*deliverance, refuge, elude*  
 Prov. 19:5, he who tells lies will not **e**  
 Eccles. 7:26, who is pleasing to God will **e**  
 Is. 20:6; Heb. 2:3, how shall we **e**  
 1 Cor. 10:13, provide the way of **e**  
 Heb. 11:34, **e-d** the edge of the sword  
 2 Pet. 1:4, **e-d** the corruption that is in the world

- Gen. 19:17; Deut. 23:15; 1 Kin. 18:40;  
2 Kin. 9:15; Esth. 4:13; Job 11:20; 19:20;  
Ps. 124:7; Obad. 17; Matt. 23:33;  
Mark 14:52; Luke 21:36; Heb. 11:34
- ESSENTIAL**—*excellent*  
Rom. 2:18, approve . . . that are **e**
- ESTABLISH**—*confirm, direct, plant, strengthen*  
Ps. 119:5, that my ways may be **e-ed**  
119:38, **E** Thy word to Thy servant  
Prov. 16:12, throne is **e-ed** on righteousness  
Is. 16:5, A throne . . . **e-ed** in lovingkindness  
Rom. 16:25, able to **e** you according to  
1 Thess. 3:13, He may **e** your hearts  
2 Pet. 1:12, been **e-ed** in the truth  
Gen. 17:19; Job 37:15; Ps. 65:6; Prov. 3:19; Is.  
51:16; Jer. 10:12; 51:15; Rom. 3:31; 10:3
- ESTATE**—*domain, standard* Ps. 136:23, low **e**  
Luke 15:13, squandered his **e** with loose living
- ESTEEM**—*regard, consider* Ps. 119:128, **I** **e** right  
. . . precepts  
1 Thess. 5:13, you **e** them very highly in love
- ESTEEMED**—*beloved, chosen, loved* 1 Sam.  
18:23; Dan. 9:23  
1 Sam. 2:30, despise Me will be lightly **e**  
Is. 53:4, we ourselves **e** Him stricken  
Luke 16:15, highly **e** among men
- ESTIMATION**—*imagination*  
Rom. 11:25, wise in your own **e**
- ESTRANGE** Job 19:13; Ps. 58:3; Ezek. 14:5
- ETERNAL**—*everlasting* Deut. 33:27; Matt. 18:8  
Is. 9:6, name will be called . . . **E** Father  
Matt. 19:16, I may obtain **e** life  
19:29, shall inherit **e** life  
25:46, righteous into **e** life  
Mark 10:17; Luke 10:25, what . . . to inherit **e**  
life  
10:30, in the world to come, **e** life  
John 3:15, may in Him have **e** life  
3:16, whoever believes . . . have **e** life  
3:36, who believes in the Son has **e** life  
5:39, search the Scriptures . . . have **e** life  
6:68, You have words of **e** life  
10:28, I give **e** life to them  
12:25, hates his life . . . keep it to life **e**  
17:3, **e** life, that they may know Thee  
Rom. 2:7, seek for glory and honor . . . **e** life  
5:21, righteousness to **e**  
6:23, free gift of God is **e** life  
2 Cor. 4:17, an **e** weight of glory  
4:18, things which are not seen are **e**  
5:1, house . . . **e** in the heavens  
Gal. 6:8, from the Spirit reap **e** life  
Eph. 3:11, in accordance with the **e** purpose  
1 Tim. 1:17, Now to the King **e**, immortal  
6:12, take hold of the **e** life  
Titus 1:2, in the hope of **e** life  
Heb. 5:9, source of **e** salvation  
9:14, through the **e** Spirit  
1 Pet. 5:10, called you to His **e** glory in Christ  
1 John 2:25, promise . . . made to us, the **e** life  
5:11, God has given us **e** life  
Rev. 14:6, having an **e** gospel to preach  
Matt. 25:41,46; Mark 3:29; Luke 16:9; 18:18;  
John 4:14,36; 6:54; 12:50; 17:2;  
Acts 13:46,48; Rom. 6:22; 16:26;  
2 Thess. 1:9; 2:16; Heb. 6:2; 9:12,15;  
1 John 1:2; 3:15; 5:20; Jude 6,7
- ETERNITY**—*world*  
Eccles. 3:11, set **e** in their heart  
Mic. 5:2, going forth . . . from the days of **e**
- EUNUCH**—*chamberlain, official* Esth. 1:10; Is.  
56:3; Matt. 19:12; Acts 8:27
- EVANGELIST** Acts 21:8, Philip the **e**  
Eph. 4:11, He gave some . . . **as e-s**  
2 Tim. 4:5, do the work of an **e**
- EVAPORATE**—*fail, gone* Ex. 16:14; Job 14:11
- EVENING**—*close* Ps. 104:23, to his labor until **e**  
Jer. 6:4, shadows of the **e** lengthen  
Zech. 14:7, at **e** time there will be light  
Luke 24:29, for it is *getting* toward **e**  
Judg. 20:23; 1 Sam. 14:24; 1 Kin. 17:6;  
Ps. 55:17; 90:6; 141:2; Eccles. 11:6;  
Matt. 8:16; 14:23; Mark 1:32
- EVER**—*forever* Ps. 52:8; Matt. 21:19; Mark  
11:14; Rev. 14:11  
Ps. 48:14, Our God forever and **e**  
51:3, my sin is **e** before me  
Rev. 11:15, He will reign forever and **e**  
22:5, they shall reign forever and **e**
- EVERLASTING**—*endure, eternal, ancient, perpetual*  
Gen. 21:33; Is. 40:28, the **E** God  
Deut. 33:27, underneath are the **e** arms  
Ps. 90:2, from **e** to **e**, Thou art God  
106:1; 107:1; 136:1, lovingkindness is **e**  
139:24, lead me in the **e** way  
Is. 26:4, in GOD . . . have an **e** Rock  
35:10; 51:11; 61:7, **e** joy  
Jer. 31:3, loved you with an **e** love  
Gen. 9:16; Ps. 103:17; 119:142; 138:8;  
Prov. 8:23; 10:25; Is. 45:17; 54:8; 55:13;  
56:5; 60:19,20; 63:12; Dan. 4:34; 7:14
- EVERMORE**—*ever, forever* Ps. 92:7; John 6:34;  
1 Thess. 5:16
- EVERY** Gen. 6:5, **e** intent . . . of his heart was  
only evil  
Ps. 119:101, restrained my feet from **e** evil way  
119:104, I hate **e** false way  
Prov. 30:5, **E** word of God is tested  
Eccles. 3:1, a time for **e** event under heaven  
Is. 45:23, **e** knee will bow  
55:1, Ho! **E** one who thirsts  
Jer. 25:5, Turn now **e** one from his evil way  
Matt. 4:4, ON **E** WORD THAT PROCEEDS  
7:8, For **e** one who asks receives  
John 3:8, so is **e** one who is born of the Spirit  
2 Cor. 10:5, taking **e** thought captive  
Eph. 1:21, far above all rule . . . **e** name  
2 Tim. 2:21, prepared for **e** good work  
Heb. 12:1, lay aside **e** encumbrance  
James 1:17, **E** good thing . . . **e** perfect gift  
1 John 4:1, do not believe **e** spirit  
Rev. 20:13, **e** one of them according to their  
deeds  
22:12, **e** man according to what he has done  
Deut. 4:4; Prov. 2:9; 7:12; John 18:37;  
Rom. 14:11; 1 Tim. 2:8; 2 Tim. 2:19
- EVERYONE** Ps. 32:6, **e** who is godly pray  
Eccles. 10:3, demonstrates to **e** that he is a  
fool  
Luke 11:10, For **e** who asks receives  
19:26, to **e** who has shall *more* be given
- EVERYTHING** Prov. 14:15, The naive believes **e**  
1 Tim. 4:4, **e** created by God is good
- EVERYWHERE** Mark 1:45; 16:20; Acts 17:30
- EVIDENCE**—*mouth* Deut. 17:6, the **e** of two  
witnesses
- EVIDENT**—*see* Gal. 3:11; Heb. 7:14

**EVIL**—*bad, wicked, reproach*

Gen. 38:7, **e** in the sight of the LORD  
 Deut. 23:9, keep yourself from every **e**  
 1 Kin. 21:25, sold himself to do **e**  
 Ps. 15:3, Nor does **e** to his neighbor  
 23:4, I fear no **e**  
 34:14; 37:27, Depart from **e**, and do good  
 91:10, No **e** will befall you  
 97:10, Hate **e**, you who love the LORD  
 Jer. 7:26, did **e** more than their fathers  
 Matt. 5:11, all kinds of **e** against you falsely  
 6:13, deliver us from **e**  
 7:11; Luke 11:13, If you then, being **e**  
 12:45, this **e** generation  
 27:23; Mark 15:14, what **e** has He done  
 Mark 9:39, speak **e** of Me  
 Luke 6:45, **e** man out of the **e** treasure  
 John 3:20, does **e** hates the light  
 Rom. 12:17, Never pay back **e** for **e** to anyone  
 12:21, overcome **e** with good  
 Eph. 5:16, because the days are **e**  
 1 Thess. 5:22, abstain from every form of **e**  
 1 Tim. 6:10, love of money is a root of all **e**  
 James 3:8, tongue; it is a restless **e**  
 1 John 2:13, overcome the **e** one  
 5:19, world lies . . . power of the **e** one  
 Gen. 6:5; 8:21; 50:20; Deut. 31:29;  
 2 Sam. 14:17; 1 Kin. 3:9; Ezra 4:12;  
 Job 30:26; Ps. 35:12; 40:12; 109:5;  
 Prov. 3:7; 6:18; 14:19; 15:3; 17:13; Is. 5:20;  
 7:15,16; 57:1; Jer. 2:13,19; Hab. 1:13;  
 Matt. 9:4; 22:10; Luke 6:22,35; Acts 23:5;  
 Rom. 7:19; 1 Thess. 5:15; 3 John 11

**EVILODERS** Ps. 37:1, Fret not . . . because of **e**

Ps. 37:9, **e** will be cut off  
 Ps. 119:115; Is. 1:4; 9:17; Luke 13:27;  
 1 Pet. 4:15

**EXACT**—*lend, collect* Deut. 15:2, he shall not **e**

it  
 Heb. 1:3, **e** representation of His nature

**EXALT**—*extol, lift, raise* Ps. 34:3, let us **e** His

name  
 Ps. 46:10, I will be **e-ed** in the earth  
 108:5, Be **e-ed**, O God, above the earth  
 Prov. 4:8, Prize her, and she will **e** you  
 14:34, Righteousness **e-s** a nation  
 Matt. 11:23; Luke 10:15, **e-ed** to heaven  
 23:12; Luke 14:11; 18:14, **e-s** himself  
 Luke 1:46, My soul **e-s** the Lord  
 Acts 5:31, He is the one whom God **e-ed**  
 Phil. 1:20, Christ shall . . . be **e-ed** in my body  
 2:9, God highly **e-ed** Him  
 Ex. 15:1; 1 Sam. 2:10; 1 Chr. 29:11; Job 37:23;  
 Ps. 89:16; 92:10; 97:9; Prov. 11:11;  
 Is. 52:13; Ezek. 21:26; Dan. 4:37;  
 2 Cor. 12:7; 2 Thess. 2:4; James 4:10;  
 1 Pet. 5:6

**EXAMINE**—*investigate, search* Job 7:18; Acts 22:24

Ps. 26:2, **E** me, O LORD  
 Acts 17:11, **e-ing** the Scriptures daily  
 1 Cor. 11:28, let a man **e** himself  
 2 Cor. 13:5, **e** yourselves

**EXAMPLE**—*model, pattern* James 5:10;

2 Pet. 2:6; Jude 7  
 John 13:15; I gave you an **e**  
 1 Cor. 10:6, these things happened as **e-s**  
 10:11, to them as an **e**  
 1 Tim. 4:12, an **e** of those who believe

Heb. 4:11, same **e** of disobedience  
 1 Pet. 2:21, Christ also . . . leaving you an **e**  
 5:3, proving to be **e-s** to the flock

**EXASPERATE**—*anger*

Col. 3:21, do not **e** your children

**EXCEED**—*great, surpass, utterly*

Ps. 43:4, God my **e-ing** joy  
 119:96, Thy commandment is **e-ingly** broad  
 Prov. 30:24, Four things . . . are **e-ingly** wise  
 Jon. 3:3, Nineveh was an **e-ingly** great city  
 Mark 9:3, His garments became . . . **e-ingly**  
 white

Eph. 3:20, able to do **e-ingly** abundantly  
 Gen. 27:34; Num. 14:7; 1 Kin. 10:7; Matt. 2:10

**EXCEL** Prov. 31:29, you **e** them all

Eccles. 2:13, wisdom **e-s** folly  
 1 Thess. 4:1, that you may **e** still more

**EXCELLENCE**—*great, preeminent*

Ex. 15:7, of Thine **e**  
 Ruth 3:11, are a woman of **e**  
 Phil. 4:8, if there is any **e**  
 2 Pet. 1:5, supply moral **e** . . . knowledge

**EXCELLENT**—*noble* Prov. 12:4, **e** wife is the

crown  
 1 Cor. 12:31, a still more **e** way  
 Phil. 1:10, approve the things that are **e**  
 Heb. 1:4, a more **e** name  
 Prov. 17:7; 22:20; Is. 12:5

**EXCEPT**—*save* Gen. 14:24; Ps. 18:31

Matt. 11:27, knows the Son, **e** the Father  
 Luke 18:19, No one is good **e** God alone  
 Acts 26:29, **e** for these chains

Rom. 9:29, **E THE LORD . . . HAD LEFT TO US A**

**POSTERITY****EXCESS** Is. 16:6; 1 Pet. 4:4**EXCHANGE** Matt. 16:26; Mark 8:37, give in **e**

for his soul  
 Luke 24:17, these words that you are **e-ing**  
 Rom. 1:25, they **e-d** the truth of God

**EXCLUDE**—*alienated*

Eph. 4:18, **e-d** from the life of God

**EXCUSE** Luke 14:18, began to make **e-s**

Rom. 1:20, they are without **e**

**EXECUTE**—*perform* Deut. 33:21; Ps. 149:7

Ps. 9:16, He has **e-d** judgment  
 John 5:27, Him authority to **e** judgment  
 Rom. 9:28, LORD WILL **E HIS WORD**  
 Jude 15, to **e** judgment

**EXEMPT** Matt. 17:26, the sons are **e****EXERCISE** Jer. 9:24, the LORD who **e-s**

lovingkindness  
 Matt. 20:25; Mark 10:42, **e** authority over  
 them

**EXHAUST** Judg. 4:21; 1 Kin. 17:14**EXHORT** Titus 1:9, able both to **e** in sound

doctrine  
 Titus 2:15, **e** and reprove  
 Acts 2:40, many other words . . . **e-ing** them  
 2 Tim. 4:2, **e**, with great patience  
 1 Pet. 5:12, **e-ing** and testifying

**EXHORTATION** Luke 3:18; Acts 20:2; Rom. 12:8; Heb. 13:22**EXILE** 2 Sam. 15:19; Is. 51:14**EXORCISTS** Acts 19:13, some of the Jewish **e****EXPANSE**—*firmament* Gen. 1:6; Ezek. 1:25**EXPECT** Gen. 48:11; Job 30:26; Luke 6:35;**Acts 3:5****EXPECTATION** Prov. 10:28; 11:7,23

Phil. 1:20, my earnest **e** and hope  
 Heb. 10:27, terrifying **e** of judgment

**EXPEDIENT**—*advantageous*John 11:50, **e** for you that one**EXPERT** Jer. 50:9; Acts 26:3**EXPLAIN** Luke 24:27, **e-ed** to themLuke 24:32, He was **e-ing** the ScripturesJohn 1:18, He has **e-ed Him**Acts 18:26, **e-ed** to him the way of God  
28:23, **e-ing** to them . . . about the kingdom of God**EXPLICIT** 1 Tim. 4:1, Spirit **e-ly** says**EXPLORE** Eccles. 2:3, I **e-d** with my mind**EXPPOSE**—*reprove*Eph. 5:11, instead even **e** them**EXPRESS**Ezek. 1:3, word of the LORD came **e-ly****EXTEND** Is. 44:13, he **e-s** a measuring line

Deut. 12:20; Ezra 7:28; Ps. 109:12; Is. 66:12

**EXTOL**—*exalt* Ex. 15:2, will **e** HimPs. 30:1; 145:1, I will **e** Thee**EXTORTIONER** Is. 16:4, **e** has come to an end**EXTRAORDINARY** Dan. 5:12; 6:3**EXULT**—*rejoicing*1 Thess. 2:19, or joy or crown of **e-ation****EWE** Num. 6:14; 2 Sam. 12:3; Ps. 78:71**EYE**—*look* Gen. 3:7; 27:1; 49:12; Num. 10:31; 24:3,15Ex. 21:24; Lev. 24:20; Deut. 19:21; Matt. 5:38, **e** for **e**Deut. 12:8; Judg. 17:6; 21:25, right in his **e-s**16:19, bribe blinds the **e-s** of the wise32:10, as the pupil of His **e**2 Chr. 16:9, **e-s** of the LORD moveJob 19:27, whom my **e-s** shall seePs. 11:4, **e-s** . . . test the sons of men19:8, enlightening the **e-s**34:15, **e-s** of the LORD are toward the righteous36:1, no fear of God before his **e-s**69:3; 119:82; Lam. 2:11, My **e-s** failProv. 6:17, Haughty **e-s**, a lying tongue27:20, Nor are the **e-s** of man ever satisfiedIs. 33:17, **e-s** will see the king40:26; Jer. 13:20, Lift up your **e-s**Jer. 5:21, Who have **e-s**, but see not16:17, My **e-s** are on all their waysZech. 4:10, **e-s** of the LORD which rangeMatt. 6:22, lamp of the body is the **e**13:16, blessed are your **e-s**18:9, **e** causes you to stumble, pluck it outMark 8:18, HAVING **e-s**, DO YOU NOT SEELuke 4:20, **e-s** . . . were fixed upon Him24:16, their **e-s** were prevented from recognizingJohn 9:6, applied clay to his **e-s**Heb. 4:13, laid bare to the **e-s** of Him1 John 2:16, the lust of the **e-s**

Deut. 3:27; 4:19; 34:7; 1 Kin. 1:20; 8:29,52;

20:6; 2 Kin. 6:17; 2 Chr. 6:20,40; 34:28;

Job 10:18; 29:11,15; Ps. 15:4; 33:18; 94:9;

119:18; 132:4; 145:15; Prov. 10:26; 20:12;

23:29; 30:17; Eccles. 1:8; 2:14; 6:9; 11:7;

Is. 1:15; 22:4; 29:10; 32:3; 42:7; 52:8; 64:4;

Jer. 9:1; 13:17; 14:17; 24:6; Ezek. 12:2;

24:16,25; Hab. 1:13; Matt. 5:29;

Luke 11:34; John 11:37; 1 Cor. 2:9;

Gal. 3:1; 4:15; Eph. 1:18; 1 Pet. 3:12;

2 Pet. 2:14

**EYESALVE** Rev. 3:18, **e** to anoint your eyes**EYESERVICE** Eph. 6:6, not by way of **e****EYEWITNESSES** Luke 1:2, **e** and servants of the Word2 Pet. 1:16, we were **e** of His majesty**F****FABLES**—*myths* 1 Tim. 4:7, worldly **f** fit only for old women**FACE**—*countenance*Gen. 3:19, By the sweat of your **f**Num. 6:25, Lord make His **f** shine on youPs. 34:16, the **f** of the Lord is against evildoers67:1, cause His **f** to shine upon us84:9, look upon the **f** of Thine anointedIs. 25:8, wipe tears away from all **f-s**Matt. 6:17, when you fast . . . wash your **f**Luke 24:5, bowed their **f-s** to the groundJohn 11:44, his **f** was wrapped around with a cloth2 Cor. 3:18, with unveiled **f** beholding1 Pet. 3:12, THE **F** OF THE LORD IS AGAINSTRev. 1:16, His **f** was like the sun shining

Gen. 17:3; Ex. 33:11; 33:23; 2 Kin. 14:8;

Ezra 9:6; Job 33:26; Ps. 13:1; 24:6; 83:16;

Prov. 15:13; 27:19; Eccles. 8:1; Is. 50:6;

Jer. 5:3; Matt. 6:16; 26:67

**FADE**—*wither*James 1:11, rich man . . . will **f** away1 Pet. 1:4, an inheritance . . . will not **f** away

Ps. 90:6; Is. 28:1

**FAIL**—*spent, lack* Deut. 31:6, He will not **f** you

or

Luke 22:32, that your faith may not **f**1 Cor. 13:8, Love never **f-s**

Deut. 4:31; 1 Sam. 3:19; 17:32; Neh. 4:10;

Job 11:20; 19:14; Ps. 38:10; Is. 44:12,25;

Hab. 3:17

**FAILURE** Rom. 11:12, their **f** be riches for the

Gentiles

**FAINT**—*languish* Job 23:16, has made myheart **f**Ps. 61:2, when my heart is **f**Luke 21:26, men **f-ing** from fear

Is. 1:5; Jon. 2:7; Matt. 15:32

**FAIR** Ps. 45:2; Is. 11:4; Matt. 16:2; Acts 27:8;

Col. 4:1

**FAITH**—*believe, trust* Matt. 9:2; 15:28; Mark

4:40

Hab. 2:4, the righteous will live by his **f**Matt. 6:30, O men of little **f**17:20, **f** as a mustard seedMark 11:22, Have **f** in GodLuke 7:50, Your **f** has saved you17:5, Increase our **f**18:8, will He find **f** on earth22:32, that your **f** may not failActs 14:27, door of **f** to the Gentiles15:9, cleansing their hearts by **f**Rom. 5:1, having been justified by **f**10:17, **f** comes from hearing1 Cor. 15:14, your **f** also is vain16:13, stand firm in the **f**2 Cor. 13:5, if you are in the **f**Gal. 2:16, through **f** in Christ JesusEph. 2:8, by grace . . . through **f**4:5, one Lord, one **f**, one baptism6:16, taking up the shield of **f**Col. 2:5, stability of your **f** in Christ1 Thess. 5:8, breastplate of **f** and love2 Thess. 1:3, your **f** is greatly enlarged

**FAITH** (*Continued*)

1 Tim. 4:1, some will fall away from the f  
 2 Tim. 4:7, I have kept the f  
 Heb. 10:22, in full assurance of f  
 12:2, author and perfecter of f  
 James 1:3, testing of your f produces  
 endurance  
 1 Pet. 1:5, power of God through f  
 Jude 20, building . . . on your most holy f  
 Rev. 2:13, did not deny My f  
 Luke 8:25; Acts 6:5; 20:21; Rom. 4:14;  
 1 Cor. 13:2; Gal. 5:5; Phil. 1:25;  
 1 Thess. 1:3; 1 Tim. 1:2; 3:9; Titus 1:13;  
 2:10; Heb. 10:39; 11:1; James 2:1;  
 2 Pet. 1:5

**FAITHFUL**—*trustworthy*

Ps. 31:23, The Lord preserves the f  
 Prov. 12:22, who deal f-ly are His  
 27:6, F are the wounds of a friend  
 1 Cor. 1:9, God is f, through whom you were  
 Eph. 1:1, who are f in Christ Jesus  
 1 Thess. 5:24, F is He who calls you  
 1 Tim. 1:12, He considered me f  
 2 Tim. 2:2, these entrust to f men  
 Heb. 10:23, He who promised is f  
 Rev. 2:10, Be f until death  
 Num. 12:7; Deut. 7:9; 1 Sam. 2:35;  
 2 Kin. 12:15; Neh. 9:8; Ps. 101:6; 119:86;  
 Prov. 13:17; 14:5; Is. 1:21; Matt. 24:45;  
 25:23; 1 Pet. 4:19; Rev. 1:5; 19:11

**FAITHFULNESS**—*truth* Deut. 32:4, A God of f  
 and without

Ps. 143:1, Answer me in Thy f  
 Rom. 3:3, nullify the f of God  
 Gal. 5:22, Kindness, goodness, f  
 Deut. 32:20; Ps. 89:1; Is. 11:5; Matt. 23:23

**FAITHLESS** Jer. 3:6,8,11,12; 31:22**FALL** Ps. 16:6, The lines have f-en . . . in  
 pleasant places

Matt. 7:25, house; and yet it did not f  
 7:27, and great was its f  
 10:29, not one . . . will f to the ground  
 15:14, both will f into a pit  
 Mark 14:27, You will all f away  
 Luke 8:13, in time of temptation f away  
 1 Cor. 10:12, take heed lest he f  
 15:6,18, have f-en asleep  
 Gal. 5:4, you have f-en from grace  
 1 Tim. 3:6, f into the condemnation  
 6:9, rich f into temptation  
 Heb. 6:6, and then have f-en away  
 10:31, f into the hands of the living God  
 Judg. 18:25; Job 4:13; Ps. 5:10; 37:24; 38:17;  
 Prov. 24:16; Eccles. 4:10; 11:3; Dan. 3:5;  
 11:26; Mic. 7:8; Matt. 12:11; Luke 2:34;  
 Rom. 14:4; Heb. 4:11; 2 Pet. 3:17

**FALSE**—*deceitful, vain*

Ex. 5:9, pay no attention to f words  
 20:16, you shall not bear f witness  
 23:1, shall not carry a f rumor  
 Ps. 33:17, horse is a f hope for victory  
 119:104,128, I hate every f way  
 Prov. 6:19; 12:17; 14:5; 19:5, f witness  
 Matt. 24:24, f Christs and f prophets  
 Ex. 23:7; Lam. 2:14; Zech. 10:2; Matt. 19:18;  
 Mark 13:22; 2 Thess. 2:9

**FALSEHOOD**—*deceitfulness* Ps. 144:8; Jer.  
 13:25; Mic. 2:11

Ps. 24:4, lifted up his soul to f  
 119:163, I hate and despise f

Prov. 20:17, Bread obtained by f is sweet  
 Jer. 14:14, prophesying f in My name  
 Eph. 4:25, laying aside f

**FALSELY** Jer. 5:31, The prophets prophesy f

Matt. 5:11, say . . . evil against you f  
 Luke 3:14, accuse *anyone* f  
 1 Tim. 6:20, what is f called knowledge  
 Gen. 21:23; Lev. 6:3; Deut. 19:18; Hos. 7:1

**FAME** 1 Kin. 10:1, the f of Solomon

Is. 66:19, heard My f  
 2 Cor. 8:18, whose f in the things of  
 Num. 14:15; Josh. 6:27

**FAMILY** Gen. 12:3, all the f-es of the earth

Eph. 3:15, every f in heaven  
 Gen. 10:5; Deut. 29:18; Judg. 6:15; Job 31:34;  
 Ps. 107:41; Jer. 3:14; 31:1

**FAMINE**—*drought* Gen. 12:10; 41:27,54; 42:19

Matt. 24:7, there will be f-s and earthquakes  
 Mark 13:8, will also be f-s  
 Luke 15:14, a severe f occurred in that  
 country

Rom. 8:35, or f, or nakedness, or peril  
 2 Kin. 4:38; 1 Chr. 21:12; 2 Chr. 6:28;

Neh. 5:3; Job 5:20; Ps. 33:19; Is. 14:30;  
 Jer. 14:12; Amos 8:11; Acts 7:11; 11:28

**FAMISH**—*hunger* Gen. 41:55, Egypt was f-ed**FAMOUS** 1 Chr. 5:24, men of valor, f men**FANG** Joel 1:6, the f-s of a lioness**FAR**—*distant* Ps. 22:11, Be not f from me

Ps. 103:12, As f as the east is from the west  
 119:155, Salvation is f from the wicked  
 Prov. 15:29, LORD is f from the wicked  
 Jer. 23:23, a God f off

**Matt. 15:8, THEIR HEART IS F AWAY FROM ME**

Mark 12:34, are not f from the kingdom

Acts 17:27, though He is not f from

2 Cor. 4:17, glory f beyond all comparison

Eph. 1:21, f above all rule

Gen. 18:25; Ex. 23:7; Deut. 13:7; Josh. 9:6;  
 2 Sam. 20:20; Ps. 97:9; Prov. 4:24; 27:10;  
 60:4; Ezek. 11:15; John 21:8; Eph. 2:17

**FARE** Jon. 1:3, Tarshish, paid the f**FAREWELL** Acts 15:29, you will do well. F.**FARTHEST**—*utmost* Mark 13:27, F END of the  
 earth**FASHION**—*appearance* Job 10:8, Thy  
 hands f-ed

Ps. 33:15, He who f-s the hearts

1 Kin. 7:15; Job 31:15; Is. 44:12; Jer. 18:11

**FAST** Matt. 4:2, after He had f-ed forty days

Matt. 6:16, whenever you f, do not . . . as the  
 6:17, when you f, anoint your head

Acts 13:3, when they had f-ed and prayed

Is. 58:3,4,5,6; Joel 1:14; Zech. 7:5;

Mark 2:18,19; Luke 18:12

**FASTING**—*hungry* Ps. 109:24, weak from f

Matt. 6:16,18, seen f by men

Luke 2:37, serving . . . with f-s and prayers

2 Cor. 6:5, in watchings, in f-s

Esth. 4:3; Ps. 35:13; Joel 2:12; Mark 2:18

**FAT** Prov. 13:4, soul of the diligent is made f

Prov. 15:30, Good news puts f on the bones

Luke 15:23, bring the f-ned calf

James 5:5, you have f-ned your hearts

Gen. 45:18; Judg. 3:17; Neh. 8:10; 9:25;

Ps. 73:4; 119:70

**FATE** Eccles. 2:14; 9:2,3**FATHER** Gen. 2:24, leave his f and his mother

Gen. 9:23, covered the nakedness of their f

17:4, f of a multitude of nations

Ex. 20:12, Honor your **f** and your mother  
 Job 29:16, I was a **f** to the needy  
 Ps. 22:4, In Thee our **f-s** trusted  
 103:13, as a **f** has compassion on his  
 Prov. 10:1, A wise son makes a **f** glad  
 17:6, glory of sons is their **f-s**  
 Is. 9:6, Eternal **F**, Prince of Peace  
 63:16, Thou art our **F**  
 Matt. 3:9, We have Abraham for our **f**  
 5:16, glorify your **F** who is in heaven  
 6:1, your **F** who is in heaven  
 6:4,6,18, your **F** who sees in secret  
 6:9, Our **F** who art in heaven  
 7:21, he who does the will of My **F**  
 10:35, SET A MAN AGAINST HIS **F**  
 11:25, I praise Thee O **F**, Lord of  
 11:27, knows the Son, except the **F**  
 28:19, baptizing . . . name of the **F**  
 Mark 8:38, comes in the glory of His **F**  
 Luke 2:49, be in My **F-s** house  
 11:2, **F**, hallowed be Thy name  
 23:34, Jesus was saying, **F** forgive them  
 23:46, **F** . . . HANDS I COMMIT  
 John 2:16, stop making My **F-s** house a  
 5:17, My **F** is working until now and  
 10:15, **F** knows me and I know the **F**  
 14:2, In My **F-s** house are many  
 17:1, **F**, the hour has come; glorify  
 2 Cor. 1:3, **F** of mercies and God of all  
 Eph. 3:14, I bow my knees before the **F**  
 6:4, **f-s**, do not provoke your children  
 Phil. 2:11, to the glory of God the **F**  
 Heb. 1:5, I will be a **F** to Him  
 1 Pet. 1:3, Blessed be the God and **F**  
 2 Pet. 1:17, honor . . . from God the **F**  
 Jude 1, are the called, beloved in God the **F**  
 Rev. 1:6, priests to His God and **F**  
 Gen. 4:20; 43:7; 48:17; 21:15; Deut. 5:9;  
 1 Sam. 17:34; 2 Sam. 7:12; Job 17:14;  
 38:28; Ps. 68:5; 89:26; Prov. 1:8; 6:20;  
 Jer. 3:19; Mal. 2:10; Matt. 11:26; 26:29;  
 Mark 14:36; Luke 10:21; 15:18; 24:49;  
 1 Cor. 4:15; Heb. 3:9; 1 John 2:13;  
 2 John 4

**FATHERLESS**—*orphan*  
 Ps. 23:10, the fields of the **f**

**FATNESS**—*abundance*  
 Ps. 65:11, Thy paths drip with **f**  
 Gen. 27:28; Judg. 9:9; Ps. 63:5; 73:7

**FAULT**—*offense* 1 Sam. 29:3; Ps. 19:12; Rom. 9:19

**FAULTLESS**—*blameless*  
 Heb. 8:7, covenant had been **f**

**FAVOR**—*beauty, charm, grace, pleasure, supplication*  
 Ps. 90:17, let the **f** of the Lord our God  
 Prov. 8:35; 12:2; 18:22, obtains **f** from the  
 LORD  
 13:15, Good understanding produces **f**  
 Luke 2:52, increasing . . . in **f** with God and  
 men  
 Acts 2:47, having **f** with all the people  
 Gen. 6:8; 39:21; Ex. 3:21; 33:12; Deut. 33:23;  
 1 Sam. 13:12; Esth. 2:17; Ps. 5:12; 30:5;  
 51:18; 85:1; Prov. 14:35; 19:12;  
 Eccles. 9:11; Dan. 1:9; Zech. 11:7

**FAVORABLE**—*acceptable*  
 Ps. 77:7, will He never be **f** again  
 Is. 61:2, proclaim the **f** year of the LORD

**FEAR (n.)**—*dread, awe, terror* Gen. 9:2; 20:11;  
 Deut. 2:25  
 Ps. 19:9, the **f** of the LORD is clean  
 53:5, in great **f** where no **f** had been  
 111:10; Prov. 9:10, **f** . . . is the beginning of  
 wisdom  
 Prov. 1:7, **f** . . . is the beginning of knowledge  
 10:27, **f** of the LORD prolongs life  
 14:26, **f** of the LORD there is strong  
 confidence  
 14:27, **f** of the LORD is a fountain of life  
 15:16, better is a little with the **f** of the  
 LORD  
 19:23, the **f** of the LORD leads to life  
 29:25, the **f** of man brings a snare  
 Luke 21:26, men fainting from **f**  
 John 7:13; 19:38; 20:19, for **f** of the Jews  
 Rom. 13:3, not a cause of **f** for good behavior  
 1 Cor. 2:3, in weakness and in **f**  
 2 Cor. 5:11, knowing the **f** of the Lord  
 7:5, conflicts without, **f-s** within  
 7:11, what **f**, what longing, what zeal  
 Eph. 6:5; Phil. 2:12, with **f** and trembling  
 Deut. 11:25; 1 Chr. 14:17; Job 4:6; 39:22;  
 Ps. 34:11; 36:1; Prov. 3:25; Is. 8:12;  
 Jer. 32:40; Matt. 14:26; Rom. 3:18;  
 Heb. 2:15; Jude 12,23

**FEAR (v.)**—*be afraid, revere* Gen. 22:12; 42:18  
 1 Kin. 18:12, I . . . have **f-ed** the LORD from  
 my youth  
 Job 1:9, Job **f** God for nothing  
 Ps. 27:1, Whom shall I **f**  
 118:6, will not **f**; what can man do  
 Prov. 31:30, woman who **f-s** the LORD, she  
 shall be praised  
 Eccles. 12:13, **f** God and keep His  
 commandments  
 Matt. 10:26, Therefore do not **f** them  
 10:28, do not **f** those who kill the body  
 10:31, do not **f**; you are of . . . value  
 Luke 23:40, Do you not even **f** God  
 Ex. 1:21; 14:13; 18:21; Deut. 4:10; 5:29; 28:58;  
 Neh. 7:2; Job 11:15; Ps. 27:3; 31:19; 34:9;  
 66:16; 76:7; 86:11; 112:7; 115:11; 119:74;  
 Prov. 3:7; 24:21; 28:14; Eccles. 3:14; 5:7;  
 Is. 8:12; 35:4; 41:10; 43:5; Jer. 5:24; 10:7;  
 33:9; Dan. 6:26; Mal. 3:16; Matt. 14:5;  
 21:26; Mark 5:33; Luke 12:5; 18:2; 20:19;  
 Acts 10:35; 13:26; Rom. 8:15; 11:20;  
 Gal. 4:11; Col. 3:22; Heb. 4:1; 1 John 4:18

**FEARFUL** Ps. 139:14, I am **f-ly** and wonderfully  
 made  
 1 Tim. 5:20, that the rest also may be **f**

**FEAST**—*banquet* Judg. 14:10; Esth. 9:17  
 Prov. 15:15, heart has a continuous **f**  
 Job 7:37, the great day of the **f**  
 Job 1:4; Ps. 35:16; Eccles. 7:2; 10:16; Is. 1:14;  
 Jer. 16:8; Mal. 2:3; Luke 2:42; John 7:8,14;  
 13:29; 1 Cor. 5:8; Jude 12

**FEATHERS**—*plumage, wings*  
 Dan. 4:33, hair . . . like eagles' **f**

**FED** Deut. 8:3, humbled you and **f** you with  
 manna  
 Ezek. 34:8, shepherds **f** themselves and did  
 not feed  
 Luke 16:21, longing to be **f** with the crumbs

**Feeble** Job 4:4, you have strengthened **f** knees  
 Is. 35:3, strengthen the **f**  
 Heb. 12:12, strengthen . . . the knees that are **f**  
 Gen. 30:42; Neh. 4:2

- FEED**—*tend* 1 Kin. 22:27; Ps. 81:16; Prov. 30:8  
 Prov. 15:14, the mouth of fools **f-s** on folly  
 Matt. 6:26, your heavenly Father **f-s** them  
 25:37, see You hungry and **f** you  
 Luke 12:24, *yet* God **f-s** them  
 Rom. 12:20, ENEMY IS HUNGRY, **F** HIM  
 Is. 44:20; Jer. 3:15; Hos. 12:1; Matt. 15:27;  
 Mark 7:28
- FEEL** Gen. 27:12, Perhaps my father will **f** me  
 Judge. 16:26, Let me **f** the pillars  
 Ps. 115:7, have hands, but they cannot **f**  
 1 Tim. 5:11, **f** sensual desires in disregard of
- FEET**—*footstool* Ps. 8:6, all things under his **f**  
 Ps. 22:16, pierced my hands and my **f**  
 31:8, set my **f** in a large place  
 40:2, set my **f** upon a rock  
 56:13; 116:8, my **f** from stumbling  
 66:9, does not allow our **f** to slip  
 119:105, word is a lamp to my **f**  
 122:2, **f** are standing within your gates  
 Prov. 1:16; 6:18; Is. 59:7, their **f** run to evil  
 5:5, Her **f** go down to death  
 Is. 49:23; Matt. 10:14; Mark 6:11; Luke 9:5,  
 dust of your **f**  
 52:7, lovely on the mountains Are the **f**  
 Dan. 2:33, **f** partly of iron and partly of clay  
 10:6, **f** . . . of polished bronze  
 Nah. 1:3, clouds are the dust beneath His **f**  
 1:15, the **f** of him who brings good news  
 Zech. 14:4, His **f** will stand on the Mount of  
 Olives  
 Luke 1:79, guide our **f** into the way of peace  
 8:35, sitting down at the **f** of Jesus  
 24:39, See My hands and My **f**  
 John 12:3, anointed the **f** of Jesus  
 13:5, began to wash the disciples' **f**  
 Acts 4:35,37; 5:2, laid . . . at the apostles' **f**  
 Rom. 3:15, THEIR **F** ARE SWIFT TO SHED BLOOD  
 10:15, HOW BEAUTIFUL ARE THE **F** OF THOSE  
 WHO  
 16:20, crush Satan under your **f**  
 Eph. 6:15, shod your **f** with the preparation  
 Rev. 1:15, 2:18, **f** like burnished bronze  
 1:17, I fell at his **f** as a dead man  
 19:10, I fell at his **f** to worship  
 22:8, I fell down to worship at the **f** of  
 Gen. 49:10; Josh. 3:15; Ruth 3:14; 1 Sam. 2:9;  
 2 Sam. 4:4; 22:37; 2 Kin. 6:32; 9:35; 13:21;  
 Neh. 9:21; Job 29:15; Ps. 73:2; 115:7;  
 Prov. 4:26; 6:13,28; 7:11; 19:2; Song 5:3;  
 7:1; Is. 3:16; 6:2; 23:7; 26:6; 60:13;  
 Lam. 3:34; Ezek. 2:12; 3:24; 24:17,23;  
 25:6; 32:2; 34:18,19; Matt. 7:6; 18:8; 28:9;  
 Mark 12:36; Luke 7:38; 10:39; John 11:2;  
 12:3; 20:12; Acts 3:7; 21:11; 1 Cor. 12:21;  
 1 Tim. 5:10; Rev. 13:2
- FELL**—*came, collapsed* Gen. 4:5; Josh. 6:20;  
 1 Kin. 18:38  
 Matt. 13:4, some seeds **f** beside the road  
 Luke 8:23, Jesus **f** asleep  
 10:30, he **f** among robbers  
 13:4, on whom the tower in Siloam **f**  
 Acts 1:26, the lot **f** to Matthias  
 10:44, the Holy Spirit **f** upon all those  
 19:35, *image* which **f** down from heaven  
 20:9, Eutychus . . . **f** down from the third  
 floor  
 2 Kin. 6:5; Jon. 1:7; Luke 10:36; Acts 13:36;  
 2 Pet. 3:4; Rev. 16:19
- FELLOW** Ps. 45:7, oil of joy above Thy **f-s**  
 Acts 24:5, pest and a **f** who stirs up  
 Rom. 8:17, and **f-heirs** with Christ  
 Eph. 2:19, **f-citizens** with the saints  
 3:6, Gentiles are **f-heirs**  
 2 Kin. 9:11; Matt. 24:49; Acts 22:22; Heb. 8:11
- FELLOWSHIP**—*share* Ps. 55:14, had sweet **f**  
 together  
 2 Cor. 6:14, What **f** has light with darkness  
 13:14, **f** of the Holy Spirit  
 Gal. 2:9, right hand of **f**  
 1 John 1:3, our **f** is with the Father  
 1:7, **f** with one another
- FELLOW-WORKER**—*helper*  
 Rom. 16:3, Prisca and Aquila my **f-s**  
 Phil. 2:25, my brother and **f**  
 4:3, **f-s**, whose names are in the book  
 1 Thess. 3:2, **f** in the gospel of Christ  
 Philem. 24, *as do* . . . my **f-s**  
 3 John 8, **f-s** with the truth
- FELT** Gen. 27:22, he **f** him and said, The voice  
 Matt. 9:36, He **f** compassion for them  
 Ex. 10:21; Mark 5:29
- FEMALE** Gen. 1:27, male and **f** He created  
 them  
 Gen. 6:19; Lev. 3:1; 5:6; Num. 5:3; Deut. 4:16;  
 Matt. 19:4; Mark 10:6; Gal. 3:28
- FERTILE**—*fruit* Is. 5:1, vineyard on a **f** hill
- FERTILIZER** Luke 13:8, dig around it and . . . **f**
- FERVENT** Acts 18:25, being **f** in spirit  
 Rom. 12:11, **f** in spirit, serving  
 1 Pet. 4:8, keep **f** in your love
- FERVENTLY** Luke 22:44, in agony He was  
 praying very **f**
- FESTIVAL**—*feast* Amos 5:21; 8:10; Matt. 26:5;  
 Mark 14:2
- FETTER**—*band, chain* 2 Sam. 3:34; Job 36:8; Ps.  
 2:3; 105:18; Prov. 7:22; Luke 8:29
- FEVER** Matt. 8:14, mother-in-law . . . sick in bed  
 with a **f**  
 Luke 4:38, suffering from a high **f**  
 John 4:52, seventh hour the **f** left him  
 Deut. 28:22; Matt. 8:15; Acts 28:8
- FEW** Gen. 47:9, **f** and unpleasant . . . years  
 Matt. 9:37, but the workers are **f**  
 22:14, many are called, but **f** are chosen  
 25:21, faithful with a **f** things  
 Mark 8:7, had a **f** small fish  
 1 Pet. 3:20, a **f**, that is, eight persons  
 Rev. 2:14, I have a **f** things against you  
 Gen. 24:55; 29:20; 34:30; Lev. 25:52;  
 Num. 13:18; Deut. 4:27; 33:6; Josh. 7:3;  
 1 Sam. 14:6; 1 Chr. 16:19; 2 Chr. 29:34;  
 Neh. 2:12; Job 10:20; Ps. 105:12; 109:8;  
 Eccles. 5:2; 9:14; Ezek. 12:16; Luke 12:48;  
 13:23
- FIELD**—*garden* Prov. 31:16, She considers a **f**  
 Matt. 6:28, how the lilies of the **f** grow  
 13:38, the **f** is the world  
 27:10, GAVE THEM FOR THE POTTER'S **F**  
 Luke 2:8, shepherds staying out in the **f-s**  
 15:15, sent him into his **f-s**  
 17:36, Two men will be in the **f**  
 John 4:35, **f-s**, . . . white for harvest  
 Acts 1:18, acquired a **f** with the price  
 1:19, that is, **F** of Blood  
 Gen. 2:5,20; 23:20; 25:29; Ex. 9:19,22; 10:15;  
 23:11; Lev. 19:9,19; Num. 23:14;  
 Deut. 11:15; 20:19; Judg. 9:43; Ruth 2:3,8;  
 1 Sam. 20:24; 30:11; 2 Sam. 14:6;



- 1 Kin. 11:29; Job 5:23; Ps. 96:12;  
Prov. 24:30; Is. 1:8; 58:11; Jer. 4:17; 26:18;  
32:44; Lam. 4:9; Dan. 4:15; Hos. 2:12;  
Joel 1:20; James 5:4
- FIERCE** Rev. 19:15, *f* wrath of God the Almighty  
Gen. 49:7; Num. 25:4; Job 41:10; Prov. 27:4;  
Is. 33:19
- FIERY** Num. 21:6; Deut. 28:22; Ps. 21:9;  
1 Pet. 4:12
- FIFTEEN** Gen. 5:10; Judg. 8:10; Hos. 3:2;  
Gal. 1:18
- FIFTH** Gen. 1:23; Lev. 5:16; Neh. 6:5; Jer. 1:3;  
Rev. 6:9
- FIFTY** Lev. 25:10, consecrate the *f-eth* year  
Gen. 6:15; Ex. 18:21; 26:5; Lev. 23:16;  
Esth. 5:14; Luke 9:14; John 8:57;  
Acts 13:19
- FIG** Gen. 3:7, they sewed *f* leaves together  
Matt. 21:19, the *f* tree withered  
Mark 13:28, the parable from the *f* tree  
Luke 6:44, men do not gather *f-s* from thorns  
James 3:12, Can a *f* tree . . . produce olives  
Rev. 6:13, as a *f* tree casts its unripe *f-s*  
Deut. 8:8; Judg. 9:11; Jer. 29:17; Matt. 7:16;  
Mark 11:13; John 1:8
- FIGHT** Ex. 14:14, The LORD will *f* for you  
1 Tim. 1:18, you may *f* the good *f*  
6:12, *F* the good *f* of faith  
James 4:2, so you *f* and quarrel  
Josh. 9:2; 1 Sam. 8:20; Neh. 4:20; Ps. 35:1
- FIGURATIVE** 1 Cor. 4:6, I have *f-ly* applied to myself
- FIGURE**—*graven* Lev. 26:1; Deut. 4:16
- FILL** Gen. 42:25, gave orders to *f* their bags  
Jer. 23:24, *f* the heavens and the earth  
Gen. 1:22; Job 41:7; Ps. 83:16; Prov. 7:18;  
Is. 8:8; 65:11; Mic. 3:8; Matt. 22:10
- FILTH**—*uncleanness*  
Is. 4:4, LORD has washed away the *f*  
64:6, deeds are like a *f-y* garment  
James 1:21, putting aside all *f-iness*  
Is. 28:8; Nah. 3:6
- FIND**—*discover* Gen. 18:26, If I *f* in Sodom  
fifty  
Gen. 32:23, be sure your sin will *f* you out  
Deut. 4:29, you will *f* Him if you search  
Prov. 8:35, he who *f-s* Me *f-s* life  
18:22, he who *f-s* a wife *f-s* a good thing  
Is. 35:10, They will *f* gladness and joy  
Matt. 7:7, Seek, and you shall *f*  
10:39, lost his life . . . shall *f* it  
11:29, YOU SHALL *F* REST FOR YOUR SOULS  
Mark 13:36, *f* you asleep  
Luke 2:12, you will *f* a baby wrapped  
15:8, search . . . until she *f-s* it  
23:4, I *f* no guilt in this man  
John 10:9, go in and out, and *f* pasture  
Acts 7:46, *f* a dwelling place for the God of  
Gen. 32:5; Ruth 1:9; 2 Sam. 15:25; 20:6;  
Prov. 1:13; 3:4; Song 3:1; 5:8; Matt. 21:2;  
Mark 11:2; Luke 11:9; John 18:38;  
Acts 23:9; 2 Cor. 9:4; Rev. 18:14
- FINE**—*good* Ps. 19:10, than much *f* gold;  
Sweeter  
Matt. 13:45, merchant seeking *f* pearls  
Luke 16:19, in purple and *f* linen  
Rev. 19:14, clothed in *f* linen, white  
Gen. 41:42; Ex. 16:14; 25:4; Ps. 81:16
- FINGER** John 8:6, Jesus . . . with His *f* wrote on the ground  
John 20:25, put my *f* into the place of the nails  
20:27, Reach here your *f*  
Ex. 8:19; Lev. 4:6; Deut. 9:10; 2 Sam. 21:20;  
1 Kin. 12:10; 1 Chr. 20:6; Prov. 6:13;  
Jer. 52:21; Mark 7:33; Luke 11:20; 16:24
- FINISH**—*end, spend* 2 Chr. 7:11, Solomon *f-ed* the house  
John 19:30, said, It is *f-ed*  
Acts 20:24, that I may *f* my course  
Ex. 40:33; Ps. 90:9; Mark 3:26; 2 Cor. 8:11
- FIR**—*cedar* 2 Sam. 6:5; Ps. 104:17; Ezek. 27:5
- FIRE**—*flame, burn* Ex. 13:21, pillar of *f* by night  
Num. 3:4, offered strange *f* before the LORD  
1 Kin. 18:38, Then *f* of the LORD fell  
Neh. 9:12, with a pillar of *f* by night  
Ps. 105:39, *f* to illumine by night  
Is. 66:15, the LORD will come in *f*  
Dan. 3:25, walking *about* in the midst of the *f*  
Matt. 3:11, baptize you . . . Holy Spirit and *f*  
9:43, into the unquenchable *f*  
Acts 2:3, tongues as of *f*  
1 Cor. 3:13, *to be* revealed with *f*  
Rev. 3:18, gold refined by *f*  
21:8, lake that burns with *f* and brimstone  
Gen. 19:24; 22:6; Ex. 3:2; 9:24; Lev. 6:13;  
Deut. 9:3; Job 18:5; Ps. 46:9; Jer. 23:29;  
Matt. 3:10,12; Luke 3:17; 12:49; Jude 7
- FIREPAN** Lev. 16:12, take a *f* full of coals
- FIRM**—*hard, steadfast* Josh. 3:17, LORD stood *f* on dry  
Is. 22:23, *like* a peg in a *f* place  
1 Cor. 7:37, stands *f* in his heart  
2 Tim. 2:19, the *f* foundation of God stands  
Heb. 3:6, hope *f* until the end  
1 Pet. 5:9, resist him, *f* in your faith
- FIRMAMENT**—*expanse* Ps. 19:1, *f* is declaring the work of
- FIRST**—*leader, eminent, foremost* Gen. 38:28  
Matt. 6:33, seek *f* His kingdom  
7:5, *f* take the log out of  
19:30, many *who are f* will be last  
20:27, be *f* among you  
28:1, the *f* day of the week  
1 John 4:19, because He *f* loved us  
Rev. 1:17, I am the *f* and the last  
2:4, you have left your *f* love  
21:4, the *f* things have passed away  
22:13, Omega, the *f* and the last  
Deut. 26:10; Prov. 3:9; 18:17; Hos. 2:7; Mark  
3:27; 10:44; Acts 1:1
- FIRST-BORN** Luke 2:7, she gave birth to her *f* son  
Heb. 12:23, church of the *f*  
Gen. 10:15; 19:37; 27:19; Ex. 11:5
- FIRST FRUITS** Ex. 23:16, the *f* of your labors  
Rom. 8:23, the *f* of the Spirit  
James 1:18, the *f* among His creatures  
Rev. 14:4, *f* to God and to the Lamb
- FISH** Matt. 14:17, five loaves and two *f*  
Luke 5:6, a great quantity of *f*  
11:11, asked by his son for a *f*  
Gen. 1:26; Num. 11:5; 2 Chr. 33:14; Is. 50:2;  
Jon. 1:17; John 21:10
- FISHERMEN** Is. 19:8; Jer. 16:16
- FISHERS**—*fishermen* Matt. 4:19, I will make you *f* of men  
Mark 1:17, I will make you become *f* of men

**FIT**—*ready, prepare, worthy*

Matt. 3:11, not . . . f to remove His sandals

Luke 9:62, f for the kingdom of God

Eph. 2:21, whole building, being **f-ed** together  
4:16, whole body, being **f-ed** and held together

**FITTING**—*opportune* Matt. 3:15, it is f for us to fulfill

Eph. 5:4, jesting, which are not f

Col. 3:18, as is f in the Lord

**FIVE** 1 Sam. 17:40, f smooth stones from the brook

Matt. 14:17, f loaves and two fish

25:2, f of them were foolish . . . f

25:20, who had received the f talents

Gen. 5:6; 22:1; Lev. 26:8; 2 Chr. 4:2;

2 Cor. 11:24; Rev. 17:10

**FIXED** Luke 16:26, there is a great chasm f

**FLAG** Is. 30:17, a f on a mountain top

**FLAME**—*fire* Is. 4:5, of a **f-ing** fire by night

Rev. 19:12, eyes are a f of fire

Gen. 3:24; Judg. 13:20; Ps. 106:18; Song 8:6;

Is. 5:24; 10:17; Ezek. 20:47; Dan. 7:9; 10:6;

Joel 2:5; Acts 7:30; 2 Thess. 1:7

**FLASH** Job 15:12, why do your eyes f

Acts 22:6, bright light suddenly **f-ed** from heaven

Deut. 32:41; Ezek. 1:13; 21:10; Nah. 3:3

**FLASK**—*vessel* Matt. 25:4, took oil in **f-s**

FLAT Josh. 6:5,20, wall fell down f

**FLATTER** Job 32:21, Nor f any man

Ps. 5:9, They f with their tongue

Prov. 7:21, **f-ing** lips she seduces him

1 Thess. 2:5, we never came with **f-ing** speech

**FLAX** Ex. 9:31; Judg. 15:14; Ezek. 40:3

**FLEA** 1 Sam. 24:14; 26:20

**FLED**—*escape* Matt. 26:56, left Him and f

Mark 16:8, f from the tomb

Rev. 20:11, whose presence earth and heaven f

Gen. 14:10; 31:21; 39:18; Is. 22:3

**FLEE**—*wander* Lev. 26:17, f when no one is pursuing

Ps. 11:1, F as a bird to your mountain

139:7, I f from Thy presence

Prov. 28:1, wicked f when no one

Is. 16:2, like **f-ing** birds

Matt. 3:7, f from the wrath to come

1 Tim. 6:11, But f from these things, you man

2 Tim. 2:22, f from youthful lusts

Gen. 16:8; Is. 30:16; Matt. 2:13; Rev. 9:6

**FLEECE**—*shear* Judg. 6:37; Job 31:20

**FLESH**—*body, meat, life*

Gen. 2:24, they shall become one f

Ps. 84:2, f sing for joy to the living God

136:25, Who gives food to all f

Is. 40:6, All f is grass

Matt. 16:17, because f and blood did not reveal

26:41, but the f is weak

Luke 24:39, spirit does not have f and bones

John 1:14, the Word became f

3:6, which is born of the f is f

Rom. 8:6, mind set on the f is death

2 Cor. 1:17, according to the f . . . should be

10:4, weapons . . . not of the f

Gal. 6:8, f shall from the f reap

Eph. 2:3, indulging the desires of the f

5:31, TWO SHALL BECOME ONE F

6:12, struggle is not against f

1 Pet. 2:11, abstain from **f-ly** lusts

Gen. 2:23; 7:21; 37:27; Num. 16:22; Job 19:26;

41:23; Ps. 16:9; Rom. 9:8; Jude 23;

Rev. 19:21

**FLIES**—*fly* Job 20:8; Ps. 78:45; Prov. 23:5; Eccles. 10:1

**FLIGHT** Amos 2:14, F will perish from the swift

Matt. 24:20, your f may not be in the winter

Heb. 11:34, put foreign armies to f

**FLINT**—*stone* Zech. 7:12, hearts like f so

Ex. 4:25; Deut. 8:15; 32:13; Ps. 114:8; Is. 5:28;

Ezek. 3:9

**FLOCK**—*fold, sheep* Gen. 4:2,4; 29:2; 30:31,38

Is. 40:11, Like a shepherd He will tend His f

Jer. 23:2, scattered My f and driven

Matt. 26:31, SHEEP OF THE F SHALL BE

SCATTERED

Luke 2:8, keeping watch over their f by night

12:32, Do not be afraid, little f

John 10:16, become one f with one Shepherd

1 Pet. 5:2, the F of God among you

Ex. 2:16; 10:9; Judg. 5:16; 1 Sam. 16:19; 17:34;

2 Chr. 32:28; Ps. 77:20; Prov. 27:23;

Is. 13:20; Ezek. 45:15; Amos 6:4;

Hab. 3:17

**FLOG** Mark 13:9, you will be **f-ed**

**FLOOD** Gen. 7:17, f came upon the earth

Gen. 9:15, never . . . the water become a f

Matt. 7:25, **f-s** came, and the winds blew

Luke 17:27, f came and destroyed them all

Gen. 6:17; Dan. 9:26

**FLOODGATES** Gen. 7:11, f of the sky were opened

**FLOOR** Gen. 50:11; Ruth 3:3; 1 Kin. 6:30; 7:7;

Joel 2:24; Matt. 3:12

**FLOUR**—*dough* Ex. 29:2; Lev. 2:1; Ezek. 16:13; Rev. 18:13

**FLOURISH**—*blossom, green*

Ps. 72:7, may the righteous f

92:7, all who did iniquity **f-ed**

103:15, a flower . . . so he **f-es**

Prov. 11:28, will f like the *green* leaf

Ezek. 17:24, make the dry tree f

**FLOW**—*gush* Ex. 3:8, land **f-ing** with milk and honey

John 7:38, shall f rivers of living water

Job 20:28; Ps. 147:18; Jer. 9:18; Joel 3:18;

Mark 5:29

**FLOWER** Ps. 103:15, As a f of the field, so he

1 Pet. 1:24, AND THE F FALLS OFF

Job 14:2; Song 2:12; Is. 28:1

**FLUENTLY**—*well* Ex. 4:14, he speaks f

**FLUSH** Job 16:16, My face is **f-ed** from weeping

**FLUTE** 1 Sam. 10:5; 1 Kin. 1:40; 1 Cor. 14:7;

Rev. 18:22

**FLY** Job 5:7, As sparks f upward

Gen. 1:20; Is. 14:29; Rev. 8:13; 12:14; 19:17

**FOAL**—*colt* Job 11:12; Zech. 9:9

**FOE**—*enemy*

1 Chr. 21:12, swept away before your **f-s**

**FOLD**—*flock* Eccles. 4:5, The fool **f-s** his hands

John 10:16, sheep, which are not of this f

Num. 32:24; Ps. 50:9; Prov. 6:10

**FOLLOW**—*cling, imitate, pursue* Gen. 24:5; 44:4; Ex. 11:8

Ruth 1:16, turn back from **f-ing** you

Ps. 23:6, goodness and lovingkindness will f

me

Matt. 4:19, He said to them, F Me

4:20, left the nets, and **f-ed** Him

8:19, f You wherever You go

- 12:15, And many **f-ed** Him  
 16:24, take up his cross, and **f Me**  
 19:21, and come, **f Me**  
 22:39, disciples also **f-ed** Him  
 John 10:27, I know them, and they **f Me**  
 Jude 16, **f-ing** after their own lusts  
 Rev. 14:4, the ones who **f** the Lamb  
 Num. 15:39; 1 Sam. 12:14; Ps. 119:150;  
 Jer. 48:2; Mark 5:37; 14:54; Luke 22:10;  
 John 18:15; Acts 5:36; Rev. 14:13
- FOLLY**—*foolishness*  
 Prov. 14:18, The naive inherit **f**  
 15:2, mouth of fools spouts **f**  
 24:9, devising of **f** is sin  
 Judg. 19:23; Prov. 15:21
- FOND**—*greedy* 1 Tim. 3:8, or **f** of sordid gain
- FONDLE** Is. 66:12, **f-d** on the knees
- FOOD**—*bread, meat* Ps. 69:21, gall for my **f**  
 Ps. 136:25, Who gives **f** to all flesh  
 Matt. 6:25, Is not life more than **f**  
 John 4:34, My **f** is to do the will of Him  
 6:55, My flesh is true **f**  
 1 Cor. 6:13, **F** is for the stomach  
 James 2:15, in need of daily **f**  
 Gen. 1:29; 2:9; 3:6; 43:2; Lev. 3:11;  
 Deut. 10:18; Ruth 1:6; Job 38:41;  
 Ps. 78:25; 145:15; Prov. 6:8; 20:13; 23:3;  
 28:19; 30:8; Is. 65:25; Matt. 3:4; 1 Tim. 6:8
- FOOL**—*foolish, unwise* Ps. 14:1, The **f** has said  
 in his  
 Prov. 1:7, **F-s** despise wisdom and instruction  
 15:5, A **f** rejects his father's discipline  
 26:3, a rod for the back of **f-s**  
 29:11, A **f** always loses his temper  
 Eccles. 10:14, the **f** multiplies words  
 Rom. 1:22, wise, they became **f-s**  
 1 Cor. 4:10, We are **f-s** for Christ's sake  
 1 Sam. 26:21; 2 Sam. 3:33; Prov. 24:7;  
 Hos. 9:7; Matt. 5:22; 23:17
- FOOLISH**—*fool, boastful, folly, unwise*  
 Prov. 14:17, quick-tempered man acts **f-ly**  
 Luke 24:25, O **f** men and slow of heart  
 Rom. 1:14, the wise and to the **f**  
 1 Cor. 3:18, let him become **f**  
 Eph. 5:17, then do not be **f**  
 Gen. 31:28; Deut. 32:6; Job 5:3; Lam. 2:14;  
 Matt. 25:8; 1 Pet. 2:15
- FOOLISHNESS**—*folly* Prov. 14:24; Is. 9:17;  
 2 Cor. 11:21
- FOOT** Prov. 25:17, **f** rarely be in your neighbor's  
 house  
 Matt. 4:6, LEST YOU STRIKE YOUR **F**  
 Luke 4:11, STRIKE YOUR **F** AGAINST A STONE  
 Rev. 10:2, placed his right **f** on the sea  
 Gen. 8:9; 41:44; Deut. 2:28; 33:24; Num.  
 11:21; Josh. 14:9; 2 Sam. 8:4; 21:20;  
 1 Chr. 20:6; Ps. 26:12; 91:12; 121:3;  
 Prov. 3:23; 25:19; Jer. 12:5; Matt. 22:13
- FOOTSTOOL**—*feet* 1 Chr. 28:2, for the **f** of  
 our God  
 Ps. 99:5, And worship at His **f**  
 110:1, Thine enemies at **f**  
 132:7, Let us worship at His **f**  
 Is. 66:1, the earth is My **f**  
 James 2:3, or sit down by my **f**
- FORBEARANCE** Eph. 4:2, sbowing **f** to one  
 another  
 Prov. 25:15; Rom. 3:25
- FORBID**—*hinder* 1 Cor. 14:39, do not **f** to  
 speak in tongues
- 1 Tim. 4:3, *men who f marriage and*  
 Num. 30:5,8,11; Luke 23:2
- FORCE**—*compel* Matt. 5:41, **f** you to go one  
 mile  
 Luke 3:14, Do not take money . . . by **f**  
 Gen. 31:31; 1 Sam. 2:16; Job 30:18; 36:19;  
 Dan. 11:10; Matt. 11:12; Heb. 9:17
- FOREHEAD** 1 Sam. 17:49, stone sank into his **f**  
 Rev. 9:4, seal of God on the **f-s**  
 17:5, upon her **f** a name was written  
 Ex. 28:38; Lev. 13:42; Is. 48:4; Jer. 3:3;  
 Ezek. 3:8; 9:4
- FOREIGN**—*strange* Gen. 35:2, Put away the **f**  
 gods  
 Ex. 2:22, a sojourner in a **f** land  
 1 Kin. 11:1, Solomon loved many **f** women  
 Ezra 10:2, have married **f** women  
 Ps. 137:4, LORD's song in a **f** land  
 Heb. 11:34, put **f** armies to flight
- FOREIGNER**—*alien, sojourner*  
 Ruth 2:10, since I am a **f**  
 Prov. 5:20, embrace the bosom of a **f**  
 Deut. 14:21; 15:3; Job 19:15; Obad. 11
- FOREMOST**—*first*  
 Matt. 22:38, great and **f** commandment  
 Mark 12:28, commandment is the **f** of all  
 1 Tim. 1:15, among whom I am **f** of all
- FOREST**—*wood* Ps. 50:10, every beast of the **f** is  
 Mine  
 James 3:5, how great a **f** is set aflame  
 1 Sam. 22:5; 2 Sam. 18:8; 1 Kin. 7:2;  
 1 Chr. 16:33; Ps. 83:14; Is. 10:18; 44:14;  
 56:9; Jer. 5:6; 21:14; Ezek. 15:2; Amos 3:4
- FOREVER**—*always, evermore, utmost* Gen.  
 3:22; 6:3  
 1 Chr. 17:14, throne shall be established **f**  
 Ps. 9:7, the LORD abides **f**  
 16:11, there are pleasures **f**  
 23:6, in the house of the LORD **f**  
 29:10, the LORD sits as King **f**  
 33:11, counsel of the LORD stands **f**  
 86:12, will glorify Thy name **f**  
 89:52, Blessed be the LORD **f**  
 92:8, O LORD, art on high **f**  
 102:12, Thou, O LORD, dost abide **f**  
 119:89, **F**, O LORD, Thy word is settled  
 121:8, LORD will guard your going out . . . **f**  
 133:3, the blessing . . . life **f**  
 Prov. 27:24, riches are not **f**  
 Eccles. 3:14, everything God does . . . **f**  
 Is. 40:8, word of our God stands **f**  
 57:15, exalted One Who lives **f**  
 57:16, For I will not contend **f**  
 John 6:51, eats of this bread, he shall live **f**  
 12:34, the Christ is to remain **f**  
 14:16, Helper, that he may be with you **f**  
 Rom. 9:5, God blessed **f**  
 2 Cor. 11:31, Lord Jesus, He who is blessed **f**  
 Eph. 3:21, all generations **f** and ever  
 Heb. 7:25, He is able to save **f**  
 7:28, a Son, made perfect **f**  
 13:8, today, yes and **f**  
 Ex. 14:13; Deut. 5:29; 12:28; 32:40; Ps. 12:7;  
 32:27; 61:4; 73:26; 77:8; 113:2; 115:18;  
 132:14; 146:6; Prov. 21:28; Is. 26:4; 34:10;  
 Lam. 3:31
- FOREVERMORE** Rev. 1:18, I am alive **f**  
**FORFEIT** Dan 1:10, make me **f** my head to the  
 king

**FORGAVE** Ps. 78:38, f their iniquity, and Matt. 18:27, and f him the debt

Luke 7:42, he graciously f them both 7:43, the one whom he f more

**FORGET**—*neglect, forsake*

Deut. 6:12, lest you f the LORD

Ps. 9:17, all the nations who f God

13:1, Wilt Thou f me forever

74:23, Do not f the voice of Thine

88:12, in the land of **f-fulness**

119:176, I do not f Thy commandments

Prov. 3:1, My son, do not f my teaching

Heb. 6:10, f your work and the love

Gen. 27:45; 41:51; Deut. 4:9; Prov. 4:5; 31:5;

Is. 54:4; Jer. 2:32; 23:27

**FORGIVE**—*forgave, pardon*

Ps. 86:5, good, and ready to f

99:8, a **f-ing** God to them

Matt. 6:12, f us our debts, as we

6:14, if you f men for

6:15, if you do not f men

9:5, Your sins are **f-n**

9:6, on earth to f sins

Mark 2:7, who can f sins but God alone

11:26, if you do not f

Luke 7:47, sins . . . many, have been **f-n**

23:34, Father f them

2 Cor. 2:10, whom you f anything, I f also

Eph. 4:32, **f-ing** each other

Col. 2:13, **f-n** us all our transgressions

1 John 1:9, righteous to f us our sins

Gen. 50:17; Ex. 32:32; Num. 30:5; Ps. 25:18;

Ps. 79:9; Jer. 18:23

**FORGIVENESS**—*pardon*

Neh. 9:17, art a God of f

Ps. 130:4, there is f with Thee

Matt. 26:28, for f of sins

Mark 1:4; Luke 24:47, repentance for the f of sins

3:29, Holy Spirit never has f

Acts 10:43, has received f of sins

13:38, through Him f of sins is proclaimed

26:18, they may receive f of sins

Eph. 1:7, the f of our trespasses

Col. 1:14, redemption, the f of sins

Heb. 9:22, shedding of blood . . . no f

**FORGOT** Deut. 32:18, f the God who gave you birth

**FORGOTTEN**—*neglect* Job 19:14, friends have f me

Ps. 9:18, needy will not always be f

Ezek. 23:35, Because you have f Me

Matt. 16:5, had f to take bread

Luke 12:6, is f before God

James 1:24, f what kind of person

Gen. 41:30; Job 28:4; Ps. 31:12; 77:9; Jer. 2:32;

Lam. 2:6

**FORK** 1 Sam. 2:13; Matt. 3:12

**FORM**—*fashion* Ps. 95:5, His hands **f-ed** the dry land

Is. 53:2, no *stately* f or majesty

Mark 4:32, **f-s** large branches

16:12, He appeared in a different f

1 Cor. 7:31, the f of this world is passing

Gal. 4:19, until Christ is **f-ed** in you

2 Pet. 3:5, earth was **f-ed** out of water

Gen. 1:2; 2:7; Job 4:16; 33:6; Song 2:14;

Is. 43:1; 44:13; 45:7; Amos 4:13; 7:1;

Acts 17:29

**FORMER**—*past* 1 Pet. 1:14, conformed to the f lusts

Gen. 40:13; Deut. 4:32; 24:4; Ruth 4:7;

Is. 42:9; 46:9; 65:16; Ezek. 16:55

**FORNICATION**—*immorality* Matt. 15:19; John 8:41

**FORSAKE**—*fail, leave, reject* Job 6:14; Ps. 27:9; 38:21

Josh. 1:5, not fail you or f you

2 Chr. 15:2, f Him, He will f you

Ezra 9:9, our God has not **f-n** me

Ps. 22:1, God, why hast Thou **f-n** me

27:10, father and my mother have **f-n** me

Prov. 1:8, do not f your mother's teaching

9:6, **F** your folly and live

Is. 53:3, despised and **f-n** of men

55:7, Let the wicked f his way

Matt. 27:46, GOD, WHY HAST THOU **F-N** ME

2 Cor. 4:9, persecuted, but not f

Heb. 13:5, **NOR WILL I EVER F YOU**

Jer. 5:7; Ezek. 9:9; 20:8; Mark 15:34;

2 Pet. 2:15

**FORSOOK**—*left, deserted* Deut. 32:15; 1 Kin. 12:8; 2 Chr. 12:1

**FORTIFICATION**—*stronghold*

Is. 25:12, unassailable **f-s** of

**FORTIFY**—*strengthen* Num. 32:17; Deut. 3:5;

Josh. 10:20; 1 Sam. 6:18; 2 Kin. 3:19;

Is. 34:13; Jer. 5:17; 51:53

**FORTRESS**—*stronghold, power*

2 Sam. 22:2, my rock and my f

Ps. 91:2, My refuge and my f

2 Sam. 22:33; Ps. 18:2; Dan. 11:19

**FORTY** Gen. 7:4, the earth f days and f nights

Ex. 16:35, Israel ate the manna f years

Matt. 4:2, fasted f days and f nights

Gen. 7:17; Ex. 34:28; Num. 33:38; Ps. 95:10;

Mark 1:13

**FORWARD**—*further*

2 Kin. 20:9, shadow go f ten steps

Job 23:8; Is. 41:21; Jer. 7:24; Ezek. 1:9;

Acts 19:33

**FOUGHT**—*waged war* Num. 21:1, then he f against Israel

Judg. 5:20, stars f from heaven

2 Chr. 20:29, the LORD had f against

1 Cor. 15:32, I f with wild beasts

2 Tim. 4:7, I have f the good fight

**FOUL** Ezek. 32:2; 34:19

**FOUND**—*caught, proved*

Judg. 14:18, not have f out my riddle

Jer. 15:16, Thy words were f and I

Dan. 5:27, weighed on the scales and f

deficient

Matt. 8:10, not f such great faith

10:39, He who has f his life shall

Mark 14:37, f them sleeping

Luke 2:46, they f Him in the temple

15:6, I have f my sheep

24:2, f the stone rolled away

John 1:41, We have f the Messiah

Acts 13:22, I have f David the son of

1 Cor. 15:15, we are even f to *be* false

witnesses

Phil. 2:8, being f in appearance

Gen. 2:20; 6:8; Lev. 6:3; Deut. 17:2;

Ruth 2:10,13; Job 28:12; Ps. 84:3;

Prov. 25:16; Eccles. 7:29; Is. 51:3;

Dan. 6:11; Mal. 2:6; Matt. 27:32;

Mark 11:4; 14:40; Rev. 18:24

- FOUNDATION**—*habitation, founded* 2 Sam. 22:8; Job 4:19  
 Ps. 89:14; 97:2, Right and justice are the f  
 Matt. 13:35, SINCE THE F OF THE WORLD  
 Luke 6:48, laid a f upon the rock  
 Rom. 15:20, upon another man's f  
 2 Tim. 2:19, the firm f of God stands  
 Heb. 1:10, DIDST LAY THE F OF THE EARTH  
 6:1, a f of repentance  
 Ps. 87:1; 104:5; Prov. 10:25; Is. 28:16
- FOUNDED** Ps. 24:2, He has f it upon the seas  
 Prov. 3:19, by wisdom f the earth  
 Matt. 7:25, f upon the rock  
 Ex. 9:18; Amos 9:6
- FOUNTAIN**—*spring, well* Gen. 7:11, f-s of the  
 great deep  
 Ps. 36:9, with Thee is the f of life  
 Prov. 14:27, fear of the LORD is a f of life
- FOUR** Mark 13:27, FROM THE F WINDS  
 Luke 19:8, give back f times as much  
 Gen. 2:10; Ex. 25:12; 2 Kin. 7:3; Is. 11:12;  
 Matt. 15:38; John 11:39
- FOURTEEN** Gen. 31:41; 2 Chr. 13:21; 30:15;  
 Is. 36:1; Matt. 1:17; Acts 27:27; 2 Cor. 12:2
- FOURTH** Gen. 1:19; Ex. 20:5; Judg. 19:5; Matt.  
 14:25; Rev. 6:7
- FOWL**—*bird* 1 Kin. 4:23; Ps. 148:10
- FOX** Judg. 15:4; Neh. 4:3; Song 2:15; Ezek. 13:4;  
 Matt. 8:20; Luke 13:32
- FRAGMENT**—*piece*  
 John 6:12, Gather up the left-over f-s
- FRAGRANCE** 2 Cor. 2:15, we are a f of Christ  
 Song 1:3; 2:13
- FRANKINCENSE** Ex. 30:34; 1 Chr. 9:29; Song  
 4:6; Matt. 2:11
- FRAUD**—*mischievous*  
 Acts 13:10, full of all deceit and f  
**FREE** Matt. 10:8, f-ly you received, f-ly give  
 John 8:32, the truth shall make you f  
 Rom. 6:7, he who has died is f-d  
 6:22, now having been f-d from sin  
 8:2, f from the law  
 Gal. 5:1, that Christ set us f  
 Gen. 2:16; Deut. 15:8; Josh. 2:20; Ps. 110:3;  
 Is. 58:6; Eph. 6:8; Rev. 19:18
- FREEDOM**—*liberty* 1 Pet. 2:16, use your f as a  
 Rom. 8:21; Gal. 5:13
- FREEWILL** Lev. 22:18; Ezra 7:16; Ps. 119:108
- FREQUENT** 1 Tim. 5:23, your f ailments
- FRESH** Prov. 5:15, f water from your own well  
 James 3:11, both f and bitter water  
 Job 33:25; Ps. 92:10; James 3:12
- FRET** Prov. 24:19, Do not f yourself because of  
**FRICITION**—*dispute*  
 1 Tim. 6:5, constant f between men
- FRIEND** Prov. 17:17, A f loves at all times  
 Prov. 18:24, a f who sticks closer  
 Matt. 11:19, a f of tax-gatherers and sinners  
 John 15:13, lay down his life for his f-s  
 Gen. 38:12; Ex. 33:11; Judg. 14:21; Job 16:20;  
 Ps. 38:11; Mic. 7:5; Matt. 20:13
- FRIENDSHIP** James 4:4, do you not know that f
- FROGS** Ex. 8:2; Ps. 78:45; 105:30; Rev. 16:13
- FRONT** Ex. 28:27, ephod, on the f of it
- FROST**—*ice* Gen. 31:40; Ex. 16:14; Ps. 78:47;  
 Jer. 36:30
- FRUIT**—*labor, produce* Ps. 1:3, yields its f in its  
 scason  
 Prov. 11:30, f of the righteous
- Matt. 3:8, Therefore bring forth f  
 7:16, know them by their f-s  
 John 4:36, f for life eternal  
 Rom. 7:4, bear f for God  
 Col. 1:10, bearing f in every good work  
 James 3:17, full of mercy and good f-s  
 Gen. 1:11; 3:6; Lev. 27:30; Ps. 92:14; 128:2;  
 Song 4:16; Jer. 2:7; 6:19
- FRUSTRATE** Ezra 4:5; Job 5:12; Prov. 15:22; Is.  
 14:27
- FUEL** Is. 9:5,19; Ezek. 15:4; 21:32
- FUGITIVE** Judg. 12:4; Is. 15:5; 52:12
- FULFILL**—*complete*  
 Matt. 2:15, prophet might be f-ed  
 2:17, prophet was f-ed saying  
 3:15, fitting for us to f all righteousness  
 5:17, not come to abolish, but to f  
 Luke 22:16, it is f-ed in the kingdom  
 1 Cor. 7:3, husband f his duty to his wife  
 Gal. 6:2, f the law of Christ  
 2 Tim. 4:5, f your ministry  
 1 Chr. 17:11; 2 Chr. 36:21; Ps. 20:5; 148:8;  
 Matt. 1:22
- FULL**—*complete, whole* 1 Chr. 21:24; Ps. 92:14;  
 Prov. 4:18  
 Ps. 33:5, earth is f of the lovingkindness  
 Is. 11:9, will be f of knowledge  
 Matt. 6:2,5,16, have their reward in f  
 14:20, twelve f baskets  
 23:27, f of dead men's bones  
 Luke 4:1, f of the Holy Spirit  
 11:34, body also is f of light  
 John 1:14, f of grace and truth  
 Eph. 6:11, the f armor of God  
 James 5:11, the Lord is f of compassion  
 Acts 2:13; 1 Cor. 7:36; Col. 1:25
- FULLER**—*launderer* 2 Kin. 18:17; Mal. 3:2
- FUNCTION** Rom. 12:4, members do not have  
 the same f
- FURIOUS** 2 Kin. 9:20; Dan. 2:12
- FURNACE**—*oven* Ps. 12:6; Is. 31:9; Dan. 3:6,15;  
 Matt. 13:42; Rev. 1:15
- FURNISH** Deut. 15:14; Mark 14:15
- FURNITURE** Ex. 31:7, all the f of the tent
- FURROWS** Job 31:38; Ps. 65:10; 129:3
- FURTHER** Ex. 21:22; Num. 22:26; 1 Sam. 10:3;  
 Matt. 26:65; Acts 24:4; Heb. 12:9
- FURY**—*displeasure* Gen. 27:44; Ps. 2:5; Ezek.  
 19:12; Heb. 10:27
- FUTILE**—*vain* 1 Sam. 12:21, f things . . . because  
 they are f  
 Acts 4:25, PEOPLES DEVISE F THINGS  
 Rom. 1:21, f in their speculations
- FUTILITY**—*vanity*  
 Rom. 8:20, creation was subjected to f  
 Eph. 4:17, walk, in the f of their mind
- FUTURE**—*end, reward*  
 Prov. 24:20, no f for the evil man  
 Deut. 32:29; Jer. 31:17

## G

- GAIN**—*price, profit* Prov. 10:2, Ill-gotten g-s do  
 not  
 Matt. 16:26; Luke 9:25, if he g-s the whole  
 world  
 Phil. 3:8, that I may g Christ  
 1 Tim. 6:5, godliness . . . means of g  
 1 Pet. 5:2, not for sordid g  
 1 Sam. 8:3; Prov. 3:14; Is. 33:15; Ezek.  
 22:12,27

**GALE** Mark 4:37, arose a fierce **g** of wind

**GALL** Ps. 69:21, Matt. 27:34; Acts 8:23

**GALLERY** Ezek. 41:15; 42:3

**GALLOWES** Esth. 5:14; 7:10; 9:25

**GANGRENE** 2 Tim. 2:17, will spread like **g**

**GARDEN—field** Gen. 3:8, God walking in the **g**  
John 18:1, where there was a **g**

19:41, in the **g** a new tomb

Gen. 2:8; 3:10; Deut. 11:10; Lam. 2:6; Joel 2:3;  
John 18:26; 20:15

**GARMENT—clothing, dress** Gen. 41:42, in **g-s**  
... linen

Ex. 28:2, make holy **g-s** for Aaron

Ps. 22:18, divide my **g-s** among them  
102:26, wear out like a **g**

Matt. 27:35, DIVIDED UP HIS **G-S** ... CASTING

28:3, his **g** as white as snow

Luke 23:34, DIVIDING UP HIS **G-S**

Heb. 1:11, BECOME OLD AS A **G**

Gen. 3:21; 25:25; 38:14; 39:12; Ex. 19:10;

Esth. 8:15; Is. 59:17; 63:1; Ezek. 27:24;

Joel 2:13; Matt. 3:4; Mark 5:28; John 21:7;  
Acts 10:30

**GARNER—barn** Ps. 144:13, Let our **g-s** be full

**GARRISON—pillars** 1 Sam. 10:5; 14:12;  
1 Chr. 18:13

**GASH—cut** Mark 5:5; 14:47

**GATE** Gen. 28:17, this is the **g** of heaven

Ps. 24:7, Lift your heads, O **g-s**

100:4, Enter His **g-s** with

Matt. 7:13, Enter by the narrow **g**

16:18, **g-s** of Hades shall not

Gen. 22:17; Judg. 16:3; Is. 38:10; Acts 12:14

**GATHER—assemble** Is. 40:11, His arm ... **g** the  
lambs

John 4:36, **g-ing** fruit for life

6:12, **G** up the ... fragments

Gen. 1:10; 31:46; 37:7; 41:35; Ps. 33:7;

Is. 66:18; Matt. 26:3; Acts 19:40;

Rev. 14:19

**GAVE—provide** Gen. 2:20, Adam **g** names to all

Gen. 3:12, Thou **g-st** to be with me

Ps. 69:21, they **g** me vinegar to drink

Eccles. 12:7, return to God who **g** it

Mark 8:6, He **g** thanks and broke them

John 3:16, He **g** His only begotten Son

13:26, morsel ... He ... **g** it to Judas

19:30, bowed ... **g** up His spirit

Rom. 1:28, **g** them over to a depraved mind

1 Tim. 2:6, who **g** Himself a ransom

Is. 50:6; Matt. 10:1; 26:48; Luke 7:44; Eph.

1:22

**GAZE** Ex. 19:21; Job 31:1

**GENEALOGY—descent** Heb. 7:3,6

**GENERAL** Heb. 12:23, to the **g** assembly and  
church

**GENERATION—ages** Deut. 1:35; Luke 21:32;  
Eph. 3:5

Ps. 90:1, dwelling place in all **g-s**

100:5, His faithfulness to all **g-s**

Matt. 1:17, to David are fourteen **g-s**

24:34, this **g** will not pass away

Luke 1:48, all **g-s** will count me blessed

Eph. 3:21, all **g-s** forever and ever

Phil. 2:15, a crooked and perverse **g**

**GENEROUS—bountiful** Prov. 22:9; Is. 32:5

**GENTILE—nations** Matt. 6:7, as the **G-s** do

Luke 2:32, LIGHT OF REVELATION TO THE **G-S**

Acts 4:25, WHY DID THE **G-S** RAGE

14:2, stirred the minds of the **G-s**

Rom. 11:11, salvation *has come* to the **G-s**

Gal. 1:16, I might preach Him among the **G-s**  
**GENTLE—compassionate**

1 Kin. 19:12, sound of a **g** blowing

Prov. 15:1, **g** answer turns away wrath

1 Cor. 4:21, with love and a spirit of **g-ness**

2 Cor. 10:1, **g-ness** of Christ

Gal. 5:23, **g-ness**, self-control

Eph. 4:2, with all humility and **g-ness**

1 Thess. 2:7, we proved to be **g** among you

1 Tim. 6:11, love, perseverance and **g-ness**

Titus 3:2, to be uncontentious, **g**

1 Pet. 3:4, a **g** and quiet spirit

Ps. 18:35; Matt. 21:5; 1 Tim. 3:3; Heb. 5:2;

1 Pet. 2:18

**GESTURE—motion**

John 13:24, Simon Peter therefore **g-d**

**GET—acquire, take** Gen. 34:4; Judg. 11:5; 14:2

Prov. 4:7, with all your acquiring, **g**  
understanding

Matt. 16:23, **G** behind Me, Satan

Luke 18:12, tithes of all that I **g**

1 Kin. 17:10; Job 9:18; Is. 30:11; 56:12;

Jer. 36:21

**GIANT—Rephaim** 1 Chr. 20:6, he ... was  
descended from **g-s**

**GIFT** Gen. 25:6, Abraham gave **g-s** while he was  
Ps. 68:18, hast received **g-s** among men

127:3, children are a **g** of the LORD

Prov. 18:16, A man's **g** makes room for him

21:14, A **g** in secret subdues anger

Matt. 2:11, presented to Him **g-s**

John 4:10, you knew the **g** of God

Acts 2:38, the **g** of the Holy Spirit

Rom. 6:23, **g** of God is eternal life

James 1:17, every perfect **g** is from above

**GIRD—bound** Ex. 29:5; Job 38:3; Ps. 45:3; John  
13:5

John 21:18, when you were younger ... **g** ...  
will **g** you

Eph. 6:14, **G-ED** YOUR LOINS WITH TRUTH

Rev. 1:13, **g-ed** across His breasts with a  
golden

**GIRDLE—belt, waistband** 2 Kin. 1:8; Rev. 1:13;  
15:6, golden **g**

Job 12:18, binds their loins with a **g**

**GIRL—maiden, woman** Gen. 24:55; 34:4; Joel

3:3; Zech. 8:5; Matt. 14:11; 26:69; Mark

6:28; John 18:17; Acts 12:13; 16:16

**GIVE** Num. 6:26, on you, And **g** you peace

Ps. 21:4, He asked life ... Thou didst **g** it

Prov. 26:16, seven men ... **g** a ... reason

Is. 9:6, a son will be **g-n** to us

Matt. 6:11, **G** us this day our daily

10:8, freely **g**

15:36, **g-ing** thanks, He broke them

16:19, **g** you the keys

26:9, **g-n** to the poor

28:18, All authority has been **g-n** to Me

Luke 6:38, **G**, and it will be **g-n** to you

11:9, ask, and it shall be **g-n** to you

22:19, My body which is **g-n** for you

John 5:22, has **g-n** all judgment

6:11, and having **g-n** thanks

14:27, My peace I **g** to you

Acts 3:6, what I do have I **g** to you

12:23, he did not **g** God the glory

20:35, more blessed to **g** than to

Rom. 12:20, IF HE IS THIRSTY, **G** HIM A DRINK

14:6, he **g-s** thanks to God

- 1 Cor. 3:10, grace of God which was **g-n**  
 2 Cor. 12:7, was **g-n** me a thorn in  
 Eph. 4:27, do not **g** the devil an opportunity  
 5:20, always **g-ing** thanks  
 James 4:6, But He **g-s** a greater grace . . . **G-S**  
**GRACE**  
 1 John 5:11, has **g-n** us eternal life  
 Gen. 1:29; Ex. 20:12; Ps. 29:11; 68:11; 80:1;  
 145:15; Luke 1:77; 19:8; Rev. 19:8
- GLAD** Ps. 32:11, Be **g** in the LORD  
 Ps. 100:2, Serve the LORD with **g-ness**  
 122:1, I was **g** when they said to me  
 Prov. 10:1, wise son makes a father **g**  
 Matt. 5:12, Rejoice and be **g**  
 Luke 1:14, you will have joy and **g-ness**  
 6:23, Be **g** in that day, and leap  
 12:32, Father has chosen **g-ly** to give  
 Acts 2:46, **g-ness** and sincerity of heart  
 2 Cor. 11:19, bear with the foolish **g-ly**  
 Ex. 4:14; Num. 10:10; Deut. 28:47;  
 1 Chr. 16:31; Ps. 16:9; Is. 16:10
- GLASS**—*crystal* Job 28:17; Rev. 4:6
- GLEAMING**—*glitter*  
 Nah. 3:3, Swords flashing, spears **g**
- GLEAN** Lev. 19:10; Ruth 2:8,15,17; Is. 17:6; Jer.  
 49:9
- GLISTEN** Ps. 104:15, make his face **g** with oil  
**GLOOM** Deut. 5:22; Job 3:5  
 Matt. 6:16, **g-y** face as the hypocrites do  
 Heb. 12:18, darkness and **g** and whirlwind
- GLORIFY**—*honor* Ps. 86:12, will **g** Thy name  
 forever  
 Is. 66:5, Let the LORD be **g-ed**  
 Matt. 5:16, **g** your Father who is in heaven  
 John 12:28, Father **g** Thy name  
 13:31, is the Son of Man **g-ed**  
 16:14, He shall **g** Me  
 17:1, **g** Thy Son . . . **g** Thee  
 Acts 13:48, **g-ing** the word of the Lord  
 1 Cor. 6:20, **g** God in your body  
 Heb. 5:5, Christ did not **g** Himself
- GLORIOUS**—*exalt, glory, honor*  
 Neh. 9:5, Thy **g** name  
 Ps. 87:3, **G** things are spoken of you  
 1 Tim. 1:11, the **g** gospel of the blessed God
- GLORY**—*honor, splendor* Ex. 16:7, see . . . **g** of  
 the Lord  
 Ps. 24:7, the King of **g** may come in  
 Prov. 16:31, gray head is a crown of **g**  
 Is. 6:3, carth is full of His **g**  
 66:19, heard . . . nor seen My **g** . . . **g** among  
 the nations  
 Matt. 6:13, power, and the **g**  
 6:29, Solomon in all his **g** did not clothe  
 Luke 2:9, **g** of the Lord shone around  
 2:14, **G** to God in the highest  
 17:18, turned back to give **g** to God  
 John 5:44, you receive **g** from one another  
 9:24, Give **g** to God  
 Rom. 2:7, in doing good seek for **g** and honor  
 3:23, fall short of the **g** of God  
 2 Cor. 4:4, gospel of the **g** of Christ  
 Phil. 3:21, with the body of His **g**  
 Heb. 2:7, THOU HAST CROWNED HIM WITH **G**  
 AND HONOR  
 Jude 25, through Jesus Christ . . . **be g**  
 Ex. 33:18; 1 Chr. 16:24; 29:11; Job 29:20;  
 Ps. 105:3; Is. 35:2; Jer. 13:16; Ezek. 10:4;  
 Hos. 4:7; John 8:50; James 1:9
- GLUTTON** Prov. 23:20; Matt. 11:19
- GNASH**—*grind* Ps. 35:16; 37:12; 112:10; Lam.  
 2:16; Matt. 8:12
- GNAT** Matt. 23:24, who strain out a **g**  
**GNAWED** Rev. 16:10, they **g** their tongues
- GO** Ex. 14:15, Tell the sons of Israel to **g**  
 forward  
 Ex. 23:23, My angel will **g** before you  
 33:15, My presence shall **g** with you  
 Ruth 1:16, where you **g**, I will **g**  
 Ps. 139:7, Where can I **g** from  
 Matt. 5:41, force you to **g** one mile, **g** . . . two  
 6:6, when you pray, **G INTO YOUR INNER**  
**ROOM**  
 Luke 10:37, **G** and do the same  
 John 14:12, I **g** to the Father  
 Gen. 12:1; 32:26; Deut. 17:8; 23:23; Job 23:8;  
 Ps. 42:4; Prov. 22:6; Hos. 2:7; Mic. 2:10;  
 Matt. 21:29
- GOAD** Judg. 3:31; 1 Sam. 13:20,21  
 Eccles. 12:11, words of wise men are like **g-s**
- GOAL** Phil. 3:14, press on toward the **g**  
 1 Tim. 1:5, **g** of our instruction is love
- GOAT** Ex. 26:7; Lev. 3:12; Num. 15:27;  
 1 Sam. 19:13; Dan. 8:5; Matt. 25:32;  
 Heb. 9:13
- GODDESS** 1 Kin. 11:5; Acts 19:27,37
- GOD-FEARING** Acts 10:22, Cornelius . . . a  
 righteous and **G** man  
 Acts 17:17, reasoning . . . with the Jews and **G**  
**Gentiles**
- GODLESS** Job 8:13, hope of the **g** will perish  
 Job 15:34, company of the **g** is barren  
 Is. 9:17, every one is **g**  
 Acts 2:23, hands of **g** men and put Him to  
 death
- GODLINESS** 1 Tim. 2:2, in all **g** and dignity  
 1 Tim. 3:16, great is the mystery of **g**  
 4:8, but **g** is profitable  
 6:6, **g actually** is a means . . . contentment  
 2 Tim. 3:5, holding to a form of **g**  
 2 Pet. 1:7, **g**, brotherly kindness
- GODLY** 1 Sam. 2:9, keeps the feet of His **g** ones  
 Ps. 12:1, for the **g** man ceaseth  
 37:28, not forsake His **g** ones  
 2 Cor. 1:12, in holiness and **g** sincerity  
 2 Pet. 2:9, rescue the **g** from temptation
- GODS** Ex. 20:3, have no other **g** before Me  
 Judg. 5:8, New **g** were chosen  
 Is. 37:12, **g** of those nations . . . deliver  
 Jer. 22:9, bowed down to other **g**  
 Dan. 2:47, your God is a God of **g**  
 Gal. 4:8, by nature are no **g**
- GOING** Ps. 121:8, guard your **g** out  
 Is. 20:2, **g** naked and barefoot  
 Matt. 25:8, our lamps are **g** out  
 Mark 1:16, He was **g** along by the sea of  
 Galilee  
 10:32, road, **g** up to Jerusalem  
 John 14:5, not know where You are **g**  
 Gen. 3:5; Mic. 5:2; Matt. 26:46
- GOLD** Job 22:25, The Almighty will be your **g**  
 Ps. 19:10, more desirable than **g** . . . much  
 fine **g**  
 Prov. 8:19, **g**, even pure **g**  
 Matt. 2:11, to Him gifts of **g**  
 Acts 3:6, Peter said . . . not possess silver and **g**  
 20:33, coveted no one's silver or **g**  
 1 Pet. 1:7, more precious than **g**  
 Rev. 3:18, buy from Me **g** refined

**GOLD** (*Continued*)

Gen. 2:12; 24:22; Ex. 3:22; Job 31:24;  
Ps. 72:15; Prov. 16:16; 25:11; Lam. 4:1;  
Zech. 9:3; Matt. 10:9; James 2:2;  
Rev. 21:15

**GOLDEN** Job 37:22, Out of the north comes **g**  
*splendor*

Lev. 8:9; 1 Sam. 6:18; Dan. 3:5; Rev. 1:12

**GOLDSMITH** Neh. 3:31,32; Is. 40:19; 46:6**GONE** Judg. 19:11, the day was almost **g**

Ps. 19:4, line has **g** out through

Prov. 7:19, **g** on a long journey

Hos. 4:18, Their liquor **g**

Mark 5:30, power . . . had **g** forth

Rom. 13:12, The night is almost **g**

2 Pet. 2:15, they have **g** astray

Gen. 31:30; Song 2:11; Lam. 1:3

**GOOD** Gen. 1:4, that the light was **g**

Gen. 50:20, God meant it for **g**

2 Chr. 6:41, godly ones rejoice in what is **g**

Esth. 10:3, sought the **g** of his people

Ps. 106:1; 136:1, give thanks . . . for He is **g**

Prov. 22:1, A **g** name . . . more desired

Is. 1:17, Learn to do **g**

Jer. 33:11, For the LORD is **g**, For His  
lovingkindness

Jon. 4:4, Do you have **g** reason

Matt. 3:10, does not bear **g** fruit

19:16, what **g** thing shall I do

Mark 9:50, Salt is **g**, but if the salt

Luke 1:19, to bring you this **g** news

6:27, do **g** to those who hate you

10:42; Mary has chosen the **g** part

John 10:14, I am the **g** shepherd

Acts 23:1, lived my life . . . **g** conscience

Rom. 2:7, perseverance in doing **g**

2:10, every man who does **g**

12:21, overcome evil with **g**

Gal. 6:10, do **g** to all men

Phil. 4:8, whatever is of **g** repute

1 Tim. 6:12, Fight the **g** fight of faith

1 Pet. 3:11, TURN . . . FROM EVIL AND DO **G**

Gen. 15:15; Lev. 27:10; Job 7:7; Prov. 25:25;

Is. 39:8; Jer. 24:3; Amos 5:14; Matt. 25:23;

Luke 18:19; Acts 6:3; Gal. 6:12;

2 Thess. 2:16; James 1:17

**GOODNESS** Ex. 33:19; 2 Sam. 2:6; Ps. 25:7

Ps. 23:6, Surely **g** and lovingkindness will  
follow

31:19, How great is Thy **g**

Gal. 5:22, kindness, **g**, faithfulness

2 Thess. 1:11, fulfill every desire for **g**

**GOODS**—*possessions* Gen. 14:21; Ezek. 38:12;

Luke 12:19

**GORGEOUS** Luke 23:11, dressed Him in a **g**  
*robe***GOSPEL** Matt. 4:23, the **g** of the kingdom

Matt. 11:5, HAVE THE **G** PREACHED

Mark 16:15, preach the **g** to all

Luke 4:18, PREACH THE **G** TO THE POOR

Rom. 1:16, I am not ashamed of the **g**

2 Cor. 10:14, in the **g** of Christ

11:4, or a different **g**

Gal. 1:7, distort the **g** of Christ

Eph. 1:13, **g** of your salvation

6:15, **G** OF PEACE

Phil. 1:5, participation of the **g**

Col. 1:23, from the hope of the **g**

Rev. 14:6, an eternal **g**

**GOSSIP** Rom. 1:29, malice; *they are g-s*

2 Cor. 12:20, **g**, arrogance, disturbances

**GOVERN**—*rule* Gen. 1:16, to **g** the day . . . **g**  
*the night***GOVERNMENT**—*authority* Is. 9:6, **g** will rest  
on His**GOVERNOR**—*commander*

Matt. 27:11; Acts 7:10

**GRACE**—*favor* Ps. 45:2; 2 Thess. 2:16

Luke 2:40, the **g** of God was upon Him

John 1:16, received, and **g** upon **g**

Rom. 1:5, through whom we have received **g**  
5:2, this **g** in which we stand

16:20, The **g** of our Lord Jesus be with you

2 Cor. 9:8, make all **g** abound

12:9, My **g** is sufficient

1 Thess. 1:1, **G** to you and peace

Philem. 25, **g** of the Lord Jesus Christ

Heb. 4:16, the throne of **g** . . . may find **g**

James 4:6, GIVES **G** TO THE HUMBLE

2 Pet. 3:18, grow in the **g**

**GRACIOUS**—*kind* Neh. 9:31, art a **g** and  
compassionate God

Ps. 6:2, Be **g** to me, O LORD

111:4, LORD is **g** and compassionate

Luke 4:22, wondering at the **g** words

Gen. 43:29; Ex. 33:19; Ps. 77:9; 112:4; 119:29;

Prov. 26:25; 19:17; Amos 5:15

**GRAFT** Rom. 11:23, God is able to **g** them in

Rom. 11:24, **g-ed** contrary to nature . . .

branches be **g-ed**

**GRAIN**—*kernel* John 12:24, unless a **g** of wheat  
falls

1 Cor. 15:37, a bare **g**, perhaps of wheat

Gen. 41:5; Lev. 2:14; 2 Sam. 17:19; 2 Kin. 4:42;

Jer. 23:28; Amos 9:9; Matt. 12:1;

Mark 4:28

**GRANDCHILDREN** Prov. 17:6, **G** . . . crown of  
old men**GRANDMOTHER** 2 Tim. 1:5, in your **g** Lois**GRANT**—*give, provide*

Job 10:12, Thou hast **g-ed** me life

Ps. 85:7, **g** us Thy salvation

Prov. 10:24, of the righteous will be **g-ed**

Mark 10:37, **G** that we may sit

Rev. 3:21, He who overcomes, I will **g** . . . to  
sit

Is. 63:7; Luke 22:29

**GRAPE** Num. 6:3; Deut. 32:14; Jer. 31:19;

Matt. 7:16; Luke 6:44

**GRASS**—*vegetation*

Ps. 103:15, man, his days are like **g**

Is. 40:6, All flesh is **g**

40:7, the **g** withers, the flower

Matt. 6:30, if God so arrays the **g** of the field

1 Pet. 1:24, ALL FLESH IS LIKE **G**

Num. 22:4; 2 Sam. 23:4; 2 Kin. 19:26;

Ps. 102:11; Prov. 27:25; Is. 5:24; 15:6;

37:27; Dan. 5:21

**GRASSHOPPER**—*caterpillar*

Num. 13:33, we became like **g-s**

Lev. 11:22; 2 Chr. 6:28; Is. 40:22

**GRATITUDE** 1 Tim. 4:4, is received with **g****GRAVE**—*tomb* Gen. 35:20; 2 Sam. 3:32; Ps. 5:9;

Ezek. 37:12; Nah. 1:14

**GRAY** Gen. 42:38, bring my **g** hair down . . . in  
sorrow

1 Sam. 12:2, I am old and **g**

Deut. 32:25; Job 15:10; Ps. 71:18; Hos. 7:9



**GRAZE**—*feed* Is. 5:17; 11:7; 27:10; 65:25

**GREAT**—*excellent, big* Gen. 12:2; 15:1; Ex. 18:11; 32:30

Gen. 1:16, two **g** lights; the **g-er** light

Ps. 48:1, **G** is the **LORD**

Mal. 4:5, the **g** and terrible day

Matt. 2:10, rejoiced exceedingly, with **g** joy

4:16, **DARKNESS SAW A G LIGHT**

5:12, your reward in heaven is **g**

7:27, **g** was its fall

11:11, he who is least . . . is **g-er** than he

Luke 2:10, good news of a **g** joy

6:23, your reward is **g** in heaven

John 5:20, **g-er** works than these

15:13, **G-er** love has no one

1 Cor. 13:13, **g-est** of these is love

1 Tim. 6:6, godliness . . . a means of **g** gain

Jude 24, stand in the presence . . . **g** joy

Rev. 8:10, a **g** star fell from heaven

15:3, **G AND MARVELOUS ARE THY WORKS**

Deut. 1:17; 2 Sam. 5:10; 19:32; 1 Chr. 16:25;

Neh. 9:27; Job 31:25; Ps. 57:10;

Prov. 15:16; Jer. 9:19; Dan. 4:22;

Zeph. 1:14; Matt. 15:28; Luke 5:6;

Acts 11:5; 2 Cor. 3:12

**GREATLY**—*utterly*

Gen. 20:8, men were **g** frightened

John 3:29, rejoices **g** because of the

Phil. 4:10, I rejoiced in the **LORD g**

Gen. 3:16; Num. 14:39; 1 Sam. 28:5; Ps. 89:7;

Zech. 9:9; Mark 12:27

**GREATNESS**—*magnitude* Ps. 51:1, **g** of Thy compassion

Luke 9:43, the **g** of God

2 Cor. 4:7, the surpassing **g** of the power

Eph. 1:19, surpassing **g** of His power toward us

1 Chr. 29:11; Neh. 13:22; Ps. 150:2; Is. 63:1

**GREED** Is. 56:11, the dogs are **g-y**

Luke 12:15, Beware . . . every form of **g**

1 Thess. 2:5, a pretext for **g**

**GREEK** Acts 16:1; 21:37; Rom. 2:9; 1 Cor. 12:13;

Gal. 3:28; Rev. 9:11

**GREEN**—*luxuriant*

Ps. 23:2, lie down in **g** pastures

Gen. 1:30; Ps. 92:14; Jer. 17:2; Ezek. 17:24;

Luke 23:31

**GREET** Matt. 10:12, house, give it your **g-ing**

1 Cor. 16:20, All the brethren **g** you. **G** one another

1 Pet. 5:14, **G** one another with a kiss

Matt. 23:7; 2 Tim. 4:21

**GREW** Gen. 21:8; 1 Sam. 2:21

Ex. 16:21, when the sun **g** hot

Mark 4:7, thorns **g** up and choked it

**GRIEF**—*sorrow* Ps. 77:10, It is my **g**

Prov. 17:25, A foolish son is a **g** to his

Is. 53:4, our **g-s** He Himself bore

Heb. 13:17, with joy and not with **g**

**GRIEVE** Is. 63:10, And **g-d** His Holy Spirit

Matt. 26:38, My soul is deeply **g-d**

Mark 3:5, **g-d** at their hardness of heart

John 21:17, Peter was **g-d** because He

Eph. 4:30, do not **g** the Holy Spirit of God

Gen. 6:6; 45:5; Neh. 8:10; Ps. 78:40; Amos 6:6;

Nah. 3:7

**GRIND** Is. 3:15, **g-ing** the face of the poor

Matt. 24:41, women . . . **g-ing** at the mill

Judg. 16:21; Eccles. 12:3,4; Is. 47:2; Mark 9:18

**GROAN** Ex. 2:24, God heard their **g-ing**

Acts 7:34, **HAVE HEARD THEIR G-S**

Rom. 8:22, whole creation **g-s** and suffers

8:26, **g-ings** too deep for words

2 Cor. 5:2, in this *house* we **g**

Job 24:12; Is. 42:14; Ezek. 30:24; Joel 1:18

**GROPE** Deut. 28:29; Job 12:25; Is. 59:10; Acts 17:27

**GROUND**—*earth, land, soil*

Gen. 3:17, Cursed is the **g**

4:2, a tiller of the **g**

Matt. 25:25, hid your talent in the **g**

Luke 19:44, will level you to the **g**

John 8:6, His finger wrote on the **g**

9:6, He spat on the **g**

Acts 7:33, **ARE STANDING IS HOLY G**

9:8, Saul got up from the **g**

Eph. 3:17, rooted and **g-ed** in love

Gen. 2:5,7,9; 8:21; Num. 16:30; Deut. 28:56;

Josh. 3:17; 2 Sam. 14:22; Job 5:6;

Ps. 89:44; Is. 3:26; 29:4; Jer. 4:3; 14:4;

Lam. 2:21; Hos. 10:12; Amos 3:5; 9:9;

Matt. 25:18; Mark 4:31; Acts 9:4; 26:14;

Heb. 6:7

**GROUP** Mark 6:39, recline by **g-s** . . . grass

**GROVE** Judg. 15:5, with the vineyards and **g-s**

**GROW** 1 Sam. 3:2, eyesight had begun to **g** dim

Matt. 6:28, lilies of the field **g**

24:12, people's love will **g** cold

Luke 2:40, And the Child continued to **g**

Acts 12:24, word of the Lord continued to **g**

19:20, word of the Lord was **g-ing** mightily

1 Cor. 3:6, but God was causing the **g-th**

2 Cor. 10:5, as your faith **g-s**

Eph. 4:15, we are to **g** up . . . into Him

1 Pet. 2:2, you may **g** in respect

2 Pet. 3:18, **g** in the grace and knowledge

Gen. 26:13; 48:16; Judg. 16:22; 2 Sam. 10:5;

2 Kin. 19:29; Ps. 147:8

**GROWL** Is. 59:11, Ail of us **g** like bears

**GROWN** Ezek. 7:11, Violence has **g** into a rod

Ex. 2:11; Lev. 13:37; Deut. 32:15; 2 Kin. 4:18;

Prov. 24:31

**GRUDGE** Lev. 19:18; 2 Cor. 9:7

**GRUMBLE** Phil. 2:4, Do all things without

**g-ing**

Ex. 17:3; Luke 15:2; John 6:43

**GUARANTOR** Job 17:3, Who . . . will be my **g**

**GUARD**—*keep, watch* Ps. 39:1, I will **g** my ways

Mark 14:44, lead Him away under **g**

Phil. 4:7, **g** your hearts and minds

1 Tim. 6:20, **g** what has been entrusted to you

1 John 5:21, children, **g** yourselves from idols

Ex. 23:13; 1 Chr. 11:25; Job 7:12; Prov. 2:11;

Ezek. 38:7; Acts 5:23; 28:16

**GUARDIAN**—*overseer*

1 Pet. 2:25, Shepherd and **G** . . . souls

**GUEST** 1 Kin. 1:41; Prov. 9:18; Matt. 22:10

**GUIDANCE**—*counsel*

Prov. 11:14, Where there is no **g**

20:18, war by wise **g**

**GUIDE**—*direct, lead* Ps. 48:14, He will **g** us

until death

Prov. 12:26, righteous is a **g** to his neighbor

Is. 58:11, And the **LORD** will . . . **g** you

Matt. 15:14, if a blind man **g-s** a blind man

Luke 1:79, **g** our feet . . . way of peace

Rom. 2:19, are a **g** to the blind

Deut. 32:12; Job 38:32; Matt. 23:16; Acts 8:31

**GUILE**—*deceit* John 1:47, in whom is no **g**

1 Pet. 2:1, all malice and all **g**

3:10, LIPS FROM SPEAKING **G**

**GUILT** Luke 23:22, found in Him no **g**

*demanding* death

1 Cor. 11:27, **g-y** of the body and the blood

James 2:10, one *point*, he has become **g-y** of all

Gen. 42:21; Lev. 6:4; Num. 5:31; 35:31;

Deut. 25:2; 2 Sam. 3:8; 14:13; Ezra 9:6;

Jer. 51:5; Ezek. 22:4; Hos. 10:2; Hab. 1:11;

Luke 23:4; John 18:38; 19:4,6

**GUSH**—*flow* Ps. 78:20; Is. 48:21; Acts 1:18

## H

**HABITATION**—*abode, camp* Is. 32:18; 33:20;

Acts 17:26

Ps. 26:8, I love the **h** of Thy house

71:3, Be Thou to me a rock of **h**

132:13, He has desired it for His **h**

Is. 63:15, Thy holy and glorious **h**

**HADES** Matt. 16:18; Luke 16:23; Acts 2:31; Rev. 1:18

**HAIL** Matt. 26:49, **H**, Rabbi

Matt. 27:29, **H**, King of the Jews

Rev. 16:21, **h-stones** . . . came down from

heaven upon men

Ex. 9:23; Job 38:22; Ps. 148:8; Is. 28:17; 32:19;

Mark 15:18; Luke 1:28; John 19:3

**HAIR** 1 Kin. 1:52, not one of his **h-s** will fall

Matt. 3:4, garment of camel's **h**

5:36, cannot make one **h** white

10:30; Luke 12:7, **h-s** of your head . . . numbered

Luke 7:38, wiping them with the **h** of her head

John 11:2, Mary . . . wiped His feet with her **h**

1 Cor. 11:14, if a man has long **h**

1 Tim. 2:9, not with braided **h**

Rev. 1:14, His **h** were white like white wool

Gen. 42:38; 44:29; Judg. 20:16; Nch. 13:25;

Job 4:15; Mark 1:6; 1 Pet. 3:3

**HAIRY**—*rough* Zech. 13:4, **h** robe in order to deceive

Gen. 25:25; 27:11; 2 Kin. 1:8; Ps. 68:21

**HALLELUJAH** Rev. 19:1,3,4,6, saying **h**

**HALLOWED**—*consecrated, sanctified*

Matt. 6:9; Luke 11:2, **H** be Thy name

**HAMMER**—*beat* Is. 2:4, **h** their swords into

plowshares

Judg. 4:21; 1 Kin. 6:7; Is. 41:7; Jer. 23:29; Mic.

4:3; Mark 12:5

**HAND**—*power* Ps. 16:11, In Thy right **h** there

are pleasures

Ps. 24:4, has clean **h-s** and a pure heart

31:5; Luke 23:46, Into Thy **h** I commit my spirit

90:17, confirm the work of our **h-s**

137:5, my right **h** forget her *skill*

Eccles. 9:10, Whatever your **h** finds to do

Is. 28:4, it is in his **h**

40:12, in the hollow of His **h**

Jer. 18:6, like the clay in the potter's **h**

Lam. 2:4, His right **h** like an adversary

Matt. 3:2; 4:17; 10:7, kingdom . . . is at **h**

4:6, ON THEIR **H-S** THEY WILL BEAR

11:27, **h-ed** over to Me by My Father

26:18, My time is at **h**

Mark 14:62, SITTING AT THE RIGHT **H** OF POWER

16:19, SAT DOWN AT THE RIGHT **H** OF GOD

John 10:28, snatch them out of My **h**

2 Cor. 5:1, a house not made with **h-s**

Heb. 10:1, fall into the **h-s** of the living God

James 4:8, Cleanse your **h-s**

1 Pet. 4:7, end of all things is at **h**

1 John 1:1, our **h-s** handled

Gen. 3:22; 16:12; 24:2; 47:29; Ex. 21:24; 33:22;

Deut. 8:17; 19:21; 33:3; 1 Sam. 5:11; 12:3;

26:18; 2 Sam. 24:14; 1 Kin. 18:44;

2 Kin. 5:11; 1 Chr. 21:13; 29:14; Ezra 7:9;

Neh. 2:8,18; Job 12:10; 19:21; 40:14;

Ps. 68:31; 80:17; 139:10; Prov. 3:16; 10:4;

12:24; 19:24; 26:15; Eccles. 2:24; 4:6;

Is. 5:25; 9:12; 10:4; 14:27; 53:10; 56:2;

Ezek. 7:17; 21:7; Dan. 4:35; Mic. 7:3;

Hab. 2:9; Zeph. 3:16; Matt. 3:12; 6:3;

18:8; Mark 9:43; 14:41; Luke 3:17; 9:44;

John 20:27,34; 1 Cor. 12:15; Col. 2:11;

1 Thess. 4:11; 1 Tim. 2:8

**HANDBREADTH** Ex. 25:25; 1 Kin. 7:26;

2 Chr. 4:5; Ezek. 40:5

Ps. 39:5, Thou hast made my days as **h-s**

**HANDFUL**—*hand* Lev. 2:2; 5:12; 1 Kin. 20:10

1 Kin. 17:12, only a **h** of flour in the bowl

**HANDKERCHIEF** Acts 19:12, **h-s** . . . carried

from his body

**HANDLE**—*touch* Song 5:5; Jer. 2:8; Ezek. 27:29

2 Tim. 2:15, **h-ing** accurately the word of

truth

1 John 1:1, our hands **h-d**, concerning the

World of life

**HANDMAID**—*servant, slave* Ps. 86:16; 116:16

**HANDSOME**—*becoming* 1 Sam. 16:18, and a **h**

man

**HANG DEUT.** 21:23, who is **h-ed** is accursed of

God

Job 26:7, He . . . **h-s** the earth on nothing

Matt. 27:5, Judas went away and **h-ed** himself

Gal. 3:13, CURSED IS EVERY ONE WHO **H-S**

**HAPPEN**—*befall* Lev. 10:19; Deut. 22:6; Judg.

6:13; Dan. 10:14

**HAPPINESS**—*joy* Deut. 24:5, shall give **h** to his

wife

Eccles. 9:7, eat your bread in **h**

**HAPPY**—*bless* Job 5:17, **h** is the man whom

God reproves

Prov. 14:21, **h** is he who is gracious to the

poor

Rom. 14:22, **H** is he who does not condemn

himself

**HARASS** Deut. 2:9, Do not **h** Moab

**HARBOR**—*haven* Acts 27:12, **h** was not suitable

**HARD**—*difficult, firm* Ex. 1:14; Num. 11:11;

Deut. 1:17

Matt. 19:23, is **h** for a rich man to enter . . .

heaven

25:24, I knew you to be a **h** man

Mark 10:24, **h** it is to enter the Kingdom of

God

Acts 26:14, **h** for you to kick against the goads

2 Tim. 2:3, Suffer **h-ship** . . . as a good soldier

Deut. 15:18; 2 Kin. 2:10; Job 38:30; 41:24;

Prov. 13:15; 18:19; Is. 8:21; Mark 10:23;

Luke 18:24

**HARDEN**—*hardness* Job 38:38; Prov. 29:1

Heb. 3:13, **h-ed** by deceitfulness of sin

John 12:40, HE **H-ED** THEIR HEART

Rom. 9:18, He **h-s** whom He desires

Heb. 3:15; 4:7, DO NOT **H** YOUR HEARTS

**HARDNESS**—*stubborn* Matt. 19:8; Mark 10:5, **h** of heart  
 Mark 3:5, grieved at their **h** of heart  
 16:14, He reproached . . . **h** of heart  
**HARLOT** Matt. 21:31, **h-s** will get into the kingdom  
 Luke 15:30, devoured your wealth with **h-s**  
 Josh. 6:17; Prov. 7:10; 29:3; Is. 1:21; 23:17;  
 Jer. 2:20; Ezek. 16:15; Joel 3:3; Rev. 17:5  
**HARM**—*evil, hurt* Lev. 19:27; Judg. 15:3;  
 2 Kin. 4:41  
 1 Chr. 16:22; Ps. 105:15, do my prophets not **h**  
 Prov. 12:21, No **h** befalls the righteous  
 1 Pet. 3:13, who is there to **h** you  
 Prov. 3:30; Jer. 25:6; Acts 16:28; 28:5; Rev. 6:6  
**HARMONY** 2 Cor. 6:15, what **h** has Christ with  
**HARNESS**—*armor* Jer. 46:4, **H** the horses  
**HARP**—*lyre, instrument* 1 Sam. 16:16; Ps. 33:2;  
 49:4; 57:8  
 Job 30:31, my **h** is turned to mourning  
 Ps. 137:2, Upon the willows . . . hung our **h-s**  
 Is. 5:12; 24:8; Amos 6:5; 1 Cor. 14:7; Rev. 5:8;  
 14:2  
**HARROW**—*instrument* Job 39:10, will he **h** the valleys  
**HARRY** Job 18:11, terrors . . . **h** him at every step  
**HARSH** 1 Sam. 20:10, father answers you **h-ly**  
 Gen. 16:6; 1 Sam. 25:3; Prov. 15:1  
**HARVEST**—*reap, ripe*  
 Gen. 8:22, Seedtime and **h** . . . cease  
 Job 4:8, who sow trouble **h** it  
 Jer. 8:20, **h** is past, summer is ended  
 Joel 3:13, the **h** is ripe  
 Matt. 9:37, **h** is plentiful  
 9:38; Luke 10:2, the Lord of the **h**  
 13:30, both to grow together until the **h**  
 13:39, **h** is the end of the age  
 Mark 4:29, puts in the sickle . . . **h** has come  
 John 4:35, fields, that they are white for **h**  
 Rev. 14:15, the **h** of the earth is ripe  
 Ex. 22:29; 23:16; 34:22; Lev. 19:9; Deut. 24:19;  
 1 Sam. 12:17; Job 5:5; Prov. 6:8; 10:5;  
 25:13; 26:1; Is. 9:3; 16:9; 18:4; Jer. 5:17;  
 51:33  
**HASTE**—*hurry, urgent* Prov. 7:23, As a bird  
**h-ns** . . . snare  
 Prov. 28:22, evil eye **h-ns** after wealth  
 2 Pet. 3:12, **h-ning** the coming of the day of  
 God  
 Ex. 12:11; Ps. 22:19; Eccles. 1:5; Is. 52:12;  
 Mark 6:25  
**HASTILY**—*hurried* Prov. 25:8, Do not go out **h**  
 to argue  
 1 Tim. 5:22, lay hands upon any one too **h**  
**HASTY**—*impetuous* Prov. 29:20, a man who  
 is **h**  
 Eccles. 5:2, Do not be **h** in word  
**HATCH** Jer. 17:11, As a partridge that **h-es** eggs  
**HATCHET**—*axe, war-club* Ps. 74:6, smash with  
**h** and hammers  
**HATE** Ps. 81:15, Those who **h** the LORD  
 Ps. 97:10, **H** evil, you who love the LORD  
 Prov. 6:16, six things which the LORD **h-s**  
 8:13, fear of the LORD is to **h** evil  
 13:24, who spares his rod **h-s** his son  
 15:10, He who **h-s** reproof will die  
 Eccles. 3:8, A time to love, and a time to **h**

Matt. 6:24, he will **h** the one and love the  
 other  
 10:22, Mark 13:13; Luke 21:17, will be **h-d**  
 Luke 6:22, Blessed are you when men **h** you  
 6:27, do good to those who **h** you  
 14:26, not **h** his own father and mother  
 John 3:20, does evil **h-s** the light  
 12:25, he who **h-s** his life  
 15:18; 1 John 3:13, If the world **h-s** you  
 15:23, He who **h-s** Me **h-s** My Father also  
 Rom. 1:30, slanderers, **h-ns** of God  
 7:15, I am doing the very thing I **h**  
 Eph. 5:29, no one ever **h-d** his own flesh  
 Titus 3:3, hateful, **h-ing** one another  
 1 John 2:9; 3:15; 4:20, **h-s** his brother  
 Gen. 24:60; Lev. 19:17; 26:17; 1 Kin. 22:8;  
 2 Chr. 18:7; 19:2; Ps. 34:21; 36:2; 139:21;  
 Prov. 1:22; Is. 1:14; 61:8; Ezek. 23:29;  
 Amos 5:15; Mic. 3:2; Zech. 8:17; Mal. 1:3;  
 John 7:7; Rom. 9:13  
**HAUGHTY**—*proud, lofty, high*  
 Ps. 131:1, nor my eyes **h**  
 Prov. 16:18, **h** spirit before stumbling  
 Rom. 12:16, do not be **h** in mind  
 2 Sam. 22:28; Prov. 6:17; 21:24; Zeph. 3:11  
**HAUNT**—*habitation* Is. 34:13, also be a **h** of  
 jackals  
**HAVEN**—*harbor* Gen. 49:13; Ps. 107:30  
**HAWK** Lev. 11:16; Deut. 14:15; Job 39:26  
**HEAD**—*chief* 2 Kin. 6:5, axe **h** fell into the  
 water  
 Ps. 24:7, Lift up your **h-s**, O gates  
 Prov. 25:22, burning coals on his **h**  
 Eccles. 2:14, wise man's eyes are in his **h**  
 Matt. 14:8, Give me . . . **h** of John the Baptist  
 27:39, **WAGGING THEIR H-S**  
 Luke 21:18, not a hair of your **h** will perish  
 21:28, straighten up and lift up your **h-s**  
 John 13:9, also my hands and my **h**  
 1 Cor. 11:3, Christ is the **h** of every man  
 Eph. 1:22, Him as **h** over all things  
 5:23, Christ also is the **h** of the church  
 Col. 2:19, not holding fast to the **H**  
 Rev. 1:14, His **h** and His hair were white  
 Gen. 3:15; 1 Sam. 1:11; 9:22; 2 Kin. 4:19;  
 Ps. 66:12; Is. 3:16; 59:17; Jer. 18:16;  
 Dan. 2:38; 7:6; Matt. 5:36; 6:17;  
 Acts 21:24  
**HEAL** 2 Chr. 7:14, and will **h** their land  
 Ps. 147:3, He **h-s** the broken-hearted  
 Prov. 3:8, will be **h-ing** to your body  
 Is. 53:5, by His scourging we are **h-ed**  
 Jer. 3:22, I will **h** your faithlessness  
 Hos. 14:4, I will **h** their apostasy  
 Matt. 10:8, **H** the sick, raise the dead  
 Mark 3:2, He would **h** him on the Sabbath  
 Luke 4:23, Physician, **h** yourself  
 9:2, kingdom of God, and to perform **h-ing**  
 9:11, those who had need of **h-ing**  
 Acts 9:34, Jesus Christ **h-s** you  
 1 Cor. 12:9, gifts of **h-ing** by the one Spirit  
 James 5:16, pray . . . that you may be **h-ed**  
 Rev. 22:2, the **h-ing** of the nations  
 Ex. 15:26; Num. 12:13; Deut. 32:39; Job 5:18;  
 Ps. 6:2; Prov. 13:17; Jer. 17:14; 30:13;  
 Matt. 4:23  
**HEALTH** Jer. 30:17, will restore you to **h**  
 3 John 2, prosper and be in good **h**

**HEAP**—*store* Prov. 25:22, **h** burning coals on his head

Is. 25:2, made a city into a **h**  
Gen. 31:46; Ex. 15:8; Deut. 32:23; Josh. 3:13;  
Ps. 33:7; Ezek. 24:10; Hab. 1:10

**HEAR** Job 27:9, Will God **h** his cry

Ps. 4:1, O God . . . **h** my prayer  
135:17, have ears, but they do not **h**

Is. 28:14, **h** the word of the LORD  
Ezek. 37:4, dry bones, **h** the word of the LORD

Matt. 11:15, ears to **h**, let him **h**  
13:13, while **h-ing** they do not **h**

15:10, **H** and understand  
17:5, I am well pleased; **h** Him

Mark 7:37, He makes even the deaf to **h**  
John 5:24, he who **h-s** My word

10:3, the sheep **h** his voice  
12:47, if any one **h-s** My sayings

Acts 17:32, We shall **h** you again  
James 1:19, let every one be quick to **h**

Rev. 3:20, if any one **h-s** My voice  
Lev. 5:1; Deut. 6:4; 1 Sam. 15:14; 1 Kin. 8:30;

Job 15:8; 26:14; Ps. 38:13; 65:2; Is. 1:2;  
Matt. 10:27; Rom. 11:8

**HEARD** Matt. 2:18, A VOICE WAS **H** IN RAMAH

Acts 4:4, who had **h** the message believed  
19:10, lived in Asia **h** the word

1 Cor. 2:9, EYE HAS NOT SEEN EAR HAS NOT **H**  
2 Cor. 12:4, **h** inexpressible words

Phil. 4:9, learned and received and **h**  
Rev. 10:4, I **h** a voice from heaven

Gen. 3:10; Ps. 10:17; Eccles. 12:13; Song 2:12;  
Is. 65:19; Jer. 31:15; Ezek. 1:24; Matt. 6:7;

Luke 1:13

**HEARING**—*ears* Prov. 20:12, The **h** ear

Prov. 23:9, Do not speak in the **h** of a fool  
Matt. 24:6, you will be **h** of wars

Rom. 10:17, So faith *comes* from **h**  
Heb. 5:11, since you have become dull of **h**

**HEART**—*desire, mind*  
Gen. 8:21, intent of man's **h** is evil

1 Sam. 16:7, LORD looks at the **h**  
1 Kin. 3:9, an understanding **h**

15:3, his **h** was not wholly devoted  
1 Chr. 28:9, serve Him with a whole **h**

Ps. 19:14, the meditation of my **h**  
44:21, He knows the secrets of the **h**

51:10, Create in me a clean **h**  
51:17, broken and contrite **h**

119:11, Thy word I have treasured in my **h**  
Prov. 4:23, Watch . . . **h** with all diligence

17:22, joyful **h** is good medicine  
17:9, **h** is more deceitful than all else

17:10, I, the LORD search the **h**  
25:20, sings songs to a troubled **h**

Matt. 5:8, Blessed are the pure in **h**  
5:28, committed adultery . . . in his **h**

6:21, treasure is, there will your **h** be  
11:29, I am gentle and humble in **h**

15:8, THEIR **H** IS FAR AWAY FROM ME  
19:8, Because of your hardness of **h**

Mark 12:30, LOVE THE LORD . . . YOUR **H**  
Luke 2:19, pondering them in her **h**

2:51, treasured all *these* things in her **h**  
24:25, slow of **h** to believe

John 14:1, Let not your **h** be troubled  
Acts 2:37, they were pierced to the **h**

Rom. 8:27, He who searches the **h-s** knows  
10:10, for with the **h** man believes

Eph. 3:17, Christ may dwell in your **h-s**  
5:19, making melody with your **h**

6:5, in the sincerity of your **h**  
Phil. 4:7, guard your **h-s** and your minds

Col. 3:22, but with sincerity of **h**  
2 Thess. 3:5, Lord direct your **h-s** into

Heb. 4:12, thoughts and intentions of the **h**  
10:22, draw near with a sincere **h**

James 1:26, deceives his own **h**  
2 Pet. 1:19, morning star arises in your **h-s**

Ex. 4:21; 31:6; Num. 15:39; Deut. 28:65;  
Josh. 5:1; Judg. 5:16; 1 Sam. 10:9; 13:14;

2 Sam. 6:16; 2 Chr. 15:15; Job 23:16;  
29:13; 41:24; Ps. 4:7; 9:1; 12:2; 15:2; 17:3;

22:14; 27:3; 38:10; 111:1; Prov. 12:20; 16:5;  
23:7,26; Eccles. 8:5; 11:9; Song 8:6;

Is. 35:4; 47:10; Jer. 11:20; 24:7;  
Ezek. 11:19; 18:31; 21:7; 44:7,9; Joel 2:13;

Mal. 4:6; Matt. 12:34; 2 Cor. 3:3; 6:11; 9:7

**HEAT**—*outburst* Gen. 8:22; 18:1; Job 24:19; Is. 25:4

2 Pet. 3:10, be destroyed with intense **h**  
Rev. 16:9, men were scorched with fierce **h**

Jer. 2:24; Hos. 7:4; Matt. 20:12

**HEAVEN**—*sky* Gen. 1:1, God created the **h-s**

Gen. 1:8, God called the expanse **h**  
28:17, this is the gate of **h**

Ps. 19:1, **h-s** are telling . . . glory of God  
103:11, high as the **h-s** are above the earth

Is. 65:17, new **h-s** and a new earth  
Mal. 3:10, open for you the windows of **h**

Matt. 3:2, Repent . . . kingdom of **h** is  
3:17, behold, a voice out of the **h-s**

5:3, Blessed . . . theirs is the kingdom of **h**  
5:12, your reward in **h** is great

6:9, Our Father who art in **h**  
6:10, On earth as it is in **h**

6:14, your **h-ly** Father will also forgive  
10:7, kingdom of **h** is at hand

16:19, keys of the kingdom of **h**  
Mark 13:31, **H** and earth will pass away

Luke 10:20, your names are recorded in **h**  
15:18, have sinned against **h**

John 3:13, from **h**, even the Son of Man  
1 Cor. 15:40, are also **h-ly** bodies

15:47, second man is from **h**  
2 Cor. 5:1, eternal in the **h-s**

12:2, was caught up to the third **h**  
Gal. 1:8, or an angel from **h**, should preach

Eph. 6:9, their Master and yours is in **h**  
Phil. 3:20, our citizenship is in **h**

Heb. 11:12, AS THE STARS OF **H**  
12:23, who are enrolled in **h**

James 5:12, do not swear, either by **h**  
Rev. 4:1, a door *standing* open in **h**

21:1, I saw a new **h**  
Ex. 20:22; Deut. 33:13; 1 Sam. 2:10;

1 Kin. 8:27; 2 Kin. 7:2; Job 11:8; 22:12,14;  
Eccles. 5:2; Is. 14:12; Jer. 7:18; 23:24;

Ezek. 32:8; John 3:12; 1 Cor. 15:48

**HEAVY** Matt. 11:28, who are weary and **h** laden

Matt. 26:43, their eyes were **h**  
Ex. 17:12; 2 Chr. 10:10,11; Ps. 38:4; Prov. 27:3;

Zech. 12:3; Matt. 23:4

**HEDGE** Luke 14:23, highways and along the **h-s**  
Job 1:10; Prov. 15:19; Mic. 7:4

**HEED** Ps. 17:1; 55:2; Jer. 2:31

**HEEL** Gen. 3:15; 25:26; 49:17; Ps. 41:9

**HEIGHT** Rom. 8:39, nor **h**, nor depth  
Job 22:12; Prov. 25:3; Rev. 21:16

**HEIR** Rom. 8:17, **h-s** also, **h-s** of God

Gal. 4:7, an **h** through God

James 2:5, **h-s** of the kingdom

Gen. 15:3; Jer. 49:1; Matt. 21:38

**HELD** Ezek. 31:15, and **h** back its rivers

**HELL** Mark 9:47, to be cast into **h**

James 3:6, tongue . . . is set on fire by **h**

2 Pet. 2:4, angels . . . cast them into **h**

Matt. 5:22; 10:28; 23:15

**HELMET** 1 Sam. 17:5, had a bronze **h** on his head

Is. 59:17, **h** of salvation on His head

Eph. 6:17, take the **h** of salvation

**HELP** 1 Sam. 7:12, the LORD has **h-ed** us

Ps. 33:20, He is our **h** and our shield

42:11, The **h** of my countenance

46:1, very present **h** in trouble

121:1, whence my **h** come

Matt. 15:25, Lord, **h** me

Mark 9:24, **h** me in my unbelief

2 Cor. 1:11, **h-ing** us through your prayers

Heb. 4:16, grace to **h** in time of need

Job 5:16; 6:13; Is. 41:6,13; Mark 7:11

**HELPER**—*comforter*

Gen. 2:18, I will make him a **h**

Ps. 10:14, **h** of the orphan

30:10, O LORD, be Thou my **h**

54:4, Behold, God is my **h**

John 14:16, will give you another **H**

Heb. 13:6, THE LORD IS MY **H**

**HEMORRHAGE**—*blood* Matt. 9:20; Mark 5:25;

Luke 8:43

**HEMORRHOIDS** Deut. 28:27; 1 Sam. 5:6; 6:4

**HERB** Luke 11:42, tithe . . . every garden **h**

2 Kin. 4:39; 19:26; Ps. 37:2; Prov. 27:25; Is.

37:27

**HERD**—*cattle* Gen. 13:5; Jon. 3:7; Matt. 8:30

**HERITAGE**—*gift, possession* Ps. 16:6, my **h** is beautiful

Job 20:29; Ps. 135:12; 136:21,22; Is. 49:8

**HESITATE** 1 Kin. 18:21, How long will you **h**

**HID**—*cover, secret* Gen. 3:8, man and his wife **h** themselves

Matt. 10:26, and **h-en** that will not be known

13:44, treasure **h-en** in the field

25:25, **h** your talent in the ground

Mark 4:22, For nothing is **h-en**

1 Cor. 2:7, **h-en** wisdom which God

predestined

Col. 3:3, your life is **h-en** with Christ

Deut. 33:19; Josh. 2:4; 1 Sam. 20:24;

2 Sam. 17:9; Job 40:13; Ps. 19:6,12; 69:5;

Is. 45:3; Dan. 2:22; Luke 8:17; John 8:59;

Heb. 11:23

**HIDE**—*conceal, cover* Gen. 18:17; Job 14:13;

20:12; Ps. 27:5,9; Is. 2:10; Jer. 38:14

**HIGH**—*rank* Ps. 103:11, **h** as the heavens are above . . . earth

Matt. 4:8, devil took Him to a very **h**

mountain

Mark 5:7, Jesus, Son of the Most **H** God

11:10, HOSANNA in the **h-est**

Luke 2:14, Glory to God in the **h-est**

John 19:31, for that Sabbath was a **h** day

Heb. 3:1, Jesus, the Apostle and **H** Priest

Gen. 29:7; Deut. 2:27; Job 11:8; 22:12;

Ps. 49:2; 91:14; Prov. 24:7; Is. 32:15;

Luke 1:78

**HIGHWAY**—*way*

Num. 20:17, go along the king's **h**

Is. 35:8, **h** . . . called the **h** of holiness

40:3, a **h** for our God

59:7, Devastation and . . . in their **h-s**

Prov. 15:19; Is. 11:16; 19:23; 49:11; 62:10;

Matt. 22:9; Luke 14:23

**HILL**—*mountains*

Psa. 24:3, Who may ascend into the **h**

50:10, cattle on a thousand **h-s**

Matt. 5:14, city set on a **h** cannot be hidden

Luke 4:29, led Him to the brow of the **h**

Gen. 49:26; Deut. 11:11; Ps. 15:1; Is. 5:1;

Luke 23:30

**HINDER**—*delay, forbid, restrain*

Matt. 19:14, do not **h** them from coming to Me

Mark 9:39, But Jesus said, Do not **h** him

Gal. 5:7, who **h-ed** you from obeying

1 Pet. 3:7, your prayers may not be **h-ed**

Mark 9:38; Luke 11:52; 18:16

**HINDRANCE** 1 Cor. 9:12, cause no **h** to the gospel

**HIRE** Is. 7:20, shave with a razor **h-d**

Matt. 20:1, went out early . . . to **h** laborers

20:7, Because no one **h-d** us

Luke 15:19, as one of your **h-d** men

**HIT** 2 Cor. 11:20, if he **h-s** you in the face

**HOARD**—*store* Amos 3:10, **h** up violence and devastation

**HOLD**—*keep, retain*

Prov. 4:13, Take **h** of instruction

Is. 4:1, seven women . . . **h** of one man

Matt. 6:24, he will **h** to one

Mark 7:8, **h** to the tradition of men

Luke 8:15, heard the word, and **h** it fast

Phil. 2:16, **h-ing** fast the word of life

1 Thess. 5:21, **h** fast to that which is good

Titus 1:9, **h-ing** fast the faithful word

Job 2:9; 27:6; Ps. 64:5; Prov. 4:4; Is. 33:15;

Jer. 20:9; Acts 7:60; Phil. 2:29

**HOLE**—*opening* Matt. 8:20, foxes have **h-s**

2 Kin. 12:9; Is. 11:8; Ezek. 8:7; Hag. 1:6

**HOLINESS**—*holy, sanctity* Ex. 15:11; Ps. 29:2;

93:5, **h** befits Thy house

Is. 35:8, be called the highway of **h**

2 Cor. 7:1, perfecting **h** in the fear of God

1 Thess. 3:13, hearts unblameable in **h**

Heb. 12:10, we may share His **h**

**HOLY**—*holiness, sacred, sanctify* Ex. 3:5; 28:36

Ex. 20:8, sabbath day, to keep it **h**

Deut. 5:12, Observe the sabbath . . . keep it **h**

7:6, you are a **h** people

Ps. 11:4, LORD is in His **h** temple

16:10, allow Thy **H** One to see the pit

145:21, bless His **h** name forever

1 Chr. 16:10, Glory in His **h** name

Is. 6:3, **H, H, H**, is the LORD of hosts

Hab. 2:20, LORD is in His **h** temple

Matt. 7:6, not give what is **h** to dogs

Luke 1:49, **h** is His name

4:34, the **H** One of God

John 17:11, **H** Father, keep them in Thy

name

Acts 2:27, **THY H ONE**

Rom. 12:1, your bodies a living and **h** sacrifice

1 Cor. 3:17, the temple of God is **h**

7:34, **h** both in body and spirit

**HOLY** (*Continued*)

Eph. 1:4, be **h** and blameless before Him  
 Col. 1:22, **h** and blameless  
 1 Tim. 2:8, lifting up **h** hands  
 2 Tim. 1:9, called us with a **h** calling  
 Lev. 20:7; Deut. 33:2; 1 Sam. 2:2; 2 Kin. 4:9;  
 1 Chr. 16:29; Job 15:15; Ps. 47:8; 89:5;  
 99:9; Jer. 17:22,24,27; 31:23; Mark 6:20;  
 Rom. 16:16

**HOLY SPIRIT**—*spirit* Matt. 1:20, in her of the **H**

Matt. 3:11, baptize you with the **H**  
 Luke 3:22, **H** descended upon Him in bodily  
 4:1, Jesus, full of the **H**  
 11:13, give the **H** to those  
 12:12, **H** will teach you  
 John 14:26, Helper, the **H**  
 20:22, Receive the **H**  
 Acts 2:4, all filled with the **H**  
 2:38, receive the gift of the **H**  
 7:51, always resisting the **H**  
 10:38, the **H** and with power  
 19:2, Did you receive the **H**  
 Rom. 9:1, witness in the **H**

Eph. 1:13, with the **H** of promise  
 4:30, do not grieve the **H** of God

1 Thess. 4:8, God who gives His **H** to you

**HOME** Eccles. 12:5, man goes to his eternal **h**

2 Cor. 5:6, are at **h** in the body  
 Titus 2:5, sensible, pure, workers at **h**  
 Lev. 18:9; Deut. 24:5; 1 Kin. 13:15;  
 2 Chr. 25:19; Prov. 7:19; Mark 5:19;  
 1 Cor. 11:34; 14:35

**HOMESTEAD**—*habitation* Luke 11:21; Acts 1:20**HONEST**—*good, true* Gen. 42:11, we are **h** men

Luke 8:15, an **h** and good heart

**HONOR**—*splendor* Ex. 20:12, **H** your father and your mother

Lev. 19:32, **h** the aged  
 Prov. 15:33, before **h** comes humility  
 Matt. 6:2, that they may be **h-ed** by men  
 13:57, A prophet is not without **h**  
 15:8, **h-s** ME WITH THEIR LIPS

John 5:23, all may **h** the Son

Rom. 2:10, glory and **h** and peace

1 Tim. 6:16, To Him *be h* and eternal dominion

Heb. 13:4, *Let marriage be held in h*

1 Pet. 2:17, **H** all men . . . **h** the king

3:7, grant her **h** as a fellow-*heir*

Rev. 5:13, *be blessing and h* and glory

1 Sam. 2:30; 9:6; 1 Kin. 3:13; 1 Chr. 29:28;

Job 19:9; Ps. 50:23; Is. 49:5; Eccles. 6:2;

Matt. 15:4; Rom. 12:10; 13:7; 1 Tim. 5:17

**HONORABLE**—*noble* Is. 9:15; Nah. 3:10

Rom. 9:21, one vessel for **h** use . . . another for common

Phil. 4:8, brethren . . . whatever is **h**

Heb. 13:18, conduct ourselves **h-y** in all things

**HOOF**—*claw* Lev. 11:3,4,5,6,7,26, whatever divides a **h**

Deut. 14:6,7,8; Ps. 69:31; Is. 5:28; Jer. 47:3;

Ezek. 32:13; Zech. 11:16

**HOOK** 2 Kin. 19:28; Is. 37:29, put My **h** in your nose

Job 41:2, pierce his jaw with a **h**

Ezek. 29:4; 38:4; Amos 4:2

**HOPE**—*comfort, expectation, confidence, trust*

Job 13:15, I will **h** in Him

Ps. 39:7, My **h** is in Thee

62:5, my **h** is from Him

Prov. 13:12, **H** deferred *makes* the heart sick

19:18, Discipline your son while there is **h**

Acts 2:26, MY FLESH ALSO WILL ABIDE IN **H**

23:6, **h** and resurrection of the dead

28:20, for the sake of the **h** of Israel

Rom. 4:18, **h** against **h** he believed

5:5, **h** does not disappoint

8:24, **h** that is seen is not **h**

12:12, rejoicing in **h**

15:4, Scriptures we might have **h**

1 Cor. 13:7, **h-s** all things

13:13, now abide faith, **h**, love

2 Cor. 3:12, Having therefore such a **h**

Gal. 5:5, waiting for the **h** of righteousness

Eph. 4:4, you were called in one **h**

Col. 1:23, away from the **h** of the gospel

1:27, Christ in you, the **h** of glory

1 Thess. 5:8, as a helmet, the **h** of salvation

1 Tim. 4:10, our **h** on the living God

Titus 3:7, *the h* of eternal life

Heb. 6:19, **h** we have as an anchor

11:1, assurance of *things h-d* for

1 Pet. 1:3, born again to a living **h**

Ruth 1:12; Job 7:6; Ps. 9:18; 71:5; Prov. 26:12;

Eccles. 9:4; Is. 20:5; 57:10; Jer. 29:11;

1 Cor. 9:10; 2 Cor. 1:7; 2 Thess. 2:16

**HORN**—*trumpet* Gen. 22:13; Lev. 25:9; Josh.

6:5; 2 Sam. 22:3; 1 Chr. 15:28; Dan. 3:5; 7:7;

Rev. 5:6

**HORRIBLE** Jer. 5:30; 23:14; Hos. 6:10**HORROR** Ps. 55:5; Jer. 25:18**HORSE** Ps. 33:17, A **h** is a false hope

Gen. 49:17; 1 Kin. 10:29; Job 39:19; Ps. 32:9;

Prov. 26:3; Jer. 4:13; 46:4; Hos. 14:3

**HOSPITABLE** 1 Tim. 3:2, must be above reproach . . . **h**

Titus 1:8, but **h**, loving what is good

1 Pet. 4:9, Be **h** to one another

**HOSPITALITY** Rom. 12:13, practicing **h****HOST**—*army, camp, innkeeper*

Ps. 24:10, LORD of **h-s**, He is the King

Luke 2:13, multitude of the heavenly **h**

Deut. 4:19; Josh. 5:15; Ps. 27:3; Is. 48:2;

Rom. 16:23

**HOSTILE**—*enmity, contrary* Lev. 26:21, you act with **h-ity**

Rom. 8:7, mind set on the flesh is **h**

1 Thess. 2:15, but **h** to all men

Heb. 12:3, endured such **h-ity** by sinners

James 4:4, friendship with the world is **h-ity**

**HOT**—*branding* Ps. 39:3, My heart was **h** within me

Rev. 3:15, are neither cold nor **h**

Ex. 16:21; Deut. 9:19; Job 6:17; Prov. 6:28

**HOT-TEMPERED** Prov. 29:22, a **h** man abounds**HOUR**—*time* Matt. 20:12, men have worked only one **h**

Matt. 24:36, day and **h** no one knows

26:40, watch with Me for one **h**

Mark 15:34, ninth **h** Jesus cried out

Luke 22:59, about an **h** had passed

John 5:25, an **h** is coming and now is

12:27, Father, save Me from this **h**

17:1, Father, the **h** has come

Matt. 8:13; Mark 13:32; Luke 12:39; John

11:9; Acts 3:1; Rom. 13:11; Rev. 3:10

**HOUSE**—*temple* Ps. 23:6, dwell in the **h** of the

**LORD**

Ps. 127:1, Unless the **LORD** builds the **h**

Prov. 9:1, Wisdom has built her **h**

Matt. 2:11, they came into the **h** and saw

7:25, winds blew, and burst against that **h**

10:12, enter the **h**, give it your greeting

12:25, city or **h** divided against itself

21:13, **MY H SHALL BE CALLED A H**

Luke 11:17, a **h** divided against itself falls

John 14:2, Father's **h** are many dwelling places

Acts 2:46, breaking bread from **h** to **h**

7:48, does not dwell in **h-s** . . . human hands

7:49, **WHAT KIND OF H WILL YOU BUILD**

Rom. 16:5, church that is in their **h**

2 Cor. 5:1, **h** not made with hands

1 Tim. 5:13, go around from **h** to **h**

1 Pet. 2:5, built up as a spiritual **h**

Gen. 15:3; Ex. 20:2,17; Deut. 8:12; 22:8;

2 Kin. 20:1; Neh. 13:11; Job 27:18; 30:23;

Ps. 55:14; 84:3; 93:5; 102:7; Prov. 24:3;

Eccles. 7:2; Is. 5:8; Matt. 23:38;

Mark 12:40; Luke 10:7

**HOUSEHOLD**—*home* Prov. 31:27, ways of her **h**

Gal. 6:10, who are of the **h** of faith

Eph. 2:19, and are of God's **h**

1 Tim. 3:4, manages his own **h** well

3:15, conduct himself in the **h** of God

Gen. 18:19; 26:14; Ex. 1:1; Matt. 10:36; 13:52;

John 19:27; 2 Tim. 3:6

**HUMBLE**—*abase, gentle* Mic. 6:8, walk **h-y** with your God

Matt. 5:5, Blessed are the **h**

11:29, I am gentle and **h** in heart

23:12, exalts . . . shall be **h**; and . . . **h**

himself

Phil. 3:21, body of our **h** state

4:12, get along with **h** means

James 4:6, **BUT GIVES GRACE TO THE H**

1 Pet. 5:6, **h** yourselves under the mighty hand

Ex. 10:3; Num. 12:3; Deut. 8:2; 2 Chr. 34:27;

Job 40:12; Ps. 35:13; 37:11; Prov. 6:3; 11:2;

Dan. 4:37; Zech. 9:9

**HUMILIATE** 2 Cor. 12:21, my God may **h** me before you

**HUMILIATION**—*confusion* Is. 45:16; Jer. 3:25

Acts 8:33, in **h** His judgment was taken

**HUMILITY**—*humble, self-abasement*

Prov. 15:33, before honor comes **h**

18:12, **h** goes before honor

22:4, The reward of **h**

Phil. 2:3, with **h** of mind

Col. 3:12, put on a heart of . . . **h**

1 Pet. 5:5, clothe yourselves with **h**

**HUNG** Ps. 137:2, Upon the willows . . . we **h** our harps

Matt. 18:6; Mark 9:4; Luke 17:2, better . . .

millstone be **h** around his neck

**HUNGER** Ps. 34:10, lions do lack and suffer **h**

Prov. 10:3, not allow the righteous to **h**

19:15, an idle man will suffer **h**

Is. 49:10, They will not **h** or thirst

Matt. 5:6; Luke 6:21, Blessed are those who **h**

John 6:35, comes to Me shall not **h**

Deut. 28:48; Luke 6:25; 15:17

**HUNGRY** Ps. 146:7, Who gives food to the **h**

Prov. 25:21, If your enemy is **h**

Matt. 4:2, He then became **h**

12:1, His disciples became **h**

12:3, David did, when he became **h**

15:32, do not wish to send them away **h**

25:35, For I was **h**

Rom. 12:20, **BUT IF YOUR ENEMY IS H**

1 Cor. 11:34, If anyone is **h**

Deut. 8:3; 2 Sam. 17:29; Job 22:7; Ps. 50:12;

Is. 29:8; Ezek. 18:7; 1 Cor. 11:21;

Phil. 4:12

**HUNT** Gen. 10:9, a mighty **h-er** before the

**LORD**

Gen. 27:5; 1 Sam. 26:20; Ps. 140:11;

Ezek. 13:18; Mic. 7:2

**HURRIED** Prov. 20:21, inheritance gained **h-y**

**HURRY**—*speed* 1 Sam. 20:38, **H**, be quick, do

not stay

**HURT**—*harm* Ps. 15:4, He swears to his own **h**

Is. 11:9; Mark 16:18

**HUSBAND**—*bridegroom*

Prov. 12:4, wife is a crown of her **h**

John 4:16, Go, call your **h**

Rom. 7:2,3, if her **h** dies

1 Cor. 7:3, **h** fulfill his duty to his wife

Eph. 5:23, **h** is the head of the wife

5:25, **H-s**, love your wives

Rev. 21:2, bride adorned for her **h**

Gen. 3:16; 29:32; 30:20; Is. 54:5; Hos. 3:1;

Mark 10:12; 1 Cor. 7:2; 2 Cor. 11:2

**HUSH**—*silence* Acts 21:40, there was a great **h**

**HYMN** Matt. 26:30, singing a **h**, they went out

Eph. 5:19, in psalms and **h-s** and spiritual

songs

**HYPOCRISY** Matt. 23:28, you are full of **h**

Rom. 12:9, Let love be without **h**

1 Tim. 4:2, means of the **h** of liars

James 3:17, wisdom from above . . . without **h**

**HYPOCRITE**—*godless* Matt. 6:2, as the **h-s** do

. . . synagogues

Matt. 6:5, not to be as the **h-s**

6:16, gloomy face as the **h-s** do

7:5, You **h**, first take the log

22:18, Why are you testing Me, you **h-s**

23:13, scribes and Pharisees, **h-s**

Luke 12:56, You **h-s!** You know how to

analyzc

## I

**ICE**—*frost* Job 37:10, breath of God **f** is made

**IDLE** Prov. 19:15, an **i** man will suffer hunger

Prov. 31:27, not eat the bread of **i-ness**

Matt. 20:6, Why have you been standing . . . **i**

1 Tim. 5:13, not merely **i**, but also gossips

**IDOL**—*image* Ex. 20:4, make for yourself an **i**

Acts 15:20, abstain from . . . **i-s**

1 Cor. 10:7, do not be **i-aters**

1 John 5:21, guard yourselves from **i-s**

Lev. 19:4; 26:1; Is. 66:3; Jer. 50:38

**IGNORANCE**—*unintentionally*

Acts 17:23, What . . . worship in **i**

17:30, overlooked the times of **i**

Eph. 4:18, because of the **i** that is in them

1 Pet. 2:15, silence the **i** of foolish men

**IGNORANT** 2 Cor. 2:11, not **i** of his schemes

2 Tim. 2:23, refuse foolish and **i** speculations

**ILLEGITIMATE** Deut. 23:2; Heb. 12:8

**ILLNESS**—*infirmary* Gal. 4:13, a bodily **i**

**ILLUMINE** Ps. 18:28, God **i-s** my darkness

**IMAGE**—*likeness* Gen. 1:26, make man in our **i**

Gen. 9:6, **i** of God He made man

1 Cor. 11:7, **i** and glory of God

Col. 1:15, **i** of the invisible God

**IMAGINATION**—*estimation*

Prov. 18:11, wall in his own i

**IMITATE**—*follow* 3 John 11, do not i what is evil**IMITATORS**—*followers* Eph. 5:1, be i of God  
1 Thess. 2:14, become i of the churches of God**IMMATURE**—*babes, children*

Rom. 2:20, teacher of the i

**IMMEDIATELY** Matt. 3:16, went up i from the water

Matt. 4:20, i left the nets

21:2, i you will find a donkey tied

26:74, And i a cock crowed

Mark 4:15, i Satan comes

Luke 12:54, i you say, A shower is coming

14:5, i pull him out . . . Sabbath

21:9, the end does not follow i

John 5:9, i the man became well

19:34, i there came out blood and water

Acts 9:18, i there fell from his eyes

9:20, i he began to proclaim Jesus

21:30, i the doors were shut

Rev. 4:2, i I was in the Spirit

Matt. 13:21; 26:49; Mark 6:25; Luke 17:7;

Acts 13:11

**IMMORALITY**—*fornication* Matt. 19:9, except for i

1 Cor. 6:18, Flee i

1 Thess. 4:3, abstain from sexual i

Rev. 2:20, they commit acts of i

17:2, the wine of her i

**IMMORTALITY** 1 Cor. 15:53, mortal . . . put on i

1 Tim. 6:16, who alone possesses i

2 Tim. 1:10, brought life and i

**IMPATIENT** Num. 21:4, people became i**IMPEL**—*drive* Mark 1:12, the Spirit i-ed Him**IMPERISHABLE** 1 Cor. 9:25, perishable . . . an i

1 Cor. 15:52, the dead will be raised i

1 Pet. 1:4, obtain an inheritance which is i

**IMPETUOUS** Hab. 1:6, Chaldeans, That fierce and i people**IMPLORE**—*adjure* Job 8:5, i the compassion of the Almighty

Mark 5:7, I i you by God

**IMPOSSIBLE** Matt. 19:26, With men this is i

Luke 1:37, nothing will be i with God

Heb. 6:18, it is i for God to lie

11:6, without faith it is i to

**IMPROPER** 1 Cor. 14:35, i for a woman to speak**IMPROVISE** Amos 6:5, Who i to the sound of the harp**IMPUTE**—*reckon* Rom. 5:13, sin is not i-d when there is**INAUGURATED**—*dedicated*

Heb. 9:18, first covenant . . . not i

10:20, way which He i for us

**INCITE** Luke 23:14, one who i-s the people**INCLINE** Josh. 24:23, i your hearts to the Lord

Ps. 119:36, I my heart to Thy

Is. 37:17, I Thine ear, O LORD

**INCREASE**—*multiply, produce* Job 31:12; Prov. 28:8

Ps. 62:10, riches i, do not set your heart

Eccles. 1:18, i-ing knowledge results in i-ing pain

Luke 2:52, i-ing in wisdom and stature

11:29, the crowds were i-ing

Col. 1:10, i-ing in the knowledge of God

**INDEBTED** Rom. 15:27, they are i**INDEED**—*surely, truly* Gen. 3:1, I, has God said, You shall

Ex. 4:25, i a bridegroom of blood

Num. 14:21, but i, as I live

1 Kin. 8:27, God i dwell on the earth

2 Chr. 6:18, will God i dwell with mankind

John 8:36, you shall be free i

Rom. 14:20, All things i are clean

1 Tim. 5:5, she who is a widow i

**INDEPENDENT** 1 Cor. 11:11, woman i of man . . . man i . . . woman**INDESTRUCTIBLE**—*endless*

Heb. 7:16, power of an i life

**INDIGNANT** Matt. 20:24; Luke 13:14**INDIGNATION**—*anger* Jer. 15:17; Nah. 1:6

Ps. 7:11, God who has i every day

69:24, Pour out Thine i on them

Is. 30:27, lips are filled with i

**INEXPERIENCED**—*tender*

1 Chr. 22:5, My son . . . young and i

**INFECTION**—*plague*

Lev. 13:2, becomes an i of leprosy

**INFERIOR**—*base* Is. 3:5, And the i against the honorable**INFIRMITIES**—*sickness, weakness*

Matt. 8:17, HIMSELF TOOK OUR I

**INFLECT** Job 5:18, He i-s pain, and gives relief**INFORM**—*speak* Ruth 4:4; 2 Sam. 15:28; Ezra 4:16

Job 17:5, who i-s against friends

**INHABITANTS** Gen. 34:30; Num. 13:32; Ps. 49:1; Joel 2:1**INHABITED**—*habitation* Ps. 107:7,36, an i city**INHERIT**—*possess, possession* Ex. 32:13, they shall i it

Ps. 37:11, humble will i the land

Prov. 3:35, The wise will i honor

14:18, The naive i folly

Matt. 5:5, humble . . . i the earth

19:29, shall i eternal life

25:34, i the kingdom prepared

Luke 10:25, do to i eternal life

1 Cor. 6:9, shall not i the kingdom

15:50, perishable i the imperishable

Rev. 21:7, who overcomes shall i these things

**INHERITANCE**—*possession* Judg. 11:2; Ps. 28:9

Ps. 2:8, give the nations as Thy i

94:14, Nor will He forsake His i

Jer. 3:19, most beautiful i . . . of the nations

Mark 12:7, the i will be ours

Acts 7:5, He gave him no i

Eph. 1:11, also we have obtained an i

1 Pet. 1:4, an i which is imperishable

Prov. 13:22; Eccles. 7:11; Jer. 12:7,8,9,15;

Joel 2:17; Mic. 2:2; Mal. 1:3

**INIQUITY**—*injustice* Lev. 16:22; Job 4:8; 13:26

Incite 5:9, visiting the i of the fathers

Ps. 25:11, Pardon my i, for it is great

51:9, blot out all my i-es

Is. 53:5, He was crushed for our i-es

James 3:6, tongue is . . . world of i

Ps. 32:5; 51:5; 79:8; Prov. 22:8; Is. 1:4; 31:2;

Jer. 31:30; Ezek. 18:30; 33:8

**INJUNCTION**—*decree* Dan. 6:7,8**INJURE**—*wrong* Acts 7:26, why do you i one



- INJUSTICE**—*iniquity* Lev. 19:15, do no i  
Deut. 32:4, A God of faithfulness without i
- INNER**—*inward* Matt. 6:6, GO INTO YOUR I ROOM  
2 Cor. 4:16, i man is being renewed day by day
- INNERMOST**—*inward*  
Job 38:36, wisdom in the i being
- INNKEEPER**—*host* Luke 10:35, denarii ... gave them to the i
- INNOCENT**—*blameless, righteous* Ex. 23:7  
Is. 59:7, hasten to shed i blood  
Matt. 27:4, have sinned by betraying i blood  
27:24, I am i of this Man's blood  
Luke 23:47, this man was i  
Phil. 2:15, blameless and i, children of God  
Heb. 7:26, holy, i, undefiled  
2 Sam. 3:28; Job 4:7; 22:19; Prov. 6:17; Matt. 10:16; 12:5,7
- INQUIRE**—*ask* Judg. 18:5, I of God  
Matt. 2:4, i of them where the Christ
- INSANE**—*mad* 1 Sam. 21:13, acted i-ly in their hands  
John 10:20, has a demon, and is i
- INSCRIBE** Hab. 2:2, And i it on tablets
- INSCRIPTION** Dan. 5:8, could not read the i
- INSECTS** Ex. 8:21, I will send swarms of i on you
- INSENSITIVE** Is. 6:10, Render ... this people i
- INSIDE**—*within* Gen. 9:21, uncovered himself i his tent  
Matt. 23:26, Pharisee ... clean the i of the cup  
Acts 5:23, we found no one i  
Rev. 5:1, throne a book written i
- INSIGNIFICANT**—*mean, small* 2 Sam. 7:19, i in Thine eyes  
Job 8:7, your beginning was i  
40:4, Behold, I am i; what can  
Acts 21:39, citizen of no i city
- INSOLENCE**—*pride* 1 Sam. 17:28, I know your i
- INSPIRE**—*spiritual* Hos. 9:7, i-d man is demoted
- INSTANT**—*moment* Num. 16:21, consume i-ly
- INSTITUTION** 1 Pet. 2:13, Submit ... to every human i
- INSTRUCT**—*discipline*  
Neh. 9:20, Thy good spirit to i  
Ps. 32:8, I will i you and teach you  
Matt. 10:5, twelve Jesus sent ... i-ing them  
Rom. 2:18, being i-ed out of the Law
- INSTRUCTION**—*admonition*  
Job 36:10, He opens ... ear to i  
Matt. 11:1, i-s to His twelve disciples  
Rom. 15:4, was written for our i  
1 Cor. 7:10, i-s, not I, but the Lord  
10:11, written for our i  
Eph. 6:4, discipline and i of the Lord  
1 Tim. 1:5, goal of our i is love  
Heb. 6:2, of i about washing and laying on of hands
- INSTRUMENT**—*object, vessel*  
Acts 9:15, he is a chosen i  
Rom. 6:13, as i-s of unrighteousness  
2 Sam. 12:31; 1 Chr. 20:3; Ps. 150:4; Ezek. 33:32
- INSULT**—*reproach*  
Job 19:3, ten times you have i-ed me  
Luke 6:22, heap i-s upon you
- INTEGRITY**—*upright* Gen. 20:5; Job 2:3; Prov. 19:1  
Ps. 15:2, He who walks with i  
26:1, have walked in my i  
Prov. 10:9, who walks in i walks securely  
20:7, righteous man who walks in his i
- INTELLIGENT**—*prudent*  
Matt. 11:25, hide ... wise and i  
Mark 12:34, Jesus saw that he had ... i-ly
- INTENSE** 2 Pet. 3:10, destroyed with i heat
- INTENT** Gen. 8:21, i of man's heart is evil  
Deut. 31:21, for I know their i  
Acts 1:10, gazing i-ly into the sky
- INTERCEDE** 1 Sam. 2:25, who can i  
Is. 53:12, i-d for the transgressors  
Rom. 8:26, the Spirit Himself i-s for us
- INTERCESSION**—*petition*  
Heb. 7:25, always lives to make i
- INTEREST**—*usury* Ex. 22:25, not charge him i  
Deut. 23:20, You may charge i to a foreigner  
Ps. 15:5, not put out his money at i  
Matt. 25:27, my money back with i  
Luke 19:23, collected it with i
- INTERMARRY** Ezra 9:14, and i with the peoples
- INTERPRET**—*understand*  
Gen. 41:8, dreams ... no one who could i them  
1 Cor. 12:10, the i-ation of tongues  
14:27, and let onc i  
2 Pet. 1:20, a matter of one's own i-ation
- INTIMATE**—*close* Job 19:14, my i friends have forgotten  
Prov. 17:9, matter separates i friends
- INTRODUCTION** Rom. 5:2, obtained our i by faith
- INVALIDATE** Matt. 15:6, you i-d the word of God  
Mark 7:13, thus i-ing the word of God
- INVESTIGATE**—*examine*  
Ezra 10:16, convened ... to i
- INVESTIGATION** Acts 25:26, after the i has taken place
- INVOLVE**—*exercise* Ps. 131:1, Nor do I i myself
- INWARD**—*within* Matt. 7:15, i-ly arc wolves
- IRON** 2 Kin. 6:6, and made the i float  
Job 19:24, with an i stylus and lead  
Ps. 2:9, break them with a rod of i  
1 Tim. 4:2, scared ... as with a branding i  
Gen. 4:22; Deut. 3:11; 8:9; 33:25; Judg. 1:19; Job 40:18; Prov. 27:17; Jer. 11:4
- IRREVERENCE**  
2 Sam. 6:7, struck him down ... for his i
- IRRITATE**—*fret* 1 Sam. 1:6, provoke ... to i her
- IVORY** 1 Kin. 10:18; Song 7:4; Amos 6:4

## J

- JACKAL** Job 30:29, a brother to j-s  
Jer. 9:11, Jerusalem ... haunt of j-s
- JAR**—*jug, pitcher, vessel* 1 Kin. 17:10, water in j  
John 19:29, A j full of sour wine  
Gen. 24:14; 1 Kin. 14:3; 19:6; 2 Kin. 2:20
- JAVELIN**—*spear* Josh. 8:18, Stretch out the j  
Job 41:29, at the rattling of the j
- JEALOUS**—*envy, zealous*  
Ex. 20:5, LORD your God, am a j God  
1 Cor. 13:4, love is kind, and is not j

**JEALOUS** (*Continued*)

Gen. 30:1; 37:11; Ex. 34:14; Num. 11:29;  
25:11; Josh. 24:19; Is. 11:13; Ezek. 31:9;  
Nah. 1:2; Acts 7:9; 17:5; Rom. 10:19;  
2 Cor. 11:2

**JEALOUSY**—*envy, jealous* Num. 5:14; Prov. 6:34

Rom. 13:13, not in strife and j  
1 Cor. 3:3, since there is j . . . among you  
2 Cor. 12:20, *there may be* strife, j  
James 3:14, if you have bitter j  
3:16, where j and selfish ambition exist  
Prov. 27:4; Song 8:6; Acts 13:45; Rom. 11:14;  
Gal. 5:20

**JEOPARDIZE** Ruth 4:6, j my own inheritance**JEWEL**—*pearl* Prov. 3:15, more precious than j-s

Prov. 31:10, her worth is far above j-s

**JOIN**—*couple* Ex. 23:1; 26:6; Is. 5:8

Matt. 19:6, What . . . God has j-ed together  
1 Cor. 6:17, one who j-s himself to the Lord  
**JOINT**—*dislocate* Ps. 22:14, bones are out of j

**JOURNEY**—*walk, way*

Ezra 8:21, seek from Him a safe j  
Mark 13:34, like a man, away on a j  
Luke 9:3, Take nothing for your j  
13:33, must j on today and tomorrow  
15:13, a j into a distant country  
Acts 9:3, j-ed, he was approaching Damascus  
2 Cor. 11:26, I have been on frequent j-s  
Gen. 33:12; Josh. 9:11; Neh. 2:6; Matt. 10:10;  
Acts 1:12

**JOY** Prov. 17:21, father of a fool has no j

Matt. 2:10, with great j  
25:21, enter into the j of your master  
Luke 15:7, j in heaven over one sinner  
John 15:11, My j may be in you  
Rom. 14:17, and j in the Holy Spirit  
Gal. 5:22, fruit of the Spirit is love, j  
Phil. 2:2, make my j complete  
James 1:2, Consider it all j . . . encounter . . .  
1 John 1:4, our j may be made complete  
1 Chr. 15:16; Ezra 3:12; Job 29:13; 33:26

**JOYFUL**—*merry* Ps. 21:6; 66:1; Is. 52:9

Ps. 126:5, sow in tears . . . reap with j shouting  
Prov. 17:22, j heart is good medicine

**JUDGE** Gen. 18:25, the J of all the earth

Matt. 7:1, not j lest you be j-d  
John 3:17, God did not send the Son . . . to j  
7:24, but j with righteous judgment  
7:51, Our Law does not j a man  
12:47, not come to j the world  
Acts 10:42, J of the living and the dead  
2 Thess. 2:12, all may be j-d who did not believe

Heb. 4:12, word of God . . . able to j the thoughts

12:23, God the J of all  
13:4, adulterers God will j

Gen. 16:5; Matt. 7:2

**JUDGMENT**—*justice, sentence*

Ps. 1:5, wicked will not stand in the j  
19:9, j-s of the LORD are true  
Matt. 10:15, Gomorrah in the day of j  
11:24, Sodom in the day of j  
27:19, he was sitting on the j-seat  
John 3:19, this is the j, that the light is  
5:29, resurrection of j  
5:30, judge; and My j is just

1 Cor. 11:29, eats and drinks j to himself

Heb. 9:27, after this *comes* j

10:27, terrifying expectation of j

James 3:1, shall incur a stricter j

5:12, may not fall under j

2 Pet. 3:7, kept for the day of j

1 John 4:17, confidence in the day of j

Jude 15, to execute j upon all

Rev. 18:20, God has pronounced j for you

19:2, His j-s ARE TRUE AND RIGHTeous

Ex. 12:12; Lev. 18:4; Deut. 1:17; Ezra 7:26; Ps.

112:5; 2 Pet. 2:11; Jude 9

**JUG**—*bottle, wineskin* 1 Sam. 1:24; 10:3; 16:20;

25:18; 26:16; 2 Sam. 16:1

**JUST**—*right* Job 25:4, can a man be j with God

John 5:30, My judgment is j

Heb. 2:2, received a j recompense

1 Pet. 3:18, Christ also died . . . *the* j for

*the* un-j

Lev. 19:36; Ps. 17:1; Luke 23:41

**JUSTICE**—*right, righteousness*

Job 8:3, Does God pervert j

Ps. 89:14, Righteousness and j are the

Prov. 28:5, Evil men do not understand j

Amos 5:24, let j roll down like waters

Mic. 6:8, to do j, to love kindness

Gen. 18:19; Deut. 16:19; Job 8:3; 36:6; Prov.

21:3; Is. 59:14; Jer. 10:24

**JUSTIFY**—*clear, vindicate* Gen. 44:16; Ps. 51:4

Luke 10:29, wishing to j himself

Rom. 8:33, God is the one who j-es

## K

**KEEP**—*hold, guide, preserve* Gen. 18:19

Ex. 20:6, love Me and k My commandments

20:8, sabbath day, to k it holy

Num. 6:24, Lord bless you, and k you

Ps. 17:8, K me as the apple of the eye

34:13, K your tongue from evil

Matt. 19:17, enter into life, k the

commandments

Luke 3:8, fruits in k-ing with your repentance

John 8:51, if anyone k-s My word

12:25, shall k it to life eternal

14:23, If anyone loves Me, he will k My

word

17:15, k them from the evil one

1 Tim. 1:19, k-ing faith and a good

conscience

5:14, bear children, k house

5:22, k yourself free from sin

James 1:27, k oneself unstained by the world

Jude 21, k yourselves in the love of God

Lev. 23:32; Prov. 1:15; Eccles. 3:6; Matt.

26:18; 1 Cor. 14:28; 1 Tim. 6:12

**KEEPER**—*guard* Gen. 4:9, Am I my brother's k

Ps. 121:5, The LORD is your k

**KEPT**—*observed* Gen. 37:11, his father k the

saying

Mark 10:20, Teacher I have k all these things

Jude 6, He has k in eternal bonds

**KERNEL**—*grain* Amos 9:9, not a k will fall to

the ground

**KEY** Matt. 16:19, k-s of the kingdom of heaven

Luke 11:52, taken away the k of knowledge

Rev. 1:18, I have the k-s of death and of

Hades

9:1, k of the bottomless pit

**KIDNAP**—*steal* Deut. 24:7, man is caught k-ing

**KIDNEY** Job 16:13, splits my **k-s** open  
**KILL** 1 Sam. 17:50, Philistine and **k-ed** him  
 Matt. 10:28, **k** the body . . . unable to **k** the soul  
 Luke 9:22, **k-ed**, and be raised up . . . third day  
 15:23, bring the fattened calf, **k** it  
 John 5:18, Jews were seeking . . . to **k** Him  
 7:19, Why did you seek to **k** Me  
 10:10, comes only to steal, and **k**  
 Acts 11:7, Arise, Peter; **k** and eat  
 2 Cor. 3:6, the letter **k-s** . . . Spirit gives life  
 Gen. 4:8,14,23; Ex. 13:15; 21:14; Num. 31:8;  
 2 Kin. 5:7; Job 5:2; Ps. 10:8; Acts 10:13;  
 1 Tim. 1:9  
**KIND**—*gentle, gracious* Matt. 5:11, say all **k-s** of evil  
 1 Cor. 13:4, Love is patient, love is **k**  
 Eph. 4:32, be **k** to one another  
 2 Tim. 2:24, but he **k** to all  
 Gen. 1:11; 6:19; 2 Chr. 10:7  
**KINDLE**—*burn* Ex. 35:3; Prov. 26:21; Is. 50:11  
**KINDNESS**—*goodness, loyalty*  
 Ruth 3:10, your last **k** to be  
 Prov. 31:26, teaching of **k** is on her tongue  
 Acts 24:4, grant us, by your **k**  
 Rom. 11:22, **k** and severity of God  
 2 Cor. 6:6, in patience, in **k**, in the Holy Spirit  
 Col. 3:12, put on a heart of compassion, **k**  
 1 Pet. 2:3, tasted the **k** of the Lord  
 2 Pet. 1:7, your godliness, brotherly **k**  
**KING** 1 Sam. 8:5, appoint a **k** for us to judge us  
 1 Sam. 10:24, Long live the **k**  
 Ps. 5:2, my **K** and my God  
 24:8, Who is the **K** of glory  
 Jer. 10:7, fear Thee, O **K** of the nations  
 Matt. 2:2, who has been born **K** of the Jews  
 2:9, having heard the **k**  
 10:18, brought before governors and **k-s** for My sake  
 21:5, BEHOLD YOUR **K** IS COMING TO YOU  
 27:11, Are You the **K** of the Jews  
 Luke 23:2, that He Himself is Christ, a **K**  
 John 12:15, YOUR **K** COMES SITTING ON A . . .  
 COLT  
 1 Tim. 6:15, **K** of kings and Lord of lords  
 1 Pet. 2:17, fear God, honor the **k**  
 Judg. 9:8; 17:6; Job 18:14; Prov. 8:15; 22:29;  
 Eccles. 10:20; Is. 43:15  
**KINGDOM**—*dominion* Ps. 22:28, For the **k** is the LORD's  
 Ps. 145:13, Thy **k** is an everlasting **k**  
 Matt. 3:2, the **k** of heaven is at hand  
 4:23, the gospel of the **k**  
 6:10, Thy **k** come, Thy will be done  
 13:38, these are the sons of the **k**  
 16:19, give you the keys of the **k**  
 19:14, **k** of heaven belongs to such as these  
 26:29, in My Father's **k**  
 Mark 10:24, hard it is to enter the **k** of God  
 12:34, not far from the **k** of God  
 Luke 6:20, for yours is the **k** of God  
 12:32, to give you the **k**  
 22:29, as My Father has granted me a **k**  
 John 3:3, he cannot see the **k** of God  
 18:36, My **k** is not of this world  
 Rom. 14:17, the **k** of God is not eating and drinking

Col. 1:13, to the **k** of His beloved Son  
 2 Tim. 4:18, bring me safely to His heavenly **k**  
 James 2:5, heirs of the **k** which he promised  
 Ex. 19:6; Esth. 1:20; Obad. 21  
**KISS** Matt. 26:48, Whomever I shall **k**  
 Luke 7:45, has not ceased to **k** My feet  
 15:20, embraced him and **k-ed** him  
 22:48, betraying the Son of Man with a **k**  
 Rom. 16:16, Greet one another with a holy **k**  
 1 Pet. 5:14, Greet one another with a **k** of love  
 Gen. 29:11; 2 Sam. 20:9; Song 1:2  
**KNEE** Gen. 41:43, Bow the **k**  
 Rom. 14:11, EVERY **K** SHALL BOW TO ME  
 Phil. 2:10, at the name of Jesus every **k** should bow  
 Heb. 12:12, strengthen . . . the **k-s** that are feeble  
**KNEEL** Gen. 24:11, made his camels **k** down  
 Ps. 95:6, Let us **k** before the LORD  
 Matt. 27:29, they **k-ed** down before Him  
 Luke 22:41, He **k-t** down and *began* to pray  
**KNEW** Jer. 1:5, Before I formed you . . . I **k** you  
 Matt. 7:23, I will declare . . . I never **k** you  
 Luke 6:8, But He **k** what they were thinking  
 John 4:10, If you **k** the gift of God  
 2 Cor. 5:21, made Him who **k** no sin to *be* sin  
**KNIFE**—*sword* Prov. 30:14, jaw teeth *like* **k-s**  
**KNOCK**—*smite* Nah. 2:10, knees **k-ing**  
 Matt. 7:7, **k** and it shall be opened  
 Luke 13:25, stand outside and **k** on the door  
 Acts 12:13, when Peter **k-ed** at the door  
 Rev. 3:20, I stand at the door and **k**  
**KNOW**—*discern, recognize, understand*  
 Ex. 1:8, new king . . . who did not **k** Joseph  
 Deut. 4:9, **k-n** to your sons and your grandsons  
 Job 19:25, I **k** that my Redeemer lives  
 Ps. 1:6, the LORD **k-s** the way of the righteous  
 46:10, **k** that I am God  
 56:9, This I **k**, that God is for me  
 Prov. 27:1, do not **k** what a day may bring  
 Eccles. 8:5, wise heart **k-s** the proper time  
 Is. 59:8, They do not **k** the way of peace  
 Matt. 6:3, left hand **k** what your right hand  
 7:11, **k** how to give good gifts  
 7:20, you will **k** them by their fruits  
 25:12, I do not **k** you  
 Luke 10:22, no one **k-s** who the Son is  
 19:42, If you had **k-n** in this day  
 22:57, Woman, I do not **k** Him  
 John 8:32, you shall **k** the truth  
 10:14, I **k** My own, and My own **k** Me  
 14:7, If you had **k-n** Me . . . **k-n** My Father  
 21:17, You **k** all things; You **k** that I love You  
 Acts 1:7, not for you to **k** the times  
 1 Cor. 1:21, did not *come* to **k** God  
 13:2, and **k** all mysteries  
 13:9, we **k** in part and we prophesy  
 13:12, **k** in part, but then I shall **k** fully  
 2 Cor. 12:2, **k** a man in Christ . . . caught up  
 Eph. 3:19, to **k** the love of Christ  
 2 Tim. 3:15, **k-n** the sacred writings  
 1 John 3:2, We **k** that, if He should appear  
 3 John 12, you **k** that our witness is true  
 Rev. 2:2, I **k** your deeds  
 19:12, name written . . . no one **k-s** except Himself

**KNOW** (Continued)

Gen. 3:22; 28:16; Deut. 29:4; 1 Sam. 3:7;  
Job 13:18; Ps. 81:5; Eccles. 9:5; Is. 7:15;  
Hos. 6:3; Jon. 4:11; Matt. 9:30; 12:33;  
Mark 1:24; 13:33; Acts 19:15

**KNOWLEDGE** Gen. 2:9, tree of the **k** of good and evil

Ps. 19:2, night to night reveals **k**  
139:6, *Such k* is too wonderful for me  
Prov. 1:7, fear of the **LD** the beginning of **k**  
10:14, Wise men store up **k**  
17:27, who restrains his words has **k**  
Is. 11:9, full of the **k** of the **LD**  
Acts 24:22, more exact **k** about the Way  
Rom. 10:2, but not in accordance with **k**  
11:33, wisdom and **k** of God  
1 Cor. 8:1, **k** makes arrogant, but love edifies  
13:8, if *there is k*, it will be done away  
15:34, some have no **k** of God  
Eph. 3:19, love of Christ which surpasses **k**  
Col. 2:3, treasures of wisdom and **k**  
1 Tim. 2:4, come to the **k** of the truth  
2 Pet. 1:5,6, Moral excellence, **k**; in your **k**, self-control  
3:18, grow in the grace and **k** of our **LD**  
Deut. 1:39; 1 Sam. 2:3; 2 Chr. 1:10; Job 10:7;  
21:22; Eccles. 1:18; Is. 28:9; Hos. 4:6;  
Luke 11:52

**L****LABOR**—fruit, toil, tribute, weary

Ex. 20:9, Six days you shall **L**  
Ps. 127:1, They **L** in vain who build it  
Prov. 14:23, In all **L** there is profit  
Eccles. 2:22, what does a man get in all his **L**  
Is. 42:14, like a woman in **L** I will groan  
1 Cor. 15:10, **L**-**ed** even more than all of them  
Gal. 4:11, perhaps I have **L**-**ed** you in vain  
4:19, again in **L** until Christ  
Eph. 4:28, rather let him **L**, performing  
Phil. 1:22, this *will mean* fruitful **L**  
1 Thess. 1:3, work of faith and **L** of love  
2 Thess. 3:8, with **L** and hardship we *kept*  
Rev. 12:2, cried out, being in **L** and in pain  
Gen. 49:15; Job 7:1; Ps. 78:46; Prov. 12:24;  
Eccles. 4:9; 2 Cor. 11:27

**LABORER** 1 Kin. 9:21, Solomon . . . forced **L**-**s****LACK**—need, void, want Deut. 28:48, in the **L** of all things

Deut. 32:28, a nation **L**-**ing** in counsel  
Judg. 18:10, place where there is no **L**  
Prov. 7:7, young man **L**-**ing** sense  
10:21, fools die for **L** of understanding  
Is. 34:16, None will **L** its mate  
Matt. 19:20, what am **L** still **L**-**ing**  
Mark 10:21, One thing you **L**  
James 1:4, **L**-**ing** in nothing  
1:5, if any of you **L**-**s** wisdom  
Deut. 8:9; 1 Kin. 8:25; Prov. 6:32; Eccles. 10:3

**LADY** 2 John 1, to the chosen **L****LAGGING** Rom. 12:11, not **L** behind in diligence**LAI**d Mark 6:5, He **L** His hands upon a few sick

Luke 12:19, many goods **L** up for many years  
John 11:34, Where have you **L** him  
2 Tim. 4:8, **L** up for me a crown of righteousness  
1 John 3:16, He **L** down His life for us

1 Kin. 17:19; Job 6:2; 38:6

**LAIR** Job 38:40, lie in wait in *their* **L**

**LAMB** Gen. 22:8, God will provide . . . the **L**  
Is. 40:11, In His arm He will gather the **L**-**s**  
53:7, Like a **L** that is led to slaughter  
65:25, wolf and the **L** shall graze together  
Hos. 4:16, Like a **L** in a large field  
Luke 10:3, send you out as **L**-**s**  
John 1:29, Behold the **L** of God  
21:15, Tend my **L**-**s**

Acts 8:32, AS A **L** BEFORE ITS SHEARER IS SILENT

1 Pet. 1:19, a **L** unblemished and spotless

**LAME** Job 29:15, feet to the **L**

Matt. 11:5, and *the* **L** walk

Mark 9:45, better for you to enter life **L**

Zeph. 3:19; 2 Sam. 9:13; Matt. 15:31; Acts 14:8

**LAMENT**—mourn Luke 8:52; 23:27; Rev. 18:9**LAMP**—light Ps. 18:28, Thou dost light my **L**

Ps. 119:105, Thy word is a **L** to my feet

Matt. 5:15, light a **L**, and put it under

6:22, **L** of the body is the eye

25:8, our **L**-**s** are going out

Rev. 22:5, light of **L** nor . . . of sun

1 Sam. 3:3; 2 Sam. 22:29; Job 18:6; Prov.

20:27; Zeph. 1:12; Rev. 4:5

**LAMPSTAND** Ex. 25:31; 1 Kin. 7:49; 2 Kin.

4:10; Luke 8:16

**LAND**—country, earth, ground

Gen. 1:9, let the dry **L** appear

Deut. 6:3, **L** flowing with milk and honey

Ps. 37:29, righteous will inherit the **L**

88:12, in the **L** of forgetfulness

Is. 66:8, Can a **L** be born in one day

Jer. 22:29, O **L**, **L**, **L**, **L**, Hear the word of the **LD**

Matt. 2:6, AND YOU, BETHLEHEM, **L** OF JUDAH

27:45, darkness fell upon all the **L**

Luke 2:14, darkness fell over the whole **L**

14:18, have bought a piece of **L**

Heb. 11:29, Red Sea as . . . through dry **L**

Gen. 15:18; Ex. 1:7; Deut. 8:8; 1 Sam. 6:5;

Job 28:13; Ps. 25:13; 37:9,11,22; 60:2;

Prov. 25:25; Eccles. 5:9; Is. 2:7; Jer. 15:10;

Ezek. 9:9; Mic. 7:2; Mal. 4:6; Acts 4:37

**LANGUAGE**—word, voice

Gen. 10:5, one according to his **L**

11:1, whole earth used the same **L**

Ezek. 3:5,6, unintelligible speech or difficult **L**

Acts 2:6, hearing them speak in his own **L**

1 Cor. 14:10, many kinds of **L**-**s**

**LANGUAGE**—faint Ps. 119:81, My soul **L**-**es** for

Thy salvation

**LAPIS LAZULI**—sapphire Ezek. 28:13, The **L**,

the turquoise

**LARGE**—vast Ps. 31:8; Matt. 28:12; Luke 22:12;

Gal. 6:11

**LASHES** Luke 12:47, shall receive many **L****LAST**—utmost Ps. 30:5, weeping may **L** for the

night

Is. 44:6, I am the first and I am the **L**

Matt. 5:26, have paid up the **L** cent

12:45, the **L** I state of that man

19:30, first will be **L**; and *the* **L**, first

John 6:39, raise it up on the **L** day

1 Cor. 15:45, the **L** Adam *became* a life-giving

spirit

15:50, at the **L** trumpet

1 Pet. 1:5, revealed in the **L** time

Rev. 1:17, I am the first and the **L**

Is. 7:9; Luke 11:26

**LATER**—afterward John 13:36, you shall follow **L**

**LATTICE**—window

Is. 60:8, like the doves to their I-s

**LAUGH**—mock Gen. 18:13, why did Sarah I

Job 8:21, fill your mouth with I-ter

Prov. 14:13, Even in I-ter the heart . . . in pain

Eccles. 3:4, time to weep, and a time to I

Matt. 9:24, they were I-ing at Him

Luke 6:25, Woe to you who I now

James 4:9, let your I-ter be turned

**LAUGHINGSTOCK**—derision

Jer. 20:7, a I all day long

**LAUNDERER**—fuller Mark 9:3, no I . . . can whiten them**LAW**—teaching Ps. 19:7, I of the LORD is perfect

Prov. 29:18, happy is he who keeps the I

Matt. 5:17, came to abolish the L

7:12, this is the L and the Prophets

12:2, disciples do what is not I-ful

12:4, bread . . . not I-ful for him to eat

John 7:51, Our L does not judge a man

Rom. 13:10, love . . . fulfillment of the I

Gal. 3:24, I has become our tutor

5:23, against such things there is no I

6:2, thus fulfill the I of Christ

Heb. 7:19, L made nothing perfect

James 1:25, the perfect I, the I of liberty

Ex. 12:49; Josh. 1:8; 2 Kin. 22:8; Prov. 28:7;

John 19:7; Rom. 2:14; 4:15; 1 Cor. 6:2,7;

Titus 3:9

**LAWLESS**—wicked 2 Thess. 2:8, I one will be revealed**LAWLESSNESS**—iniquity

Matt. 24:12, because I is increased

2 Cor. 6:14, righteousness and I

1 John 3:4, and sin is I

**LAY** Ps. 3:5, I I down and slept

Matt. 6:19, Do not I up for yourselves

treasures

John 10:11, good shepherd I-s down his life

10:15, I I down My life for the sheep

Rom. 13:12, I aside the deeds of darkness

**LAZY**—idle, slothful Ex. 5:8,17

Matt. 25:26, You wicked, I slave

Titus 1:12, evil beasts, I gluttons

**LEAD**—guide 2 Chr. 23:13; Ps. 25:9; 27:11;

Is. 40:11

Ex. 13:21, cloud by day to I them on the way

Ps. 23:2, He I-s me beside the still waters

25:5, L me in Thy truth

Is. 11:6, a little boy will I them

Matt. 6:13, do not I us into temptation

John 10:3, calls his own sheep . . . I-s them out

1 Tim. 2:2, may I a tranquil and quiet life

**LEADER**—first, head Num. 16:2; Luke 22:26

Matt. 2:6, AMONG THE L-S OF JUDAH

**LEAK**—drop Eccles. 10:18, the house I-s**LEARN**—instruction Deut. 31:13; Is. 1:17

Prov. 1:5, wise man will . . . increase in I-ing

Is. 2:4, never again will they I war

Matt. 11:29, I from Me

Acts 26:24, great I-ing is driving you mad

Eph. 4:20, you did not I Christ

2 Tim. 3:7, always I-ing

Heb. 5:8, He I-ed obedience

**LEAST**—young 2 Kin. 18:24, I of my master's servants

Matt. 2:6, NO MEANS L AMONG THE LEADERS

5:19, called I in the kingdom of heaven

11:11, he who is I . . . is greater

1 Cor. 15:9, I am the I of the apostles

Eph. 3:8, To me, the very I of all saints

**LEATHER**—skin Matt. 3:4, John . . . I belt about his waist

Mark 1:6, wore a I belt around his waist

**LEAVE**—abandon, desert, forsake Ex. 20:7; Job 9:27

Gen. 2:24, man shall I his father . . . mother

Ruth 1:16, Do not urge me to I you

Ps. 49:10, I their wealth to others

Matt. 18:12, does he not I the ninety-nine

19:5, MAN SHALL I HIS FATHER AND MOTHER

John 14:27, Peace I I with you

16:28, I am I-ing the world again

Prov. 2:17; 3:3

**LEAVEN** Ex. 12:19; Lev. 6:17

Matt. 13:33, kingdom of heaven is like I

16:6, beware of the I of the Pharisees

Luke 13:21, It is like I

1 Cor. 5:6, a little I I-s the whole lump

5:7, clean out the old I

**LEFT**—remain Matt. 19:27, I everything and followed You

Matt. 26:56, disciples I Him and fled

Mark 1:18, I the nets and followed Him

Luke 5:11, I everything and followed Him

Heb. 11:27, By faith he I Egypt

Gen. 7:23; Matt. 14:20

**LEND**—loan Deut. 15:6; Neh. 5:10; Luke 11:5

Prov. 22:7, borrower becomes the I-er's slave

Luke 6:34, Even sinners I to sinners

**LENGTH**—long Prov. 3:2; Ezek. 31:7; Eph. 3:18**LENGTHEN** Matt. 23:5, I the tassels of their garments**LEOPARD** Jer. 13:23, Or the I his spots

Rev. 13:2, beast . . . was like a I

Is. 11:6; Hos. 13:7

**LEPER** Matt. 10:8, cleanse the I-s

Matt. 11:5, the I-s are cleansed

Lev. 13:51; 2 Chr. 26:21; Matt. 8:2; Mark 14:3

**LEPROUS** Lev. 13:51, the mark is a I

malignancy

**LESS** Gen. 1:16, I-er light to govern the night

Is. 40:17, regarded by Him as I than nothing

2 Cor. 12:15, am I to be loved the I

**LET**—suffer Matt. 19:14, L the children, alone, and**LETTER** 2 Cor. 3:2, You are our I

2 Cor. 3:3, you are a I of Christ

2 Pet. 3:16, as also in all his I-s

2 Chr. 2:11; Acts 15:30; Rom. 16:22;

2 Cor. 7:8; Col. 4:16; 2 Thess. 2:15; 3:14

**LEVEL**—plain Ps. 27:11, lead me in a I path

Luke 19:44, will I you to the ground

**LEVY**—collection 2 Chr. 24:6, the I fixed by Moses**LIAR** Job 24:25; John 8:55

Rom. 3:4, every man . . . a I

1 Tim. 4:2, by means of the hypocrisy of I-s

1 John 5:10, God has made him a I

**LIBATION**—drink Gen. 35:14, poured out a I**LIBERTY** Ps. 119:45, I will walk at I

Is. 61:1, proclaim I to the captives

2 Cor. 3:17, where the Spirit . . . is, there is I

Gal. 2:4, to spy out our I

James 1:25, perfect law, the law of I

**LICK** 1 Kin. 21:19; Ps. 72:9; Luke 16:21**LIE**—guile, lay, sleep, vain Deut. 19:11; 31:16

Ps. 4:8, In peace I will both I down

23:2, makes me I down in green pastures

**LIE** (Continued)

Rom. 1:25, exchanged the truth of God for a lie  
 Col. 3:9, Do not lie to one another  
 Heb. 6:18, impossible for God to lie  
 Rev. 14:5, no lie was found in their mouth  
 Job 7:21; 34:6; 40:21; Ps. 119:69; Eccles. 4:11;  
 Song 1:7; Jer. 8:8; Acts 5:3

**LIFE**—*flesh, living, soul* Ex. 21:23; Deut. 30:19

Gen. 2:7, into his nostrils the breath of life  
 Ps. 16:11, make known to me the path of life  
 36:9, with Thee is the fountain of life  
 89:47, Remember what my span of life is  
 133:3, LORD commanded . . . I forever  
 Prov. 3:16, Long life is in her right hand  
 8:35, he who finds me finds life  
 Matt. 6:25, do not be anxious for your life  
 6:27, cubit to his life's span  
 10:39, who has lost his life for my sake  
 16:25, whoever wishes to save his life  
 19:16, that I may obtain eternal life  
 20:28, give His life a ransom for many

Mark 8:35, wishes to save his life shall lose it  
 10:17, shall I do to inherit eternal life  
 13:20, no lie would have been saved

Luke 12:23, I am more than food

18:30, in the age to come, eternal life  
 John 4:36, gathering fruit for life eternal  
 5:21, Son also gives life to whom he wishes

5:24, passed out of death into life  
 6:35, I am the bread of life  
 10:11, shepherd lays down his life

11:25, I am the resurrection and the life  
 12:25, who loves his life loses it  
 14:6, the way, the truth, and the life  
 15:13, lay down his life for his friends  
 17:3, this is eternal life

20:31, you may have life in His name  
 Acts 3:15, put to death the Prince of life

Rom. 6:4, walk in the newness of life  
 6:23, gift of God is eternal life

8:11, give life to your mortal bodies

2 Cor. 3:6, but the Spirit gives life

Gal. 6:8, from the Spirit reap eternal life

Phil. 2:16, holding fast the word of life

4:3, names are in the book of life

Col. 3:4, Christ, who is our life

1 Tim. 2:2, a tranquil and quiet life

Titus 3:7, hope of eternal life

James 1:12, receive the crown of life

1 John 1:1, concerning the Word of life

5:12, who has the Son has life

Rev. 2:10, give you the crown of life

13:8, not been written . . . book of life of the Lamb

Deut. 32:39; Josh. 2:14; 1 Sam. 25:29; Job 10:1;

Ps. 22:20; 35:17; Prov. 4:13,23; Jer. 21:8;

31:12; 38:16; Ezek. 18:27; Dan. 12:2;

Luke 12:15; 15:24; Titus 3:3; Rev. 7:17

**LIFT**—*exalt, set, take* Num. 6:26, LORD I lift . . .

countenance

Ps. 3:3, the One who lifts my head

24:7, Lift up your heads, O gates

116:13, Lift up the cup of salvation

121:1, Lift up my eyes to the mountains

Is. 2:4, Nation will not lift up sword

John 3:14, Moses lifted up the serpent

Acts 1:9, He was lifted up

Gen. 13:14; Ex. 14:16; Job 38:34; Ps. 134:2;

Is. 5:26; 11:12; 13:2; 40:4; Luke 18:13

**LIGHT**—*dawn, lamp* Ex. 10:23; Job 18:5; 38:19

Gen. 1:3, Let there be light; and there was light

Ps. 4:6, I of Thy countenance upon us

27:1, my light and my salvation

119:105, a light to my path

Is. 2:5, let us walk in the light of the LORD

60:1, Arise, shine; for your light has come

Matt. 5:14, You are the light of the world

5:15, Nor do men light a lamp

6:22, whole body will be full of light

11:30, My load is light

Luke 2:32, LIGHT OF REVELATION TO THE GENTILES

16:8, more shrewd . . . than the sons of men

John 1:7, bear witness of the light

1:9, There was the true light

8:12, I am the light of the world

12:35, Walk while you have the light

1 Cor. 4:5, bring to light the things hidden

2 Cor. 4:4, I of the gospel of glory

Eph. 5:8, walk as the children of light

1 John 1:7, if we walk in the light as He

Prov. 4:18; Eccles. 11:7; Is. 5:20; Jer. 31:35;

Mic. 7:9; Matt. 10:27

**LIKE**—*desire* Luke 20:36,46**LIKENESS**—*image* Ex. 20:4; Deut. 4:16; Matt. 22:20

Gen. 1:26, in our image, according to our likeness

Rom. 8:3, in the likeness of sinful flesh

Phil. 2:7, made in the likeness of men

**LILY** Song 2:1, I of the valleys

Hos. 14:5, he will blossom like the lily

Matt. 6:28, Observe how the lilies of the field

**LIMIT**—*short* Num. 11:23, LORD'S power limited

Job 15:8, I wisdom to yourself

**LINE** Joel 2:7, they each march in a line

LINEN Gen. 41:42; Prov. 31:24; Jer. 13:1;

Mark 15:46; John 20:5; Rev. 19:14

**LINGER** 2 Sam. 1:9; Prov. 23:30

LINTEL Ex. 12:7, on the lintel of the houses

LION 1 Pet. 5:8, devil, prowls about like a roaring lion

Gen. 49:9; 1 Sam. 17:34; 1 Chr. 11:22;

Job 10:16; Ps. 7:2; 57:4; Prov. 28:1;

Eccles. 9:4; Rev. 9:8

**LISTEN**—*hear* Mark 4:3, Listen to this . . . sower

Mark 4:24, Take care what you listen to

John 6:60, who can listen to it

Eph. 1:13, Listening to the message of truth

Gen. 4:23; Ex. 18:19; 20:19; Deut. 4:30; 11:27;

Job 13:17; 35:13; 37:14; Prov. 23:22; 25:12;

Eccles. 5:1; Dan. 9:19; Amos 5:23

**LIT**—*enlighten* Ps. 97:4, His lightnings lit up the world**LITTLE**—*small* Ps. 8:5, a little lower than God

Ps. 37:16, Better is the little of the righteous

Prov. 6:10, I sleep, a little slumber, a little folding

15:16, a little with the fear of the LORD

16:8, Better is a little with righteousness

Is. 11:6, a little boy will lead them

Matt. 6:30, O men of little faith

Luke 7:47, he who is forgiven little, loves little

12:32, Do not be afraid, I flock

John 7:33, For a little while longer I am with you

1 Cor. 5:6, a little leaven leavens the whole lump

Heb. 2:7, FOR A LITTLE LOWER THAN THE LORD

Gen. 18:4; Judg. 4:19; 1 Sam. 2:19; Eccles. 5:12;

Song 2:15; Is. 28:10

**LIVE**—*abide, reside, stay* Gen. 3:22; 42:18;

Deut. 4:26

Deut. 8:3, man does not live by bread alone

- Job 19:25, my Redeemer I-s  
 Prov. 21:9, better to I in a corner of a roof  
 Hab. 2:4, righteous will I by his faith  
 Matt. 4:4, MAN SHALL NOT L ON BREAD ALONE  
 Mark 12:44, put in . . . all she had to I on  
 Luke 10:28, DO THIS, AND YOU WILL L  
 20:38, for all I to Him  
 John 11:25, who believes in Me shall I even if he dies  
 Rom. 1:17, RIGHTFOUS *man* SHALL L BY FAITH  
 8:12, to I according to the flesh  
 14:8, if we I, we I for the Lord  
 14:9, Christ died and I-d again  
 2 Cor. 5:15, no longer I for themselves  
 Gal. 2:20, no longer I who I, but Christ I-s in me  
 Phil. 1:21, to me, to I is Christ  
 James 4:15, If the Lord wills, we shall I  
 Job 7:16; Ps. 119:175; Is. 55:3; Jer. 49:18;  
 Ezek. 5:11; Matt. 12:45
- LIVING** Gen. 2:7, man became a I being  
 1 Kin. 3:25, Divide the I child in two  
 Matt. 16:16, Son of the I God  
 John 4:10, He would have given you I water  
 6:51, I am the I bread  
 7:38, rivers of I water  
 Acts 10:42, Judge of the I and the dead  
 Rom. 12:1, your bodies a . . . sacrifice  
 1 Cor. 15:45, Adam, BECAME A L SOUL  
 2 Cor. 6:16, temple of the I God  
 Heb. 4:12, word of God is I  
 Num. 16:48; Deut. 5:26; Job 28:13; Eccles. 7:2;  
 Dan. 6:26; 2 Pet. 2:8
- LOAD**—burden Matt. 11:30, My I is light  
 Matt. 23:4, they tie up heavy I-s
- LOAN**—lend  
 Deut. 23:19, or anything that may be I-ed
- LOATHE** Ps. 95:10; Amos 6:8
- LOATHSOME** Gen. 46:34, every shepherd is I to . . . Egyptians  
 Job 6:7, are like I food to me
- LOAVES** 1 Sam. 10:3, carrying three I of bread  
 Matt. 14:17, five I and two fish  
 Mark 6:52, the *incident* of the I
- LOBE** Ex. 29:13; Lev. 3:4,10,15
- LOCK**—shut Judg. 16:13; Deut. 33:25; Ezek. 44:20  
 Acts 5:23, prison-house I-ed quite securely
- LOCUST**—grasshopper Ex. 10:13; Lev. 11:22;  
 Judg. 6:5; 1 Kin. 8:37; Job 39:20; Prov. 30:27;  
 Joel 2:25; Nah. 3:17; Matt. 3:4
- LODGE** Job 19:4; 41:22  
 Ruth 1:16, where you I, I will I
- LOFTY** Is. 10:33, I will be abased
- LOG**—beam Eccles. 10:9; Luke 6:42  
 Matt. 7:5, first take the I from your own eye
- LOINS**—waist Ex. 12:11; 2 Kin. 4:29  
 Eph. 6:14, GIRDED YOUR L WITH TRUTH
- LONELY** Ps. 25:16, Be gracious . . . For I am I
- LONG**—length Ex. 2:3; 2 Sam. 3:1; Prov. 3:16  
 Matt. 23:14, for a pretense you make I prayers  
 1 Cor. 11:14, if a man has I hair  
 Eph. 6:3, LIVE L ON THE EARTH  
 Rev. 6:10, How I, O Lord
- LONG (v.)**—desire Job 3:21; Ps. 84:2  
 Luke 16:21, I-ing to be fed with the *crumbs*  
 Rom. 8:19, anxious I-ing of the creation  
 2 Cor. 5:2, I-ing to be clothed with our dwelling
- 1 Tim. 6:10, by I-ing for it have wandered away  
 1 Pet. 1:12, things into which angels I to look  
 2:2, like newborn babes, I for the pure milk
- LOOK**—see Ex. 3:6, he was afraid to I at God  
 Ps. 84:9, I upon the face of Thine anointed  
 Matt. 11:3, shall we I for someone else  
 14:19, and I-ing up toward heaven  
 Luke 2:38, I-ing for the redemption of Jerusalem  
 2:44, began I-ing for Him among their  
 9:62, hand to the plow and I-ing back  
 John 4:35, I on the fields  
 Acts 3:4, Peter . . . said, L at us  
 10:21, I am the one you are I-ing for  
 Gal. 6:1, I-ing to yourself, lest you  
 Phil. 2:4, do not . . . I out for your . . . interests  
 2 Pet. 3:13, I-ing for new heavens  
 Rev. 14:1, I I-ed, and behold, the Lamb  
 Gen. 19:17; Ex. 3:2; Job 35:5; Ps. 91:8; Luke 3;  
 Prov. 23:31; Eccles. 12:3; Is. 17:7; Luke 17:23
- LOOM** Judg. 16:14, pulled out the pin of the I
- LOOSE**—release Job 38:31, I the cords of Orion  
 Ps. 116:16, Thou hast I-d my bonds  
 Matt. 16:19, I on earth . . . I-d in heaven  
 Luke 15:13, his estate with I living
- LORD** 2 Cor. 1:24, Not that we I over your faith  
 2 Thess. 2:2, day of the L has come  
**LOSE** Joel 2:10, stars I their brightness  
 Matt. 10:39, who has found his life shall I it  
 16:25, save his life shall I it  
 Mark 9:41, he shall not I his reward
- LOSS**—damage Dan. 6:2; Acts 27:10  
 2 Cor. 7:9, you might not suffer I
- LOST**—perish Lev. 6:3; Ps. 119:176  
 Matt. 10:6, go to the I sheep of . . . Israel  
 18:11, come to save that which was I  
 Luke 15:24, he was I and has been found  
 John 6:12, fragments that nothing may be I
- LOT**—portion Lev. 16:8; Num. 26:55  
 Ps. 22:18, for my clothing they cast I-s  
 Prov. 1:14, Throw in your I with us  
 Jon. 1:7, cast I-s and the I fell on Jonah  
 John 19:24, Let us not tear it, but cast I-s for it  
 Acts 1:26, the I fell to Matthias
- LOUD**—great Rev. 21:3, I heard a I voice from the throne
- LOVE (v.)** Ex. 20:6; Neh. 13:26; Ps. 31:23;  
 Zech. 8:17  
 Lev. 19:18, you shall I your neighbor as yourself  
 Deut. 6:5, I the LORD your God with all  
 Prov. 3:12, whom the LORD I-s He reproves  
 8:17, I I those who I me  
 12:1, whoever I-s discipline I-s knowledge  
 17:17, friend I-s at all times  
 20:13, Do not I sleep  
 Eccles. 3:8, time to I, and a time to hate  
 Amos 5:15, Hate evil, I good  
 Matt. 5:44, I your enemies  
 6:5, for they I to stand  
 6:24, hate the one and I the other  
 22:39, L YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF  
 Luke 6:27, I your enemies  
 John 3:16, God so I-d the world  
 2 Cor. 9:7, God I-s a cheerful giver  
 Eph. 5:2, walk in I, just as Christ I-d you

**LOVE (v.)** (Continued)

Col. 3:19, Husbands, I your wives  
 Titus 2:4, I their husbands, to I their children  
 James 2:8, I YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF  
 1 John 4:7, let us I one another . . . every one  
 who I-s

**LOVE (m.)** Prov. 10:12, I covers all transgressions  
 Matt. 24:12, most people's I will grow cold  
 John 4:7, I is from God  
 13:35, if you have I for one another  
 15:13, Greater I has no one than this  
 Rom. 12:9, Let I be without hypocrisy  
 1 Cor. 13:1, do not have I  
 14:1, Pursue I  
 Gal. 5:13, through I serve one another  
 Col. 3:14, beyond . . . *put on* I  
 1 Tim. 1:5, our instruction is I  
 6:10, I of money is a root of . . . evil  
 2 Tim. 2:22, righteousness, faith, I  
 Heb. 13:1, Let I of the brethren continue  
 1 Pet. 4:8, I covers a multitude of sins  
 2 Pet. 1:7, brotherly kindness . . . Christian I  
 3 John 6, your I before the church  
 Jude 21, keep yourselves in the I of God  
 Rev. 2:4, you have left your first I  
 Gen. 29:20; 2 Sam. 1:26

**LOVELY**—*beautiful* Song 1:5, I am black but I  
 Is. 52:7, How I on the mountains

**LOVINGKINDNESS**—*compassion, mercy*  
 Ezra 3:11, His I is upon Israel forever  
 Ps. 86:15, a God . . . abundant in I  
 89:1, I will sing of the I of the LORD  
 117:2, His I is great toward us

**LOW** 1 Sam. 2:7, He brings I, He also exalts  
 Ps. 8:5, hast made him a little I-er than God  
 Jer. 9:10, I-ing of the cattle

**LOWLIEST** Dan. 4:17, And sets it over the I of  
 men

**LOWLY** Job 5:11; Ps. 138:6  
 Rom. 12:16, associate with the I

**LOYALTY** 2 Sam. 16:17; Prov. 20:6

**LUMP**—*cake* Rom. 11:16, *dough* be holy, the I  
 is also  
 1 Cor. 5:6, leavens the whole I of *dough*  
 5:7, that you may be a new I

**LUNCH**—*dinner* Luke 11:37, Pharisee asked  
 Him to have I

**LURK** Prov. 7:12, And I-s by every corner

**LUST**—*desire* Matt. 5:28, looks on a woman to I  
 for her  
 Rom. 13:14, no provision . . . regard to *its* I-s  
 James 4:2, You I and do not have  
 1 John 2:16, I of the flesh . . . I of the eyes  
 Jude 16, following after their own I-s

**LUXURIANT** Ps. 37:35; Hos. 10:1

**LUXURIOUS** James 5:5, lived I-ly on the earth

**LUXURY** Prov. 19:10, I is not fitting for a fool  
 Luke 7:25, live in I are *found* in royal palaces

**LYING** Prov. 6:17, Haughty eyes, a I tongue  
 Prov. 12:22, I lips are an abomination

**LYRE**—*harp* Gen. 4:21; Ps. 57:8; Is. 5:12

**M**

**MAD**—*insane* Eccles. 2:2, It is **m-ness**  
 Acts 26:24, learning is driving you **m**  
**MADE** Gen. 1:7, God **m** the expanse  
 Ps. 8:5, **m** him a little lower than God  
 119:73, Thy hands **m** me  
 Eccles. 7:29, that God **m** men upright  
 Matt. 9:22, your faith has **m** you well

2 Cor. 5:21, **m** Him who knew no sin to be sin  
 Eph. 3:7, of which I was **m** a minister  
 Heb. 6:4, **m** partakers of the Holy Spirit  
 Ex. 4:11; Job 4:14; 17:6

**MAGI**—*wise* Matt. 2:1, **m** from the east arrived  
 Matt. 2:7, Herod secretly called the **m**  
 2:16, been tricked by the **m**

**MAGIC** Acts 19:19, those who practiced **m**

**MAGNIFICENT**—*gorgeous*  
 Ezek. 23:12, **m-ly** dressed, horsemen

**MAGNIFY** Ps. 34:3, O **m** the LORD with me  
 Acts 19:17, name . . . Jesus was being **m-ed**  
 Rom. 11:13, I **m** my ministry  
 2 Sam. 7:26; Job 7:17; Eccles. 1:16

**MAGNITUDE**—*greatness*  
 Jer. 13:22, the **m** of your iniquity

**MAID** Prov. 30:19, way of a man with a **m**  
 Gen. 16:6; Ruth 2:8; 3:9

**MAIDEN** Judg. 5:30; Job 41:5; Ps. 68:25

**MAINTAIN** Rom. 3:28, we **m** that a man is  
 justified

**MAJESTIC**—*excellent* Ps. 8:1, Lord, How **m** is  
 Thy name  
 Ps. 16:3; 2 Pet. 1:17

**MAJESTY**—*dignity, excellence*  
 Ps. 93:1, He is clothed with **m**  
 Is. 53:2, no *stately* form or **m**  
 Heb. 1:3, right hand of the **M** on high  
 Jude 25, glory, **m**, dominion and authority  
 Job 37:22; Is. 35:2; 2 Pet. 2:10; Jude 8

**MAKE** Gen. 1:26, Let Us **m** man in Our image  
 Gen. 2:18, **m** him a helper suitable for him  
 Ps. 25:4, **M** me know Thy ways, O LORD  
 Jer. 18:3, he was, **m-ing** something on the  
 wheel  
 Matt. 3:3, **M** READY THE WAY OF THE LORD  
 4:19, I will **m** you fishers of men  
 5:34, **m** no oath at all  
 John 1:23, **M** STRAIGHT THE WAY OF THE LORD  
 James 4:13, engage in business and **m** a profit  
 2 Pet. 1:10, **m** certain about His calling and  
 Ex. 20:4,25; Deut. 8:18; Job 17:12; Luke 12:33;  
 Rom. 10:19

**MAKER** Job 4:17; 35:10; Is. 17:7; 54:5; Jer. 10:16

**MALE** Gen. 5:2, He created them **m** and female  
 Matt. 1:16, slew all the **m** children  
 19:4, MADE THEM **M** AND FEMALE  
 Gen. 34:25; Deut. 4:16; Gal. 3:28

**MALICE**—*wickedness*  
 Matt. 22:18, Jesus perceived their **m**  
 1 Pet. 2:1, putting aside all **m**  
 1 Cor. 5:8; Eph. 4:31; Col. 3:8

**MALICIOUS**—*false* Ex. 23:1, to be a **m** witness  
 2 Tim. 3:3, **m** gossips, without

**MALIGN**—*speak* Titus 3:2, to **m** no one

**MAN**—*fellow, person, self* Gen. 1:26; 4:23  
 Gen. 3:22, the **m** has become like one of Us  
 Job 5:7, For **m** is born for trouble  
 Ps. 1:1, blessed is the **m** who does not walk in  
 the  
 Matt. 4:4, **M** SHALL NOT LIVE ON BREAD ALONE  
 8:20, Son of **M** has nowhere to lay  
 26:61, This **m** stated, I am able to destroy  
 26:71, This **m** was with Jesus  
 Mark 2:27, not **m** for the Sabbath  
 10:25, for a rich **m** to enter  
 Luke 6:45, The good **m** . . . the evil **m**  
 9:22, The Son of **M** must suffer  
 22:59, this **m** also was with Him  
 23:2, found this **m** misleading our nation



- John 1:6, a **m**, sent from God  
3:4, How can a **m** be born when  
19:5, Behold, the **M**  
1 Cor. 13:11, when I became a **m**  
15:21, by a **m** *came* death  
Eph. 4:13, to a mature **m**  
James 1:8, a double-minded **m**, unstable in  
Lev. 16:21; Num. 12:3; 1 Sam. 16:17; 1 Kin.  
2:2; 2 Kin. 5:8; Job 14:1; 25:6; 33:12; Ps.  
19:5; 37:37; Prov. 3:4; Eccles. 4:8; Is. 2:22;  
Matt. 26:2; John 7:12; 9:29; Acts 17:5;  
2 Cor. 12:2
- MANAGE**—*rule* 1 Tim. 3:5, how to **m** his own  
household  
**MANGER** Job 39:9; Prov. 14:4; Is. 1:3  
**MANIFEST**—*reveal* John 17:6; Rom. 10:20;  
Col. 1:26  
**MANIFOLD**—*various* Eph. 3:10, the **m** wisdom  
of God  
1 Pet. 4:10, the **m** grace of God  
**MANKIND** 2 Chr. 6:18; Job 4:17  
**MANNER** Gen. 18:11; 31:35  
**MANTLE**—*garment* Heb. 1:12, AS A **M** THOU  
WILT ROLL THEM UP  
1 Kin. 19:19; Is. 59:17  
**MANURE**—*refuse*  
Luke 14:35, for the soil or for the **m** pile  
**MANY**—*multitude* Ps. 104:24, how **m** are Thy  
works  
Song 8:7, **M** waters cannot quench love  
Jer. 14:7, our apostasies have been **m**  
Matt. 7:22, **M** will say to Me on that day  
22:14, **m** are called, but few  
Luke 7:47, her sins, which are **m**  
21:8, **m** will come in My name  
John 14:2, house are **m** dwelling places  
Acts 2:43, **m** wonders and signs  
Rom. 12:4, **m** members in one body  
1 Cor. 11:30, **m** ... are weak ... a number  
sleep  
James 3:1, **m** of you become teachers  
Jude 14, **m** thousands of His holy ones  
Rev. 1:15, sound of **m** waters  
Gen. 16:10; 1 Kin. 11:1; Job 13:23; Ps. 7:4;  
71:7; Prov. 14:20
- MARCH**—*walk* Joel 2:8, **m** every one in his  
path  
Nah. 2:5, stumble in their **m**  
**MARK** Ps. 37:37, **M** the blameless  
2 Thess. 3:17, a distinguishing **m** in every  
letter  
Rev. 14:9, receives a **m** on his forehead  
19:20, **m** of the beast
- MARKET PLACES**  
Matt. 11:16, like children sitting in the **m**  
Mark 6:56, laying the sick in the **m**
- MARRIAGE** Matt. 22:30, marry, are given in **m**  
Heb. 13:4, Let **m** be held in honor  
Rev. 19:7, **m** of the Lamb has come
- MARRY** Matt. 5:32, whoever **m**-es a divorced  
woman  
Matt. 19:9, **m**-es another commits adultery  
19:10, it is better not to **m**  
Mark 12:25, they neither **m**, nor  
Luke 20:34, sons of this age **m**  
1 Cor. 7:9, better to **m** than to burn  
1 Tim. 5:11, widows ... want to get **m**-ed
- MARVEL**—*wonder* Ps. 71:7, I have become a **m**  
to many
- Matt. 8:10, when Jesus heard *this*, He **m**-ed  
15:31, the multitude **m**-ed  
Mark 5:20, and everyone **m**-ed  
John 3:7, Do not **m** that I said to you  
1 Pet. 2:9, out of darkness into His **m**-ous  
light  
Rev. 15:3, GREAT AND **M**-OUS ARE THY WORKS  
**MASSAH**—*temptation* Ps. 95:8, in the day  
of **M**  
**MASTER**—*dominion, teacher* Job 3:19;  
Eph. 6:5  
Matt. 6:24, No one can serve two **m**-s  
10:24, nor a slave above his **m**  
Rom. 6:9, death no longer is **m** over Him  
1 Cor. 3:10, as a wise **m**-builder I laid  
**MATERIAL** Deut. 22:11, not wear a **m** mixed  
... together  
1 Cor. 9:11, we should reap **m** things  
**MATTER** Gen. 21:17; 30:15; 1 Sam. 11:5; 21:8  
**MEAN**—*thought* Gen. 50:20, **m**-t evil against  
me  
Ex. 34:7, by no **m**-s leave *the guilty*  
unpunished  
Matt. 9:13, go and learn what this **m**-s  
Acts 17:20, know ... what these things **m**  
1 Cor. 14:11, do not know the **m**-ing of the  
language  
Gal. 5:6, neither circumcision ... **m**-s  
anything
- MEANINGLESS**—*vain*  
Matt. 6:7, do not use **m** repetition
- MEASURE** Eph. 4:7, according to the **m** of  
Christ's gift  
Rev. 21:16, **m**-d the city with the rod  
Gen. 18:6; Deut. 25:15; 2 Kin. 7:1; Ps. 80:5;  
Matt. 7:2
- MEAT**—*flesh* Ex. 16:3; Deut. 12:20
- MEDDLER**—*busybody*  
1 Pet. 4:15, troublesome **m**
- MEDIATOR** Gal. 3:19, by the agency of a **m**  
Gal. 3:20, a **m** is not for one *party*  
1 Tim. 2:5, one **m** also between God and men  
Heb. 8:6, **m** of a better covenant  
12:24, to Jesus the **m** of a new covenant
- MEDITATE** Gen. 24:63, Isaac went out to **m**  
Ps. 1:2, in His law he **m**-s day and night  
19:14, **m**-ion of my heart
- MEDIUM** Lev. 19:31; 1 Sam. 28:7
- MEETING**—*congregation* Acts 13:43, **m** at the  
synagogue had
- MELODY** Is. 51:3, sound of a **m**  
Eph. 5:19, making **m** with your heart
- MELT**—*dissolve* Josh. 2:11; Ps. 46:6; 75:3; 97:5;  
Is. 14:31
- MEMBER** Matt. 10:25, how much more the **m**-s  
... household  
1 Cor. 6:15, your bodies are **m**-s of Christ  
12:12, the body ... has many **m**-s  
12:14, body is not one **m**, but many
- MEMORIAL** Ex. 3:15; 17:14; Josh. 4:7; Acts 10:4  
**MEMORY** Prov. 10:7, **m** of the righteous is  
blessed  
Matt. 26:13, spoken of in **m** of her  
Job 18:17; Ps. 9:6; 109:15
- MEN** Ps. 116:11, All **m** are liars  
Mark 1:17, I will make you ... fishers of **m**  
Luke 20:4, from heaven or from **m**  
1 Thess. 2:4, not as pleasing **m** but God  
Gen. 6:1; 1 Sam 4:9; Job 11:3; Ps. 26:4; 82:7;  
Matt. 10:17; Mark 6:21

- MENTION** Ps. 71:16; Is. 63:7; Rom. 1:9,10
- MERCHANDISE** John 2:16, My Father's house a house of **m**
- MERCHANT** 1 Kin. 10:28; Hos. 12:7; Rev. 18:3
- MERCY—compassion**  
2 Sam. 24:14, for His **m-es** are great  
Matt. 5:7, for they shall receive **m**  
18:33, I had **m** on you  
Rom. 9:15, **M** ON WHOM I HAVE **M**  
12:1, by the **m-es** of God  
1 Cor. 7:25, as one who by the **m** of the **LORD**  
Eph. 2:4, God, being rich in **m**  
James 5:11, full of compassion and is **m-ful**
- MERRY—joyful** Eccles. 8:15, drink and be **m**  
Luke 12:19, eat, drink and be **m**  
15:29, make **m** with my friends
- MESSAGE—tidings, word, report, speech**  
Luke 4:32, His **m** was with authority  
Acts 20:7, his **m** until midnight  
Judg. 3:19,20; Jer. 49:14; Is. 53:1; Luke 4:36
- MESSENGER** Matt. 11:10, **MY M BEFORE YOUR FACE**  
2 Cor. 12:7, a **m** of Satan  
2 Kin. 6:32; Hag. 1:13
- MESSIAH—Lord, Christ** John 1:41, found the **M**
- MIDDLE** Josh. 12:2; Ruth 3:8; Prov. 30:19
- MIDNIGHT** Ps. 119:6; Matt. 25:6; Acts 16:25; 20:7
- MIDST—middle, within**  
Matt. 10:16, sheep in the **m** of  
18:20, there I am in their **m**  
Luke 17:21, kingdom of God is in your **m**  
24:36, He Himself stood in their **m**  
John 20:26, Jesus . . . stood in their **m**
- MIGHT** Job 39:19, give the horse his **m**  
Zech. 4:6, Not by **m** or by power  
Acts 19:20, word . . . was growing **m-ily**  
Eph. 1:19, working of the strength of His **m**  
Col. 1:29, which **m-ily** works within me  
Gen. 49:3; Deut. 6:5; Judg. 5:31; 2 Sam. 6:14; Eccles. 9:10; Jer. 9:23
- MIGHTY** 2 Sam. 1:19, How the **m** have fallen  
Ps. 24:8, strong and **m . . . m** in battle  
89:13, Thy hand is **m**  
Jer. 48:17, How has the **m** scepter been broken  
Joel 3:10, weak say, I am a **m** man  
Mic. 4:3, decisions for **m**, distant nations  
Luke 24:19, prophet **m** in deed and word  
Acts 2:11, the **m** deeds of God  
18:24, **m** in the Scriptures  
2 Cor. 13:3, but **m** in you  
1 Pet. 5:6, the **m** hand of God  
Gen. 6:4; 10:9; Deut. 10:17; Is. 19:4; 63:1; Jer. 32:18
- MILE** Luke 24:13; John 11:18; Rev. 14:20
- MILK** Ex. 3:8, land flowing with **m** and honey  
1 Cor. 3:2, I gave you **m** to drink  
Heb. 5:12, you have come to need **m**  
1 Pet. 2:2, pure **m** of the word  
Gen. 49:12; Judg. 4:19; Job 10:10; Prov. 30:33
- MIND—heart** Ps. 7:9, tries the hearts and **m-s**  
Mark 5:15, and in his right **m**  
Acts 28:6, changed their **m-s**  
Rom. 1:28, over to a depraved **m**  
8:7, **m** set on the flesh is hostile  
1 Cor. 1:10, complete in the same **m**  
2 Cor. 13:11, be **like-m-ed**, live in peace
- Phil. 2:2, being of the same **m**  
2:3, with humility of **m** let each  
Col. 3:2, Set your **m** on  
James 1:8, a **double-m-ed** man  
1 Pet. 1:13, gird your **m-s** for action  
Gen. 40:14; Ps. 31:12; Is. 46:8; Jer. 17:10; Dan. 4:16; Rom. 14:5; 1 Tim. 6:5; 2 Pet. 1:15
- MINISTER** Is. 61:6; Eph. 3:7
- MINISTRY—service** 1 Cor. 12:5; 2 Cor. 9:12  
Acts 6:4, to the **m** of the word  
2 Cor. 5:18, **m** of reconciliation  
Col. 4:17, Take heed to the **m**  
2 Tim. 4:5, fulfill your **m**  
Heb. 8:6, obtained a more excellent **m**
- MIRACLE—marvel, sign, mighty**  
Matt. 11:21, if the **m-s** had occurred in Tyre  
Ex. 34:10; Mark 6:5; 1 Cor. 12:10
- MIRROR** 1 Cor. 13:12, we see in a **m** dimly  
James 1:23, his natural face in a **m**  
Ex. 38:8; Job 37:18; Is. 3:23; Rev. 4:6
- MISCARRIAGE** Ex. 21:22, so that she has a **m**
- MISCARRY—young** Ex. 23:26, no one **m-ing**
- MISCHIEF** Job 15:35, They conceive **m**
- MISERY** Job 10:15; Rom. 3:16
- MISGIVING** Acts 10:20, accompany them without **m-s**
- MISGUIDE** Heb. 5:2, deal gently with the ignorant and **m-d**
- MISLEAD** Deut. 27:18, **m-s** a blind person  
Job 12:16, misled and the **m-er** belong to Him  
Matt. 24:24, so as to **m . . .** even the elect
- MISSILE** Eph. 6:16, flaming **m-s** of the evil one
- MISTAKE** Eccles. 5:6; Matt. 22:29; Mark 12:24
- MISTREAT—wrong** Jer. 22:3, do not **m** or do violence  
Matt. 22:6; Luke 18:32; Acts 7:19
- MIX** Deut. 22:11; Prov. 23:30; Dan. 2:41; Rev. 18:6
- MOCK** Prov. 14:9, Fools **m** at sin  
Prov. 20:1, Wine is a **m-er**  
Gal. 6:7, God is not **m-ed**  
2 Kin. 2:23; Job 8:19; 30:1; Hab. 1:10; Matt. 27:29
- MODE** Judg. 13:12, shall be the boy's **m** of life
- MODEL** 2 Thess. 3:9, offer ourselves as a **m**
- MOMENT—instant** Ps. 30:5, His anger is for a **m**  
Job 34:20, In a **m** they die  
1 Cor. 15:52, in a **m**, in the twinkling of an
- MONEY—gain** Gen. 43:12; Deut. 21:14  
Eccles. 5:10, who loves **m** will not be satisfied  
10:19, **m** is the answer to everything  
Matt. 21:12, tables of the **m-changers**  
Mark 6:8, no **m** in their belt  
Luke 19:23, why . . . not put the **m . . .** bank  
1 Tim. 3:3, free from the love of **m**  
6:10, love of **m** is a root . . . of evil  
2 Kin. 5:26; Eccles. 7:12; Jer. 32:25; Amos 2:6
- MONEYLENDER—creditor**  
Luke 7:41, certain **m** had two
- MONGREL** Zech. 9:6, a **m** race
- MONSTER** Gen. 1:21, created the great sea **m-s**  
Job 7:12, sea, or the sea **m**  
Ezek. 32:2, **m** in the seas
- MOON—crescent** Matt. 24:29, **M WILL NOT GIVE ITS LIGHT**  
Luke 21:25, signs in the sun and **m**  
Gen. 37:9; Josh. 10:12; 1 Sam. 20:5; Job 31:26; Ps. 136:9; Song 6:10; Is. 1:13; Joel 2:31; Acts 2:20

- MORALS** 1 Cor. 15:33, Bad company corrupts good **m**
- MORNING**—*early* Job 38:7, **m** stars sang together  
2 Pet. 1:19, the **m** star arises in your hearts  
Rev. 22:16, the bright **m** star  
Gen. 19:15; Ex. 8:20; Deut. 28:67; Ps. 55:17; Eccles. 11:6
- MORSEL**—*piece* Job 31:17; Prov 17:1
- MORTAL** Rom. 6:12, sin reign in your **m** body  
Rom. 8:11, give life to your **m** bodies  
1 Cor. 15:53, **m** . . . put on immortality  
2 Cor. 4:11, manifested in our **m** flesh
- MOST**—*many, very* Matt. 24:12, **m** people's love will grow  
2 Cor. 11:5, least inferior to the **m** eminent
- MOTHER** Gen. 2:24, leave his father . . . **m**  
Ex. 20:12, Honor your father and your **m**  
Matt. 1:18, When His **m** Mary . . . betrothed  
2:11, Child with Mary His **m**  
2:13, **m** and flee to Egypt  
19:19, HONOR YOUR FATHER AND **M**  
John 19:27, the disciple, Behold, your **m**  
Heb. 7:3, Without father, without **m**  
Gen. 3:20; 17:16; Ex. 22:30; Lev. 22:27; Deut. 22:6; Job 17:14; Ezek. 16:44; Hos. 2:2; Matt. 12:48
- MOTION** Ex. 15:16; Acts 12:17
- MOTIVES**—*thought* 1 Cor. 4:5, **m** of men's hearts  
James 2:4, judges with evil **m**
- MOUND**—*bank* 2 Sam. 20:15, a **m** against the city
- MOUNTAINS** Ps. 121:1, will lift up my eyes to the **m**  
Is. 5:25; Mic. 1:4
- MOUNTED** Zech. 9:9, **m** on a donkey  
Matt. 21:5, GENTLE, AND **M** UPON A DONKEY
- MOURN**—*weep, wail*  
Is. 61:2, To comfort all who **m**  
Matt. 2:18, WEeping AND GREAT **M**-ING  
5:4, Blessed are those who **m**  
Luke 6:25, for you shall **m** and weep  
James 4:9, laughter be turned into **m**-ing  
Rev. 1:7, TRIBES . . . **M** OVER HIM  
Gen. 37:35; Deut. 21:13; Jer. 9:17; 15:5; 2 Cor. 12:21
- MOUTH**—*speech* Ps. 19:14, the words of my **m**  
Ps. 39:1, guard my **m** as with a muzzle  
Prov. 13:3, who guards his **m** preserves  
Song 4:3, your **m** is comely  
Matt. 4:4, PROCEEDS OUT OF THE **M** OF GOD  
13:35, OPEN **MY M** IN PARABLES  
Acts 3:21, **m** of His holy prophets  
James 3:3, put the bits . . . horses' **m**-s  
Ex. 4:11; Judg. 7:6; Job 8:21; 15:6; Ps. 8:2; 71:15; Prov. 4:24
- MOVE** 2 Chr. 16:9, eyes of the **LORD m**  
Mark 1:41, **m**-d with compassion, He stretched  
Acts 17:28, in Him we live and **m**  
2 Pet. 1:21, **m**-d by the Holy Spirit  
Gen. 1:2; Deut. 19:14; 1 Sam. 1:13; Jer. 4:24
- MUCH** Prov. 25:27, not good to eat **m** honey  
Prov. 29:1, hardens his neck after **m** reproof  
Eccles. 1:18, in **m** wisdom there is **m** grief  
Luke 7:47, for she loved **m**  
16:10, faithful also in **m**
- MULTIPLY** Gen. 1:22; Ex. 32:13; Deut. 6:3
- MULTITUDE** Matt. 14:15, send the **m**-s away  
Luke 23:27, following Him a great **m**  
James 5:20, cover a **m** of sins  
1 Pet. 4:8, love covers a **m** of sins  
Gen. 17:4; Ex. 23:2; Deut. 1:10
- MURDER** Ex. 20:13, You shall not **m**  
Rom. 1:29, full of envy, **m**, strife  
Matt. 5:21; 19:18
- MURDERER** Num. 35:16; John 8:44; Acts 28:4; 1 John 3:15
- MURMUR** Ps. 55:17, I will complain and **m**
- MUSIC** 1 Sam. 18:6; Luke 15:25
- MUST**—*ought* Acts 5:29, We **m** obey God
- MUZZLE** Deut. 25:4, not **m** the ox while  
1 Cor. 9:9, 1 Tim. 5:18, NOT **M** THE OX WHILE
- MYRRH** Matt. 2:11, frankincense and **m**  
John 19:39, mixture of **m** and aloes  
Gen. 43:11; Ps. 45:8; Song 5:13
- MYSTERY**—*secret* Dan. 4:9, no **m** baffles you  
Matt. 13:11, **m**-es of the kingdom  
1 Cor. 2:7, God's wisdom in a **m**  
4:1, stewards of the **m**-es  
13:2, know all **m**-es . . . knowledge  
Eph. 3:9, administration of the **m**  
6:19, the **m** of the gospel  
1 Tim. 3:9, the **m** of the faith
- MYTHS**—*fables* 1 Tim. 1:4, pay attention to **m**  
Titus 1:14, paying attention to Jewish **m**

## N

- NAILS** John 20:25, in His hands the imprint of **n**  
Deut. 21:12; Dan. 4:33
- NAIVE**—*simple* Prov. 14:15, **n** believes everything
- NAKED**—*bare* Gen. 2:25; Job 1:21; 26:6; Matt. 25:36
- NAME**—*appoint* Job 1:21, Blessed be the **n** of the **LORD**  
Ps. 8:1, How majestic is Thy **n**  
18:49, sing praises to Thy **n**  
72:17, his **n** endure forever . . . **n** increase  
102:15, nations will fear the **n** of the **LORD**  
111:9, Holy and awesome is His **n**  
Prov. 22:1, good **n** is to be more desired  
Matt. 6:9, Hallowed be Thy **n**  
10:2, **n**-s of the twelve apostles are  
18:5, one such child in My **n**  
Mark 5:9, My **n** is Legion; for we are many  
Luke 21:8, many will come in My **n**  
John 15:16, you ask of the Father in My **n**  
Acts 3:16, on the basis of faith in His **n**  
4:12, no other **n** under heaven  
Phil. 2:9, **n** which is above every **n**  
4:3, whose **n**-s are in the book of life  
Gen. 3:20; 30:28; Ex. 20:7; Deut. 29:20; Neh. 9:10; Prov. 30:9; Is. 42:8; 48:2; 57:15; Matt. 10:22; Eph. 1:21; 3 John 14
- NARROW**—*strait* Matt. 7:13, Enter by the **n** gate
- NATION**—*generation, Gentile*  
Ps. 33:12, Blessed is the **n** whose God  
Prov. 14:34, Righteousness exalts a **n**  
Is. 2:4, **N** will not lift up sword against **n**  
Matt. 24:7, **n** will rise against **n**  
28:19, Go . . . make disciples of all the **n**-s  
Acts 2:5, devout men, from every **n**  
Gal. 3:8, ALL THE **N**-S SHALL BE BLESSED  
Rev. 5:9, and tongue and people and **n**

**NATION** (*Continued*)

Gen. 12:2; 20:4; Ex. 19:6; Lev. 26:33; Ps. 2:1; 102:15; Is. 18:2; 52:15; 66:19; Jer. 51:58; John 11:50; Rev. 11:2

**NATIVE** Acts 24:4; 28:2**NATURAL** Rom. 1:26, exchanged the **n** function

1 Cor. 15:44, it is sown a **n** body

**NATURE** 1 Cor. 11:14, Does not even **n** itself teach

2 Pet. 1:4, partakers of the divine **n**

**NEAR**—*close* Ps. 34:18, **n** to the brokenhearted

Ps. 145:18, **n** to all who call upon Him

Mark 13:28, you know that the summer is **n**

Eph. 2:13, brought **n** by the blood of Christ

Phil. 4:5, The Lord is **n**

Heb. 10:22, draw **n** with a sincere heart

James 4:8, Draw **n** to God and He will draw **n**

Ex. 19:22; Deut. 4:7; Ps. 22:11; Prov. 27:10;

Joel 3:14

**NECESSARY**—*need*

Luke 10:42, *only* a few things are **n**

24:26, Was it not **n** for the Christ to suffer

**NECK** Gen. 27:16; Ex. 13:13; Deut. 28:48; Prov. 3:3; Matt. 18:6**NEED**—*want* Prov. 25:16, Eat *only* what you **n**

Matt. 6:8, your Father knows what you **n**

9:12, not . . . healthy who **n** a physician

21:3, The Lord has **n** of them

Luke 15:14, he began to be in **n**

Phil. 4:19, God shall supply all your **n**-s

Heb. 4:16, help in time of **n**

1 John 3:17, beholds his brother in **n**

Rev. 3:17, have **n** of nothing

1 Cor. 12:21; 1 Thess. 4:12

**NEEDLESS** Gal. 2:21, then Christ died **n**-ly**NEEDY** Ps. 9:18, **n** will not always be forgotten

Ps. 72:13, compassion on the poor and **n**

Is. 14:30, **n** will lie down in security

Ex. 23:6; Deut. 15:11; Job 29:16; Ps.

40:17; 69:33

**NEGLECT**—*forget*

Matt. 6:16, they **n** their appearance

Luke 15:29, I have never **n**-ed a command

Heb. 13:2,16

**NEGLIGENCE**—*error* Dan. 6:4, no **n** or corruption was to *be***NEGLIGENT** Prov. 10:4, works with a **n** hand**NEIGHBOR**—*fellow-citizen*

Lev. 19:18, you shall love your **n**

Prov. 3:29, Do not devise harm against your **n**

27:10, Better is a **n** who is near

Hab. 2:15, who make your **n**-s drink

Matt. 5:43, YOU SHALL LOVE YOUR **N**

Luke 10:29, who is my **n**

**NEST**—*lodge* Matt. 8:20, birds have **n**-s

Luke 13:19, birds . . . **n**-ed in its branches

Num. 24:21; Deut. 32:11; Jer. 49:16; Obad. 4

**NET** Job 19:6; Ps. 57:6; Is. 51:20; Matt. 13:47**NEVER** Matt. 7:23, I **n** knew you

John 4:14, of the water . . . shall **n** thirst

7:46, **N** did a man speak the way

8:51, he shall **n** see death

Heb. 13:5, I WILL **N** DESERT YOU

Deut. 15:11; Job 3:16; Ps. 31:1

**NEW** Lev. 23:14, roasted grain nor **n** growth

Ps. 33:3, Sing to Him a **n** song

Eccles. 1:9, nothing **n** under the sun

Is. 65:17, create **n** heavens and a **n** earth

Ezek. 11:19, put a **n** spirit within them

John 13:34, A **n** commandment I give to you

2 Cor. 5:17, a **n** creature . . . **n** things have

come

Eph. 4:24, put on the **n** self

Rev. 21:1, a **n** heaven and a **n** earth

**NEWS**—*tidings* Gen. 29:13, heard the **n** of Jacob

2 Kin. 7:9, day is a day of good **n**

Is. 52:7, feet of him who brings good **n**

Luke 2:10, good **n** of a great joy

1 Thess. 3:6, good **n** of your faith

Matt. 14:1; Mark 1:28,45; Prov. 15:30

**NIGHT** Ex. 13:21, a pillar of fire by **n**

Ps. 19:2, **n** to **n** reveals knowledge

91:5, not be afraid of the terror by **n**

Is. 21:11, Watchman, how far gone is the **n**

Luke 2:8, watch over their flock by **n**

John 9:4, **n** is coming, when no man can work

Rom. 13:12, **n** is almost gone

2 Cor. 11:27, through many sleepless **n**-s

1 Thess. 5:2, like a thief in the **n**

Gen. 1:5; Josh. 1:8; Job 17:12

**NOBLE** Ps. 45:9; Prov. 8:6**NOISE**—*sound* Is. 22:2, You who were full of **n**

Jer. 50:22, **n** of the battle is in the land

Acts 2:2, came from heaven a **n**

1 Cor. 13:1, have become a **n**-y gong

**NONSENSE** Luke 24:11, words appeared . . . as **n****NOSTRIL** Ezek. 16:12, put a ring in your **n****NOTHING** Job 26:7, hangs the earth on **n**

Ps. 49:17, he will carry **n** away

Prov. 13:7, pretends to be rich, but has **n**

John 15:5, apart from Me you can do **n**

1 Cor. 4:4, conscious of **n** against myself

Gal. 6:3, thinks he is something when he is **n**

Phil. 4:6, Be anxious for **n**

1 Tim. 4:7, have **n** to do with worldly fables

Ex. 21:11; Lam. 1:12; Luke 6:35

**NOTICE**—*visit* Jer. 15:15, Remember me, take **n** of me

Matt. 6:1, righteousness . . . to be **n**-d by them

Matt. 7:3; Luke 6:41

**NOURISH** 1 Tim. 4:6, **n**-ed on the words of the faith**NULLIFY** Rom. 3:3; 4:14; Gal. 2:21; 3:17**NUMBER**—*measure, count* Num. 1:3; Job

14:16; Ps. 139:18; Matt. 10:30; 2 Cor. 11:23

**NURSE** Gen. 35:8; Ex. 2:7; Num. 11:12;

1 Thess. 2:7

**O****OAK** 2 Sam. 18:10; Is. 1:30; Amos 2:9**OATH**—*vow* Gen. 26:3; Josh. 2:20; Acts 23:12**OBEDIENCE** Rom. 16:26, to **o** of faith

2 Cor. 10:5, to the **o** of Christ

Heb. 5:8, He learned **o** from the things

**OBEDIENT** 2 Cor. 2:9, whether you are **o** in all things

Phil. 2:8, **o** to the point of death

1 Pet. 1:14, As **o** children

**OBEY**—*follow* Ps. 103:20, **O**-ing the voice of His word

Matt. 8:27, the winds and the sea **o** Him

Acts 5:29, **o** God rather than men

Eph. 6:1, Children, **o** your parents

- Heb. 11:8, By faith Abraham . . . **o-ed**  
13:17, **O** your leaders  
1 Pet. 1:2, that you may **o** Jesus Christ  
Ex. 19:5; Josh. 1:17; 1 Sam. 15:22; Is. 1:19
- OBLIGATE** Matt. 23:16, whoever swears by the gold . . . **o-d**
- OBLIGATION** Num. 32:22, be free of **o** toward the **LORD**  
Rom. 1:14, I am under **o** both to Greeks  
8:12, we are under **o**, not to the flesh  
Gal. 5:3, he is under **o** to keep the whole Law
- OBSCURE** Prov. 22:29; Luke 23:45
- OBSERVE**—*keep* Deut. 5:15, to **o** the sabbath day  
Prov. 6:6, **O** her ways and be wise  
Matt. 6:28, **O** how the lilies of the field  
28:20, teaching them to **o** all that I commanded  
Luke 11:28, hear the word of God, and **o** it  
Rom. 14:6, He who **o-s** the day, **o-s** it for the **Lord**  
Prov. 5:2; 6:20; Jer. 2:10; Gal. 4:10
- OBSELETE** Heb. 8:13, He has made the first **o**
- OBSTACLE** Rom. 14:13, not to put an **o** . . . in a brother's
- OBTAIN**—*purchase* Prov. 8:35, **o-s** favor from the **LORD**  
1 Thess. 5:9, for **o-ing** salvation through our **Lord**  
Heb. 11:35, that they might **o** a better resurrection  
Gen. 16:2; Acts 8:20
- OCCASION** 1 Tim. 5:14, give the enemy no **o** for reproach
- ODIOUS** Ex. 5:21; 1 Sam. 13:4
- OFFEND** Ex. 2:13, he said to the **o-er**  
Job 34:31, I will not **o** any more
- OFFENSE**—*strange* Job 19:17, breath is **o-ive** to my wife  
1 Cor. 10:32, Give no **o**  
1 Pet. 2:8, AND A ROCK OF **O**  
Gen. 41:9; Eccles. 10:4; Jer. 23:13
- OFFER**—*present* Ps. 50:14, **O** to God a sacrifice  
Mal. 1:8, Why not **o** it to your governor  
Matt. 5:23, presenting your **o-ing** at the altar  
5:24, come and present your **o-ing**  
Luke 6:29, **o** him the other also  
Heb. 9:14, **o-ed** Himself without blemish
- OFFICE** Judg. 5:14; Ps. 109:8; 1 Tim. 3:1; Heb. 7:5
- OFFICER**—*governor*  
Jer. 20:1, chief **o** in the house . . . **LORD**
- OFFICIAL** 2 Kin. 20:18; 23:11; Is. 39:7; Dan. 1:9; Matt. 9:18
- OFFSPRING** Deut. 28:53; Is. 65:9
- OFTEN** Luke 13:34, How **o** I wanted to gather  
1 Cor. 11:26, as **o** as you eat this bread
- OIL** Matt. 25:8, Give us some of your **o**  
Luke 10:34, pouring **o** and wine on them  
Rev. 6:6, harm the **o** and the wine  
Ex. 25:6; Job 29:6; Ps. 23:5; 45:7; 55:21; 104:15; 133:2; Prov. 5:3; Luke 7:46
- OINTMENT** Job 41:31; John 12:5
- OLD** Matt. 9:17, new wine into **o** wineskins  
John 3:4, man be born when he is **o**  
Rom. 6:6, our **o** self was crucified  
1 Cor. 5:7, Clean out the **o** leaven  
2 Cor. 3:14, reading of the **o** covenant  
5:17, the **o** things passed away  
Col. 3:9, laid aside the **o** self  
Rev. 12:9, serpent of **o** who is called the Devil  
Gen. 15:15; 44:20; Ruth 1:12; 1 Sam. 12:2; Job 42:17; Prov. 20:29; Matt. 9:16; Heb. 11:2
- OLDER**—*aged*  
Job 32:4, waited . . . because they were . . . **o**  
Titus 2:2,3, **O** men are to be temperate
- ONCE**—*soon* 1 Sam. 9:13, you will find him at **o**  
Matt. 15:28, daughter was healed at **o**  
21:20, did the fig tree wither at **o**  
Rom. 6:10, died to sin, **o** for all  
Heb. 9:28, offered **o** to bear the sins  
Gen. 18:32; Is. 66:8
- ONE** Matt. 6:24, No **o** can serve two masters  
Matt. 19:5, TWO SHALL BECOME **O** FLESH  
John 10:30, I and the Father are **o**  
17:21, that they may all be **o**  
Gal. 6:4, let each **o** examine his own work  
Eph. 4:4, **o** body and **o** Spirit . . . **o** hope  
1 Tim. 2:5, **o** God, and **o** mediator  
James 4:12, only **o** Lawgiver and Judge  
Gen. 1:5; Deut. 6:4; 1 Sam. 21:15; 2 Sam. 6:20;  
Job 33:23; Mark 8:30; John 19:41
- ONLY** Gen. 6:5, thoughts of his heart . . . **o** evil  
Ps. 62:2, He **o** is my rock . . . salvation  
Luke 24:18, You the **o** one visiting  
Rom. 16:27, **o** wise God . . . glory forever  
Heb. 11:17, his **o** begotten son  
Jude 25, **o** God . . . our Lord, be glory
- OPEN**—*explain, wide*  
Matt. 7:7, knock and it shall be **o-ed**  
20:33, we want our eyes to be **o-ed**  
John 1:51, you shall see the heavens **o-ed**  
Rev. 4:1, a door *standing* **o** in heaven  
5:2, Who is worthy to **o** the book  
Gen. 3:5; Job 29:23; Ps. 5:9; 51:15; Prov. 27:5;  
Is. 26:2; 42:7; Ezek. 16:63; Luke 13:25
- OPENING** Prov. 8:3; Song 5:4
- OPINION**—*counsel* 2 Chr. 8:10, give my **o** in this matter
- OPPONENT**—*adversary* Matt. 5:25; Luke 18:3; Phil. 1:28
- OPPORTUNE** Mark 14:11, betray Him at an **o** time
- OPPORTUNITY**—*occasion*  
Gal. 5:13, turn your freedom . . . **o**  
Eph. 4:27, do not give the devil an **o**
- OPPOSE**—*resist* Ezra 10:15; Jahzeiah . . . **o-d** this  
Rom. 13:2, he who resists authority has **o-d**  
James 4:6, GOD IS **O-D** TO THE PROUD
- OPPOSITION** Num. 14:34; Gal. 5:17
- OPPRESS**—*afflict*  
Acts 10:38, healing all who were **o-ed**  
James 2:6, Is it not the rich who **o** you  
Gen. 15:13; Lev. 19:13; 1 Sam. 1:15; Job 5:4; Hos. 12:7
- OPPRESSION**—*affliction*  
Ps. 62:10, Do not trust in **o**  
Eccles. 7:7, **o** makes a wise man mad  
Is. 30:20; Ezek. 22:12
- ORCHARD**—*garden* Song 6:11, down to the **o** of nut trees
- ORDAIN** Ps. 8:3; Acts 7:53
- ORDER** 2 Kin. 20:1; Ps. 5:3; Mark 5:43; Luke 5:14; Titus 1:5; Philem. 8; Heb. 5:6
- ORDINANCE**—*statute* Job 38:33; Rom. 13:2; Eph. 2:15

**ORPHAN**—*fatherless*

Ex. 22:22, not afflict any widow or o  
 James 1:27, visit o-s and widows  
 Deut. 10:18; 14:29; 24:17; Job 31:17; Ps. 10:14;  
 Is. 1:23; 10:2; Jer. 49:11; Hos. 14:3;  
 Mal. 3:5

**OTHER** Ex. 22:20; Mark 16:13

**OUGHT** John 4:20, place where men o to  
 worship

Heb. 5:12, you o to be teachers

James 3:10, these things o not to be

**OUT** Ex. 3:10, bring My people . . . o of Egypt

Ex. 7:5, when I stretch o My hand

Num. 32:23, your sin will find you o

Prov. 31:20, she stretches o her hands to

Matt. 12:13, Stretch o your hand

12:34, o of that which fills the heart

13:3, the sower went o to sow

Mark 1:41, He stretched o His hand and  
 touched

7:26, cast the demon o of her daughter

2 Tim. 4:2, in season and o of season

Gen. 8:7,8,18; 19:10; 24:45; Ex. 3:11; Judg.  
 20:25; 1 Sam. 30:21; 2 Sam. 19:7; Is. 37:36;  
 Jer. 32:21

**OUTBURST**—*heat*

Deut. 29:24, Why this great o of anger

**OUTCOME**—*end* Rom. 6:21, the o of those  
 things is death

Rom. 6:22, the o, eternal life

Heb. 13:7, the o of their way of life

James 5:11, seen the o of the Lord's dealings

1 Pet. 1:9, obtaining the o of your faith

4:17, what will be the o

**OUTCRY** Gen. 18:21; Ps. 144:14

**OUTER**—*outward*

2 Cor. 4:16, o man is decaying

**OUTSIDE**—*without* Deut. 32:25, O the sword

Rev. 22:15, O are the dogs

**OUTWARD** Rom. 2:28, o in the flesh

**OVEN** Gen. 15:17, smoking o and a flaming  
 torch

**OVER**—*spent* Luke 24:29, day is now nearly o  
 Eph. 4:6, who is o all

**OVERCOME** Luke 9:32, companions had been  
 o with sleep

John 16:33, I have o the world

Rom. 12:21, Do not be o by evil

1 John 2:13, you have o the evil one

Jer. 20:7; 23:9

**OVEREXTENDING**—*stretching*

2 Cor. 10:14, we are not o

**OVERFLOW** 2 Cor. 7:4, I am o-ing with joy

Ps. 23:5; Prov. 3:10; Song 8:7

**OVERLAID** 2 Chr. 3:5, he o the main room  
 with cypress

**OVERPOWER**—*prevail*

Matt. 16:18, gates of Hades shall not o it

**OVERSEER** Phil. 1:1, including the o-s and  
 deacons

1 Tim. 3:1, aspires to the office of o

Titus 1:7, o must be above reproach

**OVERTAKE** Amos 9:10; 1 Thess. 5:4

**OVERTHROW** Ex. 23:24; Acts 5:39

**OVERWHELM** Ex. 17:13, Joshua o-ed Amalek

**OWE**—*due* Matt. 18:34, repay all o-d him

Matt. 18:28, Pay back what you o

Rom. 13:8, O nothing to anyone

Philem. 19, you o to me even your own self

**OWN** Prov. 14:10, heart knows its o bitterness

Acts 2:6, speak in his o language

John 1:11, came to His o . . . o did not receive  
 10:3, calls his o sheep by name

1 Tim. 5:8, does not provide for his o

2 Pet. 3:3, following after their o lusts

**OX**—*cow* Prov. 7:22, as an o goes to the  
 slaughter

1 Tim. 5:18, MUZZLE THE O WHILE HE IS  
 THRESHING

Lev. 22:28; Job 6:5; Prov. 15:17

## P

**PACT** Is. 28:15, we have made a p

**PAIN**—*sorrow, torment, grief* Gen. 3:16,  
 multiply Your p

1 Chr. 4:9, Because I bore him with p

Job 2:10, I rejoice in unsparing p

Ps. 127:2, eat the bread of p-ful labors

Eccles. 1:18, knowledge results in increasing p

Is. 14:3, gives you rest from your p

Jer. 30:15, Your p is incurable

Lam. 1:12, any p like my p

Matt. 8:6, home, suffering great p

Job 2:13; 15:20; Ps. 73:4; Lam. 3:51; Rev. 21:4

**PAIR** Judg. 19:3; Is. 21:7

**PALATE**—*mouth*

Job 29:10, their tongue stuck to their p

**PALLET** Mark 2:9, take up your p and walk

John 5:11; Acts 5:15

**PALPITATING** Is. 35:4, to those with p heart  
 fear not

**PANEL** Jer. 22:14; Hag. 1:4

**PANGS**—*sorrow* Mark 13:8, beginning birth p

**PANIC**—*trouble* Is. 22:5, has a day of p

**PANT** Job 7:2, a slave who p-s for the shade

**PAPYRUS** Is. 18:2, in p vessels

**PARAPET** Deut. 22:8, a p for your roof

**PARCH**—*dried* Ps. 69:3; Is. 53:2

**PARDON** Is. 55:7 He will abundantly p

Luke 6:37, p, and you will be p-ed

Ex. 23:21; 2 Chr. 30:18; Ps. 25:11

**PARENTS** Matt. 10:21, CHILDREN WILL RISE UP  
 AGAINST P

Luke 2:41, His p used to go to Jerusalem

18:29, left house . . . or p

John 9:2, who sinned, this man, or his p

Rom. 1:30, disobedient to p

2 Cor. 12:14, for their p, but p for their

children

Eph. 6:1, Children obey your p

2 Tim. 3:2, disobedient to p, ungrateful

**PART** Num. 18:20, nor own any p among them

Matt. 5:29, one of the p-s of your body perish

Luke 10:42, Mary has chosen the good p

John 13:8, you have no p with Me

Acts 8:21, You have no p or portion

1 Cor. 13:9, we know in p

**PARTAKERS**—*partners* Eph. 5:7, do not be p  
 with them

Heb. 3:1, p of a heavenly calling

3:14, p of Christ

6:4, p of the Holy Spirit

2 Pet. 1:4, p of the divine nature

**PARTIAL** Prov. 28:21, To show p-ity is not  
 good

Matt. 22:16, for You are not p to any

Acts 10:34, God is not one to show p-ity

Rom. 2:11, no p-ity with God

Lev. 19:15; Deut. 1:17

**PARTICIPATE** Eph. 4:11, do not **p** in the unfruitful deeds  
**PARTNERS** Matt. 23:30, not have been **p** with them  
**PASS** Matt. 26:39, let this cup **p** from Me  
 John 5:24, **p-ed** out of death into life  
 2 Cor. 5:17, old things **p-ed** away  
 Heb. 11:25, enjoy the **p-ing** pleasures of sin  
 Rev. 21:1, first earth **p-ed** away  
 Gen. 15:17; Ps. 109:23; Prov. 4:15; Is. 16:8; Acts 7:30  
**PASSION** Prov. 14:30, But **p** is rottenness to the bone  
 Rom. 1:26, gave them over to degrading **p-s**  
 Col. 3:5, as dead to . . . **p**  
 1 Thess. 4:5, not in lustful **p**  
**PASSOVER** Ex. 12:11, it is the **LORD's P**  
 Matt. 26:17, prepare for You to eat the **P**  
 Luke 22:15, desired to eat this **P**  
 John 18:39, release someone for you at the **P**  
 Acts 12:4, intending after the **P**  
 1 Cor. 5:7, Christ our **P** also has been sacrificed  
**PAST** Song 2:11, the winter is **p**, The rain  
 Jer. 8:20, Harvest is **p**, summer is ended  
**PASTOR**—shepherd Eph. 4:11, some as **p-s** and teachers  
**PASTURE**—feed Song 1:7; Is. 61:5; Jer. 6:3; Zech. 11:4  
**PATCH**—piece Matt. 9:16, puts a **p** of unshrunk cloth  
**PATH**—way Job 12:24, makes them wander in a **p-less** waste  
 Ps. 16:11, make known to me the **p** of life  
 119:105, a light to my **p**  
 Prov. 4:18, **p** of the righteous is like the light  
 Eccles. 11:5, the **p** of the wind  
 Matt. 3:3, **MAKE HIS P-S STRAIGHT**  
 Rom. 3:17, **P OF PEACE . . . NOT KNOWN**  
 Gen. 49:17; Job 28:7; Ps. 27:11  
**PATIENCE** Matt. 18:26, Have **p** with me  
 2 Cor. 6:6, in **p**, in kindness  
 Col. 1:11, steadfastness and **p**  
 2 Tim. 4:2, with great **p** and instruction  
**PATIENT**—gentle 1 Cor. 13:4, Love is **p**, love is kind  
 James 5:8, You too be **p**  
 2 Pet. 3:9, is **p** toward you  
**PATTERN**—example Phil. 3:17, according to **p**  
**PAY** Matt. 18:28, **P** back what you owe  
 Gen. 50:15; Ex. 22:7; Deut. 23:21; Job 22:27; Mark 12:15  
**PEACE** Num. 6:26, give you **p**  
 Ps. 34:14, Seek **p**, and pursue it  
 37:37, man of **p** will have a prosperity  
 119:165, who love Thy law have great **p**  
 Eccles. 3:8, time for war, and a time for **p**  
 Is. 9:6, Eternal Father, Prince of **P**  
 Matt. 10:13, let your **greeting** of **p**  
 10:34, I did not come to bring **p**  
 Mark 9:50, be at **p** with one another  
 Luke 1:79, guide our feet . . . way of **p**  
 2:14, on earth **p** among men  
 John 14:27, **P** I leave you; My **p**  
 20:19, **P** be with you  
 Acts 24:2, we have through you attained **p**  
 Rom. 15:33, the God of **p** be with you  
 1 Cor. 7:15, God has called us to **p**  
 Gal. 5:22, fruit of the Spirit is . . . **p**

Eph. 2:14, He Himself is our **p**  
 Phil. 4:7, **p** of God, which surpasses all  
 1 Thess. 5:13, Live in **p** with one another  
 5:23, may the God of **P** . . . sanctify  
 2 Thess. 3:16, Lord of **p** . . . grant you **p**  
 Heb. 12:14, Pursue after **p** with all men  
 James 2:16, Go in **p**  
 1 Pet. 5:14, **P** be to you all  
 Gen. 15:15; Lev. 26:6; 2 Kin. 9:17; Job 15:21;  
 Ps. 4:8; 147:14; Prov. 3:17; 16:7; Is. 36:16;  
 52:7; 57:19; Jer. 6:14  
**PEARLS**—jewel Job 28:18, acquisition of wisdom . . . **p**  
**PECK** Matt. 13:33, hid in three **p-s** of meal  
**PECK-MEASURE** Matt. 5:15; Mark 4:21  
**PEG**—nail Judg. 4:21; Is. 22:23  
**PENALTY** 2 Thess. 1:9, pay the **p** of eternal destruction  
**PEOPLE** Ps. 100:3, *We are His p* and the sheep  
 Prov. 11:14, no guidance, the **p** fall  
 29:18, no vision, the **p** are unrestrained  
 Matt. 1:21, save His **p** from their sins  
 Mark 7:6, **P HONORS ME WITH THEIR LIPS**  
 John 11:50, man should die for the **p**  
 Jude 16, flattering **p** for . . . advantage  
 Ex. 6:7; Ruth 1:16; Ps. 2:1; Mark 6:5; Acts 5:16  
**PERCEIVING** Mark 2:8, Jesus, **p** in His spirit  
**PERDITION** John 17:12, the son of **p**  
**PERFECT** Deut. 32:4, The Rock! His work is **p**  
 Ps. 19:7, law of the **LORD** is **p**  
 Matt. 5:48, Therefore you are to be **p**  
 1 Cor. 13:10, but when the **p** comes  
 2 Cor. 12:9, power is **p-ed** in weakness  
 Phil. 1:6, **p** it until the day of Christ Jesus  
 James 1:4, endurance have its **p** result  
 1:25, **p** law, the law of liberty  
 1 John 4:17, love is **p-ed** with us  
**PERFECTER** Heb. 12:2, author and **p** of faith  
**PERFORM**—wrought Is. 26:12, **p-ed** for us all our works  
 Ps. 103:6; Luke 1:8; Rom. 4:21  
**PERFUME** Is. 3:24, instead of sweet **p**  
 Matt. 26:7; Luke 7:46  
**PERFUMERS** 1 Sam. 8:13, daughters for **p**  
**PERHAPS** Mark 11:13; Acts 17:27; 1 Cor. 15:37  
**PERISH**—fail Ps. 1:6, way of the wicked will **p**  
 Matt. 8:25, Save us, Lord; we are **p-ing**  
 18:14, one of these little ones **p**  
 John 6:27, work for the food which **p-s**  
 1 Cor. 9:25, *do it* to receive a **p-able** wreath  
 15:42, It is sown a **p-able** body  
 15:53, this **p-able** must put on  
 2 Cor. 4:3, veiled to those who are **p-ing**  
 1 Pet. 1:23, not of seed which is **p-able**  
 2 Pet. 3:9, not wishing for any to **p**  
 Num. 17:12; 2 Sam. 1:27; Job 34:15;  
 Prov. 22:8; Ezek. 37:11  
**PERJURY** Zech. 8:17, do not love **p**  
**PERMISSION** Mark 5:13, And He gave them **p**  
**PERMIT**—suffer Matt. 3:15, *P* it at this time  
**PERPETUAL** Ex. 40:15; Num. 25:13, a **p** priesthood  
 Heb. 7:3, abides a priest **p-ly**  
 Ex. 31:16; Ps. 9:6; Jer. 15:18; 51:39; Hab. 3:6  
**PERSECUTE** Matt. 5:11, when *men* revile you, and **p** you  
 5:44, pray for those who **p** you  
 10:23, they **p** you in this city, flee  
 John 15:20, If they **p-d** Me, they will also **p**  
 Acts 9:4, Saul, why are you **p-ing** Me

**PERSECUTE** (Continued)

1 Cor. 4:12, we bless; when we are **p-d**

2 Cor. 4:9, **p-d**, but not forsaken

Job 19:22; Ps. 143:3

**PERSEVERANCE** Luke 21:19, By your **p** you will win

Rom. 2:7, by **p** in doing good

5:3, tribulation brings about **p**

15:4, **p** and the encouragement of the Scriptures

2 Thess. 1:4, for your **p** and faith

**PERSEVERE** Rom. 12:12, hope, **p-ing** in tribulation

James 1:12, Blessed is a man who **p-s** under trial

**PERSON**—*soul* Lev. 4:2, If a **p** sins unintentionally

Eccles. 12:13, this *applies* to every **p**

Is. 32:6, keep the hungry **p** unsatisfied

Rom. 13:1, Let every **p** be in subjection

Jude 4, certain **p-s** have crept in unnoticed

**PERSUADE** 2 Kin. 4:8, she **p-d** him to eat food

Prov. 25:15, a ruler may be **p-d**

Acts 26:28, you will **p** me

**PERSUASIVE** 1 Cor. 2:4, were not in **p** words

Col. 2:4, delude you with **p** argument

**PERVERSE** Acts 20:30, speaking **p** things

Phil. 2:15, a crooked and **p** generation

Deut. 32:5,20; Ps. 101:4; Prov. 23:33

**PERVERSION** Lev. 18:23, it is a **p**

**PERVERT** Deut. 16:19; 2 Sam. 22:27; Job 8:3; Prov. 10:31

**PETITION** Ps. 20:5, the **LORD** fulfill all your **p-s**

1 Tim. 2:1, prayers, **p-s** and thanksgivings

1 Sam. 1:17; Dan. 6:7,13

**PHYSICIAN** Jer. 8:22, Is there no **p** there

Matt. 9:12, not . . . healthy who need a **p**

Luke 4:23, **P**, heal yourself

Col. 4:14, Luke, the beloved **p**

**PRACTICE** Ps. 28:4, evil of their **p-s**

Matt. 6:1, Beware of **p-ing** your righteousness

Acts 19:18, disclosing their **p-s**

1 Cor. 11:16, we have no other **p**

Col. 3:9, laid aside the old self with its *evil* **p-s**

1 Tim. 5:4, **p** piety in regard to their own family

1 John 1:6, we lie and do not **p** the truth

3:8, the one who **p-s** sin is of the

**PICK** Mark 16:18, they will **p** up serpents

Gen. 8:11; Mark 2:23

**PIECE** Matt. 14:20, left over of the broken **p-s**

Mark 6:43, twelve full baskets of broken **p-s**

Gen. 18:5; Ruth 2:14; 1 Sam. 2:36; Luke 24:42

**PIERCE**—*wound* Judg. 5:26, shattered and **p-d** his temple

Ps. 22:16, They **p-d** my hands . . . feet

Is. 53:5, **p-d** through for our transgressions

Zech. 12:10, on Me whom they have **p-d**

Luke 2:35, **p** even your own soul

John 19:34, soldiers **p-d** His side

**PIETY** 1 Tim. 5:4, practice **p** in regard

**PILES** Job 27:16, he **p** up silver like dust

**PILLAGE** Nah. 3:1, city, . . . full of lies and **p**

**PILLAR** Gen. 19:26, she became a **p** of salt

Job 26:11, The **p-s** of heaven tremble

Gal. 2:9, John, who were reputed to be **p-s**

1 Tim. 3:15, **p** and support of the truth

Prov. 9:1; Ezek. 26:11

**PILOT** James 3:4, inclination of the **p** desires

**PIT**—*destruction, dungeon*

Gen. 14:10, Siddim . . . tar **p-s**

37:20, throw him into one of the **p-s**

Ex. 21:33, a man opens a **p**, or digs a **p**

Job 17:14, I call to the **p**, You are my father

33:18, his soul from the **p**

Ps. 16:10, Holy One to see the **p**

103:4, redeems your life from the **p**

Prov. 23:27, a harlot is a deep **p**

Lam. 3:53, they have silenced me in the **p**

Matt. 15:14, both will fall into a **p**

**PITCH** Gen. 6:14, cover it . . . with **p**

Gen. 33:19, where he had **p-ed** his tent

Ex. 2:3, covered it over with tar and **p**

**PITCHER**—*bowls, jars*

Judg. 7:16, put trumpets and empty **p-s**

1 Kin. 18:33, fill four **p-s**

Eccles. 12:6, the **p** by the wheel is shattered

Mark 14:13, man . . . carrying a **p** of water

**PITY**—*compassion* Ex. 2:6; Deut. 7:16; Job 19:21

**PLACE**—*room* Deut. 33:27, eternal God is a dwelling **p**

Ps. 31:8, set my feet in a large **p**

Prov. 15:3, eyes . . . **LORD** . . . in every **p**

Matt. 23:6, love the **p** of honor at banquets

24:51, **p** with the hypocrites

26:36, a **p** called Gethsemane

27:33, a **p** called Golgotha . . . **P** of a Skull

28:6, **p** where He was lying

Luke 4:17, **p** where it was written

14:8, do not take the **p** of honor

John 14:2, go to prepare a **p** for you

Acts 13:47, I HAVE **P-D** YOU AS A LIGHT FOR

1 Cor. 14:16, fills the **p** of the ungifted

2 Pet. 1:19, lamp shining in a dark **p**

Rev. 20:11, no **p** was found for them

Gen. 1:9; 30:2; Ex. 3:5; 21:13; Num. 32:14;

Deut. 2:23; 34:6; Judg. 18:10; Job 9:6;

16:4; Ps. 24:3; Is. 49:20; Jer. 51:51;

Dan. 8:14; Hab. 3:11; Luke 14:9;

John 18:2

**PLAGUE** Gen. 12:17; Rev. 16:21; 21:9

**PLAIN**—*distinct, clear* Is. 40:4; Mark 7:35; John 16:25

**PLAN**—*devise* Ps. 36:4, He **p-s** wickedness upon his bed

Prov. 16:9, mind of a man **p-s** his way

19:21, Many are the **p-s** in a man's heart

2 Sam. 14:14; Prov. 15:22; Jer. 18:12

**PLANT** Gen. 3:18, you shall eat the **p-s** of the field

Ps. 1:3, tree . . . **p-ed** by streams

Eccles. 3:2, A time to **p**, and a time to

Matt. 13:32; Mark 4:32, larger than . . . the

garden **p-s**

15:13, **p** . . . Father did not **p**

Mark 12:1, A man **P-ED** A VINEYARD

Luke 17:6, be **p-ed** in the sea

1 Cor. 3:6, I **p-ed**, Apollos watered

Gen. 1:29,30; 2:5,8; 9:3; Ex. 9:22,25; 10:12,15;

Deut. 6:11; 2 Kin. 19:29; Job 14:9;

Ps. 92:13

**PLASTER** Ezek. 13:10, **p** it over with whitewash

**PLAY** Gen. 4:21; Ex. 32:6; 1 Sam. 16:17;

1 Kin. 1:40; Job 41:5; Ps. 33:3; Is. 11:8;

Matt. 11:17; 1 Cor. 14:7



- PLEAD** Gen. 42:21; Deut. 3:23; 1 Sam. 12:7; Ps. 43:1; Is. 1:17
- PLEASANT**—*smooth, sweet*  
Ps. 16:6, lines have fallen . . . **p**  
133:1, how good and how **p** it is  
Eccles. 5:12, sleep of the working man is **p**  
2 Sam. 1:23; Prov. 9:17; 16:24; Is. 30:10
- PLEASE** Matt. 3:17, Son, in whom I am well **p-d**  
Rom. 15:1, not *just p* ourselves  
15:3, Christ did not **p** Himself  
1 Cor. 7:33, how he may **p** his wife  
7:34, how she may **p** her husband  
10:5, God was not well **p-d**  
Heb. 13:16, sacrifices God is **p-d**
- PLEASING**—*acceptable*  
Prov. 16:7, man's ways . . . **p** . . . LORD  
Matt. 11:26, it was well-**p** in Thy sight  
John 8:29, things that are **p** to Him  
2 Cor. 5:9, to be **p** to Him  
Eph. 5:10, what is **p** to the Lord  
Gen. 2:9; 1 Kin. 3:10
- PLEASURE** Ps. 16:11, there are **p-s** forever  
Ps. 149:4, LORD takes **p** in His people  
Luke 8:14, worries and riches and **p-s**  
Phil. 2:13, to work for His good **p**  
Heb. 11:25, the passing **p-s** of sin  
Gen. 18:12; Job 36:11; Prov. 21:17; Is. 53:10
- PLEDGE** Prov. 22:26, among those who give **p-s**  
2 Cor. 1:22, the Spirit in our hearts as a **p**  
5:5, gave to us the Spirit as a **p**  
Eph. 1:14, given as a **p** of our inheritance  
1 Tim. 5:12, set aside their previous **p**
- PLENTEOUS** Is. 30:23, it will be rich and **p**
- PLENTIFUL** Ps. 68:9, didst shed abroad a **p** rain  
Matt. 9:37, harvest is **p**
- PLENTY** Gen. 33:9; Prov. 3:10; 12:11; Joel 2:26
- PLOT** Prov. 30:32, if you have **p-ed** evil  
Matt. 26:4; Acts 9:23; 23:13
- PLOW** Is. 2:4, their swords into **p-shares**  
Joel 3:10, **p-shares** into swords  
Luke 9:62, putting his hand to the **p**  
1 Cor. 9:10, to **p** in hope  
Deut. 22:10; Job 4:8; Prov. 20:4
- PLUCK** Ps. 25:15; Ezek. 17:22
- PLUMAGE** Job 39:13, pinion and **p** of love
- PLUNDER** (n.)—*booty* Judg. 5:19; Hab. 2:7; Zeph. 1:13
- PLUNDER** (v.)—*spoil* Matt. 12:29, he will **p** his house  
Ex. 3:22; Ps. 76:5; Is. 42:22
- PLUNGE** 1 Tim. 6:9, desires which **p** men into ruin
- POINT** Jer. 17:1; Mark 5:23; James 2:10
- POISON** Ps. 140:3; Jer. 8:14; Amos 6:12; Mark 16:18
- POLE**—*staff* Num. 13:23, carried it on a **p** between two
- POLLUTE**—*spot* Num. 35:33; Jer. 16:18; Jude 23
- POMP** Is. 14:11, Your **p** and the music
- PONDER** Prov. 5:6, **p** the path of life  
Luke 2:19, **p-ing** them in her heart
- POOR** Prov. 13:7, Another pretends to be **p**  
Prov. 20:13, lest you become **p**  
Amos 5:11, impose heavy rent upon the **p**  
Matt. 5:3, Blessed are the **p** in  
11:5, the **P** HAVE THE GOSPEL PREACHED  
26:11, **p** you have with you always  
Mark 10:21, and give it to the **p**  
12:42, And a **p** widow came
- Luke 4:18, **PREACH THE GOSPEL TO THE P**  
19:8, my possessions I will give to the **p**  
2 Cor. 8:9, for your sake He became **p**  
James 2:5, God choose the **p** of this  
1 Sam. 2:8; 2 Sam. 12:4; Prov. 22:22; Is. 3:15;  
1 Cor. 13:3
- PORPOISE SKINS** Ex. 25:5; 26:14
- PORTRION** Deut. 32:9, LORD's **p** is His people  
2 Kin. 2:9, double **p** of your spirit  
Ps. 119:57, The LORD is my **p**  
Gen. 31:14; 2 Chr. 10:10; Eccles. 11:2;  
Acts 8:21
- POSSESS** Gen. 15:7; 24:60; Ps. 44:3; Is. 54:3;  
2 Cor. 6:10
- POSSESSION**—*property, treasure* Gen. 17:8  
Matt. 24:47, in charge of all his **p-s**  
Luke 19:8, half of my **p-s** I will give to the  
Ex. 6:8; 19:5; 21:16; 34:9; Deut. 4:20; Ps.  
104:24; Acts 2:45
- POSSIBLE** Matt. 19:26, with God all things **p**  
Matt. 26:39, **p**, let this cup pass  
Luke 18:27, are **p** with God  
Rom. 12:18, If **p**, so far as it depends
- POT** Ex. 16:3; 2 Kin. 4:40; Job 41:31; Jer. 1:13
- POUR** Eccles. 11:3, clouds are full, they **p** out rain  
Joel 2:28, **p** out My Spirit on all mankind  
Matt. 26:7, **p-ed** it upon His head  
Luke 22:20, cup which is **p-ed** . . . covenant in My blood  
John 2:15, **p-ed** out the coins  
Acts 10:45, gift of the Holy Spirit . . . **p-ed** out  
Rom. 5:5, love of God **p-ed** out within our hearts  
Phil. 2:17, if I am being **p-ed** out as  
Rev. 16:2, **p-ed** out his bowl  
1 Sam. 1:15; Job 10:10; 29:6; Is. 44:3;  
Matt. 9:17
- POVERTY** Prov. 23:21, glutton will come to **p**  
Prov. 30:8, neither **p** nor riches  
2 Cor. 8:9, through His **p**
- POWER**—*authority, strength*  
Deut. 8:18, you **p** to make wealth  
1 Chr. 29:11, the **p** and the glory  
Is. 40:29, who lacks might He increases **p**  
Matt. 6:13, kingdom, and the **p**, and  
Mark 5:30, **p** . . . from Him had gone forth  
9:1, kingdom of God . . . come with **p**  
13:26, IN CLOUDS with great **P**  
14:62, AT THE RIGHT HAND OF **P**  
Luke 1:35, **p** of the Most High will overshadow  
4:14, in the **p** of the Spirit  
22:69, RIGHT HAND OF the **p** OF GOD  
Acts 1:8, you shall receive **p** when  
8:10, called the Great **P** of God  
Rom. 1:4, with **p** to be the Son of God  
1:16, the **p** of God for salvation  
1 Cor. 1:24, Christ the **p** of God  
15:56, the **p** of sin is the law  
2 Cor. 12:9, **p** is perfected in weakness  
Eph. 1:21, authority and **p** and dominion  
2:2, prince of the **p** of the air  
Phil. 3:21, exertion of the **p**  
Heb. 1:3, by the word of His **p**  
11:34, quenched the **p** of fire  
Ex. 15:6; Judg. 7:2; Job 40:16; Ps. 49:15;  
Prov. 3:27; Jer. 18:21; 1 Cor. 5:4;  
1 Pet. 3:22

**PRAETORIUM** Matt. 27:27, soldiers . . . took

Jesus into the **P**

Mark 15:16, took Him . . . into the palace  
(that is, the **P**)

John 18:28, led Jesus . . . into the **P**

18:33, Pilate . . . entered . . . into the **P**

**PRAISE**—*bles*, *comm*

Ex. 15:11, Awesome in **p-s**

Ps. 89:5, heavens will **p** Thy wonders

Prov. 27:21, man is *tested* by the **p**

Matt. 11:25, I **p** Thee, O Father

Luke 16:8, his master **p-d** the unrighteous  
steward

Rom. 2:29, his **p** is not from men

Phil. 4:8, if anything worthy of **p**

James 5:13, Let him sing **p-s**

Deut. 10:21; 1 Chr. 16:9; Neh. 12:46;

Ps. 22:25; Prov. 12:8; Is. 38:18

**PRAY**—*ask* Is. 45:20, And **p** to a god who  
cannot save

Matt. 5:44, **p** for those who persecute

6:5, And when you **p**

6:6, **p** to your Father . . . in secret

6:7, **p**, do not use meaningless

14:23, mountain by Himself to **p**

26:41, Keep watching and **p-ing**, that

Mark 11:24, you **p** and ask, believe

Luke 11:1, Lord, teach us to **p** just

18:1, they ought to **p** and not

22:40, **P** that you may not . . . temptation

1 Cor. 11:13, for a woman to **p** to God

14:14, if I **p** in a tongue

Col. 1:9, not ceased to **p** for you

1 Thess. 5:17, **p** without ceasing

James 5:13, suffering? Let him **p**

5:16, and **p** for one another

Gen. 20:7; Ex. 33:18; 1 Sam. 7:5; 12:23;

Jon. 1:14

**PRAYER** Ps. 55:1, Give ear to my **p**, O God

Is. 56:7, called a house of **p**

Matt. 17:21, out except by **p** and fasting

21:22, everything . . . in **p**, believing

Luke 6:12, whole night in **p**

19:46, A HOUSE OF **P**

Acts 3:1, the hour of **p**

Rom. 1:10, in my **p-s** making request

12:12, devoted to **p**

1 Cor. 7:5; Col. 4:2, devote yourselves to **p**

1 Pet. 3:7, your **p-s** may not be hindered

1 Kin. 8:45; Neh. 11:17; Ps. 4:1

**PRAECH**—*declare*, *exhort*, *proclaim*

Matt. 4:17, that time Jesus began to **p**

10:7, go, **p**, saying . . . kingdom . . . is at  
hand

11:1, and **p** in their cities

11:5, POOR . . . GOSPEL **P-ED** to them

Mark 13:10, gospel . . . **p-ed** to all the nations

16:15, **p** the gospel to all

Luke 4:43, **p** the kingdom of God

Acts 13:32, we **p** to you the good news of the  
promise

1 Cor. 1:17, not . . . to baptize, but to **p**

1:23, we **p** Christ crucified

2 Cor. 4:5, we do not **p** ourselves

1 Tim. 6:2, Teach and **p** these *principles*

2 Tim. 4:2, **p** the word, be ready

**PREACHER** Eccles. 1:1, words of the **P**

Rom. 10:14, how shall they hear without a **p**

1 Tim. 2:7, I was appointed a **p**

2 Pet. 2:5, Noah, a **p** of righteousness

**PREACHING**—*talk*, *word* Matt. 3:1, John . . . **p**

Mark 1:4, **p** a baptism of repentance

1:39, **p** and casting out the demons

Acts 5:42, teaching and **p** Jesus

8:4, scattered went about **p** the word

Rom. 16:25, **p** of Jesus Christ

1 Cor. 15:14, then our **p** is vain

**PRECEDE** 1 Thess. 4:15, **p** those who have  
fallen asleep

**PRECEPT**—*statute* Ps. 19:8, **p-s** of the LORD are  
right

**PRECIOUS**—*excellent* Ps. 36:7, How **p** is Thy  
lovingkindness

Ps. 116:15, **P** in the sight of the LORD

Prov. 3:15, more **p** than jewels

Is. 44:9, their **p** things are of no profit

1 Pet. 1:7, more **p** than gold which

1:19, but with **p** blood . . . of Christ

**PREDETERMINE** Acts 2:23, **p-d** plan and  
foreknowledge of God

**PREEMINENT**—*excellence*

Gen. 49:3, **P** in dignity and **p** in

**PREPARATION**—*serve*

Luke 10:40, distracted with all her **p-s**

**PREPARE**—*fashion*, *furnish*, *ready* Gen. 18:6

Ps. 23:5, dost **p** a table before me

78:19, God **p** a table in the

Matt. 11:10, WHO WILL **P** YOUR WAY

25:34, the kingdom **p-d** for you

John 14:2, I go to **p** a place for you

1 Cor. 2:9, **P-D** FOR THOSE WHO LOVE HIM

Heb. 11:3, worlds were **p-d** by the word

Lev. 7:9; Job 12:5; Ps. 57:6; Rom. 9:22

**PRESCRIBE**—*command*

1 Tim. 4:11, **P** and teach these things

**PRESENCE** Ex. 33:14, My **p** shall go *with* you

Ps. 23:5, **p** of my enemies

44:3, light of Thy **p**

95:2, before His **p** with thanksgiving

Is. 64:2, nations may tremble at Thy **p**

Luke 13:26, ate and drank in Your **p**

Jude 24, **p** of His glory blameless

Rev. 14:10, in the **p** of the Lamb

**PRESENT**—*offer*, *yield*

Gen. 43:11, to the man as a **p**

Ps. 46:1, A very **p** help in trouble

Mal. 1:8, **p** the blind . . . **p** the lame and

Luke 2:22, to **p** Him to the Lord

Rom. 6:13, **p** the members of your body to sin

12:1, **p** your bodies a living sacrifice

1 Cor. 5:3, but **p** in spirit

Col. 1:22, **p** you before Him holy and

blameless

2 Tim. 2:15, **p** yourself approved to God

4:10, loved this **p** world

**PRESERVATION**—*health*

Acts 27:34, food . . . for your **p**

**PRESERVE**—*guard*, *keep*

2 Sam. 18:18, no son to **p** my name

Ps. 16:1, **P** me, O God, for I take refuge

86:2, **p** my soul, for I am a godly man

Prov. 14:3, lips of the wise will **p** them

Luke 17:33, loses *his life* shall **p** it

Eph. 4:3, diligent to **p** the unity of the Spirit

1 Thess. 5:23, soul and body be **p-d** complete

**PRESS** Matt. 27:32, they **p-ed** . . . to bear His

cross

Luke 6:38, good measure **p-ed** down

Phil. 3:14, I **p** on toward the goal

**PRESUME**—*dare* Rom. 15:18, I will not **p** to speak  
**PRESUMPTION** Prov. 13:10, Through **p** comes nothing  
**PRETEND**—*disguise* 2 Sam. 14:2, **p** to be a mourner  
 1 Kin. 14:5,6, **p** to be another woman  
 Luke 20:20, sent spies who **p-ed** to be righteous  
**PRETTY** Jer. 46:20, Egypt is a **p** heifer  
**PREVAL** Gen. 7:20, water **p-ed** fifteen cubits higher  
 1 Sam. 2:9, not by might shall a man **p**  
 Ps. 65:3; Jer. 20:7  
**PREVALENT** Eccles. 6:1, an evil . . . it is **p**  
**PREVENT** Matt. 3:14, John tried to **p** Him,  
**PREY** Ps. 76:4; Ezek. 22:25  
**PRICE** Acts 1:18, field with the **p** of his wickedness  
 5:2, kept back *some* of the **p**  
 1 Cor. 6:20, you have been bought with **p**  
 Lev. 25:16; Dan. 11:39; Mic. 3:11  
**PRIDE** Prov. 16:18, **P** goes before destruction  
 Mark 7:22, slander, **p** and foolishness  
 1 John 2:16, the boastful **p** of life  
 Prov. 8:13; Is. 13:19; 60:15; Ezek. 32:12  
**PRIEST** Gen. 14:18, **p** of God Most High  
 Ex. 19:6, shall be to Me a kingdom of **p-s**  
 1 Sam. 2:35, raise up for Myself a faithful **p**  
 Ps. 110:4, **p** forever . . . order of Melchizedek  
 Ezek. 44:21, Nor shall any of the **p-s** drink wine  
 Matt. 2:4, together all the chief **p-s**  
 8:4, SHOW YOURSELF TO THE **P**.  
 Heb. 2:17, faithful high **p**  
 3:1, High **P** of our confession  
 5:6, **P** FOREVER . . . ORDER OF MELCHIZEDEK  
 2 Chr. 15:3; Is. 24:2  
**PRIME**—*flower* 1 Sam. 2:33, will die in the **p** of life  
**PRINCE**—*ruler* Ex. 2:14, Who made you a **p** or a judge  
 2 Sam. 3:38, **p** and a great man has fallen  
 Is. 9:6, **P** of Peace  
 Acts 3:15, put to death the **P** of life  
 5:31, as a **P** and a Saviour  
 Eph. 2:2, **p** of the power of the air  
**PRINCESS**—*lady* Judg. 5:29, Her wise **p-es** would answer  
**PRINCIPALITY** Rom. 8:38, nor **p-es** . . . nor powers  
**PRISON** Judg. 16:21, he was a grinder in the **p**  
 Ps. 142:7, Bring my soul out of **p**  
 Matt. 14:10, had John beheaded in the **p**  
 Acts 5:19, Lord . . . opened the gates of the **p**  
 16:27, jailer . . . had seen the **p** doors opened  
 1 Kin. 22:27; Rev. 18:2  
**PRISONER** Ps. 102:20, groaning of the **p**  
 Ps. 146:7, the LORD sets the **p-s** free  
 Matt. 27:15, release for the multitude *any* one **p**  
 Rom. 7:23, making me a **p** of the law  
 Eph. 3:1, Paul, the **p** of Christ Jesus  
 2 Tim. 1:8, ashamed . . . of me His **p**  
**PRIVATION**—*adversity, distress*  
 Is. 30:20, given you bread of **p**  
**PRIZE** Col. 2:18, defrauding you of your **p**

**PROCEED** Deut. 8:3, everything that **p-s** out of the mouth  
 Jer. 9:3, **p** from evil to evil  
 Matt. 4:4, WORD THAT **P-S** OUT OF THE MOUTH  
 Mark 7:21, heart of men, **p** the evil thoughts  
 John 15:26, who **p-s** from the Father  
 2 Tim. 3:13, imposters will **p** . . . to worse  
**PROCLAIM**—*declare, tell*  
 Ex. 33:19; Deut. 32:3, **p** the name of the LORD  
 Is. 61:1, **p** liberty to the captives  
 61:2, **p** the favorable year of the LORD  
 Jer. 34:15, **p-ing** release to his neighbor  
 Matt. 10:27; Luke 12:3, **p-ed** upon the housetops  
 Acts 17:3, Jesus whom I am **p-ing** to you  
 17:23, you worship in ignorance, this I **p** to  
 26:23, **p** light both to the Jewish and  
 1 Pet. 3:19, made **p-ation** to the spirits  
 1 John 1:3, what we have seen and heard we **p**  
**PROCONSUL**—*deputy* Acts 13:7; 18:12; 19:38  
**PRODUCE**—*yield* Deut. 14:22, tithe all the **p**  
 Ps. 67:6, the earth has yielded its **p**  
 2 Tim. 2:23, knowing that they **p** quarrels  
 James 3:12, Neither can salt water **p** fresh  
 Lev. 25:19; Hos. 10:1  
**PRODUCTIVE** Luke 12:16, land . . . was **p**  
**PROFANE**—*defile, pollute* Lev. 21:7,23;  
 Ezek. 22:8  
 Ex. 31:14, Everyone who **p-s** it . . . put to death  
 Lev. 20:3, to **p** My holy name  
 Ezek. 23:38, have **p-d** My sabbaths  
 1 Tim. 1:10, law . . . for the unholy and **p**  
**PROFESS**—*confession* Rom. 1:22, **P-ing** to be wise  
 Titus 1:16, They **p** to know God  
**PROFIT** Job 15:3, words which are not **p-able**  
 Prov. 14:23, In all labor there is **p**  
 15:27, who **p-s** illicitly troubles his own  
 Matt. 16:26; Luke 9:25, will a man be **p-ed**  
 John 6:63, the flesh **p-s** nothing  
 Acts 16:19, hope of **p** was gone  
 1 Cor. 6:12; 10:23, not all things are **p-able**  
 13:3, not have love, it **p-s** me nothing  
 1 Tim. 4:8, bodily discipline is only of little **p**  
 2 Tim. 3:16, Scripture . . . **p-able** for teaching  
 James 4:13, engage in business and make a **p**  
 Gen. 37:26; Prov. 3:14; Is. 48:17; Jer. 16:19  
**PROGRESS** Phil. 1:12, greater **p** of the gospel  
**PROLONG** Prov. 10:27, fear of the Lord **p-s** life  
**PROMINENCE** Acts 13:50, devout women of **p**  
**PROMINENT** Mark 15:43, Joseph . . . **p** member  
**PROMISCUITY** Rom. 13:13, not in sexual **p** and sensuality  
**PROMISE** Acts 2:33, **p** of the Holy Spirit  
 Acts 26:6, hope of the **p** made by God  
 Rom. 4:14, **p** is nullified  
 9:8, children of the **p**  
 Gal. 3:14, might receive the **p** of the Spirit  
 Eph. 6:2, first commandment with a **p**  
 2 Tim. 1:1, **p** of life in Christ Jesus  
 Titus 1:2, **p** long ages ago  
 Heb. 10:23, for He who **p-d** is faithful  
 2 Pet. 1:4, His precious and magnificent **p-s**  
**PROMOTE** Esth. 5:11; Ps. 140:8  
**PRONOUNCE**—*utter* Jer. 1:16, I will **p** My judgments  
 Luke 23:24, Pilate **p-d** sentence

**PROOF** Acts 17:31, furnished **p** to all men  
 2 Cor. 8:24, show them the **p** of your love  
 13:3, **p** of the Christ who speaks in me  
**PROPER** Rom. 13:13, Let us behave **p-ly** as in  
 the day  
 1 Cor. 11:13, is it **p** for a woman to pray  
 14:40, let all things be done **p-ly**  
 Eph. 5:3, as is **p** among saints  
 1 Thess. 4:12, you may behave **p-ly** toward  
 outsiders  
 1 Tim. 2:6, testimony *borne* at the **p** time  
**PROPERTY**—*goods* Gen. 34:10, and acquire **p**  
 in it  
 Matt. 12:29, carry off his **p**  
 19:22, one who owned much **p**  
 Acts 2:45, selling their **p** and possessions  
**PROPHECY** Dan. 9:24, seal up the vision and **p**  
 1 Cor. 13:2, if I have the gift of **p**  
 2 Pet. 1:21, no **p** was ever made by . . . human  
 will  
 Rev. 19:10, testimony . . . is the spirit of **p**  
**PROPHESY** 1 Sam. 10:11, he **p-ed** now with the  
 prophets  
 Is. 30:10, not **p** to us what is right  
 Matt. 7:22, did we not **p** in Your name  
 26:68, **P** to us, You Christ  
 1 Cor. 13:9, know in part, and we **p** in part  
 1 Chr. 25:3; Jer. 14:14; Ezek. 37:4; Joel 2:28  
**PROPHET** Matt. 1:22, spoken . . . through the **p**  
 Matt. 2:5, it had been written by the **p**  
 2:15, through the **p** might be fulfilled  
 2:17, Jeremiah the **p**  
 5:12, so they persecuted the **p-s**  
 10:41, **p** shall receive a **p-s** reward  
 11:9, one who is more than a **p**  
 11:13, all the **p-s** and the Law  
 13:57, **p** is not without honor  
 21:11, the **p** Jesus, from Nazareth  
 Luke 4:24, no **p** is welcome in his home town  
 6:23, their fathers used to treat the **p-s**  
 John 1:21, Are you the **P**  
 4:19, perceive that You are a **p**  
 7:52, see that no **p** arises out of Galilee  
 Acts 13:15, reading of the Law and the **P-s**  
 1 Cor. 14:37, If anyone thinks he is a **p**  
 Eph. 4:11, some as apostles, and some as **p-s**  
 Heb. 1:1, to the fathers in the **p-s**  
 Gen. 20:7; Deut. 13:1; 18:18; Judg. 4:4;  
 1 Sam. 9:9; 1 Kin. 20:35; Is. 9:15; Jer.  
 23:11; Ezek. 13:3; Hos. 12:10; Amos 7:14;  
 Acts 13:6  
**PROPHETIC** 1 Thess. 5:20, do not despise **p**  
 utterances  
 2 Pet. 1:19, the **p** word made more sure  
**PROSELYTE** Matt. 23:15, make one **p**  
 Acts 2:10, both Jews and **p-s**  
 13:43, God-fearing **p-s** followed Paul  
**PROSPER** 1 Sam. 18:14, David was **p-ing**  
 Ps. 10:5, His ways **p** at all times  
 Prov. 28:13, his transgressions will not **p**  
 1 Cor. 16:2, save, as he may **p**  
 Gen. 39:3; 1 Sam. 18:5  
**PROSPERITY**—*wealth*  
 Ezra 9:12, never seek . . . their **p**  
 Job 21:13, spend their days in **p**  
 Ps. 25:13, His soul will abide in **p**  
 73:3, saw the **p** of the wicked  
 Acts 19:25, our **p** depends upon this business  
**PROSPEROUS**  
 Prov. 11:25, generous man will be **p**

**PROSTITUTES**

Hos. 4:14, offer sacrifices with temple **p**  
**PROSTRATE** 2 Sam. 9:6, fell on his face and  
**p-d** himself  
 Job 14:10, man dies and lies **p**  
**PROTECT** Is. 31:5, He will **p** and deliver it  
**PROTECTION** Num. 14:9, Their **p** has been  
 removed  
 Eccles. 7:12, wisdom is **p** just as money is **p**  
**PROUD**—*arrogant, conceited*  
 Ps. 94:2, recompense to the **p**  
 Luke 1:51, **p** in the thoughts of their heart  
 James 4:6, GOD IS OPPOSED TO THE **P**  
 Is. 3:16; 13:11  
**PROVE**—*test* Prov. 30:6; 2 Cor. 8:8  
 Acts 9:22, **p-ing** that this *Jesus* is the Christ  
 Rom. 12:2, **p** what the will of God is  
**PROVERB** 1 Kin. 4:32, He also spoke 3,000 **p-s**  
 1 Kin. 9:7, Israel will become a **p** and a  
 byword  
 Deut. 28:37; Jer. 24:9; 2 Pet. 2:22  
**PROVIDE**—*gave* Gen. 22:8, God will **p** for  
 Himself the Lamb  
 Neh. 9:15, didst **p** bread from heaven  
 1 Tim. 5:8, if any one does not **p** for his own  
 Lev. 25:24; 1 Sam. 16:17  
**PROVISION** Josh. 9:5, bread of their **p** was dry  
 Ps. 132:15, abundantly bless her **p**  
 Rom. 13:14, make no **p** for the flesh  
**PROVOKE** Prov. 12:2, who **p-s** him to anger  
 1 Cor. 13:5, is not **p-d**  
 Eph. 6:4, do not **p** your children to anger  
 2 Chr. 25:19; Job 12:6  
**PROW** Acts 27:41, the **p** stuck fast and  
 remained  
**PROWL**—*walk* Ps. 104:20, beast of the forest **p**  
 1 Pet. 5:8, devil, **p-s** about like a roaring lion  
**PRUDENT** Prov. 12:16, **p** man conceals  
 dishonor  
 Prov. 19:14, a **p** wife is from the LORD  
 Jer. 49:7, good counsel been lost to the **p**  
**PSALMS** Ps. 95:2, shout joyfully to Him with **p**  
 Luke 20:42, David . . . says in the book of **P**  
 24:44, the **P** must be fulfilled  
 Eph. 5:19, speaking to one another in **p**  
**PUGNACIOUS** 1 Tim. 3:3, addicted to wine  
 or **p**  
**PULL** Ps. 31:4, **p** me out of the net  
 Luke 14:5, **p** him out on a Sabbath day  
**PULVERIZE** Mic. 4:13, That you may **p** many  
 peoples  
**PUNISH**—*visit* Lev. 26:18,28, will **p** you seven  
 times  
 Is. 13:11, **p** the world for its evil  
 Lam. 4:22, He will **p** your iniquity  
 2 Cor. 10:6, to **p** all disobedience  
 Prov. 22:3; Luke 23:16; Acts 26:11  
**PUNISHMENT** Gen. 4:13, **p** is too great to bear  
 Job 19:29, the **p** of the sword  
 Matt. 25:46, go away into eternal **p**  
 2 Cor. 2:6, Sufficient . . . is this **p**  
 1 John 4:18, because fear involves **p**  
 Jude 7, the **p** of eternal fire  
**PUPIL** Deut. 32:10, **p** of His eye  
 Luke 6:40, a **p** is not above his teacher  
**PURCHASE** Gen. 49:32, field . . . **p-d** from  
 Acts 20:28, He **p-d** with His own blood  
 Rev. 5:9, **p** for God with Thy blood

**PURE** Ps. 12:6, words of the LORD are **p** words  
 Ps. 19:8, commandment of the LORD is **p**  
 24:4, clean hands and a **p** heart  
 Matt. 5:8, Blessed are the **p** in heart  
 2 Cor. 11:2, present you as a **p** virgin  
 Phil. 4:8, whatever is **p**  
 1 Tim. 1:5, love from a **p** heart  
 Titus 1:15, To the **p**, all things are **p**  
 2:5, *be sensible, p*  
 James 1:27, **p** and undefiled religion  
 2 Sam. 22:27; Job 4:17; 11:4; Song 6:10; Dan.  
 7:9

**PURGE** Dan. 12:10, Many will be **p-d**, purified,  
 refined

**PURIFY** Ps. 51:7, **P** me with hyssop  
 1 Pet. 1:22, obedience . . . **p-ed** your souls  
 2 Pet. 1:9, **p-cation** from his former sins  
 2 Kin. 2:21; Dan. 12:10

**PURPOSE**—*cause, devise, reason*  
 Jer. 49:20, **p-s** which He has **p-d**  
 Lam. 2:17, The LORD has done what He **p-d**  
 Ezek. 22:9, **p** of shedding blood  
 Luke 7:30, rejected God's **p**  
 Acts 26:16, for this **p** I have appeared to you  
 Rom. 8:28, called according to His **p**  
 Eph. 3:11, in accordance with the eternal **p**  
 6:22, for this very **p**  
 Heb. 6:17, unchangeableness of His **p**  
 1 Pet. 4:6, has for this **p** been preached

**PURSE** Is. 46:6; Hag. 1:6; Luke 12:33

**PURSUE**—*follow, persecute, sought* Gen. 31:36  
 Ps. 34:14, Seek peace, and **p** it  
 Prov. 21:21, who **p-s** righteousness and honor  
 Heb. 12:14, **P** after peace with all men  
 1 Pet. 3:11, **SEEK PEACE AND P IT**  
 Lev. 26:17; Judg. 3:28; 2 Sam. 1:6; Job 30:15;  
 Ps. 7:1; Is. 5:11

**PUSH**—*thrust* Ps. 118:13, **p-ed** me violently

**PUT** Gen. 3:15, I will **p** enmity between you  
 and  
 Ex. 9:15, now I had **p** forth My hand  
 Ps. 40:3, **p** a new song in my mouth  
 Matt. 1:19, desired to **p** her away secretly  
 12:18, I WILL **P** MY SPIRIT UPON HIM  
 26:52, **P** your sword back into its place  
 Mark 12:42, widow came . . . **p** in two  
 Luke 9:62, **p-ing** his hand to the plow  
 John 19:2, crown of thorns . . . **p** it on His  
 head  
 20:27, hand, and **p** it into My side  
 Rom. 13:14, **p** on the Lord Jesus Christ  
 1 Cor. 15:53, **p** on the imperishable, **p** on  
 immortality  
 Eph. 4:24, **p** on the new self  
 6:11, **P** on the full armor of God  
 1 Pet. 2:1, **p-ing** aside all malice  
 Rev. 14:15, **P** in your sickle  
 Josh. 1:18; 2 Chr. 18:22; Job 31:24; 38:36;  
 Song 8:6; Mark 4:21; John 21:7

## Q

**QUAKE**—*tremble, shake*  
 Judg. 5:4, The earth **q-d**, the heavens  
 Judg. 5:5; Ps. 68:8

**QUARREL**—*contend, war*  
 Ex. 21:18, if men have a **q**  
 James 4:1, source of **q-s** and conflicts  
 Ex. 17:2; Prov. 20:3; 1 Cor. 1:11

**QUEEN** 1 Kin. 10:1, the **q** of Sheba  
 Is. 47:5, the **q** of kingdoms  
 Matt. 12:42, **Q** of the South shall rise  
 Esth. 1:9; Is. 47:7; Jer. 7:18; Acts 8:27

**QUENCH** 1 Thess. 5:19, Do not **q** the Spirit  
 Ps. 104:11; Song 8:7

**QUESTION** 1 Kin. 10:1, test with difficult **q-s**  
 Matt. 11:29, I will ask you one **q**  
 22:35, a lawyer, asked Him a **q**  
 Acts 18:15, **q-s** about words and names  
 1 Cor. 10:25, without asking **q-s** for  
 conscience' sake  
 1 Tim. 6:4, **q-s** and disputes about words

**QUICK**—*swift*, soon Acts 7:54, cut to the **q**  
 Titus 1:7, not **q-tempered**, not addicted to  
 James 1:19, every one be **q** to hear  
 Judg. 2:23; John 11:31

**QUICKLY**—*shortly, suddenly*  
 Matt. 5:25, Make friends **q** with your  
 opponent  
 John 13:27, what you do, do **q**  
 Rom. 9:28, EXECUTE HIS WORD . . . **Q**  
 Rev. 3:11; 22:20, I am coming **q**  
 Gen. 18:6; Deut. 7:4; Ps. 31:2; Eccles. 4:12;  
 2 Thess. 2:2

**QUICK-TEMPERED** Prov. 14:17; 14:29; Titus  
 1:7

**QUIET** Job 20:20, he knew no **q** within him  
 Ps. 23:2, beside the **q** waters  
 1 Thess. 4:11, your ambition to lead a **q** life  
 1 Tim. 2:2, lead a tranquil and **q** life  
 Prov. 17:1; Eccles. 9:17; Amos 6:10

**QUILT** 1 Sam. 19:13, put a **q** of goats' hair

**QUOTA** Ex. 5:18, deliver the **q** of bricks

## R

**RABBI** Matt. 26:25; Mark 9:5

**RABBIT** Lev. 11:6; Deut. 14:7

**RACE** Eccles. 9:11, **r** is not to the swift  
 Nah. 2:4, chariots **r** madly in the streets  
 1 Cor. 9:24, those who run in a **r** all run  
 1 Pet. 2:9, A CHOSEN **R**, A ROYAL

**RADIANCE** Heb. 1:3, **r** of His glory

**RADIANT** Jer. 31:12, **r** over the bounty of the  
 LORD

**RAFTER** Hab. 2:11, the **r** will answer it

**RAGES**—*frets* Prov. 19:3, his heart **r** against

**RAID** Gen. 49:19, raiders shall **r** him . . . **r** at  
 their heels

**RAIMENT**—*clothing* Is. 63:3, I stained all my **r**  
**RAIN** Gen. 7:12, **r** fell upon the earth for forty  
 days  
 Ex. 16:4, will **r** bread from heaven for you  
 Matt. 5:45, **r** on the righteous . . . unrighteous  
 7:25, and the **r** descended  
 Heb. 6:7, ground that drinks the **r**  
 Lev. 26:4; Deut. 32:2; Job 24:8; Prov. 25:14;  
 25:23; Song 2:11

**RAISE** Matt. 20:19, third day He . . . **r-d** up  
 John 2:19, in three days I will **r** it up  
 6:39, **r** it up on the last day  
 1 Cor. 15:13, not even Christ . . . **r-d**  
 15:35, How are the dead **r-d**  
 15:42, it is **r-d**  
 15:44, **r-d** a spiritual body  
 Eph. 2:6, **r-d** us up with Him  
 Col. 3:1, If . . . been **r-d** up with Christ  
 Heb. 11:19, God is able to **r** men from  
 Deut. 18:18; Judg. 2:16; Is. 2:2; Dan. 12:7;  
 Hos. 6:2; Mic. 4:1; Luke 3:8

**RAISIN** 2 Sam. 6:19; Song 2:5; Hos. 3:1

**RAMPARTS**—*siege works* Ps. 48:13; Is. 26:1

**RAN**—*fled* Luke 8:34, they r away and reported

**RANK**—*high* Ps. 62:9, men of r are a lie

**RANSOM** Matt. 20:28, give His life a r for many

1 Tim. 2:6, gave Himself as a r for all

Ex. 30:12; Prov. 6:35

**RAPID**—*swift* Prov. 6:18, Feet that run r-ly to

evil

**RARE**—*precious*

1 Sam. 3:1, word from the LORD was r

**RASH** Job 6:3, my words have been r

**RATION**—*provision* Dan. 1:5; Luke 12:42

**RAVAGE** Gen. 41:30; 1 Sam. 6:5; Acts 8:3

**RAVINE**—*valley* Luke 3:5, EVERY R SHALL BE

**RAYS** Hab. 3:4, He has r *flashing* from His

hand

**READ** Hab. 2:2, one who r-s it may run

Luke 4:16, stood up to r

Acts 8:28, was r-*ing* the prophet Isaiah

2 Cor. 3:14, at the r-*ing* of the old covenant

1 Tim. 4:13, give attention to the public r-*ing*

Rev. 1:3, Blessed is he who r-s

Ex. 24:7; Is. 34:16; Dan. 5:8

**READINESS** 2 Cor. 8:12, if the r is present

**READY** 1 Chr. 7:11; Ps. 86:5; Prov. 24:27

**REALIZED** Prov. 13:19, Desire r is sweet

**REALLY**—*indeed* Luke 24:34, The Lord has r

risen

**REAP**—*harvest* Hos. 8:7, they r the whirlwind

Matt. 6:26, neither do they r, nor

25:26, r where I did not sow

Luke 12:24, ravens . . . neither sow nor r

2 Cor. 9:6, shall also r sparingly

Gal. 6:7, this he will also r

6:8, flesh r corruption

6:9, in due time we shall r

Lev. 19:9; Ps. 126:5; Prov. 22:8; Rev. 14:16

**REASON**—*thought*

Job 23:7, the upright would r with him

Is. 1:18, let us r together

Luke 5:22, Why are you r-*ing* in your hearts

Acts 17:17, he was r-*ing* in the synagogue

1 Cor. 3:20, KNOWS THE R-*INGS* of the wise

1 Tim. 1:16, for this r I found mercy

James 3:17, gentle, r-*able*, full of mercy

**REBEL** Ps. 107:11, r-*ed* against the words of

God

Is. 63:10, r-*ed* . . . grieved His Holy Spirit

Num. 14:9; 1 Sam. 12:15; Ezek. 20:21

**REBELLION**—*transgression* 1 Sam. 24:11; Job

13:23

**REBELLIOUS**—*disobedient*

1 Tim. 1:9, those who are lawless and r

Ex. 23:21; Deut. 9:7; Ps. 66:7; 78:8; Jer. 5:23

**REBUILD** Is. 58:12, r the ancient ruins

**REBUKE**—*reprove, reproof*

Matt. 8:26, r-d the winds and

17:18, Jesus r-d him, and the demon

Mark 9:25, r-d the unclean spirit

Luke 4:39, He r-d the fever, and it left

1 Tim. 5:1, not sharply r an older man

Job 26:11; Ps. 38:1; Prov. 27:5; Zech. 3:2

**RECEIVE**—*accept* Prov. 1:3, r instruction in

wise

Matt. 10:8, freely you r-d, freely give

10:14, whoever does not r you

10:40, who r-s you r-s Me

10:41, who r-s a prophet in the name of

11:5, BLIND R SIGHT

18:5, r-s one such child

25:27, r-d my money back with interest

Mark 16:19, r-d up into heaven

Luke 15:2, This man r-s sinners

20:47, r greater condemnation

John 1:11, His own did not r Him

5:44, r glory from one another

14:3, r you to Myself

20:22, R the Holy Spirit

Acts 20:35, blessed to give than to r

Rom. 5:17, r the abundance of grace

8:15, r-d a spirit of adoption

1 Cor. 3:8, will r his own reward

9:24, one r-s the prize

Gal. 4:5, r the adoption as sons

1 Thess. 1:6, r-d the word in much

2 Thess. 2:10, did not r the love of the

Heb. 2:2, r-d a just recompense

James 1:12, r the crown of life

Job 3:12; Is. 40:2

**RECEPTION**—*feast* Luke 14:13, you give a r

**RECKLESS** 2 Tim. 3:4, treacherous, r . . . lovers

of pleasure

**RECKON**—*impute* Rom. 4:4, his wage is

not r-*ed*

Rom. 4:6, God r-s righteousness

**RECLINE**—*sit* Matt. 9:10; 26:20, He was r-*ing*

**RECOGNIZE**—*know* Acts 19:15, I r Jesus

Gen. 27:23; 1 Cor. 14:38

**RECOMPENSE**—*reward*

Ps. 94:2, Render r to the proud

Heb. 2:2, received a just r

Ps. 28:4; Jer. 51:6

**RECONCILE** Matt. 5:24, be r-d to your brother

1 Cor. 7:11, be r-d to her husband

2 Cor. 5:20, be r-d to God

Col. 1:20, r all things to Himself

**RECONCILIATION**

Rom. 5:11, we have now received the r

**RECORD**—*write* Hab. 2:2, R the vision

**RECOVERY**—*health* Is. 58:8, your r will

speedily spring

**RED**—*dull* Gen. 25:25, first came forth r, all

over

Ex. 10:19, drove them into the R Sea

Prov. 23:31, on the wine when it is r

Is. 1:18, they are r like crimson

Zech. 1:8, man was riding on a r horse

Matt. 16:2, fair weather . . . sky is r

Rev. 6:4, another, a r horse, went out

**REDEEM**—*purchase*

Ex. 6:6, r you with an outstretched arm

Ps. 26:11, R me, and be gracious

49:15, God will r my soul

Gal. 3:13, r-*ed* us from the curse

Titus 2:14, R US FROM EVERY . . . DEED

Ruth 4:4; 2 Sam. 4:9

**REDEEMER** Job 19:25, know that my R lives

Ps. 19:14, my rock and my r

Is. 63:16, our Father, Our R

Jer. 50:34, Their R is strong

**REDEMPTION** Ps. 130:7, with Him is

abundant r

Luke 21:28, your r is drawing near

Rom. 3:24, r which is in Christ Jesus

Eph. 1:7, r through His blood

4:30, sealed for the day of r

**REDUCE**—*diminish* Ex. 5:8, you are not to r

any of it

**REED**—*bulrushes, rod*

Ex. 2:3, set it among the **r-s** by  
Is. 42:3, bruised **r** He will not break  
Matt. 27:30, **r** and *began* to beat Him  
27:48, wine, and put it on a **r**  
Is. 36:6; Matt. 11:7

**REEF** Jude 12, hidden **r-s** in your love-feasts

**REEL** Is. 28:7, these also **r** with wine

**REFINE**—*purify, try* Ps. 12:6, silver . . . **r-d** seven times

Rev. 3:18, gold **r-d** by fire

**REFORM** Acts 24:2, **r-s** are being carried out  
**REFRAIN** 1 Pet. 3:10, **R** HIS TONGUE FROM EVIL  
Ex. 23:5; Job 30:10; 1 Cor. 9:6; 2 Cor. 12:6

**REFRESH**—*comfort* 1 Cor. 16:18, **r-ed** my spirit and yours

Gen. 18:5; Ex. 23:12; 31:17; Song 2:5

**REFUGE**—*defense, strength, trust*

2 Sam. 22:3, God, my rock, in whom I take **r**

Ps. 46:1, God is our **r** and strength

Is. 17:10, remembered the rock of your **r**

33:16, His **r** will be the impregnable rock

Judg. 9:15; Ps. 55:8; Is. 28:17; Jer. 16:19

**REFUSE (n.)** Ex. 29:14; Judg. 3:22; Is. 57:20**REFUSE (v.)** Gen. 23:6, none . . . will **r** you his grave

Prov. 21:25, his hands **r** to work

Matt. 2:18, SHE **R-D** TO BE COMFORTED

Acts 10:47, no one can **r** the water for these

2 Tim. 2:23, **r** foolish and ignorant

speculations

Jer. 13:10; Heb. 12:25

**REFUTE** Job 32:12; Titus 1:9**REGARD** Rom. 14:5, **r-s** one day above another

Phil. 2:3, you **r** one another as more important

Gen. 4:4; Job 18:3; 41:27; Prov. 15:5; Is. 17:7;

Lam. 4:2; Luke 7:2

**REGION** Matt. 2:22, he departed for the **r-s** of Galilee

Mark 5:17; Luke 2:8; Acts 27:2

**REGISTER**—*number, written* Num. 11:26;

2 Sam. 24:4

**REGRET** 1 Sam. 15:35, the **LORD r-ed** that

2 Cor. 7:10, produces a repentance without **r**

**REGULAR** Dan. 8:11; 11:31; 12:11, **r** sacrifice**REIGN**—*rule* Ex. 15:18, **LORD** shall **r** forever

Luke 19:14, not want this man to **r** over

1 Cor. 15:25, must **r** until He has put

2 Tim. 2:12, we shall also **r** with Him

Rev. 20:6, **r** with Him for a thousand years

Gen. 37:8; Judg. 9:8; Prov. 8:15; Is. 32:1

**REJECT** Prov. 3:11, do not **r** the discipline of the **LORD**

Prov. 15:5, A fool **r-s** his father's discipline

Matt. 21:42, **STONE . . . BUILDERS R-ED**

Luke 10:16, the one who **r-s** you **r-s** Me

17:25, **r-ed** by this generation

John 12:48, He who **r-s** Me

1 Thess. 4:8, who **r-s** this is not **r-ing** man but God

2 Tim. 3:8, **r-ed** as regards the faith

1 Pet. 2:4, **r-ed** by men

2:7; Ps. 118:22, **STONE . . . BUILDERS R-ED**

Num. 11:20; Ps. 53:5; Is. 14:19; 30:12; 33:15;

Jer. 6:30; Ezek. 20:13,16; Hos. 4:6; Amos 2:4

**REJOICE** Prov. 5:18, **r** in the wife of your youth

Matt. 2:10, they **r-d** exceedingly

5:12, **R**, and be glad

John 14:28, loved Me, you would have **r-d**

Rom. 12:15, **R** with those who **r**

1 Cor. 13:6, not **r** in unrighteousness

Phil. 3:1, brethren, **r** in the Lord

4:4, **R** in the Lord always

1 Thess. 5:16, **R** always

1 Pet. 1:8, **r** with joy inexpressible

Job 21:12; Eccles. 11:9; Is. 60:5; Luke 10:21;

1 Thess. 3:9

**REJOICING** Ps. 19:8, **LORD** are right, **r** the heart

Ps. 65:12, hills gird themselves with **r**

Joel 1:2, **r** dries up

Acts 5:41, **r** . . . been considered worthy

8:39, went on his way **r**

Rom. 12:12, **r** in hope, persevering

2 Cor. 6:10, sorrowful yet always **r**

**RELATE** Acts 8:33, **WHO SHALL R HIS**

GENERATION

**RELATIONSHIP**

Matt. 19:10, **r** of the man with his wife

**RELATIVE** Luke 1:36; 1:58**RELEASE**—*deliverance, liberty*

Lev. 25:10, proclaim a **r** through the land

Matt. 27:26, Then he **r-d** Barabbas

Mark 15:9, **r** for you the King . . . Jews

Luke 4:18, **PROCLAIM R TO THE CAPTIVES**

23:20, Pilate, wanting to **r** Jesus

John 19:12, Pilate made efforts to **r** Him

Rom. 7:6, we have been **r-d** from the Law

1 Cor. 7:27, Are you **r-d** from a wife

Heb. 11:35, not accepting their **r**

Rev. 1:5, **r-d** us from our sins

**RELIEF** Job 32:20, speak that I may get **r****RELIEVED** Ps. 4:1, Thou hast **r** me in my

distress

**REMAIN**—*abide, live, reside*

Gen. 8:22, While the earth **r-s**

Eccles. 1:4, But the earth **r-s** forever

Matt. 2:13, **r** there until I tell

11:23, **r-ed** to this day

26:38, **r** here and keep watch

John 1:32, He **r-ed** upon Him

19:31, not **r** on the cross

21:22, want him to **r** until I come

1 Cor. 3:14, If any man's work . . . **r-s**

7:8, they **r** even as I

7:11, let her **r** unmarried

Gal. 2:5, gospel might **r** with you

1 Thess. 4:15, **r** until the coming of

Titus 1:5, set in order what **r-s**

Rev. 3:2, strengthen the things that **r**

Ex. 16:29; Deut. 9:9; 1 Sam. 5:7; 16:11;

Job 14:2; 21:34; John 8:35

**REMARKABLE**—*strange*

Luke 5:26, seen **r** things today

**REMEMBER** Gen. 9:15, I will **r** My covenant

Ex. 20:8, **R** the sabbath day

Job 7:7, **R** that my life is *but* breath

11:16, As waters . . . passed by . . . **r** it

Ps. 25:7, not **r** the sins of my youth

Eccles. 12:1, **R** also your Creator

Jer. 31:34, their sin I will **r** no more

Matt. 26:75, Peter **r-ed** the word which Jesus

27:63, **r** . . . that deceiver said

Luke 17:32, **R** Lot's wife

23:42, **r** me when You come in

John 15:20, **R** the word that I said

Acts 20:35, **r** the words of the Lord

Gal. 2:10, us to **r** the poor

Heb. 13:7, **R** those who led you

**REMEMBER** (Continued)

Rev. 2:5, **R** . . . from where you have fallen  
Deut. 5:15; 32:7; 1 Chr. 16:12; Ps. 63:6; 105:42;  
Is. 46:8; Jer. 15:15; Lam. 3:20; Ezek. 21:32;  
Acts 10:31; Heb. 13:3

**REMEMBRANCE** Mal. 3:16, a book of **r** was written

Luke 22:19, do this in **r** of Me  
1 Cor. 11:25, drink it, in **r** of Me  
Eccles. 1:11; Is. 26:14; 43:26

**REMNANT** Rom. 11:5, **r** according to God's gracious choice

Deut. 3:11; Jer. 6:9; 23:3; Mal. 2:15

**REMOTE**—utmost Neh. 1:9, most **r** part of the heavens**REMOVE** Gen. 8:13, Noah **r-d** the covering of the ark

Ex. 3:5, **r** your sandals from your feet  
1 Kin. 15:12, **r-d** all the idols  
2 Kin. 17:23, **LORD r-d** Israel from His sight  
Ps. 103:12, **r-d** our transgressions  
Is. 29:13, **r** their hearts far from  
Ezek. 36:26, **r** the heart of stone  
Matt. 3:11, not even fit to **r** His sandals  
Luke 22:42, **r** this cup from Me  
John 11:39, **R** the stone

1 Cor. 13:2, so as to **r** mountains

Ruth 4:8; 2 Kin. 18:4; Job 24:2

**REND** 1 Kin. 19:11; Is. 64:1; Joel 2:13**RENDER**—repay Matt. 22:21, **r** to Caesar the things that

Rom. 13:7, **R** to all . . . due them

Deut. 32:41; Ps. 94:2; Prov. 24:12

**RENEW** Ps. 51:10, **r** a steadfast spirit within

Ps. 103:5, youth is **r-ed** like the  
Lam. 5:21, **R** our days as of old  
Rom. 12:2, **r-ing** of your mind  
2 Cor. 4:16, inner man is being **r-ed** day by day

Col. 3:10, **r-ed** to a true knowledge

Titus 3:5, **r-ing** by the Holy Spirit

**REPAY**—recompense Gen. 44:4, **r-d** evil for good

Matt. 6:4,6,18, in secret will **r** you

Luke 10:35, return, I will **r** you

Rom. 12:19, I WILL **r**, SAYS THE LORD

1 Thess. 5:15, no one **r-s** . . . evil for evil

Philem. 19, own hand, I will **r** it

Heb. 10:30, VENGEANCE IS MINE, I WILL **R**

Deut. 7:10; 32:6; 2 Sam. 3:39; Jer. 18:20; 51:56;

Luke 14:14

**REPENT** Job 42:6, **r** in dust and ashes

Matt. 3:2, **R**, for the kingdom of

11:21, **r-ed** long ago in sackcloth

Mark 1:15, **r** and believe in the gospel

6:12, preached that *men* should **r**

Luke 13:3, unless you **r**, you will all

15:7, one sinner who **r-s**

Acts 2:38, **R**, and . . . be baptized

3:19, **R** therefore and return

26:20, **r** and turn to God

Num. 23:19; Ezek. 18:30

**REPENTANCE** Matt. 3:8, fruit . . . with your **r**

Matt. 3:11, in water for **r**

Mark 1:4, a baptism of **r**

Luke 24:47, **r** for forgiveness of sins

Acts 26:20, performing deeds . . . to **r**

2 Cor. 7:10, God produces a **r** without regret

Heb. 6:1, laying . . . foundation of **r**

2 Pet. 3:9, all to come to **r**

**REPHAIM**—giant

Deut. 3:13, it is called the land of **R**

**REPORT** Matt. 2:8, have found **Him**, **r** to me

Matt. 11:4, Go and **r** to John the things

Luke 7:17, this **r** concerning **Him**

John 12:38, WHO HAS BELIEVED OUR **R**

**REPROACH** Jer. 29:18, a hissing and a **r**

Ezek. 5:14, a **r** among the nations

Matt. 11:20, **H** began to **r** the cities

1 Tim. 3:7, fall into **r** and the snare of

Titus 2:8, speech which is beyond **r**

Heb. 11:26, considering the **r** of Christ

Gen. 30:23; Job 27:6; Ps. 4:2; 44:13; 119:39;

Is. 51:7; Jer. 24:9; Hos. 12:14; Rom. 15:3

**REPROBATE** Ps. 15:4, a **r** is despised**REPROOF** Prov. 15:10, who hates **r** will die

2 Tim. 3:16, for teaching, for **r**, for correction

Prov. 1:30; 10:17; 15:5; 29:1,15

**REPROVE**—correct

Job 5:17, the man whom God **r-s**

Prov. 3:12, whom the LORD loves **H** **r-s**

Matt. 18:15, **r** him in private

2 Tim. 4:2, **r**, rebuke, exhort, with . . . patience

Rev. 3:19, I love, I **r** and discipline

Lev. 19:17; Job 13:10; 40:2; Prov. 9:8; Jer. 2:19

**REPUTATION**—report

Acts 6:3, seven men of good **r**

1 Tim. 5:10, having a **r** for good works

**REPUTE**—report Phil. 4:8, whatever is of good **r****REQUEST**—desire

Rom. 1:10, in my prayers making **r**

Phil. 4:6, let your **r-s** be made known

Judg. 8:24; 1 Kin. 2:16; Neh. 2:4; Job 6:8;

Mark 15:6

**REQUIRE** Mic. 6:8, what does the Lord **r** of you

Luke 12:20, night your soul is **r-d** of you

1 Cor. 4:2, it is **r-d** of stewards

Gen. 9:5; Deut. 10:12; Ezra 3:4; Ps. 10:13;

Is. 1:12

**RESCUE** Ps. 144:10; 2 Pet. 2:7**RESERVED** 1 Pet. 1:4, **r** in heaven for you

2 Pet. 3:7, are being **r** for fire

Gen. 27:36; Job 21:30

**RESIDE** Matt. 2:23, **r-d** in a city called Nazareth

Lev. 19:34; Eccles. 7:9; Jer. 49:18

**RESIST** Matt. 5:39, do not **r** him who is evil

Luke 21:15, opponents will be able to **r** or

Acts 7:51, are always **r-ing** the Holy Spirit

Rom. 13:2, he who **r-s** authority has opposed

Heb. 12:4, not yet **r-ed** to the point of

shedding

James 4:7, **R** the devil, and he

**RESOLUTELY**—steadfastly

1 Chr. 28:7, **r** performs **My**

Luke 9:51, **H** **r** set His face to go

**RESPECT** Matt. 21:37, They will **r** my son

Luke 18:2, and did not **r** man

Eph. 5:33, let the wife . . . **r** her husband

1 Pet. 3:2, chaste and **r-ful** behavior

Gen. 34:19; Mal. 1:6; 1 Pet. 2:18

**RESPOND** Is. 19:22, LORD, and He will **r** to them

Col. 4:6, how you should **r** to each person

**RESPONSE** 2 Kin. 4:31, was neither sound nor **r****REST**—stand Josh. 1:13, God gives you **r**

Josh. 14:15, the land had **r** from war

Ps. 37:7, **R** in the LORD and wait

116:7, Return to your **r**, O my soul

Prov. 14:33, Wisdom **r-s** in the heart



- Is. 11:2, Spirit of the LORD will r upon Him  
 11:10, His r-ing place will be glorious  
 Jer. 6:16, find r for your souls  
 Matt. 11:28, and I will give you r  
 11:29, R FOR YOUR SOULS  
 Luke 11:24, waterless places seeking r  
 1 Cor. 2:5, r on the wisdom of men  
 2 Cor. 2:13, I had no r for my spirit  
 Heb. 3:11, THEY SHALL NOT ENTER MY R  
 1 Pet. 4:2, live the r of the time in  
 Gen. 5:29; 8:9; 49:15; Ex. 10:5; Deut. 28:65;  
 Ruth 1:9; 2 Sam. 4:5; Job 3:17; 11:18;  
 Prov. 19:20; Eccles. 4:6; Is. 14:3; 38:10;  
 57:2; Lam. 5:5; Matt. 22:6; Rev. 19:21
- RESTED** Gen. 2:2, and He r on the seventh day  
 Ex. 24:16, glory of the LORD r  
 Acts 2:3, tongues of fire . . . r on each one
- RESTITUTION** Lev. 6:5; 2 Sam. 12:6
- RESTORE**—*turn* Ps. 19:7, perfect r-ing the soul  
 Ps. 23:3, He r-s my soul; He guides  
 Matt. 17:11, is coming, and will r all things  
 Mark 3:5, his hand was r-d  
 James 5:15, prayer . . . will r the one who is  
 sick  
 Gen. 20:7; Neh. 3:8; 4:2; Ps. 80:3; Jer. 30:17
- RESTRAIN** Prov. 10:19, who r-s his lips is wise  
 Acts 14:18, they with difficulty r-ed the  
 crowds  
 2 Cor. 6:12, You are not r-ed by us, but  
 Gen. 8:2; Job 7:11; 11:10; Jer. 31:16; 2 Pet.  
 2:16
- RESTRICT** Jer. 36:5, I am r-ed; I cannot go
- RESULT**—*work* Eph. 4:14, As a r . . . no longer  
 James 1:4, endurance have its perfect r
- RESURRECTION** Matt. 22:23, say there is no r  
 Matt. 22:30, r they neither marry, nor  
 Luke 14:14, at the r of the righteous  
 20:27, who say that there is no r  
 20:36, being sons of the r  
 John 5:29, r of life . . . r of judgment  
 11:25, the r, and the life  
 Acts 24:15, r of both the righteous and the  
 24:21, For the r of the dead  
 1 Cor. 15:13, if there is no r  
 Phil. 3:11, attain to the r  
 Heb. 11:35, might obtain a better r  
 1 Pet. 1:3, living hope through the r  
 Rev. 20:5, This is the first r
- RETAIN** John 20:23, r the sins of any . . . r-ed
- RETIRE** Ps. 127:2, To r late
- RETRIBUTION** Hos. 9:7, days of r have come  
 Rom. 11:9, STUMBLING BLOCK . . . A R
- RETURN**—*turn back*  
 Gen. 43:18, money . . . r-ed in our sacks  
 Deut. 30:2, r to the LORD your God  
 Eccles. 4:9, a good r for their labor  
 Mal. 3:7, R to Me, and I will r to you  
 Matt. 10:13, let your . . . peace r to you  
 Luke 2:39, they r-ed to Galilee  
 4:14, r-ed . . . in the power of the Spirit  
 10:17, the seventy r-ed with joy  
 24:9, r-ed from the tomb  
 Acts 3:19, Repent therefore and r  
 1 Tim. 5:4, make some r to their parents  
 1 Pet. 2:25, now you have r-ed to the  
 3:9, not r-ing evil for evil  
 Gen. 3:19; 32:9; Ex. 14:28; Ruth 1:12;  
 1 Sam. 7:3; 25:21; 2 Sam. 1:22; 1 Kin.  
 22:17; Job 1:21; 10:21; 33:25; Eccles.
- 12:2,7; Is. 10:22; 55:11; Jer. 3:22; 4:1;  
 Ezek. 16:55; Dan. 4:36; Matt. 12:44; Acts  
 13:34
- REVEAL**—*manifest* Job 20:27, will r his iniquity  
 Is. 40:5, glory of the LORD will be r-ed  
 53:1, arm of the LORD been r-ed  
 Matt. 11:25, didst r them to babes  
 16:17, blood did not r this to you  
 Luke 17:30, the Son of Man is r-ed  
 Rom. 8:18, glory that is to be r-ed to us  
 8:19, r-ing of the sons of God  
 1 Cor. 3:13, it is to be r-ed by fire  
 Gal. 1:16, to r His Son in me  
 Eph. 3:5, r-ed to His holy apostles  
 2 Thess. 2:3, man of lawlessness is r-ed  
 2:8, lawless one will be r-ed  
 1 Pet. 1:5, be r-ed in the last time  
 1 Sam. 14:8,11; Job 12:22; Prov. 11:13; 25:9; Is.  
 26:21; Dan. 2:47
- REVEL** 2 Pet. 2:13, to r in the daytime
- REVELATION** Rom. 16:25, the r of the mystery  
 1 Cor. 1:7, awaiting eagerly the r  
 14:6, speak . . . by way of r  
 Gal. 1:12, through a r of Jesus Christ  
 2:2, because of a r that I went up  
 Eph. 1:17, spirit of wisdom and r  
 Rev. 1:1, The R of Jesus Christ
- REVENGE** Jer. 20:10, take our r on him  
 Rom. 12:19, Never take your own r
- REVERE** Lev. 19:30; Zeph. 3:7
- REVERENCE**—*fear*  
 Ps. 2:11, Worship the LORD with r  
 5:7, bow in r for Thee  
 Heb. 11:7, in r prepared an ark  
 12:28, service with r and awe  
 Job 15:4; Is. 29:13
- REVILLE** Ps. 74:10, long, will the adversary r  
 Matt. 5:11, when men r you  
 Acts 23:4, Do you r God's high priest  
 1 Cor. 4:12, when we are r-d, we bless  
 1 Pet. 2:23, being r-d, He did not r  
 4:14, r-d for the name of Christ
- REVIVE** Ps. 119:88, R me . . . Thy  
 loving-kindness
- REWARD**—*recompense*  
 Job 15:31, emptiness will be his r  
 Ps. 58:11, a r for the righteous  
 Prov. 11:18, righteousness gets a true r  
 Is. 62:11, His r is with Him  
 Matt. 5:12, your r in heaven is great  
 6:1, no r with your Father who  
 6:2,5,16, have their r in full  
 10:42, shall not lose his r  
 1 Cor. 3:8, will receive his own r  
 Heb. 11:26, he was looking to the r  
 2 John 8, that you may receive a full r  
 Rev. 22:12, My r is with Me  
 Gen. 1:5; Ruth 2:12; Prov. 11:31; Is. 1:23;  
 45:13
- RICH** Gen. 13:2, Abram was very r in livestock  
 Jer. 9:23, r man boast of his riches  
 Matt. 19:23, hard for a r man to enter  
 Luke 1:53, sent away the r empty-handed  
 6:24, woe to you who are r  
 16:1, There was a certain r man  
 16:21, crumbs . . . falling from the r man's  
 table  
 18:23, for he was extremely r  
 1 Cor. 4:8, filled, you have already become r

**RICH** (Continued)

Eph. 2:4, God, being **r** in mercy  
 Col. 3:16, word of Christ **r-ly** dwell within  
 1 Tim. 6:18, to be **r** in good works  
 James 1:11, **r** man . . . will fade away  
 2:6, Is it not the **r** who oppress you  
 Rev. 13:16, **r** and the poor, and the free  
 Gen. 49:20; Ex. 30:15; 1 Sam. 2:7; Ps. 49:2;  
 Prov. 10:4; 18:23; Eccles. 10:20

**RICHES**—possessions Prov. 11:4, **R** do not profit in the day

Prov. 22:1, more desired than great **r**  
 30:8, neither poverty nor **r**  
 Matt. 13:22, deceitfulness of **r**  
 Luke 8:14, choked with worries and **r**  
 Rom. 10:12, abounding in **r** for all who call  
 Eph. 1:7, **r** of His grace  
 3:8, unfathomable **r** of Christ  
 1 Tim. 6:17, hope on the uncertainty of **r**  
 James 5:2, Your **r** are rotted  
 1 Kin. 3:11; Job 20:15; 36:19; Ps. 62:10;  
 Prov. 3:16; 23:4; Jer. 9:23

**RIDE** 1 Kin. 1:33; Is. 19:1; Ezek. 23:12**RIGHT**—justice, just

Judg. 17:6, man did what was **r**  
 Ps. 19:8, precepts of the **LORD** are **r**  
 Prov. 14:12, a way *which seems* **r**  
 Hos. 14:9, ways of the **LORD** are **r**  
 Matt. 5:29, **r** eye makes you stumble  
 22:44, **SIT AT MY R HAND**  
 26:64, **AT THE R HAND OF POWER**  
 Mark 5:15, and in his **r** mind  
 16:19, **SAT DOWN AT THE R HAND OF GOD**  
 Luke 22:50, cut off his **r** ear  
 John 1:12, the **r** to become children of God  
 Acts 8:21, your heart is not **r**  
 Rom. 9:21, potter have a **r** over the clay  
 12:17, **r** in the sight of all men  
 1 Cor. 9:18, full use of my **r** in the  
 2 Cor. 13:7, you may do what is **r**  
 Gal. 2:9, **r** hand of fellowship  
 Phil. 4:8, whatever is **r**  
 2 Pet. 2:15, forsaking the **r** way  
 Rev. 22:14, **r** to the tree of life  
 Gen. 24:48; Ex. 21:10; Deut. 12:25; 21:17;  
 2 Kin. 10:15; Job 9:2; 34:6; Prov. 24:26; Is.  
 41:13; Jer. 40:4; Ezek. 18:25,29; 33:17,20

**RIGHTEOUS** Gen. 6:9, Noah was a **r** man

Ps. 7:9, establish the **r**  
 Prov. 10:30, **r** will never be shaken  
 11:28, **r** will flourish  
 Jer. 23:5, David a **r** Branch  
 Hab. 2:4, the **r** will live by his faith  
 Matt. 5:45, rain on *the r* and *the* unrighteous  
 9:13, not come to call *the r*  
 10:41, a **r** man's reward  
 13:43, **R WILL SHINE FORTH**  
 25:46, **r** into eternal life  
 Luke 15:7, ninety-nine **r** persons  
 23:50, Joseph . . . a good and **r** man  
 John 7:24, with **r** judgment  
 Acts 7:52, the coming of the **R** One  
 Rom. 1:17, **THE R MAN SHALL LIVE BY FAITH**  
 3:10, **NONE R, NOT EVEN**  
 1 Tim. 1:9, Law . . . for a **r** man  
 James 5:16, prayer of a **r** man can  
 1 Pet. 4:18, **THAT THE R IS SAVED**  
 1 John 1:9, **r** to forgive us our sins  
 2:1, Jesus Christ the **r**

Gen. 18:23; Ex. 9:27; 23:7; 1 Sam. 24:17;  
 Job 9:20; Ps. 1:5; 11:5; 33:1; 37:16; 55:22;  
 119:75,137; Prov. 2:20; 3:16; 4:18; 13:5;  
 16:13; 24:16; 28:1; Eccles. 3:17; 7:16; Is.  
 26:7; 32:1; 53:11; Jer. 33:15; Ezek. 13:22;  
 Dan. 9:14; Amos 2:6

**RIGHTEOUSNESS**—judgment, justice

Ps. 23:3, in the paths of **r**  
 96:13, judge the world in **r**  
 97:6, heavens declare His **r**  
 111:3, His **r** endures forever  
 Prov. 14:34, **R** exalts a nation  
 16:8, Better is a little with **r**  
 Jer. 22:13, builds his house without **r**  
 23:6, **THE LORD** our **r**  
 Dan. 12:3, lead the many to **r**  
 Matt. 3:15, fitting for us to fulfill all **r**  
 5:6, hunger and thirst for **r**  
 5:10, persecuted . . . sake of **r**  
 5:20, your **r** surpasses *that*  
 6:1, your **r** before men  
 6:33, seek first . . . and His **r**  
 Luke 1:75, holiness and **r** before Him  
 Rom. 4:3,22; Gal. 3:6, **RECKONED TO HIM AS R**  
 5:18, through one act of **r**  
 8:10, spirit is alive . . . **r**  
 2 Cor. 6:14, what partnership have **r** and  
 Gal. 2:21, if **r** comes through Law  
 Eph. 4:24, created in **r**  
 6:14, **BREASTPLATE OF R**  
 1 Tim. 6:11, pursue after **r**  
 2 Tim. 4:8, the crown of **r**  
 Heb. 7:2, king of **r**  
 12:11, peaceful fruit of **r**  
 James 1:20, anger . . . not achieve the **r**  
 1 Pet. 3:14, for the sake of **r**  
 1 John 3:10, does not practice **r** is not  
 Gen. 15:6; 18:19; 1 Sam. 26:23; Job 27:6;  
 29:14; 36:3; Ps. 17:15; 48:10; Prov. 10:2;  
 11:19; Is. 45:8; 48:18; 51:5; 59:17; 60:17;  
 Jer. 31:23; Ezek. 18:5; 33:13; Hos. 10:12;  
 Mal. 4:2; Acts 13:10

**RIPE** Gen. 40:10; Jer. 24:2; Joel 3:13; Rev. 14:15,18**RISE** Prov. 31:15, She **r-s** also while

Matt. 24:7, nation . . . **r** against nation  
 27:63, I *am* to **r** again  
 Mark 12:25, when they **r** from the dead  
 13:12, children will **r** up against parents  
 16:6, He has **r-n**, He is not here  
 Luke 5:23, **R** and walk  
 11:31, Queen of the South shall **r**  
 12:54, cloud **r-ing** in the west  
 22:46, **R** and pray that  
 24:34, Lord has really **r-n**  
 1 Thess. 4:16, dead in Christ shall **r**  
 Gen. 19:2; Lev. 19:32; Num. 24:17; Josh. 12:1;  
 Ps. 35:11; 86:14; 113:3; Is. 32:9; 60:1; Jer.  
 47:2; Matt. 14:2; Luke 16:31

**RIVER**—water Ps. 46:4, a **r** whose streams make glad

Eccles. 1:7, All the **r-s** flow into the sea  
 Mark 1:5, baptized by him in the Jordan **R**  
 John 7:38, shall flow **r-s** of living water  
 2 Cor. 11:26, in dangers from **r-s**  
 Rev. 22:1, a **r** of the water of life  
 Gen. 2:10; Josh. 1:4; 24:2; Job 40:23; Ps. 24:2;  
 66:6; 137:1; Is. 11:15; Lam. 2:18; Ezek.  
 47:5

- ROAD**—way Luke 19:36, garments in the r  
Acts 9:27, seen the Lord on the r
- ROAM** Job 1:7, From r-ing about on the earth  
1 Pet. 5:8, devil prowls about like a r-ing lion
- ROAR** 1 Pet. 5:8, devil prowls about like a r-ing lion  
2 Pet. 3:10, heavens pass away with a r  
1 Chr. 16:32; Job 4:10; 37:4; Ps. 96:11; Jer. 25:30
- ROAST** Lev. 2:14, grain r-ed in the fire
- ROB** Prov. 22:22, Do not r the poor  
Mal. 3:8, Will a man r God  
2 Cor. 11:8, I r-ed other churches  
Judg. 9:25; Prov. 17:12; 28:24; Is. 10:2
- ROBBER** Jer. 7:11, become a den of r-s  
Matt. 21:13, making it a r-s' den  
Mark 15:27, crucified two r-s with Him  
Luke 10:30, he fell among r-s  
22:52, come out . . . as against a r  
John 10:1, he is a thief and a r  
18:40, Now Barabbas was a r  
Acts 19:37, neither r-s of temples
- ROBBERY** Ps. 62:10, do not vainly hope in r  
Matt. 23:25, full of r and self-indulgence  
Luke 11:39, full of r and wickedness
- ROBE**—garment Is. 61:10, with a r of righteousness  
Matt. 27:28, put a scarlet r on Him  
Mark 12:38, walk around in long r-s  
16:5, young man . . . wearing a white r  
Luke 15:22, bring out the best r  
20:46, like to walk around in long r-s  
John 19:2, arrayed Him in a purple r  
Rev. 1:13, a r reaching to the feet  
7:14, have washed their r-s  
19:16, on His r and on His high  
1 Sam. 24:4; Job 1:20; 29:14
- ROCK**—stone, strength Num. 20:11, struck the r twice  
Ps. 19:14, LORD, my r and my redeemer  
31:3, Thou art my r and my fortress  
Matt. 7:24, built his house upon the r  
13:5, fell upon the r-y places  
16:18, upon this r I will build My church  
Mark 15:46, tomb . . . hewn out in the r  
Luke 8:6, other seed fell on r-y soil  
Rom. 9:33, A R OF OFFENSE  
1 Cor. 10:4, were drinking from a spiritual r  
Ex. 17:6; 33:22; Deut. 32:4,13; 1 Sam. 2:2;  
2 Sam. 22:2; Job 19:24; 28:2; 29:6; Ps.  
18:2; 27:5; Prov. 30:19; Is. 8:14; 26:4;  
51:1,9; Jer. 5:3
- ROD** Ps. 2:9, break them with a r of iron  
Ps. 23:4, Thy r and Thy staff, they comfort  
Prov. 13:24, Spares his r hates his son  
2 Cor. 11:25, Three times . . . beaten with r-s  
Heb. 9:4, Aaron's r which budded  
Rev. 19:15, rule them with a r of iron  
Gen. 30:37; Num. 17:8; 2 Sam. 7:14;  
Prov. 26:3; Is. 10:5; Ezek. 20:37; 40:5; 41:8
- ROGUE** Is. 32:5, r be spoken of as generous
- ROLL** Is. 34:4, sky will be r-ed up  
Matt. 27:60, Joseph . . . r-ed a large stone  
28:2, came and r-ed away the stone  
Is. 22:18; Mark 16:3; Heb. 1:12
- ROOF** Gen. 19:8; Josh. 2:6; 2 Sam. 11:2;  
Matt. 8:8; Mark 2:4
- ROOM** Jer. 22:14, build myself a r-y house  
Matt. 6:6, GO INTO YOUR INNER R
- Mark 14:15, large upper r furnished  
Luke 2:7, no r for them in the inn  
Acts 1:13, went up to the upper r  
Gen. 6:14; Judg. 3:24; Prov. 18:16;  
Matt. 24:26; Rom. 12:19
- ROOT** Matt. 3:10, axe . . . laid at the r of the  
Mark 4:6, it had no r, it withered  
Rom. 11:16, if the r be holy  
Eph. 3:17, being r-ed and grounded in love  
1 Tim. 6:10, money is a r of all sorts of evil  
Deut. 29:18; Job 5:3; Ps. 80:9; Is. 5:24; 53:2;  
Jer. 12:2
- ROPE** Is. 3:24, Instead of a belt, a r
- ROSE** (n) Song 2:1, I am the r of Sharon
- ROSE** (v.) Josh. 3:16, waters . . . r up in one heap
- ROT**—wither Is. 19:6, reeds and rushes will r  
Zech. 14:12, tongue will r in their mouth  
James 5:2, Your riches have r-ed
- ROTTEN** Matt. 7:17, r tree bears bad fruit
- ROUND** Lev. 19:27, not r off the side-growth
- ROUGH** Prov. 18:23; Is. 40:4
- ROUT** Judg. 4:15; 8:12; 2 Sam. 22:15; Ps. 18:14
- RUBBISH** Phil. 3:8, count them but r
- RUIN**—destruction  
Ex. 9:31, flax . . . barley were r-ed  
Prov. 10:15, r of the poor is their poverty  
18:7, fool's mouth is his r  
26:28, flattering mouth works r  
Song 2:15, foxes that are r-ing the vineyards  
Luke 6:49, r of that house was great  
Acts 15:16, WILL REBUILD ITS R-S  
Job 2:3; Ps. 74:3; Prov. 10:14,29; 14:28;  
Is. 23:13; 61:4; Lam. 2:13
- RULE** Judg. 8:22, R over us  
Job 34:30, godless men should not r  
Rom. 15:12, TO R OVER THE GENTILES  
Gal. 6:16, will walk by this r  
Eph. 1:21, far above all r and authority  
Col. 3:15, peace of Christ r in your hearts  
Rev. 2:27, R THEM WITH A ROD OF IRON  
Gen. 1:26; Ps. 8:6; 49:14; Prov. 8:16; 16:32;  
Is. 3:12; 26:13
- RULER** Ex. 22:28, nor curse a r of your people  
Matt. 2:6, SHALL COME FORTH A R, WHO WILL SHEPHERD  
9:34, r of the demons  
Mark 10:42, r-s of the Gentiles  
John 3:1, Nicodemus, a r of the Jews  
12:31, r of this world shall be cast out  
Acts 7:27, WHO MADE YOU A R AND JUDGE  
Eph. 6:12, struggle is . . . against the r-s  
Titus 3:1, Remind them to be subject to r-s  
Gen. 42:6; Ps. 2:2; Prov. 6:7; 29:12; Is. 22:3
- RUMOR** Matt. 24:6, wars and r-s of wars  
Ex. 23:1; Ezek. 7:26
- RUN** Prov. 1:16, their feet r to evil  
Is. 40:31, r and not get tired  
1 Cor. 9:24, those who r in a race all r  
Gal. 5:7, You were r-ing well  
Heb. 12:1, let us r with endurance the race  
Gen. 49:22; Lev. 15:13; 2 Kin. 4:22; Ps. 18:29;  
19:5; Prov. 6:18; Ezek. 32:14; Gal. 2:2
- RUSH** Matt. 8:32, herd r-ed down the steep  
Rev. 9:9, many horses r-ing to battle
- RUSHES**—reeds Job 8:11; Is. 19:6
- RUST** Matt. 6:19, moth and r destroy  
James 5:3, Your gold and your silver have r-ed
- RUTHLESS**—terrible  
Ezek. 28:7, most r of the nations

## S

**SABBATH** Ex. 20:8, Remember the **s** day

Lev. 25:8, count off seven **s-s** of years

Matt. 12:8, is Lord of the **S**

28:1, Now late on the **S**

Mark 2:27, **S** was made for man

3:4, on the **S** to do good

John 19:31, that **S** was a high day

Acts 1:12, a **S** day's journey away

Ex. 16:26; 20:11; 31:15; 35:3; Lev. 26:2;

Num. 15:32; Deut. 5:12; 2 Kin. 4:23

**SACKCLOTH** Matt. 11:21, repented . . . in **s**

Rev. 6:12, sun became black as **s** made of hair

Esth. 4:1; Job 16:15; Dan. 9:3

**SACRED** 2 Kin. 12:18, Joash . . . took all the **s** things

2 Tim. 3:15, have known the **s** writings

**SACRIFICE** Ps. 51:17, **s-s** of God are a broken

Matt. 9:13, COMPASSION, AND NOT **s**

Rom. 12:1, bodies a living and holy **s**

1 Cor. 8:1, things **s-d** to idols

10:20, they **s** to demons

Phil. 4:18, an acceptable **s**, well pleasing

Heb. 9:26, put away sin by the **s** of

11:4, a better **s** than Cain

13:16, such **s-s** God is pleased

Gen. 31:54; Ex. 12:27; Prov. 15:8; Is. 43:23;

Dan. 11:31; Hos. 6:6; Acts 7:41

**SAD**—*sore* Prov. 15:13, when the heart is **s**

Is. 59:11, And moan **s-ly** like doves

Neh. 2:2; Luke 24:17

**SADDLE** Gen. 31:34, the camel's **s**

**SAFE** Job 21:9, houses are **s** from fear

Acts 27:43, centurion . . . bring Paul **s-ly**

Luke 15:27, received him back **s** and sound

Phil. 3:1, it is a **s-guard** for you

**SAFETY** Ezek. 39:6, inhabit the coastlands in **s**

**SAIL** Acts 28:13, from there we **s-ed** around

**SAINT** Matt. 27:52, bodies of the **s-s** . . . were raised

Acts 26:10, lock up . . . **s-s** in prisons

Rom. 1:7, called *as* **s-s**

8:27, He intercedes for the **s-s**

1 Cor. 6:2, **s-s** will judge the world

Eph. 2:19, fellow-citizens with the **s-s**

Phil. 1:1, all the **s-s** in Christ Jesus

1 Thess. 3:13, Lord Jesus with all His **s-s**

Rev. 14:12, perseverance of the **s-s**

20:9, the camp of the **s-s**

**SAKE** Ps. 23:3, For His name's **s**

Ps. 44:22, for Thy **s** we are killed

Is. 42:21, for His righteousness' **s**

Matt. 16:25, loses his life for My **s**

Mark 13:20, for the **s** of the elect

Luke 6:22, the **s** of the Son of Man

18:29, for the **s** of the kingdom of God

Rom. 8:36, **THY S WE ARE . . . PUT TO DEATH**

13:5, for conscience' **s**

1 Cor. 9:23, for the **s** of the gospel

2 Cor. 8:9, for your **s** He became poor

Phil. 1:29, for Christ's **s** . . . suffer for his **s**

1 Tim. 5:23, wine for the **s** of your stomach

Titus 1:11, for the **s** of sordid gain

2 John 2, for the **s** of the truth

**SALT** Gen. 19:26, became a pillar of **s**

Matt. 5:13, You are the **s** of the earth

Mark 9:50, **S** is good

Col. 4:6, seasoned, *as it were*, with **s**

James 3:12, *can* **s** water produce fresh

Judg. 9:45; Job 6:6

**SALVATION** Ps. 3:8, **S** belongs to the LORD

Ps. 27:1, LORD is my light and my **s**

62:1, From Him is my **s**

85:9, **s** is near to those who fear Him

98:3, seen the **s** of our God

Is. 59:17, helmet of **s** on His head

Luke 1:71, **S** FROM OUR ENEMIES

2:30, mine eyes have seen Thy **s**

3:6, FLESH SHALL SEE THE **S** OF GOD

19:9, **s** has come to this house

Acts 4:12, is **s** in no one else

13:26, word of this **s** is sent out

16:17, proclaiming to you the way of **s**

Rom. 1:16, power of God for **s**

11:11, **s** has come to the Gentiles

2 Cor. 6:2, ON THE DAY OF **s**

7:10, repentance . . . *leading* to **s**

Eph. 6:17, take the helmet of **s**

Phil. 2:12, work out your **s** with fear

1 Thess. 5:9, obtaining **s** through our Lord

2 Tim. 3:15, wisdom that leads to **s**

Titus 2:11, grace of God . . . bringing **s**

Heb. 1:14, who will inherit **s**

2:3, if we neglect so great a **s**

9:28, not to bear sin . . . for **s**

1 Pet. 1:5, through faith for a **s**

2 Pet. 3:15, patience of our Lord to *be* **s**

Rev. 7:10, **S** to our God who sits

12:10, Now the **s**, and the power

Gen. 49:18; Ex. 15:2; Deut. 32:15; Job 13:16;

Ps. 116:13; 119:155; Is. 12:3; 33:2; 49:6;

51:6; 52:7; 56:1; Jon. 2:9; Zech. 9:9

**SAME** Ps. 102:27, But Thou art the **s**

Matt. 5:46, even the tax gatherers do the **s**

Luke 2:8, in the **s** region . . . shepherds

23:40, under the **s** sentence of

Rom. 10:12, **s** Lord is Lord of all

1 Cor. 12:4, of gifts, but the **s** Spirit

Heb. 13:8, Christ . . . **s** yesterday and today

**SANCTIFY** Lev. 22:32, I am the LORD who **s-es**

John 10:36, whom the Father **s-ed**

17:17, **S** them in the truth

Rom. 15:16, **s-ed** by the Holy Spirit

1 Cor. 6:11, washed, but you were **s-ed**

7:14, wife is **s-ed** . . . believing husband

1 Thess. 5:23, God of peace . . . **s** you entirely

Heb. 2:11, who **s-es** and those who are **s-ed**

Gen. 2:3; Ex. 13:2; Is. 29:23; Ezek. 20:20; 44:24

**SANCTITY** 1 Tim. 2:15, faith and love and **s**

**SANCTUARY** Ps. 150:1, Praise God in His **s**

Is. 60:13, beautify the place of My **s**

Heb. 8:2, a minister in the **s**

Ex. 25:8; Lev. 19:30; Ps. 73:17; Amos 7:13

**SAND** Gen. 32:12, descendants as the **s** of the

sea

Matt. 7:26, built his house upon the **s**

Heb. 11:12, **s** . . . BY THE SEASHORE

Deut. 33:19; Job 29:18; Prov. 27:3

**SANDAL** Matt. 3:11, fit to remove His **s-s**

Matt. 10:10, tunics, or **s-s**, or

Ex. 12:11; Deut. 29:5; Amos 2:6; Mark 1:7;

Acts 7:33

**SANK** Gen. 42:28, their hearts **s**

**SAPPHIRE**—*lapis lazuli* Ex. 28:18; Song 5:14;

Rev. 21:19

**SASH** Ex. 28:40; 29:9

**SAT** Mark 16:19, **S** DOWN AT THE RIGHT HAND OF  
God

Luke 7:15, the dead man **s** up  
Ex. 2:15; 16:3; Jon. 4:5; Mark 11:2

**SATAN** Matt. 4:10, Begone, **S**

Matt. 12:26, **S** casts out **S**  
16:23, Get behind Me, **S**

Mark 1:13, forty days being tempted by **S**  
Luke 10:18, watching **S** fall from heaven  
22:3, **S** entered into Judas

Acts 5:3, why has **S** filled your heart  
Rom. 16:20, crush **S** under your feet  
2 Cor. 2:11, no advantage . . . of us by **S**  
1 Thess. 2:18, yet **S** thwarted us

1 Tim. 1:20, I have delivered over to **S**  
Rev. 3:9, those of the synagogue of **S**  
12:9, called the Devil and **S**

20:7, **S** . . . released from his prison  
Job 1:6; Zech. 3:2

**SATIATE** Is. 34:5, My sword is **s-d**

**SATISFY** Ps. 22:26, afflicted shall eat and  
be **s-ed**

Ps. 91:16, with long life I will **s** him  
Mark 8:4, **s** these men with bread

Gen. 25:8; Lev. 26:26; Esth. 5:13; Job 21:23;  
27:14; 38:27; Ps. 78:30; Prov. 6:30; 27:20;  
Is. 29:8; Joel 2:26; Mark 15:15

**SATYR**—*demon* 2 Chr. 11:15, he set up priests  
. . . for the **s-s**

**SAVE**—*deliver, escape, exempt*

Ps. 6:4, **S** me because of Thy lovingkindness  
86:2, **s** Thy servant who trusts in Thee  
Is. 35:4, God will come . . . He will **s** you  
45:2, Turn to Me, and be **s-d**

63:1, mighty to **s**  
Jer. 8:20, summer is ended . . . we are not **s-d**

Matt. 1:21, **s** His people from their sins  
10:22, who has endured . . . will be **s-d**

16:25, **s** his life shall lose it  
18:11, come to **s** that which is lost

19:25, Then who can be **s-d**  
Mark 3:4, to **s** a life or to kill  
13:13, one who has endured . . . will be **s-d**

16:16, been baptized shall be **s-d**  
Luke 7:50, Your faith has **s-d** you; go in peace

23:35, let Him **s** Himself if . . . the Christ  
John 3:17, world should be **s-d** through Him

10:9, enters through Me, he shall be **s-d**  
12:27, Father, **s** Me from this hour

Acts 4:12, by which we must be **s-d**  
16:30, what must I do to be **s-d**

Rom. 5:10, we shall be **s-d** by His life  
8:24, in hope we have been **s-d**

1 Cor. 7:16, **s** your husband . . . **s** your wife  
16:2, each . . . put aside and **s**

Eph. 2:5, by grace you have been **s-d**  
1 Tim. 1:15, into the world to **s** sinners

2 Tim. 1:9, who has **s-d** us, and called us  
James 1:21, able to **s** your souls

4:12, able to **s** and to destroy  
1 Pet. 4:18, WITH DIFFICULTY . . . **RIGHTEOUS S-D**

Deut. 28:29; 33:29; 1 Sam. 14:6; Job 22:29; Ps.  
28:9; 44:7; 60:5; Prov. 20:22; Jer. 30:10;  
42:11; Ezek. 18:27; Amos 2:14; Acts 28:4

**SAVIOR** 2 Sam. 22:3, My **s**, Thou dost save me  
Ps. 106:21, forgot God their **S**

Is. 19:20, He will send them a **S**  
43:11, there is no **s** besides Me

45:21, a righteous God and a **S**  
49:26, know that I, the LORD, am your **S**

Luke 2:11, a **S**, who is Christ the Lord  
John 4:42, One is indeed the **S** of the world

Acts 5:31, as a Prince and a **S**  
Eph. 5:23, He Himself *being* the **S** of the

body  
1 Tim. 4:10, God, who is the **S** of all men

2 Tim. 1:10, appearing of our **S** Christ Jesus  
Titus 2:13, God and **S**, Christ Jesus

2 Pet. 1:11, our Lord and **S** Jesus Christ  
1 John 4:14, sent the Son to *be* the **S**

**SAW** Gen. 1:4, God **s** that the light was good  
Matt. 2:2, **s** His star in the east

2:11, **s** the Child with Mary  
Mark 1:10, **s** the heavens opening

John 1:48, under the fig tree, I **s** you  
Num. 22:23; Job 29:11; Eccles. 2:13; Is. 59:16;

Dan. 4:5  
**SAY**—*speak* Ps. 106:48, let all the people **s**,

Matt. 7:22, Many will **s** to Me on that day  
16:13, Who do people **s** . . . Son of Man is

Luke 7:40, Simon, I have something to **s** to  
you

17:21, nor will they **s**, Look, here *it* is

1 John 1:8, If we **s** that we have no sin  
Rev. 22:17, Spirit and the bride **s**, Come

Gen. 20:13; Ex. 3:13; Deut. 9:4; Job 33:32;  
37:19; Prov. 3:28; 30:15; Is. 58:9

**SAYING** Gen. 37:11; Ps. 78:2; Luke 18:34

**SCALE** Prov. 20:23, a false **s** is not good  
Is. 40:15, as a speck of dust on the **s-s**

Amos 8:5, to cheat with dishonest **s-s**  
Mic. 6:11, Can I justify wicked **s-s**

Rev. 6:5, a pair of **s-s** in his hand  
Job 31:6; Is. 40:12; 46:6; Jer. 32:10

**SCALE-ARMOR** Jer. 46:4; 51:3

**SCARCE**—*want*

Ezek. 4:17, bread and water will be **s**  
Is. 13:12; Luke 9:39

**SCARLET** Is. 1:18, Though your sins are as **s**  
Matt. 27:28, put a **s** robe on Him

Rev. 17:3, woman sitting on a **s** beast  
Gen. 38:28; Ex. 25:4; Josh. 2:18; Song 4:3;

Jer. 4:30; Nah. 2:3

**SCATTER**

Ps. 92:9, All who do iniquity will be **s-ed**  
Matt. 21:44, it will **s** him like dust

26:31, the flock shall be **s-ed**  
Lev. 26:33; Job 18:15; 38:24; Ps. 141:7; Prov.

11:24; Is. 41:16; Jer. 23:1

**SCENT** Job 39:25, he **s-s** the battle from afar  
**SCHEME** Esth. 8:3; Job 5:5; Ps. 37:7;

Dan. 11:24,25; Mic. 2:1; 2 Cor. 2:11

**SCOFF** Ps. 2:4, The Lord **s-s** at them  
Luke 16:14, the Pharisees . . . were **s-ing** at

Him  
**SCOFFER** Acts 13:41, **BEHOLD, YOU S-S, AND**

**MARVEL**  
**SCORCH** Jer. 4:11, A **s-ing** wind from the bare

heights  
**SCORN** Deut. 32:15; Prov. 30:17; Ezek. 25:6,15;

36:5  
**SCOURGE** Job 5:21, hidden from the **s** of the

tongue  
Matt. 10:17, **s** you in their synagogues

20:19, mock and **s** and crucify Him  
27:26, but Jesus he **s-d**

John 2:15, He made a **s** of cords  
Heb. 12:6, **S-S EVERY SON WHOM HE RECEIVES**

- SCRIBE** Matt. 2:4, chief priests and s-s of the people  
 Matt. 23:13, Woe to you, s-s and Pharisees  
 Mark 1:22, authority, and not as s-s  
 12:38, Beware of the s-s  
 1 Cor. 1:20, Where is the s  
 Neh. 8:4; Jer. 8:8
- SCRIPTURE(S)**, *writing*  
 Matt. 21:42, Did you never read in the S-s  
 22:29, not understanding the S-s  
 Mark 14:49, that the S-s might be fulfilled  
 Luke 4:21, Today this S has been fulfilled  
 24:32, He was explaining the S-s to us  
 John 5:39, You search the S-s  
 10:35, the S cannot be broken  
 20:9, they did not understand the S  
 Acts 18:24, he was mighty in the S-s  
 Rom. 4:3, For what does the S say  
 15:4, encouragement of the S-s  
 2 Tim. 3:16, All S is inspired by God
- SCROLL**—*roll* Jer. 36:2, Take a s and write  
 Ezek. 3:1, eat this s, and go  
 Zech. 5:1, behold, *there* was a flying s
- SEA** Gen. 1:10, He called s-s  
 Gen. 1:26, rule over the fish of the s  
 Ex. 10:19, drove them into the Red S  
 Ps. 24:2, founded it upon the s-s  
 107:23, down to the s in ships  
 146:6, The s and all that is in them  
 Is. 57:20, wicked are like the tossing s  
 Matt. 8:26, rebuked the winds and the s  
 14:26, saw Him walking on the s  
 Rev. 4:6, s of glass like crystal  
 21:1, There is no longer *any* s  
 2 Sam. 17:11; Job 7:12; 38:8; Ps. 65:5; Is. 11:9;  
 Jer. 25:22; Nah. 1:4; 2 Cor. 11:26
- SEAL**—*shut* Dan. 12:4, s up the book . . . end of time  
 Rom. 4:11, s of the righteous of the faith  
 2 Cor. 1:22, who also s-ed us  
 Eph. 1:13, s-ed in Him with the Holy Spirit  
 Rev. 5:1, s-ed up with seven s-s  
 9:4, s of God on their foreheads  
 1 Kin. 21:8; Job 14:17; Song 4:12; 8:6; Is.  
 29:11; Jer. 32:10; Dan. 9:24; 12:4
- SEA MONSTER** Ps. 148:7; Matt. 12:40
- SEARCH** 1 Chr. 28:9, LORD s-es all hearts  
 Job 28:3, to the farthest limit he s-es out  
 Ps. 139:23, S me . . . know my heart  
 Prov. 20:27, S-ing all the innermost parts  
 Jer. 17:10, I the LORD s the heart  
 Matt. 2:8, make careful s for the Child  
 2:13, Herod is going to s  
 John 5:39, You s the Scriptures, because  
 7:52, S, and see that no prophet arises  
 2 Tim. 1:17, he eagerly s-ed for me  
 Judg. 5:16; 1 Sam. 26:20; 1 Kin. 1:3
- SEASON**—*times* Ps. 1:3, yields its fruit in its s  
 Ps. 104:27, their food in due s  
 Luke 14:34, with what will it be s-ed  
 Gal. 4:10, observe days . . . s-s and years  
 Col. 4:6, with grace, s-ed, as it were, with salt  
 2 Tim. 4:2, ready in s and out of s  
 Gen. 1:14; Lev. 26:4; Job 5:26
- SEAT**—*sat* Ps. 1:1, Nor sit in the s of the scoffers  
 Matt. 23:6, chief s-s in the synagogues  
 27:19, sitting on the judgment-s
- Luke 10:39, Mary . . . s-ed at His feet  
 Rom. 14:10, the judgment-s of God  
 Ex. 25:17; 1 Sam. 4:18; Ezek. 28:2
- SECOND** Matt. 22:39, And a s is like it  
 1 Cor. 15:47, the s man is from heaven  
 Rev. 2:11, not be hurt by the s death  
 Gen. 1:8; Ezek. 10:14
- SECRET** Ps. 44:21, knows the s-s of the heart  
 Prov. 9:17, bread eaten in s is pleasant  
 21:14, gift in s subdues anger  
 Matt. 6:4, your alms may be in s  
 6:6,18, your Father who is in s  
 Rom. 2:16, God will judge the s-s  
 16:25, kept s for long ages past  
 Deut. 27:15; Job 11:6; 15:8; Song 2:14;  
 Is. 45:3,19; Hab. 3:14
- SECRETLY** Josh. 2:1, two men as spies s  
 Judg. 4:21, went s to him  
 John 11:28, called Mary her sister, saying s  
 Matt. 1:19, Joseph . . . put her away s  
 2:7, Then Herod s called the  
 Deut. 13:6; Job 13:10; 31:27
- SECURE**—*sure* Prov. 13:23, walk in your way s-ly  
 Matt. 27:66, made the grave s  
 Acts 16:23, the jailer to guard them s-ly  
 Lev. 26:5; Ezek. 34:27
- SECURITY** Judg. 18:7, living in s
- SEDUCES**—*entice* Ex. 22:16, if a man s a virgin
- SEE**—*perceive* Ex. 33:20, no man can s Me and live  
 Job 19:26, without my flesh I shall s God  
 Ps. 16:10, allow Thy Holy One to s the pit  
 34:8, s that the LORD is good  
 66:5, Come and s the works of God  
 115:5, eyes, but they cannot s  
 Is. 35:2, s the glory of the LORD  
 62:2, nations will s your righteousness  
 Joel 2:28, young men will s visions  
 Matt. 5:16, may s your good works  
 11:8, what did you go out to s  
 16:28, s the Son of Man coming  
 Luke 2:26, would not s death before  
 8:10, S-ING THEY MAY NOT S  
 John 4:29, s a man who told me  
 7:52, Search, and s that no prophet  
 12:19, s that you are not doing any good  
 16:16, little while, and you will s Me  
 1 Cor. 13:12, now we s in a mirror dimly  
 Heb. 12:14, no one will s the Lord  
 1 John 3:2, we shall s Him just as He is  
 Ex. 10:23; Num 14:23; 24:17; Job 6:28; 9:11;  
 24:15; 34:32; Ps. 36:9; 49:19; Eccles. 6:9;  
 Song 7:12; Is. 29:18; Ezek. 12:2
- SEED**—*descendant, offspring*  
 Gen. 8:22, S-time and harvest  
 Matt. 13:22, s was sown among the thorns  
 13:31, like a grain of mustard s  
 Luke 8:5, sower went out to sow his s  
 8:11, the s is the word of God  
 1 Pet. 1:23, not of s which is perishable  
 Gen. 1:11; Lev. 19:19; 26:16; Eccles. 11:6;  
 Is. 55:10; Hag. 2:19
- SEEK**—*desire, search* 2 Chr. 7:14, pray, and s My face  
 Ps. 24:6, generation of those who s Him  
 34:14, S peace and pursue it  
 63:1, I shall s Thee earnestly  
 119:2, s Him with all *their* heart  
 Prov. 8:17, who diligently s me will find me

- Is. 55:6, **S** the LORD while He may be found  
 Jer. 29:13, you will **s** Me and find Me  
 Amos 5:4, **S** Me that you may live  
 Matt. 6:33, **s** first His kingdom  
 7:7, **s**, and you shall find  
 12:46, His brothers were . . . **s-ing** to speak  
 Mark 8:12, this generation **s** for a sign  
 Luke 11:10, he who **s-s** finds  
 John 1:38, What do you **s**  
 5:30, I do not **s** My own will  
 8:50, One who **s-s** and judges  
 1 Cor. 10:24, Let no one **s** his own good  
 13:5, it does not **s** its own  
 Phil. 4:17, Not that I **s** the gift . . . I **s** for the profit  
 Col. 3:1, keep **s-ing** the things above  
 Deut. 4:29; 2 Chr. 16:12; Job 7:21; Eccles. 7:25; Is. 34:16; Ezek. 7:25; 34:16; Dan. 9:3; Hos. 10:12; Amos 5:14; Gal. 1:10
- SEEM**—*appear* Gen. 29:20; Prov. 14:12
- SEEN**—*appeared* Gen. 9:14, bow shall be **s** in the cloud  
 Is. 6:5, my eyes have **s** the King  
 Luke 2:30, eyes have **s** Thy salvation  
 John 1:18, no man has **s** God at any time  
 Rom. 8:24, hope that is not **s** is not hope  
 1 Cor. 2:9, **EYE HAS NOT S**  
 Heb. 11:1, conviction of things not **s**  
 Gen. 32:30; Job 5:3; 38:22
- SEIZE**—*take* John 7:30, seeking . . . to **s** Him  
 Jer. 50:24; Mic. 2:2
- SELECT** Acts 6:3, **s** from among you . . . seven men
- SELF** Rom. 6:6, our old **s** was crucified  
 Col. 3:9, laid aside the old **s**
- SELF-ABASEMENT** Col. 2:18, delighting in **s**  
 Col. 2:23, wisdom in self-made religion and **s**
- SELF-CONTROL** Acts 24:25, righteousness, **s**, judgment  
 Gal. 5:23, gentleness, **s**
- SELFISH** Phil. 2:3, do nothing from **s-ness**  
 James 3:14,16, jealousy and **s** ambition
- SELL** Prov. 23:23, Buy truth, and do not **s** it  
 Matt. 19:21, go *and s* your possessions  
 Gen. 25:31; Lev. 25:29; Deut. 2:28; 2 Kin. 4:7
- SEND**—*cast* Is. 6:8, Whom shall I **s** . . . Here I  
 Matt. 5:45, **s-s** rain on the righteous  
 9:38, **s** out workers into His harvest  
 1 Cor. 7:13, let her not **s** her husband away  
 16:11, **s** him on his way in peace  
 2 Thess. 2:11, **s** . . . a deluding influence  
 Gen. 7:4; 24:7; Num. 13:2; Job 5:10; 38:35
- SENSELESS**—*stupid* Ps. 49:10, stupid and the **s** alike perish  
 Ps. 92:6, **s** man has no knowledge
- SENSIBLE** Tit. 2:5, to *be s*, pure, workers at home
- SENSUAL** Ezek. 33:32, like **s** song
- SENSUALITY** Eph. 4:19, given themselves to **s**  
 Rev. 18:3, rich by the wealth of her **s**
- SENSUOUS** Rev. 18:7, she . . . lived **s-ly**
- SENT** Is. 61:1, He has **s** me to bind up the broken-hearted  
 Matt. 10:5, These twelve Jesus **s** out after  
 Luke 4:18, He has **s** Me to proclaim release  
 Acts 13:4, So, being **s** out by the Holy Spirit  
 Gal. 4:4, God **s** forth His Son  
 1 Pet. 1:12, Holy Spirit **s** from heaven  
 1 John 4:9, that God has **s** His only begotten  
 Gen. 8:7,8; Is. 48:16
- SENTENCE**—*condemnation*  
 Matt. 23:33, escape the **s** of hell
- SEPARATE**—*divide* Gen. 1:4, God **s-d** the light  
 Prov. 16:28, a slanderer **s-s** intimate friends  
 Matt. 19:6, let no man **s**  
 25:32, He will **s** them from one another  
 Rom. 8:35, Who shall **s** us from the love  
 Gen. 13:9; Lev. 20:24; Job 41:17; Ps. 22:7
- SERIOUS** Acts 25:7, **s** charges against him
- SERPENT** Gen. 3:1, Now the **s** was more crafty  
 Num. 21:9, Moses made a bronze **s**  
 Ps. 58:4, venom of a **s**  
 Matt. 10:16, be shrewd as **s-s**  
 Mark 16:18, they will pick up **s-s**  
 John 3:14, Moses lifted up the **s** in the wilderness  
 2 Cor. 11:3, lest as the **s** deceived Eve  
 Rev. 12:9, the **s** of old who is called the Devil  
 Gen. 49:17; Ex. 7:12; Deut. 32:33; Ps. 91:13;  
 Prov. 23:32; Is. 30:6; Jer. 8:17
- SERVANT**—*minister* Job 1:8, have you considered My **s** job  
 Ps. 31:16, face to shine upon Thy **s**  
 Matt. 20:26, shall be your **s**  
 Luke 1:2, and **s-s** of the Word  
 2 Cor. 3:6, **s-s** of a new covenant  
 11:23, Are they **s-s** of Christ  
 1 Tim. 4:6, be a good **s** of Christ Jesus  
 Gen. 9:25; Ex. 14:31; Ruth 2:9; 1 Sam. 3:9;  
 Ezra 7:24; Job 4:18; Prov. 11:29; Joel 2:29
- SERVE**—*worship, minister*  
 Ps. 100:2, **S** the LORD with gladness  
 Matt. 4:10, **GOD, AND S HIM ONLY**  
 6:24, No one can **s** two masters  
 20:28, not come to be **s-d**, but to **s**  
 John 12:26, If any one **s-s** Me, let him  
 Acts 24:14, I do **s** the God of our fathers  
 Rom. 7:6, so that we **s** in newness of the Spirit  
 12:11, fervent in spirit, **s-ing** the Lord  
 Gal. 5:13, through love **s** one another  
 1 Tim. 3:10, let them **s** as deacons  
 Josh. 22:5; 1 Chr. 6:10; 24:2; Jer. 5:19
- SERVICE**—*ministry*  
 Rom. 12:1, *which* is your spiritual **s**  
 Eph. 4:12, for the work of the **s**  
 Phil. 2:30, was deficient in your **s** to me  
 Heb. 12:28, offer to God an acceptable **s**  
 Is. 32:17; Jer. 22:13
- SET** Gen. 9:13, I **s** my bow in the cloud  
 Ex. 2:3, she . . . **s** it among the reeds  
 Deut. 30:19, I have **s** before you life and death  
 Ps. 40:2, He **s** my feet upon a rock  
 Matt. 5:14, A city **s** on a hill cannot  
 Col. 3:2, **S** your mind on things above  
 James 3:6, and is **s** on fire by hell  
 Lev. 17:10; Prov. 9:2; Eccles. 10:6; Is. 3:24;  
 38:1; Jer. 5:26; Ezek. 2:2
- SETTING** Prov. 25:11, apples of gold in **s-s** of silver
- SETTLE**—*reckon* Matt. 25:19, came and **s-d** accounts with them  
 Deut. 21:5; Nah. 3:17
- SEVEN** Gen. 29:20, Jacob served **s** years for Rachel  
 Ps. 119:164, **S** times a day I praise Thee  
 Is. 4:1, For **s** women will take hold of one man  
 Matt. 12:45, along with it **s** other spirits  
 18:21, forgive him? Up to **s** times

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Acts 6:3, **s** men of good reputation  
 Rev. 1:4, John to the **s** churches  
 1:12, I saw **s** golden lampstands  
 3:1, He who has the **s** Spirits of God  
 15:1, **s** angels who had **s** plagues  
 Gen. 21:29; Prov. 9:1; Eccles. 11:2; Dan. 9:25;  
 Zech. 4:2

**SEVERE**—*great* Matt. 28:2, a **s** earthquake  
 Song 8:6; Ezek. 34:4

**SHACK** Is. 24:20, it totters like a **s**

**SHACKLES** Mark 5:4, the **s** broken in pieces

**SHADOW** 2 Kin. 20:11, **s** on the stairway back  
 ten steps

Ps. 17:8, Hide me in the **s** of Thy wings  
 23:4, valley of the **s** of death  
 91:1, abide in the **s** of the Almighty  
 Col. 2:17, a *mere* **s** of what is to come  
 Heb. 8:5, copy and **s** of the heavenly things  
 James 1:17, no variation, or shifting **s**  
 1 Chr. 29:15; Song 2:17

**SHAKE**—*tremble*

Prov. 10:30, righteous . . . never be **s-n**  
 Is. 13:13, earth . . . **s-n** from its place  
 Matt. 10:14, **s** off the dust of your feet  
 11:7, A reed **s-n** by the wind  
 Luke 6:38, pressed down, **s-n** together  
 Job 4:14; 16:4; Ps. 109:23

**SHAME** Acts 5:41, worthy to suffer **s**

2 Cor. 4:2, things hidden because of **s**  
 Phil. 3:19, glory is in their **s**  
 1 John 2:28, not shrink . . . Him in **s**  
 Prov. 19:26; Is. 54:4; Zeph. 3:5

**SHARE**—*portion* Luke 15:12, **s** of the estate  
 1 Cor. 10:16, a **s-ing** in the blood of Christ  
 10:20, to become **s-rs** in demons

Gal. 6:6, **s** . . . with him who teaches  
 1 Tim. 6:18, ready to **s**  
 Heb. 13:16, doing good and **s-ing**

**SHARP** Deut. 32:41, **s-en** My flashing sword

Ps. 57:4, tongue a **s** sword  
 64:3, **s-ened** their tongue  
 Prov. 5:4, **S** as a two-edged sword  
 27:17, Iron **s-ens** iron

Eccles. 10:10, does not **s-en** its edge  
 Heb. 4:12, **s-er** than any two-edged sword

**SHATTER** Ex. 15:6; Ps. 2:9

**SHAVE** Gen. 41:14; Judg. 16:19; 2 Sam. 10:4;  
 Is. 7:20; 1 Cor. 11:6

**SHEAR** Deut. 18:4, first **s-ing** of your sheep

**SHED**—*pour* Matt. 26:28, My blood . . . **s** on  
 behalf of many

Rom. 3:15, feet are swift to **s** blood  
 Gen. 9:6; Prov. 1:16

**SHEEP**—*flock* Ps. 44:22, a **s** to be slaughtered

Ps. 100:3, the **s** of his pasture  
 119:176, astray like a lost **s**  
 Is. 53:6, All of us like **s** have gone astray  
 53:7, **s** . . . silent before its shearers  
 Matt. 9:36, **s** without a shepherd  
 10:16, I send you out as **s**  
 15:24, lost **s** of the house of Israel  
 25:32, separates the **s** from the goats  
 26:31, **s** of the flock . . . scattered  
 Luke 15:6, found my **s** which was lost  
 John 10:3, calls his own **s** by name  
 10:7, I am the door of the **s**  
 10:27, My **s** hear My voice  
 21:16, Shepherd My **s**

Heb. 13:20, great Shepherd of the **s**

1 Pet. 2:25, straying like **s**  
 Gen. 29:9; Num. 27:17; 1 Sam. 15:14;  
 Job 31:20; Jer. 12:3; 50:6

**SHEKELS**—*piece* Gen. 23:16; Zech. 11:12

**SHELTER** Ps. 5:11, mayest Thou **s** them  
 Ps. 61:4, refuge in the **s** of Thy wings  
 Gen. 19:8; Is. 1:8; 4:6; 32:2; Jon. 4:5

**SHEOL** Deut. 32:22, burns to the lowest of **S**  
 Job 17:13, look for **S** as my home  
 26:6, naked is **S** before Him

Ps. 16:10, not abandon my soul to **S**  
 30:3, brought up my soul from **S**  
 49:15, redeem . . . from the power of **S**  
 86:13, my soul from the depths of **S**  
 139:8, If I make my bed in **S**

Prov. 5:5, Her steps lay hold of **S**  
 Ezek. 32:21, speak . . . from the midst of **S**  
 Amos 9:2, Though they dig into **S**  
 Jon. 2:2, help from the depth of **S**  
 2 Sam. 22:6; Prov. 27:20; Song 8:6; Hab. 2:5

**SHEPHERD** (n.)—*pastor*

Ps. 23:1, The Lord is my **s**  
 28:9, Be their **s** also  
 Is. 40:11, Like a **s** He will tend His flock  
 Jer. 3:15, I will give you **s-s**  
 23:1, **s-s** who are destroying . . . the sheep  
 Zech. 11:16, I am going to raise up a **s**  
 Matt. 9:36, like sheep without a **s**  
 26:31, I will strike down the **s**

Luke 2:8, **s-s** staying out in the fields  
 John 10:11, I am the good **s**  
 Heb. 13:20, the great **S** of the sheep  
 1 Pet. 2:25, returned to the **S** and Guardian  
 5:4, when the Chief **S** appears  
 Rev. 7:17, the Lamb . . . shall be their **s**  
 Gen. 46:34; 48:15; Num. 27:17; 1 Sam. 17:40;  
 Jer. 10:21; Ezek. 34:5; 37:24; Zeph. 2:6

**SHEPHERD** (v.)—*fed* Ps. 78:72, David **s-ed**

Matt. 2:6, WHO WILL **S** MY PEOPLE  
 John 21:16, **S** My sheep  
 Acts 20:28, to **s** the church of God  
 1 Pet. 5:2, **s** the flock of God

**SHIELD** Ps. 18:2, My **s** and the horn of my  
 salvation

Ps. 28:7, my strength and my **s**  
 91:4, His faithfulness is a **s**  
 Eph. 6:16, taking up the **s** of faith  
 Gen. 15:1; 2 Sam. 22:3,31; Ps. 7:10; 89:18;  
 Prov. 2:7

**SHINE** Num. 6:25, make His face **s** on you  
 Job 9:7, sun not to **s**

41:32, Behind him . . . a wake to **s**  
 Prov. 4:18, **s-s** brighter and brighter  
 Is. 60:1, Arise, **s**; for your light has come  
 Matt. 5:16, Let your light **s** before men  
 13:43, **RIGHTEOUS** will **S** FORTH

John 1:5, light **s-s** in the darkness  
 2 Pet. 1:9, a lamp **s-ing** in a dark place  
 1 John 2:8, true light is already **s-ing**

**SHOCK** Deut. 1:29, Do not be **s-ed**, nor fear  
 them

**SHONE** Luke 2:9, glory of the Lord **s** around  
 Ex. 34:29; 2 Kin. 3:22

**SHOOK** Neh. 5:13, also **s** out . . . my garment  
 Acts 28:5, he **s** the creature off

Heb. 12:26, His voice **s** the earth

**SHOOT** Is. 11:1, a **s** will spring from . . . Jesse  
 Is. 53:2, grew up . . . like a tender **s**  
 1 Sam. 20:20; Ps. 11:2; 64:4



- SHORT** Rom. 3:23, fall **s** of the glory of God  
1 Cor. 7:29, time has been **s-ended**
- SHOT** 1 Sam. 20:20, as though I **s** at a target
- SHOULD** Matt. 23:23, these . . . things you **s** have done
- SHOUT** Josh. 6:16, Joshua said . . . **S**  
Ps. 47:5, God has ascended with a **s**  
66:1, **S** joyfully to God  
Matt. 25:6, at midnight . . . a **s**  
1 Thess. 4:16, descend from heaven with a **s**
- SHOW—demonstrate**  
Matt. 22:19, **S** Me the coin  
John 14:8, Lord, **s** us the Father  
1 Cor. 3:13, for the day will **s** it  
Gal. 6:12, make a good **s-ing** in the flesh  
Gen. 12:1; Ex. 33:18; Deut. 5:10; 2 Sam. 10:12;  
1 Chr. 19:13; Job 11:6
- SHOWER** 1 Kin. 18:41; Ps. 65:10; Jer. 14:22;  
Luke 12:54
- SHREWD—wise**  
Job 5:13, wise by their own **s-ness**  
Matt. 10:16, be **s** as serpents
- SHRINE** Ezek. 16:24,31,39
- SHRINK—draw** Heb. 10:38, IF HE **S-S** BACK, MY SOUL HAS NO PLEASURE
- SHUDDER** Jer. 2:12, and **s**, be very desolate  
James 2:19, demons also believe, and **s**
- SHUN—refrain** Eccles. 3:5, time to **s** embracing
- SHUT—close** Matt. 6:6, WHEN YOU HAVE **S** YOUR DOOR  
Matt. 23:13, **s** off the kingdom of heaven  
Gal. 3:23, being **s** up to the faith  
Job 5:16; Prov. 21:13; Dan. 6:22
- SICK** Prov. 13:12, Hope . . . *makes* the heart **s**  
Matt. 10:8, Heal *the s*, raise  
25:36, I was **s**, and you visited Me  
Mark 1:30, Simon's mother-in-law . . . lying **s**  
2:17, physician, but those who are **s**  
Luke 7:2, and **s** and about to die  
John 11:2, brother Lazarus was **s**  
James 5:14, Is anyone among you **s**  
5:15, prayer . . . restore the one who is **s**  
Ps. 41:3; Song 2:5
- SICKLE** Deut. 16:9, put the **s** to the standing grain  
Joel 3:13, Put in the **s** . . . harvest is ripe  
Rev. 14:15, Put in your **s** and reap
- SICKLINESS** Is. 17:11, a day of **s** and incurable pain
- SICKNESS** Matt. 4:23, healing every kind of **s**  
Matt. 10:1, authority . . . to heal . . . **s**  
Luke 13:12, are freed from your **s**  
John 5:5, thirty-eight years in his **s**  
11:4, This **s** is not unto death  
Deut. 7:15; 2 Kin. 1:2; 8:8,9
- SIDE** Ezek. 36:3, crushed you from every **s**  
John 19:34, pierced His **s** with a spear  
22:20, showed . . . His hands and His **s**
- SIEGEWORKS** Deut. 20:20; Eccles. 9:14
- SIGHT** Ps. 19:14, acceptable in Thy **s**  
Ps. 90:4, thousand years in Thy **s**  
Matt. 11:5, BLIND RECEIVE **s**  
20:34, they received their **s**  
Luke 4:18, RECOVERY OF **S** TO THE BLIND  
Acts 9:9, three days without **s**  
22:13, Saul, receive your **s**  
2 Cor. 5:7, walk by faith, not by **s**  
Gen. 2:9; 18:3; Ruth 2:13; Job 19:15
- SIGN—signal, witness, wonder**  
Gen. 9:12, the **s** of the covenant  
Ex. 3:12, this shall be a **s** to you  
12:13, blood shall be the **s** . . . on the houses  
Ps. 86:17, Show me a **s** for good  
Matt. 12:38, we want a **s** from You  
16:3, cannot discern the **s-s** of the times  
24:3, will be the **s** of Your coming  
Mark 13:22, show **s-s** and wonders  
16:20, confirmed the word by the **s-s**  
Luke 1:22, he kept making **s-s** to them  
21:25, will be **s-s** in sun  
23:8, hoping to see some **s** performed  
John 2:11, beginning of His **s-s** Jesus did  
10:41, John performed no **s**  
11:47, this man is performing many **s-s**  
Acts 15:12, many **s-s** and wonders were taking place  
1 Cor. 1:22, Jews ask for **s-s**  
Phil. 1:28, a **s** of destruction  
2 Thess. 2:9, all power and **s-s**  
Rev. 12:1, a great **s** appeared in heaven  
15:1, saw another **s** in heaven  
Gen. 4:15; Ex. 31:13; Is. 7:11,14; 55:13;  
Ezek. 14:8
- SIGNAL** Mark 14:44, had given them a **s**  
Is. 11:10; 30:17
- SILENCE** Ps. 62:1, My soul *waits* in **s** for God  
Titus 1:11, who must be **s-d**  
Rev. 8:1, there was **s** in heaven
- SILENT** Eccles. 3:7, A time to be **s**  
Matt. 26:63, But Jesus kept **s**  
Luke 1:20, you shall be **s** and unable to speak  
9:36, they kept **s**, and reported to no one  
Acts 18:9, go on speaking . . . not be **s**  
1 Cor. 14:28, keep **s** in the church  
14:34, Let the women keep **s**  
Judg. 18:19; Esth. 7:4; Job 6:24; 13:13
- SILVER** Matt. 10:9, Do not acquire gold, or **s**  
Matt. 26:15, thirty pieces of **s**  
Acts 3:6, I do not possess **s** and gold  
8:20, May your **s** perish with you  
20:33, coveted no one's **s**  
James 5:3, gold and **s** have rusted  
Gen. 13:2; Job 27:16; Prov. 16:16; 25:11;  
Is. 1:22; 39:2; Jer. 6:30; Zech. 11:12
- SIMPLE—naive** Ps. 19:7, making wise the **s**  
Ps. 116:6, LORD preserves the **s**
- SIN—transgression** Ps. 25:7, remember the **s-s**  
Ps. 51:3, my **s** is ever before me  
Prov. 14:9, Fools mock at **s**  
Is. 1:18, your **s-s** are as scarlet  
Matt. 1:21, save His people from their **s-s**  
3:6, as they confessed their **s-s**  
12:31, **s** and blasphemy . . . forgiven men  
18:15, if your brother **s-s**  
18:21, brother **s** against me  
26:28, for forgiveness of **s-s**  
Mark 2:7, forgive **s-s** but God alone  
Luke 11:4, forgive us our **s-s**  
John 1:29, Lamb . . . takes away **s** of the world  
8:7, He that is without **s**  
8:11, go your way . . . **s** no more  
15:22, they have no excuse for their **s**  
16:8, convict the world concerning **s**  
Acts 22:16, wash away your **s-s**  
26:18, receive forgiveness of **s-s**  
Rom. 5:12, **s** entered into the world  
6:23, wages of **s** is death  
14:23, whatever is not from faith is **s**  
1 Cor. 15:3, Christ died for our **s-s**  
15:56, sting of death is **s**

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- 2 Cor. 5:21, Him who knew no **s** to be **s** on our behalf  
 Heb. 9:7, for the **s-s** of the people  
 11:25, enjoy the . . . pleasures of **s**  
 James 5:16, confess your **s-s** to one another  
 5:20, cover a multitude of **s-s**  
 1 Pet. 2:22, WHO COMMITTED NO **S**  
 1 John 1:8, If we say we have no **s**  
 1:9, If we confess our **s-s**  
 2:1, If anyone **s-s**, we have an Advocate  
 3:4, **s** is lawlessness  
 5:16, there is a **s** leading to death  
 5:17, All unrighteousness is **s**  
 Rev. 1:5, released us from our **s-s**  
 Gen. 4:7; 18:20; Ex. 10:17; 32:30; Job 1:22;  
 2:10; Ps. 51:2; 79:9; Is. 30:1; Mic. 6:7
- SINCE** Matt. 18:25, **s** he did not have the means to repay  
 1 Cor. 11:7, **s** he is the image and glory  
 Heb. 2:14, **S** then the children share  
 Gen. 41:39; Deut. 12:12
- SINFUL** Mark 8:38, **s** generation  
 Luke 5:8, I am a **s** man, O Lord  
 Rom. 8:3, the likeness of **s** flesh  
 Num. 32:14; Is. 1:4
- SING**—*shout, utter* Ps. 5:11, Let them ever **s** for joy  
 Ps. 33:3, **S** to Him a new song  
 100:2, Come before Him with joyful **s-ing**  
 1 Cor. 14:15, I will **s** with the spirit  
 Col. 3:16, **s-ing** with thankfulness  
 James 5:13, cheerful? Let him **s** praises  
 Ex. 15:1; Judg. 5:12; 2 Sam. 22:50; 1 Chr. 16:3;  
 2 Chr. 23:13; Job 19:12; Prov. 29:6; Is. 5:1;  
 Rev. 5:9
- SINK** Prov. 2:18, her house **s-s** down to death
- SINNED** Ps. 41:4, I have **s** against Thee  
 Ps. 51:4, Thee only, I have **s**  
 Luke 15:18, **s** against heaven  
 Rom. 3:23, **s**, and fall short of the glory  
 5:12, spread to all men, because all **s**  
 1 John 1:10, If we say that we have not **s**  
 Lev. 5:16; Deut. 1:41; Dan. 9:15
- SINNER** Ps. 1:1, stand in the path of **s-s**  
 Matt. 9:10, tax-gatherers and **s-s**  
 9:13, call *the* righteous, but **s-s**  
 11:19, a friend of . . . **s-s**  
 Mark 2:17, to call *the* righteous, but **s-s**  
 14:41, into the hands of **s-s**  
 Luke 6:34, Even **s-s** lend to **s-s**  
 15:7, *more* joy in heaven over one **s**  
 18:13, be merciful to me, the **s**  
 John 9:31, God does not hear **s-s**  
 Rom. 5:8, while we were yet **s-s**  
 1 Tim. 1:15, Jesus came . . . to save **s-s**  
 James 4:8, Cleanse your hands, you **s-s**  
 Prov. 1:10; 13:21; 23:17; Eccles. 9:18
- SISTER** Job 17:14, my mother, and my **s**  
 Matt. 12:50, is My brother and **s**  
 Luke 10:39, had a **s** called Mary  
 Gen. 12:13; Prov. 7:4; Song 8:8; Rom. 16:1
- SIT** Ps. 1:1, **S** in the seat of scoffers  
 Ps. 26:4, not **s** with deceitful men  
 110:1, **S** at My right hand  
 Matt. 4:16, WERE **S-ING** IN DARKNESS  
 9:9, Matthew, **s-ing** in the tax office  
 26:36, **S** here while I go  
 27:61, Mary, **s-ing** opposite the grave
- Luke 2:46, temple, **s-ing** . . . midst of the teachers  
 8:35, **s-ing** down at the feet of Jesus  
 John 12:15, **S-ING** ON A DONKEY'S COLT  
 Acts 8:28, **s-ing** in his chariot  
 Gen. 18:1; 1 Kin. 22:19; Job 2:8; Ezek. 28:2
- SITUATE** Ps. 144:15, people who are so **s-d**
- SIZE**—*stature* Num. 13:32, are men of *great s*
- SKILL** Ps. 137:5, my right hand forget her **s**
- SKILLFUL** Gen. 25:27; Ex. 28:8; 1 Sam. 16:16;  
 Ps. 139:15; Is. 3:3
- SKIN** Ex. 34:29, the **s** of his face shone  
 Job 2:4, **S** for **s**  
 10:11, Clothe me with **s** and flesh  
 Jer. 13:23, Ethiopian change his **s**  
 Job 19:20; 30:30
- SKIP** Job 21:11, children **s** about
- SKULL** Judg. 9:53, Abimelech's head, crushing his **s**  
 Matt. 27:33, which means Place of a **S**
- SKY** Ps. 36:5, faithfulness *reaches* to the **s-s**  
 Matt. 16:2,3, for the **s** is red  
 Luke 12:56, analyze the appearance . . . the **s**  
 Gen. 1:26,28; Deut. 4:17; 2 Sam. 21:10; Job  
 37:18; Prov. 30:19; James 5:18
- SLACK** Prov. 18:9, who is **s** in his work
- SLAIN** 1 Sam. 18:7; 29:5, Saul has **s** his thousands  
 Rev. 5:12, Worthy . . . Lamb that was **s**
- SLANDER** Ps. 15:3, He does not **s**  
 Prov. 30:10, Do not **s** a slave to his master  
 1 Cor. 4:13, when we are **s-ed**, we try to conciliate  
 2 Cor. 12:20, disputes, **s-s**, gossip  
 Eph. 4:31, and **s** be put away from you
- SLANDERER**—*whisperer*  
 Prov. 16:28, **s** separates . . . friends  
 Rom. 1:30, **s-s**, haters of God
- SLAP** Job 16:10, **s-ed** me on the cheek  
 Matt. 5:39, **s-s** you on your right cheek
- SLAUGHTER**—*sacrifice*  
 Ps. 44:22, as sheep to be **s-ed**  
 Is. 53:7, lamb that is led to **s**  
 Rom. 8:36, AS SHEEP TO BE **S-ED**  
 James 5:5, in a day of **s**  
 Prov. 7:22; Jer. 46:10
- SLAVE** Prov. 22:7, borrower becomes the lender's **s**  
 Matt. 25:21, Well done . . . faithful **s**  
 1 Cor. 7:21, Were you called while a **s**  
 9:27, body and make it my **s**  
 Gal. 4:7, no longer a **s**, but a son  
 Ex. 23:12; Lev. 19:20; 25:39,44; Deut. 15:15;  
 16:12; 24:18; Col. 3:22
- SLAVERY**—*bondage* Rom. 8:15, a spirit of **s**  
 Gal. 5:1, subject again to a yoke of **s**  
 Heb. 2:15, subject to **s** all their lives
- SLAY**—*destroy* Job 5:2, vexation **s-s** the foolish man  
 Job 13:15, Though He **s** me, I will hope  
 Ps. 34:21, Evil shall **s** the wicked  
 2 Thess. 2:8, the Lord will **s** with the breath of **S**
- SLEDGE** Is. 41:15, a new, sharp threshing **s**
- SLEEP** Gen. 2:21, deep **s** to fall upon the man  
 Ps. 13:3, **s** the **s** of death  
 Prov. 6:10, A little **s**, a little slumber  
 Eccles. 5:12, **s** of the working man  
 Matt. 1:24, Joseph arose from his **s**  
 26:40,43, found them **s-ing**  
 26:45, Are you still **s-ing** and taking

- Acts 20:9, sinking into a deep s  
 1 Cor. 15:51, we shall not all s  
 1 Thess. 5:7, those who s do their **s-ing** at night  
 Ps. 76:6; Prov. 3:24; 20:13; Jer. 31:26; Mark 14:40
- SLEW** Matt. 2:16, s all the male children  
**SLING** 1 Sam. 17:40, his s was in his hand  
 Judg. 20:16; 1 Sam. 25:29
- SLOTHFUL** Prov. 12:27, s man does not roast  
**SLOW** Ex. 4:10, s of speech and s of tongue  
 Ps. 103:8, S to anger and abounding  
 Prov. 16:32, He that is s to anger  
 Luke 24:25, foolish men and s of heart  
 James 1:19, s to speak *and* s to anger  
 2 Pet. 3:9, The Lord is not s
- SLUGGISH** Heb. 6:12, that you may not be s  
**SLUMBER** Ps. 121:3, who keeps you will not s  
 Prov. 6:10, A little sleep, a little s  
 Job 33:15; Ps. 132:4; Is. 5:27; 56:10
- SMALL**—*little* Prov. 30:24, Four things are s on the earth  
 Mark 8:7, They also had a few s fish  
 James 3:4, directed by a very s rudder  
 3:5, tongue is a s part of the body  
 Num. 26:56; 35:8; Deut. 25:13; Is. 10:19
- SMEAR** Ezek. 22:28, prophets have **s-ed** whitewash  
**SMELL** Gen. 27:27; Deut. 4:28; Ps. 115:6  
**SMELT** Is. 1:25, s away your dross with lye  
**SMOKE** Gen. 15:17; Job 41:20; Ps. 102:3; Prov. 10:26; Is. 6:4
- SMOLDERING** Matt. 12:20, s wick **HE WILL**  
**SMOOTH** Ps. 55:21, speech was **s-er** than butter  
 Prov. 5:3, **s-er** than honey is her speech  
 Is. 45:13, I will make all his ways s  
 Luke 3:5, **THE ROUGH ROADS S**  
 Gen. 27:11,16; 1 Sam. 17:40; Prov. 6:24; 11:5; Is. 40:3
- SNAKE** Matt. 7:10, he will not . . . a s, will he  
**SNARE**—*web* Prov. 7:23, bird hastens to the s  
 Rom. 11:9, **THEIR TABLE BECOME A S**  
 2 Tim. 2:26, *escape* from the s of the devil  
 Ex. 10:7; Job 34:30; Ps. 91:3; Eccles. 7:26
- SNATCH**—*pluck* John 10:12, the wolf **s-es** them  
 John 10:28, s them out of My hand  
 Jude 23, **s-ing** them out of the fire  
**SNEER**—*scoff* Luke 23:35, the rulers were **s-ing**  
**SNOW** Ps. 51:7, I shall be whiter than s  
 Prov. 26:1, Like s in summer  
 Is. 1:18, scarlet . . . be as white as s  
 Matt. 28:3, his garment as white as s  
 Rev. 1:14, white like white wool, like s  
 Num. 12:10; Job 9:30; 38:22; Prov. 25:13
- SOBER**—*watch* Acts 26:25, utter words of s truth  
 1 Thess. 5:6, let us be alert and s  
 2 Tim. 4:5, be s in all things  
 1 Pet. 4:7, s *spirit* . . . purpose of prayer  
 5:8, Be of s *spirit*
- SOFT** Matt. 11:8, who wear s *clothing* are in  
 Ps. 25:15; 65:10
- SOIL**—*earth, ground*  
 Ezek. 17:5, planted it in fertile s  
 Matt. 13:5; Mark 4:5, did not have much s  
 13:8, other fell on the good s
- James 5:7, the precious produce of the s  
 Rev. 3:4, few . . . who have not **s-ed** their garments
- SOJOURN** Gen. 26:3; Ex. 12:48  
**SOJOURNER**—*foreigner, alien* Ex. 2:22; 12:45; 18:3; 20:10
- SOLD** Gen. 25:33, s his birthright  
 Gen. 45:4, brother Joseph, whom you s into  
 Matt. 10:29, two sparrows s for a cent  
 13:46, went and s all that he had  
 Acts 5:1, his wife Sapphira, s a piece of  
 Rom. 7:14, of flesh, s into bondage to sin  
 Lev. 25:23; 1 Kin. 21:20; Joel 3:3
- SOLDIER** Mark 15:16, the **s-s** took Him away  
 Luke 23:36, the **s-s** also mocked Him  
 John 19:23, four parts, a part to every s  
 Acts 28:16, with the s who was guarding  
 2 Tim. 2:3, as a good s of Christ Jesus
- SOLVE**—*dissolve*  
 Dan. 5:12, **s-ing** of difficult problems  
 5:16, give interpretations and s difficult
- SOMEBODY** Acts 5:36, Theudas rose up, claiming to be s
- SOMEONE** Luke 8:46, S did touch Me
- SOMETHING**—*this* 1 Kin. 2:14, have s to say to you  
 Hab. 1:5, I am doing s in your days  
 Luke 7:40, I have s to say to you  
 Acts 25:26, I may have s to write
- SON** 2 Sam. 13:37, David mourned for his s  
 Ps. 2:7, Thou art My S  
 8:4, s of man, that Thou dost care  
 Prov. 10:1, A wise s makes a father glad  
 17:25, A foolish s is a grief  
 Is. 7:14, a virgin will . . . bear a s  
 14:12, O star of the morning . . . s of  
 60:4, Your **s-s** will come from afar  
 Dan. 7:13, One like a S of Man  
 Hos. 11:1, out of Egypt I called My s  
 Matt. 1:25, virgin until she gave birth to a S  
 2:15, **OUT OF EGYPT . . . CALL My S**  
 3:17, This is My beloved S  
 11:27, No one knows the S  
 13:55, Is not this the carpenter's s  
 16:16, the S of the living God  
 22:42, Christ, whose s is He  
 26:63, are the Christ, the S of God  
 27:43, I am the S of God  
 Mark 5:7, Jesus, S of the Most High God  
 12:6, one more to *send*, a . . . s  
 14:61, the S of the Blessed One  
 Luke 1:31, bear a s, and you shall name  
 2:7, birth to her first-born s  
 4:22, Is this not Joseph's s  
 15:11, A certain man had two **s-s**  
 15:24, this s of mine was dead  
 John 4:50, Go your way, your s lives  
 5:21, the S also gives life  
 6:42, this Jesus, the s of Joseph  
 12:36, may become **s-s** of light  
 14:13, may be glorified in the S  
 19:26, Woman, behold, your s  
 Acts 4:36, translated . . . S of Encouragement  
 Rom. 8:32, did not spare His own S  
 Gal. 4:7, but a s; and if a s  
 2 Thess. 2:3, revealed, the s of destruction  
 Heb. 6:6, again crucify . . . the S of God  
 1 John 2:22, denies the Father and the S  
 Rev. 21:7, be his God . . . will be My s

**SON** (*Continued*)

Gen. 6:2; 22:2; 37:33; Ex. 20:10; Deut. 8:5;  
2 Kin. 2:3; Job 5:4; Eccles. 4:8; Is. 30:9;  
Ezek. 2:1; Mal. 3:17

**SONG**—*music, taunt*

Ex. 15:2, LORD is my strength and s  
Judg. 5:12, Awake, awake, sing a s  
Job 35:10, gives s-s in the night  
Ps. 33:3, Sing to Him a new s  
137:4, How . . . sing the LORD's s  
Prov. 25:20, Sings s-s to a troubled heart  
Eccles. 12:4, the daughters of s  
Song 1:1, The S of S-s  
Eph. 5:19, hymns and spiritual s-s  
Is. 5:1; 23:16; 24:9; Ezek. 33:32

**SOON**—*shortly* Ex. 2:18, you come *back* so s

Job 32:22, Maker would s take me away  
Heb. 13:23, if he comes s

**SOOT** Lam. 4:8, appearance is blacker than s**SOOTHE** Gen. 8:21, LORD smelled a s-ing  
aroma**SORDID** Titus 1:11, for the sake of s gain**SORE** Luke 16:21, dogs . . . licking his s-s**SORROW** Gen. 42:38, bring . . . down . . . in s

Ps. 31:10, my life is spent with s  
Is. 35:10, s and sighing will flee away  
53:3, A man of s-s

Eccles. 7:3, S is better than laughter

Jer. 8:18, My s is beyond healing

John 16:20, be s-ful, but your s

2 Cor. 2:2, For if I cause you s

2:5, he has caused s not to me

2:7, overwhelmed by excessive s

7:9, made s-ful according to *the will* of  
God

7:10, s . . . produces a repentance

Jer. 22:45; 45:3

**SORRY** Gen. 6:6, the LORD was s . . . made man

Jer. 13:14, I will not show pity nor be s

**SOUGHT**—*seek, visit* Is. 26:16, they s Thee in  
distress

Matt. 2:20, who s the Child's life

21:46, they s to seize Him

Gal. 4:18, to be eagerly s

Ex. 33:7; Eccles. 7:29

**SOUL**—*life, person*

Deut. 4:29, with all your heart . . . s

1 Sam. 1:26, As your s lives

Job 33:30, bring back his s from the pit

Ps. 16:10, not abandon my s to Sheol

19:7, LORD is perfect, restoring the s

23:3, He restores my s

24:4, not lifted up his s to falsehood

42:1, So my s pants for Thee

62:1, My s waits in silence for God

63:1, My s thirsts for Thee

103:1, Bless the LORD, O my s

107:9, satisfied the thirsty s

Prov. 24:12, who keeps your s

25:25, cold water to a weary s

Ezek. 18:4, s who sins will die

Matt. 10:28, unable to kill the s

11:29, FIND REST FOR YOUR S-S

16:26, world, and forfeits his s

26:38, My s is deeply grieved

Luke 1:46, My s exalts the Lord

12:19, say to my s, S you have many

John 12:27, My s has become troubled

Acts 4:32, were of one heart and s

1 Thess. 5:23, your spirit and s and body

Heb. 4:12, division of s and spirit

6:19, as an anchor of the s

10:39, to the preserving of the s

James 1:21, is able to save your s-s

5:20, save his s from death

1 Pet. 2:11, which wage war against the s

2 Pet. 2:14, enticing unstable s-s

Deut. 4:9; Judg. 16:16; 1 Sam. 18:1; Job 3:20;

10:1

**SOUND**—*roar, shout, voice* Ex. 32:17; Lev.

26:36

Gen. 3:8, heard the s of the LORD God

Prov. 3:21, Keep s wisdom

Luke 15:27, received him back safe and s

1 Tim. 1:10, contrary to s teaching

2 Tim. 1:13, Retain . . . standard of s words

Titus 1:13, may be s in the faith

Rev. 1:15, s of many waters

8:7, And the first s-ed

Judg. 4:21; 1 Kin. 18:41; 19:12; Job 15:21;

33:15; Prov. 2:7; Eccles. 12:4; Jer. 25:10;

Joel 2:1

**SOUR** Jer. 31:29, fathers have eaten s grapes**SOURCE** Heb. 5:9, the s of eternal salvation**SOUTH** Matt. 12:42, Queen of the S

Luke 12:55, see a s wind blowing

Acts 27:13, when a moderate s wind came up

Job 37:9,17; Eccles. 11:3

**SOW** Job 4:8, those who s trouble harvest it

Ps. 126:5, s in tears shall reap

Prov. 22:8, who s-s iniquity . . . reap vanity

Is. 55:10, furnishing seed to the s-er

Matt. 6:26, birds . . . they do not s

13:3, s-er went out to s

Luke 12:24, neither s nor reap

19:21, reap what you did not s

John 4:36, he who s-s and he who reaps

1 Cor. 9:11, s-ed spiritual things in you

15:42, s-n a perishable body

15:44, s-n a natural body

2 Cor. 9:6, he who s-s sparingly

Gal. 6:7, whatever a man s-s

James 3:18, is s-n in peace

Gen. 47:23; Lev. 26:16; Deut. 22:9; Job 31:8;

Eccles. 11:4;6; Is. 32:20; Jer. 4:3; Hos. 8:7

**SPACE**—*time* Lev. 25:30, the s of a full year**SPACIOUS**—*large* Ex. 3:8, to a good and s land**SPARE** Ps. 78:50, s their soul from death

Prov. 13:24, s-s his rod hates his son

Acts 20:29, not s-ing the flock

Rom. 8:32, did not s His own Son

11:21, not s the natural branches

2 Cor. 9:6, who sows s-ingly

13:2, I come again, I will not s

2 Pet. 2:4, God did not s angels

Is. 9:19; Jer. 50:14; Mal. 3:17

**SPARKLE** Prov. 23:31, When it s-s in the cup**SPEAK**—*tell, utter* Ps. 135:16, but they do not s

Prov. 23:9, Do not s . . . hearing of a fool

Eccles. 3:7, silent, and a time to s

Is. 32:4, stammerers will hasten to s clearly

Matt. 10:19, how or what you will s

10:20, Spirit of your Father who s-s

Mark 16:17, will s with new tongues

Luke 1:20, silent and unable to s

6:26, all men s well of you

John 3:11, we s that which we know

7:46, Never did a man s . . . this man s-s

8:45, because I s the truth

16:13, not s on His own initiative

- Acts 2:4, began to **s** with other tongues  
18:9, not be afraid . . . but go on **s-ing**  
19:6, they began **s-ing** with tongues
- Rom. 3:5, I am **s-ing** in human terms
- 1 Cor. 2:7, we **s** God's wisdom  
13:1, I **s** with the tongues of men  
13:11, I used to **s** as a child
- 2 Cor. 12:4, a man is not permitted to **s**  
Eph. 5:19, **s-ing** to one another  
6:20, **s** boldly, as I ought to **s**
- Titus 3:8, I want you to **s** confidently
- James 1:19, slow to **s** and slow to wrath  
2:12, so **s** and so act  
4:11, not **s** against one another
- 1 Pet. 4:11, Whoever **s-s**, let him **s**  
2 Pet. 2:18, **s-ing** out arrogant words
- Gen. 18:32; Ex. 4:14; Lev. 1:2; Num. 22:35;  
Deut. 5:24; 1 Kin. 12:7; Job 2:13; 11:5;  
33:14; 41:3; Ps. 28:3; 41:5; 101:7; Is. 29:4;  
40:2; Mark 13:11; John 12:49; 2 Cor. 12:6
- SPEAR** 1 Sam. 26:7, his **s** stuck in the ground  
2 Sam. 1:6, Saul was leaning on his **s**  
Ps. 46:9, cuts the **s** in two  
Is. 2:4, their **s-s** into pruning hooks  
Joel 3:10, pruning hooks into **s-s**  
John 19:34, pierced His side with a **s**
- SPECIFICALLY** 1 Sam. 20:21, If I say **s** to the lad
- SPECULATIONS**—*question*  
Rom. 1:21, futile in their **s**  
2 Cor. 10:5, *We are destroying s*  
2 Tim. 2:23, foolish and ignorant **s**
- SPEED**—*fly* Ps. 18:10, He **s** upon the wings of the wind
- SPEECH**—*message, word* Ex. 4:10, slow of **s**  
Rom. 16:18, by their smooth and flattering **s**  
1 Cor. 1:17, not in cleverness of **s**  
2 Cor. 11:6, even if I am unskilled in **s**  
Col. 4:6, **s** always be with grace  
Deut. 32:2; Job 13:17; Prov. 17:7; Is. 33:19;  
Ezek. 3:5
- SPEED**—*quickly* Is. 5:19, Let Him make **s**  
Luke 18:8, bring about justice . . . **s-ily**
- SPELT** Ezek. 4:9, beans, lentils, millet and **s**
- SPEND** Is. 55:2, Why do you **s** money  
2 Cor. 12:15, I will most gladly **s** and  
Gen. 19:2; Num. 22:8; Job 21:13
- SPENT** Gen. 47:15, money was all **s**  
Ps. 31:10, my life is **s** with sorrow  
Mark 5:26, **s** all that she had
- SPICE** Ex. 35:28; Song 8:2; Ezek. 24:10;  
John 19:40
- SPIES** Gen. 42:9, You are **s**  
Josh. 6:23, young men who were **s**  
Luke 20:20, sent **s** who pretended  
Heb. 11:31, she had welcomed the **s**
- SPIRIT** Gen. 1:2, the **S** of God was moving  
Ps. 31:5, Into Thy hand I commit my **s**  
51:10, renew a steadfast **s** within me  
Eccles. 12:7, the **s** will return to God  
Is. 11:2, **s** of wisdom . . . understanding  
32:15, Until the **S** is poured  
61:1, **S** of the Lord God is upon  
Joel 2:28, pour out my **s** on all mankind  
Matt. 1:18, with child by the Holy **S**  
3:16, **S** of God descending  
5:3, Blessed are the poor in **s**  
10:1, authority over unclean **s-s**  
10:20, **S** of your Father who speaks  
12:18, PUT MY **S** UPON HIM  
12:31, blasphemy against the **S**  
12:45, seven other **s-s** more  
27:50, cried . . . yielded up His **s**  
28:19, Son and the Holy **S**
- Mark 1:8, baptize you with the Holy **S**  
1:10, **S** like a dove descending  
14:38, **s** is willing, but  
Luke 1:15, be filled with the Holy **S**  
4:18, **S** OF THE LORD IS UPON ME  
11:13, give the Holy **S** to those  
24:37, thought . . . seeing a **s**  
24:39, **s** does not have flesh  
John 3:5, is born of water . . . **s**  
4:24, God is **s**  
14:17, that is the **S** of truth  
Acts 2:4, all filled with the Holy **S**  
18:25, being fervent in **s**  
Rom. 2:29, by the **S**, not by  
8:6, mind set on the **S** is life  
15:19, in the power of the **S**
- 1 Cor. 2:10, the **S** searches all things  
2:13, taught by the **S**  
3:16, **S** of God dwells in you  
5:3, absent . . . present in **s**  
12:4, gifts, but the same **S**  
14:15, I shall pray with the **s**
- 2 Cor. 3:6, of the letter, but of the **S**  
13:14, fellowship of the Holy **S**
- Gal. 4:6, sent forth the **S** of His Son  
5:16, walk by the **S**  
5:22, fruit of the **S** is love
- Eph. 1:13, with the Holy **S** of promise  
2:18, access in one **S** to  
4:4, body and one **S**  
4:30, not grieve the Holy **S** of  
Phil. 1:27, standing firm in one **s**  
1 Thess. 5:19, Do not quench the **S**
- Heb. 4:12, division of soul and **s**  
James 2:26, body without *the s* is dead  
1 Pet. 4:6, in the **s** according . . . *will of God*  
1 John 4:1, not believe every **s**  
5:7, **S** who bears witness  
5:8, the **S** and the water . . . blood
- Rev. 1:10, in the **S** on the Lord's  
14:13, Yes, says the **S**  
22:17, **S** and the bride say  
Ex. 31:3; Judg. 9:23; 2 Kin. 2:9; Eccles. 7:8; Is.  
42:1; 57:15; Ezek. 11:19; Acts 2:17
- SPIRITIST** Lev. 20:27; 2 Kin. 23:24
- SPIRITUAL** Rom. 15:27, shared in their **s** things  
1 Cor. 10:3, ate the same **s** food  
14:1, desire . . . **s** gifts  
15:44, raised a **s** body  
Eph. 1:3, blessed us . . . every **s** blessing  
5:19, hymns and **s** songs  
1 Pet. 2:5, built up as a **s** house
- SPIT** Job 30:10, refrain from **s-ing** . . . face  
Matt. 26:67, they **s** in His face  
27:30, they **s** on Him  
Mark 8:23, after **s-ing** on his eyes  
14:65, some began to **s** at Him  
John 9:6, made clay of the **s-tle**
- SPLENDID**—*gorgeous* Luke 7:25, who are **s-ly** clothed
- SPLENDOR**—*glory, honor*  
Ps. 8:1, hast displayed Thy **s**  
96:6, **S** and majesty are before Him
- SPLIT** Lev. 11:3,7,26
- SPOIL**—*plunder* Gen. 49:27; Prov. 16:19;  
Is. 10:2; Ezek. 25:7

**SPOKE**—*declared, told* Gen. 8:15, God s to Noah

Ps. 33:9, He s, and it was done  
40:10, I have s-n of Thy faithfulness  
62:11, Once God has s-n  
78:19, they s against God  
87:3, Glorious things are s-n of you  
Prov. 25:11, word s-n in right circumstances  
Matt. 13:34, Jesus s . . . in parables  
14:9, be s-n of in memory  
Rom. 14:16, thing be s-n of as evil  
1 Cor. 14:5, that you all s with tongues  
Heb. 1:2, last days has s-n to us  
2 Pet. 1:21, men . . . s from God  
Mal. 3:16; Mark 7:32

**SPOT**—*blemish, defect*

Gen. 30:32, speckled and s-ed sheep  
Jer. 13:23, Or the leopard his s-s  
Eph. 5:27, having no s or wrinkle  
1 Pet. 1:19, lamb unblemished and s-less

**SPREAD**—*disperse*

Prov. 15:7, lips . . . wise s knowledge  
Matt. 21:8, multitude s their garments  
Ex. 1:12; 9:29; Job 29:19; 37:18; Prov. 7:16;  
29:5; Is. 19:8; 33:23; Ezek. 12:15; 16:8;  
Joel 2:2; Luke 19:36

**SPRING**—*well* Ps. 85:11, Truth s-s from the earth

Is. 45:8, righteousness s up with it  
58:11, like a s of water  
John 4:14, well of water s-ing up  
Heb. 12:15, root of bitterness s-ing  
Rev. 7:17, s-s of the water of life  
21:6, thirsts from the s of the water  
Gen. 16:7; 2 Kin. 3:19; Prov. 5:16; 25:26;  
Song 4:12; Is. 11:1

**SPROUT**—*grow* Gen. 1:11; Ex. 10:5; Ps. 90:5; 92:7; Is. 61:11

**SPURNED**—*despised* Ps. 10:13; 107:11; Prov. 1:30; 5:12

**SPY** Judg. 1:23, house of Joseph s-ed out Bethel

**SQUANDERED**—*wasted* Luke 15:13, s his estate

**SQUARE** Gen. 19:2; Ex. 27:1; Judg. 19:20; Rev. 21:16

**STABILITY** Col. 2:5, s of your faith

**STAFF** Gen. 38:18, your s that is in your hand

Ex. 7:12, Aaron's s swallowed up  
Ps. 23:4, Thy rod and Thy s  
Matt. 10:10, sandals, or a s  
Ex. 4:4; Judg. 6:21; 2 Kin. 4:29; Is. 14:5;  
Ezek. 4:16; Zech. 11:10; Mark 6:8

**STAIN** 1 Tim. 6:14, commandment without s  
2 Pet. 2:13, They are s-s and blemishes

**STAIRWAY**

2 Kin. 20:11, brought the shadow on the s back

Is. 38:8, shadow on the s . . . sun on the s of

**STAND**—*arise, form, rest, stood* Gen. 18:2

Ps. 1:5, will not s in the judgment  
130:3, O Lord, who could s  
Is. 40:8, word of our God s-s forever  
Matt. 6:5, love to s and pray  
12:25, house divided . . . shall not s  
20:3, s-ing idle in the market place  
Mark 11:25, whenever you s praying forgive  
John 1:26, among you s-s One  
19:25, were s-ing by the cross  
20:11, Mary was s-ing outside

Acts 1:11, why do you s looking into

7:33, PLACE ON WHICH YOU ARE S-ING IS HOLY

21:40, Paul, s-ing on the stairs

Rom. 5:2, this grace in which we s

14:4, Lord is able to make him s

1 Cor. 16:13, s firm in the faith

2 Cor. 1:24, in your faith you are s-ing firm

Eph. 6:14, S firm . . . HAVING GIRDED YOUR

LOINS

1 Tim. 3:13, obtain . . . a high s-ing

2 Tim. 2:19, foundation of God s-s

Rev. 3:20, Behold I s at the door

5:6, Lamb s-ing, as if slain

20:12, dead s-ing before the throne

Ex. 14:13; Num. 22:22; Josh. 10:12; Job 8:15;

Prov. 22:29; 27:4; Is. 50:8; Jer. 6:16; 35:19;

Ezek. 2:1; 13:5; Amos 7:7; Nah. 1:6

**STANDARD**—*banner*

Ps. 74:4, set up their own s-s for signs

Is. 13:2, Lift up a s

1 Chr. 17:17; Is. 5:26; 18:3; 31:9

**STAR** Gen. 1:16, He made the s-s also

Num. 24:17, A s shall come forth . . . Jacob

Job 38:7, morning s-s sang together

Ps. 147:4, counts the number of the s-s

Matt. 2:2, saw His s in the east

2:7, ascertained . . . time the s appeared

2:10, when they saw the s

24:29, S-S WILL FALL from the sky

1 Cor. 15:41, for s differs from s

2 Pet. 1:19, s arises in your hearts

Jude 13, wandering s-s, for whom

Rev. 1:16, right hand He held seven s-s

8:10, great s fell from heaven

8:11, s is called Wormwood

22:16, the bright morning s

Job 22:12; Ps. 136:9; Jer. 31:35

**STARE** Song 1:6, Do not s at me

**STARVE** Zeph. 2:11, He will s all the gods

**STATE**—*declare* Josh. 20:4; Luke 1:48

**STATEMENT** Matt. 5:37, your s be, Yes, yes

John 6:60, This is a difficult s

1 Tim. 1:15, It is a trustworthy s

**STATURE**—*size* 1 Sam. 16:7, the height of his s

Luke 2:52, increasing in wisdom and s

19:3, he was small in s

**STATUTE**—*precept*

Ps. 119:12, Teach me Thy s-s

Mal. 3:7, turned aside from My s-s

Gen. 26:5; Ex. 29:9; Lev. 18:5; Num. 35:29;

Is. 10:1; Ezek. 5:7

**STAY**—*lodge, remain* Luke 2:8, shepherds s-ing

Luke 19:5, today I must s at your house

24:29, S with us . . . over. And . . . s with

them

John 1:38, Rabbi . . . where are you s-ing

2:12, there they s-ed a few days

Acts 10:6, s-ing with a . . . tanner named

Simon

1 Pet. 1:17, time of your s upon earth

Gen. 19:17; Ruth 2:8; 1 Sam. 20:38; 22:23;

Ps. 18:18; Hos. 3:3; Luke 1:39,56; Acts

18:3

**STEADFAST**—*resolute*

Job 11:15, you would be s

Ps. 51:10, renew a s spirit within me

57:7, My heart is s, O God, my

112:7, His heart is s, trusting

- 1 Cor. 15:58, brethren, be **s**  
 Col. 1:11, all **s-ness** and patience  
 2 Thess. 3:5, into the **s-ness** of Christ
- STEAL—deceive** Matt. 6:19, break in and **s**  
 Matt. 19:18, YOU SHALL NOT **s**  
 Ex. 20:15; Lev. 19:11; Deut. 5:19; 2 Sam. 19:3;  
 Prov. 30:9; Mark 10:19; Eph. 4:28
- STEALTH—craft** Mark 14:1, to seize Him by **s**  
**STEED** 1 Kin. 4:28; Esth. 8:10
- STEP** Job 18:8, he **s-s** on the webbing  
 Rom. 4:12, follow in the **s-s** of the faith  
 1 Pet. 2:21, you to follow in His **s-s**  
 1 Kin. 10:19; Job 14:16; 29:6; Prov. 5:5
- STERN** Eccles. 8:1, causes his **s** face to beam
- STEWARDSHIP** Gen. 43:19, near to Joseph's house **s**  
 Luke 12:42, faithful and sensible **s**  
 1 Cor. 4:1, **s-s** of the mysteries of God  
 4:2, it is required of **s-s**
- STEWARDSHIP** Luke 16:2, on account of your **s**  
 1 Cor. 9:17, I have a **s** entrusted to me  
 Eph. 3:2, the **s** of God's grace  
 Col. 1:25, according to the **s** of God
- STICK** Prov. 18:24, friend who **s-s**  
 Num. 22:27; 2 Kin. 6:6; Job 33:21; 38:38;  
 Ezek. 37:16,19
- STILL** Lev. 5:17, **s** he is guilty  
 Judg. 7:4, people are **s** too many  
 Dan. 11:35, **s** to come . . . appointed time  
 Matt. 19:20, what am I **s** lacking  
 Luke 24:44, while I was **s** with you  
 Rom. 5:6, while we were **s** helpless  
 Josh. 10:12; Ps. 65:7; 107:29; Jer. 8:14;  
 Mark 4:39
- STING** 1 Cor. 15:55, O DEATH . . . YOUR **s**  
 1 Cor. 15:56, **s** of death is sin  
 Prov. 23:32; Rev. 9:10
- STINKWEED** Job 31:40, And **s** instead of barley
- STIR** Deut. 32:11, eagle that **s-s** up its nest  
 Ps. 35:23, **S** up Thyself, and awake  
 Prov. 10:12, Hatred **s-s** up strife  
 15:1, harsh word **s-s** up anger  
 28:25, arrogant man **s-s** up strife  
 29:22, angry man **s-s** up strife  
 Acts 14:2, Jews who disbelieved **s-ed** up  
 2 Pet. 3:1, I am **s-ing** up your
- STOCKS** Job 13:27; Acts 16:24
- STOLE** Gen. 31:19; 2 Sam. 15:6; Prov. 9:17
- STOMACH** Mark 7:19, but into his **s**
- STONE** Ex. 34:1, Cut out . . . two **s** tablets  
 Deut. 9:9, the tablets of **s**  
 1 Sam. 17:49, from it a **s** and slung  
 Ps. 118:22, **s** which the builders rejected  
 Ezek. 20:32, serving wood and **s**  
 Dan. 2:34, a **s** was cut out without  
 Matt. 3:9, God is able from these **s-s**  
 4:3, command . . . **s-s** become bread  
 4:6, YOUR FOOT AGAINST A **s**  
 7:9, will give him a **s**  
 21:42, **s** WHICH THE BUILDERS REJECTED  
 27:60, large **s** against the entrance  
 28:2, rolled away the **s** and sat  
 Luke 19:44, one **s** upon another  
 John 2:6, six **s** waterpots  
 8:7, first to throw a **s** at her  
 11:39, Jesus said, Remove the **s**  
 Acts 7:59, went on **s-ing** Stephen  
 2 Cor. 3:3, not on tablets of **s**
- 1 Pet. 2:5, also, as living **s-s**  
 2:8, **S** OF STUMBLING  
 Gen. 11:3; 29:3; Ex. 15:16; 20:25; Lev. 20:2;  
 Num. 15:35; Deut. 8:9; 2 Sam. 17:13;  
 1 Kin. 6:18; 2 Kin. 12:12; 2 Chr. 34:11;  
 Job 14:19; 41:24; Ps. 18:12; 91:12; Prov.  
 26:27; 27:3; 28:16; 54:11; 57:6; Ezek.  
 11:19; Amos 5:11; Hab. 2:11; Luke 22:41;  
 Rev. 2:17
- STOOD** Deut. 31:15, pillar of cloud **s** at  
 Josh. 10:13, So the sun **s** still  
 Matt. 2:9, came and **s** over where  
 4:5, devil . . . **s** Him on the pinnacle  
 Luke 4:16, and **s** up to read  
 24:36, He Himself **s** in their midst  
 John 21:4, Jesus **s** on the beach  
 Rev. 13:1, he **s** on the sand
- STOP** 1 Kin. 18:44; Ps. 63:11; 2 Cor. 11:10
- STORE** Prov. 10:14, Wise men **s** up knowledge  
 Luke 12:17, I have no place to **s** my crops  
 1 Tim. 6:19, **s-ing** up treasure  
 James 5:3, have **s-d** up your treasure
- STOREHOUSE—treasure** Deut. 28:12; Job  
 38:22
- STORM—tempest, whirlwind** Jon. 1:4, a great **s**  
 Jon. 1:12, this great **s** has come upon you  
 Matt. 16:3, There will be a **s** today  
 Acts 27:18, we were being violently **s-tossed**  
 2 Pet. 2:17, mistis driven by a **s**  
 Job 21:18; 37:9; Ps. 55:8; 107:25; Is. 25:4;  
 Ezek. 38:9
- STRAIGHT—equity** Matt. 3:3, MAKE PATHS **S**  
 Luke 3:5, CROOKED SHALL BECOME **S**  
 John 1:23, MAKE **S** THE WAY OF THE LORD  
 Acts 9:11, street called **S**  
 Heb. 12:13, make **s** paths for your feet  
 1 Sam. 6:12, Ps. 5:8; Eccles. 1:15; Mic. 3:9
- STRAIGHTFORWARD** Gal. 2:14, not **s** about the truth
- STRAIT—narrow** 1 Sam. 13:6, they were in a **s**
- STRANGE** Heb. 13:9, varied and **s** teachings  
 1 Pet. 4:12, some **s** thing were happening  
 Jude 7, went after **s** flesh
- STRANGER—alien, sojourner**  
 Gen. 23:4, I am a **s** and  
 Matt. 25:35, I was a **s**, and you invited  
 27:7, Potter's Field . . . for **s-s**  
 John 10:5, do not know the voice of **s-s**  
 Eph. 2:19, you are no longer **s-s** and aliens  
 Heb. 13:2, show hospitality to **s-s**  
 Gen. 15:13; Ex. 22:21; Is. 1:7; Jer. 22:3
- STRATEGIC** Mark 6:21, a **s** day came when Herod
- STRAW** Gen. 24:25; Ex. 5:7; 1 Kin. 4:28;  
 Job 41:27; Is. 11:7
- STRAY** Prov. 7:25, not **s** into her paths  
 1 Pet. 2:25, **s-ing** like sheep  
 James 5:19, any among you **s-s** from the truth
- STREAM—river** Ps. 1:3, planted by the **s-s** of water  
 Is. 32:2, **s-s** of water in a dry country
- STREET—square**  
 Prov. 1:20, Wisdom shouts in the **s**  
 Is. 59:14, truth has stumbled in the **s**  
 Matt. 6:2, **s-s**, that they may be honored  
 6:5, pray . . . on the **s** corners  
 Acts 9:11, **s** called Straight  
 Rev. 21:21, **s** of the city was pure gold  
 2 Sam. 1:20; 22:43; Jer. 37:21; Nah. 2:4

**STRENGTH** Ex. 15:2, the LORD is my **s** and song

Ps. 28:7, LORD is my **s** and my shield

46:1, God is our refuge and **s**

Prov. 20:29, glory of young men . . . **s**

Is. 40:29, He gives **s** to the weary

Mark 12:30, MIND, AND WITH ALL YOUR **s**

1 Pet. 4:11, by the **s** which God supplies

Rev. 1:16, sun shining in its **s**

Gen. 4:12; Judg. 6:14; 8:21; 16:6; 1 Sam. 28:20;

Job 6:12; 21:23; Ps. 84:7; Prov. 31:3;

Eccles. 9:16; Is. 41:1; Hab. 3:19

**STRENGTHEN**—*fortify* 1 Sam. 30:6, David **s-ed**

Is. 35:3, **s** the feeble

Luke 22:32, **s** your brothers

Col. 1:11, **s-ed** with all power

2 Thess. 2:17, **s** your hearts in every

1 Tim. 1:12, who has **s-ed** me

Heb. 13:9, heart to be **s-ed** by grace

James 5:8, **s** your hearts, for the coming

1 Pet. 5:10, confirm, **s** and establish you

Deut. 3:28; Judg. 16:28; 2 Chr. 11:1; Job 4:3;

Is. 35:3; Ezek. 34:16; Nah. 3:14

**STRETCH** Ps. 68:31, **s** out her hands to God

Ps. 104:2, **s-ing** out heaven like

Is. 28:20, too short . . . to **s** out

Job 30:24; 38:5; Jer. 10:12

**STRETCHER**

Luke 5:19, let him down . . . with his **s**

**STRICKEN** Is. 53:4, we . . . esteemed Him **s**

Is. 1:5; Jer. 14:19

**STRICT** Acts 26:5, the **s-est** sect of our religion

**STRIFE**—*quarrel*

Prov. 16:28, perverse man spreads **s**

18:6, fool's lips bring **s**

Rom. 13:13, not in **s** and jealousy

1 Cor. 3:3, jealousy and **s** among you

Gal. 5:20, enmity, **s**, jealousy

Titus 3:9, foolish controversies . . . and **s**

Gen. 13:7; Prov. 6:14,20; 10:12; 13:10; 20:3;

Is. 58:4

**STRIKE** Ex. 7:17, I will **s** the water

Ex. 12:12, **s** down all the first-born

Ps. 91:12; Matt. 4:6; Luke 4:11, **s** your foot

Matt. 26:31, I WILL **S** DOWN THE SHEPHERD

Acts 23:3, God is going to **s** you

Gen. 4:23; Prov. 17:26; 19:25; Is. 49:10;

Jer. 18:18

**STRING** Ps. 11:2; 33:2; Hab. 3:19

**STRIP** Ps. 29:9, **s-s** the forests bare

**STRIPES** Deut. 25:3, beat him with **s**

**STRIVE** Gen. 6:3, Spirit shall not **s** with man

Ps. 103:9, not always **s** with us

Luke 13:24, **S** to enter by the narrow door

**STRONG**—*courage* 2 Sam. 22:33, God is my **s**

fortress

Ps. 24:8, the LORD **s** and mighty

Prov. 20:1, **s** drink a brawler

Is. 50:34, Their Redeemer is **s**

Luke 2:40, Child . . . grow and become **s**

1 Cor. 4:10, we are weak, but you are **s**

2 Cor. 12:10, when I am weak, then I am **s**

Eph. 6:10, be **s** in the Lord

Heb. 11:34, from weakness were made **s**

James 3:4, ships . . . driven by **s** winds

Gen. 49:14; Ex. 10:19; 14:21; Lev. 10:9;

Duet. 31:6; Judg. 14:18; Job 17:9; Ps. 19:5;

Prov. 31:6; Song 8:6; Is. 5:11; 41:6; Ezek.

30:21; Luke 14:31

**STRONGHOLD**—*fortress, refuge*

Ps. 9:9, **s** in times of trouble

59:9,17, For God is my **s**

94:22, the LORD has been my **s**

2 Sam. 5:9; 22:3; 1 Chr. 11:5,7; Ps. 62:2; Prov.

10:29; Ezek. 33:27

**STRUCK**—*touched*

Job 19:21, hand of God has **s** me

Ex. 7:20; Num. 20:11; 22:23; Acts 12:23

**STRUGGLE** Col. 2:1, how great a **s** I have

**STUBBORN** Rom. 2:5, **s-ness** and unrepentant heart

Jer. 3:17; Hos. 4:16

**STUMBLE**—*fall*

Matt. 5:29, right eye makes you **s**

11:6, blessed . . . keeps from **s-ing** over

Luke 17:2, cause one of these . . . to **s**

James 3:2, For we all **s** in many ways

1 Pet. 2:8, **s** because they are disobedient

2 Pet. 1:10, you will never **s**

Prov. 3:23; Is. 8:14; 40:30; Jer. 50:32;

Dan. 11:19

**STUMBLING BLOCK**—*ruin*

Ezek. 18:30, not become a **s**

Matt. 16:23, Satan! You are a **s** to Me

18:7, Woe . . . because of its **s-s**

Gal. 5:11, the **s** of the cross

**STUPID**—*senseless* Ps. 49:10; Prov. 30:2;

Jer. 10:8,21

**STUPOR** Rom. 11:8, gave them a spirit of **s**

**SUBJECT** Luke 2:51, He continued in **s-ion** to them

Rom. 8:20, was **s-ed** to futility

Eph. 5:24, church is **s** to Christ

Titus 2:5, **s** to their own husbands

Heb. 2:8, PUT ALL THINGS IN **S-ION** UNDER

12:9, **s** to the Father

1 Pet. 3:22, and powers had been **s-ed** to Him

5:5, be **s** to your elders

**SUBMISSIVE** 1 Tim. 2:11, instruction with . . . **s-ness**

1 Pet. 2:18, be **s** to your masters

3:1, be **s** to your own husbands

**SUBSIDED** Judg. 8:3, their anger . . . **s**

**SUBSTANCE** Deut. 33:11, O LORD, bless his **s**

**SUCCESS** Gen. 24:12, grant me **s** today

**SUDDENLY** Mark 13:36, come **s** and find

Luke 21:34, come on you **s** like a trap

Acts 2:2, **s** there came from heaven

Job 21:13; Is. 29:5

**SUFFER** Job 3:20, light given to him who **s-s**

Ps. 34:10, lions do lack and **s** hunger

Mark 8:31, Son of Man must **s** many

Luke 24:46, Christ should **s** and rise again

Acts 28:5, into the fire and **s-ed** no harm

2 Tim. 2:3, **S** hardship with me

James 5:13, Is anyone among you **s-ing**

1 Pet. 2:21, Christ also **s-ed** for you

4:13, you share the **s-ings** of Christ

**SUFFICIENT** Ex. 36:7, material they had was **s**

Lev. 25:47, means of a stranger . . . becomes **s**

John 6:7, denarii worth of bread is not **s**

2 Cor. 12:9, My grace is **s** for you

**SUIT** Gen. 2:18; 2 Sam. 15:2

**SULLEN** 1 Kin. 21:5, your spirit is so **s**

**SUM** 1 Pet. 3:8, To **s** up, let all be harmonious

**SUMMER** Jer. 8:20, past, **s** is ended

Matt. 24:32, you know that **s** is near

Gen. 8:22; Ps. 74:17; Prov. 26:1; Zech. 14:8



**SUMMON**—*call* Num. 10:2, use them for **s-ing**  
 Job 9:19, who can **s** Him  
**SUN** Eccles. 1:9, nothing new under the **s**  
 Is. 38:8 **s-s** shadow went back ten steps  
 Matt. 5:45, causes His **s** to rise  
 13:43, **RIGHTFOUS . . . SHINE FORTH AS THE S**  
 Luke 21:25, will be signs in **s**  
 1 Cor. 15:41, There is one glory of the **s**  
 Eph. 4:26, **s** go down on your anger  
 Rev. 12:1, woman clothed with the **s**  
 22:5, nor the light of the **s**  
 Gen. 15:12; Ex. 16:21; Lev. 22:7; Josh. 10:12;  
 Ps. 72:5; 84:11; 104:19; 121:6; Song. 6:10;  
 Is. 60:19; Ezek. 32:7; Amos 8:9  
**SUNK** Ps. 38:2, Thine arrows have **s** deep  
**SUNRISE** Luke 1:78, the **S** from on high shall  
 visit us  
**SUNSHINE** 2 Sam. 23:4, through **s** after rain  
**SUPERIORITY** 1 Cor. 2:1, not come with **s** of  
 speech  
**SUPPER** John 13:4, rose from **s** and laid aside  
 1 Cor. 11:20, not to eat the Lord's **S**  
 Rev. 19:9, marriage **s** of the Lamb  
**SUPPLANTS** Prov. 30:23, maidservant . . . **s** her  
 mistress  
**SUPPLICATION** Ex. 9:28, Make **s** to the LORD  
 Ps. 28:2, Hear the voice of my **s-s**  
 Dan. 9:3, seek **Him** by prayer and **s-s**  
**SUPPLY** Is. 3:1, **s** of bread . . . **s** of water  
**SUPPORT** Matt. 10:10, worker is worthy of his **s**  
 Ex. 17:12; 2 Tim. 4:16  
**SURE**—*trust* Num. 32:23, be **s** your sin will find  
 you out  
 Ps. 19:7, testimony of the LORD is **s**  
 2 Pet. 1:19, prophetic word made more **s**  
 Heb. 13:18, **s** that we have a good conscience  
**SURELY** Gen. 2:17, eat from it you shall **s** die  
 Gen. 28:16, **S** the LORD is in this place  
 Deut. 14:22, **s** tithe all the produce  
 Ps. 23:6, **S** goodness and lovingkindness  
 Is. 53:4, **S** our griefs He . . . bore  
 Mark 14:70 **S** you are one of them  
 Heb. 6:14, **S** BLESS YOU . . . **S** MULTIPLY YOU  
 Ex. 31:13; 2 Sam. 17:11; Job 35:13; Jer. 23:39  
**SURFACE** Gen. 1:2; 7:18; Job 38:30  
**SURMISE** Acts 27:27, sailors *began* to **s** . . .  
**SURPASS** 2 Chr. 9:6, You **s** the report I heard  
 Eph. 1:19, the **s-ing** greatness of His power  
 2:7, the **s-ing** riches of His grace  
**SURPLUS** Mark 12:44, put in out of their **s**  
**SURPRISE** 1 Pet. 4:12, do not be **s-d** . . . fiery  
 ordeal  
**SURROUND** Ps. 18:5, cords of Sheol **s-ed** me  
 Luke 19:43, your enemies . . . and **s** you  
**SUSTAIN** Gen. 13:6; 36:7; Song 2:5  
**SWALLOW** Matt. 23:24, gnat and **s** a camel  
 1 Cor. 15:54, DEATH IS **S-ED** UP IN VICTORY  
 Gen. 41:7,24; Num. 16:34; Job 20:15; Is. 25:8;  
 Jon. 1:17; Hab. 1:13  
**SWEAR** Gen. 50:5; Lev. 19:12; Is. 45:23;  
 Zech. 5:3; Matt. 23:18; 26:74; Mark 14:71;  
 James 5:12  
**SWEET** 2 Sam. 23:1, the **s** psalmist of Israel  
 Ps. 55:14, had **s** fellowship together  
 Prov. 3:24, your sleep will be **s**  
 9:17, Stolen water is **s**  
 Is. 5:20; 43:24; Jer. 6:20  
**SWELL**—*bulge* Num. 5:21,22; Deut. 8:4

**SWIFT** Job 7:6, My days are **s-er** than  
 Eccles. 9:11, race is not to the **s**  
 Rom. 3:15, FEET ARE **S** TO SHED BLOOD  
**SWINDLER** Luke 18:11, 1 Cor. 5:11, 6:10  
**SWINE** Prov. 11:22, ring of gold in a **s-s** snout  
 Matt. 7:6, throw your pearls before **s**  
 Mark 5:11, big herd of **s** feeding there  
 Luke 15:15, into his fields to feed **s**  
**SWOOP** Job 9:26, eagle that **s-s** on its prey  
**SWORD** Gen. 3:24, flaming **s** which turned  
 Gen. 27:40, by your **s** you shall live  
 Ps. 57:4, their tongue a sharp **s**  
 64:3, sharpened their tongue like a **s**  
 Prov. 5:4, Sharp as a two-edged **s**  
 Is. 2:4; Mic. 4:3, hammer their **s-s** into  
 plowshares  
 Hos. 2:18, abolish the bow, the **s**, and war  
 Matt. 10:34, not . . . peace, but a **s**  
 26:51, drew out his **s** and struck the slave  
 26:52, take up the **s** shall perish by the **s**  
 Eph. 6:17, **s** of the Spirit  
 Rev. 1:16, mouth became a sharp . . . **s**  
 Ex. 5:3; Deut. 32:25; Judg. 3:16,21,22;  
 2 Sam. 2:26; Is. 2:4; Jer. 15:2; Hos. 1:7  
**SYNAGOGUE** Matt. 6:2, the **s-s** and in the  
 streets  
 Matt. 6:5, pray in the **s-s** and on  
 12:9, He went into their **s**  
 13:54, teaching them in their **s**  
 John 16:2, make you outcasts from the **s**  
 18:20, I always taught in **s-s**  
 Acts 9:20, proclaim Jesus in the **s-s**  
 Rev. 2:9, but are a **s** of Satan

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**TABERNACLE** Ex. 26:1, **t** with ten curtains  
 Matt. 17:4, make three **t-s** here  
 Rev. 21:3, **t** of God is among men  
**TABLE** Is. 21:5, They set the **t**  
 Matt. 21:12, **t-s** of the money-changers  
 Mark 7:28, dogs under the **t** feed  
 John 2:15, overturned their **t-s**  
 Acts 6:2, word of God . . . to serve **t-s**  
 1 Cor. 10:21, partake of the **t** of the Lord  
 Lev. 24:6; Judg. 1:7; 2 Kin. 4:10; Ps. 23:5  
**TABLET** Ex. 24:12, give you the stone **t-s**  
 Ex. 31:18, two **t-s** of the testimony  
 Luke 1:63, asked for a **t**  
 2 Cor. 3:3, on **t-s** of human hearts  
 Is. 8:1; Jer. 17:1  
**TAKE** Ex. 20:7, not **t** the name of the LORD  
 Ex. 34:9, **t** us as Thine own possession  
 Prov. 4:13, **T** hold of instruction  
 Is. 4:1, seven women will **t** hold of  
 Matt. 5:40, **t** your shirt  
 7:5, first **t** the log out . . . eye  
 11:29, **T** My yoke upon you  
 26:26, **T**, eat; this is My body  
 Mark 2:9, Arise, and **t** up your pallet  
 13:33, **T** heed, keep on the alert  
 Luke 9:3, **T** nothing for your journey  
 John 1:29, **t-s** away the sin of the world  
 20:2, have **t-n** away the Lord  
 Acts 1:20, HIS OFFICE LET ANOTHER MAN **T**  
 Eph. 6:16, **t-ing** up the shield of faith  
 Rev. 10:9, **T** it, and eat it  
 Gen. 3:22; 12:19; 22:2; Num. 30:2; Judg. 21:22;  
 1 Sam. 4:3; Ezek. 18:17; 37:19; Hos. 1:2;  
 Mic. 2:4; Matt. 21:21; 1 Cor. 13:5

- TALE** 2 Pet. 1:16, cleverly devised **t-s**
- TALK** Acts 20:9, as Paul kept on **t-ing**  
Eph. 5:4, no filthiness and silly **t**  
Titus 1:10, empty **t-ers** and deceivers  
Job 11:2; 15:3; Prov. 24:2; Luke 1:65
- TARGET**—*mark* 1 Sam. 20:20; Lam. 3:12
- TASK** Eccles. 2:26, sinner He has given the **t**
- TASTE** Ex. 16:31, **t** was like wafers  
Ps. 34:8, **t** and see that the **LORD** is good  
Matt. 16:28, shall not **t** death  
Acts 23:14, **t** nothing until we have killed Paul  
Heb. 2:9, **t** death for every one  
6:4, **t-d** of the heavenly gift  
Job 6:6; 34:3; Prov. 24:13; Dan. 10:3
- TAUGHT** Ps. 71:17, hast **t** me from my youth  
Is. 54:13, sons will be **t** of the **LORD**  
John 8:28, I speak . . . as the Father **t** Me  
Gal. 1:12, nor was I **t** it  
1 Thess. 4:9, **t** by God to love one another
- TAUNT** Deut. 28:37; Job 30:9
- TAX**—*tribute* Num. 31:28, levy a **t** for the **LORD**  
Matt. 17:24, teacher not pay the . . . **t**  
22:19, coin *used* for the **poll-t**  
Luke 20:22, pay **t-es** to Caesar  
Rom. 13:7, **t** to whom **t** is *due*  
2 Kin. 23:35; Matt. 9:9
- TAX-GATHERER** Matt. 5:46, even the **t-s** do the same  
Matt. 10:3, Matthew the **t**  
Luke 18:13, **t**, standing some distance away
- TEACH** Ps. 25:4, **T** me Thy ways  
Ps. 27:11, **T** me Thy way, **O LORD**  
143:10, **T** me to do Thy will  
Prov. 1:8, do not forsake your mother's **t-ing**  
Matt. 7:29, **t-ing** them as *one* having authority  
11:1, **t** and preach in their cities  
15:9, **T-ING** AS THEIR DOCTRINES  
Mark 1:22, they were amazed at His **t-ing**  
4:2, **t-ing** them . . . in parables  
Luke 11:1, Lord, **t** us to pray  
19:47, **t-ing** daily in the temple  
John 7:16, My **t-ing** is not Mine, but His  
14:26, He will **t** you all things  
Acts 1:1, Jesus began to do and **t**  
2:42, devoting . . . to the apostles' **t-ing**  
15:35, **t-ing** and preaching  
Rom. 2:21, **t** another, do not **t** yourself  
16:17, contrary to the **t-ing** which you learned  
1 Cor. 11:14, nature itself **t** you  
Col. 2:22, commandments and **t-ings** of men  
3:16, **t-ing** and admonishing  
1 Tim. 1:3, not to **t** strange doctrines  
2:12, do not allow a woman to **t**  
2 Tim. 3:10, you followed my **t-ing**  
Titus 2:3, **t-ing** what is good  
Heb. 8:11, **NOT T EVERY ONE HIS FELLOW**  
Rev. 2:20, **t-es** and leads my bond-servants  
2:24, the rest . . . who do not hold this **t-ing**  
Ex. 4:12; Deut. 32:2; 1 Kin. 8:36; Job 11:4;  
15:5; 21:22; 37:19; Prov. 4:2; Is. 28:9
- TEACHER** Matt. 8:19, **T**, I will follow You  
Matt. 10:24, disciple is not above his **t**  
17:24, Does your **t** not pay  
23:8, for One is your **T**  
Mark 5:35, why trouble the **T** any more  
Luke 2:46, in the midst of the **t-s**  
5:17, Pharisees and **t-s** of the law
- John 3:2, come from God as a **t**  
3:10, Are you the **t** of Israel  
13:13, You call Me **T** and Lord  
Acts 5:34, Gamaliel, a **t** of the Law  
Rom. 2:20, a **t** of the immature  
1 Cor. 12:29, All . . . prophets? All . . . **t-s**  
Eph. 4:11, some as pastors and **t-s**  
1 Tim. 2:7, **t** of the Gentiles in faith  
2 Tim. 4:3, accumulate for themselves **t-s**  
James 3:1, Let not many of you become **t-s**  
2 Pet. 2:1, be false **t-s** among you  
1 Chr. 25:8; Prov. 5:13
- TEAR**—*rend* Eccles. 3:7, time to **t** apart  
Matt. 5:29, makes you stumble, **t** it out  
7:6, turn and **t** you to pieces  
Luke 12:18, I will **t** down my barns  
John 19:24, Let us not **t** it, but cast  
Lev. 10:6; Job 18:4; Ps. 7:2; Prov. 14:1;  
Ezek. 13:20
- TEAR**—*weep* Ps. 80:5, fed them . . . bread of **t-s**  
Ps. 126:5, sow in **t-s** shall reap with joyful shouting  
Is. 25:8, God will wipe **t-s** away  
Luke 7:38, wet His feet with her **t-s**  
2 Tim. 1:4, even as I recall your **t-s**  
Rev. 7:17, God shall wipe away every **t**  
21:4, He shall wipe away every **t**  
2 Kin. 20:5; Ps. 56:8; Eccles. 4:1; Is. 16:9;  
Jer. 9:1; Lam. 1:2; 2:18
- TEETH** Gen. 49:12; Job 13:14; 19:20; 41:14;  
Ps. 57:4; Prov. 10:26; Jer. 31:29; Amos 4:6;  
Matt. 8:12
- TELL** 1 Chr. 16:24; Ps. 96:3, **T** of His glory among  
Ps. 19:1, heavens are **t-ing** of the glory of God  
66:16, I will **t** of what He has done for my soul  
118:17, **t** of the works of the **LORD**  
Matt. 8:4, See that you **t** no man  
26:63, **t** us whether You are the Christ  
Luke 13:32, Go and **t** that fox  
John 18:34, did others **t** you about Me  
Ex. 19:3; Lev. 5:1; Judg. 14:14; Ps. 2:7;  
Eccles. 10:14; Dan. 2:2,36; Joel 1:3; Zeph. 3:13
- TEMPER** Prov. 29:11, A fool . . . loses his **t**
- TEMPERATE** Titus 2:2, Older men are to be **t**
- TEMPEST** Job 9:17; Ps. 55:8; Is. 28:2; Amos 1:14
- TEMPLE**—*house* 2 Sam. 22:7, from His **t** He heard my voice  
Ps. 11:4, **LORD** is in His holy **t**  
Is. 6:4, **t** was filling with smoke  
Jer. 7:4, **t** of the **LORD**, the **t** of the **LORD**  
Matt. 4:5, pinnacle of the **t**  
12:6, something greater than the **t**  
Mark 14:58, destroy this **t** made with hands  
Luke 23:45, veil of the **t** was torn  
John 2:19, Destroy this **t** . . . I will raise it  
2:21, speaking of the **t** of His body  
1 Cor. 3:17, **t** of God is holy . . . what you are  
2 Cor. 6:16, we are the **t** of the living God  
2 Thess. 2:4, takes his seat in the **t** of God  
Rev. 21:22, God . . . and the Lamb are its **t**  
1 Chr. 29:1; 1 Sam. 1:9; Neh. 6:11
- TEMPT**—*test* Matt. 4:1, Jesus . . . **t-ed** by the devil  
Matt. 4:3, **t-er** came and said to Him  
Luke 4:2, forty days while **t-ed** by the devil  
1 Cor. 10:13, not allow you to be **t-ed**

1 Thess. 3:5, tempter might have **t-ed** you  
 Heb. 4:15, **t-ed** in all things as we are  
 James 1:13, God cannot be **t-ed** by evil

**TEMPTATION**—*trial*

Matt. 6:13, lead us not into **t**  
 26:41, you may not enter into **t**  
 Luke 8:13, time of **t** fall away  
 1 Cor. 10:13, No **t** has overtaken you  
 2 Pet. 2:9, rescue the godly from **t**

**TEN** Deut. 10:4, the **T** Commandments

Ps. 91:7, **t** thousand at your right hand  
 Matt. 25:1, comparable to **t** virgins  
 Luke 15:8, if she has **t** silver coins  
 17:17, Were there not **t** cleansed  
 Gen. 31:7; Num. 14:22; Job 19:3; Ps. 32:2;  
 Song 5:10; Is. 38:8; Ezek. 45:14; Dan.  
 1:14; 7:7

**TEND** John 21:15,17**TENDER** Is. 53:2, He grew up . . . like a **t** shoot

Matt. 24:32, branch has already become **t**  
 Luke 1:78, **t** mercy of our God  
 Eph. 4:32, **t-hearted**, forgiving each other  
 Gen. 18:7; 2 Sam. 23:4; 2 Kin. 22:19

**TENT**—*tabernacle* 1 Kin. 12:16, To your **t-s**, O Israel

Ps. 15:1, who may abide in Thy **t**  
 61:4, dwell in Thy **t** forever  
 84:10, in the **t-s** of wickedness  
 Is. 38:12, Like a shepherd's **t**  
 Gen. 4:20; 18:1; 24:67; 25:27; Num. 24:5;  
 Job 12:6; Song 1:8; Jer. 10:20

**TENTH**—*tithe* Gen. 14:20, he gave him a **t** of all

Heb. 7:2, Abraham apportioned a **t** part  
 7:5, to collect a **t** from the people  
 7:8, mortal men receive **t-s**

**TERMS** Gal. 3:15, Speak in **t** of human relations**TERRIBLE**—*dread*

Deut. 8:15, great and **t** wilderness  
 Mal. 4:5, the great and **t** day of the LORD  
 Matt. 9:26, throwing him into **t** convulsions

**TERRIFYING** Is. 21:1, wilderness, from a **t** land

Heb. 10:27, **t** expectation of judgment  
 10:31, **t** thing to fall into the hands of

**TERROR**—*fear, dread* Ps. 91:5, afraid of the **t** by night

Luke 21:11, **t-s** and great signs  
 Lev. 26:16; Deut. 32:25; Job 15:21; 24:17;  
 41:14; Ps. 116:3; Eccles. 12:5; Is. 33:18

**TEST**—*try* Gen. 22:1, God **t-ed** Abraham

Ex. 17:2, Why do you **t** the LORD  
 Deut. 6:16, shall not put the LORD . . . to the **t**  
 2 Sam. 22:31, word of the LORD is **t-ed**  
 Job 12:11, Does not the ear **t** words  
 Ps. 26:2, **T** my mind and my heart  
 Prov. 30:5, Every word of God is **t-ed**  
 Is. 28:16, a **t-ed** stone . . . costly  
 Matt. 22:18, Why are you **t-ing** Me  
 Acts 5:9, put the Spirit . . . to the **t**  
 1 Cor. 3:13, fire itself will **t** . . . man's work  
 2 Cor. 13:5, **T** yourselves to see if you are  
 James 1:3, **t-ing** of your faith  
 1 Pet. 1:17, And **t** them as gold  
 4:12, fiery ordeal . . . for your **t-ing**  
 1 John 4:1, **t** the spirits to see  
 Ex. 20:20; 1 Kin. 10:1

**TESTIFY**

Acts 2:40, many other words he . . . **t-ed**  
 20:24, to **t** solemnly of the gospel  
 26:22, **t-ing** both to small and great

Gal. 5:3, **t** again to every man

1 Pet. 5:12, **t-ing** that this is the true  
 Ex. 23:2; 2 Sam. 1:16; 1 Kin. 21:10; Job 15:6;  
 Is. 59:12

**TESTIMONY**—*witness* Ps. 19:7, **t** of the LORD is sure

Ps. 119:46, speak of Thy **t-s** before kings  
 Matt. 8:4, the offering . . . for a **t**  
 Luke 22:71, need do we have of **t**  
 John 8:17, the **t** of two men is true  
 1 Cor. 1:6, **t** concerning Christ was confirmed  
 2 Tim. 1:8, ashamed of the **t** of our Lord  
 Titus 1:13, This **t** is true  
 Rev. 19:10, **t** of Jesus is the spirit  
 Ex. 16:34; 25:16; 31:18; Lev. 16:13;  
 Num. 35:30; Is. 8:16

**THANK** 1 Chr. 16:7, to give **t-s** to the LORD

1 Chr. 16:34, O give **t-s** to the LORD  
 Ps. 92:1, good to give **t-s** to the LORD  
 100:4, Give **t-s** to Him

Matt. 15:36, giving **t-s**, He broke *them*  
 26:27, took a cup and gave **t-s**  
 Luke 18:11, God, I **t** Thee that I am not  
 22:19, when He had given **t-s**, He broke  
 Rom. 6:17, But **t-s** be to God

14:6, he gives **t-s** to God  
 1 Cor. 14:16, Amen at your giving of **t-s**  
 15:57, but **t-s** be to God

Eph. 1:16, do not cease giving **t-s** for you

5:20, always giving **t-s** for all things  
 1 Thess. 3:9, what **t-s** can we render to God  
 5:18, in everything give **t-s**  
 2 Thess. 1:3, always to give **t-s** to God

**THANKSGIVING**—*gratitude*

Ps. 26:7, with the voice of **t**  
 95:2, before His presence with **t**  
 100:4, Enter His gates with **t**  
 Phil. 4:6, supplication with **t**  
 Rev. 4:12, and **t** and honor and power  
 Lev. 7:12; Neh. 11:17

**THEIR** Gen. 15:13, a land that is not **t-s**

Matt. 5:3, **t-s** is the kingdom of heaven  
 1 Cor. 1:2, Christ, **t** Lord and ours

**THEN**—*therefore* Gen. 4:26, **T** men began to call

Ex. 15:1, **T** Moses . . . sang this song  
 Matt. 6:9, Pray, **t**, in this way  
 24:14, **t** the end shall come

Mark 4:28, first the blade, **t** the head  
 Luke 20:25, **T** HEY SHALL SEE THE SON

13:26, **T** render to Caesar  
 Rom. 3:9, What **t**? Are we better  
 1 Cor. 13:12, but **t** face to face  
 2 Cor. 12:10, **t** I am strong

**THERE** Gen. 1:3, Let **t** be light; and **t** was

Lev. 7:7, **t** is one law for them  
 Matt. 2:13, remain **t** until I tell you  
 24:23, Behold, here is Christ or **t** He is  
 Luke 8:32, **t** was a herd of many swine  
 Rev. 21:25, **t** shall be no night **t**

**THEREFORE** 1 Pet. 4:1, **T**, since Christ has suffered

1 Pet. 4:7, **t**, be of sound judgment  
 THICK Ex. 10:22; Deut. 32:15; Joel 2:2

**THIEF** Matt. 6:19, **t-s** break in and steal

John 10:10, **t** comes only to steal  
 1 Cor. 6:10, nor **t-s**, nor covetous  
 1 Thess. 5:2, just like a **t** in the night  
 Deut. 24:7; Job 24:14; Ps. 50:18; Prov. 29:24;  
 Is. 1:23; Joel 2:9

**THINE** Luke 22:42, not My will, but **T** be done

John 17:10, Mine are **T**, and **T** are Mine

**THING** Ps. 8:6, put all **t-s** under his feet

Eccles. 3:1, appointed time for **every-t**

Matt. 19:20, All these **t-s** I have kept

19:26, with God all **t-s** are possible

21:24, I will ask you one **t**

Mark 9:23, All **t-s** are possible to him

10:21, One **t** you lack

Luke 2:19, Mary treasured . . . these **t-s**

10:42, *only* a few **t-s** are necessary

John 14:14, ask Me **any-t** in My name

Acts 2:44, had all **t-s** in common

Phil. 3:13, but one **t** I do

4:8, let your mind dwell on these **t-s**

1 Tim. 4:15, Take pains with these **t-s**

James 3:10, **t-s** ought not to be this way

Rev. 16:3, every living **t** in the sea died

Gen. 7:23; 15:1; Ex. 20:17; Job 42:2; Ps. 2:1;

Eccles. 9:5; Is. 7:13; 12:5; Ezek. 8:17

**THINK**—*esteem, thought* Prov. 23:7, as he **t-s**

Matt. 5:17, not **t** that I came to abolish

22:42, do you **t** about the Christ

John 5:39, you **t** that in them . . . life

Rom. 12:3, but to **t** so as . . . sound

14:14, to him who **t-s** anything to be unclean

1 Cor. 13:11, child, **t** as a child

14:20, do not be children in your **t-ing**

2 Cor. 11:16, no one **t** me foolish

Gal. 6:3, anyone **t-s** he is something

James 1:26, **t-s** himself to be religious

**THIRD** Ex. 20:5, **t** and fourth *generations*

Matt. 16:21, raised up on the **t** day

Luke 24:21, is the **t** day since

John 21:17, said to him the **t** time

1 Cor. 15:4, raised on the **t** day

2 Cor. 12:2, caught up to the **t** heaven

**THIRST** Ps. 42:2, My soul **t-s** for God

Matt. 5:6, **t** for righteousness

25:35, I was **t-y**, and you gave

John 4:13, drinks of this water shall **t**

6:35, believes . . . shall never **t**

19:28, said, I am **t-y**

Rom. 12:20, IF HE IS **T-Y**, GIVE HIM

2 Cor. 11:27, in hunger and **t**

Ex. 17:3; Judg. 15:18; Job 24:11; Ps. 69:21;

104:11; Is. 29:8; 41:17; 49:10; 63:13; Lam.

4:4

**THIRTY** Matt. 26:15, to him **t** pieces of silver

Ex. 21:32; Num. 20:29; Judg. 10:4; 12:9; 14:12;

Zech. 11:12; Luke 3:23

**THIRTY-NINE**

2 Cor. 11:24, received . . . **t lashes**

**THIS**—*something* Rev. 2:4, I have **t** against you

**THISTLE** Is. 34:13, Nettles and **t-s** in its

fortified cities

**THORN**—*hook* Prov. 15:19, as a hedge of **t-s**

Prov. 26:9, *Like* a **t** . . . into the hand of

Is. 55:13, Instead of the **t-bush** the cypress

Jer. 4:3, not sow among **t-s**

12:13, sown wheat . . . reaped **t-s**

Matt. 7:16, Grapes . . . from **t-bushes**

13:7, others fell among the **t-s**

27:29, weaving a crown of **t-s**

John 19:5, wearing the crown of **t-s**

2 Cor. 12:7, a **t** in the flesh

Gen. 3:18; Num. 33:55; Judg. 8:7; Eccles. 7:6;

Song 2:2

**THOROUGH**—*diligent*

Deut. 19:18, judges shall investigate **t-ly**

**THOUGHT**—*reason, motive, plot*

Gen. 6:5, **t-s** of his heart

1 Chr. 28:9, every intent of the **t-s**

Job 21:27, I know your **t-s**

Ps. 94:11, know the **t-s** of man

Is. 55:8, My **t-s** are not your **t-s**

Matt. 9:4, Jesus knowing their **t-s**

15:19, heart come evil **t-s**

**THOUSAND**—*countless, clan*

1 Sam. 18:7, slain his **t-s** . . . David his ten **t-s**

Job 9:3, answer Him . . . a **t times**

Ps. 84:10, a day in Thy . . . better than . . . **t**

91:7, **t** may fall . . . ten **t** at your right

Eccles. 7:8, found one man among a **t**

Mark 6:44, five **t** men who ate

8:9, about four **t** were *there*

1 Cor. 14:19, ten **t** words in a tongue

2 Pet. 3:8, **t** years as one day

Jude 14, came with many **t-s** of His

Lev. 26:8; Eccles. 6:6

Song 5:6; Is. 30:17; Jer. 32:18; Dan. 7:10;

Rev. 5:11

**THRASH** Judg. 8:7, **t** your bodies with the thorns

**THREE** Job 2:11, Job's **t** friends heard

Prov. 30:15, **t** things . . . not be satisfied

30:18, **t** things . . . too wonderful

30:21, **t** things . . . earth quakes

30:29, **t** things . . . are stately

Dan. 6:10, knees **t** times a day

Jon. 1:17, fish **t** days and **t** nights

Matt. 12:40, JONAH WAS **T** DAYS AND **T** NIGHTS

17:4, make **t** tabernacles here

18:20, two or **t** have gathered

26:34, deny Me **t** times

27:63, after **t** days I *am*

Luke 2:46, after **t** days they found Him

10:36, Which of these **t** . . . a neighbor

John 2:19, in **t** days I will raise it

Acts 2:41, about **t** thousand souls

9:9, **t** days without sight

1 Cor. 13:13, faith, hope, love, these **t**

Gen. 6:10; Ex. 34:23; Eccles. 4:12; Luke 12:52;

2 Cor. 11:25; 12:8

**THRESH**—*tread, beat, trample*

Deut. 25:4; 2 Sam. 24:21; 1 Chr. 21:20;

Is. 10:10; 1 Tim. 5:18

**THRASHING FLOOR**

Matt. 3:12, thoroughly clean His **t**

**THRESHOLD**—*door* Ps. 84:10, stand at the **t** of

the house

**THREW**—*toss, put*

2 Sam. 16:13, cast stones and **t** dust

2 Kin. 9:33, So they **t** her down

Luke 9:42, **t** him . . . convulsion

19:35, they **t** their garments on the colt

**THRIVE** Job 8:16, He **t-s** before the sun

**THROAT** Ps. 69:3, crying; my **t** is parched

Rom. 3:13, **T** IS AN OPEN GRAVE

Ps. 5:9; 115:7; Prov. 23:2

**THRONE** Ps. 11:4, LORD's **t** is in heaven

Ps. 93:2, **t** is established from of old

Is. 66:1, Heaven is My **t**

Matt. 5:34, for it is THE **T** OF GOD

19:28, sit upon twelve **t-s**

Acts 7:49, HEAVEN IS MY **T**

Heb. 1:8, **THY T** . . . IS FOREVER AND EVER

4:16, with confidence to the **t** of grace

- Rev. 4:2, **t** was standing in heaven  
20:11, I saw a great white **t**  
Gen. 41:40; Ex. 11:5; 1 Kin. 22:19
- THRONG** Ps. 55:14, in the house of God in the **t**
- THROUGH** Is. 43:2, **t** the waters . . . **t** the fire  
Matt. 19:24, camel . . . **t** the eye of a needle  
Luke 6:1, passing **t** some grainfields  
John 3:17, world should be saved **t** Him  
Acts 10:43, bear witness that **t** His name  
Rom. 1:8, thank my God **t** Jesus Christ  
Gal. 4:7, then an heir **t** God  
Eph. 2:8, you have been saved **t** faith  
Phil. 4:13, do all things **t** Him  
1 John 4:9, we might live **t** Him  
Gen. 12:6; Ex. 14:16; Eccles. 10:18; Is. 62:10
- THROW** Gen. 37:20, **t** him into one of the pits  
Eccles. 3:6, time to keep . . . time to **t** away  
Luke 9:39, **t-s** him into a convulsion
- THRUSH** Jer. 8:7, the swift and the **t**
- THRUST**—*cast, push* Josh. 23:5; Prov. 12:8; 18:5
- THUNDER** Mark 3:17, Boanerges . . . Sons of **T**  
John 12:29, multitude . . . saying it had **t-ed**  
Rev. 14:2, voice . . . like the sound of loud **t**  
Ex. 9:23; 1 Sam. 2:10; 2 Sam. 22:14; Job 26:14;  
Ps. 81:7; Is. 29:6
- THWART** 2 Sam. 15:34; 17:14; 1 Thess. 2:18
- TIDINGS**—*message, news*  
Ps. 112:7, He will not fear evil **t**  
Rom. 10:15, BRING GLAD **T** OF GOOD THINGS
- TILL**—*cultivate* Jer. 27:11; Heb. 6:7
- TIMBER**—*wood*  
2 Chr. 2:16, cut whatever **t** you need
- TIME**—*season, day, hour* Gen. 4:3; Judg. 15:1;  
Prov. 25:13  
Job 22:16, snatched away before their **t**  
Eccles. 3:1-8, appointed **t** for everything  
9:12, man does not know his **t**  
Is. 25:8, will swallow up death for all **t**  
Dan. 12:7, for a **t**, **t-s**, and half a **t**  
Hos. 10:12, it is **t** to seek the LORD  
Matt. 2:7, ascertained from them the **t**  
24:45, give them their food . . . proper **t**  
26:18, My **t** is at hand  
John 7:6, My **t** is not yet at hand  
1 Cor. 7:29, the **t** has been shortened  
Gal. 6:9, in due **t** we shall reap  
1 Tim. 2:6, testimony **borne** at the proper **t**  
Jude 18, In the last **t** there shall be mockers  
Rev. 1:3, for the **t** is near  
2:21, I gave her **t** to repent  
Eccles. 7:17; Song 2:12; Amos 5:13; Hag. 1:2;  
Zech. 14:7; Matt. 13:11; 24:25; Acts 5:34
- TIMELY** Prov. 15:23, how delightful is a **t** word
- TIMES**—*season*  
1 Chr. 12:32, men who understood the **t**  
Job 24:1, **t** not stored up by the Almighty  
Ps. 9:9, stronghold in **t** of trouble  
31:15, My **t** are in **T** hand  
Dan. 2:21, changes of the **t** and epochs  
Matt. 16:3, *discern* the signs of the **t**  
Acts 1:7, not for you to know the **t**  
Rev. 12:14, time and **t** and half a time
- TIMID**—*fearful* Matt. 8:26; Mark 4:40
- TINGLE** 1 Sam. 3:11; 2 Kin. 21:12; Jer. 19:3
- TIP** Job 38:37, Or **t** the water jars of the heavens
- TIRED** Gen. 27:46, I am **t** of living
- TITHE**—*tenth* Lev. 27:30, all the **t** of the land  
Num. 18:26, take from . . . Israel the **t**  
18:28, offering to the LORD from your **t-s**
- Deut. 12:17, the **t** of your grain  
14:22, **t** all the produce  
Matt. 23:23, you **t** mint and dill  
Luke 18:12, pay **t-s** of all that I get
- TODAY**—*age, day, life* Gen. 41:9, mention **t** of my own offenses  
Ps. 2:7, **T** I have begotten Thee  
Luke 23:43, **t** you shall be with Me in Paradise  
Acts 13:33; Heb. 1:5, **T** I HAVE BEGOTTEN THEE  
Heb. 13:8, Jesus Christ is the same . . . **t**
- TOIL**—*labor, work, trouble*  
Gen. 5:29, the **t** of our hands  
31:42, and the **t** of my hands  
Job 9:29, Why then should I **t** in vain  
Matt. 6:28, do not **t** nor do they spin  
1 Cor. 15:58, knowing that your **t** is not in vain
- TOLD** Matt. 24:25, I have **t** you in advance  
Mark 3:9, He **t** His disciples  
Luke 2:18, **t** them by the shepherds  
John 4:39, **t** me all the things that I *have* done  
14:2, not so, I would have **t** you
- TOMB**—*grave, place*  
Is. 22:16, you have hewn a **t** for  
Matt. 23:27, like whitewashed **t-s**  
27:52, the **t-s** were opened  
John 11:17, been in the **t** four days  
12:17, Lazarus out of the **t**  
19:41, in the garden a new **t**, in which  
20:11, standing outside the **t** weeping  
Rev. 11:9, bodies to be laid in a **t**
- TOMORROW** Prov. 27:1, Do not boast about **t**  
Is. 22:13, drink, for **t** we may die  
Matt. 6:34, do not be anxious for **t**  
James 4:14, not know . . . life will be like **t**
- TONE**—*voice* Gal. 4:20, and to change my **t**
- TONGUE**—*language*  
Ex. 4:10, speech and slow of **t**  
Job 5:21, hidden from the scourge of the **t**  
Ps. 5:9, They flatter with their **t**  
34:13, keep your **t** from evil  
57:4, their **t** is a sharp sword  
64:3, sharpened their **t** like a sword  
140:3, sharpen their **t-s** as a serpent  
Prov. 12:18, **t** of the wise brings healing  
15:4, soothing **t** is a tree of life  
25:15, soft **t** breaks the bone  
Is. 30:27, His **t** is like a consuming fire  
Mark 7:35, impediment of his **t** was removed  
16:17, they will speak with new **t-s**  
Luke 16:24, in water and cool off my **t**  
Acts 2:4, began to speak with other **t-s**  
Rom. 14:11, EVERY **T** SHALL GIVE PRAISE  
1 Cor. 13:1, with the **t-s** of men and of  
14:4, who speaks in a **t** edifies himself  
14:5, that you all spoke in **t-s**  
14:14, if I pray in a **t**  
14:39, do not forbid to speak in **t-s**  
Phil. 2:11, every **t** should confess . . . Jesus  
James 3:5, **t** is a small part  
3:8, no one can tame the **t**  
1 Pet. 3:10, REFRAIN HIS **T** FROM EVIL  
Rev. 5:9, *men* from every tribe and **t**  
Job 6:30; 20:12; 29:10; Prov. 6:17; Is. 50:4;  
Jer. 9:8
- TOOK** Gen. 8:9, **t** her, and brought her into the ark  
Ex. 4:7, **t** it out of his bosom

**TOOTH** Ex. 21:24; Lev. 24:20

Deut. 19:21, eye, **t** for **t**

Prov. 25:19, like a bad **t**

Matt. 5:38, **EYE FOR AN EYE, AND A T FOR A T**

**TOP** Gen. 28:12, **t** reaching to heaven

Ex. 19:20, to the **t** of the mountain

2 Kin. 19:26, as grass on the house **t-s**

Matt. 27:51, veil . . . torn . . . from **t** to bottom

Heb. 11:21, leaning on the **t** of his staff

**TORCH** Gen. 15:17, a flaming **t** which passed

Judg. 15:5, set fire to the **t-es**

Dan. 10:6, his eyes were like flaming **t-es**

**TORE** Matt. 26:65, high priest **t** his robes

2 Sam. 13:19; 1 Kin. 11:30; Job 1:20

**TORMENT** Job 19:2, How long will you **t** me

Luke 8:28, do not **t** me

16:23, Hades . . . being in **t**

16:28, to this place of **t**

2 Pet. 2:8, felt *his* righteous soul **t-ed**

Rev. 9:5, **t** was like the **t** of a scorpion

**TORN** Gen. 37:33, Joseph . . . been **t** to pieces

Josh. 9:4, wineskins, worn-out and **t**

Job 18:14, is **t** from the security

Matt. 27:51, veil of the temple was **t**

**TOSS—shake** Job 7:4, I am continually **t-ing**

Is. 54:11, **storm-t-ed**, and not comforted

Eph. 4:14, **t-ed** here and there by waves

Acts 22:23, **t-ing** dust into the air

James 1:6, driven and **t-ed** by the wind

**TOTTER** Is. 24:20; 28:7

**TOUCH—handle** Gen. 3:3, not eat from it or **t** it

Ps. 105:15, Do not **t** My anointed ones

Matt. 9:21, If I only **t** His garment

Mark 5:30, Who **t-ed** My garments

Luke 24:39, it is I Myself; **t** Me and see

1 Cor. 7:1, not to **t** a woman

Col. 2:21, do not taste, do not **t**

Ex. 19:12; Lev. 5:2; Job 5:19

**TOWARD—against** Rom. 8:7, is hostile **t** God

**TOWER—stronghold**

Prov. 18:10, name . . . is a strong **t**

Matt. 21:33, AND BUILT A **T**

Gen. 11:4; Ps. 48:12; Mic. 4:8

**TRADE—craft** Acts 18:3, he was of the same **t**

Acts 19:25, with the workmen of similar **t-s**

**TRADER** 2 Chr. 9:14, the **t-s** and merchants

**TRAIN—fit, instruct** 1 Chr. 12:8, men **t-ed** for

war

2 Tim. 3:16, for **t-ing** in righteousness

Heb. 5:14, senses **t-ed** to discern good and evil

12:11, to those who have been **t-ed**

**TRAMPLE** Job 9:8, **t-s** down the waves

Prov. 25:26, *Like* a **t-d** spring

Hab. 3:12, didst **t** the nations

**TRANSCRIBE**

Prov. 25:1, proverbs . . . king of Judah **t-d**

**TRANSFORM—change**

Rom. 12:2, **t-ed** by the renewing of

Phil. 3:21, who will **t** the body

**TRANSGRESS** Num. 14:41; Josh. 7:11; Jer. 2:8

**TRANSGRESSION—trespass, sin**

Job 14:17, My **t** is sealed up

33:9, pure without **t**

Ps. 32:1, he whose **t** is forgiven

39:8, Deliver me from all my **t-s**

51:3, I know my **t-s**

103:12, removed our **t-s** from us

Matt. 6:14, forgive men for their **t-s**

Col. 2:13, forgiven us all our **t-s**

Gen. 31:36; Ex. 34:7; Num. 14:18; Josh. 24:19;

Prov. 10:12; 29:6; Is. 53:5; Ezek. 18:30;

Matt. 6:15

**TRANSGRESSOR**

Ps. 37:38, **t-s** will be . . . destroyed

51:13, I will teach **t-s** Thy ways

Is. 53:12, numbered with the **t-s**

Mark 15:28, reckoned with **t-s**

James 2:11, become a **t** of the law

**TRANSLATE** Ezra 4:18, has been **t-d** and read

John 1:42, which **t-d** means Peter

**TRAP—entangle**

Matt. 22:15, how they might **t**

Mark 12:13, to **t** Him in a statement

**TREACHEROUS**

Prov. 2:22, the **t** will be uprooted

13:15, way of the **t** is hard

2 Sam. 18:13; Prov. 22:12; Is. 21:2; 24:16;

Jer. 3:20; Lam. 1:2; Hos. 5:7; Mal. 2:10

**TREAD—trample** Luke 10:19, **t** upon serpents

Rev. 19:15, **t-s** the wine press

Job 24:11; Is. 16:10; 41:25; Jer. 25:30

**TREASURE—possession, gain**

Gen. 43:23, given you **t** in your

Is. 33:6, fear of the **LORD** is his **t**

Matt. 2:11, opening their **t-s** they presented

6:21, where your **t** is, there will

12:35, out of his good **t** brings

13:44, **t** hidden in the field

19:21, you shall have **t** in heaven

Col. 2:3, hidden all the **t-s** of wisdom

James 5:3, stored up your **t**

Deut. 33:19; Prov. 21:20; Job 3:21; 23:12

**TREAT** Mark 12:4, **t-ed** him shamefully

Luke 2:48, why have You **t-ed** us this way

**TREE—grove, cross** Gen. 1:11, fruit **t-s** bearing

Gen. 2:9, **t** of life . . . knowledge

3:8, God among the **t-s**

Ps. 1:3, **t** firmly planted by streams

37:35, like a luxuriant **t**

104:16, **t-s** of the **LORD** drink their fill

Prov. 3:18, She is a **t** of life

Is. 55:12, **t-s** . . . will clap *their* hands

Matt. 3:10, every **t** . . . not bear good fruit

7:17, good **t** bears good fruit

12:33, **t** is known by its fruit

Mark 8:24, see men . . . like **t-s**

Luke 19:4, climbed up into a sycamore **t**

John 1:50, saw you under the fig **t**

Jude 12, autumn **t-s** without fruit

Rev. 2:7, eat of the **t** of life

Gen. 18:4; 21:33; Deut. 20:19; 21:22; Judg. 9:8;

Prov. 27:18; Song 8:5; Is. 40:20; Mic. 4:4

**TREMBLE—fear**

1 Chr. 16:30; Ps. 96:9, **T** before Him . . . earth

Job 26:11, pillars of heaven **t**

Ps. 4:4, **T**, and do not sin

Is. 13:13, make the heavens **t**, and the earth

Mark 5:33, woman fearing and **t-ing**

Phil. 2:12, with fear and **t-ing**

2 Pet. 2:10, do not **t** when they revile

Lev. 26:6; Deut. 20:3; Ps. 2:11

**TRENCH** 2 Kin. 3:16, valley full of **t-es**

**TRESPASS—fault**

Gal. 6:1, if a man is caught in any **t**

Eph. 2:1, dead in your **t-s** and sins

**TRIAL** Deut. 7:19, great **t-s** which your eyes saw

Acts 4:9, if we are on **t** today

Gal. 4:14, a **t** to you in my bodily condition

James 1:12, a man who perseveres under **t**

**TRIBE** Gen. 49:28, these are the twelve t-s

Num. 1:4, a man of each t

Ps. 122:4, even the t-s of the LORD

Matt. 24:30, all the t-s of the earth

Luke 22:30, judging the twelve t-s

**TRIBULATION**—*affliction*

Matt. 24:21, will be a great t

John 16:33, world you have t

Rom. 5:3, t brings about perseverance

12:12, persevering in t

Eph. 3:13, not to lose heart at my t-s

**TRIBUNAL**—*judgment*

Acts 25:10, standing before Caesar's t

**TRIBUTE**—*tax* Ezra 7:24, impose tax, t or toll

**TRICK**—*craftiness* Matt. 2:16, Herod . . . t-ed by the magi

Luke 20:23, He detected their t-ery

**TRIED** Ex. 2:15, Pharaoh . . . t to kill Moses

Ps. 12:6, As silver t in a furnace

**TRIM** Ex. 30:7, when he t-s the lamps

**TRUMP** Ex. 32:18, sound of the cry of t

**TROUBLE**—*distress, affliction, pain*

1 Kin. 20:7, see how this man is looking for t

Job 4:8, plow iniquity . . . who sow t harvest it

5:6, does t sprout from the ground

5:7, man is born for t

Ps. 9:9, A stronghold in times of t

25:18, my affliction and my t

27:5, day of t He will conceal

41:1, deliver him in a day of t

Prov. 10:10, who winks the eye causes t

25:20, sings songs to a t-d heart

31:7, remember his t no more

Eccles. 8:6, a man's t is heavy

Matt. 2:3, Herod . . . heard it, he was t-d

Luke 6:18, t-d with unclean spirits

24:38, Why are you t-d

John 12:27, My soul has become t-d

Acts 20:10, Do not be t-d

1 Pet. 3:14, DO NOT BE T-D

Gen. 41:51; Ps. 77:4; 138:7; Is. 65:16;

Ezek. 32:9

**TRUE**—*sure*

Prov. 11:18, sows righteousness . . . t reward

Luke 16:11, entrust the t riches

John 1:9, There was the t light

6:32, gives you the t bread

6:55, My flesh is t food . . . is t drink

7:28, He who sent Me is t

8:17, testimony of two men is t

Rom. 3:4, let God be found t

Phil. 4:8, whatever is t

Titus 1:13, This testimony is t

1 Pet. 5:12, the t grace of God

Rev. 3:14, faithful and t witness

**TRULY**—*indeed* Josh. 7:20, T, I have sinned

Is. 45:15, T, Thou art a God who

Matt. 5:18, For t I say to you

John 1:51, T, t, I say to you

Gen. 24:49; 2 Sam. 14:5

**TRUMPET**—*horn* Is. 27:13, great t will be blown

Matt. 6:2, alms, do not sound a t

Ex. 19:16; Judg. 7:16

**TRUST**—*faith, confidence*

2 Chr. 20:20, t in the LORD . . . t

Job 8:14, whose t a spider's web

Ps. 4:5, And t in the LORD

118:8, Than to t in man

Prov. 11:28, t-s in his riches will fall

31:11, husband t-s in her

Is. 26:4, T in the LORD forever

Jer. 7:4, Do not t in deceptive words

20:10, All my t-ed friends

Mic. 7:5, Do not t in a neighbor

2 Cor. 1:9, should not t in ourselves

Heb. 2:13, I WILL PUT MY T IN HIM

**TRUSTWORTHY**—*true*

Prov. 20:6, who can find a t man

1 Tim. 3:1; 4:9, It is a t statement

**TRUTH** 1 Kin. 2:4, walk before Me in t

Ps. 15:2, speaks t in his heart

119:160, Thy word is t

Prov. 3:3, not let kindness and t leave you

23:23, Buy t, and do not sell it

Matt. 22:16, we know that You are t-ful

Luke 4:25, But I say to you in t

John 1:14, full of grace and t

8:32, t shall make you free

14:6, way, and the t, and the life

Rom. 1:25, t of God for a lie

Gal. 2:5, t of the gospel might remain

Phil. 1:18, in pretense or in t

1 Tim. 3:15, pillar and support of the t

2 Tim. 2:15, handling . . . the word of t

1 John 1:8, the t is not in us

Gen. 42:16; 1 Kin. 22:16; Is. 39:8; Zech. 8:16

**TRY**—*prove* Luke 14:19, oxen . . . going to t

them

Luke 19:3, t-ing to see who Jesus was

Deut. 4:34; Is. 22:4; Acts 9:26

**TUNIC**—*garment, coat* Gen. 37:3; Lev. 16:4;

Matt. 10:10; Luke 9:3

**TURBAN**—*diadem* Job 29:14; Ezek. 21:26

**TURMOIL**—*trouble* Prov. 15:16; Jer. 50:34

**TURN** 2 Kin. 20:10, shadow t backward ten

steps

2 Chr. 34:2, did not t aside to the right or to

the left

Job 23:11, kept His way and not t-ed aside

Ps. 119:157, I do not t aside from Thy

Prov. 7:25, Do not let your heart t aside

Is. 45:22, T to Me, and be saved

53:6, Each . . . has t-ed to his own way

Jer. 26:3, everyone will t from his evil way

Hos. 11:7, My people are bent on t-ing from

Me

Joel 2:31, sun will be t-ed into darkness

Matt. 5:39, cheek, t to him the other

Acts 1:25, from which Judas t-ed aside

1 Tim. 5:15, t-ed aside to follow Satan

James 5:20, who t-s a sinner from the error

1 Pet. 3:11, T AWAY FROM EVIL

Ex. 23:2; Deut. 17:11; Ruth 1:16; 1 Kin. 20:26;

2 Kin. 17:13; Job 1:1; 2:3; 23:13; 36:21; Ps.

80:14; 119:51; Prov. 4:5; Is. 1:4; Jer. 23:20;

Joel 2:14

**TUTOR**—*instruct* 1 Cor. 4:15, have countless

t-s in Christ

**TWELVE** Gen. 17:20, become the father of t

princes

Gen. 35:22, there were t sons of Jacob

Matt. 10:1, summoned His t disciples

Mark 3:14, He appointed t

Luke 2:42, when He became t

John 11:9, t hours in the day

Rev. 12:1, a crown of t stars

**TWICE**—*doubly*

Gen. 41:32, repeating . . . dream to Pharaoh t  
 Num. 20:11, struck the rock t  
 1 Sam. 18:11, David escaped . . . t  
 Mark 14:30, before a cock crows t  
 Luke 18:12, I fast t a week

**TWITTER** Is. 38:14, *like* a crane, so l t**TWO**—*both* Gen. 1:16, God made the t great lights

Ex. 31:18, t tablets of the testimony  
 Matt. 2:16, children . . . t years old  
 5:41, one mile, go with him t  
 6:24, No man can serve t masters  
 18:19, t of you agree on earth  
 19:5, T SHALL BECOME ONE FLESH  
 Luke 17:35, t women grinding  
 1 Cor. 6:16, T WILL BECOME ONE FLESH  
 Gal. 4:24, these *women* are t covenants  
 Eph. 2:15, make the t into one new man  
 Lev. 8:2; Eccles. 4:9

## U

**UGLY**—*bad* Gen. 41:3, u and gaunt**UMPIRE** Job 9:33, There is no u between us**UNAPPROACHABLE**

1 Tim. 6:16, dwells in u light

**UNAPPROVED**

2 Cor. 13:7, though we . . . appear u

**UNAWARE** Rom. 1:13, do not want you to be u**UNBELIEF** Mark 9:24, help *me* in my u

Rom. 11:23, continue in their u

Heb. 3:12, an u-ing heart

**UNBELIEVERS** Luke 12:46, a place with the u

1 Cor. 14:23, ungifted men or u

2 Cor. 6:14, bound together with u

**UNBLEMISHED** 1 Pet. 1:19, u and spotless**UNCEASING** Rom. 9:2, sorrow and u grief**UNCLEAN** Lev. 5:2, person touches any u thing

2 Chr. 29:5, u-ness out from the holy place

Job 14:4, make the clean out of the u

Ps. 106:39, became u in their practices

Is. 6:5, man of u lips

Ezek. 4:13, eat their bread u

Matt. 10:1, authority over u spirits

Mark 5:13, u spirits entered the swine

9:25, He rebuked the u spirit

Luke 9:42, Jesus rebuked the u spirit

Acts 10:14, eaten anything unholy and u

Rom. 14:14, nothing is u in itself

Rev. 16:13, three u spirits like frogs

18:2, prison of every u spirit

21:27, nothing u . . . shall ever come to it

**UNCOVER** Ezek. 21:24; Hos. 7:1**UNDEFILED** Heb. 7:26, holy, innocent, u

Heb. 13:4, *marriage* bed be u

James 1:27, pure and u religion

**UNDER** Ex. 23:5, lying *helpless* u its load

Matt. 5:15, put it u the peck-measure

John 1:50, saw you u the fig tree

Rom. 3:9, Jews and Greeks are all u sin

Eph. 1:22, all things . . . u His feet

1 Pet. 5:6, u the mighty hand of God

**UNDERGARMENTS** Lev. 6:10; 16:4;

Ezek. 44:18

**UNDERSTAND**—*know, perceive* 1 Chr. 28:19

Gen. 11:7, not u one another's speech

Jer. 17:9, the heart . . . Who can u it

Matt. 15:17, Do you not u

Luke 24:45, opened . . . to u the Scriptures

John 8:43, Why do you not u what I am

saying

Acts 10:34, u *now* that God is not one

2 Pet. 3:16, some things hard to u

Prov. 1:6; Is. 6:9; Dan. 8:17; Matt. 15:10

**UNDERSTANDING**—*comprehending*

Prov. 2:2, Incline your heart to u

Jer. 10:12, by His u He has stretched . . .

Matt. 15:16, Are you also still without u

Eph. 4:18, being darkened in their u

2 Tim. 2:7, Lord will give you u

Ex. 36:1; Job 17:4; Ps. 32:9

**UNDISCIPLINED** 2 Thess. 3:7, not act in an u manner

2 Thess. 3:11, leading an u life

**UNDISTURBED** Judg. 8:28, land was u for forty years

2 Chr. 14:1, land was u for ten years

**UNEDUCATED** Acts 4:13, that they were u and untrained**UNFAITHFUL** Ezra 10:2, u to our God**UNFATHOMABLE** Rom. 11:33, How . . . u His ways**UNFEELING** Ps. 17:10, closed their u heart**UNFOLDING** Ps. 119:130, u of Thy words gives light**UNFRUITFUL**—*barren*

2 Kin. 2:19, water is bad, and the land is u

Matt. 13:22; Mark 4:19, and it becomes u

1 Cor. 14:14, my mind is u

Eph. 5:11, u deeds of darkness

2 Pet. 1:8, neither useless nor u in the true knowledge

**UNGIFTED**—*uneducated*

1 Cor. 14:16, the u say the Amen

**UNGOODLY**—*wicked, worthless*

Rom. 5:6, Christ died for the u

Titus 2:12, to deny u-ness

Jude 18, after their own u lusts

**UNHOLY**—*common*

Acts 10:15, no longer consider u

**UNIMPRESSIVE**—*weak*

2 Cor. 10:10, personal presence is u

**UNINTENTIONALLY** Lev. 4:2; 5:15; Num. 15:27**UNITE** Phil. 2:2, same love, u-d in spirit

Heb. 4:2, not u-d by faith

**UNJUST**—*unrighteous*

Prov. 29:27, u man is abominable

Jer. 17:11, makes a fortune, but u-ly

Heb. 6:10, God is not u so as to forget

1 Pet. 3:18, the just for the u

**UNKNOWN** Acts 17:23, TO AN U GOD

2 Cor. 6:9, as u yet well-known

Gal. 1:22, I was still u by sight

**UNLESS**—*except* Gen. 32:26, u you bless me

Ps. 127:1, U the LORD builds the house

Matt. 5:20, u your righteousness surpasses

18:3, u you are converted

24:22, u those days had been cut short

Mark 13:20, u the Lord had shortened those days

Luke 13:3, u you repent, you will . . . perish

John 3:2, u God is with him

3:3, u one is born again

4:48, U you *people* see signs

6:53, u you eat the flesh

20:25, U I shall see . . . imprint of the nails

Rom. 10:15, shall they preach u they are sent



1 Cor. 15:36, does not come to life **u** it dies  
 2 Tim. 2:5, **u** he competes according to the rules  
 Deut. 32:30; Is. 1:9; Amos 3:3  
**UNLOVING** Rom. 1:31, untrustworthy, **u**  
 2 Tim. 3:3, **u**, irreconcilable  
**UNOCCUPIED** Matt. 12:44, finds it **u**  
**UNPLEASANT**—*evil*  
 Gen. 47:9, few and **u** have been the years  
**UNPROFITABLE** Titus 3:9, they are **u** and worthless  
 Heb. 13:17, this would be **u** for you  
**UNPUNISHED** Ex. 21:9; 1 Kin. 2:9  
 Ex. 20:7, **LORD** will not leave him **u**  
**UNQUENCHABLE**  
 Matt. 3:12, burn . . . chaff with **u** fire  
 Mark 9:43, into the **u** fire  
**UNREASONING** 2 Pet. 2:12, like **u** animals  
**UNRESTRAIN**  
 Prov. 29:18, no vision, people are **u-ed**  
**UNRIGHTEOUS**—*unjust*  
 Is. 55:7, the **u** man his thoughts  
 Matt. 5:45, rain on the righteous and the **u**  
 Luke 16:10, **u** in . . . little thing is **u** also in much  
 16:11, faithful in the use of **u** Mammon  
 Rom. 3:5, God who inflicts wrath is not **u**  
 1 Cor. 6:9, **u** shall not inherit the kingdom  
 2 Pet. 2:9, keep the **u** under punishment  
**UNRIGHTEOUSNESS**  
 1 Cor. 13:27, not rejoice in **u**  
 1 John 5:17, All **u** is sin  
**UNRULY** 1 Thess. 5:14, admonish the **u**  
 2 Thess. 3:6, who leads an **u** life  
**UNSETTLING** Acts 15:24, **u** your souls  
**UNSTEADY** Prov. 25:19, and an **u** foot  
**UNSUSPECTING** Rom. 16:18, hearts of the **u**  
**UNTAUGHT**—*uneducated*  
 2 Pet. 3:16, **u** and unstable distort  
**UNTIE** Luke 19:30, a colt . . . **u** it and bring it  
**UNTIL** John 5:17, My Father is working **u** now  
**UNTIMELY** 1 Cor. 15:8, to one **u** born  
**UNTRAINED** Acts 4:13, uneducated and **u** men  
**UNWISE** Deut. 32:6, O foolish and **u** people  
 Eph. 5:15, walk, not as **u** men  
**UNWORTHY**  
 Gen. 32:10, **u** of all the lovingkindness  
 Luke 17:10, **We** are **u** slaves  
**UP** Ex. 15:8, flowing waters stood **u** like a heap  
**UPHOLD** Ps. 119:117, **U** me that I may be safe  
 Is. 41:13, God, who **u-s** your right hand  
**UPPER** 2 Sam. 11:21, woman throw an **u** millstone  
 Luke 22:12, large, furnished, **u** room  
 Acts 1:13, they went up to the **u** room  
 19:1, Paul . . . passed through the **u** country  
**UPRIGHT** Deut. 32:4, Righteous and **u** is He  
 Prov. 4:11, led you in **u** paths  
 Eccles. 7:29, God made men **u**  
 Mic. 7:2, is no **u** person among men  
 Acts 14:10, Stand **u** on your feet  
 1 Thess. 2:10, devoutly and **u-ly** and blamelessly  
 Num. 23:10; Job 1:8; 4:7  
**UPRIGHTNESS** Prov. 17:26; 59:14; Mal. 2:6  
**UPROAR** 1 Kin. 1:41, city making such an **u**  
 Ps. 2:1, Why are the nations in an **u**  
**UPROOT** Job 19:10, has **u-ed** my hope  
 Luke 17:6, Be **u-ed** and be planted

**UPSET**—*turn* 2 Sam. 6:6, oxen nearly **u** it  
 Acts 17:6, men . . . **u** the world have come here  
 2 Tim. 2:18, **u** the faith of some  
 Titus 1:11, **u-ing** whole families  
**UPWARD** Phil. 3:14, prize of the **u** call  
**URGE**—*constrain* Ruth 1:16, Do not **u** me to leave you  
 Prov. 16:26, his hunger **u-s** him on  
 Luke 24:29, And they **u-d** Him, saying  
 Rom. 12:1, **u** you therefore, brethren  
**URGENT** 1 Sam. 21:8, king's matter was **u**  
**USE** Gen. 21:15; Deut. 32:23  
 1 Chr. 12:2, **u-ing** both the right hand and  
 2 Cor. 3:12, **u** great boldness in *our* speech  
 1 Tim. 5:23, **u** a little wine for the sake  
**USELESS** Lev. 26:16, sow your seed **u-ly**  
 Rom. 3:12, TOGETHER THEY HAVE BECOME **U**  
**USURIOUS** Lev. 25:36, not take **u** interest from him  
**USURY**—*interest* Neh. 5:10, leave off this **u**  
 Prov. 28:8, increases his wealth by . . . **u**  
**UTENSILS** Ex. 31:8, the table also and its **u**  
**UTMOST**—*remote*  
 1 Thess. 2:16, wrath has come . . . to the **u**  
**UTTER**—*speak* Ps. 119:171, Let my lips **u** praise  
 Acts 26:25, **I** **u** words of sober truth  
 1 Cor. 14:9, **u** by the tongue words  
**UTTERANCE** Luke 21:15, give you **u** and wisdom  
 Acts 2:4, Spirit was giving them **u**  
 2 Cor. 8:7, in faith and **u** and knowledge  
 Eph. 6:19, **u** may be given to me  
**UTTERLY**—*greatly* Is. 42:17, be **u** put to shame  
 Rom. 7:13, sin might become **u** sinful

## V

**VAGRANT** Gen. 4:12, a **v** and a wanderer  
**VAIN**—*empty, futile* Ps. 2:1, peoples devising a **v** thing  
 Prov. 12:11, he who pursues **v** things  
 1 Cor. 15:14, then our preaching is **v**  
**VALLEY**—*ravine*  
 Ps. 23:4, through the **v** of the shadow  
 Song 2:1, The lily of the **v-s**  
 Jer. 31:40, the whole **v** of the dead bodies  
 Ezek. 37:1, **v**; and it was full of bones  
 Joel 3:14, the **v** of decision  
 Gen. 14:17; 19:17; Josh. 10:12; 2 Sam. 18:18;  
 1 Kin. 20:28; 2 Kin. 3:16  
**VALUATION** Lev. 5:15, according to your **v** in silver  
 Lev. 27:25, Every **v** of yours  
 Num. 18:16, redeem them, by your **v**  
**VALUE**—*price* Matt. 10:31, you are of more **v** than  
 Matt. 12:12, how much more **v** is a man than a sheep  
 13:46, one pearl of great **v**  
**VANITY**—*breath, emptiness, futility*  
 Prov. 22:8, sows iniquity will reap **v**  
 Eccles. 1:2, **V** of **v-es!** All is **v**  
 2 Pet. 2:18, arrogant words of **v**  
**VARICOLORED**—*colored*  
 Gen. 37:3, made him a **v** tunic  
 37:23,32  
**VARIETY** 1 Cor. 12:4, there are **v-es** of gifts

**VARIOUS**—*manifold*

Matt. 4:24, taken with **v** diseases  
 24:7, in **v** places there will be famines  
 2 Tim. 3:6, led on by **v** impulses  
 James 1:2, when you encounter **v** trials  
 1 Pet. 1:6, distressed by **v** trials

**VAST**—*large* Is. 22:18, To be cast into a **v****VAULT** Job 22:14, walks on the **v** of heaven**VEGETABLES** Deut. 11:10; 1 Kin. 21:2

Prov. 15:17, better is a dish of **v** where love is  
 Rom. 14:2, he who is weak eats **v** only

**VEGETATION**—*grass* Gen. 1:11, earth sprout **v**

Ps. 104:14, **v** for the labor of man  
 Gen. 1:12; Ps. 105:35; Is. 42:15; Jer. 12:4

**VEIL** Is. 25:7, **v** . . . stretched over all nations

Matt. 27:51, **v** of the temple was torn

2 Cor. 3:13, put a **v** over his face

Heb. 6:19, which enters within the **v**

9:3, behind the second **v**

Gen. 24:65; Ex. 34:33; Lev. 4:6; Song 4:1;

Is. 47:2

**VENGEANCE**—*revenge*

Lev. 19:18, You shall not take **v**

Deut. 32:35, **V** is Mine

Ps. 94:1, O LORD, God of **v**

Is. 34:8, the LORD has a day of **v**

Heb. 10:30, **V** IS MINE

Gen. 4:15; 2 Sam. 22:48; Ps. 18:47; Jer. 15:15;

Nah. 1:2

**VENOM**—*poison*

Deut. 32:24, **v** of crawling things

32:33, wine is the **v** of serpents

Job 20:14, the **v** of cobras

**VENTURE** Job 4:2, one **v-s** a word with you**VERY** Gen. 1:31, behold, it was **v** good

Num. 12:3, Moses was **v** humble

Judg. 3:17, Eglon was a **v** fat man

1 Sam. 5:11, hand of God was **v** heavy

Ps. 46:1, A **v** present help in trouble

Matt. 17:15, an epileptic, and is **v** ill

Mark 16:2, **v** early on the first day

Luke 12:7, the **v** hairs of your head

Ex. 14:10; Mark 6:26

**VESSEL** Num. 5:17, holy water in . . . **v**

Ps. 31:12, I am like a broken **v**

Rom. 9:22, **v-s** of wrath

2 Tim. 2:21, will be a **v** for honor

2 Cor. 4:7, treasure in earthen **v-s**

1 Pet. 3:7, as with a weaker **v**

Rev. 2:27, AS THE **V-S** OF THE POTTER

Ex. 7:19; 2 Kin. 4:3; Is. 22:24; Jer. 48:11

**VEXTATION**—*wrath* Prov. 12:16, fool's **v** is

known

**VICTORIOUS** Rev. 15:2, come off **v** from the

beast

**VICTORY**—*deliverance*

2 Sam. 23:10, LORD brought . . . great **v**

2 Kin. 5:1, had given **v** to Syria

1 Chr. 11:14, the LORD saved them by a

great **v**

29:11, the glory and the **v**

Ps. 98:1, holy arm have gained the **v**

Matt. 12:20, HE LEADS JUSTICE TO **V**

1 Cor. 15:54, DEATH IS SWALLOWED UP IN **V**

15:55, DEATH, WHERE IS YOUR **V**

1 John 5:4, **v** that has overcome the world

**VIGOR** Deut. 34:7, Moses . . . nor his **v** abated**VINDICATE** Ps. 82:3, **V** the weak and fatherless

Matt. 11:19, wisdom is **v-d** by her deeds

**VINE** Matt. 26:29, drink . . . fruit of the **v**

John 15:1, I am the true **v**

Gen. 40:9; Judg. 9:12; 1 Kin. 4:25; Ps. 128:3;

Song 2:13; Is. 36:16; Jer. 2:21; Ezek.

19:10; Joel 1:12; Mal. 3:11

**VINEGAR** Ruth 2:14; Ps. 69:21; Prov. 10:26**VINEYARD** 1 Cor. 9:7, Who plants a **v**, and

does not eat

Gen. 9:20; Lev. 19:10; 1 Kin. 21:1; Song 1:6;

2:15; Is. 1:8; Jer. 12:10; Matt. 20:4

**VIOLATE** 2 Sam. 13:12, do not **v** me

Rom. 4:15, law, neither is there **v-ion**

**VIOLENCE** Gen. 6:11, earth was filled with **v**

Ps. 55:9, **v** and strife in the city

Prov. 4:17, drink the wine of **v**

16:29, man of **v** entices his neighbor

Is. 53:9, He had done no **v**

Matt. 11:12, kingdom of heaven suffers **v**

Gen. 49:5; Job 5:21; Ps. 27:12; Prov. 26:6;

Is. 60:18; Jer. 22:3

**VIOLENT** Ps. 18:48, rescue me from the **v** man

Ps. 37:35, seen a **v**, wicked man

Prov. 11:16, **v** men attain riches

Matt. 8:28, so exceedingly **v** that no one

**VIPER**—*adder, serpent* Job 20:16, **v**'s tongue

Matt. 3:7, You brood of **v-s**

Acts 28:3, a **v** came out because of the heat

Is. 11:8; 14:29; 30:6

**VIRGIN**—*maid, maiden*

Matt. 1:23, **V** SHALL BE WITH CHILD

1:25, kept her a **v**

25:1, comparable to ten **v-s**

Luke 1:27, **v**'s name was Mary

1 Cor. 7:28, if a **v** should marry

2 Cor. 11:2, to Christ . . . a pure **v**

Gen. 24:16; Ex. 22:16,17; Judg. 19:24;

Job 31:1; Ps. 148:12; Jer. 2:32; 31:13

**VISIBLE** Eph. 5:13, **v** when . . . exposed by the

light

**VISION** Prov. 29:18, Where there is no **v**

Is. 22:1, concerning the valley of **v**

Joel 2:28, young men will see **v-s**

Hab. 2:2, Record the **v** And inscribe it

Matt. 17:9, Tell the **v** to no one

Acts 2:17, YOUNG MEN SHALL SEE **V-S**

2 Cor. 12:1, to **v-s** and revelations

Gen. 15:1; 1 Sam. 3:1; Job 20:8; Lam. 2:9;

Dan. 2:19

**VISIT** Ex. 20:5, **v-ing** the iniquity of

Matt. 25:36, sick, and you **v-ed** Me

Luke 1:68, **v-ed** us . . . redemption for His

people

James 1:27, **v** orphans and widows

**VOICE**—*sound* Ps. 19:3, Their **v** is not heard

Prov. 5:13, the **v** of my teachers

Eccles. 5:3, the **v** of a fool

Song 2:12, **v** of the turtle dove

Is. 28:23, Give ear and hear my **v**

Matt. 2:18, **V** WAS HEARD IN RAMAH

3:3, **V** OF ONE CRYING

3:17, behold, a **v** out of the heavens

Mark 9:7, **v** came out of the cloud

Luke 3:4, **v** of one crying . . . wilderness

John 5:25, **v** of the Son of God

Acts 10:13, **v** came to him, Arise, Peter

Rom. 10:18, **V** HAS COME OUT INTO ALL

1 Thess. 4:16, **v** of the archangel

Heb. 12:26, His **v** shook the earth

2 Pet. 2:16, dumb donkey . . . of a man

Rev. 3:20, if any one hears My v  
5:11, heard the v of many angels  
Deut. 4:30; Josh. 6:10; 2 Sam. 19:35; Job 4:10;  
Is. 40:3; Jer. 7:34; Dan. 4:31; Rev. 6:1

**VOID**—empty

Gen. 1:2, earth was formless and v  
Jer. 19:7, make v the counsel  
Rom. 4:14, faith is made v

**VOLUNTARILY**—willing 1 Cor. 9:17, I do this v**VOLUNTEER** Judg. 5:2, That the people v**VOMIT** Job 20:15, will v them up

Prov. 26:11, dog that returns to its v

Is. 19:14, staggers in his v

Jon. 2:10, fish . . . v-ed Jonah up

2 Pet. 2:22, DOG RETURNS TO ITS OWN V

**VOTIVE**—vow Lev. 7:16, his offering is a v**VOW**—oath, votive Gen. 28:20, Jacob made a v

Deut. 23:22, if you refrain from v-ing

Judg. 11:30, Jephthah made a v

2 Sam. 15:7, let me go and pay my v

Ps. 22:25, I shall pay my v-s

Eccles. 5:5, not v . . . v and not pay

Matt. 5:33, MAKE FALSE V-S . . . FULFILL

YOUR V-S

Acts 18:18, he was keeping a v

**VULTURES** Matt. 24:28, the v will gather

Luke 17:37, will the v be gathered

**W****WAGED**—fought

Rev. 12:7, dragon and his angels w war

**WAGES**—hire Gen. 30:18, God has given me w

Deut. 23:18, the w of a dog

Job 7:2, hired man . . . waits for his w

Luke 3:14, be content with your w

10:7; 1 Tim. 5:18, laborer is worthy . . . w

John 4:36, who reaps is receiving w

2 Pet. 2:13, w of doing wrong

2:15, w of unrighteousness

Gen. 29:15; Ex. 2:9; Lev. 19:13; Deut. 24:15;

Prov. 11:18; Jer. 22:13; Hag. 1:6; Zech.

8:10; 11:12; Mal. 3:5

**WAIL**—mourn, weep Jer. 9:19, voice of w-ing is heard

Mark 5:38, loudly weeping and w-ing

Esth. 4:3; Mic. 1:8

**WAIST** Matt. 3:4, leather belt about his w**WAISTBAND** Jer. 13:1, Go and buy . . . a linen w**WAIT** Gen. 49:18, For Thy salvation I w

Ps. 25:5, For Thee I w all day

27:14; 37:34, W for the LORD

119:81, I w for Thy word

Prov. 1:18, w for their own blood

Is. 26:8, have w-ed for Thee eagerly

30:18, He w-s on high

Mark 15:43, w-ing for the kingdom

Luke 12:36, men who are w-ing

Rom. 8:23, w-ing eagerly for our adoption

Gal. 5:5, w-ing for the hope of

Phil. 3:20, we . . . w for a Savior

Ruth 3:18; 2 Kin. 5:2; Job 14:14; Lam. 3:10;

Dan. 12:12; Hos. 6:9; Mic. 7:2; Hab. 2:3;

3:16

**WALK**—follow, journey Gen. 3:8, God w-ing in the garden

Gen. 5:24, Enoch w-ed with God

Ex. 14:29, Israel w-ed on dry land

Lev. 26:3, If you w in My statutes

Josh. 18:8, Go and w through the land

1 Sam. 2:30, w before Me forever

Job 22:14, w-s on the vault of

Ps. 1:1, not w in the counsel of

15:2, Hc who w-s with integrity

23:4, w through the valley of

26:3, have w-ed in Thy truth

39:6, man w-s about as a phantom

Prov. 10:9, w-s in integrity w-s securely

Eccles. 2:14, fool w-s in darkness

Is. 2:3, we may w in His paths

2:5, w in the light of the LORD

3:16, w with heads held high

9:2, people who w in darkness

Amos 3:3, Do two men w together unless

Mic. 6:8, w humbly with your God

Matt. 9:5, Rise, and w

14:29, Peter . . . w-ed on the water

John 6:19, Jesus w-ing on the sea

Acts 3:6, name of Jesus . . . w

14:8, lame . . . who had never w-ed

Rom. 6:4, w in newness of life

1 Cor. 3:3, fleshly . . . not w-ing like mere

men

2 Cor. 4:2, not w-ing in craftiness

5:7, w by faith, not by sight

Gal. 5:16, w by the Spirit

6:16, w by this rule

Eph. 4:1, w in a manner worthy of

5:2, w in love, just as Christ also

5:8, w as children of light

Col. 2:6, so w in Him

1 Thess. 2:12, w in a manner worthy

1 John 2:6, w in the same manner as He w-ed

Rev. 3:4, will w with Me in white

21:24, nations shall w by its light

Deut. 33:25; 1 Kin. 2:4; Job 1:7; Eccles. 10:7;

Jer. 2:5; 9:14; Ezek. 36:12; Hos. 11:10;

Zeph. 1:17; Mal. 2:6; John 7:1

**WALL** Ex. 14:22, waters were like a w

Josh. 2:15, she was living on the w

2 Kin. 20:2, turned his face to the w

Neh. 4:6, So we built the w

Acts 9:25, w, lowering him in a basket

23:3, strike you, you white-washed w

Eph. 2:14, barrier of the dividing w

Heb. 11:30, w-s of Jericho fell

Rev. 21:12, had a great and high w

Gen. 49:22; 1 Kin. 20:30; Job 24:11; Ps. 18:29;

Prov. 18:11; Is. 25:4; Jer. 52:4; Ezek. 4:2;

8:7; 12:5; Joel 2:9; Amos 7:7; Hab. 2:11

**WANDER**—flee Gen. 21:14, w-ed about in the wilderness

Ps. 55:7, I would w far away

119:21, Who w from Thy commandments

Prov. 27:8, bird . . . w-s from her nest

1 Tim. 6:10, w-ed away from the faith

Jude 13, w-ing stars, for whom

Job 15:23; Is. 35:8; Lam. 4:14; Hos. 9:17

**WANT**—lack, need

Job 30:3, From w and famine they are

Ps. 23:1, shepherd, I shall not w

Prov. 28:27, who gives to the poor never w

Mark 9:35, If any one w-s to be first

Luke 23:8, Herod . . . had w-ed to see Him

Gal. 4:21, you who w to be under law

**WAR**—fight, quarrel, battle Gen. 14:2;

Ex. 13:17

Josh. 11:23, the land had rest from w

**WAR** (Continued)

Ps. 46:9, makes **w-s** to cease

55:21, his heart was **w**

76:3, weapons of **w**

Eccles. 3:8, A time for **w**

Is. 2:4, never . . . will they learn **w**

Dan. 9:26, to the end there will be **w**

Matt. 24:6, hearing of **w-s** and rumors of **w-s**

Rom. 7:23, waging **w** against the law of my

2 Cor. 10:3, do not **w** according to the flesh

James 4:1, wage **w** in your members

1 Pet. 2:11, which wage **w** against the soul

Rev. 12:7, there was **w** in heaven

19:11, He judges and wages **w**

Num. 21:14; Prov. 20:18; Mic. 2:8; Rev. 2:16

**WAR-CLUB** Jer. 51:20, You are My **w**

**WARD** Dan. 4:35, no one can **w** off His hand

**WARFARE** 2 Sam. 17:8, father is an expert in **w**

2 Cor. 10:4, weapons of our **w** are not

**WARM** Eccles. 4:11, two lie down . . . keep **w**

Mark 14:54, **w-ing** himself at the fire

John 18:25, Peter was standing and **w-ing** himself

James 2:16, be **w-ed** and be filled

1 Kin. 1:1; 2 Kin. 4:34; Job 31:20; Is. 47:14;

Hag. 1:6

**WARN** Ezek. 38:8, speak to **w** the wicked

Matt. 2:12, having been **w-ed** by God

2:22, **w-ed** by God in a dream

3:7, vipers, who **w-ed** you to flee

Titus 3:10, after a first and second **w-ing**

Heb. 8:5, Moses is **w-ed** by God

11:7, being **w-ed** by God

2 Kin. 6:10; Eccles. 12:12

**WARRIOR** Job 16:14; Eccles. 9:11

**WASH**—*bathe, cleanse* 2 Kin. 5:10, Go . . . **w** in the Jordan

Ps. 26:6, **w** my hands in innocence

51:2, **W** me . . . from my iniquity

Is. 1:16, **W** yourselves, make yourselves clean

Matt. 6:17, **w** your face

15:2, not **w** their hands when

Luke 11:38, first . . . **w-ed** before the meal

John 9:7, Go, **w** in the pool of Siloam

Acts 22:16, **w** away your sins

1 Cor. 6:11, you were **w-ed** . . . sanctified

1 Tim. 5:10, she has **w-ed** the saints' feet

Heb. 6:2, instruction about **w-ing**

9:10, drink and various **w-ings**

10:22; body **w-ed** with pure water

Gen. 18:4; Ex. 19:10; 1 Kin. 22:38; Job 9:30;

Jer. 4:14; Ezek. 16:9

**WASTE** Prov. 23:8, And **w** your compliments

Matt. 12:25; Luke 11:17, kingdom . . . laid **w**

26:8, What is the point of this **w**

Rev. 18:19, in one hour she has been laid **w**

Lev. 26:31; Ps. 79:7; Is. 5:6; 45:18; Jer. 33:12;

Ezek. 6:6; Joel 1:7

**WATCH**—*observe, guard* Gen. 31:49, Lord **w**

Ps. 63:6, in the night **w-es**

Prov. 4:23, **W** over your heart with all

diligence

8:34, **W-ing** daily at my gates

Eccles. 11:4, He who **w-es** the wind will not

sow

Matt. 26:40, could not keep **w** with Me

Luke 2:8, keeping **w** over their flock

Heb. 13:17, they keep **w** over your souls

Ex. 14:24; 2 Kin. 11:5; Job 7:20; Prov. 4:26;

Zech. 11:11

**WATCHMAN** Is. 21:11, **W**, how far gone is the night

2 Kin. 9:17; Song 3:3; Hos. 9:8

**WATER** Gen. 1:2, over the surface of the **w-s**

Ex. 2:10, drew him out of the **w**

15:8, The flowing **w-s** stood up

2 Sam. 14:14, like **w** spilled on the ground

Job 14:19, **W** wears away stones

Ps. 1:3, planted by streams of **w**

23:2, beside quiet **w-s**

106:32, wrath at the **w-s** of Meribah

Prov. 9:17, Stolen **w** is sweet

Eccles. 11:1, your bread on the . . . **w-s**

Is. 1:30, garden that has no **w**

11:9, As the **w-s** cover the sea

Jer. 2:13, fountain of living **w-s**

Matt. 3:11, baptize you in **w**

10:42, little ones even a cup of cold **w**

Mark 14:13, man . . . carrying a pitcher of **w**

Luke 7:44, gave Me no **w** for My feet

John 3:5, unless one is born of **w**

4:10, given you living **w**

Acts 1:5, John baptized with **w**

8:36, Look! **W!** What prevents

1 Cor. 3:6, I planted, Apollos **w-ed**

Eph. 5:26, washing of **w** with the word

1 Tim. 5:23, No longer drink **w** *exclusively*

James 3:11, fresh and bitter **w**

1 Pet. 3:20, eight persons . . . through *the w*

1 John 5:6, who came by **w** and blood

Rev. 22:17, take the **w** of life without cost

Gen. 24:43; Ex. 20:4; Deut. 8:7; Josh. 7:5;

Judg. 5:4; 6:38; 1 Kin. 13:22; 2 Kin. 3:11;

Neh. 9:11; Job 8:11; 11:16; Ps. 22:14; 46:3;

Prov. 5:15; 20:5; Song 5:12; Is. 19:5; 32:5;

Jer. 8:14; Lam. 1:16; Ezek. 4:11; 7:17;

Dan. 1:12; 2 Pet. 3:5

**WATERLESS** Matt. 12:43, unclean spirit . . . passes through **w**

**WAVE** Ps. 42:7, Thy **w-s** have rolled over me

Is. 48:18, righteousness like the **w-s**

Matt. 8:24, covered with the **w-s**

Mark 4:37, **w-s** were breaking over the boat

Jude 13, wild **w-s** of the sea

2 Sam. 22:5; Job 9:8; Zech. 2:9

**WAX** Ps. 22:14, My heart is like **w**

**WAY**—*journey, manner, path, road*

Gen. 3:24, **w** to the tree of life

Josh. 23:14, the **w** of all the earth

Job 3:23, a man whose **w** is hidden

Ps. 1:6, the **w** of the righteous

18:30, His **w** is blameless

25:8, instructs sinners in the **w**

Is. 30:21, This is the **w**, walk in it

Jer. 12:1, **w** of the wicked prospered

Ezek. 3:18, wicked from his wicked **w**

Matt. 2:12, departed . . . by another **w**

3:3, **READY THE W OF THE LORD**

6:9, Pray, then, in this **w**

7:13, the **w** is broad

15:32, lest they faint on the **w**

Mark 1:3, **MAKE READY THE W OF THE LORD**

9:33, What were you discussing on the **w**

Luke 1:79, into the **w** of peace

John 1:23, **STRAIGHT THE W OF THE LORD**

14:6, I am the **w**, and the truth, and

Acts 9:2, found any belonging to the **W**

1 Cor. 12:31, a still more excellent **w**

- 2 Cor. 4:8, afflicted in every **w**  
 Heb. 10:20, by a new and living **w**  
 James 5:20, from the error of his **w**  
 2 Pet. 2:2, **w** of the truth will be maligned  
 2:15, forsaking the right **w**  
 Jude 11, gone the **w** of Cain  
 1 Sam. 12:23; 2 Sam. 22:33; Neh. 9:19; Ps.  
 50:23; Prov. 7:27; 12:15; Is. 26:7; 40:3; Jer.  
 2:36; 6:16; Nah. 1:3; Mal. 3:1
- WAYS** Deut. 8:6, to walk in His **w**  
 2 Kin. 17:13, Turn from your evil **w**  
 Prov. 6:6, ant . . . Observe her **w**  
 Is. 2:3, teach us concerning His **w**  
 Hab. 3:6, His **w** are everlasting  
 Rom. 11:33, unfathomable His **w**  
 1 Cor. 4:17, **w** which are in Christ  
 James 1:8, unstable in all his **w**  
 Judg. 5:6; Prov. 3:17; Lam. 3:40; Ezek. 7:3
- WEAK**—*unimpressive*  
 Matt. 26:41; Mark 14:38, but the flesh is **w**  
 Acts 20:35, you must help the **w**  
 Rom. 4:19, without becoming **w** in faith  
 1 Cor. 1:27, **w** things of the world  
 4:10, we are **w**, but you are strong  
 1 Thess. 5:14, help the **w**  
 Num. 13:18; Judg. 16:17; Is. 14:10; Joel 3:10
- WEAKNESS**—*infirmity*  
 Rom. 15:1, bear the **w-es** of those  
 1 Cor. 1:25, **w** of God is stronger than  
 2:3, with you in **w** and in fear  
 15:43, it is sown in **w**  
 2 Cor. 12:9, power is perfected in **w**  
 13:4, crucified because of **w**  
 Heb. 4:15, sympathize with our **w-es**  
 11:34, from **w** were made strong
- WEALTH**—*substance, prosperity* Gen. 31:1  
 Deut. 8:18, giving you power to make **w**  
 2 Chr. 1:11, not ask for riches, **w**  
 Job 5:5, schemer is eager for their **w**  
 Ps. 49:6, those who trust in their **w**  
 Prov. 3:9, Honor the LORD from your **w**  
 13:7, poor, but has great **w**  
 13:11, **W** obtained by fraud  
 Eccles. 5:19, given riches and **w**  
 Is. 45:3, hidden **w** of secret places  
 Hag. 2:7, come with the **w** of all nations  
 2 Cor. 8:2, **w** of their liberality  
 Rev. 3:17, rich, and have become **w-y**  
 18:19, became rich by her **w**  
 Ruth 2:1; Job 20:10; Is. 5:17
- WEAPONS**—*armor*  
 Eccles. 9:18, Wisdom is better than **w**  
 Jer. 21:4, turn back the **w** of war  
 Ezek. 32:27, down to Sheol with their **w**  
 2 Cor. 6:7, **w** of righteousness  
 10:4, **w** of our warfare  
 Deut. 1:41; 1 Sam. 31:9; 2 Chr. 23:10;  
 Neh. 4:17; Job 20:24
- WEAR** Deut. 22:5, woman shall not **w** man's  
 clothing  
 Job 14:19, Water **w-s** away stones  
 John 19:5, Jesus . . . **w-ing** the crown of  
 James 2:3, who is **w-ing** the fine clothes  
 1 Pet. 3:3, and **w-ing** gold jewelry  
 Ex. 18:18; Deut. 8:4; Is. 50:9; Dan. 7:25;  
 Matt. 11:8
- WEARY**—*faint, exhaust*  
 Job 3:17, there the **w** are at rest
- Is. 5:27, No one in it is **w** or stumbles  
 40:29, strength to the **w**  
 40:31, They will walk and not become **w**  
 50:4, sustain the **w** one with a word  
 Prov. 23:4, Do not **w** yourself to gain riches  
 25:25, cold water to a **w** soul  
 Eccles. 12:12, **w-ing** to the body  
 Hab. 2:13, nations grow **w** for nothing  
 Matt. 11:28, Come to Me, all who are **w**  
 John 4:6, **w-ed** from His journey  
 Gal. 6:9, if we do not grow **w**  
 2 Sam. 17:2; Ps. 69:3; Prov. 25:17; Jer. 6:11
- WEATHER**—*day* Matt. 16:2, will be fair **w**  
**WEAVE**—*embroider* Ex. 28:39; 38:23
- WEB** Job 18:8, he steps on the **w-ing**
- WEDDING**—*marriage* Song 3:11, day of his **w**  
 John 2:1, there was a **w** in Cana
- WEEK** Gen. 29:27, Complete the bridal **w**  
 Ex. 34:22, celebrate the Feast of **W-s**  
 Dan. 9:24, Seventy **w-s** have been decreed  
 Matt. 28:1, first day of the **w**  
 Luke 18:12, I fast twice a **w**
- WEEP** 1 Sam. 1:8, Hannah, why do you **w**  
 Neh. 8:9, do not mourn or **w**  
 Job 16:16, face is flushed from **w-ing**  
 16:20, My eye **w-s** to God  
 Eccles. 3:4, A time to **w**, and a time to laugh  
 Matt. 2:18, RACHEL **W-ING** FOR HER  
 13:42, **w-ing** and gnashing of  
 Mark 5:39, Why make a commotion and **w**  
 Luke 6:21, Blessed are you who **w** now  
 7:32, you did not **w**  
 John 11:31, to the tomb to **w** there  
 Acts 9:39, widows stood beside him **w-ing**  
 Rom. 12:15, who rejoice, and **w** with  
 James 4:9, miserable and mourn and **w**  
 Rev. 5:4, I began to **w** greatly  
 5:5, Stop **w-ing**; behold, the Lion  
 Gen. 43:30; Num. 11:13; Deut. 34:8;  
 Judg. 11:37; Ps. 68; Is. 22:4; Jer. 9:1; Joel  
 1:5
- WEIGH** Prov. 16:2, the LORD **w-s** the motives  
 Dan. 5:27, you have been **w-ed** on the scales  
 Gen. 23:16; 24:22; 1 Sam. 2:3; Job 6:2; Ps. 58:2
- WEIGHT** Lev. 19:36, just balances, just **w-s**  
 Prov. 11:1, a just **w** is His delight  
 Ezek. 4:16, will eat bread by **w**  
 2 Cor. 4:17, eternal **w** of glory  
 Deut. 25:15; Job 28:25; Mic. 6:11
- WELFARE** 1 Sam. 17:18, the **w** of your brothers
- WELL**—*health, whole* Gen. 43:28, father is **w**  
 Deut. 4:40, that it may go **w** with you  
 1 Sam. 9:10, **W** said; come  
 2 Sam. 18:29, Is it **w** with the young man  
 Eccles. 12:6, pitcher by the **w** is shattered  
 Matt. 3:17, whom I am **w** pleased  
 Mark 7:37, has done all things **w**  
 Luke 5:31, not . . . **w** who needs a physician  
 6:26, men speak **w** of you  
 John 4:6, Jacob's **w** was there  
 5:6, Do you wish to get **w**  
 Gal. 5:7, You were running **w**  
 1 Tim. 3:4, his own household **w**  
 Gen. 4:7; Lev. 24:16; 2 Sam. 17:21; 20:9;  
 1 Chr. 11:17; Prov. 5:15; Eccles. 8:13;  
 Song 4:15; Acts 15:29
- WENT** Is. 38:8, sun's *shadow* **w** back ten steps  
 Mark 1:28, news about Him **w** out  
 Jude 7, **w** after strange flesh

**WEPT**—weep Gen. 50:17, Joseph **w** when they  
Matt. 26:75, went out and **w** bitterly  
Luke 19:41, city and **w** over it  
John 11:35, Jesus **w**

**WEST** Gen. 12:8, with Bethel on the **w**  
Ex. 10:19, a very strong **w** wind  
Ps. 107:3, east and from the **w**  
Dan. 8:4, saw the ram butting **w-ward**

**WET**—drench Job 24:8, **w** with the mountain  
rains  
Luke 7:44, **w** My feet with her tears

**WHATEVER**—all Ps. 1:3, in **w** he does, he  
prosper  
Eccles. 9:10, **W** your hand finds to do  
Matt. 7:12, **w** you want others to do for you  
Luke 12:3, **w** you have said in the dark  
John 11:22, **w** You ask of God  
Rom. 14:23, **w** is not from faith is sin  
1 Cor. 10:31, eat or drink or **w** you do  
Gal. 6:7, for **w** a man sows  
Eph. 6:8, **w** good things each one does  
Phil. 4:8, **w** is true, **w** is honorable  
Col. 3:17, **w** you do in word or deed  
Gen. 31:16; Job 37:12

**WHEAT**—kernel Matt. 3:12, gather His **w** into  
the barn  
Luke 22:31, to sift you like **w**  
John 12:24, unless a grain of **w** falls  
Rev. 6:6, quart of **w** for a denarius  
Gen. 30:14; Ex. 34:22; Deut. 8:8; Judg. 6:11;  
1 Sam. 12:17; Job 31:40

**WHEEL**—whirl Eccles. 12:6, **w** at the cistern is  
crushed  
Is. 5:28, **w-s** like a whirlwind  
Ezek. 1:16, one **w** were within another  
1 Kin. 7:33; Prov. 20:26; Dan. 7:9; Nah. 3:2

**WHELP** Gen. 49:9; Deut. 33:22

**WHERE** Gen. 3:9, **W** are you  
Ruth 1:17, **W** you die, I will die  
Job 28:12, **w** can wisdom be found  
Ps. 42:3, **W** is your God  
139:7, **W** can I go from Thy Spirit  
Prov. 29:18, **W** there is no vision  
Is. 19:12, **w** are your wise men  
Matt. 2:2, **W** is He who has been born  
Luke 8:25, **W** is your faith  
John 8:19, **W** is Your Father  
8:21, **w** I am going, you cannot come  
11:34, **W** have you laid him  
Rom. 4:15, **w** there is no law  
Gen. 28:15; 1 Sam. 27:10; 1 Cor. 1:20

**WHILE**—moment Is. 26:20, Hide for a little **w**  
John 5:35, willing to rejoice for a **w**

**WHIP** 1 Kin. 12:11, disciplined you with **w-s**  
Prov. 26:3, **A w** is for the horse  
Nah. 3:2, The noise of the **w**

**WHIRL** Ps. 83:13, God, make them . . . **w-ing**  
dust

**WHIRLWIND**—storm, wind  
2 Kin. 2:1, Elijah by a **w** to  
Ps. 58:9, sweep them away with a **w**  
Prov. 1:27, calamity comes on . . . **w**  
Jer. 4:13; Hos. 8:7

**WHISPER** Ps. 41:7, hate me **w** together

**WHITE** Gen. 49:12, teeth **w** from milk  
Ps. 51:7, I shall be **w-r** than snow  
Is. 1:18, They will be as **w** as snow  
Matt. 5:36, make one hair **w** or black  
Luke 9:29, clothing *became w* and gleaming  
John 4:35, they are **w** for harvest

Acts 23:3, you **w-washed** wall  
Rev. 6:2, and behold, a **w** horse  
Num. 12:10; Job 6:6; Dan. 7:9

**WHOLE** Gen. 2:6, water the **w** surface  
Matt. 6:22, **w** body will be full of light  
1 Cor. 5:6, leavens the **w** lump  
1 John 2:2, *those of the w* world

**WICK**—flax Matt. 12:20, SMOLDERING **w** He  
WILL NOT PUT OUT

**WICKED**—evil, lawless, ungodly Ex. 23:1  
Ps. 1:1, not walk in the counsel of the **w**  
Prov. 4:19, way of the **w** is like darkness  
10:30, **w** will not dwell in the land  
11:7, When a **w** man dies  
13:9, lamp of the **w** goes out  
Is. 53:9, His grave . . . with **w** men  
Acts 17:5, taking along some **w** men from the  
24:15, both the righteous and the **w**  
Job 8:22; 10:15; 11:20; Ps. 10:13; 12:8; 17:13;  
Eccles. 7:17; Ezek. 3:18; Dan. 12:10

**WICKEDNESS**—evil Gen. 6:5, the **w** of man  
was great  
Ps. 10:7, Under his tongue is . . . **w**  
Prov. 4:17, they eat the bread of **w**  
Is. 9:18, **w** burns like a fire  
32:6, his heart inclines toward **w**  
Acts 8:22, repent of this **w** of yours  
Eph. 6:12, spiritual *forces of w* in the heavenly  
Judg. 20:3; Jer. 14:20; Ezek. 3:19; Hos. 10:1

**WIDE** Nah. 3:13, gates of your land are  
opened **w**  
Matt. 7:13, for the gate is **w**  
28:15, story was **w-ly** spread

**WIDOW** Matt. 23:14, you devour **w-s** houses  
Mark 12:43, **w** put in more than all  
Luke 18:5, this **w** bothers me  
1 Tim. 5:3, Honor **w-s** who are **w-s** indeed  
Gen. 38:11; Ex. 22:22; Lev. 21:14; 2 Sam. 14:5;  
Job 22:9; Ps. 68:5; Is. 1:17

**WIELD** Judg. 5:14, those who **w** the staff of  
office

**WIFE** Gen. 2:24, shall cleave to his **w**  
Ex. 20:17, not covet your neighbor's **w**  
Prov. 12:4, excellent **w** . . . crown of her  
husband  
18:22, finds a **w** finds a good thing  
Matt. 5:31, WHOEVER DIVORCES HIS **w**  
Luke 17:32, Remember Lot's **w**  
1 Cor. 7:2, each man have his own **w**  
Eph. 5:23, husband . . . head of the **w**  
1 Tim. 3:2, husband of one **w**  
Lev. 18:15; Job 31:10; Ps. 128:3

**WILD** Gen. 37:20,33, **w** beast devoured him  
Mark 1:6, John . . . diet was locusts and **w**  
honey  
Gen. 16:12; Job 11:12; Ps. 104:11

**WILDERNESS**—desert  
Deut. 29:5, forty years in the **w**  
Is. 35:6, waters will break forth in the **w**  
40:3, Clear the way . . . LORD in the **w**  
43:19, make a road way in the **w**  
Matt. 3:1, preaching . . . **w** of Judea  
3:3, VOICE . . . CRYING IN THE **w**  
4:1, led . . . into the **w** to be tempted  
24:26, Behold, He is in the **w**  
Mark 1:13, He was in the **w** forty days  
John 6:31, Our fathers ate manna in the **w**  
1 Cor. 10:5, laid low in the **w**  
Heb. 3:8, DAY OF TRIAL IN THE **w**

- Rev. 12:6, woman fled into the w  
Gen. 16:7; Ex. 5:3; 14:11; 19:2; Lev. 7:38; Ps.  
10:6; 65:12; Is. 51:3; Jer. 2:6; 17:6
- WILL** Ps. 40:8, delight to do Thy w  
Matt. 6:10, Thy w be done  
7:21, who does the w of My Father  
Mark 3:35, whoever does the w of God  
Luke 22:42, not My w, but Thine be done  
John 1:13, w of the flesh . . . w of man  
4:34, w of Him who sent Me  
Acts 21:14, w of the Lord be done  
Rom. 12:2, may prove what the w of God is  
1 Cor. 4:19, if the Lord w-s  
Eph. 5:17, what the w of the Lord is  
Phil. 2:13, both to w and to work  
Heb. 10:9, HAVE COME TO DO THY W  
James 4:15, If the Lord w-s, we shall live
- WILLING** Ps. 51:12, with a w spirit  
Matt. 26:41, spirit is w . . . flesh is weak  
Luke 22:42, Father, if Thou art w  
Gen. 24:5; Ex. 35:5; 1 Chr. 28:9
- WIN**—*gain* Prov. 11:30, he who is wise w-s  
souls  
Matt. 28:14, we will w him over and keep  
Luke 21:19, perseverance you will w . . . souls  
1 Cor. 9:20, that I might w the Jews  
9:24, Run in such a way that you may w
- WIND**—*breath, whirlwind*  
Job 16:3, no limit to w-y words  
Ps. 1:4, chaff which the w drives  
Is. 17:13, like the chaff . . . before the w  
Matt. 7:25, floods came, and the w-s blew  
11:7, reed shaken by the w  
Mark 4:41, w and the sea obey Him  
Luke 8:24, He rebuked the w  
John 3:8, w blows where it wishes  
Acts 2:2, noise like a violent, rushing w  
Eph. 4:14, every w of doctrine  
Heb. 1:7, MAKES HIS ANGELS w-s  
James 3:4, are driven by strong w-s  
Jude 12, carried along by w-s  
Gen. 8:1; 1 Kin. 19:11; 2 Kin. 3:17;  
Prov. 11:29; Eccles. 5:16; Song 4:16; Is.  
7:2; Jer. 22:22; Ezek. 37:9; Hos. 8:7; Rev.  
6:13
- WINDOW** Josh. 2:15, by a rope through the w  
Acts 20:9, sitting on the w-sill  
2 Cor. 11:33, through a w in the wall  
Judg. 5:28; 2 Kin. 7:2; Jer. 9:21; Joel 2:9
- WINE**—*vinegar* Lev. 10:9, Do not drink w  
Ps. 60:3, Thou hast given us w to drink  
Jer. 35:6, We will not drink w  
Matt. 9:17, new w into old wineskins  
27:48, sponge, he filled it with sour w  
Mark 15:23, give Him w mixed with myrrh  
Luke 10:34, pouring oil and w on them  
John 2:3, when the w gave out  
2:9, water which had become w  
19:29, A jar full of sour w  
Acts 2:13, are full of sweet w  
Eph. 5:18, do not get drunk with w  
1 Tim. 3:3, not addicted to w  
Rev. 6:6, not harm the oil and the w  
Gen. 9:24; 1 Sam. 1:14; 2 Sam. 13:28;  
Prov. 3:10; Eccles. 9:7; Song 1:2; Is. 5:22
- WINESKIN**—*jug* Job 32:19, Like new w-s it is  
Ps. 119:83, like a w in smoke  
Matt. 9:17; Mark 2:22, new wine . . . fresh w-s  
Johs. 9:13; Luke 5:37
- WINGS**—*feathers* Job 39:13, ostriches' w flap  
Ps. 17:8, in the shadow of Thy w  
91:4, under His w you may seek refuge  
Prov. 23:5, *wealth* certainly makes itself w  
Mal. 4:2, with healing in its w  
Matt. 23:37, chicks under her w  
Luke 13:34, her brood under her w  
Ex. 19:4; Lev. 1:17; Deut. 32:11; Ruth 2:12;  
2 Sam. 22:11; Is. 6:2; Jer. 48:9; Ezek. 1:6;  
Zech. 5:9
- WINK** Ps. 35:19; Prov. 6:13
- WINNOWER** Is. 30:24; 41:16; Matt. 3:12
- WINTER** Gen. 8:22; Song 2:11; 1 Cor. 16:6
- WIPE**—*blot, erase* Is. 25:8, God will w tears  
Is. 44:22, w-d out your transgressions  
Acts 3:19, Repent . . . sins may be w-ed away  
John 11:2, w-d His feet with her hair  
Rev. 21:4, He shall w away every tear
- WISDOM** Ex. 28:3, endowed with the spirit  
of w  
1 Kin. 2:6, act according to your w  
2 Chr. 1:10, Give me now w  
Job 12:2, with you w will die  
Ps. 51:6, make me know w  
Prov. 1:7, Fools despise w and instruction  
4:5, Acquire w! Acquire understanding  
24:3, By w a house is built  
Eccles. 1:18, in much w there is much grief  
7:12, w preserves the lives  
Jer. 9:23, wise man boast of his w  
Mic. 6:9, it is sound w to fear Thy name  
Matt. 11:9, w is vindicated by her deeds  
Luke 2:52, Jesus kept increasing in w and  
stature  
21:15, give you utterance and w  
2 Cor. 1:12, not in fleshly w  
2 Tim. 3:15, w that leads to salvation  
James 1:5, if any of you lacks w  
Rev. 13:18, Here is w
- WISE**—*shrewd* Gen. 3:6, tree . . . to make one w  
Job 17:10, I do not find a w man  
Ps. 19:7, making w the simple  
Prov. 3:7, not be w in your own eyes  
Luke 10:21, hide these things from the w  
Rom. 1:14, the w and to the foolish  
1 Cor. 1:19, DESTROY THE WISDOM OF THE W  
3:18, that he may become w  
Eph. 5:15, not as unwise men, but as w  
James 3:13, Who . . . is w and understanding  
Is. 19:12; Hos. 13:13
- WISH**—*desire* Luke 8:20, brothers are . . . w-ing  
Luke 5:39, drinking old wine w-es for new  
10:24, prophets and kings w-ed to see  
John 16:19, Jesus knew they w-ed to question  
1 Cor. 10:27, If one . . . invites you, and you w  
2 Pet. 3:9, not w-ing for any to perish
- WITHDRAW** Josh. 8:26; 1 Sam. 14:19
- WITHER** Ps. 13, leaf does not w  
Ps. 37:2, w quickly like the grass  
102:11, I w away like grass  
Is. 34:4, As a leaf w-s from the vine  
64:6, w like a leaf  
Jer. 8:13, the leaf shall w  
Zech. 11:17, His arm will be totally w-ed  
Matt. 13:6, had no root, they w-ed  
Mark 3:1, man . . . with a w-ed hand  
11:20, fig tree w-ed from the roots up  
James 1:11, w-s the grass

**WITHHELD** Job 22:7, from the hungry you . . .  
 w bread  
 Hag. 1:10, sky has w its dew  
**WITHHOLD** Prov. 11:24,26  
**WITHIN** Ps. 51:10, renew a steadfast spirit w  
 me  
 Jer. 31:33, put My law w them  
 Mark 7:23, evil things proceed from w  
 1 Cor. 5:12, not judge those who are w *the church*  
 2 Cor. 7:5, conflicts without, fears w  
 Prov. 22:18; Ezek. 11:19  
**WITHOUT** 2 Chr. 15:3, Israel was w the true  
 God  
 Is. 52:3, redeemed w money  
 Matt. 13:57, prophet is not w honor  
 Mark 14:58, made w hands  
 John 8:7, He who is w sin  
 Rom. 12:9, love be w hypocrisy  
 2 Cor. 7:5, conflicts w, fears within  
 Eph. 2:12, no hope and w God in the world  
 1 Thess. 5:17, pray w ceasing  
 1 Tim. 6:14, commandment w stain  
 Heb. 7:3, W father, w mother, w genealogy  
 13:2, entertained angels w knowing it  
 James 2:20, faith w works is useless  
 2 Pet. 2:17, are springs w water  
 Jude 12, w fear . . . w water . . . w fruit  
 Job 5:9; 8:11; Hos. 7:11; Col. 2:11  
**WITNESS—advocate, testimony**  
 Ex. 4:8, w of the last sign  
 20:16, shall not bear false w  
 Judg. 11:10, LORD is w between us  
 Job 21:29, do you not recognize their w  
 Ps. 89:37, w in the sky is faithful  
 Matt. 19:18; Mark 10:19, NOT BEAR FALSE W  
 John 1:7, he might bear w of the light  
 1:32, John bore w saying, I have  
 3:11, bear w . . . do not receive our w  
 5:39, these that bear w of Me  
 8:14, w of Myself, My w is true  
 21:24, we know his w is true  
 1 Cor. 15:15, found to be false w-es of God  
 2 Cor. 1:23, God as w to my soul  
 Phil. 1:8, For God is my w  
 Heb. 10:15, Holy Spirit also bears w  
 1 John 5:8, three that bear w  
 5:9, If we receive the w of men  
 Rev. 1:5, Christ, the faithful w  
 Gen. 31:48; Deut. 4:26; Job 16:19; Prov. 6:19;  
 Is. 19:20  
**WIVES** Deut. 17:17, Neither shall he multiply w  
 Eph. 5:22, W be subject to . . . husbands  
 1 Pet. 3:1, you w, be submissive  
 3:7, husbands, live with your w  
**WORD—edict, message, speech** Gen. 15:1  
 Gen. 11:1, same language . . . same w-s  
 Ps. 12:6, w-s of the Lord are pure w-s  
 19:3, There is no speech, nor are there w-s  
 19:14, Let the w-s of my mouth  
 Prov. 15:1, a harsh w stirs up anger  
 15:23, how delightful is a timely w  
 Is. 5:24, despised the w of the Holy One  
 29:11, w-s of a sealed book  
 Matt. 4:4, on every w that proceeds  
 6:7, for their many w-s  
 7:24, every one who hears these w-s  
 8:8, but just say the w  
 10:14, nor heed your w-s  
 12:36, every careless w that men . . . speak

Mark 4:14, The sower sows the w  
 4:18, ones who have heard the w  
 7:13, invalidating the w of God  
 Luke 1:2, eyewitnesses and servants of the W  
 John 1:1, the beginning was the W  
 1:14, the W became flesh  
 6:68, w-s of eternal life  
 8:51, if anyone keeps My w  
 Acts 2:41, received his w were baptized  
 6:7, w of God kept on spreading  
 Rom. 10:8, W IS NEAR YOU . . . w of faith  
 1 Cor. 1:17, kingdom of God . . . in w-s  
 1:18, the w of the cross is to those  
 2 Cor. 4:2, not . . . adulterating the w of God  
 Gal. 5:14, Law is fulfilled in one w  
 Eph. 4:29, Let no unwholesome w proceed . . .  
 mouth  
 5:6, deceive you with empty w-s  
 Phil. 2:16, holding fast the w of life  
 Col. 3:16, Let the w of Christ . . . dwell within  
 you  
 4:3, open up to us a door for the w  
 1 Thess. 1:5, gospel did not come . . . in w  
 only  
 2 Thess. 2:17, in every good work and w  
 1 Tim. 4:5, sanctified by the w of God  
 2 Tim. 2:15, handling accurately the w of  
 truth  
 Titus 1:9, holding fast the faithful w  
 Heb. 2:2, w spoken through angels  
 4:12, w of God is living  
 James 1:21, receive the w implanted  
 1:22, prove yourselves doers of the w  
 1 Pet. 1:23, living and abiding w of God  
 2 Pet. 1:19, prophetic w made more sure  
 1 John 1:1, concerning the W of life  
 Rev. 19:13, name is called The W of God  
 Gen. 30:34; Ex. 20:1; Lev. 10:7; Num. 30:2;  
 Deut. 5:5; Josh. 24:26; Judg. 13:12; 1 Sam.  
 3:1; 2 Kin. 9:5; 18:36; 1 Chr. 21:19; 2 Chr.  
 6:17; Job 2:13; 6:25; 12:11; Ps. 49:13;  
 55:21; Eccles. 5:2; Jer. 5:13; Mal. 1:1  
**WOE** Prov. 23:29, Who has w?  
 Mark 14:21, w to that man by whom  
 Rev. 8:13, W, w, w . . . who dwell on the earth  
 18:10,16,19, W, w, the great city  
 Num. 21:29; Job 10:15; Ps. 120:5; Is. 6:5;  
 Jer. 4:13; 44:11; Matt. 11:21  
**WOLF** Is. 65:25, w and the lamb shall graze  
 Matt. 7:15, inwardly are ravenous w-s  
 10:16, sheep in the midst of w-s  
 Gen. 49:27; Jer. 5:6  
**WOMAN** Gen. 2:23, She shall be called W  
 Ex. 2:9, w took the child  
 Deut. 22:5, w shall not wear man's clothing  
 Ruth 2:5, Whose young w is this  
 3:11, you are a w of excellence  
 Job 14:1, Man, who is born of w  
 Prov. 11:16, gracious w attains honor  
 Is. 49:15, w forget her nursing child  
 Matt. 5:28, looks on a w to lust for her  
 15:28, O w, your faith is great  
 Luke 7:44, said to Simon, Do you see this w  
 10:38, a w named Martha  
 John 4:7, w of Samaria to draw water  
 8:4, w has been caught in adultery  
 Acts 9:36, w abounding with deeds of kindness  
 1 Cor. 7:1, a man not to touch a w  
 7:2, each w have her own husband  
 14:35, a w to speak in church



- Gal. 4:4, His Son, born of a w  
 1 Tim. 2:11, Let a w quietly receive instruction  
 Rev. 12:1, w clothed with the sun  
 Judg. 11:2; 1 Sam. 1:15; Eccles. 9:9
- WOMB** Gen. 25:23, Two nations are in your w  
 Ex. 13:2, first offspring of every w  
 Job 1:21, Naked . . . from my mother's w  
 Luke 1:41, baby leaped in her w  
 John 3:4, enter . . . into his mother's w  
 Acts 3:2, lame from his mother's w  
 Num. 12:12; Deut. 7:13; Ruth 1:11; Ps. 110:3;  
 Prov. 30:16; Is. 44:2
- WOMEN** 2 Sam. 1:26, Than the love of w  
 1 Kin. 11:1, loved many foreign w  
 Ezra 10:2, have married foreign w  
 Prov. 31:3, not your strength to w  
 Is. 4:1, seven w will take hold of one man  
 Matt. 24:41, Two w will be grinding  
 Mark 15:40, some w looking on from afar  
 Acts 17:4, and a number of the leading w  
 1 Tim. 2:9, w to adorn themselves in proper  
 4:7, fables fit only for old w  
 2 Tim. 3:6, weak w weighed down with sins  
 Titus 2:4, young w to love their husbands  
 1 Pet. 3:5, the holy w also  
 Gen. 31:35; Judg. 5:24; Song 1:8; Jer. 50:37
- WON** Matt. 18:15, you have w your brother
- WONDER**—*marvel, sign*  
 1 Chr. 16:9, Speak of all His w-s  
 Job 37:14, consider the w-s of God  
 Ps. 9:1, I will tell of all Thy w-s  
 72:18, Who alone works w-s  
 78:12, He wrought w-s before their fathers  
 Is. 9:6, name will be called W-ful Counselor  
 Joel 2:30, display w-s in the sky  
 Rom. 15:19, power of signs and w-s  
 2 Thess. 2:9, signs and false w-s  
 Deut. 4:34; Dan. 6:27
- WONDROUS**—*marvelous* Job 9:10, w works  
 Job 37:5, God thunders . . . w-ly  
 Ps. 17:7, W-ly show Thy lovingkindness  
 71:17, I still declare Thy w deeds  
 Joel 2:26, dealt w-ly with you
- WOOD** Gen. 6:14, an ark of gopher w  
 1 Cor. 3:12, stones, w, hay, straw  
 Rev. 18:12, *made* from very costly w  
 Deut. 19:5; 2 Kin. 2:24; 2 Chr. 27:4; Neh. 8:4;  
 Job 41:27; Prov. 26:20; Jer. 7:18; Lam.  
 5:4; Ezek. 24:10
- WOOL** Ps. 147:16, He gives snow like w  
 Is. 1:18, They will be like w  
 Heb. 9:19, scarlet w and hyssop  
 Rev. 1:14, His hair . . . white like white w  
 Deut. 22:11; Judg. 6:37; Ezek. 44:17; Dan. 7:9
- WORK**—*deed, labor, toil*  
 Gen. 2:2, God completed His w  
 Ex. 20:9, Six days . . . do all your w  
 30:25, the w of a perfumer  
 Lev. 23:3, For six days w may be done  
 1 Sam. 14:45, he has w-ed with God this day  
 Neh. 4:6, the people had a mind to w  
 Ps. 19:1, declaring the w of His hands  
 62:12, a man according to his w  
 Prov. 16:3, Commit your w-s to the LORD  
 Eccles. 5:12, sleep of the w-ing man  
 7:13, Consider the w of God  
 10:12, LORD has completed all His w
- Matt. 5:16, may see your good w-s  
 11:2, John . . . heard of the w-s of Christ  
 20:12, last men have w-ed only one hour  
 Mark 16:20, the Lord w-ed with them  
 Luke 5:5, we w-ed hard all night  
 13:14, six days in which w should be  
 John 5:17, w-ing until now, and I  
 6:27, Do not w for the food which  
 6:28, may I be the w-s of God  
 9:4, w the w-s of Him who sent Me  
 Acts 18:3, they were w-ing  
 Rom. 2:15, show the w of the Law  
 3:20, by the w-s of the Law no flesh  
 3:28, justified by faith apart from w-s of the  
 Law  
 8:28, all things to w together for good  
 16:12, who has w-ed hard in the Lord  
 1 Cor. 3:13, man's w will become evident  
 3:14, If any man's w . . . remains  
 4:12, w-ing with our own hands  
 2 Cor. 6:1, w-ing together with Him  
 Gal. 2:8, effectually w-ed for Peter  
 Eph. 2:9, not as a result of w-s  
 4:12, saints for the w of service  
 Phil. 2:12, w out your salvation  
 2:13, both to will and to w  
 Col. 1:10, bearing fruit in every good w  
 2 Thess. 3:8, labor and hardship we *kept*  
 w-ing  
 3:10, If anyone will not w  
 1 Tim. 6:18, be rich in good w-s  
 2 Tim. 4:5, do the w of an evangelist  
 Heb. 6:1, repentance from dead w-s  
 James 2:18, show you my faith by my w-s  
 1 John 3:8, destroy the w-s of the devil  
 Deut. 4:28; 1 Sam. 14:6; 1 Chr. 23:4;  
 2 Chr. 15:7; Is. 5:19; Ezek. 46:1
- WORKER** Ps. 52:2, O w of deceit  
 Prov. 10:29, w-s of iniquity  
 Matt. 10:10, w is worthy of his support  
 1 Cor. 12:29, are not w-s of miracles  
 Phil. 3:2, beware of the evil w-s  
 Titus 2:5, sensible, pure, w-s at home
- WORKMAN** Eph. 2:10, For we are His w-ship  
 Ex. 38:23; 2 Kin. 22:5
- WORLD**—*age* 2 Sam. 22:16, foundations of w  
 2 Chr. 16:30, w is firmly established  
 Job 34:13, laid on Him the whole w  
 Ps. 17:14, From men of the w  
 Prov. 8:26, first dust of the w  
 Is. 14:21, fill . . . the w with cities  
 Matt. 5:14, You are the light of the w  
 13:38, the field is the w  
 Mark 10:30, w to come, eternal life  
 John 1:10, w was made through Him  
 3:16, God so loved the w  
 4:42, Savior of the w  
 6:33, gives light to the w  
 7:7, w cannot hate you  
 8:12, I am the light of the w  
 Acts 17:6, men who have upset the w  
 Rom. 5:12, sin entered into the w  
 1 Cor. 1:28, base things of the w  
 2:12, not the spirit of the w  
 2 Cor. 7:10, sorrow of the w produces death  
 1 Tim. 6:17, rich in this present w  
 James 1:27, unstained by the w  
 2 Pet. 2:5, did not spare the ancient w  
 1 John 2:15, Do not love the w  
 2:17, the w is passing away

**WORLDLY**—*profane* 1 Tim. 4:7, **w** fables fit only for old

2 Tim. 2:16, avoid **w** and empty chatter

**WORM** Ex. 16:20, it bred **w-s** and became foul

Job 7:5, My flesh is clothed with **w-s**

Ps. 22:6, But I am a **w**

Is. 14:11, And **w-s** are your covering

Mark 9:48, where THEIR **w** DOES NOT DIE

Acts 12:23, he was eaten by **w-s**

Job 24:20; Jon. 4:7

**WORMWOOD**

Deut. 29:18, poisonous fruit and **w**

Prov. 5:4, she is bitter as **w**

Jer. 23:15, feed them **w**

Amos 5:7, turn justice into **w**

Rev. 8:11, star is called **W**

**WORN**—*old* Deut. 29:5, sandal has not **w** out

**WORRY** Luke 8:14, choked with **w-es** and riches

Luke 10:41, you are **w-ed** and bothered

12:29, do not keep **w-ing**

**WORSE** Matt. 9:16, a **w** tear results

John 5:14, nothing **w** may befall you

1 Cor. 11:17, better but for the **w**

2 Tim. 3:13, proceed from *bad* to **w**

**WORSHIP**—*bow, serve*

Ex. 34:14, shall not **w** any other

Ps. 2:11, **W** the LORD with reverence

29:2, **w** the LORD in holy array

Matt. 2:2, and have come to **w** Him

2:8, come and **w** Him

2:11, fell down and **w-ed** Him

4:10, SHALL **W** THE LORD YOUR GOD

John 4:20, place where men ought to **w**

4:22, we **w** that which we know

Phil. 3:3, **w** in the Spirit of God

Heb. 9:6, performing the divine **w**

Rev. 4:10, **w** Him who lives forever

Gen. 22:5; Deut. 6:13; 2 Chr. 29:28

**WORTH**—*price* Prov. 31:10, her **w** is far above jewels

**WORTHLESS**—*ungodly* Prov. 16:27, A **w** man

Matt. 25:30, cast out the **w** slave

Gal. 4:9, **w** elemental things

Titus 1:16, **w** for any good deed

James 1:26, this man's religion is **w**

Judg. 9:4; Is. 5:2

**WORTHY**—*befit, deserving, fit*

1 Kin. 1:52, If he will be a **w** man

Matt. 10:10, worker is **w** of his support

10:11, enter, inquire who is **w** in it

10:13, if the house is **w**

10:37, who loves father more . . . not **w** of

Me

Luke 10:7, laborer is **w** of his wages

Rom. 16:2, a manner **w** of the saints

Phil. 1:27, a manner **w** of the gospel

Eph. 4:1, manner **w** of the calling

1 Thess. 2:12, walk in a manner **w** of God

Heb. 11:38, the world was not **w**

Rev. 5:2, Who is **w** to open the book

**WOUND**—*bruise, pierce*

Luke 10:34, bandaged up his **w-s**

Acts 19:16, fled . . . naked and **w-ed**

1 Pet. 2:24, by His **w-s** you were healed

Gen. 4:23; Ex. 21:25; Deut. 32:39; Job 34:6;

Ps. 147:3; Prov. 23:29; Jer. 30:12,17;

Nah. 3:19; Mark 12:4

**WRANGLE** 2 Tim. 2:14, not to **w** about words

**WRAPPED** Matt. 27:59, **w** it in a clean linen

Mark 15:46, **w** Him in the linen sheet

Luke 2:7, she **w** Him in cloths

Gen. 38:14; 1 Kin. 19:13; Job 26:8; Is. 59:17;

Ezek. 16:10; 21:15

**WRAPPINGS**—*cloth* John 11:44; 20:7

**WRATH**—*anger, indignation* Deut. 29:28

Ps. 6:1, Nor chasten me in Thy **w**

Matt. 3:7, flee from the **w** to come

John 3:36, **w** of God abides on him

Rom. 2:5, **w** for yourself in the day of **w**

3:5, God who inflicts **w** is not unrighteous

Eph. 2:3, by nature children of **w**

Col. 3:6, **w** of God will come

1 Thess. 5:9, has not destined us for **w**

Heb. 3:11, I swore in My **w**

Rev. 6:16, from the **w** of the Lamb

Ps. 37:8; 89:38; Is. 27:4; Jer. 4:4; 6:11; 30:23;

Ezek. 5:13; 23:25; Mic. 5:15; Nah. 1:2

**WREATH**—*crown*

1 Cor. 9:25, to receive a perishable **w**

**WRITE**—*record* Ex. 17:14; Is. 8:1

Prov. 3:3, **w** them on the tablet of your heart

Rom. 16:22, I, Tertius, who **w** this letter

Mark 10:4, **w** a certificate of divorce

John 19:21, Do not **w**, The King of the Jews

Heb. 10:16, UPON THEIR MIND I WILL **w** THEM

2 John 12, **w** . . . not . . . with paper and ink

Rev. 14:13, **W**, Blessed are the dead

**WRITING**—*inscription, letter*

Eccles. 12:12, the **w** of many books is endless

John 5:47, if you do not believe his **w-s**

1 Tim. 3:14, I am **w** these things to you

2 Tim. 3:15, you have known the sacred **w-s**

Philem. 19, **w** this with my own hand

1 John 2:8, **w** a new commandment

2 John 5, **w** . . . a new commandment

Ex. 32:16; 1 Chr. 28:19; Dan. 10:21

**WRITTEN** Ex. 31:18, **w** by the finger of God

Job 19:23, that my words were **w**

Mal. 3:16, book of remembrance was **w**

Matt. 2:5, been **w** by the prophet

4:4, It is **w**, MAN SHALL NOT LIVE

4:6, for it is **w**, HE WILL GIVE

11:10, one about whom it was **w**

John 19:22, What I have **w** I have **w**

Acts 1:20, **w** in the book of Psalms

Rom. 2:15, Law **w** in their hearts

Rev. 13:8, not been **w** . . . in the book of life

17:5, forehead a name was **w**

**WRONG**—*defraud, wicked* Ex. 22:21, not **w** a stranger

Lev. 25:14, you shall not **w** one another

2 Sam. 24:17, I who have done **w**

Matt. 20:13, Friend, I am doing you no **w**

John 18:23, If I have spoken **w-ly**

Rom. 13:10, Love does no **w**

1 Cor. 6:7, Why not rather be **w-ed**

2 Cor. 7:2, we **w-ed** no one

Rev. 22:11, Let the one who does **w**, still do **w**

Gen. 16:5; 1 Chr. 12:17; Esth. 1:16

**WRONGDOER**—*unrighteous* Ps. 71:4, the **w** and

**WROTE** Ex. 24:4, Moses **w** down all the words

Jer. 36:18, **w** them with ink on the

Mark 12:19, Teacher, Moses **w**

Luke 1:63, he asked for a tablet and **w**

John 8:6, finger **w** on the ground

3 John 9, I **w** something to the church

**WROUGHT**—*accomplished* John 3:21, been **w** in

## X, Y, Z

**YEAR**—*annual* Gen. 1:14, for seasons . . . **y-s**  
 Ps. 90:4, thousand **y-s** in Thy sight  
 90:9, finished our **y-s** like a sigh  
 Prov. 4:10, **y-s** of your life will be many  
 Is. 61:2, favorable **y** of the LORD  
 Luke 3:23, was about thirty **y-s** of age  
 Gal. 4:10, months and season and **y-s**  
 Rev. 9:15, day and month and **y**  
 Gen. 7:11; Ex. 13:10; Lev. 16:34; Num. 14:34;  
 2 Sam. 14:26; 1 Kin. 17:1; 2 Chr. 14:6; Job  
 10:5; Jer. 11:23; Joel 2:25; Matt. 2:16

**YEARN**—*faint* Ps. 84:2, longed and even **y-ed**

**YESTERDAY** Ex. 5:14, **y** or today in making  
 brick  
 Job 8:9, For we are *only* of **y**  
 Ps. 90:4, in Thy sight Are like **y**  
 Acts 7:28, **KILLED THE EGYPTIAN Y**  
 Heb. 13:8, the same **y** and today

**YET**—*still* Ps. 37:10, **Y** a little while  
 John 2:4, My hour has not **y** come  
 Heb. 11:7, things not **y** seen  
 1 John 3:2, appeared as **y** what we shall be  
 Deut. 9:29; Jon. 3:4

**YIELD**—*bear, produce* Ps. 1:3, Which **y-s** its  
 fruit in  
 Ps. 67:6, earth has **y-ed** its produce  
 Heb. 12:11, **y-s** the peaceful fruit

**YIELDING**—*bearing* Gen. 1:11,29; Mark 4:8

**YOKE** Matt. 11:29, Take My **y** upon you  
 Matt. 11:30, For My **y** is easy  
 Gal. 5:1, to a **y** of slavery  
 1 Tim. 6:1, under the **y** as slaves  
 Gen. 27:40; Lev. 26:13; Deut. 28:48;  
 1 Kin. 12:4; Is. 9:4; Jer. 27:2; Lam. 1:14

**YOUNG** Ps. 37:25, been **y**, and now I am old  
 Prov. 20:29, glory of **y** men is their  
 Eccles. 11:9, Rejoice, **y** man, during your  
 Is. 11:7, Their **y** will lie down together  
 Acts 2:17, **Y MEN SHALL SEE VISIONS**  
 Titus 2:4, **y** women to love . . . husbands  
 1 John 2:13, I am writing . . . **y** men  
 Deut. 32:11; Judg. 6:15; 1 Sam. 8:16;  
 Job 19:18; Ezek. 17:4

**YOUNGER** Luke 15:13, **y** son gathered  
 John 21:18, when you were **y**  
 1 Tim. 5:11, refuse to *put y* widows  
 1 Pet. 5:5, You **y** men, likewise  
 Gen. 25:23; Judg. 15:2

**YOUR**—*Thine* Gen. 22:2, **y** son, **y** only son  
 Ex. 4:4, Stretch out **y** hand and grasp *it*  
 2 Chr. 20:15, battle is not **y-s** but God's  
 Luke 6:20, **y-s** is the kingdom of God  
 15:31, all that is mine is **y-s**  
 John 15:20, they will keep **y-s** also  
 2 Cor. 12:14, I do not seek what is **y-s**  
 Gen. 45:20; Josh. 2:14; 1 Kin. 20:4; Jer. 5:19

**YOURSELVES**  
 Matt. 6:19, Do not lay . . . **y** treasures  
 Mark 9:50, Have salt in **y**  
 Luke 12:33, make **y** purses  
 Rom. 6:13, present **y** to God  
 2 Cor. 13:5, recognize . . . **y**  
 1 John 5:21, guard **y** from idols  
 Jude 21, keep **y** in the love of God  
 Gen. 18:4; Lev. 11:44; Deut. 4:16; Josh. 24:22;  
 2 Chr. 29:31; Jer. 37:9

**YOUTH**—*childhood* Acts 26:4, life from my **y**  
 up  
 1 Tim. 4:12, look down on your **y-fulness**  
 2 Tim. 2:22, flee from **y-ful** lusts  
 Gen. 8:21; Num. 30:16; Judg. 8:20; Job 33:25;  
 Ps. 25:7; Prov. 5:18; Is. 40:30; Jer. 3:4;  
 31:19

**ZEAL**—*concern* 2 Kin. 10:16, see my **z** for the  
 LORD  
 Ps. 119:139, My **z** has consumed me  
 John 2:17, **Z FOR THY HOUSE WILL**  
 Rom. 10:2, have a **z** for God  
 2 Cor. 7:7, your **z** for me  
 7:11, what longing, what **z**  
 Phil. 3:6, as to **z**  
 2 Sam. 21:2; Eccles. 9:6; Is. 26:11; 59:17

**ZEALOUS**—*eager* 1 Kin. 19:10, very **z** for the  
 LORD  
 Acts 21:20, all **z** for the law  
 1 Cor. 14:12, **z** of spiritual *gifts*  
 Titus 2:14, **z** for good deeds  
 Rev. 3:19, be **z** therefore, and repent